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Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli*: incidence and clinical features in a setting with complete screening of patients with suspected infective diarrhoea

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Conclusions

- We report a more than two-fold higher incidence in the project area compared with the rest of Denmark, indicating that patients remain undiagnosed when selective STEC screening is used
- We found an association between patients with *stx1*-only isolates and long term gastrointestinal symptoms.

3.4 cases per 100.000 person-years ->10.1 cases per 100,000 person-years (p<0.001).



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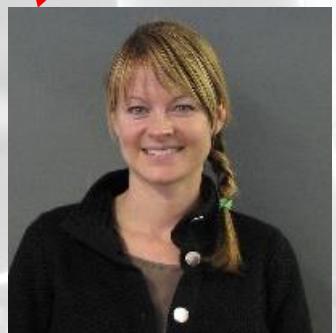
(12th EQA)

External quality assessment scheme for typing of verocytotoxin- producing *E. coli* (VTEC), self-funded participants, 2015-2016

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12th EQA included the following methods

- molecular typing: Pulsed Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE)
- serotyping O:H
- virulence determination:
 - genotyping of VTEC virulence genes: *vtx1*, *vtx2*, *eae* and *ehxA*
 - subtyping of *vtx1* (*vtx1a*, *vtx1c* and *vtx1d*) and *vtx2* (*vtx2a* to *vtx2g*)
- phenotypic testing
 - production of Verocytotoxin/Shiga toxin
 - production of Extended Spectrum Beta Lactamases (ESBL)
 - production of β -glucuronidase
 - production of enterohaemolysin
 - fermentation of sorbitol



Test panel

Strain ID	Serotyping		Genotyping						Phenotyping				Pathotype			
	O group	H type	<i>aaiC</i> gene	<i>aggR</i> gene	<i>eae</i> gene	<i>ehxA</i> gene	<i>vtx1</i> gene	<i>vtx2</i> gene	<i>vtx1</i> subtypes	<i>vtx2</i> subtypes	β -glucuronidase production	ESBL production	Haemolysin production	Sorbitol fermentation	Vero cytotoxin production	Additional virulence genes
AA11	080	H2	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	<i>vtx2a</i>	+	-	+	+	+	VTEC
BB12	026	H11	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	<i>vtx2a</i>	+	-	+	+	+	VTEC
CC13	078	H2	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	<i>aatA</i> EAEC
DD14	0145	H34	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	<i>vtx2f</i>	+	-	-	-	+	VTEC
EE15	0166	H15	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	<i>vtx2d</i>	+	+	-	+	+	<i>eI-tA</i> VTEC-ETEC
FF16	0156	H4	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	<i>vtx2d</i>	+	-	-	+	+	VTEC
GG17	0146	H21	-	-	-	+	+	+	<i>vtx1c</i>	<i>vtx2b</i>	+	-	+	+	+	VTEC
HH18	0157	[H7]	-	-	+	+	+	+	<i>vtx1a</i>	<i>vtx2c</i>	-	-	+	-	+	VTEC
II19	091	H14	-	-	-	+	+	+	<i>vtx1a</i>	<i>vtx2b</i>	+	-	+	+	+	<i>saa</i> VTEC
JJ20	0103	H2	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	<i>vtx1a</i>	-	+	-	+	+	VTEC



23 Participants enrolled

Argentina

Australia (3)

Brazil

Canada (4)

Chile

China

France

Germany

Japan

Mexico

New Zealand

Norway

Paraguay

Scotland

South Africa

USA (3)

Number and percentage of laboratories submitting results for each part

12th EQA



	PFGE			Serotyping	Genotyping	Phenotyping
	Gel + BN	Gel only	Total			
Number of participants	8	2	10	14	20	5-15
% of participants	35	9	44*	61*	87*	22-65*

EQA-7

	PFGE			Serotyping	Genotyping	Phenotyping
	Gel + BN	Gel only	Total			
Number of participants	13	6	19	27	28	28
% of participants	68	32	63*	90*	93*	93*



Results of PFGE gel quality grading

10 participants

19

participants

Parameter	Grade [score in points]					EQA-7
	Poor [1]	Fair [2]	Good [3]	Excellent [4]	Average	
Image Acquisition and Running Conditions	10%	10%	40%	40%	3.1	3.1
Cell Suspension	0%	0%	20%	80%	3.8	3.5
Bands	20%	10%	50%	20%	2.7	2.8
Lanes	0%	0%	20%	80%	3.8	3.4
Restriction	0%	0%	10%	90%	3.9	3.4
Gel Background	0%	30%	20%	50%	3.2	3.2
DNA Degradation	0%	10%	10%	70%	3.5	2.9

Results of PFGE gel BN analysis

8 participants

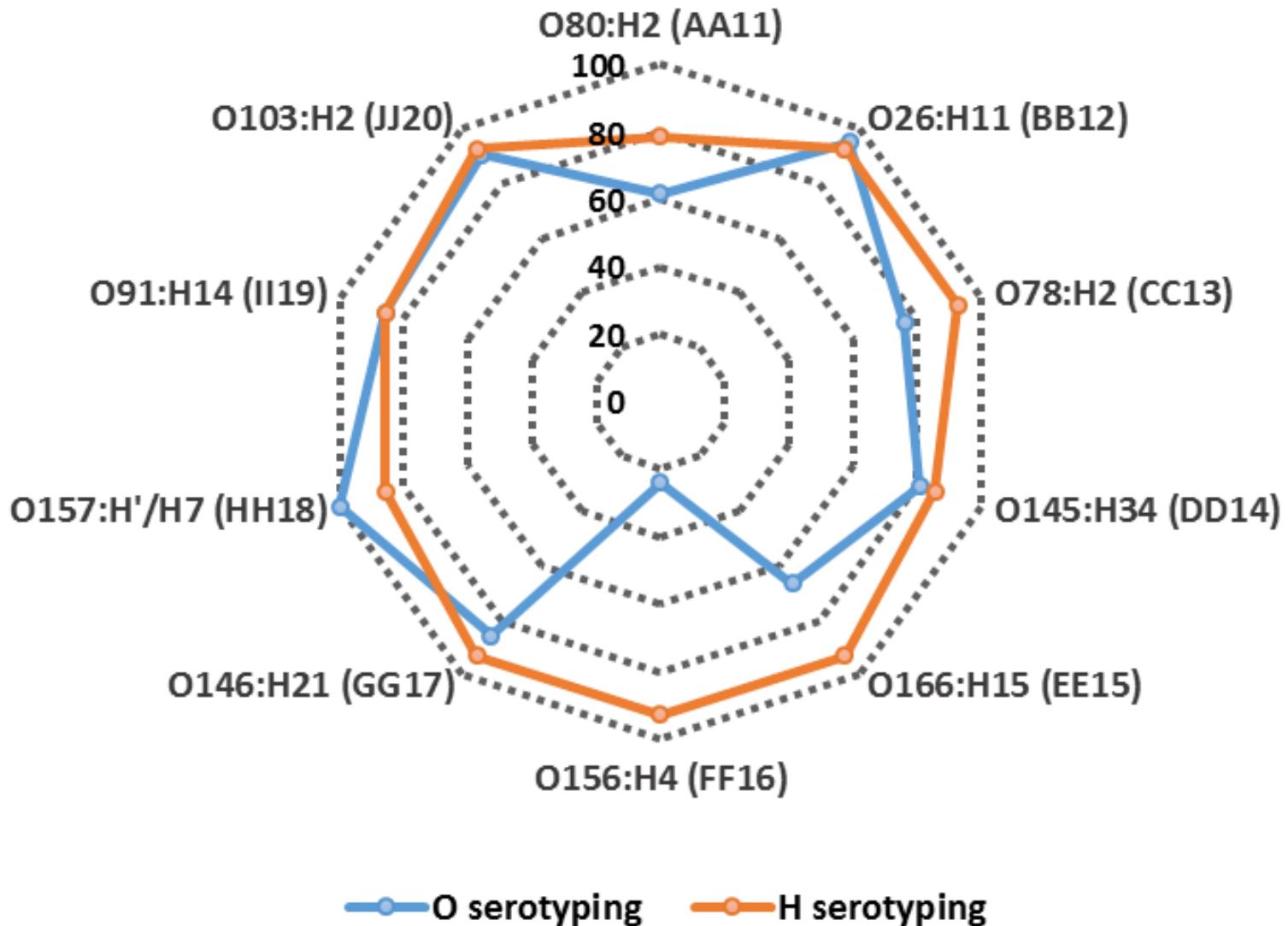


13
participants

Parameter	Grade [score in points]				EQA-7
	Poor [1]	Fair [2]	Excellent [3]	Average	
Position of Gel Frame	0%	50%	69%	2.5	2.7
Strips	0%	37.5%	62%	2.6	2.6
Curves	0%	75%	25%	2.3	2.6
Normalization	0%	25%	75%	2.8	2.6
Band Assignment	0%	50%	50%	2.5	2.5



O grouping (21) and H typing (14)





17 - 22 participants

vtx1, vtx2, eae & ehxA

Gene	Average score (%)	Range (%)
<i>vtx1</i> (n=22)	99	90-100
<i>vtx2</i> (n=22)	97	80-100
<i>eae</i> (n=20)	97	70-100
<i>ehxA</i> (n=17)	100	-



Discrepancies for *vtx1*, *vtx2* and *eae* genes

Gene	Strains affected	False negative	False positive
<i>vtx1</i> (n=2)	AA11	-	1
	GG17	1	-
<i>vtx2</i> (n=6)	DD14	5	-
	HH18	1	-
<i>eae</i> (n=6)	AA11	1	-
	CC13	-	2
	FF16	-	1
	GG17	-	1
	II19	-	1



Incorrect *vtx2* subtype results

Strain ID	Original	Incorrect <i>vtx2</i> subtype results		
		False negative	Incorrect	Not done
AA11	<i>vtx2a</i>	1	<i>vtx2f</i> (1)	2
BB12	<i>vtx2a</i>	1	<i>vtx2b</i> (1) <i>vtx2d</i> (1)	2
CC13	-			2
DD14	<i>vtx2f</i>	1	<i>vtx2a</i> (1)	-
EE15	<i>vtx2d</i>		<i>vtx2a</i> (1) <i>vtx2c</i> (4)	2
FF16	<i>vtx2d</i>		<i>vtx2a</i> (2) <i>vtx2b</i> (1) <i>vtx2c</i> (3)	2
GG17	<i>vtx2b</i>		<i>vtx2a</i> (1)	2
HH18	<i>vtx2c</i>		<i>vtx2a</i> (1) <i>vtx2d</i> (4)	2
II19	<i>vtx2b</i>		<i>vtx2a</i> (1)	2
JJ20	-			2
Total		3	22	2



Average scores for the performance of the phenotypic tests

Phenotypic tests	Average score (%)	Range (%)
VCA (n=5)	100	-
ESBL production (n=9)	98	80-100
Enterohaemolysin production (n=7)	94	80-100
β -glucuronidase production (n=8)	95	70-100
Sorbitol fermentation (n=15)	97	90-100



Test panel: > two errors in EQA-7

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CC13	078	H2	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	<i>aatA</i>	EAEC
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HH18	0157	[H7]	-	-	+	+	+	+	<i>vtx1a</i>	<i>vtx2c</i>	-	-	+	-	+	VTEC	
II19	091	H14	-	-	-	+	+	+	<i>vtx1a</i>	<i>vtx2b</i>	+	-	+	+	+	<i>saa</i>	VTEC
JJ20	0103	H2	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	<i>vtx1a</i>	+	-	+	+	+	+	VTEC



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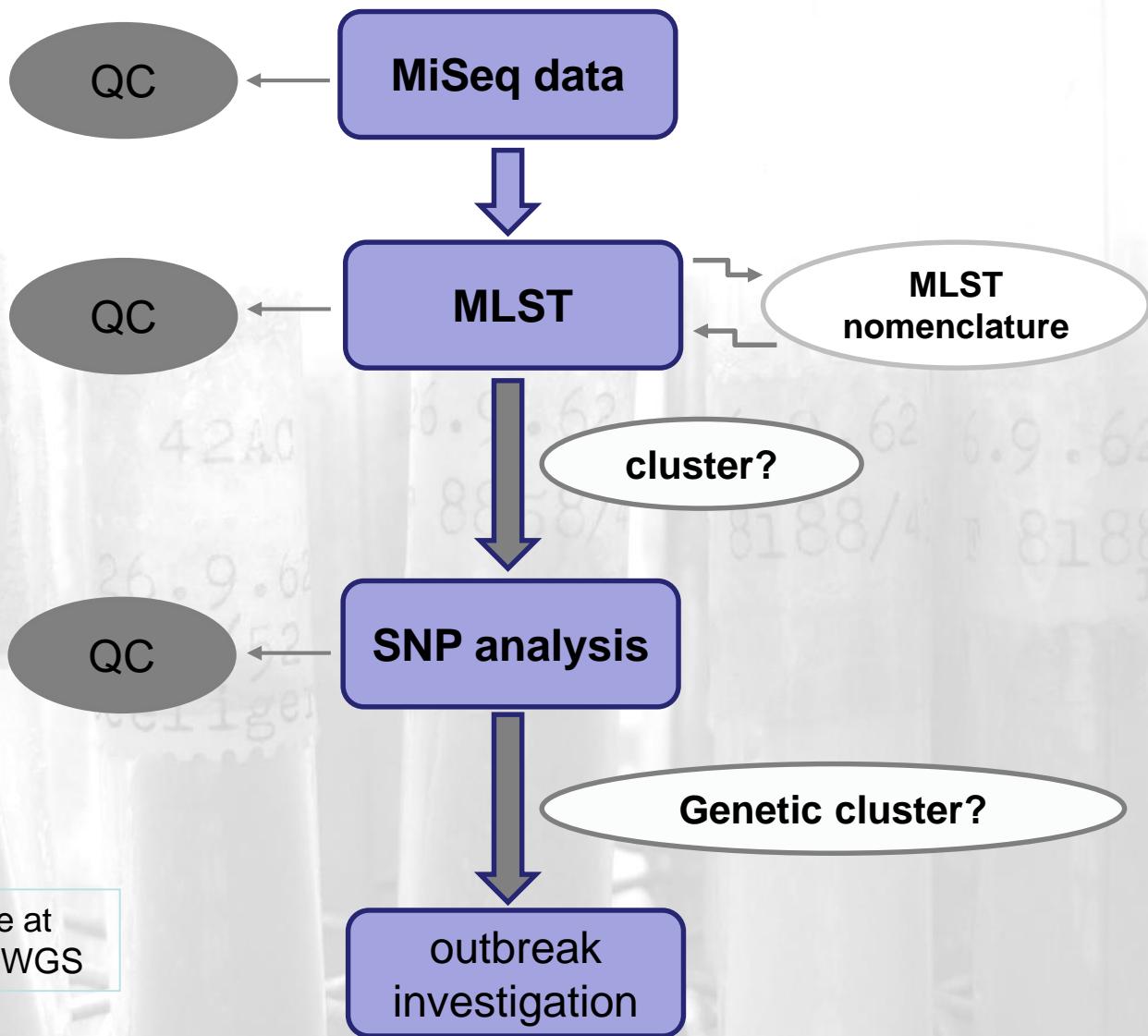
8th external quality assurance (EQA-8) scheme for typing of VTEC in 2017-2018

The EQA-8 includes four parts

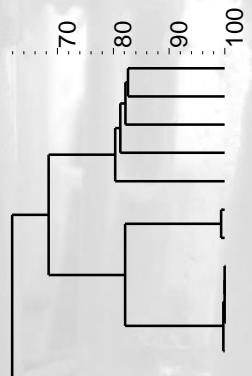
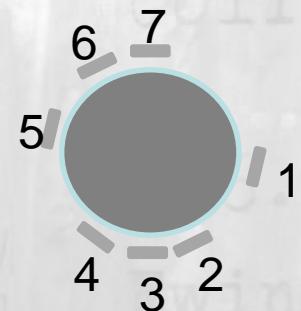
- O and H Serotyping
 - Virulence gene determination (*vtx1*, *vtx2*, *eae*, *aaiC*, *aggR*)
 - *vtx* subtyping
 - Cluster-EQA: Molecular typing-based cluster analyses
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| • 23th of October 2017 | Deadline to respond to the invitation online |
| • 20th November - 4th of December 2017 | Shipment of test strains |
| • 23th of February 2018 | Deadline for submission of results |



Workflow – outbreak detection

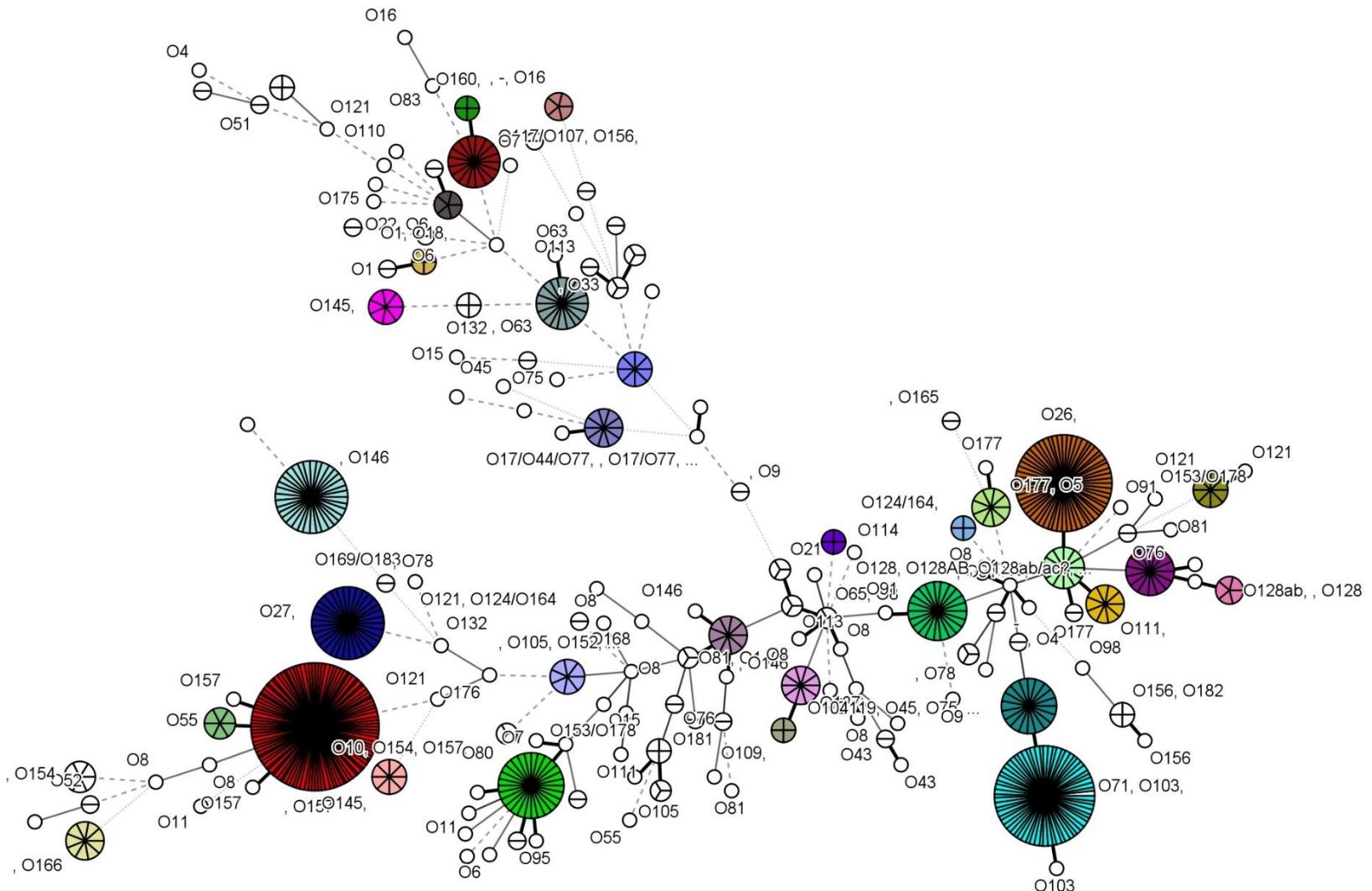


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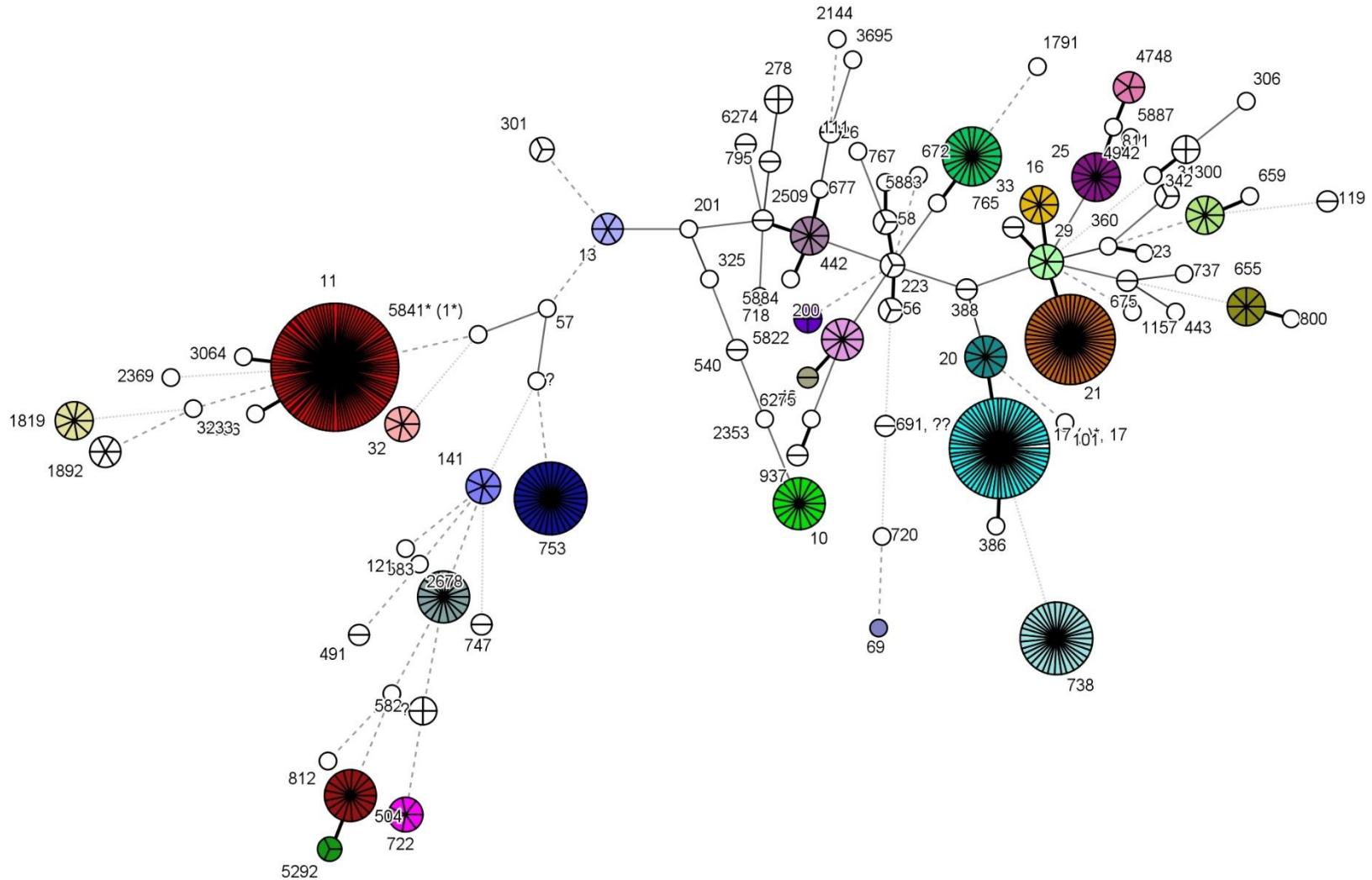


E. coli MLST types - all



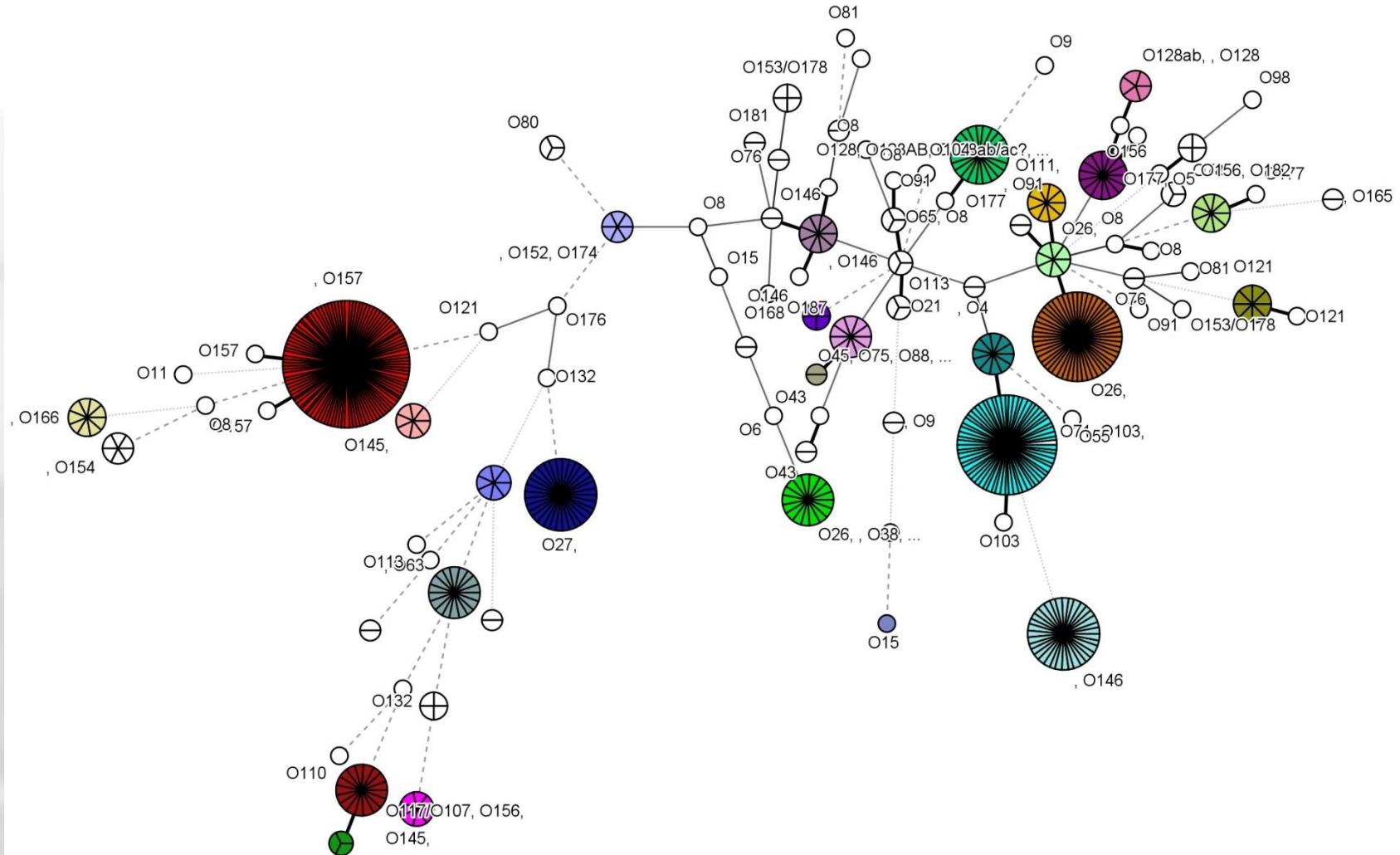


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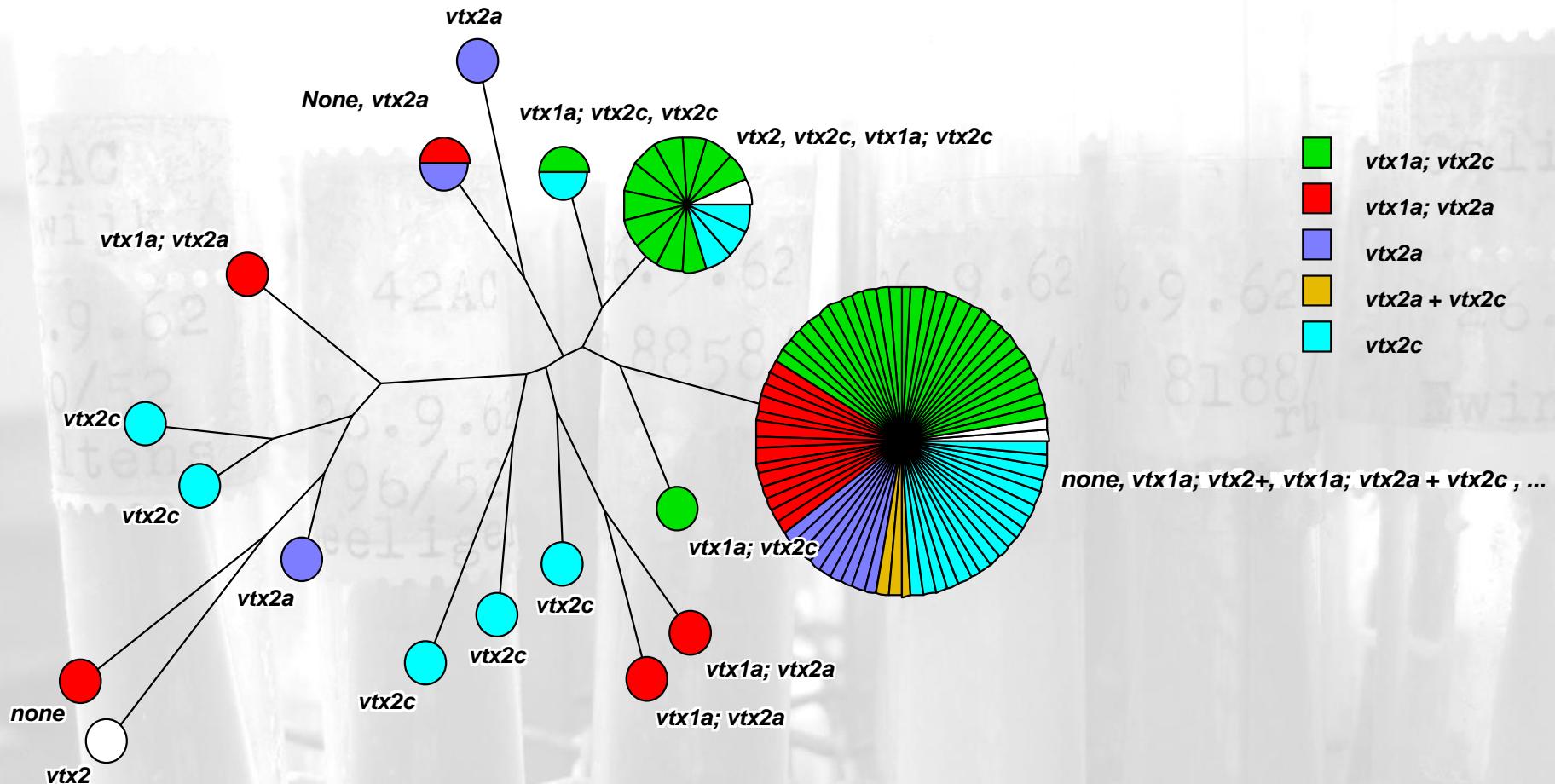




STEC O groups

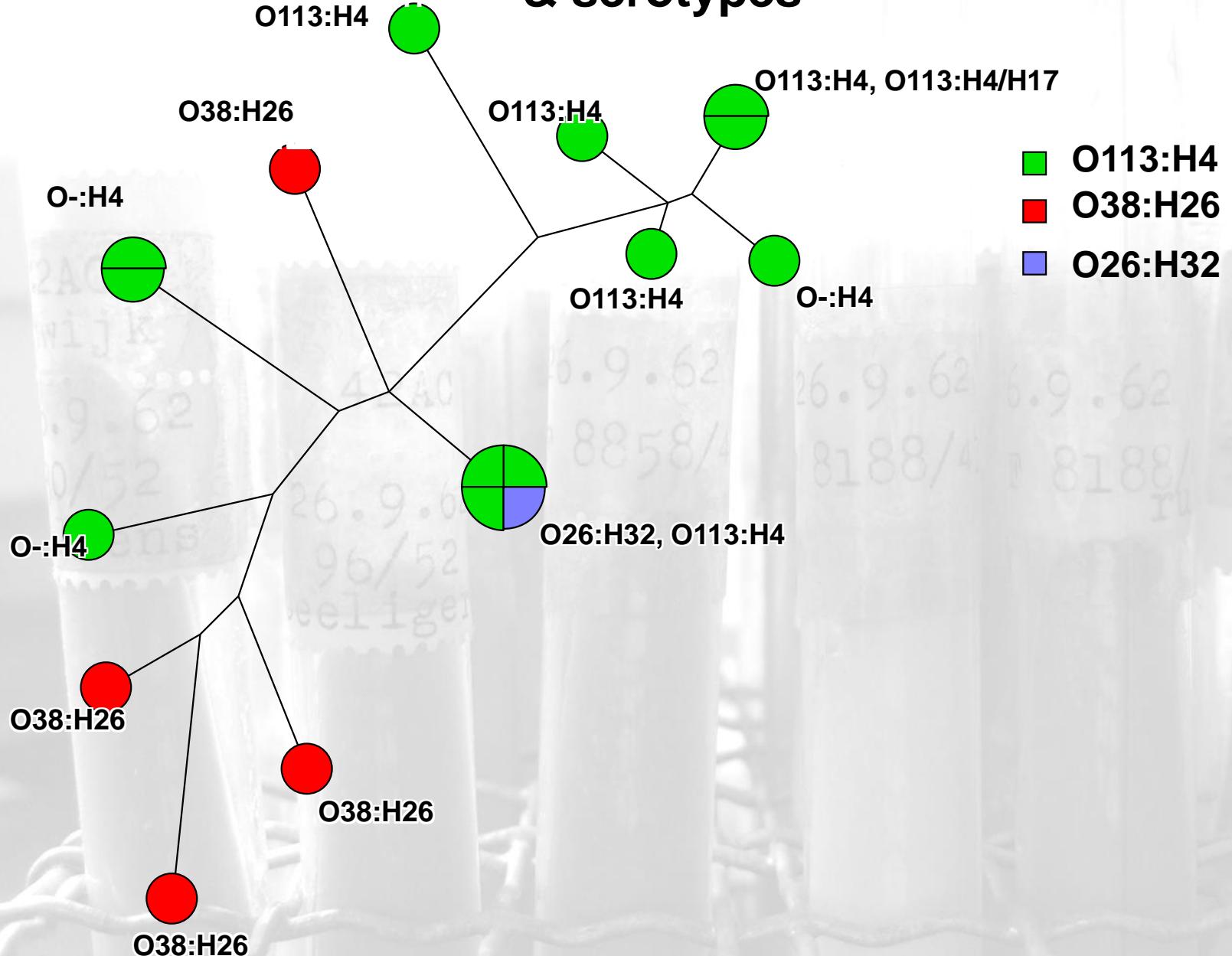


O157 (ST11) virulence profiles from BioNumerics & *vtx* subtypes



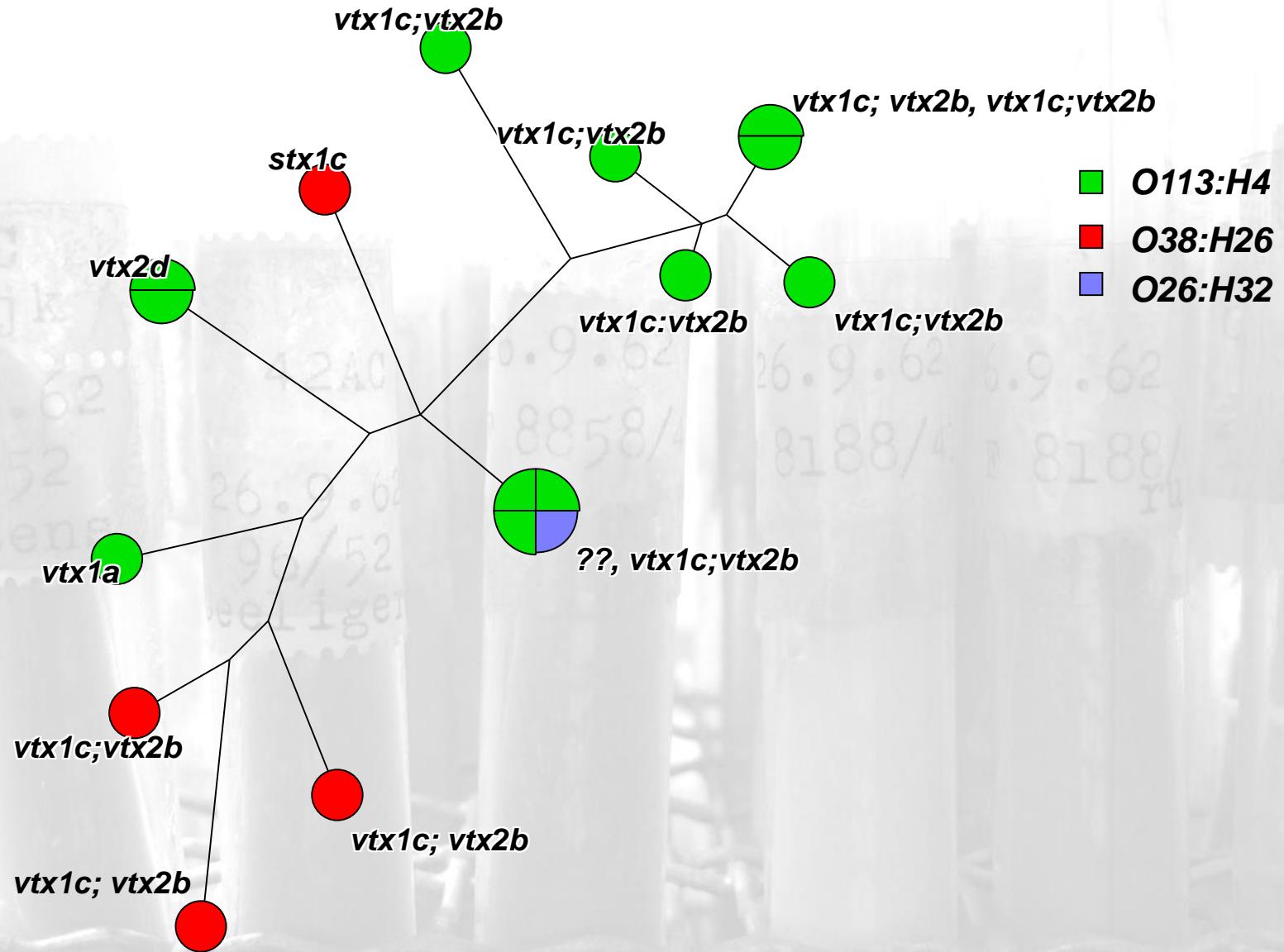


ST10 virulence profiles from BioNumerics & serotypes





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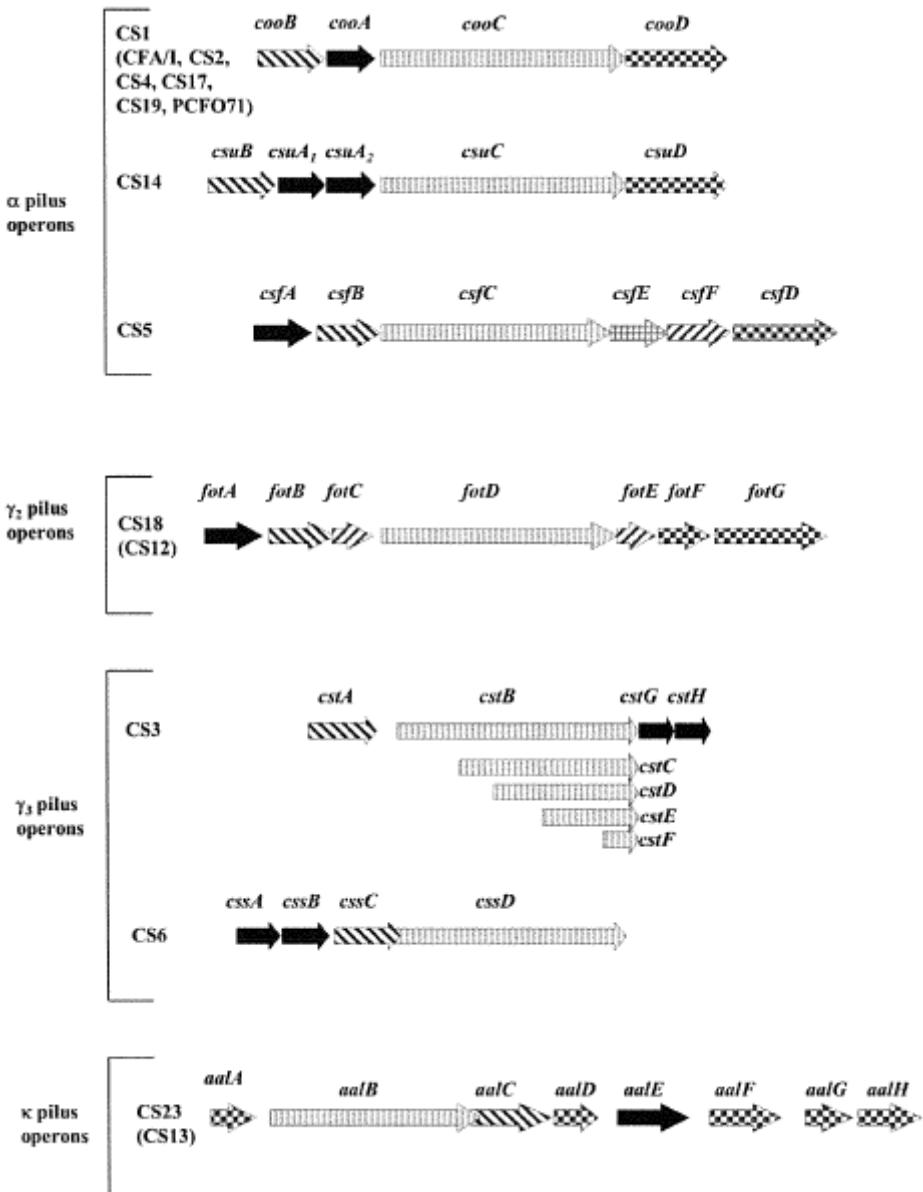
WGS tools for ETEC

Colonization factor	Assembly class	FUP clade	Morphology	Sequence information	Colonization factor	Assembly class	FUP clade	Morphology	Sequence information
CFA/I	CU	α	Fimbrial	Operon	CS6	CU	γ_3	Afimbrial	Operon
CS1	CU	α	Fimbrial	Operon	CS13 (PCF09)	CU	κ	Fibrillar	Operon
CS2	CU	α	Fimbrial	Operon	CS23	CU	κ	Afimbrial	Operon
CS4	CU	α	Fimbrial	Operon	CS7	CU	U	Helical	Pilin gene
CS5	CU	α	Helical	Operon	CS20	CU	U	Fimbrial	Pilin gene
CS14 (PCF0166)	CU	α	Fimbrial	Operon	CS22	CU	U	Fibrillar	Pilin gene
CS17	CU	α	Fimbrial	Operon	CS15 (Ag 8786)	CU	U	Afimbrial	Pilin N-terminus
CS19	CU	α	Fimbrial	Operon	CS26	CU	U	Fimbrial	Pilin gene
PCFO71	CU	α	Fimbrial	Operon	CS8 (CFA/III)	Type IV	NA	Fimbrial	Operon
CS12 (PCF0159)	CU	γ_2	Fimbrial	Operon	CS21 (longus)	Type IV	NA	Fimbrial	Operon
CS18 (PCF020)	CU	γ_2	Fimbrial	Operon	CS11 (PCF0148)	U	NA	Fibrillar	None
CS3	CU	γ_3	Fibrillar	Operon	CS10 (antigen 2230)	U	NA	Afimbrial	None

Colonization Factors of Enterotoxigenic *Escherichia coli*



Genetic organisation of CS's



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LT variants in ETEC

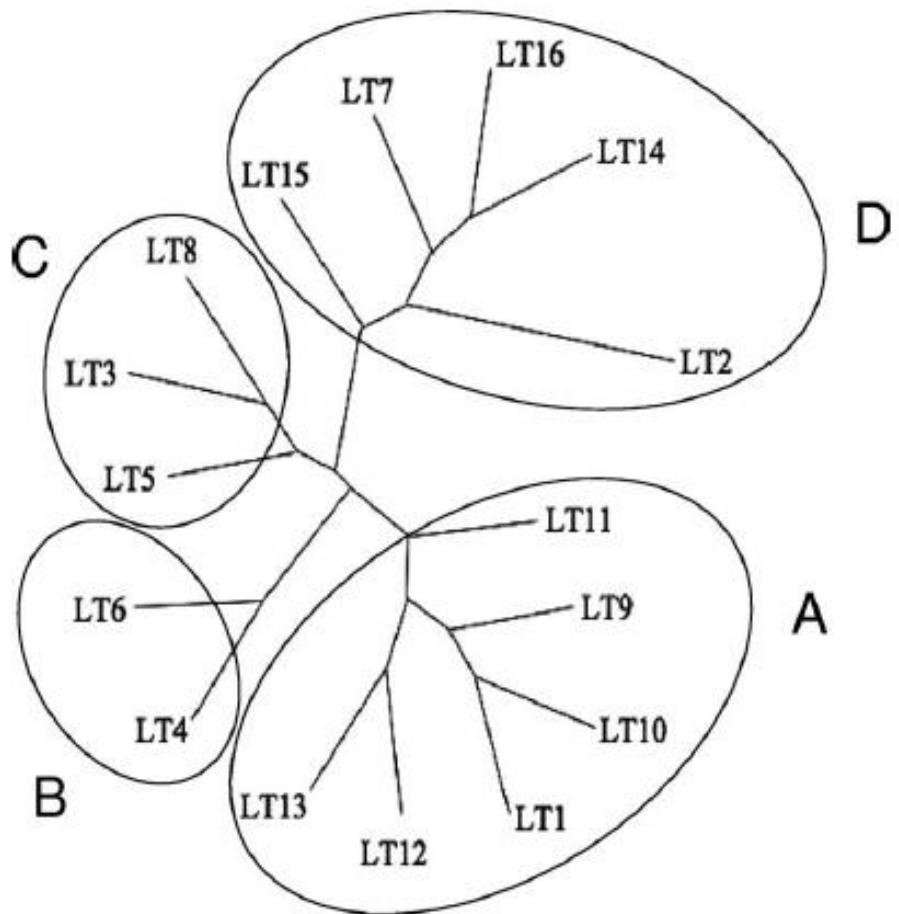


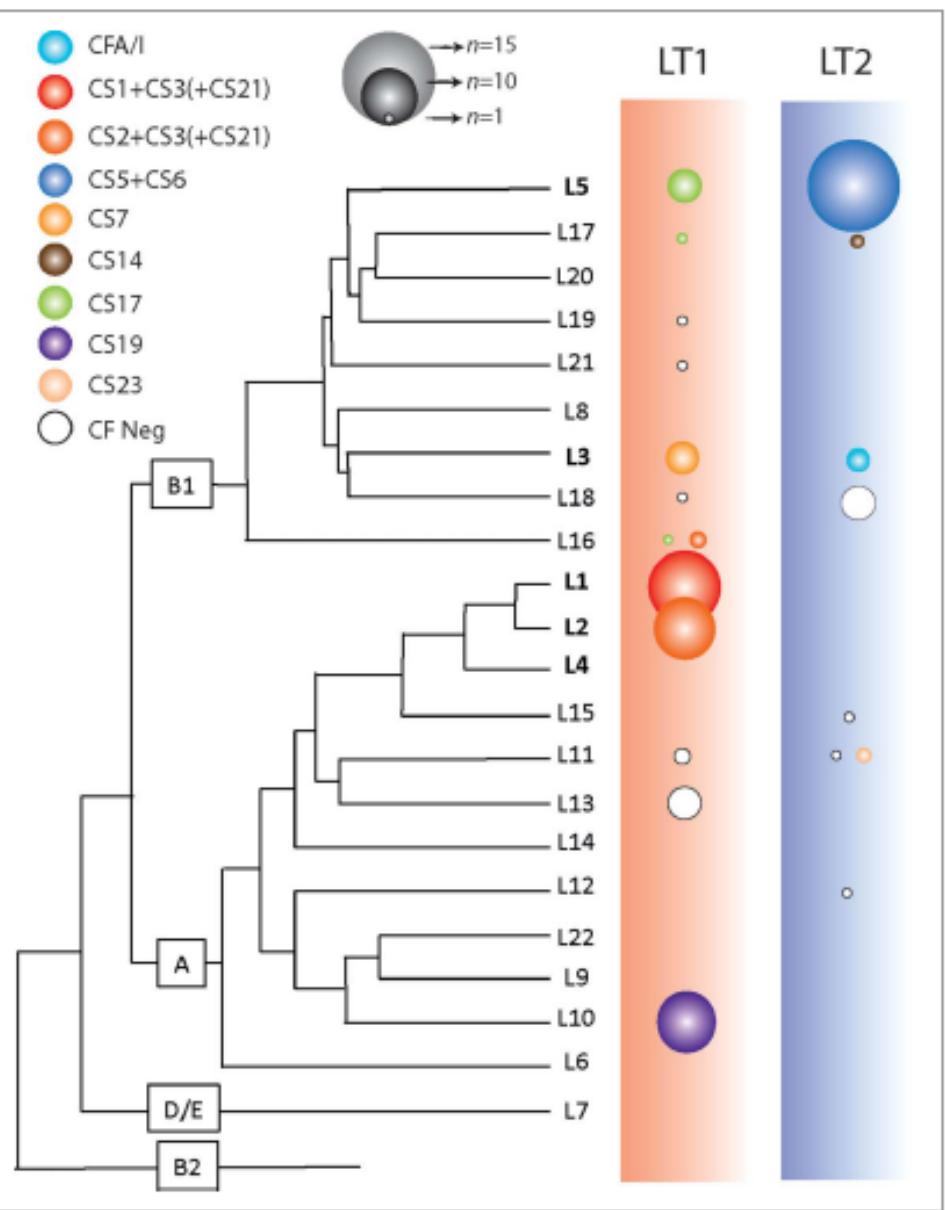
FIG. 3. Unrooted phylogram constructed by the neighbor-joining method showing the sequence relationships of the concatenated amino acid sequences of the mature A and B subunits of the detected LT variants.

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Combinations of LTs & CSs



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Gene alleles (159) for ETEC

cfaA: Colonisation factor antigen a, CFA/1:
cfaB: Colonisation factor antigen b, CFA/1:
cfaC: Colonisation factor antigen c, CFA/1:
cfaE: Colonisation factor antigen e, CFA/1:
cfaD: Colonisation factor antigen d, CFA/1:
cooB: CS1:
cooD: Fimbrial subunit B, CS1:
cooC: Fimbrial subunit B, CS1:
csoB: CS1:
csoA: CS1:
cotB: CS2:
cotA: CS2:
cotC: CS2:
cotD: CS2:
CS3_put_chaperone:
CS3_lpfC: putative outer membrane usher protein
CS3_put_major_subunit:
csaA: Periplasmic chaperone-like protein, CS4:
csaB: CS4 major fimbriae subunit, CS4:
csaC: Usher protein, CS4:
csaE: Minor pilin protein, CS4:
csaD: Truncated, CS4:
csfC: Outer membrane usher protein, CS5:
csfD: Minor fimbrial subunit, CS5:
csfE: CS5:
csfF: CS5:



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tia: Invasion determinant:
tibC: Glycosyltransferase
tibA:
estap: Heat-stable enterotoxin STa porcine variant:
estb: Heat-stable enterotoxin STb
estah: Heat-stable enterotoxin STa Human variant:
eltlAh_1: Heat-labile enterotoxin A subunit, LT1: A1
eltlAh_2: Heat-labile enterotoxin A subunit, LT2: A2
eltlAh_3: Heat-labile enterotoxin A subunit, LT3: A3
eltlAh_4: Heat-labile enterotoxin A subunit, LT4 and LT6: A4
eltlAh_5: Heat-labile enterotoxin A subunit, LT5: A5
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eltlBh_2: Heat-labile enterotoxin B subunit, LT2: B2
eltlBh_3: Heat-labile enterotoxin B subunit, LT3: B3
eltlBh_4: Heat-labile enterotoxin B subunit, LT4: B4
eltlBh_5: Heat-labile enterotoxin B subunit, LT5: B5



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