

Whole genome sequence analysis of *Salmonella* Typhi isolated in Thailand before and after the introduction of a national immunization program

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S. Typhi in Thailand before and after immunization

1 **Abstract**

2 Vaccines against *Salmonella* Typhi, the causative agent of typhoid fever, are commonly used
3 by travellers, however, there are few examples of national immunization programs in endemic
4 areas. There is therefore a paucity of data on the impact of typhoid immunization programs on
5 localised populations of *S. Typhi*. Here we have used whole genome sequencing (WGS) to
6 characterise 44 historical bacterial isolates collected before and after a national typhoid
7 immunization program that was implemented in Thailand in 1977 in response to a large
8 outbreak; the program was highly effective in reducing typhoid case numbers. Thai isolates
9 were highly diverse, including 10 distinct phylogenetic lineages or genotypes. Novel
10 prophage and plasmids were also detected, including examples that were previously only
11 reported in *Shigella sonnei* and *Escherichia coli*. The majority of *S. Typhi* genotypes
12 observed prior to the immunization program were not observed following it. Post-vaccine era
13 isolates were more closely related to *S. Typhi* isolated from neighbouring countries than to
14 earlier Thai isolates, providing no evidence for the local persistence of endemic *S. Typhi*
15 following the national immunization program. Rather, later cases of typhoid appeared to be
16 caused by the occasional importation of common genotypes from neighbouring Vietnam,
17 Laos, and Cambodia. These data show the value of WGS in understanding the impacts of
18 vaccination on pathogen populations and provide support for the proposal that large-scale
19 typhoid immunization programs in endemic areas could result in lasting local disease
20 elimination, although larger prospective studies are needed to test this directly.

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29 **Author Summary**

30 Typhoid fever is a systemic infection caused by the bacterium *Salmonella* Typhi. Typhoid
31 fever is associated with inadequate hygiene in low-income settings and a lack of sanitation
32 infrastructure. A sustained outbreak of typhoid fever occurred in Thailand in the 1970s, which
33 peaked in 1975-1976. In response to this typhoid fever outbreak the government of Thailand
34 initiated an immunization program, which resulted in a dramatic reduction in the number of
35 typhoid cases in Thailand. To better understand the population of *S. Typhi* circulating in
36 Thailand at this time, as well as the impact of the immunization program on the pathogen
37 population, we sequenced the genomes of 44 *S. Typhi* obtained from hospitals in Thailand
38 before and after the immunization program. The genome sequences showed that isolates of *S.*
39 *Typhi* bacteria isolated from post-immunization era typhoid cases were likely imported from
40 neighbouring countries, rather than strains that have persisted in Thailand throughout the
41 immunization period. Our work provides the first historical insights into *S. Typhi* in Thailand
42 during the 1970s, and provides a model for the impact of immunization on *S. Typhi*
43 populations.

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57 **Introduction**

58 *Salmonella enterica* subspecies *enterica* serovar Typhi (*S. Typhi*) is a human restricted
59 bacterial pathogen and the etiological agent of typhoid fever. *S. Typhi* is transmitted faeco-
60 orally and can establish asymptomatic carriage in a small subset of an exposed population (1).
61 Recent estimates (2-4) place the global burden of typhoid fever at 25-30 million cases
62 annually, of which 200,000 are associated with deaths. Typhoid fever occurs most commonly
63 in industrialising countries, specifically in locations with limited sanitation and related
64 infrastructure (5); children and young adults are among the most vulnerable populations in
65 these settings (6-8). Immunization and antimicrobial therapy are the major mechanisms by
66 which typhoid fever is controlled (9-12). However, neither of these approaches are optimal
67 and resistance against antimicrobials has become increasingly common in *S. Typhi* since the
68 1970s (13-15). Additionally, while a number of typhoid vaccines are licenced for use (9, 16-
69 19), they are not widely used as a public health tools in endemic areas, with the exception of
70 controlling severe outbreaks such as those following natural disasters (20-23).

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72 A sustained typhoid fever outbreak occurred in Thailand in the 1970s. A sharp increase in
73 cases was observed in 1973-1974, which finally peaked in 1975-1976. In response, the
74 government of Thailand established a national typhoid immunization program, which
75 represented the first programmatic use of a typhoid vaccine in the country (24). The
76 immunization program targeted over 5 million school aged children (7-12 years) in Bangkok
77 between 1977 and 1987 (80% of the eligible population). These children received a single
78 locally produced heat/phenol-inactivated subcutaneous dose of 2.5×10^8 *S. Typhi* organisms
79 (9, 24). Data from four teaching hospitals in Bangkok showed a 93% reduction in blood
80 culture confirmed infections with *S. Typhi* between 1976 (n=2,000) and 1985 (n=132) (9, 24).
81 Notably, no significant decline was observed in isolation rates of *Salmonella Paratyphi A* (*S.*
82 *Paratyphi A*), a *Salmonella* serovar distinct from *S. Typhi* that causes a clinical
83 indistinguishable disease to typhoid fever, but for which *S. Typhi* vaccines provide little or no
84 cross-protection (9). This observation suggests that the reduction in *S. Typhi* infections was

85 not attributable to improvements in infrastructure and hygiene practices only (5, 9, 21, 24).
86 While the inactivated *S. Typhi* vaccine was found to be highly efficacious (23, 24), it is no
87 longer used as a consequence of being overly reactogenic (9, 17, 24, 25). A Vi capsular
88 polysaccharide vaccine (16) and live-attenuated oral vaccine of strain Ty21a (17) have since
89 replaced this vaccine for travellers to endemic locations (5, 22, 25).

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91 The typhoid immunization program in Thailand provided a unique opportunity to investigate
92 the impact of immunization on *S. Typhi* populations circulating within an endemic area. Here
93 we present an analysis of a historical collection of 44 *S. Typhi* isolates obtained from patients
94 in Thailand between 1973 and 1992 (before and during the immunization program). As *S.*
95 *Typhi* populations demonstrate little genetic diversity, we used whole genome sequencing
96 (WGS) to characterise these isolates, and core genome phylogenetic approaches to compare
97 the historic isolates from Thailand to a recently published global *S. Typhi* genomic
98 framework (4).

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100 **Materials and methods**

101 ***Ethics statement***

102 *Salmonella Typhi* isolates were collected during febrile disease surveillance studies in
103 Thailand. IRB approval was granted for these studies from the Research Ethics Board of
104 Health (REBH) and the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR) Institutional
105 Review Board, USA. Oral consent was obtained from a parent or guardian at the time of
106 enrolment into the study.

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108 ***Bacterial isolation and antimicrobial susceptibility testing***

109 Forty-four *S. Typhi* isolated from patients with suspected typhoid fever attending hospitals in
110 Bangkok, Nonthaburi, Loi, and Srakaew, in Thailand between 1973 and 1992 were available
111 for genome sequencing in this study (**Fig 1** and **Table S1**). At the time of original isolation,
112 bacterial cultures were transferred on nutrient agar slants to the department of Enteric

113 Diseases, Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Sciences (AFRIMS), Bangkok,
114 Thailand for identification and antimicrobial susceptibility testing. At AFRIMS, bacterial
115 isolates were subcultured on Hektoen Enteric agar (HE) and identification was performed by
116 biochemical testing on Kligler iron agar slants, tryptone broth for indole, lysine decarboxylase
117 medium, ornithine decarboxylase medium, urease test, mannitol and motility media (Becker
118 Dickenson, Thailand). Serological agglutination was performed using *Salmonella* O antisera
119 and *Salmonella* Vi antiserum (Difco, USA). Bacterial strains were stored frozen at -70°C in
120 10% skimmed milk or lyophilised in 10% skimmed milk; lyophilized ampoules were stored at
121 2-8°C. Prior to DNA extraction for sequencing, lyophilized bacteria was rehydrated with
122 trypticase soy broth, inoculated on McConkey agar and incubated at 37°C for 18-24 hours. If
123 bacteria was stored frozen in skimmed milk, organisms were inoculated directly onto
124 McConkey agar after thawing and then incubated at 37°C for 18-24 hours.

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126 Antimicrobial susceptibility testing against ampicillin, chloramphenicol, cephalothin,
127 gentamicin, kanamycin, neomycin, sulfisoxazole, trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole, and
128 tetracycline was performed by disk diffusion according to Clinical and Laboratory Standards
129 Institute (CLSI) (26-29).

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131 ***Genome sequencing and SNP analysis***

132 Genomic DNA from the 44 *S. Typhi* from Thailand was extracted using the Wizard Genomic
133 DNA Extraction Kit (Promega, Wisconsin, USA). Two µg of genomic DNA was subjected to
134 indexed WGS on an Illumina HiSeq 2000 platform at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, to
135 generate 100 bp paired-end reads. For analysis of SNPs, paired end Illumina reads were
136 mapped to the reference sequence of *S. Typhi* CT18 (accession no: AL513382) (30) using the
137 RedDog (v1.4) mapping pipeline, available at <https://github.com/katholt/reddog>. RedDog
138 uses Bowtie (v2.2.3) (31) to map reads to the reference sequence, then high quality SNPs
139 called with quality scores above 30 are extracted from the alignments using SAMtools
140 (v0.1.19) (32). SNPs were filtered to exclude those with less than 5 reads mapped or with

141 greater than 2.5 times the average read depth (representing putative repeated sequences), or
142 with ambiguous base calls. For each SNP that passed these criteria in any one isolate,
143 consensus base calls for the SNP locus were extracted from all genomes (ambiguous base
144 calls and those with phred quality scores less than 20 were treated as unknowns and
145 represented with a gap character). SNPs with confident homozygous allele calls (i.e. phred
146 score >20) in >95% of the *S. Typhi* genomes (representing a ‘soft’ core genome of common
147 *S. Typhi* sequences) were concatenated to produce an alignment of alleles at 45,893 variant
148 sites. The resultant allele calls for 68 of these SNPs were used to assign isolates to previously
149 defined lineages according to an extended *S. Typhi* genotyping framework (33)(code
150 available at <https://github.com/katholt/genotyphi>). SNPs called in phage regions, repetitive
151 sequences (354 kb; ~7.4% of bases in the CT18 reference chromosome, as defined previously
152 (34)), or recombinant regions (~180kb; <4% of the CT18 reference chromosome, identified
153 using Gubbins (v1.4.4) (35)) were excluded, resulting in a final set of 1,850 SNPs identified
154 in an alignment length of 4,275,037 bp for the 44 isolates. For global context, raw read data
155 (4) were also subjected to genotyping analysis and those isolates sharing the genotypes that
156 were observed in the Thai collection (n=340) were subjected to the same SNP analyses,
157 resulting in a final set of 9,700 SNPs for a total of 386 isolates. For each alignment, SNP
158 alleles from Paratyphi A strain 12601 (36) were also included as an outgroup.

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160 ***Phylogenetic and SNP analysis***

161 Maximum likelihood (ML) phylogenetic trees (**Figs 1-2**) were constructed using the 1,850
162 and 9,700 bp SNP alignments, respectively, using RAxML (v 8.1.23) (37) with a generalized
163 time-reversible model and a gamma distribution to model site specific recombination
164 (GTR+ Γ substitution model; GTRGAMMA in RAxML), with Felsenstein correction for
165 ascertainment bias. Support for ML phylogenies was assessed via 100 bootstrap
166 pseudoanalyses of the alignments. For the larger tree containing global isolates, clades
167 containing only isolates from only a single country were collapsed manually in R using the
168 drop.tip() function in the *ape* package (38). Pairwise SNP distances between isolates were

169 calculated from the SNP alignments using the `dist.gene()` function in the *ape* package for R
170 (38).

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172 *Accessory genome analysis*

173 Acquired antimicrobial resistance (AMR) genes were detected, and their precise alleles
174 determined, by mapping to the ARG-Annot database (39) of known AMR genes using SRST2
175 v0.1.5 (40). Plasmid replicon sequences were identified using SRST2 to screen reads for
176 replicons in the PlasmidFinder database (41). Raw read data was assembled *de novo* with
177 SPAdes (v 3.5.0) (42) and circular contigs were identified visually and extracted using the
178 assembly graph viewer Bandage (v0.7.0) (43). These putative plasmid sequences were
179 annotated using Prokka (v1.10) (44) followed by manual curation. Where IncHI1 plasmid
180 replicons were identified using SRST2, and their presence confirmed by visual inspection of
181 the assembly graphs, IncHI1 plasmid MLST (pMLST) sequence types were determined using
182 SRST2 (15, 45, 46). Where resistance genes were detected from short read data, Bandage was
183 used to inspect their location in the corresponding *de novo* assembly graph in order to
184 determine whether they were encoded in the bacterial chromosome or on a plasmid.
185 Assembled contigs were concatenated and putative prophage genomes were identified with
186 the PHAge Search Tool (PHAST) (47), and their novelty determined by BLASTN analysis
187 against the GenBank database. Pairwise alignments between novel and known prophage
188 sequences were visualised using the *genoPlotR* package for R (48).

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190 **Nucleotide sequence and sequence read data accession numbers**

191 Raw sequence data have been submitted to the European Nucleotide Archive (ENA) under
192 project PRJEB5281; individual sample accession numbers are listed in **Table S1**. Assembled
193 phage and protein sequences were deposited in GenBank, accession numbers are listed in

194 **Table 1.**

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197 **Results**

198 ***The population structure of S. Typhi in Thailand***

199 All 44 *S. Typhi* isolates collected between 1973 and 1992 were subjected to WGS and SNP
200 analysis. Genome-wide SNPs were used to construct a ML phylogeny and isolates were
201 assigned to previously defined genotypes (33) using a subset of SNPs (see **Methods**). These
202 analyses subdivided the population into ten distinct genotypes, each corresponding to a
203 specific lineage in the ML phylogeny (**Fig 1**). Genotype 3.2.1 (which includes the reference
204 genome CT18, isolated from Vietnam in 1993 (30)) was the most common (n=14, 32%),
205 followed by genotype 2.1.7 (n=10, 23%). Genotypes 2.0 (n=1, 2%) and 4.1 (n=3, 7%) were
206 observed only in 1973 (pre-vaccine period). Genotypes 2.1.7 (n=10, 23%), 2.3.4 (n=1, 2%),
207 3.4.0 (n=2, 5%), 3.0.0 (n=3, 7%), 3.1.2 (n=2, 5%), were observed only after 1981 (post-
208 vaccine period). Each of these post-immunization genotypes was from a single location and
209 time period (**Fig 1**), consistent with short-term localised transmission. The only exceptions
210 were the two *S. Typhi* 3.1.2 isolates, that were from Srakaew in 1989 and Bangkok in 1992
211 and separated by just 4 SNPs. Genotypes 3.2.1 and 2.4.0 were observed amongst both pre-
212 and post-vaccine isolates.

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214 ***Thai S. Typhi in the context of a global genomic framework***

215 Based on the Thai *S. Typhi* genotyping results we hypothesised that the post-immunization
216 typhoid infections in Thailand resulted from occasional re-introduction of *S. Typhi* from
217 outside the country, as opposed to long-term persistence of *S. Typhi* lineages within Thailand.
218 To explore this possibility, and to provide a global context for our analysis, we examined
219 1,832 *S. Typhi* genomes from a recently published global collection that included isolates
220 from 63 countries (4). Genome-wide SNP-based ML trees for each of these genotypes,
221 showing the relationships between Thai and global isolates, are shown in **Fig 2**. In general, all
222 Thai isolates were closely related to recent isolates sourced from neighbouring countries
223 including Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia (**Fig 2**), consistent with regional endemic circulation.
224 The *S. Typhi* genomes in the global collection were mainly isolated 2-3 decades after the Thai

225 isolates as we did not have access to contemporaneous isolates from these countries that could
226 identify specific transfer events. However, all but three of the post-vaccine Thai isolates
227 shared shorter SNP distances with isolates from neighbouring countries than they did with
228 pre-vaccination Thai isolates (see **Fig 3**), consistent with these cases being caused by
229 occasional re-introduction of genotypes circulating in the region. Notably, Thai *S. Typhi* 3.2.1
230 that were isolated in 1986-7 clustered separately from the 1973 pre-vaccine isolates (≥ 60
231 SNPs apart), but closely with isolates from Vietnam and Cambodia (differing by as few as 7
232 SNPs; **Fig 2H**). Post-vaccine Thai *S. Typhi* 2.4 formed two distinct groups that were not
233 consistent with direct descent from earlier isolates (**Fig 2E**). These data are therefore
234 consistent with transfer of *S. Typhi* into Thailand from neighbouring countries during the
235 post-immunization program era, although the long-term circulation of ancestral populations in
236 Thailand remains an unlikely alternative explanation.

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238 *Acquired antimicrobial resistance*

239 We identified acquired AMR genes in the genomes of four *S. Typhi* genotype 3.2.1 that were
240 isolated in Srakaew in 1986 (**Fig 1, Table 1**). These isolates shared the same four AMR
241 genes: *sulI* (sulphonamides), *catA1* (chloramphenicol), *tet(B)* (tetracyclines), and *aadA1*
242 (aminoglycosides) which were carried on near-identical plasmids of IncHI1 plasmid sequence
243 type 2 (PST2). Although the presence of insertion sequences (IS) in these plasmids prevented
244 the complete sequences from being assembled, the regions of these plasmids encoding the
245 AMR genes were identical in all assemblies. This commonality suggests they are a single
246 plasmid (referred to as pTy036_01 in **Fig 1** and **Table 1**) that was likely acquired in a
247 common ancestor of this clade. The chromosomal and IncHI1 plasmid sequences for these
248 four isolates were very closely related to those of a 1993 Vietnamese isolate (Viety1-
249 60_1993) in the global *S. Typhi* collection (45), consistent with regional transfer.

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253 ***Other plasmids and mobile genetic elements***

254 We identified three non-AMR related plasmids amongst the Thai isolates (**Fig 1, Table 1**).

255 Ty004 (genotype 2.2) carried two novel plasmids that assembled into circular sequences,

256 pTy004_01 and pTy004_02. The largest, pTy004_01, was a novel variant of the cryptic

257 plasmid pHCM2 (30, 49) (**Fig 4**). Ty004 was isolated in Bangkok in 1973, making

258 pTy004_01 the earliest example of a pHCM2-like plasmid reported to date. pTy004_01 was

259 distant from other pHCM2-like plasmids in the global *S. Typhi* genome collection, sharing

260 92% coverage and 99% nucleotide identity with the reference sequence pHCM2 of *S. Typhi*

261 CT18 (genotype 3.2.1) which was isolated approximately 20 years later in Vietnam (30). The

262 pTy004_01 sequence (**Fig 4**) appears to be ~2 kbp larger than pHCM2, and encodes an

263 additional tRNA-Lys as well as an insertion of a hypothetical protein (*orf17*) into a putative

264 DNA polymerase gene (HCM2.0015c in pHCM2, divided into *orf16* and *orf18* in

265 pTy004_01). Plasmid pTy004_02 was ~38 kbp in size and similar to *E. coli* plasmid pEQ2

266 (65% coverage, 98% nucleotide identity), encoding genes for conjugation, chromosomal

267 partitioning, addiction systems and an abortive infection protein (*orf44*). Three isolates

268 (Ty031, Ty042, and Ty049) all of genotype 3.0.0 and obtained from Srakaew in 1986, carried

269 a ~40 kbp cryptic plasmid that we named pTy031_01. This plasmid was similar to that carried

270 by *Enterobacter hormaechei* strain CAV1176 (83% coverage, 96% identity) and encoded

271 genes for chromosomal partitioning, addiction systems, and a putative restriction modification

272 system (*orf33-orf34*).

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274 PHAST analysis revealed the presence of novel intact prophages in three Thai *S. Typhi*

275 isolates (**Fig 1, Table 1**). Two *S. Typhi* 3.1.2, isolated from Srakaew in 1989 and Bangkok in

276 1992, shared a novel phage STYP1 that was similar to fiAA91-ss infective for *Shigella sonnei*

277 (**Fig 5A**). However, the *S. Typhi* phage lacked the cytolethal distending toxin *cdt* genes and

278 the IS21 element found in phage fiAA91-ss (50). This prophage sequence had a mosaic

279 architecture, incorporating a number of putative insertions of phage tail fiber genes that were

280 not present in the fiAA91-ss reference genome (**Fig 5A**). Additionally, a single isolate of

281 genotype 4.1 obtained from Bangkok in 1973 contained a novel SfIV-like phage, here named
282 STYP2, that lacked the serotype conversion gene Gtr cluster and *IS1* element of phage SfIV
283 (51). Again, the novel Thai phage variant also encoded novel tail fiber genes not in the SfIV
284 reference genome, as well as a Dam methylase gene (*orf37*) (**Fig 5B**)

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286 **Discussion**

287 These data provide a historical insight into the population structure of *S. Typhi* in Thailand in
288 1973 (pre-immunization program, n=11) and 1981-1992 (post- immunization program,
289 n=33). It has been reported that the national *S. Typhi* immunization program in Thailand,
290 which commenced in 1977, was highly effective in reducing the burden of typhoid fever (9).
291 Our data are consistent with the hypothesis that the vaccine program successfully depleted the
292 endemic *S. Typhi* population to the extent that most subsequent typhoid cases resulted from
293 sporadic introduction of non-indigenous *S. Typhi*, rather than long-term persistence of the
294 pre-vaccine era population. It is apparent that these introductions were sometimes
295 accompanied by limited local transmissions, resulting in small, localized outbreaks, but we
296 found no evidence to suggest that these result in the establishment of stable local source
297 populations. Notably, the post-immunization *S. Typhi* isolates from Loi (in the north of
298 Thailand near the border with Laos, from which it is separated by the Mekong river) were
299 most closely related to Laos isolates, whilst those from the capital Bangkok and nearby
300 Nonthaburi and Srakaew districts were closely related to other isolates from across Southeast
301 Asia (**Fig 2**), suggesting there may have been multiple routes of import into Thailand.

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303 Our study is limited by the sample of isolates available for analysis, which was small and
304 reflects opportunistic sampling of sporadic local cases in the four sites and historical storage.
305 However, it is notable that the Thai isolates cluster according to site, consistent with limited
306 local transmission rather than dissemination of lineages between locations. The only
307 exception to this was two genotype 3.1.2 isolates, which were collected from Srakaew in
308 1989 and Bangkok in 1992 and differed by only 4 SNPs. This is consistent with either

309 transfer between these cities in Thailand following an initial introduction into the country, or
310 two independent transfers into Thailand from a common source. The phylogenetic structure is
311 most suggestive of the latter, but denser samples from Thailand and/or potential source
312 populations would be required to resolve this with confidence. While our sample is small, this
313 study is nevertheless the largest to date exploring genetic diversity amongst *S. Typhi* from
314 Thailand. An earlier global haplotyping study that included seven Thai isolates (52) identified
315 five distinct haplotypes in Thailand (H3, 1989; H42, 1990; H50, 2002; Vi- H52, 1990; H79,
316 2002), three of which are related to genotypes that we identified amongst Thai strains in this
317 study (H79, 2.3.4; H52, 3.4; H42, 3.1.2) (33). Therefore, our genomic snapshot of the Thai *S.*
318 *Typhi* population is consistent with previous insights and is likely reasonably representative
319 for the study period.

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321 The presence of novel plasmids and prophages in the Thai isolates is also noteworthy. While
322 small plasmids of unknown function have been observed in *S. Typhi* previously (53), they are
323 infrequent compared to the IncHI1 MDR plasmid and the cryptic plasmid pHCM2 (54).
324 Presumably, such plasmids are ephemeral; possibly because their maintenance imposes a
325 fitness burden on the host cells so a strong selective advantage is required for retention (55,
326 56). It is also possible that the lack of previous reports regarding the diversity of small
327 plasmids in *S. Typhi* reflects a technological complexity, however, this is bypassed with high-
328 throughput WGS and we detected negligible small plasmid content in the global collection of
329 1,832 genomes using the same screening approach (57). Notably, few of the Thai plasmids
330 share nucleotide sequence homology with those previously described in *S. Typhi*, but were
331 closely related to those found in other *Enterobacteriaceae*. The novel pHCM2-like plasmid
332 (pTy004_01) and two additional plasmids (pTy004_02 and pTy031_01) harbored genes
333 associated with phage resistance, which could provide protection against phage predation (58-
334 61). We also observed two novel prophages integrated into Thai genomes, which both
335 showed variation in their phage tail structural regions compared to close neighbors found in
336 *Shigella/E. coli*. These regions are typically responsible for binding of phage to host receptors

337 (62-64), thus the variation in these regions may be associated with recent adaptations to the *S.*
338 Typhi host. While genomic data from more recent *S. Typhi* collections shows limited
339 evidence for genetic exchange with other organisms (4), the detection amongst older Thai
340 isolates of both phage and plasmids that have been previously associated with *E. coli/Shigella*
341 suggests that genetic exchange may have been more common in the past or in certain
342 localized populations.

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344 Overall, these data provide valuable historical insights into the *S. Typhi* populations
345 circulating in Thailand during the 1970s and 1980s, and early examples of the two most
346 common *S. Typhi* plasmids, as well as other mobile elements identified within the *S. Typhi*
347 population.

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527 **Table 1. Summary of mobile genetic elements observed in *S. Typhi* isolates from Thailand**

Isolate	Genotype	Name	Replicons detected and/or attachment sites	Size (no. putative genes)	Accession number	Function
004	2.0.0	pTy004_01	FIB (pHCM2)	108, 998 bp (133)	KX833209	Cryptic, Phage defence (Rha protein)
		pTy004_02	X1	38, 266 bp (49)	KX833212	Phage defence (Abortive Infection)
031	3.0.0	pTy031_01	N/A	40, 835 bp (53)	KX833210	Phage defence (Restriction Modification)
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049						
036	3.2.1	pTy036_01	HI1	~215 kbp	N/A.	AMR (<i>sulI</i> , <i>catA1</i> , <i>tet(B)</i> , <i>aadA1</i>)
046						
051						
052						
054	3.1.2	Prophage STYP1	<i>attL</i> CAAGCTGGTCAG	28,946 bp (39)	KX833211	Cryptic
055			<i>attR</i> CAAGCTGGTCAG			

Isolate	Genotype	Name	Replicons detected and/or attachment sites	Size (no. putative genes)	Accession number	Function
013	4.1.0	Prophage STYP2	<i>attL</i> ATTCGTAATGCGAAGG TCGTAGGTTTCGACTCCT ATTATCGGCACCAT <i>attR</i> ATTCGTAATGCGAAGG TCGTAGGTTTCGACTCCT ATTATCGGCACCA	34, 780 bp (50)	KX833213	Cryptic

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529 **Figure 1. Genomic analysis of Thai S. Typhi.**

530 (A) Maximum likelihood phylogenetic tree (outgroup rooted). Strains are labelled with their
531 three digit name code, year of isolation (pink shading indicates post-vaccine isolates); source
532 location (shaded by city, as indicated in panel B); and plasmid content (any antibiotic
533 resistance genes are indicated in italics). Branch lengths are indicative of the number of SNPs.
534 (B) Locations from which S. Typhi were isolated in Thailand. (C) Total number of positive
535 blood cultures of S. Typhi (black) and Paratyphi A (grey) between 1970 and 1985;
536 immunization period is indicated in pink; reproduced using data from reference (9).

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538 **Figure 2. Zoomed in phylogenies showing relationships of Thai S. Typhi to global**

539 **isolates.** Midpoint rooted ML trees including S. Typhi isolates from the Thai and global
540 collections are shown, for each genotype that was observed amongst the Thai isolates.
541 Colored branches and nodes indicate country of origin, according to the inset legend. Year of
542 isolation is shown to the left; pink and red, Thai isolates obtained before and after the
543 introduction of the immunization program; grey and black, non-Thai isolates obtained before
544 and after the introduction of the immunization program. Thai isolates are also labelled to
545 indicate their city of origin: L, Loi; B, Bangkok; S, Srakaew; N, Nonthaburi. SNP distances
546 between isolates as well as AMR plasmids are labelled, with any resistance genes indicated in
547 italics. Branch lengths are indicative of the number of SNPs.

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549 **Figure 3. SNP distances for Thai and global collection isolates.**

550 SNP distance between post-vaccine Thai isolates and their closest pre-vaccine Thai and post-
551 vaccine global collection relatives, colored points indicate country of origin.

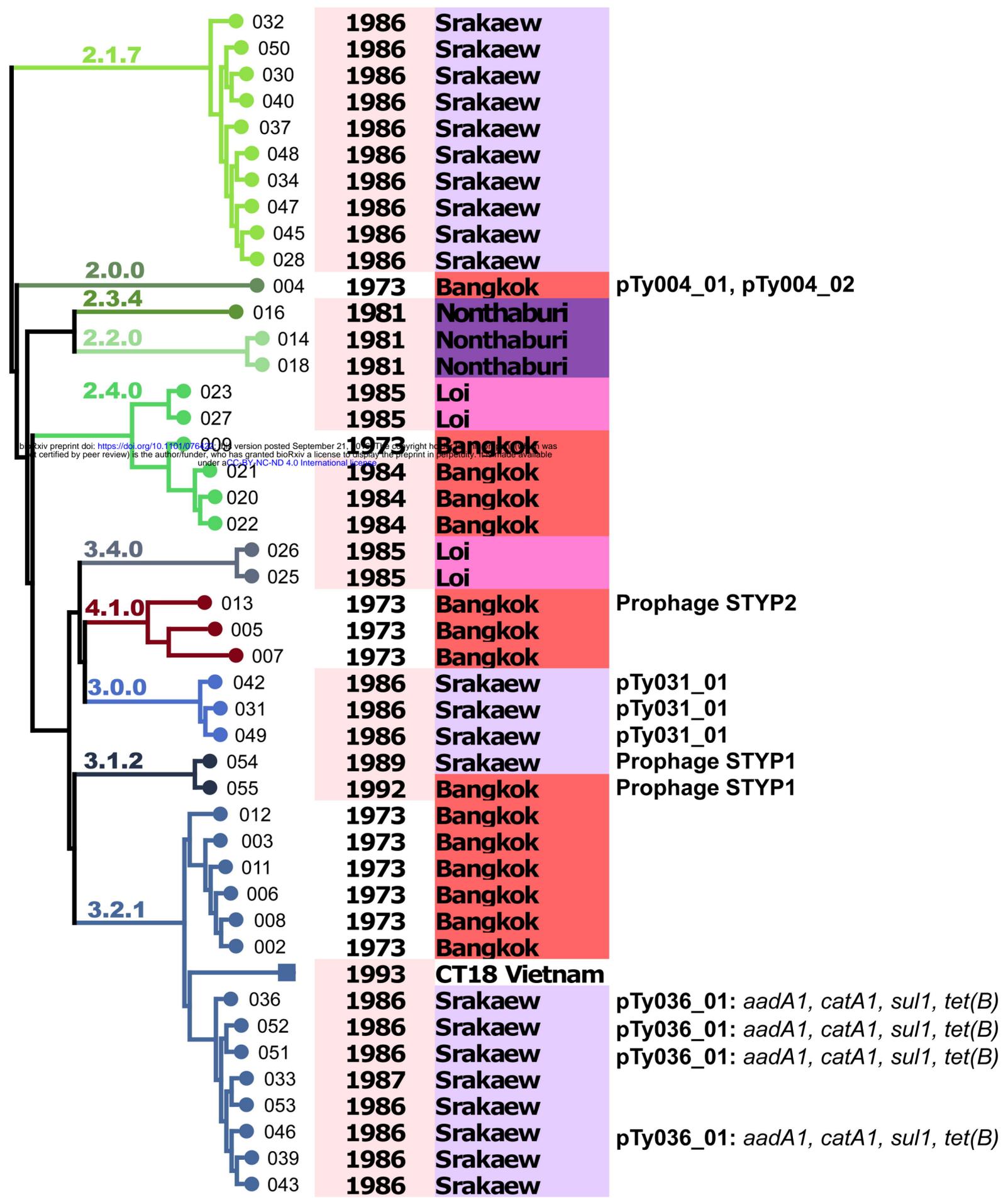
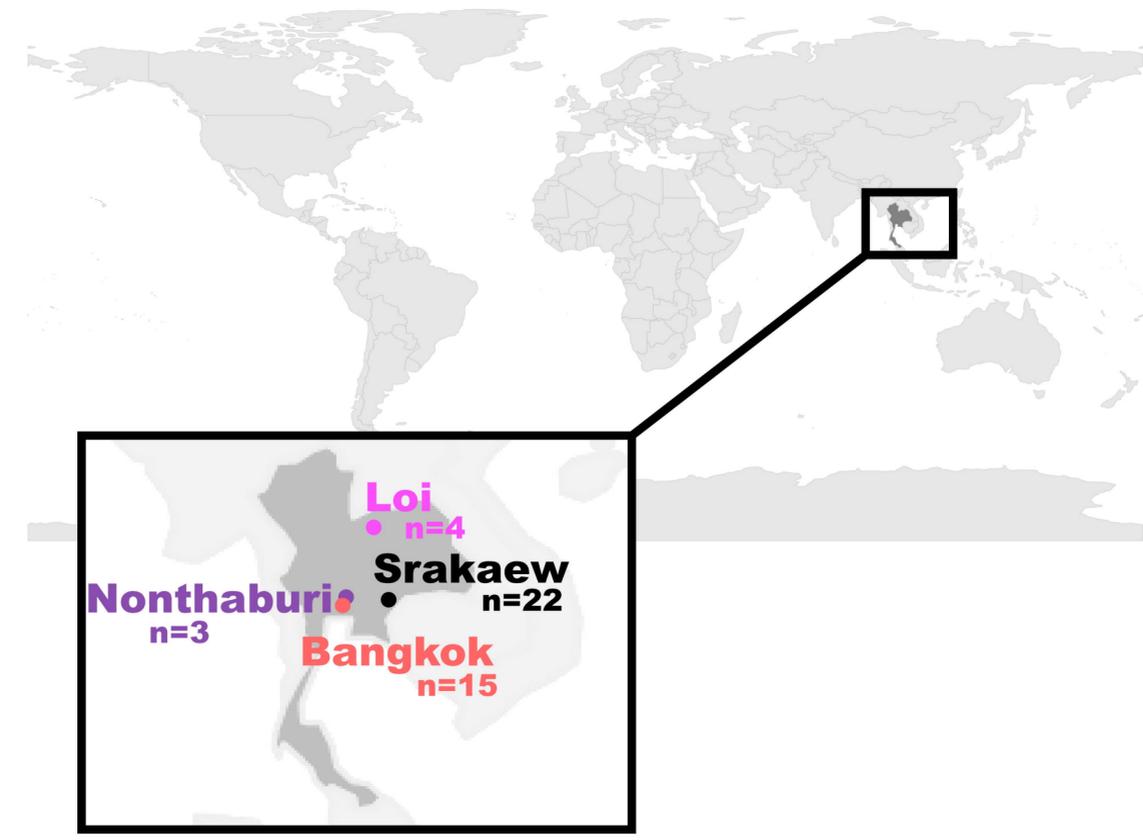
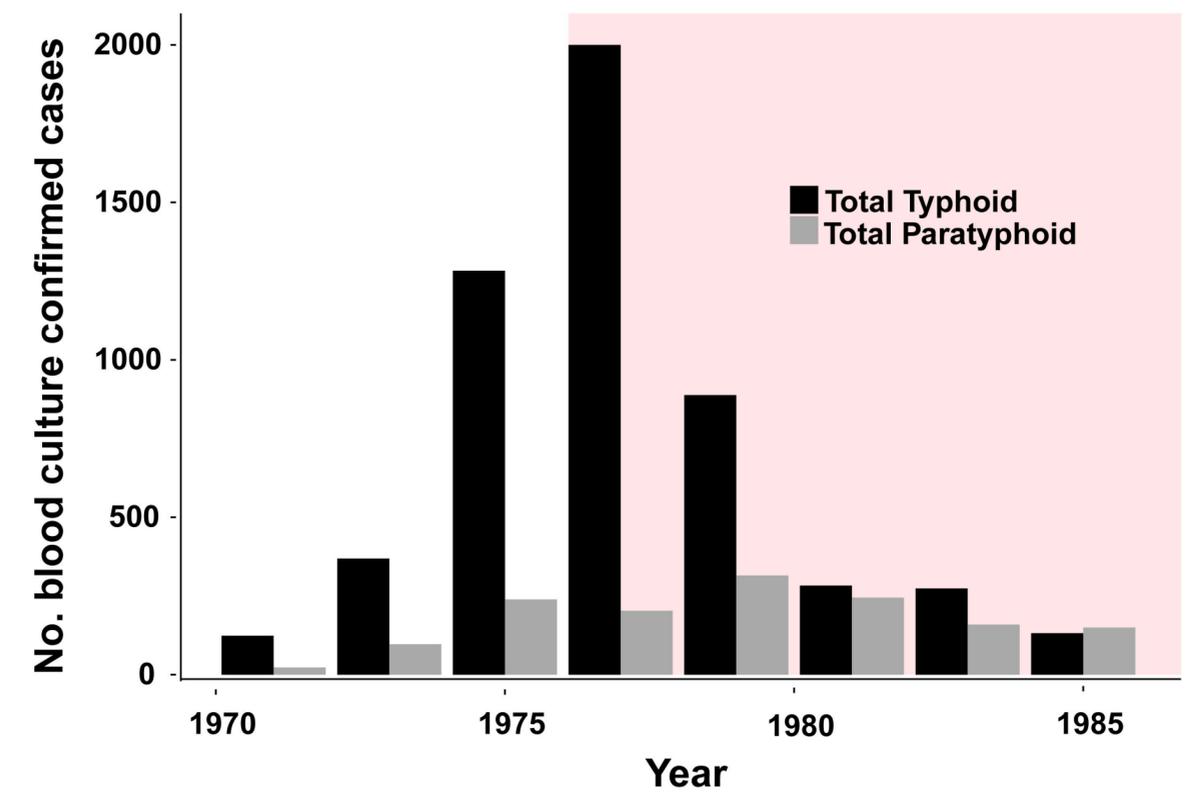
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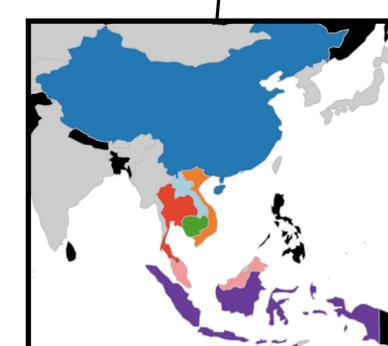
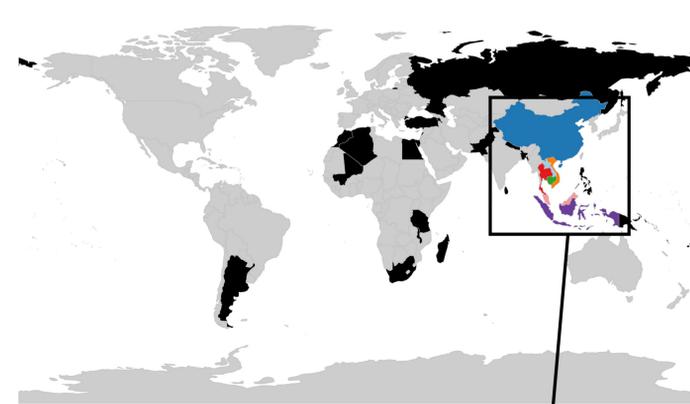
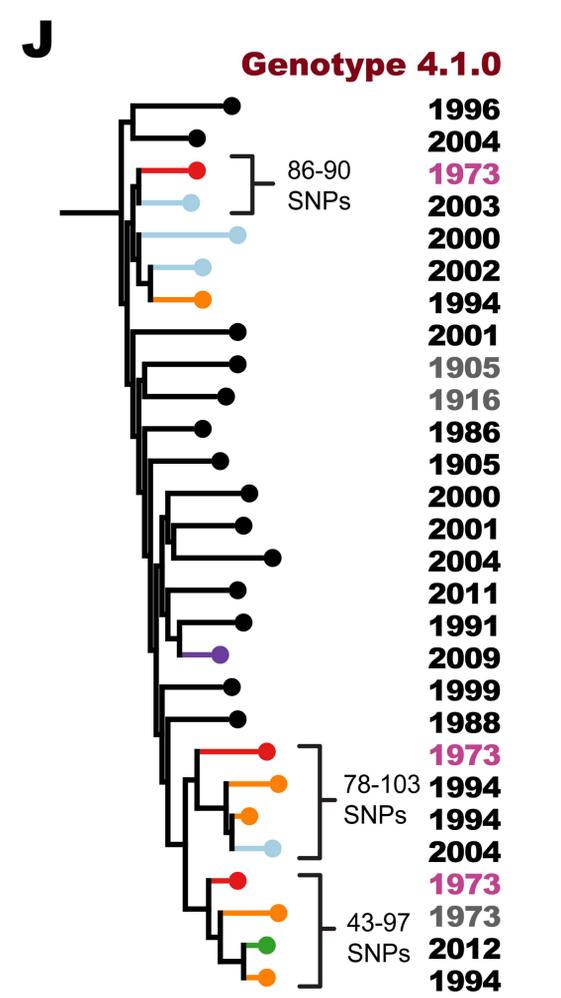
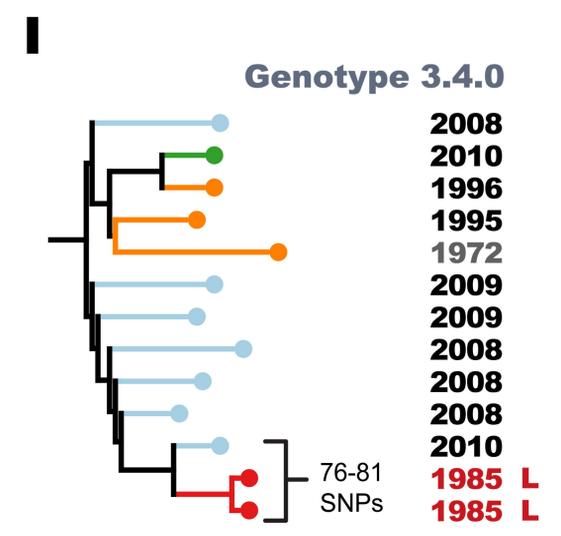
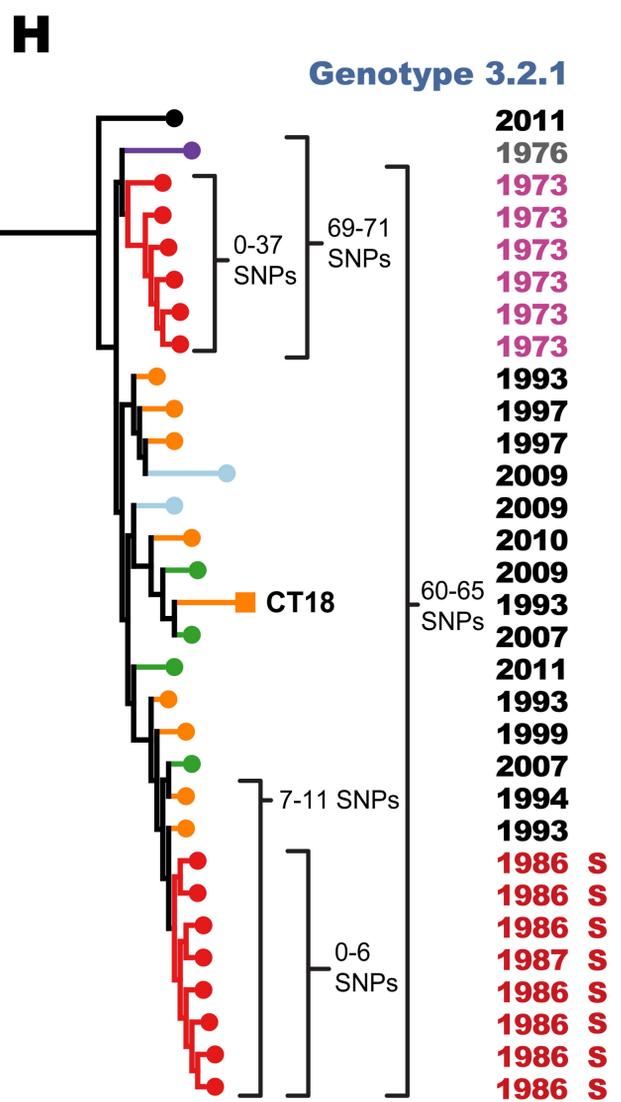
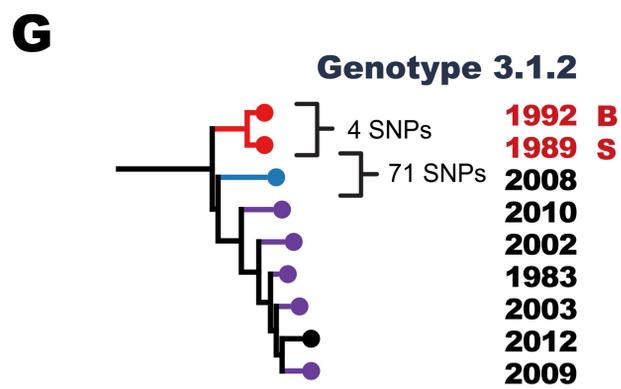
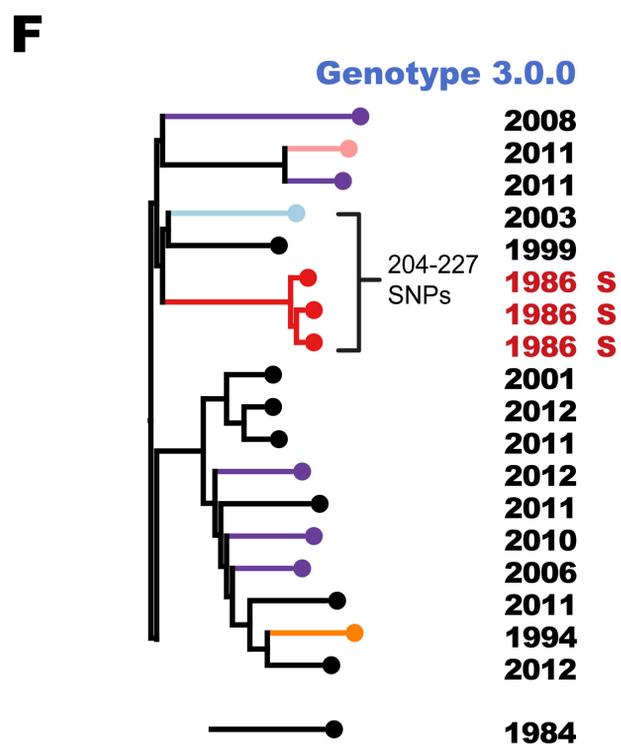
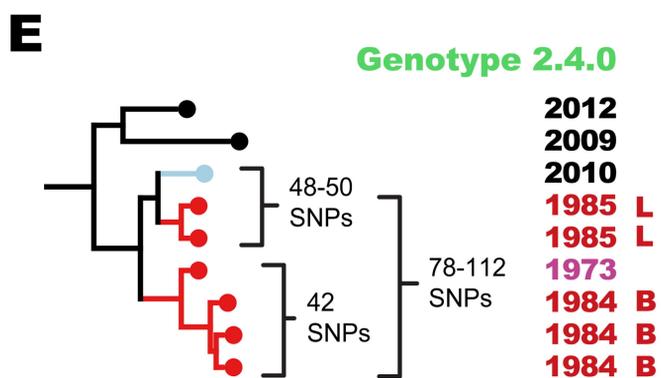
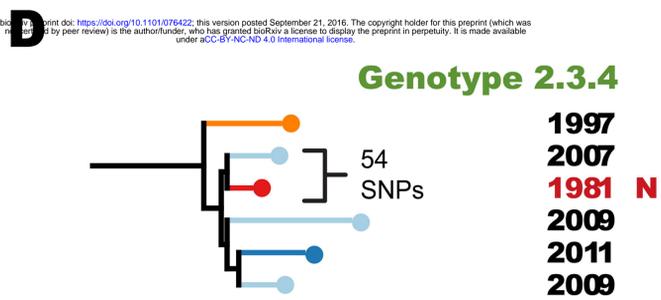
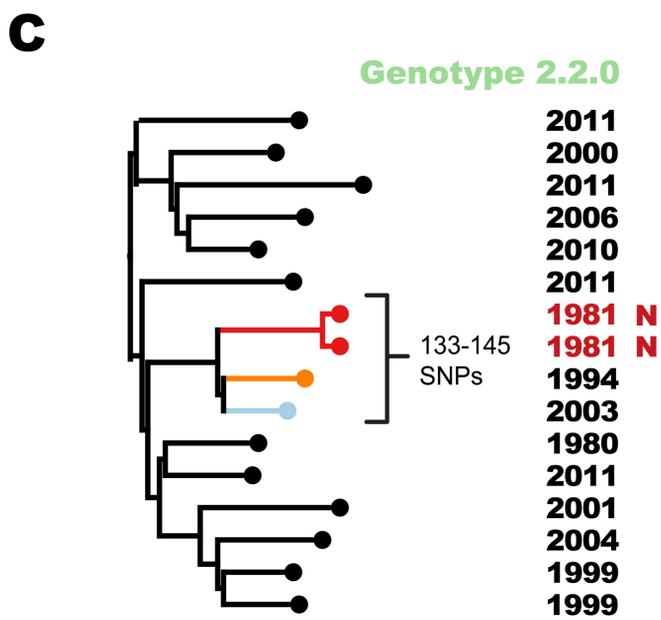
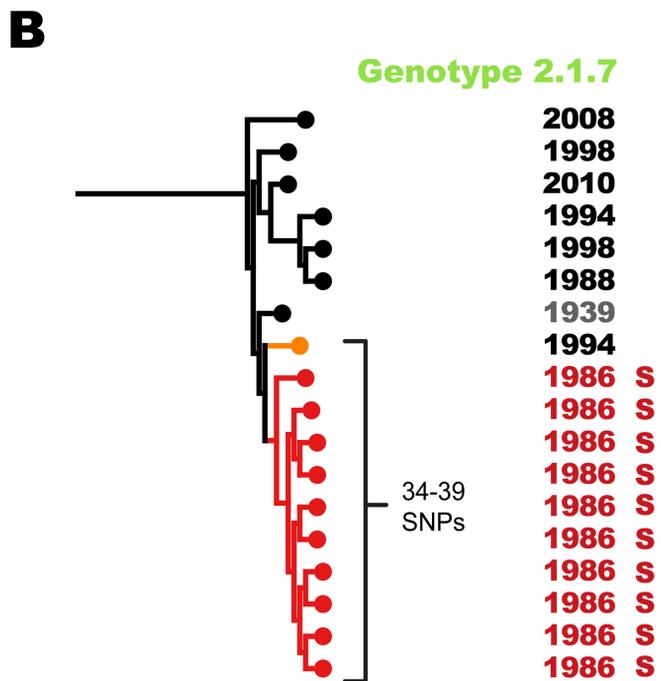
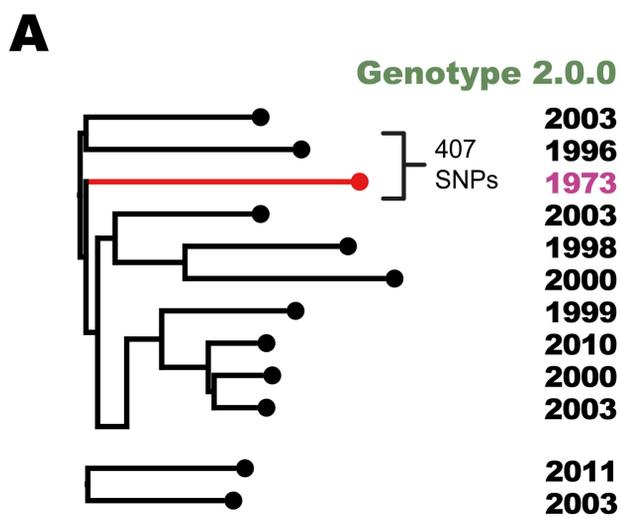
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557 **Figure 5. Blast comparison of novel phages observed in Thai S. Typhi isolates to nearest**
558 **known phage sequences.**

559 (A) Novel phage STYP1 compared to Shigella sonnei phage fiAA91-ss (NC_022750). (B)
560 Novel phage STYP2 compared to Shigella flexneri phage SfIV (NC_022749). Shaded regions
561 indicate areas of sequence homology, intensity of shading indicates relative nucleotide
562 similarity. Arrows represent protein coding genes (direction indicates coding strand), colored
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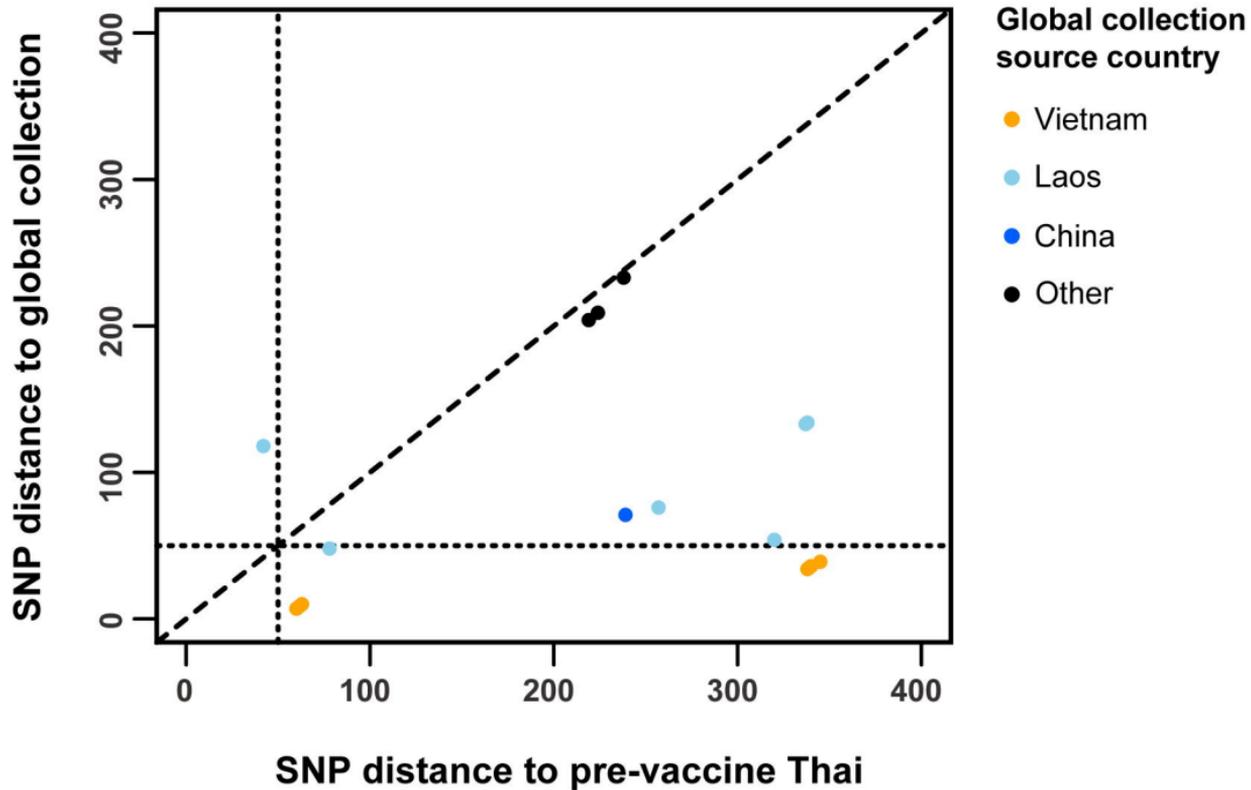
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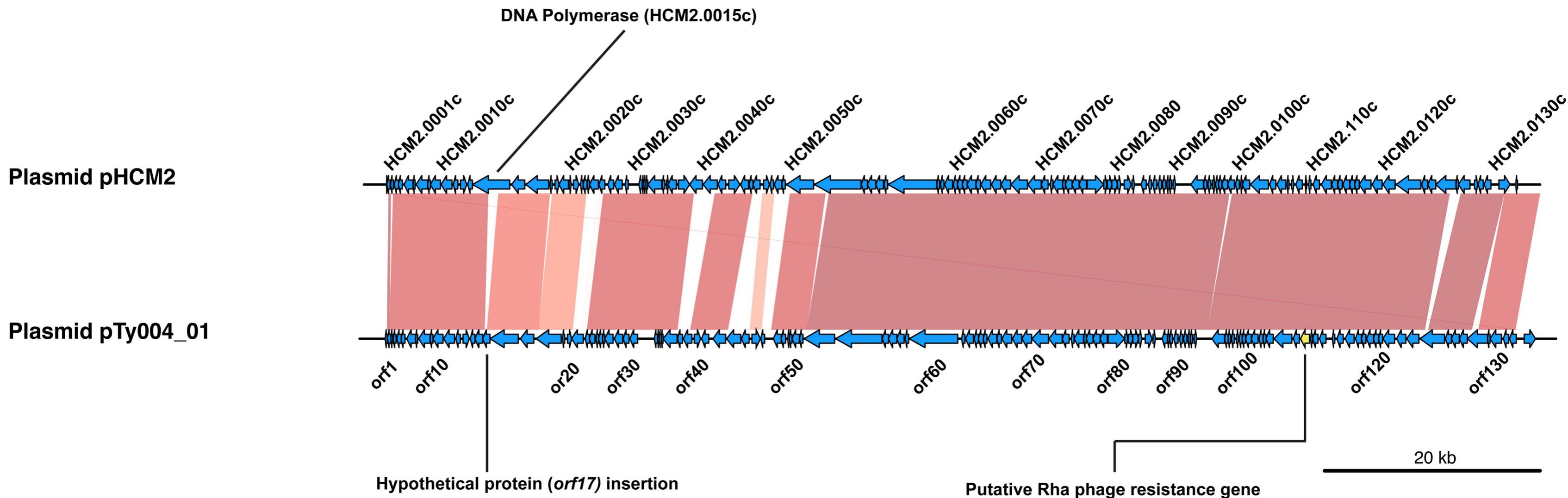
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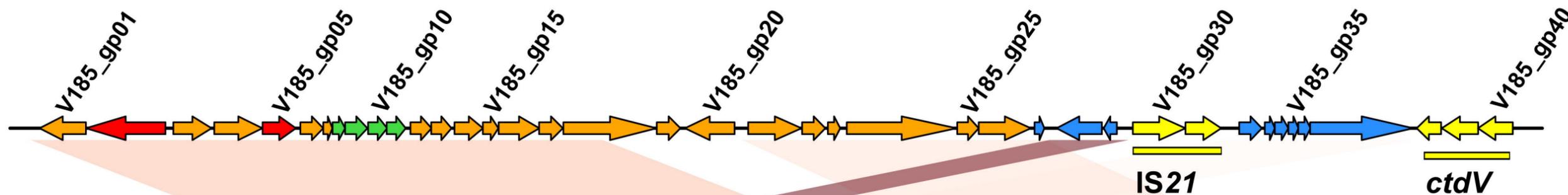
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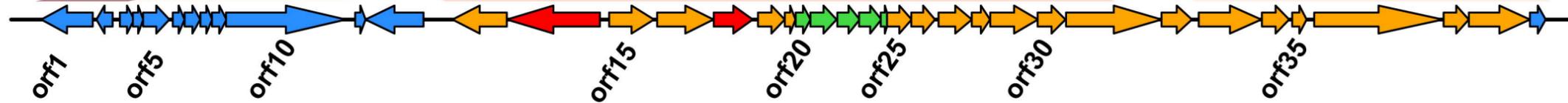


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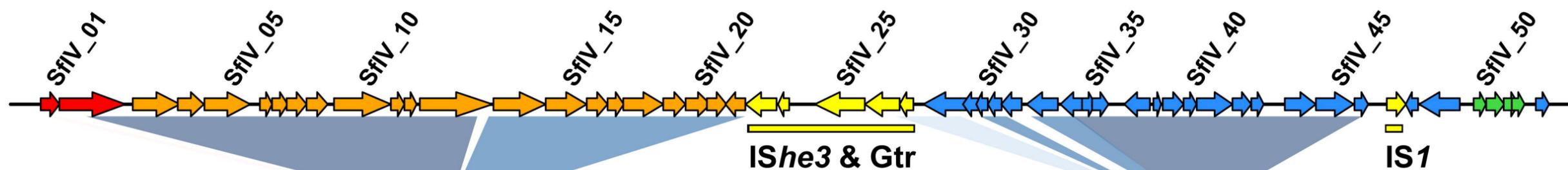
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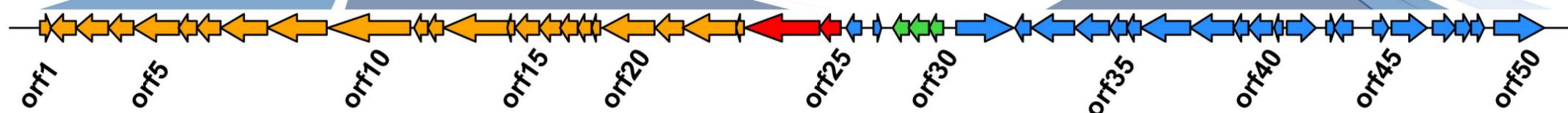
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