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**Accessory genomic epidemiology of co-circulating *Acinetobacter baumannii* clones**

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33 **Abstract**

34 *A. baumannii* has become one of the most important multidrug resistant nosocomial  
35 pathogens all over the world. Nonetheless, very little is known about the diversity of *A.*  
36 *baumannii* lineages co-existing in hospital settings. Here, using whole-genome  
37 sequencing, epidemiological data and antimicrobial susceptibility tests, we uncover the  
38 transmission dynamics of extensive and multidrug resistant *A. baumannii* in a tertiary  
39 hospital for a decade. Our core genome phylogeny of almost 300 genomes suggests  
40 that there were several introductions of lineages from international clone 2 into the  
41 hospital. The molecular dating analysis shows that these introductions happened  
42 between 2004 and 2015. Furthermore, using the accessory genome, we show that  
43 these lineages were extensively disseminated across many wards in the hospital. Our  
44 results demonstrate that accessory genome variation can be a very powerful tool for  
45 conducting genomic epidemiology. We anticipate future studies employing the  
46 accessory genome as a phylogenomic marker over very short microevolutionary scales.

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62 **INTRODUCTION**

63 Antimicrobial drug resistance is one of the most important health issues worldwide. The  
64 ESKAPE (*Enterococcus faecium*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*,  
65 *Acinetobacter baumannii*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, and *Enterobacter* species) group  
66 have many acquired antimicrobial resistance genes (ARGs) and are a major source of  
67 deadly infections all over the world <sup>1</sup>. The World Health Organization list of bacterial  
68 pathogens urgently requiring novel antibiotics ranked *A. baumannii* at the highest  
69 priority status (priority 1: critical) <sup>2</sup>. Importantly, many *A. baumannii* nosocomial  
70 infections are due to isolates resistant to at least one agent in three or more  
71 antimicrobial agents, namely multidrug resistant (MDR) phenotypes, which make them  
72 very difficult to treat. Clearly, *A. baumannii* is a global public health issue that needs to  
73 be seriously considered.

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75 Over the last decades whole-genome sequencing (WGS) has become the ultimate  
76 approach to study the dissemination of many bacterial pathogens <sup>3-7</sup>. WGS has been  
77 extremely useful in the case of *A. baumannii*, where the very dynamic nature of its  
78 genome renders multilocus sequence typing (MLST) faulty <sup>8</sup>. WGS has been used to  
79 study the spread of clones of *A. baumannii* at national and even at continental levels  
80 <sup>9,10</sup>. However, unlike other important bacterial pathogens, WGS has hardly been used to  
81 analyse clone diversity within hospital settings. Actually, very little is known about  
82 whether one or several different lineages are the cause for the MDR infections found in  
83 hospital settings, not least in Latin America. Nonetheless, a recent study has suggested  
84 that different lineages could be co-circulating in the National Institute of Oncology in  
85 Mexico City <sup>9</sup>.

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87 When using WGS for epidemiological investigations, the most common approach is to  
88 use core Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs) phylogenies or SNPs differences  
89 between isolates. This approach has resulted effective in most cases. However,  
90 considering very short periods of time, there are instances where hardly any SNPs have  
91 had accrued between strains, not least in the core genome. For instance, in a recent  
92 study <sup>11</sup> that analysed 24 *A. baumannii* strains collected from the blood of a single  
93 patient (over a period of 6 months) some strains (sampled during the same month) were

94 identical as *per core* SNPs. However, a few years ago, in a population genomics study  
95 we showed that acquisition and depletion of genes occurs way faster than the  
96 accumulation of mutations in *A. baumannii*<sup>12</sup>. Therefore, this gene content variability  
97 can be very valuable for studying the evolutionary relationships of isolates at very short  
98 periods of time.

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100 The goal of our study was to use WGS, along with epidemiological data and  
101 antimicrobial susceptibility testing, to analyse the diversity of clones (and their  
102 antimicrobial resistance patterns) in a hospital sampled for a decade. To that end, we  
103 carried out a genomic epidemiology study to characterize the lineages of *A. baumannii*  
104 in a tertiary, teaching hospital in Guadalajara (Hospital Civil de Guadalajara [HCG]),  
105 Mexico. Notably, besides the core genome, we also used the accessory genome to  
106 establish the dissemination of lineages across different wards.

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## 108 **RESULTS**

### 109 **Extensive and multidrug drug resistant lineages from International Clone 2**

110 We sequenced 73 isolates of *A. baumannii* sampled between 2007 and 2017 from the  
111 HCG (see methods and Supplementary Table 1). The HCG is a tertiary, teaching  
112 hospital in Guadalajara, Jalisco (Western Mexico), and it has 899 beds. All these  
113 isolates belonged to the pulse-type 22, which in previous studies<sup>13,14</sup> was the most  
114 prevalent clone in this hospital. We used the genome sequences to conduct Sequence  
115 Type (ST) assignment, considering the Oxford MLST scheme<sup>15</sup>. These isolates  
116 belonged to just four STs (see Figure 1). ST417 was the most frequent with 38 isolates,  
117 followed by ST208 having 23 isolates; whereas ST136 and ST369 had 7 and 5 isolates,  
118 respectively. Of note, all these STs are part of the international clone 2 (IC2). We  
119 conducted antimicrobial susceptibility tests on the isolates (see methods).

120 Supplementary Table 2 gives the minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) values for  
121 each isolate and each drug tested. Remarkably, all the isolates were resistant to many  
122 antibiotics (see Figure 1). We found some variation across the different STs. While  
123 ST136 and ST208 had less resistance, ST369 and ST417 had more resistance. All but  
124 one of the ST369 isolates were resistant to all the antibiotics tested; whereas for the

125 ST417 isolates also all but one were resistant to all the antibiotics tested. Most of the  
126 isolates, irrespective of their ST assignment, were extensively drug-resistant (XDR)  
127 (resistant to at least one agent in all but two or fewer antimicrobial categories).  
128 . There were a few isolates that were MDR isolates within ST208. These results suggest  
129 that these isolates, regardless of which ST they belong to, are either MDR or XDR. We  
130 cannot say that there are pan-drug resistant (PDR) isolates (resistant to all agents in all  
131 antimicrobial categories) since we did not test all the antibiotics. However, we are safe  
132 to say that the vast majority of the isolates are extensive drug-resistant and very likely  
133 some of these may be PDR. Taken together, these results show that different MDR and  
134 XDR lineages (STs), all assigned to IC2, were found in the hospital.

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### 136 **Several introductions into the hospital between 2004 and 2015**

137 To have a better idea of the introduction of these STs into the hospital, we downloaded  
138 publicly available genomes showing the same STs as the HCG isolates. Then,  
139 considering the HCG isolates and the publicly available genomes, we constructed a  
140 Maximum Likelihood core genome phylogeny (see methods). This phylogeny had 299  
141 genomes and is shown in Figure 2. The phylogeny clearly shows that the STs were  
142 introduced in independent events into the hospital (see stars in Figure 2). The HCG  
143 isolates of the most frequent ST, namely ST417, all clustered together. Given the  
144 monophyletic nature of this ST in the hospital, one single introduction of this STs into  
145 the hospital is the most plausible explanation. In the case of HCG ST208 isolates, there  
146 were two introduction events. We noted that all the isolates but isolate Ab-HCG1107-3  
147 cluster together, implying one single introduction event. Whereas Ab-HCG1107-3,  
148 located on a distant branch, was introduced independently. Considering the HCG  
149 ST136 isolates, they form a paraphyletic group as two isolates (Ab-HCG0516-70 and  
150 Ab-HCG0716-73) assigned to the ST369 clustered with them. However, all the HCG  
151 ST136 isolates plus the two ST369 isolates mention above were introduced in one  
152 single even into the hospital. Finally, another three ST369 isolates (Ab-HCG0511-53,  
153 Ab-HCG0911-58, Ab-HCG1011-64) were introduced in another event. Then, we wanted  
154 to know the time of introduction of these STs into the hospital. Thus, we conducted a  
155 molecular dating analysis (see methods). We only estimated the time to the Most

156 Recent Common Ancestor (tMRCA) for ST417, ST208 (not including the isolate  
157 introduced in the independent event), and ST136. Figure 3 shows the marginal posterior  
158 densities of the tMRCAs for the three STs considered. From this figure is clear that  
159 ST208 and ST417 were introduced very closed to one another; whereas ST136 was  
160 introduced a few years later. ST208 was the first lineage to get to the hospital and it was  
161 introduced in early 2006, 95 % High Posterior Density interval (HPD), mid 2004 to late  
162 2006. ST417 was introduced about one year later, in early 2007 (95 % HPD, late 2005  
163 to late 2007). Some five years later the ST136 was introduced (tMRCA 2013; 95 %  
164 HPD, early 2011 to mid 2015). Taken into account the 95 % HPDs for the three STs,  
165 these lineages were introduced into the hospital between 2004 and 2015. Collectively,  
166 these data suggest that five events account for the introduction of these isolates into the  
167 HCG and these introductions occurred more or less over a decade.

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### 169 **High transmission across wards**

170 The isolates sequenced were collected from 13 different wards in the hospital. Figure 1  
171 shows the distribution of isolates per ward and year. Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and  
172 General Surgery were the most represented wards among the isolates sequenced. The  
173 distribution of isolates per ward suggests that the different STs have spread to many  
174 wards in the hospital. To further analyze this, we conducted two analyses just  
175 comparing isolates from the same ST. In each analysis, we compared isolates between  
176 and within wards and counted the number of differences. In the first analysis, we  
177 counted the number of core SNPs telling apart isolates, whereas in the second analysis  
178 we counted the number of genes differing between isolates (see Figure 4). These  
179 analyses were only conducted for ST417 and ST208, the 2 most frequent STs. If  
180 isolates were mainly disseminating in the same ward, one would expect considerably  
181 less differences (either core SNPs or number of genes) when comparing isolates from  
182 within the same ward than when comparing isolates from different wards. On the  
183 contrary, if there were high transmission across wards, the number of differences when  
184 comparing intra versus inter ward isolates would not be that different. Our analyses  
185 supported the latter scenario, whether we considered core SNPs (upper panels) or the  
186 number of genes differing between isolates (lower panels). Considering both measures,

187 the distribution of intra ward comparisons overlaps with the distribution of inter ward  
188 distribution (see Figure 4). We did not find significant differences comparing the  
189 distributions of core SNPs (Wilcoxon–Mann–Whitney test, ST417 p-value = 0.6872 and  
190 ST208 p-value = 0.7834) nor comparing the distribution of different genes (Wilcoxon-  
191 Mann-Whitney test, ST417 p-value = 0.6568 and ST208 p-value = 0.6478).

192 To further explore the high transmission of isolates across wards, we also analyzed the  
193 gene content variation among the isolates, which according to our previous data  
194 accrues faster than *de novo* mutations in *A. baumannii*. To this end, we constructed a  
195 gene correlation matrix for the 73 isolates (see Figure 5). In this figure one can see  
196 regions (squares) of dark blue, which denote isolates with very similar gene content  
197 and, therefore, very closely related to one another. We noted that these regions are  
198 composed of isolates from different wards (see vector “Wards” at the bottom of the  
199 figure). This pattern applies to all the four STs. For instance, the isolates Ab-HCG0908-  
200 26, Ab-HCG0908-21, Ab-HCG0908-24 and Ab-HCG0908-33 (all from ST417) are very  
201 similar in terms of their gene content yet they were isolated from three different wards  
202 (ICU, internal medicine, and general surgery). Considering ST208, isolates HCG1207-8,  
203 HCG1107-4, HCG1207-7, HCG1207-5, HCG1207-6, were isolated from ICU, internal  
204 medicine, and hematology, and again have a pretty similar gene content. Then, to  
205 compare the discriminative typing power of the core genome and the accessory  
206 genome, we constructed another two trees just including the 73 HCG isolates. One tree  
207 was constructed using the core genome and the second tree was based on a gene  
208 content distance matrix (see methods). These two trees are presented in Figure 6. Both  
209 trees reinforce the idea of high transmission across wards, as isolates for any given  
210 ward very often had their closest related isolate coming from a different ward. Of note,  
211 the core genome tree (right-hand panel Figure 6) had several polytomies and these  
212 affect the different STs, ST417 and ST208 being the most outstanding cases. Thus,  
213 some isolates were identical to other isolates under the core genome tree. On the  
214 contrary, the phylogenetic tree based on gene content (left-hand panel Figure 6)  
215 showed far greater resolution. In this tree all the isolates could be differentiated from  
216 one another. Therefore, gene content variation (accessory genome) had more  
217 discriminative genotyping resolution than the core genome. All in all, these analyses



218 demonstrate that there is frequent transmission of isolates across many different wards  
219 in the hospital. Furthermore, the analyses of the accessory genome were of paramount  
220 importance to describe the transmission dynamics of these isolates.

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## 222 **DISCUSSION**

223 Over the last decade WGS has been successfully used to determine transmission  
224 dynamics at very different levels; from local outbreaks to global spread of pathogens.  
225 However, WGS has been hardly used to study different lineages of *A. baumannii* in a  
226 single setting. In this study, we used both core and accessory genome to get an uber-  
227 resolution of the transmission dynamics of co-circulating lineages in a tertiary hospital  
228 over a decade. We found 4 lineages (ST136, ST208, ST369, and ST417) and all were  
229 from the IC2. This clone has been described in many parts of the world. However, this  
230 clone has not been described as one of the most relevant clones in Mexico in recent  
231 genomic studies<sup>9,12</sup>. Nonetheless, IC2 has been described in other countries in Latin  
232 America<sup>16</sup> or the United States<sup>17</sup>, which shares an extensive border with Mexico. Our  
233 phylogenetic analysis based on the core genome indicates that these STs were  
234 introduced in different events into the HCG. These introduction events occurred in 2006  
235 and 2007, and in 2013. Clinically speaking, it is relevant that the isolates from these STs  
236 were either MDR or even XDR. Also, most of them were resistant to carbapenems.  
237 Contrary to the idea of just having one predominant clone at any time, we found  
238 different STs in the period of time this study encompasses. Hence, it seems that  
239 different lineages can be co-existing within the same hospital setting.

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241 To properly analyze ward dissemination, we used both core and accessory genome.  
242 Although the accessory genome analysis had way more resolution, both analyses  
243 clearly showed that the STs have been extensively disseminated in many wards. Thus,  
244 there is no population structuring according to wards. From a practical point of view,  
245 these results suggest that infection control measures were not able to contain the  
246 dissemination of these STs in the hospital. In accordance with our previous work<sup>8</sup>, we  
247 noted that several STs (ST208, ST369 and ST136) have problems (*i.e.*, they do not  
248 form monophyletic groups) properly genotyping the isolates assigned to them. This



249 highlights the need for the use of more powerful genotyping approaches for  
250 *Acinetobacter baumannii*. Clearly, if possible, WGS should be the method of choice.  
251 Over the last decade most bacterial genomic epidemiology studies have used core  
252 SNPs to reconstruct the transmission dynamics of pathogens. This is on account of the  
253 fact that *de novo* mutations accrue on the same time scale (ideally, faster) than the  
254 transmission events inferred. However, for some bacterial species, *A. baumannii* being  
255 the case in point, this might not happen at very short time scales. In our study, to  
256 overcome this, we used gene content variation, which occurs faster than mutations<sup>12</sup>, to  
257 have a higher genotyping resolution at very short time scales. Remarkably, our results  
258 show that this type of alternative genomic variation can be used to track the  
259 transmission events at very short periods of time. Ideally, one can use both core and  
260 accessory genome to conduct genomic epidemiology at an unprecedented level; going  
261 beyond what the core genome variation can resolve by itself. We think the use of the  
262 accessory genome (as an extra phylogenomic marker) can be particularly useful for  
263 epidemiological investigations of outbreaks.

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265 In conclusion, our study shows that both the accessory and the core genome can be  
266 very powerful tools to understand the transmission dynamics of bacterial pathogens. We  
267 anticipate our study to be a reference point for more elaborate analyses using the  
268 accessory genome as a very useful phylogenomic marker over very short  
269 microevolutionary scales.

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## 271 **MATERIAL AND METHODS**

### 272 **DNA extraction, genome sequencing and antibiotic susceptibility testing**

273 The initial collection had 134 isolates of *A. baumannii*, which were identified in previous  
274 studies<sup>13,14</sup>, and these isolates covered a decade, from 2007 to 2017. Several pulse  
275 types were identified among these 134 isolates but pulse-type 22 was the most frequent  
276 by far. We sequenced 76 isolates (all pulse-type 22) trying to represent as much as  
277 possible the proportion of isolates per year in the initial collection. Three of them had to  
278 be excluded due to quality issues; our final data set has 73 genomes. Supplementary  
279 Table 1 provides the details (date, ST, ward, etc.) of these genomes. Genomic DNA

280 was extracted using the QIAamp DNA Mini Kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany) according to  
281 the manufacturer's instructions from a single colony grown in LB medium grown  
282 overnight at 37°C<sup>18</sup>. The genome sequencing of the isolates was carried out at the  
283 Instituto Nacional de Medicina Genómica (<https://www.inmegen.gob.mx/>) in Mexico  
284 City. A 2 X 250-bp configuration, employing an Illumina Miseq platform, was employed.  
285 We trimmed the first and last five bases in each read and the poor-quality bases with  
286 Trim Galore (<https://github.com/FelixKrueger/TrimGalore>). We assembled the genomes  
287 with SPAdes<sup>19</sup> (see Supplementary Table 1 for assembly statistics) and then we  
288 annotated and checked the contamination and completeness of each genome as in<sup>20</sup>.  
289 We used the PubMLST database<sup>21</sup> to assign Sequence Types, under the Oxford MLST  
290 scheme, to the newly sequenced isolates. We also downloaded over 200 genomes from  
291 the NCBI that had the same STs as those assigned to the newly sequenced isolates  
292 (see Supplementary Table 1). The MIC was performed for the 73 isolates sequenced  
293 using serial dilution on agar following the guidelines of the Clinical and Laboratory  
294 Standards Institute (CLSI)<sup>22</sup>. The antimicrobial agents tested against the 73 isolates  
295 include amikacin (AMK), gentamicin (GEN), cefotaxime (CTX), cefepime (FEP),  
296 levofloxacin (LVX), tetracycline (TET), imipenem (IPM) and meropenem (MEM). The  
297 MIC was determined as the lowest concentration of antibiotics in which the *A.*  
298 *baumannii* growth was inhibited. Supplementary Table 2 gives the MIC values for each  
299 isolate and each drug tested. The classification of each isolate as susceptible or  
300 resistant was established according to the CLSI breakpoints<sup>22</sup>. *Escherichia coli* strain  
301 ATCC 25922 was employed for quality control tests.

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### 303 **Phylogenies, recombination analysis and molecular dating**

304 We constructed a Maximum Likelihood phylogeny on the concatenated alignment of  
305 single gene families without recombination, we proceeded as in a previous study<sup>9</sup>.  
306 Single gene families were identified analysing the output of Roary<sup>23</sup> and we employed  
307 PhiPack<sup>24</sup> to identify recombination. We found 1654 single gene families without  
308 recombination (SGFwR). The SGFwR were aligned and the phylogenetic tree was  
309 constructed using RAxML<sup>25</sup> as in<sup>20</sup>. We annotated the phylogenetic tree with iTOL<sup>26</sup>.

310 We also ran another tree with this alignment but only considering the 73 isolates from  
311 the HCG. We implemented a molecular dating analysis using BEAST 2<sup>27</sup>. The analysis  
312 was run on the concatenated alignment of the SGFWr considering the 73 HCG isolates.  
313 We used TempEst<sup>28</sup> to check the temporal signal within the data and we excluded  
314 some of the isolates whose genetic divergence and sampling date were unusual. We  
315 found a strong temporal signal, the regression of dates of sampling against the root-to-  
316 tip distances was 0.9074. We used the TrN+G as the site model, for this was selected  
317 by jModelTest<sup>29</sup> as the best model under the Akaike information criterion. We used a  
318 log-normal relaxed molecular clock model, which was calibrated using the sampling  
319 dates of the isolates. The analysis was run for 900,000,000 generations and samples  
320 were taken every 900,000 generations. The analysis was run twice to make sure the  
321 results were consistent. In both analyses we ensured that the effective sampling size of  
322 the likelihood of the tree was well above 200.

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### 324 **Comparisons intra versus inter ward, gene content correlation matrix, and gene** 325 **content tree**

326 To evaluate the dissemination across wards we employed two measures. One measure  
327 was the number of core SNPs between pairs of isolates. For this, we made use of all  
328 the SNPs found in the concatenated alignment of 2048 single gene families without  
329 recombination for only the 73 HCG isolates (we ran another pangenome analysis using  
330 Roary just with the HCG isolates). For this analysis, we discarded the isolates Ab-  
331 HCG0509-49 and Ab-HCG0611-54 which seem to be hypermutator strains. Whereas,  
332 the second measure counted the number of differing genes between pairs of isolates.  
333 For both measures we just compared the isolates from within the same ST and the  
334 pairwise comparisons were divided into intra and inter ward comparisons. We also  
335 constructed a gene content correlation matrix, as we have done previously in a couple  
336 of studies<sup>20</sup>. From the pangenome analysis of the 73 isolates we produced a gene  
337 content matrix for all the sequenced HCG isolates. Then, using that matrix and applying  
338 the *cor()* function in R, a gene content correlation matrix was created. The matrix was  
339 visualized as heat map using the *ComplexHeatmap()* package<sup>30</sup> in R. To create a  
340 Neighbor-joining tree based on gene content, we created a gene content distance

341 matrix (based on the gene content matrix) employing the *dist()* function in R and setting  
342 Euclidean distance. After that, the APE library<sup>31</sup> was used to construct a Neighbor-  
343 joining tree on the distance matrix.

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347 SCR conceived and supervised the study. VME conducted almost all the *in silico*  
348 analyses. SCR conducted the molecular dating analysis. MDAC supervised the DNA  
349 extraction and antibiotic susceptibility testing. JLFV carried out DNA extraction. JM  
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352 assignment for them.

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355 All the authors report no potential conflict of interest.

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**FIGURE LEGENDS**

**Figure 1**

**Antibiotic resistance patterns of the 73 *A. baumannii* isolates from the HCG.** Different drug classes were tested and the actual MICs for each isolate, and each drug, are provided in supplementary table 2. For each isolate we also provide the ward from which it was sampled. The ST assignment for the isolates is at top. Re the strain names, the numbers after the “HCG” initials give the month (first two digits) and the year (third and fourth digits) of sampling. For instance, Ab-HCG**0216**-65 was sampled in February 2016.

**Figure 2**



487 **Phylogeny of the 73 *A. baumannii* isolates from the HCG plus publicly available**  
488 **genomes.**

489 The phylogeny is annotated with the geographic region and the ST. The stars mark the isolates  
490 from the HCG. Bootstrap values equal to or higher than 80 are shown with violet dots at the  
491 internal nodes of the tree. The scale bar gives the number of substitutions per site.

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493 **Figure 3**

494 **Molecular dating analysis of the main ST.**

495 Marginal posterior density for the tMRCA for ST136 (green), ST208 (red), and ST417 (purple).  
496 The x-axis shows the time between 2000 and 2020.

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498 **Figure 4**

499 **Inter and intra ward transmission analysis.**

500 We conducted pairwise comparisons for the isolates of ST208 (left-hand side) and ST417  
501 (right-hand side), which were the most abundant STs. Comparisons considering isolates from  
502 the same ward are shown in cyan (light blue) bars, whereas comparison of isolates from  
503 different wards are the purple bars. The top panels give the differences in terms of core SNPs,  
504 whereas the bottom panels show the differences in gene content.

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509 **Figure 5**

510 **Gene content variation among the isolates from the HCG.**

511 Heat map visualising the gene content correlation matrix. The heat map is annotated with the  
512 ward and the ST for each isolate. The top and side dendrograms show the clustering by similarity  
513 in gene content. The darker the blue, the more similar the isolates are in gene content.

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## 515 **Figure 6**

### 516 **Accessory and core genome trees for the HGC isolates.**

517 Both trees were constructed only considering the newly sequenced 73 *A. baumannii* isolates  
518 from the HCG. Left-hand side panel, Neighbor-joining tree based on a gene content distance  
519 matrix. Right-hand side panel, ML tree based on the alignment used for the ML phylogeny in  
520 Figure 2, the alignment was edited to only contain the 73 isolates from the HCG. The isolates  
521 are color-coded as *per* ST, whereas the external ring provides the wards for the isolates.

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## 524 **SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL**

### 525 **Supplementary Table 1**

526 List of the 299 *A. baumannii* genomes along with their metadata employed in this study.

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### 528 **Supplementary Table 2**

529 MICs values for each drug tested on the 73 newly sequenced *A. baumannii* isolates of  
530 the HCG.

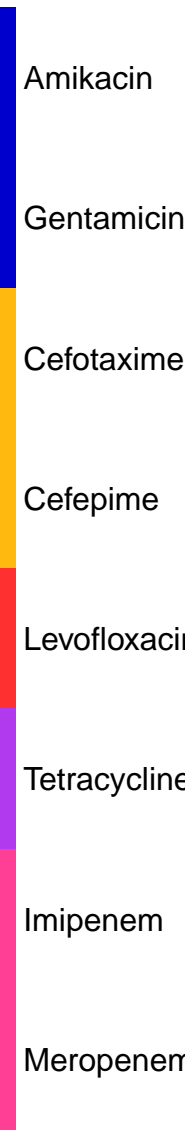
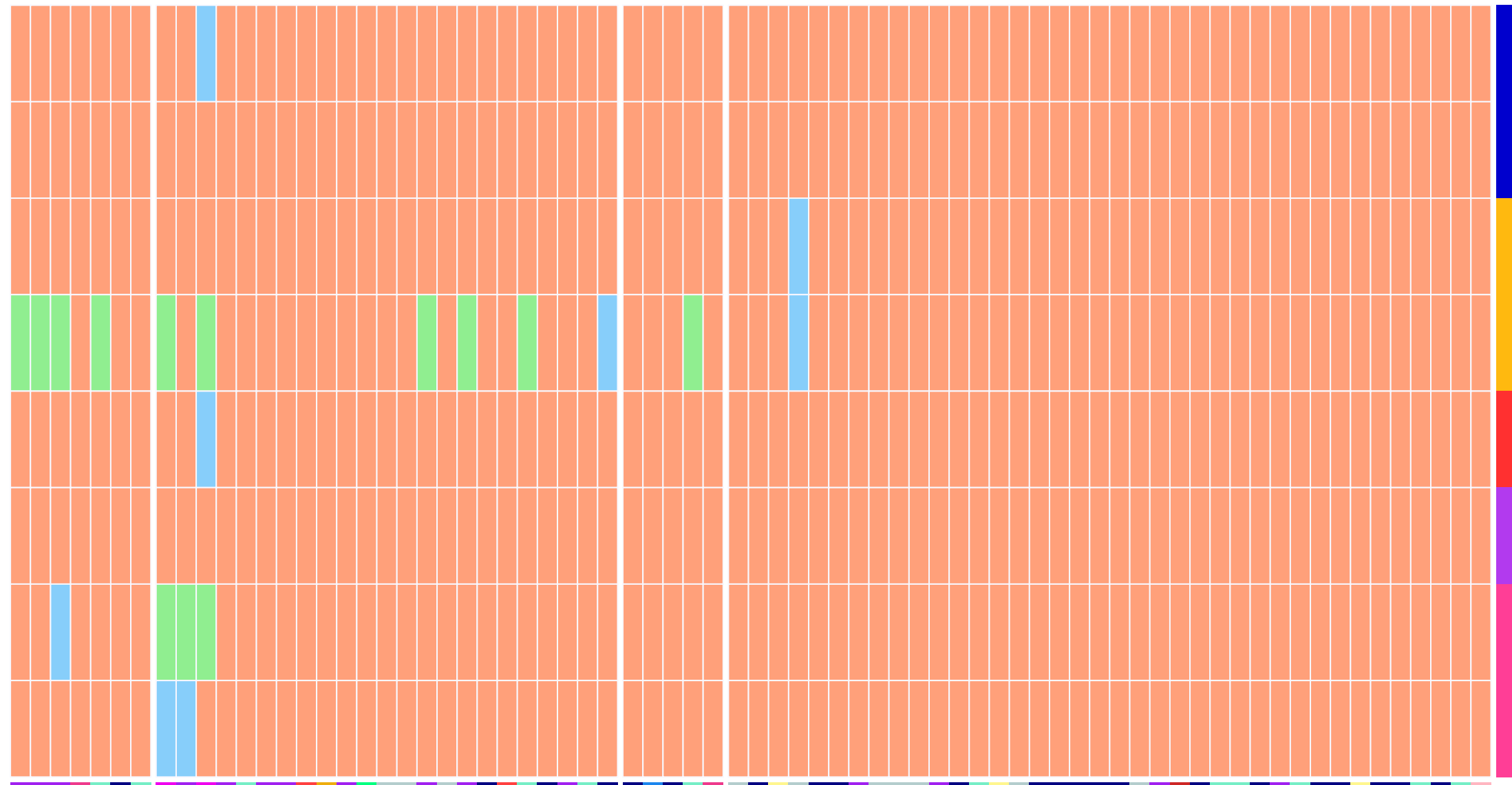
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- Category**
- Intermediate
  - Resistant
  - Susceptible
- Drug class**
- Aminoglycoside
  - Carbapenem
  - Cephalosporin
  - Fluoroquinolone
  - Tetracycline
- Ward**
- Gastrology
  - General surgery
  - Hematology
  - HIV unit
  - Infectology
  - Intensive care unit
  - Internal medicine
  - Nephrology
  - Neurology
  - Oncology
  - Pediatrics
  - Proctology
  - Traumatology and orthopedics

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### Geographic location

- Thailand
- Australia
- Czech Republic
- USA
- Unknown
- China
- Japan
- Taiwan
- Spain
- South Korea
- Hong Kong
- Pakistan
- France
- Mexico
- Greece

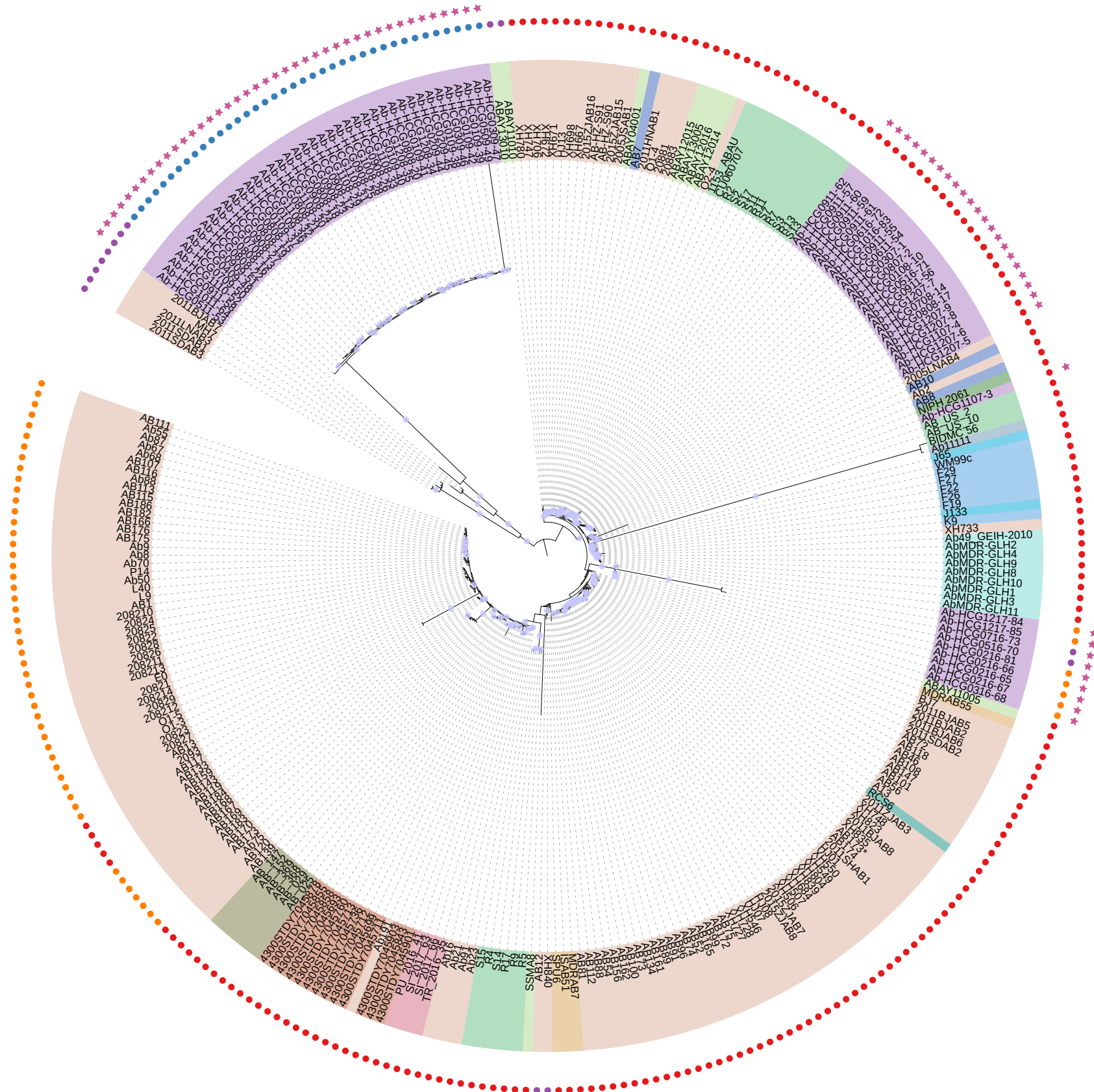
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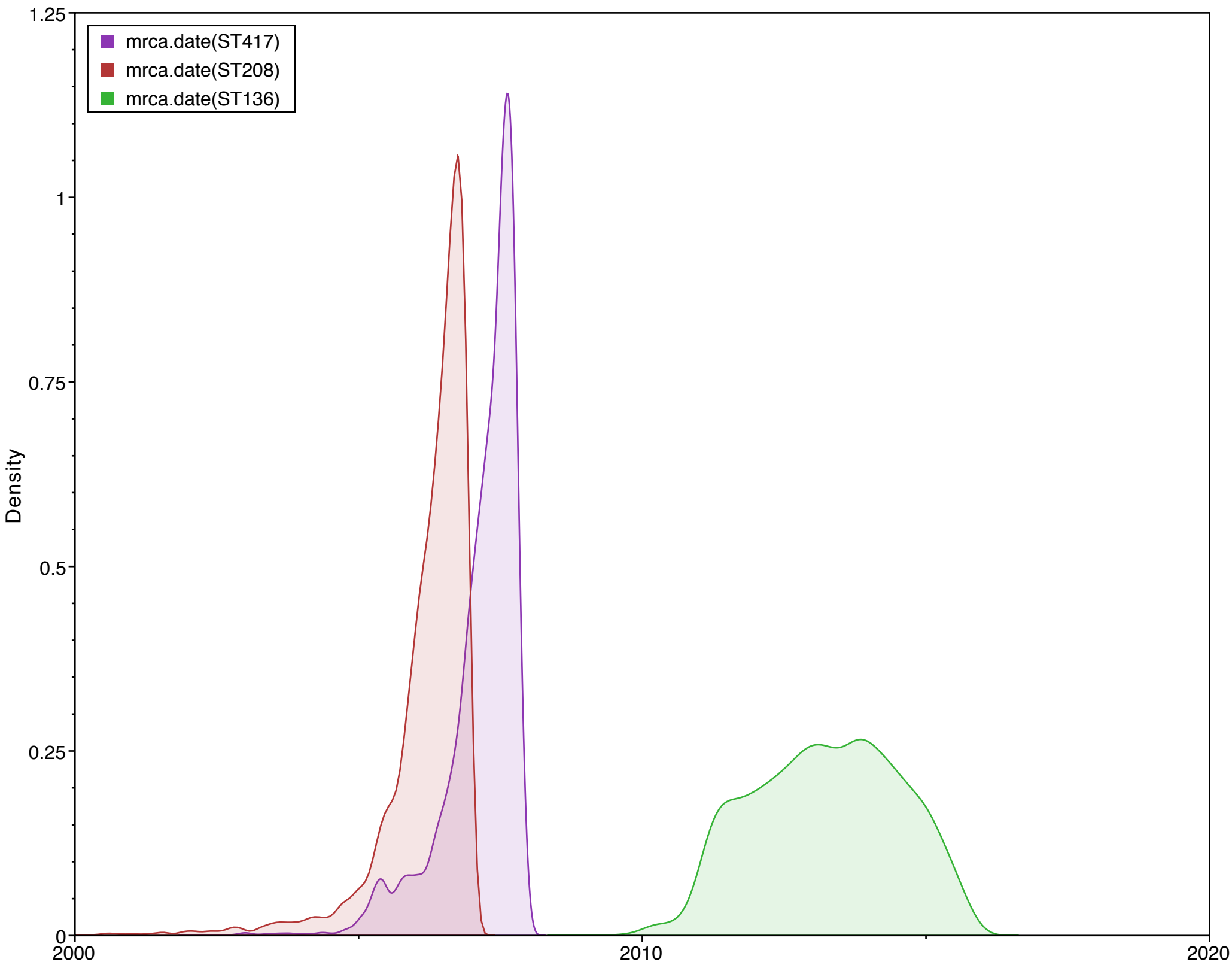
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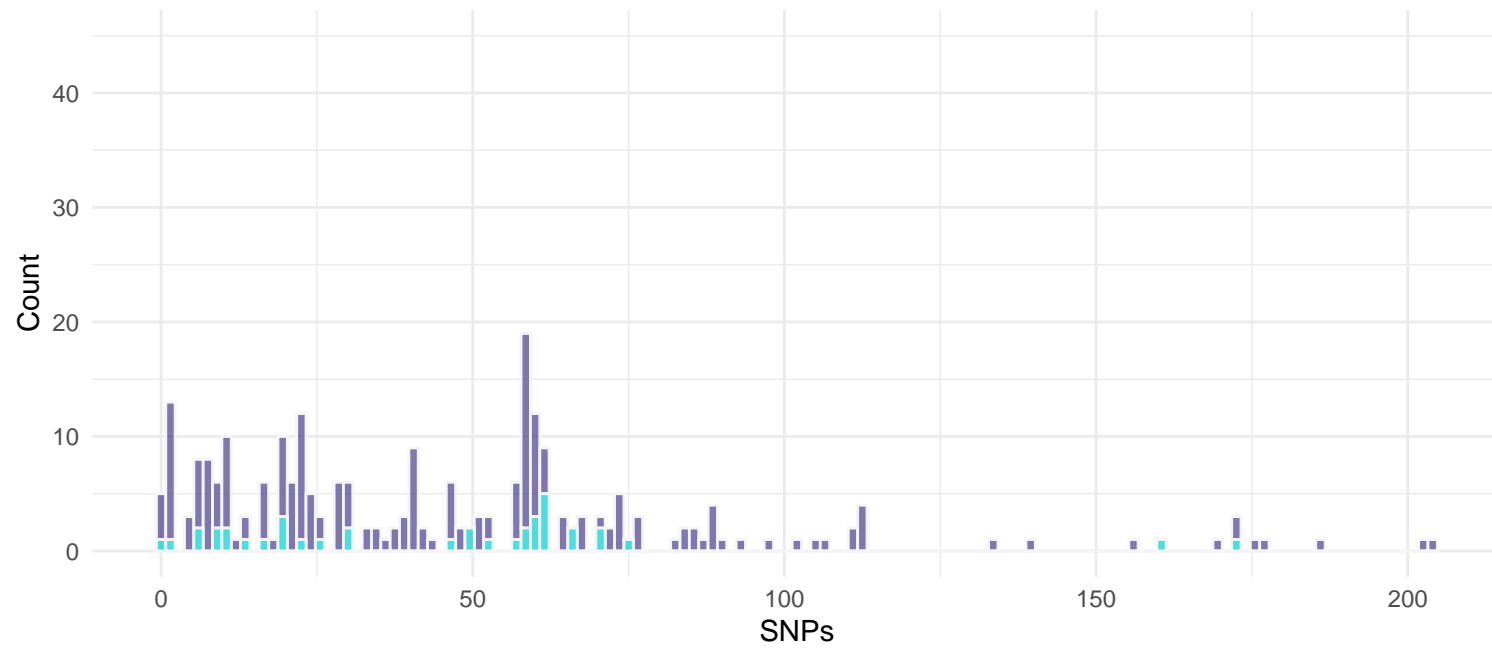
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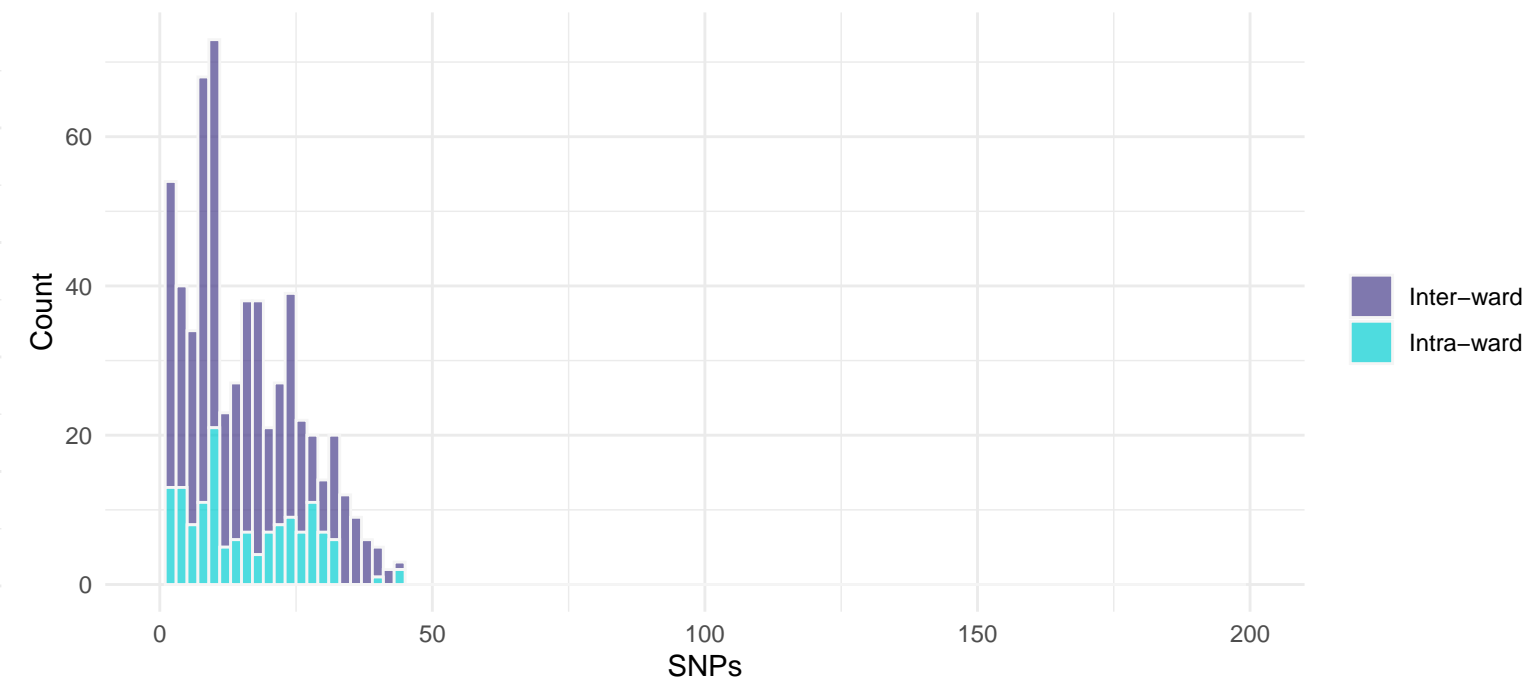


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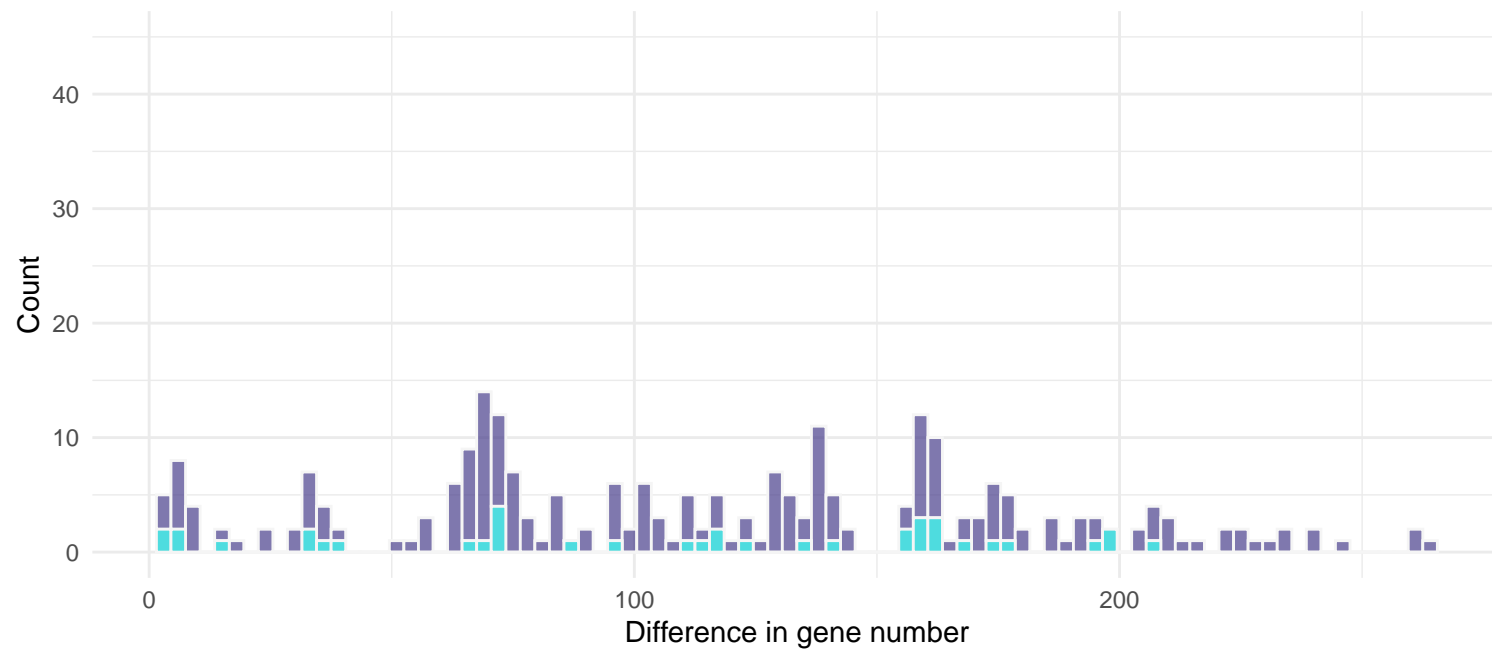


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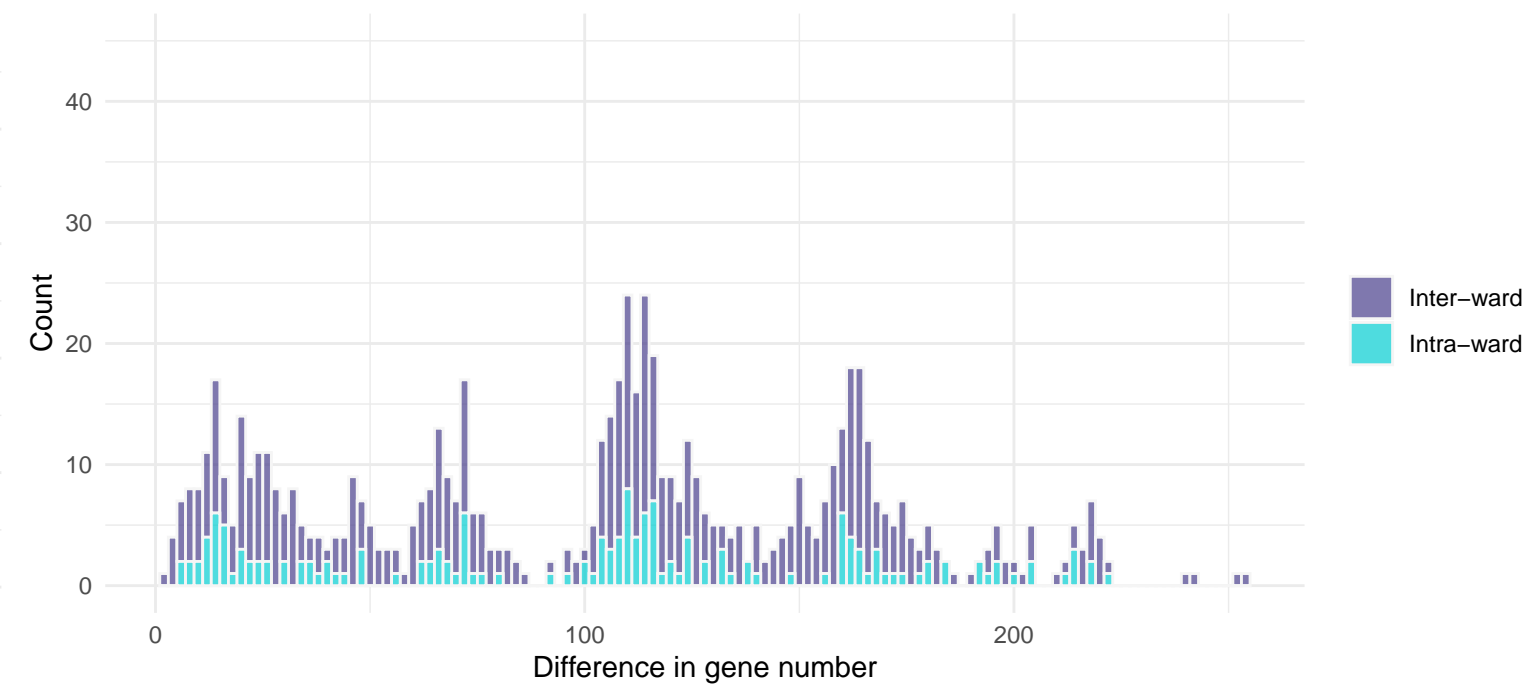


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- Nephrology
  - Intensive care unit
  - Internal medicine
  - Hematology
  - Pediatrics
  - Infectology
  - HIV unit
  - General surgery
  - Gastrology
  - Proctology
  - Oncology
  - Traumatology and orthopedics
  - Neurology

- Oxford ST**
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  - 417
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