

A story that should be better known:

- Dec 13** - Symptom onset (?), 65-YO man (S7)
Huanan Market
- Dec 18** - Ai sees 65-YO Huanan Market deliveryman at WCH (S5, S7)
- Dec 22** - 65-YO Huanan Market deliveryman moved to ICU at WCH (S5, S7)
- 41-YO man from Jiangxia District admitted to Jiangxia People's Hospital (S4, S8)
- Dec 24** - 65-YO Huanan Market deliveryman's sample sent to VM (S5, S7)
- Dec 26** - VM identifies SARSr-CoV, most closely related to a bat virus, in 65-YO Huanan Market deliveryman (S11, S12)
- 41-YO man, a Huanan Market merchant from Quanzhou, Fujian, admitted to WCH (S11). Not to be confused with 41-YO from Jiangxia District who was not linked to the market

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Dissecting the early COVID-19 cases in Wuhan

Elucidating the origin of the pandemic requires understanding of the Wuhan outbreak

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Dec 27



- Zhang at HPHICWM notes ground glass opacities in Cluster 1 couple and their son (S8, S9)
- Zhang at HPHICWM sees fourth case, Huanan worker (S8, S9)
- HPHICWM alerts Jiangnan District CDC of new viral disease, likely infectious (S9, S10)
- Ai at WCH sees second case (S5, S7)
- VM phones WCH by noon to report that 65-YO deliveryman is SARSr-CoV-positive (S12)
- VM generates near-complete genome of SARS-CoV-2 (S12)

Jan 11



- Zhang Yongzhen breaks gag order, releases Wuhan-Hu-1 genome with help of Edward Holmes and Andrew Rambaut (S18)



Jan 20



- Chinese government announces human-to-human transmission (S23)

APOBEC3 deaminase editing in mpox virus as evidence for sustained human transmission since at least 2016

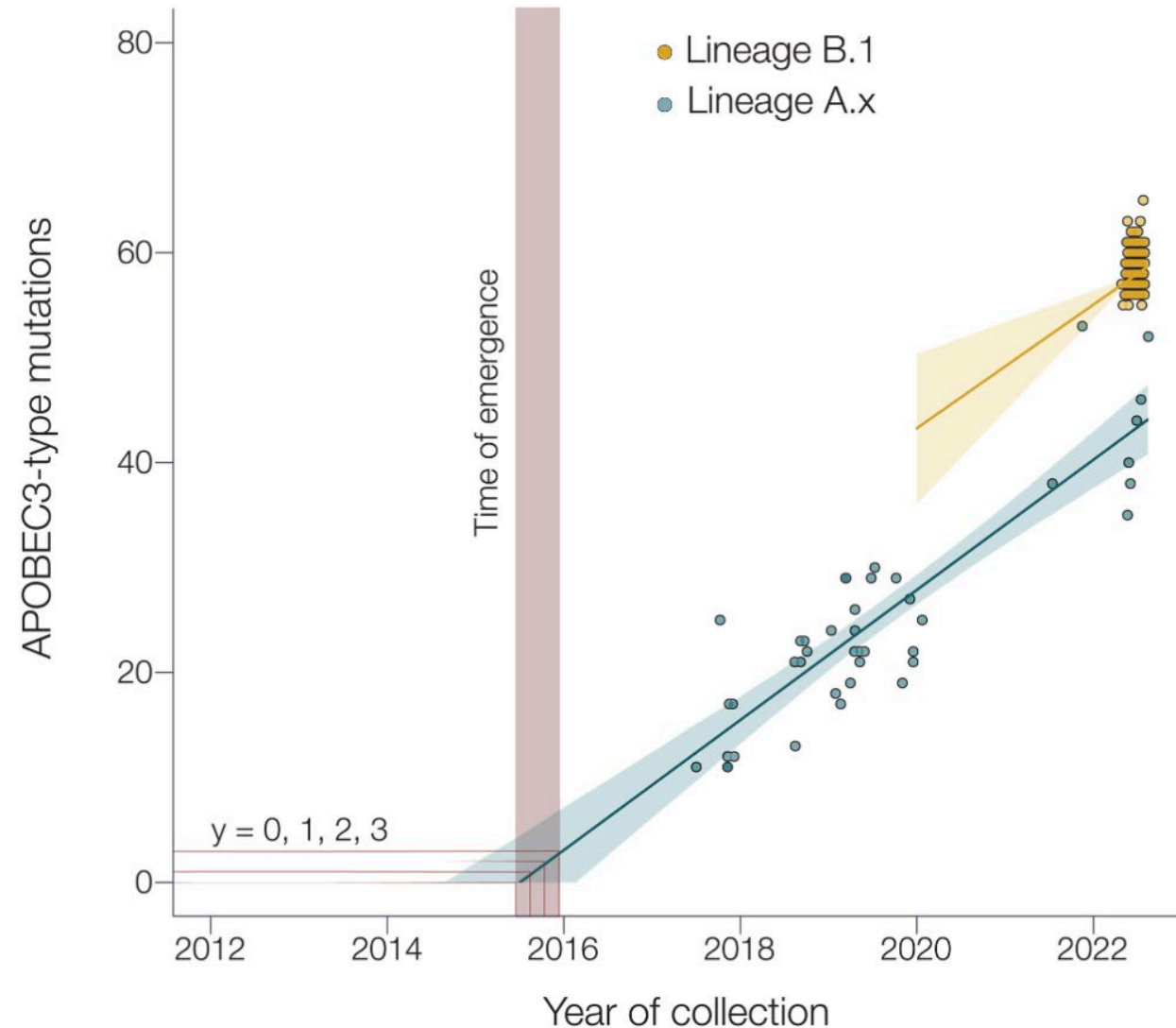
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How did we do with mpox:?



How did we do with H5N1 in cattle?

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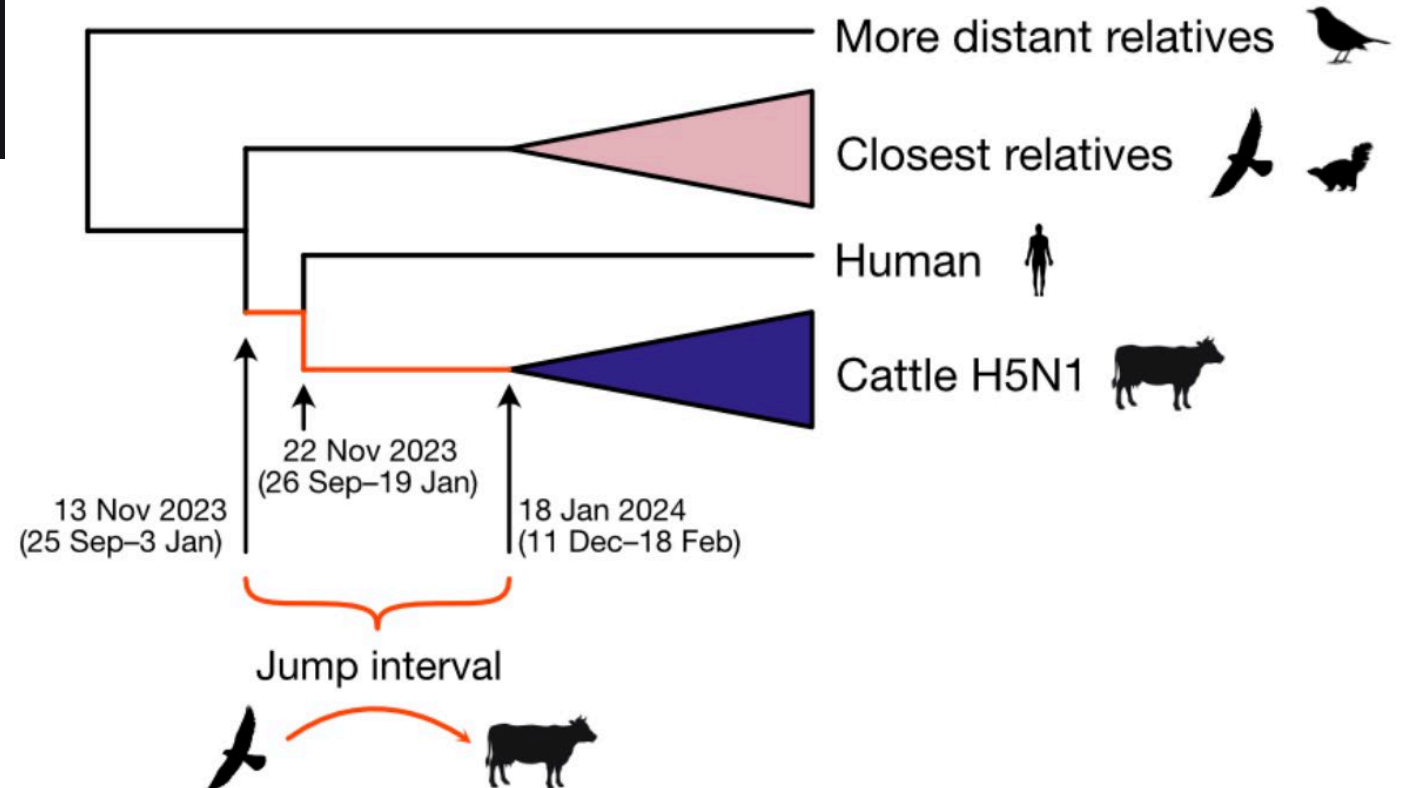
Here's a visual of the US H5N1 "Cattle clade", HA plus two internal genes.

Strongly suggests to me there was single origin, at least for these sequences.

Possibly in late 2023/early 2024.

PB2
North American
H5N1 2.3.4.4b

US cattle



One simple point: unleash the power of metagenomic sequencing for early detection

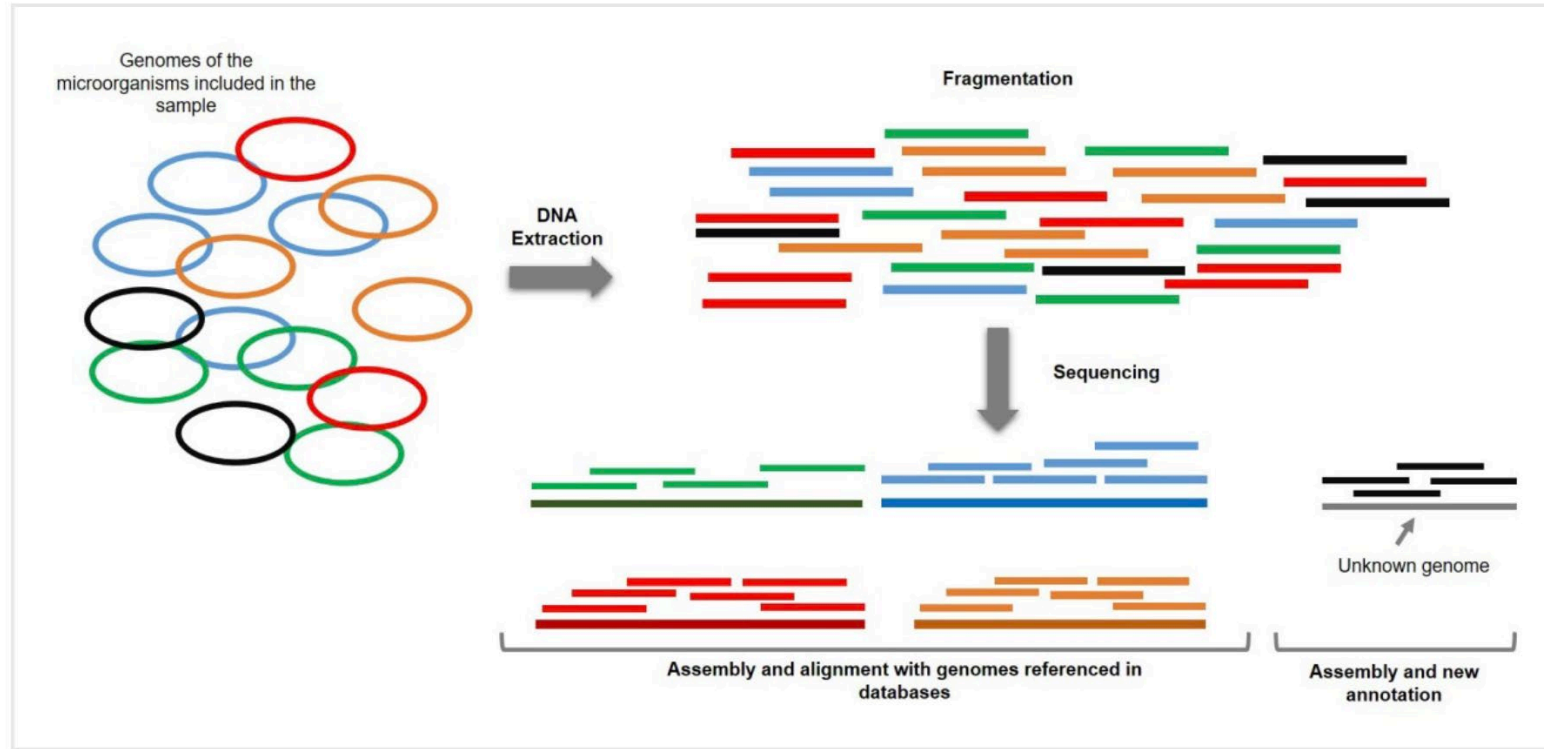


Fig1. Shotgun metagenomics

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