

NCBI Virus: Accessing sequence data and virus information

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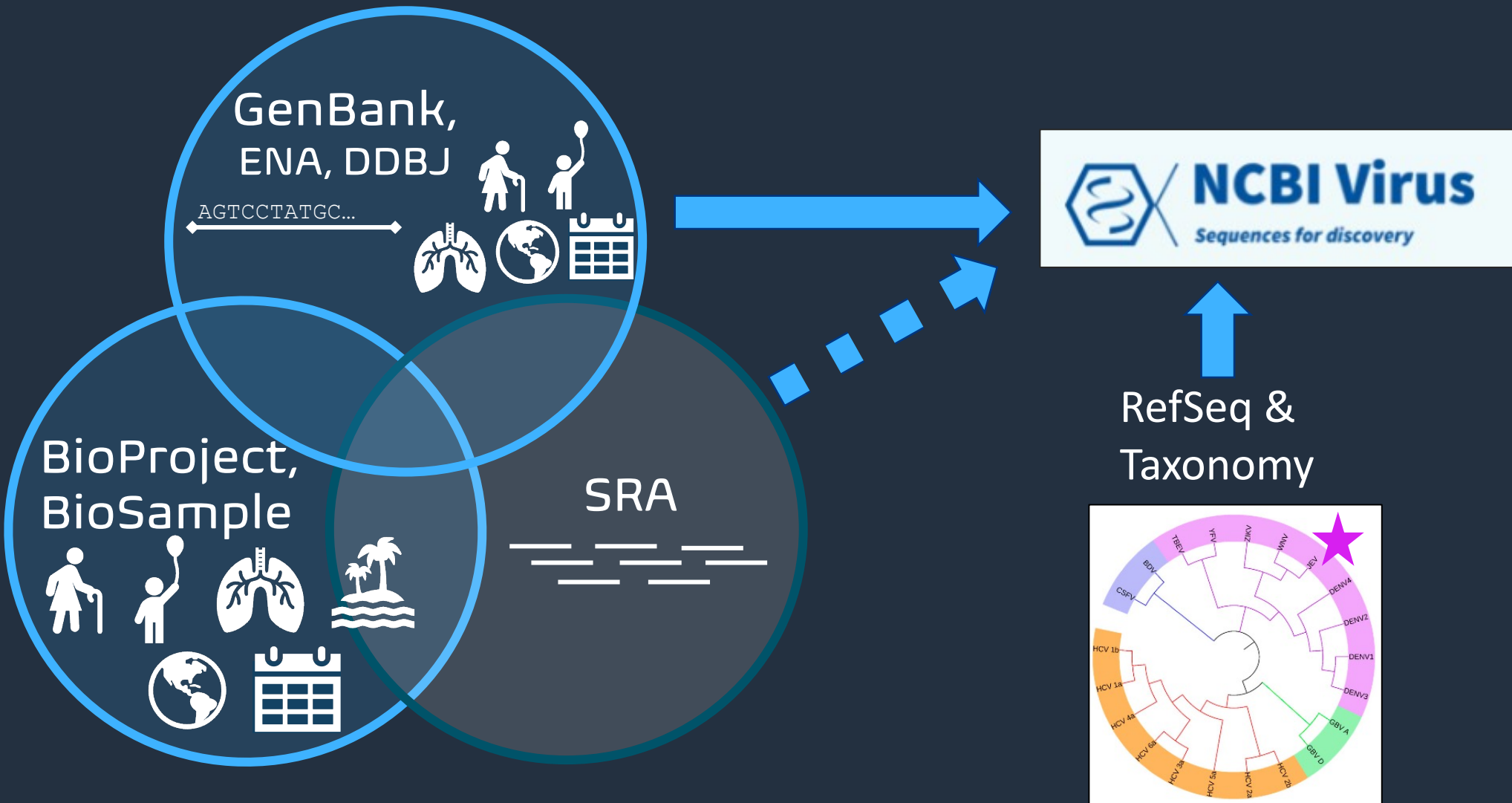


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More data, more problems?

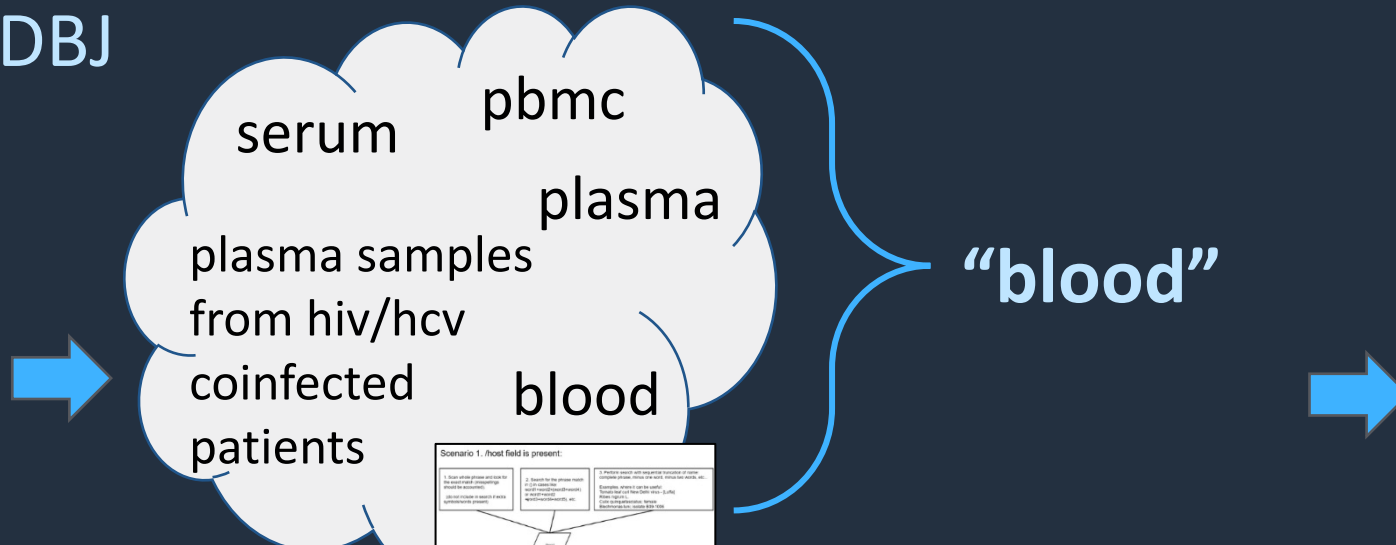
- How do you find data for viruses that have certain characteristics?
- From a geographic location, or collected recently?
- Which name do you search with?
- Part of a lineage or subtype?

NCBI Virus

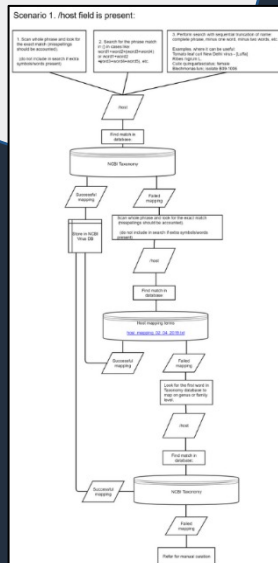


NCBI Virus Curation

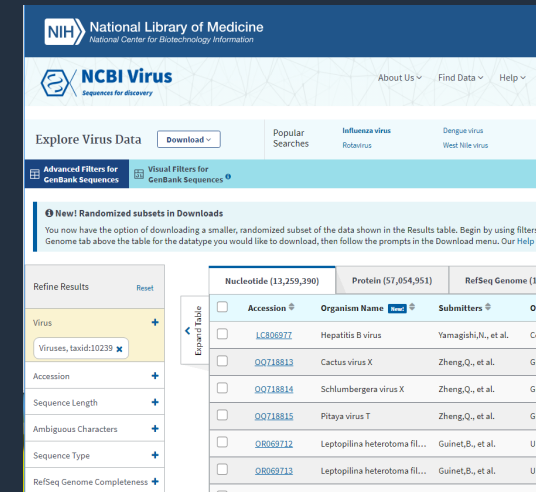
Submission to
GenBank (or DDBJ
or ENA)



“blood”



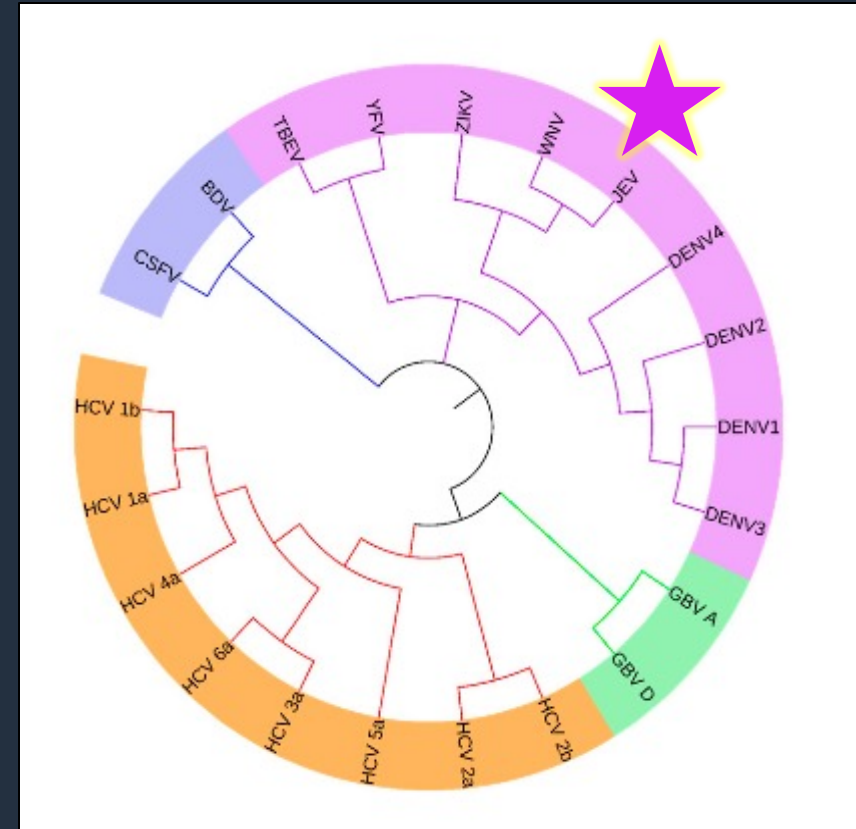
Host
Sample location in host
Collection date
Geographic regions
Lab or vaccine strain
Environmental strain



Accession	Organism Name	Submitters	Org
LC306272	Hepatitis B virus	Yamagishi,N., et al.	Ce
Q0718813	Cactus virus X	Zheng,Q., et al.	Gu
Q0718814	Schlumbergera virus X	Zheng,Q., et al.	Gu
Q0718815	Pitaya virus T	Zheng,Q., et al.	Gu
Q809712	Leptopilina heterotoma fil...	Guinet,B., et al.	Un
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RefSeq records

- Representatives of a species or unclassified group
- Based on GenBank record
- Usually, 1 per species
- ICTV exemplars and “new” viruses
- Standard gene & protein annotation for well characterized viruses



Role of RefSeqs in Public Health Response

- GenBank team + NCBI Virus team
- 24 hrs - RefSeq with improved annotation
- Standardized annotation – protein coding regions & names
- Demonstrated SARS-CoV-2 taxonomy
- RefSeq was used to create VADR models
 - Submissions are normally manually reviewed - Automated submission of sequences
- Provides widely available sequence coordinates, S:D614G

NCBI Virus Results Table

- Accession: GenBank, SRA, BioProject, BioSample
- Geographic region (North America; USA; GA)
- Submitting author, organization, location
- Several more

The screenshot displays the NCBI Virus search results page. At the top, the NIH National Library of Medicine logo is visible. The main header includes the NCBI Virus logo and navigation links like 'About Us', 'Find Data', 'Help', 'How to Participate', 'Submit Sequences', and 'Contact Us'. Below this, there are sections for 'Explore Virus Data' with a 'Download' button, 'Popular Searches' (listing Influenza virus, Dengue virus, Zika virus, Ebolavirus, Rotavirus, West Nile virus, MERS coronavirus, and SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus), and 'Advanced Filters for GenBank Sequences' and 'Visual Filters for GenBank Sequences'. A notification banner states: 'New! Randomized subsets in Downloads. You now have the option of downloading a smaller, randomized subset of the data shown in the Results table. Begin by using filters to refine your dataset, select the Nucleotide, Protein, or RefSeq Genome tab above the table for the datatype you would like to download, then follow the prompts in the Download menu. Our Help documentation has more information.' The main table is titled 'Nucleotide (13,259,390)' and has columns for 'Accession', 'Organism Name', 'Submitters', 'Organization', 'Release Date', and 'Isolate'. The table contains several rows of virus data, including Hepatitis B virus, Cactus virus X, Schlumbergera virus X, Pitaya virus T, and Leptopilina heterotoma fil... The 'Refine Results' sidebar on the left shows filters for 'Virus' (Viruses, taxid:10239), 'Accession', 'Sequence Length', 'Ambiguous Characters', 'Sequence Type', and 'RefSeq Genome Completeness'. A 'Feedback' button is located in the bottom right corner.

Accession	Organism Name	Submitters	Organization	Release Date	Isolate
LC806977	Hepatitis B virus	Yamagishi,N., et al.	Central Blood Institute; 2...	2024-04-02	JRC-HB_T9
OQ718813	Cactus virus X	Zheng,Q., et al.	Guizhou Institute of Pomo...	2024-04-02	CVX-GZPitaya
OQ718814	Schlumbergera virus X	Zheng,Q., et al.	Guizhou Institute of Pomo...	2024-04-02	SchVX-GZpitaya
OQ718815	Pitaya virus T	Zheng,Q., et al.	Guizhou Institute of Pomo...	2024-04-02	PiVT-GZpitaya
OR069712	Leptopilina heterotoma fil...	Guinet,B., et al.	University Claude Bernar...	2024-04-02	223
OR069713	Leptopilina heterotoma fil...	Guinet,B., et al.	University Claude Bernar...	2024-04-02	356

[https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/labs/virus/vssi/#/virus?SeqType_s=Nucleotide&VirusLineage_ss=Severe%20acute%20respiratory%20syndrome%20coronavirus%20%20\(SARS-CoV-2\),%20taxid:2697049](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/labs/virus/vssi/#/virus?SeqType_s=Nucleotide&VirusLineage_ss=Severe%20acute%20respiratory%20syndrome%20coronavirus%20%20(SARS-CoV-2),%20taxid:2697049), Just search "NCBI Virus" 😊

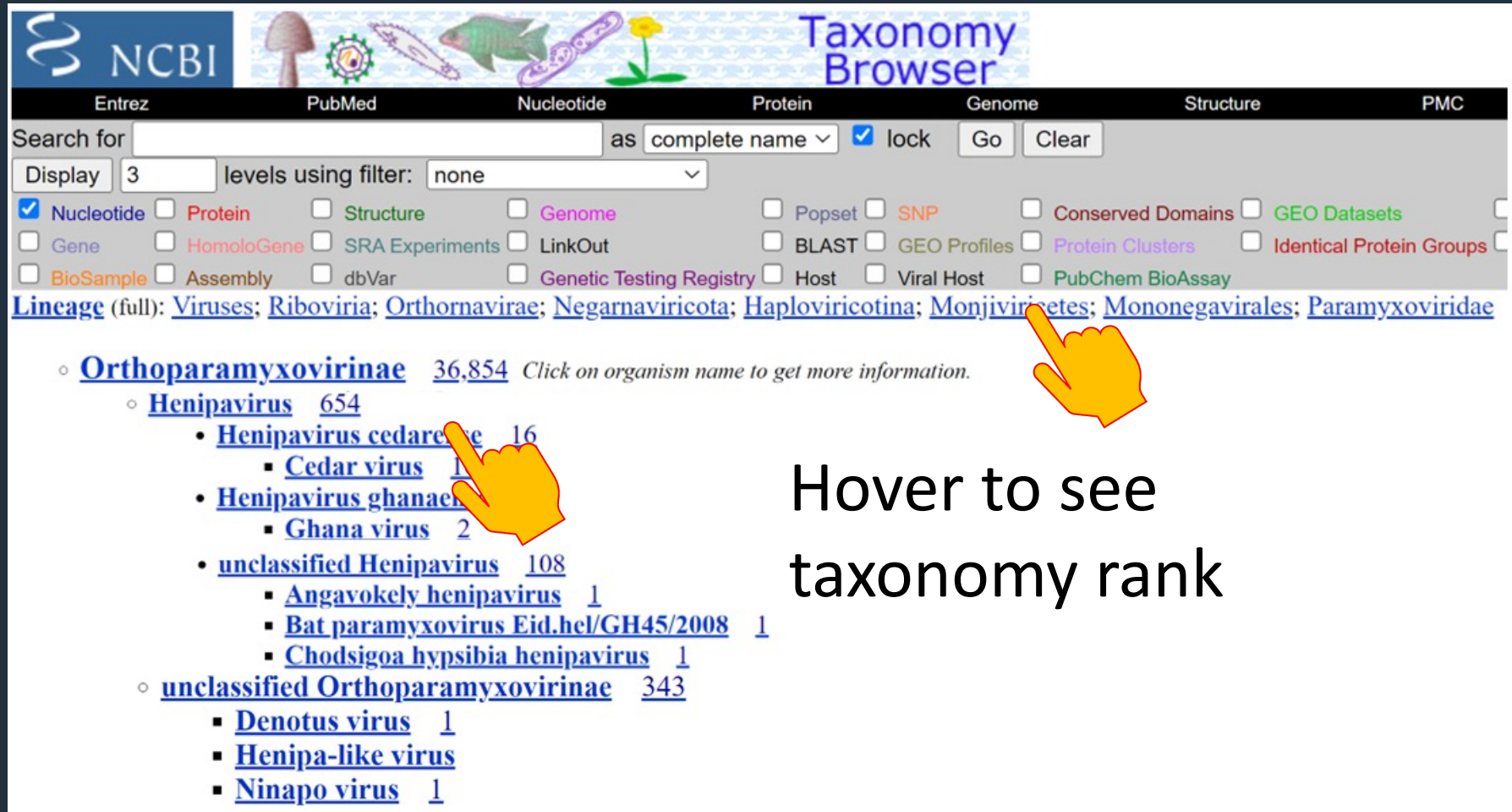
Pango Lineages in NCBI Virus

- Automated tool 😊
- Each evening: Check for updates to the tools, Run on all SARS-CoV-2 sequences
- Filter by lineage
- Include lineage in Results Table download, or defline in downloads
 - Versions are also included in Results Table download:
 - 4.3.1/1.26/v0.1.12/0.3.19/0.6.2
 - pangolin 4.3.1 / pangolin-data 1.24 / constellations v0.1.12 / scorpio 0.3.19 / UShER 0.6.2

NCBI Taxonomy

- Virus species: ICTV
 - Gives us a formalized way to talk about virus groups
- Virus name, common names: Nipah virus, SARS-CoV-2
- When no official taxonomy is available yet, NCBI places sequence records into “unclassified” bins
- NCBI taxonomy also includes synonyms, virus names, common names, etc. to make data searches easier
 - Nipah-virus, 2019-nCoV, Newcastle disease virus
- Includes nodes below the species level

NCBI Taxonomy Browser



The screenshot shows the NCBI Taxonomy Browser interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for Entrez, PubMed, Nucleotide, Protein, Genome, Structure, and PMC. Below these is a search bar with the text "Search for" and a dropdown menu set to "as complete name". There are also buttons for "lock", "Go", and "Clear". Below the search bar, there are options for "Display" (set to 3) and "levels using filter" (set to none). A list of checkboxes allows users to filter results by various categories: Nucleotide (checked), Protein, Structure, Genome, Popset, SNP, Conserved Domains, GEO Datasets, Gene, HomoloGene, SRA Experiments, LinkOut, BLAST, GEO Profiles, Protein Clusters, Identical Protein Groups, BioSample, Assembly, dbVar, Genetic Testing Registry, Host, Viral Host, and PubChem BioAssay.

The search results show a lineage: [Viruses](#); [Riboviria](#); [Orthornavirae](#); [Negarnaviricota](#); [Haploviricotina](#); [Monjivirnetes](#); [Mononegavirales](#); [Paramyxoviridae](#). A yellow hand icon points to the [Monjivirnetes](#) link.

- [Orthoparamyxovirinae](#) 36,854 *Click on organism name to get more information.*
 - [Henipavirus](#) 654
 - [Henipavirus cedarene](#) 16
 - [Cedar virus](#) 1
 - [Henipavirus ghanaensis](#) 2
 - [Ghana virus](#) 2
 - [unclassified Henipavirus](#) 108
 - [Angavokely henipavirus](#) 1
 - [Bat paramyxovirus Eid.hel/GH45/2008](#) 1
 - [Chodsigoa hypsibia henipavirus](#) 1
 - [unclassified Orthoparamyxovirinae](#) 343
 - [Denotus virus](#) 1
 - [Henipa-like virus](#)
 - [Ninapo virus](#) 1

Hover to see
taxonomy rank

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Unclassified bins for viruses without ICTV taxonomy

NCBI Taxonomy Browser – New!

Taxonomy Browser

Selected taxa

African swine fever virus

Taxonomic name	Genomes
Viruses	85,817
Bamfordvirae	10,765
Nucleocytoviricota	8,225
Pokkesviricetes	7,807
Asfuvirales	294
Asfarviridae	294
Asfivirus	294
African swine fever virus	294

Feedback



Search “NCBI Datasets” → Taxonomy

Genomes ≠ Nucleotide records

Please share your feedback

NCBI Virus = NCBI Taxonomy

Virus

Exclude SARS-CoV-2

Severe acute respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus, taxid:694009 (8,768,934)

Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, taxid:2697049 (8,767,276)

Bat SARS-like coronavirus.

Accession +

Sequence Length +

Virus

Exclude SARS-CoV-2

Measles morbillivirus, taxid:11234 (22,962)

Measles virus genotypes and isolates, taxid:351680 (16,344)

Measles virus genotype D8, taxid:170528 (6,613)

Accession +

Search with any level of taxonomy, common name, many abbreviations, etc

Virus

Exclude SARS-CoV-2

Human papillomavirus 16, taxid:333760 (12,140)

Poliovirus 1, taxid:12080 (4,036)

Poliovirus 2, taxid:12083 (3,142)

Poliovirus 3, taxid:12086

Accession +

Explore Virus Data

Reovirales

Quick Links All viruses Our Data Model Our publications - cite us!

Filters (2) View the Results Table and download

Advanced Filters for GenBank Sequences Visual Filters for GenBank Sequences

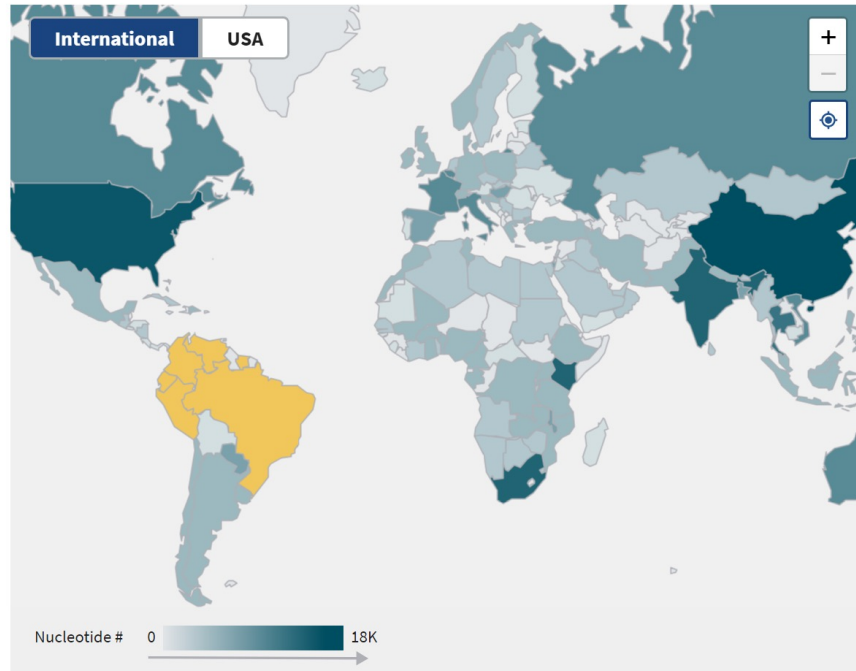
Sequence Type 38 RefSeq Nucleotides 9,795 All Proteins 9,725 All Nucleotides 39 RefSeq Proteins 122 Complete Nucleotides

Geographic and Time Distribution

Choose locations to select sequence records with that collection location. Use the sliders or click date columns to select records by their sample collection date and/or their GenBank release date.

Geographic Distribution

Search for a country

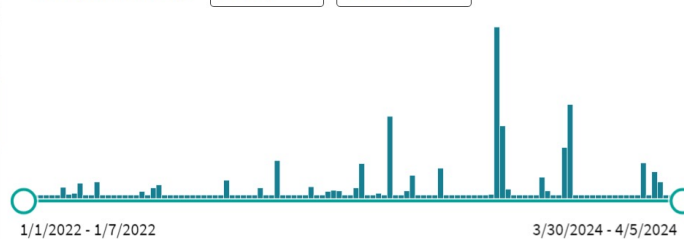


Collection Time Yearly

Reset



Release Time Weekly 2022 - 2024



Feedback

Interactive dashboard for exploring sequence data, understanding biases, and refining selections

Flexible download formats

FASTA: nucleotide, coding regions, or proteins

- Customize the defline/header

Accessions lists

Results table

- Choose which fields to include in the table

Randomized subsets, stratified by country, collection year, release year, or host

Download Results

Step 3 of 3: Select FASTA definition line

Use default : Accession GenBank Title

Build custom : Accession Organism Name Submitters Collection Date

Geo Location	
Country	
USA	
Host	
Isolation Source	
BioSample	
BioProject	
GenBank Title	

Add ►

◀ Remove

Accession
Organism Name
Submitters
Collection Date

Back **Download**

NCBI Datasets – Command line or API

- Programmatically access virus data
- Nucleotide & Protein sequences, annotation, and metadata report
- Same normalized metadata as NCBI Virus
- Great for large data downloads
- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/datasets/docs/how-tos/virus/>

Help us help you.

- Lineages can change over time – but data provided during submission is archival
- NCBI Virus can associate sequence records with up-to-date lineages
- & help distribute lineage references
- **We need:**
 - **Community-accepted classification schemes**
 - **Automated classification tools with long-term support**



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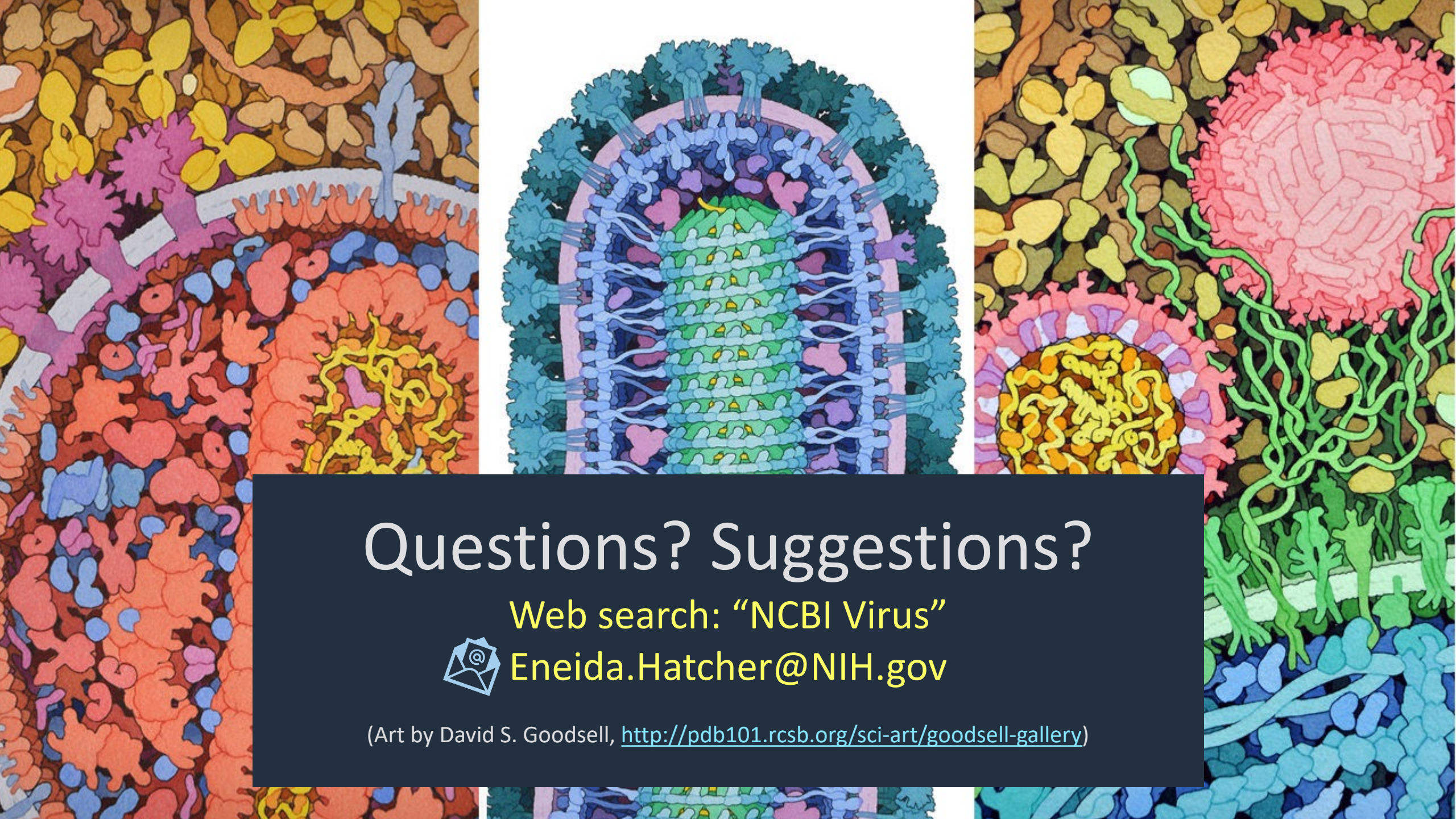
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Questions? Suggestions?

Web search: "NCBI Virus"



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