

L'EU per la prevenzione e il controllo delle zoonosi

- **Normative per rafforzare le attività di monitoraggio, sorveglianza e controllo**
- **Supporto finanziario alla ricerca (EU 6th & 7th Framework Programs)**



Strategie di controllo delle zoonosi nell'UE

Libro bianco sulla sicurezza alimentare

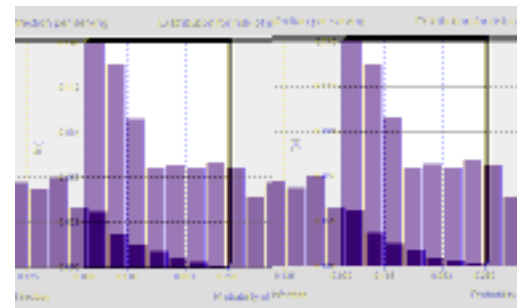
- **La sicurezza alimentare è una priorità strategica fondamentale**
- **Responsabilità definite per:**
 - Produttori (responsabilità primaria)
 - Autorità (controllo e sorveglianza)
 - Consumatori (conservazione e manipolazione)
- **Istituzione dell'EFSA**



Strategie di controllo delle zoonosi nella UE

Raccolta di informazioni e loro analisi

- Sistemi di **monitoraggio** e sorveglianza per l'identificazione precoce dei rischi potenziali (prevenzione delle emergenze)
- Sistemi di **allarme** per ritirare dal mercato prodotti pericolosi per il consumatore (gestione delle emergenze)



Controllo delle zoonosi: le nuove normative UE

La nuova “Direttiva Zoonosi”

- **Direttiva 2003/99/CE** del 17 novembre 2003 sulle misure di sorveglianza delle zoonosi e degli agenti zoonotici (abroga la direttiva 92/117/CE)
- **Regolamento CE n.2160/2003** del 17 novembre 2003 sul controllo della salmonella e di altri agenti zoonotici specifici presenti negli alimenti



Direttiva zoonosi: obiettivi

Sorveglianza

- Sorveglianza delle zoonosi e degli agenti zoonotici **al livello primario**
- Sorveglianza della **resistenza agli antimicrobici** ad essi correlata
- Indagine epidemiologica dei focolai di **tossinfezione alimentare**
- Scambio di **informazioni** (stati membri, EFSA, ECDC)



Monitoraggio e sorveglianza delle zoonosi

- **Anagrafica e geo-referenziazione delle strutture produttive**
- **Monitoraggio degli agenti nelle popolazioni animali**
- **Sorveglianza di laboratorio delle infezioni nell'uomo**
- **Piani di campionamento alimenti**

Analisi del rischio



Direttiva zoonosi: priorità

Allegato I A - Prima fascia di priorità

- **Salmonella**
- ***Escherichia coli* VTEC**
- **Campylobacter**
- **Brucella**
- ***Listeria monocytogenes***
- ***Mycobacterium bovis***
- **Echinococco**
- **Trichinella**

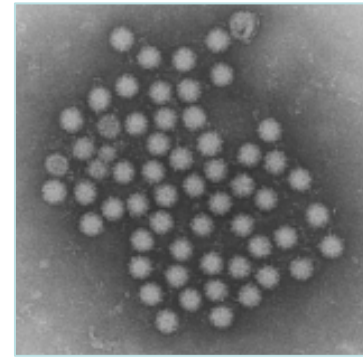


Direttiva Zoonosi 2003/99/EC

(Allegato I A Seconda fascia di priorità)

Agenti virali

- Calicivirus
- Epatite A
- Influenza
- Rabbia
- Virus trasmessi da artropodi



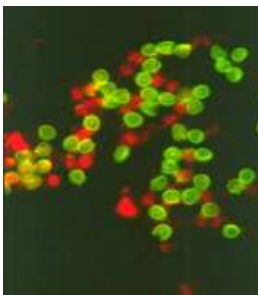
Agenti batterici

- Borreliosi
- Botulismo
- Leptosirosi
- Psittacosi
- Tubercolosi
- Vibriosi
- Yersinosi



Agenti parassitari

- Anisakiasi
- Criptosporidiosi
- Cisticercosi
- Toxoplasmosi



Gastroenterite acuta virale

	GE infantile endemica	GE epidemica
VIRUS	Rotavirus (gruppo A) Astrovirus Adenovirus enterici Rotavirus (gruppo C) Calicivirus (NLV & SLV) Coronavirus/torovirus Picobirnavirus Aichiivirus	Calicivirus (NLV & SLV) Rotavirus (gruppo B) Astrovirus
TRASMISSIONE	Contatto; fomites, droplets, aerosol; persona-persona	Contatto; alimenti, acque , droplets, aerosol
RESERVOIR	Uomo, animali?	Uomo, animali?
ANTICORPI	Alta prevalenza > 5 anni	Sieroconversione nelle epidemie
IMMUNITA'	Buona	A breve termine (calicivirus)
VARIABILITA' VIRALE	Limitato numero di sierotipi (eccetto calicivirus)	Limitato numero di sierotipi (eccetto calicivirus)
MISURE DI SANITA'	Vaccino per RV (gruppo A)	Controllo degli outbreaks; miglioramento della salubrità e manipolazione degli alimenti



DIARREE ACUTE IN ITALIA

- Mancanza di un sistema di sorveglianza delle diarree pediatriche a livello nazionale o regionale
- Mancanza di un sistema di sorveglianza degli episodi epidemici di diarrea (“classe IV”)
- Il sistema di allerta delle “tossinfezioni alimentari” è inefficiente
- Enorme sotto-notifica delle diarree



Prevalenza di patogeni enterici in pazienti con diarrea in Italia.
 Dati cumulati da 53 studi etiologici dal 1980 al 1996.

Pathogen	No. of cases	No. of positives	Percentage
Rotavirus	10677	2838	26.6
Salmonella spp.	8942	1175	13.1
Campylobacter	9475	522	5.5
Adenovirus	2109	105	5.0
ETEC	1629	64	3.9
C. difficile toxin	618	23	3.7
Aeromonas	1179	35	3.0
Cryptosporidium	944	27	2.9
Astrovirus	1405	32	2.3
Giardia	3485	66	1.9
Shigella	5912	91	1.5
Yersinia	6472	97	1.5
EPEC	941	11	1.2
VTEC	618	5	0.8
C. perfringens toxin	618	5	0.8
EIEC	304	-	-



PREVALENZA DELLE GE VIRALI (UK)

- **Infantile viral gastroenteritis: on the way to closing the diagnostic gap.**

Simpson R et al. J Med Virol. 2003; 70:258-62.

A total of 305 faecal specimens collected from **children under the age of 5** who presented with symptoms of acute gastroenteritis either as inpatients at Addenbrooke's Hospital (N = 100) or to General Practitioners in East Anglia (N = 205) during 1999-2001 were tested for the presence of rotavirus, norovirus, sapovirus, enteric adenoviruses (Group F, serotypes 40 and 41), and astrovirus.

An aetiologic agent was found in 184 specimens (60.3%). The most commonly found single viral pathogen was **rotavirus (27.9%)**, followed by **norovirus (13.4%)**, **enteric adenoviruses (7.9%)**, **astrovirus (2.3%)**, and **sapovirus (1%)**. Mixed infections were observed in 27 specimens (8.9%), and no aetiologic agent was found in over a third of the specimens tested.



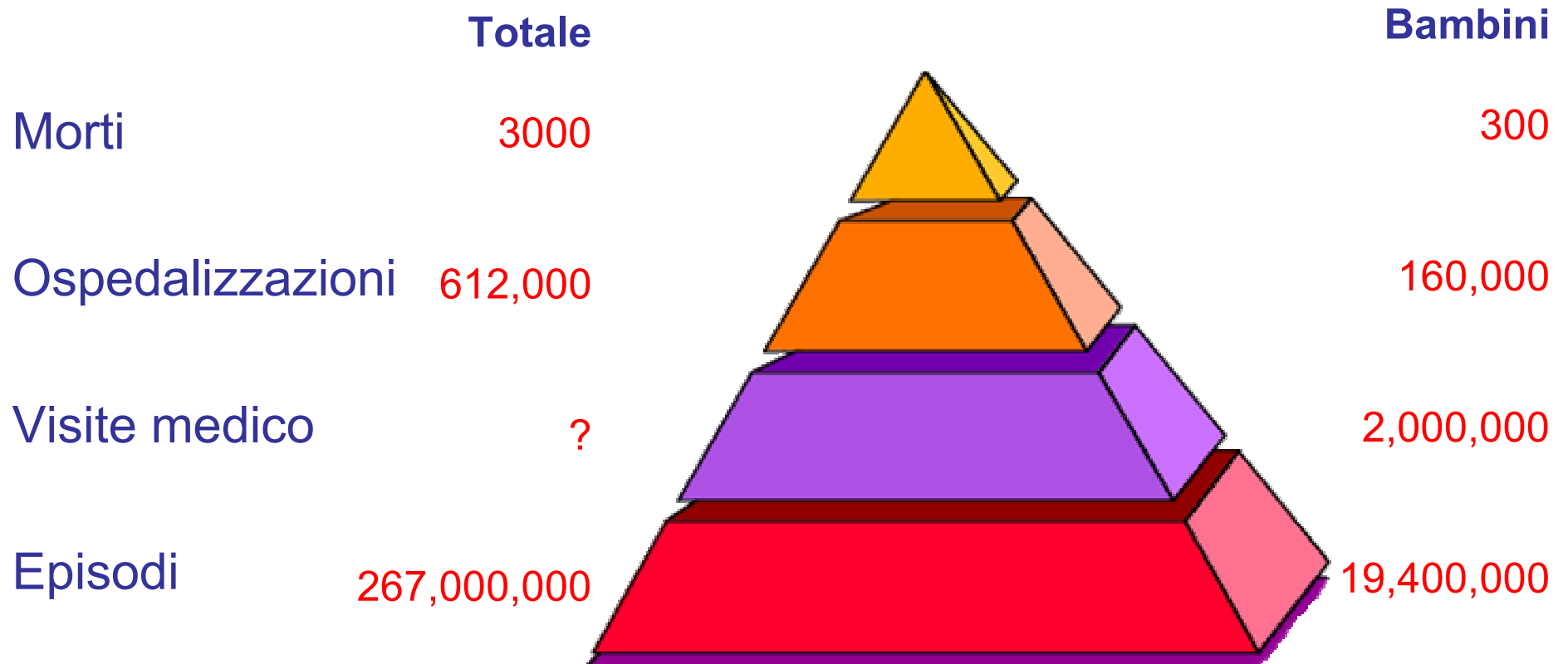
Molecular Epidemiology of Norovirus Infections in Sporadic Cases of Viral Gastroenteritis Among Children in Northern Italy

Maria Cristina Medici,^{1*} Monica Martinelli,¹ Laura Anna Abelli,¹ Franco Maria Ruggeri,² Ilaria Di Bartolo,² Maria Cristina Arcangeletti,¹ Federica Pinardi,¹ Flora De Conto,¹ Giancarlo Izzi,³ Sergio Bernasconi,⁴ Carlo Chezzi,¹ and Giuseppe Dettori¹

- Children hospitalized with acute diarrhea in 2002.
- Surveillance of norovirus infections in sporadic cases of pediatric gastroenteritis in one-year period in Italy showed that **noroviruses (41 cases, 10.4%)** were the second causative viral agent. The epidemic period of norovirus was September-December, peaking in September and November.
- Other viruses detected alone were rotaviruses (83 cases), enteric adenoviruses (7 cases), non-enteric adenoviruses (11 cases), enteroviruses (8 cases) and reovirus (1 case).



LE GE ACUTE NEGLI USA NEL 3° MILLENNIO



Glass et al, 2001

Dipartimento di Sanità alimentare e animale



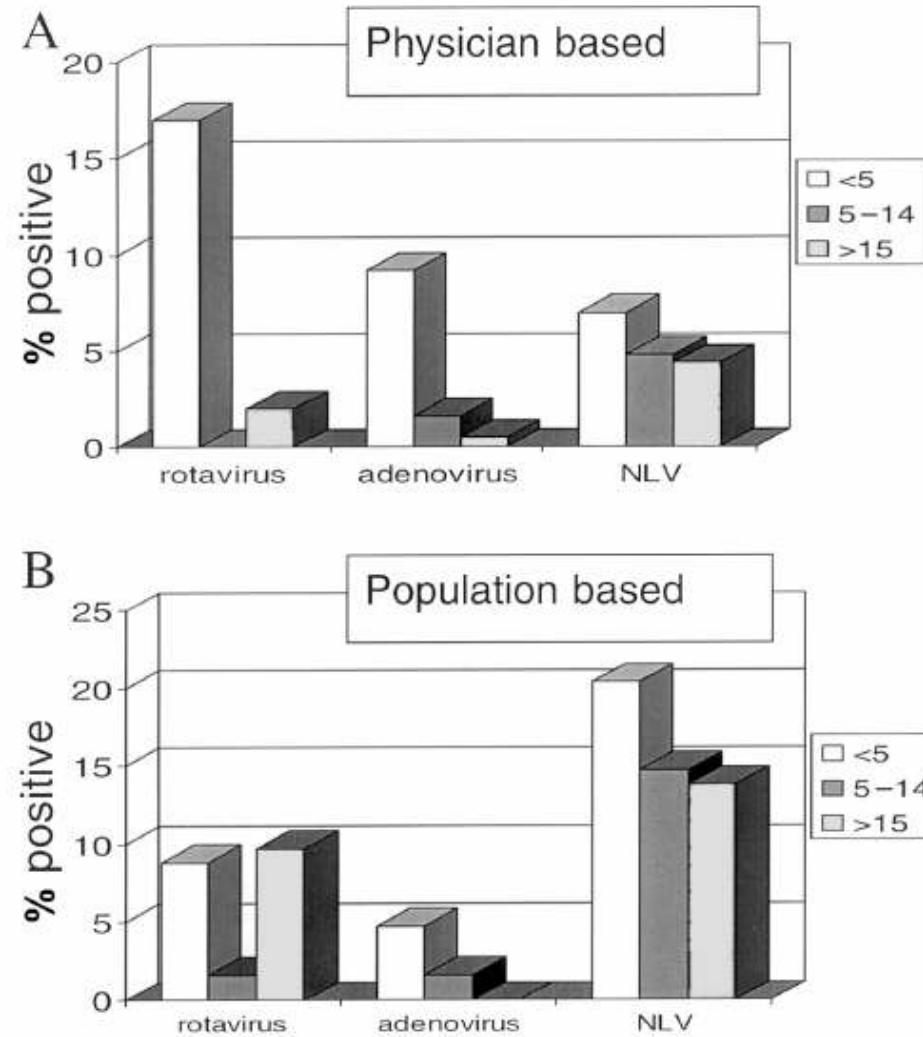
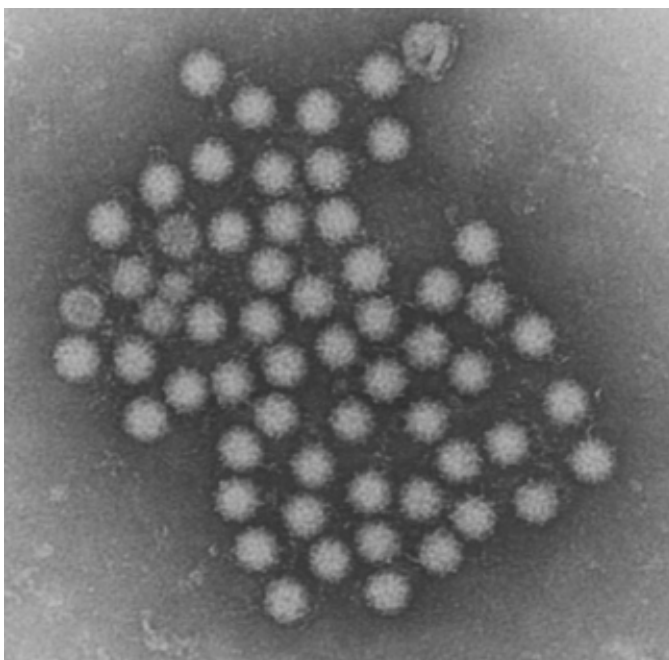


Figure 3. Age-stratified distribution of rotavirus and Norwalk-like virus (NLV) expressed as proportion of positive specimens per age (years) group. Data are from physician-based (A) and population-based (B) studies of gastroenteritis. (Note difference in scales used for A and B.)

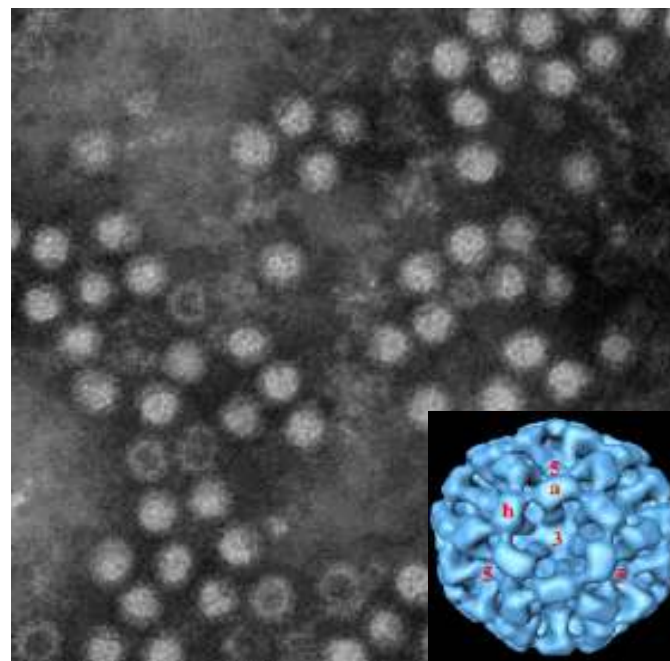


NOROVIRUS

Virions by EM



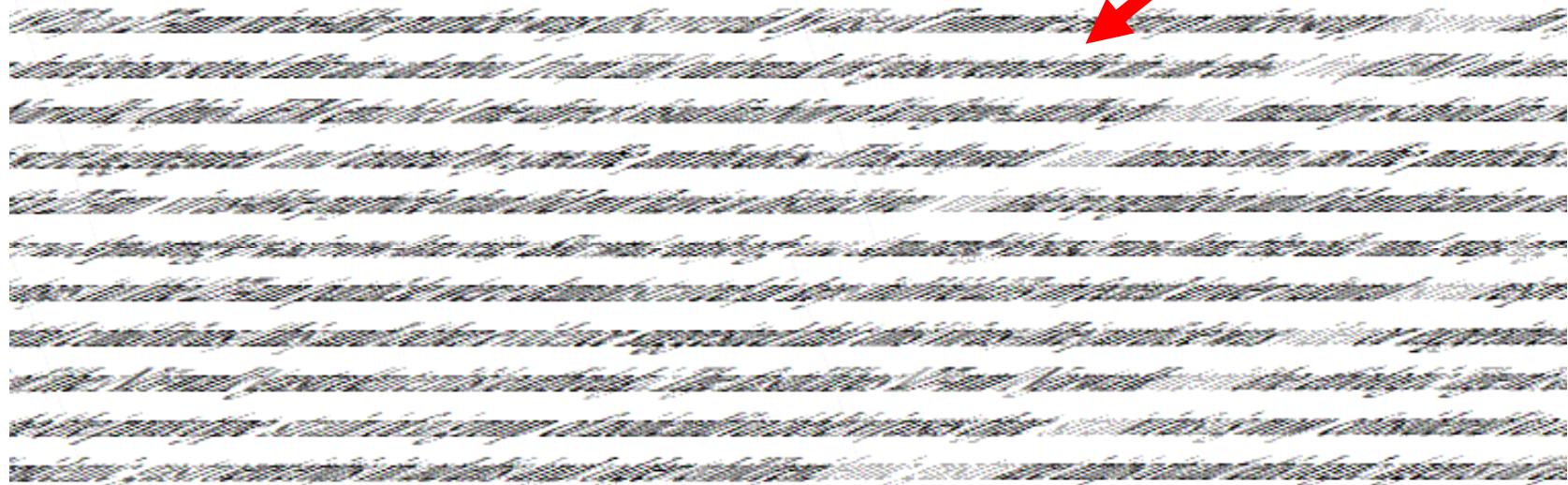
Virus-Like Particles



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1: [Science](#). 1990 Dec 14;250(4987):1580-3.

Norwalk virus genome cloning and characterization.

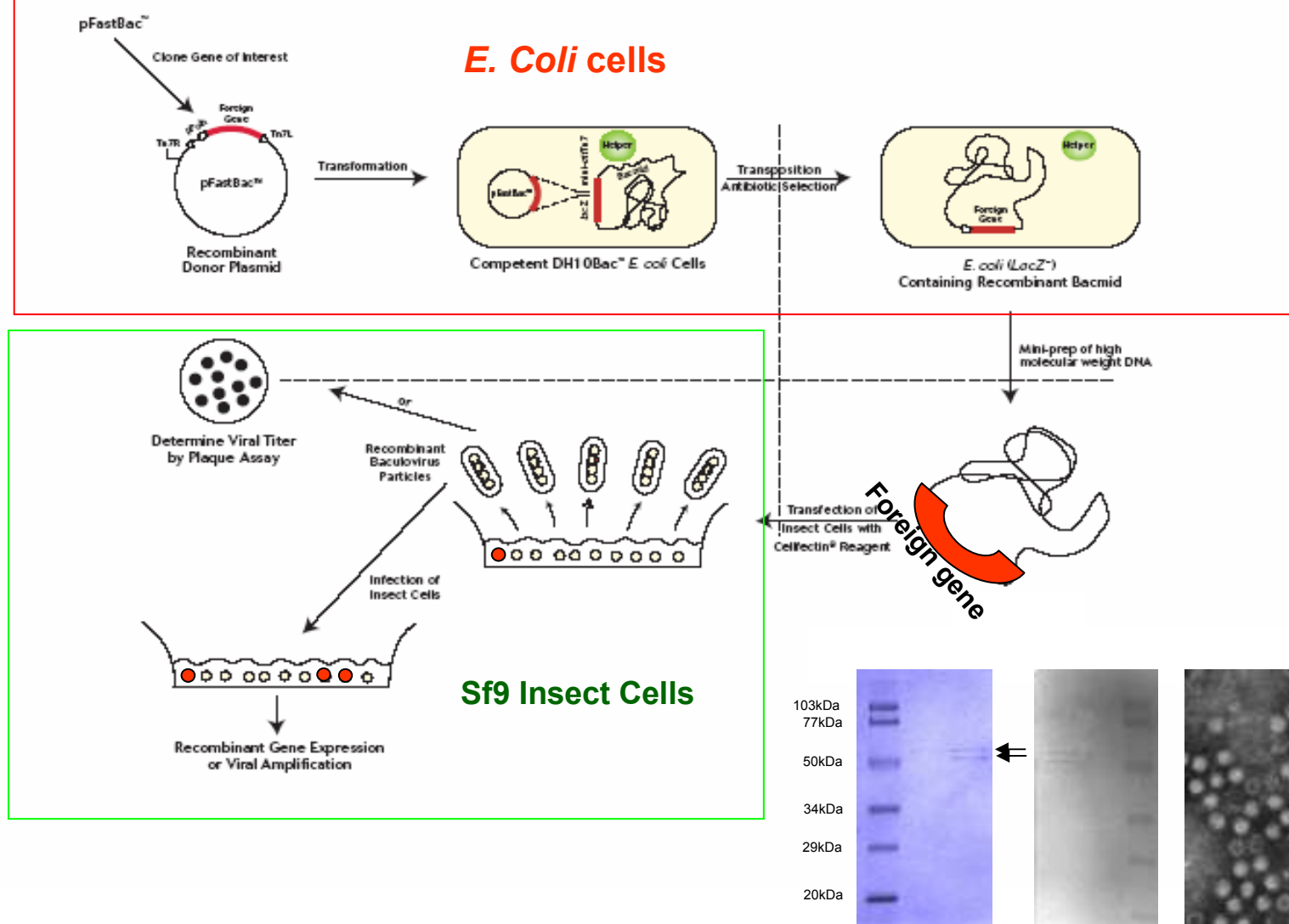
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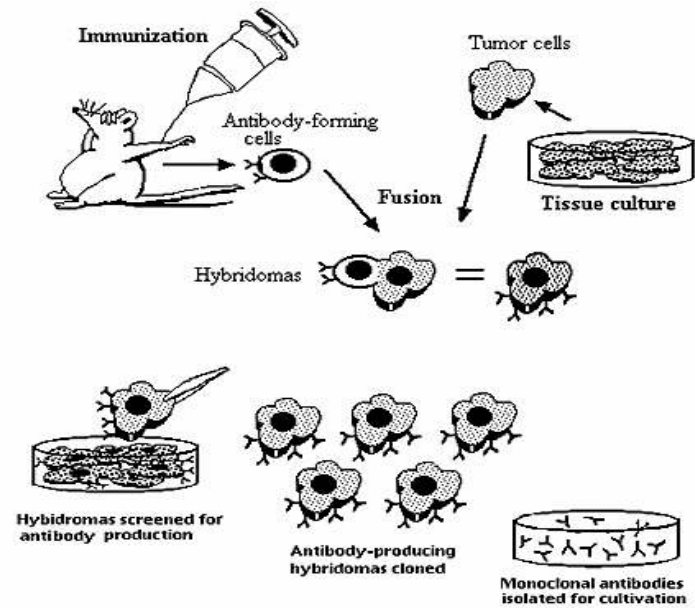
Division of Molecular Virology, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX 77030.

Major epidemic outbreaks of acute gastroenteritis result from infections with Norwalk or Norwalk-like viruses. Virus purified from stool specimens of volunteers experimentally infected with Norwalk virus was used to construct recombinant complementary DNA (cDNA) and derive clones representing most of the viral genome. The specificity of the



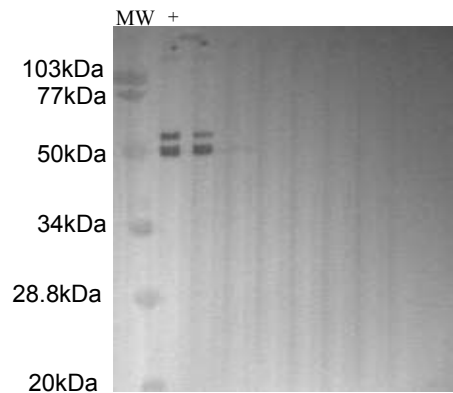
Figure 6 - Generation of recombinant baculovirus and gene expression with the Bac-to-Bac® Expression System



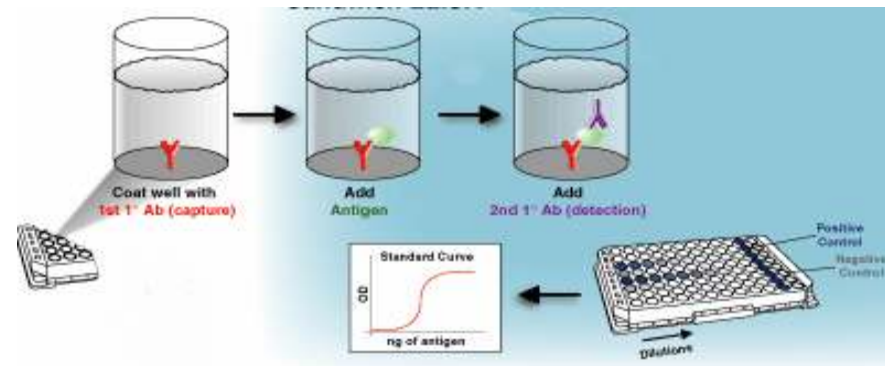


Monoclonal Antibody Production

Western blotting with Mabs

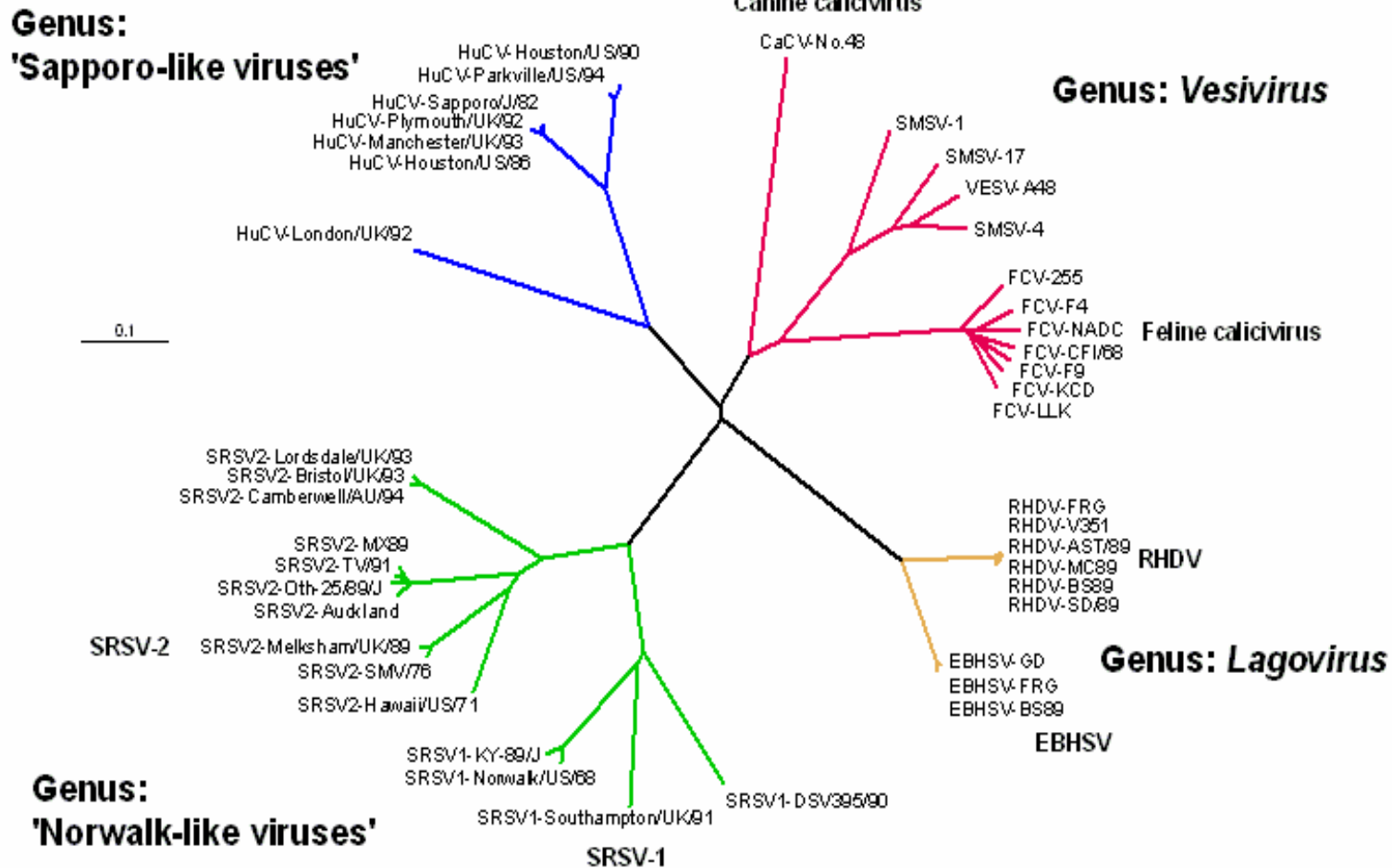


Double antibody sandwich ELISA (DAS-ELISA)



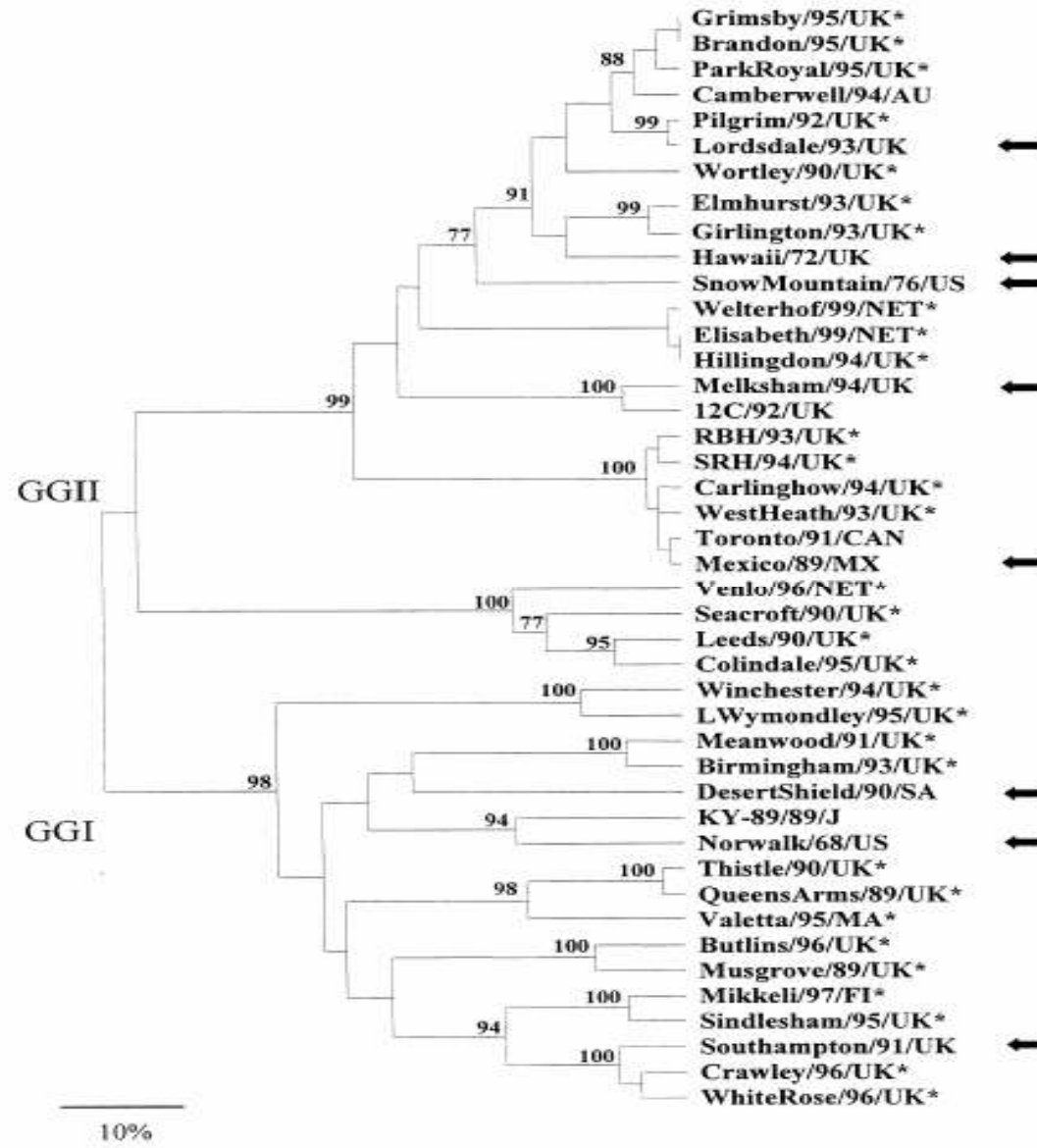
The relationship between caliciviruses capsid proteins

N.J. Knowles, 24 May 1998



Neighbor-joining tree produced using Clustal-X





Vinje J (2000). Arch Virol 145: 223–241



Epidemie di gastroenterite da norovirus

- ✓ Sintomi: diarrea, vomito, crampi addominali, febbricola e nausea
- ✓ Periodo di incubazione: 12-48 ore
- ✓ La patologia ha un decorso acuto e auto-limitante (24-60 ore)
- ✓ I sintomi scompaiono subito dopo la fase acuta, senza ricorso ad ospedalizzazione
- ✓ Alto potenziale epidemico per la ridotta carica infettante ($<10^2$), l'alta resistenza nell'ambiente e l'assenza di immunità persistente



In crociera con il Norovirus

La crociera degli appestati

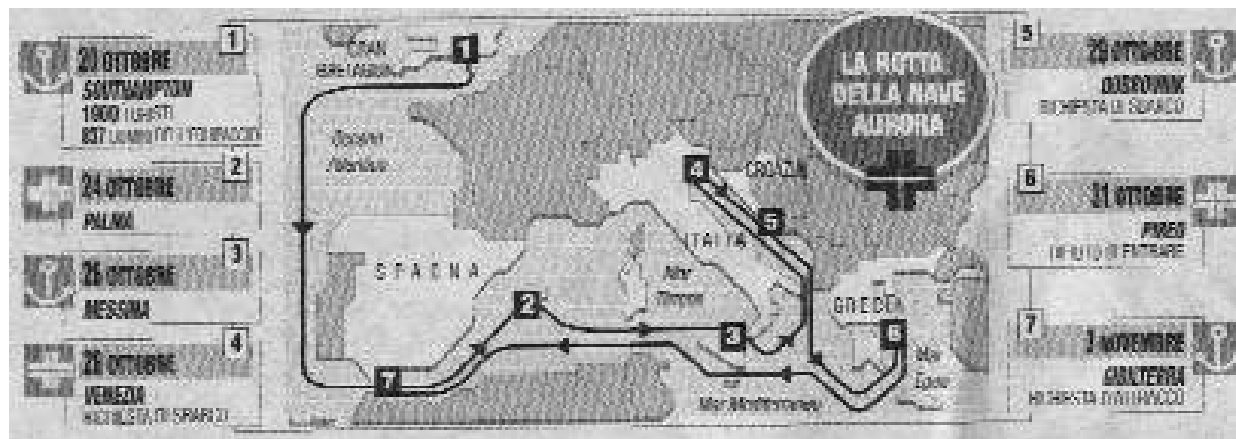
Una nave con 450 turisti ammalati respinta da tre porti

DAL NOSTRO CORRISPONDENTE
ENRICO FRANCESCHINI

LONDRA — La slogan era un classico: «Farete una vacanza indimenticabile». Nessuno potrà dire, tra i passeggeri dell'Aurora, che fosse esagerato: non scorderanno per un pezzo la crociera partita il 20 ottobre da Southampton, nel sud dell'Inghilterra, per due settimane di grand tour del Mediterraneo. E non la scorderà neppure la P&O,



manco il tradizionale battesimo, facendo finire in mare la bottiglia di champagne. Al primo viaggio, la nave ebbe un'avarìa e dovette essere rimorchiata in porto. L'anno scorso ha sofferto un altro virus, di minori dimensioni. La crociera "indimenticabile" di questi giorni costava 4 mila sterline (quasi 6 mila euro) a testa: ora centinaia di sposini in luna di miele, famiglie, coppie di pensionati, annunciano che faranno causa al-



Chicago Tribune

700 ill on cruise ship in suspected virus outbreak

(Published November 17, 2006)

FT. LAUDERDALE -- More than 700 people aboard a trans-Atlantic cruise have fallen ill with flulike symptoms, cruise line officials said.

The outbreak, thought to be a **norovirus**, struck people aboard the Carnival Cruise Lines' Liberty, according to a statement issued by the Miami company.

The ship left Rome on Nov. 3 with about 2,800 paying passengers and more than 1,150 crew members. The boat is due in Ft. Lauderdale on Sunday.

"Within 24 hours of sailing, they had a lot of people sick. It has tapered off considerably over the past couple days," said David Forney of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.





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Norovirus Outbreak Hits Queen Elizabeth 2

(CBS4) FT. LAUDERDALE The Queen Elizabeth 2 has become the first cruise ship in 2007 to suffer a serious outbreak of norovirus illness, with about 16 percent of passengers sickened since the ship left Southampton, England, on Jan. 2.

Members of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will board the ship Friday in Acapulco, Mexico. So far 263 passengers and 27 crewmembers have shown signs of norovirus, a common ailment that causes vomiting and diarrhea for 48 to 72 hours.

The Cunard Line ship is on a 106-night world cruise that included a stop in Fort Lauderdale last week. After a dockside meeting with Queen Mary 2, the two ships left Port Everglades on Jan. 10 on separate itineraries.



Plane quarantined in Britain after passengers taken sick



AFP Photo: An airplane comes in for a landing. A plane from the Dominican Republic to Britain...

Thu Aug 9, 3:12 PM

LONDON (AFP) - A plane from the Dominican Republic to Britain was temporarily quarantined on arrival at Glasgow airport Thursday, after passengers fell sick with a stomach bug, a spokesman said.

Some 27 passengers fell ill on the MyTravel flight, which landed at the Scottish airport Thursday morning.

"The aircraft was quarantined on arrival," said Donald Morrison, a spokesman for the British Airports Authority (BAA) in Scotland, adding that a team of four doctors was organized to check the passengers over.

"They were diagnosed with the novovirus, more commonly known as winter vomiting bug," he added.

The passengers had all stayed at the same hotel in the Dominican Republic, one of the world's poorest countries. All affected passengers received treatment and none required hospital attention before being allowed home.

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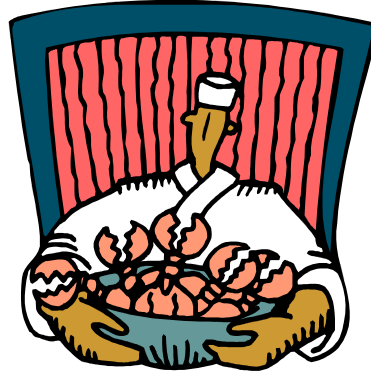
City's ERs see more than 3,700 sufferers

By Stephen Smith, Globe Staff | January 17, 2007

More than 3,700 patients stricken with nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea have visited Boston's emergency rooms during the past six weeks in a wave of gastrointestinal illness that has swept cities across North America.

"If people are coming to the emergency room on Christmas Day," Barry said, "that suggests to me this illness is more severe than your routine gastrointestinal illness."





"...To Eat or not to Eat, this is the question..."



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Indagini su epidemie di GE da NoV in cui la “epidemiologia molecolare” ha fornito informazioni sul meccanismo di trasmissione, per la prevenzione e il controllo

Anno	Luogo	Veicolo	Situazione	Novità
1993	Multistato – Lousiana	Ostriche	Epidemia multistato collegata ad ostriche della Lousiana	Sito di coltivazione contaminato da 1 pescatore; sequenze comuni tra i focolai; virus tracciato nelle ostriche
1996	US e Canada	Acqua di pozzo	Epidemie multiple tra turisti USA che si fermavano ad una stazione di bus in Canada	Sequenze comuni tra i diversi casi alla base del tracciamento epidemiologico; primo ritrovamento di NoV nelle acque
1998	Globale	Sconosciuto	Ceppo comune identificato in 6 paesi	Primo ritrovamento di un ceppo epidemico “globale”
1998	Europa e Canada	Lamponi	Epidemia internazionale (5 paesi) legata a lamponi prodotti in Slovenia	Epidemia successiva alla distribuzione di un alimento contaminato
1999	US	“Delicatessen”	Consumatori di un “delicatessen meal”; addetto alla preparazione dell’alimento implicato	Prima identificazione di un alimento contaminato alla superficie; stesso virus nei pazienti





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Consumer Inquiries:

1-888-SAFEFOOD

FDA Investigating Norovirus Outbreak Linked to Oysters Consumers Advised To Avoid Raw Oysters Harvested from San Antonio Bay

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is investigating an outbreak of norovirus-associated illness linked to eating raw oysters harvested from San Antonio Bay, TX. FDA advises consumers to avoid eating raw oysters harvested from this area after February 1, 2007, as a result of reports of illnesses in people who attended a Maryland event where these oysters were served. Symptoms of illness associated with norovirus include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and stomach cramping. Affected individuals often experience low-grade fever, chills, headache, muscle aches and a general sense of tiredness. Most people show symptoms within 48 hours of exposure to the virus. The illness typically lasts one to two days.



At Restaurants and other Foodservice Establishments:

- Order oysters fully cooked.

In the Shell:

- Purchase oysters with the shells closed. Throw away any oysters with shells already opened.

To prepare oysters for eating, choose one of the following methods:

- Boil oysters until the shells open. Once open, boil for an additional 3-5 minutes.
- Steamer - add oysters to water that is already steaming and cook live oysters until the shells open; once open steam for another 4-9 minutes.
- Use smaller pots to boil or steam oysters. Using larger pots, or cooking too many oysters at one time, may cause uneven heat distribution, which may cause the oysters in the middle to not get fully cooked.
- Discard any oysters that do not open during cooking.

Shucked Oysters:

To prepare oysters for eating, choose one of the following methods:

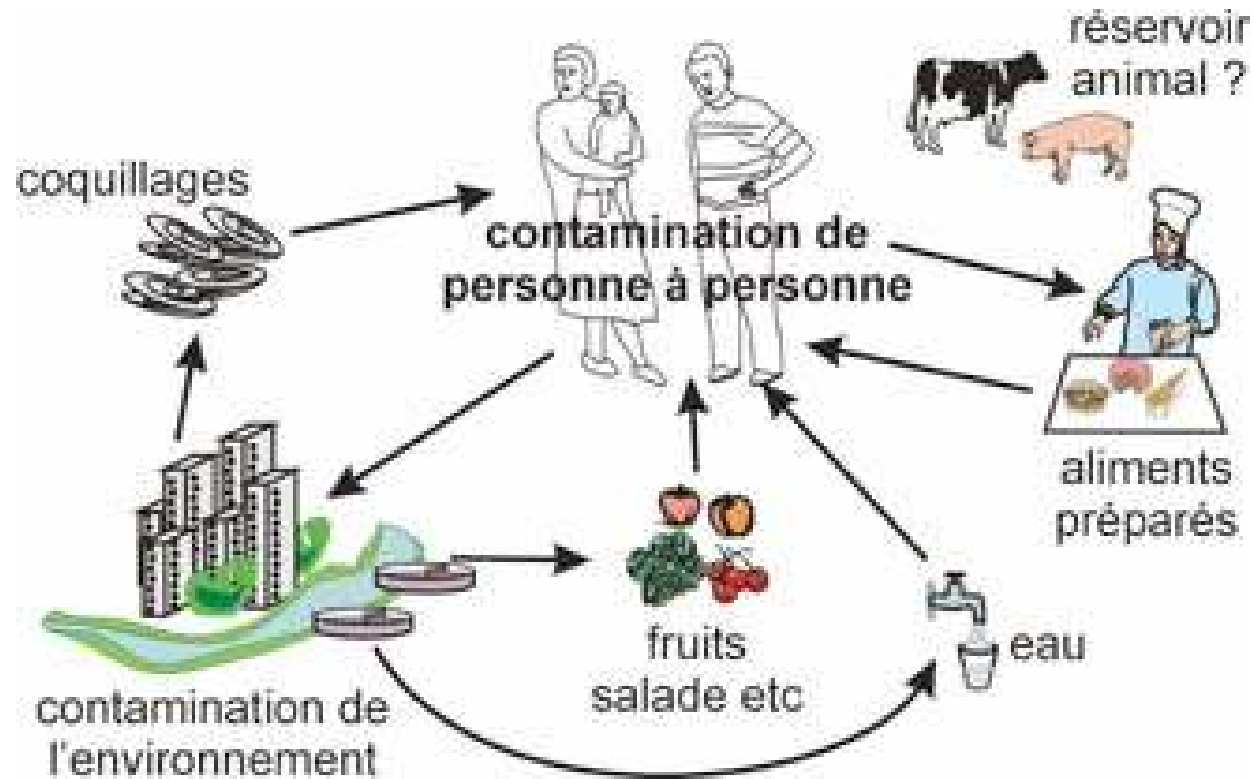
- Boil or simmer shucked oysters for at least 3 minutes or until the edges curl.
- Fry at 375 degrees for at least 3 minutes.
- Broil 3 inches from heat for 3 minutes.
- Bake at 450 degrees for 10 minutes.

For further information contact:

FDA Food Safety Hotline: 1-888-SAFEFOOD
FDA website: www.cfsan.fda.gov



Norovirus cycle



CARATTERISTICHE DEI NOROVIRUS IMPORTANTI AI FINI DELLA PREVENZIONE

Carattere	Osservazione	Conseguenza
Bassa dose infettante	<10 ² particelle virali	Trasmissione per droplets, persona/persona, secondaria
Escrezione asintomatica prolungata	Fino a 2 settimane?	Rischio di infezione secondaria, controllo degli addetti agli alimenti
Stabilità ambientale	10 ppm Cl [*] , stabile al congelamento e a 60°C	Difficile da eliminare dall'acqua contaminata; si conserva nel ghiaccio e frutti di mare poco cotti
Grande diversità tra i ceppi	Molti tipi genetici e antigenici (?)	Diagnosi di laboratorio complessa; episodi dovuti a ceppi virali multipli
Mancanza di immunità di lungo periodo	Infezioni sintomatiche ripetute	Esposizione pregressa da bambino non protegge gli adulti
Reservoir	Uomo / animali ?	Recente identificazione di ceppi simili negli animali



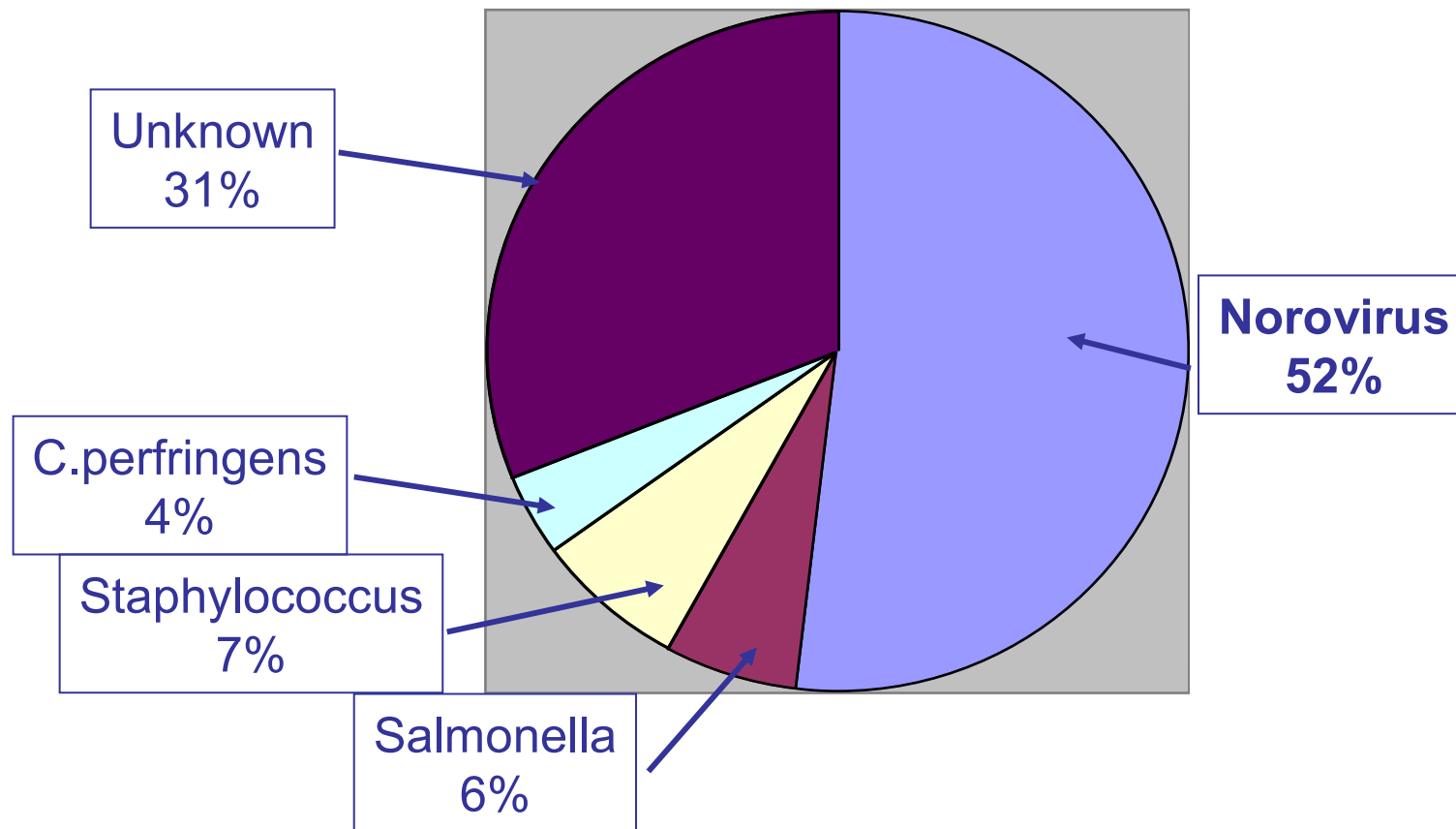
Burden of Norwalk-like virus gastroenteritis in US

Agents	Total Illnesses	Foodborne Illnesses	% of all foodborne illness
All Bacteria	5,204,934	4,175,565	30.2
All Parasites	2,541,316	357,190	2.6
Norwalk-like viruses	23,000,000	9,200,000	66.6

Source: Mead et al, EID, 2000



Conferma di laboratorio in epidemie di GE, US 2001



Jones et al. CID, 2004



MORTALITÀ DA NOROVIRUS (USA)

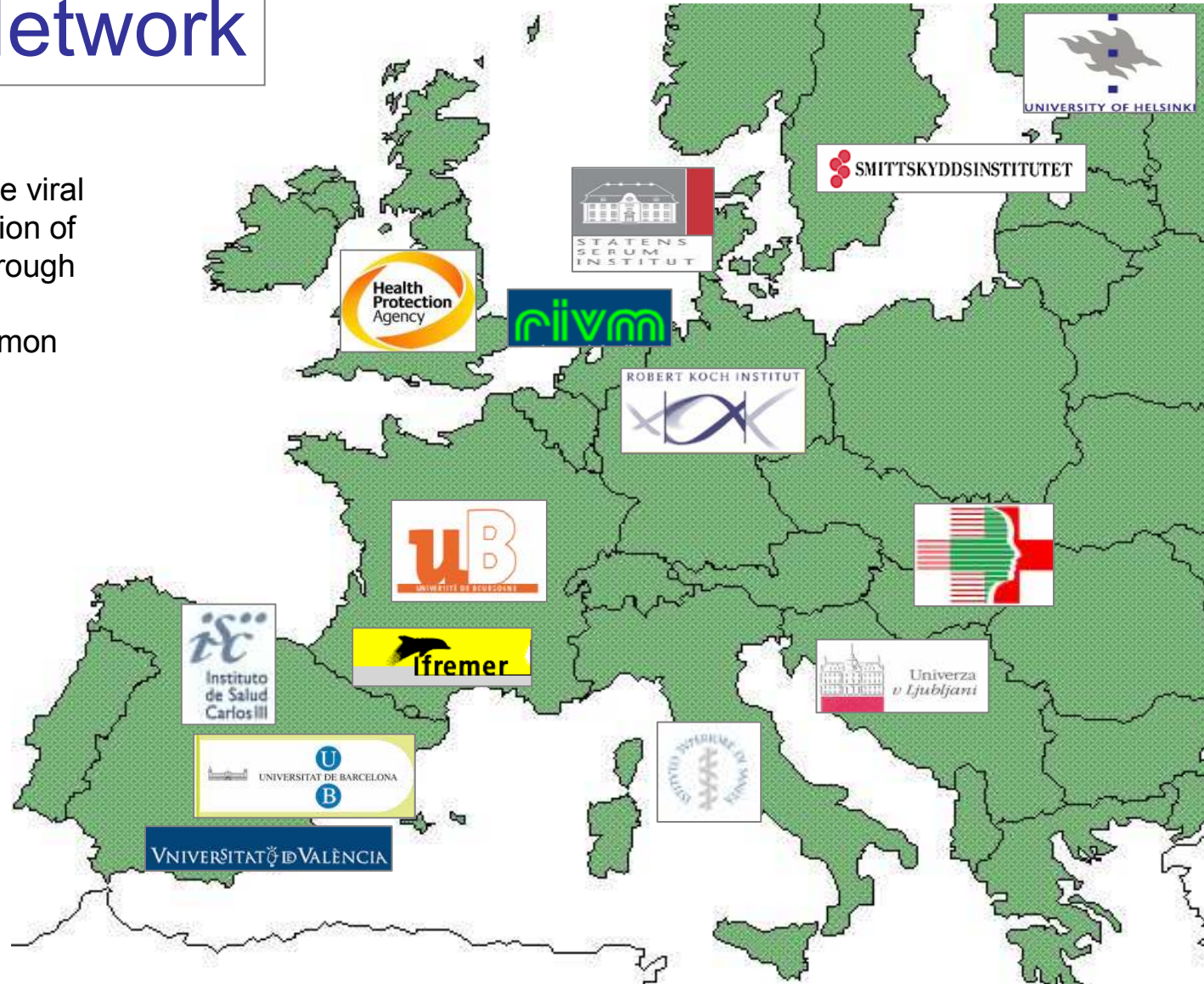
Average annual reported deaths		Average annual reported deaths	
1992-2007, 95% CI*	Estimated (95% CI)	1992-2007, 95% CI*	Estimated (95% CI)
00/00-27	Salmonella (A01.1)	00/00-27	Salmonella (A01.1)
40/11-102.9	Shigella flexneri spp. (A04.9)	40/11-102.9	Shigella flexneri spp. (A04.9)
00/00-27	Enterobacteriaceae: Escherichia coli (A02.9)	00/00-27	Enterobacteriaceae: Escherichia coli (A02.9)
11.5/02.9-10.7	Shigella spp. (A04.0-A04.9)	11.5/02.9-10.7	Shigella spp. (A04.0-A04.9)
12.5/02.9-71.0	Shigella sonnei (A04.2)	12.5/02.9-71.0	Shigella sonnei (A04.2)
00/22-13.9	Salmonella (A01.0)	00/22-13.9	Salmonella (A01.0)
1.5/02.9-5.0	Shigella paratyphi (A04.3)	1.5/02.9-5.0	Shigella paratyphi (A04.3)
1.5/02.9-5.0	Shigella sonnei (A04.2)	1.5/02.9-5.0	Shigella sonnei (A04.2)
20/02.9-7.2	Shigella flexneri (A04.1)	20/02.9-7.2	Shigella flexneri (A04.1)
4.5/1.6-10.2	Shigella flexneri (A04.1)	4.5/1.6-10.2	Shigella flexneri (A04.1)
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10.5/02.9-10.7	Shigella flexneri (A04.1)	10.5/02.9-10.7	Shigella flexneri (A04.1)
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Estimated from hospital data		Estimated from hospital data	

P. D. Frenzen. *Emerging Infect Dis.* 10 2004



FBVE Network

Rapid detection of transnational foodborne viral infections and elucidation of transmission routes through molecular tracing and development of a common database



A research proposal on “Quality of Life and Management of Living Resources”
(1999/C 64/14)

Dipartimento di Sanità alimentare e animale

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An EU funded research project under the "Health and Consumer Protection Directorate General"



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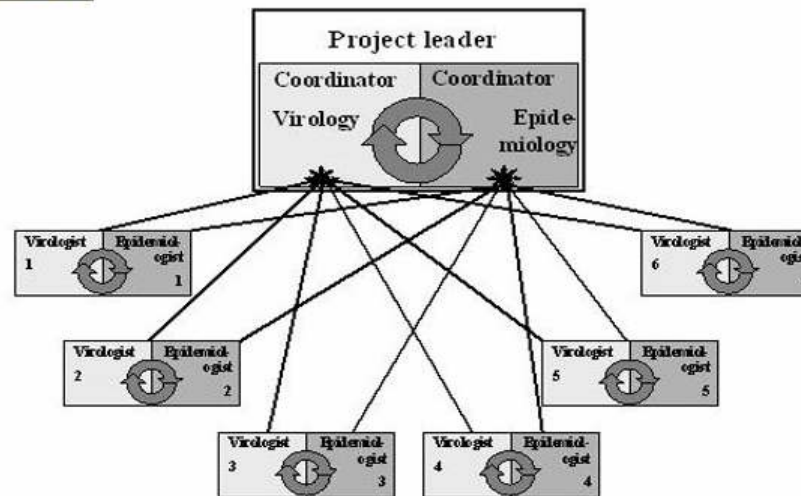
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Organisation charts

An overview of the interactions between DIVINE-NET and other programs is shown in figure 1, with the project organisation structure outlined in figure 2.

Figure 2. Organisational structure of DIVINE-NET:

For all partners direct contact between the virologist and epidemiologist is regulated, as is the reporting to the coordinators virology and epidemiology. (Only 6 of 14 partners are shown in the figure as examples).



Viral Gastroenteritis Outbreak UPDATE Form



Reporting Institute: *

Outbreak Number: * (your unique reference number)

Reporter's Name: * (First Last)

Today's date: * dd/mm/yyyy

Transmission

If foodborne, "PREPARED" takes precedence over "SERVED".
If person-to-person "SERVED" takes precedence over "PREPARED".

Mode of transmission:
 ▼

if "other", specify

Place where transmission of infection occurred:
 ▼

Specify:

Was the outbreak the result of a point source exposure?(e.g. at a function?)
 ▼

Outbreak Form - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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Indirizzo <http://www.eufoodborneviruses.co.uk/asp/DataEntryform.asp>

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Case Information

Enter number: (if unknown Enter 9999)

at risk of infection in the outbreak setting:

[cases- total](#):

laboratory confirmed cases:

cases admitted to hospital:

cases known to have died:

Date of onset of illness in first case: / / (dd/mm/yyyy)

Date of onset of illness in last case: / / (dd/mm/yyyy)

Do you have any additional information on affected persons?
(age, symptoms, incubation, duration or onset)

No

Bacterial Testing

Were faecal specimens tested for bacterial pathogens?

No

Virological Testing

Was virological testing performed on specimens from cases from this outbreak?

Yes

Cases Tested:

	Number Tested Positive	Number Tested Negative
Norovirus		
EM	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
RT-PCR	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Rotavirus		
EM	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
EIA	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Hepatitis A		
IgM Assay	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Operazione completata

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MasterFood - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Indirizzo <http://www.eufoodborneviruses.co.uk/asp/masterfood.asp?getFood=oysters&Submit2=Search>

[click here to return to search page](#)

Institute	Outbreak Reference	Reporter Name	Report Date	Organism	Food of transmission	Setting	First date of onset	Food vehicles
SE-Swedish Institute for Infectious Disease Control	SE/2003/01	Marika Hjertqvist	30/01/2003	304100	Foodborne	Restaurant/café/pub/bar	26/1/2003	oysters
GB-Centre for Infections, HPA	030/067	Openman	27/02/2003	304100	Foodborne	Hotel/guest House	27/1/2003	Oysters
FI-Haartman Institute	37663	Carl-henrik Von Bonsdorff	29/11/2002	304100	No Response	Restaurant/café/pub/bar	//	Oysters
GB-Centre for Infections, HPA	02/0043	Celia Hopcroft	31/01/2002	999999	Foodborne	Private House	19/1/2002	oysters
SE-Swedish Institute for Infectious Disease Control	SE/2004/01	Marika Hjertqvist	27/02/2004	304100	Foodborne	Restaurant/café/pub/bar	16/1/2004	Oysters
GB-Centre for Infections, HPA	02/0062	Celia Hopcroft	15/02/2002	304100	No Response	Restaurant/café/pub/bar	14/2/2002	oysters
GB-Centre for Infections, HPA	040/026	Celia Penman	10/03/2004	304100	Foodborne	Hotel/guest House	27/1/2004	oysters
FI-Haartman Institute	00/02	Leena Maunula	04/09/2003	304100	Foodborne	Restaurant/café/pub/bar	1/1/2000	oysters
FI-Haartman Institute	01/04	Leena Maunula	04/09/2003	304100	Foodborne	Restaurant/café/pub/bar	1/1/2001	oysters suspected
IT-Instituto Superiore di Sanita	2002/ISS/02	Franco M. Ruggeri	30/08/2003	304100	Foodborne	Shop/retailer	25/12/2002	oysters

Records 1 to 10 of 10

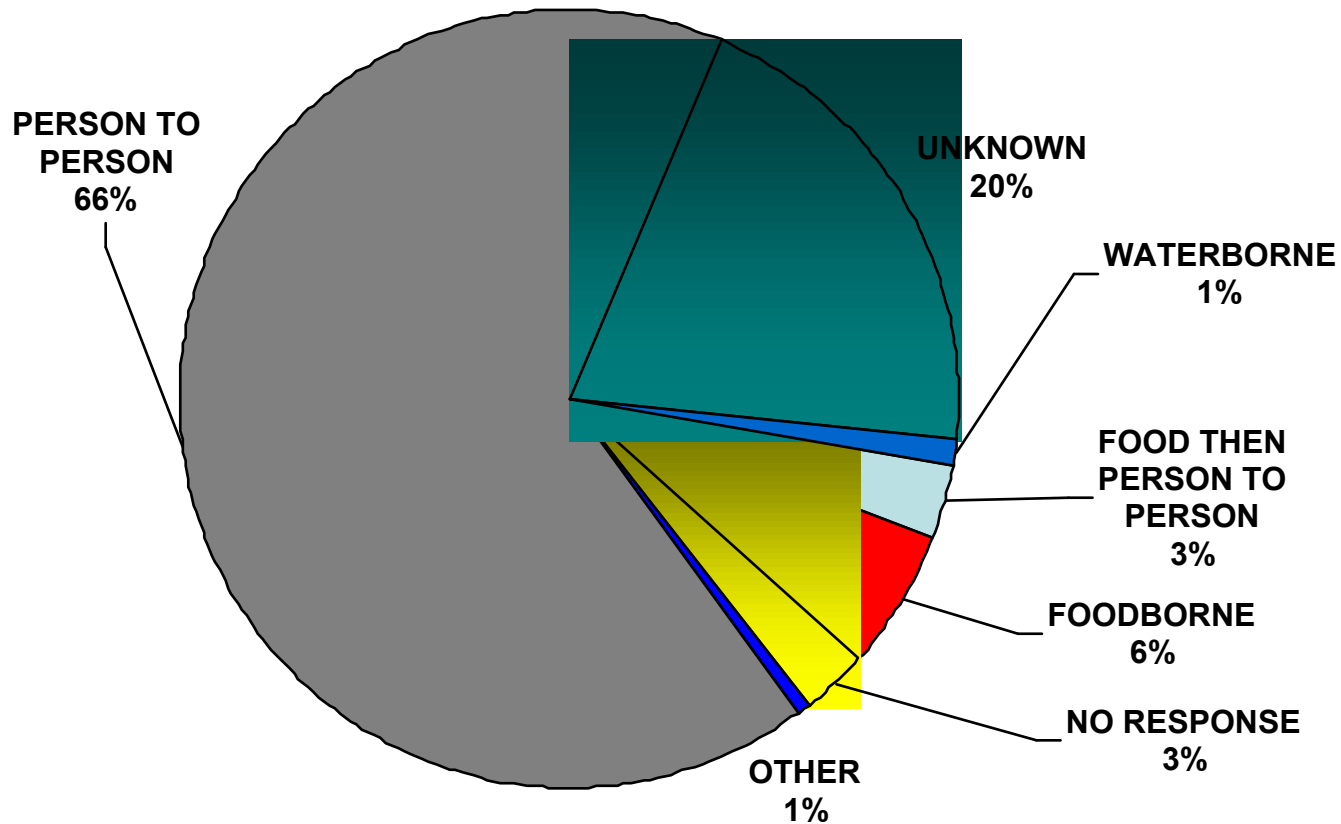


EUROPE: EPIDEMIOLOGICAL INFORMATION, 1422 ENTRIES: PLACE

canteen	5
Day-care center	23
farm	1
Food prepared by caterer	13
Hospital	513
Hotel/guest house	66
Mobile retailer	1
Private house	12
Residential institution	508
Restaurant/Cafe/ Pub/Bar	44
school	77
Shop/Retailer	7
Swimming pool	1
other	126
No info	4



Mode of transmission: Norovirus outbreaks



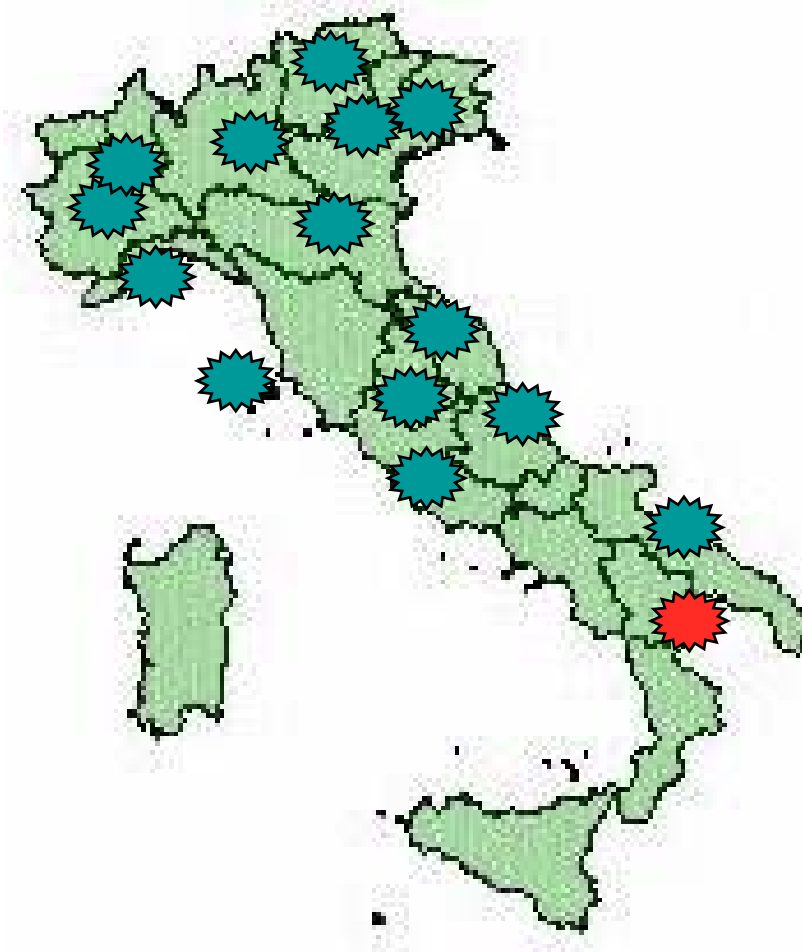
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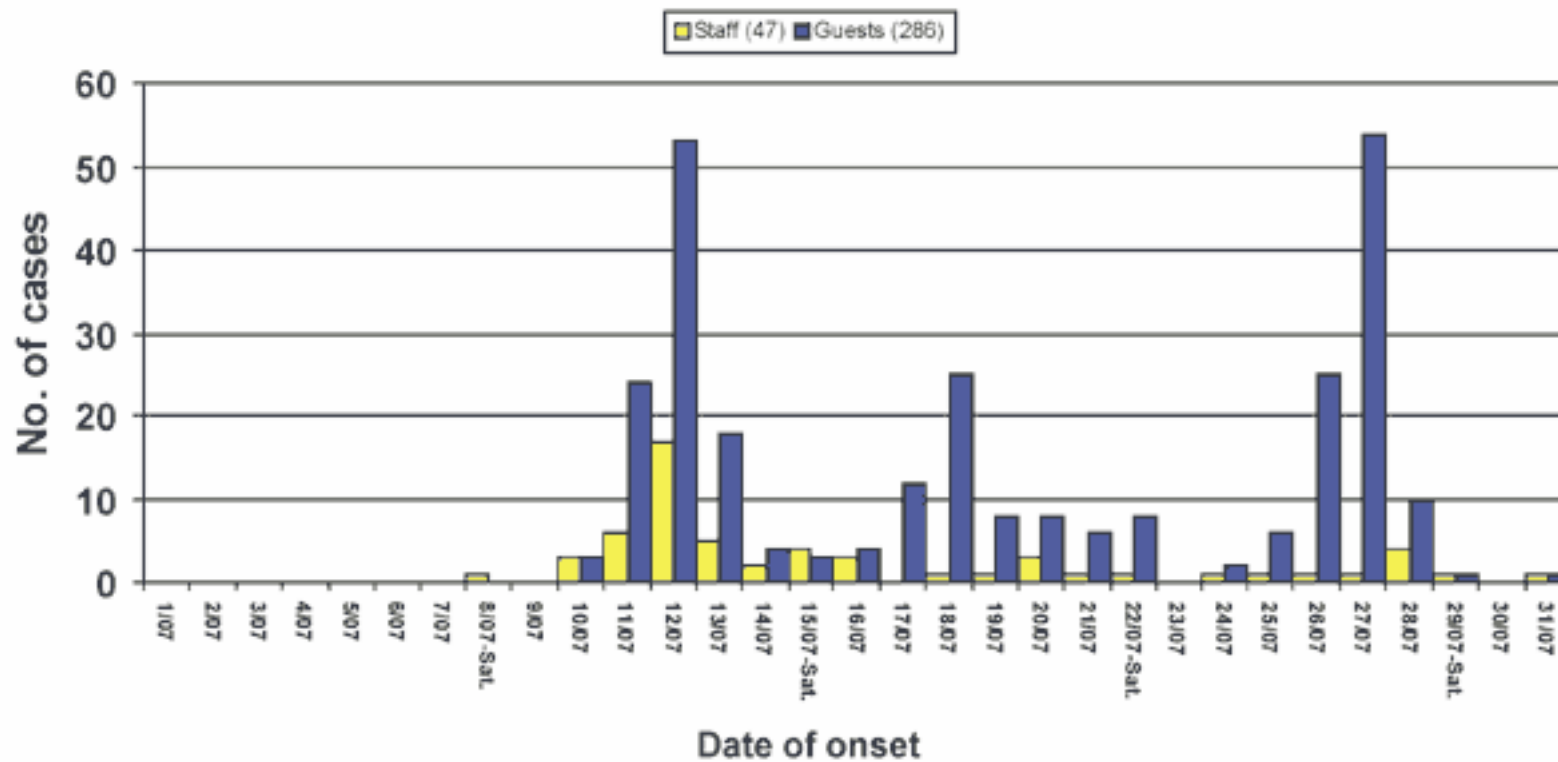
Norovirus outbreaks in Italy



Scanzano J. (PZ), 2000



Waterborne Outbreak of Norwalk-Like Virus Gastroenteritis at a Tourist Resort, Italy



GE outbreak Scanzano J. (TA) July 2000



Experiment: NLV-Polymerase (295 bp)

Rank	Score	Reference number	NLV Pol g.type	Country	Year
1	98.2	01KA223-KOTKA____	Lordsdale	FI	2001
2	96.6	NL-outbreak-2000-27	Lordsdale	NL	2000
3	95.4	2011745	Lordsdale	GB	2000
4	94.5	2039612	Lordsdale	GB	2000
5	94.5	Sensor-1999-3236	Lordsdale	NL	1999
6	94.5	NLV-EUpanel-028	Lordsdale	DE	1999
7	94.5	Nivel-1998-98077	Lordsdale	NL	1998
8	94.5	Sensor-1999-3129	Lordsdale	NL	1999
9	94.4	2114928	Lordsdale	GB	2001
10	93.8	Hun461	Lordsdale		



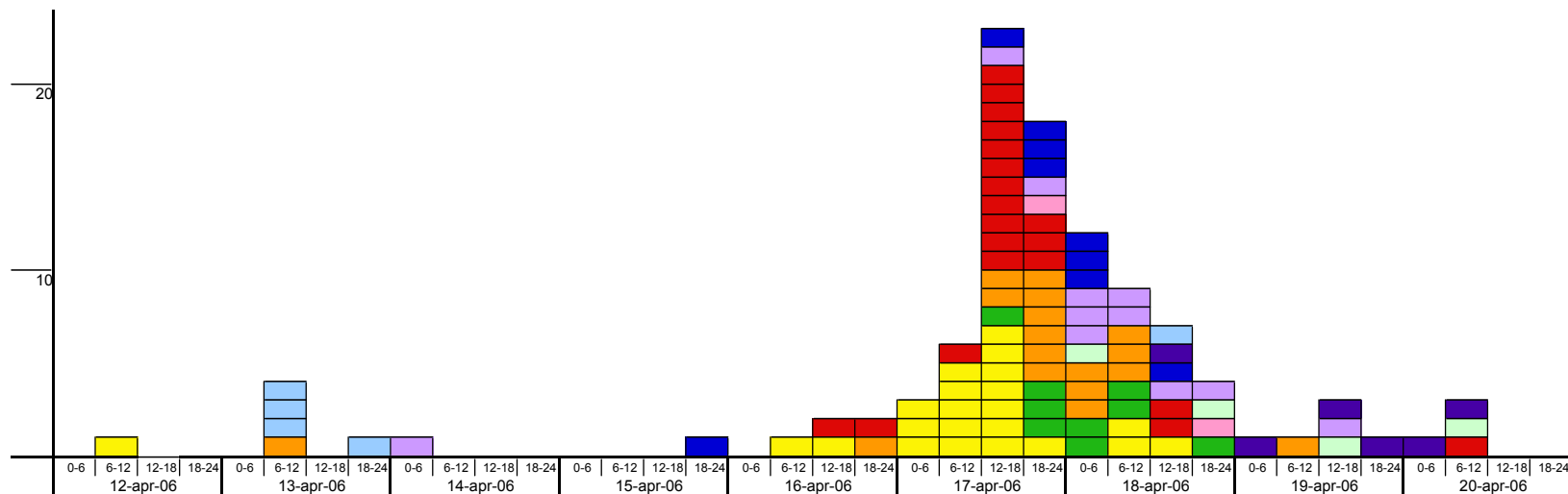
S. Maurizio C. (TO), 2002





Risolto il giallo di San Maurizio Il microrganismo identificato è del tipo Norwalk. Raro virus la causa dei malori a scuola

... si tratta del virus di Norwalk, rarissimo e poco studiato in Italia. La sua presenza nei cibi delle elementari del Canavese, ipotizzata dal consulente del pm Raffaele Guariniello ...



GE outbreak S. Michele (TO) april-may 2002



Experiment: NLV-Polymerase (257bp)

Rank	Score	Reference number	NLV Pol g.type	Country	Year
1	98.9	Fuerstenwalde 809-01-DE	Melksham	DE	2001
2	98.5	Oldenburg 8013-01-DE	Melksham	DE	2001
3	98.4	Siegen 097-02-DE	Melksham	DE	2002
4	98.1	Westerstede 8008-02-DE	Melksham	DE	2002
5	98.0	NL-EP2002007	Melksham	NL	2002
6	97.3	Wolfenbüttel 8001-02-DE	Melksham	DE	2002
7	97.2	NL-OB2001046	Melksham	NL	2001
8	97.2	Siegen 756-01-DE	Melksham	DE	2001
9	97.0	NL-OB2001054	Melksham	NL	2001
10	97.0	NL-EP200125	Melksham	NL	2001



LA SPEZIA OUTBREAK, 2002

AUSL 6 La Spezia:

- 202 cases of GE between December 25-28
- Strong association with consumption of oysters
- High secondary attack rates

41 stools collected
9 stools NoV - pos

4 NoV genotypes



THAU OUTBREAKS, 2002

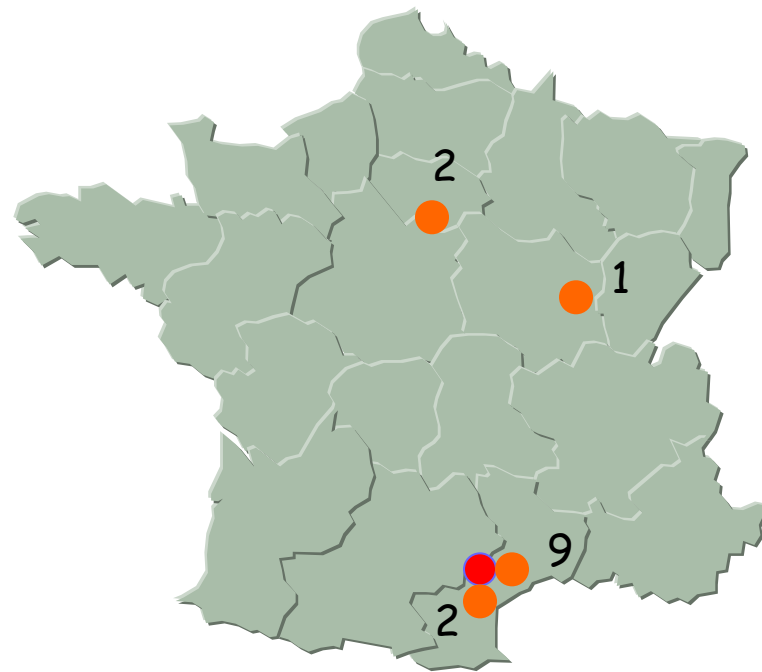
- Setting: private houses and reception
- 14 foodborne outbreaks declared all over France ●
- 90 sick people in France
- Transmission: oysters
- Origin: pond of Thau ●

12 stools

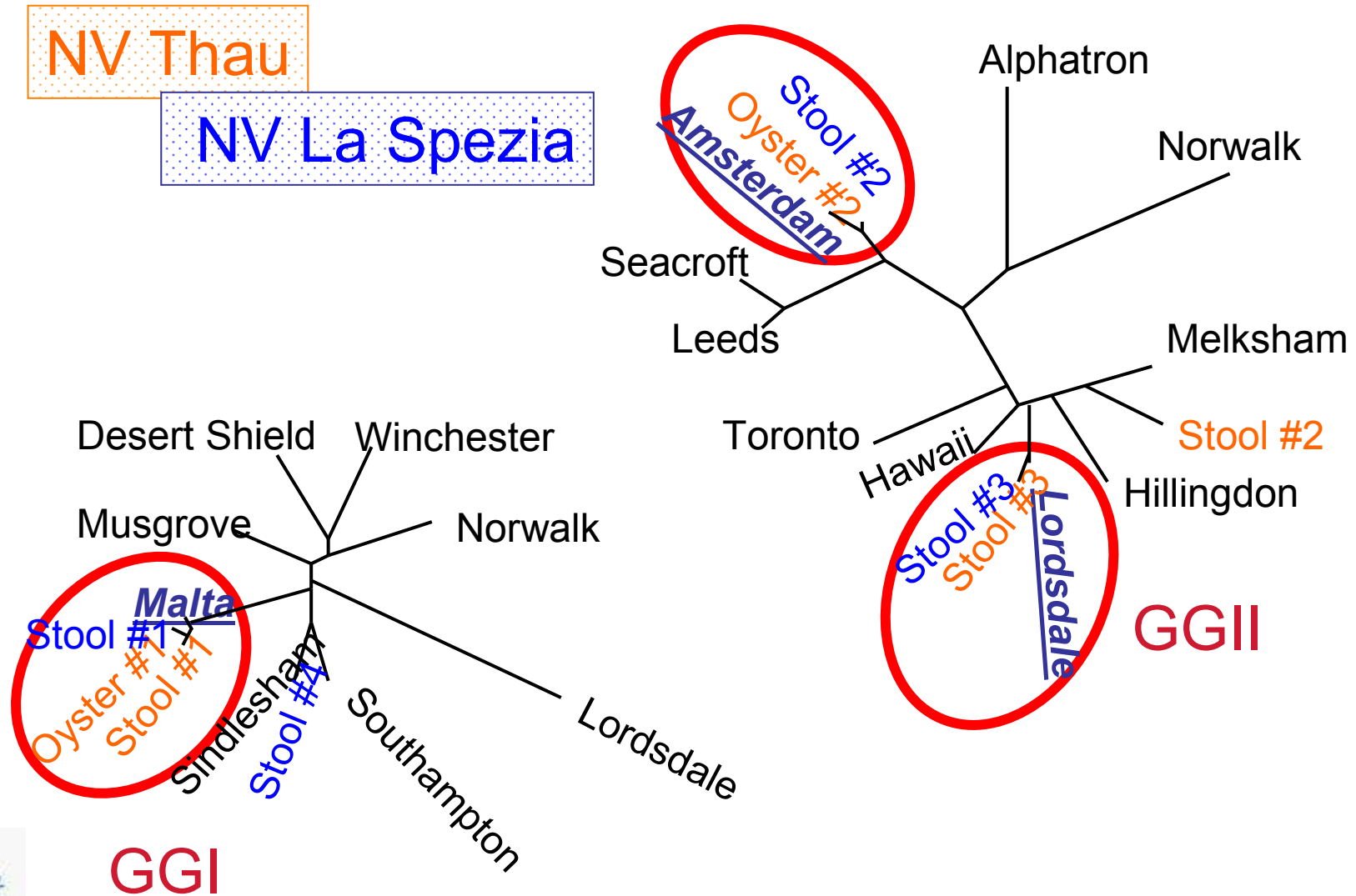
3 NoV genotypes

Oysters

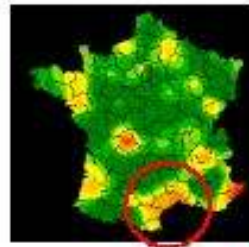
2 Nov genotypes



MOLECULAR COMPARISON OF NoVs

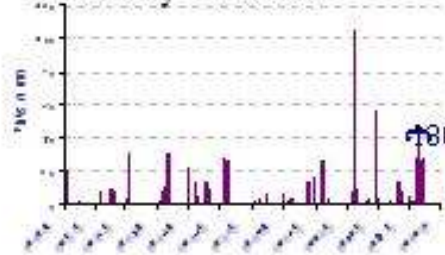


1. Gastroenteritis outbreak

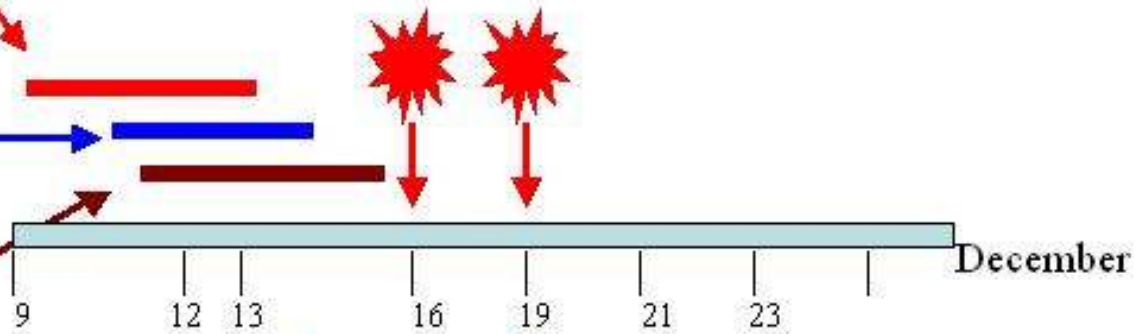


December events leading to shellfish contamination.

2. Heavy rainfall



Shellfish alert based on *E. coli*



3. STP failure



Oysters send to French or Italian market



Cases in the population



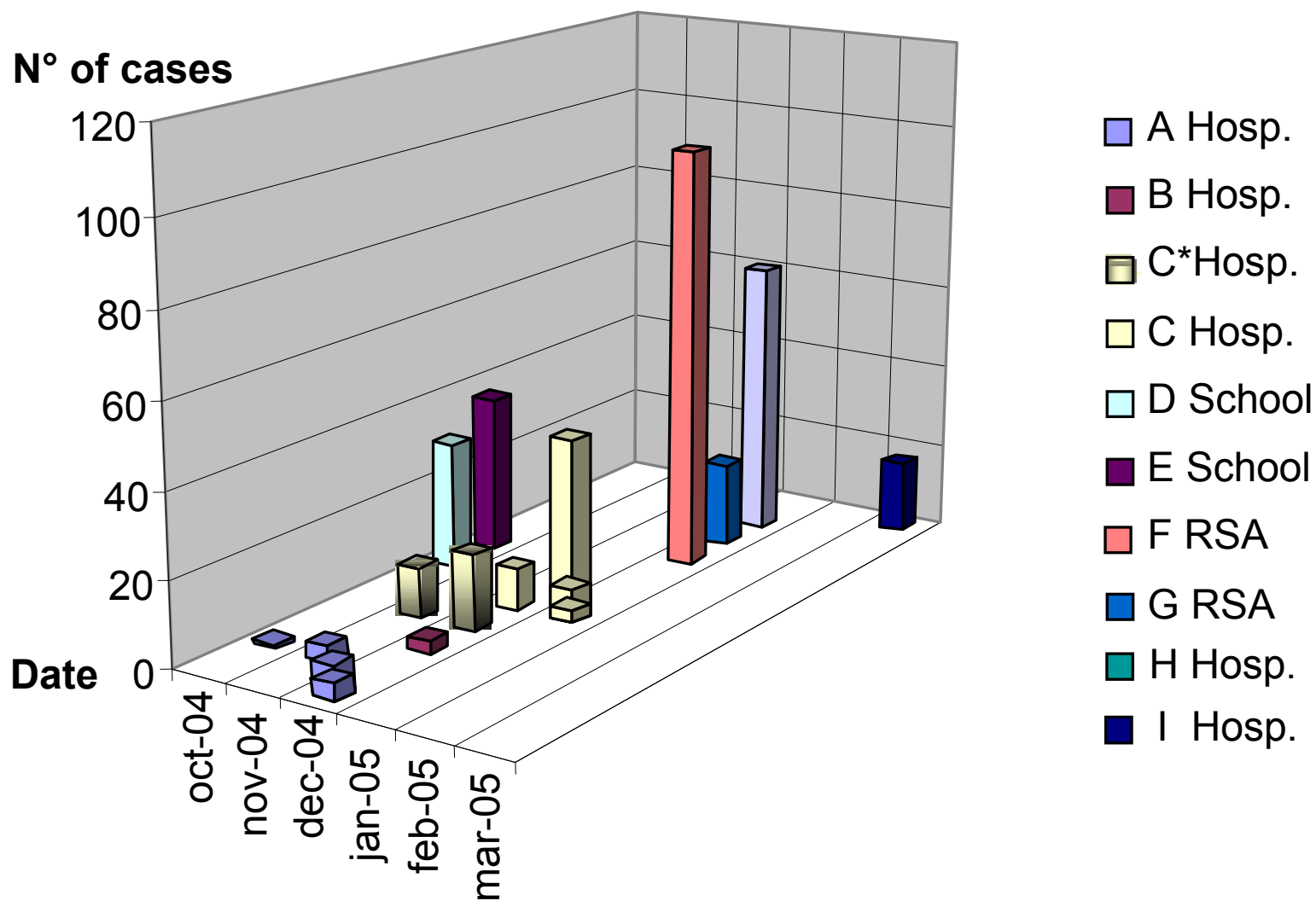
NoV outbreaks reported, 2004-5



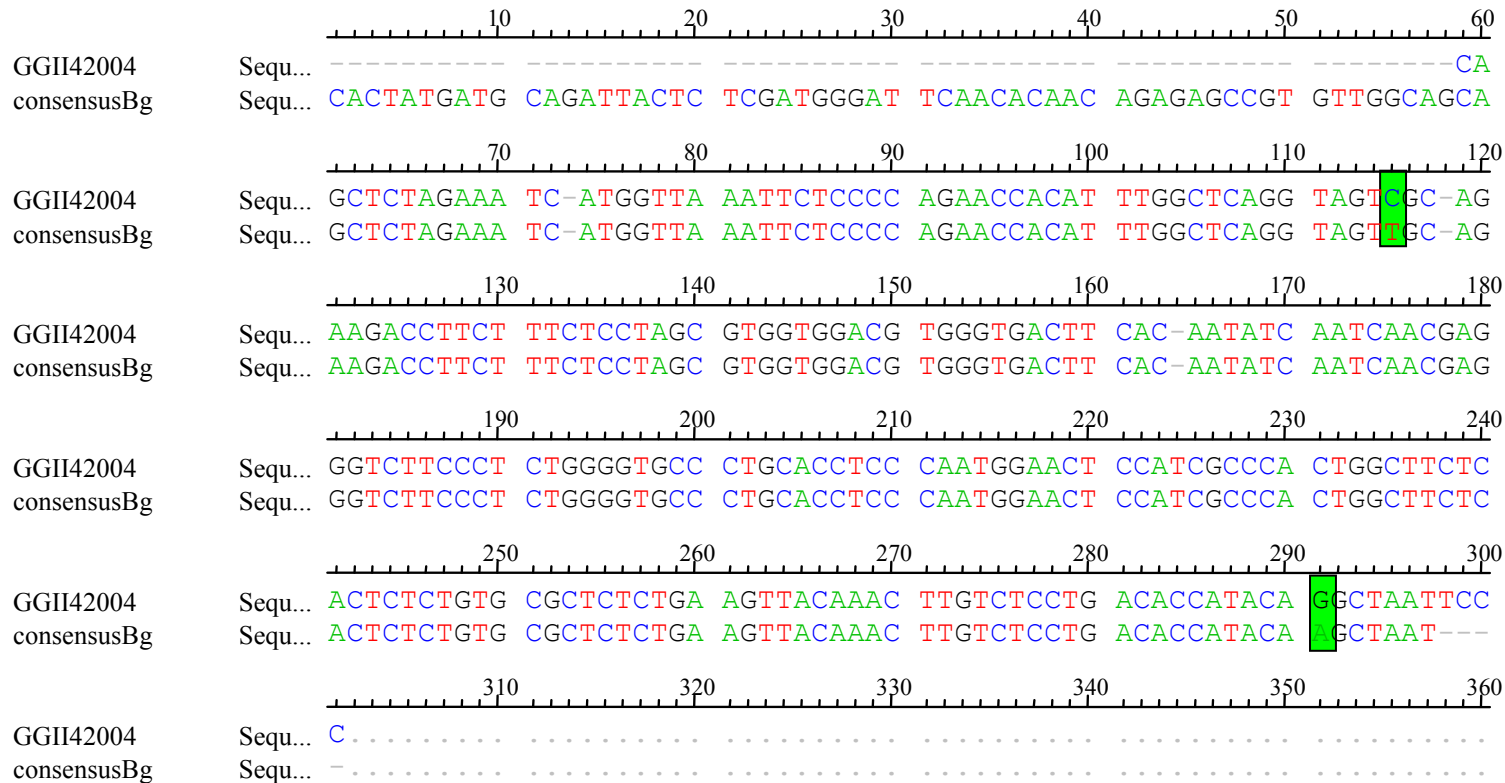
Provincia di Bergamo. Località delle epidemie.



Casi di GE (386 soggetti: degenti, operatori sanitari, alunni, operatori scolastici). Ottobre 2004 - aprile 2005 nella provincia di BG.



Sequence comparison of NoV strains from Italy, 2004-2005



Evolution of the capsid gene of GGII.4 NoV

	1987	1994	1993	1993	1995	1999	2000	2001	2001	2002	2002	2002	2004	2004
SeqNames	AY032605	AF145896	X76716	X86557	AJ004864	AF427113	AF427117	GR5-CR28	AJ583672	O2g1092	AY502023	GR1-CR18	OB20040317	Lyons
6	S	S	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	-
16	A	A	A	A	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	-
51	I	I	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	-
97	S	S	S	S	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	-
176	H	H	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	-
178	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	F	P	P	P	P	-
180	L	L	L	L	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	-
197	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	E	E	E	D	-
232	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	S	S
235	I	I	V	V	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
242	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	T	T	T	T	T	T
254	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	F	F	F	F	F	F
284	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
289	N	N	N	N	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
300	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	T	T	T	T	T	T
301	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	Q	Q
302	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	N	N	N	N	N
313	S	S	S	S	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
333	K	K	K	K	K	K	K	K	K	R	R	R	K	K
350	A	A	A	A	A	A	G	A	G	G	G	G	G	G
359	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	D	D	D	S	S
369	V	V	V	V	V	V	I	V	V	I	I	V	V	V
371	F	F	F	F	Y	Y	F	Y	Y	F	F	F	F	F
376	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	S	S
380	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	X	Q	E	E	E	E	E	E
386	K	K	K	K	K	K	K	K	K	K	K	R	R	R
393	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	V	V	V	V	V	V
417	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	S	S
463	L	L	L	L	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	L
469	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	S	S
501	I	I	I	I	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
508	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
515	I	I	L	L	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
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Palmanova (UD), 2005



Provincia di Udine - dicembre 2005

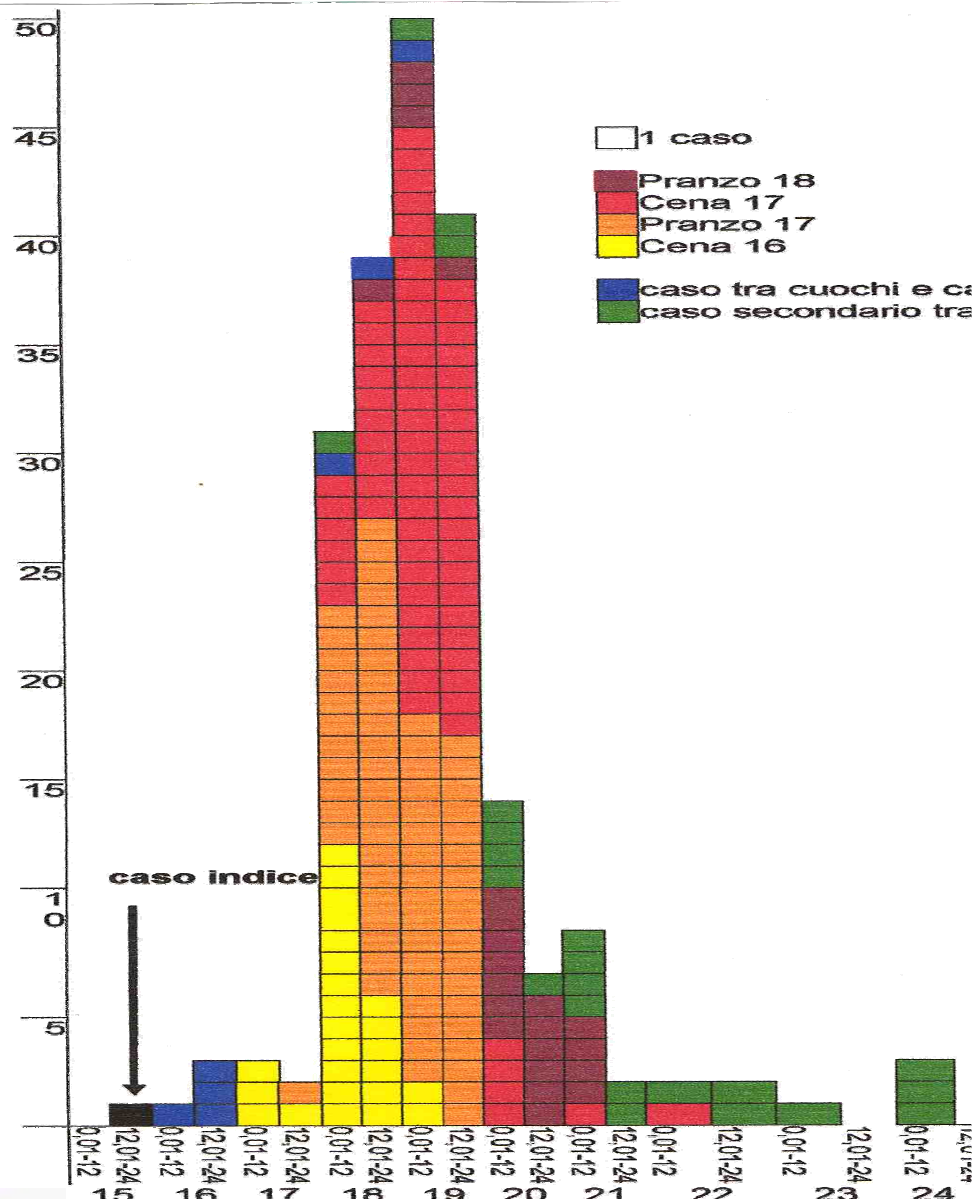


- 16 - 18 dicembre 2005
- 440 persone partecipanti a pranzi e cene prenatalizie organizzate da aziende e gruppi sociali

L. Gallo - Profea Roma, 13 ottobre 2006



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Ispezione nel ristorante
Cuochi, camerieri (n=15) intervistati:
6 sintomatici

296 intervistati (67%)
Casi: 182 AR=62%

Il 15 dicembre: la figlia del gestore
(3 anni) presenta disturbi
gastrointestinali con vomito
(caso indice)

T. Gallo; M. Zuliani

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INDAGINE EPIDEMIOLOGICA

Esposizione	% Casi (n)		RRc	RRadj
	Mangiato	Non mangiato		
antipasto pesce gratinato	64% (167)	42% (15)	1,5	==
frittura	81% (90)	50% (92)	1,6	1,3
grigliata di pesce	70% (155)	36% (26)	1,9	==
“volpina”	79% (130)	94% (53)	2,0	1,5
antipasto di pesce freddo	70% (176)	14% (6)	5,1	3,4



INDAGINI VIROLOGICHE

- Feci di 14 persone coinvolte nell'epidemia positive per norovirus (un unico ceppo virale di genotipo GII.6)
- 1 tampone ambientale positivo per norovirus
(piano di lavoro per la pulitura dei mitili e la preparazione di antipasti di pesce)



CONCLUSIONI

- ✓ Epidemie causate da alimenti:
 - Contaminazione primaria (es. La Spezia)
 - Contaminazione secondaria- manipolazione (es. Udine)

- ✓ In Italia non esiste un sistema di notifica adeguato, la maggior parte delle GE causate da Norovirus non vengono identificate



Approcci diagnostici

- ◆ EM/IEM (poco sensibile, costoso)
- ◆ **ELISA** (primi kit in commercio)
- ◆ RT/PCR (rapido/sensibile/costoso)
 - *Southern Hybridization (conferma)*
 - *Sequencing (confronti, filogenesi)*
 - *RLBH (genotipizzazione)*
 - *nPCR (max. sensibilità)*

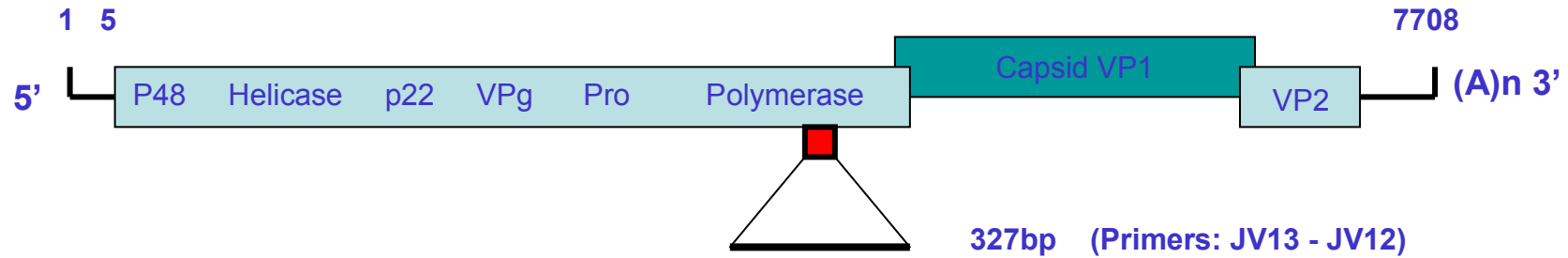


Approcci diagnostici per NoV

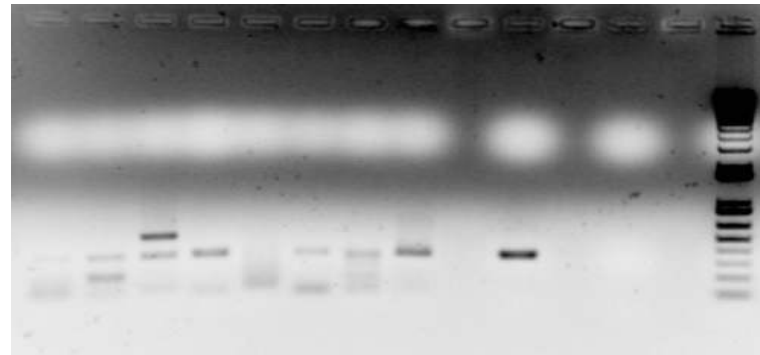
	EM	ELISA	Molecular detection
Sensitivity	+	++	++++
Specificity	+++	+++	+++
“Broadness”	+++++	+	+++
Typing possibilities	+	++	++++



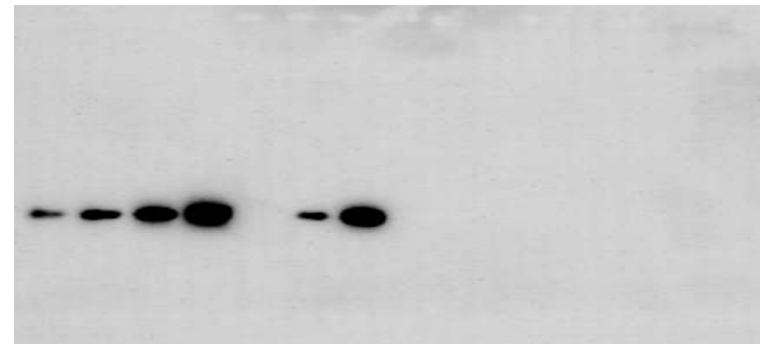
MOLECULAR DIAGNOSIS OF NOROVIRUS



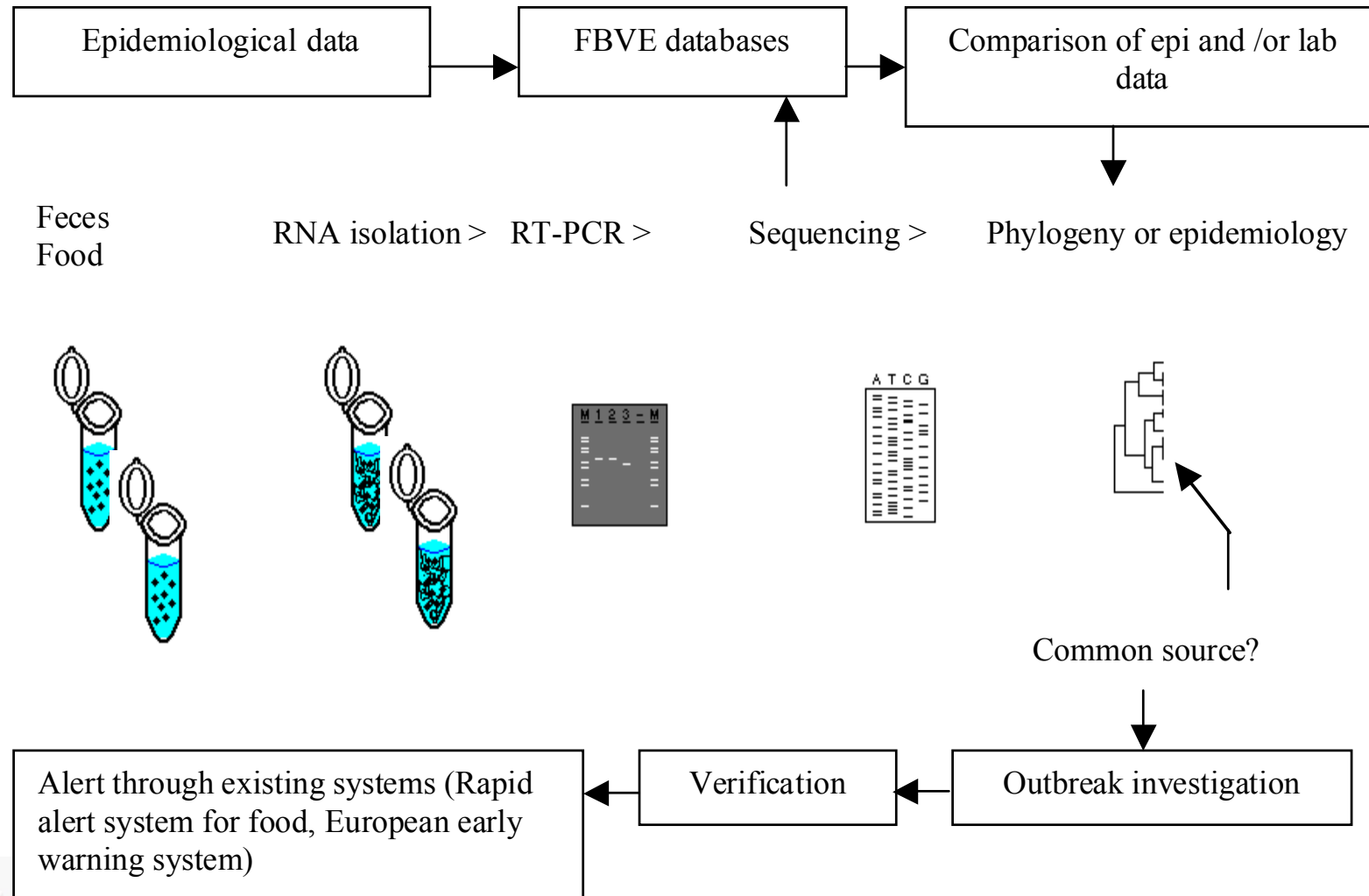
RT/PCR



S. blot



Early detection of common source outbreaks by networking



Virological Data - Web-based genetic bank



Applied Maths, Ghent, Belgium

<https://hypocrates.rivm.nl/bnwww/>



A screenshot of a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window. The title bar reads "BioNumerics WWW-Server access from ENEMTI - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The address bar shows the URL "http://hypocrates.rivm.nl:81/bnwww/calici.HTM". The main content area of the browser displays a map of Europe with several yellow stars and lines connecting them, indicating a network or data points. Below the map, the text "Please select an experiment for identification:" is displayed. Underneath, there are two columns of links. The left column is titled "Sequence types" and lists: NLV-Polymerase, NLV-Capsid, HepA-Vp1_P2a, SLV-Polymerase, SLV-Capsid, ASV-Capsid, and NLV-long sequences. The right column is titled "Fingerprint types" and lists: NLV-RLB (bands). The browser interface includes standard navigation buttons like Back, Forward, Stop, Refresh, Home, Search, Favorites, and History.


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BioNumerics WWW-Server - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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Indirizzo <https://hypocrates.rivm.nl/bnwww/Divine-Event/NLV-Capsid.htm>

Google Cerca Segnalibri 43 bloccati Controllo Invia a Impostazioni



FBVE Network

Noroviruses database

Database

- Login
- Password
- Experiment

Identification

- Display up to

Sequence data: use capitals only

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TeTGGGCTCCCATTTTGTGAtGAAGAAGGCCTCGAGTGA
CGCCAACCCATCTGATGGGTCCACAGCCAACCTCGTCCC
AGAGGTCAACAATGAGGTTATGGCTTGGAGCCCGTTGT
TGGTGCCGCTATTGCGGCACCTGTAGCGGGCCAAACAAA
TGTAATTGACCCCTGGATTAGAAATAATTTTGTACAAGC
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GAATCCCTACCTTTCCCATTTGGCCAGAATGTA

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https://hypocrates.rivm.nl/bnwww/bnwww.dll?ident_seq - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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Experiment: NLV-Capsid

Similarity coefficient: Pairwise (OG:100%,UG:0%) (FAST:2,10) Gapcost:0%

Rank	Score	Key	Origin	Country	Institute	NLV Polymerase genotype	Year of isolation	Month of isolation	NV cap genotype	Strain	Accession
1	100.0	TV012006	FBVE	IT	IT-Instituto Superiore di Sanita		2006	8	11.4		
2	100.0	60CO0107	FBVE	FR		11.4	2007	1	11.4		
3	100.0	OB2006112	FBVE	NL		11.4	2006	4	11.4		
4	99.5	ERHA-6-4-2006	FBVE	IE	IE-Health Protection Surveillance Centre		2006	4	11.4		
5	99.5	SE/2007/05	FBVE	SE	SE-Swedish Institute for Infectious Disease Control		2007	1	11.4		
6	99.5	SE/2007/20	FBVE	SE	SE-Swedish		2007	2	11.4		

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Database fields

Key	TV012006
Origin	FBVE
Country	IT
Institute	IT-Instituto Superiore di Sanita
NLV Polymerase genotype	
Year of isolation	2006
Month of isolation	8
NV cap genotype	II.4
Strain	
Accession	
Age	
Setting	
PubMed reference	
Transmission	
Transmission mode	Unknown
Place	Restaurant/café/pub/bar
sporadic/outbreak	0
Not assignable via Pol	
number affected	90
norovirus variant	2006a

Other experiments

[NLV-Long](#)
[NLV-Pol3](#)
[NLV-Polymerase](#)

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Varianti Lordsdale (GII.4)

Pairwise (OG:100%,UG:0%) (FAST:2,10) Gapcost0%
NLV-Capsid



2000-181 (Suppression of Norwalk Ill.) 2000-181 (Suppression of Norwalk Ill.)

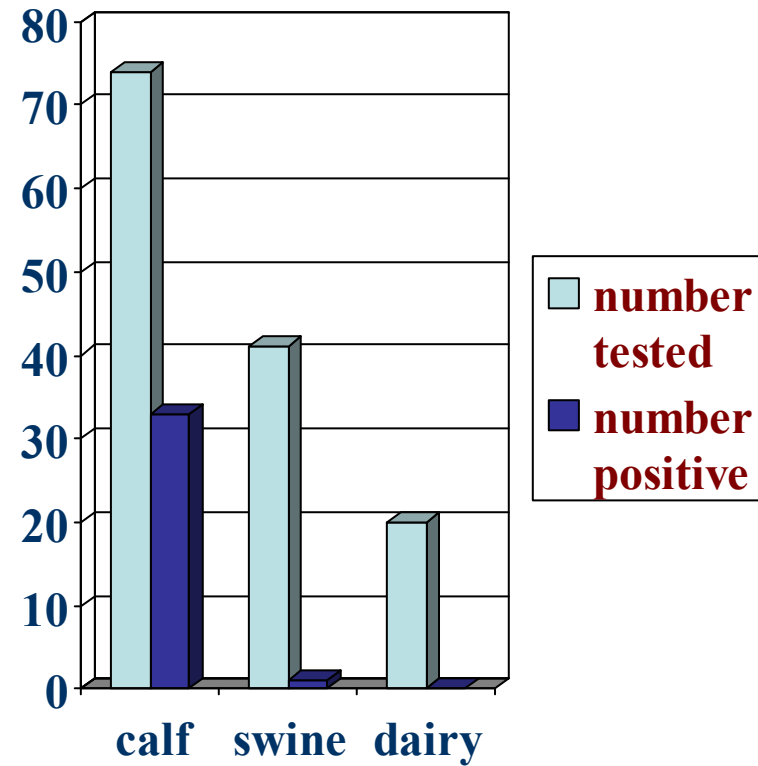
United States diseases in the United States United States diseases in the United States

No. of cases (% of total)		No. of cases (% of total)	
1991-1998 ^a	1991-1998 ^b	1991-1998 ^a	1991-1998 ^b
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0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
5 (<1)	5 (<1)	5 (<1)	5 (<1)
4 (<1)	4 (<1)	4 (<1)	4 (<1)
27 (1)	27 (1)	27 (1)	27 (1)
1	5 (<1)	1	5 (<1)
26 (1)	26 (1)	26 (1)	26 (1)
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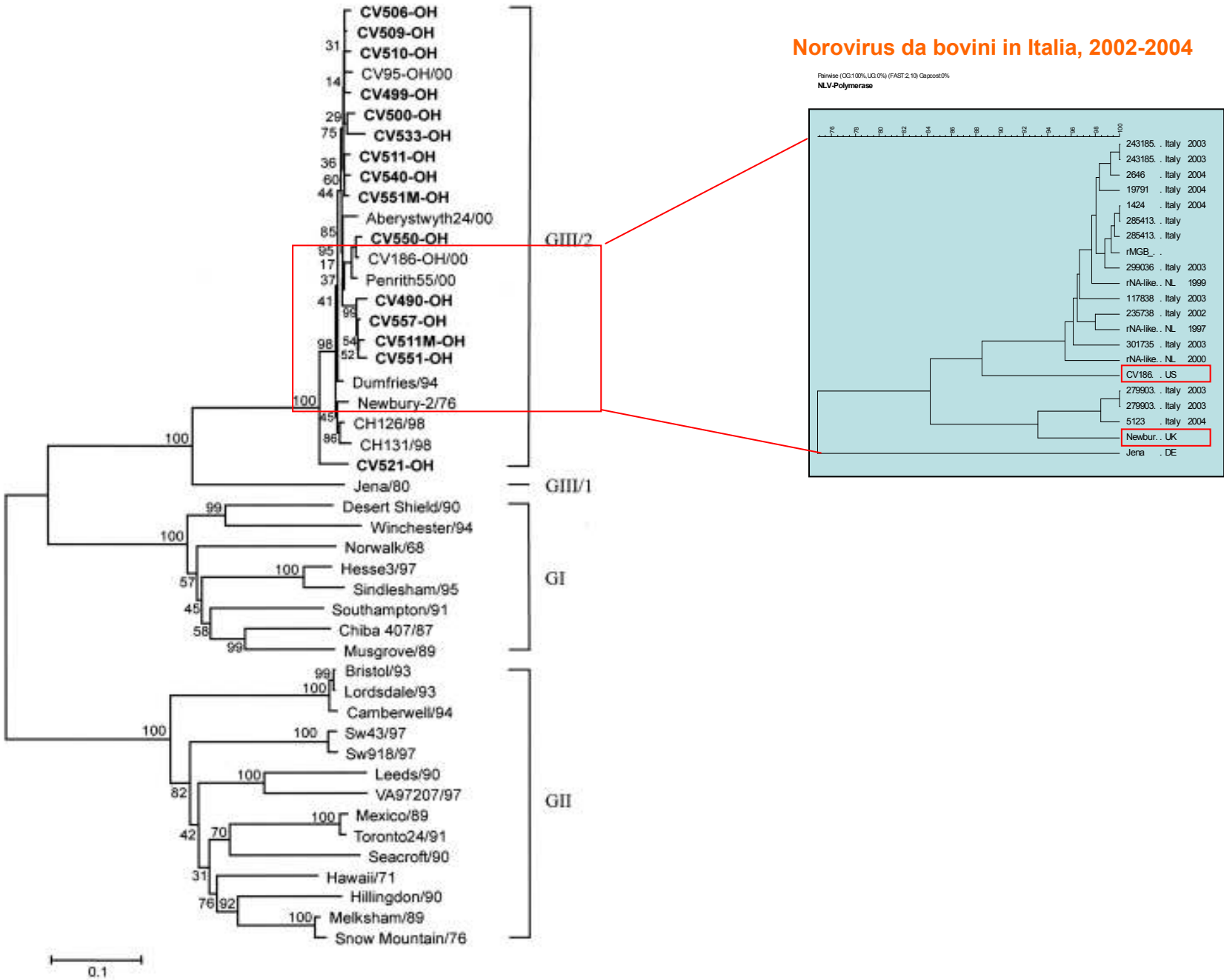
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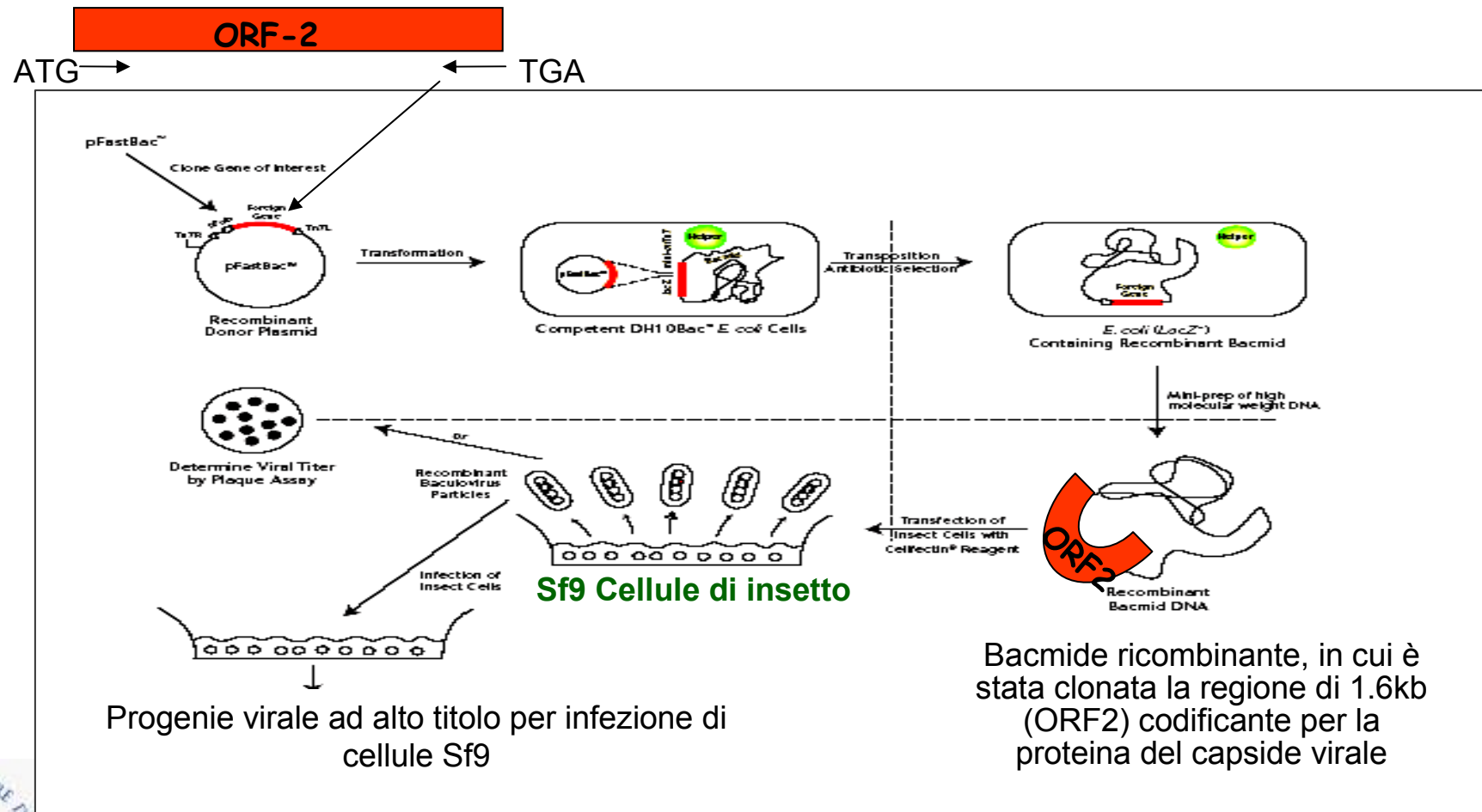
- Do husbandry animals form a reservoir for NLV strains?



Norovirus da bovini in Italia, 2002-2004



Baculovirus ricombinante BacBECORF2 per la proteina del capsid virale (ORF2) di ceppi umano e bovino di Norovirus



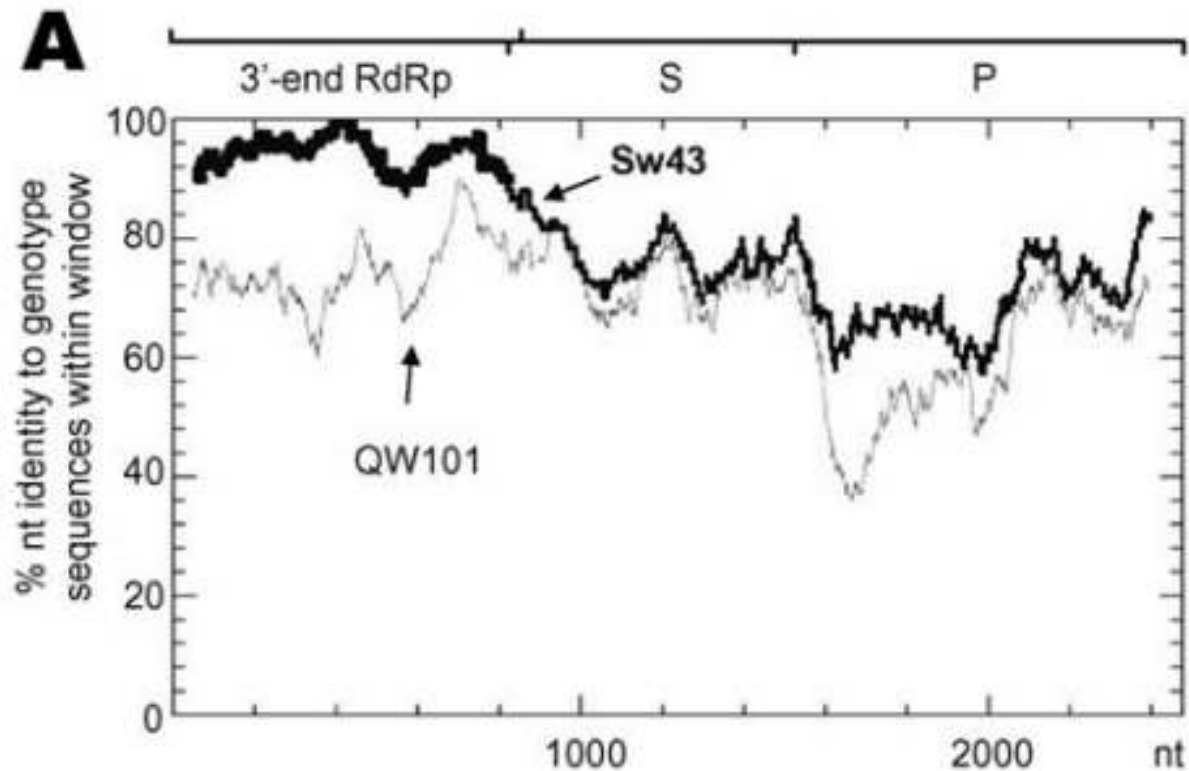
Sieroprevalenza

- Le VLPs del ceppo umano e del ceppo bovino sono state utilizzate in esperimenti ELISA per la ricerca di anticorpi in sieri umani (categoria a rischio: veterinari) e in sieri bovini
- Primi risultati:
- Sieri Veterinari: 58 sieri su 84 riconoscono VLP-Hu, 5 dei quali riconoscono anche VLP-BEC. 1 siero riconosce solo VLP-BEC
- Sieri Bovini: nessuno dei 48 sieri di vitelli americani testati riconoscono VLP-Hu o VLP-BEC Italia



Porcine Noroviruses Related to Human Noroviruses

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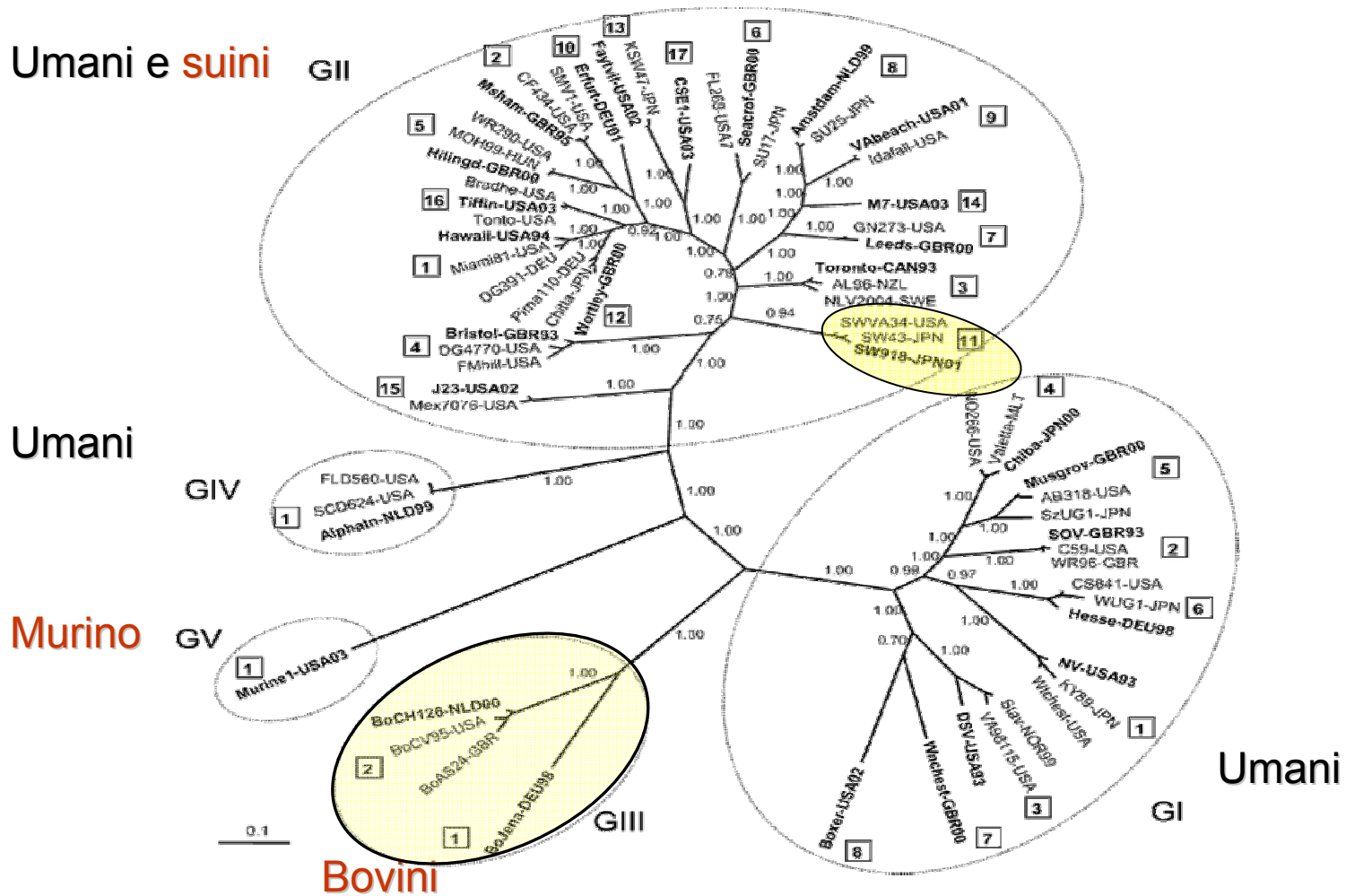
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FILOGENESI DEI NOROVIRUS

Elevata variabilità; classificati in 5 genogruppi



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Pathogenesis of a Genogroup II Human Norovirus in Gnotobiotic Pigs

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Human and Animal Enteric Caliciviruses in Oysters from Different Coastal Regions of the United States

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Workpackages:

WP31 - ZOOVIR-NET

Food producing animals as a potential source of emerging viral zoonoses (ZOOVIR-NET)

Objectives

- To evaluate existing reagents and technologies; develop improved tests.
- To identify possible cell culture systems for HEV, EMCV and Anellovirus.
- To investigate the host/cell growth restriction of virus variants and produce antigens for immunological studies.
- To establish the presence and genomic and/or antigenic characteristics of HEV, Anellovirus and EMCV in swine populations in different countries. Comparative analyses of the genomes of swine/human strains.
- To establish a centralized database allowing WP31 and other interested Med-Vet-Net scientists to access standardized data on viral strains and genomic sequences characterized during the study.
- To assess TBEV milk transmission. To adapt available serologic TBEV ELISA kits to investigating dairy animal infection. To establish recommendations for milk production control in endemic regions.
- To contribute to the integration of research on the detection, monitoring and risk factor analysis of new/emerging food-borne zoonoses in production animal reservoirs.
- To develop joint (epidemiological and microbiological) strategies for research of emergence of food-borne pathogens from various reservoirs.
- To improve quantitative PCR technology and primer specification for:
 - i) HEV in swine blood and faecal samples, and water and food samples
 - ii) EMCV in blood and tissues and food
 - iii) Anellovirus in the food chain
 - iv) TBEV in milk.
- To develop novel immune reagents and implement knowledge on selected viral antigens.
- To adapt MABs to user friendly diagnostic tests to be assayed by the WP partners.
- To investigate the tissue/organ sites of virus replication and persistence of swine viruses in production animals, for assessing possible risks in the food chain.
- To extend knowledge developed within the WP activity to MVN, institutions and collaborating networks in order to target risks, and address possible control measures.

Deliverables

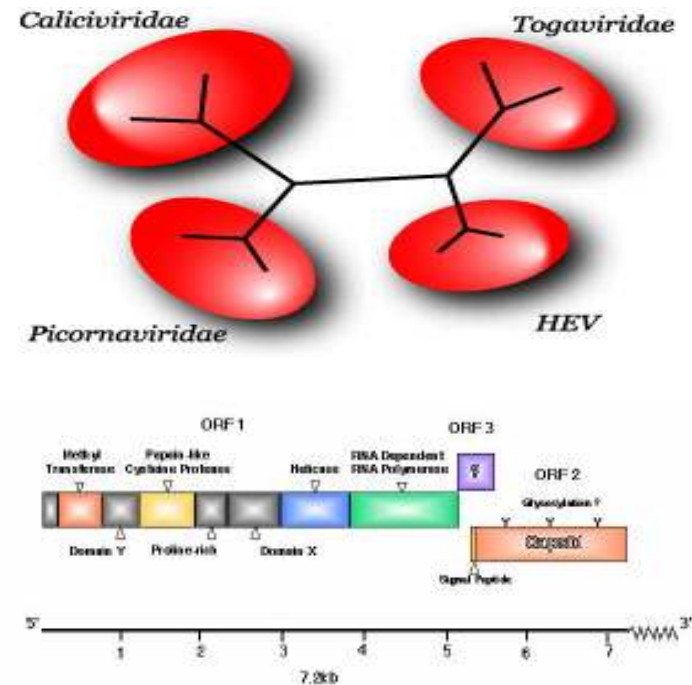
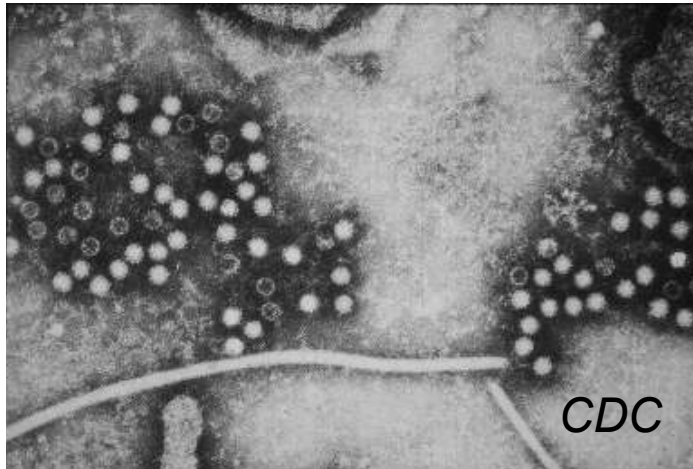
1. Database of relevant contacts/expertise/reagents available on selected zoonotic and emerging viruses (TTV, HEV, EMCV, TBEV) within MedVetNet and in Europe by month 6
2. Validated diagnostic protocols for emerging viruses in pig populations and TBEV in farm

Operazione completata

Internet

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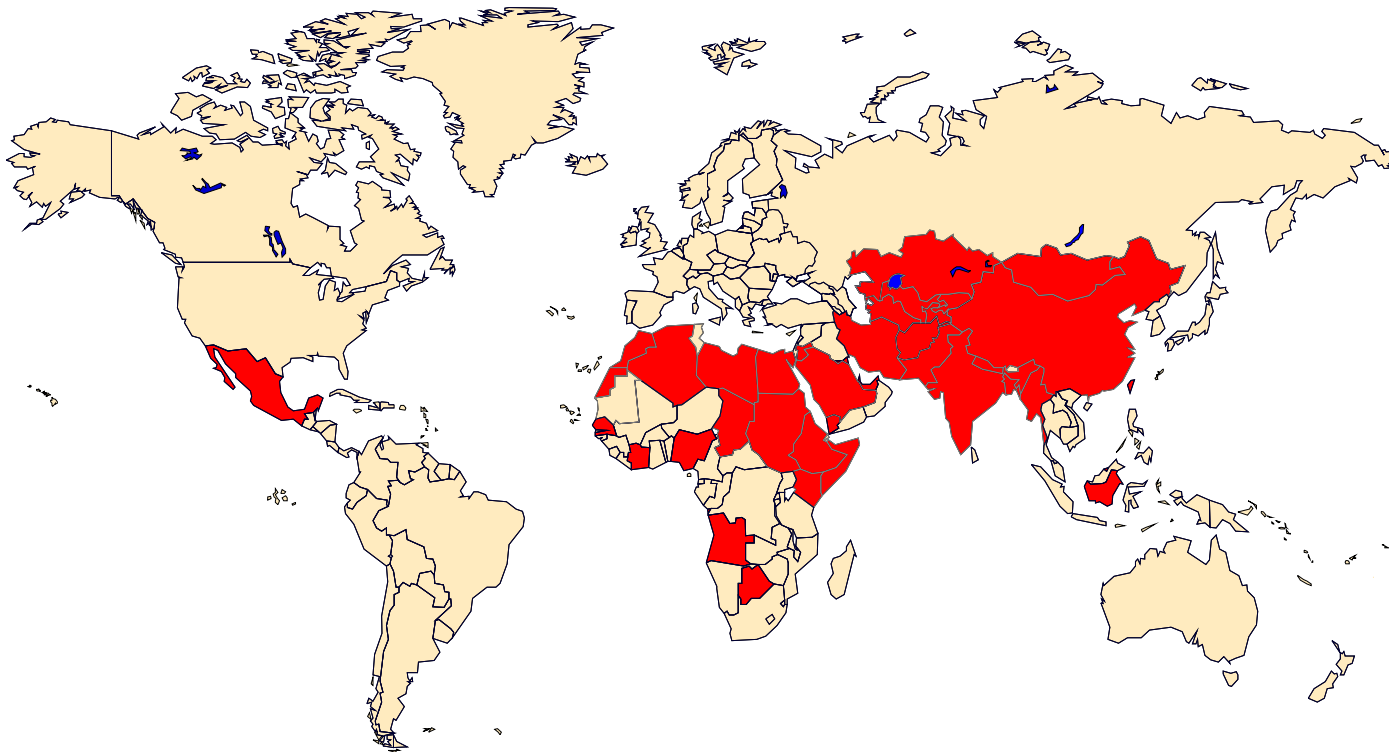
Virus dell'Epatite E (HEV)



- Unenveloped, ssRNA virus, small (27-34 nm)
- Formerly associated with *Caliciviridae*, recently assigned to the new genus *Hepevirus*



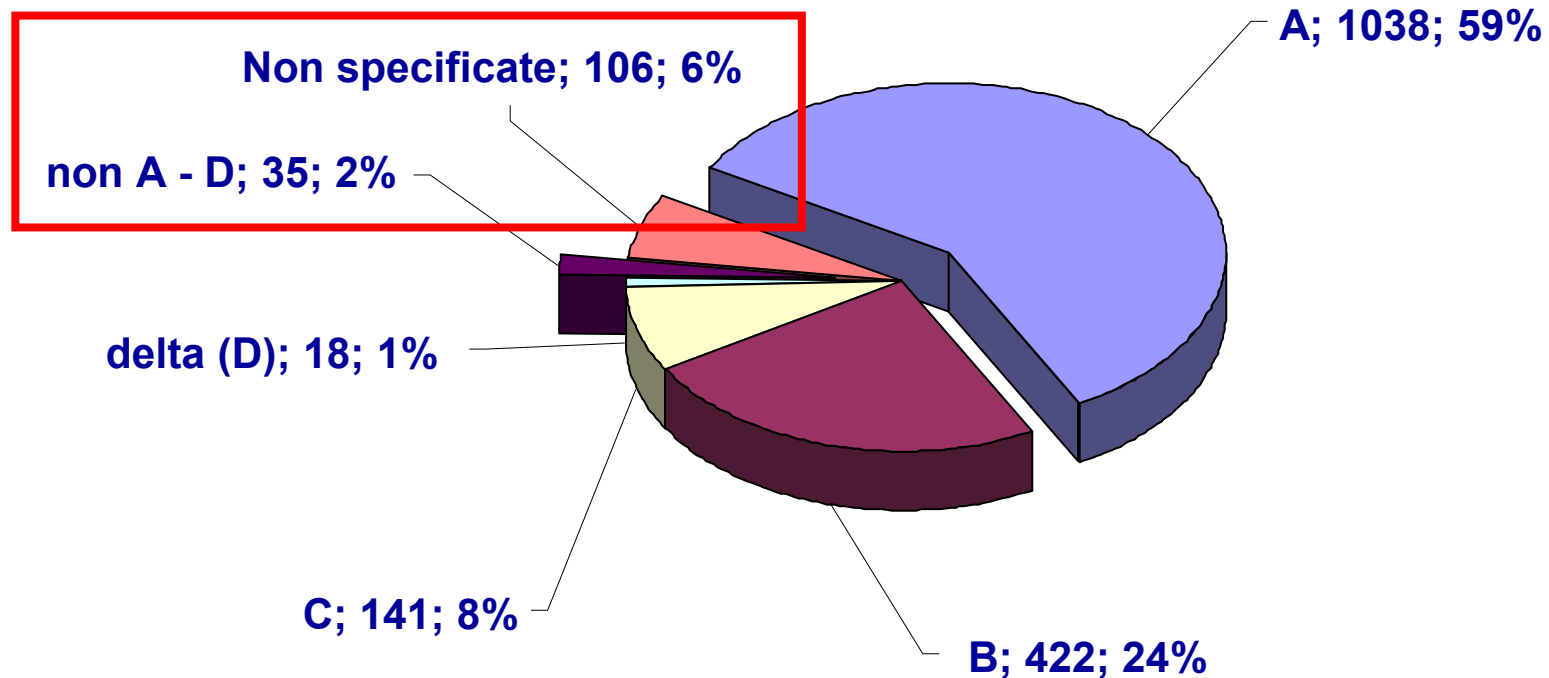
Distribuzione dell'Epatite E nel mondo



- The largest outbreak was reported in northeast China, with 100,000 people affected between 1986 and 1988
- The overall case fatality rate is 4% (much higher in pregnancy)



Epatiti virali in Italia (SEIEVA, 1997-2003)



Hu-HepE incidence in Italy, 2003: 0.4/100,000



HEV sieropositivi, Italia

NORD

Milano (0.95)

Genova (1.3)

Venezia (2.6)

CENTRO

Firenze (1.4)

S.Marino (2.3)

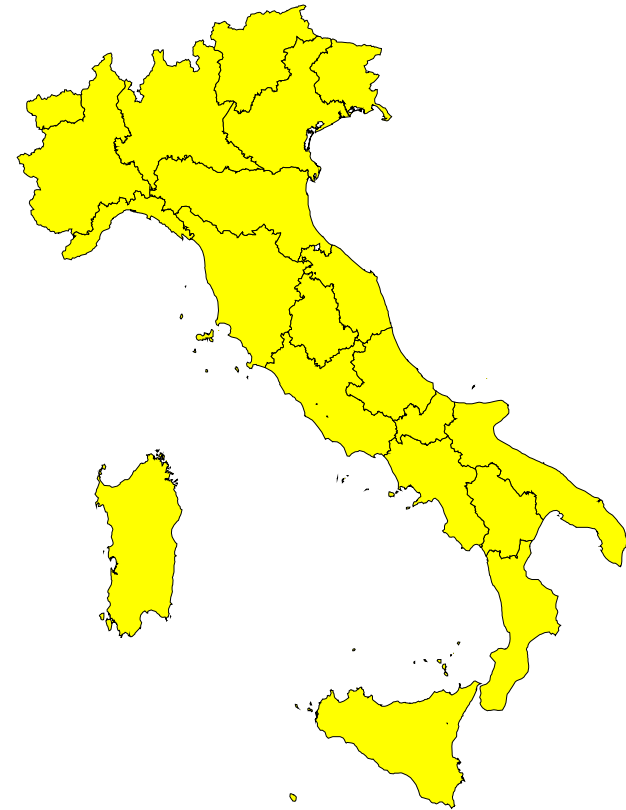
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Foggia (3)

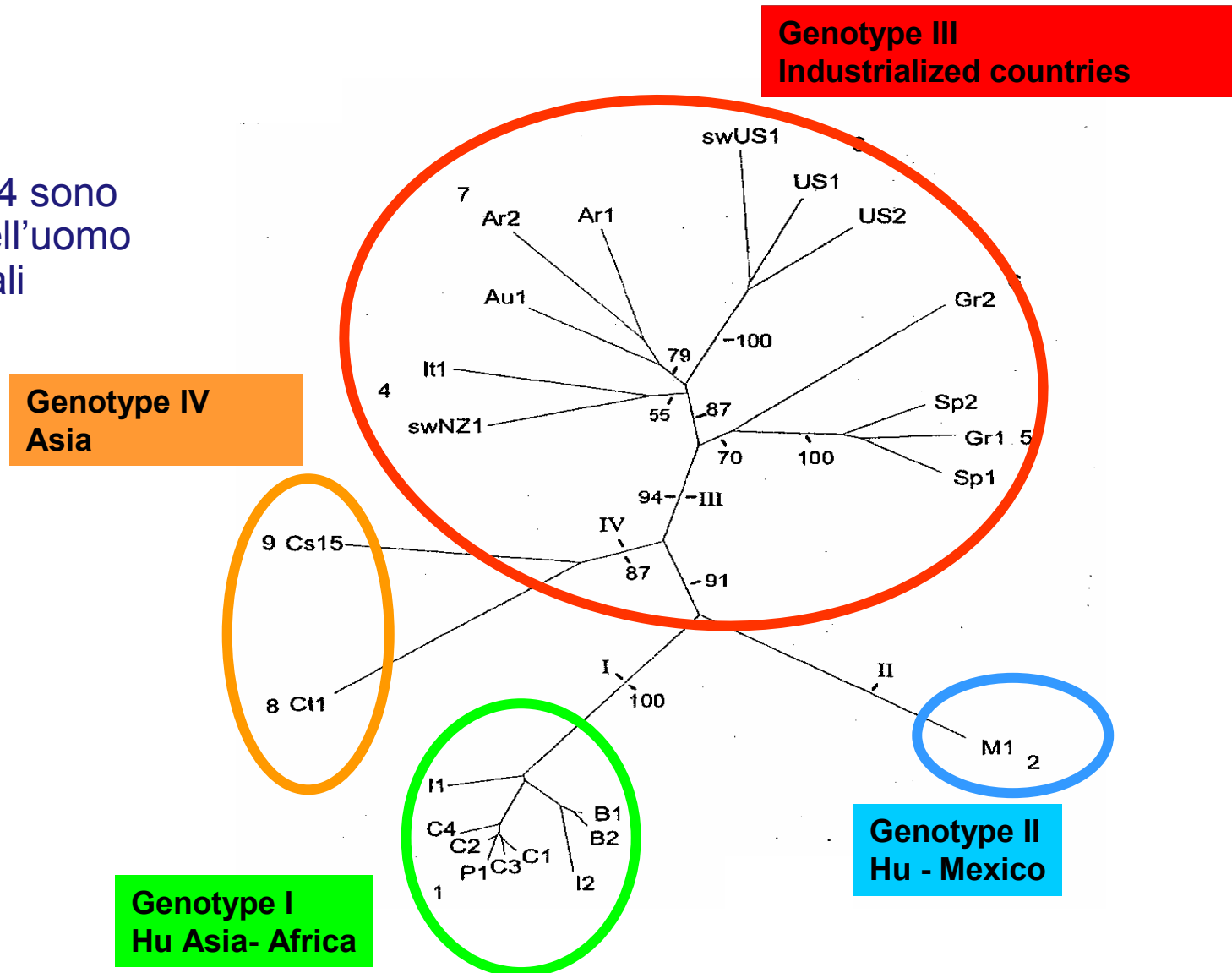
Catania (3)

Cagliari (5.4)

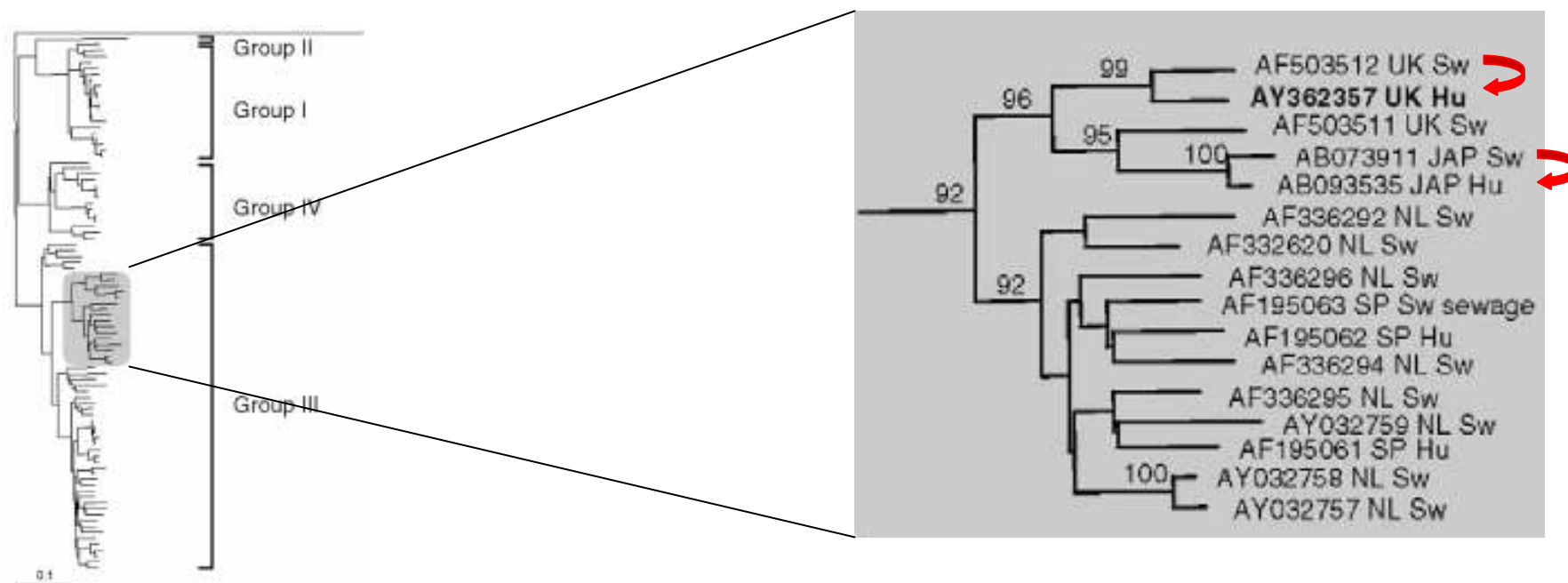


Genotipi di HEV

- 1 sierotipo
- 4 genotipi
- Genotipi 3 e 4 sono identificati nell'uomo e negli animali



Ceppi zoonotici di HEV dal suino?



... a case of acquired infection of a strain of hepatitis E virus (HEV) with a 100% amino acid identity to the analogous region in strains of HEV circulating in a United Kingdom pig herd. This case further supports the theory that autochthonous HEV infection in industrialized countries is zoonotic...



Banks et al. Emerging Infect Dis 10, 2004

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Ceppi zoonotici di HEV dal suino?

- Anti-HEV antibodies in numerous animal species (*pigs, rodents, chickens, dogs, cows, sheep, goats*) from both developing and industrialized countries
- The first (1997) US swine HEV is genetically correlated to US human strain.
- Recently, other human and swine HEV strains from same geographic areas have been shown to be genetically correlated
- Recent seroepidemiological studies indicate that individuals working with swine have higher risk of HEV infection



Il suino come *reservoir di* HEV?

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Swine as a Principal Reservoir of Hepatitis E Virus that Infects Humans in Eastern China.

[Zheng Y](#), [Ge S](#), [Zhang J](#), [Guo Q](#), [Ng MH](#), [Wang F](#), [Xia N](#), [Jiang Q](#).

Department of Epidemiology, School of Public Health, The Key Laboratory on Public Health Safety, Ministry of Education, Fudan University, Shanghai, China.

Background and methods. Genotype IV hepatitis E virus (HEV) has been isolated from humans and swine. To study the relationship between the human and swine reservoirs, we estimated their respective viral burden, analyzed the genetic makeup of the virus populations, and assessed the risk of infection associated with swine farming. **Results.** In 2 swine-farming districts of eastern China, 9.6% of swine and 0.3% of healthy human subjects excreted HEV in stool, as did 68.8% of patients with confirmed HEV infection. The virus population circulating in humans consisted of genotype I and at least 4 phylogenetically distinct subgroups of genotype IV viruses, 2 of which concurrently circulated among swine. Persons engaged in occupations related to swine farming were found to have a 74% higher risk of infection than those engaged in other occupations, and persons living in communities downstream of the swine farms were found to have a 29% higher risk of infection than persons living in communities upstream. **Conclusions.** Genotype IV HEV is freely transmitted between humans and swine. Because the size of the swine population and its viral burden are much larger than those of humans, transmission of the virus most likely is directed from swine to humans. Infection can be acquired through contact with swine and their waste.

PMID: 16703507 [PubMed - in process]



HEV come agente zoonotico alimentare?

- Consumption of uncooked deer meat (*sashimi*) is a risk factor for exposure to HEV in Japan.
- HEV RNA was isolated from a sample of uncooked deer meat eaten by a patient who developed acute hepatitis E.
- In Japan, a proportion (1.9%) of packaged raw pig livers for sale were contaminated with HEV.

Tei et al. 2003. Lancet, 362: 371-373

Tamada et al., 2003. J. Hepatol., 38: 827-32.



Short
Communication

Sporadic acute or fulminant hepatitis E in Hokkaido, Japan, may be food-borne, as suggested by the presence of hepatitis E virus in pig liver as food

Yasuyuki Yazaki,¹ Hitoshi Mizuo,² Masaharu Takahashi,³ Tsutomu Nishizawa,³ Nobuhiko Sasaki,⁴ Yuhko Gotanda⁵ and Hiroaki Okamoto³

Short
Communication

Detection and characterization of infectious *Hepatitis E virus* from commercial pig livers sold in local grocery stores in the USA

A. R. Feagins,¹ T. Opriessnig,² D. K. Guenette,¹ P. G. Halbur² and X.-J. Meng¹



HEV in suini allevati, Italia

Rilascio medio con le feci:

42%

Range (6 allevamenti)

(12.8 – 72.5%)



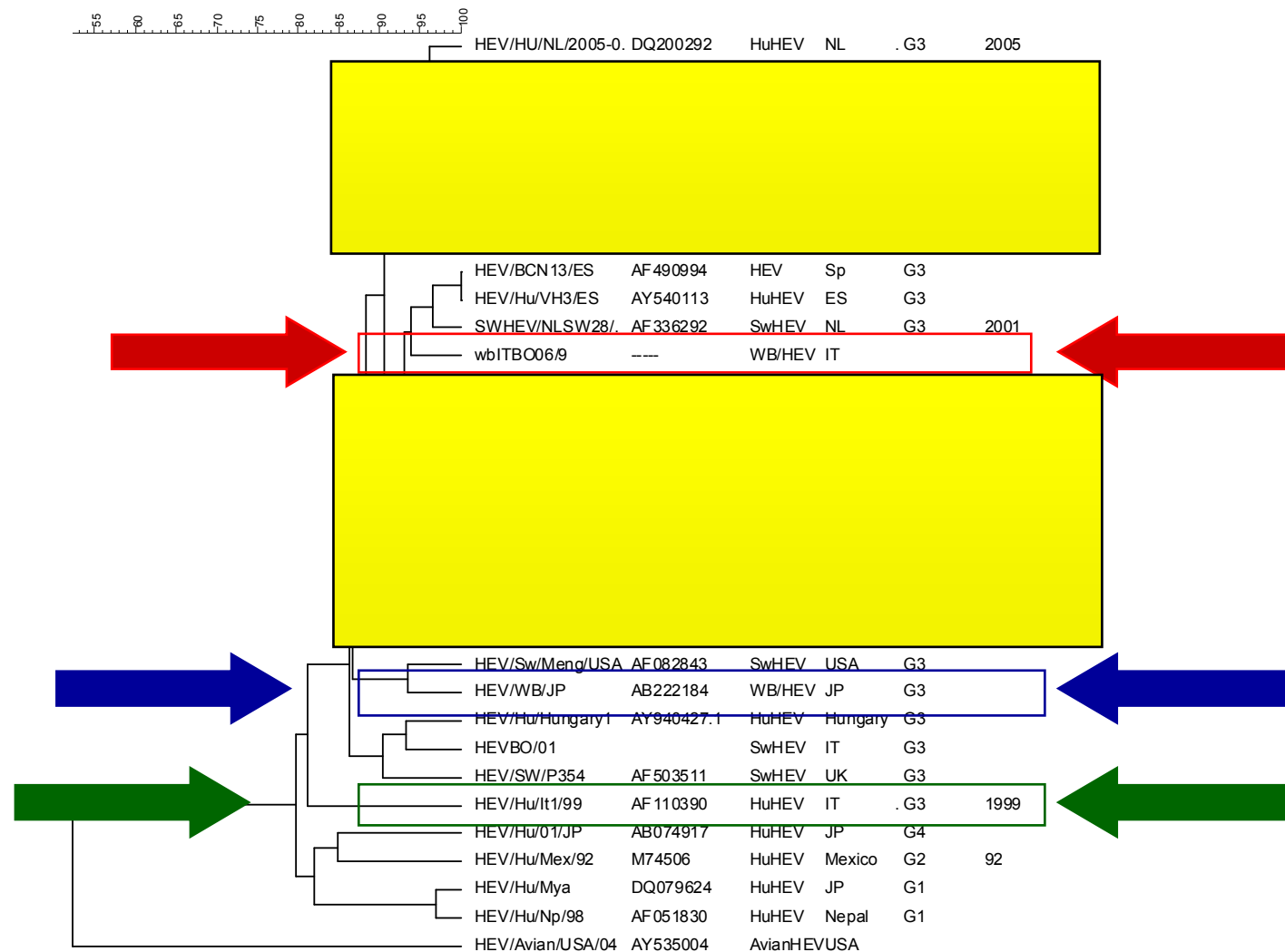
HEV Infezione da HEV nei cinghiali

(Parco Gessi-Bolognesi, BO)















Sex class	Age class	Estimated total population	Total examined	HEV positive	HEV prevalence	Estimated prevalence in the whole population (95% CI)
All animals	<12 months	172	23	8	34.8	20.4 - 51.7
	13-24 months	87	53	11	20.8	14.9 - 27.6
	> 24 months	20	12	3	25.0	15.0 - 40.0
	Total	279	88	22	25.0	18.6 - 32.6
Male	<12 months	74	8	4	50.0	25.7 - 74.3
	13-24 months	39	20	3	15.0	7.7 - 28.2
	> 24 months	6	6	2	33.3	-
	Total	119	34	9	26.5	16.8 - 38.7
Female	<12 months	98	15	4	26.7	12.2 - 46.9
	13-24 months	51	33	8	24.2	17.7 - 33.3
	> 24 months	11	6	1	16.7	9.1 - 36.4
	Total	160	54	13	24.1	16.3 - 33.7







Caratterizzazione genomica di HEV da cinghiali in Italia



Genotipi P e G di rotavirus comuni nell'uomo e negli animali

G type	P serotype [genotype]										
	1A[8] 	1B[4]	2A[6] 	2C[6]	3[9] 	4[10]	5A[3] 	6[1] 	8[11] 	11[14] 	12[19] 
1	Wa	AU64	M37	AU19	K8						
2		DS-1	1076								
3 	P	107E1B	McN13		AU-1		HCR3		157C		
4 	Hochi		ST-3								
5 	Br1054										
6 					PA151					PA169	
8 		MW333	MW023			69M				HAL1166	
9	WI61		US1205						116E		Mc323
10 									I321	Mc35	
12			US585								

 Globally common
 Regionally common

 Uncommon
 Neonates



JID 2005:192 (Suppl 1) • Gentsch et al.

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