

# Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Sex Differences in Social Contact Patterns and Implications for Tuberculosis Transmission and Control

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Social contact patterns might contribute to excess burden of tuberculosis in men. We conducted a study of social contact surveys to evaluate contact patterns relevant to tuberculosis transmission. Available data describe 21 surveys in 17 countries and show profound differences in sex-based and age-based patterns of contact. Adults reported more adult contacts than children. Children preferentially mixed with women in all surveys (median sex assortativity 58%, interquartile range [IQR] 57%–59% for boys, 61% [IQR 60%–63%] for girls). Men and women reported sex-assortative mixing in 80% and 95% of surveys (median sex assortativity 56% [IQR 54%–58%] for men, 59% [IQR 57%–63%] for women). Sex-specific patterns of contact with adults were similar at home and outside the home for children; adults reported greater sex assortativity outside the home in most surveys. Sex assortativity in adult contacts likely contributes to sex disparities in adult tuberculosis burden by amplifying incidence among men.

**T**uberculosis (TB) is the leading infectious cause of death worldwide; there were an estimated 1.3 million deaths during 2017 (1). Approximately 25% of the world's population is infected with *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (2), the bacterium that causes TB (3). Of 1.7 billion persons infected with *M. tuberculosis*, TB developed in 10 million persons during 2017 (1,4). Despite major investment in disease control efforts

since the 1990s, progress has been slow; incidence is currently decreasing by only 1.5%/year (3).

TB predominantly affects men, who have 60% of reported cases and 65% of reported deaths globally (1). Men are less likely than women to access timely TB diagnosis and treatment (5,6) and remain infectious in the community for a much longer period (5,7). The impact is apparent from recent prevalence surveys of undiagnosed TB, which offer the most accurate measure of disease burden (1) and confirm pronounced sex disparity; men account for 70% of infectious cases in the community (5).

Critically, *M. tuberculosis* is spread person-to-person by airborne transmission. Undiagnosed infectious TB is the key driver of ongoing transmission, and most TB episodes reflect recent transmission from adult contacts (3). The excess burden of TB in men might be a result of broader socialization patterns that emerge during adolescence (8,9). The risk for TB in men might be amplified if sex-assortative (like-with-like by sex, male or female) mixing is prevalent, such that men have greater contact with other men than with women (5). Sex-specific social contact patterns might also be useful in understanding TB in women and children, as shown by analytical results suggesting most new *M. tuberculosis* infections among men, women, and children in South Africa and Zambia can be attributed to contact with men (10).

Data from social contact surveys provide insight into how individual behaviors drive disease dynamics at the population level (11), providing better predictions of patterns of infection for respiratory pathogens (12,13) than can be made from assumptions of homogenous or proportionate mixing (14). Several analyses have examined sex differences in social contact patterns, although most

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analyses report sex differences in the number of reported contacts. Only a few analyses have assessed the sex assortativity of contacts in sufficient detail to provide major insights into the transmission potential for diseases with major sex disparities, such as TB (10,15,16).

We conducted a systematic review and meta-analysis to examine sex differences in the number, sex assortativity, and location of social contacts reported by children and adults. Our main aims were to evaluate sex-based social contact patterns in children and adults, sex-assortative mixing among adults, and the frequency of contact between men and boys, men and girls, and men and women.

## Methods

### Search Strategy

We conducted this systematic review according to Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) (Appendix 1 Checklist 1, <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/EID/article/26/5/19-0574-App1.pdf>) and Meta-Analyses of Observational Studies in Epidemiology (MOOSE) guidelines (Appendix 1 Checklist 2) in accordance with a published protocol (17). We identified publications describing social contact surveys conducted during January 1, 1997–August 5, 2018, through searches of PubMed, Embase, Global Health, and the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (Appendix 1 Table 1). We searched reference lists from included publications by hand and contacted researchers with expertise in these surveys, particularly authors of a recent systematic review (18), to assist with identification of relevant publications.

Two authors (K.C.H. and A.L.H.) independently reviewed titles and then abstracts, in parallel, for relevance and included publications identified by either author for full-text review. These authors also reviewed full texts to determine which publications met inclusion criteria and then reviewed texts and supplemental materials to determine whether data on sex were recorded for participants and contacts. These authors contacted publication authors if it was unclear whether these data had been collected.

K.C.H. extracted data on methods from included surveys by using a piloted electronic form and gathered datasets from supplemental materials or a social contact data repository (<https://www.social-contactdata.org>) if results were not reported in a format necessary for meta-analyses. When datasets were not publicly available, K.C.H. contacted authors and asked them to share relevant results or data.

### Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

The review included cross-sectional surveys conducted to assess social contact patterns relevant to airborne disease transmission that recorded participant sex and contact sex. We included only surveys that recorded all contacts over the survey period; we excluded surveys that examined only a subset of participants' contacts (e.g., only those within a workplace or with other participants). We also excluded surveys that included only participants or contacts of a single sex and, because of limited sources for translation, publications in languages other than English. When we identified >1 report for a single survey, we included the earliest source or most complete dataset and excluded other records.

### Survey Quality

We assessed each survey by using the Appraisal Tool for Cross-sectional Studies (AXIS tool). This tool evaluates survey design, reporting quality, and risk for bias (19).

### Definitions

We considered participation equitable by sex if each sex made up 45%–55% of the survey population. We adjusted numbers of participants for analyses of physical and location-based contacts to exclude participants who did not report this information.

We stratified participants and contacts by age as children (boys and girls) and adults (men and women). For most surveys, adults were defined as persons  $\geq 15$  years of age (1); in instances where aggregate age categories did not enable disaggregation at this cutoff point, we used the nearest possible value. We defined close contacts, including physical and nonphysical contacts, according to survey-specific definitions, typically by a conversation longer than a greeting or  $\geq 3$  words.

We defined sex-assortative mixing as like-with-like contacts according to sex (male or female), either within age groups (e.g., men-with-men) or between age groups (e.g., men-with-boys). We defined preferential mixing as more mixing with 1 sex/age group than another.

### Data Analysis

For each survey, we calculated the average number of contacts over a 24-hour period for each sex/age category of participants with each sex/age category of contacts. For surveys in which data were collected over a 48-hour period, we divided the number of contacts by 2. For surveys in which data were collected over a 72-hour period, we divided the number of

contacts by 3. We compared the average number of contacts across sex and age groups by using the Mann-Whitney-Wilcoxon test.

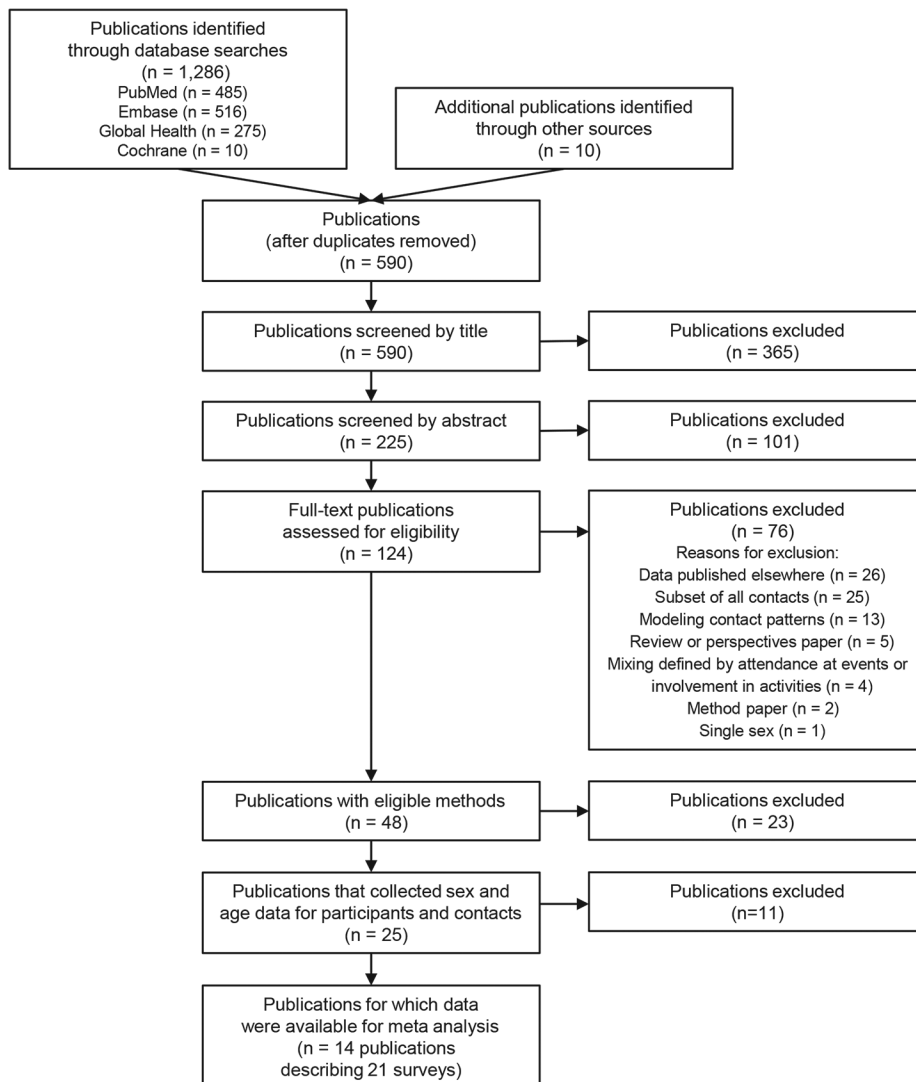
We calculated the percentage of sex-assortative mixing with 95% Clopper-Pearson CIs as contacts with the same sex divided by total contacts. We assessed sex-assortative mixing in children's contacts with children and adults and in adults' contacts with children and adults. We also compared the proportion of sex-assortative mixing by contact location: contacts within the home and contacts outside the home and, among contacts outside the home, contacts at work (for adults), school (for children), and elsewhere. We assessed heterogeneity by using the  $I^2$  statistic (20) and summarized findings across surveys by using the median and interquartile range (IQR).

We estimated the percentage of boys', girls', men's and women's adult contacts with men for subgroups

based on survey setting characteristics (region, setting, and TB burden) and survey methods (sampling methods, reporting duration, age cutoff values for adults, and participation by sex). We excluded contact events for which the participant's sex or age or the contact's sex or age was missing. We made no adjustments for nonparticipation or nonsampling and used no weighting. We performed all analyses by using R version 3.2.2 (21).

## Results

Of 124 full-text publications reviewed for eligibility, we excluded 76 (Appendix 1 Table 2), and identified 48 that had eligible methods (Figure 1). Twenty-three publications described surveys that did not, to our knowledge, record sex and age for participants and contacts (Appendix 1 Table 3); 25 publications described surveys that were known to have recorded



**Figure 1.** Preferred reporting items for systematic reviews and meta-analyses flowchart used for analysis of sex differences in social contact patterns and tuberculosis transmission and control.

sex and age for participants and contacts (Appendix 1 Table 4). Data were available for meta-analysis from 14 publications describing 21 surveys (10,13–16,22–30) (Table, <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/EID/article/26/5/19-0574-T1.htm>; Appendix 2, <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/EID/article/26/5/19-0574-App2.xlsx>).

Included surveys had >22,146 participants and 270,308 sex-specific/age-specific contacts. Surveys were conducted in 17 countries: 4 surveys with 5,085 participants in Africa, 1 survey with 558 participants in the Americas, 11 surveys with 11,260 participants in Europe, and 5 surveys with 5,243 participants in the Western Pacific region. Thirteen surveys were conducted in high-income countries, 5 in upper-middle-income countries, 2 in lower-middle-income countries, and 1 in a low-income country. Ten surveys were conducted at a national scale; 11 were subnational. All surveys were during 2005–2016. Seventeen surveys included child participants; 20 adult participants, and 16 both children and adults.

### Participation by Sex

Participation by children was considered equitable by sex in 15 (88%) of 17 surveys. In 2 (12%) surveys, participation by boys substantially exceeded that by girls; boys made up 56% and 57% of the population of each survey. Participation by adults was considered equitable by sex in 11 (55%) of 20 surveys. In 8 (40%) of 20 surveys, participation by women substantially exceeded that by men; women made up 56%–83% of the population of each survey. In 1 (5%) survey, participation by men substantially exceeded that by women; men made up 60% of the survey population.

### Social Contacts by Boys and Girls

The median number of contacts reported over a 24-hour period was 12.9 (IQR 9.3–15.9) for boys and 13.5 (IQR 9.5–15.9) for girls (Appendix 1 Table 5); the difference in numbers of contacts was not significant ( $p = 0.92$ ). Approximately half of contacts reported by boys (median 53%, IQR 43%–55%) and girls (median 51%, IQR 45%–56%) were with other children.

Among contacts of children with other children, we found strong evidence of sex-assortative mixing reported by boys in 15 (88%) of 17 surveys and by girls in 15 (88%) of 17 surveys (Figure 2, panels A, C; Appendix 1 Table 6). The median percentage of sex-assortative mixing in contacts with children was 62% (IQR 59%–63%) for boys and 59% (IQR 59%–65%) for girls. Summary measures are not reported because of substantial heterogeneity between surveys ( $I^2 = 96.3%$  for boys,  $I^2 = 95.6%$  for girls).

Among contacts of children with adults, there was no evidence of sex-assortative mixing reported by boys and strong evidence reported by girls in 17 (100%) of 17 surveys (Figure 2, panel B, D, Appendix 1 Table 6). The median percentage of sex-assortative mixing was 42% (IQR 41%–43%) for boys and 61% (IQR 60%–63%) for girls. Boys reported preferential mixing with women in 15 (88%) of 17 surveys. Summary measures are not reported because of substantial heterogeneity between surveys ( $I^2 = 73.8%$  for boys,  $I^2 = 44.3%$  for girls).

Most contacts reported by children took place outside the home (median 65% [IQR 62%–72% for boys], median 67% [IQR 56%–73%] for girls) (Appendix 1 Table 7). The sex assortativity of children's contacts outside the home was similar to that at home. Among contacts with children, boys and girls reported more sex-assortative mixing in contacts outside the home than at home in 6 (43%) of 14 surveys for boys and 5 (36%) of 14 surveys for girls (Figure 3, panels A, C; Appendix 1 Table 8). Among contacts with adults, boys reported no more sex-assortative mixing in adult contacts outside the home than at home in 14 (100%) of 14 (100%) surveys, and girls reported more sex-assortative mixing outside the home than at home in 6 (42%) of 14 surveys (Figure 3, panels B, D; Appendix 1 Table 8). Summary measures are not reported because of substantial heterogeneity between surveys ( $I^2 = 88.4%$  for boys,  $I^2 = 83.0%$  for girls).

Among contacts of children outside the home,  $\approx 50%$  of contacts of boys and girls contacts (median 56% [IQR 39%–62%] for boys, median 55% [IQR 38%–63%] for girls) occurred at school (Appendix Table 9). We found few differences in the sex assortativity of contacts at school compared with those at other locations outside the home (Appendix 1 Table 10, Figure 1). Summary measures are not reported because of substantial heterogeneity between surveys ( $I^2 = 84.7%$  for boys,  $I^2 = 74.1%$  for girls).

### Social Contacts by Men and Women

The median number of contacts reported over a 24-hour period was 11.1 (IQR 8.1–15.3) for men and 11.6 (IQR 7.8–14.3) for women (Appendix 1 Table 11); the differences were not significant ( $p = 0.88$ ), and the total number of contacts reported by adults did not differ from the total number of contacts reported by children ( $p = 0.26$ ). Most contacts reported by men (median 91% [IQR 88%–93%]) and women (median 87% [IQR 83%–90%]) were with other adults, which was significantly more than the number of adult contacts reported by children ( $p = 0.01$ ).

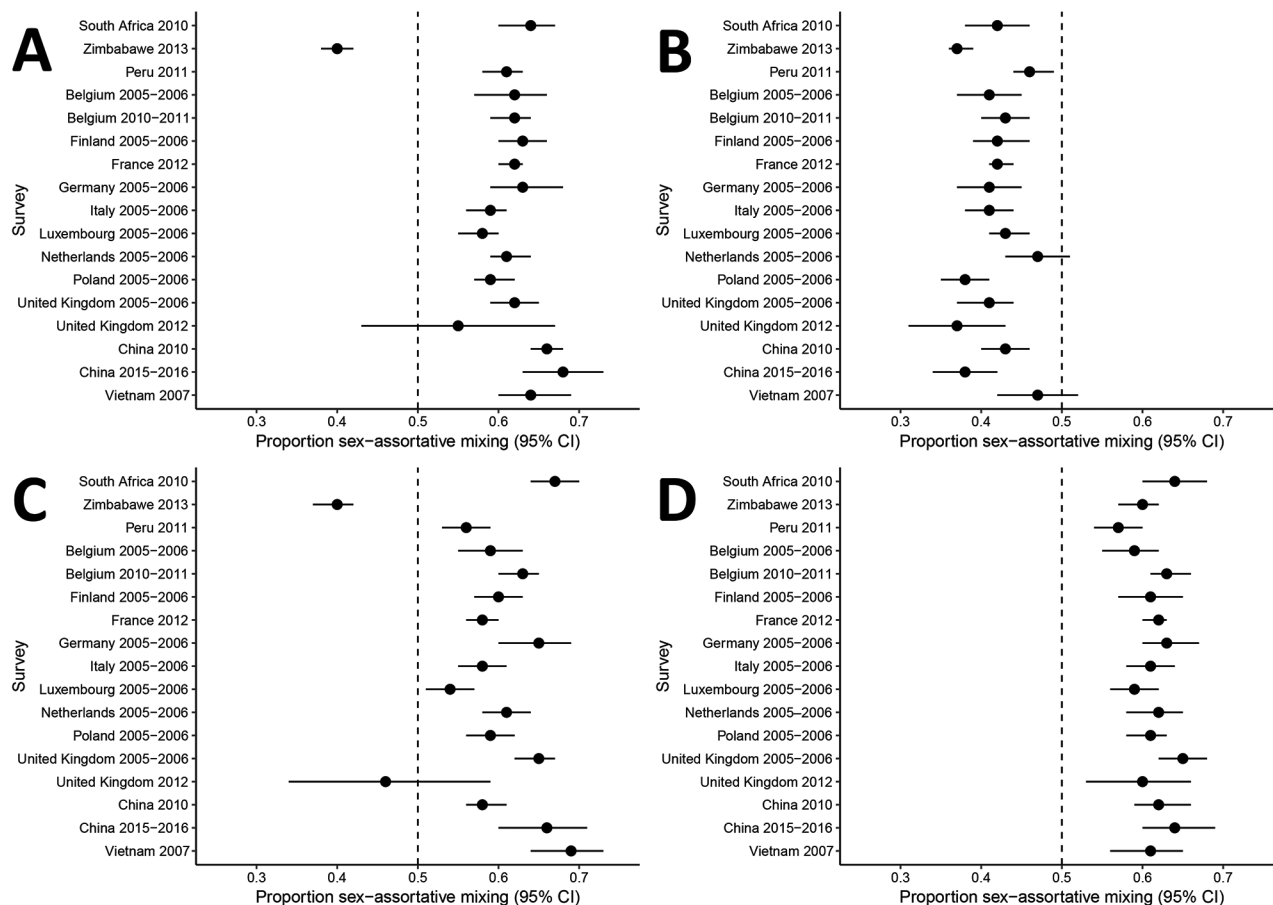
Among contacts of adults with children, there was strong evidence of sex-assortative mixing reported by men in 4 (20%) of 20 surveys and by women in 4 (20%) of 20 surveys (Figure 4, panels A, C; Appendix 1 Table 12). In 15 (75%) of 20 surveys, there was no major evidence of preferential mixing by sex reported by men or women in contacts with children. The median percentage of sex-assortative mixing was 53% (IQR 50%–57%) for men and 52% (IQR 50%–54%) for women. Summary measures are not reported because of substantial heterogeneity between surveys ( $I^2 = 76.3%$  for boys,  $I^2 = 81.6%$  for girls).

Among adult contacts with other adults, there was strong evidence of sex-assortative mixing reported by men in 16 (80%) of 20 surveys and by women in 19 (95%) of 20 surveys (Figure 4, panels B, D; Appendix 1 Table 12). The median percentage of sex-assortative mixing was 56% (IQR 54%–58%) for men and 59 (IQR 57%–63%) for women. Summary measures are not reported because of substantial

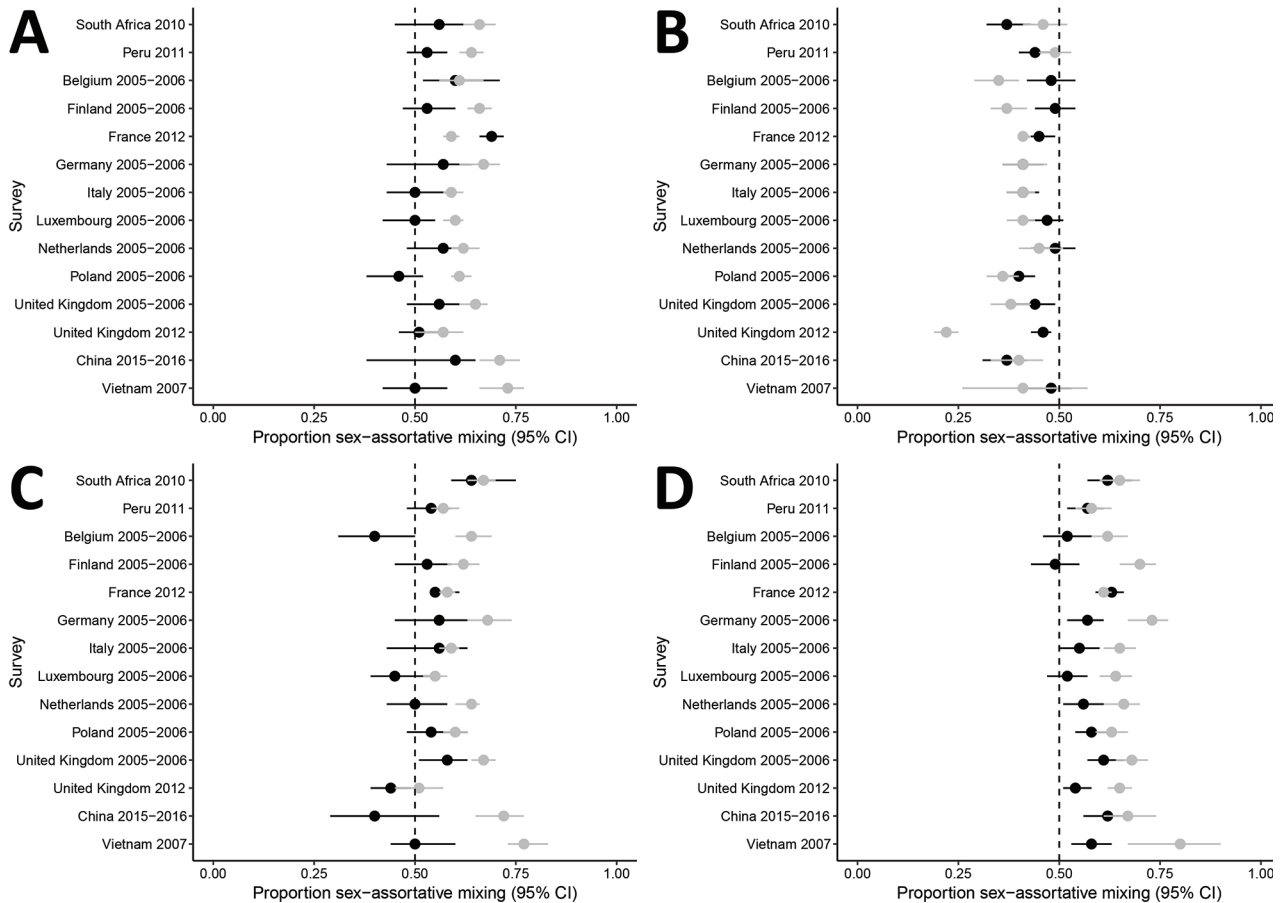
heterogeneity between surveys ( $I^2 = 98.1%$  for men,  $I^2 = 97.0%$  for women).

Most contacts reported by adults took place outside the home (median 74%, IQR 62%–77% for men; median 70%, IQR 54%–76% for women) (Appendix 1 Table 13). Contacts of adults with children showed similar sex assortativity at home and outside the home (Figure 5, panels A, C; Appendix 1 Table 14). Among contacts of adults with adults, there was more sex-assortative mixing by men and women in contacts outside the home than in contacts within the home in 14 (93%) of 15 surveys (Figure 5, panel B, D; Appendix 1 Table 14). Summary measures are not reported because of substantial heterogeneity between surveys ( $I^2 = 63.1%$  for men,  $I^2 = 28.6%$  for women).

Among adult contacts outside the home,  $\approx 33%$  of contacts of men and women (median 35% [IQR 28%–39%] for men, median 29% [IQR 26%–34%] for women) occurred at work (Appendix 1 Table 15). Because adults reported few contacts with children at work,



**Figure 2.** Analysis of sex differences in social contact patterns and tuberculosis transmission and control showing proportion of contacts with the same sex as reported for A) boys with boys, B) boys with men, C) girls with girls, and D) girls with women. Forest plots of sex-assortative mixing in contacts show contacts (black dots) and 95% CIs (error bars) reported by boys (A, B) and girls (C, D) with children (A, C) and with adults (B, D).



**Figure 3.** Analysis of sex differences in social contact patterns and tuberculosis transmission and control showing proportion of contacts with the same sex, disaggregated by location, as reported for A) boys with boys, B) boys with men, C) girls with girls, and D) girls with women. Forest plots of sex-assortative mixing show contacts at home (black dots) and outside the home (gray dots) with 95% CIs (error bars) reported by boys (A, B) and girls (C, D) with children (A, C) and with adults (B, D).

CI) are wide for sex-assortative mixing estimates for men and women in most surveys (Appendix 1 Table 16, Figure 2, panels A, C). Men reported more sex-assortative mixing in contacts with other adults at work compared with contacts elsewhere outside the home in 12 (80%) of 15 surveys and elsewhere in 1 (7%) of 15 surveys (Appendix 1 Table 16, Figure 2, panels B, D). Women reported more sex-assortative mixing at work compared with contacts elsewhere outside the home in only 2 (13%) of 15 surveys and elsewhere in 1 (7%) of 15 surveys. Summary measures are not reported because of substantial heterogeneity between surveys ( $I^2 = 32.3\%$  for men,  $I^2 = 87.0\%$  for women).

### Subgroup Analyses

Subgroup analyses did not show clear differences in the frequency of contact with men by survey setting or method. There was little variation in survey characteristics measured by the AXIS tool (Appendix

1 Table 17). Substantial heterogeneity remained in summary measures for subgroups examined (Appendix 1 Table 18).

### Discussion

The main finding of this systematic review and meta-analysis of 21 social contact surveys in 17 countries is that sex differences in social contact patterns are profound, to an extent likely to be amplifying sex disparities in the adult burden of TB in many settings. Differences in sex-specific and age-specific social contact patterns between children and adults suggest a behavioral shift during adolescence, potentially driving the emergence of sex difference in TB epidemiology in adults. Sex-assortative mixing in adult contacts was reported by men in 80% of surveys and women in 95% of surveys. These findings have critical implications for men's health and for broader TB prevention efforts because half of men's contacts, one third

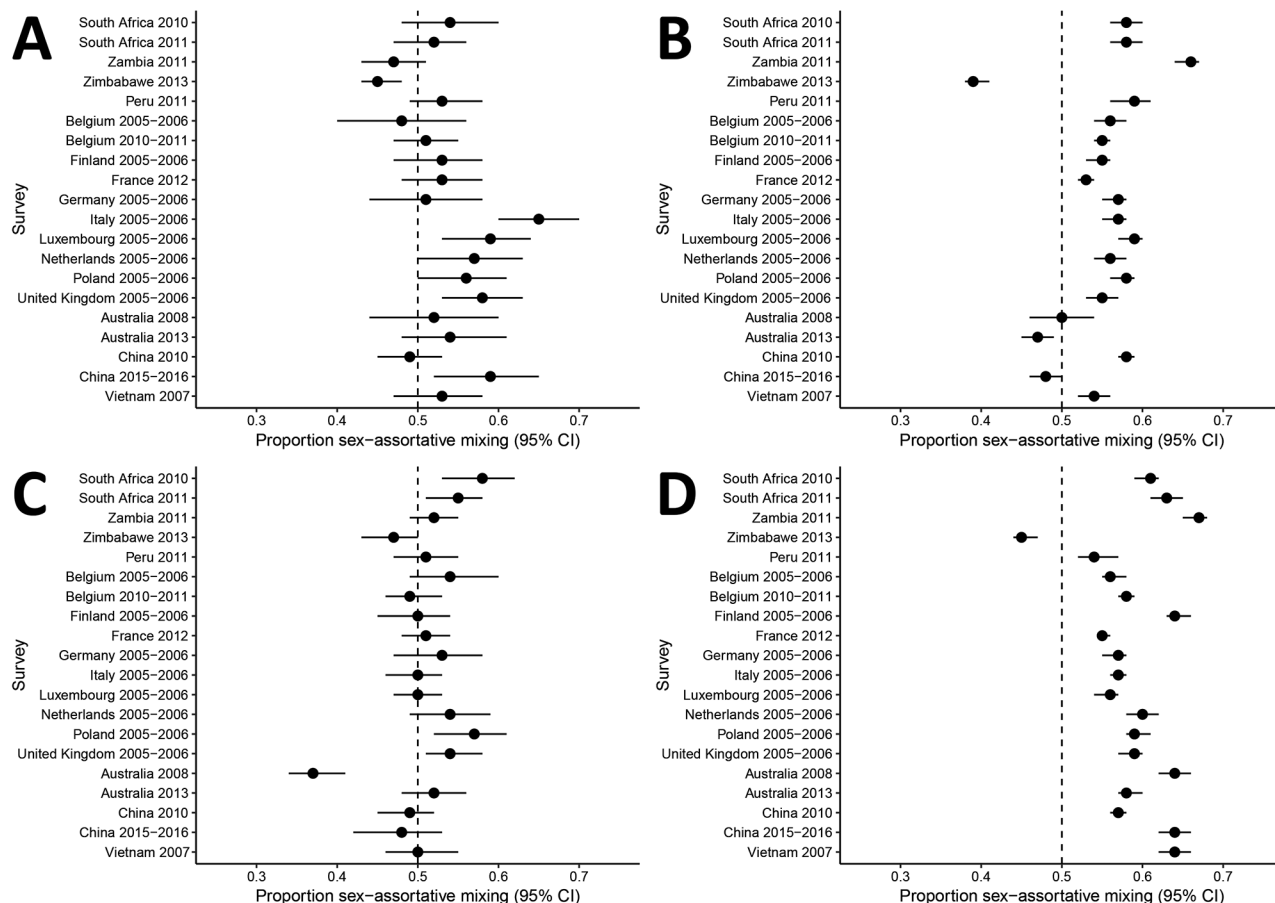
of women’s contacts, and one fifth of children’s contacts were with adult men.

Social contact patterns clearly differ for children and adults. There was no major difference in the total number of contacts reported by children and adults. However, half of children’s contacts were with other children, who are less likely than adults to have TB or to transmit *M. tuberculosis* (31), and most adult contacts were with other adults. Children of both sexes frequently reported preferential mixing with women in adult contacts, and men and women both reported sex assortativity in contacts with other adults.

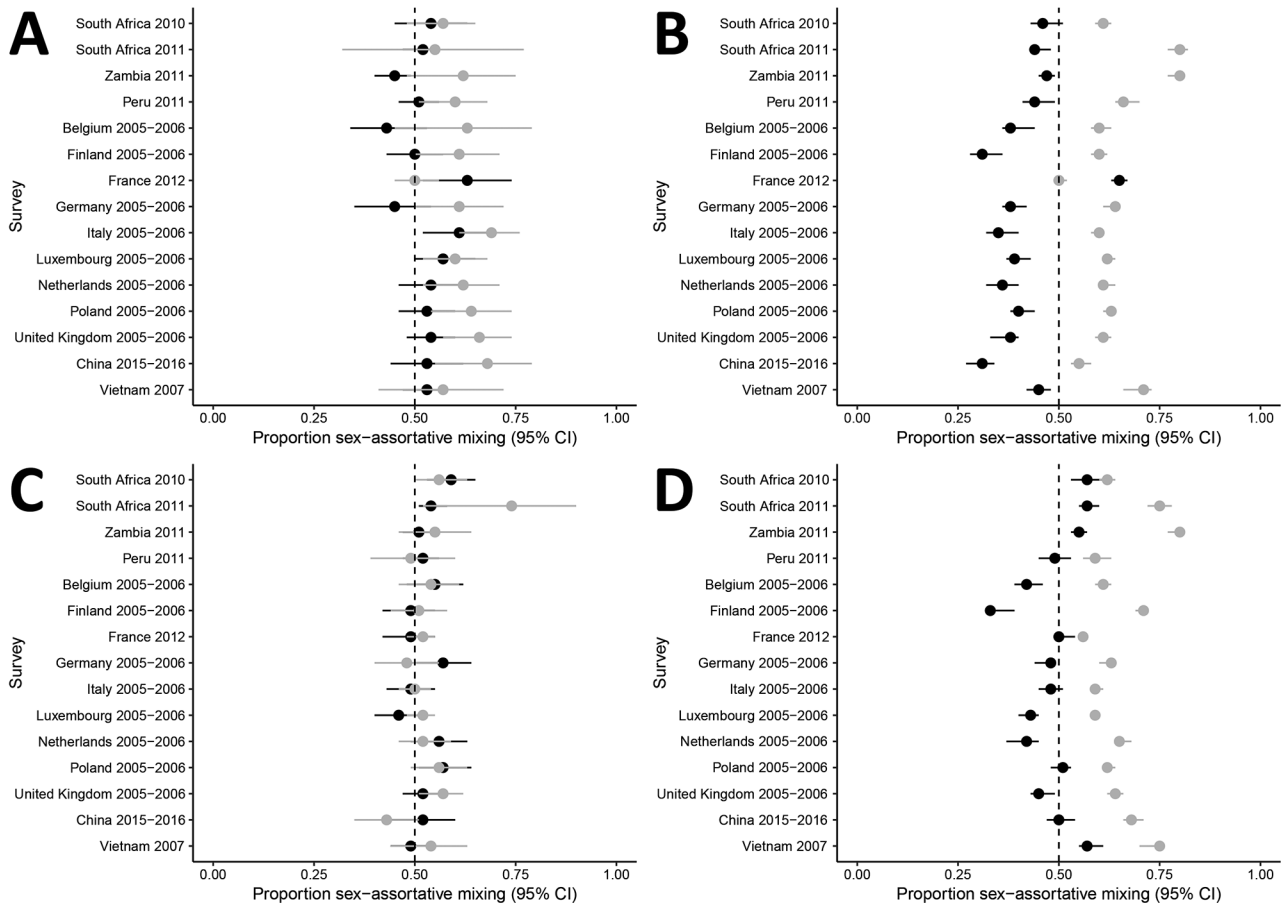
Among children, sex-specific patterns of contact with adults were similar at home and outside the home, and preferential mixing with women was reported across locations. Although many contacts were reported at school and substantial child contact time occurs at school (25), those contacts include few adult contacts and therefore limited opportunity for exposure to *M. tuberculosis*. These differences

in contact patterns among children and adults support recent genetic epidemiology studies suggesting that only a small proportion of adult infections occur within the household (32,33) but that the odds of household transmission of *M. tuberculosis* are much higher among children (34). The higher number of adult contacts outside the home and greater sex assortativity of those contacts compared with children might partially explain the emergence of sex differences in TB epidemiology in adults.

In nearly all of the surveys examined, strong sex-assortative mixing in adult contacts was reported by men and women, as noted in previous studies that have examined sex assortativity (10,15,16). Results from our study indicate that in many settings, sex-assortative mixing might exacerbate the disproportionate burden of disease for men by amplifying risk for infection in a population already at greater risk for disease because of a nexus of biological, sociobehavioral, and health systems factors (5). Further research



**Figure 4.** Analysis of sex differences in social contact patterns and tuberculosis transmission and control showing proportion of contacts with the same sex as reported for A) men with boys, B) men with men, C) women with girls, and D) women with women. Forest plots of sex-assortative mixing in contacts show contacts (black dots) and 95% CIs (error bars) reported by men (A, B) and women (C, D) with children (A, C) and with adults (B, D).



**Figure 5.** Analysis of sex differences in social contact patterns and tuberculosis transmission and control showing proportion of contacts with the same sex, disaggregated by location, as reported for A) men with boys, B) men with men, C) women with girls, and D) women with women. Forest plots of sex-assortative show mixing in contacts at home (black dots) and outside the home (gray dots) with 95% CIs (error bars) reported by men (A, B) and women (C, D) with children (A, C) and with adults (B, D) at home (black dots) and outside the home (gray dots).

is needed to determine the relative contribution of sex-assortative mixing among these factors.

Among adults, reports of sex-assortative mixing were not symmetric; men reported less sex-assortative mixing than women in nearly half of surveys conducted among adults. In 3 surveys in which men did not report strong sex-assortative mixing, women did (13,29,30), raising questions of reporting bias. Previous studies that used wireless sensor devices have shown greater concordance between sensor and self-report methods for women than men (35), suggesting that inconsistencies might, in part, reflect less accurate reporting by men.

Only 1 survey, from rural and periurban Zimbabwe, reported no assortative mixing by adult respondents (26). This survey provided strong evidence of true negative sex assortativity among boys, girls, men, and women, suggesting underlying differences in social behavior that affect social

interactions might pertain in some settings. This survey was similar in design to other surveys, but also reported a young age structure and substantial inter-generational mixing with extremes of age (26). Sex differences were less pronounced in the 2014 national TB survey in Zimbabwe than in other countries in Africa (1).

Our analysis of social contact patterns across sex and age groups has implications for *M. tuberculosis* transmission beyond understanding the excess burden of TB in men. Although sex-assortative mixing among adults to some extent protects women from exposure to *M. tuberculosis* transmission, one third of women's contacts and one fifth of children's contacts were with men. Therefore, the excess burden of TB among men has implications for *M. tuberculosis* transmission across the population, making strategies to provide early diagnosis of TB for men of potentially high public health value.



Our study had several limitations. Less than half of eligible publications had data on sex and age for participants and contacts, limiting the number of surveys included in our analyses. We recommend that future social contact surveys collect and report these data, ideally by using standardized tools to try to reduce high intersurvey heterogeneity that prevented us from reporting summary measures. In addition, our focus on close contacts will have excluded some contacts relevant to the spread of *M. tuberculosis* (36) but was dictated by data availability because no surveys reported casual contacts by sex. We also did not assess the intimacy or duration of contacts by sex.

Our analysis in only 2 age categories (children and adults) also reflects the nature of available data but might have led us to overlook more nuanced age differences in sex-based social contact patterns. Some surveys deliberately oversampled certain age groups, and we made no adjustments in our analyses for sampling bias and used no weighting, because of a lack of data on which to weight. Response bias might also have affected results, but few surveys reported the response rate, and none distinguished the response rate by sex.

Men are often overlooked in discussions of sex and TB, and strategies to assess and address men's excess burden of disease and barriers to TB care are notably absent from the global research agenda. However, because men have most TB cases and remain untreated, and therefore infectious, longer than women, a better understanding of the factors that drive their disproportionate burden of disease is essential to appropriately direct resources to address these disparities. Our results show that social contact patterns likely contribute to the emergence of sex disparities in the adult burden of TB by amplifying men's burden of disease. Contacts of men with women, boys, and girls show that the excess burden of TB among men also has serious implications for *M. tuberculosis* transmission across sex and age groups. Addressing the excess burden of TB in men is essential to improve men's health and to meet the ambitious targets for reducing TB incidence and deaths (37,38).

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# Sex Differences in Social Contact Patterns and Tuberculosis Transmission and Control

## Appendix 1

### Appendix 1 Checklist 1. PRISMA Checklist

Section/topic	#	Checklist item	Reported in section and paragraph or page no.
<b>TITLE</b>			
Title	1	Identify the report as a systematic review, meta-analysis, or both.	Title
<b>ABSTRACT</b>			
Structured summary	2	Provide a structured summary including, as applicable: background; objectives; data sources; study eligibility criteria, participants, and interventions; study appraisal and synthesis methods; results; limitations; conclusions and implications of key findings; systematic review registration number.	Abstract (as possible within journal word limits)
<b>INTRODUCTION</b>			
Rationale	3	Describe the rationale for the review in the context of what is already known.	Introduction par. 1-4
Objectives	4	Provide an explicit statement of questions being addressed with reference to participants, interventions, comparisons, outcomes, and study design (PICOS).	Introduction par. 5
<b>METHODS</b>			
Protocol and registration	5	Indicate if a review protocol exists, if and where it can be accessed (e.g., Web address), and, if available, provide registration information including registration number.	Methods par. 1
Eligibility criteria	6	Specify study characteristics (e.g., PICOS, length of follow-up) and report characteristics (e.g., years considered, language, publication status) used as criteria for eligibility, giving rationale.	Methods par. 1
Information sources	7	Describe all information sources (e.g., databases with dates of coverage, contact with study authors to identify additional studies) in the search and date last searched.	Methods par. 1
Search	8	Present full electronic search strategy for at least one database, including any limits used, such that it could be repeated.	Appendix 1 Table 1
Study selection	9	State the process for selecting studies (i.e., screening, eligibility, included in systematic review, and, if applicable, included in the meta-analysis).	Methods par. 2, 4
Data collection process	10	Describe method of data extraction from reports (e.g., piloted forms, independently, in duplicate) and any processes for obtaining and confirming data from investigators.	Methods par.3
Data items	11	List and define all variables for which data were sought (e.g., PICOS, funding sources) and any assumptions and simplifications made.	Methods par. 6-11
Risk for bias in individual studies	12	Describe methods used for assessing risk for bias of individual studies (including specification of whether this was done at the study or outcome level), and how this information is to be used in any data synthesis.	Methods par. 5
Summary measures	13	State the principal summary measures (e.g., risk ratio, difference in means).	Methods par. 9-11

<b>Section/topic</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Checklist item</b>	<b>Reported in section and paragraph or page no.</b>
Synthesis of results	14	Describe the methods of handling data and combining results of studies, if done, including measures of consistency (e.g., $I^2$ ) for each meta-analysis.	Methods par. 9-11
Risk for bias across studies	15	Specify any assessment of risk for bias that may affect the cumulative evidence (e.g., publication bias, selective reporting within studies).	Not done
Additional analyses	16	Describe methods of additional analyses (e.g., sensitivity or subgroup analyses, meta-regression), if done, indicating which were pre-specified.	Methods par. 9-11
<b>RESULTS</b>			
Study selection	17	Give numbers of studies screened, assessed for eligibility, and included in the review, with reasons for exclusions at each stage, ideally with a flow diagram.	Results par. 1
Study characteristics	18	For each study, present characteristics for which data were extracted (e.g., study size, PICOS, follow-up period) and provide the citations.	Appendix Table
Risk for bias within studies	19	Present data on risk for bias of each study and, if available, any outcome level assessment (see item 12).	Appendix 1 Table17
Results of individual studies	20	For all outcomes considered (benefits or harms), present, for each study: (a) simple summary data for each intervention group (b) effect estimates and confidence intervals, ideally with a forest plot.	Figures 2–5, Appendix 1
Synthesis of results	21	Present results of each meta-analysis done, including confidence intervals and measures of consistency.	Not done
Risk for bias across studies	22	Present results of any assessment of risk for bias across studies (see Item 15).	Not done
Additional analysis	23	Give results of additional analyses, if done (e.g., sensitivity or subgroup analyses, meta-regression [see Item 16]).	Appendix 1 Table18
<b>DISCUSSION</b>			
Summary of evidence	24	Summarize the main findings including the strength of evidence for each main outcome; consider their relevance to key groups (e.g., healthcare providers, users, and policy makers).	Discussion par. 1-4,7,10
Limitations	25	Discuss limitations at study and outcome level (e.g., risk for bias), and at review-level (e.g., incomplete retrieval of identified research, reporting bias).	Discussion par. 8, 9
Conclusions	26	Provide a general interpretation of the results in the context of other evidence, and implications for future research.	Discussion par. 4, 5
<b>FUNDING</b>			
Funding	27	Describe sources of funding for the systematic review and other support (e.g., supply of data); role of funders for the systematic review.	Funding statement

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**Appendix 1 Checklist 2. MOOSE Checklist**

<b>Item No</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Reported on Page No</b>
Reporting of background should include		
1	Problem definition	Introduction par. 1-2
2	Hypothesis statement	Introduction par. 3
3	Description of study outcome(s)	Introduction par. 5
4	Type of exposure or intervention used	Not applicable
5	Type of study designs used	Methods par. 4
6	Study population	Methods par. 4
Reporting of search strategy should include		
7	Qualifications of searchers (e.g., librarians and investigators)	Methods par. 2
8	Search strategy, including time period included in the synthesis and keywords	Methods par. 1
9	Effort to include all available studies, including contact with authors	Methods par. 2, 3
10	Databases and registries searched	Methods par. 1
11	Search software used, name and version, including special features used (e.g., explosion)	Methods par. 1, Appendix 1 Table 1
12	Use of hand searching (e.g., reference lists of obtained articles)	Methods par. 1
13	List of citations located and those excluded, including justification	Appendix 1 Tables 2-4
14	Method of addressing articles published in languages other than English	Methods par. 4
15	Method of handling abstracts and unpublished studies	Not done
16	Description of any contact with authors	Methods par. 2, 3
Reporting of methods should include		
17	Description of relevance or appropriateness of studies assembled for assessing the hypothesis to be tested	Methods par. 4
18	Rationale for the selection and coding of data (e.g., sound clinical principles or convenience)	Methods par. 6-8
19	Documentation of how data were classified and coded (e.g., multiple raters, blinding and interrater reliability)	Methods par. 6-8
20	Assessment of confounding (e.g., comparability of cases and controls in studies where appropriate)	Not applicable
21	Assessment of study quality, including blinding of quality assessors, stratification or regression on possible predictors of study results	Methods par. 5
22	Assessment of heterogeneity	Methods par. 10

Item No	Recommendation	Reported on Page No
23	Description of statistical methods (e.g., complete description of fixed or random effects models, justification of whether the chosen models account for predictors of study results, dose-response models, or cumulative meta-analysis) in sufficient detail to be replicated	Methods par. 9-11
24	Provision of appropriate tables and graphics	Figures 2–5, Appendix 1
Reporting of results should include		
25	Graphic summarizing individual study estimates and overall estimate	Figures 2–5, Appendix 1
26	Table giving descriptive information for each study included	Appendix Table
27	Results of sensitivity testing (e.g., subgroup analysis)	Appendix 1 Table 18
28	Indication of statistical uncertainty of findings	Results par. 4-13

**Appendix 1 Table 1. Search strategy**

Set	PubMed	Embase/Global Health	Cochrane Library
1	(social contact*[Title/Abstract] OR contact pattern*[Title/Abstract] OR social mixing[Title/Abstract])	(social contact* or contact pattern* or social mixing).ab,ti.	(social contact* or contact pattern* or social mixing):ti,kw
2	(infectious disease*[Title/Abstract] OR respiratory[Title/Abstract] OR tuberculosis[Title/Abstract] OR influenza[Title/Abstract] OR transmission[Title/Abstract])	(infectious disease* or respiratory or tuberculosis or influenza or transmission).ab,ti.	(infectious disease* or respiratory or tuberculosis or influenza or transmission):ti,kw
3	"1997/01/01"[Date - Publication]: "3000"[Date - Publication]	1 and 2	(#1 AND #2)
4	English [la]	limit 3 to (English language and yr = "1997 -Current")	Limit 3 to time period 1997–present
5	1 AND 2 AND 3 AND 4		

**Appendix 1 Table 2.** Reasons for Exclusion of Publications After Full-text Review

Reference	Reason for Exclusion
Aiello AE, Simanek AM, Eisenberg MC, Walsh AR, Davis B, Volz E, et al. Design and methods of a social network isolation study for reducing respiratory infection transmission: The e-FLU cluster randomized trial. <i>Epidemics</i> . 2016;15:38–55. doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.epidem.2016.01.001">http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.epidem.2016.01.001</a> . PubMed PMID: 608374678.	Participants report contacts only with other study participants
Alexander ME, Kobes R. Effects of vaccination and population structure on influenza epidemic spread in the presence of two circulating strains. <i>BMC public health</i> . 2011;11 Suppl 1:S8. PubMed PMID: 560051654.	Modeling study
Amaku M, Coutinho FA, Azevedo RS, Burattini MN, Lopez LF, Massad E. Vaccination against rubella: analysis of the temporal evolution of the age-dependent force of infection and the effects of different contact patterns. <i>Physical review</i> . 2003;E, Statistical, nonlinear, and soft matter physics. 67(5 Pt 1):051907. PubMed PMID: 137611835.	Modeling study
Andrews JR, Morrow C, Walensky RP, Wood R. Integrating social contact and environmental data in evaluating tuberculosis transmission in a South African township. <i>Journal of Infectious Diseases</i> . 2014;210(4):597–603. doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/infdis/jiu138">http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/infdis/jiu138</a> . PubMed PMID: 373710043.	Data published elsewhere (Johnstone Robertson 2011)
Apolloni A, Poletto C, Colizza V. Age-specific contacts and travel patterns in the spatial spread of 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic. <i>BMC Infectious Diseases</i> . 2013;13 (1) (no pagination)(176). doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1186/1471-2334-13-176">http://dx.doi.org/10.1186/1471-2334-13-176</a> . PubMed PMID: 52541688.	Data published elsewhere (Mossong 2008)
Bansal S, Read J, Pourbohloul B, Meyers LA. The dynamic nature of contact networks in infectious disease epidemiology. <i>Journal of Biologic Dynamics</i> . 2010;4(5):478–89. doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/17513758.2010.503376">http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/17513758.2010.503376</a> . PubMed PMID: 362174279.	Review or perspectives piece
Barrat A, Cattuto C, Tozzi AE, Vanhems P, Voirin N. Measuring contact patterns with wearable sensors: Methods, data characteristics and applications to data-driven simulations of infectious diseases. <i>Clinical Microbiology and Infection</i> . 2014;20(1):10–6. doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/1469-0691.12472">http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/1469-0691.12472</a> . PubMed PMID: 370529746.	Participants report contacts only with other study participants
Benavides J, Demianyk BCP, Mukhi SN, Laskowski M, Friesen M, McLeod RD. Smartphone technologies for social network data generation and infectious disease modeling. <i>Journal of Medical and Biologic Engineering</i> . 2012;32(4):235–44. doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.5405/jmbe.974">http://dx.doi.org/10.5405/jmbe.974</a> . PubMed PMID: 365841598.	Methodology paper
Blaser N, Zahnd C, Hermans S, Salazar-Vizcaya L, Estill J, Morrow C, et al. Tuberculosis in Cape Town: An age-structured transmission model. <i>Epidemics</i> . 2016;14:54–61. doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.epidem.2015.10.001">http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.epidem.2015.10.001</a> . PubMed PMID: 607220757.	Data published elsewhere (Johnstone Robertson 2011)
Campbell PT, McVernon J, Shrestha N, Nathan PM, Geard N. Who's holding the baby? A prospective diary study of the contact patterns of mothers with an infant. <i>BMC Infectious Diseases</i> . 2017;17 (1) (no pagination)(634). doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1186/s12879-017-2735-8">http://dx.doi.org/10.1186/s12879-017-2735-8</a> . PubMed PMID: 618339477.	Single sex participants (women)
Cauchemez S, Valleron AJ, Boelle PY, Flahault PY, Ferguson NM. Estimating the impact of school closure on influenza transmission from Sentinel data. <i>Nature</i> . 2008;452(7188):750–4. doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1038/nature06732">http://dx.doi.org/10.1038/nature06732</a> . PubMed PMID: 351521077.	Modeling study
Chan TC, Fu YC, Hwang JS. Changing social contact patterns under tropical weather conditions relevant for the spread of infectious diseases. <i>Epidemiology and Infection</i> . 2015;143(2):440–51. doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0950268814000843">http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0950268814000843</a> . PubMed PMID: 53155073.	Data published elsewhere (Fu 2012)
Chen SC, Chang CF, Jou LJ, Liao CM. Modeling vaccination programmes against measles in Taiwan. <i>Epidemiology and Infection</i> . 2007;135(5):775–86. doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0950268806007369">http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0950268806007369</a> . PubMed PMID: 47161661.	Modeling study
Conlan A, Eames KTD, Gage JA, von Kirchbach JC, Ross JV, Saenz RA, et al. Measuring social networks in british primary schools through scientific engagement. <i>Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biologic Sciences</i> . 2011;278(1711):1467–75. doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1098/rspb.2010.1807">http://dx.doi.org/10.1098/rspb.2010.1807</a> . PubMed PMID: 361607401.	Participants report contacts only within school
Cornforth DM, Reluga TC, Shim E, Bauch CT, Galvani AP, Meyers LA. Erratic flu vaccination emerges from short-sighted behavior in contact networks. <i>PLoS Computational Biology</i> . 2011;7 (1) (no pagination)(e1001062). doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pcbi.1001062">http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pcbi.1001062</a> . PubMed PMID: 361204748.	Modeling study
Danon L, Read JM, House TA, Vernon MC, Keeling MJ. Social encounter networks: characterizing Great Britain. <i>Proceedings</i> . 2013;Biologic sciences / The Royal Society. 280(1765):20131037. PubMed PMID: 563039898.	Data published elsewhere (Danon 2012)
De Cao E, Zagheni E, Manfredi P, Melegaro A. The relative importance of frequency of contacts and duration of exposure for the spread of directly transmitted infections. <i>Biostatistics (Oxford, England)</i> . 2014;15(3):470–83. doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/biostatistics/kxu008">http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/biostatistics/kxu008</a> . PubMed PMID: 605882135.	Data published elsewhere (Mossong 2008)
Eames K, Bansal S, Frost S, Riley S. Six challenges in measuring contact networks for use in modeling. <i>Epidemics</i> . 2015;10:72–7. Epub 2015/04/07. doi: 10.1016/j.epidem.2014.08.006. PubMed PMID: 25843388.	Review or perspectives piece
Eames KTD, Tilston NL, Edmunds WJ. The impact of school holidays on the social mixing patterns of school children. <i>Epidemics</i> . 2011;3(2):103–8. doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.epidem.2011.03.003">http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.epidem.2011.03.003</a> . PubMed PMID: 361842166.	Data published elsewhere (Eames 2010)
Eames KTD. The influence of school holiday timing on epidemic impact. <i>Epidemiology and Infection</i> . 2014;142(9):1963–71. doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0950268813002884">http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0950268813002884</a> . PubMed PMID: 373586411.	Modeling study
Edwards CH, Tomba GS, Blasio Bfd. Influenza in workplaces: transmission, workers' adherence to sick leave advice and European sick leave recommendations. <i>European Journal of Public Health</i> . 2016;26(3):478–85. doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckw031">http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckw031</a> . PubMed PMID: 20163190224.	Review or perspectives piece
Ewing A, Lee EC, Viboud C, Bansal S. Contact, travel, and transmission: The impact of winter holidays on influenza dynamics in the United States. <i>Journal of Infectious Diseases</i> . 2017;215(5):732–9. doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/infdis/jiw642">http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/infdis/jiw642</a> . PubMed PMID: 616354022.	Modeling study

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Ferraro CF, Trotter CL, Nascimento MC, Jusot JF, Omotara BA, Hodgson A, et al. Household crowding, social mixing patterns and respiratory symptoms in seven countries of the African meningitis belt. <i>PLoS ONE</i> . 2014;9 (7) (no pagination)(e101129). doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0101129">http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0101129</a> . PubMed PMID: 373459847.	Social contacts defined by attendance at events or involvement in activities
Fournet J, Barrat A. Contact patterns among high school students. <i>PLoS ONE</i> . 2014;9 (9) (no pagination)(e107878). doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0107878">http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0107878</a> . PubMed PMID: 600033432.	Participants report contacts only with other study participants
Gerlier L, Weil-Olivier C, Carrat F, Lenne X, Lamotte M, Greneche S, et al. Public health and economic impact of vaccinating children with a quadrivalent live attenuated influenza vaccine in France using a dynamic transmission model. <i>Value in Health</i> . 2014;17 (7):A674. doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jval.2014.08.2502">http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jval.2014.08.2502</a> . PubMed PMID: 71674377.	Data published elsewhere (Mossong 2008)
Goeyvaerts N, Hens N, Ogunjimi B, Aerts M, Shkedy Z, Damme Pv, et al. Estimating infectious disease parameters from data on social contacts and serologic status. <i>Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series C</i> . 2010;59(2):255–77. doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-9876.2009.00693.x">http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-9876.2009.00693.x</a> . PubMed PMID: 20103088230.	Data published elsewhere (Mossong 2008)
Guclu H, Read J, Vukotich CJ, Galloway DD, Gao H, Rainey JJ, et al. Social contact networks and mixing among students in K-12 Schools in Pittsburgh, PA. <i>PLoS ONE</i> . 2016;11 (3) (no pagination)(e0151139). doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0151139">http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0151139</a> . PubMed PMID: 609076919.	Participants report contacts only within school
Hens N, Ayele GM, Goeyvaerts N, Aerts M, Mossong J, Edmunds JW, et al. Estimating the impact of school closure on social mixing behavior and the transmission of close contact infections in eight European countries. <i>BMC Infectious Diseases</i> . 2009;9 (no pagination)(187). doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1186/1471-2334-9-187">http://dx.doi.org/10.1186/1471-2334-9-187</a> . PubMed PMID: 358047454.	Data published elsewhere (Mossong 2008)
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Huang C, Liu X, Sun S, Li SC, Deng M, He G, et al. Insights into the transmission of respiratory infectious diseases through empirical human contact networks. <i>Sci Rep</i> . 2016;6:31484. Epub 2016/08/17. doi: 10.1038/srep31484. PubMed PMID: 27526868; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC4985757.	Participants report contacts only with other study participants
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**Appendix 1 Table 5. Contacts Reported by Boys and Girls with Boys, Girls, Men, and Women**

Region	Survey	Participant s	Contacts												
			Children						Adults						
			Boys		Girls		Total		Men		Women		Total		
n	%	N	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n			
AFR	South Africa 2010	Boys	5.0	34	2.8	19	7.8	52	3.0	20	4.1	28	7.1	48	15.0
		Girls	3.1	19	6.2	39	9.2	58	2.4	15	4.3	27	6.7	42	15.9
	Zimbabwe 2013	Boys	1.6	17	2.4	26	4.0	43	2.0	22	3.3	36	5.3	57	9.3
		Girls	2.3	27	1.5	18	3.8	45	1.9	22	2.8	33	4.7	55	8.5
AMR	Peru 2011	Boys	6.2	32	4.0	21	10.2	53	4.2	22	4.9	25	9.1	47	19.3
		Girls	3.5	23	4.5	29	8.0	51	3.2	20	4.4	28	7.6	49	15.6
EUR	Belgium 2005–06	Boys	2.6	26	1.6	16	4.2	43	2.3	23	3.4	34	5.7	57	9.9
		Girls	1.9	16	2.8	24	4.7	40	2.9	25	4.1	35	7.0	60	11.7
	Belgium 2010–11	Boys	5.4	34	3.4	21	8.7	56	3.0	19	4.0	25	6.9	44	15.7
		Girls	3.6	20	6.1	34	9.7	55	2.9	17	5.1	29	8.0	45	17.7
	Finland 2005–06	Boys	4.5	35	2.6	20	7.2	56	2.4	19	3.3	26	5.7	45	12.9
		Girls	2.7	22	4.0	32	6.7	54	2.2	18	3.5	28	5.8	46	12.5
	France 2012	Boys	3.1	28	1.9	17	5.0	46	2.5	23	3.5	32	6.0	55	11.0
		Girls	2.3	19	3.2	26	5.5	45	2.6	21	4.2	34	6.8	55	12.3
	Germany 2005–06	Boys	2.0	24	1.1	13	3.1	38	2.1	26	3.0	37	5.1	62	8.2
		Girls	1.1	14	1.9	23	3.0	37	1.9	23	3.3	40	5.1	63	8.1
	Italy 2005–06	Boys	6.6	32	4.7	23	11.3	55	3.9	19	5.6	27	9.4	45	20.7
		Girls	5.0	24	7.0	34	12.0	58	3.4	16	5.4	26	8.8	42	20.7
	Luxembourg 2005–06	Boys	5.7	32	4.1	23	9.8	55	3.5	19	4.5	26	8.0	45	17.8
		Girls	4.2	26	4.9	30	9.1	56	3.0	18	4.3	26	7.3	45	16.4
	Netherlands 2005–06	Boys	6.2	39	3.9	25	10.1	64	2.7	17	3.1	19	5.8	36	15.9
		Girls	3.4	22	5.4	35	8.8	57	2.6	17	4.2	27	6.8	44	15.6
	Poland 2005–06	Boys	5.2	32	3.6	22	8.8	54	2.9	18	4.7	29	7.6	46	16.3
		Girls	3.3	20	4.7	29	8.0	49	3.3	20	5.1	31	8.4	51	16.3
	United Kingdom 2005–06	Boys	3.8	32	2.4	20	6.2	53	2.3	19	3.3	28	5.6	47	11.8
		Girls	2.6	19	4.7	35	7.2	54	2.2	16	4.0	30	6.2	46	13.5
EUR	United Kingdom 2012	Boys	0.7	12	0.5	9	1.2	21	1.7	29	2.9	50	4.6	79	5.8
	China 2010	Boys	6.3	40	3.3	21	9.6	60	2.7	17	3.6	23	6.3	40	15.8
		Girls	3.6	24	5.0	34	8.6	58	2.3	16	3.9	26	6.2	42	14.8
	China 2015–16	Boys	2.2	28	1.1	14	3.3	42	1.8	22	2.9	36	4.6	58	7.9
		Girls	0.8	12	1.5	24	2.3	36	1.4	22	2.6	42	4.0	64	6.3
	Vietnam 2007	Boys	2.2	33	1.2	18	3.5	51	1.6	23	1.8	26	3.3	49	6.8
		Girls	1.1	16	2.4	35	3.4	50	1.3	20	2.1	30	3.4	50	6.8

**Appendix 1 Table 6. Sex-Assortative Mixing Reported by Boys and Girls in Contacts with Children and Adults**

Region	Survey	Participants	Contacts			
			Children		Adults	
			%	95% CI	%	95% CI
AFR	South Africa 2010	Boys	64	(60–67)	42	(38–46)
		Girls	67	(64–70)	64	(60–68)
	Zimbabwe 2013	Boys	40	(38–42)	37	(36–39)
		Girls	40	(37–42)	60	(57–62)
AMR	Peru 2011	Boys	61	(58–63)	46	(44–49)
		Girls	56	(53–59)	57	(54–60)
EUR	Belgium 2005–06	Boys	62	(57–66)	41	(37–45)
		Girls	59	(55–63)	59	(55–62)
	Belgium 2010–11	Boys	62	(59–64)	43	(40–46)
		Girls	63	(60–65)	63	(61–66)
	Finland 2005–06	Boys	63	(60–66)	42	(39–46)
		Girls	60	(57–63)	61	(57–65)
	France 2012	Boys	62	(60–63)	42	(41–44)
		Girls	58	(56–60)	62	(60–63)
	Germany 2005–06	Boys	63	(59–68)	41	(37–45)
		Girls	65	(60–69)	63	(60–67)
	Italy 2005–06	Boys	59	(56–61)	41	(38–44)
		Girls	58	(55–61)	61	(58–64)
	Luxembourg 2005–06	Boys	58	(55–60)	43	(41–46)
		Girls	54	(51–57)	59	(56–62)
	Netherlands 2005–06	Boys	61	(59–64)	47	(43–51)
		Girls	61	(58–64)	62	(58–65)
	Poland 2005–06	Boys	59	(57–62)	38	(35–41)
		Girls	59	(56–62)	61	(58–63)
	United Kingdom 2005–06	Boys	62	(59–65)	41	(37–44)
		Girls	65	(62–67)	65	(62–68)
	United Kingdom 2012	Boys	55	(43–67)	37	(31–43)
		Girls	46	(34–59)	60	(53–66)
WPR	China 2010	Boys	66	(64–68)	43	(40–46)
		Girls	58	(56–61)	62	(59–66)
	China 2015–16	Boys	68	(63–73)	38	(34–42)
		Girls	66	(60–71)	64	(60–69)
	Vietnam 2007	Boys	64	(60–69)	47	(42–52)
		Girls	69	(64–73)	61	(56–65)

**Appendix 1 Table 7.** Contacts Reported by Boys and Girls with Boys, Girls, Men, and Women at Home and Outside the Home

Region	Survey	Participants	At Home										Outside the Home									
			Children				Adults				Total	Children				Adults				Total		
			Boys		Girls		Men		Women			Boys		Girls		Men		Women				
n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%					
AFR	South Africa 2010	Boys	0.9	6	0.7	5	1.3	9	2.2	15	5.1	34	4.1	27	2.1	14	1.7	11	2.0	13	9.9	66
		Girls	0.5	3	0.9	6	1.1	7	1.8	11	4.3	27	2.6	16	5.2	33	1.3	8	2.5	16	11.6	73
AMR	Peru 2011	Boys	1.6	8	1.4	7	1.9	10	2.4	13	7.3	38	4.6	24	2.6	14	2.3	12	2.4	13	11.9	62
		Girls	1.3	8	1.5	9	1.8	11	2.4	15	7.0	44	2.3	14	3.1	19	1.5	9	2.1	13	9.0	56
EUR	Belgium 2005–06	Boys	0.6	6	0.4	4	1.3	13	1.4	14	3.7	37	2.0	20	1.3	13	1.0	10	1.9	19	6.2	63
		Girls	0.6	5	0.4	3	1.3	11	1.4	12	3.7	32	1.3	11	2.3	20	1.6	14	2.7	23	7.9	68
	Finland 2005–06	Boys	0.8	6	0.7	5	1.2	9	1.2	9	3.9	30	3.7	29	1.9	15	1.2	9	2.1	16	8.9	70
		Girls	0.7	6	0.8	6	1.2	10	1.2	10	3.9	31	2.0	16	3.3	26	1.0	8	2.3	18	8.6	69
	France 2012	Boys	0.9	8	0.4	4	0.5	5	0.6	5	2.4	22	2.3	21	1.6	14	2.0	18	2.8	25	8.7	78
		Girls	0.5	4	0.6	5	0.4	3	0.7	6	2.2	18	1.9	15	2.6	21	2.2	18	3.5	28	10.2	82
	Germany 2005–06	Boys	0.4	5	0.3	4	1.2	15	1.7	21	3.6	44	1.6	20	0.8	10	0.9	11	1.3	16	4.6	56
		Girls	0.4	5	0.5	6	1.3	16	1.7	20	3.9	47	0.7	8	1.5	18	0.6	7	1.6	19	4.4	53
	Italy 2005–06	Boys	0.5	2	0.5	2	1.6	8	2.2	11	4.8	23	6.1	29	4.2	20	2.3	11	3.3	16	15.9	77
		Girls	0.4	2	0.5	2	1.5	7	1.9	9	4.3	21	4.6	22	6.5	31	1.9	9	3.6	17	16.6	79
	Luxembourg 2005–06	Boys	0.7	4	0.7	4	1.6	9	1.8	10	4.8	27	5.0	28	3.4	19	1.9	11	2.7	15	13.0	73
		Girls	0.6	4	0.5	3	1.4	9	1.5	9	4.0	24	3.6	22	4.4	27	1.6	10	2.8	17	12.4	76
	Netherlands 2005–06	Boys	0.8	5	0.6	4	1.3	8	1.3	8	4.0	25	5.3	33	3.3	21	1.5	9	1.8	11	11.9	75
		Girls	0.8	5	0.8	5	1.3	8	1.7	11	4.6	29	2.6	17	4.6	29	1.3	8	2.5	16	11.0	71
	Poland 2005–06	Boys	0.6	4	0.7	4	1.7	10	2.4	15	5.4	33	4.6	28	2.9	18	1.2	7	2.2	13	10.9	67
		Girls	0.6	4	0.7	4	1.8	11	2.5	15	5.6	34	2.7	16	4.0	24	1.5	9	2.6	16	10.8	66
	United Kingdom 2005–06	Boys	0.9	8	0.7	6	1.3	11	1.6	14	4.5	38	3.0	25	1.6	14	1.0	8	1.7	14	7.3	62
		Girls	0.8	6	1.1	8	1.2	9	1.8	13	4.9	36	1.8	13	3.6	27	1.0	7	2.2	16	8.6	64
	United Kingdom 2012	Boys	3.8	8	3.7	8	10.3	21	12.2	25	30.0	61	2.4	5	1.8	4	3.2	7	11.6	24	19.0	39
		Girls	4.1	9	3.2	7	8.5	18	10.1	22	25.9	55	2.8	6	2.9	6	5.3	11	10.0	21	21.0	45
WPR	China 2015–16	Boys	0.3	4	0.2	3	0.9	11	1.6	20	3.0	38	2.0	25	0.8	10	0.8	10	1.3	16	4.9	62
		Girls	0.3	5	0.2	3	0.9	14	1.4	22	2.8	44	0.5	8	1.3	20	0.6	9	1.2	19	3.6	56
WPR	Vietnam 2007	Boys	0.6	9	0.6	9	1.4	21	1.6	24	4.2	63	1.6	24	0.6	9	0.1	1	0.2	3	2.5	37
		Girls	0.6	9	0.6	9	1.3	19	1.7	25	4.2	62	0.5	7	1.7	25	0.1	1	0.3	4	2.6	38

**Appendix 1 Table 8. Sex-Assortative Mixing Reported by Boys and Girls in Contacts with Children and Adults at Home and Outside the Home**

Region	Survey	Partici- pants	At Home				Outside the Home			
			Children		Adults		Children		Adults	
			%	95% CI	%	95% CI	%	95% CI	%	95% CI
AFR	South Africa 2010	Boys	54	(45–62)	37	(32–43)	66	(62–70)	46	(41–52)
		Girls	67	(59–75)	62	(57–68)	67	(63–70)	65	(60–70)
AMR	Peru 2011	Boys	53	(48–58)	44	(40–48)	64	(61–67)	49	(45–53)
		Girls	53	(48–59)	57	(52–61)	57	(54–61)	58	(54–63)
EUR	Belgium 2005–06	Boys	62	(52–71)	48	(42–54)	61	(56–67)	35	(29–40)
		Girls	40	(31–50)	52	(46–58)	65	(60–69)	62	(58–67)
	Finland 2005–06	Boys	54	(47–60)	49	(44–54)	66	(63–69)	37	(33–42)
		Girls	52	(45–59)	49	(43–55)	62	(58–66)	70	(65–74)
	France 2012	Boys	69	(66–72)	45	(41–49)	59	(57–61)	41	(40–43)
		Girls	57	(54–61)	63	(59–66)	58	(56–60)	61	(60–63)
	Germany 2005–06	Boys	54	(43–64)	41	(36–46)	66	(61–71)	41	(36–47)
		Girls	54	(45–63)	57	(52–61)	69	(63–74)	73	(67–77)
	Italy 2005–06	Boys	52	(43–60)	41	(37–45)	59	(57–62)	41	(37–44)
		Girls	53	(43–63)	55	(50–60)	59	(56–61)	65	(61–69)
	Luxembourg 2005–06	Boys	49	(42–55)	47	(42–51)	59	(57–62)	41	(37–44)
		Girls	47	(39–55)	52	(47–57)	55	(52–58)	64	(60–68)
	Netherlands 2005–06	Boys	55	(48–63)	49	(43–54)	62	(59–66)	45	(40–51)
		Girls	50	(43–58)	56	(51–51)	63	(60–66)	66	(61–70)
	Poland 2005–06	Boys	45	(38–52)	40	(37–44)	62	(59–64)	36	(32–40)
		Girls	55	(48–63)	58	(54–52)	60	(57–63)	63	(59–67)
	United Kingdom 2005–06	Boys	55	(48–61)	44	(39–49)	64	(61–68)	38	(33–43)
		Girls	57	(51–63)	61	(57–66)	67	(64–70)	68	(64–72)
	United Kingdom 2012	Boys	51	(46–56)	46	(43–48)	56	(50–62)	22	(19–25)
		Girls	44	(39–49)	54	(51–58)	51	(45–57)	65	(62–68)
WPR	China 2015–16	Boys	52	(38–65)	37	(31–42)	71	(66–76)	40	(33–46)
		Girls	42	(29–56)	62	(56–68)	72	(64–77)	67	(61–74)
	Vietnam 2007	Boys	50	(42–58)	48	(42–53)	72	(66–77)	41	(26–57)
		Girls	52	(44–60)	58	(53–63)	78	(73–83)	80	(67–90)

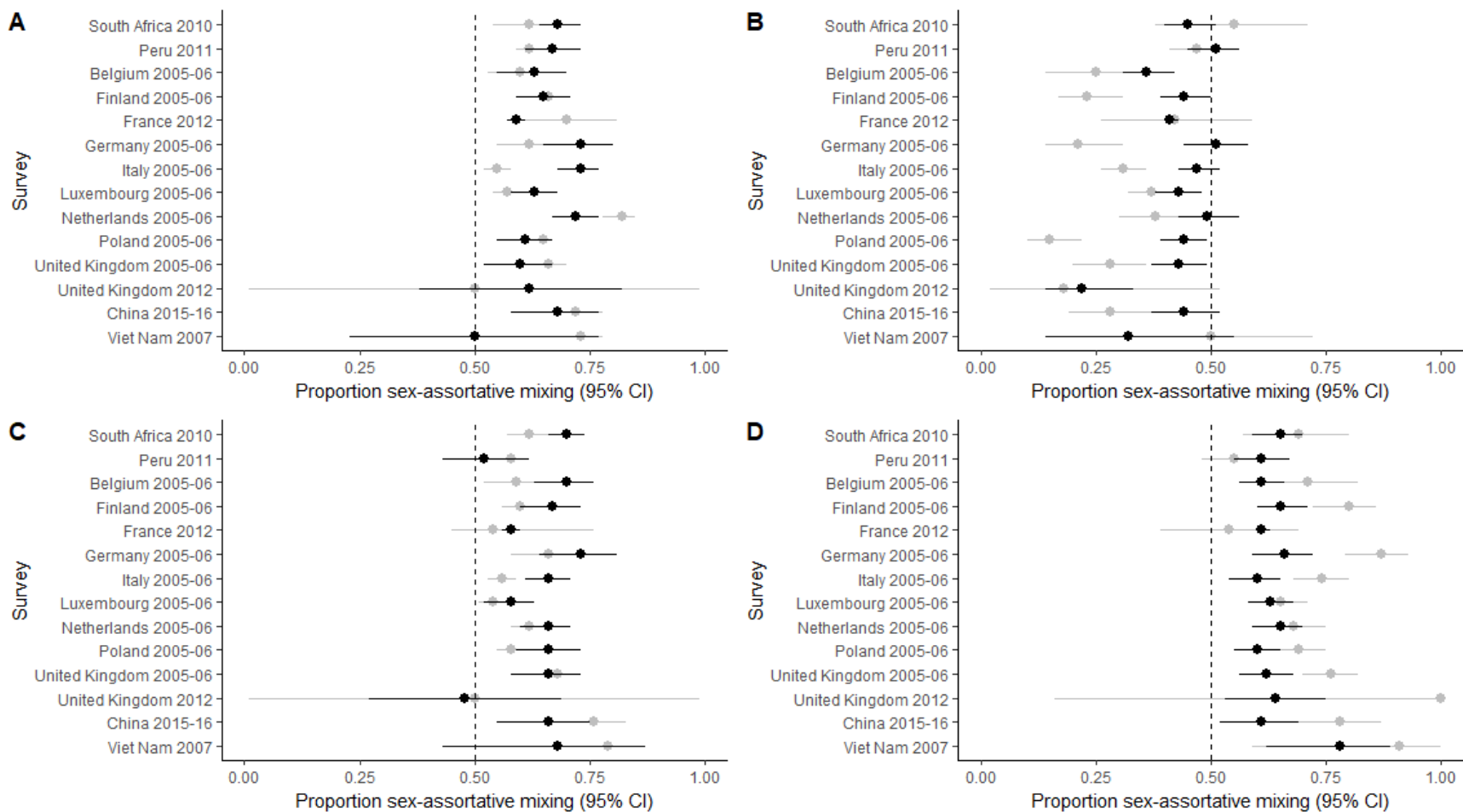


**Appendix 1 Table 9.** Contacts Reported by Boys and Girls with Boys, Girls, Men, and Women at School and Elsewhere Outside the Home

Region	Survey	Participa nts	At School										Elsewhere Outside the Home									
			Children				Adults				Total	Children				Adults				Total		
			Boys		Girls		Men		Women			Boys		Girls		Men		Women				
n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%					
AFR	South Africa 2010	Boys	1.2	12	0.7	7	0.2	2	0.2	2	2.3	23	3.1	31	1.4	14	1.5	15	1.8	18	7.8	77
		Girls	1.3	11	2.2	18	0.2	2	0.5	4	4.2	35	1.4	12	3.2	26	1.2	10	2.1	17	7.9	65
AMR	Peru 2011	Boys	4.3	29	2.6	17	1.2	8	1.3	9	9.4	63	1.4	9	0.7	5	1.8	12	1.7	11	5.6	37
		Girls	2.5	21	3.5	29	1.0	8	1.2	10	8.2	68	0.6	5	0.6	5	1.1	9	1.6	13	3.9	32
EUR	Belgium 2005–06	Boys	1.2	17	0.8	11	0.1	1	0.4	6	2.5	36	1.1	16	0.6	9	1.0	14	1.8	26	4.5	64
		Girls	0.8	9	1.2	13	0.2	2	0.4	4	2.6	29	0.6	7	1.5	17	1.7	19	2.6	29	6.4	71
	Finland 2005–06	Boys	3.1	30	1.6	15	0.3	3	1.0	10	6.0	57	1.3	12	0.7	7	1.1	10	1.4	13	4.5	43
		Girls	1.7	16	2.6	25	0.3	3	1.0	9	5.6	53	0.7	7	1.4	13	1.0	9	1.9	18	5.0	47
	France 2012	Boys	0.1	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.1	1	2.2	26	1.5	17	2.0	23	2.8	33	8.5	99
		Girls	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.2	2	1.8	18	2.5	25	2.2	22	3.5	34	10.0	98
	Germany 2005–06	Boys	1.1	19	0.7	12	0.2	4	0.7	12	2.7	47	0.9	16	0.3	5	0.9	16	0.9	16	3.0	53
		Girls	0.6	11	1.1	20	0.1	2	0.8	15	2.6	47	0.3	5	0.8	15	0.6	11	1.2	22	2.9	53
	Italy 2005–06	Boys	4.4	26	3.7	22	0.7	4	1.7	10	10.5	62	2.1	12	0.8	5	1.7	10	1.9	11	6.5	38
		Girls	3.7	22	4.7	28	0.6	4	1.6	9	10.6	62	1.0	6	2.0	12	1.4	8	2.0	12	6.4	38
	Luxembourg 2005–06	Boys	3.7	26	2.7	19	0.7	5	1.2	8	8.3	58	1.9	13	1.1	8	1.3	9	1.8	13	6.1	42
		Girls	3.0	22	3.5	26	0.6	4	1.2	9	8.3	61	1.0	7	1.3	10	1.1	8	1.9	14	5.3	39
	Netherlands 2005–06	Boys	4.2	35	0.9	8	0.5	4	0.9	8	6.5	54	2.2	18	0.9	8	1.2	10	1.2	10	5.5	46
		Girls	2.0	16	3.3	27	0.5	4	1.0	8	6.8	56	0.9	7	1.8	15	1.0	8	1.7	14	5.4	44
	Poland 2005–06	Boys	4.5	33	2.8	21	0.2	1	1.0	7	8.5	63	1.2	9	0.8	6	1.3	10	1.7	13	5.0	37
		Girls	2.7	21	3.8	29	0.5	4	1.1	9	8.1	63	0.5	4	1.1	9	1.3	10	1.9	15	4.8	37
	United Kingdom 2005–06	Boys	2.8	32	1.4	16	0.3	3	0.8	9	5.3	60	0.8	9	0.5	6	0.9	10	1.3	15	3.5	40
		Girls	1.6	16	3.4	34	0.4	4	1.3	13	6.7	67	0.4	4	0.8	8	0.8	8	1.3	13	3.3	33
	United Kingdom 2012	Boys	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.1	3	0.2	7	0.3	10	0.3	10	0.2	7	0.5	17	1.7	57	2.7	90
		Girls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.1	3	0.1	3	0.4	10	0.4	10	1.1	28	1.9	49	3.8	97
WPR	China 2015–16	Boys	1.9	28	0.8	12	0.3	4	0.6	9	3.6	53	0.8	12	0.4	6	0.9	13	1.1	16	3.2	47
		Girls	0.4	8	1.2	23	0.2	4	0.7	13	2.5	48	0.4	8	0.7	13	0.6	12	1.0	19	2.7	52
WPR	Vietnam 2007	Boys	3.3	60	1.2	22	0.2	4	0.2	4	4.9	89	0.1	2	0.1	2	0.1	2	0.3	5	0.6	11
		Girls	0.9	16	3.4	62	0.0	0	0.2	4	4.5	82	0.1	2	0.2	4	0.2	4	0.5	9	1.0	18

**Appendix 1 Table 10.** Sex-Assortative Mixing Reported by Boys and Girls in Contacts with Children and Adults at School and Elsewhere Outside the Home

Region	Survey	Participants	At School				Elsewhere Outside the Home			
			Children		Adults		Children		Adults	
			%	95% CI	%	95% CI	%	95% CI	%	95% CI
AFR	South Africa 2010	Boys	62	(54–69)	55	(38–71)	68	(64–73)	45	(40–51)
		Girls	62	(57–67)	69	(57–80)	70	(66–74)	65	(59–70)
AMR	Peru 2011	Boys	62	(59–66)	47	(41–53)	67	(61–73)	51	(45–56)
		Girls	58	(54–62)	55	(48–62)	52	(43–62)	61	(55–67)
EUR	Belgium 2005–06	Boys	60	(53–67)	25	(14–38)	63	(55–70)	36	(31–42)
		Girls	59	(52–66)	71	(57–82)	70	(63–76)	61	(56–66)
	Finland 2005–06	Boys	66	(62–70)	23	(17–31)	65	(59–71)	44	(39–50)
		Girls	60	(56–65)	80	(72–86)	67	(60–73)	65	(60–71)
	France 2012	Boys	70	(57–81)	42	(26–59)	59	(57–61)	41	(40–43)
		Girls	65	(56–74)	54	(39–69)	58	(56–60)	61	(60–63)
	Germany 2005–06	Boys	62	(55–69)	21	(14–31)	73	(65–80)	51	(44–58)
		Girls	66	(58–73)	87	(79–93)	73	(64–81)	66	(59–72)
	Italy 2005–06	Boys	55	(52–58)	31	(26–36)	73	(68–77)	47	(43–52)
		Girls	56	(53–59)	76	(68–80)	66	(61–71)	60	(54–65)
	Luxembourg 2005–06	Boys	57	(54–61)	37	(32–43)	63	(58–68)	43	(38–48)
		Girls	54	(51–57)	65	(59–71)	58	(52–63)	63	(58–68)
	Netherlands 2005–06	Boys	82	(78–85)	38	(30–47)	72	(67–77)	49	(43–46)
		Girls	62	(58–66)	68	(60–75)	66	(60–71)	65	(59–70)
	Poland 2005–06	Boys	62	(59–65)	15	(10–22)	61	(55–67)	44	(39–49)
		Girls	58	(55–62)	69	(62–75)	66	(59–73)	60	(55–65)
United Kingdom 2005–06	Boys	66	(62–70)	28	(20–36)	60	(52–67)	43	(37–49)	
	Girls	68	(64–71)	76	(70–82)	66	(58–73)	62	(56–68)	
United Kingdom 2012	Boys	50	(1–99)	18	(2–52)	62	(38–82)	22	(14–33)	
	Girls	50	(1–99)	100	(16–100)	48	(27–69)	64	(53–75)	
WPR	China 2015–16	Boys	72	(65–78)	28	(19–40)	68	(58–77)	44	(37–52)
		Girls	76	(67–83)	78	(67–87)	66	(55–75)	61	(52–69)
	Vietnam 2007	Boys	73	(67–78)	50	(28–72)	50	(23–77)	32	(14–55)
		Girls	79	(73–84)	91	(59–100)	68	(43–87)	78	(62–89)



**Appendix 1 Figure 1.** Forest Plots of Sex-Assortative Mixing in Contacts Reported by Boys (A, B) and Girls (C, D) With Children (A, C) and With Adults (B, D) at School (Black) and Elsewhere Outside the Home (Grey). Plots show the proportion of contacts (with 95% confidence intervals) with the same sex, disaggregated by location, as reported for (A) boys with boys, (B) boys with men, (C) girls with girls, and (D) girls with women.

**Appendix 1 Table 11.** Contacts Reported by Men and Women with Boys, Girls, Men, and Women

Region	Survey	Participants	Contacts													
			Children						Adults							
			Boys		Girls		Total		Men		Women		Total			
n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%			
AFR	South Africa 2010	Men	0.8	6	0.7	5	1.5	10	7.9	52	5.7	38	13.6	90	15.1	
		Women	1.2	7	1.6	9	2.7	16	5.5	33	8.4	51	13.9	84	16.7	
	South Africa 2011	Men	0.4	7	0.3	7	0.7	14	2.5	50	1.8	36	4.3	86	5.0	
		Women	0.6	10	0.7	13	1.3	23	1.6	28	2.7	49	4.3	77	5.5	
	Zambia 2011	Men	0.2	5	0.3	5	0.5	10	2.9	59	1.5	31	4.4	90	4.9	
		Women	0.4	8	0.4	8	0.7	16	1.3	27	2.7	57	4.0	84	4.7	
	Zimbabwe 2013	Men	1.0	9	1.2	11	2.2	21	3.3	31	5.1	48	8.4	79	10.6	
		Women	1.0	11	0.8	8	1.8	19	4.2	44	3.5	37	7.7	81	9.5	
AMR	Peru 2011	Men	2.0	12	1.8	11	3.8	24	7.2	45	5.1	32	12.3	76	16.1	
		Women	1.8	13	1.9	14	3.7	27	4.6	33	5.5	40	10.1	73	13.8	
EUR	Belgium 2005–06	Men	0.3	3	0.3	3	0.6	6	6.2	53	5.0	42	11.2	95	11.8	
		Women	0.6	5	0.7	6	1.3	11	4.7	39	6.1	51	10.8	89	12.0	
	Belgium 2010–11	Men	0.4	3	0.4	3	0.9	7	6.6	51	5.5	42	12.1	93	13.0	
		Women	0.6	5	0.6	5	1.2	10	4.8	38	6.6	52	11.4	90	12.6	
	Finland 2005–06	Men	0.5	5	0.5	5	1.0	10	4.7	49	3.9	41	8.6	90	9.6	
		Women	0.7	6	0.7	6	1.4	12	3.5	31	6.4	57	9.9	88	11.3	
	France 2012	Men	0.3	3	0.2	2	0.5	5	5.3	51	4.6	44	9.9	95	10.4	
		Women	0.4	4	0.4	4	0.8	8	4.3	41	5.4	51	9.7	92	10.5	
	Germany 2005–06	Men	0.2	3	0.2	3	0.5	6	4.3	53	3.3	41	7.6	94	8.1	
		Women	0.3	4	0.3	5	0.6	9	2.8	39	3.7	52	6.5	91	7.1	
	Italy 2005–06	Men	0.9	4	0.5	2	1.3	7	10.3	53	7.9	40	18.2	93	19.5	
		Women	1.3	7	1.3	7	2.5	14	6.8	37	9.0	49	15.8	86	18.3	
	Luxembourg 2005–06	Men	0.6	4	0.4	3	1.0	6	9.5	55	6.7	39	16.2	94	17.2	
		Women	1.3	8	1.3	8	2.6	15	6.5	38	8.1	47	14.6	85	17.1	
	Netherlands 2005–06	Men	0.6	5	0.5	4	1.1	10	5.9	51	4.6	40	10.5	91	11.6	
		Women	0.7	6	0.8	7	1.5	12	4.4	35	6.6	53	11.0	88	12.5	
	EUR	Poland 2005–06	Men	0.5	3	0.4	3	0.9	6	8.9	55	6.5	40	15.4	94	16.3
			Women	0.5	3	0.7	5	1.2	8	5.9	37	8.7	55	14.6	92	15.8
	United Kingdom 2005–06	Men	0.7	7	0.5	5	1.2	12	5.1	48	4.2	40	9.3	88	10.5	
		Women	0.9	8	1.1	9	2.0	17	4.0	34	5.7	49	9.7	83	11.6	
WPR	Australia 2008	Men	2.4	11	2.2	10	4.6	21	8.9	40	8.8	40	17.8	79	22.4	
		Women	3.5	14	2.1	9	5.5	23	6.8	28	12.0	49	18.8	77	24.3	
	Australia 2013	Men	0.3	5	0.2	4	0.5	9	2.3	43	2.6	48	4.9	91	5.4	
		Women	0.3	6	0.4	7	0.7	12	2.1	36	3.0	52	5.1	88	5.8	
	China 2010	Men	0.4	3	0.4	4	0.8	7	6.5	54	4.7	39	11.2	93	12.0	
		Women	0.6	5	0.6	5	1.2	10	4.5	38	6.0	52	10.5	90	11.7	
	China 2015–16	Men	0.3	4	0.2	3	0.4	7	2.7	45	2.9	48	5.6	93	6.0	
		Women	0.3	5	0.3	5	0.6	10	2.2	33	3.8	57	6.0	91	6.6	
	Vietnam 2007	Men	0.7	9	0.6	8	1.3	17	3.6	45	3.1	38	6.7	83	8.1	
		Women	0.7	9	0.7	9	1.5	18	2.4	30	4.2	52	6.6	82	8.1	

**Appendix 1 Table 12.** Sex-Assortative Mixing Reported by Men and Women in Contacts with Children and Adults

Region	Survey	Participants	Contacts			
			Children		Adults	
			%	95% CI	%	95% CI
AFR	South Africa 2010	Men	54	(48–60)	58	(56–60)
		Women	58	(53–62)	61	(59–62)
	South Africa 2011	Men	52	(47–56)	58	(56–60)
		Women	55	(51–58)	63	(61–65)
	Zambia 2011	Men	47	(43–51)	66	(64–67)
		Women	52	(49–55)	67	(65–68)
Zimbabwe 2013	Men	45	(43–48)	39	(38–41)	
	Women	47	(43–50)	45	(44–47)	
AMR	Peru 2011	Men	53	(49–58)	59	(56–61)
		Women	51	(47–55)	54	(52–57)
EUR	Belgium 2005–06	Men	48	(40–56)	56	(54–58)
		Women	54	(49–60)	56	(55–58)
	Belgium 2010–11	Men	51	(47–55)	55	(54–56)
		Women	49	(46–53)	58	(57–59)
	Finland 2005–06	Men	53	(47–58)	55	(53–56)
		Women	50	(45–54)	64	(63–66)
	France 2012	Men	53	(48–58)	53	(52–54)
		Women	51	(48–54)	55	(55–56)
	Germany 2005–06	Men	51	(44–58)	57	(55–58)
		Women	53	(47–58)	57	(55–58)
	Italy 2005–06	Men	65	(60–70)	57	(55–58)
		Women	50	(46–53)	57	(56–58)
	Luxembourg 2005–06	Men	59	(53–64)	59	(57–60)
		Women	50	(47–53)	56	(54–57)
	Netherlands 2005–06	Men	57	(50–63)	56	(54–58)
		Women	54	(49–59)	60	(58–62)
	Poland 2005–06	Men	56	(50–61)	58	(56–59)
		Women	57	(52–61)	59	(58–61)
	United Kingdom 2005–06	Men	58	(53–63)	55	(53–57)
		Women	54	(51–58)	59	(57–60)
WPR	Australia 2008	Men	52	(44–60)	50	(46–54)
		Women	37	(34–41)	64	(62–66)
	Australia 2013	Men	54	(48–61)	47	(45–49)
		Women	52	(48–56)	58	(57–60)
	China 2010	Men	49	(45–53)	58	(57–59)
		Women	49	(45–52)	57	(56–58)
	China 2015–16	Men	59	(52–65)	48	(46–50)
		Women	48	(42–53)	64	(62–66)
	Vietnam 2007	Men	53	(47–58)	54	(52–56)
		Women	50	(46–55)	64	(62–66)

**Appendix 1 Table 13.** Contacts Reported by Men and Women with Boys, Girls, Men, and Women at Home and Outside the Home

Region	Survey	Participa nts	At Home										Outside the Home									
			Children				Adults				Total	Children		Adults		Total						
			Boys		Girls		Men		Women			Boys	Girls	Men	Women							
n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%					
AFR	South Africa 2010	Men	0.4	3	0.3	2	1.3	9	1.5	10	3.5	23	0.5	3	0.4	3	6.5	43	4.2	28	11.6	77
		Women	0.6	4	0.8	5	1.6	10	2.1	13	5.1	31	0.6	4	0.7	4	3.9	23	6.4	38	11.6	69
	South Africa 2011	Men	0.3	6	0.3	6	1.2	25	1.5	31	3.3	69	0.0	0	0.0	0	1.2	25	0.3	6	1.5	31
		Women	0.6	11	0.7	13	1.3	24	1.7	31	4.3	78	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.3	5	0.9	16	1.2	22
AMR	Zambia 2011	Men	0.2	4	0.2	4	0.8	17	0.9	20	2.1	46	0.0	0	0.0	0	2.0	43	0.5	11	2.5	54
		Women	0.3	6	0.3	6	0.9	19	1.1	23	2.6	55	0.0	0	0.1	2	0.4	9	1.6	34	2.1	45
	Peru 2011	Men	1.4	9	1.4	9	2.0	13	2.5	16	7.3	46	0.6	4	0.4	3	5.1	32	2.6	16	8.7	54
		Women	1.5	11	1.6	12	2.4	17	2.3	17	7.8	57	0.3	2	0.3	2	2.2	16	3.2	23	6.0	43
EUR	Belgium 2005–06	Men	0.2	2	0.3	3	1.0	8	1.6	13	3.1	26	0.1	1	0.1	1	5.2	44	3.4	29	8.8	74
		Women	0.3	2	0.4	3	1.5	12	1.1	9	3.3	27	0.3	2	0.3	2	3.2	26	5.0	41	8.8	73
	Finland 2005–06	Men	0.3	3	0.3	3	0.5	5	1.1	12	2.2	23	0.2	2	0.1	1	4.2	44	2.8	29	7.3	77
		Women	0.4	4	0.3	3	1.2	11	0.6	5	2.5	22	0.3	3	0.3	3	2.4	21	5.8	51	8.8	78
	France 2012	Men	0.1	1	0.0	0	1.3	12	0.7	7	2.1	20	0.2	2	0.2	2	4.0	38	4.0	38	8.4	80
		Women	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.7	7	0.7	7	1.6	15	0.3	3	0.4	4	3.7	35	4.7	44	9.1	85
	Germany 2005–06	Men	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.8	10	1.3	16	2.3	29	0.1	1	0.1	1	3.5	44	2.0	25	5.7	71
		Women	0.2	3	0.2	3	1.2	16	1.1	15	2.7	37	0.2	3	0.1	1	1.6	22	2.7	37	4.6	63
	Italy 2005– 06	Men	0.3	2	0.2	1	0.9	5	1.7	9	3.1	16	0.5	3	0.3	2	9.3	48	6.2	32	16.3	84
		Women	0.4	2	0.4	2	1.6	9	1.5	8	3.9	21	0.9	5	0.9	5	5.2	28	7.6	41	14.6	79
	Luxembourg 2005–06	Men	0.3	2	0.2	1	1.1	6	1.7	10	3.3	19	0.3	2	0.2	1	8.3	49	5.0	29	13.8	81
			Women	0.4	2	0.3	2	1.7	10	1.3	8	3.7	21	0.9	5	1.0	6	4.8	28	6.9	40	13.6
Netherlands 2005–06		Men	0.4	3	0.3	3	0.8	7	1.4	12	2.9	25	0.3	3	0.2	2	5.1	44	3.2	27	8.8	75
		Women	0.3	2	0.4	3	1.5	12	1.1	9	3.3	26	0.4	3	0.4	3	2.9	23	5.5	44	9.2	74
Poland 2005–06	Men	0.3	2	0.3	2	1.4	9	2.1	13	4.1	25	0.2	1	0.1	1	7.4	46	4.4	27	12.1	75	
	Women	0.3	2	0.4	3	1.8	11	1.9	12	4.4	28	0.3	2	0.3	2	4.1	26	6.8	43	11.5	72	
United Kingdom 2005–06	Men	0.4	4	0.4	4	0.9	8	1.5	14	3.2	30	0.3	3	0.1	1	4.3	41	2.7	25	7.4	70	
	Women	0.5	4	0.5	4	1.6	14	1.3	11	3.9	34	0.4	3	0.5	4	2.4	21	4.3	37	7.6	66	
WPR	China 2015– 16	Men	0.2	3	0.1	2	0.5	8	1.1	18	1.9	31	0.1	2	0.1	2	2.2	36	1.8	30	4.2	69
		Women	0.2	3	0.2	3	0.8	12	0.8	12	2.0	30	0.2	3	0.1	1	1.4	21	3.0	45	4.7	70
	Vietnam 2007	Men	0.6	8	0.5	6	1.9	24	2.3	29	5.3	67	0.1	1	0.1	1	1.7	22	0.7	9	2.6	33
		Women	0.6	7	0.6	7	1.8	22	2.4	29	5.4	66	0.2	2	0.2	2	0.6	7	1.8	22	2.8	34

**Appendix 1 Table 14.** Sex-Assortative Mixing Reported by Men and Women in Contacts with Children and Adults at Home and Outside the Home

Region	Survey	Participants	At Home				Outside the Home				
			Children		Adults		Children		Adults		
			%	95% CI	%	95% CI	%	95% CI	%	95% CI	
AFR	South Africa 2010	Men	54	(45–63)	47	(43–51)	62	(60–64)	61	(59–63)	
		Women	59	(53–65)	57	(53–61)	56	(50–63)	62	(60–64)	
	South Africa 2011	Men	52	(47–56)	45	(43–48)	75	(72–78)	80	(77–82)	
		Women	54	(51–58)	58	(55–60)	74	(52–90)	75	(72–78)	
	Zambia 2011	Men	45	(40–49)	47	(45–49)	79	(77–80)	79	(77–80)	
		Women	51	(47–55)	55	(53–57)	55	(46–64)	79	(77–80)	
AMR	Peru 2011	Men	51	(46–56)	45	(41–49)	59	(56–63)	67	(64–70)	
		Women	52	(47–56)	49	(45–53)	49	(39–60)	59	(56–63)	
EUR	Belgium 2005–06	Men	43	(34–53)	40	(36–44)	61	(59–63)	61	(58–63)	
		Women	55	(48–62)	42	(39–46)	54	(46–61)	61	(59–63)	
	Finland 2005–06	Men	50	(43–57)	32	(28–36)	71	(69–72)	60	(58–62)	
		Women	49	(42–55)	36	(32–39)	51	(44–58)	71	(69–72)	
	France 2012	Men	63	(52–74)	65	(63–67)	56	(55–57)	50	(49–52)	
		Women	49	(42–55)	52	(49–54)	52	(48–55)	56	(55–57)	
	Germany 2005–06	Men	45	(35–54)	39	(36–42)	62	(60–64)	63	(61–65)	
		Women	57	(50–64)	46	(44–49)	48	(40–56)	62	(60–64)	
	Italy 2005–06	Men	61	(52–69)	36	(32–40)	59	(58–61)	60	(58–61)	
		Women	49	(43–55)	48	(45–51)	50	(46–54)	59	(58–61)	
	Luxembourg 2005–06	Men	57	(50–65)	40	(37–43)	59	(58–60)	63	(61–64)	
	Netherlands 2005–06	Men	46	(40–52)	42	(40–45)	52	(48–55)	59	(58–60)	
		Women	54	(46–62)	36	(32–40)	66	(64–68)	62	(60–64)	
	Poland 2005–06	Men	56	(49–63)	41	(37–45)	52	(46–59)	66	(64–68)	
		Women	53	(46–60)	41	(38–44)	62	(61–64)	63	(61–64)	
	United Kingdom 2005–06	Men	57	(51–64)	51	(48–53)	56	(49–63)	62	(61–64)	
		Women	54	(48–60)	36	(33–40)	64	(62–66)	61	(59–63)	
	WPR	China 2015–16	Men	52	(47–57)	46	(43–49)	57	(51–62)	64	(62–66)
			Women	53	(44–62)	30	(27–34)	69	(66–71)	55	(53–58)
		Vietnam 2007	Men	52	(44–60)	51	(47–54)	43	(35–51)	69	(66–71)
Women			53	(47–58)	45	(42–48)	74	(70–76)	69	(66–73)	
Women		49	(44–54)	58	(55–61)	54	(44–63)	74	(70–76)		

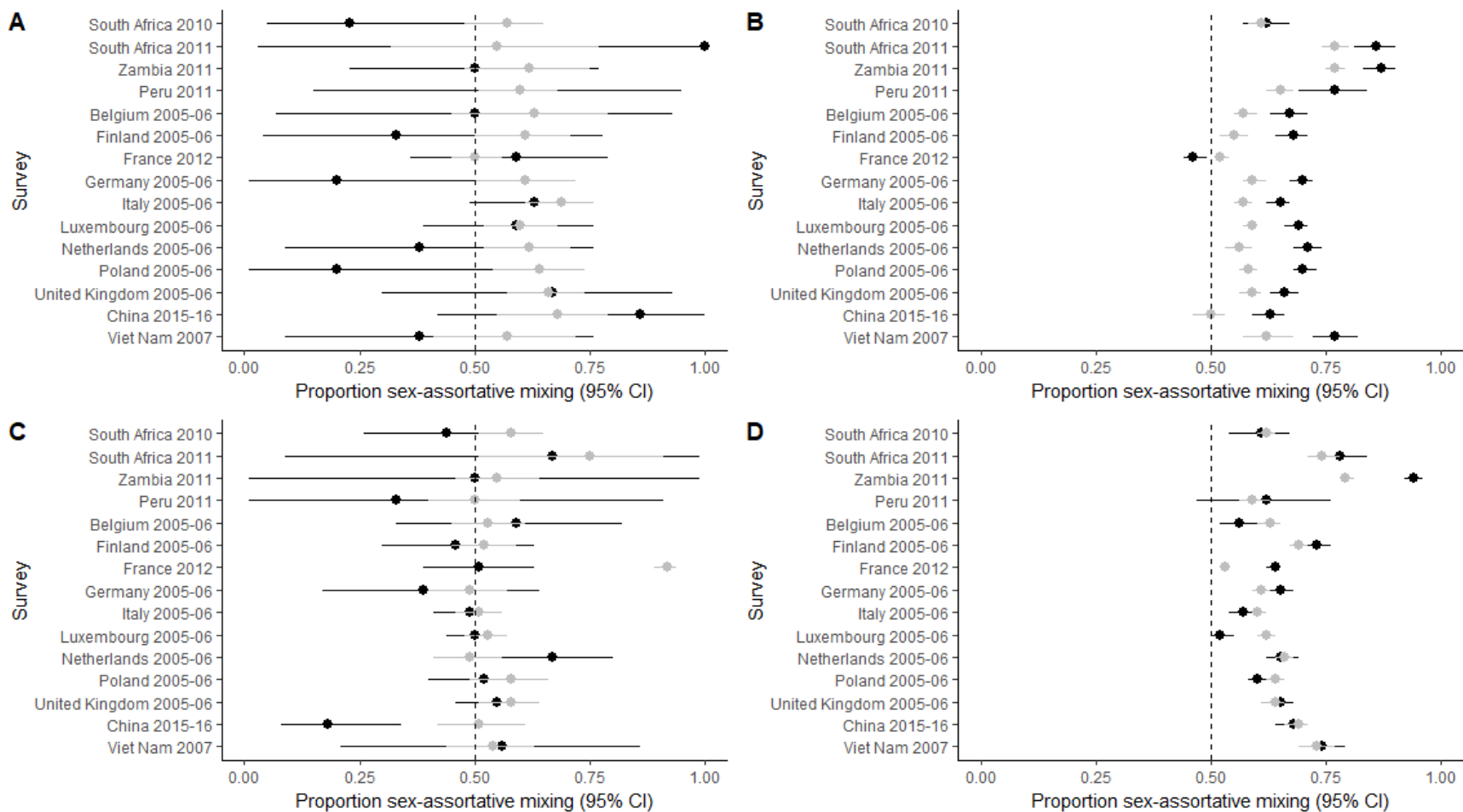
**Appendix 1 Table 15.** Contacts Reported by Men and Women with Boys, Girls, Men, and Women at Work and Elsewhere Outside the Home

Region	Survey	Participa nts	At Work										Elsewhere Outside the Home									
			Children				Adults						Children					Adults				
			Boys		Girls		Men		Women				Total	Boys		Girls			Men		Women	
n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	
AFR	South Africa 2010	Men	0.0	0	0.1	1	1.4	12	0.9	7	2.4	20	0.5	4	0.3	2	5.4	45	3.5	29	9.7	80
		Women	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.5	4	0.7	6	1.4	11	0.5	4	0.7	6	3.6	30	6.0	49	10.8	89
	South Africa 2011	Men	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.5	22	0.1	4	0.6	26	0.0	0	0.0	0	1.3	57	0.4	17	1.7	74
		Women	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.1	5	0.4	19	0.5	24	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.4	19	1.2	57	1.6	76
AMR	Zambia 2011	Men	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.4	12	0.1	3	0.5	15	0.0	0	0.0	0	2.2	67	0.6	18	2.8	85
		Women	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.1	3	0.9	23	1.0	25	0.1	3	0.1	3	0.6	15	2.2	55	3.0	75
	Peru 2011	Men	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.9	9	0.3	3	1.2	12	0.7	7	0.5	5	5.2	50	2.8	27	9.2	88
		Women	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.1	1	0.2	3	0.3	4	0.4	5	0.4	5	2.7	35	3.9	51	7.4	96
EUR	Belgium 2005–06	Men	0.0	0	0.0	0	2.0	21	1.0	10	3.0	31	0.1	1	0.1	1	3.7	39	2.7	28	6.6	69
		Women	0.0	0	0.0	0	1.1	12	1.4	15	2.5	26	0.3	3	0.3	3	2.4	25	4.0	42	7.0	74
	Finland 2005–06	Men	0.0	0	0.0	0	2.0	24	1.0	12	3.0	37	0.2	2	0.1	1	2.7	33	2.2	27	5.2	63
		Women	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.9	9	2.4	25	3.5	36	0.3	3	0.3	3	1.7	18	3.9	40	6.2	64
	France 2012	Men	0.0	0	0.0	0	1.1	14	1.3	16	2.4	30	0.2	3	0.2	3	2.9	37	2.2	28	5.5	70
		Women	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.9	10	1.5	17	2.4	28	0.0	0	0.3	3	2.8	32	3.2	37	6.3	72
	Germany 2005–06	Men	0.0	0	0.0	0	1.8	27	0.8	12	2.6	39	0.1	1	0.1	1	2.3	34	1.6	24	4.1	61
		Women	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.6	11	1.1	20	1.7	31	0.2	4	0.1	2	1.3	24	2.1	39	3.7	69
	Italy 2005–06	Men	0.1	1	0.1	1	3.7	22	2.0	12	5.9	35	0.4	2	0.2	1	5.9	35	4.4	26	10.9	65
		Women	0.3	2	0.3	2	1.6	10	2.1	14	4.3	28	0.6	4	0.6	4	3.9	25	5.9	39	11.0	72
	Luxembourg 2005–06	Men	0.1	1	0.0	0	4.0	27	1.8	12	5.9	40	0.3	2	0.2	1	5.0	34	3.5	23	9.0	60
		Women	0.4	3	0.4	3	2.0	13	2.2	15	5.0	34	0.6	4	0.7	5	3.3	22	5.3	36	9.9	66
	Netherlands 2005–06	Men	0.0	0	0.0	0	2.5	26	1.0	10	3.5	36	0.3	3	0.2	2	3.2	33	2.6	27	6.3	64
		Women	0.1	1	0.1	1	1.0	10	1.8	18	3.0	29	0.4	4	0.3	3	2.2	22	4.3	42	7.2	71
	Poland 2005–06	Men	0.0	0	0.0	0	3.5	27	1.5	12	5.0	39	0.2	2	0.1	1	4.4	34	3.2	25	7.9	61
		Women	0.1	1	0.1	1	2.1	17	3.1	24	5.4	43	0.2	2	0.2	2	2.5	20	4.4	35	7.3	57
United Kingdom 2005–06	Men	0.0	0	0.0	0	1.7	21	0.9	11	2.6	32	0.3	4	0.2	2	3.0	37	2.1	26	5.6	68	
	Women	0.2	2	0.2	2	0.9	10	1.7	20	3.0	34	0.3	3	0.4	5	1.8	21	3.2	37	5.7	66	
WPR	China 2015–16	Men	0.0	0	0.0	0	1.4	26	0.8	15	2.2	41	0.1	2	0.1	2	1.5	28	1.5	28	3.2	59
		Women	0.1	2	0.0	0	0.6	10	1.4	23	2.1	34	0.2	3	0.2	3	1.1	18	2.5	41	4.0	66
	Vietnam 2007	Men	0.0	0	0.0	0	1.6	34	0.5	11	2.1	45	0.2	4	0.1	2	1.4	30	0.9	19	2.6	55
		Women	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.4	8	1.2	25	1.6	33	0.3	6	0.3	6	0.7	15	1.9	40	3.2	67



**Appendix 1 Table 16.** Sex-Assortative Mixing Reported by Men and Women in Contacts with Children and Adults at Work and Elsewhere Outside the Home

Region	Survey	Participants	At Work				Elsewhere Outside the Home			
			Children		Adults		Children		Adults	
			%	95% CI	%	95% CI	%	95% CI	%	95% CI
AFR	South Africa 2010	Men	57	(48–65)	62	(57–67)	57	(48–65)	61	(58–63)
		Women	44	(26–62)	61	(54–67)	58	(51–65)	62	(60–64)
	South Africa 2011	Men	55	(32–77)	86	(81–90)	55	(62–77)	77	(74–80)
		Women	67	(9–99)	78	(71–84)	75	(51–91)	74	(71–78)
	Zambia 2011	Men	62	(48–75)	87	(83–90)	62	(48–75)	77	(75–79)
		Women	50	(1–99)	94	(92–96)	55	(46–64)	79	(78–81)
AMR	Peru 2011	Men	60	(51–68)	77	(69–84)	60	(51–68)	65	(62–68)
EUR	Belgium 2005–06	Men	63	(45–79)	67	(63–71)	63	(45–79)	57	(55–60)
		Women	59	(33–82)	56	(52–60)	53	(45–61)	63	(60–65)
Finland 2005–06	Men	61	(50–71)	68	(64–71)	61	(50–71)	55	(52–58)	
	Women	46	(30–63)	73	(71–76)	52	(45–59)	69	(67–71)	
France 2012	Men	50	(45–56)	46	(44–49)	50	(45–56)	52	(51–54)	
	Women	51	(39–63)	64	(62–65)	92	(89–94)	53	(52–54)	
Germany 2005–06	Men	61	(50–72)	70	(67–72)	61	(50–72)	59	(57–62)	
	Women	39	(17–64)	65	(61–68)	49	(40–57)	61	(59–63)	
Italy 2005–06	Men	69	(61–76)	65	(62–67)	69	(61–76)	57	(55–59)	
	Women	49	(41–56)	57	(54–60)	51	(46–56)	60	(59–62)	
Luxembourg 2005–06	Men	60	(52–68)	69	(66–71)	60	(52–68)	59	(57–60)	
	Women	50	(44–56)	52	(50–55)	53	(48–57)	62	(60–64)	
Netherlands 2005–06	Men	62	(52–71)	71	(68–74)	62	(52–71)	56	(53–59)	
	Women	67	(51–80)	65	(62–69)	49	(41–56)	66	(64–68)	
Poland 2005–06	Men	64	(54–74)	70	(68–73)	64	(54–74)	58	(56–60)	
	Women	52	(40–64)	60	(58–62)	58	(49–66)	64	(62–66)	
United Kingdom 2005–06	Men	66	(57–74)	66	(63–69)	66	(57–74)	59	(56–61)	
	Women	55	(46–64)	65	(62–68)	58	(51–64)	64	(61–66)	
WPR	China 2015–16	Men	68	(55–79)	63	(59–66)	68	(55–79)	50	(46–53)
		Women	18	(8–34)	68	(64–71)	51	(42–61)	69	(66–71)
	Vietnam 2007	Men	57	(41–72)	77	(72–82)	57	(41–72)	62	(57–68)
		Women	56	(21–86)	74	(69–79)	54	(44–63)	73	(69–77)



**Appendix 1 Figure 2.** Forest Plots of Sex-Assortative Mixing in Contacts Reported by Men (A, B) and Women (C, D) With Children (A, C) and With Adults (B, D) at Work (Black) and Elsewhere Outside the Home (Grey). Plots show the proportion of contacts (with 95% confidence intervals) with the same sex, disaggregated by location, as reported for (A) men with boys, (B) men with men, (C) women with girls, and (D) women with women.

**Appendix 1 Table 17.** Survey Characteristics Measured by the AXIS Tool

Region	Survey	Intro.			Methods					Results				Discussion				Oth.			
		Were the aims/objectives of the study clear?	Was the study design appropriate for the stated aim(s) and aligned with understanding population-level social contact patterns?	Was the sample size justified?	Was the target/reference population clearly defined and is that population the general population?	Was the sample frame taken from an appropriate population base so that it closely represented the target/reference population under investigation?	Was the selection process likely to select subjects/participants that were representative of the target/reference population under investigation?	Were measures undertaken to address and categories non-responders?	Were risk factor and outcome variables measured appropriate to the aims of the study?	Were the risk factor and outcome variables measured correctly using instruments that had been trialled, piloted or published previously?	Is it clear what was used to determine statistical significance and/or precision estimates?	Were the methods (including statistical methods) sufficiently described to enable them to be repeated?	Were the basic data adequately described?	Does the response rate raise concerns about non-response bias?	If appropriate, was information about non-responders described?	Were the results for the analyses described in the methods, presented?	Were the authors' discussions and conclusions justified by the results?	Were the limitations of the study discussed?	Were there any funding sources or conflicts of interest that may affect the authors' interpretation of the results?	Was ethical approval or consent of participants attained?	
AFR	South Africa 2010	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	South Africa 2011	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	Zambia 2011	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	Zimbabwe 2013	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unk	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
AMR	Peru 2011	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unk	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
EUR	Belgium 2005–06	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unk	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
EUR	Belgium 2010–11	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unk	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	Finland 2005–06	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unk	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	France 2012	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	Germany 2005–06	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unk	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	Italy 2005–06	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unk	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	Luxembourg 2005–06	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unk	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	Netherlands 2005–06	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unk	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
EUR	Poland 2005–06	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unk	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

Region	Survey	Intro.			Methods					Results				Discussion				Oth.			
		Were the aims/objectives of the study clear?	Was the study design appropriate for the stated aim(s) and aligned with understanding population-level social contact patterns?	Was the sample size justified?	Was the target/reference population clearly defined and is that population the general population?	Was the sample frame taken from an appropriate population so that it closely represented the target/reference population under investigation?	Was the selection process likely to select subjects/participants that were representative of the target/reference population under investigation?	Were measures undertaken to address and categories non-responders?	Were the risk factor and outcome variables measured appropriate to the aims of the study?	Were the risk factor and outcome variables measured correctly using instruments that had been trialled, piloted or published previously?	Is it clear what was used to determine statistical significance and/or precision estimates?	Were the methods (including statistical methods) sufficiently described to enable them to be repeated?	Were the basic data adequately described?	Does the response rate raise concerns about non-response bias?	If appropriate, was information about non-responders described?	Were the results internally consistent?	Were the results for the analyses described in the methods, presented?	Were the authors' discussions and conclusions justified by the results?	Were the limitations of the study discussed?	Were there any funding sources or conflicts of interest that may affect the authors' interpretation of the results?	Was ethical approval or consent of participants attained?
	United Kingdom 2005-06	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unk	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	United Kingdom 2012	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
WPR	Australia 2008	Yes	No	No	No	No	Unk	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unk	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	Australia 2013	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
WPR	China 2010	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	China 2015-16	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unk	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	Vietnam 2007	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unk	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

**Appendix 1 Table 18.** Subgroup Analyses

Subgroup	Proportion of adult contacts with men (random effects summary estimates)													
	Children							Adults						
	n	Boys			Girls			n	Men			Women		
%		95% CI	I <sup>2</sup>	%	95% CI	I <sup>2</sup>	%		95% CI	I <sup>2</sup>	%	95% CI	I <sup>2</sup>	
<b>Region</b>														
African Region	2	39	(35–44)	78.9	38	(34–43)	79.0	4	55	(42–68)	99.6	41	(32–51)	99.2
Region of the Americas	1	46	(44–49)	-	43	(40–46)	-	1	59	(56–61)	-	46	(43–48)	-
European Region	11	42	(40–43)	47.5	38	(37–40)	26.4	10	56	(55–57)	84.1	42	(40–43)	92.6
Western Pacific Region	3	42	(38–47)	74.3	37	(35–40)	0.0	5	51	(46–57)	97.2	39	(36–42)	94.8
<b>Setting</b>														
National	10	42	(40–43)	51.1	39	(38–40)	24.0	9	56	(55–57)	84.9	42	(40–44)	93.4
Sub-national	7	42	(39–45)	85.5	38	(36–40)	64.2	11	54	(49–59)	98.9	40	(37–44)	98.0
<b>Tuberculosis burden</b>														
High	5	41	(38–44)	81.7	38	(36–40)	50.8	7	54	(47–62)	99.3	40	(35–45)	98.7
Low	12	42	(41–44)	62.1	39	(38–40)	46.5	13	55	92		42	(40–43)	93.2
<b>Sampling</b>														
Random	1	47	(42–52)	-	39	(35–44)	-	2	50	(43–58)	95.5	39	(34–44)	94.2
Stratified	4	41	(38–44)	82.7	38	(36–40)	61.8	6	56	(48–63)	99.4	41	(36–47)	98.7
Quota	11	41	(40–43)	53.1	39	(37–40)	27.4	10	55	(54–57)	91.7	41	(39–43)	94.4
Convenience	1	46	(44–49)	-	43	(40–46)	-	1	59	(56–61)	-	46	(43–48)	-
Unknown	0	-	(—)	-	-	(—)	-	1	50	(46–54)	-	36	(34–38)	-
<b>Reporting duration</b>														
24 h	15	42	(41–44)	62.0	38	(37–40)	46.0	17	56	(54–58)	95.6	40	(39–42)	94.6
48 h	2	40	(35–44)	93.6	39	(37–41)	59.3	2	46	(33–60)	99.6	50	(40–60)	99.1
72 h	0	-	(—)	-	-	(—)	-	1	50	(46–54)	-	36	(34–38)	-
<b>Age of adult participants</b>														
18+	0	-	(—)	-	-	(—)	-	3	57	(46–67)	99.1	37	(32–43)	96.8
16+	1	47	(42–52)	-	39	(35–44)	-	1	54	(52–56)	-	36	(34–38)	-
15+	14	42	(41–43)	56.7	38	(37–40)	48.0	15	56	(54–57)	90.6	41	(40–43)	93.7
13+	1	37	(36–39)	-	40	(38–42)	-	1	39	(38–41)	-	55	(53–56)	-
NA	1	37	(32–43)	-	40	(34–47)	-	0	-	(—)	-	-	(—)	-
<b>Age of adult contacts</b>														
16+	1	47	(42–52)	-	39	(35–44)	-	1	54	(52–56)	-	36	(34–38)	-
15+	15	42	(41–43)	57.6	38	(37–40)	44.7	16	55	(53–57)	93.4	41	(40–43)	93.3
13+	1	37	(36–39)	-	40	(38–42)	-	3	54	(37–70)	99.7	42	(29–55)	99.5
<b>Participation</b>														
Equitable	15	42	(40–43)	76.6	39	(38–40)	47.0	11	57	(54–59)	95.8	40	(37–42)	95.0
Excess males	2	42	(40–44)	0.1	38	(36–40)	0.0	1	39	(38–41)	-	55	(53–56)	-
Excess females	0	-	(—)	-	-	(—)	-	8	54	(52–56)	94.1	41	(40–43)	94.2