S11 Text. Application to Lassa Fever. Zoonotic Spillover with human-to-human transmission when random effect in the rate are important.

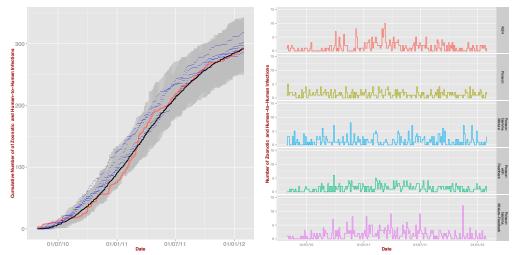


Fig S1. (a) Predicted cumulative number of zoonotic and human-to-human infections governed by the 'Poisson-Gamma Mixture with Feedback' model with  $\lambda$  drawn from a gamma distribution (equations (12) and (S2)). (b) Time-series of the number of referred/visiting patients at KGH (confirmed cases only) from the 27th of April 2010 to the 31st of January 2012, time resolution  $\tau = 3$  days. Four different models are considered: 'Simple Poisson' (Eq (1)); 'Poisson-Gamma Mixture' (Eq (1), with  $\lambda$  drawn from a gamma distribution, Eq (S2)); 'Poisson with Feedback' (equations (5)-(8)); The parameters are optimized with the data from KGH by employing maximum-likelihood ('Simple Poisson' and 'Poisson-Gamma Mixture') and MCMC approach in R [1,2].

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