

# Country Report: Estonia

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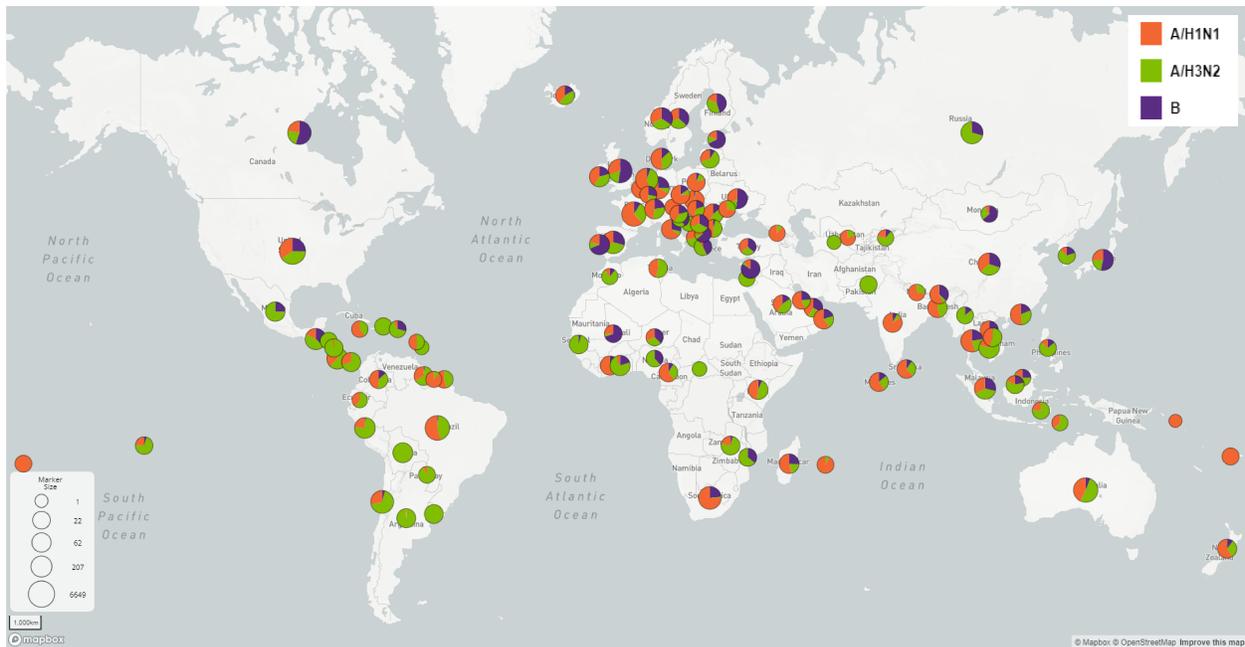
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## Influenza by type/subtype:

Geographical distribution of seasonal influenza viruses with collection dates from February through to September 2024 as deposited in GISAID, coloured by Type/subtype. Geographic markers scaled to detection proportions.



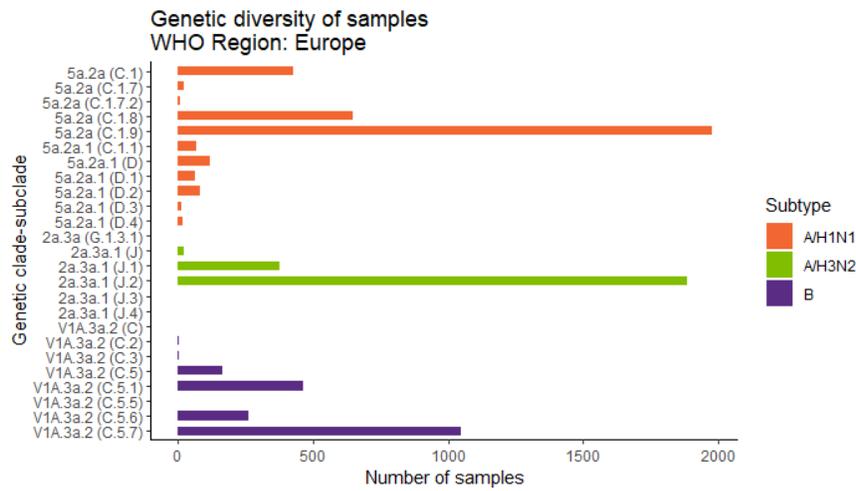
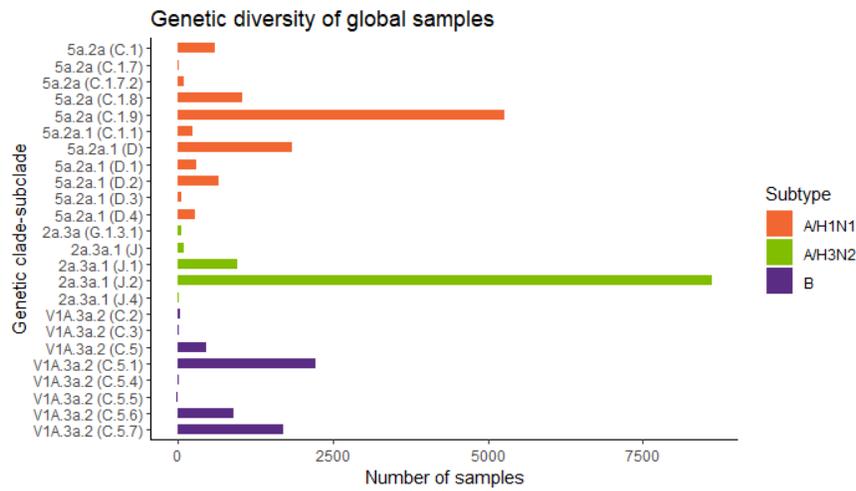
As of September 2024, in the Northern hemisphere influenza activity in temperate countries remained at interepidemic levels. Activity continued to increase in a few countries in Middle Africa.

In the Southern hemisphere, influenza activity remained elevated in some countries in South America, Eastern Africa, Southern Africa, and Oceania. Activity declined or was similar compared with the prior report across the Southern hemisphere.

The relative proportions of A/H1N1, A/H3N2 and B/Victoria varied by geographic region, with predominance of A/H3N2 in the Americas, Africa, South East Asia, Western Pacific region and Russian Federation, and some predominance of A/H1N1 in Europe, Middle East, South Africa, Madagascar, India and Brazil. Some countries showed predominance of B/Victoria such as Canada, UK, Portugal, Syria, Ukraine, Mali, Japan and Mongolia, as indicated by the different colours in the pie charts by country.

## Genetic diversity:

Plots showing genetic diversity of A/H1N1, A/H3N2 and B/Victoria that underwent sequencing during the reporting period. A(global) B(WHO region)



## Phylogenetic analyses: A/H1N1

6B.1A.5a.2a and 6B.1A.5a.2a.1 clade viruses both continued to circulate with differing relative proportions depending on region, with an overall predominance of 5a.2a viruses.

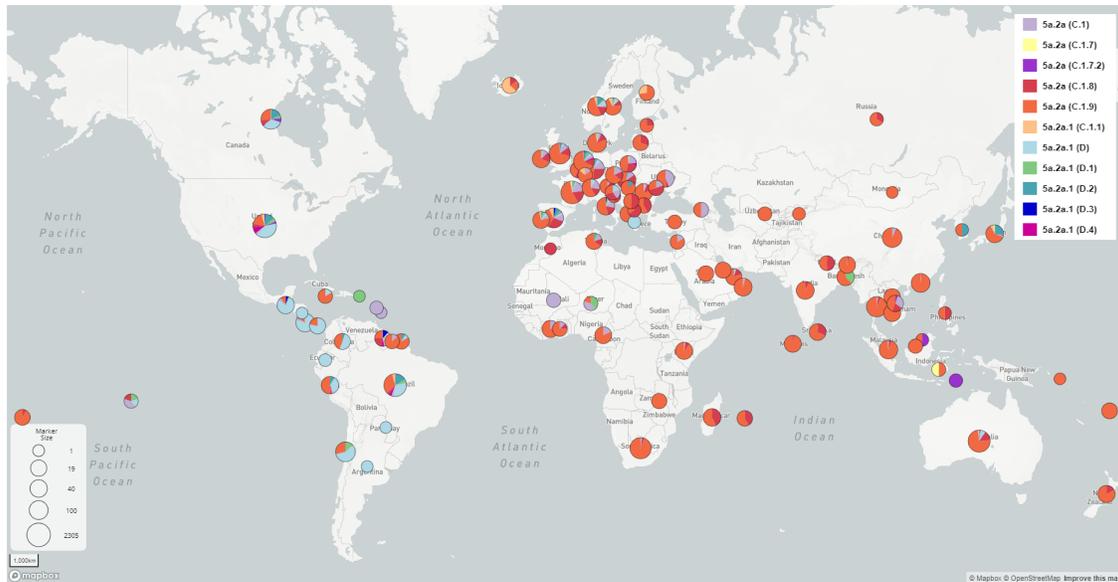
Globally, there is predominance of clade 5a.2a except in the Americas where there is a slight predominance of clade 5a.2a.1. In Europe, viruses from clade 5a.2a were detected with much higher frequency than clade 5a.2a.1.

Within the 5a.2a viruses, characterised by substitutions K54Q, A186T, E224A, R259K and K308R, several subclades were observed: subclade C.1 defined by substitution I418V which split into two further subclades: C.1.8, characterised by V47I with I96T in most sequences, and C.1.9, with substitution K169Q; the majority (>80%) of H1pdm viruses sequenced globally belong to subclade C.1.9, with viruses from C.1.8 as a minority subclade mostly observed in Europe. Minor subclades C.1.7 with substitution I533V and C.1.7.2 with T120A and K142R were circulating in Indonesia in low proportions.

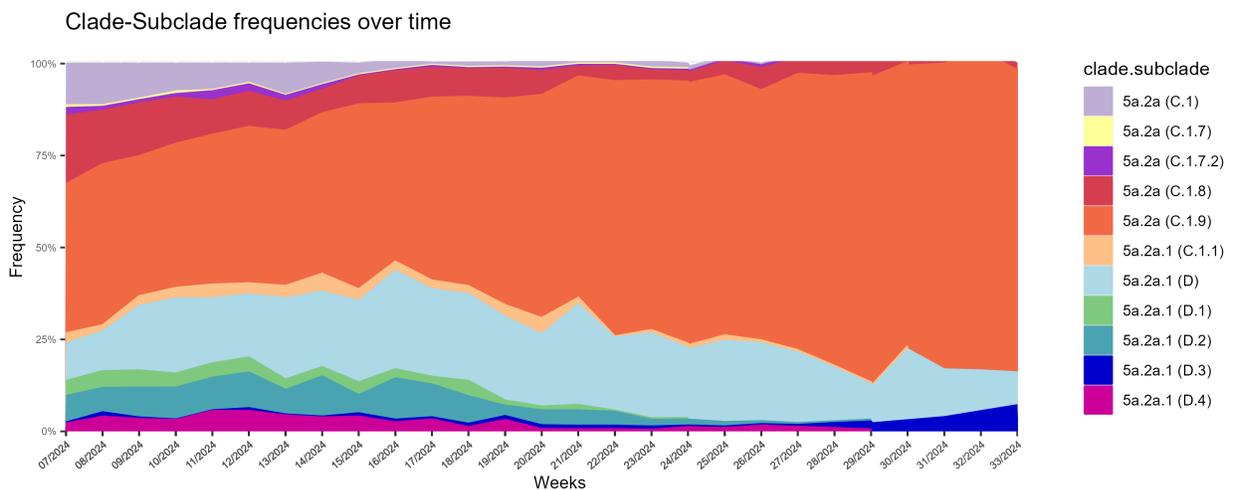
Within the 5a.2a.1 viruses, characterised by substitutions P137S, K142R, D260E, T277A, E356D and N451H, there are two main groups of viruses: major subclade D (former C.1.1.1) with T216A represented by A/Victoria/4897/2022, which has split into four subclades: D.1 with R45K, D.2 with R113K and V427I, D.3 with T120A and I372V and D.4 with T120A. Of these, only subclade D circulates in significant proportions, albeit predominating only in the Americas. Subclade C.1.1 is a minor clade within 5a.2a.1 viruses with no additional substitutions represented by A/Wisconsin/67/2022, which has been detected in significant proportions only in Iceland.

**All A/H1N1 viruses from Estonia belong to clade 5a.2a, of which 6 clustered within subclade 5a.2a (C.1.8), 6 within subclade 5a.2a (C.1.9) and 2 within subclade 5a.2a (C.1).**

Global geographical distribution of influenza A/H1N1 genetic clades (subclades) viruses, obtained with full HA sequences as deposited in GISAID and classified using Nextclade. Map prepared with Microreact. Geographic markers scaled to detection proportions.



Global time-dependent variation in frequencies of genetic clades-subclades of A/H1N1 viruses collected since 1st February 2024.



### Maximum likelihood phylogenetic tree of the H1 HA gene

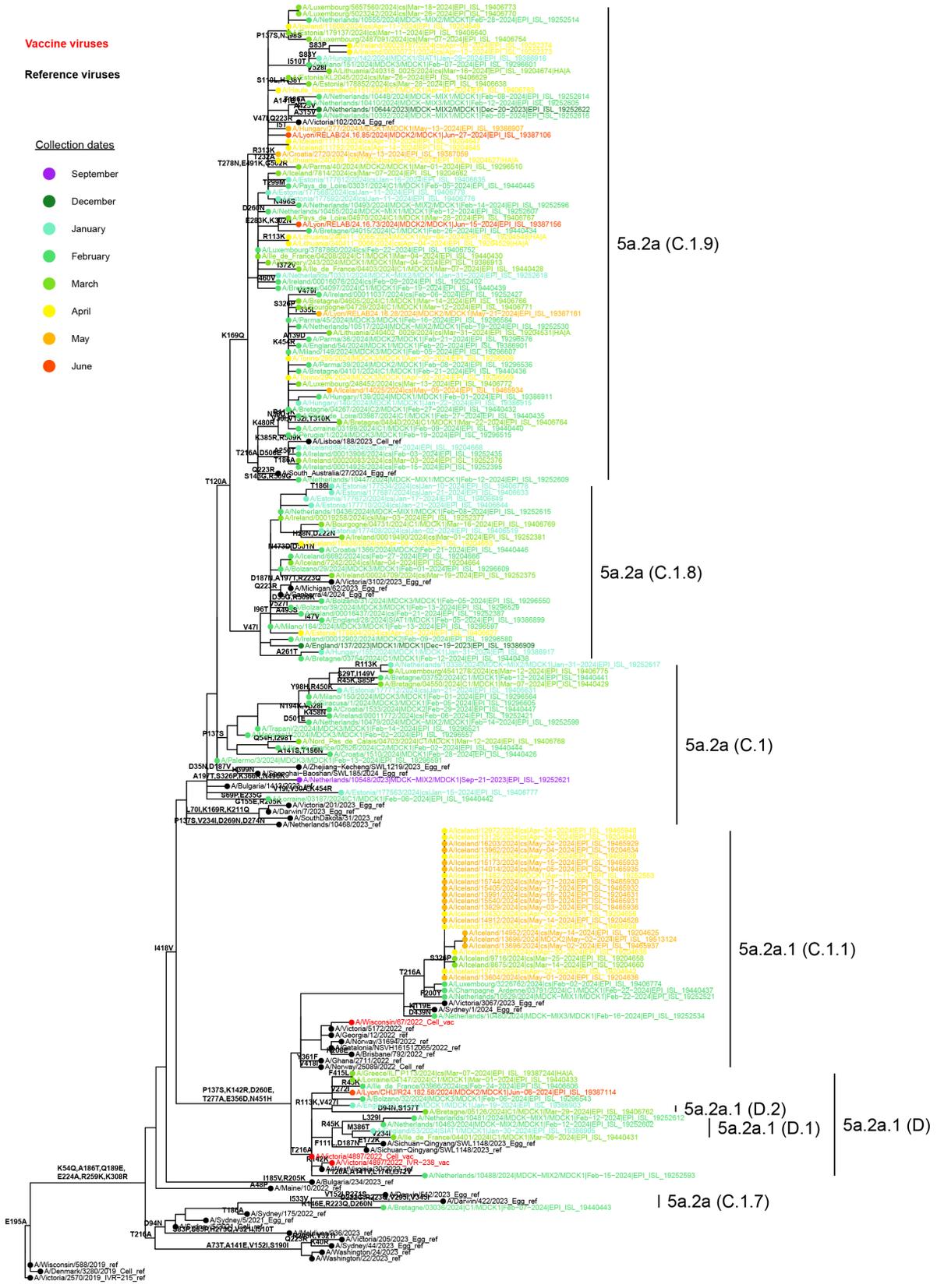
Maximum likelihood phylogenetic tree inferred using Iqtree2 from HA sequence data generated at the WIC. Annotation of amino acids substitutions was performed with Treetime ancestral reconstruction. References and CVVs are marked as Cell or Egg. Virus names are colored by collection month.

Vaccine viruses

Reference viruses

Collection dates

- September
- December
- January
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June



## Phylogenetic analyses: H3N2

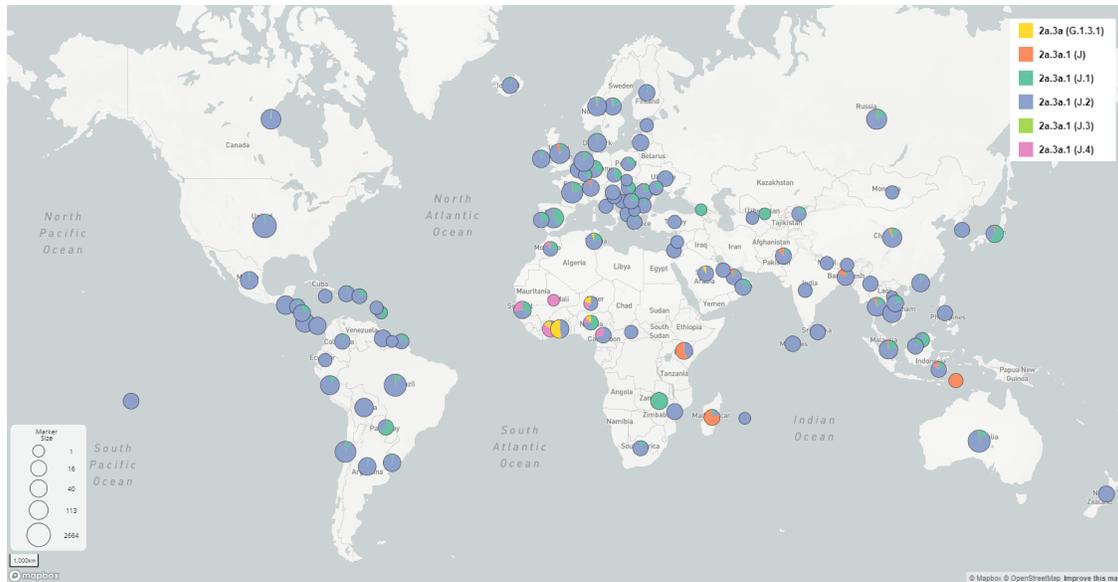
Clade 3C.2a1b.2a.2 (renamed as **2**) predominated since February 2023 in all geographic regions where A/H3N2 circulated.

During this reporting period, the great majority of H3 viruses detected belong to clade 2a.3a.1, which share substitution E50K with clade 2a.3a and present additional substitutions I140K and I223V (subclade J, vaccine reference A/Thailand/8/2022). Subclade J split into 4 further subclades: of these, subclade J.2 (reference A/Sydney/878/2023) characterised by N122D (-CHO) and K276E became the dominant subclade, predominating in the majority of continents with >90% frequency. Subclade J.1 (reference A/Sydney/856/2023) characterised by I25V, V347M with additional I418V (in some viruses) was detected in minor frequencies (<10%) in Europe, South-East Asia, Africa and Oceania. Minor subclade J.4 characterised by Q173R, K276E and some viruses with K189R predominated in West Africa earlier during the season.

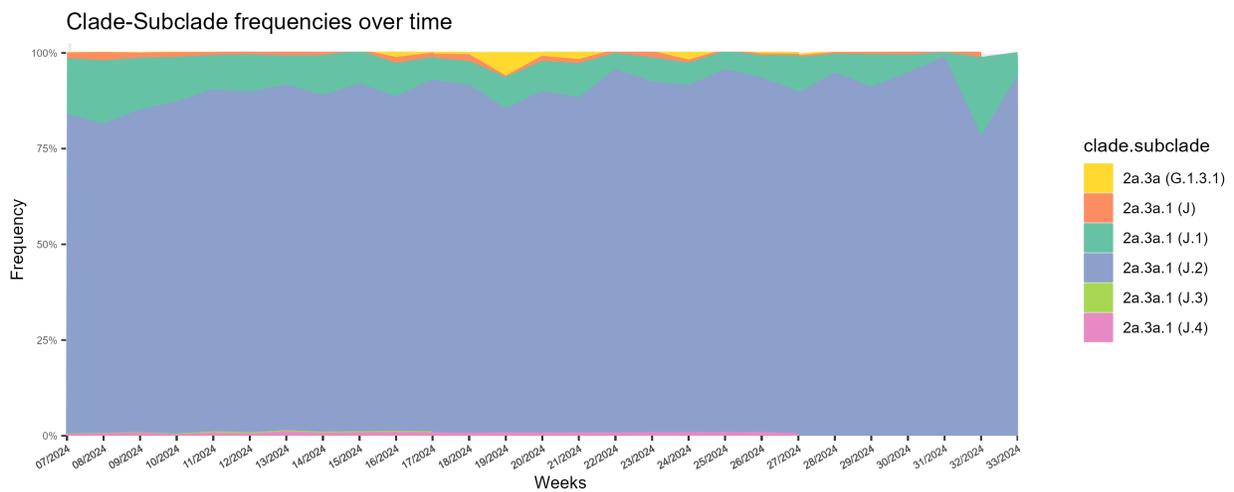
Clade 2a.3a (subclade G.1.3.1, reference A/Finland/402/2023) with substitutions K276E and V347M was detected in West Africa earlier during the season.

**All A/H3N2 viruses from Estonia belong to clade 2a.3a.1, of which 9 clustered within subclade 2a.3a.1 (J.2) and 2 within subclade 2a.3a.1 (J.1).**

Global geographical distribution of influenza A/H3N2 genetic clades (subclades) viruses, obtained with full HA sequences as deposited in GISAID and classified using Nextclade.Map prepared with Microreact. Geographic markers scaled to detection proportions.



Global time-dependent variation in frequencies of genetic clades-subclades of A/H3N2 viruses collected since 1st February 2024.



### Maximum likelihood phylogenetic tree of the H3 HA gene.

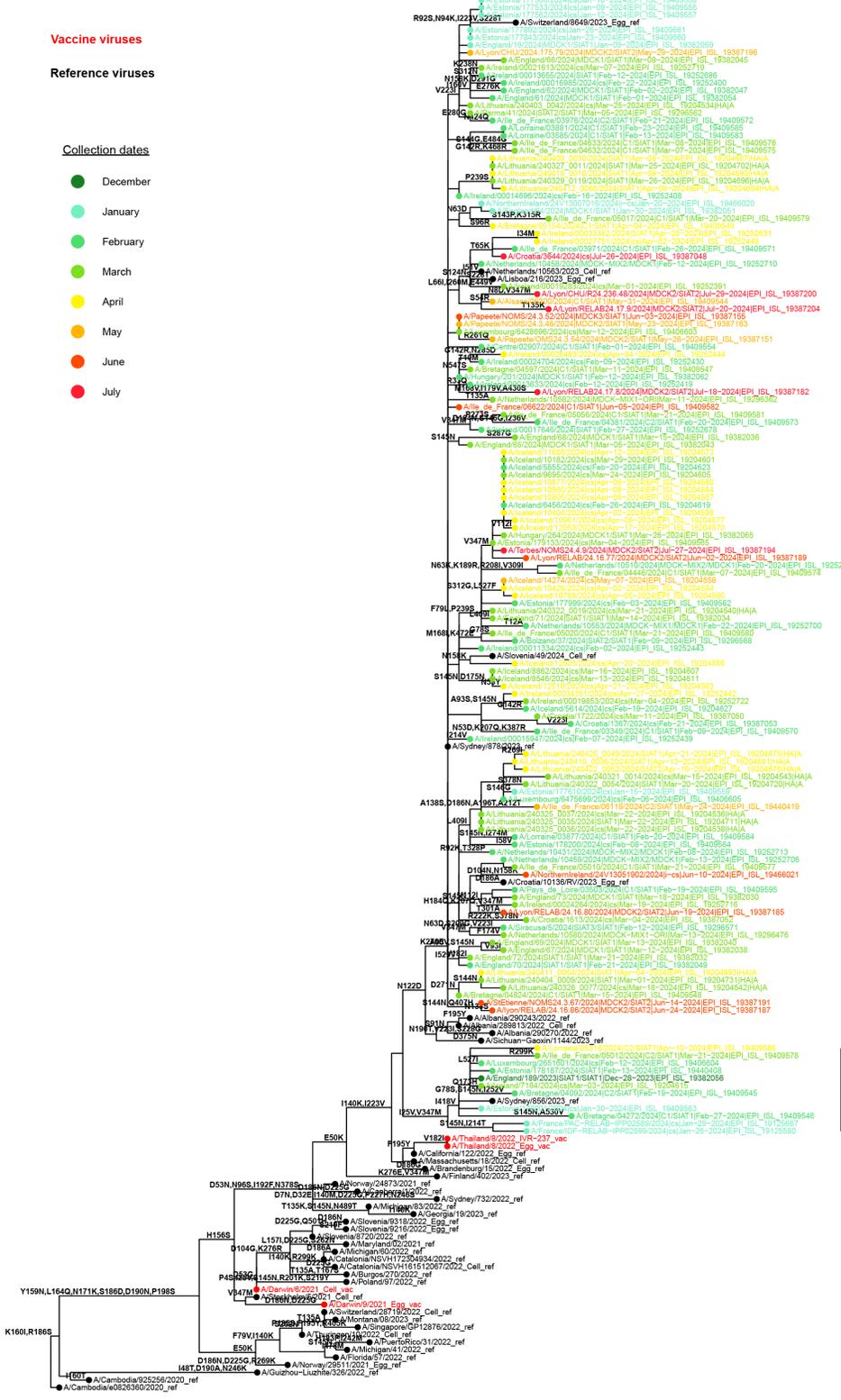
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2a.3a.1 (J.2)

2a.3a.1 (J)

2a.3a.1 (J.1)

## Phylogenetic analyses:

### Influenza B viruses

#### B/Victoria lineage

Clade V1A.3a.2 viruses characterised by substitutions A127T, P144L, N150K, G184E, N197D (-CHO), K203R and R279K (B/Austria/1359417/2021, subclade C) predominated since February 2023 in geographic regions where B/Victoria-lineage viruses were detected.

During this reporting period, only a minority of B/Victoria viruses were detected and characterised in Europe. Within V1A.3a.2, subclade C.5 with D197E represents the majority of influenza B viruses characterised during the current influenza season. The most frequent subclades observed within C.5 are: C.5.1 with E183K represented by B/Catalonia/2279261NS/2023, as the dominant subclade predominating in the Americas, Portugal, Ukraine, New Zealand and detected in several other countries in minor proportions; C.5.6 (B/Norway/08717/2023) with D129N predominating in South East Asia, Middle East, South Africa and some European countries; C.5.7 with E183K and E128G predominating in China, Japan, Australia, Russian Federation, Mongolia and some countries in Europe. Minor subclades such as C.5.4 (B/Slovenia/924/2023) with V117I, E128K, A154T and K326R were detected in Chile and the US, and C.5.5 (B/Paraguay/2102/2023) with R80G, E184K were detected in North America in very low proportions.

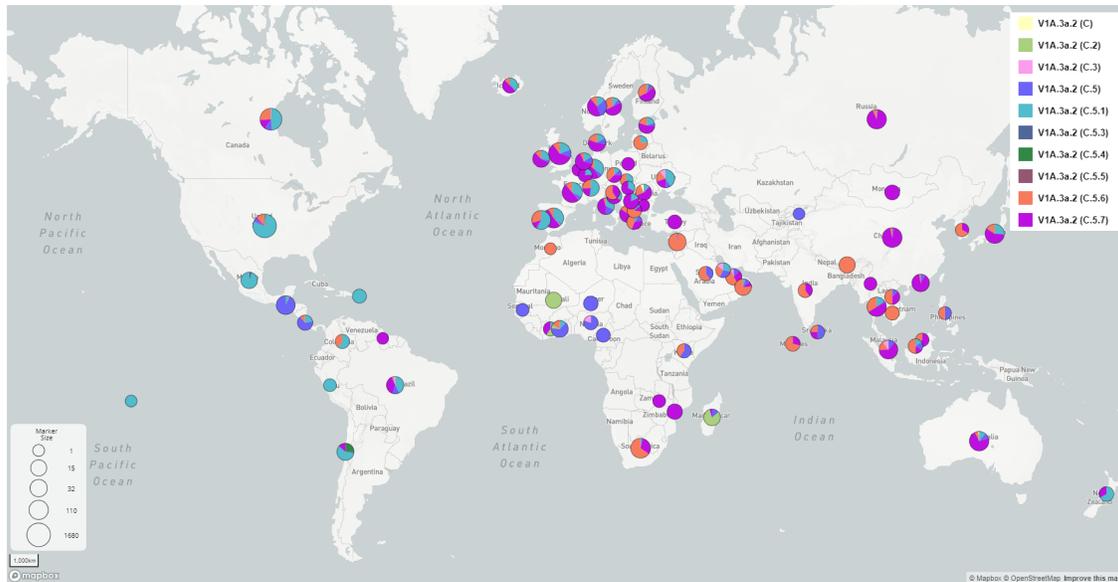
Outside of C.5 viruses, other subclades such as C.2 (T182A, D197E, B/Netherlands/10335/2023) and C.3 (E128K, A154E, S208P, B/Norway/5216/2023) were detected in low frequency in West Africa and Madagascar earlier during the season.

**All B/Victoria viruses from Estonia belong to clade V1A.3a.2, of which 9 clustered within subclade V1A.3a.2 (C.5.7), 4 within subclade V1A.3a.2 (C.5.1), 4 within subclade V1A.3a.2 (C.5.6) and 2 within subclade V1A.3a.2 (C.5).**

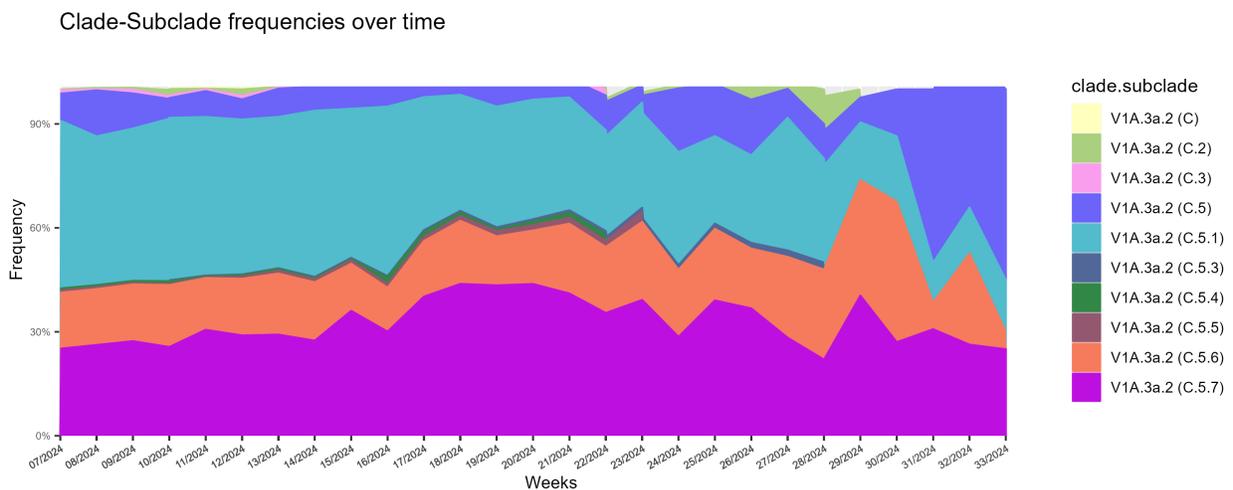
#### B/Yamagata lineage

No B/Yamagata lineage viruses have been detected since March 2020.

Global geographical distribution of influenza B/Victoria genetic clades (subclades) viruses, obtained with full HA sequences as deposited in GISAID and classified using Nextclade.Map prepared with Microreact. Geographic markers scaled to detection proportions.



Global time-dependent variation in frequencies of genetic clades-subclades of B/Victoria viruses collected since 1st February 2024.



### Maximum likelihood phylogenetic tree of the B/Victoria lineage HA gene

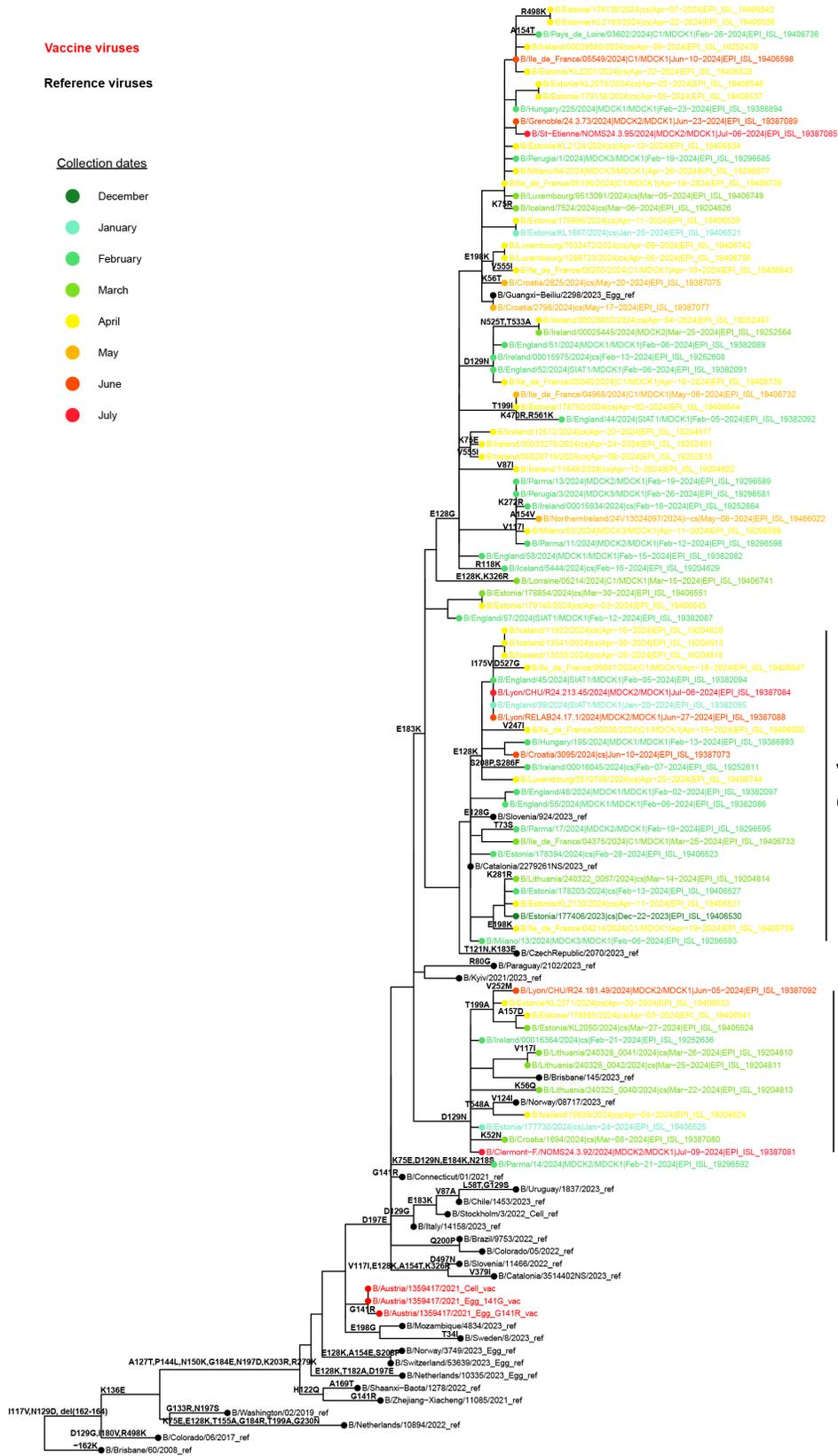
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V1A.3a.2  
(C.5.7)

V1A.3a.2  
(C.5)

V1A.3a.2  
(C.5.1)

V1A.3a.2  
(C.5.6)

## Phenotypic analyses

Haemagglutination inhibition (HI) assay data: ferret antisera raised against vaccine recommendations

### H1 Summary

HI titres show that NH 2023-24, 2024-25 and SH 2024 strains, cell-based A/Wisconsin/67/2022 and egg-based A/Victoria/4897/2022, generally recognised both 5a.2a and 5a.2a.1 clade viruses well. Some four-fold drops were observed with the cell-based A/Wisconsin/67/2022 strain that were not seen with the egg-based A/Victoria/4897/2022.

### H3 Summary

HI titres show that the SH 2024 and NH 2024-25 vaccine strains, egg-based A/Thailand/08/2022 (2a.3a.1 (J)) and cell-based A/Massachusetts/18/2022 (2a.3a.1 (J)), demonstrate reduced recognition against a significant number of samples in the J.2 and J.4 subclades. The cell-based SH 2024 and NH 2024-25 vaccine strain, A/Massachusetts/18/2022 (2a.3a.1 (J)) recognised most viruses tested within 2-fold, but showed significant drop in titre to some J.2 and all J.4 viruses tested to date.

### Influenza B summary

All V1A.3a.2 viruses tested were well recognised by antisera raised against the B/Austria/1359417/2021 vaccine virus.

## Antiviral susceptibility

All tested viruses were susceptible to neuraminidase inhibitors (NAI) by phenotypic testing and no genetic markers for reduced inhibition by NAIs were identified in NA sequences derived from clinical specimens.

Phenotypic testing for susceptibility to Baloxavir marboxil showed no reduced inhibition among all tested viruses. For all viruses where PA gene sequencing was successful, no markers associated with reduced inhibition by baloxavir marboxil were identified.

# HI Tables: H1

Table H1-18. Antigenic analyses of influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses (2024-09-11)

Viruses	Other information	Genetic group	Collection Date	Genetic group	Passage	Haemagglutination inhibition titre				
						Post-infection ferret antiserum				
						A/Sydney/5/21 MDCK	A/Lisboa/188/2023 MDCK	A/Victoria/4897/2022 MDCK	IVR-238 A/Vic/4897/22 Egg	A/Wisconsin/67/2022 MDCK
Ferret number	F46/22	F09/24	F05/23	F07/23	F17/23					
		5a.2a (C.1)	5a.2a (C.1.9)	5a.2a.1 (D)	5a.2a.1 (D)	5a.2a.1 (C.1.1)				
<b>REFERENCE VIRUSES</b>										
A/Sydney/5/2021	K54Q, A186T, E224A, R259K, K308R, D94N, T216A	5a.2a (C.1)	2021-10-16	MDCK3/MDCK4		2560	2560	2560	2560	1280
A/Lisboa/188/2023	K169Q, T216A, D686E	5a.2a (C.1.9)	2023-11-22	SIAT1/MDCK3		2560	2560	2560	2560	1280
A/Victoria/4897/2022	P137S, K142R, T216A, D260E, T277A	5a.2a.1 (D)	2022-10-02	SIAT2/MDCK3		2560	2560	5120	2560	2560
IVR-238 (A/Victoria/4897/2022)	P137S, K142R, T216A, D260E, T277A (R142K, Q223R)	5a.2a.1 (D)	2022-10-02	E3/D6/E1		1280	1280	1280	2560	640
A/Wisconsin/67/2022		5a.2a.1 (C.1.1)	2022-10-25	MDCK2		1280	1280	2560	1280	1280
<b>TEST VIRUSES</b>										
244843	A/Estonia/177563/2024	5a.2a (C.1)	2024-01-15	MDCK1		2560	2560	2560	2560	640
244837	A/Estonia/177712/2024	5a.2a (C.1)	2024-01-21	MDCK1		2560	2560	2560	2560	1280
244878	A/Luxembourg/3787860/2024	5a.2a (C.1.9)	2024-02-22	SIAT1		2560	2560	2560	2560	1280
244835	A/Estonia/179137/2024	5a.2a (C.1.9)	2024-05-11	MDCK1		2560	2560	2560	2560	1280
244596	A/HongKong/783/2024	5a.2a (C.1.9)	2024-03-12	MDCK 2/MDCK1		1280	2560	1280	1280	640
244871	A/Luxembourg/248452/2024	5a.2a (C.1.9)	2024-03-13	MDCK1		2560	1280	2560	1280	1280
244869	A/Luxembourg/5023242/2024	5a.2a (C.1.9)	2024-03-26	MDCK1		1280	2560	2560	1280	1280
244873	A/Luxembourg/3226762/2024	5a.2a.1 (C.1.1)	2024-02-02	MDCK1		2560	2560	5120	2560	2560
244630	A/Croatia/1366/2024	no sequence	2024-02-21	MDCK2		1280	1280	1280	1280	640
244628	A/Croatia/1533/2024	no sequence	2024-02-29	MDCK2		640	640	1280	640	640
						Vaccine SH 2023			Vaccine NH 2023-24 SH 2024 NH 2024-25	

< relates to the lowest dilution of antiserum used  
<sup>1</sup> hvoerimmune sheeo serum: ND = Not Done

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 8-fold  
 > 8-fold  
 < not recognised by the antiserum  
 ≥ 160 (no homologous titre)

Table H1-35. Antigenic analyses of influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses (2024-09-18)

Viruses	Other information	Haemagglutination inhibition titre							
		Passage	Ferret number	Post-infection ferret antiserum					
				A/Sydney/5/21 MDCK	A/Lisboa/188/2023 MDCK	A/Victoria/4897/2022 MDCK	IVR-238 A/Vic/4897/22 Egg	A/Wisconsin/67/2022 MDCK	
				F46/22	F09/24	F05/23	F07/23	F17/23	
Genetic group	Collection Date	Genetic group	5a.2a (C.1)	5a.2a (C.1)	5a.2a.1 (D)	5a.2a.1 (D)	5a.2a.1 (C.1.1)		
<b>REFERENCE VIRUSES</b>									
A/Sydney/5/2021	K54Q, A186T, E224A, R259K, K308R, D94N, T216A	5a.2a (C.1)	2021-10-16	MDCK3/MDCK4	2560	1280	1280	2560	1280
A/Lisboa/188/2023	K169Q, T216A, D506E	5a.2a (C.1)	2023-11-22	SIAT1/MDCK3	2560	2560	2560	2560	2560
A/Victoria/4897/2022	P137S, K142R, T216A, D260E, T277A	5a.2a.1 (D)	2022-10-02	SIAT2/MDCK3	2560	2560	5120	2560	2560
IVR-238 (A/Victoria/4897/2022)	P137S, K142R, T216A, D260E, T277A (R142K, Q223R)	5a.2a.1 (D)	2022-10-02	E3/D6/E1	1280	1280	2560	2560	1280
A/Wisconsin/67/2022		5a.2a.1 (C.1.1)	2022-10-25	MDCK2	2560	2560	2560	2560	2560
<b>TEST VIRUSES</b>									
244391	A/Spain/2606/2023	5a.2a (C.1)	2023-12-29	MDCK1	2560	2560	2560	2560	2560
244387	A/Spain/1780/2024	5a.2a (C.1)	2024-02-04	MDCK1	2560	2560	2560	1280	1280
244389	A/Spain/2201/2024	5a.2a (C.1.8)	2024-02-01	MDCK1	2560	2560	2560	2560	1280
244386	A/Spain/1814/2024	5a.2a (C.1.8)	2024-02-04	MDCK1	1280	1280	1280	1280	640
244832	A/Estonia/178804/2024	5a.2a (C.1.8)	2024-04-03	MDCK2	5120	5120	2560	2560	1280
244388	A/Spain/1810/2024	5a.2a (C.1.9)	2024-02-02	MDCK1	2560	2560	2560	2560	1280
244384	A/Spain/1720/2024	5a.2a (C.1.9)	2024-02-06	MDCK1	2560	1280	1280	1280	640
244382	A/Spain/1828/2024	5a.2a (C.1.9)	2024-02-10	MDCK1	2560	2560	2560	2560	1280
244938	A/CAT/2167458NS/2024	5a.2a (C.1.9)	2024-03-05	C1/MDCK1	5120	2560	2560	2560	2560
244937	A/CAT/3546125NS/2024	5a.2a (C.1.9)	2024-03-11	C1/MDCK1	2560	2560	2560	2560	1280
244934	A/CAT/3547217NS/2024	5a.2a (C.1.9)	2024-03-25	C1/MDCK1	2560	1280	2560	2560	1280
244383	A/Spain/1817/2024	5a.2a.1 (D)	2024-02-06	MDCK1	2560	1280	2560	1280	1280
244936	A/CAT/3546363NS/2024	5a.2a.1 (D)	2024-03-13	C1/MDCK1	2560	1280	2560	1280	2560
244935	A/CAT/2174846NS/2024	5a.2a.1 (D)	2024-03-21	C1/MDCK1	2560	1280	5120	2560	2560
244933	A/CAT/3549595NS/2024	5a.2a.1 (D)	2024-04-30	C1/MDCK1	2560	2560	5120	2560	2560
244939	A/CAT/3545504NS/2024	5a.2a.1 (D.2)	2024-03-04	C1/MDCK1	2560	2560	2560	2560	2560
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Table H1-36. Antigenic analyses of influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses (2024-09-24)

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					Passage	Post-infection ferret antiserum				
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						F46/22	F09/24	F05/23	F07/23	F17/23
					5a.2a (C.1)	5a.2a (C.1)	5a.2a.1 (D)	5a.2a.1 (D)	5a.2a.1 (C.1.1)	
<b>REFERENCE VIRUSES</b>										
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A/Lisboa/188/2023	K169Q, T216A, D506E	5a.2a (C.1)	2023-11-22	SIAT1/MDCK3	2560	2560	2560	2560	2560	
A/Victoria/4897/2022	P137S, K142R, T216A, D260E, T277A	5a.2a.1 (D)	2022-10-02	SIAT2/MDCK3	2560	2560	5120	2560	2560	
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A/Wisconsin/67/2022		5a.2a.1 (C.1.1)	2022-10-25	MDCK2	2560	2560	2560	2560	2560	
<b>TEST VIRUSES</b>										
244846	A/Estonia/177568/2024	5a.2a (C.1.9)	2024-01-11	MDCK1	2560	2560	2560	2560	1280	
244884	A/SouthSudan/1041/2024	5a.2a (C.1.9)	2024-05-29	MDCK2	5120	2560	2560	2560	1280	
244882	A/SouthSudan/1023/2024	5a.2a (C.1.9)	2024-06-05	MDCK2	2560	2560	2560	2560	2560	
244880	A/SouthSudan/1039/2024	5a.2a (C.1.9)	2024-06-07	MDCK1	2560	2560	2560	2560	1280	
					Vaccine SH 2023				Vaccine NH 2023-24 SH 2024 NH 2024-25	

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# HI Tables: H3

Table H3-22. Antigenic analyses of influenza A(H3N2) viruses (Guinea Pig RBC with 20nm Oseltamivir) 2024-09-10

Viruses	Other information	Passage	Feret number	Genetic group	Collection Date	Haemagglutination inhibition titre														
						Post-infection ferret antiserum														
						A/Albania/2898/13/2022	A/Massachusetts/18/2022	A/Thailand/08/2022	A/Sydney/05/2023	A/Croatia/10136/RV/2023										
						SIAT	SIAT	SIAT	SIAT	SIAT	SIAT	SIAT	SIAT	SIAT	SIAT	SIAT	SIAT	SIAT	SIAT	SIAT
<b>REFERENCE VIRUSES</b>						2a.3a.1 (J)	2a.3a.1 (J)	2a.3a.1 (J)	2a.3a.1 (J)	2a.3a.1 (J)	2a.3a.1 (J)	2a.3a.1 (J)	2a.3a.1 (J)	2a.3a.1 (J)	2a.3a.1 (J)	2a.3a.1 (J)	2a.3a.1 (J)	2a.3a.1 (J)	2a.3a.1 (J)	2a.3a.1 (J)
A/Albania/2898/13/2022	N122D	2a.3a.1 (J)	2022-12-13	IDCK1/SIAT2	1280	320	1280	640	160	160	320	80	320	160	80	40	40	40	40	
A/Massachusetts/18/2022		2a.3a.1 (J)		SIAT3/SIAT1	1280	640	1280	1280	160	160	320	80	320	320	160	80	40	40	40	
A/Thailand/08/2022		2a.3a.1 (J)		E3/E1	1280	320	1280	640	320	640	640	320	640	640	320	640	640	160	160	
A/Sydney/05/2023		2a.3a.1 (J.1)	2023-09-12	SIAT1/SIAT2	1280	320	640	640	160	160	320	160	320	160	320	160	80	80	80	
A/Croatia/10136/RV/2023	S145N	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2023-12-04	SIAT3	160	80	160	160	160	160	320	320	320	320	320	80	40	40		
A/Croatia/10136/RV/2023	S145N	2a.3a.1 (J.2)		E3 (Am1A12)	640	320	640	640	640	640	640	640	640	640	320	320	320	80		
A/Netherlands/10563/2023	S124N	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2023-11-10	LMIX2/SIAT3	320	160	320	320	160	320	320	160	320	320	320	320	160	40		
A/Slovenia/49/2024	N158K	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-01-08	IDCKx/SIAT3	40	<40	160	<40	80	40	40	1280	160	160	<40	<40	<40	<40		
A/Lisboa/216/2023	S124N	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2023-12-15	E3 (Am1A12)	640	320	640	640	320	320	640	320	640	320	640	320	160	80		
A/France/DF-IPP29542/2023	R142G, K189R	2a.3a.1 (J.4)	2023-11-30	IDCK1/SIAT2	<40	<40	40	40	40	80	80	<40	40	80	40	80	40	40		
A/Norway/12374/2023		2a.3a.1 (J.4)	2023-11-29	SIAT4	160	80	160	160	160	160	320	80	160	160	80	160	80	80		
A/BurkinaFaso/3131/2023	R142G, K189R	2a.3a.1 (J.4)	2023-11-20	SIAT3	80	40	80	<40	80	80	80	<40	80	80	80	80	80	80		
<b>TEST VIRUSES</b>						2a.3a.1 (J.1)	2a.3a.1 (J.1)	2a.3a.1 (J.1)	2a.3a.1 (J.1)	2a.3a.1 (J.1)	2a.3a.1 (J.1)	2a.3a.1 (J.1)	2a.3a.1 (J.1)	2a.3a.1 (J.1)	2a.3a.1 (J.1)	2a.3a.1 (J.1)	2a.3a.1 (J.1)	2a.3a.1 (J.1)	2a.3a.1 (J.1)	
244854	A/Estonia/178001/2024	2a.3a.1 (J.1)	2024-01-30	SIAT1	640	320	640	640	160	160	320	80	320	160	80	80	80	80		
244850	A/Estonia/178187/2024	2a.3a.1 (J.1)	2024-02-13	SIAT1	640	640	640	640	160	160	320	80	320	160	80	80	80	80		
244860	A/Estonia/177566/2024	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-01-10	SIAT1	320	160	320	160	160	160	320	160	320	160	160	80	40	40		
244858	A/Estonia/177562/2024	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-01-12	SIAT1	320	80	160	160	160	160	320	160	320	160	160	80	40	40		
244857	A/Estonia/177610/2024	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-01-15	SIAT1	160	80	320	160	320	160	320	160	320	160	160	160	80	80		
244855	A/Estonia/177892/2024	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-01-26	SIAT1	320	80	320	160	160	160	320	160	320	160	320	320	80	40		
244876	A/Luxembourg/6476899/2024	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-02-06	SIAT1	320	160	320	160	160	160	320	160	320	160	320	160	80	40		
244852	A/Estonia/178209/2024	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-02-06	SIAT1	320	160	320	160	160	160	320	160	320	160	320	160	80	40		
244633	A/Croatia/1613/2024	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-03-04	SIAT2	160	80	160	80	80	160	160	80	160	80	160	80	40	<40		
244849	A/Estonia/179133/2024	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-03-04	SIAT1	320	160	320	160	320	160	320	160	320	160	320	160	160	40		
244716	Allie_de_France/06119/2024	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-05-24	C2/SIAT2	640	160	320	80	320	160	320	160	640	160	80	80	80	80		
244798	A/Bangui/172/2024	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-07-11	SIAT1	640	160	640	320	320	320	320	160	320	160	160	160	160	40		

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Vaccine  
 SH 2024  
 NH 2024-25

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# HI tables: Influenza B

Table BV-13. Antigenic analyses of influenza B viruses (Victoria lineage) 2024-09-11

Viruses	Other information	Genetic group	Collection Date	Genetic group	Haemagglutination inhibition titre					
					Post-infection ferret antiserum					
					B/Bris 60/08 Egg	B/Austria 1359417/21 MDCK	B/Austria 1359417/21 Egg G141	B/Austria 1359417/21 Egg G141R	B/Stock 3/22 MDCK	
Passage	Ferret number	V1A	V1A.3a.2 (C)	V1A.3a.2 (C)	V1A.3a.2 (C)	V1A.3a.2 (C.5)				
<b>REFERENCE VIRUSES</b>										
B/Brisbane/60/2008		V1A	2008-08-04	E4/E3	2560	40	<40	<40	<40	
B/Austria/1359417/2021	A127T, P144L, K302R (G141)	V1A.3a.2 (C)	2021-01-09	SIAT1/MDCK4	640	1280	640	320	640	
B/Austria/1359417/2021	A127T, P144L, K302R (G141)	V1A.3a.2 (C)	2021-01-09	E3/E4	320	1280	640	320	640	
B/Austria/1359417/2021	A127T, P144L, K302R (G141R)	V1A.3a.2 (C)	2021-01-09	E3/E5	320	1280	640	2560	640	
B/Stockholm/3/2022	D129G, E183K, D197E	V1A.3a.2 (C.5)	2022-03-22	SIAT1/MDCK3	320	640	640	320	640	
<b>TEST VIRUSES</b>										
244813	B/Estonia/179145/2024	V1A.3a.2 (C.5)	2024-04-03	MDCK1	320	640	320	160	640	
244580	B/HongKong/190/2024	V1A.3a.2 (C.5)	2024-06-14	MDCK 1/MDCK1	640	640	320	160	640	
244574	B/HongKong/192/2024	V1A.3a.2 (C.5)	2024-06-21	MDCK 1/MDCK1	640	1280	640	320	640	
244864	B/Luxembourg/3510796/2024	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.1)	2024-04-25	MDCK1	320	640	320	320	640	
244622	B/Croatia/3095/2024	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.1)	2024-06-10	MDCK1	640	640	320	320	640	
244625	B/Croatia/1694/2024	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.6)	2024-03-08	MDCK1	640	640	320	320	1280	
244867	B/Luxembourg/9513091/2024	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.7)	2024-03-05	MDCK1	320	640	320	320	640	
244812	B/Estonia/179138/2024	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.7)	2024-04-05	MDCK1	320	640	320	320	640	
244811	B/Estonia/179136/2024	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.7)	2024-04-07	MDCK1	320	640	320	320	640	
244809	B/Estonia/178996/2024	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.7)	2024-04-11	MDCK1	640	640	320	320	640	
244624	B/Croatia/2798/2024	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.7)	2024-05-17	MDCK1	320	640	320	160	640	
244623	B/Croatia/2825/2024	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.7)	2024-05-20	MDCK1	640	1280	640	320	1280	
244578	B/HongKong/191/2024	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.7)	2024-06-15	MDCK 1/MDCK1	640	640	320	320	640	
244576	B/HongKong/194/2024	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.7)	2024-06-20	MDCK 1/MDCK1	640	1280	640	640	1280	

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Vaccine	Vaccine
SH 2022	SH 2022
NH 2022-23	NH 2022-23
SH 2023	SH 2023
NH 2023-24	NH 2023-24
SH 2024	SH 2024
NH 2024-25	NH 2024-25

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  ≥ 160 (no homologous titre)

## Summary of sample characterisation

We follow a sequencing-first approach where we sequence all the clinical samples, with further selection of samples for isolation in cell culture and antigenic characterisation based on representative genetic diversity. Samples with identical sequences may not be selected for further characterisation.

Virus name	Original passage sent	Collection date	Type/Subtype	Date received	Antigenic characterisation			Genetic characterisation			Antiviral susceptibility phenotypic testing			
					HI table date	HI comments	WIC Passage history	Genetic clade	Submitted to GISAID	EPI Accession	Sequencing comments	Oseltamivir	Zanamivir	Baloxavir marboxil
B/Estonia/KL2271/2024	cs	2024-04-30	BV	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.6)	2024-09-11	19406533				
B/Estonia/179115/2024	cs	2024-04-25	BV	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs				no sequence			
B/Estonia/KL2201/2024	cs	2024-04-22	BV	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.7)	2024-09-11	19406528				
B/Estonia/KL2193/2024	cs	2024-04-22	BV	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.7)	2024-09-11	19406536				
B/Estonia/179024/2024	cs	2024-04-19	BV	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs				no sequence			
B/Estonia/KL2130/2024	cs	2024-04-11	BV	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs							
B/Estonia/178996/2024	cs	2024-04-11	BV	2024-08-30	2024-09-11		cs	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.1)	2024-09-11	19406539		Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition
B/Estonia/178996/2024	cs	2024-04-11	BV	2024-08-30	2024-09-11		MDCK1	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.7)	2024-09-26	19440460		Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition
B/Estonia/KL2124/2024	cs	2024-04-10	BV	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.7)	2024-09-11	19406534				
B/Estonia/179136/2024	cs	2024-04-07	BV	2024-08-30	2024-09-11		cs	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.7)	2024-09-11	19406542		Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition
B/Estonia/179136/2024	cs	2024-04-07	BV	2024-08-30	2024-09-11		MDCK1	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.7)	2024-09-26	19440461		Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition
B/Estonia/179138/2024	cs	2024-04-05	BV	2024-08-30	2024-09-11		cs	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.7)	2024-09-11	19406537		Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition
B/Estonia/179138/2024	cs	2024-04-05	BV	2024-08-30	2024-09-11		MDCK1	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.7)	2024-09-26	19440462		Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition
B/Estonia/179145/2024	cs	2024-04-03	BV	2024-08-30	2024-09-11		cs	V1A.3a.2 (C.5)	2024-09-11	19406545		Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition
B/Estonia/179145/2024	cs	2024-04-03	BV	2024-08-30	2024-09-11		MDCK1	V1A.3a.2 (C.5)	2024-09-26	19440463		Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition
B/Estonia/178855/2024	cs	2024-04-03	BV	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.6)	2024-09-11	19406541				
B/Estonia/KL2078/2024	cs	2024-04-02	BV	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.7)	2024-09-11	19406548				
B/Estonia/178792/2024	cs	2024-04-02	BV	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.7)	2024-09-11	19406544				
B/Estonia/178789/2024	cs	2024-04-02	BV	2024-08-30		Failed sequence - not cultured	cs				no sequence			
B/Estonia/178854/2024	cs	2024-03-30	BV	2024-08-30	2024-09-24		cs	V1A.3a.2 (C.5)	2024-09-11	19406551				
B/Estonia/178854/2024	cs	2024-03-30	BV	2024-08-30	2024-09-24		MDCK1	V1A.3a.2 (C.5)	2024-10-08	19465941				
B/Estonia/178853/2024	cs	2024-03-29	BV	2024-08-30		Failed sequence - not cultured	cs				no sequence			
B/Estonia/KL2050/2024	cs	2024-03-27	BV	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.6)	2024-09-11	19406524				
B/Estonia/KL2055/2024	cs	2024-03-26	BV	2024-08-30		Failed sequence - not cultured	cs				no sequence			
B/Estonia/178758/2024	cs	2024-03-26	BV	2024-08-30		Failed sequence - not cultured	cs				no sequence			
B/Estonia/178645/2024	cs	2024-03-20	BV	2024-08-30		Failed sequence - not cultured	cs				no sequence			
B/Estonia/KL1912/2024	cs	2024-02-28	BV	2024-08-30		Failed sequence - not cultured	cs				no sequence			
B/Estonia/178397/2024	cs	2024-02-28	BV	2024-08-30		Failed sequence - not cultured	cs				no sequence			
B/Estonia/178394/2024	cs	2024-02-28	BV	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.1)	2024-09-11	19406523				
B/Estonia/178321/2024	cs	2024-02-25	BV	2024-08-30		Failed sequence - not cultured	cs				no sequence			
B/Estonia/178203/2024	cs	2024-02-13	BV	2024-08-30	2024-09-24		cs	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.1)	2024-09-11	19406527				
B/Estonia/178203/2024	cs	2024-02-13	BV	2024-08-30	2024-09-24		MDCK1	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.1)	2024-10-08	19465942				
B/Estonia/KL1667/2024	cs	2024-01-25	BV	2024-08-30	2024-09-24		cs	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.7)	2024-09-11	19406521				
B/Estonia/KL1667/2024	cs	2024-01-25	BV	2024-08-30	2024-09-24		MDCK1	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.7)	2024-10-08	19465943				
B/Estonia/177730/2024	cs	2024-01-24	BV	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.6)	2024-09-11	19406525				
B/Estonia/177406/2023	cs	2023-12-22	BV	2024-08-30	2024-09-24		cs	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.1)	2024-09-11	19406530				
B/Estonia/177406/2023	cs	2023-12-22	BV	2024-08-30	2024-09-24		MDCK1	V1A.3a.2 (C.5.1)	2024-10-08	19465944				
A/Estonia/178804/2024	cs	2024-04-03	H1pdm	2024-08-30	2024-09-18		cs	5a.2a (C.1.8)	2024-09-11	19406627		Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition
A/Estonia/178804/2024	cs	2024-04-03	H1pdm	2024-08-30	2024-09-18		MDCK2	5a.2a (C.1.8)	2024-09-26	19440499		Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition
A/Estonia/178852/2024	cs	2024-03-28	H1pdm	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs	5a.2a (C.1.9)	2024-09-11	19406638				
A/Estonia/KL2045/2024	cs	2024-03-26	H1pdm	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs	5a.2a (C.1.9)	2024-09-11	19406629				
A/Estonia/179137/2024	cs	2024-03-11	H1pdm	2024-08-30			cs	5a.2a (C.1.9)	2024-09-11	19406640		Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition
A/Estonia/179137/2024	cs	2024-03-11	H1pdm	2024-08-30	2024-09-11		MDCK1	5a.2a (C.1.9)	2024-09-26	19440451		Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition
A/Estonia/178398/2024	cs	2024-02-29	H1pdm	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs				no sequence			
A/Estonia/177712/2024	cs	2024-01-21	H1pdm	2024-08-30	2024-09-11		cs	5a.2a (C.1)	2024-09-11	19406631		Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition	Failed
A/Estonia/177712/2024	cs	2024-01-21	H1pdm	2024-08-30	2024-09-11		MDCK1	5a.2a (C.1)	2024-09-26	19440450		Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition	Failed
A/Estonia/177710/2024	cs	2024-01-21	H1pdm	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs	5a.2a (C.1.8)	2024-09-11	19406644				
A/Estonia/177687/2024	cs	2024-01-21	H1pdm	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs	5a.2a (C.1.8)	2024-09-11	19406633				
A/Estonia/177675/2024	cs	2024-01-20	H1pdm	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs				no sequence			
A/Estonia/177672/2024	cs	2024-01-17	H1pdm	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs	5a.2a (C.1.8)	2024-09-11	19406649				
A/Estonia/177671/2024	cs	2024-01-16	H1pdm	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs	5a.2a (C.1.9)	2024-09-11	19406635				
A/Estonia/177563/2024	cs	2024-01-15	H1pdm	2024-08-30	2024-09-11		cs	5a.2a (C.1)	2024-09-11	19406777		Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition
A/Estonia/177563/2024	cs	2024-01-15	H1pdm	2024-08-30	2024-09-11		MDCK1	5a.2a (C.1)	2024-09-26	19440449		Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition

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Virus name	Original passage sent	Collection date	Type/Subtype	Date received	Antigenic characterisation			Genetic characterisation			Antiviral susceptibility phenotypic testing			
					HI table date	HI comments	WIC Passage history	Genetic clade	Submitted to GISAID	EPI Accession	Sequencing comments	Oseltamivir	Zanamivir	Baloxavir marboxil
A/Estonia/177593/2024	cs	2024-01-12	H1pdm	2024-08-30		Failed sequence – not cultured	cs				no sequence			
A/Estonia/177592/2024	cs	2024-01-11	H1pdm	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs	5a.2a (C.1.9)	2024-09-11	19406776				
A/Estonia/177568/2024	cs	2024-01-11	H1pdm	2024-08-30	2024-09-24		cs	5a.2a (C.1.9)	2024-09-11	19406779				
A/Estonia/177568/2024	cs	2024-01-11	H1pdm	2024-08-30	2024-09-24		MDCK1	5a.2a (C.1.9)	2024-10-08	19465925		Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition	
A/Estonia/177534/2024	cs	2024-01-10	H1pdm	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs	5a.2a (C.1.8)	2024-09-11	19406778				
A/Estonia/177408/2024	cs	2024-01-02	H1pdm	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs	5a.2a (C.1.8)	2024-09-11	19406519				
A/Estonia/179133/2024	cs	2024-03-04	H3	2024-08-30	2024-09-10		cs	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-09-11	19409565				
A/Estonia/179133/2024	cs	2024-03-04	H3	2024-08-30	2024-09-10		SIAT1	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-09-26	19440409				
A/Estonia/178187/2024	cs	2024-02-13	H3	2024-08-30	2024-09-10		cs				no sequence			
A/Estonia/178187/2024	cs	2024-02-13	H3	2024-08-30	2024-09-10		SIAT1	2a.3a.1 (J.1)	2024-09-26	19440408				
A/Estonia/178093/2024	cs	2024-02-12	H3	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs				no sequence			
A/Estonia/178200/2024	cs	2024-02-08	H3	2024-08-30	2024-09-10		cs	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-09-11	19409564		Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition
A/Estonia/178200/2024	cs	2024-02-08	H3	2024-08-30	2024-09-10		SIAT1	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-09-26	19440411		Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition
A/Estonia/177999/2024	cs	2024-02-03	H3	2024-08-30	2024-09-19		cs	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-09-11	19409562		Insufficient Titre	Insufficient Titre	
A/Estonia/177999/2024	cs	2024-02-03	H3	2024-08-30	2024-09-19		SIAT2	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-09-26	19440477		Insufficient Titre	Insufficient Titre	
A/Estonia/178001/2024	cs	2024-01-30	H3	2024-08-30	2024-09-10		cs	2a.3a.1 (J.1)	2024-09-11	19409563		Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition
A/Estonia/178001/2024	cs	2024-01-30	H3	2024-08-30	2024-09-10		SIAT1	2a.3a.1 (J.1)	2024-09-26	19440410		Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition
A/Estonia/177892/2024	cs	2024-01-26	H3	2024-08-30	2024-09-10		cs	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-09-11	19409561				
A/Estonia/177892/2024	cs	2024-01-26	H3	2024-08-30	2024-09-10		SIAT1	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-09-26	19440413				
A/Estonia/177843/2024	cs	2024-01-23	H3	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-09-11	19409560				
A/Estonia/177610/2024	cs	2024-01-15	H3	2024-08-30	2024-09-10		cs	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-09-11	19409559		Insufficient Titre	Insufficient Titre	
A/Estonia/177610/2024	cs	2024-01-15	H3	2024-08-30	2024-09-10		SIAT1	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-09-26	19440412		Insufficient Titre	Insufficient Titre	
A/Estonia/177562/2024	cs	2024-01-12	H3	2024-08-30	2024-09-10		cs	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-09-11	19409557		Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition
A/Estonia/177562/2024	cs	2024-01-12	H3	2024-08-30	2024-09-10		SIAT1	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-09-26	19440415		Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition
A/Estonia/177583/2024	cs	2024-01-10	H3	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs				no sequence			
A/Estonia/177566/2024	cs	2024-01-10	H3	2024-08-30	2024-09-10		cs	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-09-11	19409558		Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition
A/Estonia/177566/2024	cs	2024-01-10	H3	2024-08-30	2024-09-10		SIAT1	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-09-26	19440414		Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition	Normal inhibition
A/Estonia/177533/2024	cs	2024-01-09	H3	2024-08-30		Virus not recovered	cs	2a.3a.1 (J.2)	2024-09-11	19409556				

## Summary of the latest WHO Influenza Vaccine Composition meetings

Genetic and antigenic characterization data generated at the Worldwide Influenza Centre for viruses with collection dates from 1 February 2024 until 31 August 2024 informed the WHO influenza vaccine composition meeting (VCM) in September 2024 when recommendations were made for the Southern hemisphere (SH) 2025 influenza season. At the September 2024 VCM it was recommended to change the A(H3N2) vaccine components for the 2025 SH season. Previously, at the February 2024 VCM, which focused on data from viruses collected from 1 September 2023 until 31 January 2024, it was also recommended to change the A(H3N2) vaccine components for the 2024–2025 NH season

It is recommended that vaccines for use in the 2025 SH influenza season contain the following:

### **Trivalent: Egg-based Vaccines**

- an A/Victoria/4897/2022 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus;
- an A/Croatia/10136RV/2023 (H3N2)-like virus; and
- a B/Austria/1359417/2021 (B/Victoria lineage)-like virus.

### **Trivalent: Cell- or recombinant-based Vaccines**

- an A/Wisconsin/67/2022 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus;
- an A/District of Columbia/27/2023 (H3N2)-like virus; and
- a B/Austria/1359417/2021 (B/Victoria lineage)-like virus.

Quadrivalent (egg- or cell culture- or recombinant-based vaccines): Above 3 components; and a B/Phuket/3073/2013 (B/Yamagata lineage)-like virus.

### **Influenza B/Yamagata-lineage**

No B/Yamagata-lineage viruses with collection dates after March 2020 have been reported as confirmed detection or sequences released in GISAID as of 30 September 2024.

The absence of confirmed detection of naturally occurring B/Yamagata lineage viruses is indicative of very low risk of infection by B/Yamagata lineage viruses. Therefore, it is the opinion of the WHO influenza vaccine composition advisory committee that inclusion of a B/Yamagata lineage antigen in quadrivalent influenza vaccines is no longer warranted, and every effort should be made to exclude this component as soon as possible. A continued effort by all NICs of GISRS is required to identify B/Yamagata-lineage viruses for detailed characterization to determine if there are any in circulation.

## Seasonal viruses

Note: During the September 2022 VCM, virus genetic clade/group nomenclature for seasonal influenza viruses was reviewed by the WHO Collaborating Centres. The main text of this Technical Note employs this new nomenclature.

In addition, most recent clade definitions are combined with Nextstrain / Nextclade subclade classification (shown within parentheses) which provides a more detailed resolution to describe genetic diversity.

### *Influenza type A viruses*

#### **A(H1N1)pdm09**

All A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses detected recently descend from **6B.1A.5a**. The new nomenclature drops the prefix 6B.1A. Clade **5a** has split into two antigenically distinct clusters: Clade 5a.1 (no longer circulating, see Annex) and Clade 5a.2, represented by former vaccine virus: A/Victoria/2570/2019.

Signature amino acid substitutions are described against A/Victoria/2570/2019 from here onwards.

- **Clade 5a.2**
  - signature amino acid substitutions K130N, N156K, A187D, L161I and V250A
  - Vaccine virus: A/Victoria/2570/2019
  - **Clade 5a.2a (C.1)**
    - signature amino acid substitutions Clade 5a.2 + K54Q, A186T, E224A, R259K and K308R.
      - Vaccine virus: A/Sydney/5/2021
      - **Clade 5a.2a (C.1.2)**
        - signature amino acid substitutions Clade 5a.2a (C.1) + A48P
        - Reference virus: A/Maine/10/2022
      - **Clade 5a.2a (C.1.3)**
        - signature amino acid substitutions Clade 5a.2a (C.1) + A73T, A141E, V152I, S190I, T216A
        - Reference virus: A/Washington/22/2023
      - **Clade 5a.2a (C.1.4)**
        - signature amino acid substitutions Clade 5a.2a (C.1) + S85P, H273Q, V321I
        - Reference virus: A/Maldives/936/2023
      - **Clade 5a.2a (C.1.5)**
        - signature amino acid substitutions Clade 5a.2a (C.1) + I185V
        - Reference virus: A/Bulgaria/234/2023
      - **Clade 5a.2a (C.1.6)**
        - signature amino acid substitutions Clade 5a.2a (C.1) with I418V + L70I, K169R, K211Q
        - Reference virus: A/South Dakota/31/2023
      - **Clade 5a.2a (C.1.7)**
        - signature amino acid substitutions Clade 5a.2a (C.1) + I533V
        - Reference virus: A/Darwin/422/2023

- **Clade 5a.2a (C.1) + I418V**
  - Reference virus: A/Netherlands/10468/2023
  - **Clade 5a.2a (C.1.8)**
    - signature amino acid substitutions Clade 5a.2a (C.1) + I418V + V47I
    - Reference virus: A/Michigan/62/2023
  - **Clade 5a.2a (C.1.9)**
    - signature amino acid substitutions Clade 5a.2a (C.1) + I418V + K169Q
    - Reference virus: A/Lisboa/188/2023
- **Clade 5a.2a.1 (C.1.1)**
  - signature amino acid substitutions Clade 5a.2a + P137S, K142R, D260E, T277A
  - Vaccine virus: A/Wisconsin/67/2022
- **Clade 5a.2a.1 (D, former C.1.1.1)**
  - signature amino acid substitutions Clade 5a.2a.1 (C.1.1) + T216A
  - Vaccine virus: A/Victoria/4897/2022
  - **Clade 5a.2a.1 (D.1)**
    - signature amino acid substitutions Clade 5a.2a.1 (D) + R45K
    - Reference virus: A/Netherlands/10481/2024
  - **Clade 5a.2a.1 (D.2)**
    - signature amino acid substitutions Clade 5a.2a.1 (D) + R113K, V427I
    - Reference virus: A/Bretagne/05126/2024
  - **Clade 5a.2a.1 (D.3)**
    - signature amino acid substitutions Clade 5a.2a.1 (D) + T120A, I372V
    - Reference virus: not assigned yet
  - **Clade 5a.2a.1 (D.4)**
    - signature amino acid substitutions Clade 5a.2a.1 (D) + T120A
    - Reference virus: A/Poland/28/2024

## A(H3N2)

All A(H3N2) viruses detected since February 2023 belong to **Clade 2** (former 3C.2a1b.2a.2). Several clades and subclades emerged, of which clade **2a.3a.1 (J)** predominated, with some detection of clade **2a.3a (G.1.3.1)**.

- **Clade 2a (G.1)**
  - Signature amino acid substitutions Clade 2 + H156S
  - Vaccine virus: A/Darwin/9/2021

Signature amino acid substitutions are described against A/Darwin/9/2021 from here onwards

- **Clade 2a.3 (G.1.3)**
  - Signature amino acid substitutions Clade 2a + D53N, N96S (+CHO), I192F
  - Reference virus: A/Norway/24873/2021
  - **Clade 2a.3a (G.1.3.1)**
    - Signature amino acid substitutions Clade 2a.3 + E50K
    - Reference virus: A/Finland/402/2023
    - **Clade 2a.3a.1 (J)**
      - Signature amino acid substitutions Clade 2a.3a + I140K, I223V
      - Vaccine virus: A/Thailand/8/2022

- **Clade 2a.3a.1 (J.1)**
  - Signature amino acid substitutions Clade 2a.3a.1 (J) + I25V, V347M
    - Reference virus: A/Sydney/856/2023
  - **Clade 2a.3a.1 (J.1.1)**
    - Signature amino acid substitutions Clade 2a.3a.1 (J.1) + S145N
    - Reference virus: A/Canberra/331/2023
- **Clade 2a.3a.1 (J.2)**
  - Signature amino acid substitutions Clade 2a.3a.1 (J) + K276E
  - Vaccine virus: A/Croatia/10136RV/2023
  - **Clade 2a.3a.1 (J.2.1)**
    - Signature amino acid substitutions Clade 2a.3a.1 (J.2) + P239S
    - Reference virus: A/West Virginia/51/2024
  - **Clade 2a.3a.1 (J.2.2)**
    - Signature amino acid substitutions Clade 2a.3a.1 (J.2) + S124N
    - Reference virus: A/Lisboa/216/2023
- **Clade 2a.3a.1 (J.3)**
  - Signature amino acid substitutions Clade 2a.3a.1 (J) + V505I
  - Reference virus: none assigned
- **Clade 2a.3a.1 (J.4)**
  - Signature amino acid substitutions Clade 2a.3a.1 (J) + Q173R, K276E
  - Reference virus: A/France/IDF-IPP29542/2023

## ***Influenza type B viruses***

### **B/Victoria/2/87 lineage**

Signature amino acid substitutions are described against B/Brisbane/60/2008.

Since February 2023, all B/Victoria viruses detected globally belong to **clade V1A.3a.2**.

- **Clade V1A.3**
  - Signature amino acid substitutions I117V, N129D, K136E, del(162-164)
    - Vaccine virus: B/Washington/02/2019
  - **Clade V1A.3a**
    - Signature amino acid substitutions N150K, G184E, N197D (-CHO) and R279K
    - Reference virus: B/Croatia/7789/2019
    - **Clade V1A.3a.1**
      - Signature amino acid substitutions Clade V1A.3a + V220M, P241Q
      - Reference virus: B/Cote d'Ivoire/948/2020
    - **Clade V1A.3a.2 (C)**
      - Signature amino acid substitutions Clade V1A.3a + A127T, P144L, K203R
        - Vaccine virus: B/Austria/1359417/2021
      - **Clade V1A.3a.2 (C.2)**
        - Signature amino acid substitutions Clade V1A.3a.2 (C) +T182A, D197E, T221A
        - Reference virus: B/Netherlands/10335/2023
      - **Clade V1A.3a.2 (C.3)**
        - Signature amino acid substitutions Clade V1A.3a.2 (C) +E128K, A154E, S208P
        - Reference virus: B/Moldova/2030521/2023
      - **Clade V1A.3a.2 (C.5)**
        - Signature amino acid substitutions Clade V1A.3a.2 (C) +D197E
        - Reference virus: B/Stockholm/3/2022

- **Clade V1A.3a.2 (C.5.1)**
  - Signature amino acid substitutions Clade V1A.3a.2 (C.5) +E183K
  - Reference virus: B/Catalonia/2279261NS/2023
- **Clade V1A.3a.2 (C.5.4)**
  - Signature amino acid substitutions Clade V1A.3a.2 (C.5) +V117I, E128K, A154T, K326R
  - Reference virus: B/Catalonia/3514402NS/2023
- **Clade V1A.3a.2 (C.5.6)**
  - Signature amino acid substitutions Clade V1A.3a.2 (C.5) +D129N
  - Reference virus: B/Switzerland/329/2024
- **Clade V1A.3a.2 (C.5.7)**
  - Signature amino acid substitutions Clade V1A.3a.2 (C.5) +E128G
  - Reference virus: B/Guangxi-Beiliu/2298/2023