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43 Summary (300 words)

44 Influenza A viruses (IAVs) cause highly contagious respiratory diseases in humans and 45 animals. In 2009, a swine-origin pandemic H1N1 IAV, designated A(H1N1)pdm09 virus, spread worldwide, and has since frequently been introduced into pig populations. Since novel reassortant 46 47 IAVs with pandemic potential may emerge in pigs, surveillance for IAV in pigs is therefore 48 necessary not only for the pig industry but also for public health. However, epidemiological 49 information on IAV infection of pigs in Africa remains sparse. In this study, we collected 246 50 serum and 605 nasal swab samples from pigs in Zambia during the years 2011-2018. Serological 51 analyses revealed that 49% and 32% of the sera collected in 2011 were positive for 52 hemagglutination-inhibition (HI) and neutralizing antibodies against A(H1N1)pdm09 virus, respectively, whereas less than 5.3% of sera collected during the following period (2012–2018) 53 54 were positive in both serological tests. The positive rate and the neutralization titers to 55 A(H1N1)pdm09 virus were higher than those to classical swine H1N1 and H1N2 IAVs. On the 56 other hand, the positive rate for swine H3N2 IAV was very low in the pig population in Zambia 57 in 2011–2018 (5.3% and 0% in HI and neutralization tests, respectively). From nasal swab 58 samples, we isolated one H3N2 and eight H1N1 IAV strains with an isolation rate of 1.5%. 59 Phylogenetic analyses of all eight gene segments revealed that the isolated IAVs were closely 60 related to human IAV strains belonging to A(H1N1)pdm09 and seasonal H3N2 lineages. Our 61 findings indicate that reverse zoonotic transmission from humans to pigs occurred during the 62 study period in Zambia and highlight the need for continued surveillance to monitor the status of 63 IAVs circulating in swine populations in Africa.

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67 **1. Introduction**

68 Influenza A virus (IAV), belonging to the family Orthomyxoviridae, is a major pathogen that causes highly contagious diseases in vertebrates, including mammals and birds (Wright, Neumann, 69 70 & Kawaoka, 2013). Similar to human IAVs responsible for seasonal influenza, swine IAVs are 71 also broadly distributed in pig populations worldwide (Chauhan & Gordon, 2020). Although 72 swine IAVs generally cause asymptomatic or mild respiratory symptoms in pigs, coinfections 73 with other pathogens such as porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus or *Mycoplasma* 74 hyopneumoniae have been demonstrated to aggravate clinical outcomes of IAV-infected pigs 75 (Kitikoon et al., 2009; Yazawa et al., 2004). Therefore, a high prevalence of swine influenza 76 negatively impacts animal health and the economic performance of the pig industry. Additionally, 77 it is well known that pigs play a pivotal role in the emergence of novel reassortant IAVs with 78 pandemic potential (Ma, Kahn, & Richt, 2008). Since pigs are susceptible to both human and 79 avian IAVs, genetic reassortment among human, swine, and avian IAVs can occur upon 80 coinfection (Castrucci et al., 1993; Ito et al., 1998). In 2009, a novel swine-origin pandemic H1N1 virus, which was designated A(H1N1)pdm09 virus, emerged most likely in North America, and 81 82 rapidly spread among humans (Dawood et al., 2009). A(H1N1)pdm09 virus was a reassortant 83 between two swine IAVs; Eurasian avian-like swine IAV and North American triple reassortant 84 swine IAV generated by genetic reassortment among human, swine, and avian IAVs (Dawood et 85 al., 2009). Therefore, control of swine influenza is important for minimizing economic losses in 86 the pig industry and also for monitoring the emergence of novel IAV strains with pandemic 87 potential.

Three predominant subtypes of swine IAVs (H1N1, H1N2, and H3N2) have been found in pig populations worldwide (Brown, 2000; Vincent et al., 2014). Classical swine H1N1 IAV has the same origin as the Spanish influenza virus, which caused a pandemic in humans in 1918, and has been circulating in pig populations worldwide (Webster, Bean, Gorman, Chambers, & Kawaoka, 1992). In Europe, an avian H1N1 IAV was introduced into pigs in 1979 and replaced

93 the classical swine H1N1 IAV (Ludwig et al., 1995; Pensaert, Ottis, Vandeputte, Kaplan, & 94 Bachmann, 1981). In Asia, a human H3N2 IAV was transmitted to pigs and is co-circulating with classical swine H1N1 IAV (Shortridge, Webster, Butterfield, & Campbell, 1977; Yu et al., 2008). 95 96 Meanwhile, genetic reassortment between the classical swine H1N1 IAV and the human H3N2 IAV generated a classical swine H1N2 IAV possessing a human H3N2-derived NA gene and the 97 98 other genes from the classical swine H1N1 IAV (Nerome et al., 1983). Other swine H1N2 and 99 H3N2 IAVs generated by reassortments among multiple human, swine, and avian IAVs have been 100 reported in North America and Europe since the 1980s and have circulated in pig populations 101 (Brown, Harris, McCauley, & Alexander, 1998; Kyriakis et al., 2011; Olsen, 2002). These 102 endemic swine IAVs have individually established genetically and antigenically distinct lineages 103 in each region due to limited intercontinental transport of pigs (Kyriakis et al., 2011; Van Reeth, 104 2007). However, these situations were dramatically changed by the emergence of A(H1N1)pdm09 105 virus in 2009. Since the 2009 pandemic, A(H1N1)pdm09 virus has frequently been transmitted back 106 to pig populations and reassorted with the endemic swine IAVs, further increasing genetic diversity 107 among swine IAVs worldwide (Hiromoto et al., 2012; Mine, Uchida, Takemae, & Saito, 2020). 108 IAVs have been found in pig populations from eight African countries; Egypt, Cameroon,

109 Nigeria, Togo, Ghana, Kenya, Uganda, and Burkina Faso (Chauhan & Gordon, 2020; Tialla et al., 110 2020). In 1990, hemagglutination-inhibition (HI) antibodies against H1 and H3 IAVs were 111 detected in pigs in Nigeria, which was the first evidence of IAV infection in African pigs (Olaleye, 112 Omilabu, Baba, & Fagbami, 1990). During 2009-2017, A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses were recognized 113 in pigs in the aforementioned countries except Uganda and Burkina Faso (Chauhan & Gordon, 114 2020; Tialla et al., 2020). Human H3N2 IAVs have also been detected in pigs in Nigeria and 115 Ghana (Adeola, Olugasa, & Emikpe, 2016). However, epidemiological data on swine influenza 116 in Africa still remain sparse and serological and genetic information on IAVs in pig populations 117 is limited.

118 In a previous study, HI antibodies against H1 and H3 IAVs were not detected in pig sera

collected in Zambia in 1989 (Stafford, Stafford, Paton, & Gamble, 1992). To understand the
prevalence of IAV infection of pigs in Zambia after the 2009 pandemic, we tested pig sera
collected during the years 2011 to 2018 for IAV-specific antibodies. Furthermore, we genetically
analyzed IAV strains isolated from nasal swab samples of pigs.

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124 2. Materials and Methods

125 2.1 Ethics statement

126 Influenza surveillance in pigs in Zambia was carried out with approval from the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock of the Republic of Zambia (permit number: DVS/9/7/2; The Animal 127 128 Health Act, No. 27 of 2010). For sample collection, permission was obtained from abattoir and 129 farm owners through local veterinary officers of the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock of the 130 Republic of Zambia. For the purpose of sample collection at pig farms, verbal consent was 131 obtained from the pig farmers. For humane animal treatment, all experimental procedures 132 complied with the guidelines of the Animal Care and Use Committee of Hokkaido University 133 following the Fundamental Guidelines for Proper Conduct of Animal Experiment and Related 134 Activities in Academic Research Institutions under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education, 135 Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in Japan.

136 2.2 Sample collection

137 In 2011–2015, 187 blood samples were collected from pigs taken for slaughter at four abattoirs in Lusaka in Zambia (Table S1). In January 2018, 40 and 19 blood samples were taken 138 from clinically healthy 4–12-week-old pigs and >20-week-old symptomatic pigs (with cough), 139 140 respectively, at Farm A in Lusaka in Zambia. Collected blood samples were processed for serum 141 separation by a standard method, and sera were stored at -80° C until use for serological analyses. 142 We designed the influenza surveillance in pigs for IAV isolation according to the sampling 143 strategy as previously described (Takemae et al., 2011; Takemae et al., 2016). We focused on 144 relatively large pig farms in Zambia and selected six farms (herd sizes: 700-7700) where the 145 owners agreed to have their pigs sampled (Farms A and F in Lusaka, Farm B in Chilanga, Farm 146 C in Kafue, and Farms D and E in Chibombo District). Nasal swabs were collected from clinically 147 healthy 4-12-week-old pigs (40-50 specimens for each visit). This age range yielded IAV 148 isolation rates ranging from 0.5 to 10.9% in previous studies (Mine et al., 2019; Takemae et al., 149 2011). We also collected nasal swabs from coughing pigs (> 20 weeks old) at Farm A in Lusaka 150 in Zambia. A total of 605 nasal swabs were obtained through 13 visits during the period from 151 January through December in 2018 (three times at Farm A; three times at Farm B; three times at 152 Farm C; once at Farm D; once at Farm E; twice at Farm F). Nasal swabs were promptly placed in 153 Eagle's minimum essential medium (MEM) supplemented with 1,000 units/ml penicillin, 1,000 154 µg/ml streptomycin, 25 µg/ml amphotericin B, 0.01 M HEPES, and 0.5% bovine serum albumin 155 (BSA) and were kept at 4°C during transportation to our laboratory. After centrifugation at 1,750 156 \times g for 5 min, the supernatants were stored at -80°C.

157 *2.3 Cells and Viruses*

Madin–Darby canine kidney (MDCK) cells were maintained in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's
Medium (Nissui Pharmaceutical Co., Tokyo, Japan) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum
(FBS), 2 mM L-glutamine, 100 units/ml penicillin, 100 µg/ml streptomycin, 3.5 mg/ml D-glucose,
and 1.0 mg/ml NaHCO₃ at 37°C in an atmosphere of 5% CO₂.

162 Four IAV strains, A/Hokkaido/Z01/2014 (H1N1), A/swine/Hokkaido/1/1981 (H1N1) 163 (SwH1N1), A/swine/Miyagi/5/2003 (H1N2) (SwH1N2), and A/swine/Obihiro/10/1985 (H3N2) 164 (SwH3N2), were used as reference strains for A(H1N1)pdm09 virus, classical swine H1N1 IAV, 165 classical swine H1N2 IAV, and swine H3N2 IAV, respectively, in HI and neutralization tests. The 166 hemagglutinin (HA) antigenicities of these H1 IAVs are slightly different from each other 167 (Okamatsu, Sakoda, Hiono, Yamamoto, & Kida, 2013). These reference strains were propagated in embryonated chicken eggs to be used for serological assays. HA titers of the reference IAVs 168 169 were determined using 0.5% chicken erythrocytes. Fifty-percent tissue culture infectious doses 170 (TCID₅₀) of the reference IAVs were determined using MDCK cells. For the TCID₅₀ assay using

four wells per dilution, confluent monolayers of MDCK cells on 96-well plates were infected with 10-fold serially diluted viruses. After adsorption for 1 hour, the inoculum was removed and the cell monolayers were maintained in MEM containing 5 μ g/ml trypsin (Gibco, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA), 0.3% BSA, 2 mM L-glutamine, 100 units/ml penicillin, 100 μ g/ml streptomycin, and 1.0 mg/ml NaHCO₃ at 35°C in 5% CO₂. A cytopathic effect (CPE) was observed three days post-infection and viral titers were calculated by the Reed-Muench method (Reed & Muench, 1938).

178 2.4 Serological assays

179 HI and neutralizing activities of serum samples were evaluated according to the standard 180 method (WHO, 2002). Pig sera were treated with receptor-destroying enzyme (RDE II; Denka 181 Seiken Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan) to remove nonspecific inhibitors of IAV replication. For HI tests, 182 twofold serially diluted sera were mixed with an equal volume of diluted virus solutions ($4 \times HA$ 183 units) and incubated for 1 hour at room temperature followed by adding an equal volume of 0.5%184 chicken erythrocytes. HI titers were defined as reciprocals of the highest serum dilutions 185 completely protecting hemagglutination. HI tests were carried out twice for each reference IAV 186 strain, and the mean values were adopted as HI titers of individual sera. For neutralization tests, 187 twofold serially diluted sera were mixed with an equal volume of diluted virus solutions ($200 \times$ 188 TCID₅₀) and incubated for 1 hour at room temperature. Then the serum-virus mixtures were 189 inoculated onto a monolayer of MDCK cells on 96-well tissue culture plates (4 well per dilution). 190 After 1-hour incubation at 35°C, the inoculum was removed, and the cells were washed once with 191 PBS and maintained with MEM containing 5 µg/ml trypsin and 0.3% BSA. CPE was observed 192 three days post-infection and neutralization titers were defined as the reciprocal of the highest 193 serum dilution completely protecting the cells from CPE in at least two wells of each dilution. As 194 initial screening for neutralizing activities, 40-fold and 80-fold diluted pig sera were subjected to 195 neutralization tests with each reference IAV. For the sera showing neutralization titers of \geq 80, the 196 assay was performed twice, and the mean values were used as neutralization titers of individual

197 sera. A cutoff value of 80 was used for HI and neutralization tests as previously described (Cao et198 al., 2013).

199 2.5 Detection of IAV genome by RT-PCR

200 Initial screening for the detection of the IAV RNA genome was conducted using pooled swab 201 specimens (4–5 nasal swabs per pool). Total RNA was extracted from the pools using the QIAamp 202 Viral RNA Mini Kit (QIAGEN, Hilden, Germany) according to the manufacturer's instructions. 203 The IAV RNA genome was detected by reverse transcription-PCR (RT-PCR) using the QIAGEN 204 OneStep RT-PCR kit (QIAGEN) with primer sets specific to either viral nucleoprotein (NP) (Lee, 205 Chang, Shien, Cheng, & Shieh, 2001) or matrix (M) protein (Ngo et al., 2012) genes of IAV. For 206 a positive pool in initial screening, RNA was reextracted from the individual specimens 207 constituting the positive pool and retested by RT-PCR to identify individual positive specimens.

208 2.6 Virus isolation

209 IAV genome (both NP and M genes)-positive swab specimens were subjected to virus 210 isolation as previously described (Takemae et al., 2016). Briefly, media from nasal swabs were 211 filtered with 0.45 µm-pore size filters and inoculated into cultures of floating MDCK cells in 212 MEM containing 100 units/ml penicillin, 100 µg/ml streptomycin, 2.5 µg/ml amphotericin B, 25 213 µg/ml gentamicin, and 0.4 % BSA, and 4.0 µg/ml TPCK-trypsin (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 214 Waltham, MA, USA). After 2- to 4-day incubation, the supernatants of these cells showing CPE 215 were harvested and stored at -80°C. Isolation of IAV was confirmed by reinoculation into 216 MDCK cells and RT-PCR.

217 2.7 Genomic sequencing

All gene segments of isolated viruses were sequenced by next generation sequencing as previously described (Harima et al., 2020). Briefly, the cDNA library was synthesized from total RNAs extracted from the supernatants of infected cells and subjected to whole-genome sequencing on a MiSeq instrument (Illumina, San Diego, CA, United States). Obtained sequence data were analyzed using CLC Genomics Workbench software (CLC bio, Hilden, Germany). 223 Sequence reads were analyzed by *de novo* assembly, and the obtained contigs were subjected to 224 a BLAST search (https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi) to identify the sequence most similar 225 to each segment of the isolated viruses. Then sequence reads were mapped to the selected 226 reference sequences of IAV, and consensus sequences with coverage of over 20 reads were 227 obtained. Additionally, full-length sequences of open reading frames (ORFs) of each viral 228 segment were determined by conventional RT-PCR and Sanger sequencing with the segment-229 specific primer sets (Hoffmann, Stech, Guan, Webster, & Perez, 2001). The determined nucleotide 230 sequences of the isolated viruses were deposited in the DNA Data Bank of Japan (DDBJ) under 231 the accession numbers shown in Table S4.

232 2.8 *Phylogenetic analysis*

233 The nucleotide sequences of human, swine, and avian IAVs that represent a wide temporal 234 and geographical range were extracted from the Global Initiative on Sharing Avian Influenza Data 235 (GISAID) EpiFlu database (http://platform.gisaid.org/). Phylogenetic analyses based on the 236 nucleotide sequences of each IAV gene were performed using MEGA7 software (Kumar, Stecher, 237 & Tamura, 2016). The MUSCLE protocol was used to align the sequences. A phylogenetic tree 238 of each viral gene was constructed using the maximum likelihood method based on the general 239 time-reversible and gamma distributed nucleotide substitutions with invariant sites (GTR+G+I) 240 model. The robustness of each node was assessed by the bootstrap method (200 replicates).

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242 **3. Results**

243 3.1 Seroprevalence of IAV infection in pigs in Zambia

To investigate the prevalence of IAV infection in the tested pigs, HI tests were performed using IAVs of H1 and H3 subtypes, which have been globally and constantly found in pigs. We found that 57 of the 246 pig sera (23.1%) showed HI activities against H1 or H3 IAVs, and that 53, 33, and 8 pig sera were positive for HI antibodies against A(H1N1)pdm09 virus, SwH1N1, and SwH1N2, respectively (Table 1 and Fig. 1). Most of the positive sera were those collected in 249 2011, and their seroprevalence against A(H1N1)pdm09 virus and SwH1N1 were particularly high 250 (49% and 29%, respectively). Of note, the positive rate for A(H1N1)pdm09 virus was higher than 251 those for SwH1N1 and SwH1N2. HI titers against SwH1N2 were lower than those against the 252 other H1 viruses tested. On the other hand, HI antibodies against SwH3N2 were not detected in 253 the pig sera except for one collected in 2018. None of the sera collected in 2015 showed HI 254 activity against the reference IAV strains.

255 Neutralizing activity of the pig sera against IAVs of H1 and H3 subtypes was also evaluated 256 using the same reference strains (Table 1 and Fig. 2). We found that 35 of the 246 pig sera showed 257 neutralizing activities against H1 IAVs, and that 35, 17, and 17 of the pig sera showed neutralizing 258 activities against A(H1N1)pdm09 virus, SwH1N1, and SwH1N2, respectively. Note that 19 of the 259 35 A(H1N1)pdm09-positive sera showed cross-neutralizing activities against SwH1N1 and/or 260 SwH1N2 (Table S2). Consistent with the HI antibodies, the positive rate of the sera collected in 261 2011 was higher against A(H1N1)pdm09 virus than against SwH1N1 and SwH1N2. The 262 neutralization test showed lower sensitivity compared to the HI test except for the assay using 263 SwH1N2. The titers against SwH1N2 in the neutralization test were higher than those in the HI 264 test, and the positive rate in the neutralization test against SwH1N2 was the same as that against 265 SwH1N1. Although one of the pig sera was positive for HI antibodies against SwH3N2, none of 266 the pig sera showed neutralizing activity against the H3 virus. As was the case with HI antibodies, 267 the sera collected in 2015 were not positive for neutralizing antibodies against any of the reference 268 strains.

269 *3.2 Isolation of IAV strains from nasal swab samples*

To isolate IAVs circulating in pigs in Zambia, RT-PCR-positive nasal swab samples were inoculated into MDCK cells (Table S3). IAVs were isolated from a total of nine specimens from three farms; one specimen collected at Farm A on January 7 in 2018 (isolation rate, 1.8%), seven specimens collected at Farm C on June 8 in 2018 (isolation rate, 14%), and one specimen collected at Farm F on December 20 in 2018 (isolation rate, 2.1%) (Table 2). Of note, we obtained IAV 275 isolates from pigs at Farm C only at the second sampling (June 8, 2018) although nasal swab 276 samples were collected on three different dates at this farm. Similarly, Farms A and F had IAV-277 positive samples only at a single time point (January 7 and December 20, respectively). The 278 overall isolation rate during the study period reached 1.5% (9/605). One of the IAV isolates, 279 designated A/swine/Zambia/51/2018 (H3N2) (Z51), was obtained from pigs aged 32 weeks that 280 were coughing at Farm A, while the others, designated A/swine/Zambia/264/2018 (H1N1) (Z264), 281 A/swine/Zambia/277/2018 (H1N1) (Z277), A/swine/Zambia/278/2018 (H1N1) (Z278), 282 A/swine/Zambia/280/2018 (H1N1) (Z280), A/swine/Zambia/282/2018 (H1N1) (Z282), A/swine/Zambia/301/2018 (H1N1) (Z301), A/swine/Zambia/310/2018 (H1N1) (Z310), and 283 284 A/swine/Zambia/595/2018 (H1N1) (Z595), were obtained from clinically healthy (asymptomatic) 285 pigs aged 8–12 weeks at Farms C and F (Table 3).

286 3.3 Phylogenetic characterization of the isolated IAVs

287 To genetically characterize the IAV isolates obtained from pigs in Zambia, we determined 288 their full genome sequences. BLAST analyses of the nucleotide sequences revealed that all eight 289 gene segments of the isolated H1N1 and H3N2 IAVs shared more than 99% nucleotide identities 290 with those of human H1N1 and H3N2 IAVs, respectively (Table 4). The determined complete 291 ORF sequences of all eight gene segments (PB2, PB1, PA, HA, NP, NA, M, and NS) were 292 phylogenetically compared with the representative swine, avian, and human IAV strains. The 293 phylogenetic analysis of H1 HA and N1 NA sequences demonstrated that all of the isolated H1N1 294 IAVs (Z264, Z277, Z278, Z280, Z282, Z301, Z310, and Z595) were classified into the A(H1N1)pdm09 lineage consisting of IAVs globally circulating in humans and pigs (Figs. 3 and 295 296 4). Similar results were obtained in the phylogenetic tree of the other gene segments (PB2, PB1, 297 PA, NP, NS, and M) (Fig. S1). The phylogenetic tree of the H3 HA and N2 NA sequences also 298 revealed that Z51 was not genetically close to IAVs in the swine H3 lineage, including European 299 and North American swine H3N2 viruses, but clustered together with human seasonal H3N2 300 IAVs. It was noteworthy that Z51 was closely related to human H3N2 strains isolated in Zambia,

A/Zambia/0002/2015 (H3N2) and A/Zambia/0102/2015 (H3N2). The phylogenetic analyses of
 the other gene segments showed similar topologies.

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304 4. Discussion

305 In this study, we demonstrated the detection of IAV-specific antibodies and isolation of IAVs 306 from pigs in Zambia. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first report of IAV infection in pigs 307 in this country and we further characterized the isolated strains genetically. Although swine IAVs 308 have been detected in some African countries, the genetic information is still limited. Prior to this 309 study, only seven full genome sequences of IAVs from swine in Africa have been deposited in the 310 Genbank and GISAID EpiFlu databases: four strains from Kenya, two strains from Nigeria, and 311 one strain form Togo (Ducatez, Awoume, & Webby, 2015; Meseko, Heidari, Odaibo, & Olaleye, 312 2019; Munyua et al., 2018). The present study provides new genetic information on swine IAVs 313 in Africa and may help to improve our understanding of the molecular epidemiology of swine 314 IAVs circulating on the continent.

315 The IAV strains isolated from pigs in this study were genetically close to IAVs causing 316 seasonal influenza in humans, as well as IAVs found in Nigerian pigs (Meseko et al., 2019). These 317 swine IAV isolates shared 99–100% nucleotide identities with human IAVs, suggesting reverse 318 zoonotic transmission from humans to pigs. It is noteworthy that all of the Zambian swine IAV 319 isolates were phylogenetically classified into the well-known lineages consisting of recent human 320 IAV isolates. Since sustained circulation of such human IAVs in pig populations for a long term 321 leads to the establishment of novel IAV lineages in the swine host (Kyriakis et al., 2011; Van 322 Reeth, 2007), our data suggest that the IAVs isolated in this study were sporadically introduced 323 into the pig population from humans in Zambia. In fact, the IAV isolates were obtained from each 324 farm only at a single time point in the multiple sampling dates (Table 2). It is conceivable that 325 continuous IAV circulation in pigs is associated with farming systems such as the farrow-to-finish 326 system, which constantly supplies young naive piglets and thus provides opportunities for IAVs

to circulate among pig populations (Takemae et al., 2011). Although this system was implemented in the pig farms selected in this study, their herd sizes (n = 700-7700) might be too small to maintain IAVs on the respective farms. Therefore, IAV surveillance including larger farms will be required for more comprehensive monitoring of IAVs in the pig population in Zambia.

331 Our serological investigation revealed the high seroprevalence of H1 IAV infection in pigs 332 in 2011. The positive rate and neutralization titers for A(H1N1)pdm09 virus were higher than 333 those for the other H1 IAVs tested, suggesting that Zambian pigs in 2011 were predominantly 334 infected with A(H1N1)pdm09 or other H1 viruses antigenically similar to A(H1N1)pdm09 virus. 335 This seroprevalence pattern was also observed in pigs in Nigeria in 2012 (Snoeck et al., 2015). 336 These results may suggest that IAVs of the H1 subtype, most likely A(H1N1)pdm09, were 337 introduced into pig populations in Africa just after the 2009 pandemic and circulated in the 338 early 2010s. On the other hand, anti-H3 antibodies were detected only in one pig during the 339 study period and its antibody titer was very low. Although one human H3N2 strain was isolated 340 from a pig, our serological data suggest that human-to-swine transmission of human H3N2 IAVs 341 might have occurred rarely in Zambia during 2011–2018. Although human seasonal influenza 342 H3N2 viruses were also isolated from pigs in Japan, no descendant strains were subsequently 343 isolated, suggesting that these viruses were sporadically introduced into pigs from humans 344 without establishment of novel IAV lineages (Takemae et al., 2013). On the other hand, H3N2 345 IAV variants recently generated by the reassortment between A(H1N1)pdm09 and human 346 seasonal H3N2 viruses might be well adapted to swine and have established a novel IAV lineage 347 in pig populations in Asia, including Japan and Thailand (Hiromoto et al., 2012; Mine et al., 2020; 348 Ozawa et al., 2015). Since both A(H1N1)pdm09 and human H3N2 viruses were isolated from 349 pigs in Zambia, it might be possible for such a reassortant IAV to emerge in pigs in Zambia. A 350 regular surveillance program is required to detect such an event as well as to understand the status 351 of swine influenza in Africa.

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It is of interest that none of the samples collected in 2015 were IAV-antibody positive. This

353 result might be associated with the outbreak of African swine fever (ASF). During 2013–2015, 354 Zambia experienced widespread outbreaks of ASF in domestic pigs (Simulundu et al., 2018). 355 Many pigs died from the disease and pigs affected with ASF were culled to stop the spread of 356 ASF. These facts suggest that A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses, which might have been highly prevalent 357 in pigs in Zambia before 2012, could have been almost undetectable as a result of the massive 358 death of ASF virus-infected pigs and the compulsive all-in/all-out management practice by culling. 359 ASF is broadly endemic in sub-Saharan Africa, and repeated outbreaks of ASF have been reported 360 in various African countries since 1950 (Penrith, Vosloo, Jori, & Bastos, 2013). Under such particular circumstances in Africa, swine IAVs may be unlikely to be maintained in pig 361 362 populations for a long term.

In this study, one IAV strain was isolated from a symptomatic pig in Farm A. On this farm, two pigs were reported to die from respiratory diseases after our sampling. Although swine influenza is generally considered to be a mild disease without significant clinical impact, coinfection with other pathogens may cause severe respiratory disease in these pigs. Control of swine influenza is important to improve animal health and productivity in the pig industry as well as to prevent zoonotic transmission of IAVs to humans.

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518 Tables

		Positive rates (%) for the respective viruses (Positive/Total) †									
	Stage or age of	Hemagglutination-inhibition test				Neutralization test					
Year	pigs	A(H1N1)pdm09	SwH1N1	SwH1N2	SwH3N2	Subtotal	A(H1N1)pdm09	SwH1N1	SwH1N2	SwH3N2	Subtotal
2011	Slaughtering	49.0 (49/100)	29.0 (29/100)	5.0 (5/100)	0 (0/100)	51.0 (51/100)	32.0 (32/100)	14.0 (14/100)	14.0 (14/100)	0 (0/100)	32.0 (32/100)
2012	Slaughtering	5.0 (2/40)	5.0 (2/40)	5.0 (2/40)	0 (0/40)	5.0 (2/40)	5.0 (2/40)	5.0 (2/40)	5.0 (2/40)	0 (0/40)	5.0 (2/40)
2015	Slaughtering	0 (0/47)	0 (0/47)	0 (0/47)	0 (0/47)	0 (0/47)	0 (0/47)	0 (0/47)	0 (0/47)	0 (0/47)	0 (0/47)
2010	4-12 weeks old	2.5 (1/40)	2.5 (1/40)	0 (0/40)	0 (0/40)	5.0 (2/40)	0 (0/40)	0 (0/40)	0 (0/40)	0 (0/40)	0 (0/40)
2018	>20 weeks old	5.3 (1/19)	5.3 (1/19)	5.3 (1/19)	5.3 (1/19)	10.0 (2/19)	5.3 (1/19)	5.3 (1/19)	5.3 (1/19)	0 (0/19)	5.3 (1/19)
	Total	21.5 (53/246)	13.4 (33/246)	3.3 (8/246)	0.4 (1/246)	23.1 (57/246)	14.2 (35/246)	6.9 (17/246)	6.9 (17/246)	0 (0/246)	14.2 (35/246)

519 Table 1. Seropositivity for IAV infection in pigs in Zambia

520 Abbreviations: A(H1N1)pdm09 (A/Hokkaido/Z01/2014); SwH1N1, classical swine H1N1 (A/swine/Hokkaido/1/1981); SwH1N2, classical swine H1N2

521 (A/swine/Miyagi/5/2003); SwH3N2, swine H3N2 (A/swine/Obihiro/10/1985).

522 † HI and neutralization titers of 80 or higher were considered positive.

			No. of isolates/No. of collected samples		
Farm	District	Sampling date	4-12 weeks old	> 20 weeks old	
		January 7	0/50	1/6	
А	Lusaka	January 14	-	0/13	
		June 14	0/50	-	
		January 25	0/40	-	
В	Chilanga	July 10	0/50	-	
		December 4	0/48	-	
		February 13	0/50	-	
С	Kafue	June 8	7/50	-	
		August 16	0/50	-	
D	Chibombo	March 2	0/50	-	
Е	Chibombo March 15		0/50	-	
Б	Lucalta	July 17	0/50	-	
Г	Lusaka	December 20	1/48	-	

523 Table 2. Summary of nasal swab sampling and IAV isolation from pigs in 2018

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526 Table 3. IAV strains isolated from pigs throughout the study period

Strain name	Farm	Sampling date	Isolated from (age)
A/swine/Zambia/51/2018 (H3N2)	А	2018/1/7	Coughing pig (32 wks)
A/swine/Zambia/264/2018 (H1N1)			Healthy pig (8 wks)
A/swine/Zambia/277/2018 (H1N1)			Healthy pig (10 wks)
A/swine/Zambia/278/2018 (H1N1)	С		Healthy pig (12 wks)
A/swine/Zambia/280/2018 (H1N1)		2018/6/8	Healthy pig (12 wks)
A/swine/Zambia/282/2018 (H1N1)			Healthy pig (12 wks)
A/swine/Zambia/301/2018 (H1N1)			Healthy pig (10 wks)
A/swine/Zambia/310/2018 (H1N1)]		Healthy pig (11 wks)
A/swine/Zambia/595/2018 (H1N1)	F	2018/12/20	Healthy pig (8–12 wks)

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Farm	Strain	Gene	Closest virus (subtype)†	Identity (%)	
		HA	A/Florida/78/2016 (H3N2)	99.8	
		NA	A/Michigan/104/2016 (H3N2)	99.4	
		PB2	A/Michigan/104/2016 (H3N2)	99.6	
	751	PB1	A/Iowa/01/2017 (H3N2)	99.8	
A	251	РА	A/Linkou/0185/2016 (H3N2)	99.6	
		NP	A/Linkou/0185/2016 (H3N2)	99.8	
		М	A/Linkou/0185/2016 (H3N2)	99.7	
		NS	A/Linkou/0185/2016 (H3N2)	99.4	
		НА	A/California/69/2017 (H1N1)	99.4-99.5	
		NA	A/California/69/2017 (H1N1)	99.4-99.5	
	Z264, Z277, Z278,	PB2	A/Mississippi/01/2018 (H1N1)	99.6-99.7	
	Z280, Z282, Z301,	PB1	A/California/100/2018 (H1N1)	99.7	
	Z310	PA	A/New Jersey/11/2018 (H1N1)	99.7-99.9	
C		NP	A/Oklahoma/41/2017 (H1N1)	99.7-99.9	
		М	A/Kenya/028/2018 (H1N1)	99.8-100	
	Z264, Z277, Z278,		A/Oklahoma/07/2016 (H1N1)	100	
	Z282, Z301, Z310	NS			
	7280		A/California/NHRC-	100	
	2200		OID_SAR21015N/2018 (H1N1)	100	
		HA	A/New Jersey/39/2017 (H1N1)	99.5	
		NA	A/Hawaii/41/2018 (H1N1)	99.7	
		PB2	A/New Jersey/39/2017 (H1N1)	99.6	
Б	7505	PB1	A/Maryland/10/2018 (H1N1)	99.7	
Г		PA	A/Texas/93/2018 (H1N1)	99.8	
		NP	A/Hawaii/41/2018 (H1N1)	99.6	
		М	A/Kenya/028/2018 (H1N1)	99.6	
		NS	A/Alaska/33/2018 (H1N1)	99.5	

529 Table 4. Highest nucleotide identities for each genome segment of the isolated IAVs

Abbreviations: Z51, A/swine/Zambia/51/2018 (H3N2); Z264, A/swine/Zambia/264/2018
(H1N1); Z277, A/swine/Zambia/277/2018 (H1N1); Z278 A/swine/Zambia/278/2018 (H1N1);
Z280, A/swine/Zambia/280/2018 (H1N1); Z282, A/swine/Zambia/282/2018 (H1N1); Z301,
A/swine/Zambia/301/2018 (H1N1); Z310, A/swine/Zambia/310/2018 (H1N1); Z595,
A/swine/Zambia/595/2018 (H1N1).

⁵³⁵ † Representative viruses with the highest nucleotide identity found by BLAST analyses are listed.

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537 **Figure legends**

538 Fig. 1

- 539 HI antibodies detected in the sera collected from pigs in Zambia during the years 2011-2018.
- 540 Serum samples were tested for HI antibodies to A(H1N1)pdm09, classical swine H1N1, classical
- swine H1N2, and swine H3N2 viruses. HI titers of 80 or higher were considered positive and are
- shown in the figure. Each value represents the mean of HI titers of two independent experiments.
- 543 All HI titers are represented in Supplementary Table S2.
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- 545 Fig. 2

Neutralizing antibodies detected in the pig sera during the years 2011-2018. Serum samples were tested for neutralizing antibodies to A(H1N1)pdm09, classical swine H1N1, classical swine H1N2, and swine H3N2 viruses. Neutralizing titers of 80 or higher were considered positive and are shown in the figure. Each value represents the mean of neutralizing titers of two independent experiments. All neutralizing titers are represented in Supplementary Table S2.

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552 Fig. 3

Phylogenetic trees of the HA gene of H1 and H3 subtypes. The complete ORF nucleotide sequences of HA genes of 9 Zambian isolates were phylogenetically analyzed with corresponding genes from the representative swine, avian, and human IAVs. Bootstrap values greater than 90% are shown on the interior branch nodes, and scale bars indicate the number of substitutions per site. The black circles and square represent the H1N1 and H3N2 IAVs isolated in this study, respectively.

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560 Fig. 4

Phylogenetic trees of the NA gene of N1 and N2 subtypes. The complete ORF nucleotide sequences of NA genes of 9 Zambian isolates were phylogenetically analyzed with corresponding genes from the representative swine, avian, and human IAVs. Bootstrap values greater than 90% are shown on the interior branch nodes, and scale bars indicate the number of substitutions per site. The black circles and square represent the H1N1 and H3N2 IAVs isolated in this study, respectively.



Samples (n =246)



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District	Year	Place	Stage or age of pigs	No. of sera	Sample ID
		Abattoir 1		20	ZP11-1~20
	2011	Abattoir 2		13	ZP11-21~33
	2011	Abattoir 3		36	ZP11-34~69
		Abattoir 4	Slaughtering	31	ZP11-70~100
Lusaka	2012	Abattoir 2		19	ZP12-25~43
		Abattoir 1		21	ZP12-44~64
	2015	Abattoir 2		47	ZP15-1~47
	2019	Earma A	4-12 weeks old	40	ZP18-1~40
	2010	гаш А	>20 weeks old	19	ZP18-41~59

Table S1. Summary of pig sera used for serosurveillance of IAV infection in Zambia

Table S2. Antibody titers of pig sera collected in Zambia in hemagglutination-inhibition and neutralization tests

	Hemagglutir	nation-inhibi	ting antibody	v titers	Neu	tralizing ant	ibody titer	
Sample ID	A(H1N1)pdm09	SwH1N1	SwH1N2	SwH3N2	A(H1N1)pdm09	SwH1N1	SwH1N2	SwH3N2
ZP11-1	120	160	-	-	240	80	160	-
ZP11-2	80	80	-	-	160	80	80	-
ZP11-3	-	-	-	-	80	-	-	-
ZP11-4	-	-	-	-	80	-	-	-
ZP11-5	80	80	-	-	120	-	80	-
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ZP11-7	160	160	-	-	160	120	160	-
ZP11-8	100	-	-	-	240	80	-	-
ZP11-9	80	-	-	-	120	-	-	-
ZP11-10	80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ZP11-11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ZP11-12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ZP11-13	240	320	-	-	480	160	240	-
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ZP11-15	120	-	-	-	240	80	80	-
ZP11-16	-	-	-	-	120	-	-	-
ZP11-17	80	640	80	-	640	640	480	-
ZP11-18	120	-	-	-	120	-	-	-
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ZP11-20	-	80	-	-	120	80	80	-
ZP11-21	480	160	80	-	160	-	-	-
ZP11-22	120	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ZP11-23	80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ZP11-24	80	80	-	-	-	-	-	-
ZP11-25	320	-	160	-	160	-	-	-
ZP11-26	320	80	80	-	400	-	-	-
ZP11-27	80	80	-	-	-	-	-	-
ZP11-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ZP11-29	320	120	-	-	-	-	-	-
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ZP11-32	80	80	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Abbreviations: A(H1N1)pdm09 (A/Hokkaido/Z01/2014); SwH1N1, classical swine H1N1 (A/swine/Hokkaido/1/1981);

SwH1N2, classical swine H1N2 (A/swine/Miyagi/5/2003); SwH3N2, swine H3N2 (A/swine/Obihiro/10/1985).

-: Negative, < 80

HI and neutralization titers of 80 or higher were considered positive and shown. Each value represents the mean of HI and neutralization titers of two independent experiments.

Farm	District	Sampling date	age	No. of collected samples	No. of pools	No. of positive pools	No. of positive individuals
		Ionuomi 7	4–12 weeks old	50	10	0	N.A.
٨	Lucalta	January /	> 20 weeks old	6	-	-	1
А	Lusaka	January 14	>20 weeks old	13	4	0	N.A.
		June 14	4–12 weeks old	50	12	0	N.A.
		January 25	4-12 weeks old	40	10	1	2
В	Chilanga	July 10	4-12 weeks old	50	12	0	N.A.
	_	December 4	4-12 weeks old	48	12	0	N.A.
		February 13	4-12 weeks old	50	12	0	N.A.
С	Kafue	June 8	4-12 weeks old	50	12	6	8
		August 16	4-12 weeks old	50	12	0	N.A.
D	Chibombo	March 2	4-12 weeks old	50	12	0	N.A.
Е	Chibombo	March 15	4-12 weeks old	50	12	0	N.A.
Б	Lucaka	July 17	4–12 weeks old	50	12	0	N.A.
Г	Lusaka	December 20	4-12 weeks old	48	12	1	2

Table S3. Summary of RT-PCR screening of IAV detection from pigs tested in 2018

-: Not pooled, N.A.: Not analyzed

Nasal swabs, which both M and NP genes were detected by RT-PCR, were considered as IAV-positive.

Table S4. Accession numbers of IA	V strains isolated in this study
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	Accession number							
Isolate	PB2	PB1	PA	HA	NP	NA	М	NS
A/swine/Zambia/51/2018 (H3N2)	LC644995	LC644996	LC644997	LC644998	LC644999	LC645000	LC645001	LC645002
A/swine/Zambia/264/2018 (H1N1)	LC645003	LC645004	LC645005	LC645006	LC645007	LC645008	LC645009	LC645010
A/swine/Zambia/277/2018 (H1N1)	LC645011	LC645012	LC645013	LC645014	LC645015	LC645016	LC645017	LC645018
A/swine/Zambia/278/2018 (H1N1)	LC645019	LC645020	LC645021	LC645022	LC645023	LC645024	LC645025	LC645026
A/swine/Zambia/280/2018 (H1N1)	LC645027	LC645028	LC645029	LC645030	LC645031	LC645032	LC645033	LC645034
A/swine/Zambia/282/2018 (H1N1)	LC645035	LC645036	LC645037	LC645038	LC645039	LC645040	LC645041	LC645042
A/swine/Zambia/301/2018 (H1N1)	LC645043	LC645044	LC645045	LC645046	LC645047	LC645048	LC645049	LC645050
A/swine/Zambia/310/2018 (H1N1)	LC645051	LC645052	LC645053	LC645054	LC645055	LC645056	LC645057	LC645058
A/swine/Zambia/595/2018 (H1N1)	LC645059	LC645060	LC645061	LC645062	LC645063	LC645064	LC645065	LC645066

PB2



0.05

PB1







A/Congo/010/2020 (H3N2) A/Cote DIvoire/1541/2019 (H3N2) A/Nigeria/3980/2019 (H3N2) A/Togo/1740/2019 (H3N2)

Avian IAVs

Eurasian SIVs

Human seasonal H3N2 lineage

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0.05

Fig S1

Phylogenetic trees of the PB2, PB1, PA, NP, M, and NS genes. Phylogenetic analyses based on the complete ORF nucleotide sequences of the PB2, PB1, PA, NP, M, and NS genes were conducted with corresponding genes from our 9 isolates and the representative swine, human, and avian IAVs. Bootstrap values greater than 90% are shown on the interior branch nodes, and scale bars indicate the number of substitutions per site. The black circles and square represent the H1N1 and H3N2 IAV strains isolated in this study, respectively.