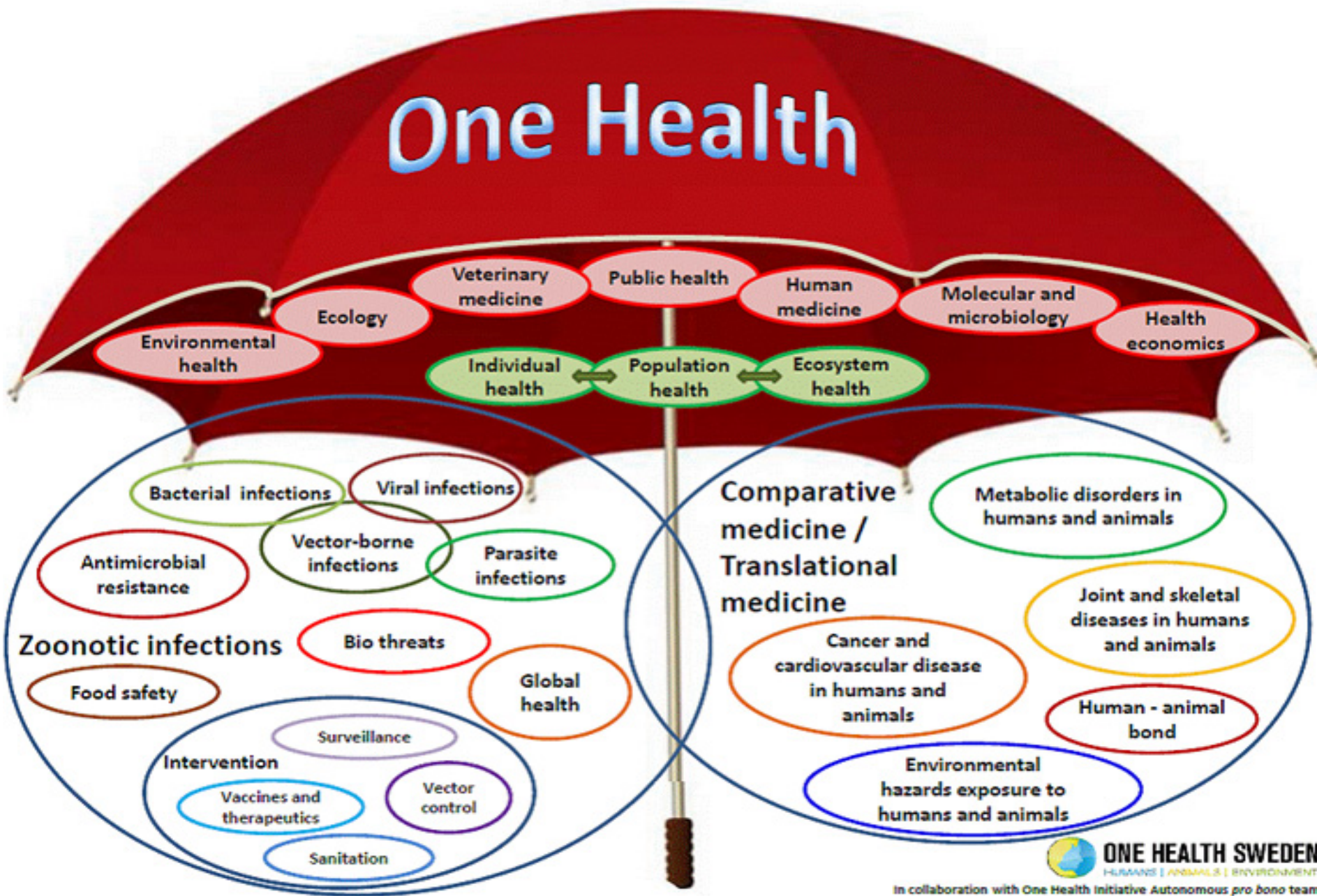


Clostridium difficile and the “One Health” paradigm

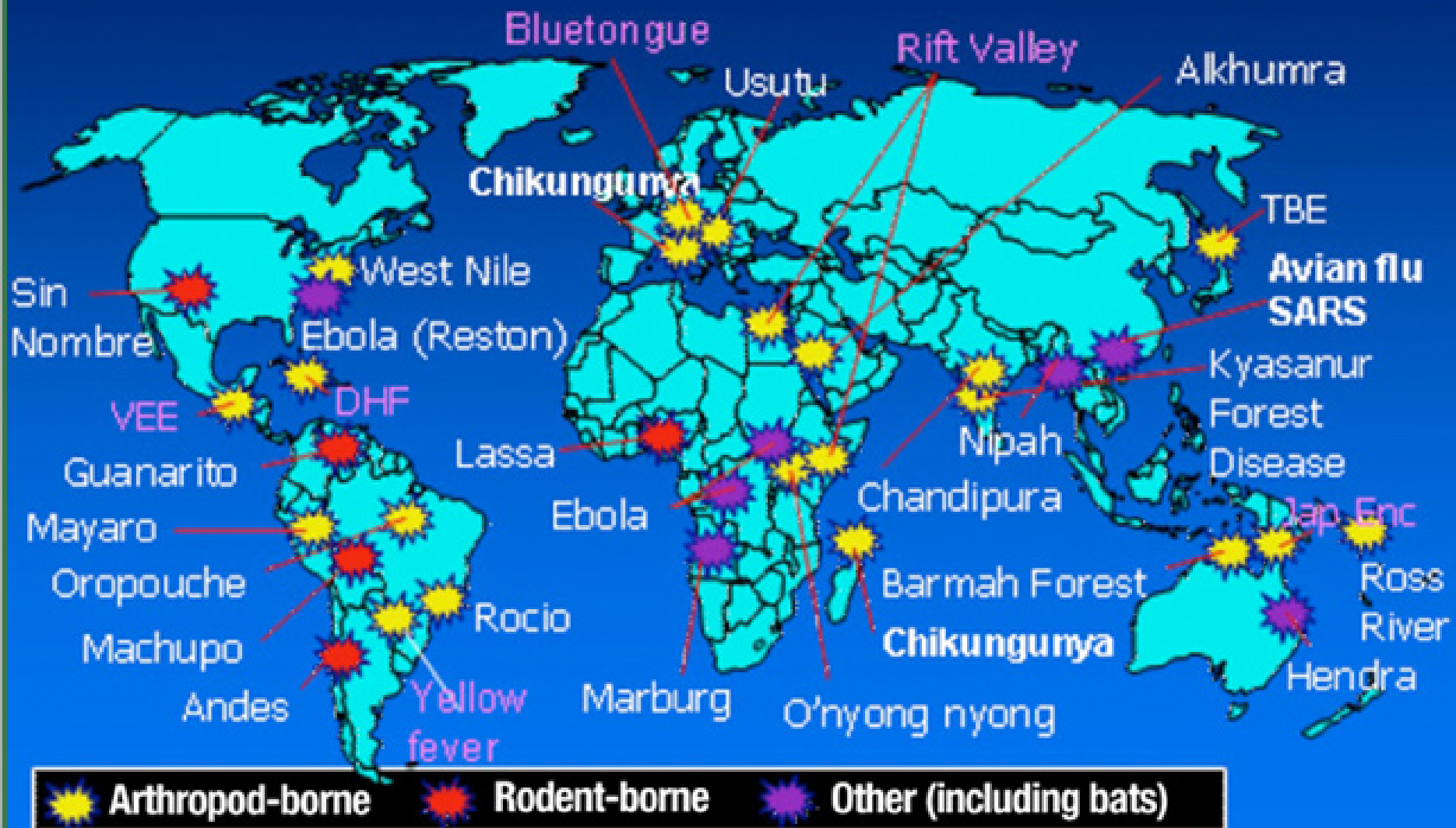
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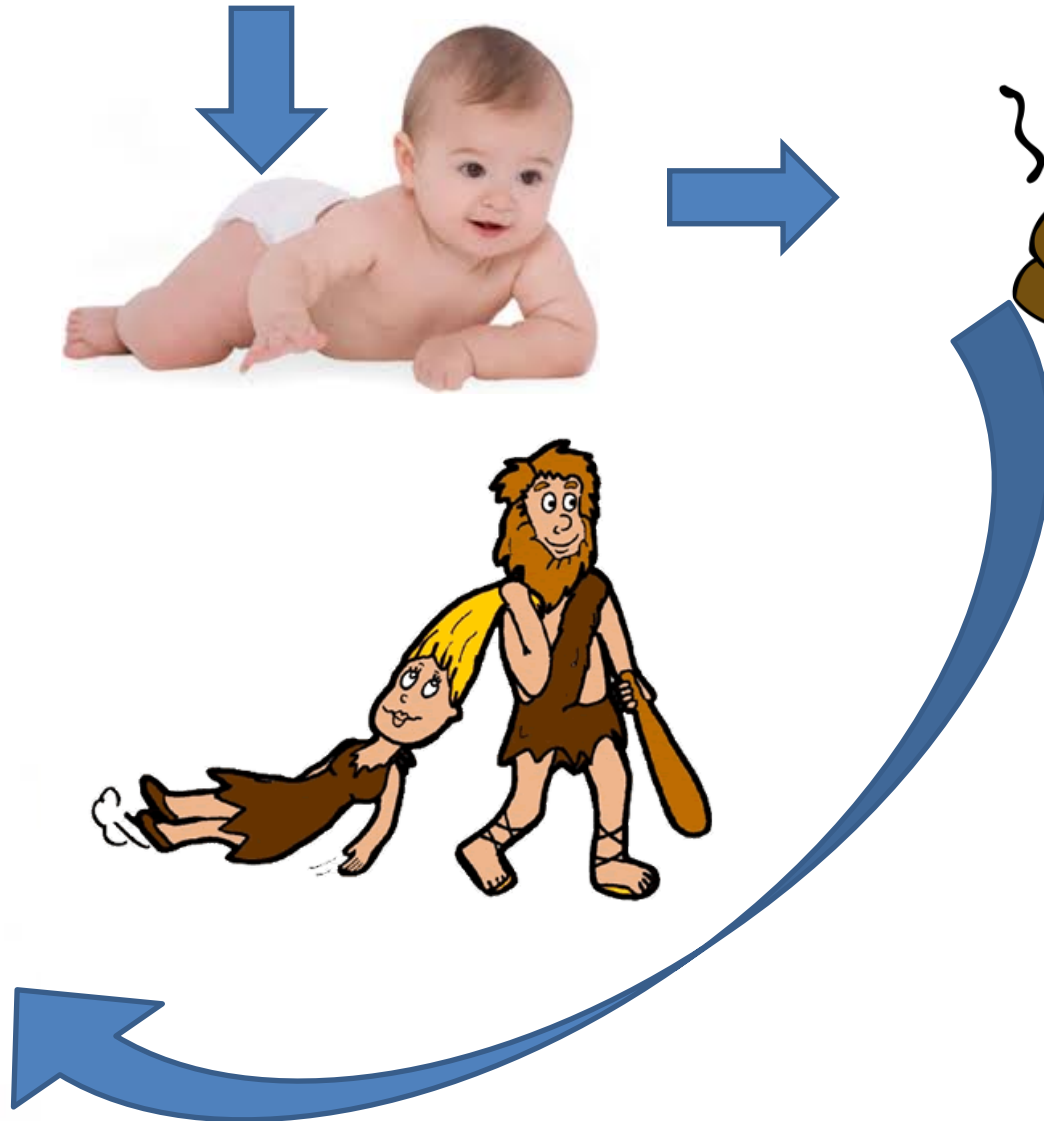
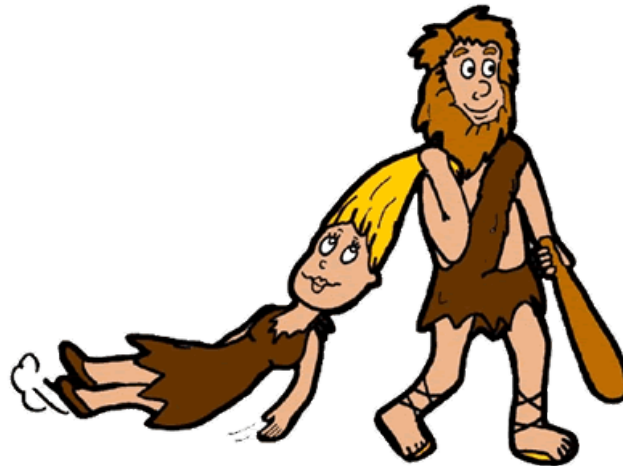
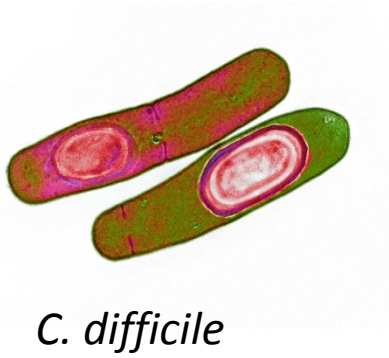
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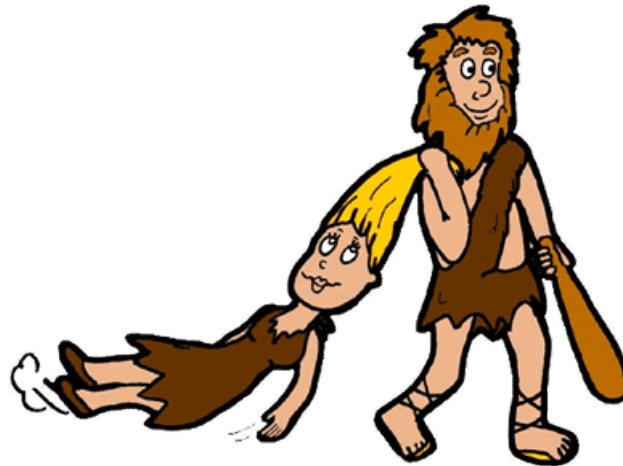
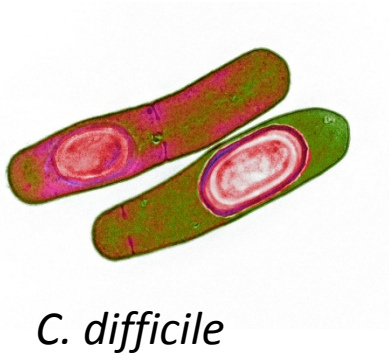
Emerging and Reemerging infections - 70% vector-borne or zoonotic



The natural history of *C. difficile*



The natural history of *C. difficile*





Risk factors for CDI ?

- Exposure to the organism
- Exposure to antibiotics
 - clindamycin, then cephalosporins, now ?fluoroquinolones
- Maybe others now?





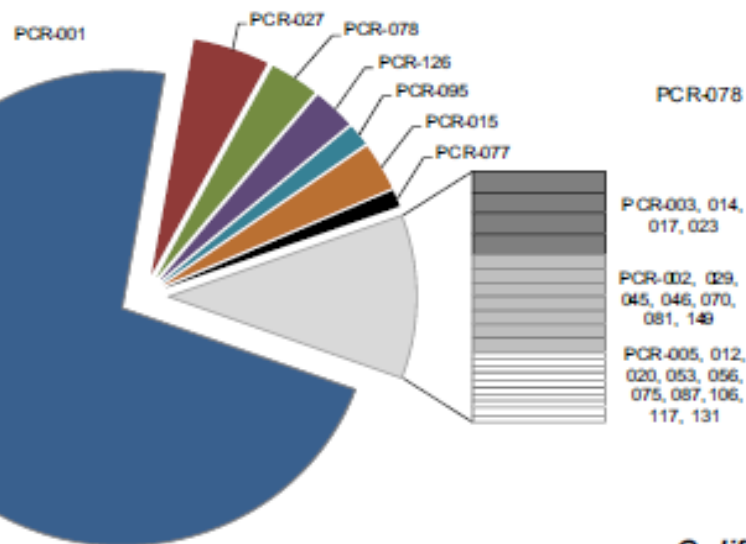




C. difficile in people

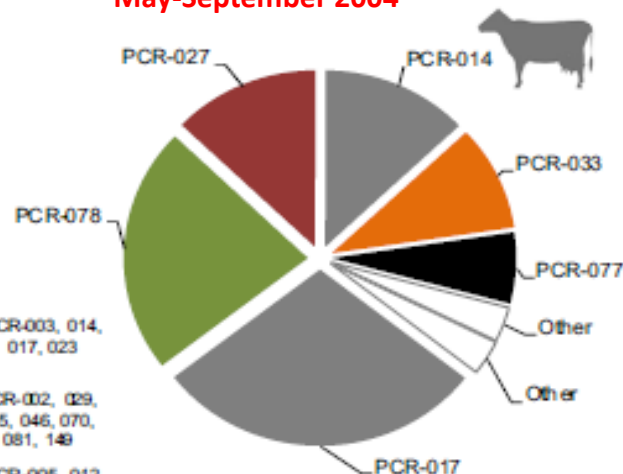


Hospitals, Germany



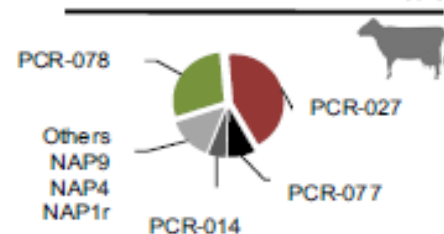
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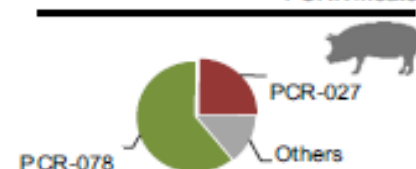


C. difficile in foods North America

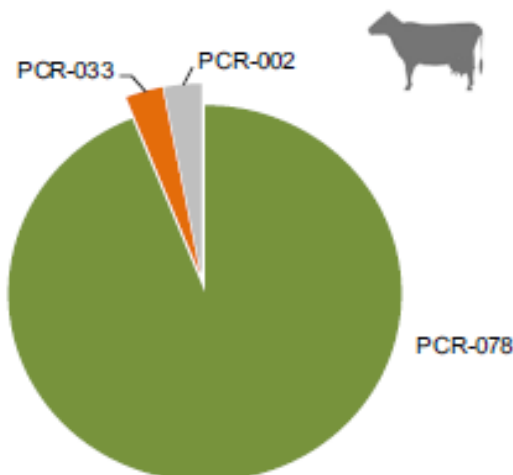
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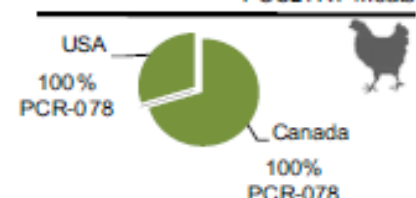
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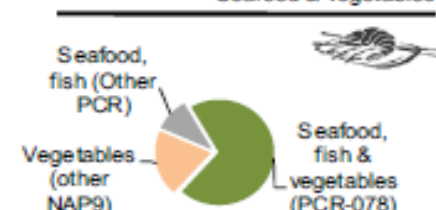
C. difficile in calves shipped to a single farm, USA



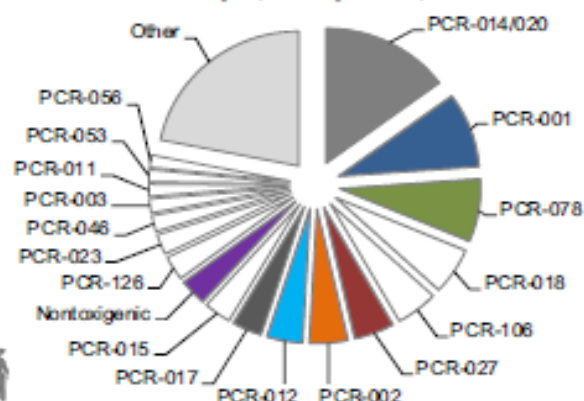
POULTRY meats



Seafood & vegetables



C. difficile in Europe, hospitals, 34 countries

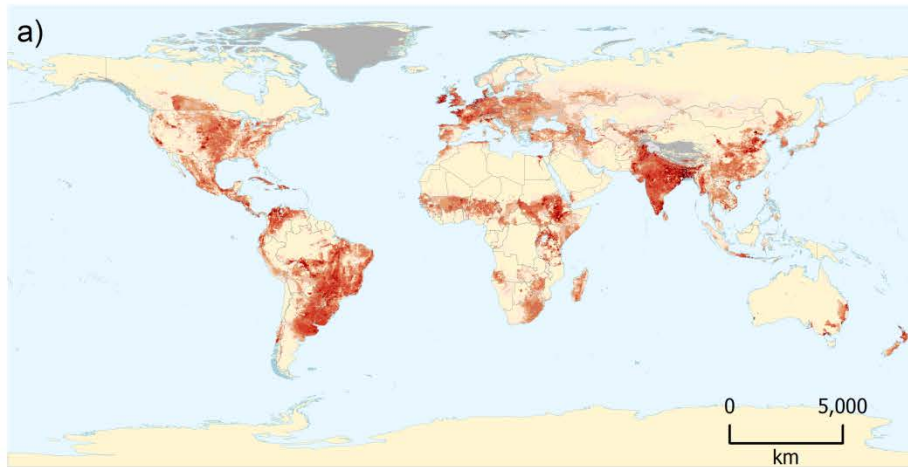




Contaminated vegetables

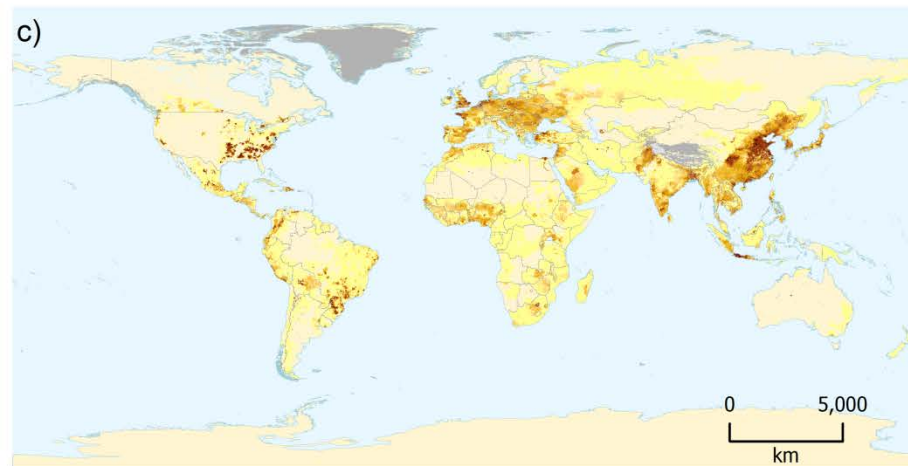
- Bakri *et al.* *Clostridium difficile* in ready-to-eat salads, Scotland. *Emerg Infect Dis* 2009;15: 817-8. (3/40 [7.5%] positive)
- Metcalf *et al.* *Clostridium difficile* in vegetables, Canada. *Letts Appl Microbiol* 2010; 51: 600-2. (5/111 [4.5%] positive)
- Al Saif and Brazier. The distribution of *Clostridium difficile* in the environment of South Wales. *J Med Microbiol* 1996; 45: 133-7.(7/300 [2.3%] positive)

Cattle



Head per km²

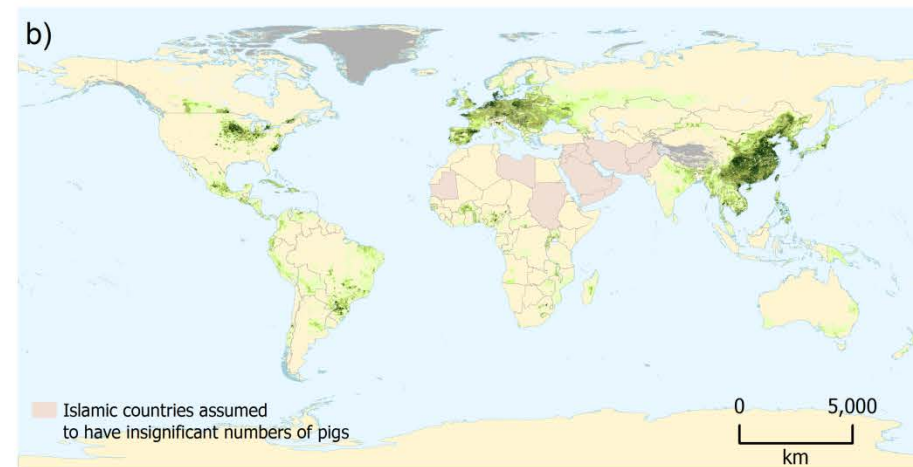
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Birds per km²

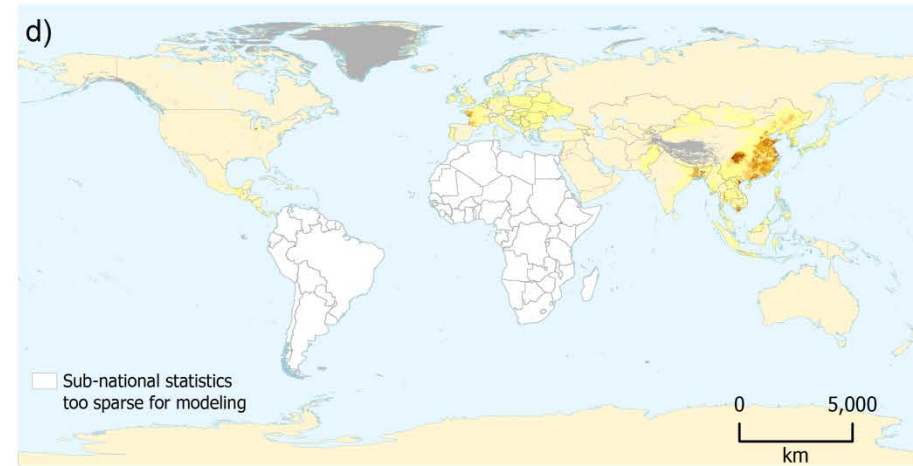
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Pigs



Head per km²

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Birds per km²

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Robinson TP, Wint GRW, Conchedda G, Van Boeckel TP, Ercoli V, et al. (2014) Mapping the Global Distribution of Livestock. PLoS ONE 9(5): e96084. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0096084

Animal strains in Australia

- Ribotype 127 60%
- Ribotype 126 16%
- Ribotype 033 13%



5-7days old

- Ribotype 014 23%
- Ribotype 033 13%
- Ribotype QX009 12%
- Ribotype 237 10%



- Many new ribotypes from animals – CDT+

Knight et al. *Appl Environ Microbiol* 2013, 2014

Community acquired CDI

- *C. difficile* was the most common enteric pathogen detected.
- Most patients had only mild to moderate diarrhoea.
- In the majority of patients the diarrhoea was protracted.
- 80-85% of patients had received antimicrobial agents in the 3 months preceding onset of diarrhoea.
- Most treated successfully with metronidazole.

Ribotype 126 isolates, Western Australia

(Knight et al. J Med Microbiol Case Reports in press)

WA 0825	P12-8104895T	Fremantle Hospital	WA	Human	UK 126	2012	TVR-007	C00016308
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AI 0273	HCH 6		NSW	Bovine	UK 126	2012	TVR-011	C00016312
AI 0276	HCH 11		NSW	Bovine	UK 126	2012	TVR-012	C00016313

	C00016308	C00016309	C00016310	C00016311	C00016312	C00016313
C00016308	0	4452	4457	14	1393	1393
C00016309	4452	0	0	4452	4596	4597
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C00016311	14	4452	4455	0	1392	1391
C00016312	1393	4596	4593	1392	0	7
C00016313	1393	4597	4595	1391	7	0

2 identical human isolates	
2 related bovine isolates	
2 close human isolates	





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Area: 7,692,024 km²

GERALDTON, WA

BRISBANE, QLD

FREMANTLE, WA

3614 kms

Area: 20,000 km²



Area: 90,000 km²

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

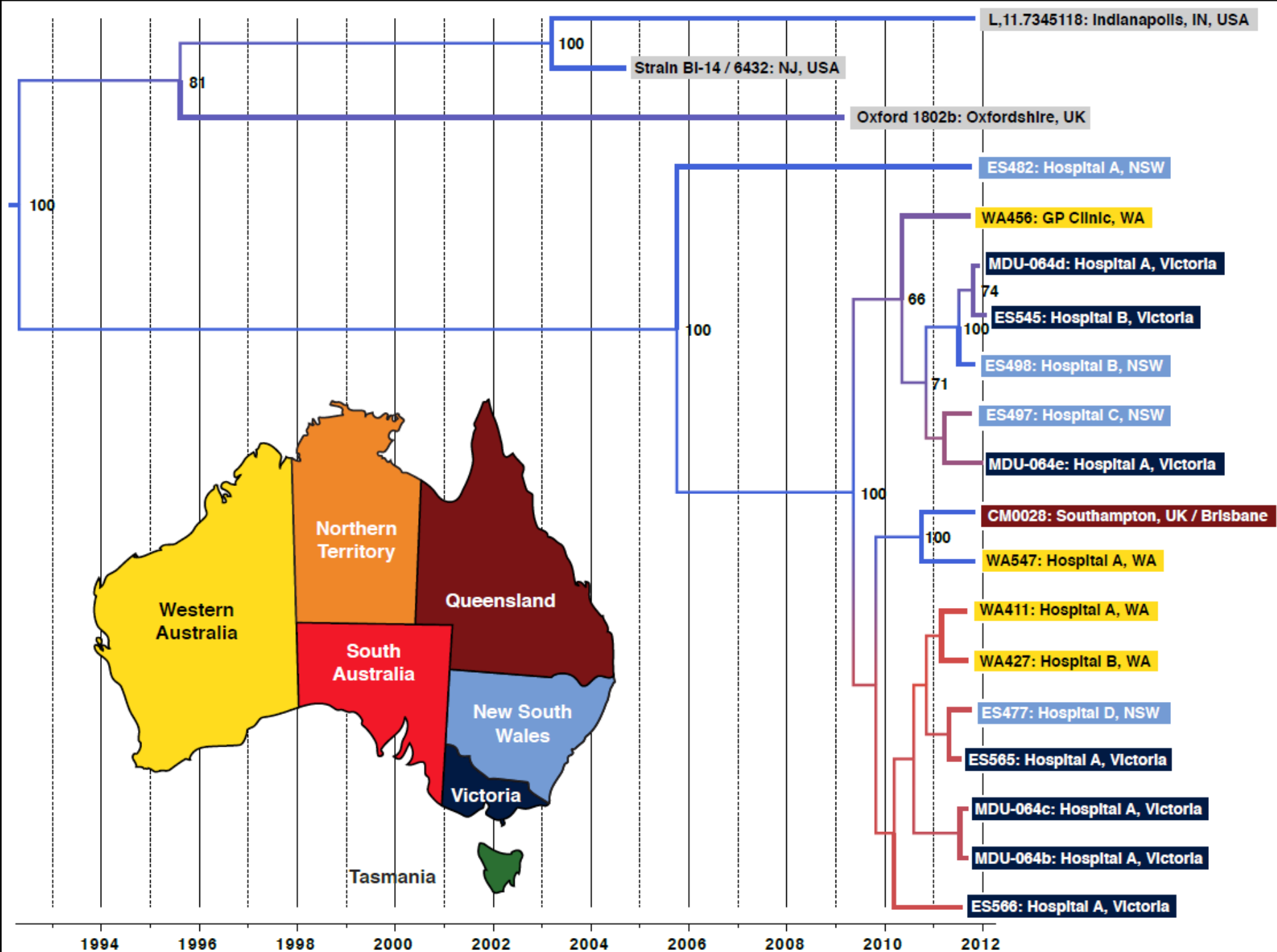
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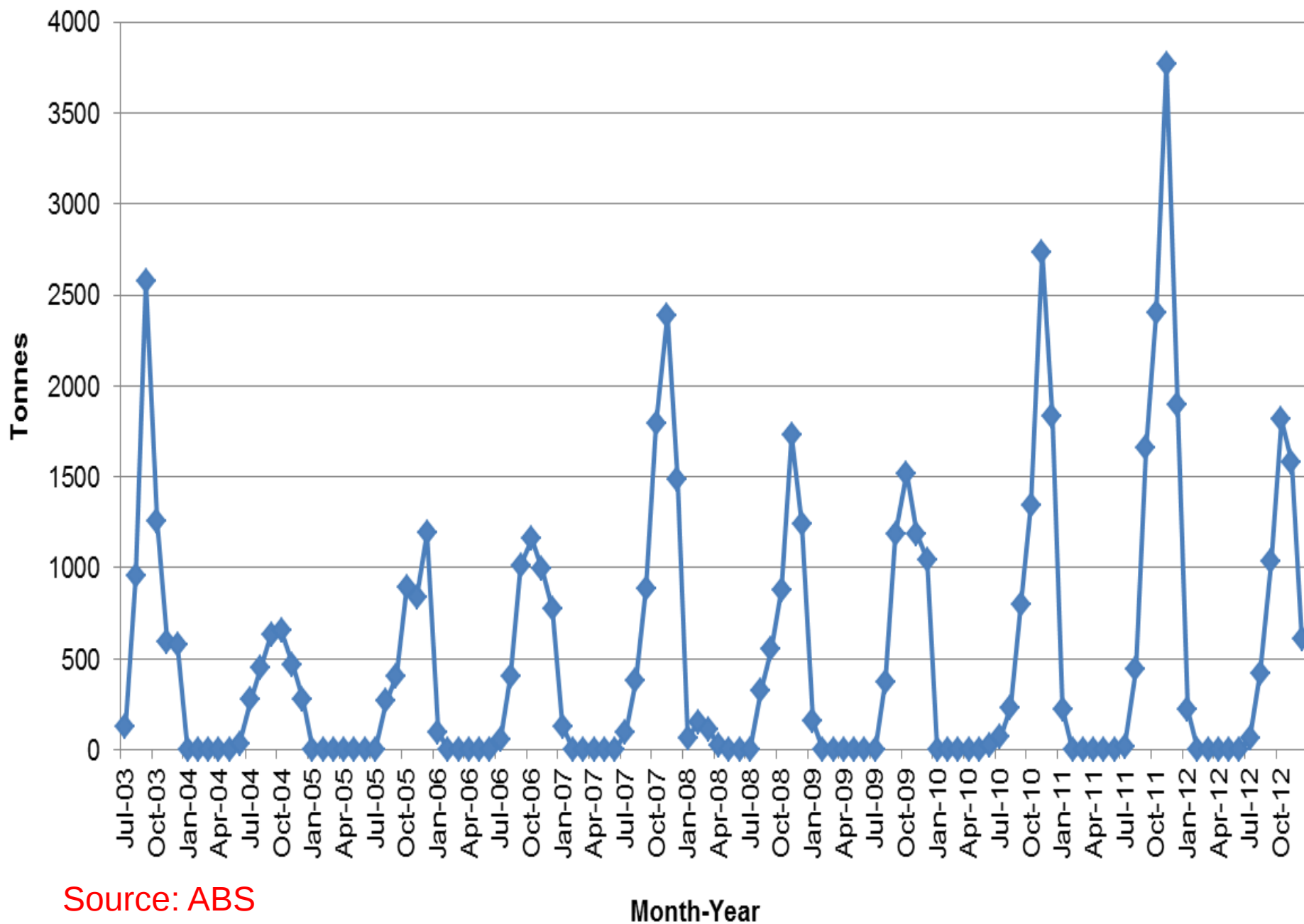
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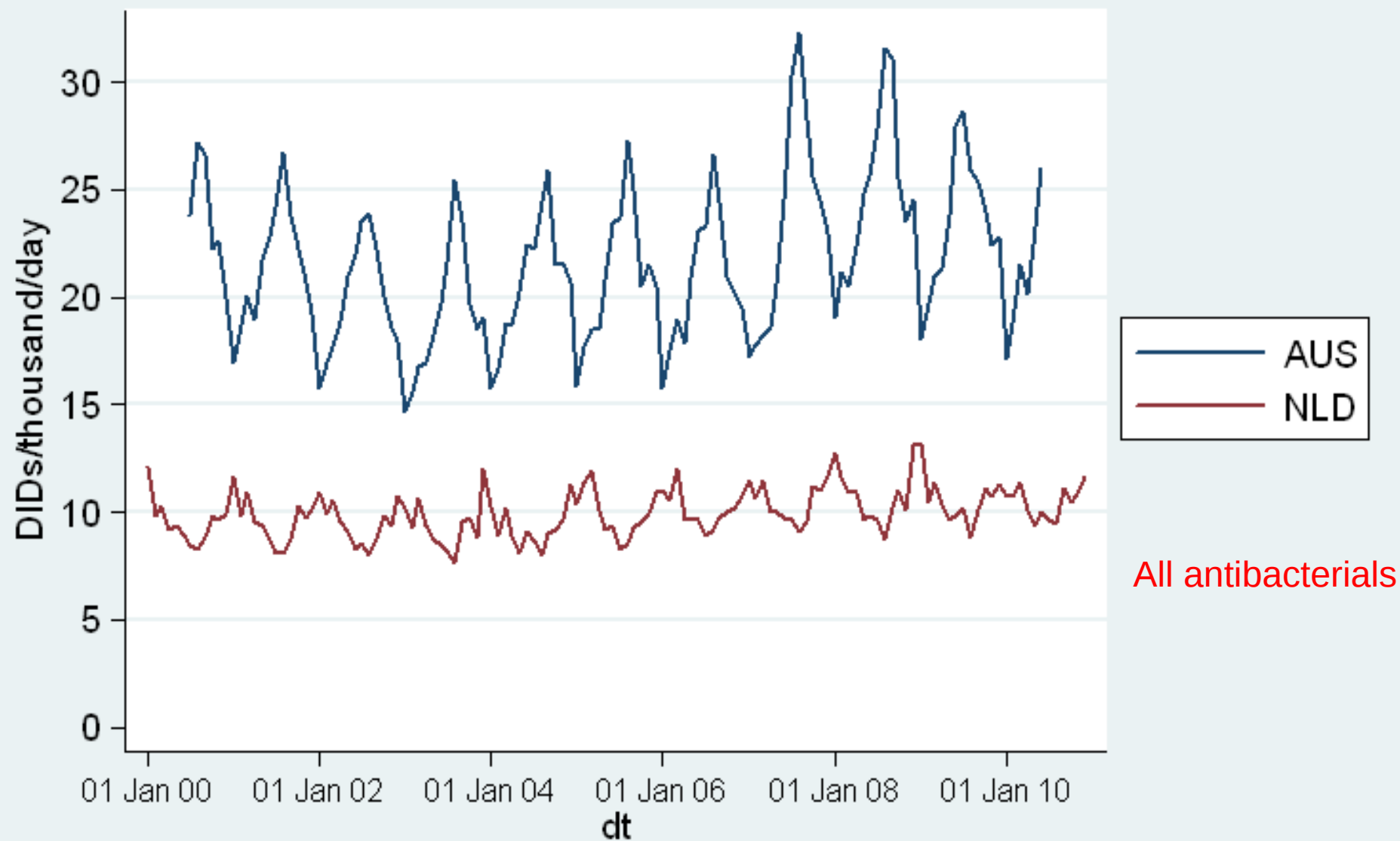
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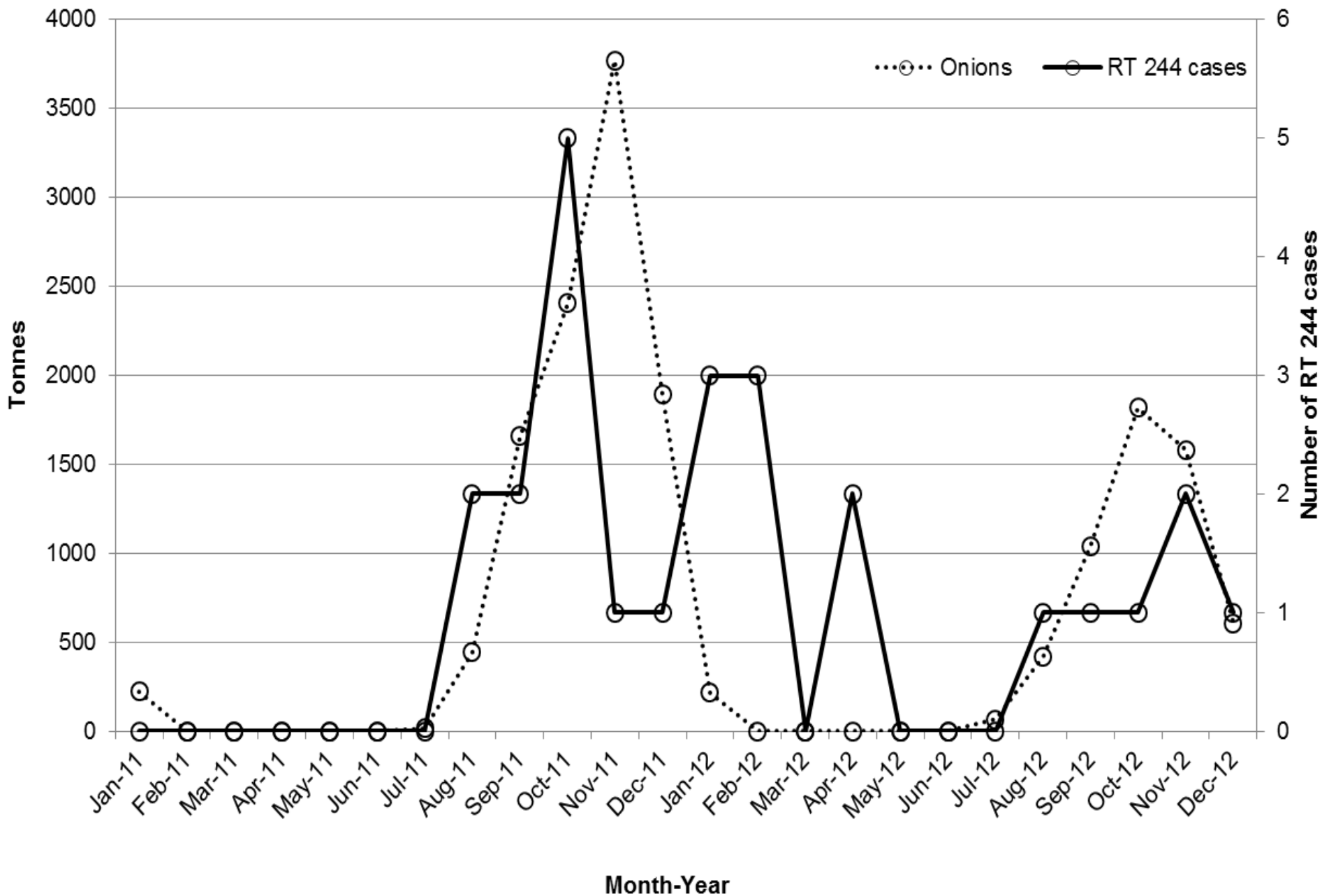
Generic prescribing indicators



DUSC data: July 2000 - June 2010, GIP data January - December 2000-2010

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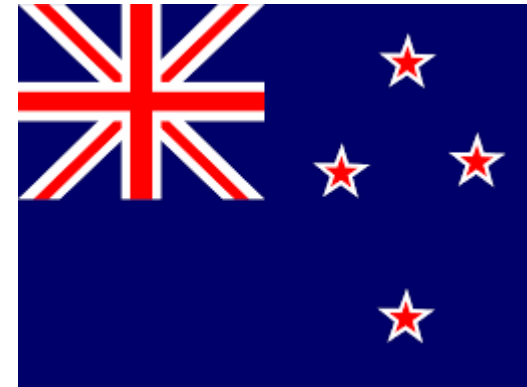
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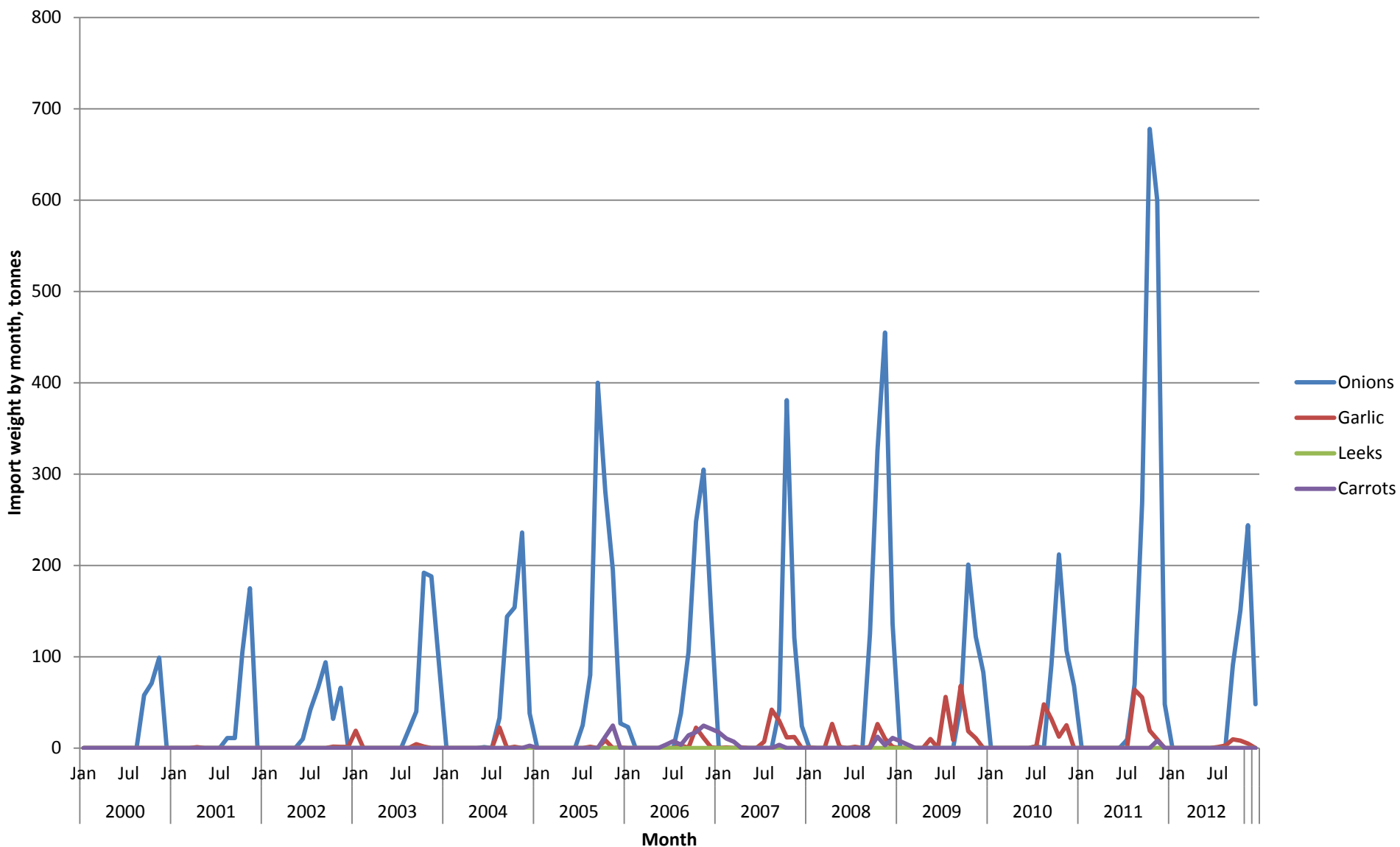
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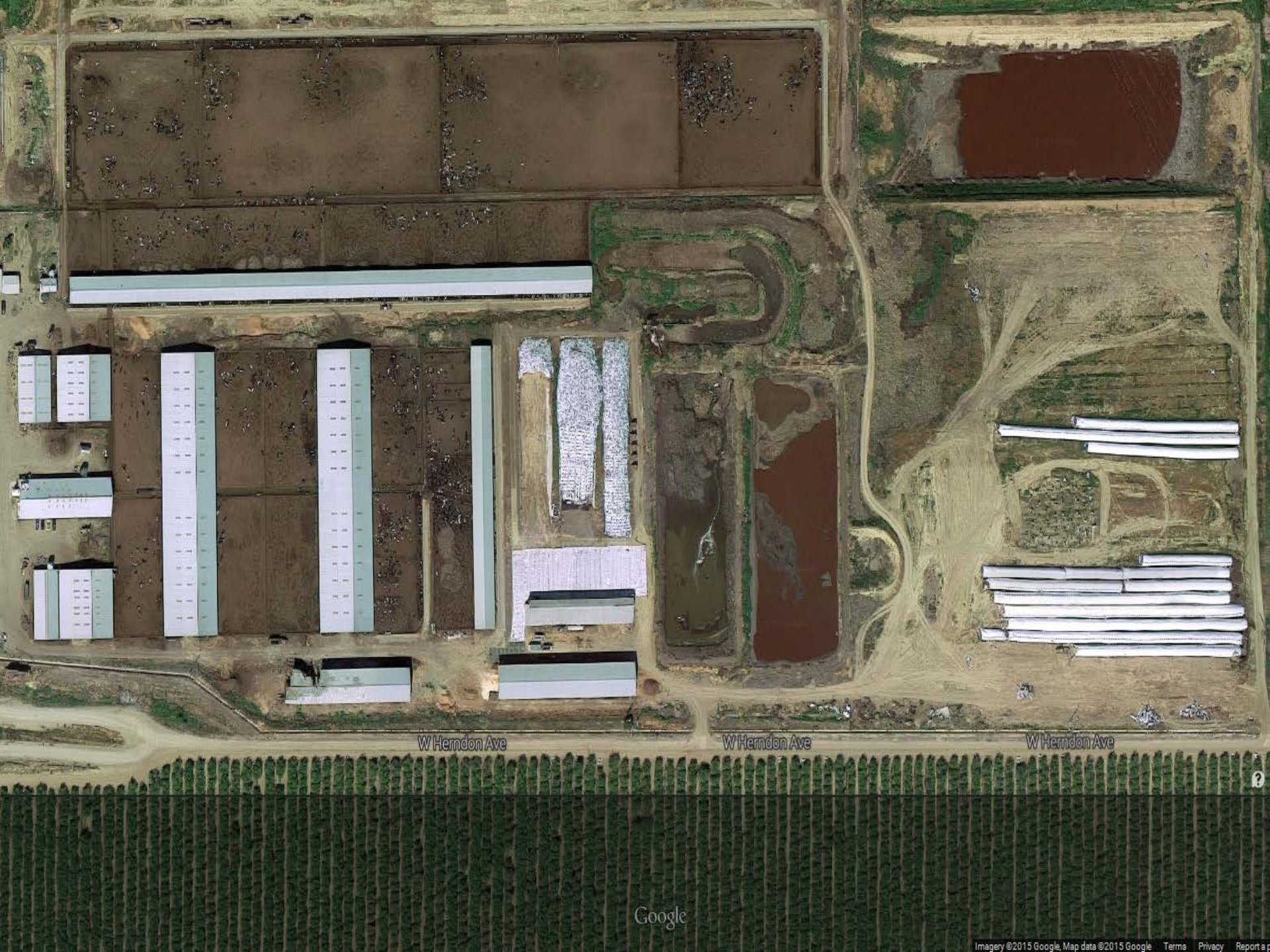
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Imports of selected vegetable types from US to NZ, by month, 2000-2012





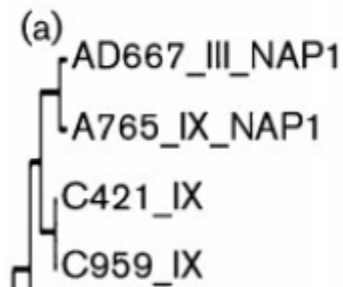
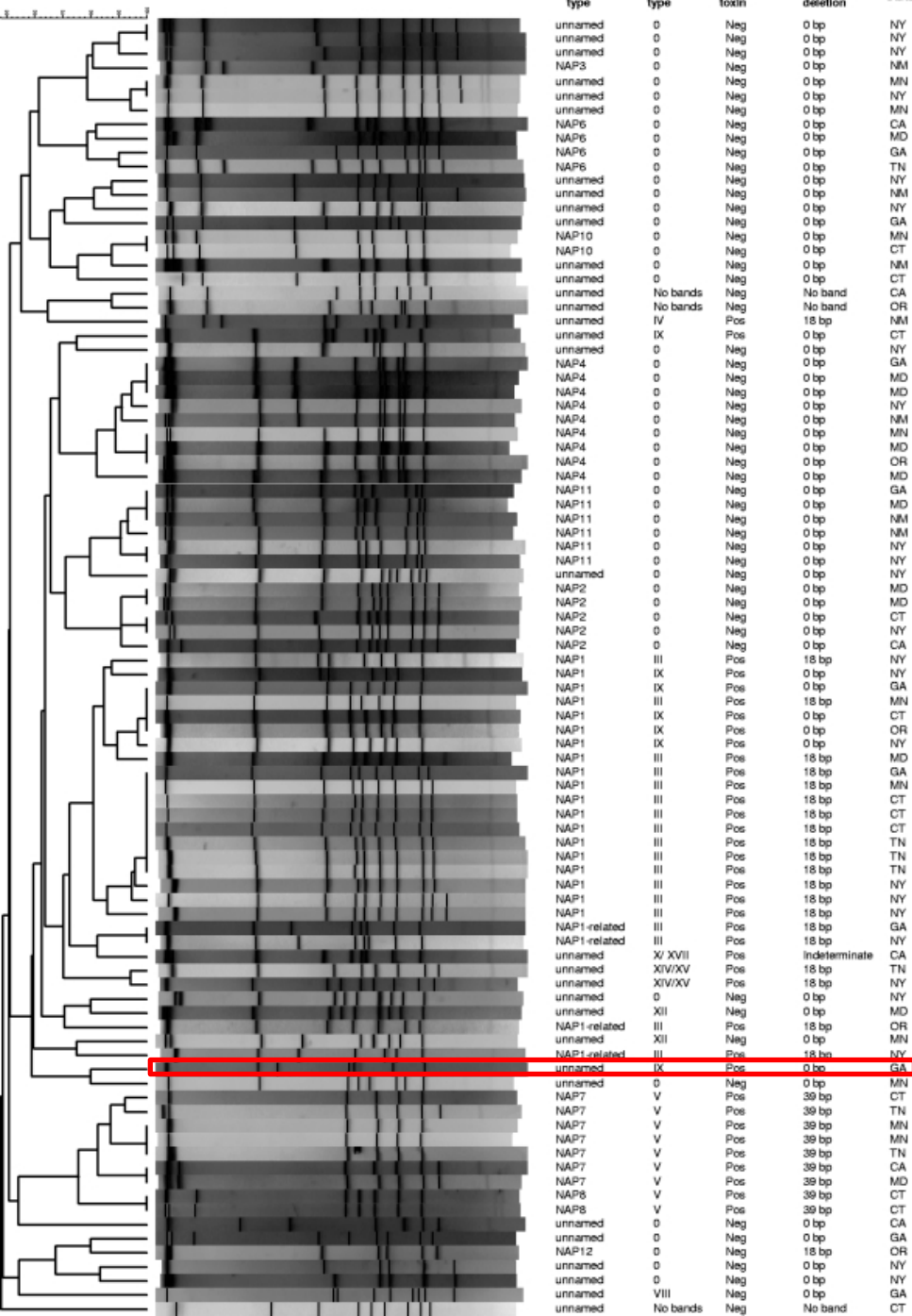


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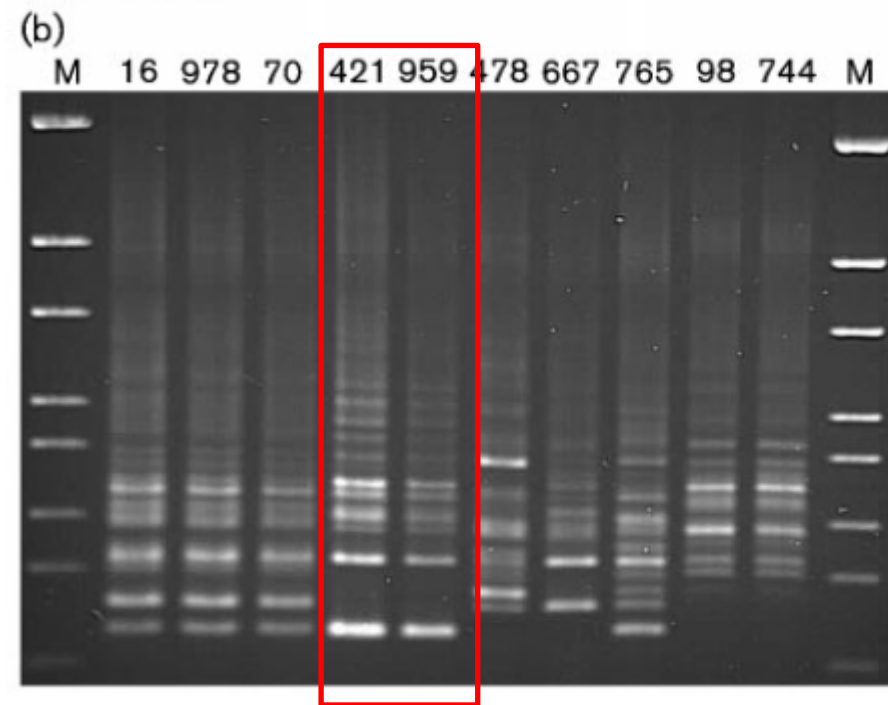
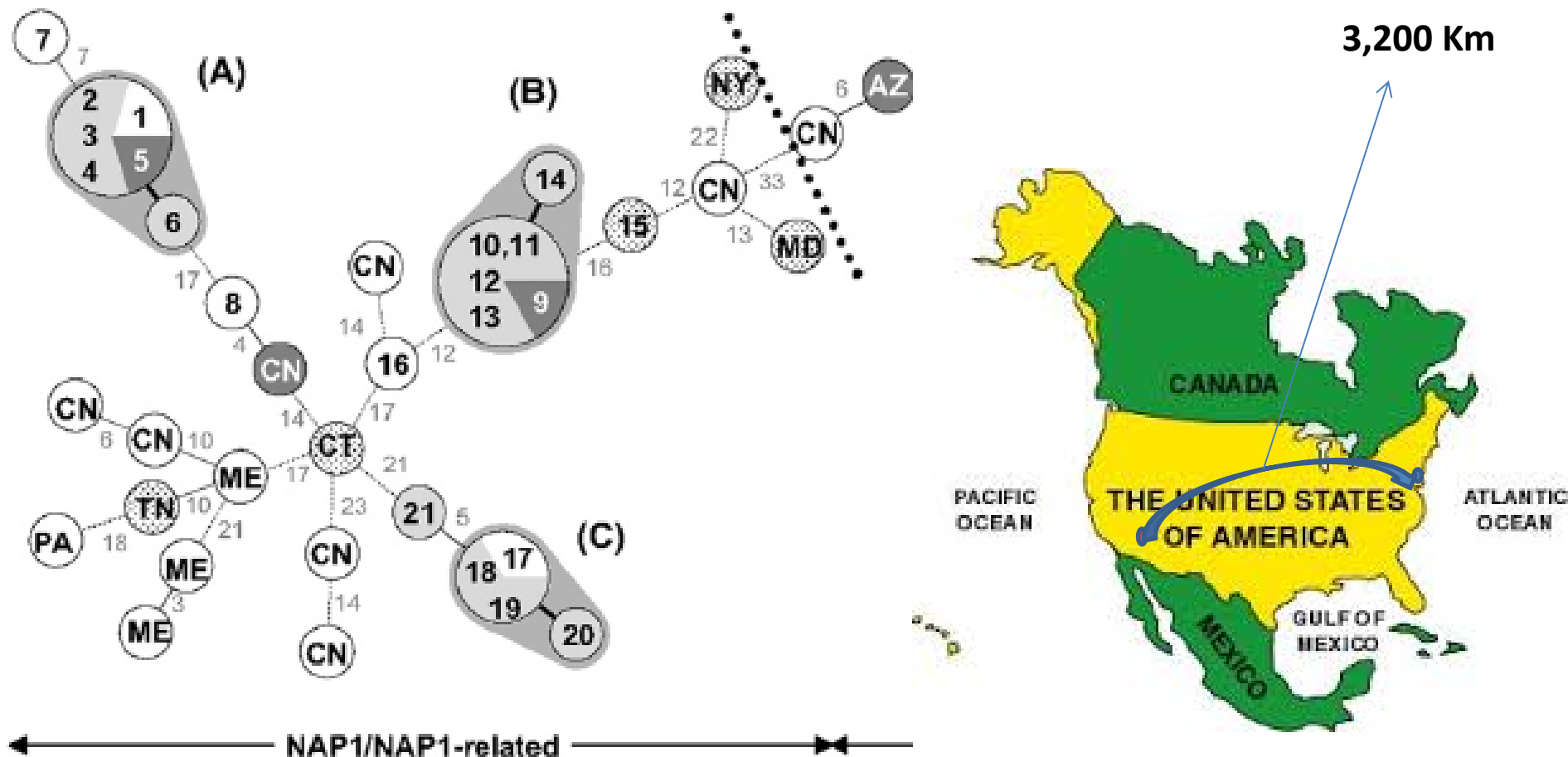


Table. Source and characteristics of *Clostridium difficile* isolates obtained from retail meats sold in Tuscon, Arizona, USA, 2007*

Meat product	No. samples cultured	Total no. (%) positive	Ribotype	Toxinotype	$\Delta tcdC$, bp†	PFGE type	No. (%) pos
Ground beef (uncooked)	26	13 (50)	027	III	18	NAP1	1 (3.8)
						NAP1-related	2 (7.7)
			078	V	39	NAP7	8 (30.8)
						NAP8	2 (7.7)
Summer sausage (ready to eat)	7	1 (14.3)	027	III	18	NAP1	1 (14.3)
Ground pork (uncooked)	7	3 (42.9)	027	III	18	NAP1-related	1 (14.3)
			078	V	39	NAP7	2 (28.6)
Braunschweiger (ready to eat)	16	10 (62.5)	027	III	18	NAP1	2 (12.5)
						NAP1-related	1 (6.2)
			078	V	39	NAP7	7 (43.8)
Chorizo (uncooked)	10	3 (30.0)	027	III	18	NAP1-related	1 (10.0)
			078	V	39	NAP7	2 (20.0)
Pork sausage (uncooked)	13	3 (23.1)	027	III	18	NAP1-related	1 (7.7)
			078	V	39	NAP7	2 (15.4)
Ground turkey (uncooked)	9	4 (44.4)	078	V	39	NAP7	4 (44.4)
Totals	88	37 (42.0)	027	III	18	NAP1	4 (4.4)
						NAP1-related	6 (6.7)
			078	V	39	NAP7	25 (27.8)
						NAP8	2 (2.2)

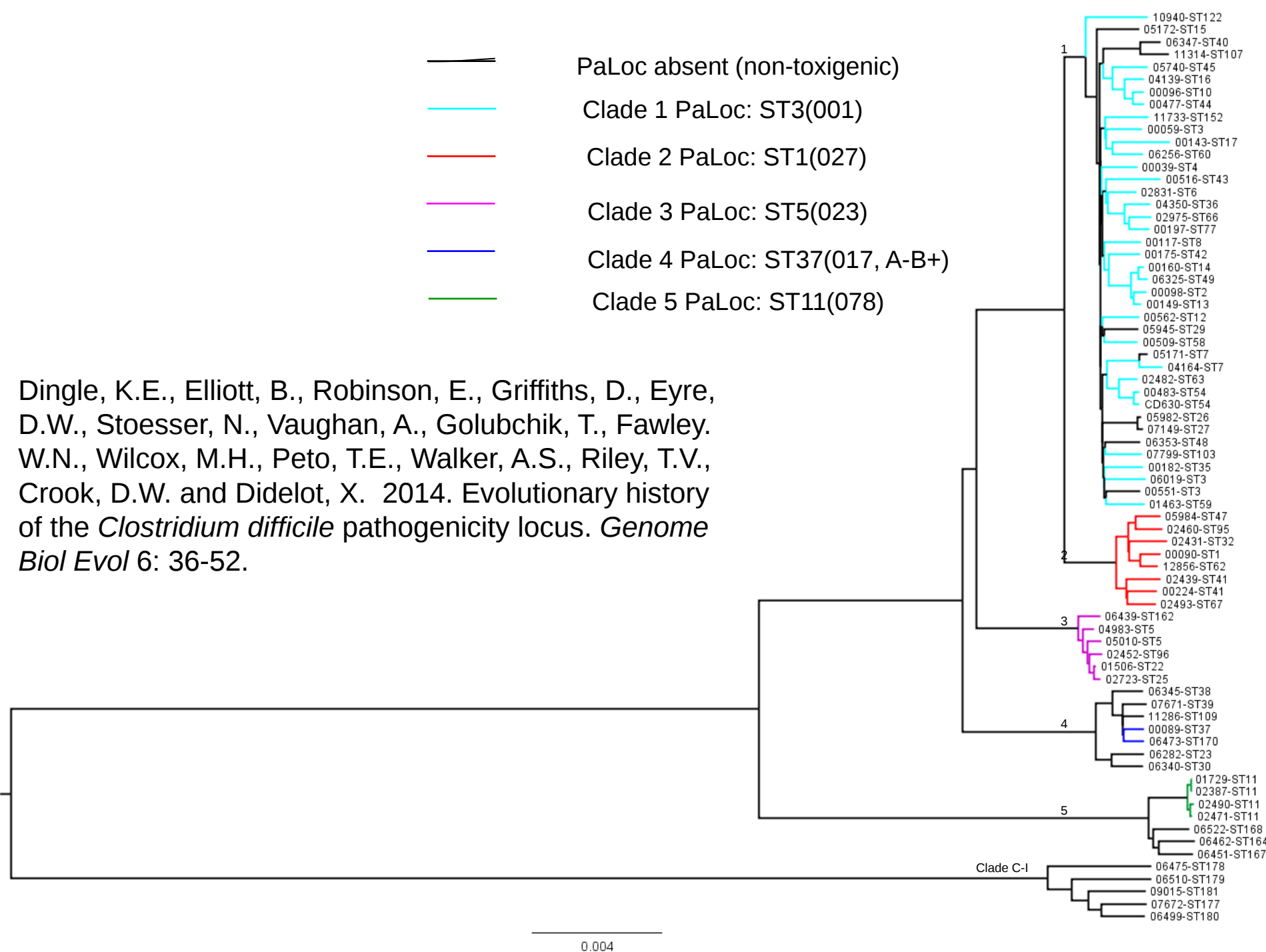
*All samples were positive for *cdtB*, which encodes the binding component of binary toxin. PFGE, pulsed-field gel electrophoresis.†Deletions in *tcdC* regulatory gene.

Molecular and epidemiologic information of selected study *C. difficile* isolates.

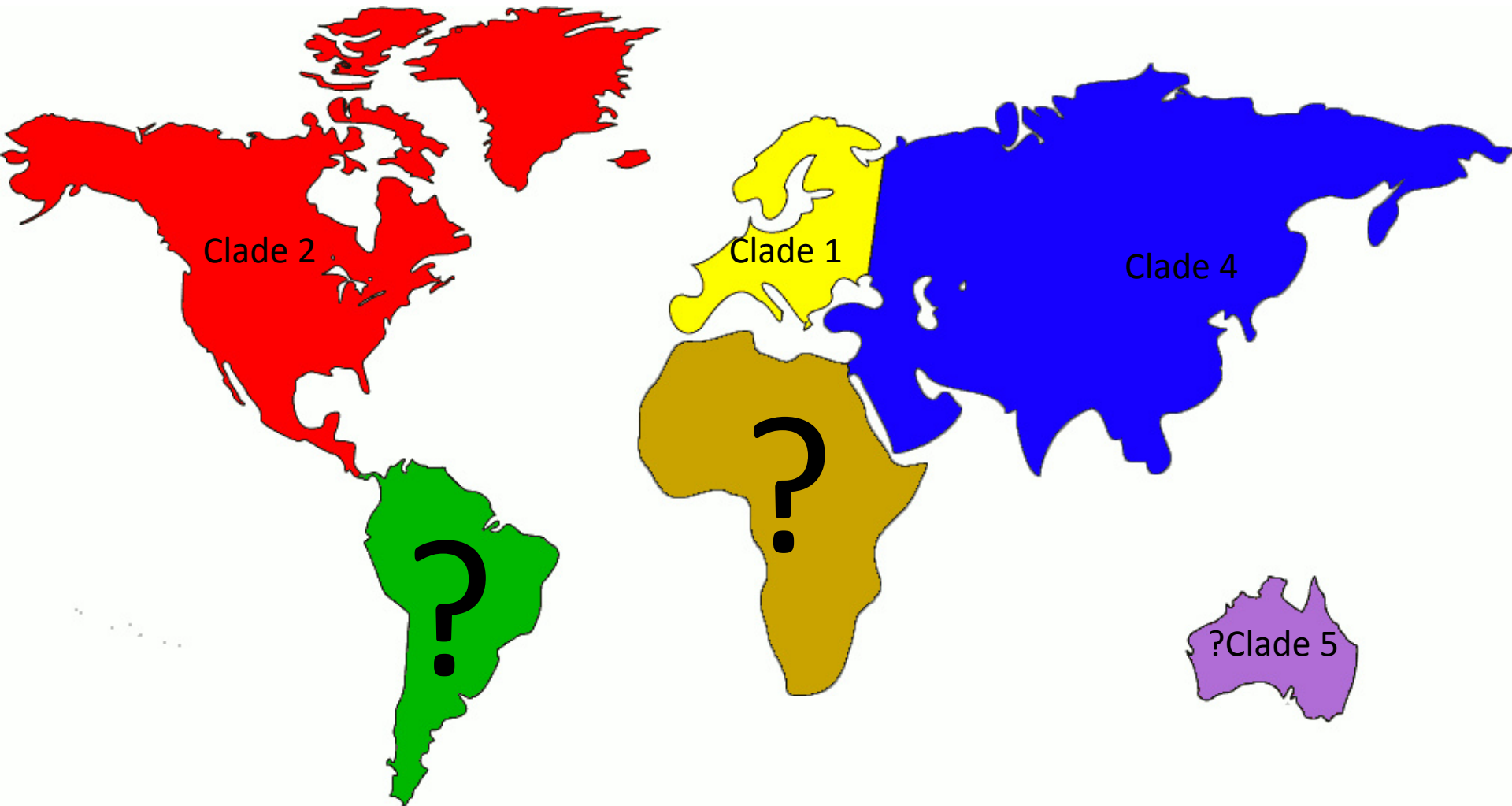
Cluster	No.	Source	Location	CDR4	CDR5	CDR6	CDR9	CDR48	CDR49	CDR60	tcdC	PFGE
A	1	Human	NJ	18	3	20	15	9	12	10	1	NAP1
	2	Braunschweiger	AZ	18	3	20	15	9	12	10	1	NAP1
	3	Ground beef	AZ	18	3	20	15	9	12	10	1	NAP1
	4	Braunschweiger	AZ	18	3	20	15	9	12	10	1	NAP1
	5	Bovine	AZ	18	3	20	15	9	12	10	1	NAP1

- PaLoc absent (non-toxicogenic)
- Clade 1 PaLoc: ST3(001)
- Clade 2 PaLoc: ST1(027)
- Clade 3 PaLoc: ST5(023)
- Clade 4 PaLoc: ST37(017, A-B+)
- Clade 5 PaLoc: ST11(078)

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Phylogeographical tropism of *C. difficile*



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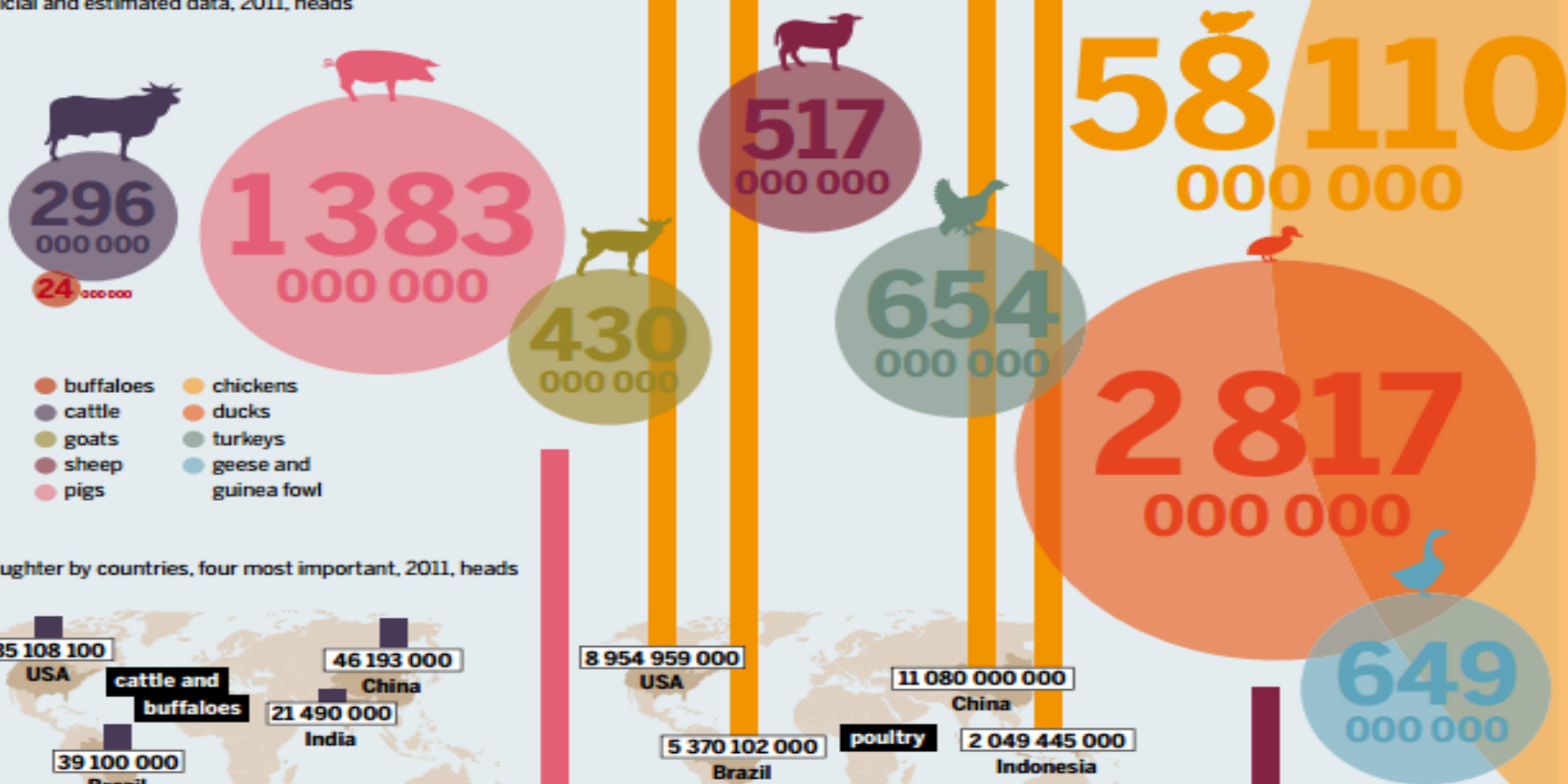
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CONCLUSIONS

Over a 3-year period, 45% of *C. difficile* cases in Oxfordshire were genetically distinct from all previous cases. Genetically diverse sources, in addition to symptomatic patients, play a major part in *C. difficile* transmission. (Funded by the U.K. Clinical Research Collaboration Translational Infection Research Initiative and others.)

Animals slaughtered worldwide

Official and estimated data, 2011, heads



Slaughter by countries, four most important, 2011, heads

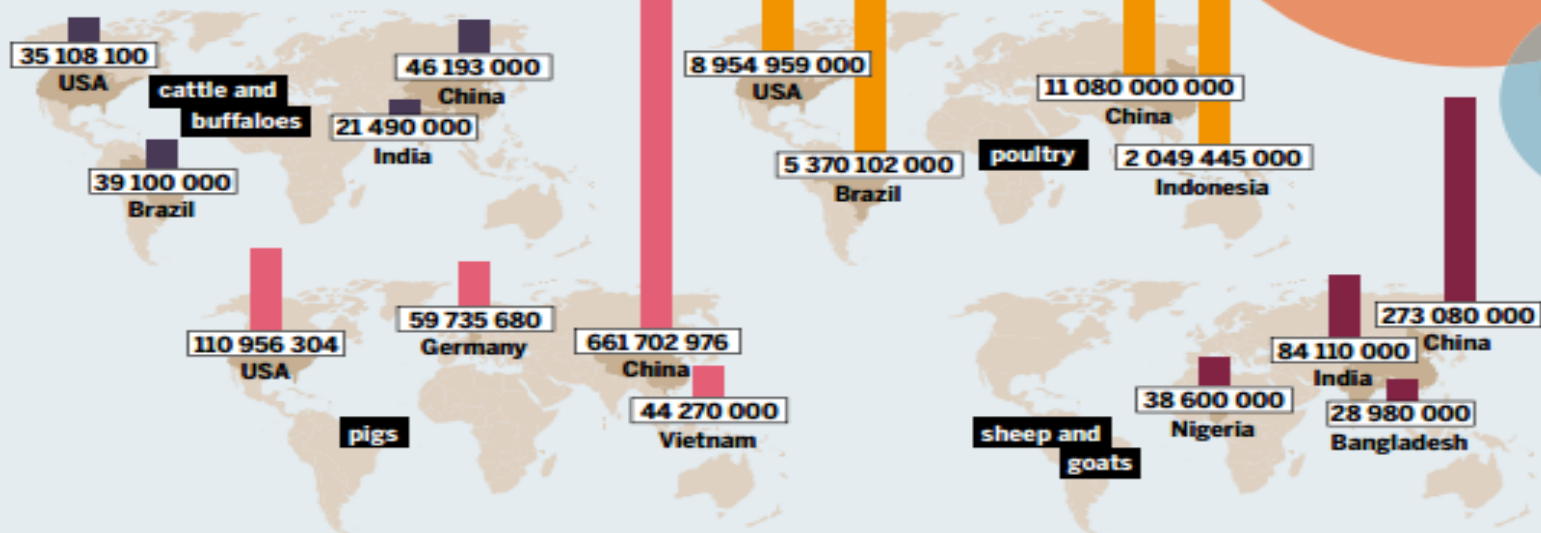


Table 1. Production of food animals (including export of live animals) and the production of meat and milk, Denmark DANMAP 2006

Year	Broilers		Turkeys a)		Cattle (slaughtered)		Dairy cows		Pigs		Farmed fish	
	1,000 heads	mill. kg	1,000 heads	mill. kg	1,000 heads	mill. kg	1,000 heads	mill. kg milk	1,000 heads	mill. kg	Fresh water mill. kg	Salt water mill. kg
1990	94,560	116	571	2.5	789	219	753	4,542	16,425	1,260	-	-
1992	107,188	137	761	5.4	862	236	712	4,405	18,442	1,442	35	7
1994	116,036	152	1,091	8.6	813	210	700	4,442	20,651	1,604	35	7
1996	107,895	149	961	9.3	789	198	701	4,494	20,424	1,592	32	8
1998	126,063	168	1,124	11.6	732	179	669	4,468	22,738	1,770	32	7
2000	133,987	181	1,042	10.3	691	171	636	4,520	22,414	1,748	32	7
2001	136,603	192	1,038	12.6	653	169	623	4,418	23,199	1,836	31	8
2002	136,350	190	965	11.5	668	169	610	4,455	24,203	1,892	32	8
2003	129,861	181	510	7.4	625	161	596	4,540	24,434	1,898	34	8
2004	130,674	181	55	1.0	632	165	563	4,434	25,141	1,965	34	9
2005	120,498	180	158	0.5	549	145	558	4,449	25,758	1,988	31	8
2006	105,888	163	32	0.1	509	140	563	4,492	25,763	1,957	-	-

Data from Statistics Denmark (www.dst.dk) and The Danish Directorate for Fisheries

a) From 2002, the export of live turkeys for slaughter increased. By 2004, 95% of all turkeys raised in Denmark were slaughtered abroad. For turkeys, data on export of live animals is not included in the table

Approx. 50% increase in numbers

Table 4. Trends in the estimated total consumption (kg active compound) of prescribed antimicrobials for production animals, Denmark

ATC _{vet} group b)	Therapeutic group	1990	1992	1994	1996	1998	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
QJ01AA	Tetracyclines	9,300 a)	22,000	36,500	12,900	12,100	24,000	28,500	24,500	27,300	29,500	30,050	32,650
QJ01CE	Penicillins, β-lactamase sensitive	5,000	6,700	9,400	7,200	14,300	15,100	16,400	17,400	19,000	20,900	22,250	22,600
QJ01C/QJ01DA	Other penicillins, cephalosporins	1,200	2,500	4,400	5,800	6,700	7,300	8,800	9,900	11,100	12,900	12,300	11,550
QJ01EW	Sulfonamides + trimethoprim	3,800	7,900	9,500	4,800	7,700	7,000	9,200	10,600	10,600	11,500	12,200	13,800
QJ01EQ	Sulfonamides	8,700	5,900	5,600	2,100	1,000	1,000	950	900	850	850	750	750
QJ01F/QJ01XX	Macrolides, lincosamides, pleuromutilins	10,900	12,900	11,400	7,600	7,100	15,600	18,400	19,200	20,700	24,200	22,350	22,050
QJ01G/QA07AA	Aminoglycosides	7,700	8,500	8,600	7,100	7,800	10,400	11,600	11,700	11,700	11,600	10,800	10,500
	Others c)	6,700	6,800	4,400	600	650	300	900	1,600	1,500	1,000	1,950	1,250
Total		53,400	73,200	89,900	48,000	57,300	80,700	94,700	95,900	102,500	112,500	112,650	115,150

1990-2000: Data based on reports from the pharmaceutical industry of total annual sales. (Data 1990-1994: Use of antibiotics in the pig production. Federation of Danish pig producers and slaughterhouses. N. E. Rønn (Ed.). 1996-2000: Danish Medicines Agency). Data 2001-2006: VetStat. For comparability between VetStat data and previous data, see DANMAP 2000. Only veterinary drugs are included. Veterinary drugs almost exclusively used in pets (tablets, capsules, ointment, eye/ear drops) are excluded. Dermal spray with tetracycline, used in production animals, is the only topical drug included

a) Kg active compound rounded to nearest 50 or 100

b) Only the major contributing ATC_{vet} groups are mentioned

c) Consumption in aquaculture was not included before 2001

Approx. 400% increase in penicillins, β -lactamase sens.
Other penicillins, cephalosporins 1000% increase

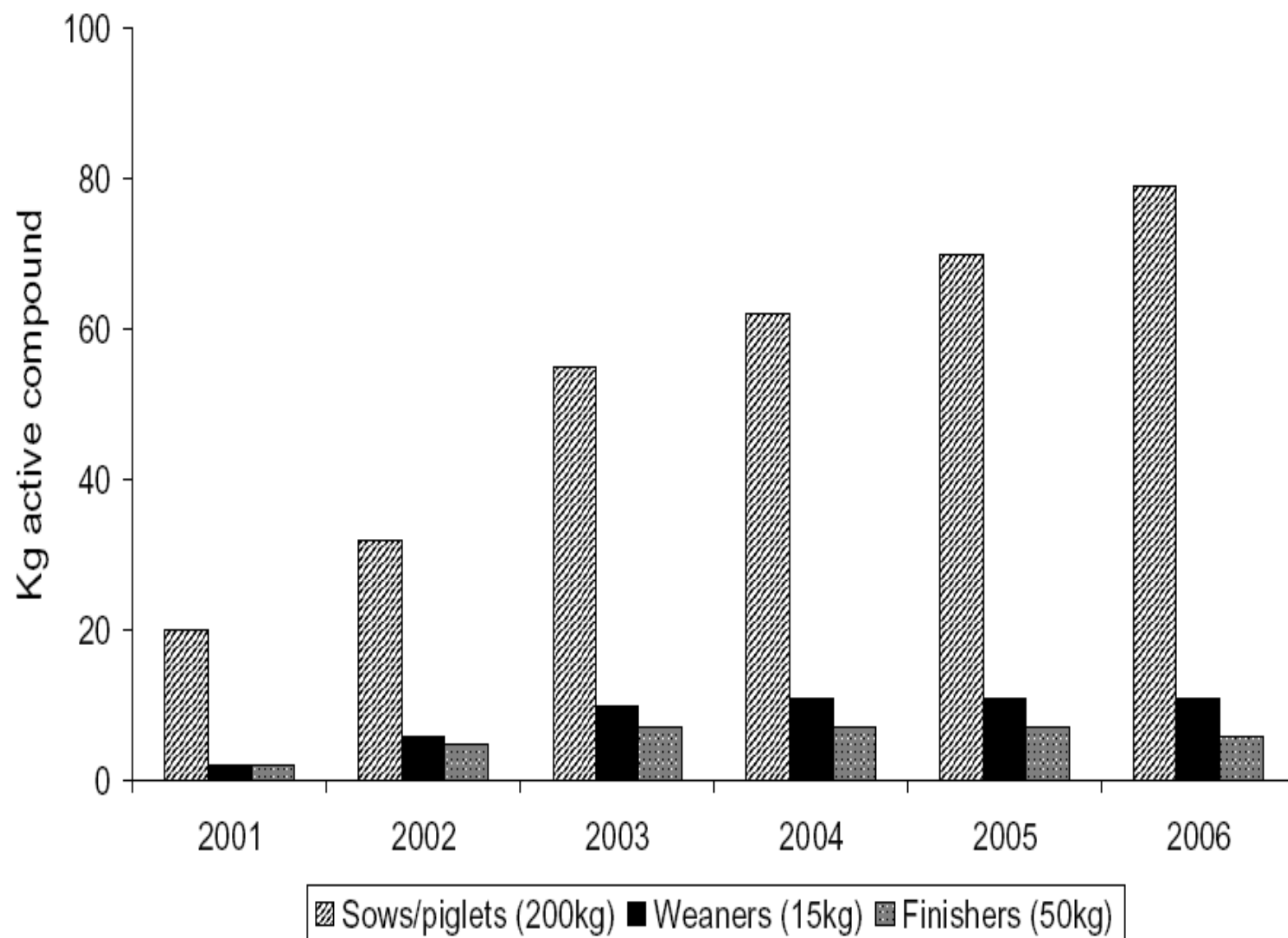


Figure 4 . Consumption of cephalosporins in pigs given as kg active compound from 2001 to 2006, Denmark

DanMap 2007

“This change in prescription habits suggests that the consumption of cephalosporins in pigs is changing from occasional prescription to more systematic prescription in herds producing 14-29% of the weaned pigs.”

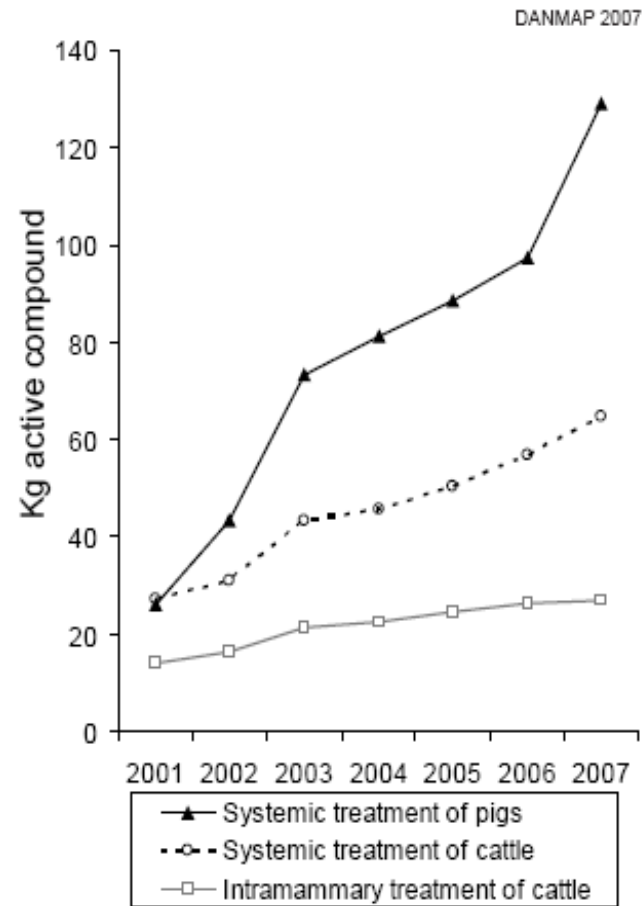


Figure 7. Use of 3rd and 4th generation cephalosporins in pigs and cattle, 2001-2007, Denmark

Antimicrobial use in the Australian pig industry: results of a national survey

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Table 2. Percent of pig herds (n = 197) reported as having used particular antimicrobials in the 12 months prior to survey and the route of administration of those drugs

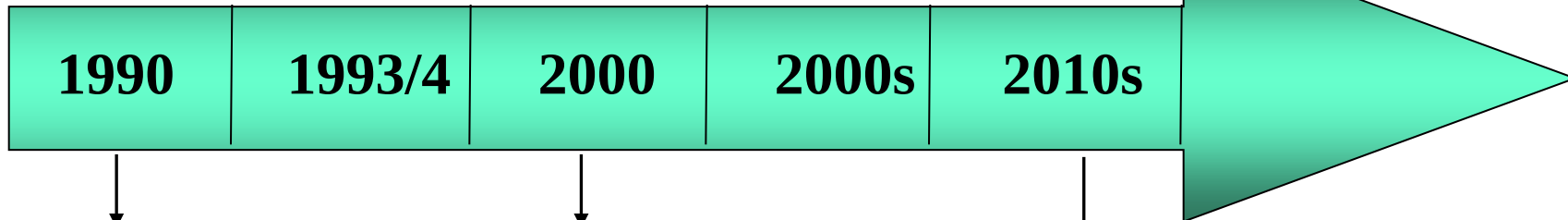
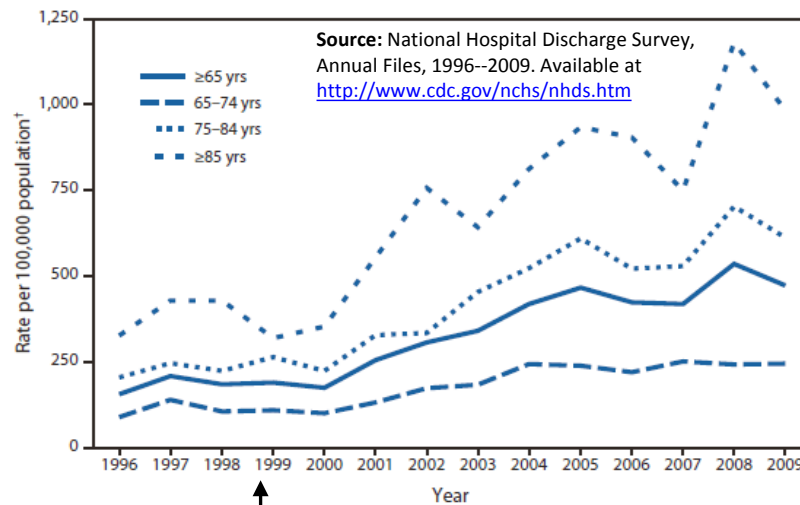
Antimicrobial	Importance rating for human health	Percent of herds within each category of use				
		Unanswered	Not used	Injection/oral	Oral only	Injection only
Apramycin/neomycin	Medium/low	1.0	47.3	2.5	42.1	7.1
Florfenicol (for respiratory disease)	Low	1.0	95.4	0.5	0.0	3.1
Florfenicol (for gut disease)	Low	2.5	93.4	0.0	0.5	3.6
Lincomycin and spectinomycin	Medium	2.0	64.5	6.1	19.3	8.1
Macrolide	Low	2.0	25.4	32.0	27.9	12.7
Penicillins ^a	Low	1.0	3.6	22.8	4.6	68.0
Ceftiofur	High	1.5	73.7	2.0	0.5	22.3
Tiamulin	Not yet rated	1.0	88.4	1.0	7.1	2.5
Olaquinox	Low	1.0	46.7	0.0	52.3	0.0
Virginiamycin	High	1.5	98.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dimetridazole	Medium	2.0	85.3	0.0	12.7	0.0
Sulfonamides	Low	2.0	28.9	5.6	10.7	52.8
Tetracyclines	Low	1.0	15.2	50.8	10.7	22.3
Other antimicrobials		3.1	86.2	0.0	7.6	3.1

^aIncludes amoxicillin and ampicillin.

Covered about half the large herds in Australia in 2006.

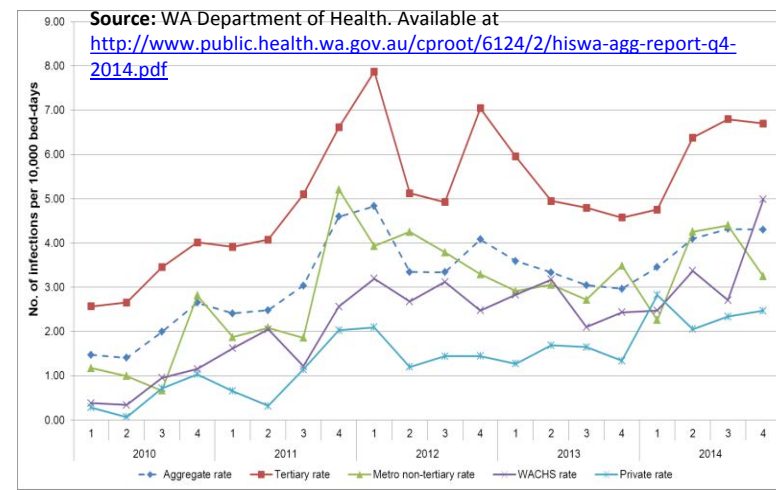


Ribotype 027 mutates to FQ resistance in 2 places independently (He *et al.* 2013)



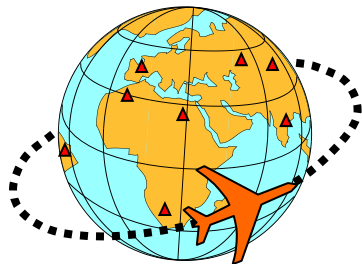
Ceftiofur licensed for animal use in North America

Ceftiofur licensed for animal use in Australia



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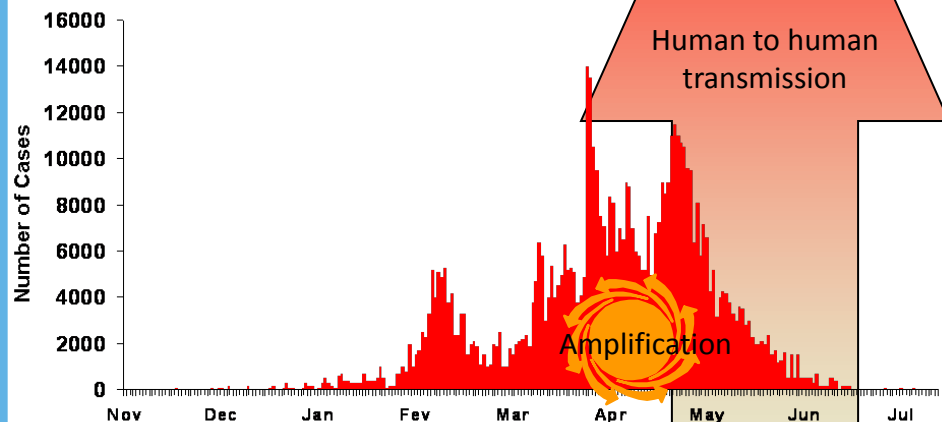
Global spread



Global travel and trade

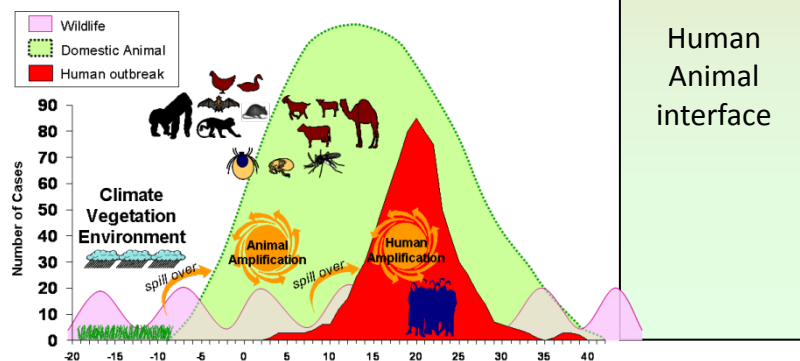
EPIDEMIC

Amplification



OUTBREAK

Emergence



Global Alert & Response: the need for global surveillance

Globalization of pathogens

- Global travel: people, animals, vectors
- Global trade: animal and their products, vaccines, medical products, etc.

Amplification of pathogens

- Successful H2H transmission,
- Nosocomial transmission in health care centers
- New introduction from animals
- Urbanization
- Agricultural Intensification
- Technology And Industry

Emergence of pathogens

- Encroachment introduction, “Spill over”
- At-risk behaviour
- Human encroachment, Ex situ contact, Ecological manipulation
- Translocation of wildlife

Is *Clostridium difficile* a threat to Australia's biosecurity?

Thomas V Riley

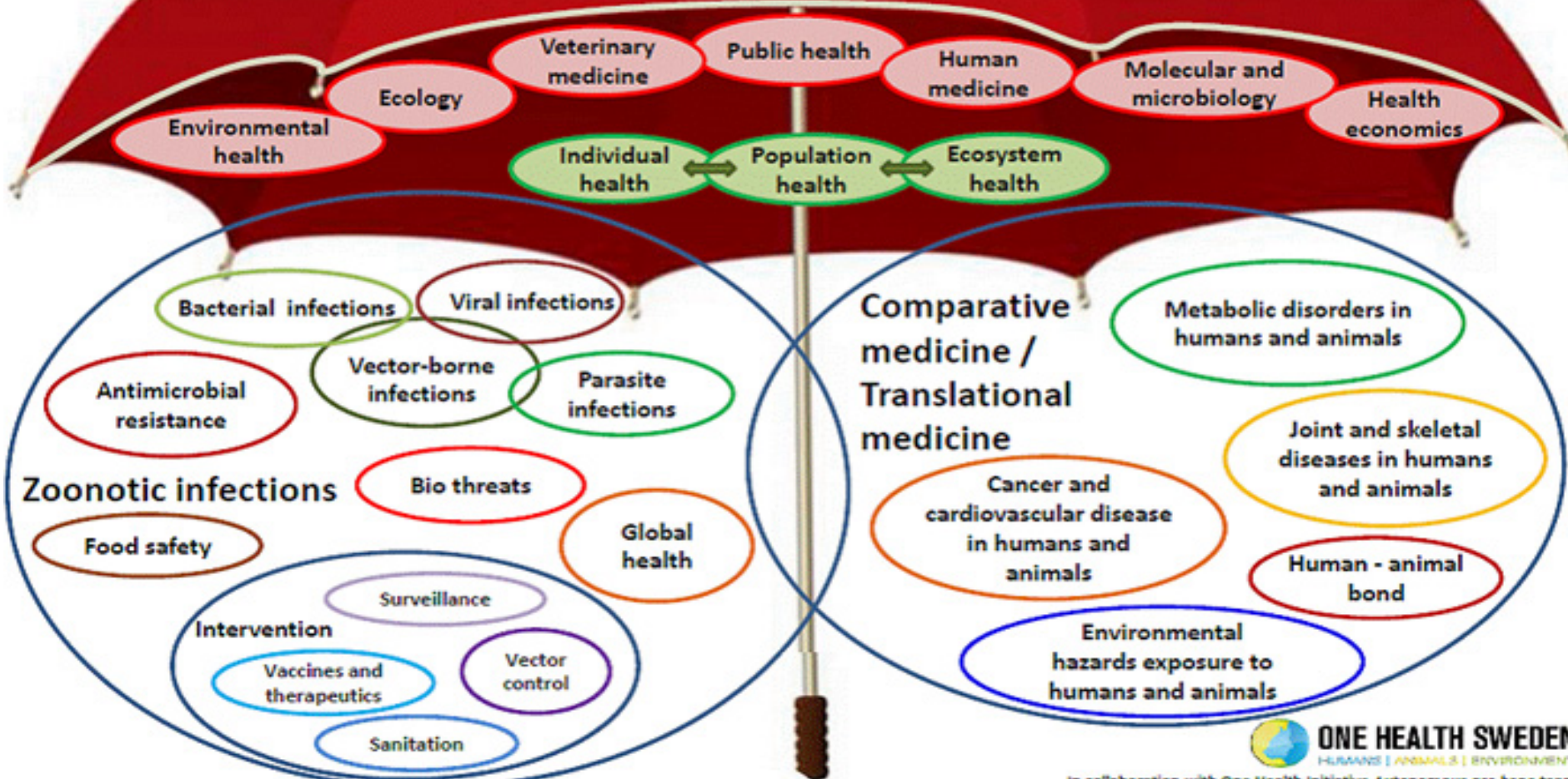
Australia can benefit from lessons learned in the epidemic of C. difficile infection in Europe and North America

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Every effort should be made to stop epidemic *C. difficile* from becoming established in our production animals. Unfortunately, the mere perception of *C. difficile* infection as a foodborne disease will damage the industry.

However, if cephalosporin use is driving *C. difficile* infection in animals overseas, then additional efforts to target cephalosporin use in veterinary medicine may be needed in Australia.

One Health



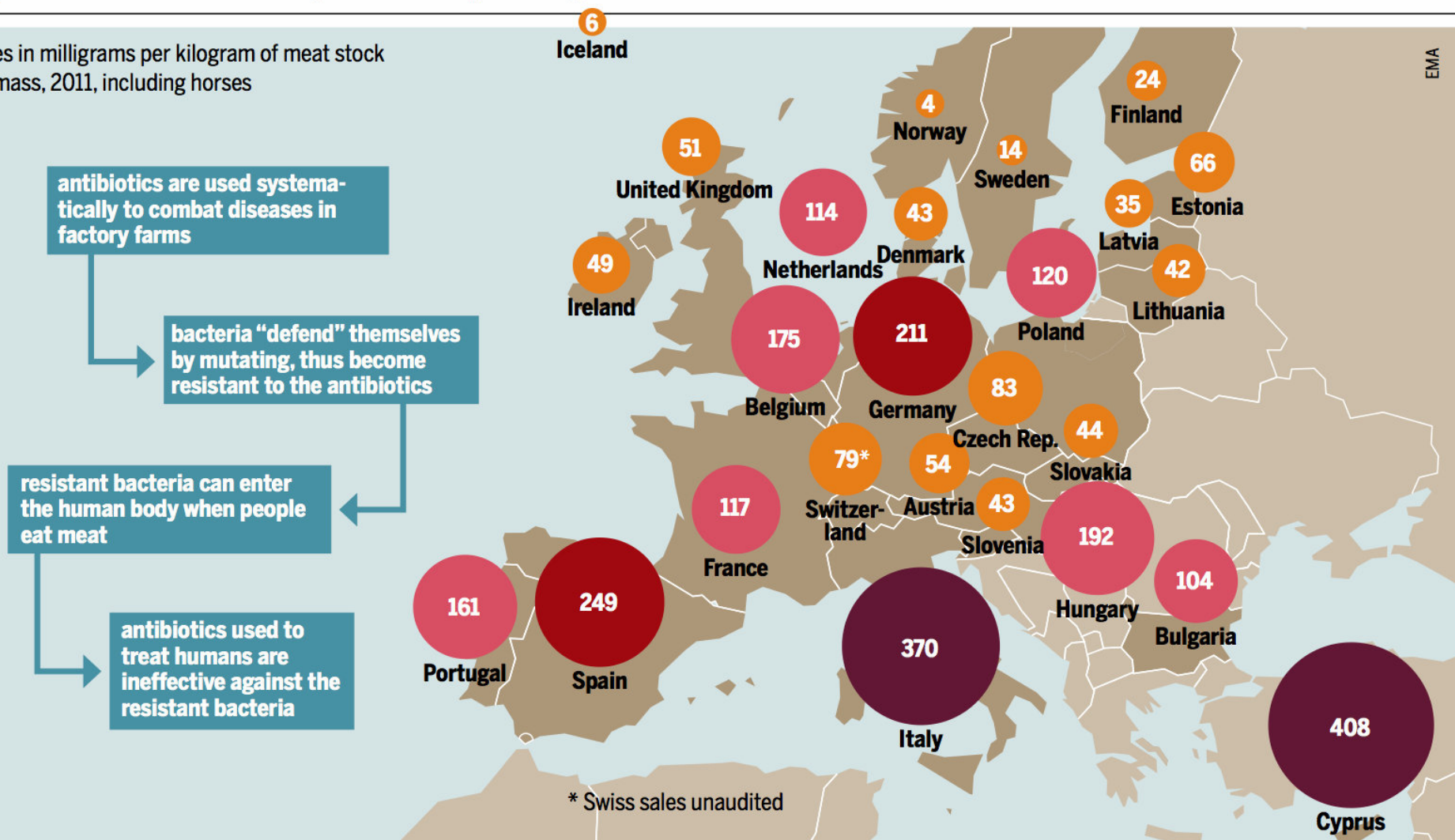
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In collaboration with One Health Initiative Autonomous pro bono team

European sales of antimicrobial agents for food-producing animals

Sales in milligrams per kilogram of meat stock biomass, 2011, including horses



Clostridium difficile Infection in Humans and Piglets: A 'One Health' Opportunity

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Abstract *Clostridium difficile* causes infectious diarrhoea in humans and animals. It has been found in both diarrhoeal and non-diarrhoeal pigs, horses and cattle, suggesting a potential reservoir for human infection, and in 20–40 % of meat products in Canada and the USA, suggesting the possibility, albeit not proven, of food-borne transmission. Although it is not yet completely clear, it is likely that excessive antimicrobial exposure is driving the establishment of *C. difficile* in animals, in a manner analogous to human infection, rather than the organism just being normal flora of the animal gastrointestinal tract. PCR ribotype 078 is the most common ribotype of *C. difficile* found in pigs (83 % in one study in the USA) and cattle (up to 100 %) and this ribotype is now the third most common ribotype of *C. difficile* found in human infection in Europe. Human and pig strains of *C. difficile* are genetically identical in Europe confirming that a zoonosis exists. Rates of community-acquired *C. difficile* infection (CDI) are increasing world wide, a fact that sits well with the notion that animals are a reservoir for human infection. Thus, there are three problems that require resolution: a human health issue, an animal health issue and the factor common to both these problems, environmental contamination. To successfully deal with these recent changes in the epidemiology of CDI will require a 'one health' approach involving human health physicians, veterinarians and environmental scientists.

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Finally! CFC Bans Ceftiofur Injections in Eggs & Chicks

The use of the powerful antibiotic [Ceftiofur](#) in chicks and eggs has finally been banned by Chicken Farmers of Canada ("CFC"). CFC's new rule takes effect on May 15th 2014.

CFC's private glacier must have melted a little recently. CFC, long ago frozen in administrative suspended animation, has finally decided to act for the good of Canadians. Previously, it seemed as if CFC would rather focus their efforts on themselves and their millionaire, greedy chicken farmer stakeholders.

Chicken farmers have a long history, over 60 years, of using drugs, chemical, and yes, even poisonous and cancer-causing arsenic in the chicken feed and water supply for their factory farmed foul chickens. This crazy scheme of the Chicken Mafia helps them to maximize their profits and reduce their business risk; regardless of the possible impact on people who would eventually eat their chicken as food. Sounds crazy, but it's true.

The Challenge of Regulating Agricultural Ceftiofur Use To Slow the Emergence of Resistance to Extended-Spectrum Cephalosporins

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Both the new FDA rule limiting cephalosporin use and Guidance for Industry number 209 attempt to directly address this issue but may be inadequate to effect change. As a result, the mass application of ceftiofur to food animals housed in intensively managed, population-dense environments in the absence of a strong veterinarian-client-patient relationship will almost certainly continue, leading to the further dissemination of extended-spectrum cephalosporin resistance among enteric pathogens.

The way forward

- Continue to try and engage the veterinarians in One Health
- Explain to farmers/industry groups what is going on
- Involve politicians
- Look for alternative agents/strategies
- Restrict cephalosporin use in human medicine
- Completely ban all cephalosporins from use in production animals

“Cephalosporins are the work of the devil, send to end the antibiotic era!”

