# **The GISAID Initiative**

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WHO Global Influenza Programme (GIP) National Centre for Infectious Diseases (NCID) Singapore Bioinformatics Institute (BII) Global Initiative on Sharing All Influenza Data (GISAID)

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#### Challenges in 2006-2007

- Access to the latest genetic data for highly pathogenic H5N1 influenza zoonotic infections was often restricted, in part due to the hesitancy by MS to share their information.
- Scientists' reticence to share data pre-publication (fear of being scooped<sup>1</sup>) delayed sharing.
- Public-domain archives (anonymous access use of data) offered: no protection of owners' interests (IP rights); limited incentive to share data; no transparency on the use of data; no effective mechanisms to ensure acknowledgement of labs providing viruses or contributing data.

<sup>1</sup> Pearson H. - Competition in biology: It's a scoop! *Nature* 2003; DOI: 10.1038/news031124-9



## GISAID data access and sharing principles

- Data Submitters grant Data Users an irrevocable licence for the use of their data, providing legal certainty for use in research and publications and for the development, testing and dissemination of interventions such vaccines, diagnostics and therapeutics
- Access to the GISAID EpiFLu Database is free of charge and open to every one provided that they identify themselves in order to foster collaboration and permit an effective oversight to uphold the enshrined sharing principles
- The guiding principle for those who use the Data in particular in publications is the need to acknowledge the contribution of both the suppliers and the submitters of the data
- Whilst all Data are publicly accessible, Submitters do not forfeit their rights (IPR) to the data they deposit in GISAID



## **EpiFlu<sup>™</sup> Database**

- The most complete set of influenza sequences (>283K isolates & >1.1 million sequences)
- Includes patient meta data & geographical locations
- Submitters retain rights over their data
- Easy upload of data
- Isolate based entry rather than sequence only
- Isolates can be updated by submitter in real-time
- Automated sequence annotation on upload
- Customised search function outputs
- Customised fasta headers with sequence downloads
- Meta-data can be downloaded in spreadsheet
- Workset function, worksets can be shared amongst users
- Analysis tools



## Workflow of EpiFlu<sup>™</sup> Database

#### Data

- Sequence data is organized into unique isolates assigned an EPI\_ISL Accession (defined by virus name and passage history), and segment EPI Accession
- meta data fields include: Isolate name, virus type, HA and NA subtype, lineage (B; H1N1), host, collection date, location, patient data i.e.: age, gender, vax status..
- Originating Laboratory collected the specimen (Lab ID)
- Submitting Laboratory sequenced the virus

#### Upload

- Single Upload using the webpage interface (5-10 min)
- Batch Upload using a macro-enabled excel spreadsheet (necessary fields; time dependent on amount of data; automatic)
- Complimented with data from public-domain GenBank archive routinely imported **Curation**
- Checks the correctness of sequence and meta data
- Flags errors

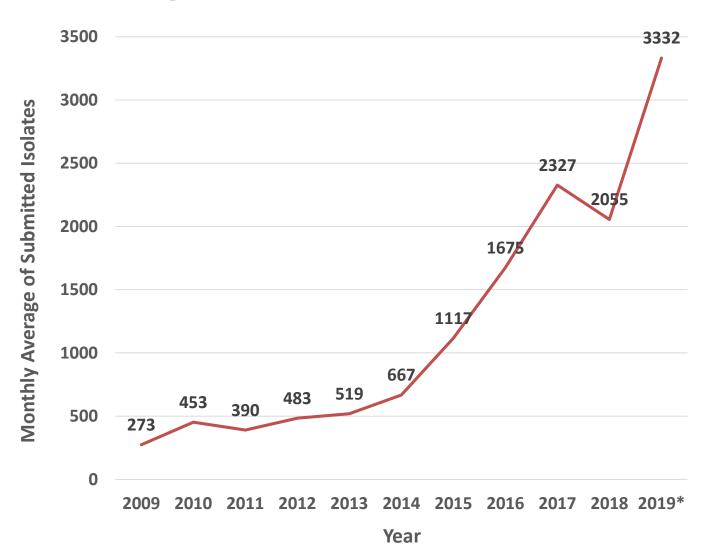
#### Data to Unreleased Files

• Pop-up message – errors, where and what type

#### **Release of corrected data**



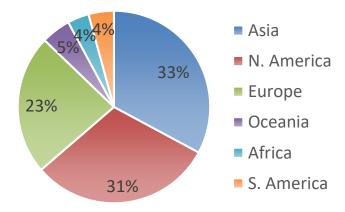
# Increase in genetic sequence data published via GISAID





#### **Geographical representativeness**

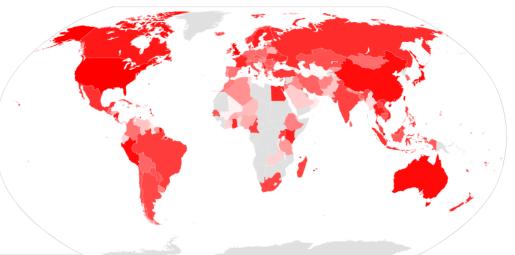
- ~1,2m sequences of ~283,000 influenza viruses (70% human; 30% animal)
  - Data from >1,200 labs (incl. all 152 GISRS)
- Contains data from >2,000 influenza viruses with pandemic potential (IVPP)
  - >30,000 animal viruses (H4-H11)
  - Candidate vaccine viruses
- 8,700 active participants
  - Human and animal health
- 2017-18: sequence data of ~3,000 viruses (avg) uploaded monthly (70% directly to GISAID)
- Timely submission directly to GISAID: 94% of total within 3 months of collection; 83% (within 6 mo); 81% (within 12 mo); 77% (within 24 mo)



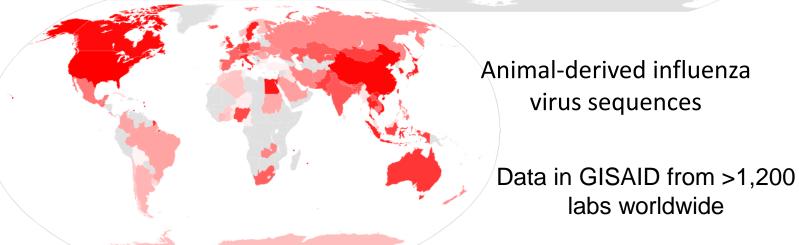


#### **Geographical representativeness**

(Hemispheres, Countries, Regions) (282,481 viruses / 1,175,910 sequences; 9<sup>th</sup> Aug 2019)



Human-derived influenza virus sequences

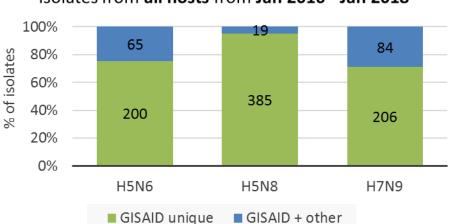


Countries ranked by number of HA sequences in GISAID, colored by rank percentile from red (most) to white (least), gray (none)



(Analyses compiled by J. Büch (MPII, Germany) & S. Maurer-Stroh (A\*STAR BII, Singapore)

## Rapid sharing of new avian influenza viruses with pandemic potential via GISAID



H5N6, H5N8, H7N9 isolates from all hosts from Jan 2016 - Jan 2018

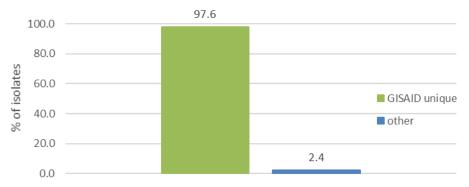
> The majority of isolates from new avian influenza subtypes with pandemic potential are **unique to GISAID.**

#### Timeliness:

**98%** of the strains submitted within 30 days from sample collection are **unique to GISAID** 

## Isolates made available within 30 days from sample collection

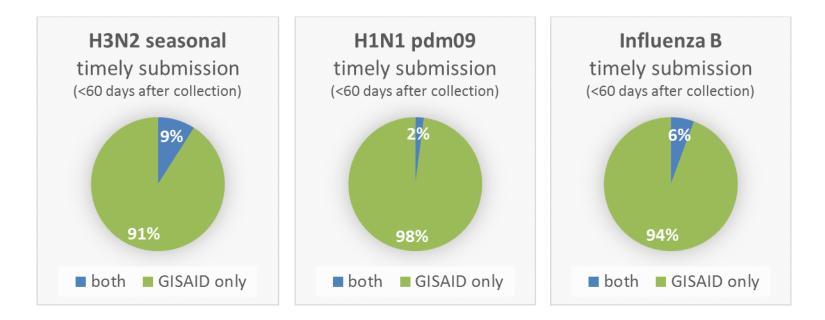
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#### Timely submission of data to GISAID - human seasonal viruses

**GISAID** vs public-domain



both ... public-domain and GISAID

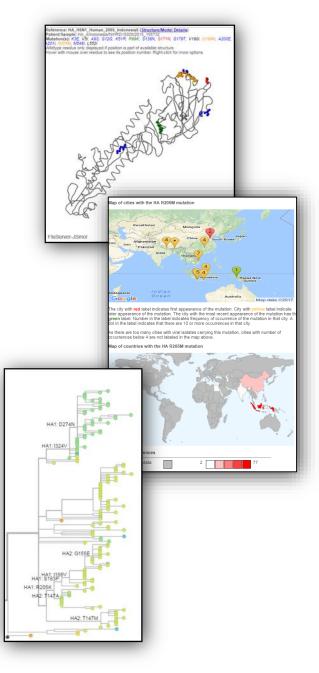
Proportion of unique sequence information in GISAID



#### Near real time data analysis

**FluSurver:**developed at the BII A\*STAR, Singapore, assists the identification, analysis and interpretation of mutations in influenza sequences, providing mutation frequencies automatically kept up to date with the latest GISAID data.

Annotated Tree Tool: developed at the University of Basel, displays phylogenetic trees, along with alignments of nucleotide and amino acid sequences, showing the emergence of new clades in a temporal & geographical context



### **Projects**

- Global Server Resilience Strategy
- Expansion of Tools and Next Generation Sequencing
- Access via commercial lab applications
- Capacity building through educational program via GISAID's series of workshops, webinars and seminars
- Realization of GISAID scientific retreat and school
- Application of GISAID sharing mechanism to other pathogens
  - European Commission PREDEMICS



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# Searching and downloading data using GISAID EpiFlu™



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## Introduction to GISAID EpiFlu™

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• Customising settings to view search results

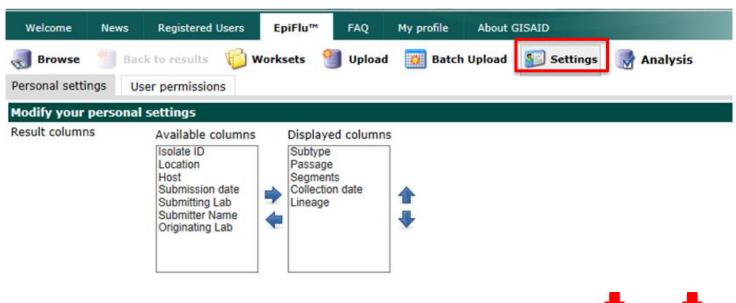
Searching for isolates

- Selecting database category to search
- Using the 'Search Patterns' field
- Searching by location, subtype, host
- Searching using Collection date or Submission date
- Selecting genes of interest
- Searching submitted to GISAID only or all siolates

Downloading data

- Setting fast headers
- Downloading protein or DNA sequences
- Downloading meta-data
- Downloading Acknowledgement Tables for publications

## **Customise Settings**





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#### **Database Selection & Search Patterns**

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Multiple subtypes can be searched for at the same time

Isolate name must be included in quotations ie: "A/Brisbane/02 2018" Wild cards can be used if searching for sequential isolates with a similar name

i.e A/Hong Kong/2670/2019 to A/Hong Kong/2679/2019 to search type in "A/Hong Kong/26%%/2019

## **Available Search Parameters**

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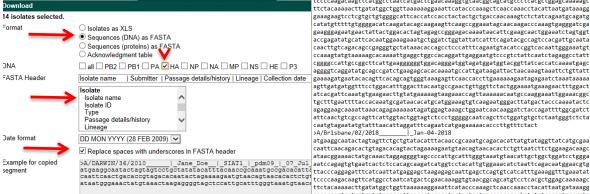
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