Molecular and serologic survey of pathogens in an endangered andean cat (Leopardus jacobita) of the high andes of Bolivia

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The Andean cat (Leopardus jacobita) is one of the most threatened and least known wild felids in the world. Using molecular and serologic tests, we screened a free-ranging Andean cat for 17 pathogens of conservation concern. Results suggested no evidence of infection or exposure. Whether pathogens are a threat for Andean cat populations remains currently unknown.