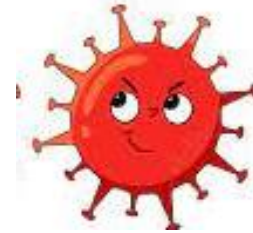
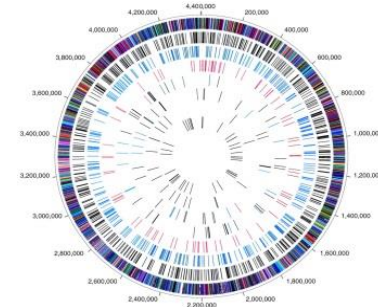
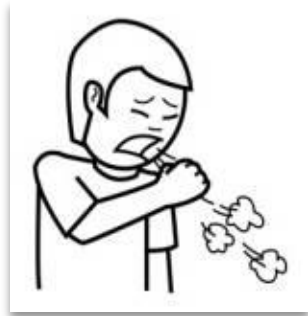


# Infection Control Strategies: Innovative strategies for infection control in hospitals.



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*Human - Centric Indoor Climate for Healthcare Facilities (HumanIC)  
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**Warsaw February 27th 2024**

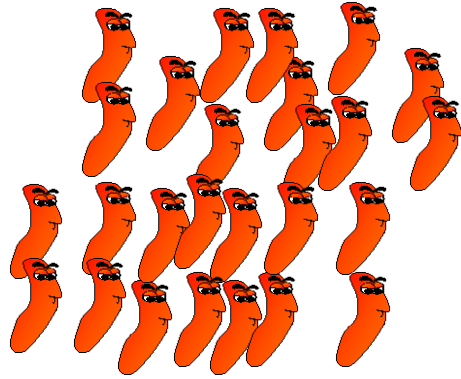


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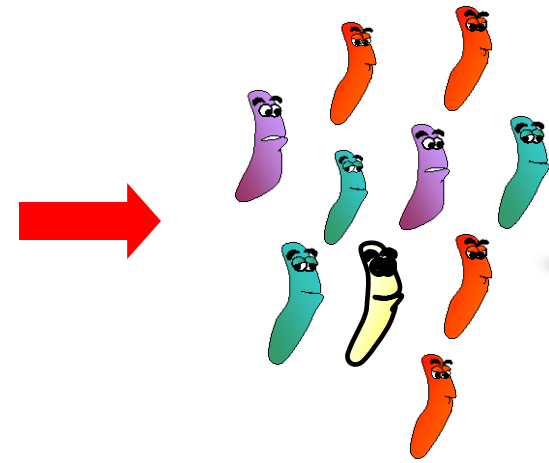
or

How to Use Genomic Epidemiology to understand transmission dynamics and orientate interventions

# Genomic epidemiology



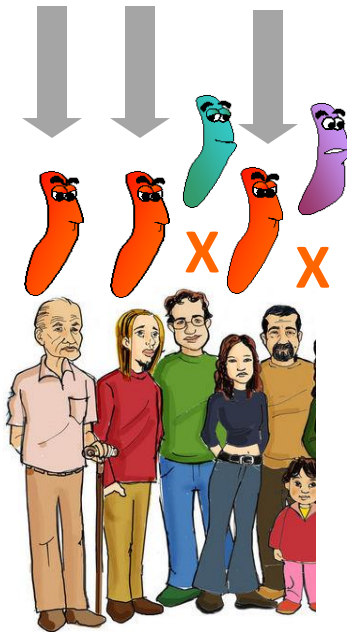
*Bacteria X (Pseudomonas aeruginosa)*



Different STRAINS



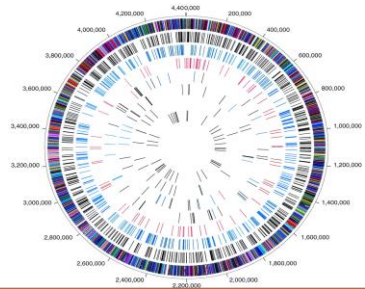
Transmission CLUSTER



Orphan cases



# Genomic epidemiology in TB



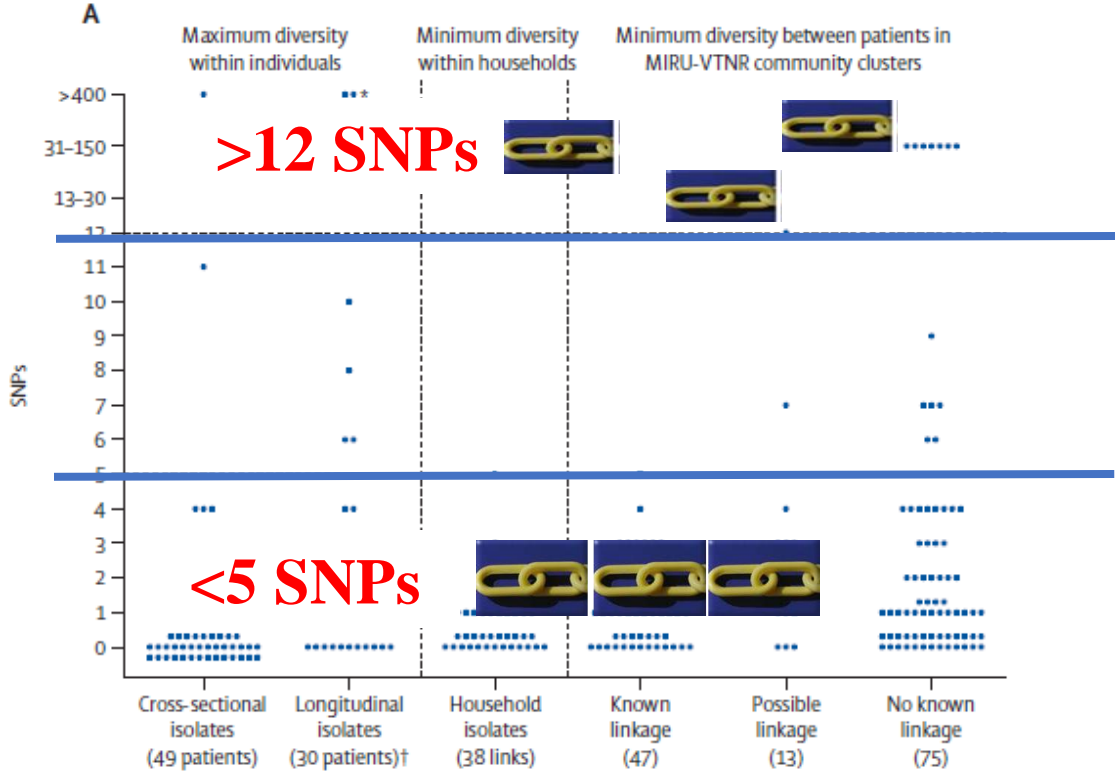
## Whole Genome Sequencing

## SNPs similarity thresholds to define clusters

Lancet ID, Nov 2012

### Whole-genome sequencing to delineate *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* outbreaks: a retrospective observational study

Timothy M Walker\*, Camilla L C Ip\*, Ruth H Harrell\*, Jason T Evans, Georgia Kapatai, Martin J Dedicat, David W Eyre, Daniel J Wilson, Peter M Hawkey, Derrick W Crook, Julian Parkhill, David Harris, A Sarah Walker, Rory Bowden, Philip Monk†, E Grace Smith†, Tim E A Peto†



Different SNP thresholds for different bacteria

# Genomic Epidemiology

HOSPITAL OUTBREAK **ALERT**

Higher number of cases  
than expected

**1**

**Quantitative Genomic  
analysis**

NO  
CLUSTER

Number  
of SNPs

CLUSTER

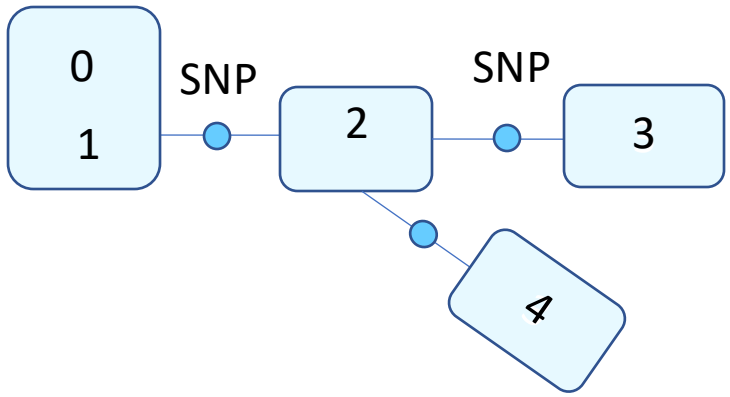
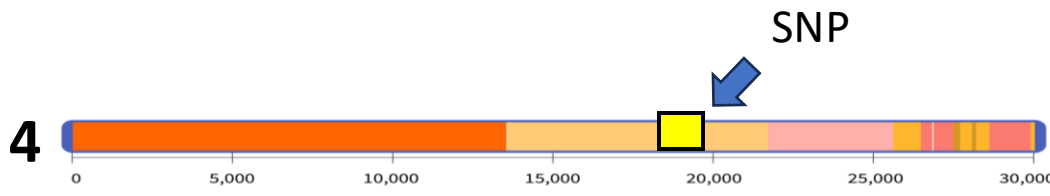
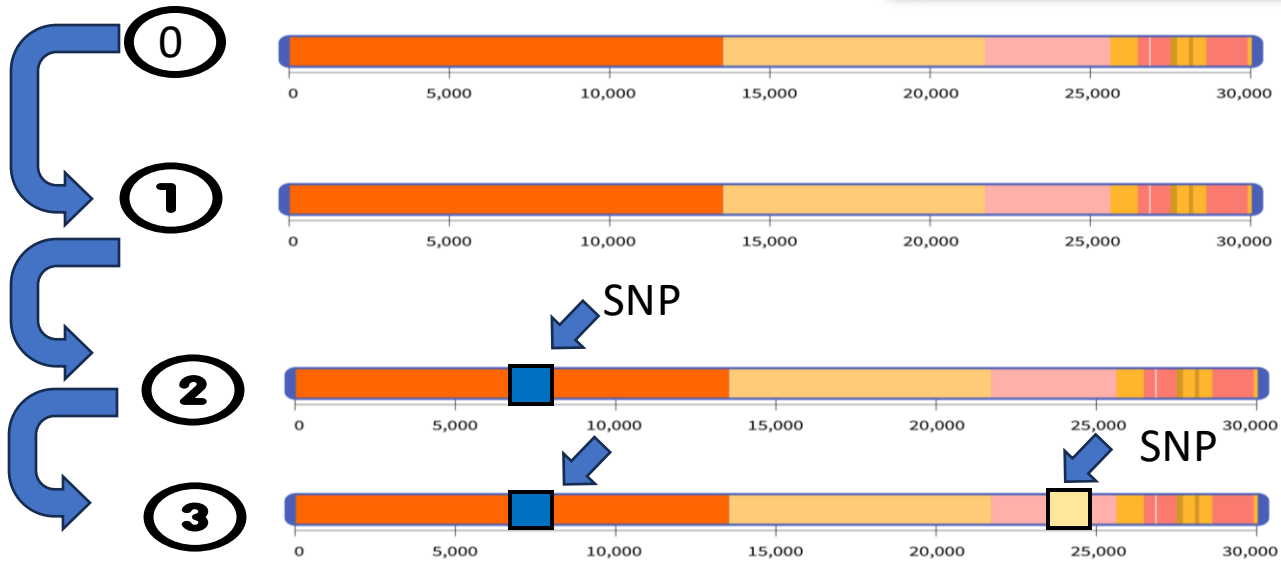
**2**

**Qualitative/Evolutionary  
Genomic analysis**



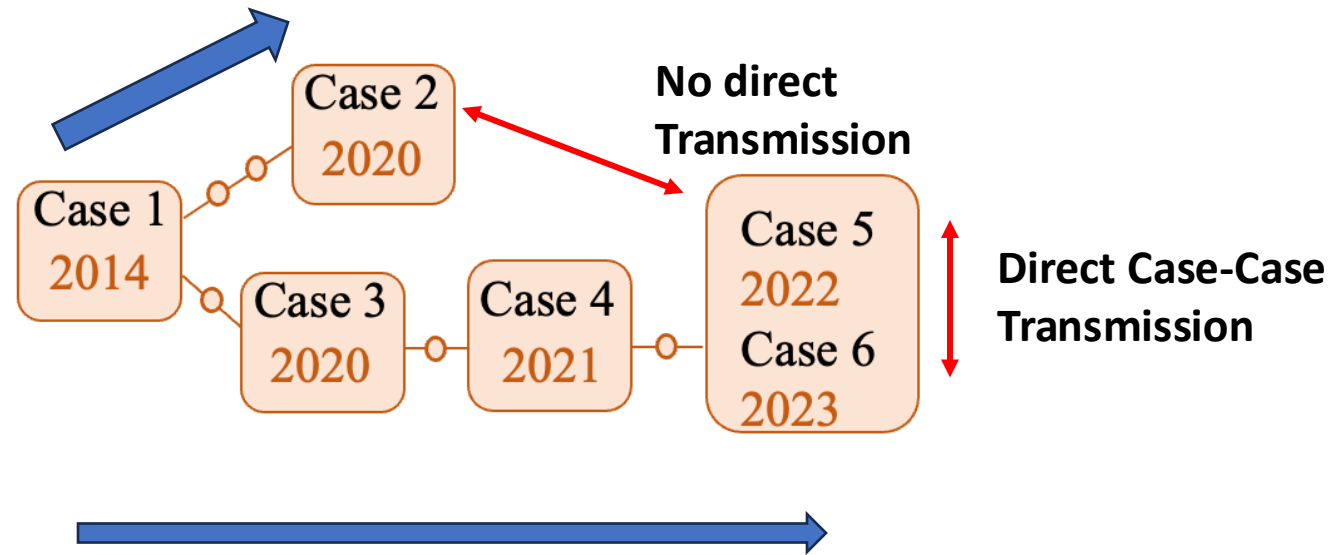
# Qualitative evolutionary analysis

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## Evolutionary analysis

Analysis of the  
**distribution** of SNPs





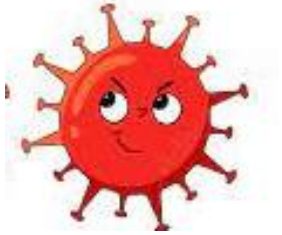
## Genomic epidemiology

### **1. *Mycobacterium tuberculosis***

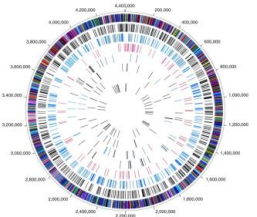
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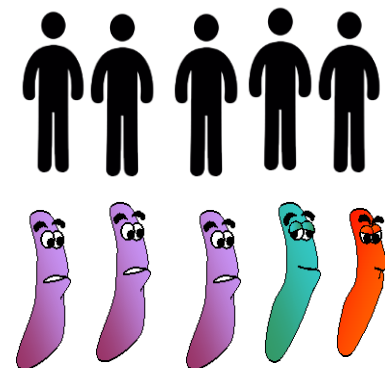
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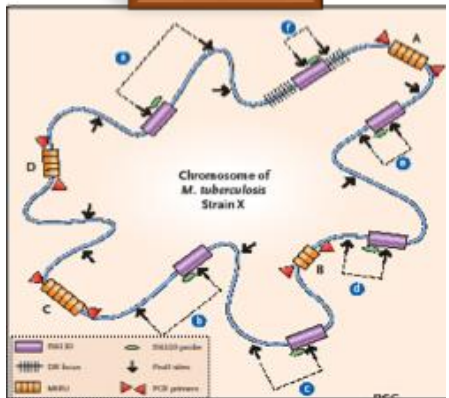
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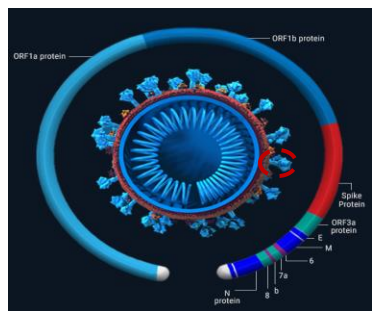
*Mycobacterium tuberculosis*



4.4 Mb



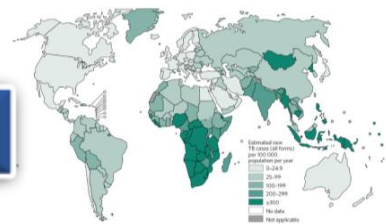
SARS-CoV-2



30Kb

Populational

Global



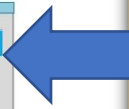
Local



Hospital

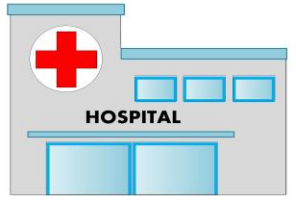


Hospital (Nosocomial) transmission





Hospital



### Control of Hospital Transmission



Outbreaks identification  
Nosocomial cases  
HCWs infected

Sequencing

Sequencing

Lunes	Martes	Miércoles	Jueves	Viernes	Sábado	Domingo
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Analysis of Results

All-parts discussion

# Genomic confirmation of suspected outbreaks

RULE-IN Cases

0 SNPs

10 patients  
7 HCWs

- |              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Case 1 (14)  | Case 15 (HCW)(17) |
| Case 2 (17)  | Case 16 (HCW)(18) |
| Case 3 (18)  | Case 17 (HCW)(18) |
| Case 4 (18)  | Case 19 (HCW)(19) |
| Case 7 (24)  | Case 20 (HCW)(19) |
| Case 9 (27)  | Case 21 (HCW)(19) |
| Case 10 (30) | Case 22 (HCW)(19) |
| Case 11 (27) |                   |
| Case 12 (28) |                   |
| Case 13 (28) |                   |

Case 5 (24)

Case 6 (19)  
Case 14 (s) (17)

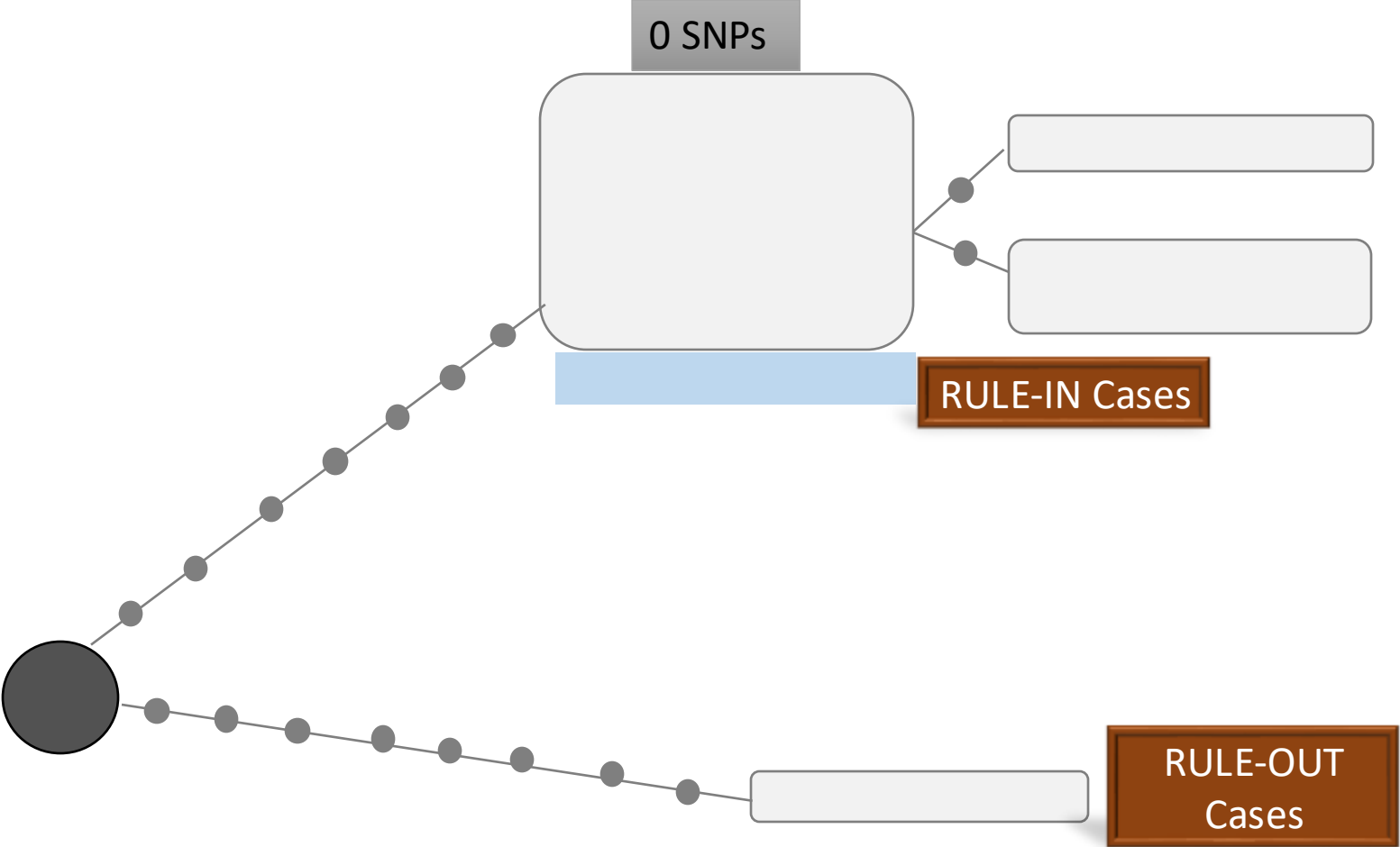
Case 23 (s) (19)

Case 18 (s) (25)

RULE-OUT  
Cases

Major nosocomial outbreaks

# Monitoring outbreaks after implementing control measures



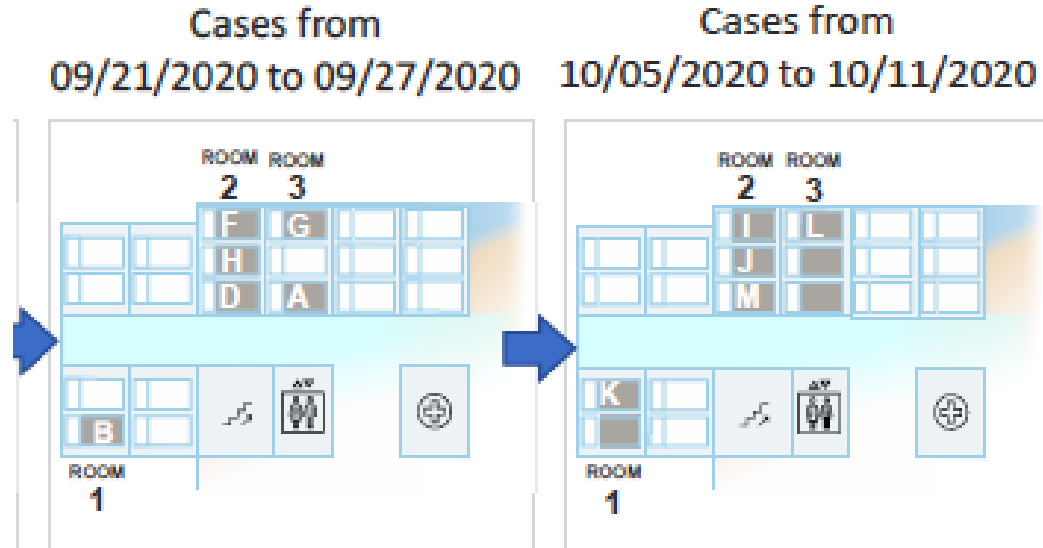
## Chracterization of complex outbreaks

### Suspected outbreak

#### Department A

12 patients

1 HCW





# Characterization of complex outbreaks

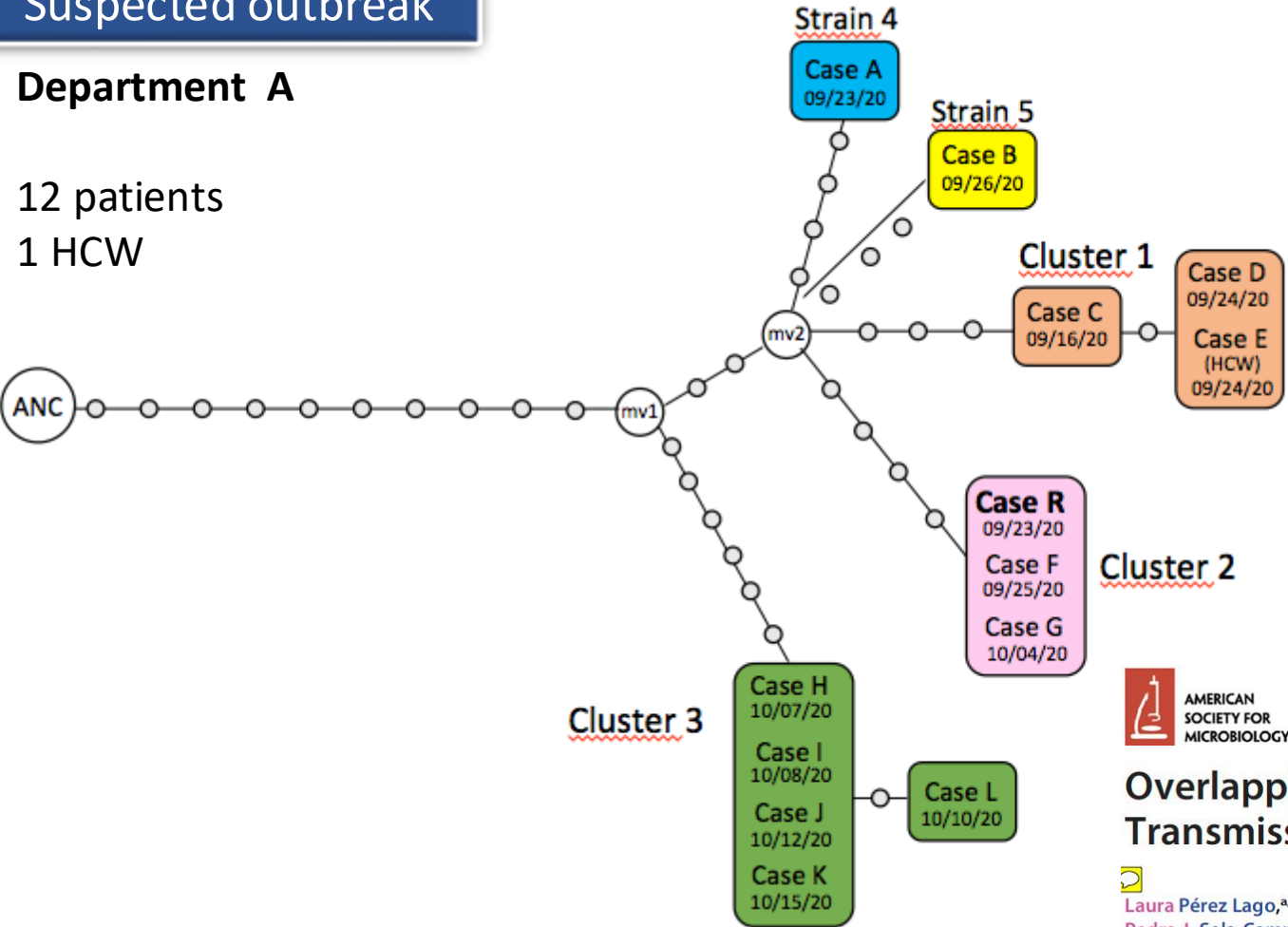
## Suspected outbreak

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Independent introductions

Overlapping outbreaks



## Overlapping of Independent SARS-CoV-2 Nosocomial Transmissions in a Complex Outbreak

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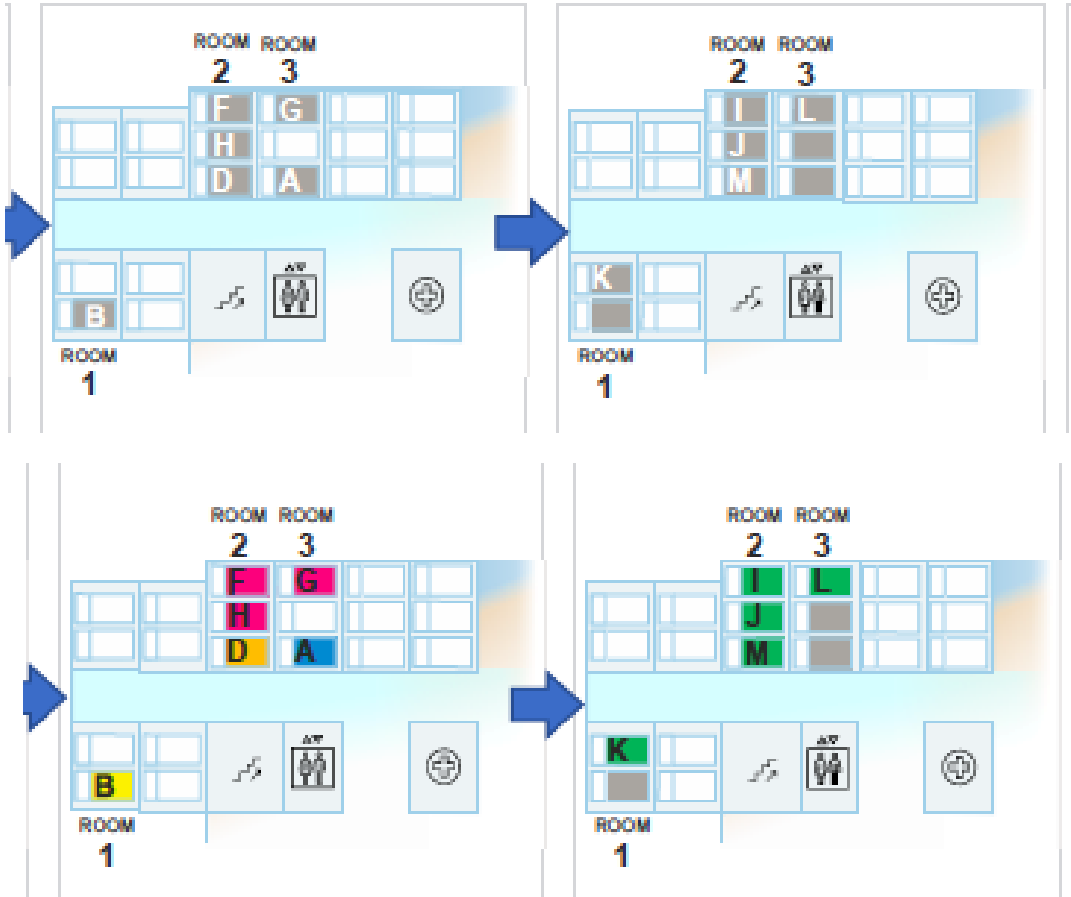
# Chracterization of complex outbreaks

## Suspected outbreak

Department A

12 patients  
1 HCW

Cases from 09/21/2020 to 09/27/2020      Cases from 10/05/2020 to 10/11/2020



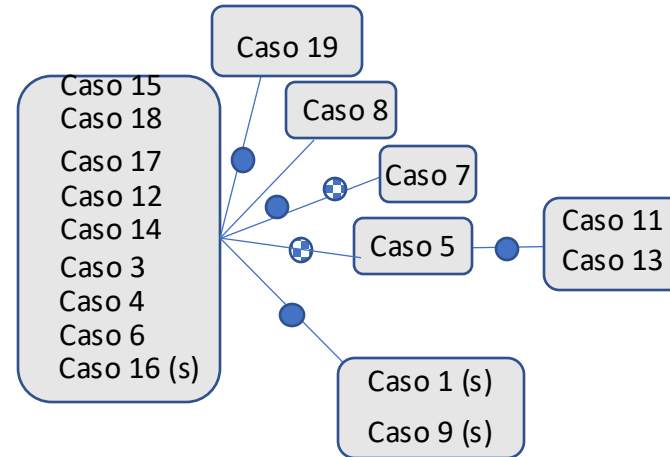
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Firstly: Genomic analysis  
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Compare all sequences  
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**Department 1**



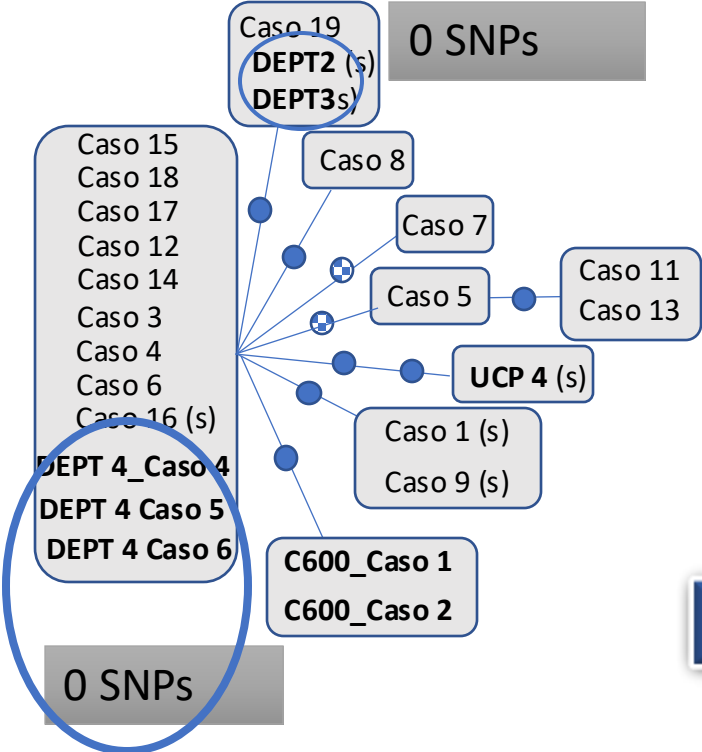
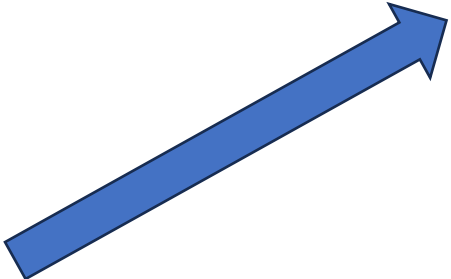
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Multidepartment transversal outbreak

Transversal links

- Outbreak Department 1
- Cases Department 2
- Cases Department 3
- Cases department 4

# Multidepartment transversal outbreaks

0 SNPs

, 09/11/21) 4106

, 10/11/21) 4106, 4109

, 10/11/21) 4108

, 10/11/21) 4105

1, 12/11/21) (S)

, 15/11/21) R1 RADIODIAGNOSTICO

, 15/11/21) R4 RADIODIAGNOSTICO

, 15/11/21) R2 RADIODIAGNOSTICO

09, 16/11/21) TER-RX

, 16/11/21) TER RX

, 16/11/21) TER RX

, 16/11/21) CELADOR RX.

, 17/11/21) CELADOR RX

, 23/11/21) 5400 cama 5302

, 23/11/21) 5400 cama 5417

, 22/11/21) 5400 cama 5433

, 23/11/21) A – 4427

Infectious  
diseases

, 17/11/21) BROTE RAYOS

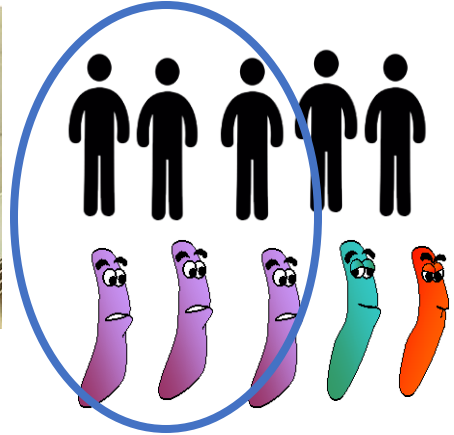
, 18/11/21) (S)

Residents

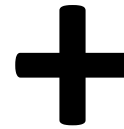
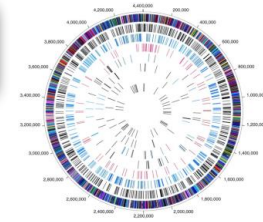
Radiology

Technicians

Cardiology



Genomic epidemiology



Epidemiological data

# Multidepartment transversal outbreaks

# Multinstitutional transversal outbreaks

20/10/21) Estudiante DUE/(S)

**Hospital Ward X**

, 20/10/21) (S)

NOSOCOMIAL 4218  
, 19/10/21) NOSOCOMIAL 4217

BROTE AMAVIR

21440613 (MCAM, 1720438,  
22/10/21) BROTE AMAVIR

**Elderly residence 1**

GRESADO

, 06/10/21) Nosocomial. 6100.  
, 08/10/21) Nosocomial Sta Cristina.

, 10/10/21) CAM/(S)

**Elderly residence 2**

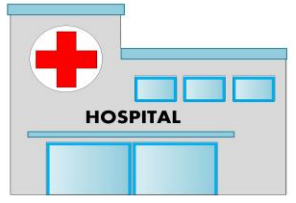
, 13/10/21) (S)

) NOSOCOMIAL 3300  
  
, 29/10/21) PROFESIONAL 3300 (S)  
, 2/11/21) PROFESIONAL 3300 (S)  
, 3/11/21) COMUNITARIO  
, 2/11/21) NOSOCOMIAL/EN CASA  
, 4/11/21) COMUNITARIO  
, 5/11/21) COMUNITARIO  
  
**, 10/11/21) INGRESADO**

NOSOCOMIAL 3300

**COINCIDENCE in  
EMERGENCY DEPT  
BEFORE DECIDING  
WHERE THEY WILL BE  
HOSPITALIZED**

Hospital



### Control of Nosocomial Transmission

Microbiology and Infectious Diseases

Preventive Health

Laboral Risks

Genomic Research

Direction

Precise knowledge of nosocomial dynamics



Tailored interventions

Visitors control

HCWs active screening

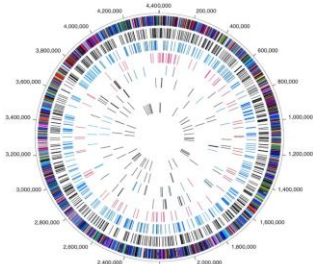
Reduction of intra-hospital mobility

New Multidisciplinary working dynamic sharing a new genomic language



# Genomic surveillance Circuit at a Hospital

(Not a research Centre)  
And within the pandemic



**Response Time**

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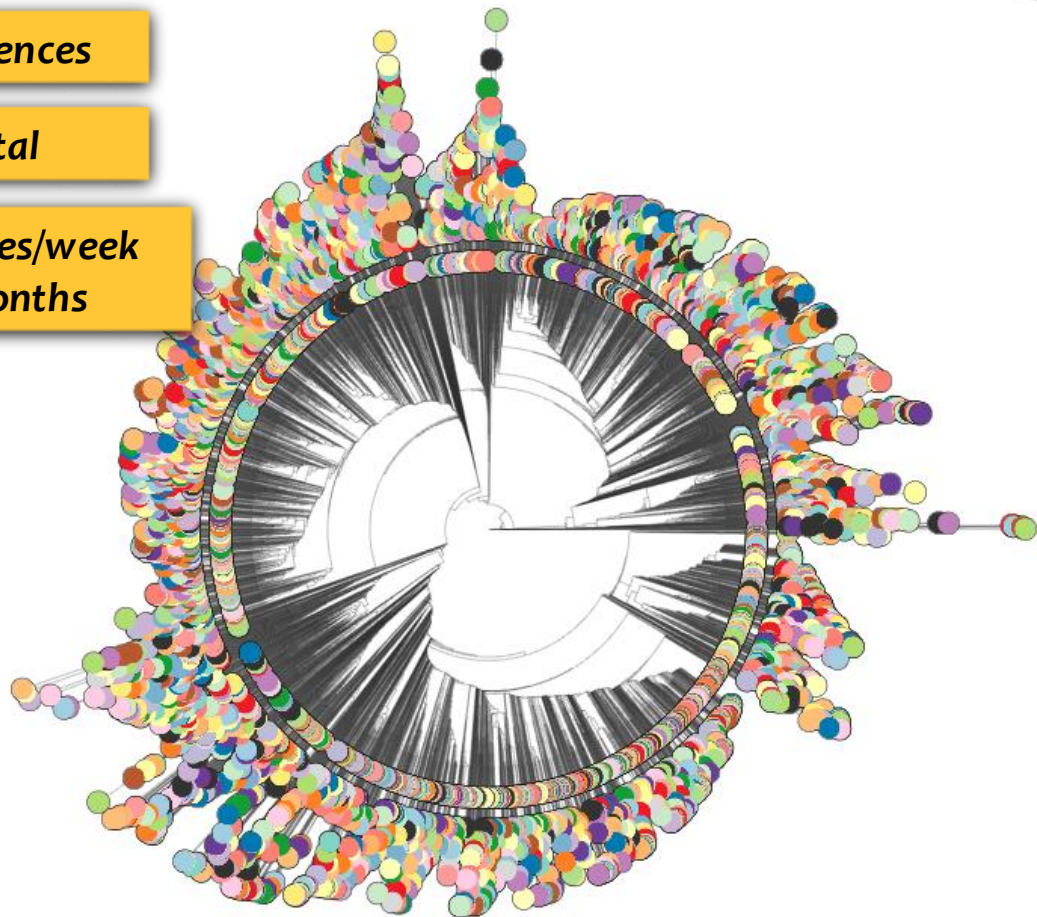
Prolonged  
quarrantaine

Emphasized Contact  
tracing

6074 sequences

15% total

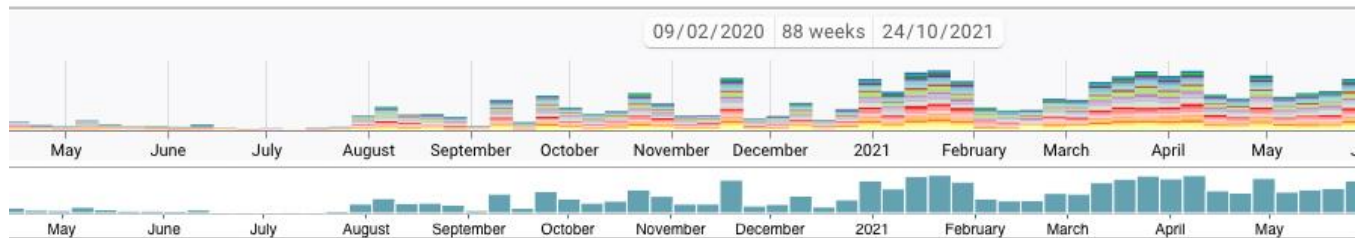
75-100% cases/week  
last 5 months



Illumina sequencing

96-120 sequences/week

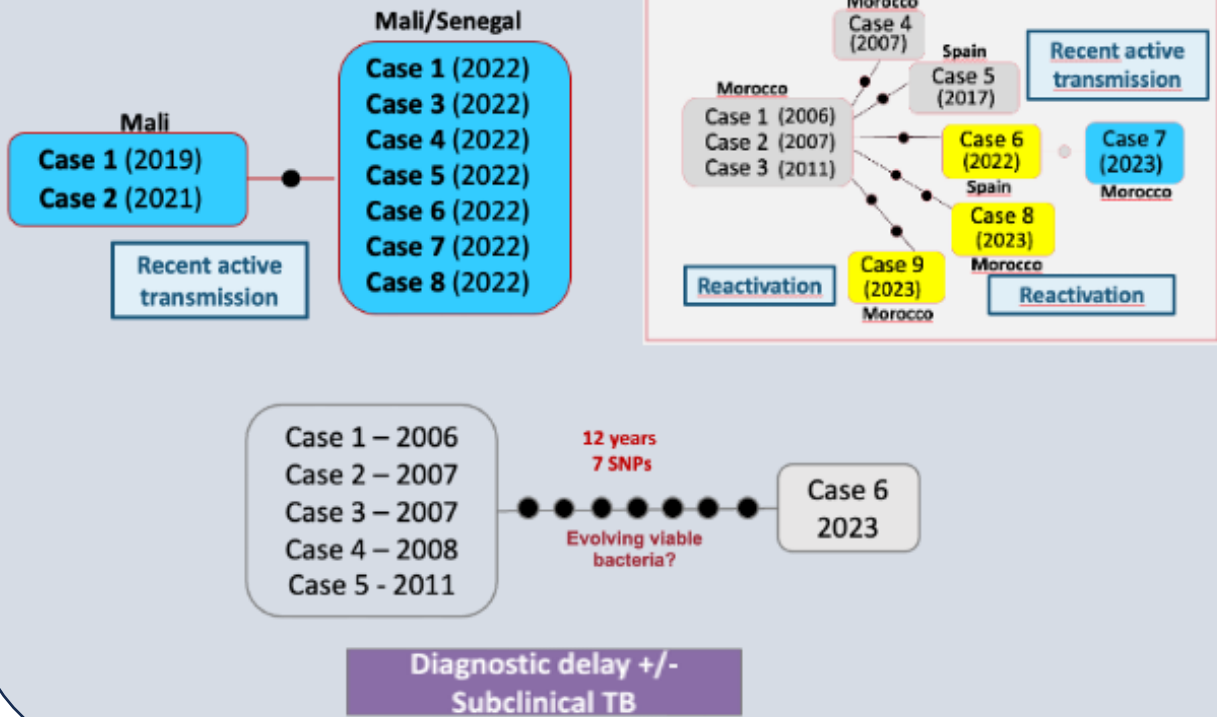
MiSeq/NextSeq



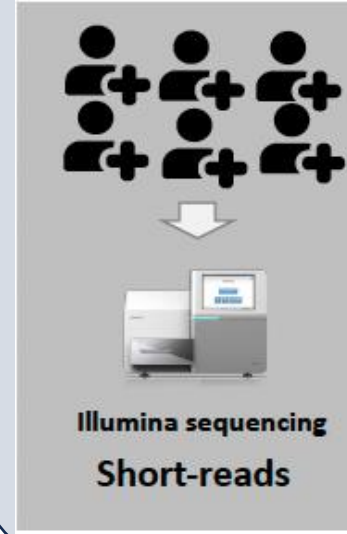
# Valuable information: Faster analysis

## Evolutionary analysis

Analysis of the distribution of SNPs



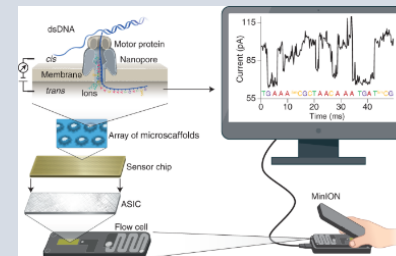
Illumina sequencing



-Pooled in the same run  
-Subcultured isolates

Delayed results

Nanopore sequencing

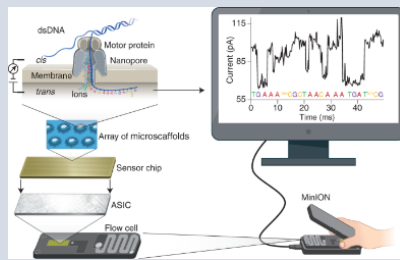


Real-time analysis

Speed  
Flexibility

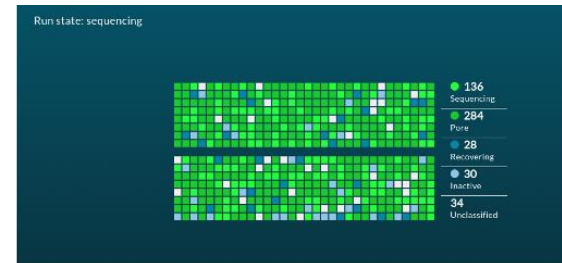
# Genomic surveillance Circuit from a Hospital

Nanopore sequencing



Real-time analysis

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Flexibility



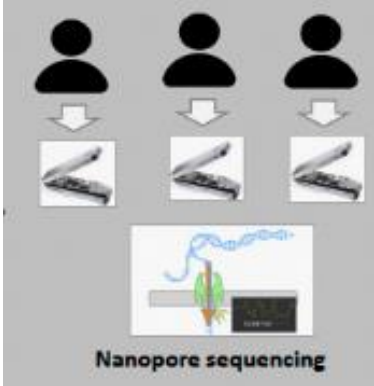
Minion Sequencing

1-16 sequences/run

**Illumina sequencing**

-Pooled in the same run  
-Subcultured isolates

**Nanopore sequencing**



One incident case, immediate analysis



**Speed Flexibility**

March-July

2023

Isolate	Flow-cell usages
1	A
2	B
3	C
4	C
5	C
6	C
7	C
8	C
9	C
10	C
11	D
12	D
13	D
14	D
15	E
16	F
17	E
18	F
19	E
20	F
21	E
22	F
23	G

Mean coverage	% Genome coverage >20X	Run time	
80,88	96,49	1h 13min	Orphan
48,51	94,6	24h 48min	Clustered
91	95,91	1h 50min	Orphan
50,33	93,02	1h 50min	Orphan
48,47	94,05	4h 4 min	Orphan
36,02	92,18	2h 37 min	Orphan
76,68	96,63	1h 13 min	Orphan
72,73	95,64		Clustered
81,94	96,29		Orphan
54,91	95,01		Orphan
70,91	95,59	51 min	Orphan
86,82	96,53	1h 23 min	Clustered
59,68	95,42	2h 49 min	Orphan
72,36	95,84	1h 35 min	Clustered
76,84	94,69	1h 11min	Clustered
74,74	96,49	2h 28 min	Orphan
75,32	95,99	3h 11min	Clustered
87,58	96,46	3h 58min	Orphan
78,72	97,27	1h 24 min	Clustered
72,59	96,76	1h 29 min	Clustered
73,42	97,34	3h 4min	Clustered
73,65	97,46	2h 24min	Orphan
68,24	96,1	2h 18min	Orphan

50% < 2 hours

## Genomic epidemiology

1. *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

2. SARS-CoV-2

3. Nosocomial transmission

Vulnerable patients  
MDR bacteria

*Klebsiella michiganensis* VIM Padiatric Oncology

*Pseudomonas aeruginosa* XDR ICU

*Serratia* UCCQ

*Pseudomonas* UCCQ

*Serratia* UCI Neonatology

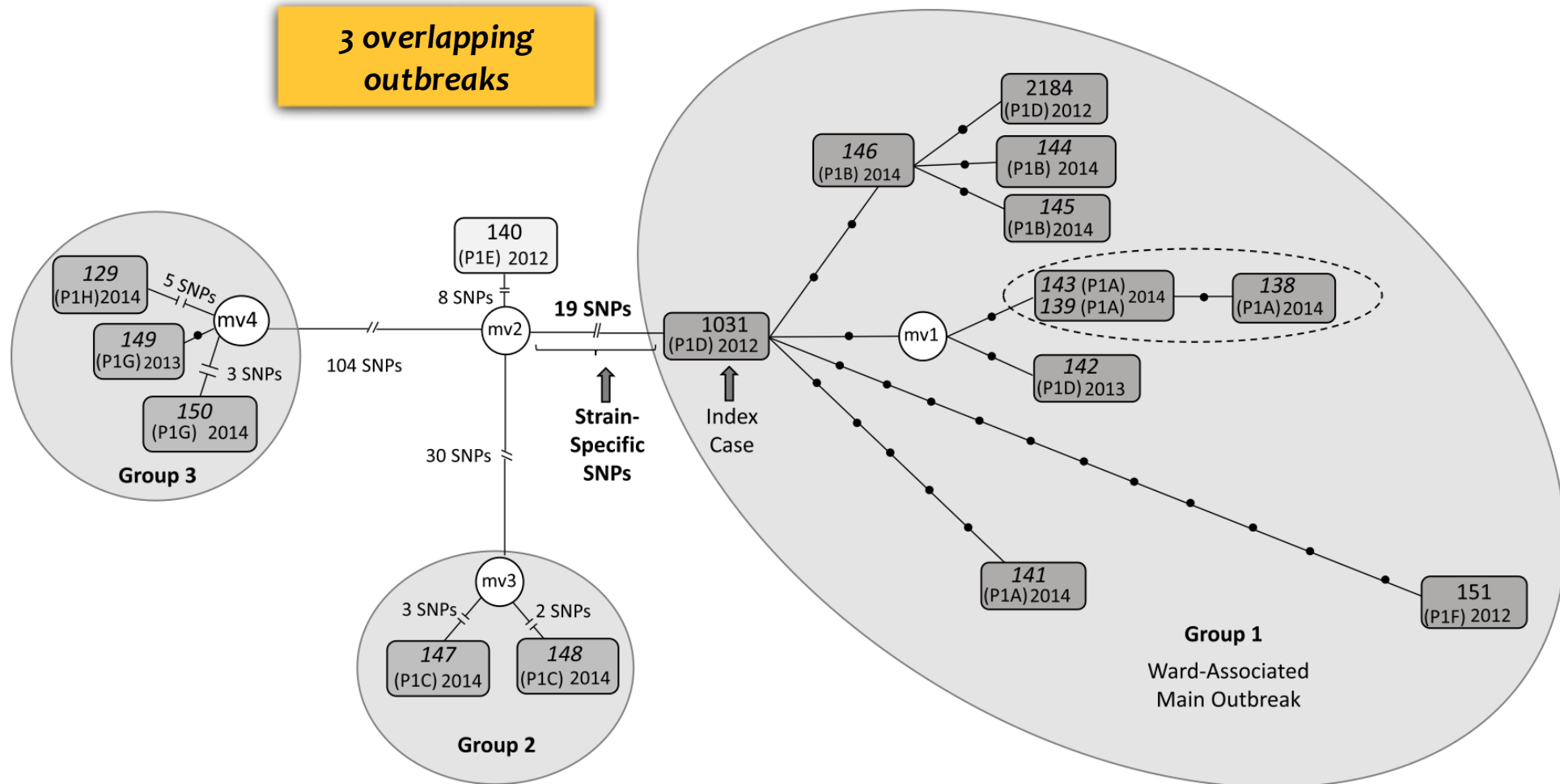
MDR *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

**outbreak alert**

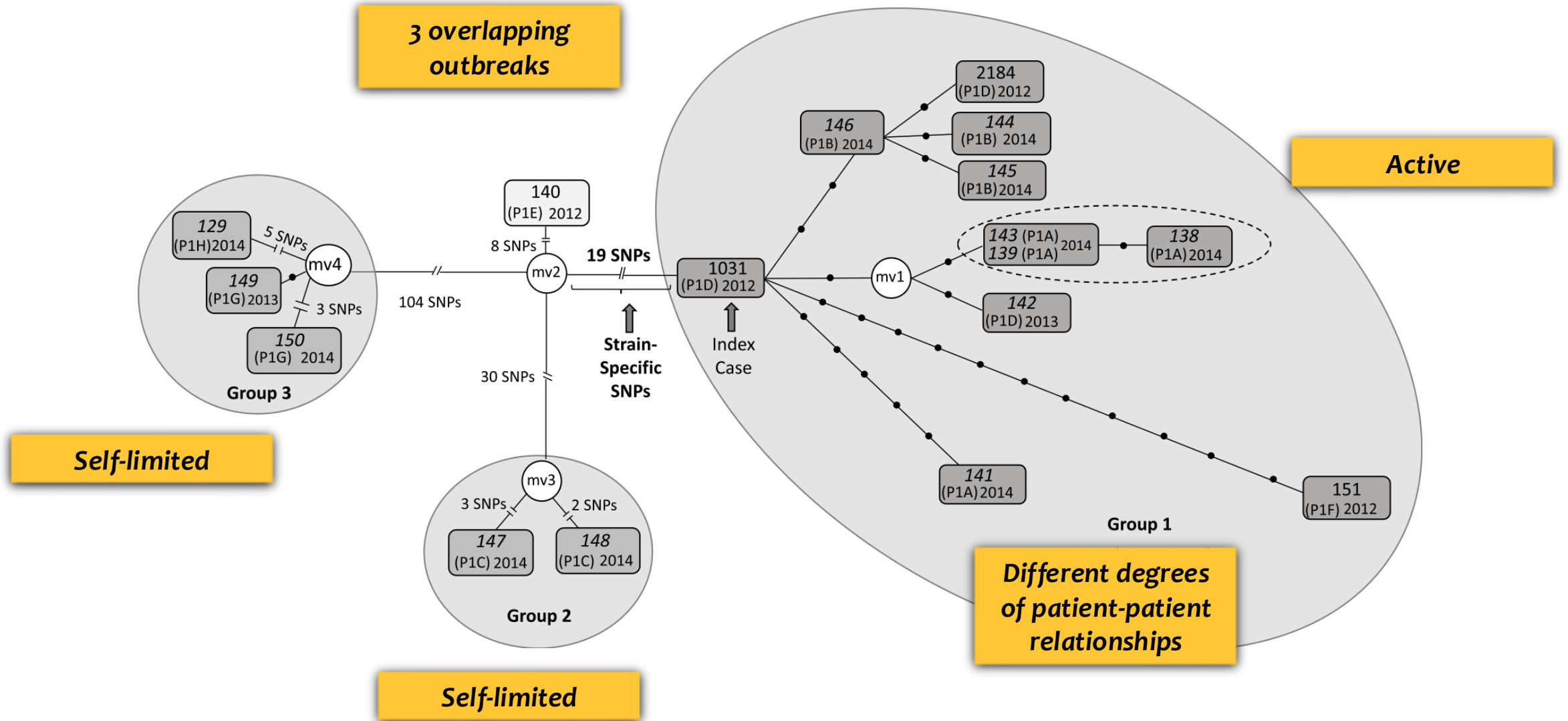
in Haematology ward



# MDR *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* outbreak alert in Hematology ward



# MDR *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* outbreak alert in Hematology ward





***Serratia marcescens* ICU Neonatology**

along 5 months

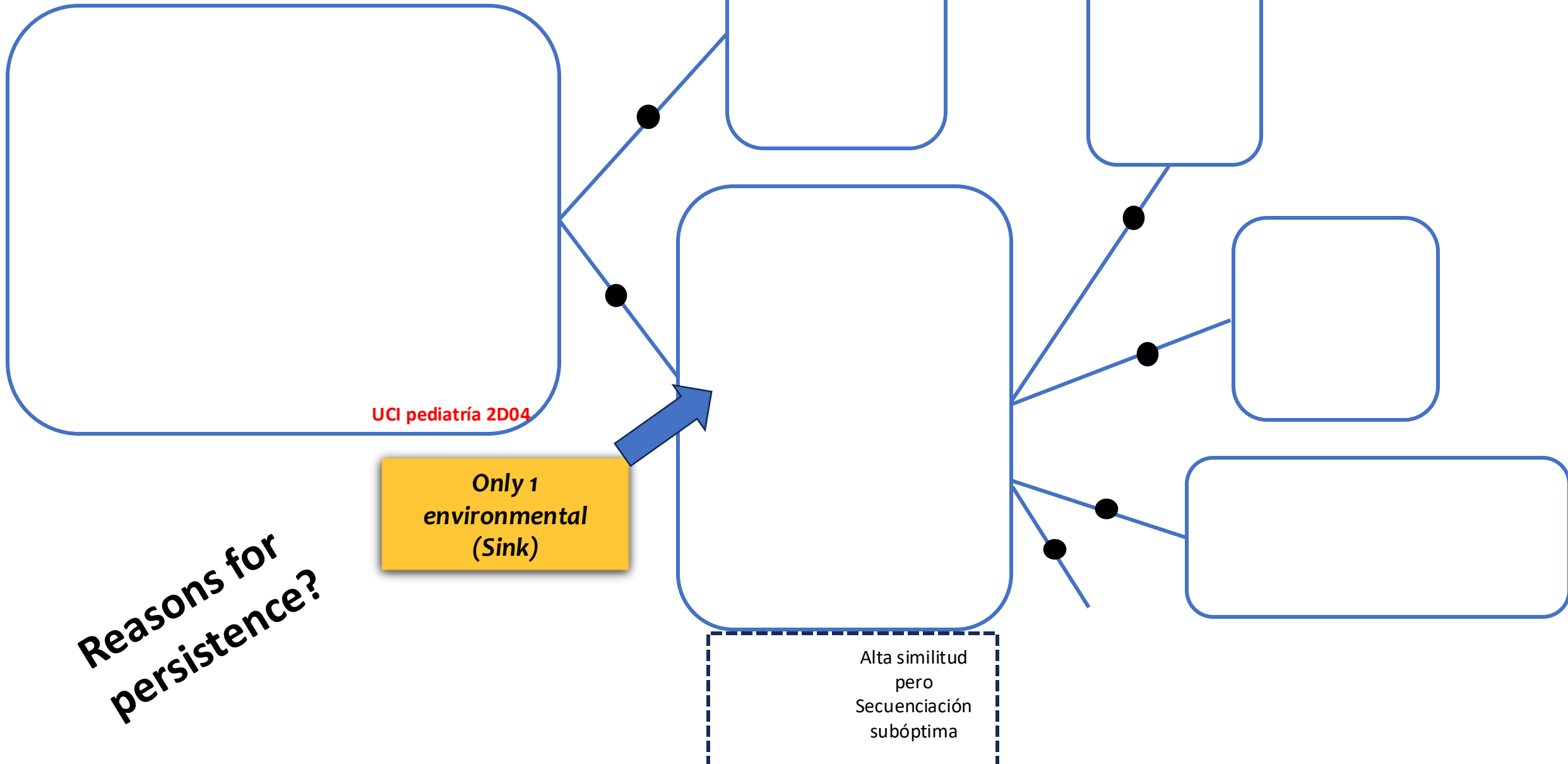
**Outbreak 1**

***Serratia ureilytica***

**17 cases**

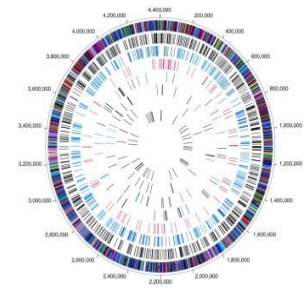
# *Serratia ureilytica*

Brote 1



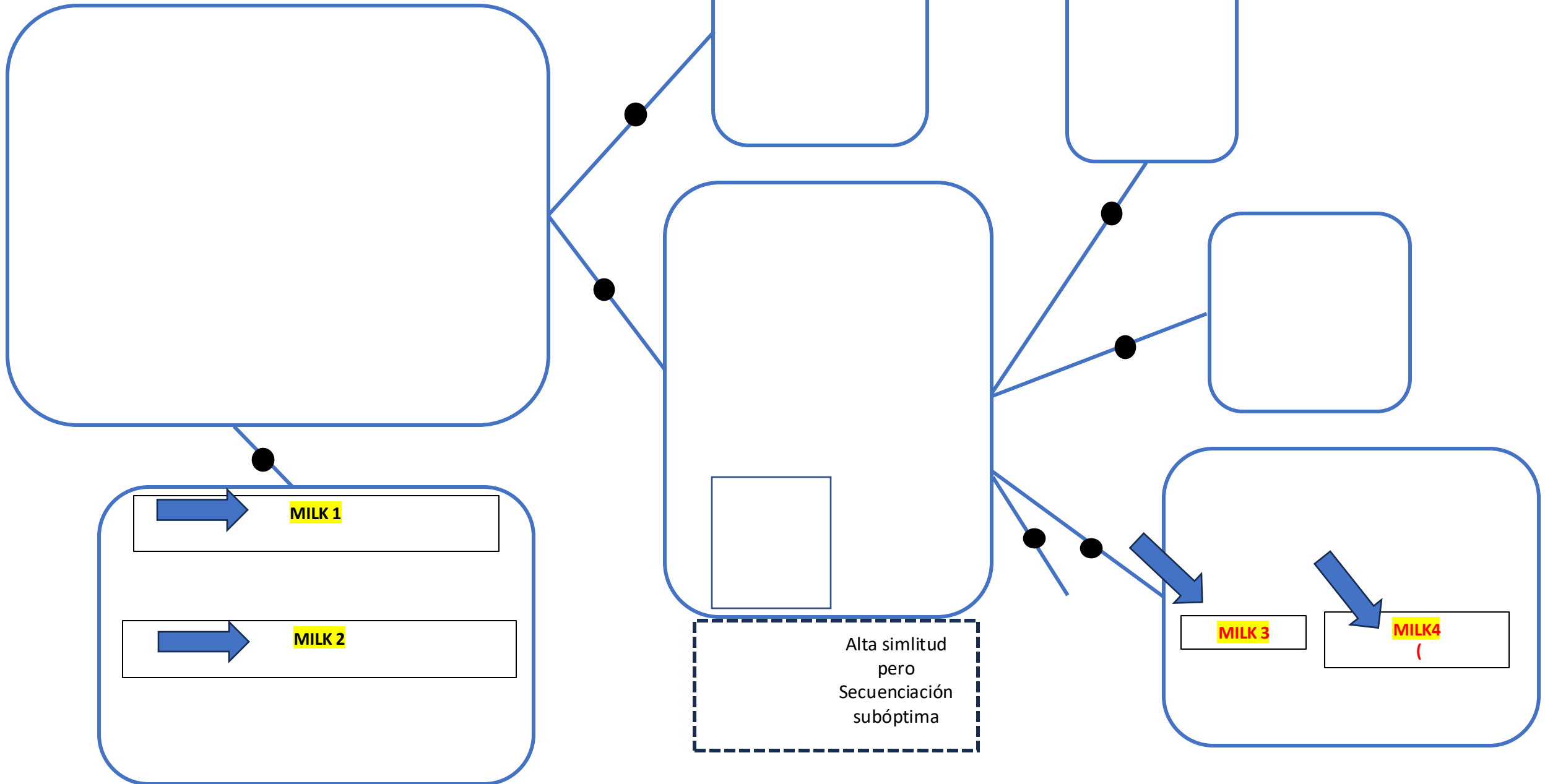
Reasons for persistence?

Breast milk donated for other kids (MILK bank): Sterilized but control cultures



# *Serratia ureilytica*

Brote 1



MILK 1



MILK 2

Alta similitud  
pero  
Secuenciación  
subóptima



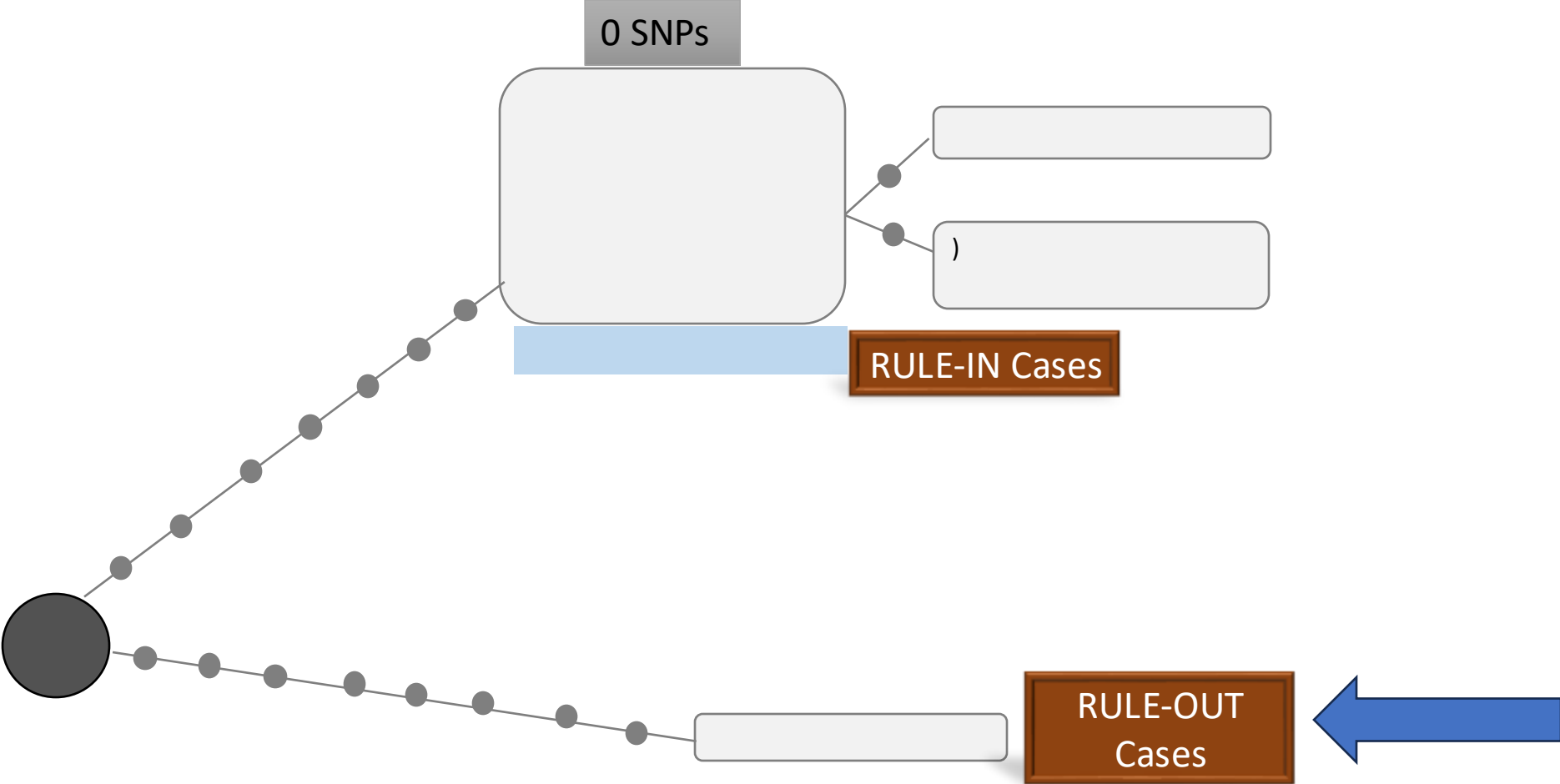
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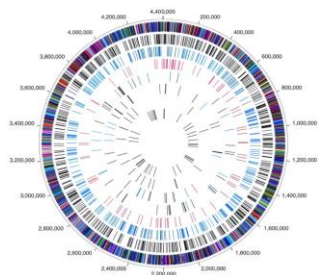
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# Monitoring outbreaks after implementing control measures



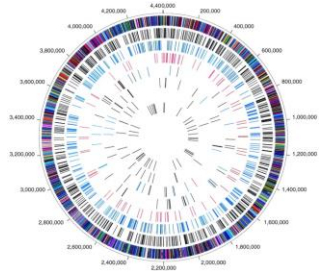




***Identify informative simple markers***



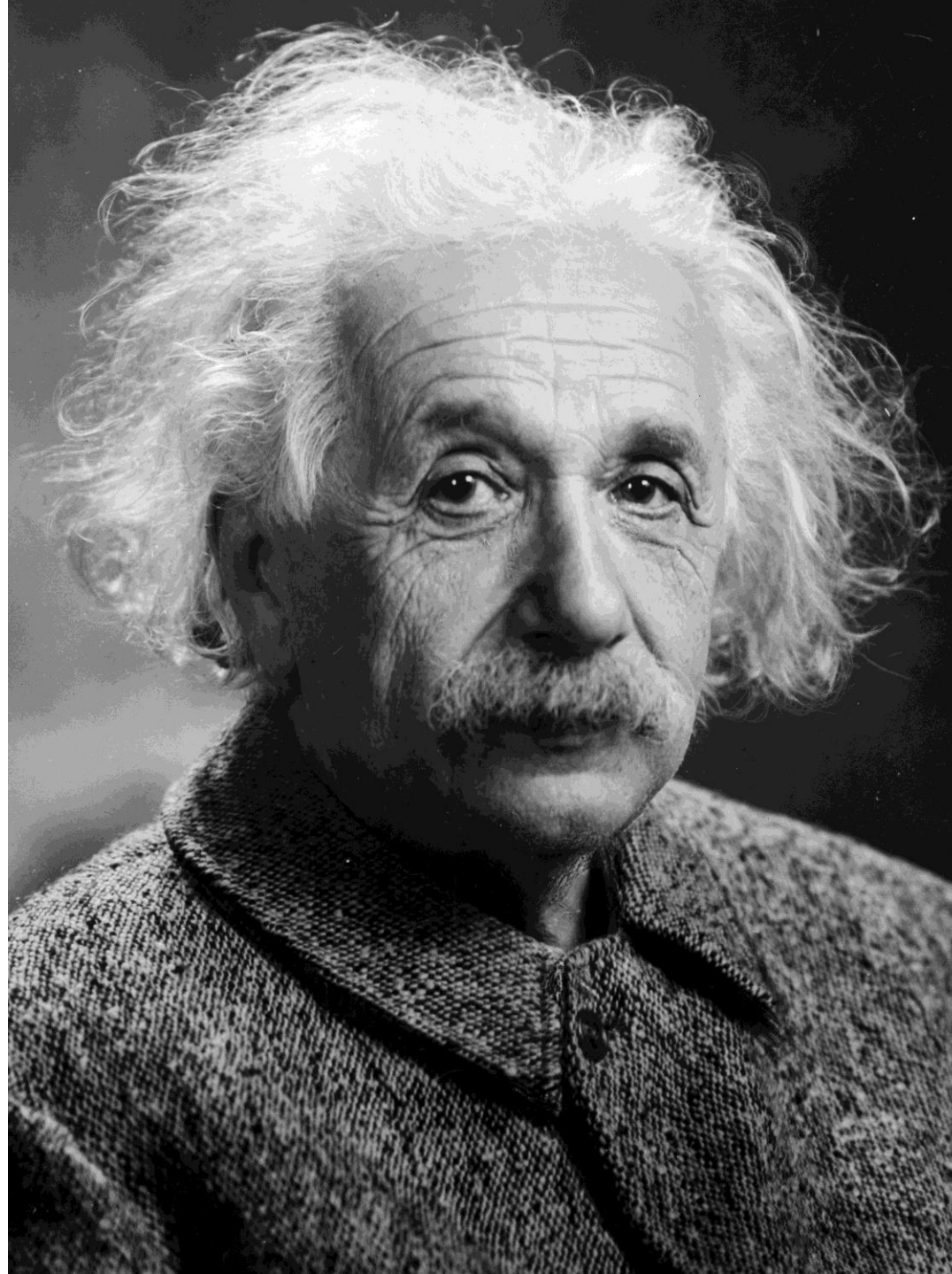
***Target them with simple tools to allow FAST high-confident pre-identification***



**Identify informative  
simple markers**



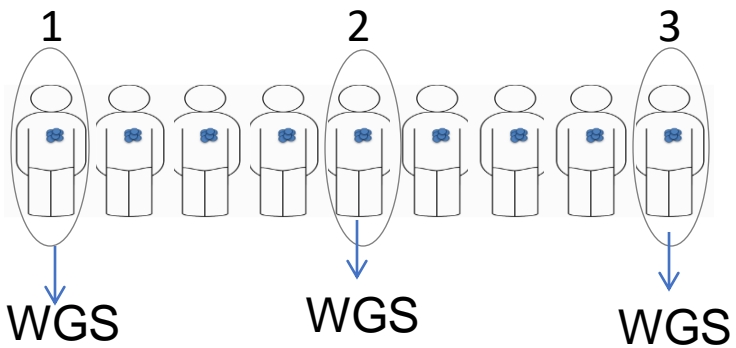
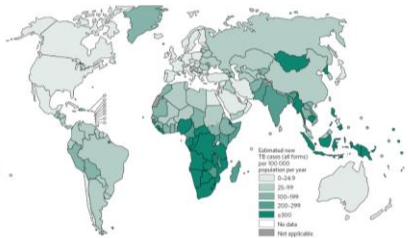
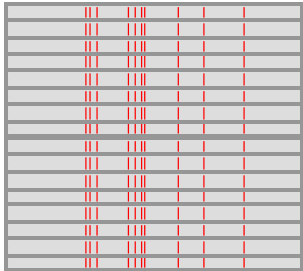
**Target them with  
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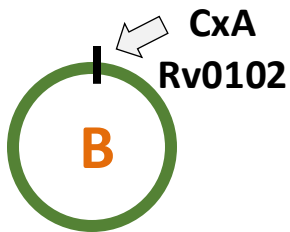
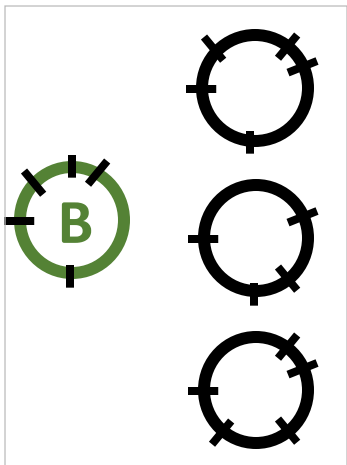
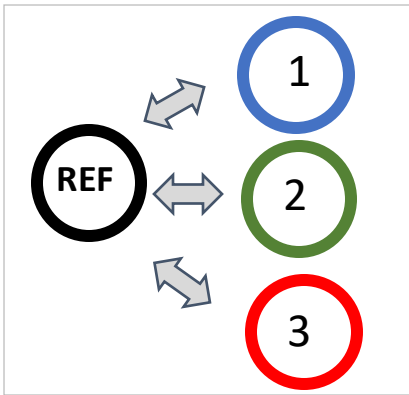


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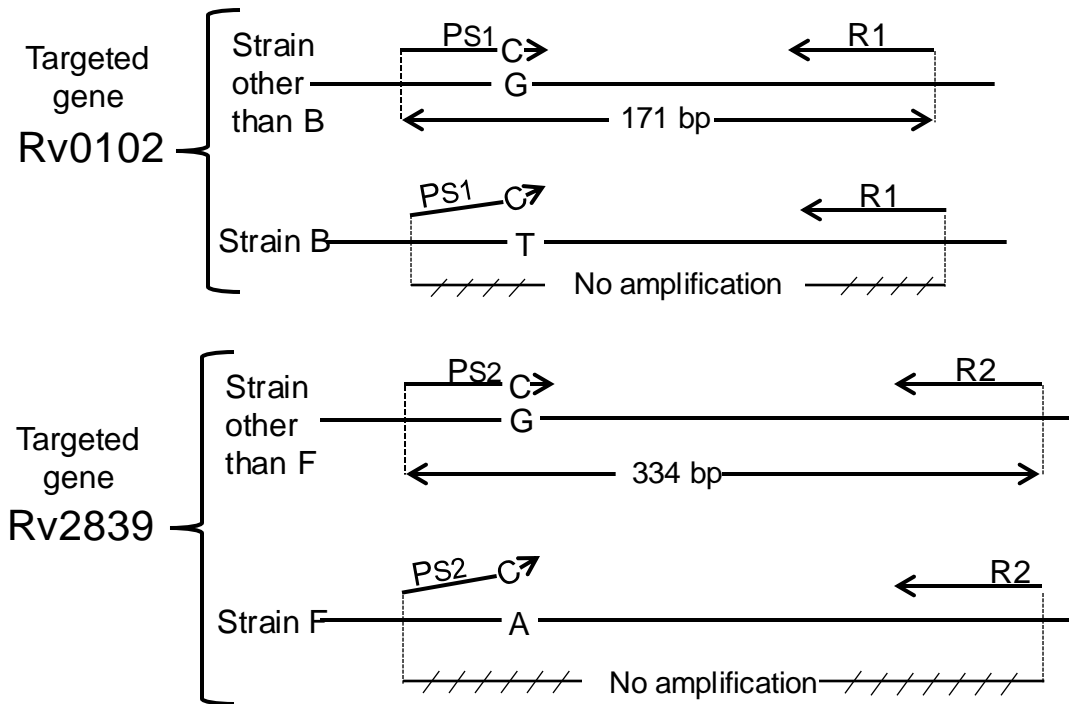
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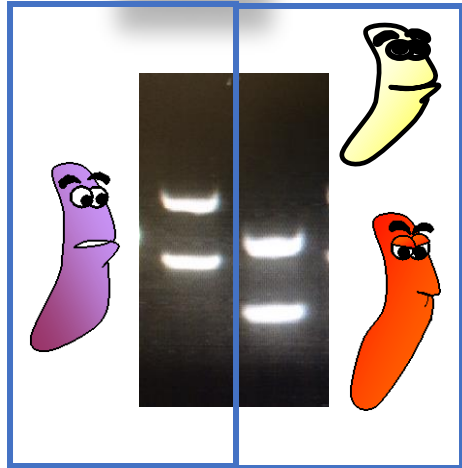
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Strain-specific PCRs



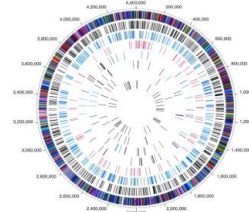
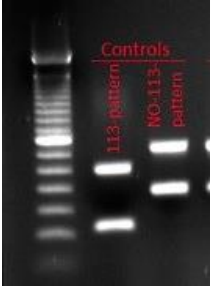
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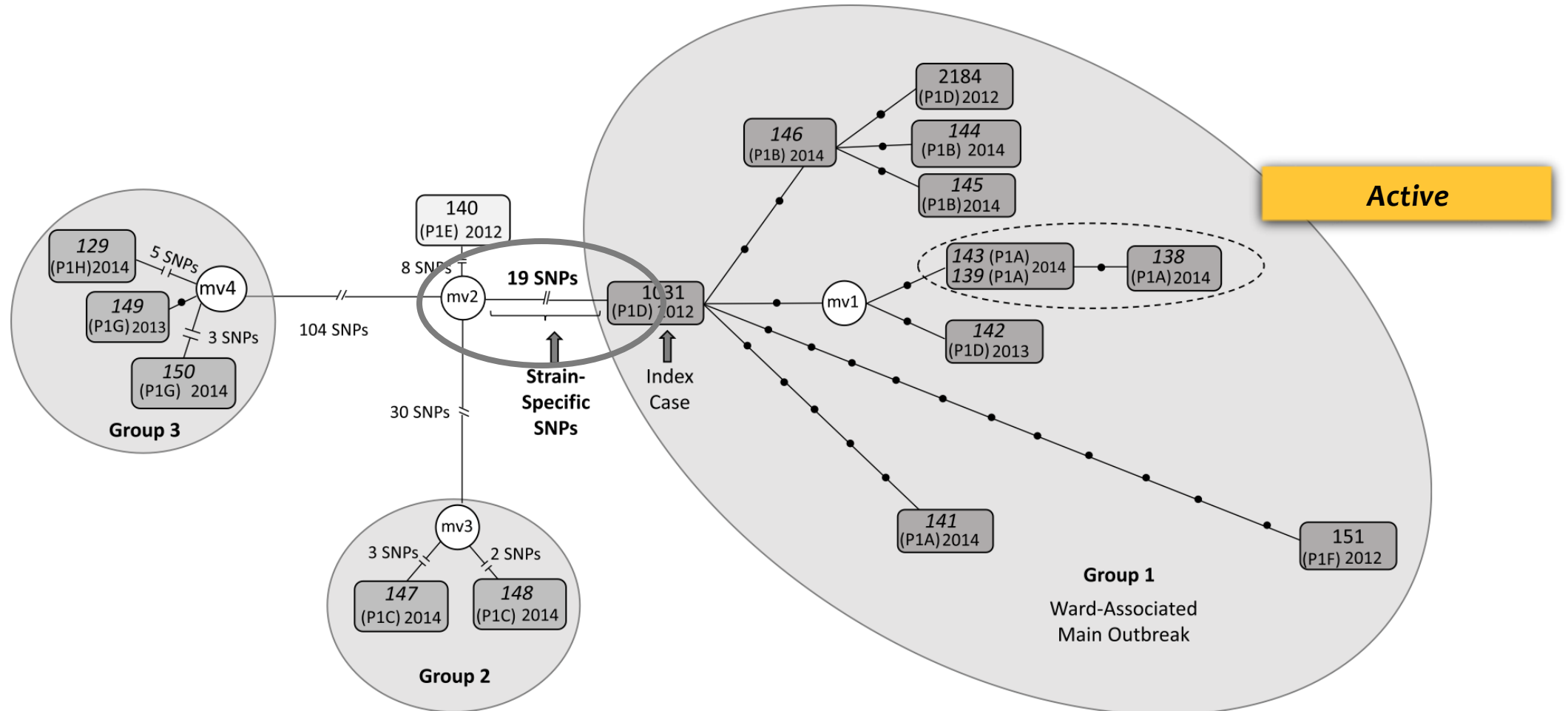
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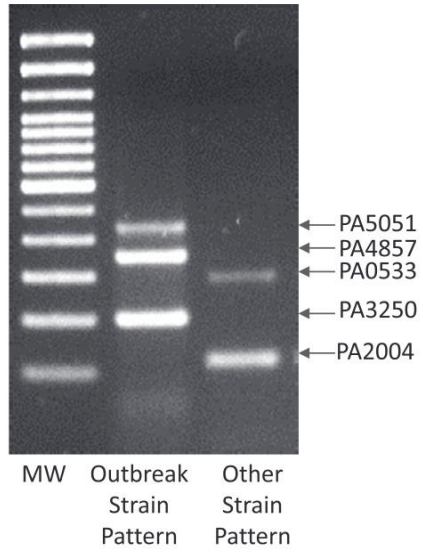
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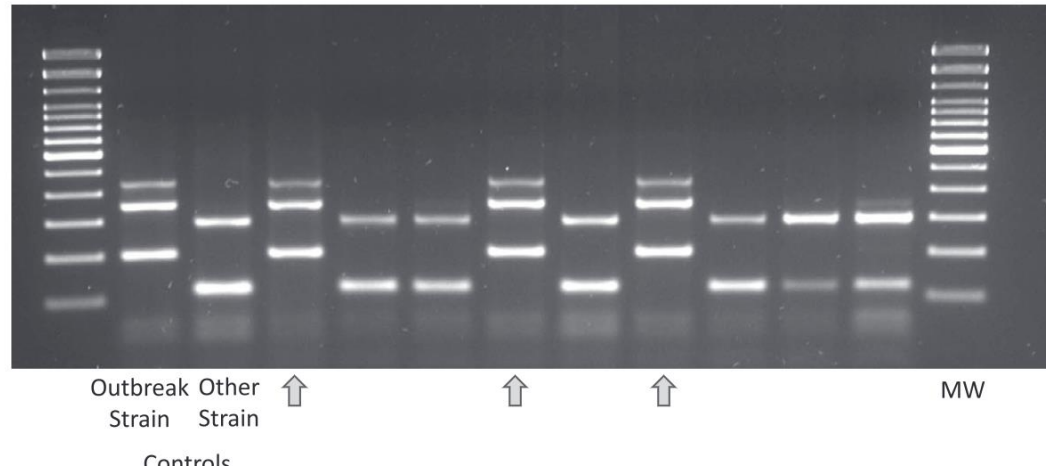
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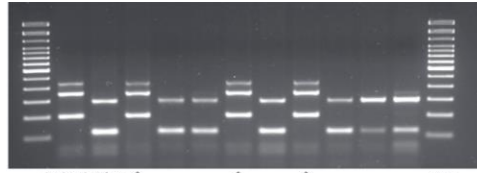


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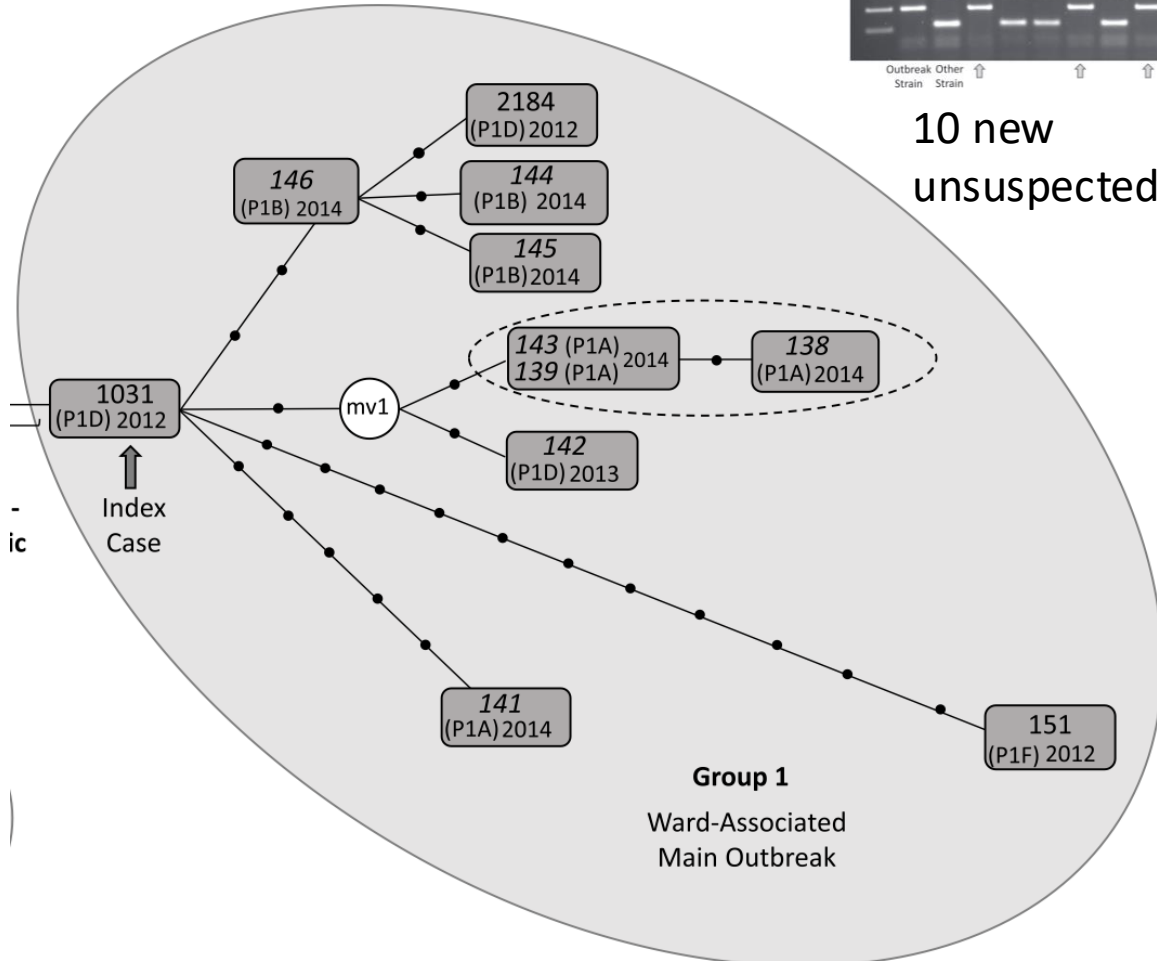




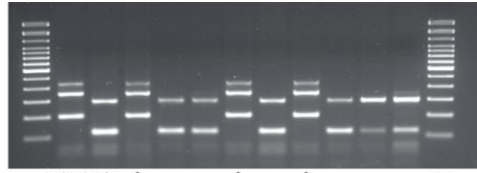
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