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Summary

1. There were no new reports of human infection of avian influenza H5N1 in the past week.
2. The latest case in Hong Kong affected a 59-year-old lady and was confirmed on November 17, 2010. She is now in stable condition and no secondary case was detected so far.
3. The serious response level under the Government's Preparedness Plan for Influenza Pandemic has been activated since November 17, 2010.
4. From 2005 to 2007, about 100 laboratory-confirmed cases of human avian influenza H5N1 were reported to the World Health Organization (WHO) annually. In 2008 and 2009, 44 and 73 cases were confirmed respectively. In 2010 (as of November 27), 40 human cases of avian influenza A (H5N1) were confirmed.

This week's update

(as of 27 Nov 2010)		Confirmed human cases (deaths)	Reports in wild birds/ poultry
		Source: WHO	Source: World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)
This week	Hong Kong	0 (0)	0
	Outside HK	0 (0)	0
	Affected countries	-	-
	Details	-	-
Cumulative since Nov. 2003	Hong Kong	1 (0)	68 dead birds confirmed H5N1 positive (Total in 2010: 1 ⁰)
	Outside HK	507 (302)	
	Affected countries	15 *	63 [#]

⁰ For further information, please visit the website of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) : <http://www.afcd.gov.hk>

* The 15 affected countries included Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China (18 provinces/cities including Anhui, Beijing, Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Hong Kong, Hubei, Hunan, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Liaoning, Shandong, Shanghai, Shanxi, Sichuan, Xinjiang, and Zhejiang), Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Laos, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan, Thailand, Turkey and Vietnam.

[#] For details of the OIE reported cases in poultry/wild birds, please visit: http://www.oie.int/eng/info_ev/en_AI_factoids_2.htm

Table 1.

Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A (H5N1) reported to WHO since 2003 by onset date of the cases[§]

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Overall
Cases	4	46	98	115	88	44	73	40	508
Deaths	4	32	43	79	59	33	32	20	302
Case Fatality Rate	100%	69.6%	43.9%	68.7%	67.0%	75.0%	43.8%	50.0%	59.4%

[§] Further breakdown by countries is available at the government website “Prevention of Avian Influenza” (<http://www.info.gov.hk/info/flu/eng/global.htm>)

Table 2.

Countries/areas affected by highly pathogenic avian influenza in the past 6 months

WHO Region	Date of last report by WHO / OIE	Countries	In the past 6 months, H5N1 has affected
Western Pacific	2010-11-19	China (Hong Kong)	Human
	2010-08-17	Vietnam	Human, Poultry
	2010-07-02	China (Tibet)	Wild birds
	2010-06-08	China (Hubei)	Human
	2010-05-14	Laos	Poultry
	2010-05-10	Mongolia	Wild birds
	2010-05-04	Cambodia	Human, Poultry
South-East Asia	2010-10-18	Indonesia ^{&}	Human, Poultry
	2010-06-17	Bangladesh	Poultry
Eastern Mediterranean	2010-08-31	Egypt ^{&}	Human
Europe	2010-06-25	Russia	Wild birds
	2010-05-06	Israel	Poultry
Africa	2009-03-03	Nigeria ^{&}	Poultry
The Americas	--	--	--

[&] The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) has reported that avian influenza H5N1 is endemic in poultry in these countries.

Table 3.

Confirmed human cases of H5N1 reported to WHO since 2003

Country	Cumulative no. of cases (December 2003 to November 2010)	No. of recent cases (August to November 2010)
Azerbaijan	8	0
Bangladesh	1	0
Cambodia	10	0
China	40	1 [^]
Djibouti	1	0
Egypt	112	2
Indonesia	170	3
Iraq	3	0
Laos	2	0

Myanmar	1	0
Nigeria	1	0
Pakistan	3	0
Thailand	25	0
Turkey	12	0
Vietnam	119	0
Overall	508	6

[^] A 59-year-old woman was confirmed to have Influenza A (H5N1) infection in Hong Kong. Source: World Health Organization

Table 4.

Details of the recent confirmed human cases of H5N1 reported to WHO (August to November 2010)

Date of report by WHO	Country	District	Province	Sex	Age	Outcome
19/11/2010	China	Hong Kong	-	F	59	Stable
18/10/2010	Indonesia	West Jakarta	Jakarta	M	35	Fatal
18/10/2010	Indonesia	Kota Depok	West Java	F	40	Fatal
31/08/2010	Egypt	-	Qalubia	F	33	Fatal
12/08/2010	Egypt	Elsalam	Cairo	F	2	Alive
03/08/2010	Indonesia	Tangerang	Banten	F	34	Fatal

Avian Influenza Report is a weekly report produced by the Respiratory Disease Office of the Centre for Health Protection when the alert response level under the Government's Preparedness Plan for Influenza Pandemic in Hong Kong has been activated. This report aims to highlight important international developments on avian influenza preparedness and control and to monitor global avian influenza activity in humans and birds.

^o **Sources:** World Health Organization (WHO); World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)