

Genomics and a New Age in Global Disease Tracking

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Anthrax Letter Attacks October 2001

THIS IS NEXT

TAKE PENACILIN Now

DEATH TO AMERICA

DEATH TO ISRAEL

ALLAH IS GREAT

4TH GRADE
GREENDALE SCHOOL
FRANKLIN PARK NJ 08852



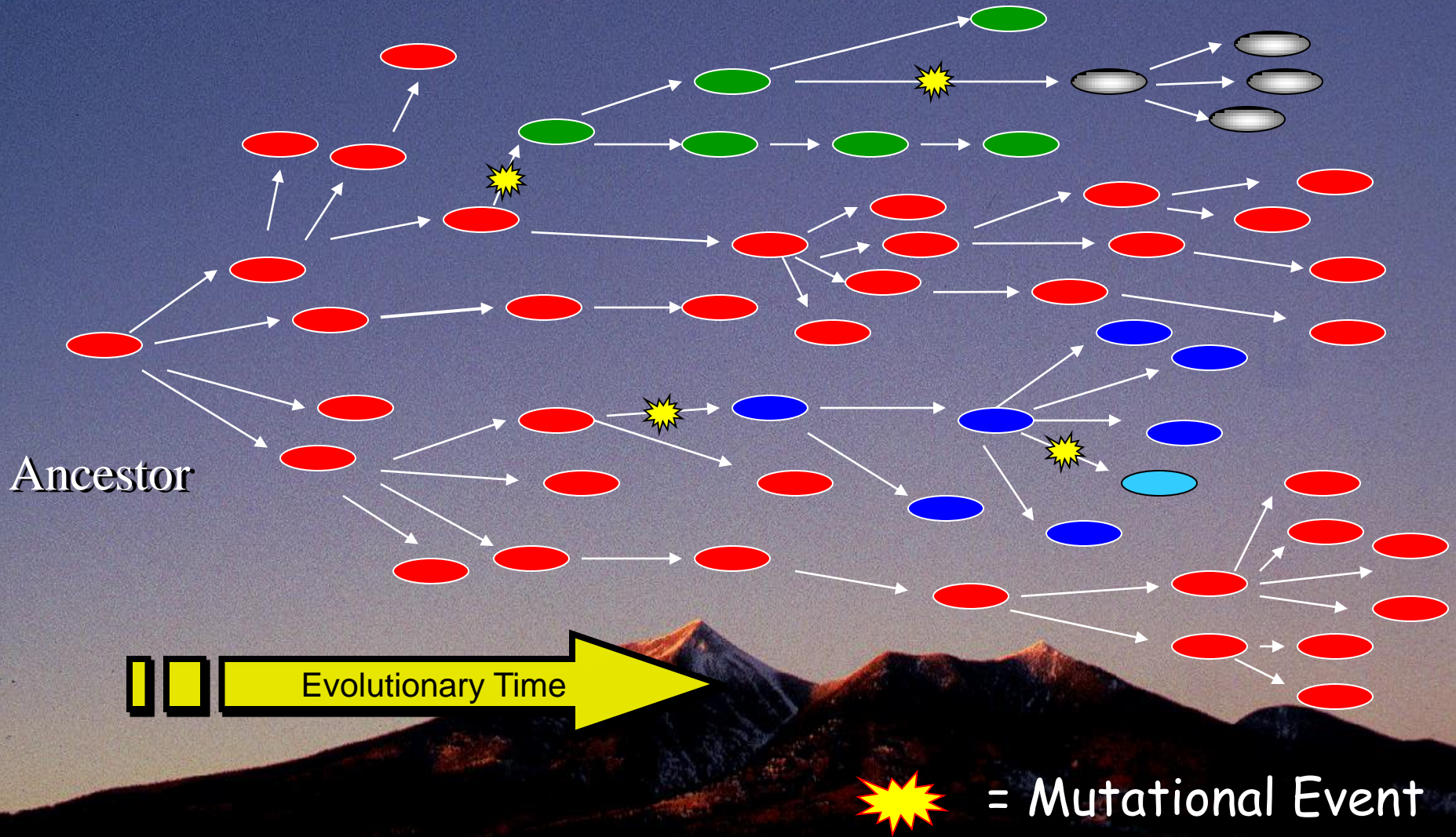
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Diversity Generation in an Idealized Clonally Propagating Pathogen



A Genome is a Big Place!



Evolutionary Scale & Subtyping

Mutation Rate

Fast

Slow

10^{-3}

10^{-4}

10^{-5}

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VNTRs

Complex VNTRS
IS Elements
Genome Rearrangements

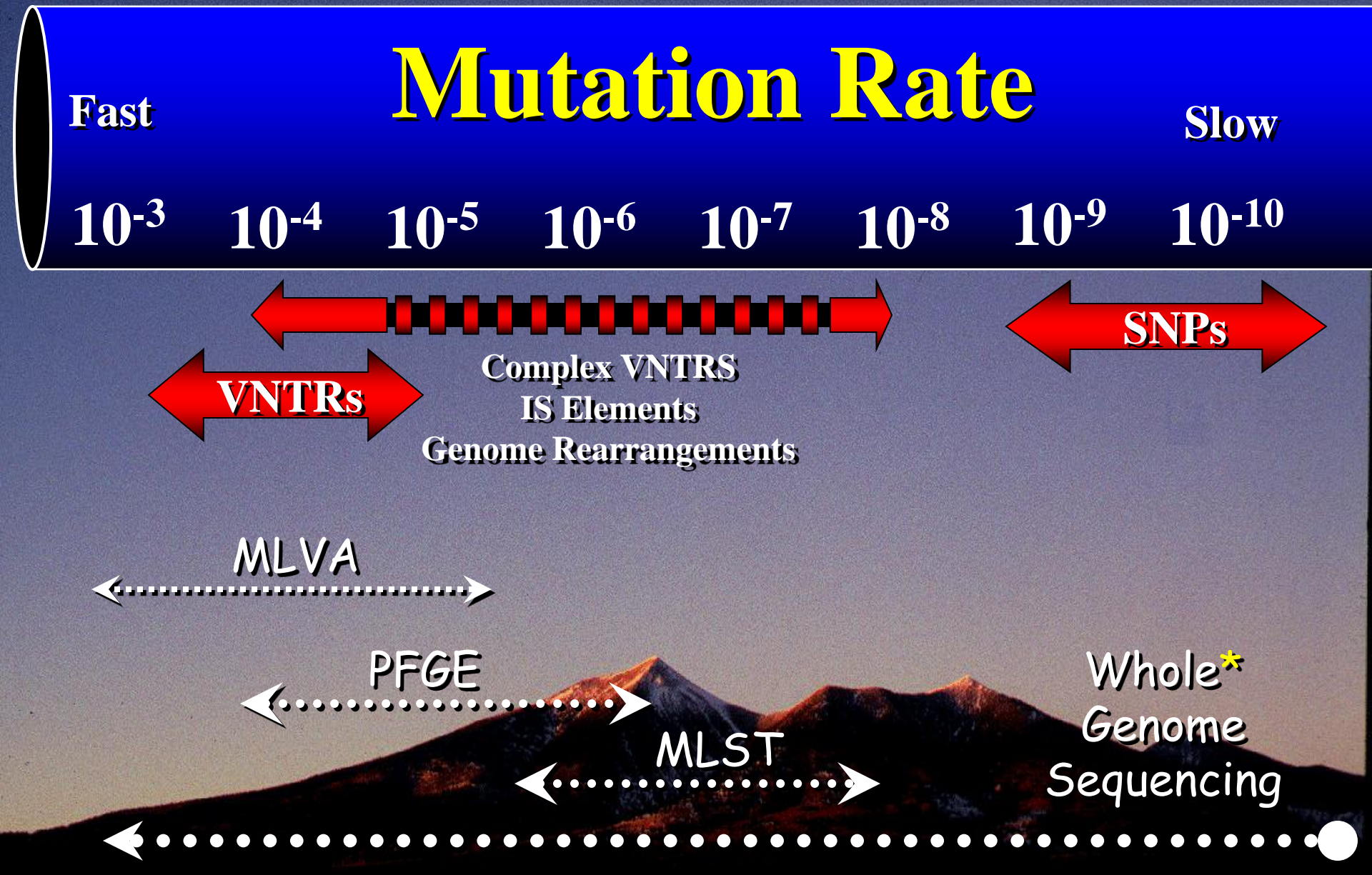
SNPs

MLVA

PFGE

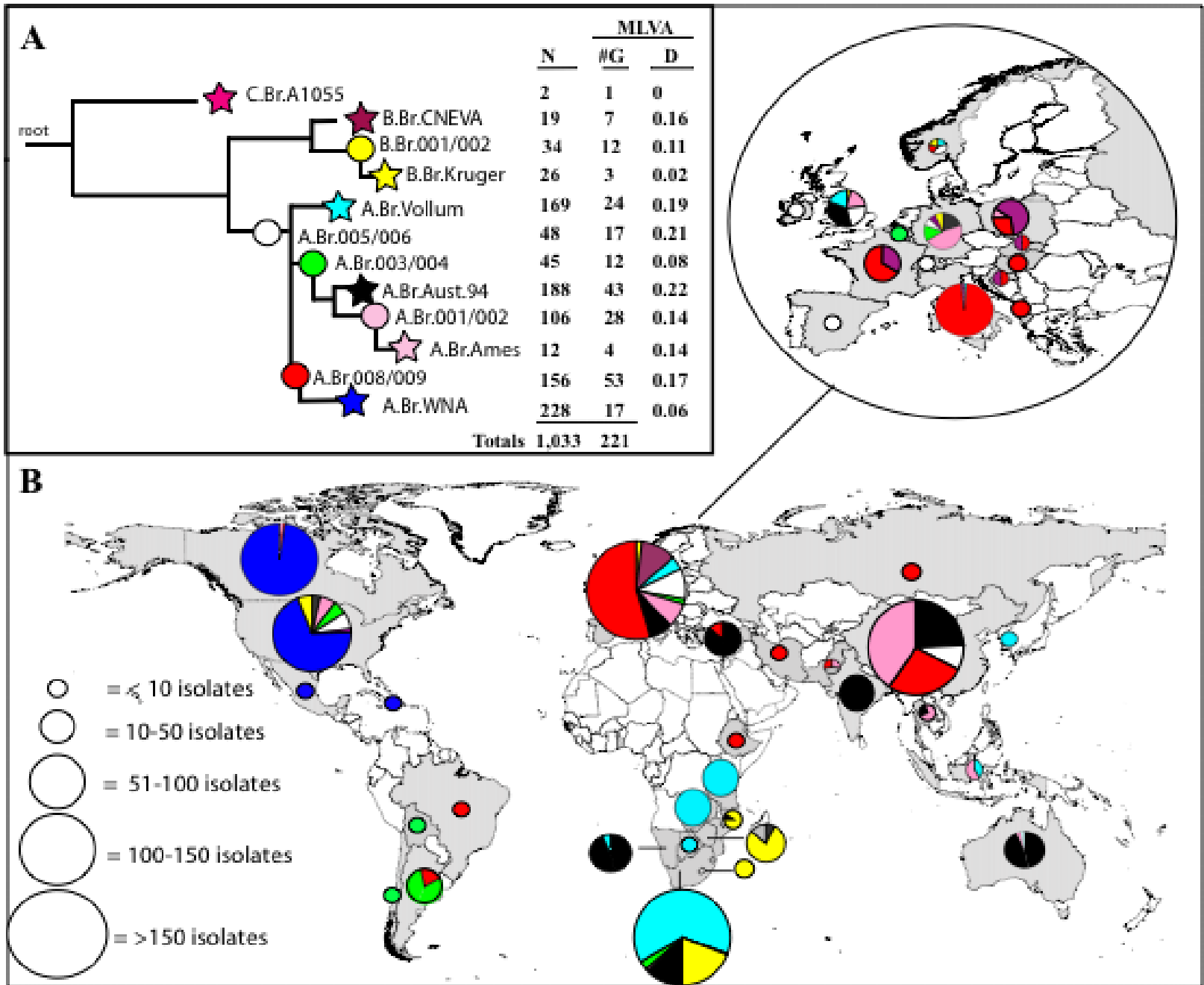
MLST

Whole*
Genome
Sequencing

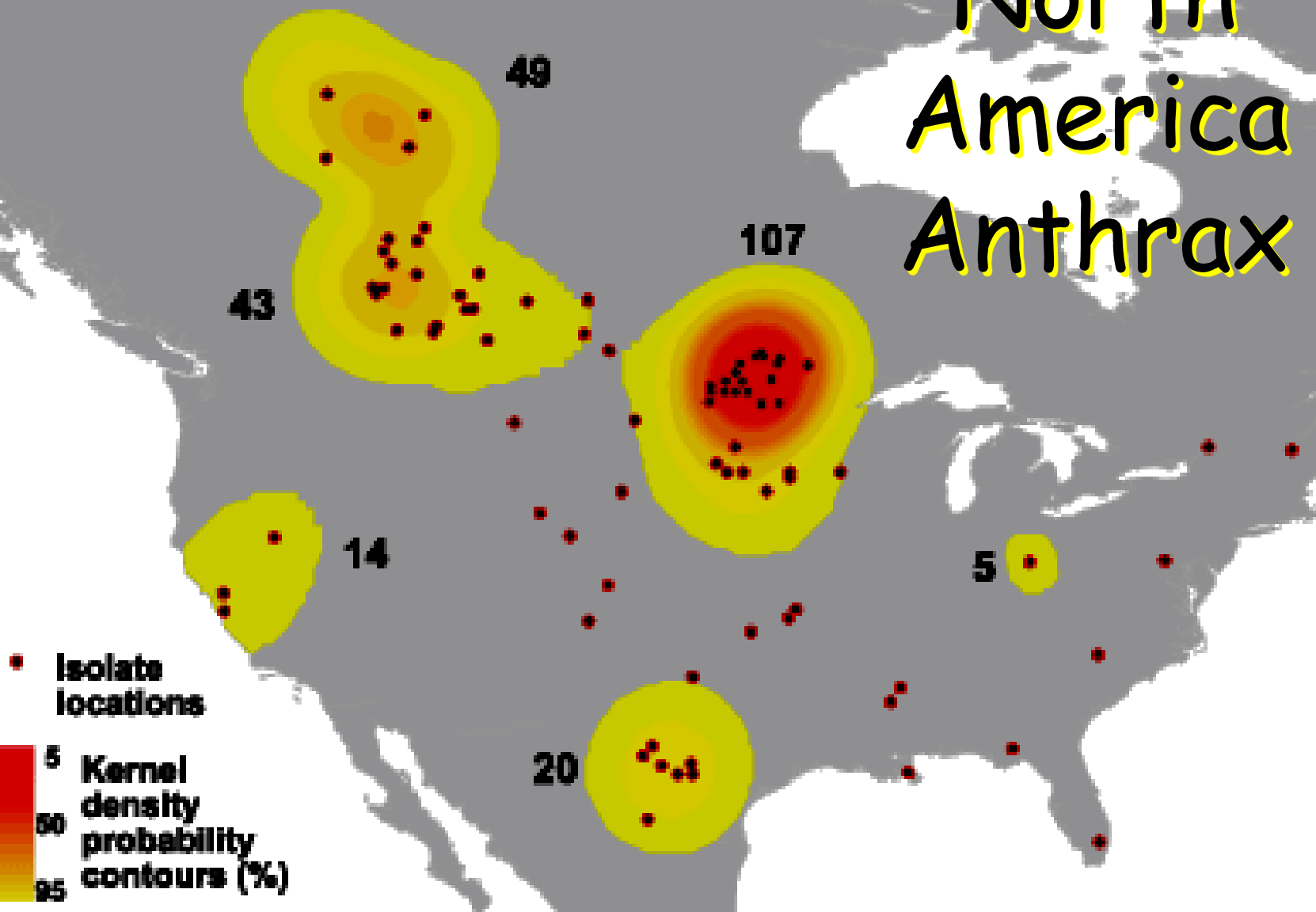


Anthrax Evolution and Ecology



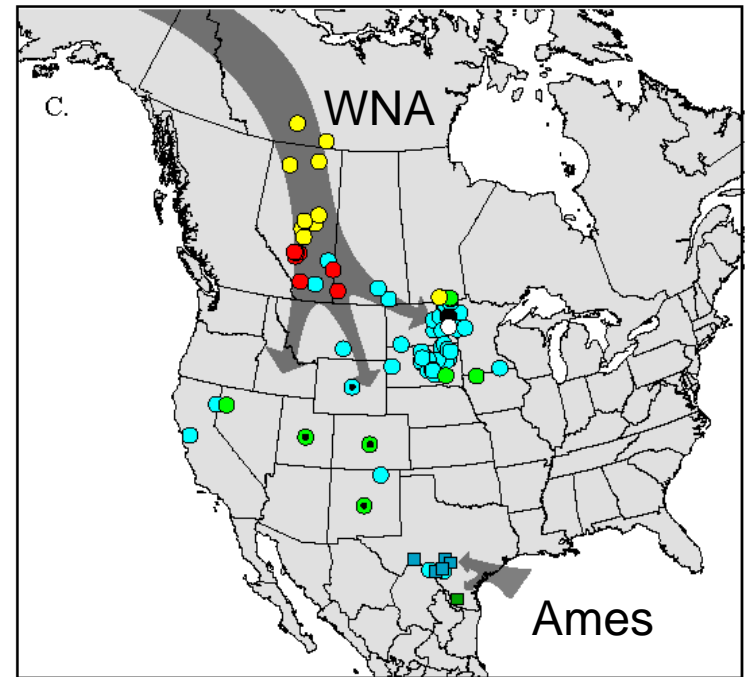
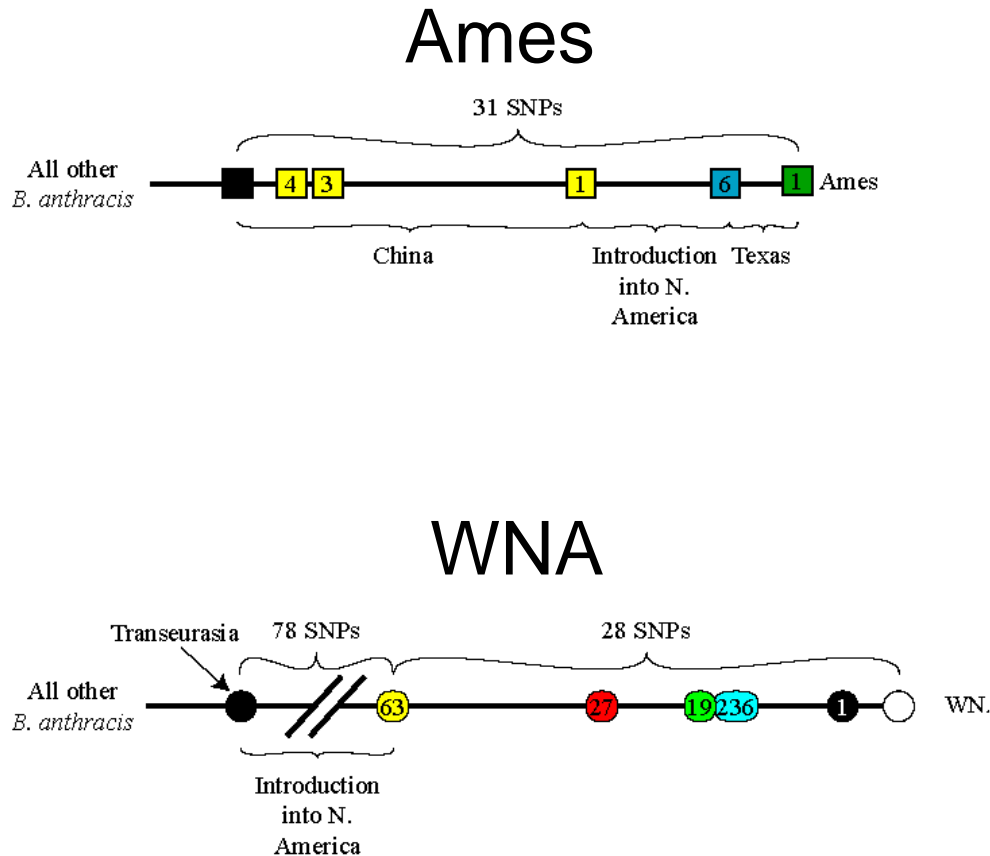


North America Anthrax



Anthrax in North America

Two Important Migrations



Pearson et al. 2004. PNAS

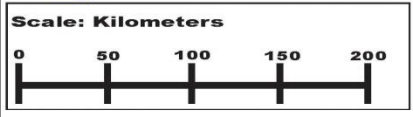
Kenefic and Pearson et al. 2009. PLoS One

Pearson et al. 2009. IGE

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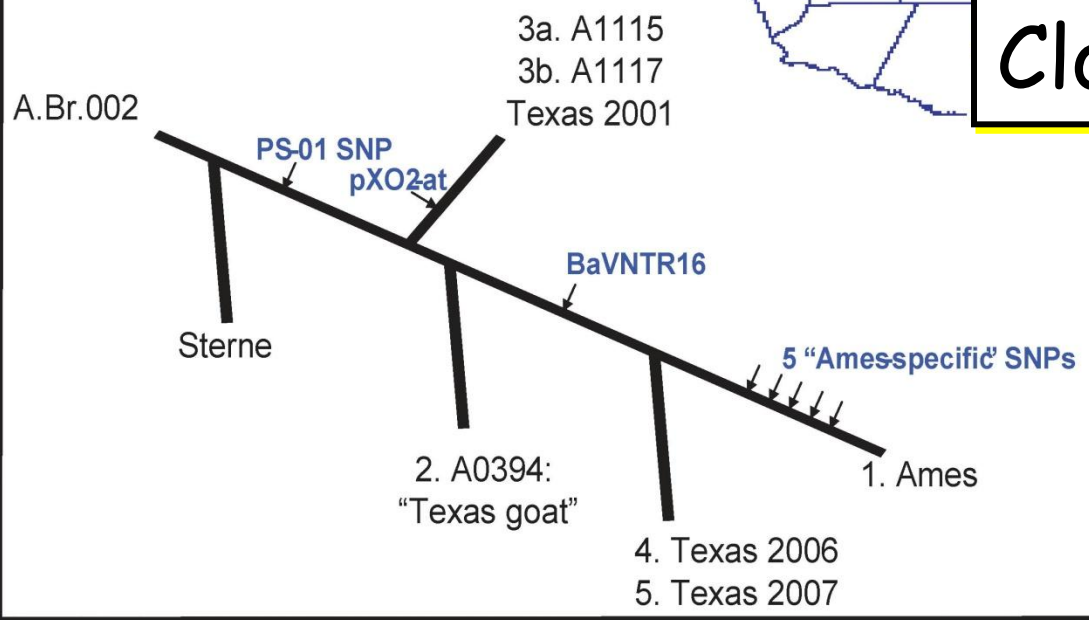
Texas

Inclusion vs. Exclusion



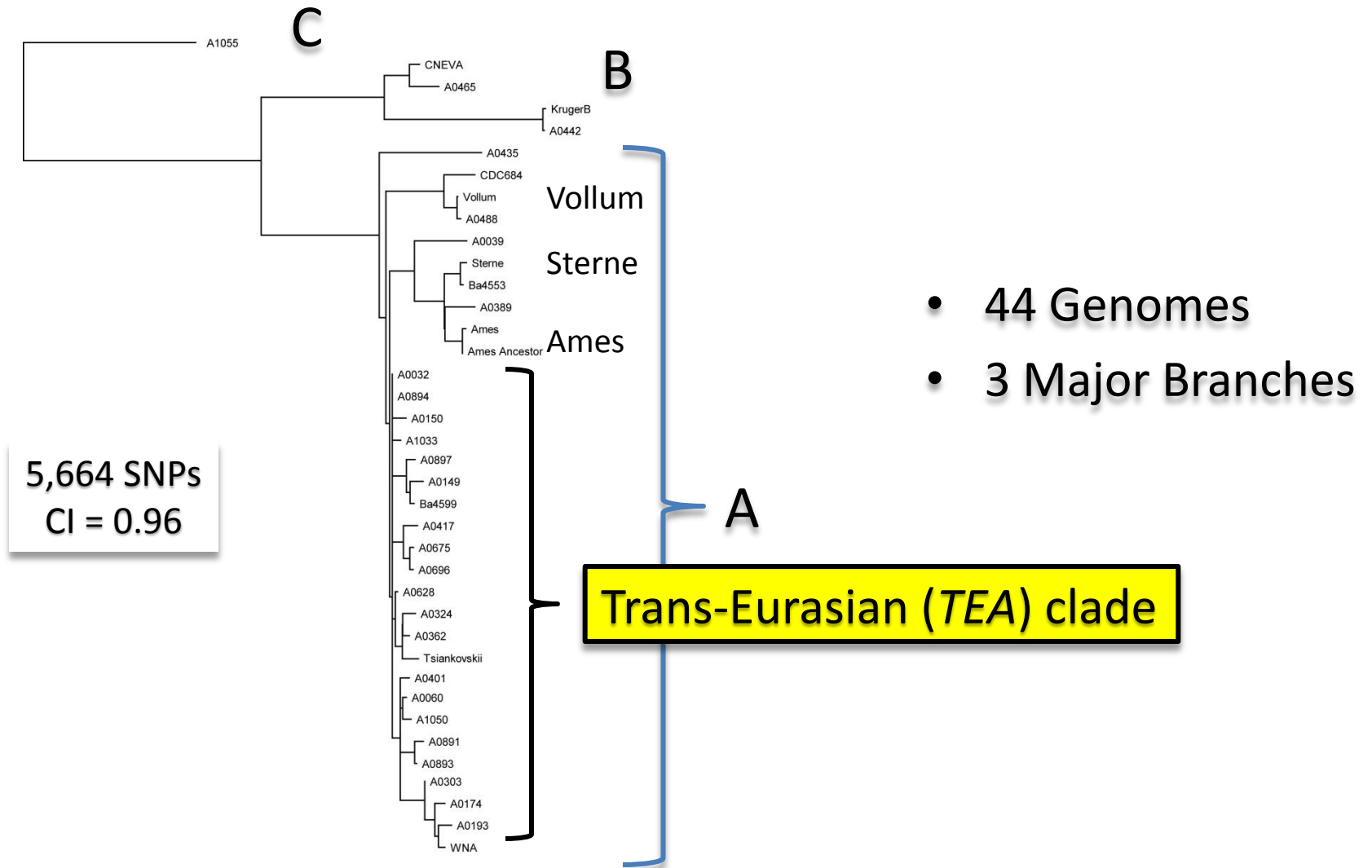
B

Ames strains
And Its
Closest Relatives



Kenefic et. al. 2008
EID 14:1494-6

Bacillus anthracis Whole Genome Phylogeny



Anthrax and Heroin Users in Scotland

ANTHRAX
IS KILLING HEROIN USERS
ACROSS SCOTLAND



READ THIS -
IT MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE

*EARLY TREATMENT WITH ANTIBIOTICS
CAN BE LIFE SAVING.*

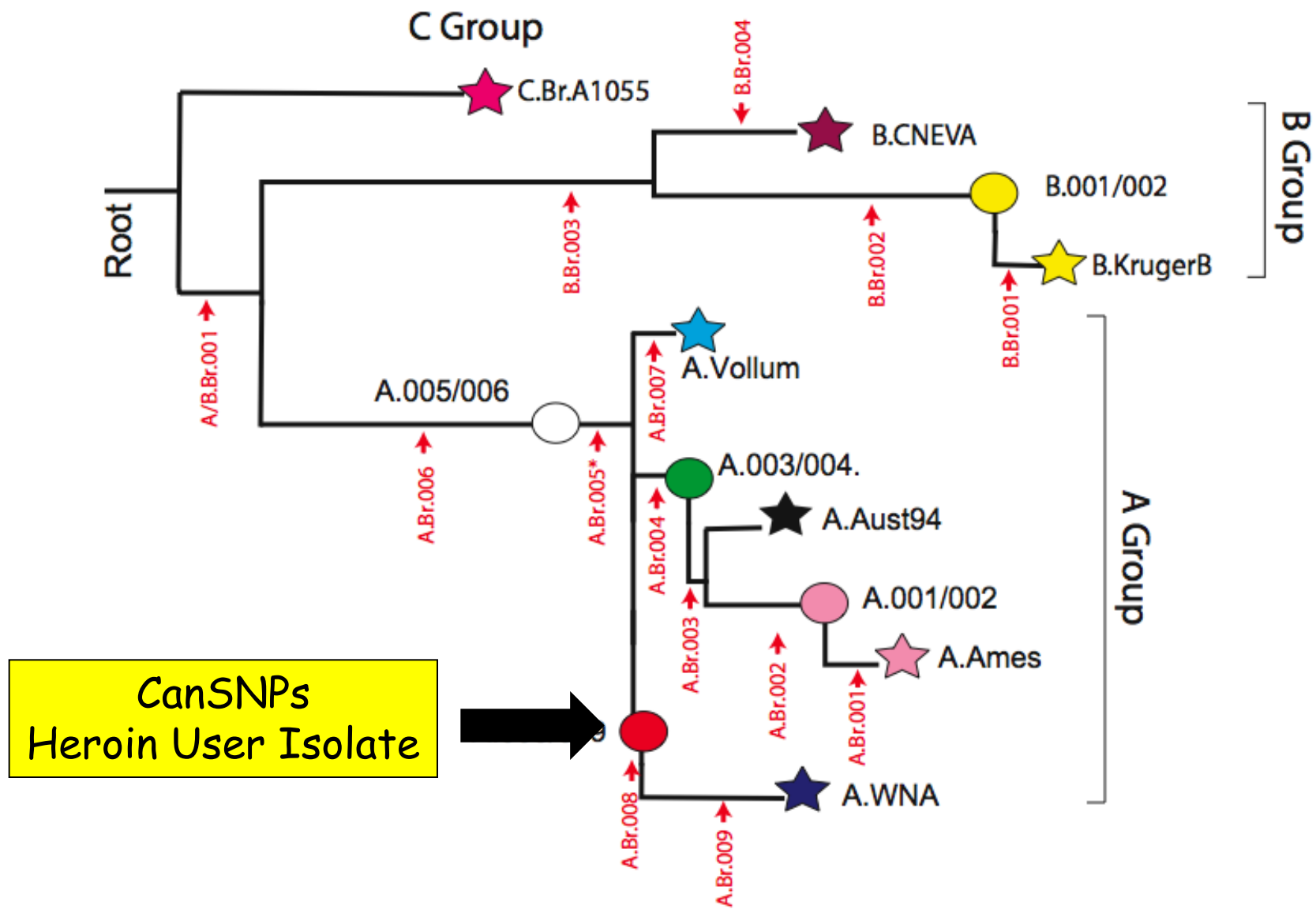
ScottishdrugsForum

NHS
SCOTLAND

Injectional Anthrax

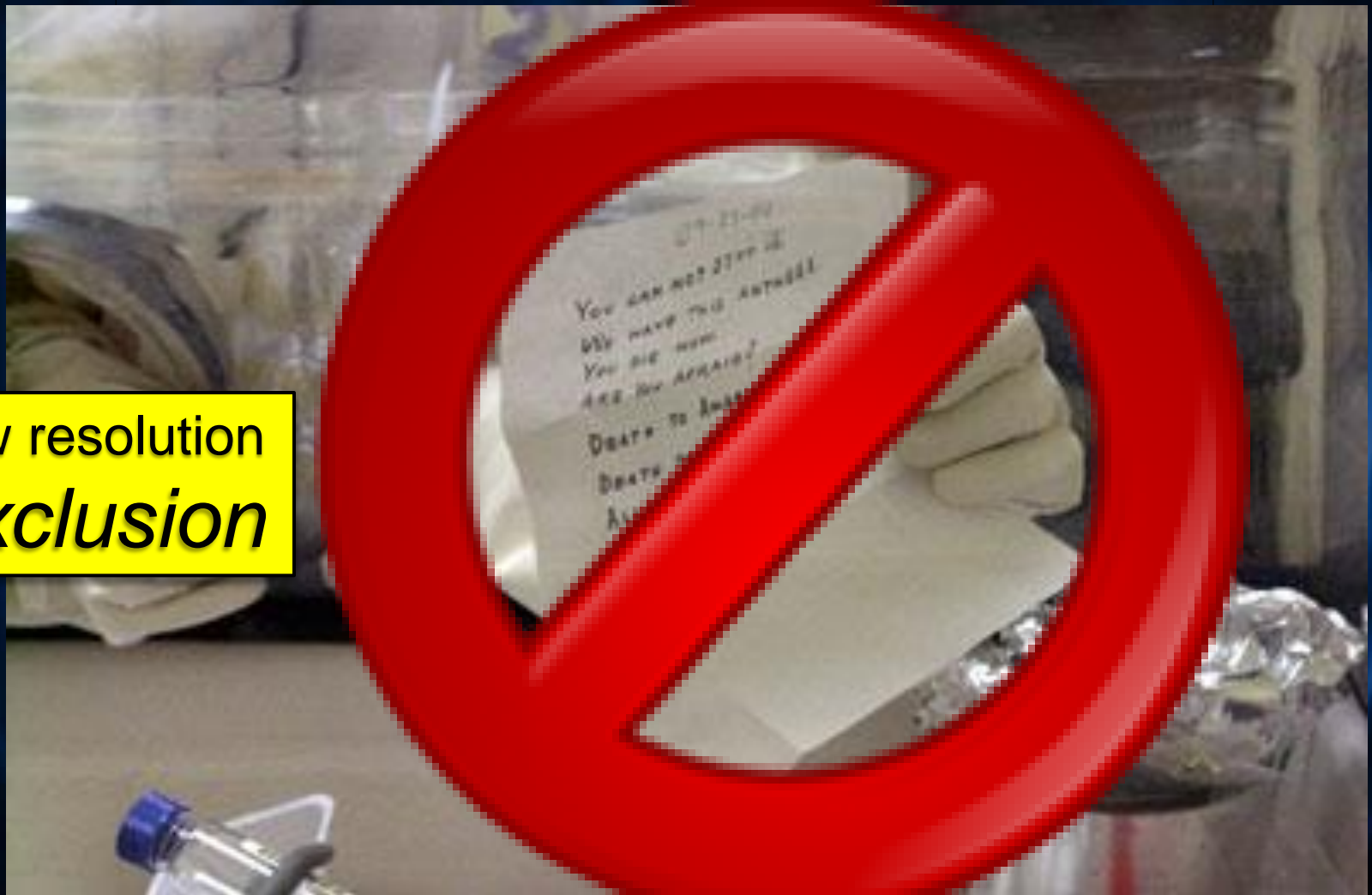
- ~200 suspected Cases
- ~100 confirmed cases
- ~ 17 deaths
- Scotland, England, Germany





Not the Ames strain

Low resolution
Exclusion



Previous Scottish Anthrax



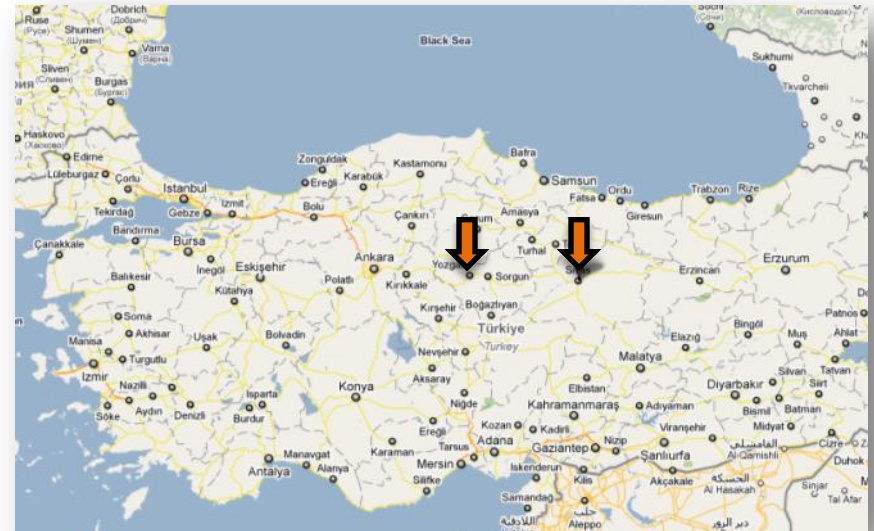
Low Resolution
Exclusion

Scottish heroin-user *B. anthracis*

New CanSNP analysis

- It is a member of the TEA subtype
- “canSNP match” to two natural isolates from Turkey

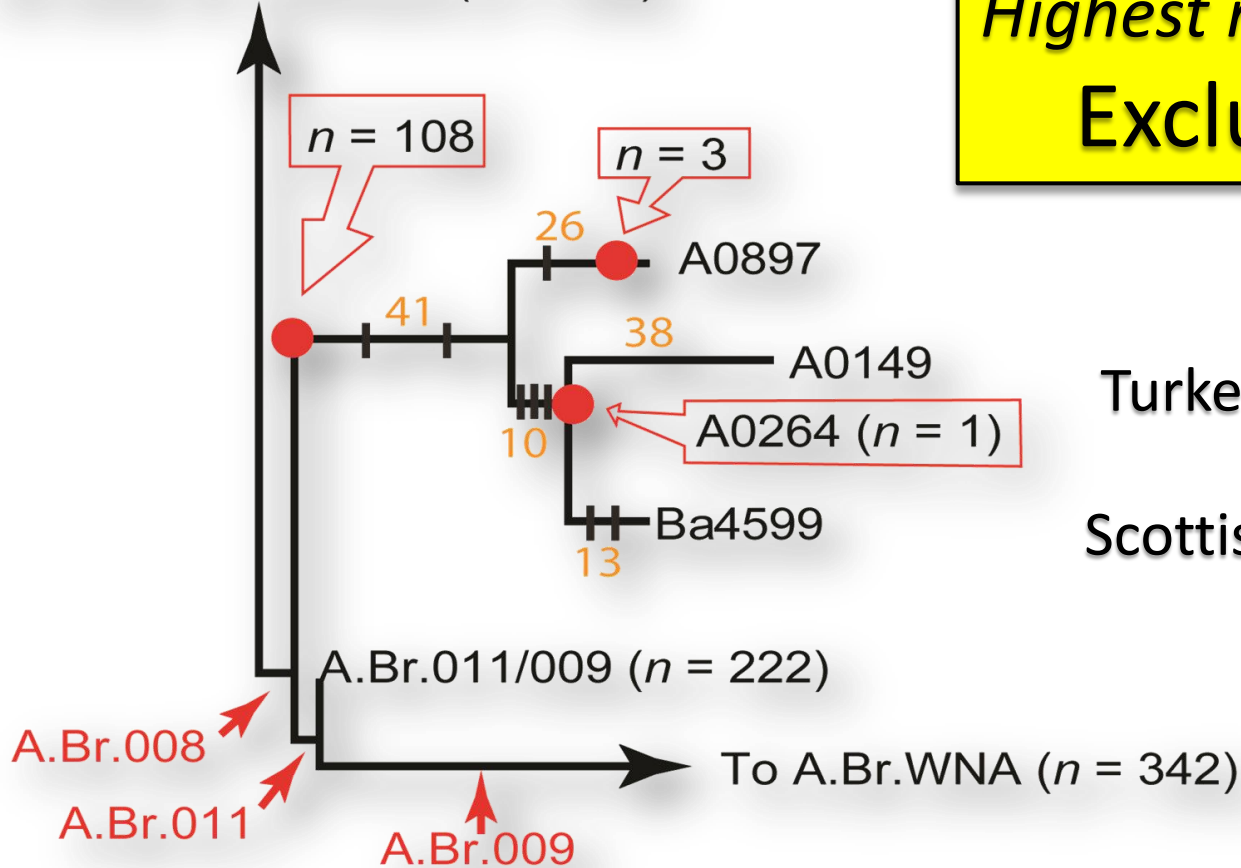
Turkey



*High Resolution
Inclusion*

Heroin-user associated strain

All other *B. anthracis* ($n = 656$)



**Highest resolution
Exclusion**

Turkey Isolates

Scottish Drug User

Outbreak Samples Matching “Heroin” *B. anthracis* Genome

- 2 “strain specific” canSNP assays
 - Ancestral allele for diversity of strains (global)
- 22 isolates from culture-positive anthrax cases
- 18 clinical culture-negative anthrax cases
 - Scotland, England, Germany

Highest resolution
Inclusion

Heroin-associated Anthrax: Conclusions



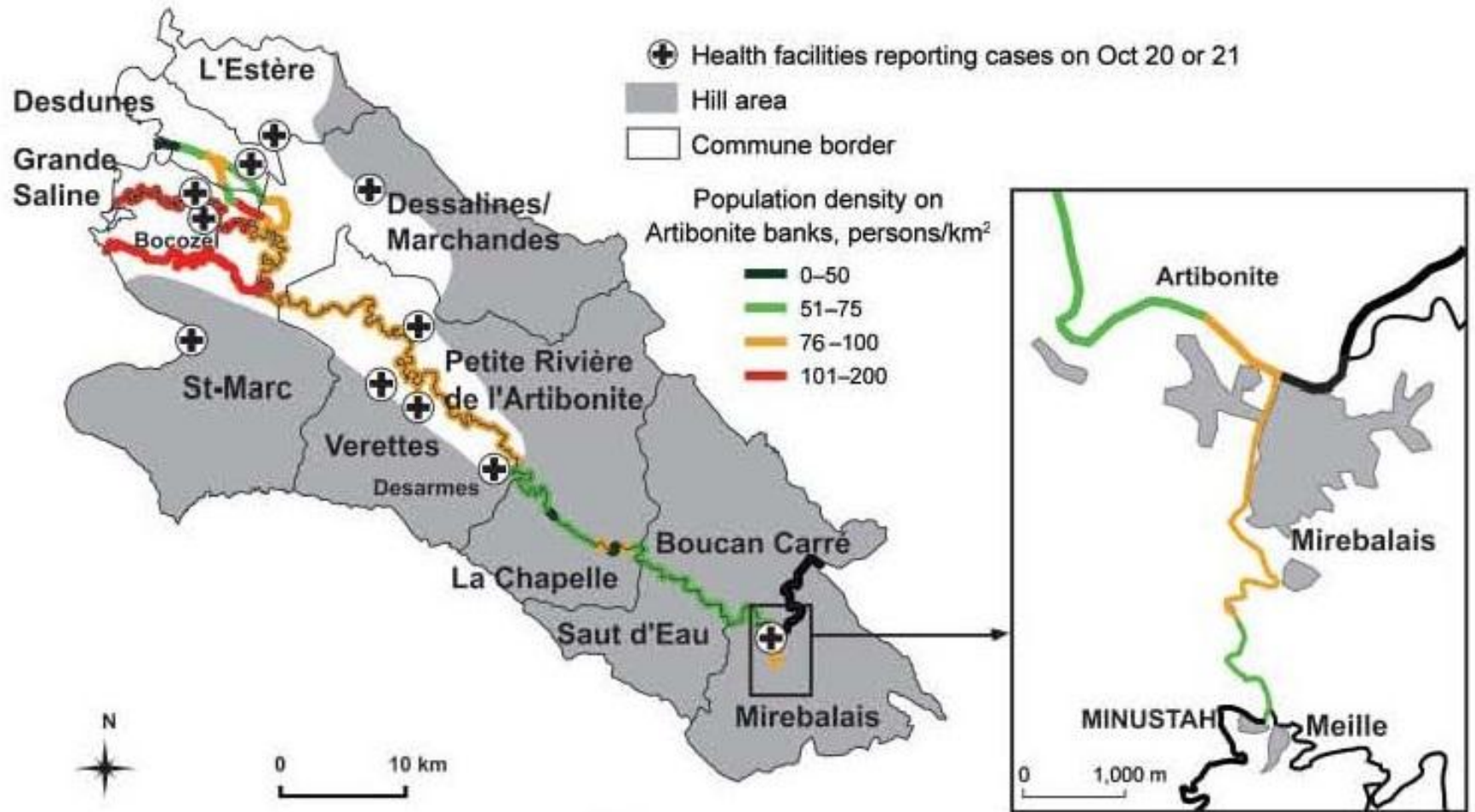
- The heroin *B. anthracis* strains are not members of:
 - The Ames group
 - The Vollum group, including natural isolates from Afghanistan
 - Groups containing other common strains
- They are members of:
 - The Trans-Eurasian (TEA) group
 - A subgroup within TEA that also contains natural isolates from Turkey
- But they are still distinct from the Turkey isolates
- Possible scenario: Contaminated bone meal or animal hide along the smuggling route.

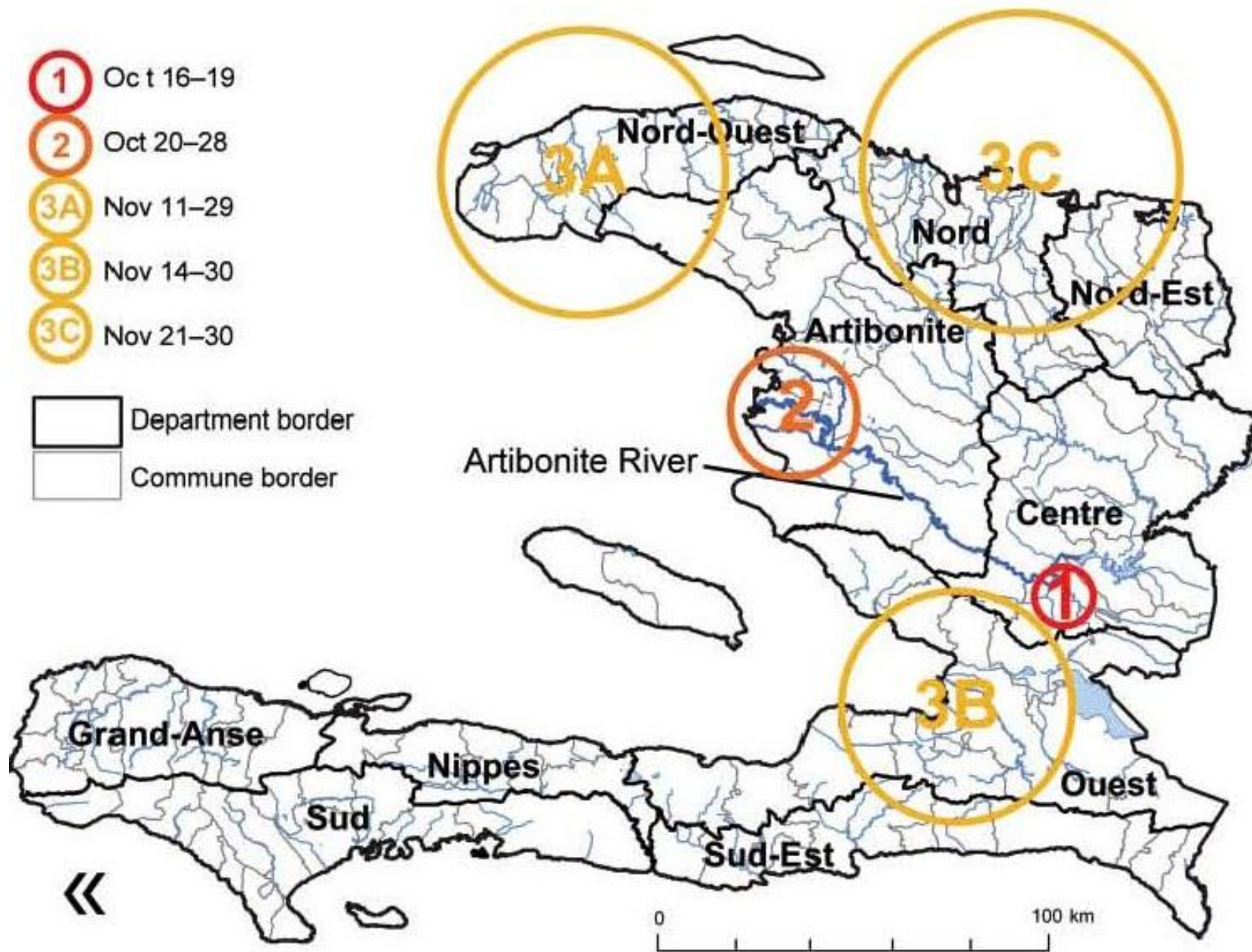
Haitian cholera



- > 300,000 cholera cases
- > 6,000 cholera deaths
- Nepalese UN peacekeepers implicated

Fig 1



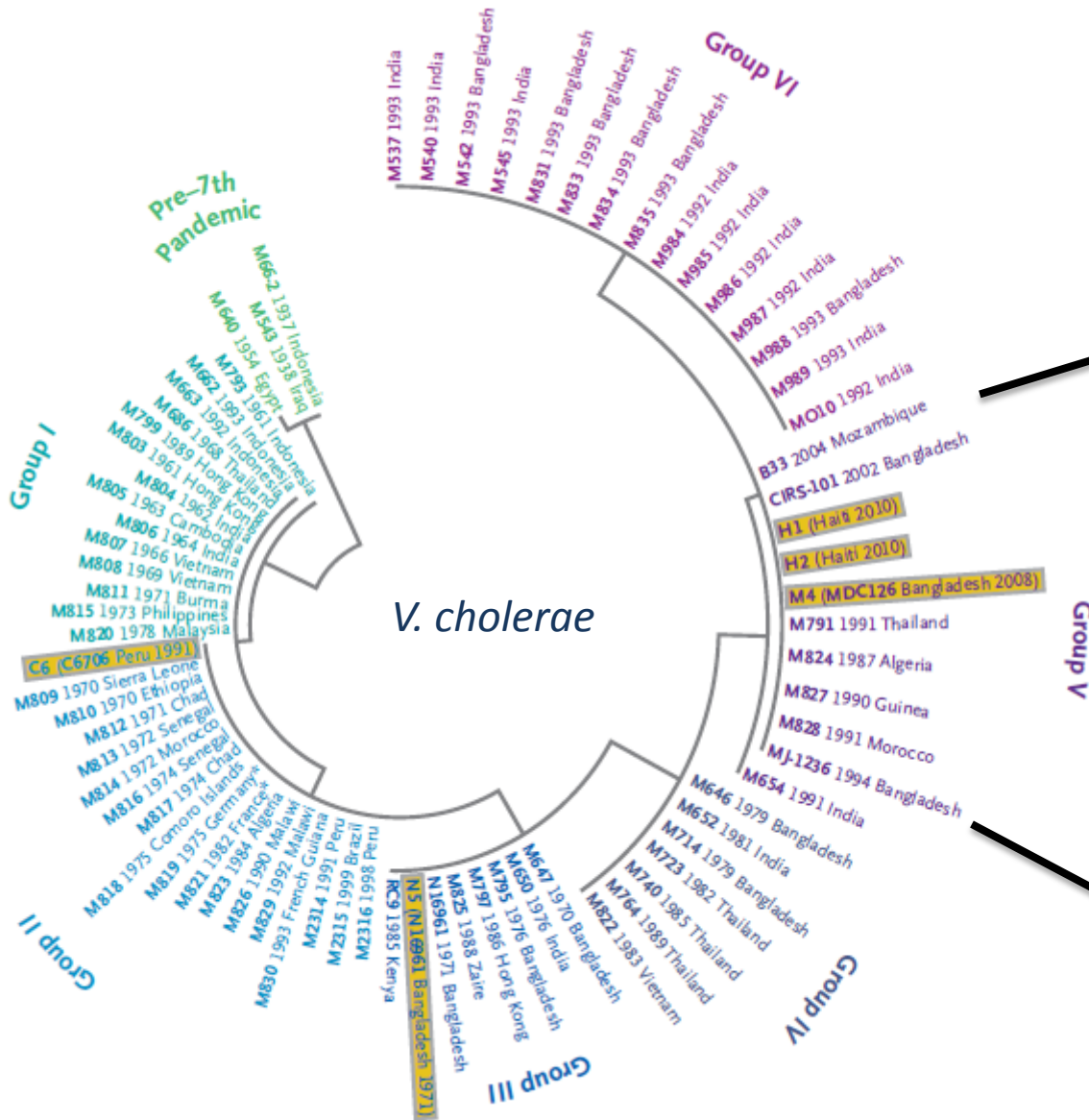


ORIGINAL ARTICLE

The Origin of the Haitian Cholera Outbreak Strain

Chen-Shan Chin, Ph.D., Jon Sorenson, Ph.D., Jason B. Harris, M.D.,
William P. Robins, Ph.D., Richelle C. Charles, M.D., Roger R. Jean-Charles, M.D.,
James Bullard, Ph.D., Dale R. Webster, Ph.D., Andrew Kasarskis, Ph.D.,
Paul Peluso, Ph.D., Ellen E. Paxinos, Ph.D., Yoshiharu Yamaichi, Ph.D.,
Stephen B. Calderwood, M.D., John J. Mekalanos, Ph.D., Eric E. Schadt, Ph.D.,
and Matthew K. Waldor, M.D., Ph.D.

SNP - Group V



- Mozambique
- Bangladesh
- Haiti*
- Haiti*
- Bangladesh*
- Thailand
- Algeria
- Guinea
- Morocco
- Bangladesh

Chin et al. 2011. [N Engl J Med.](#) 364:33-42

after

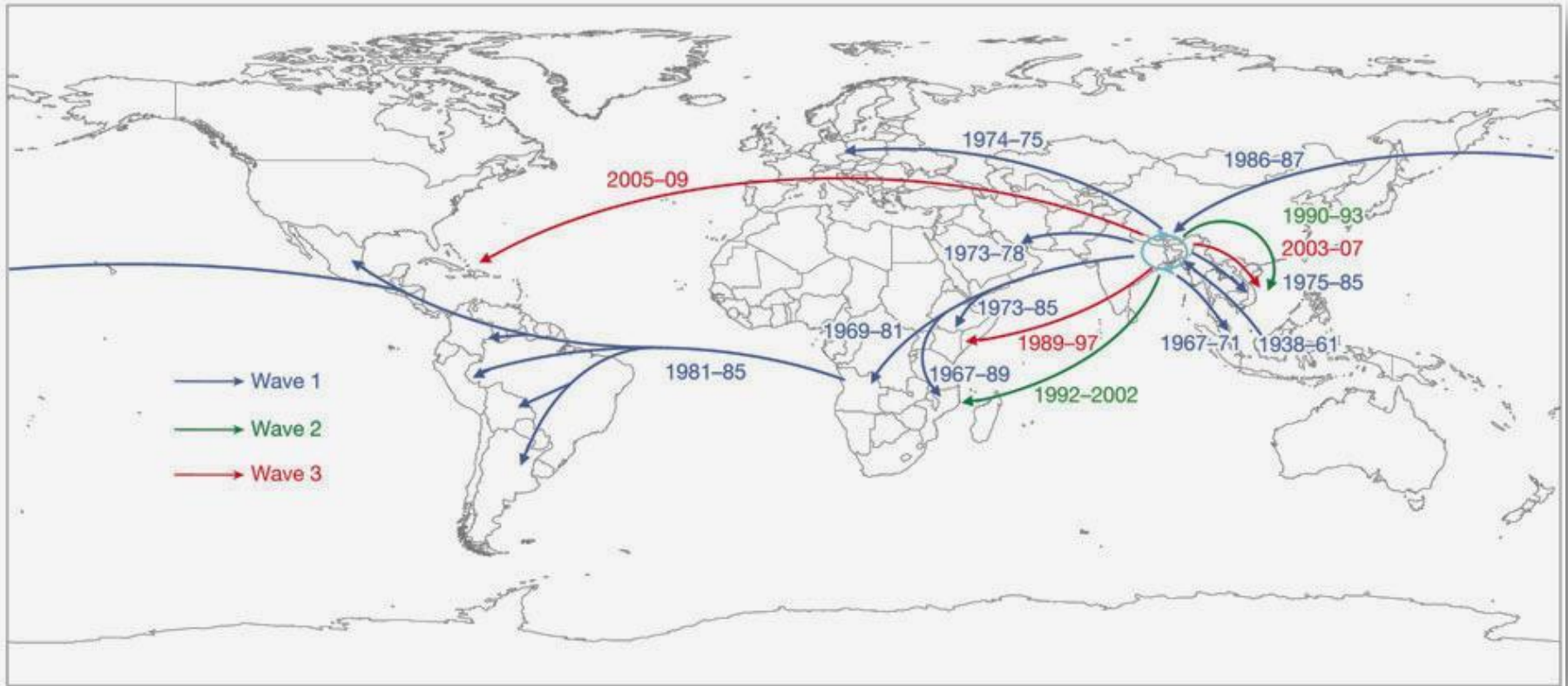
Lam et al. 2010. [EID](#) 16:1130-2

V. cholerae SNP Group V



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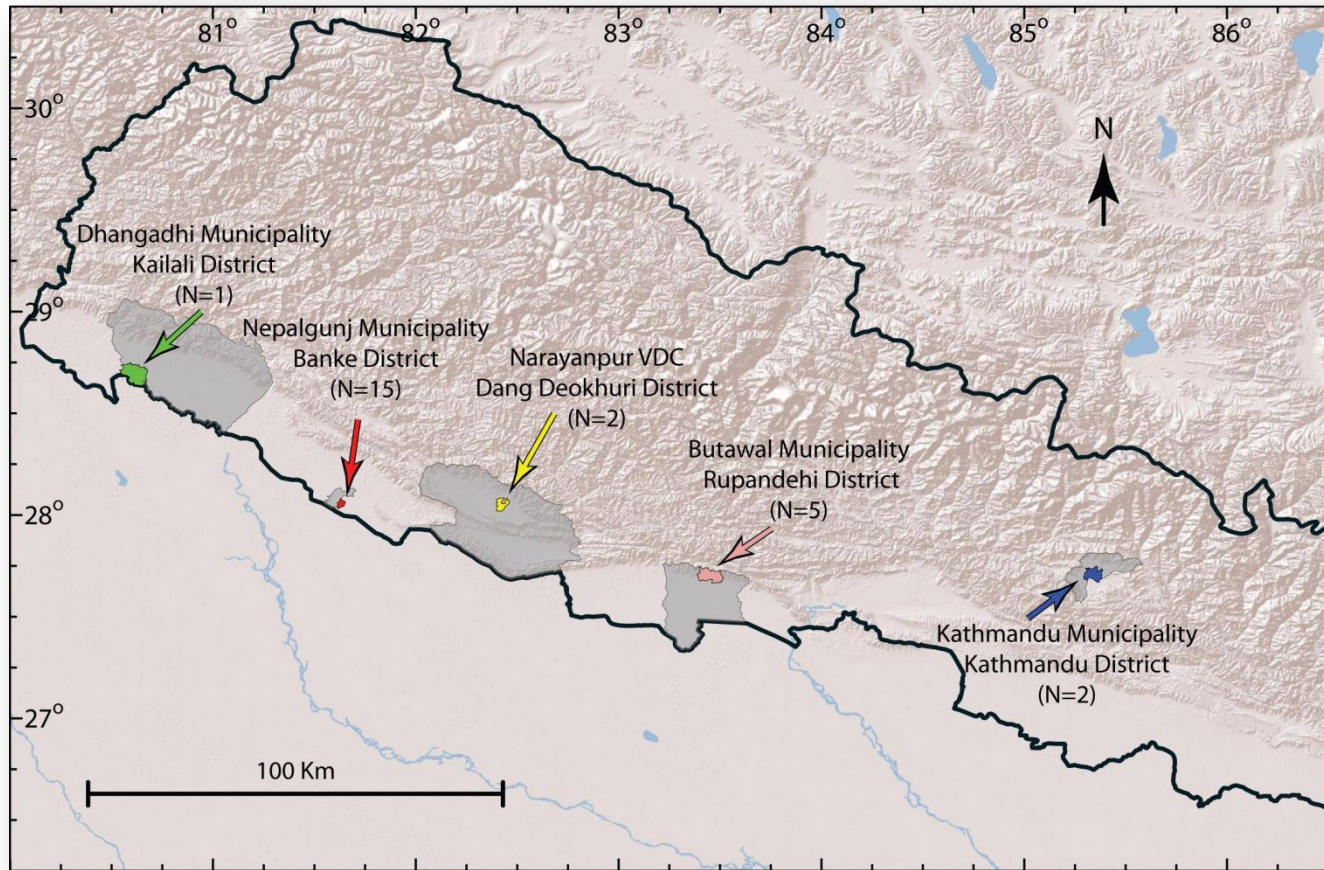
Transmission events inferred for the seventh-pandemic phylogenetic tree, drawn on a global map.



A Mutreja *et al.* *Nature* (2011) 477:462-5.

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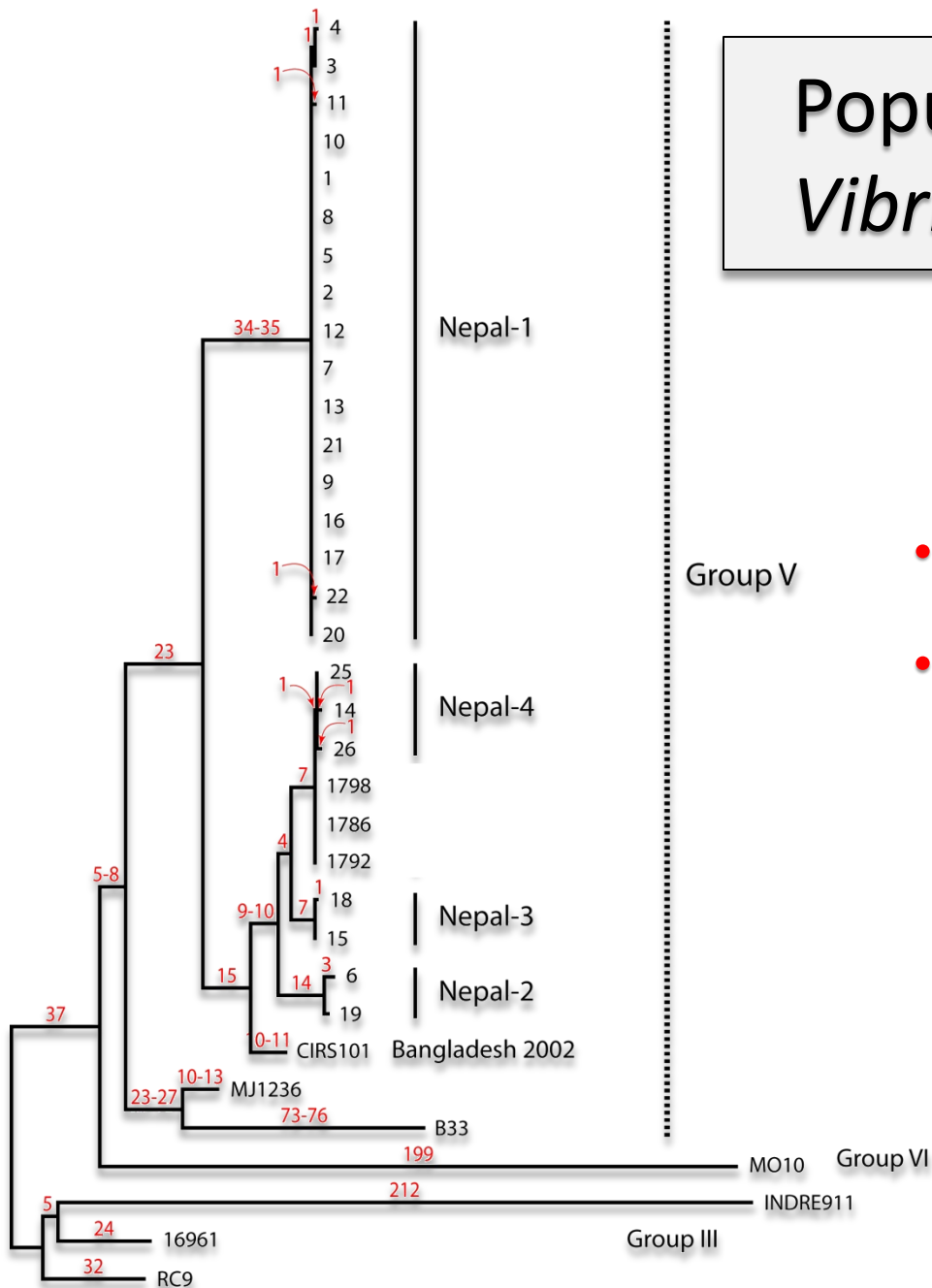
Cholera in Nepal



Rene S. Hendriksen, L. Price, P. Keim, Geeta Shakya, Frank M. Aarestrup, & others
mBio 2011

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TGen – Flagstaff, Arizona
National Public Health Laboratory, Katmandu, Nepal

Population Genetics of *Vibrio cholerae* in Nepal

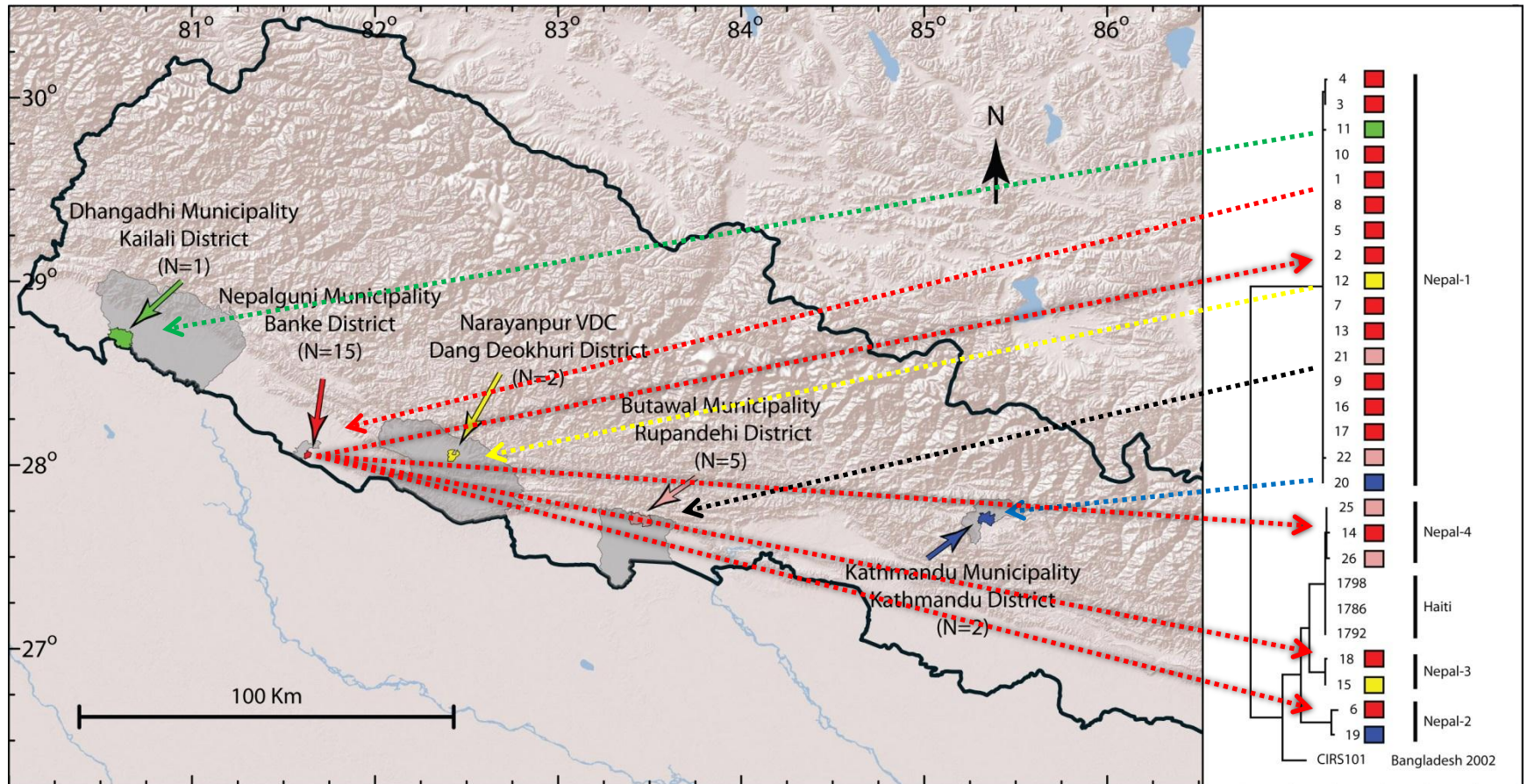


- 24 *V. cholerae* Genomes
- 2 major Nepalese Clades
 - Nepal-1 has low diversity

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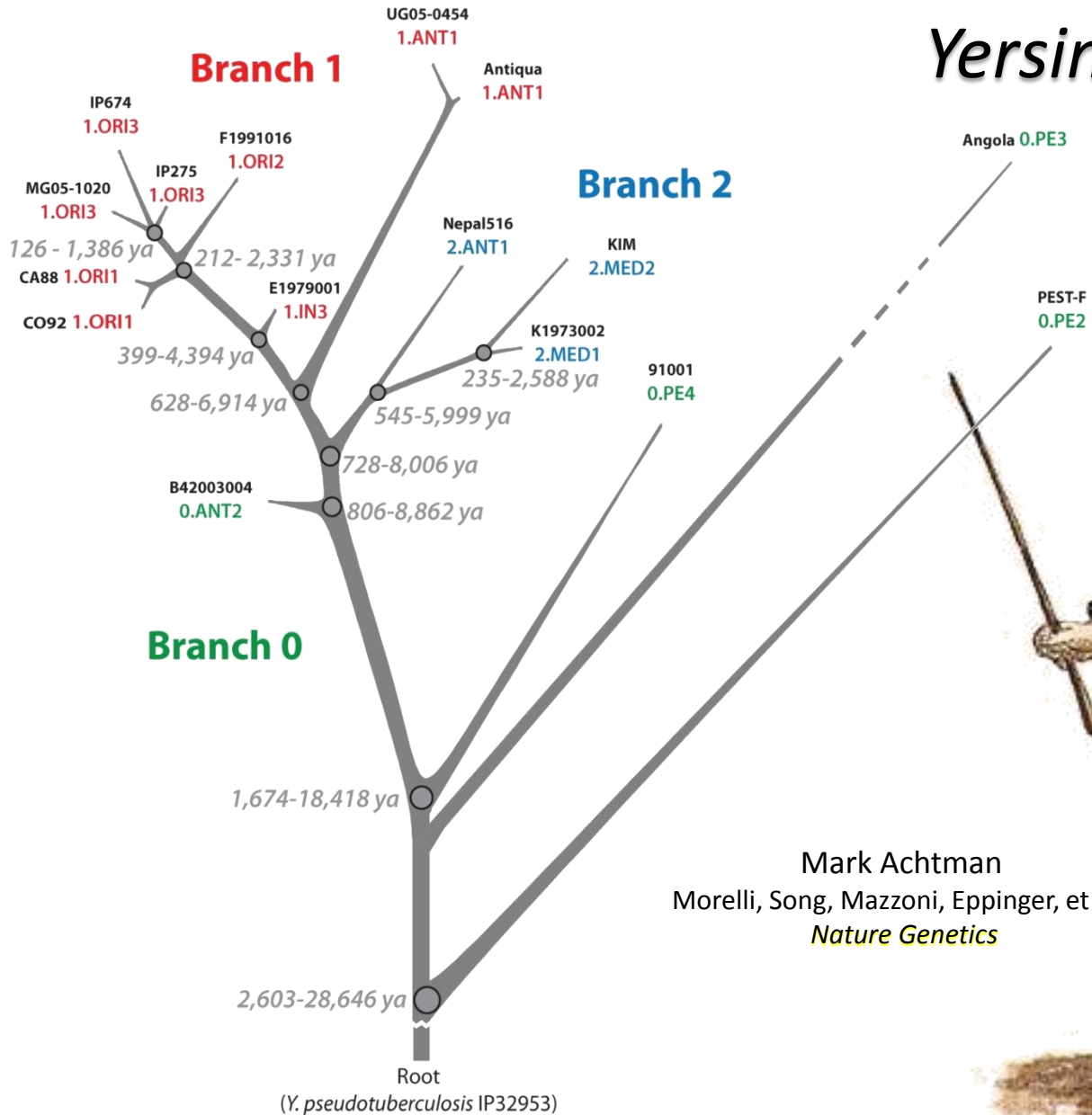
Phylogeography of Nepalese *V. cholerae*





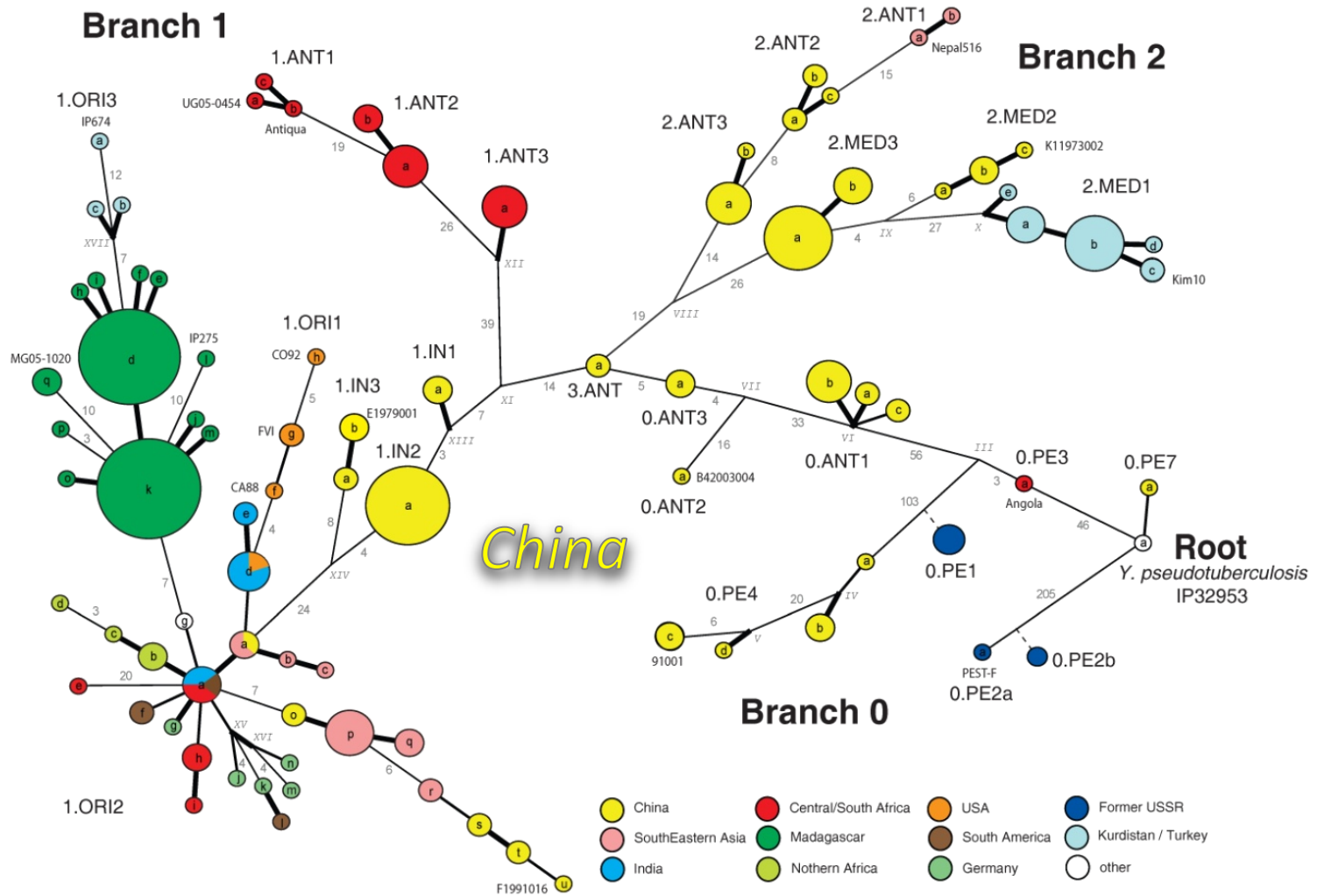
EPIDEMIOLOGY

Whole Genome Phylogeny of *Yersinia pestis*



Mark Achtman
 Morelli, Song, Mazzoni, Eppinger, et al.
Nature Genetics

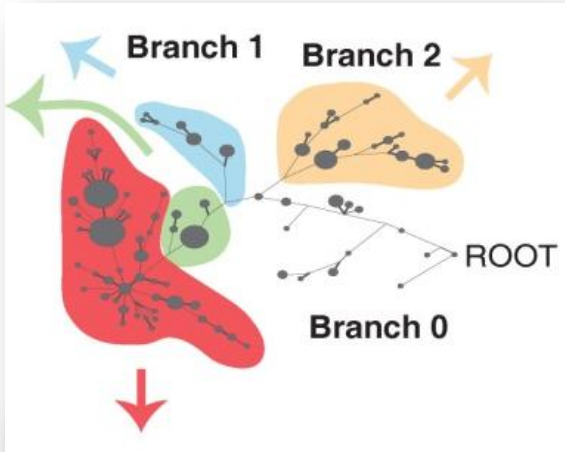
Global Population Genetic Structure



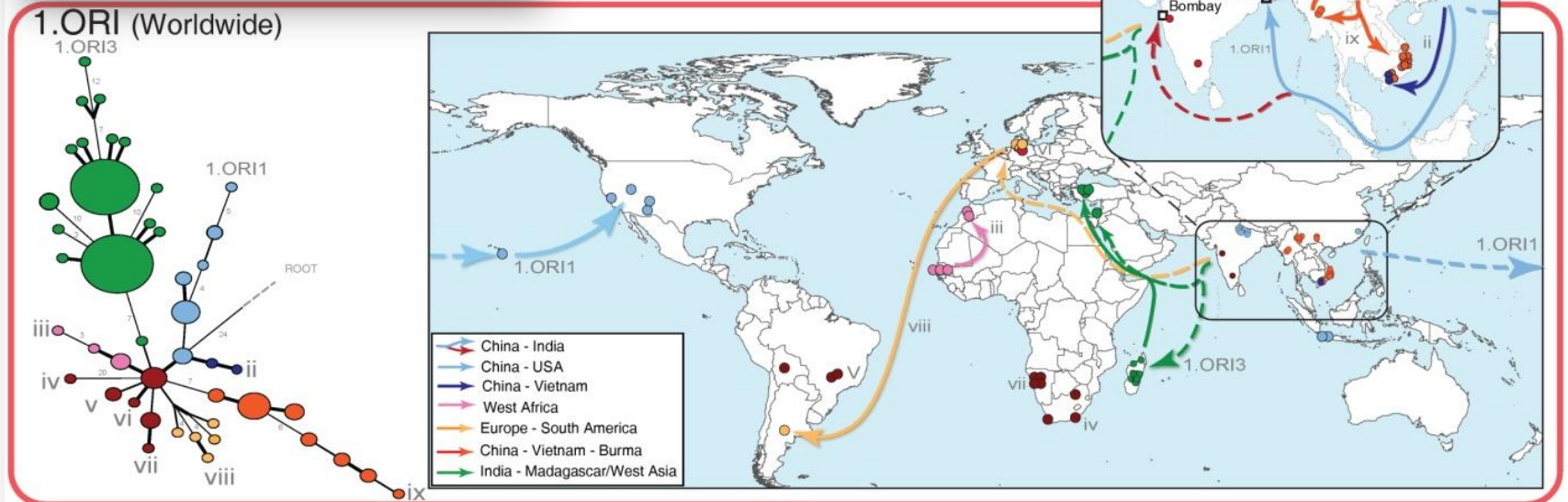
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Total = 933 SNPs
289 *Y. pestis* isolates

Branch 1.ORI – China to the World



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Case History: A University Scientist

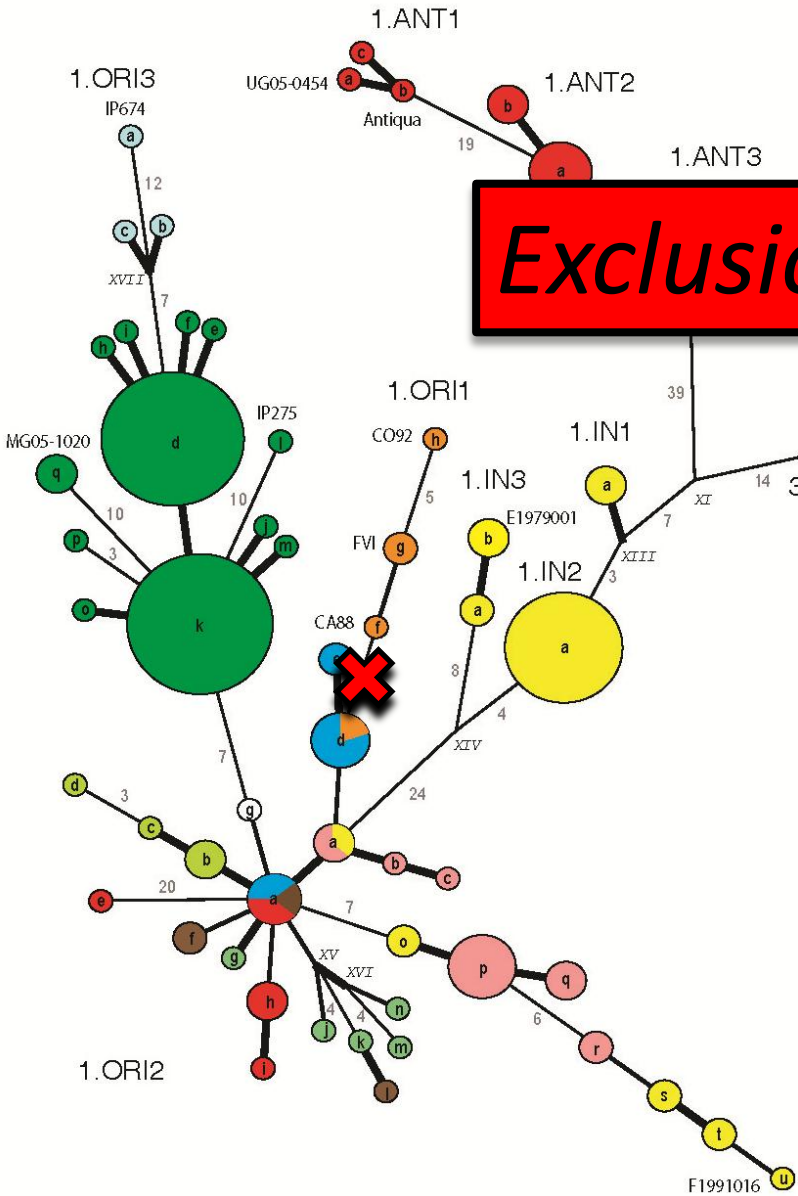
- 60 year old, diabetic male
- Dies 13 hours after presentation in the emergency room
- Worked in Infectious Disease Research – no virulent strains



Frank et al. In prep.

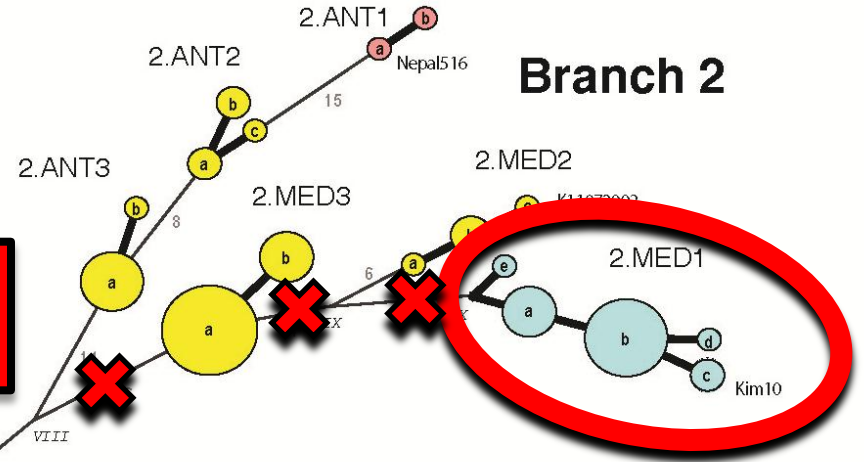
MMWR (2011) 60;201-205

Branch 1



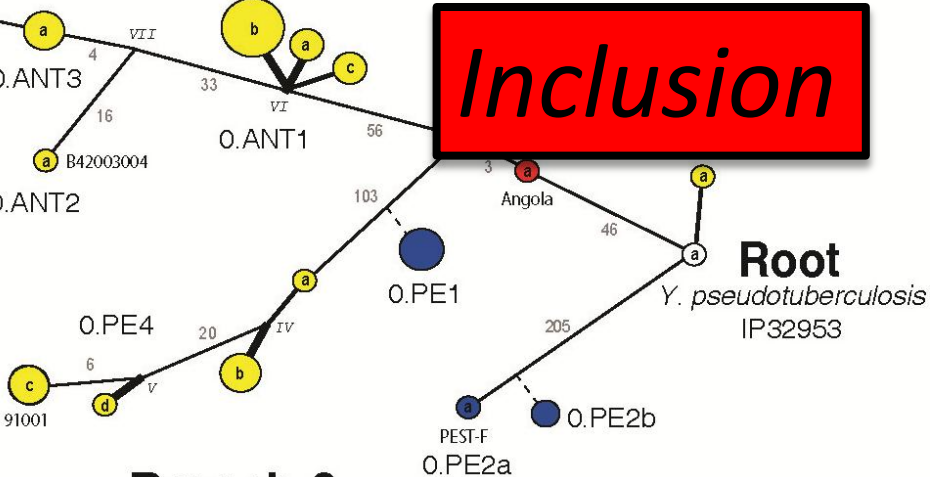
Exclusion

Branch 2



Inclusion

Branch 0

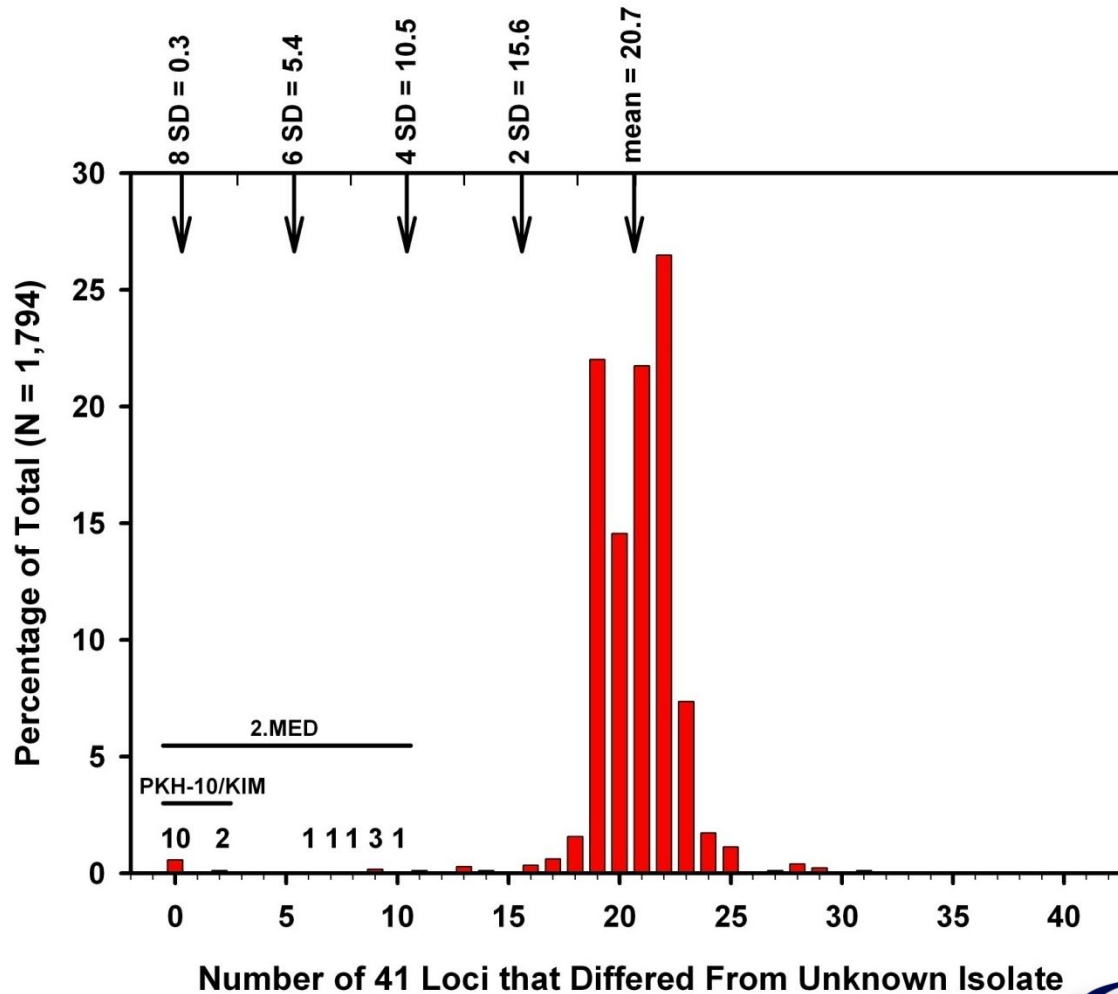


- China
- Central/South Africa
- USA
- Former USSR
- SouthEastern Asia
- Madagascar
- South America
- Kurdistan / Turkey
- India
- Nothern Africa
- Germany
- other

X = analyzed canSNP

Morelli et al. Nature Genetics 2010

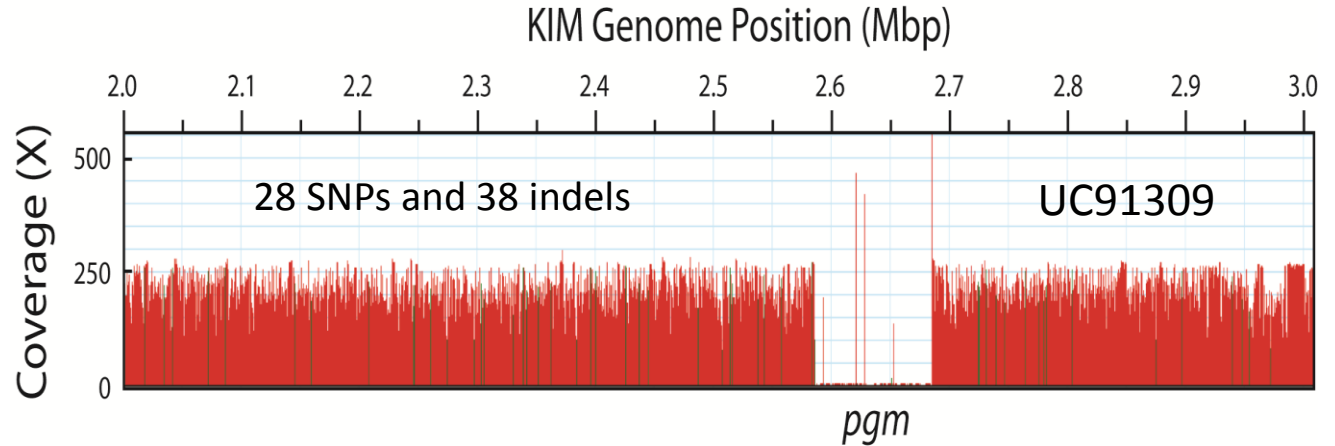
VNTR Database Match for Lab Acquired Plague Infection



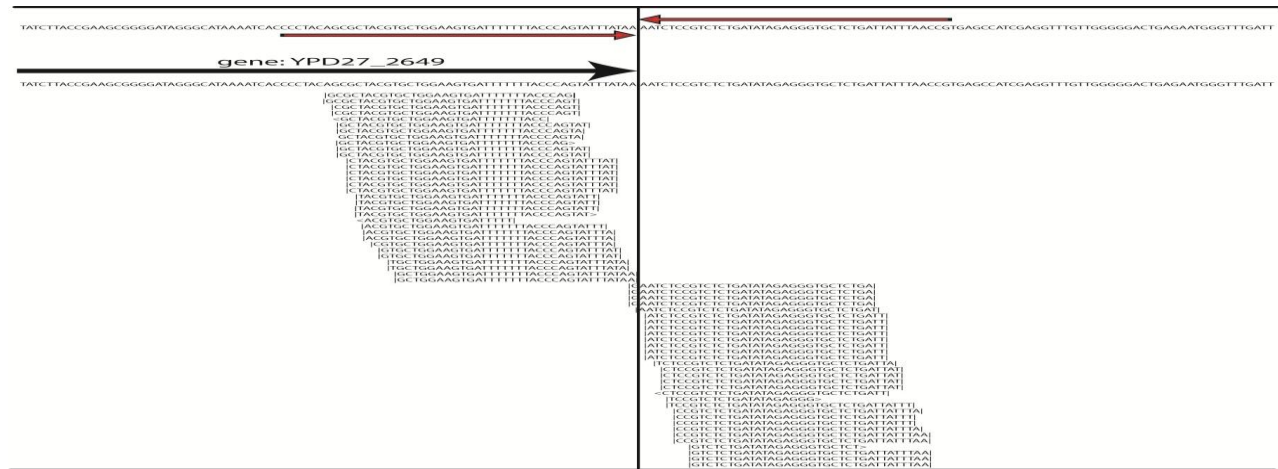
Wagner *et al.* Unpublished Data

Whole Genome Sequencing

A.
Attenuation
Defect
Unaltered



B.
Genetically
Engineered
Strain
(cam-R)





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Fox Nellis

Amy Vogler

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