

Virus risk soaring

CHEAP air travel is helping to make diseases more deadly to humans, Scots scientists say.

Researchers at Edinburgh University say the boom in travel fuelled by low-cost carriers means not only are humans more exposed to infection but viruses are likely to become more harmful.

Dr Andy Gardner said: "Our findings have important implications for a world in which humans and their parasites are increasingly mobile.

"This research shows things like measles could become a killer because of movement of people. It would evolve to attack new hosts more aggressively."