

# Dissecting The Epidemics of Multidrug-Resistant Organisms: A Focus on Carbapenem-Resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae*

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## Global burden of bacterial antimicrobial resistance in 2019: a systematic analysis



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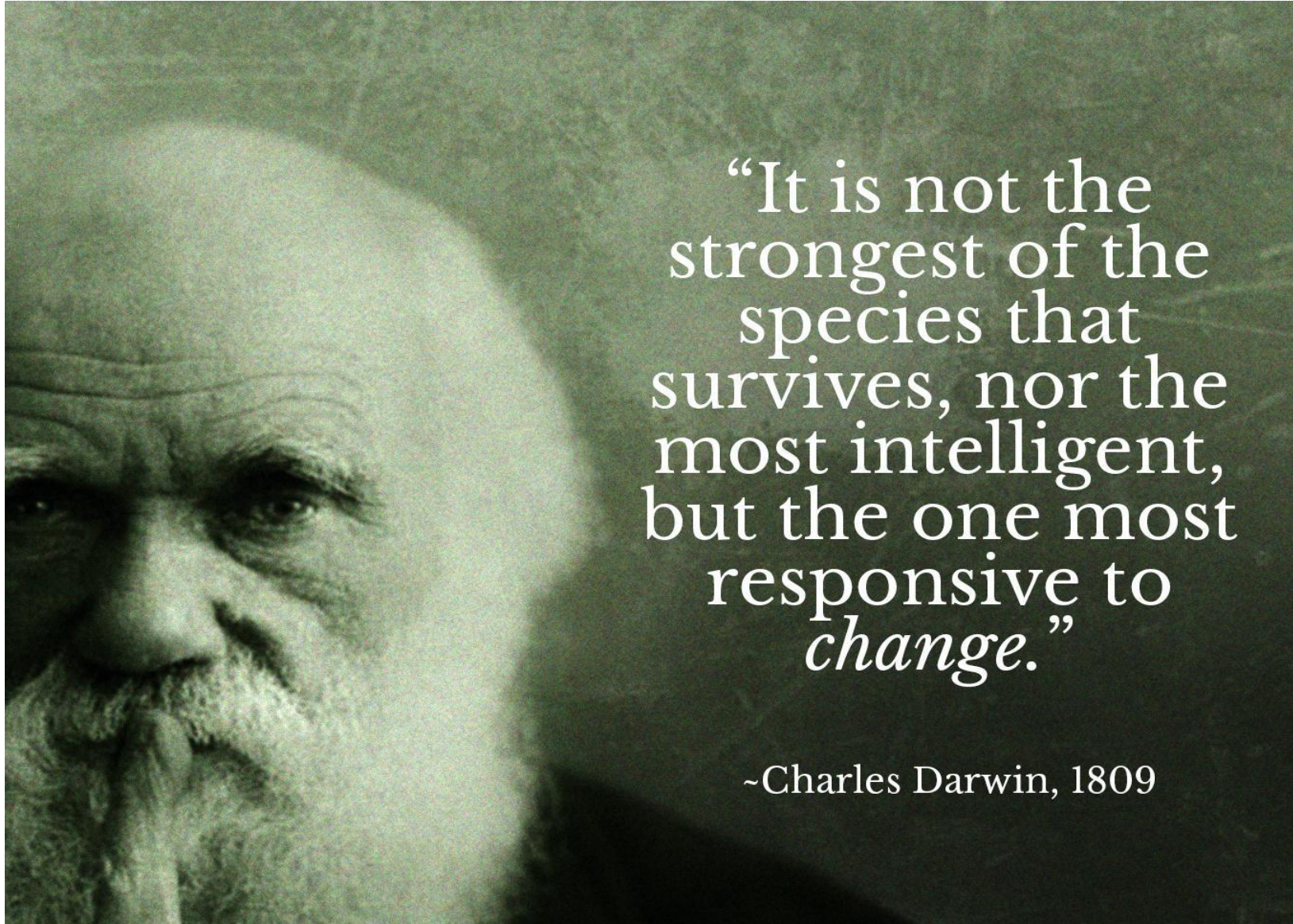


**Findings** On the basis of our predictive statistical models, there were an estimated 4·95 million (3·62–6·57) deaths associated with bacterial AMR in 2019, including 1·27 million (95% UI 0·911–1·71) deaths attributable to bacterial AMR.

# Objectives

- Discuss the main mechanisms by which MDR bacteria can cause epidemics
- Dissect the epidemic of carbapenemase-producing *K. pneumoniae* in Houston, TX and in Colombia

# Epidemics of MDR Organisms Is Evolution at Its peak





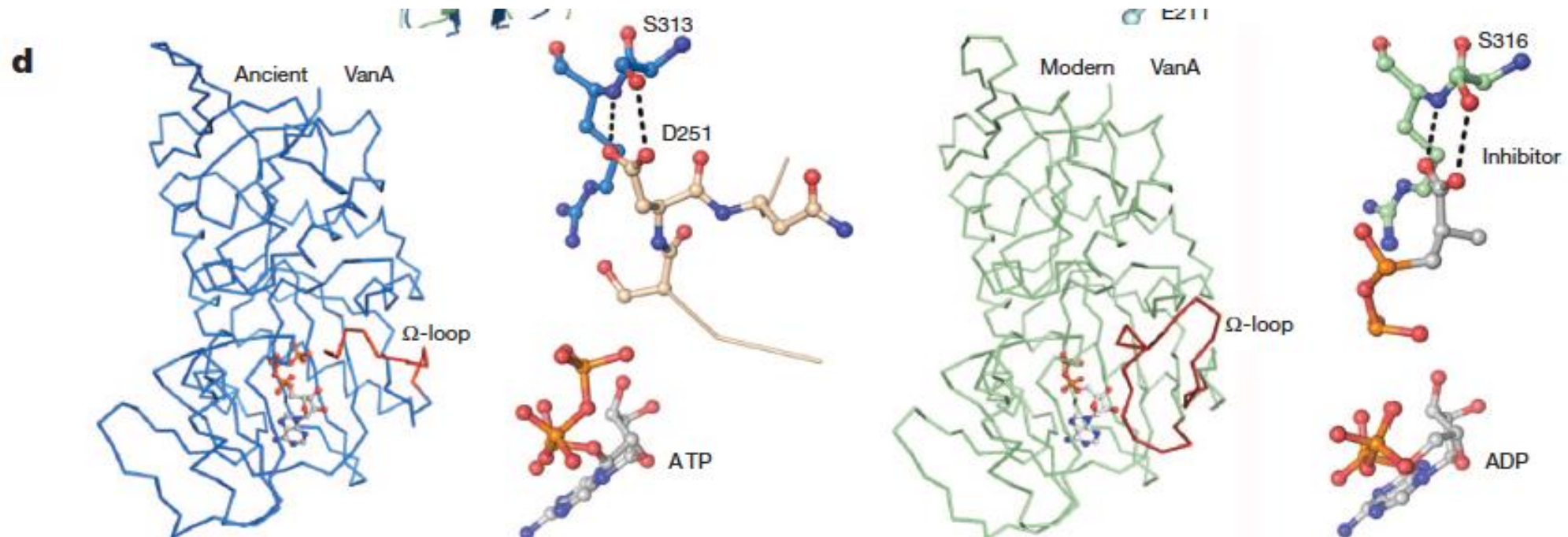
# Resistance is Part of Evolution

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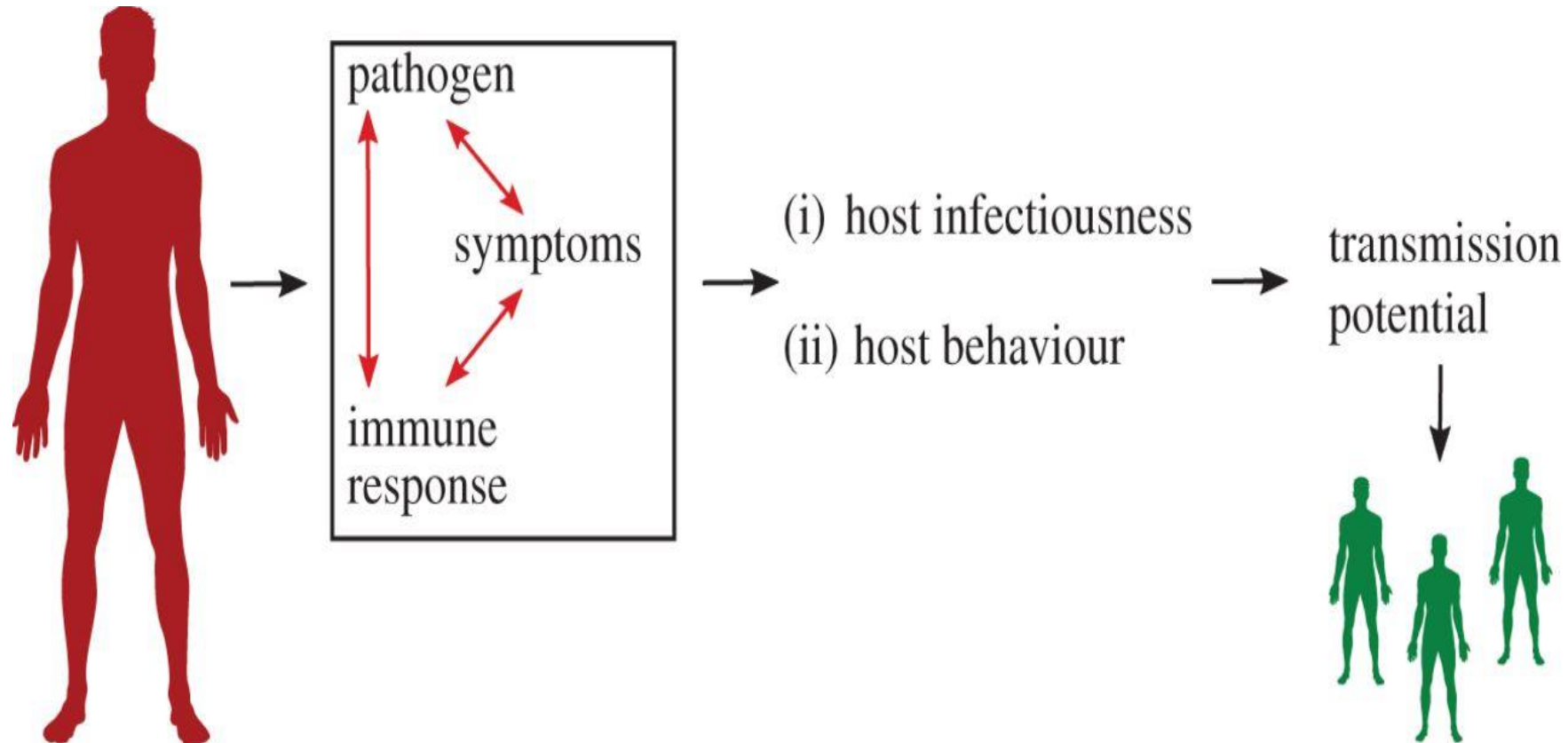
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### Antibiotic resistance is ancient

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# The Dynamics of Epidemics and Pandemics



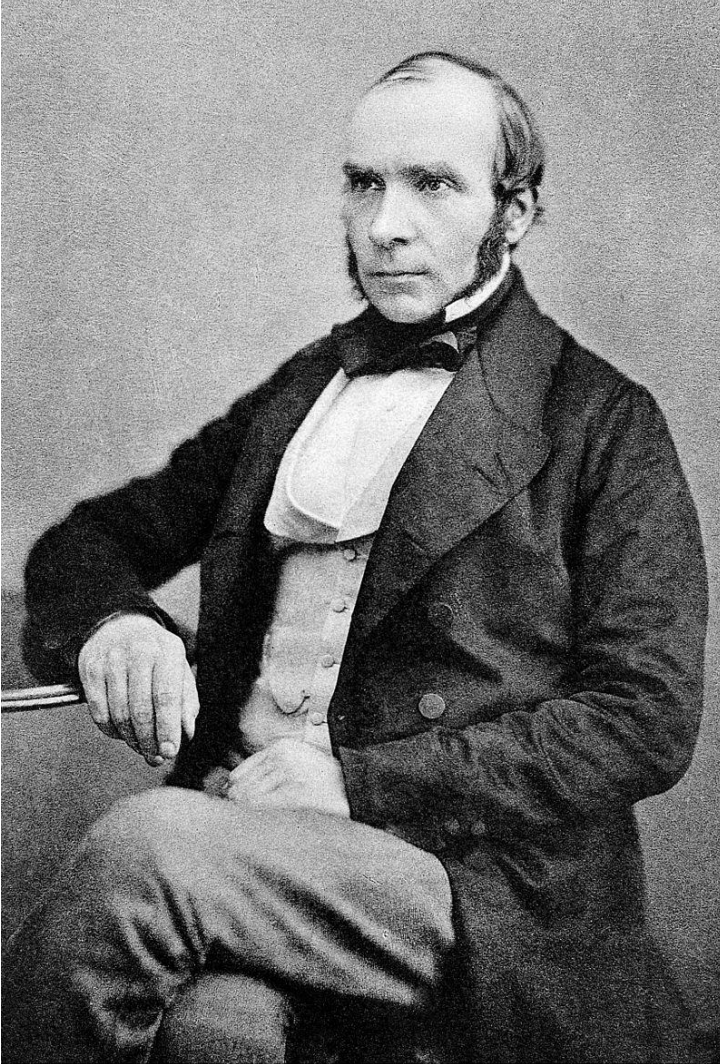


# Bubonic Plague





# John Snow and Public Health Epidemiology of Pandemics



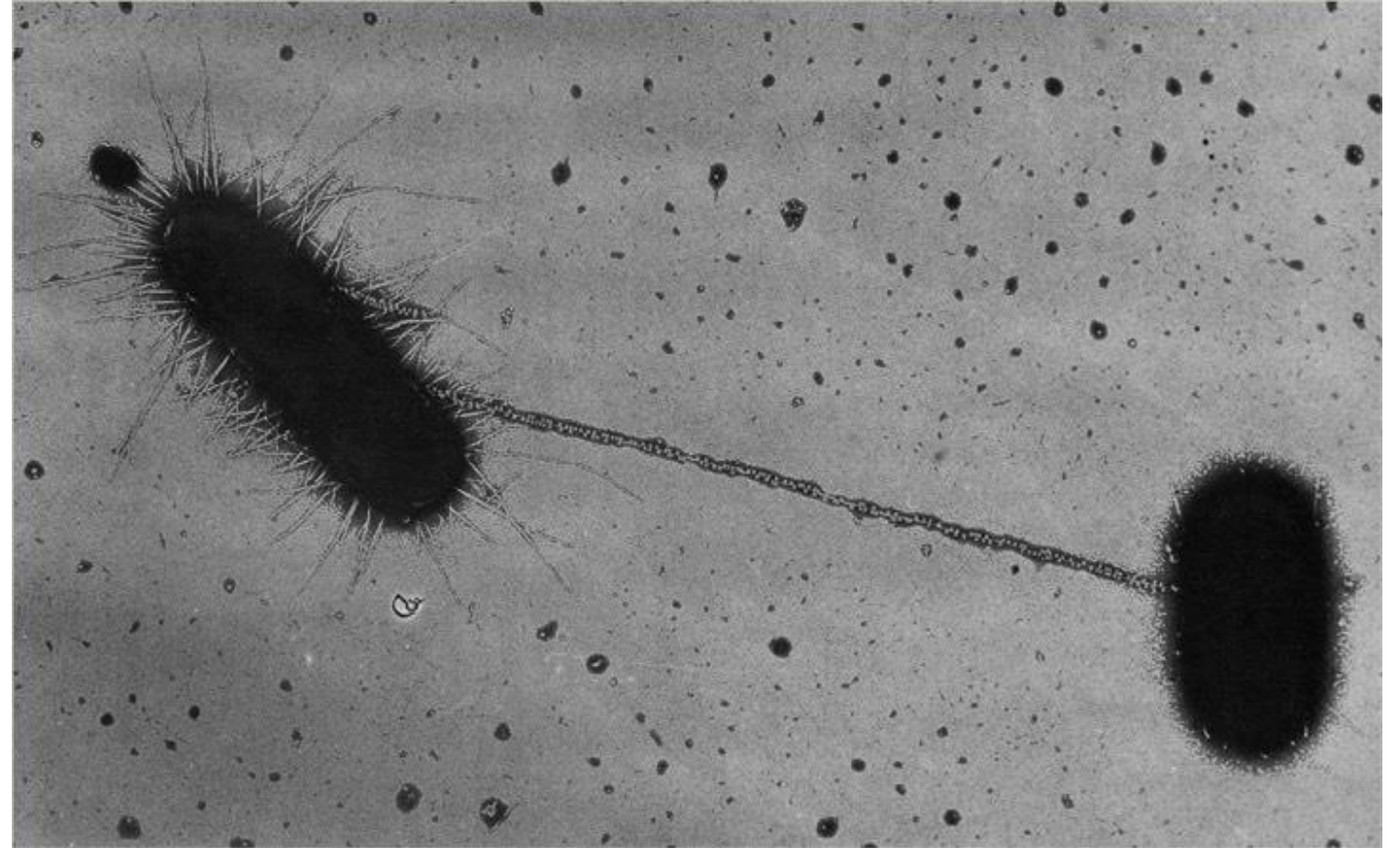
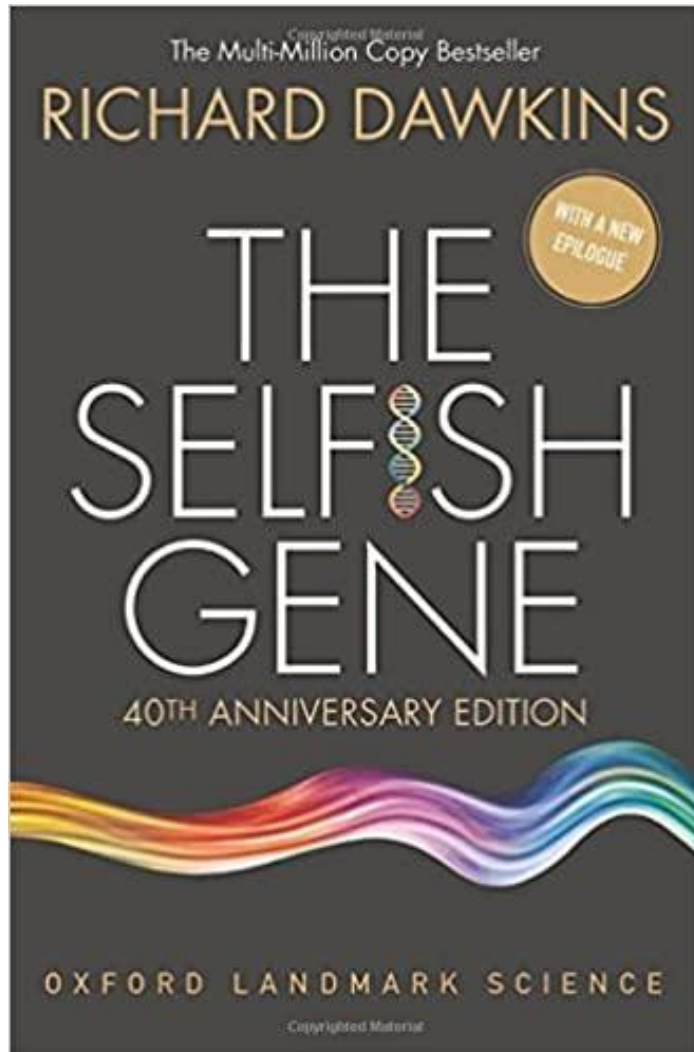
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# Gene Epidemic

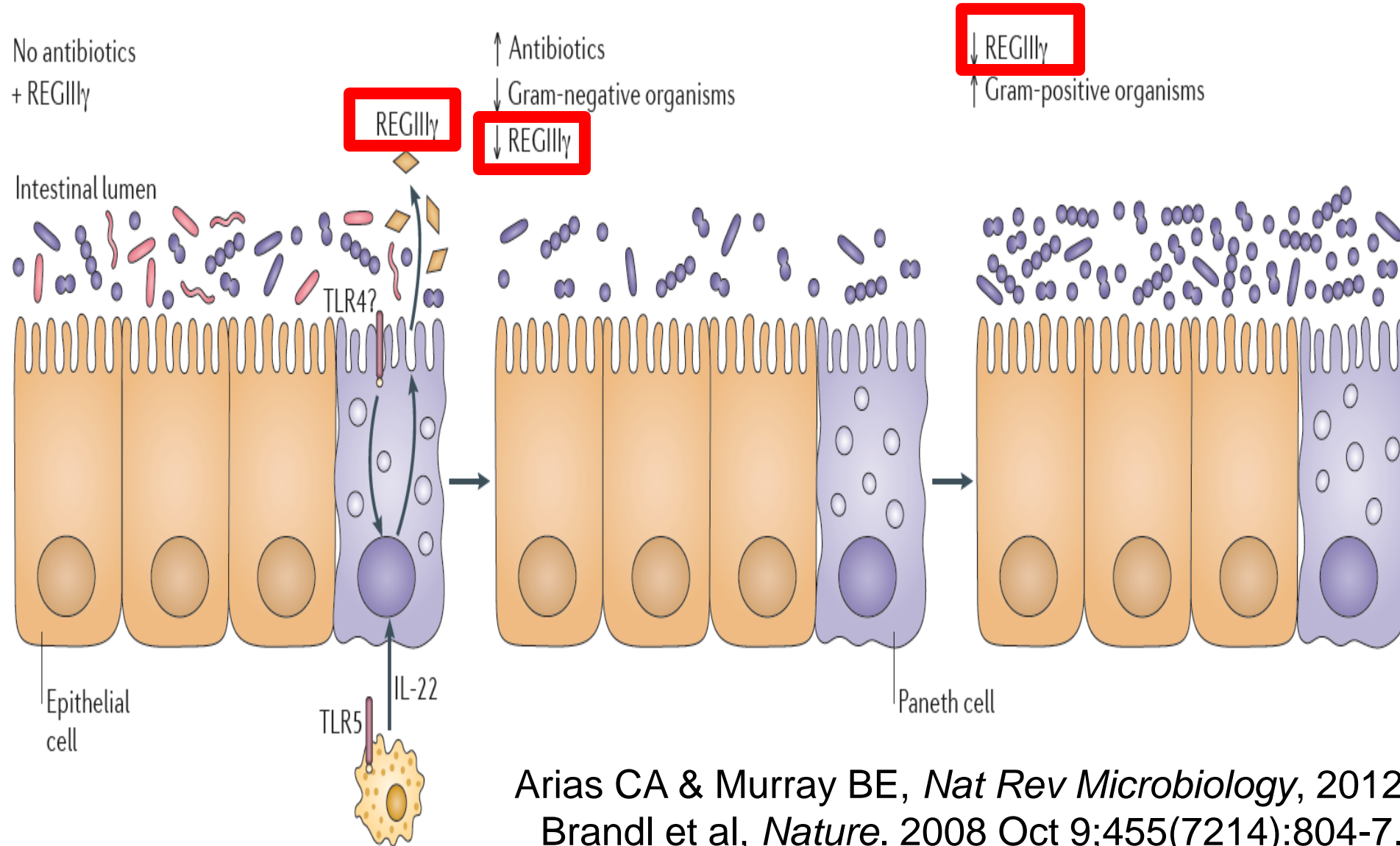


# The Human Microbiome and AMR





# Antibiotics and The Gut



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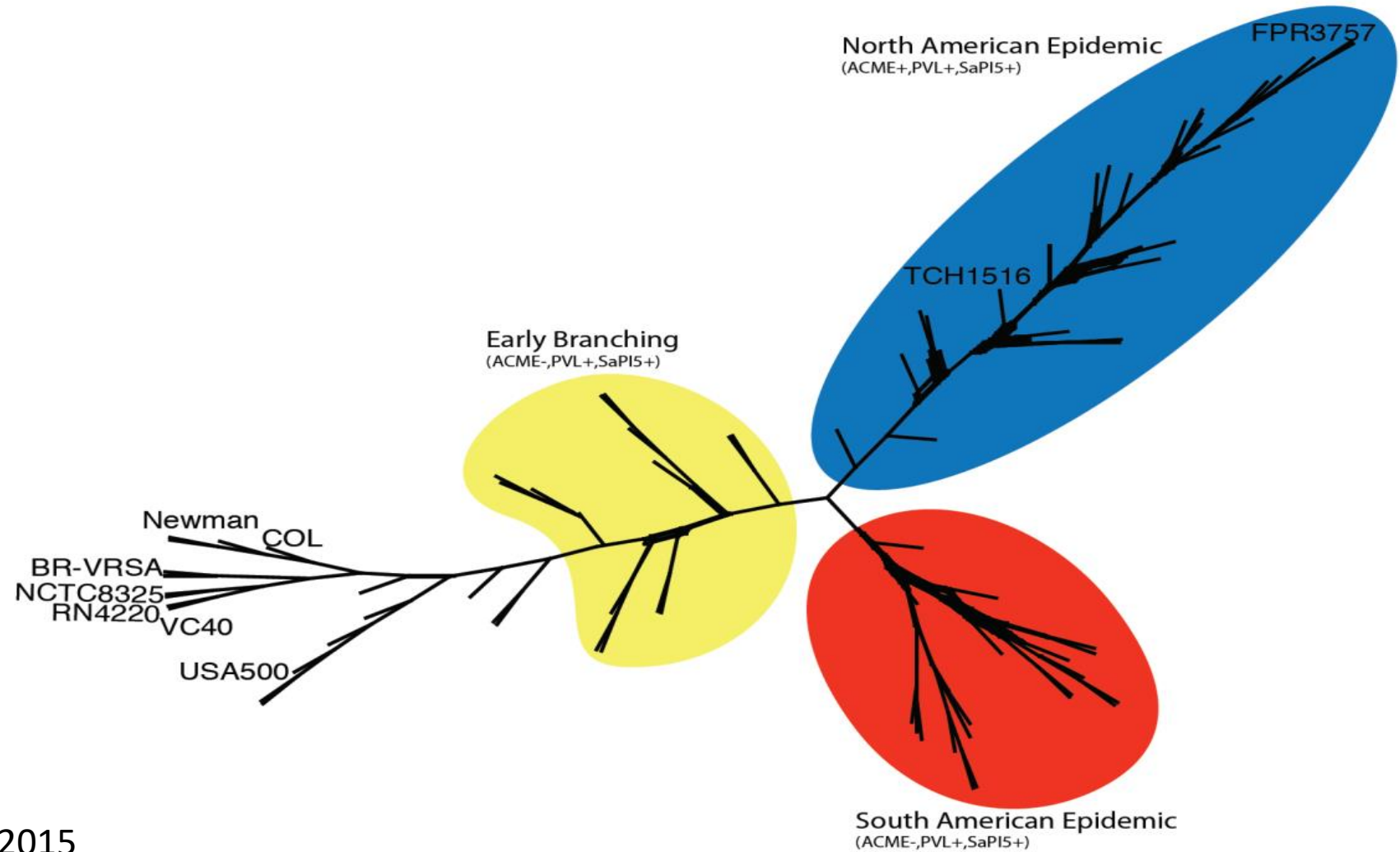
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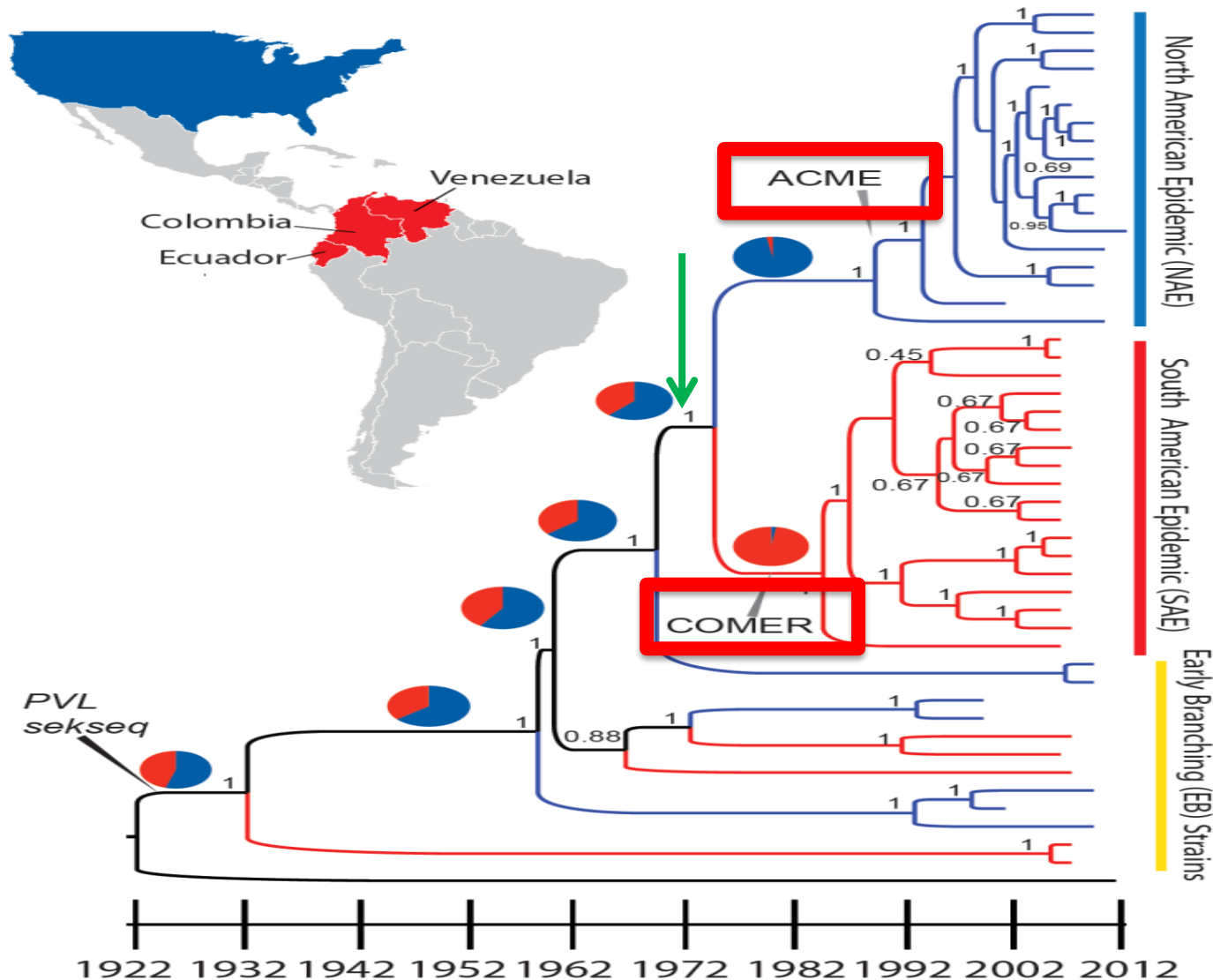
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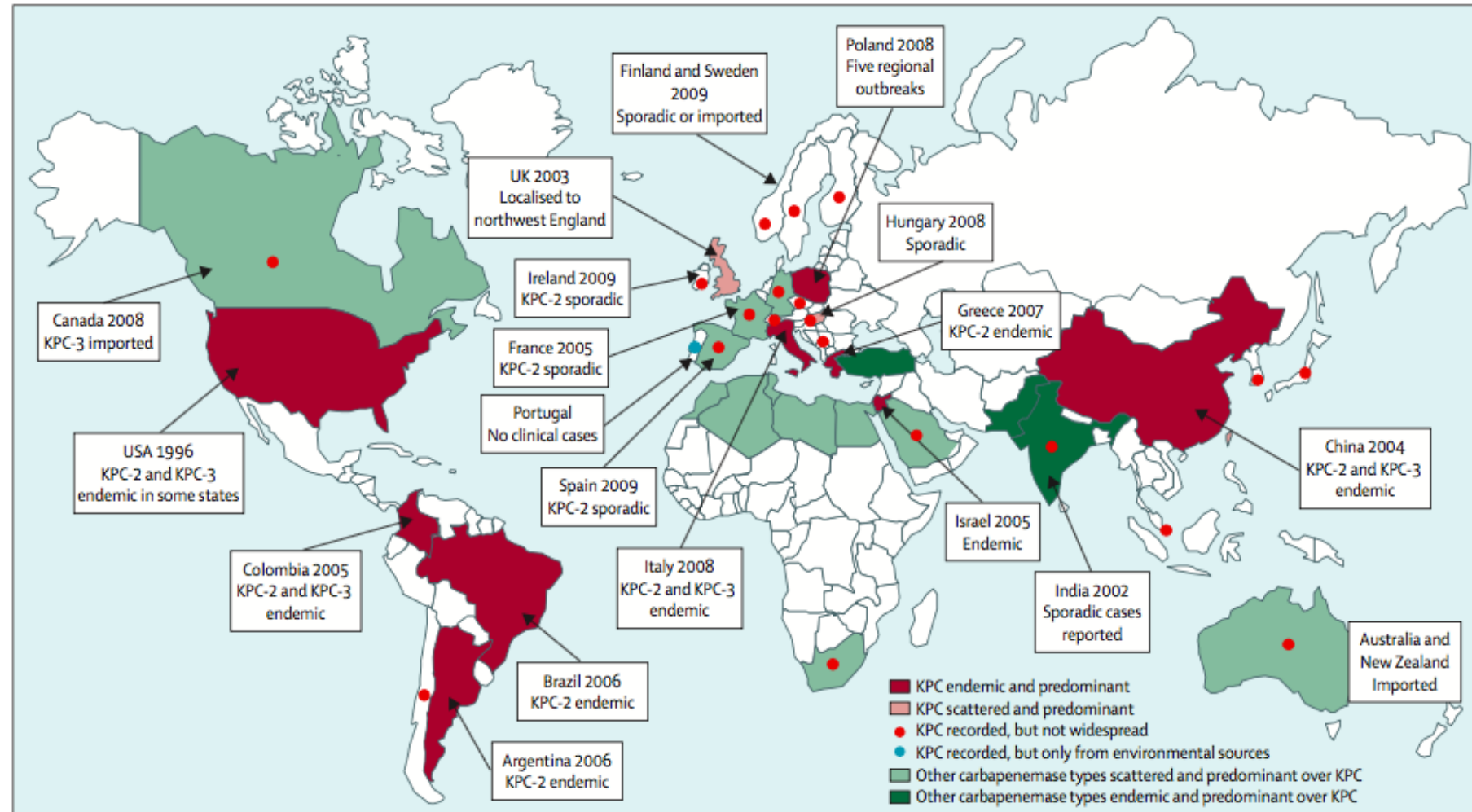


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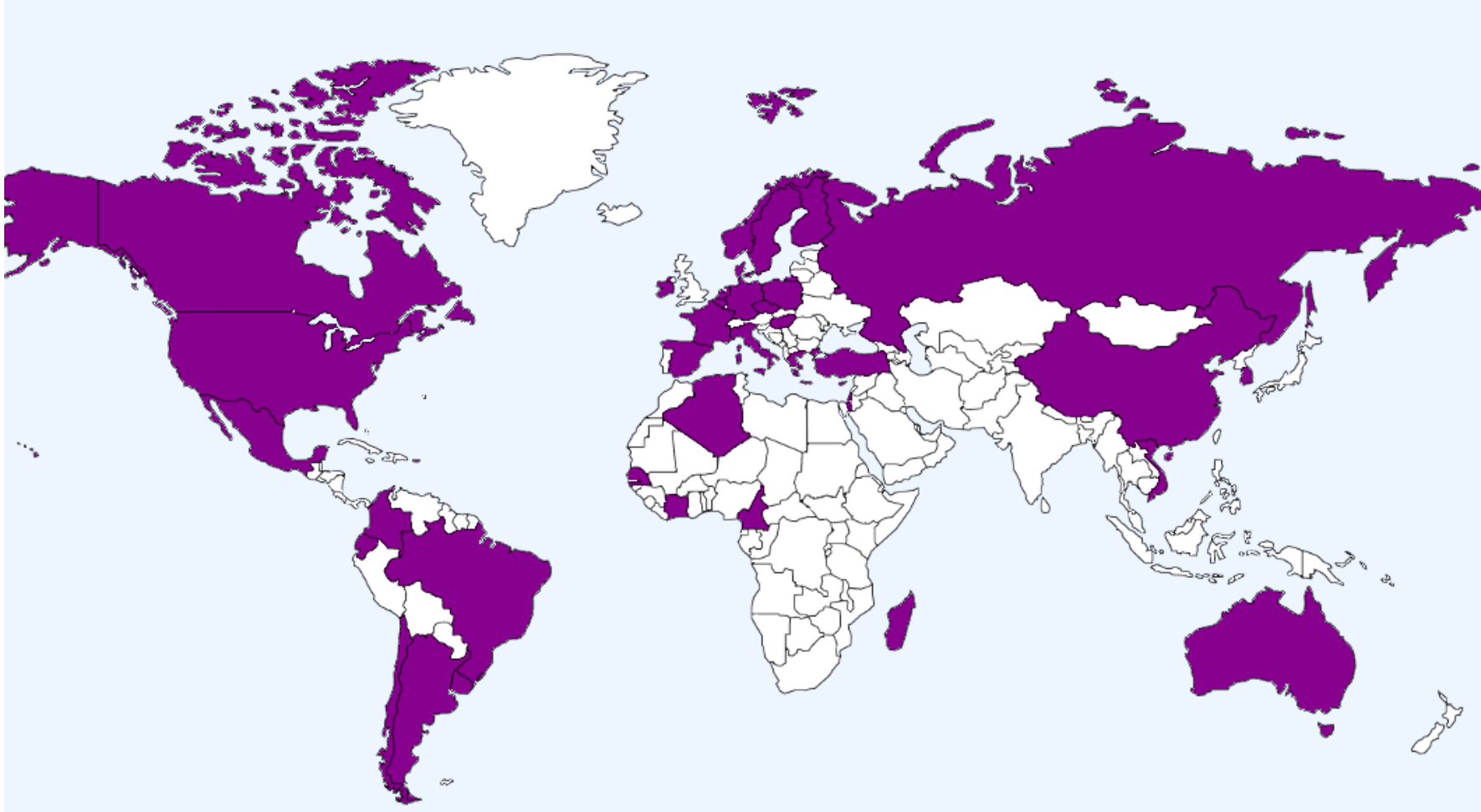


# KPC-Carbapenemase Global Dissemination



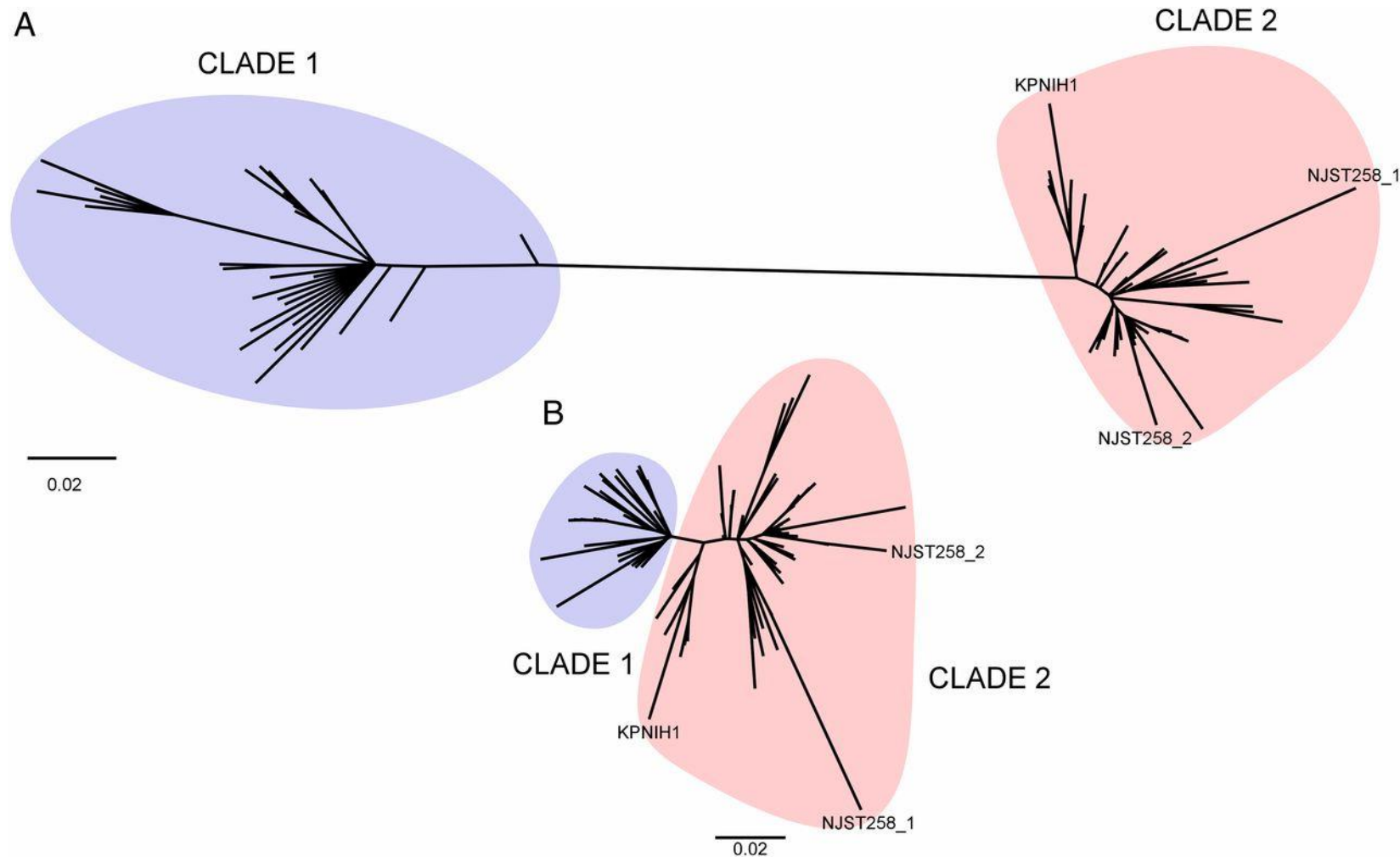
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# Phylogenetic analysis of *K. pneumoniae* ST258 clinical isolates in The USA





# Global Emergence of CG307



# Emerging Antimicrobial-Resistant High-Risk *Klebsiella pneumoniae* Clones ST307 and ST147

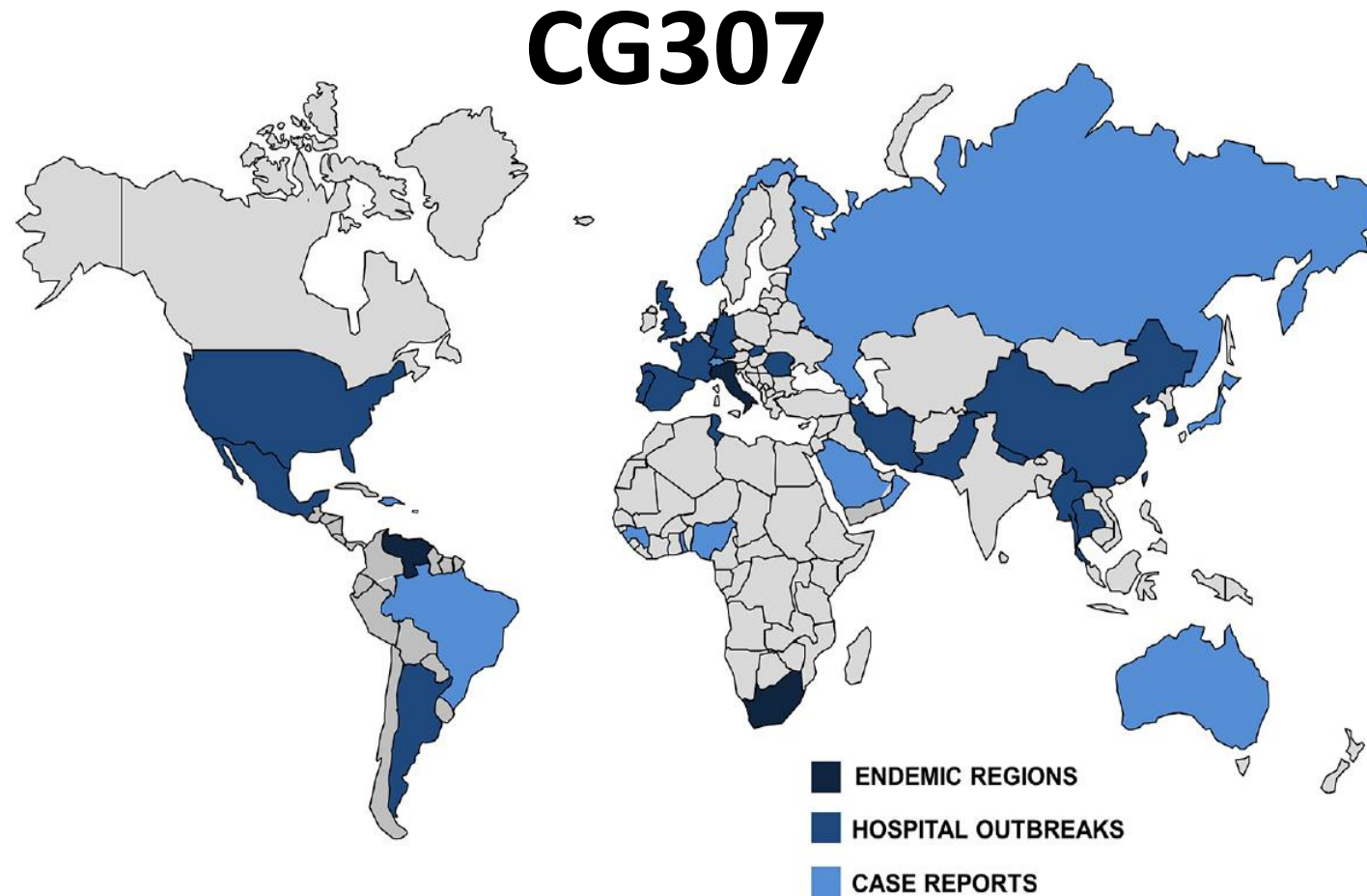
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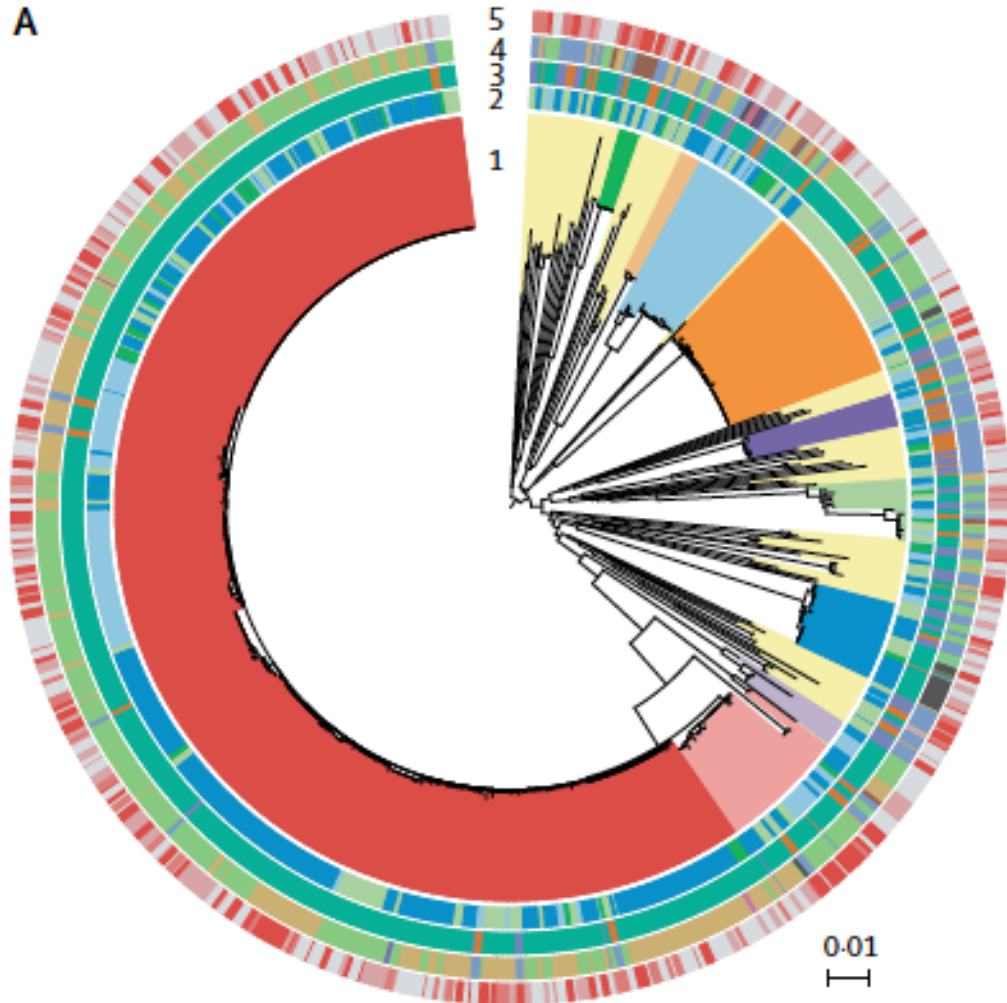
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# Carbapenem-Resistant *K. pneumoniae* in USA



## Molecular and clinical epidemiology of carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales in the USA (CRACKLE-2): a prospective cohort study



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Houston was the only major city in the participating centers where *K. pneumoniae* CG307 was as frequent as CG258

# ESBL-Producing *K. pneumoniae*, Houston, TX



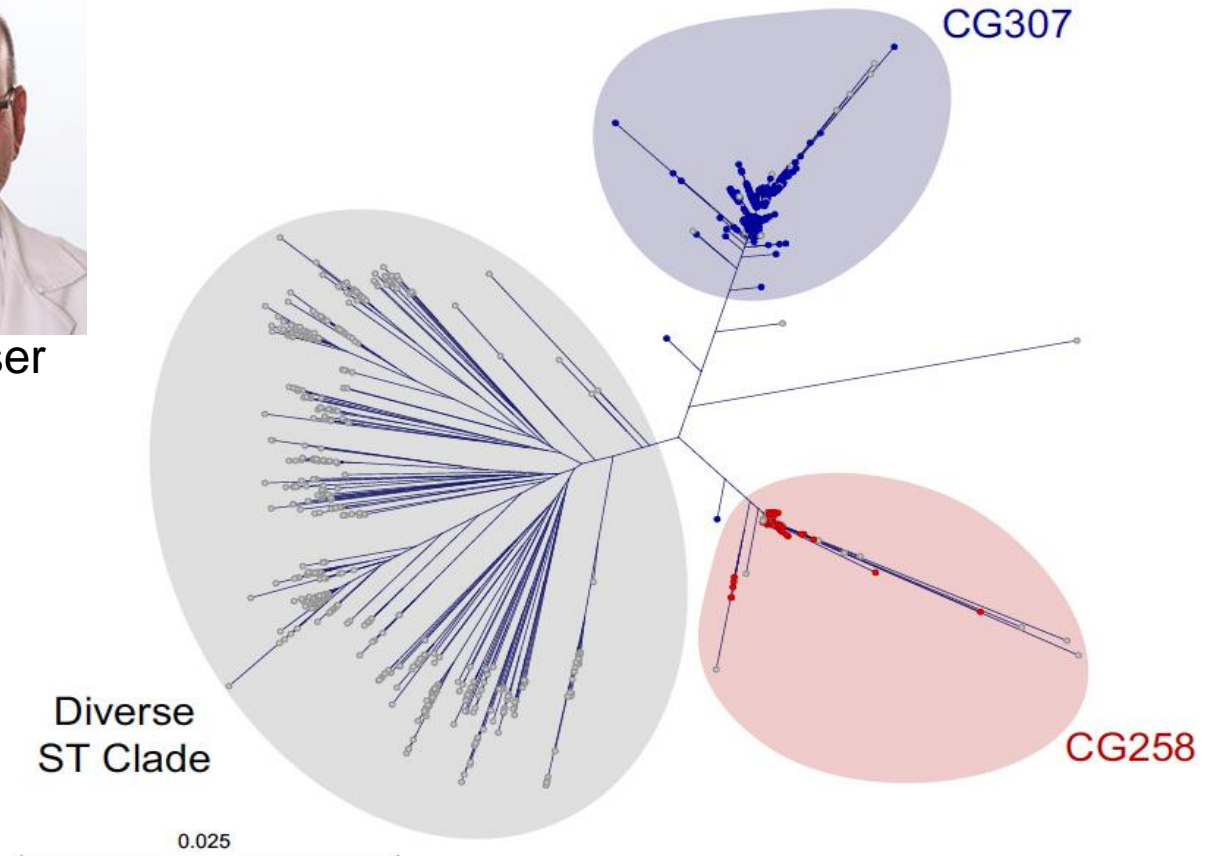
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## Population Genomic Analysis of 1,777 Extended-Spectrum Beta-Lactamase- Producing *Klebsiella pneumoniae* Isolates, Houston, Texas: Unexpected Abundance of Clonal Group 307

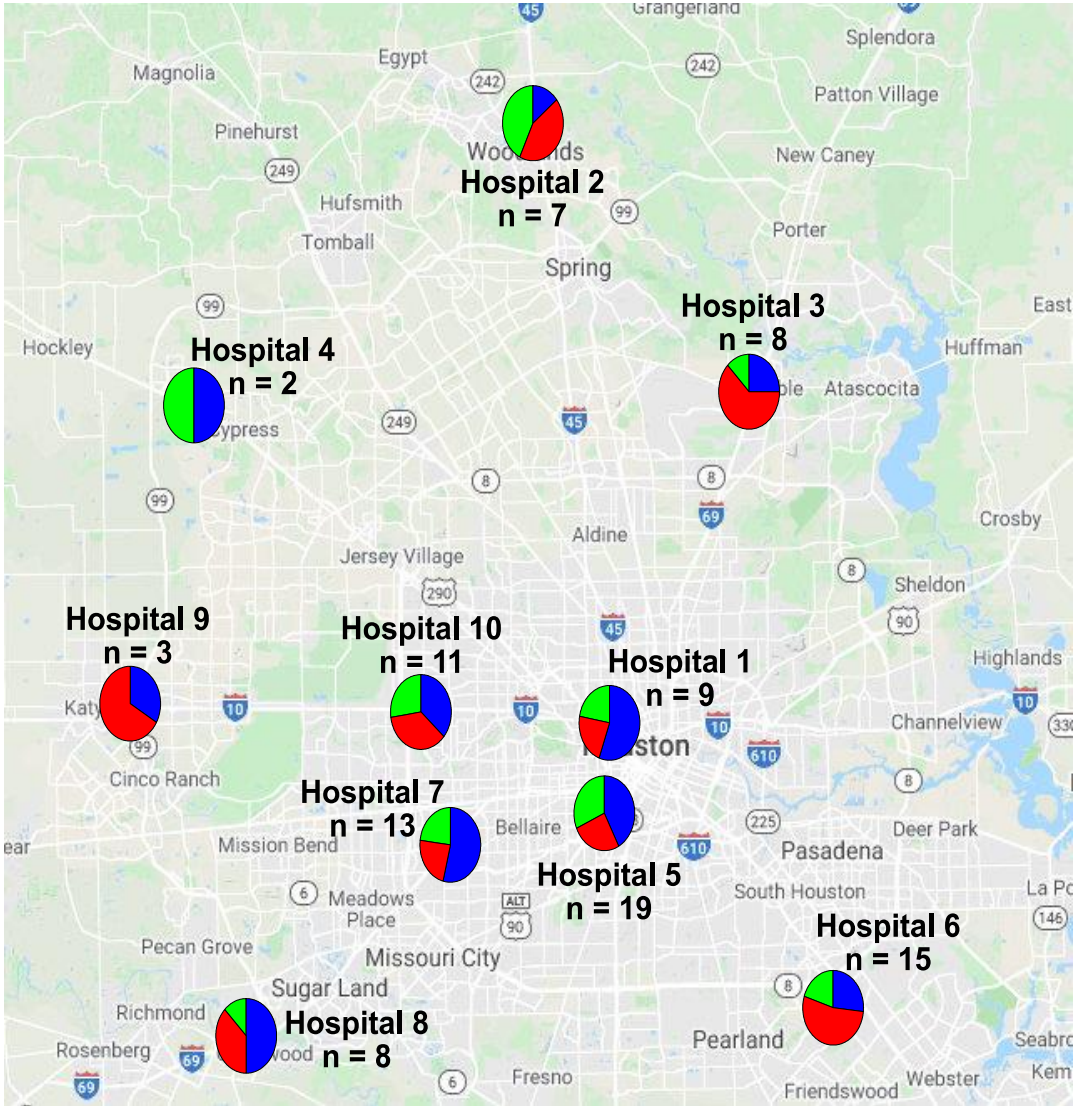
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***bla*<sub>CTX-M-15</sub>**



# Carbapenem-Resistant *K. pneumoniae*, Houston, TX



### Clonal Group

- CG258
- CG307
- Other CG



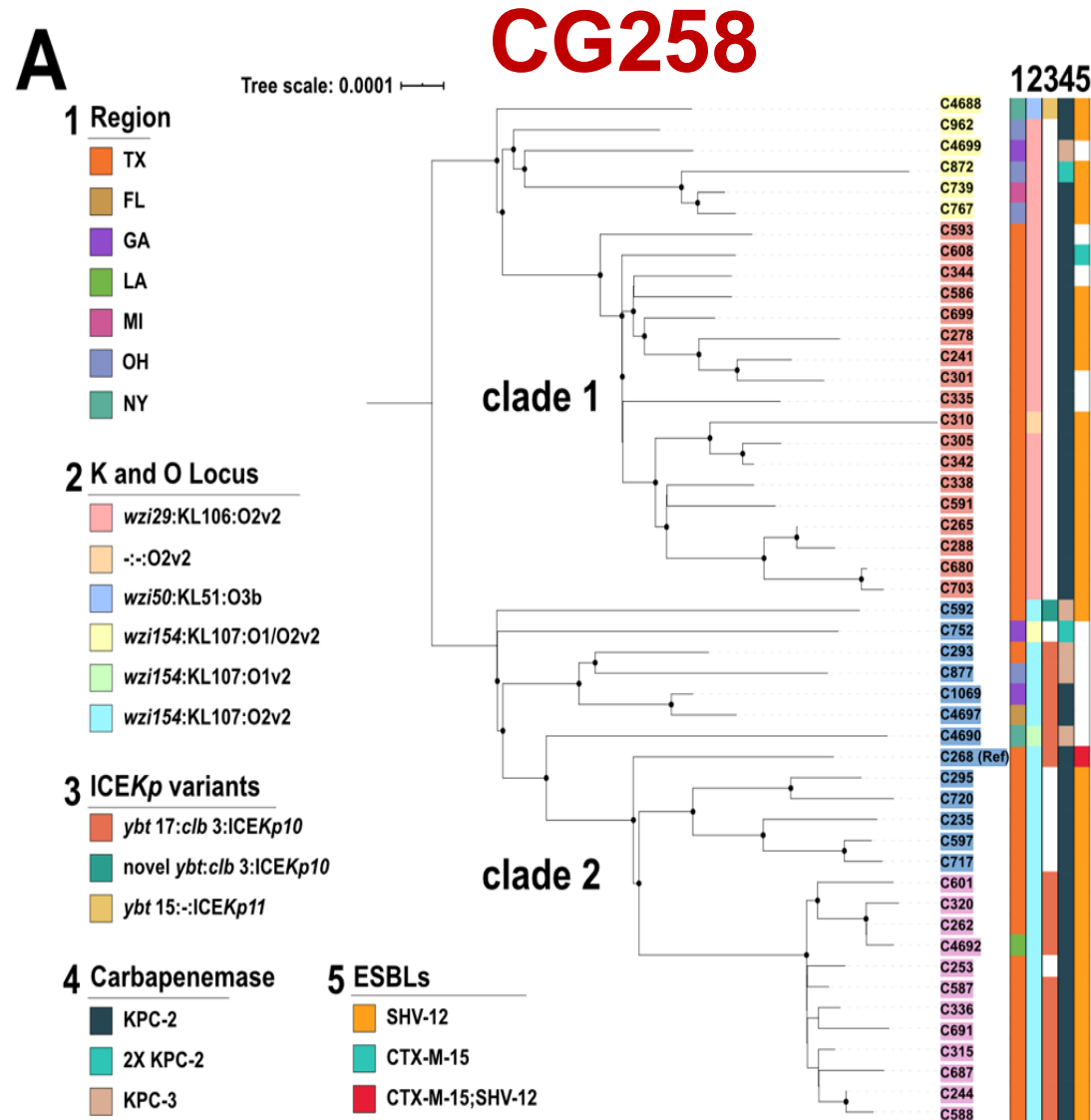
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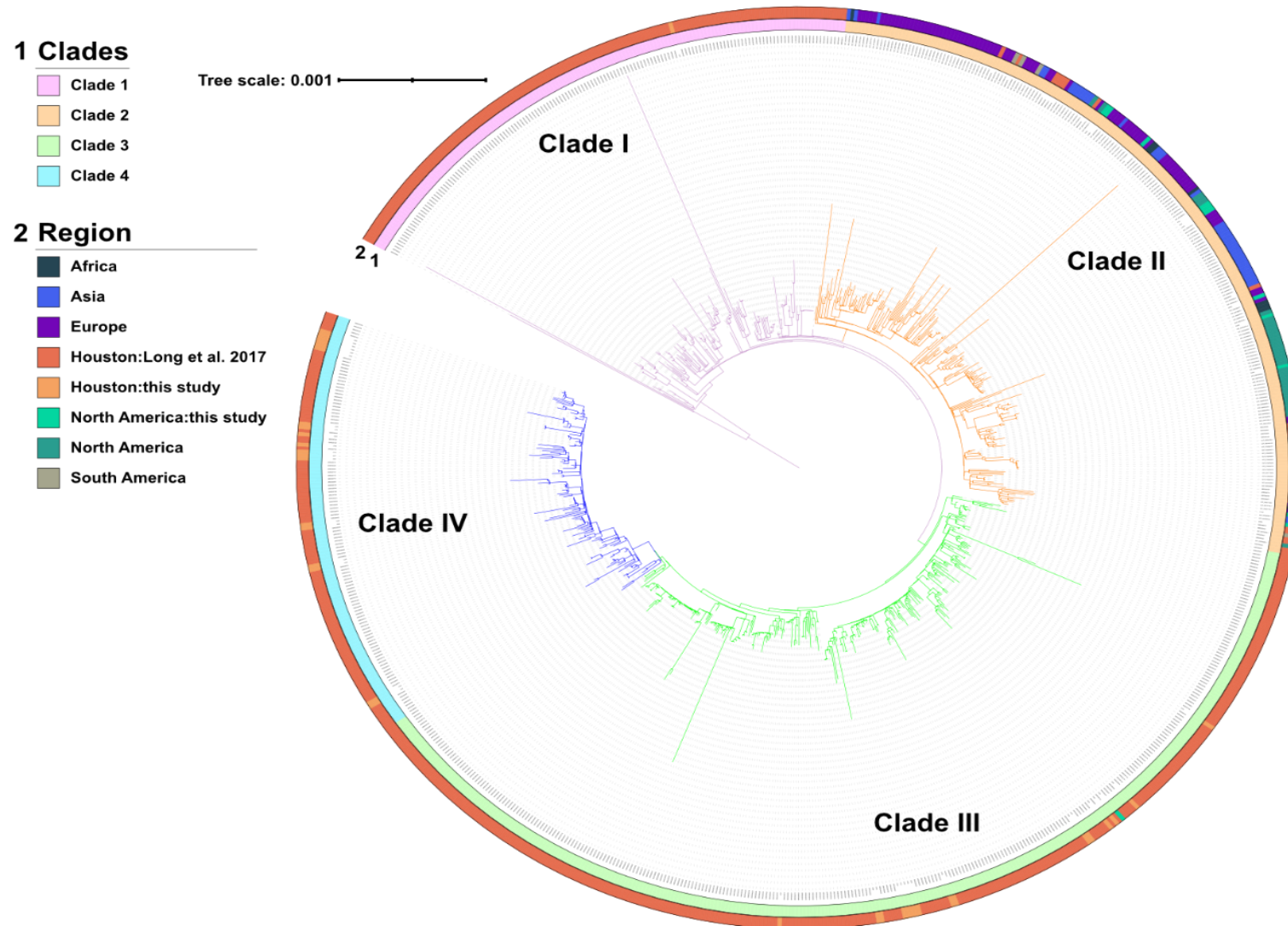
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# Population Structure of *K. pneumoniae* CG258 vs CG307, Houston TX

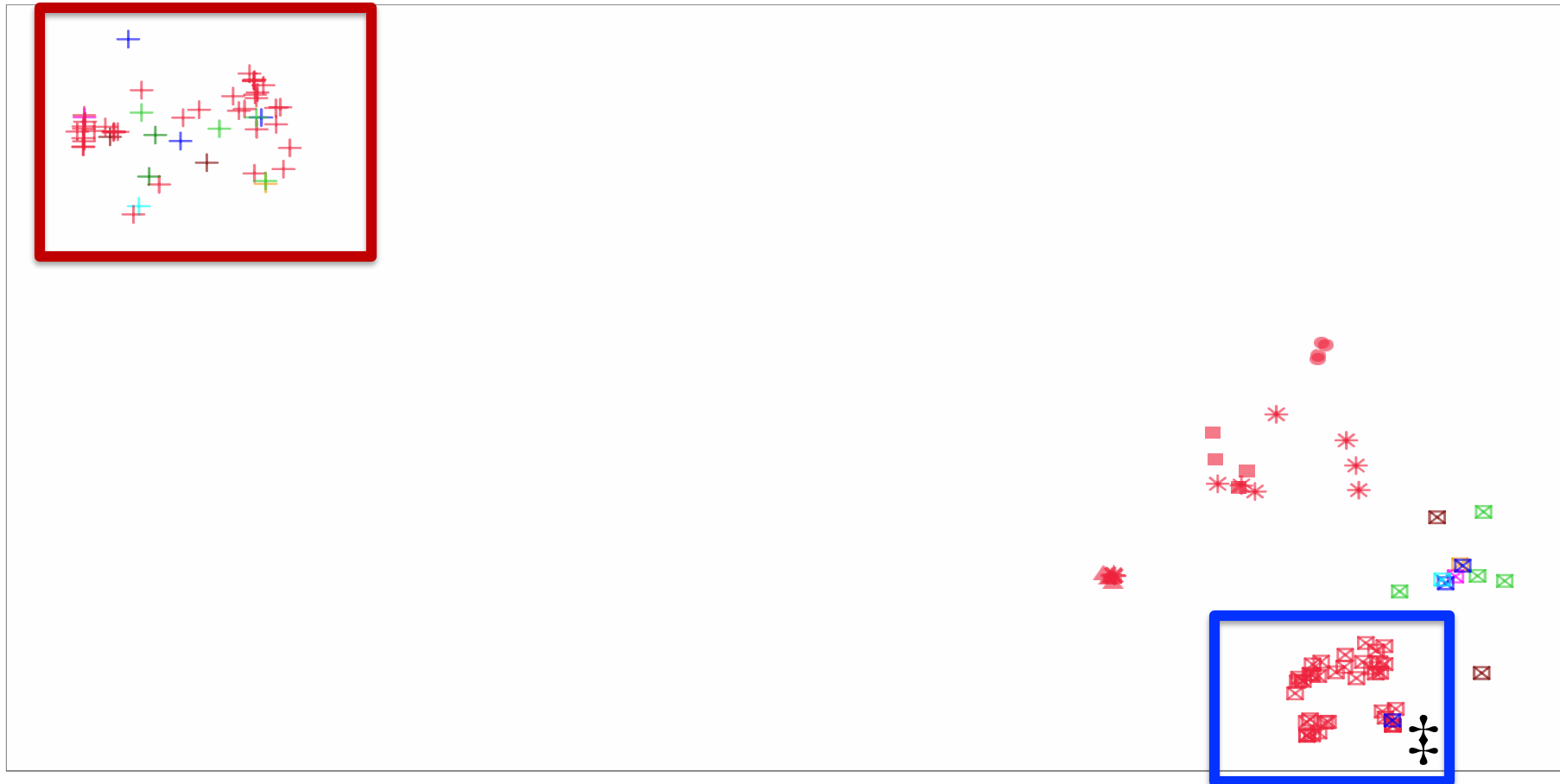


# Phylogenetic Analyses of CG307 from Houston, TX vs Rest of The World



# Accessory Genomes, Houston CG307 vs CG258

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## Region

- TX
- FL
- GA
- LA
- MI
- OH
- NJ
- NY

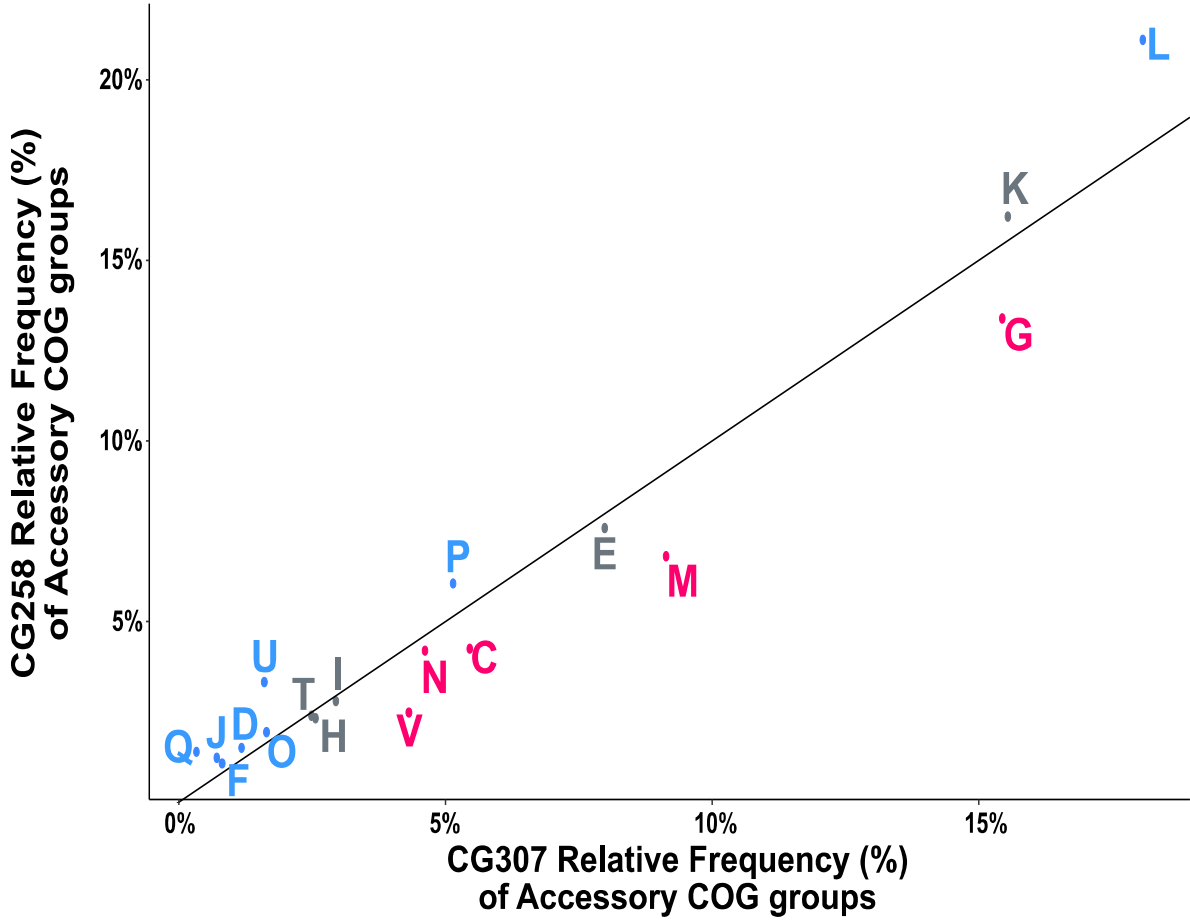
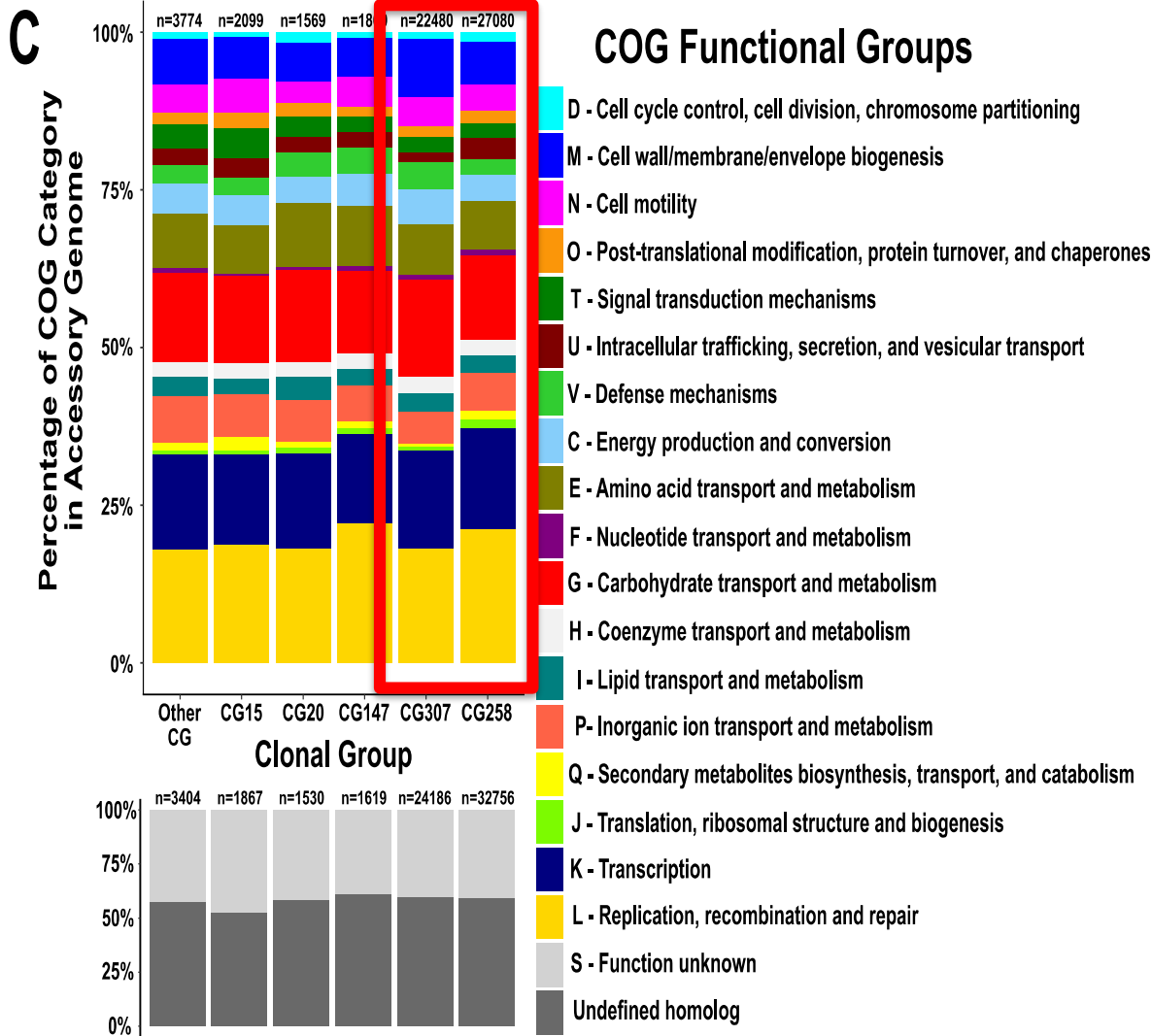
## Clonal Group

- + CG258
- ⊠ CG307
- CG147
- ▲ CG15
- CG20
- \* Other CG





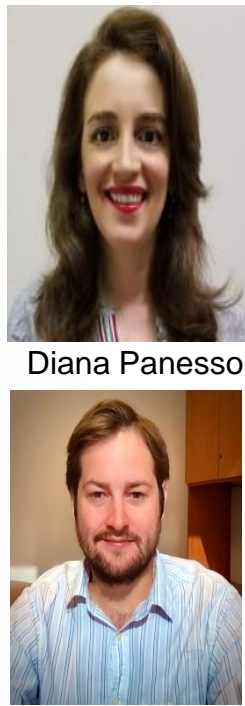
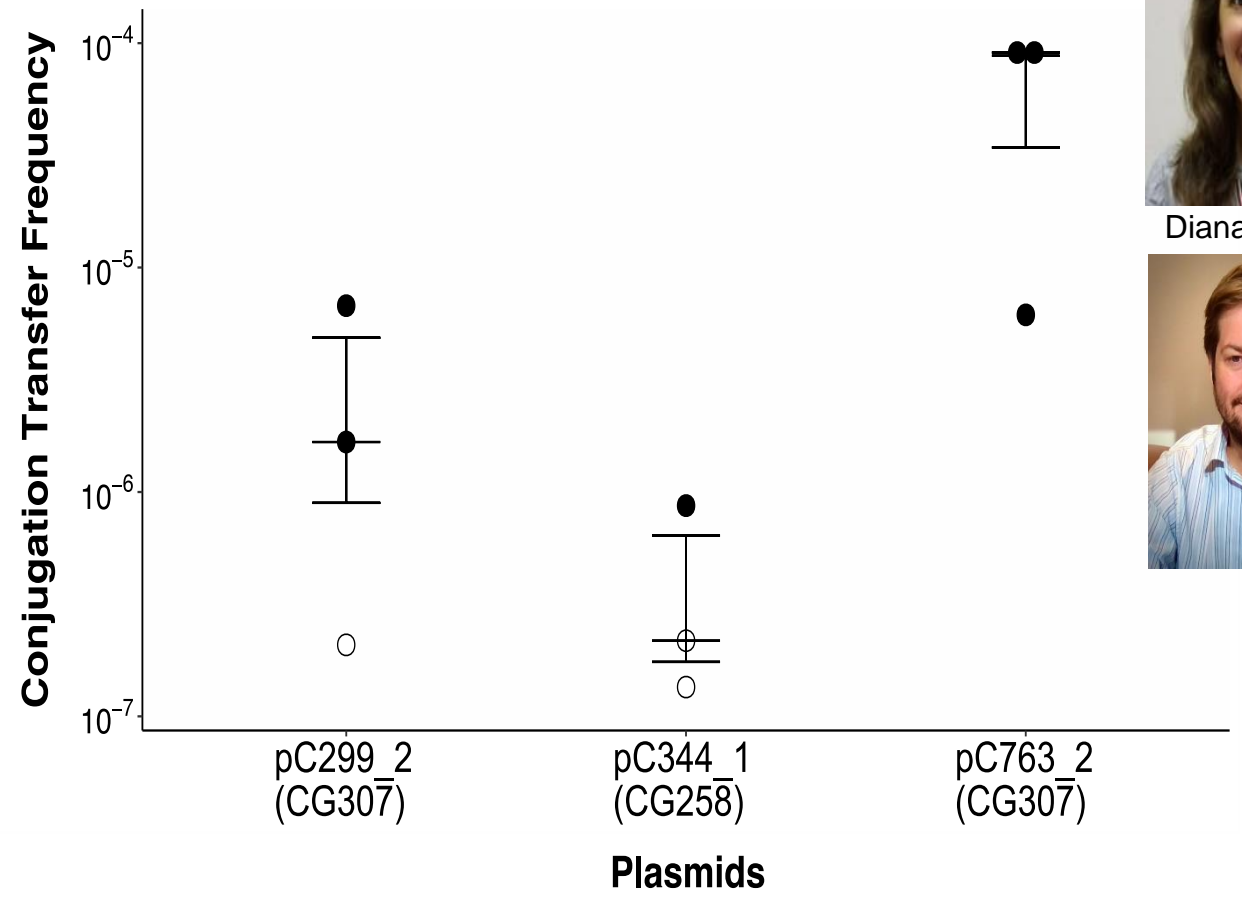
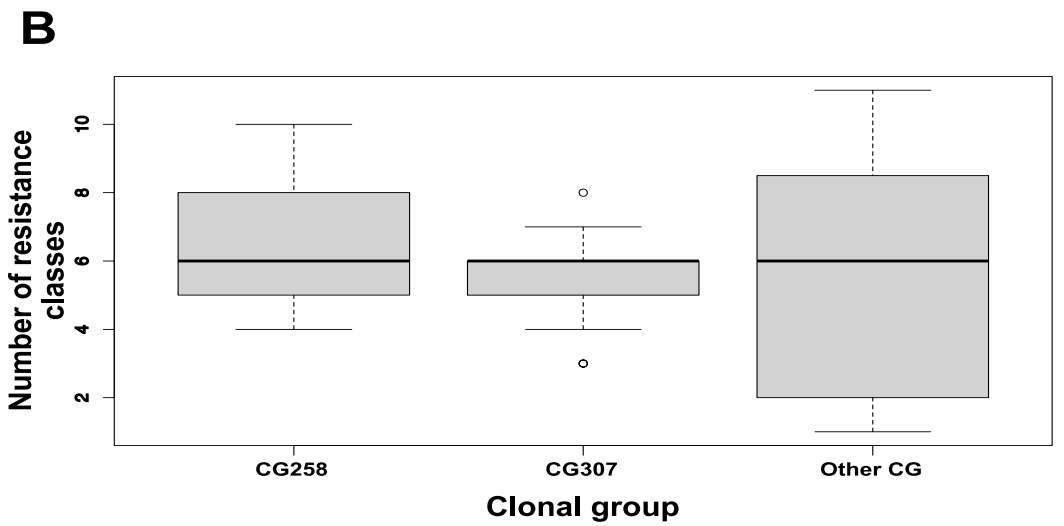
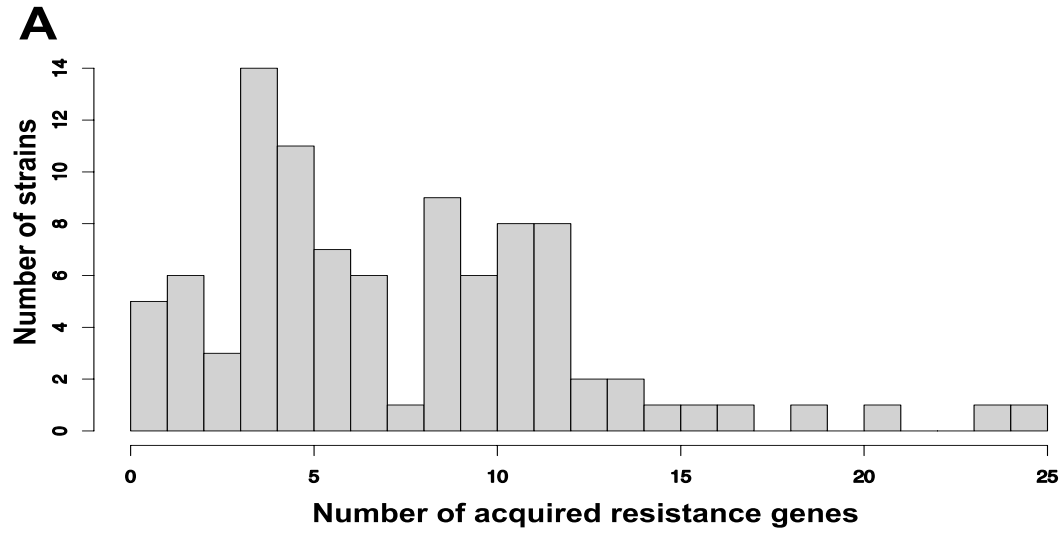
# Accessory Genomes, Houston CG307 vs CG258



# AMR Determinants CG258 vs CG307

- CG258 isolates harbored either *bla*<sub>KPC-2</sub> (35/37; 94.6%) or *bla*<sub>KPC-3</sub> (2/37; 5.41 %) with the majority on *pKpQIL* plasmids (27/37; 73%),
- CG307 isolates (31/35; 88.6%) carried *bla*<sub>KPC-2</sub> on different **vectors**, with one isolate (C678) carrying two *bla*<sub>KPC-2</sub> copies, one on the chromosome and the other on a FIIK/FIB (*pKpQIL*) plasmid
- All Houston CG307 harbored **more than one copy of** *bla*<sub>CTX-M-15</sub> (2 [n=25], 3 [n=9] and 4 [n=1])

# AMR Resistance and Plasmid Conjugation





# Clinical Characteristics CG258 VS CG307

- The crude 30-day **mortality** for the full Houston cohort (n=73) was **17.8%**; (13/73 [95% CI: 7.8 – 22.6%]).
- Patients with **CG258** exhibited a **statistically significant higher 30-day mortality** compared with those infected/colonized with CG307, albeit with a small number of events
- Patients with **CG307** infection/colonization exhibited a higher proportion of samples isolated from **urine** (65.6%) compared to CG258 (37.0%) (p=0.068).
- Conversely, patients with **CG258** infection/colonization had a higher proportion of isolates from **blood** (14.8% vs 0%) and **respiratory cultures** (25.9% vs 12.5%) compared to the CG307 patient group.

# Global Heterogenous Epidemiology of Carbapenem-Resistant *K. pneumoniae*

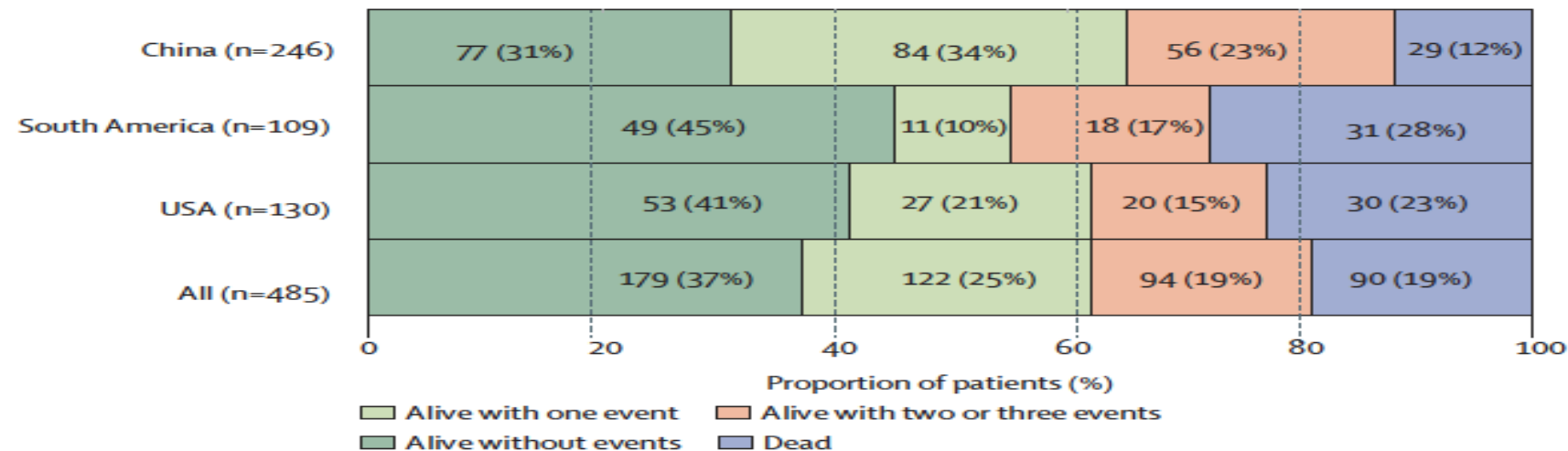


## Clinical outcomes and bacterial characteristics of carbapenem-resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae* complex among patients from different global regions (CRACKLE-2): a prospective, multicentre, cohort study

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# Global Heterogenous Epidemiology of Carbapenem-Resistant *K. pneumoniae*

	China (n=485)	South America (n=170)	USA (n=284)	Australia, Lebanon, and Singapore (n=52)	All infected patients (n=502)	Total (n=991)	p value*
<b>Carbapenemases†</b>							
Carbapenemase(s) present	473 (98%)	127 (75%)	249 (88%)	39 (75%)	443 (88%)	888 (90%)	<0.0001
<i>bla</i> <sub>KPC-2</sub>	454 (94%)	66 (39%)	124 (44%)	2 (4%)	324 (65%)	646 (65%)	<0.0001
<i>bla</i> <sub>KPC-3</sub>	0	51 (30%)	105 (37%)	0	78 (16%)	156 (16%)	<0.0001
Other <i>bla</i> <sub>KPC</sub> ‡	2 (<1%)	0	3 (1%)	0	3 (1%)	5 (1%)	0.28
<i>bla</i> <sub>NDM-1</sub>	8 (2%)	14 (8%)	6 (2%)	3 (6%)	16 (3%)	31 (3%)	<0.0001
Other <i>bla</i> <sub>NDM</sub> §	4 (1%)	0	0	9 (17%)	7 (1%)	13 (1%)	0.15
<i>bla</i> <sub>OXA-48</sub>	0	0	7 (2%)	25 (48%)	10 (2%)	32 (3%)	0.0003
Other <i>bla</i> <sub>OXA-48-like</sub> ¶	3 (1%)	1 (1%)	7 (2%)	5 (10%)	8 (2%)	16 (2%)	0.053
Other	4 (1%)	3 (2%)	0	1 (2%)	4 (1%)	8 (1%)	0.10
No carbapenemase detected	12 (2%)	43 (25%)	35 (12%)	13 (25%)	59 (12%)	103 (10%)	..





# Carbapenem-Producing *K. pneumoniae*

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MAJOR ARTICLE



## An Analysis of the Epidemic of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* Carbapenemase-Producing *K. pneumoniae*: Convergence of Two Evolutionary Mechanisms Creates the “Perfect Storm”

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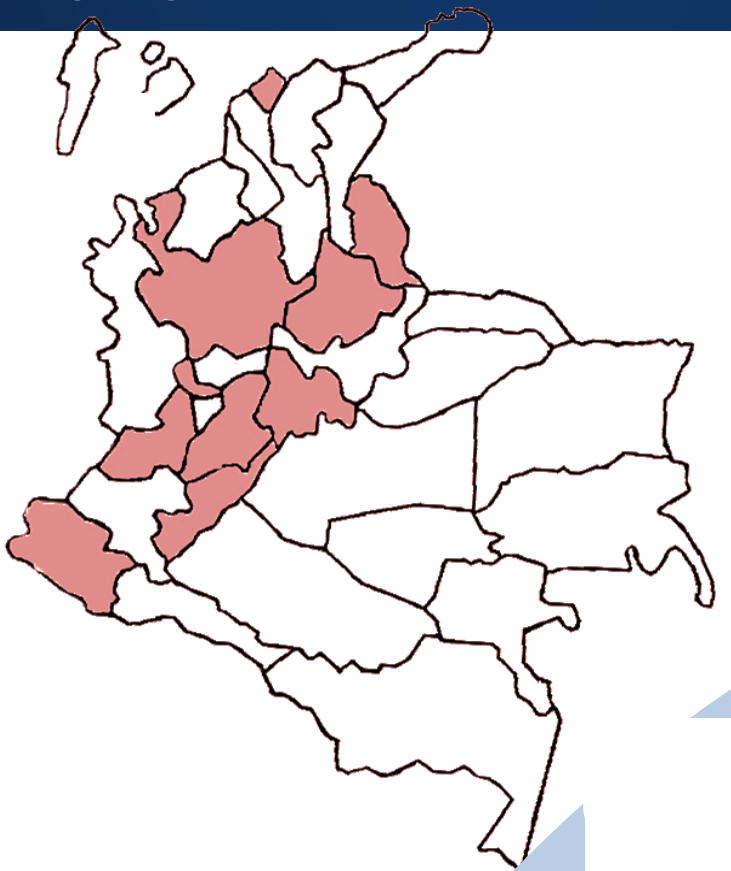
# Dissemination of KPC-2 in Colombia 2005 - 2013



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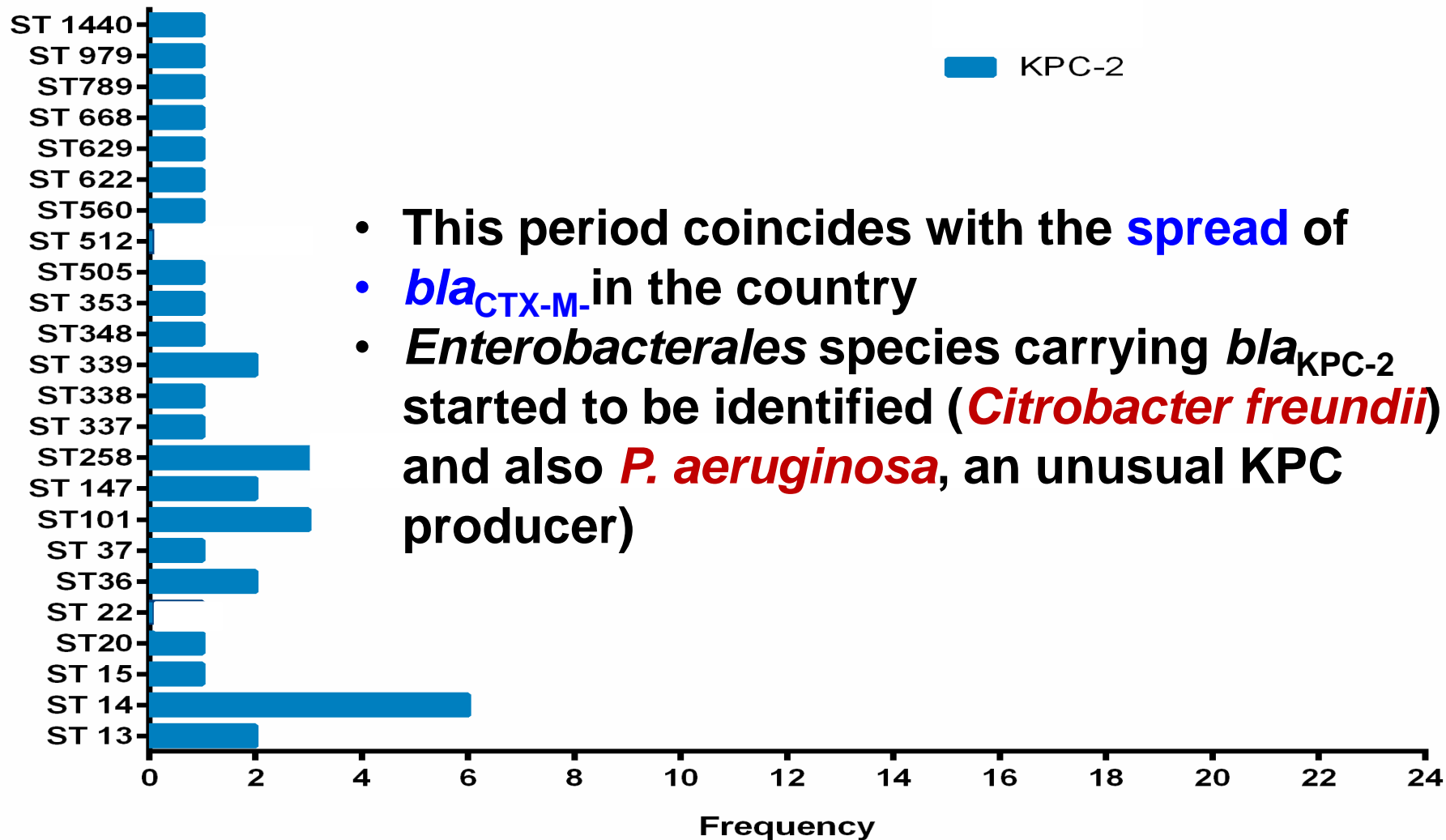


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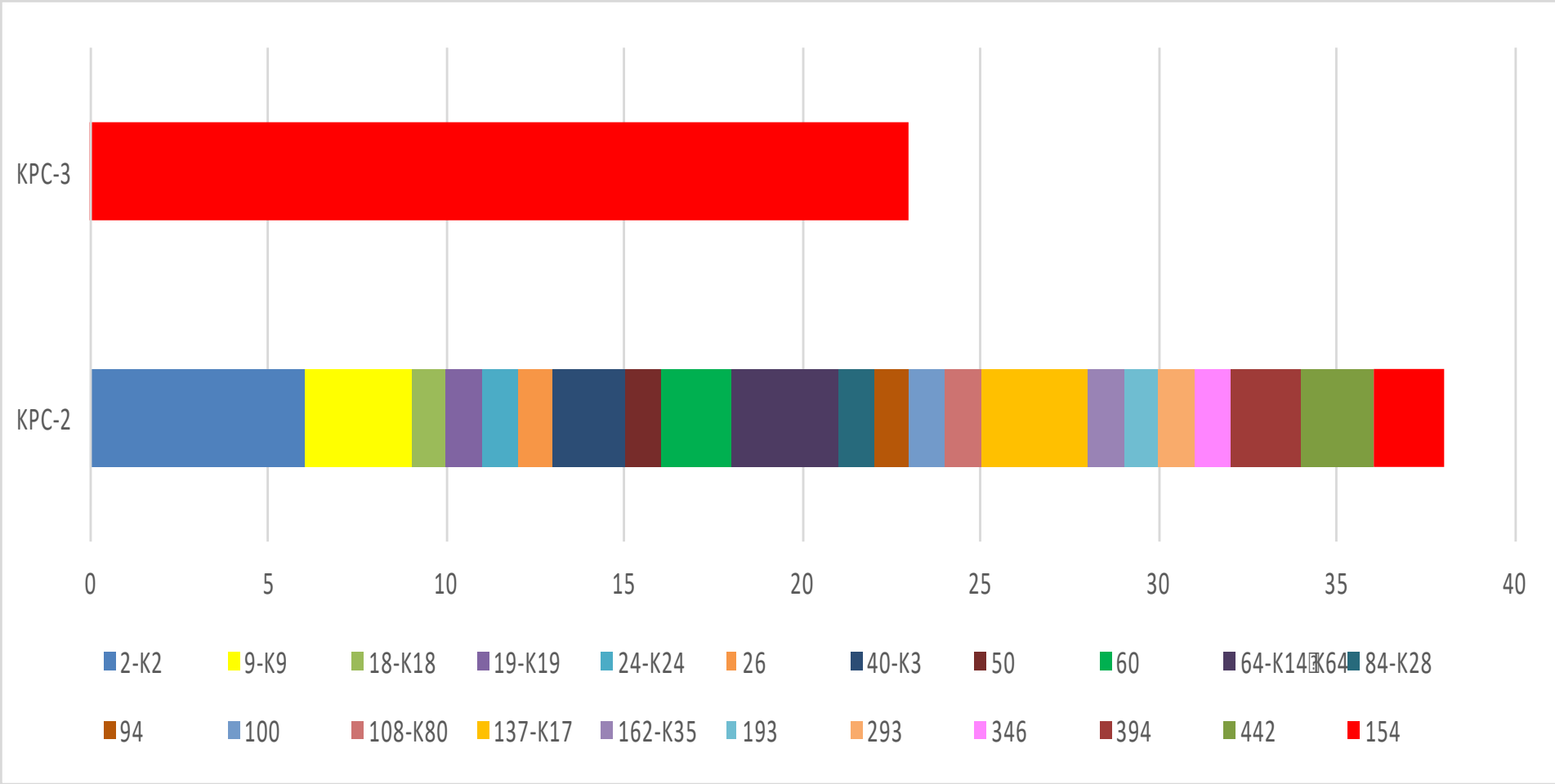
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KPC-2 on  
Kpn

# Dissemination of KPC-2 in Colombia 2005 - 2007





# Capsular Diversity *K. pneumoniae* in Colombia



# The “Perfect Storm” In Colombia

- Before the emergence of KPC (“pre-KPC period,” 2002–2005), ESBLs were prevalent amongst *K. pneumoniae* circulating in Colombia
- After a sentinel event of acquisition of *bla*<sub>KPC-2</sub>, circulation among *K. pneumoniae* isolates with heterogeneous genetic backgrounds between 2005 and 2007 was rapidly documented
- In 2008 introduction of a CG258 isolate harboring IncI2 plasmids that have been circulating in the United States (New York/New Jersey area) seems to have occurred.
- Then, a monophyletic clade of the “high risk clone” CG258 *K. pneumoniae* carrying *bla*<sub>KPC-3</sub> is expanded simultaneously

# IncN Plasmids Disseminate KPC in A Colombian Region



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## Dynamics of *bla*<sub>KPC-2</sub> Dissemination from Non-CG258 *Klebsiella pneumoniae* to Other *Enterobacterales* via IncN Plasmids in an Area of High Endemicity

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- GC Content
- GC Skew
- GC Skew(-)
- GC Skew(+)

*Escherichia coli*

1. C1-169-1: *E.col*-ST131

*Klebsiella pneumoniae*

2. C1-201-2: *K.pn*-ST433

*Citrobacter* spp.

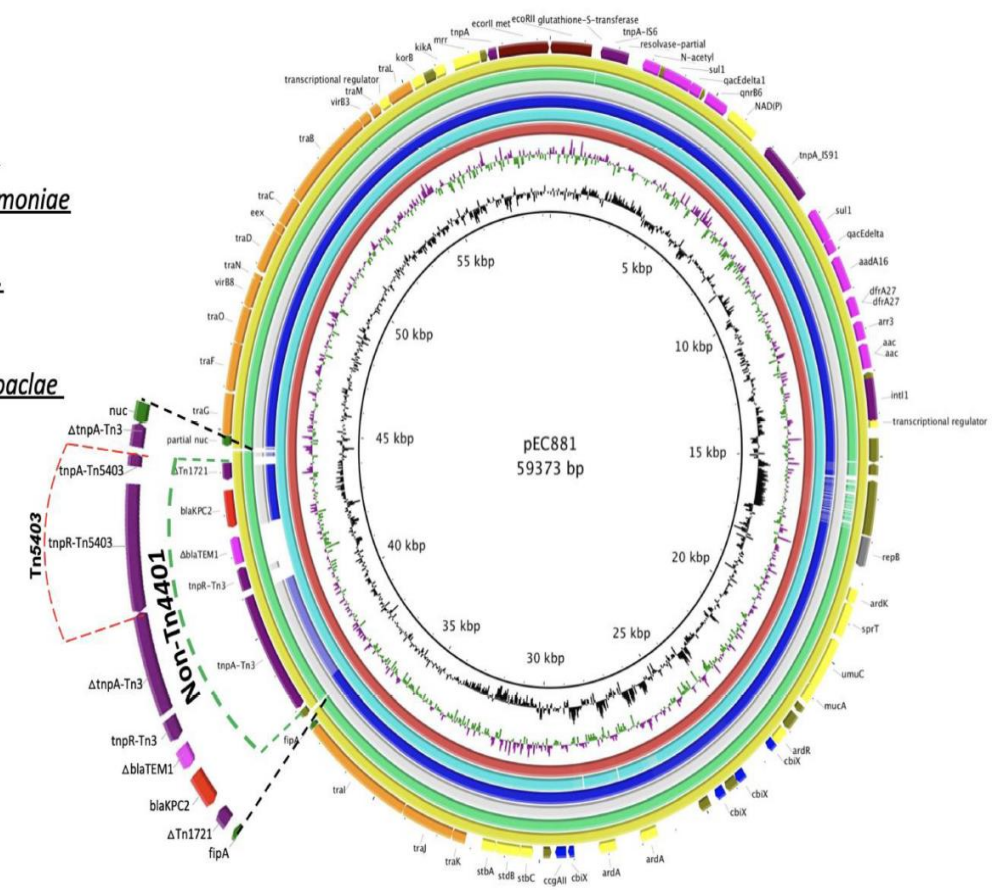
3. C1-185: *C. fre*-ST125

4. C1-154: *C. por*

*Enterobacter cloacae*  
complex

5. C1-174: *E.as*-ST252

6. C1-186: *E.ho*-ST1396





- The silent pandemic of AMR is challenging and we need to understand the complexities of dissemination in order to have successful interventions
- Detailed analyses of how MDR bacteria spread is of paramount importance to detect emergence of new high-risk populations.
- In Houston, two major mechanisms within CG258 and CG307 lineages have evolved independently of one another and appear to be disseminating in parallel with limited evidence of inter-clade horizontal gene transfer between them.
- In Colombia, an initial plasmid epidemic was followed by introduction of a high-risk clone with both mechanisms acting independently that amplified the epidemic

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