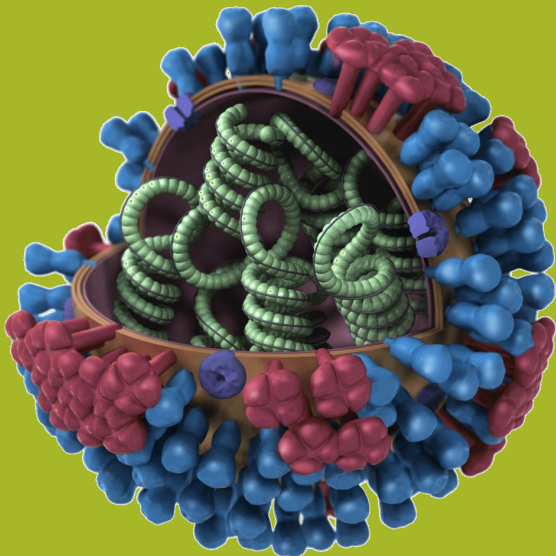


# INFLUENZA B IN LATIN AMERICA

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## Burden of influenza-associated deaths in the Americas, 2002–2008

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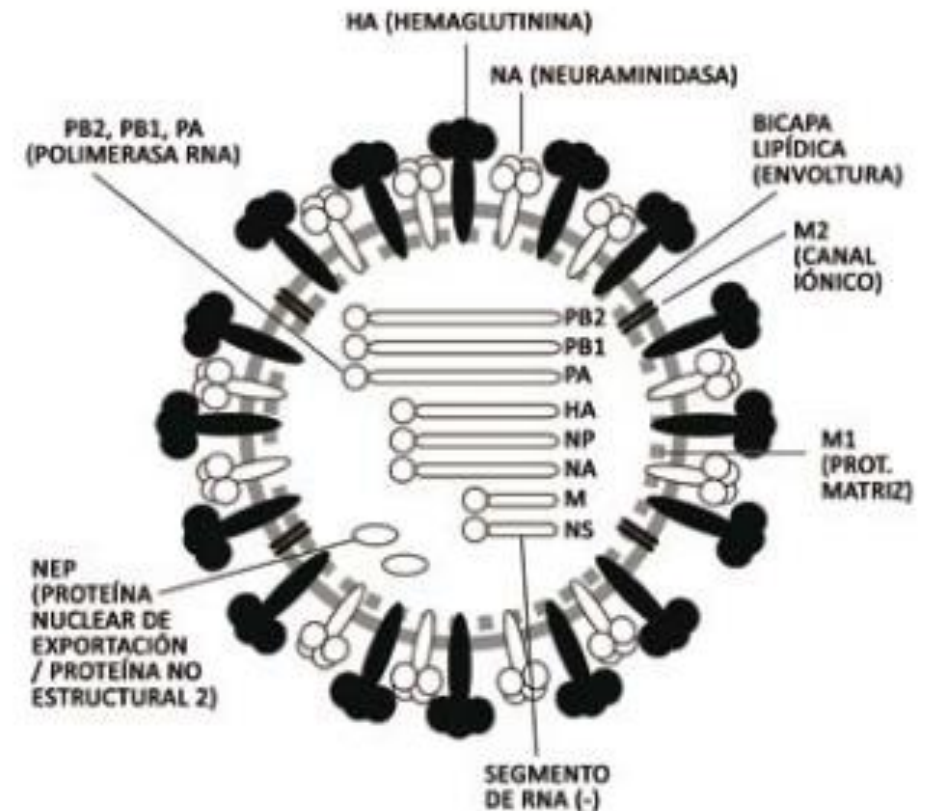
- mean: 85.100 deaths/year
- 40.880 – 160.270 deaths/year

Cheng P-Y, Palekar R, Azziz-Baumgartner E, et al.  
*Influenza and Other Respiratory Viruses*.  
2015;9(Suppl 1):13-21. doi:10.1111/irv.12317.



# Influenza Virus

- ▶ Family: Orthomyxoviridae
- ▶ Genera: Influenzavirus
- ▶ Types: A, B, C
- ▶ Genome: sRNA (-), 8 segments encoding 9-10 proteins
  - ▶ M1 and NP: type specific
  - ▶ HA and NA: subtype specific



# Influenza features

- Influenza infections in humans are mainly caused by type A and type B viruses.
- Influenza A is responsible for the pandemics and the majority of seasonal infections
- Influenza B incidence can vary between seasons
- In contrast to influenza A, influenza B viruses mutate more slowly and have no animal reservoir
- Two antigenically distinct lineages of influenza B viruses have been cocirculating in the past 30 years.

# Influenza B

- **Influenza B can be classified into two antigenically distinct lineage, Victoria and Yamagata, based on differences in the viral haemagglutinin gene**
- **This difference is responsible for the lack of antigenic cross reactivity between lineages.**
- **These two lineages currently circulate among humans since the mid-1980s**
- **Influenza B evolution is characterised by a continuous turnover of lineages and the match between circulating and vaccine strain vary annually**

# Vaccine Composition

- The trivalent influenza vaccine (TIV) recommended by WHO annually, contains two A strains, and one B lineage.
- Differences between the circulating lineage and the vaccine strain, could lead to limited protection in the vaccinated population, since immunity to a lineage does not confer protection against another.
- The quadrivalent influenza vaccine (QIV) contains an additional B lineage



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**Recommended composition of influenza virus vaccines for use in the 2015-2016 northern hemisphere influenza season**

- It is recommended that trivalent vaccines for use in the 2015-2016 influenza season (northern hemisphere winter) contain the following:
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  - an A/Switzerland/9715293/2013 (H3N2)-like virus;
  - a B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus.
- It is recommended that quadrivalent vaccines containing two influenza B viruses contain the above three viruses and
  - a B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus;



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**Recommended composition of influenza virus vaccines for use in the 2016 southern hemisphere influenza season**

- It is recommended that trivalent vaccines for use in the 2016 southern hemisphere influenza season contain the following:
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  - an A/Hong Kong/4801/2014 (H3N2)-like virus
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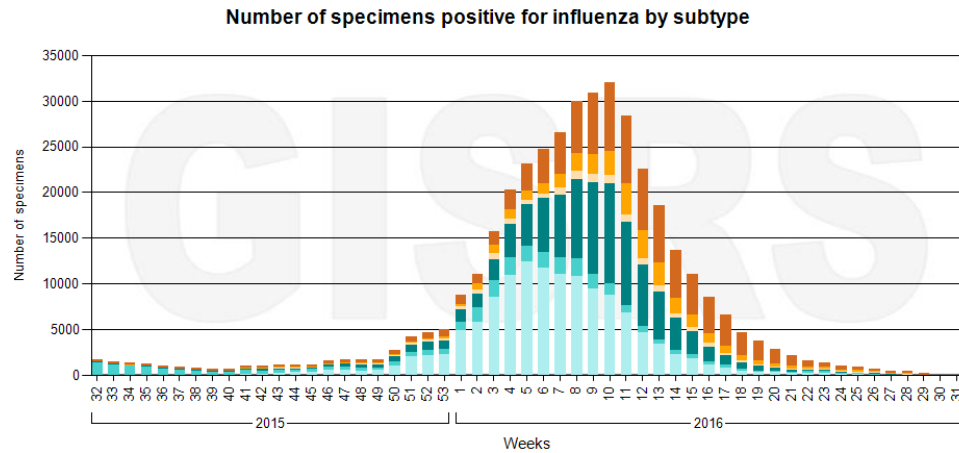


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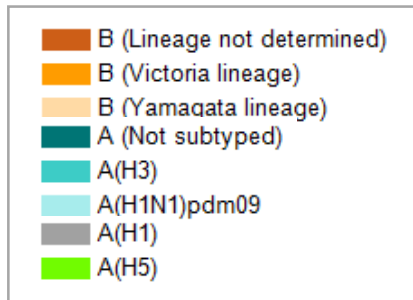
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### Northern hemisphere

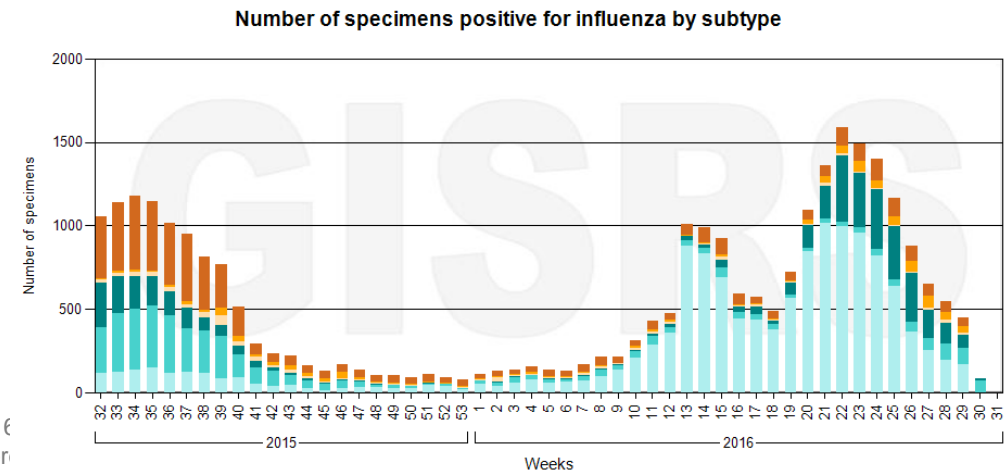


Most of the data from NH(maximum 30.000 samples per week) vs SH (maximum 1500 per week)

Co-circulation  
Yamagata & Victoria

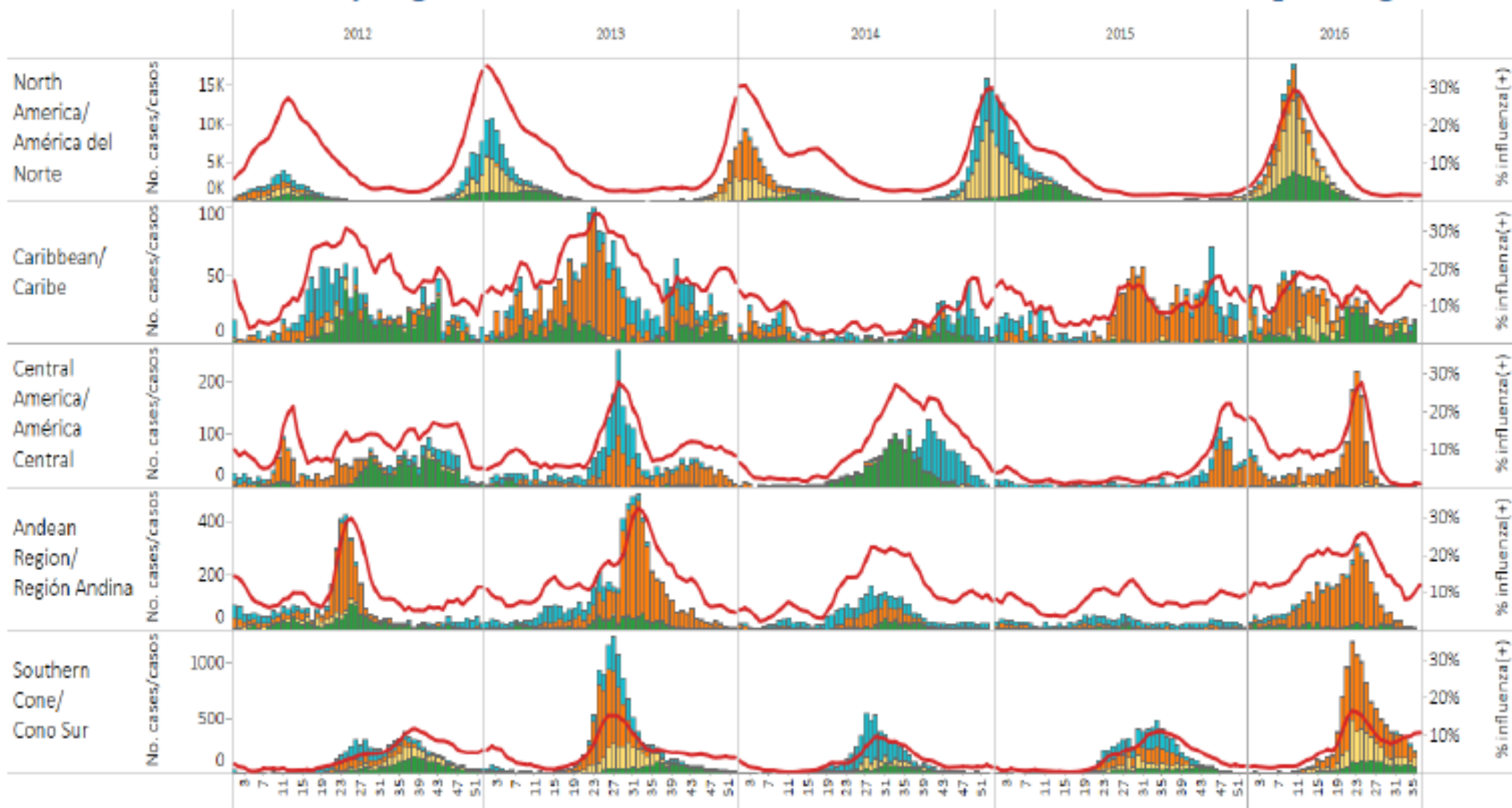


### Southern hemisphere



## Influenza circulation by region. 2012-16

## Circulación virus influenza por región. 2012-16

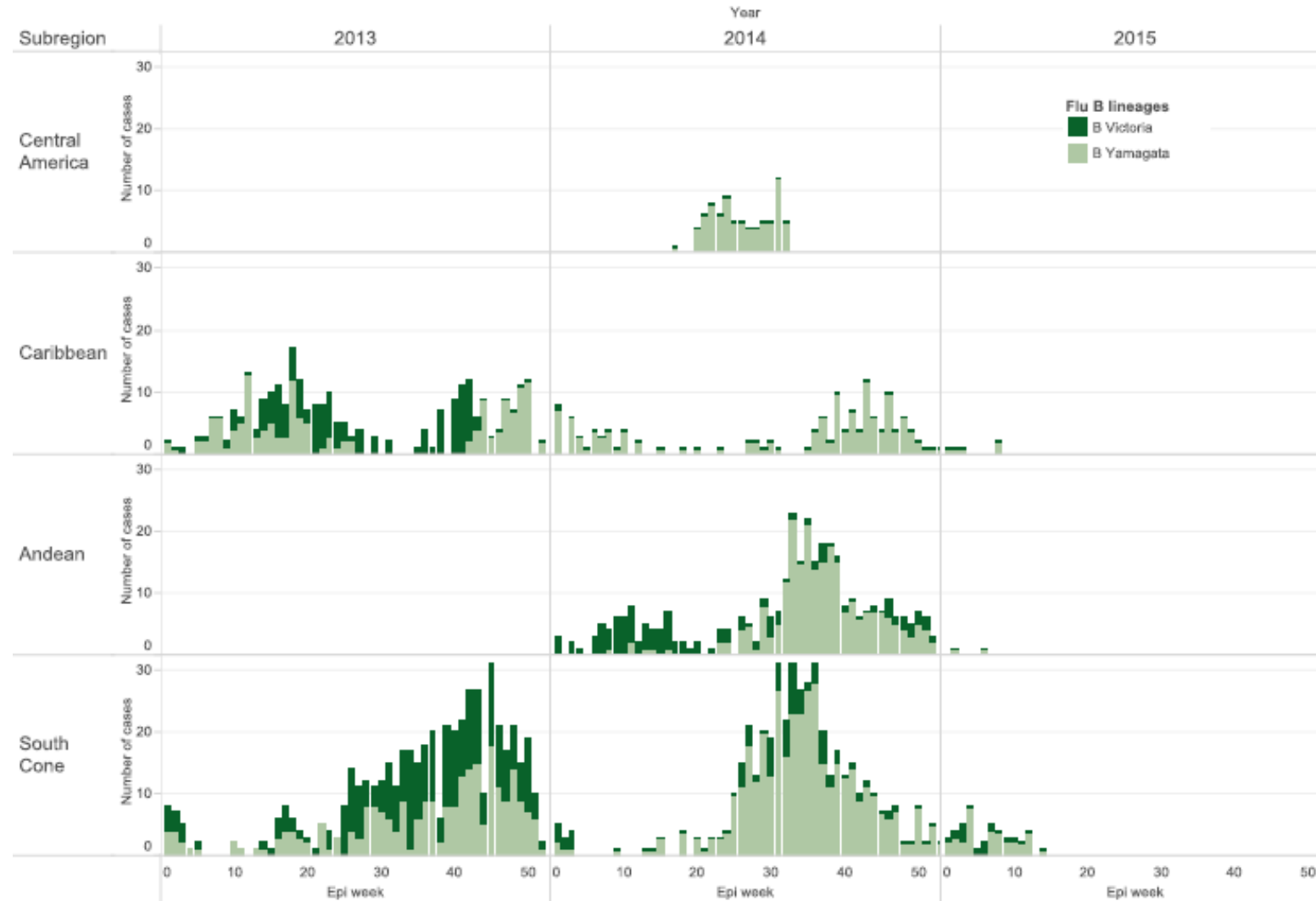


### Influenza viruses

- Influenza A(H3N2)
- Flu A(H1N1)pdm09
- Flu A Not Subtyped
- Influenza B
- % Influenza

# Lineages B co-circulation

Influenza B cases by identified lineage by Subregion and EW (2013 to EW14 of 2015)  
Argentina, Bolivia-INLASA, CARPHA, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, French Guiana,  
Jamaica, Martinique, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru\*



\*Countries that provide influenza B lineage data. Only data from countries listed is shown.

Data source: Ministries of Health and National Influenza Centers of Member States reporting to the Global Information Platform **FluNet**.

## Epidemiological and virological characteristics of influenza B: results of the Global Influenza B Study

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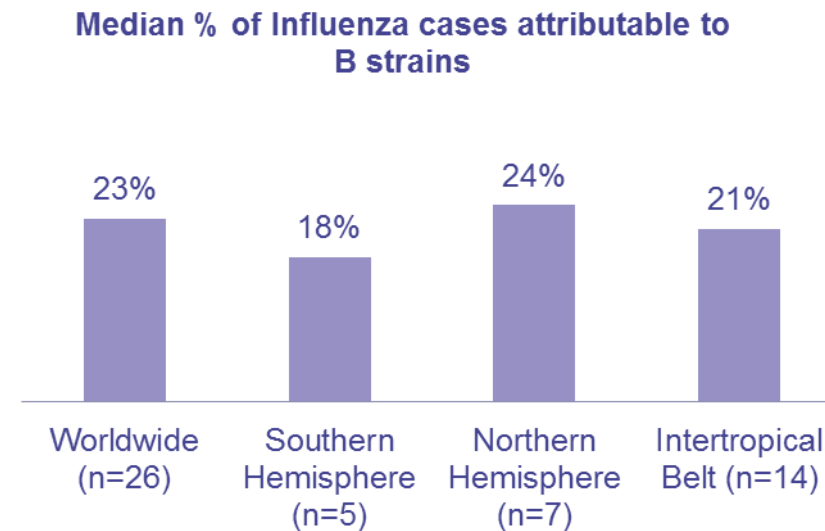
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# Global Influenza B study 2000-2013

- 26 countries - 935 673 influenza cases
- Overall median proportion of influenza B: **22.6%**
- During seasons where influenza B was dominant or co-circulated (>20%), Victoria predominated 64% of seasons and Yamagata 36%
- vaccine mismatch was observed in 25% of seasons.



RESEARCH ARTICLE

# Temporal Patterns of Influenza A and B in Tropical and Temperate Countries: What Are the Lessons for Influenza Vaccination?

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# Influenza cases reported to the national influenza surveillance system by each participating and percentages of influenza B virus.

Country	Latitude	Population (million)	No. seasons <sup>(1)</sup>	No. influenza cases	% influenza B
<b>Southern hemisphere</b>			<b>45 (2000–2013)</b>	<b>143,102</b>	<b>23.3</b>
New Zealand	41.8 S	4.5	12 (2000–2012)	12,729	23.2
Chile	35.8 S	16.6	4 (2008–2012)	7,039	16.0
Argentina (Santa Fe)	31.4 S	3.2	3 (2010–2012)	664	18.7
South Africa	29.0 S	53.0	4 (2010–2013)	1,253	45.1
Australia	25.8 S	23.4	11 (2001–2012)	120,193	23.5
Brazil South	25.2 S	27.4	7 (2004–2012) <sup>(2)</sup>	861	30.1
Brazil Southeast	23.3 S	80.4	4 (2008–2012)	363	33.3
<b>Inter-tropical belt</b>			<b>87 (2002–2014)</b>	<b>42,908</b>	<b>38.1</b>
Madagascar	19.4 S	21.3	11 (2002–2013)	2,638	40.2
Brazil West Central	15.5 S	13.3	2 (2006–2012) <sup>(2)</sup>	152	12.5
Brazil Northeast	12.6 S	53.1	5 (2004–2012) <sup>(2)</sup>	512	31.1
Brazil North	3.1 S	15.0	3 (2010–2012)	205	27.3
Ecuador	2.0 S	15.4	4 (2011–2014)	1,872	17.6
Indonesia	1.7 S	237.4	5 (2003–2007)	4,231	35.1
Kenya	0.4 S	44.4	5 (2007–2012)	4,700	25.0
Singapore	1.2 N	5.4	5 (2007–2012)	6,859	31.5
Cameroon	5.7 N	22.5	4 (2010–2013)	606	37.6
Ivory Coast	7.6 N	23.2	5 (2007–2012)	1,260	39.3
Panama	8.6 N	3.7	5 (2008–2013)	921	26.3
Costa Rica	10.0 N	4.6	3 (2010–2012)	2,185	19.9
Nicaragua	12.9 N	6.1	6 (2007–2013)	3,273	23.0
El Salvador	13.8 N	6.1	7 (2006–2013)	1,375	35.6
Honduras	14.8 N	8.2	3 (2010–2012)	797	19.6
Guatemala	15.7 N	15.4	7 (2006–2013)	2,093	18.9
Viet Nam	16.7 N	89.7	7 (2006–2013)	9,229	72.4
<b>Northern hemisphere</b>			<b>80 (2000–2014)</b>	<b>385,897</b>	<b>27.9</b>
Bhutan	27.4 N	0.7	3 (2010–2012)	690	33.6
China South	31.1 N	969.4	5 (2006–2011)	46,835	44.1
Morocco	32.0 N	33.2	7 (2003–2013) <sup>(2)</sup>	1,130	21.4
Turkey	39.0 N	76.7	4 (2006–2010)	834	48.9
Portugal	39.3 N	10.4	12 (2000–2013)	3,684	25.5
China North	39.5 N	370.9	6 (2005–2011)	27,726	43.2
Italy	42.9 N	59.9	9 (2002–2011)	8,202	19.1
USA	45.6 N	317.6	11 (2000–2011)	289,413	23.9
Kazakhstan	48.0 N	17.9	4 (2010–2014)	1,195	23.8
Ukraine	49.1 N	44.6	10 (2000–2012) <sup>(2)</sup>	1,335	23.3
England	52.3 N	53.0	9 (2003–2012)	4,853	32.0

Influenza B burden with high variability (12,5-72,4%)

Same country, different regions  
Ej: Brazil

<sup>(1)</sup> The 2009 influenza season (2009–2010 in Northern hemisphere) was not included in the analysis

<sup>(2)</sup> We did not include the following twelve seasons because <50 influenza cases were reported: 2005 in Brazil South; 2007, 2008, 2010, and 2011 in Brazil West Central; 2005, 2007, and 2008 in Brazil Northeast; 2005–2006 and 2007–2008 in Morocco; and 2001–2002 and 2003–2004 in Ukraine.

# Influenza Virus types and subtypes in 21 LAC, 2010-2015 <sup>1</sup>

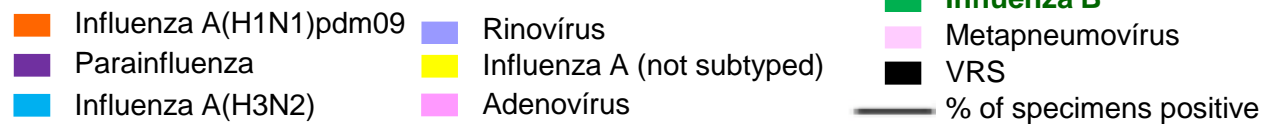
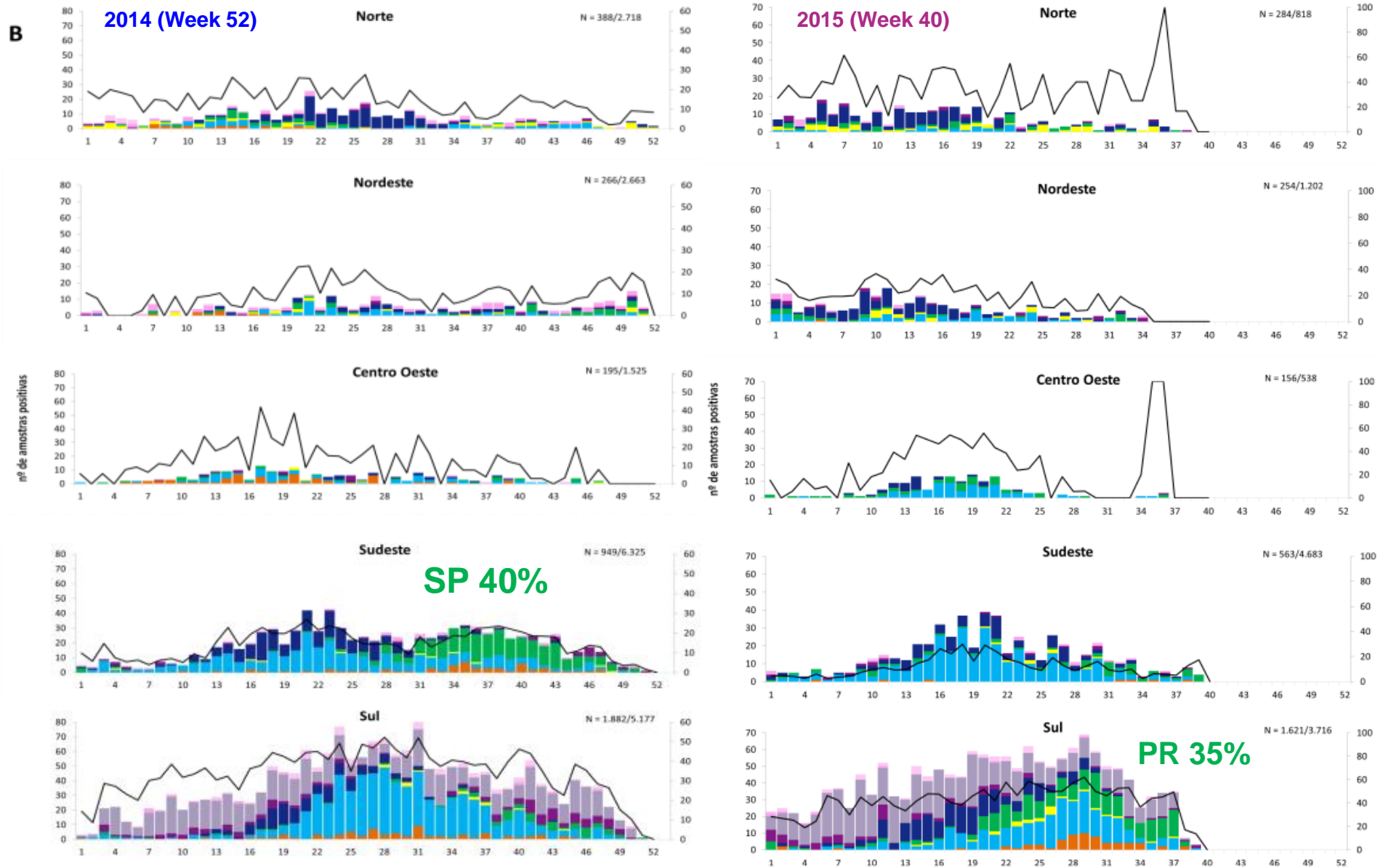
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Argentina	3,891	22.12	3,810	22.0	3,163	18.0	6,724	38.23	17,588
Brasil *	4,773	45.11	3,349	32.0	2,322	22.0	135	1.27	10,579
Chile	3,329	28.51	5,537	47.42	2,147	18.38	662	6.0	11,675
Colombia	2,021	51.00	1,295	33.0	344	9.0	322	8.08	3,982
Costa Rica	1,519	45.28	1,186	35.36	605	18.03	44	1.31	3,354
Cuba	1,837	50.28	1,147	31.39	621	17.0	48	1.31	3,653
Ecuador	2,365	50.0	1,480	31.01	746	16.0	181	4.0	4,772
El Salvador *	343	26.0	476	36.0	475	36.0	42	3.14	1,336
Guatemala	8,444	35.38	509	2.13	908	4.0	14,000	59.0	23,861
Jamaica *	68	19.0	141	39.0	145	40.0	9	2.47	363
Honduras *	453	36.38	435	35.0	342	27.46	15	1.20	1,245
Martinica *	38	24.0	73	46.0	43	27.04	5	3.14	159
Mexico	13,242	50.0	8,032	30.30	3,374	13.0	1,857	7.00	26,505
Nicaragua *	1,075	28.0	1,579	41.0	1,219	31.45	2	0.05	3,875
Panama *	181	20.0	422	46.0	303	33.0	12	1.30	918
Paraguay *	1,333	22.0	3,221	52.29	1,383	22.45	222	4.0	6,159
Peru	2,233	45.47	1,434	29.20	882	18.0	361	7.35	4,910
Dominicana	348	52.0	193	29.0	130	19.31	2	0.29	673
Uruguay *	320	33.05	393	41.0	247	26.0	8	0.82	968
Venezuela	2,384	72.0	97	3.0	40	1.20	805	24.20	3,326
Bolivia *	4,630	56.26	1,671	20.30	1,774	22.0	154	2.0	8,229

\* Global Influenza Surveillance - 19% <sup>2</sup>

1. PAHO. Influenza viruses by type/subtype, 2010-2015 (updated 2015 Set 14);. Available: [http://ais.paho.org/phil/viz/ed\\_flu.asp](http://ais.paho.org/phil/viz/ed_flu.asp)
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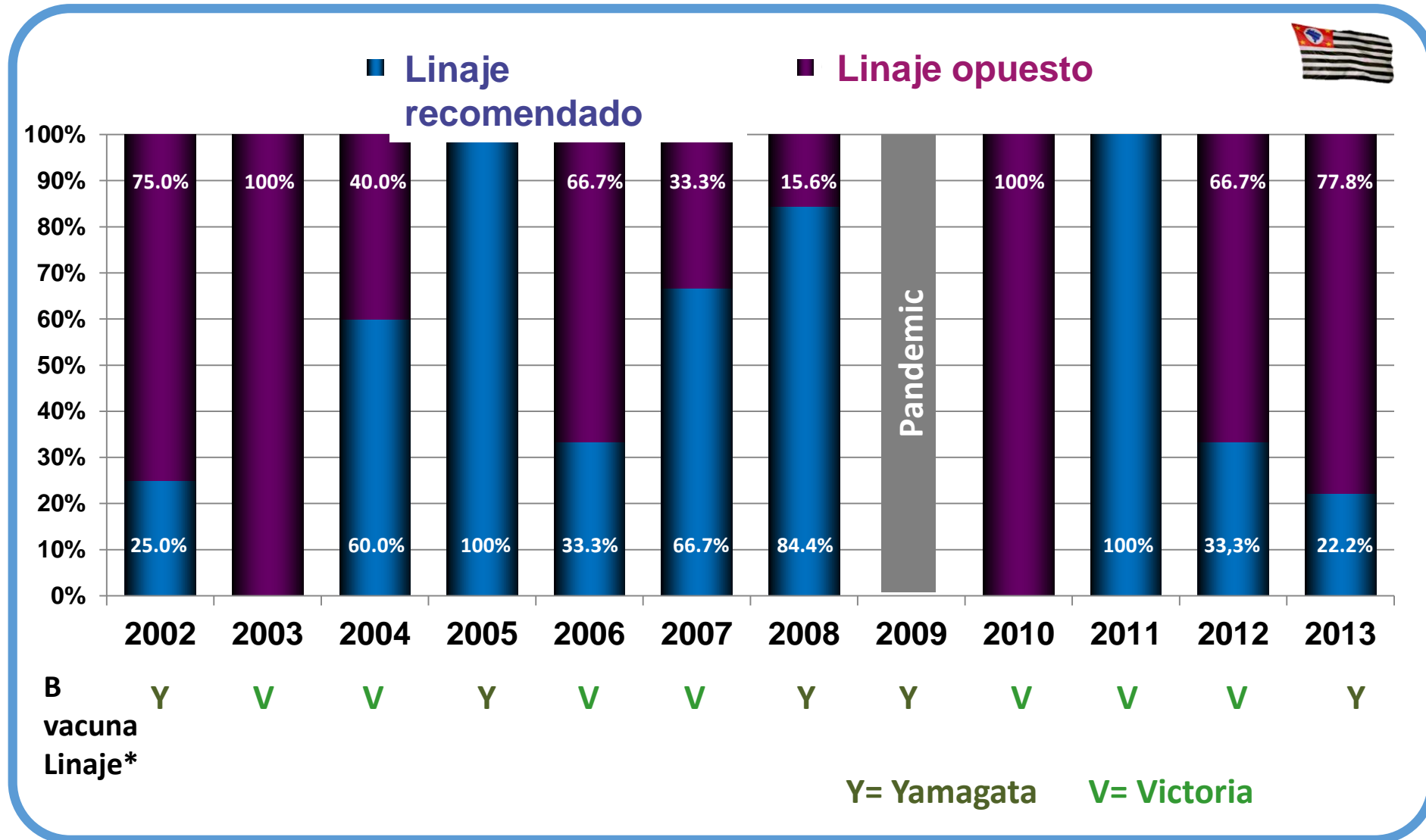
# Respiratory viruses identified in Sentinel Units, per EW - Brazil



Brasil. Ministério da Saúde. Secretaria de Vigilância de Saúde. Disponível em: <http://portalsaude.saude.gov.br/images/pdf/2015/janeiro/23/Boletim-Epidemiol-gico-Influenza-SE52-2014.pdf>

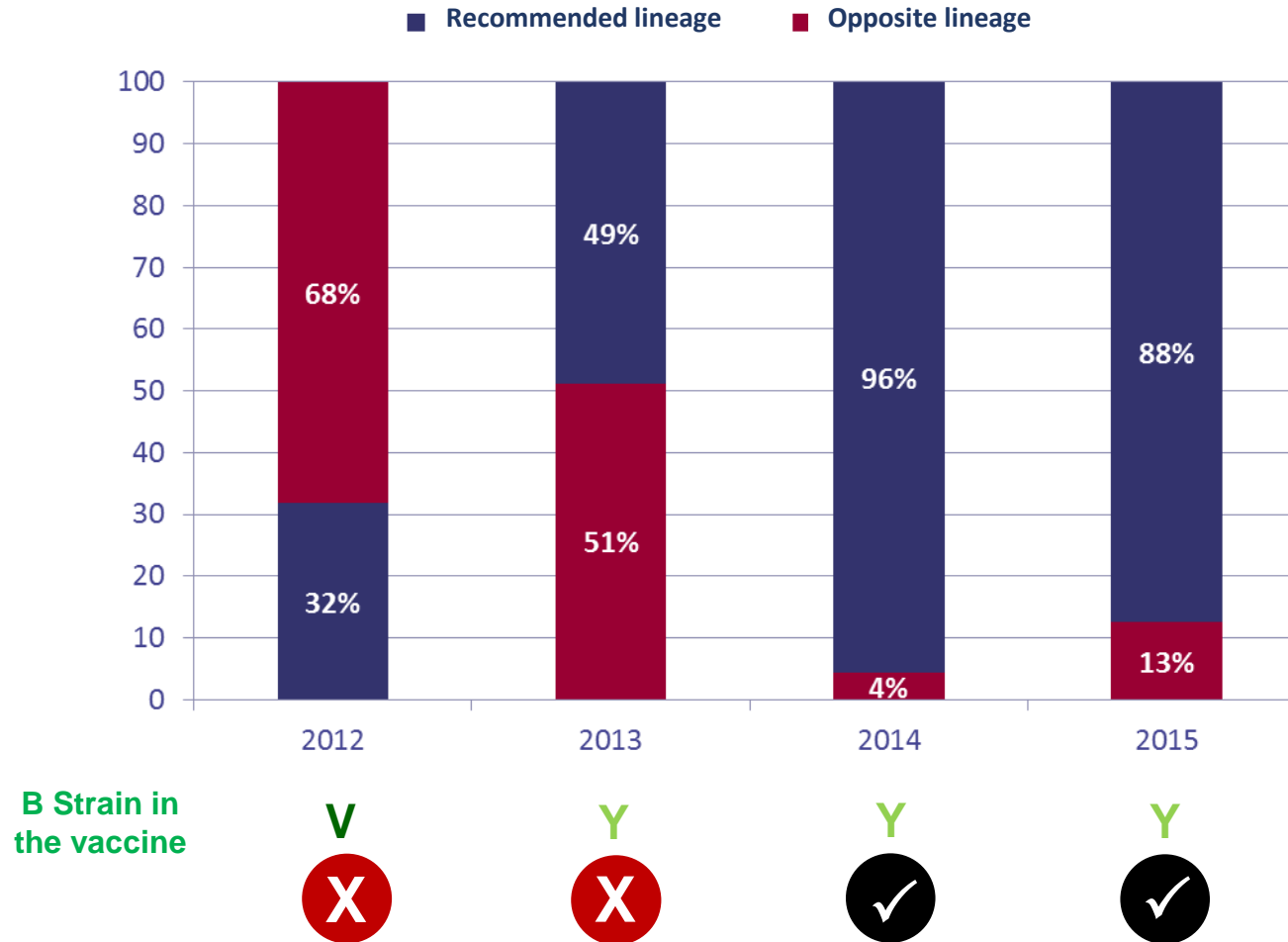
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# Mismatch between circulating Influenza B strains and Vaccine strain for South Hemisphere São Paulo (Brasil), 2002-2013



Carvalho et al. Influenza B circulation in Brazil and characterization of 75 B strains isolated from patients from São Paulo State, Brazil (2002-2013) [poster on the Internet]. In: 32<sup>nd</sup> ESPID; 2014 May 6-10; Dublin, Ireland [cited 2014 May 12]. Available from: [http://espid.meetingxpert.net/ESPID\\_945/poster\\_94755/program.aspx](http://espid.meetingxpert.net/ESPID_945/poster_94755/program.aspx) Source: DVRESP/Adolfo Lutz Institute and WHO. \*Lineages included in influenza vaccines for southern hemisphere according to WHO (<http://www.who.int/en/>).

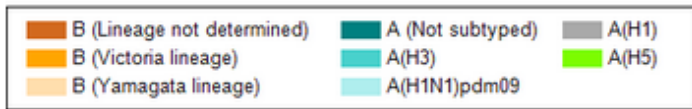
# Circulation of strains Influenza B is heterogeneous and unpredictable - Chile, 2012-2015



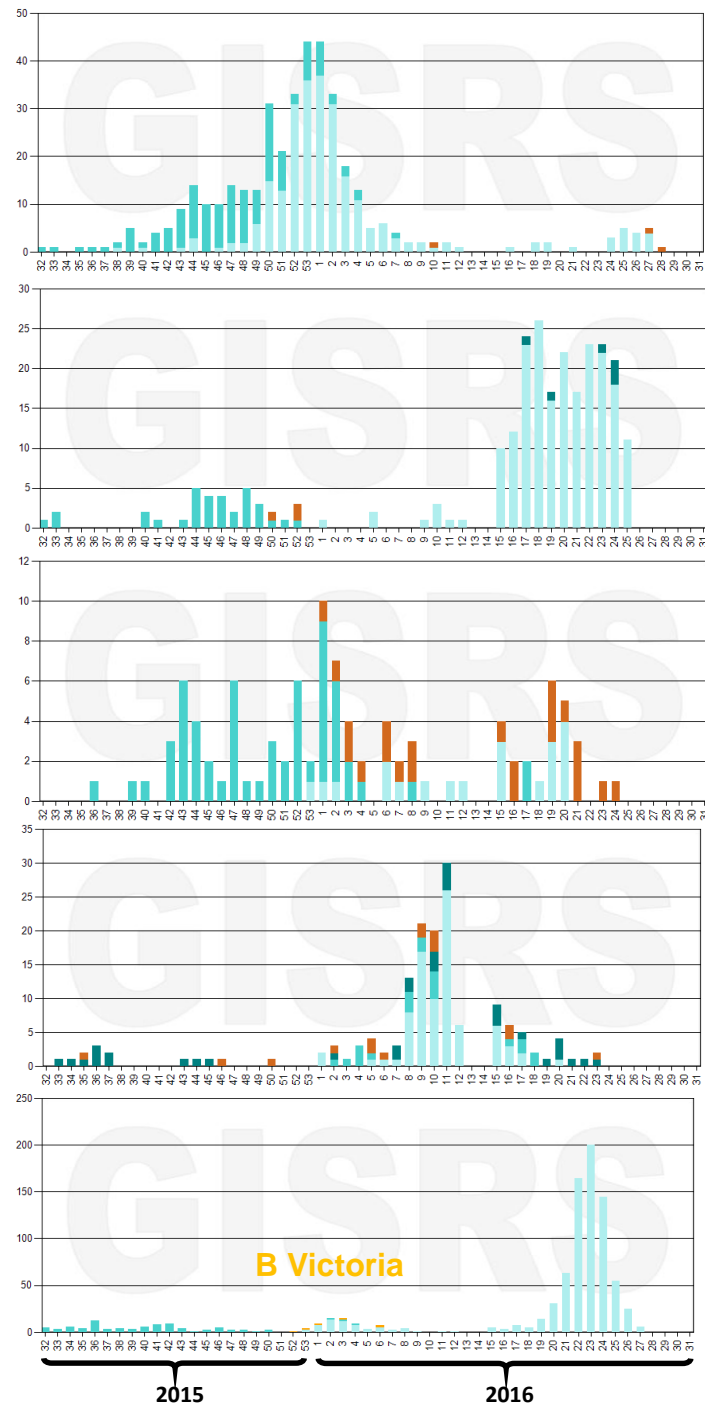
**Total 46.5% mismatch with TIV !**  
(681 of 1464 strains B)

Torres JP, Rabello M, De la Maza V, Conca N. Influenza A and B strains circulation in Chile: review of 4 seasons (2012-2015) [abstract]. In: 34th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases; 2016 May 10-14. Brighton, United Kingdom.

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Costa Rica

El Salvador

Honduras

Guatemala

Panama

2016  
 > circulation  
 A/H1N1pdm09

Honduras:  
 B lineage?

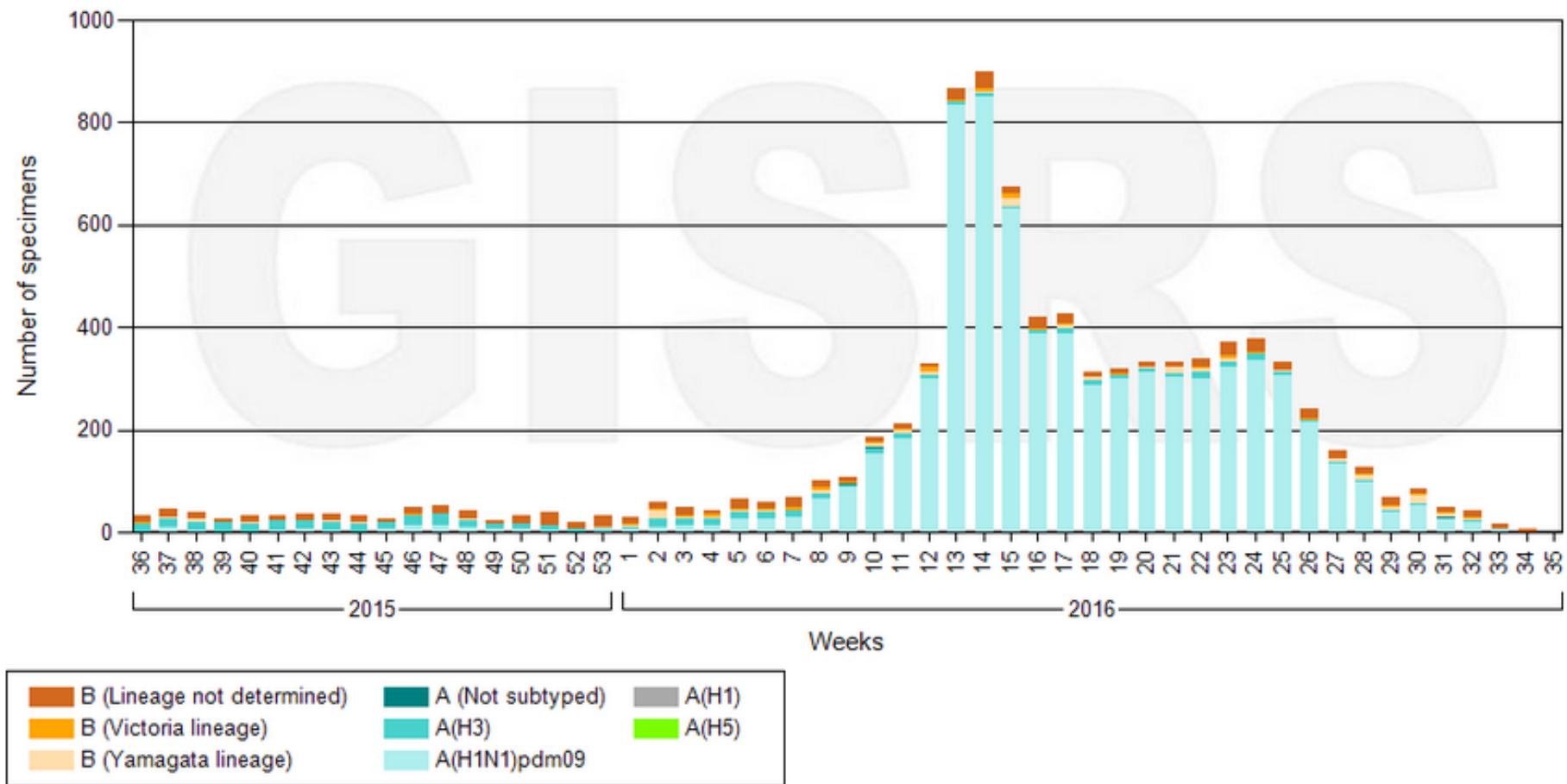
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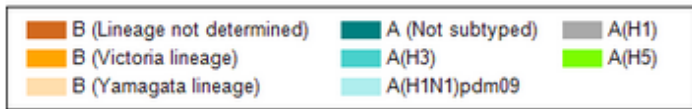
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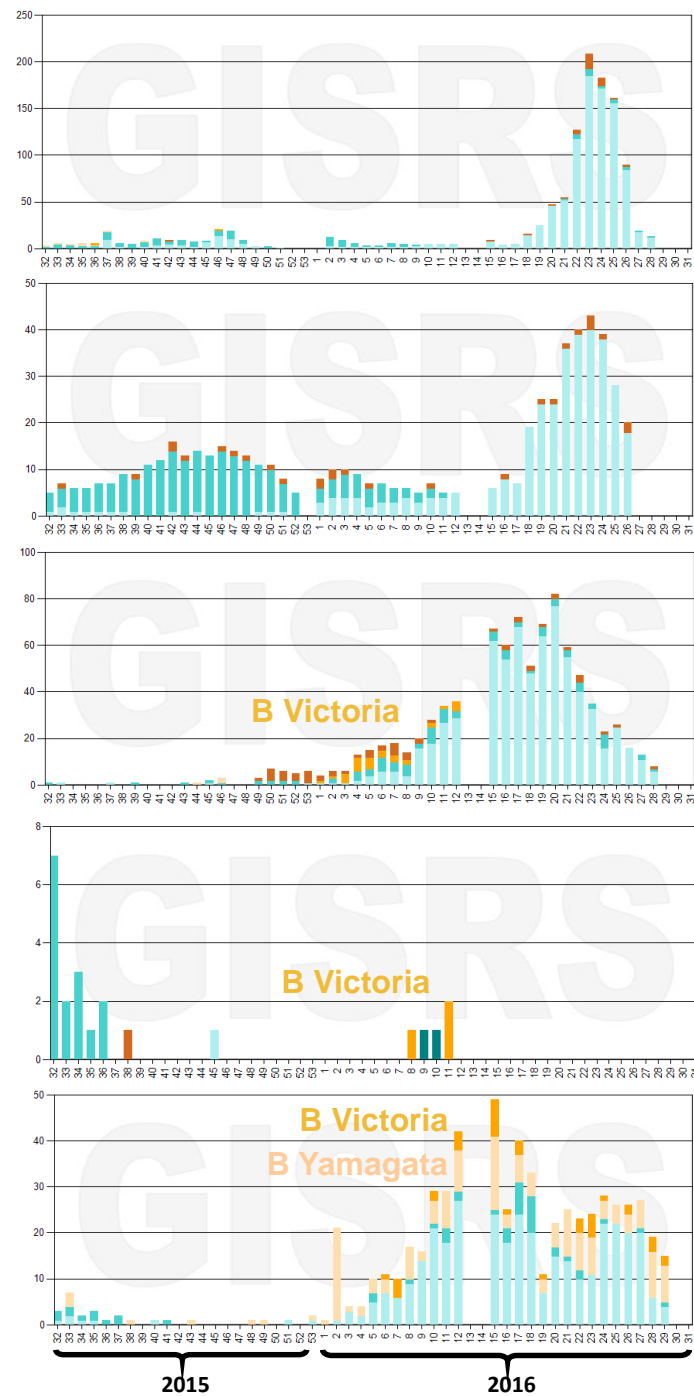
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**Bolivia**

**Colombia**

**Ecuador**

**Venezuela**

**Peru**

High circulation  
A/H1N1pdm09

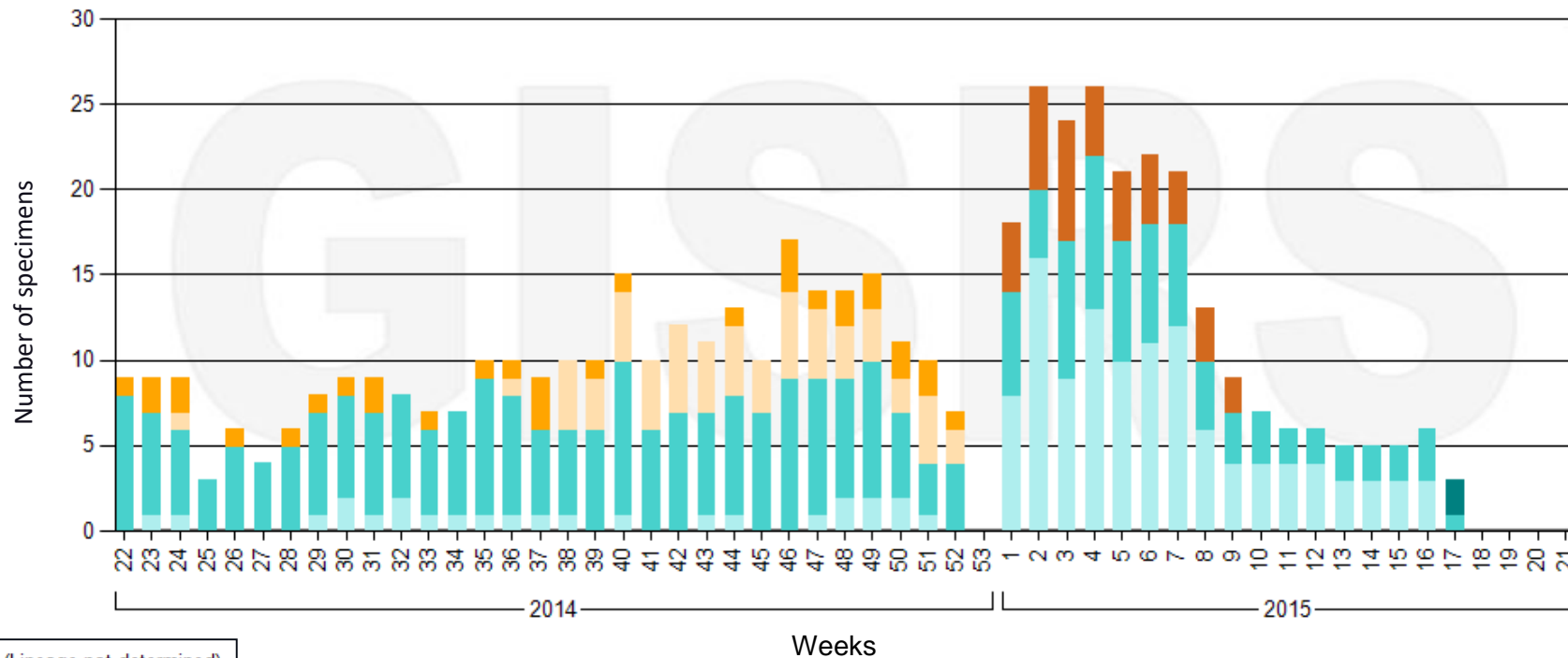
Perú: B lineages co-circulation with predominance of Yamagata (mismatch with TIV)

# Colombia

2014: 63% Victoria and 37% Yamagata



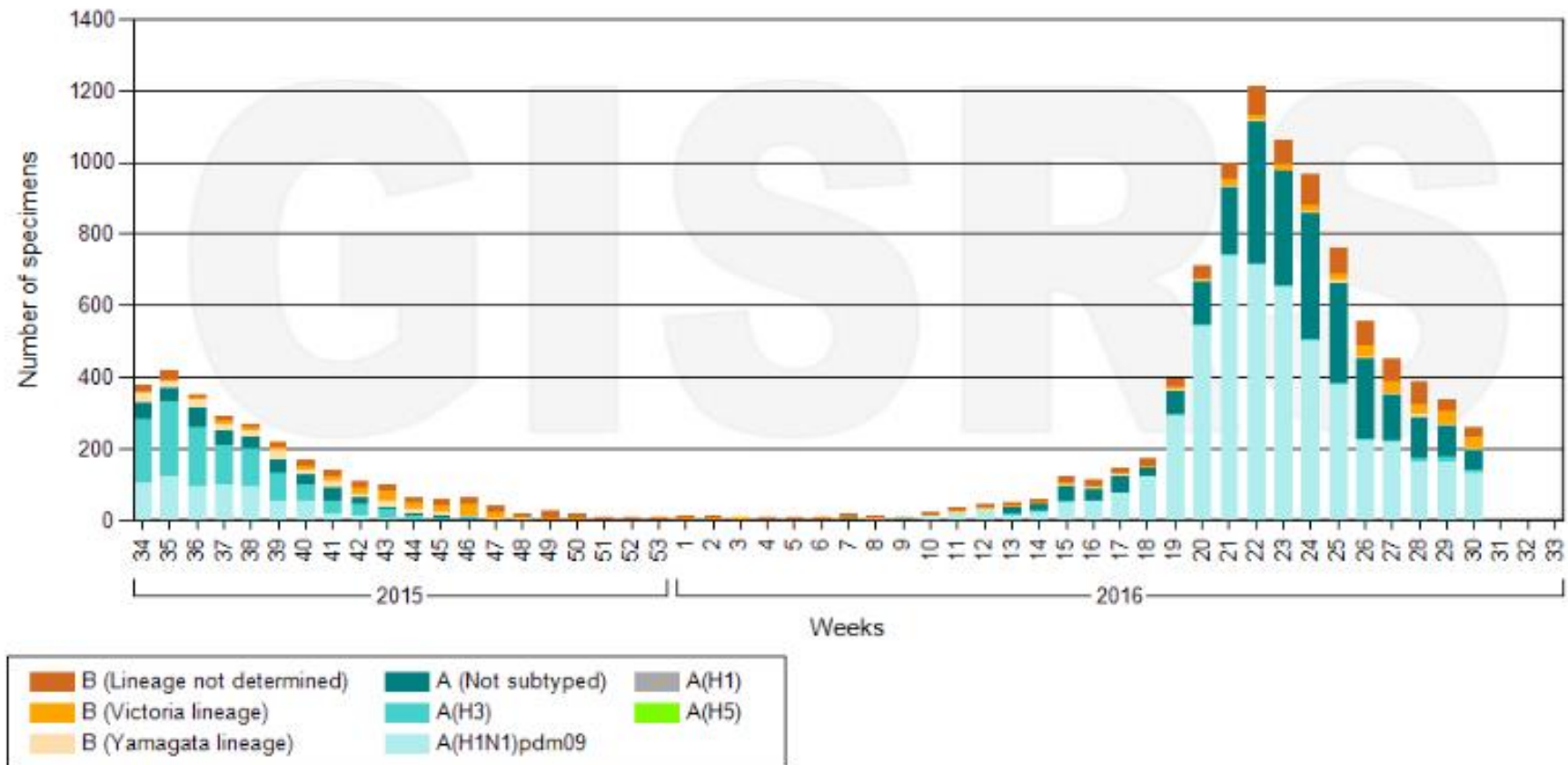
Number of specimens positive for influenza by subtype



- B (Lineage not determined)
- B (Victoria lineage)
- B (Yamagata lineage)
- A (Not subtyped)
- A(H3)
- A(H1N1)pdm09
- A(H1)
- A(H5)

## Number of specimens positive for influenza by subtype in Temperate South America

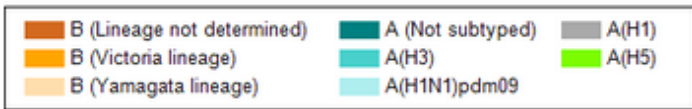
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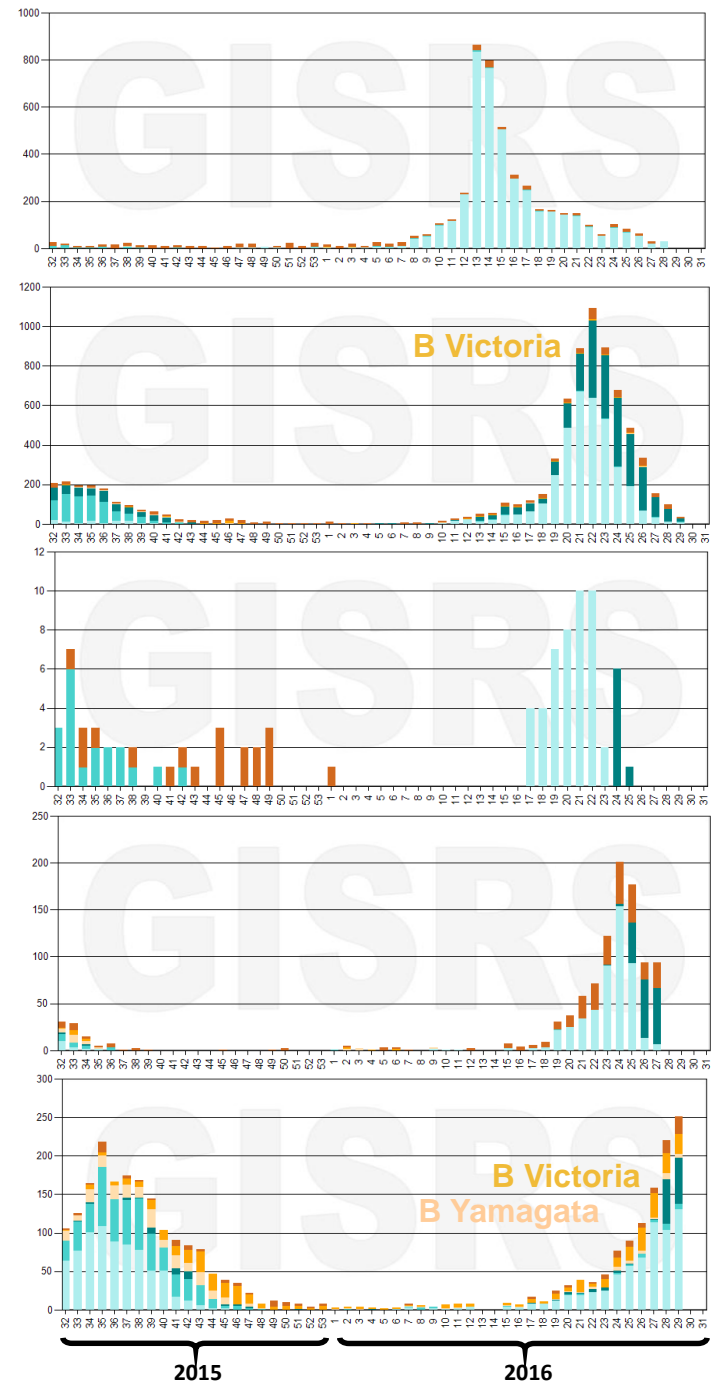
Data source: FluNet ([www.who.int/fluNet](http://www.who.int/fluNet)). Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System (GISRS)



Data generated on 03/08/2016



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Brazil

Argentina

Uruguay

Paraguay

Chile

Argentina \*  
EW1-28/2016  
13% V; 87% Y  
(mismatch with TIV)

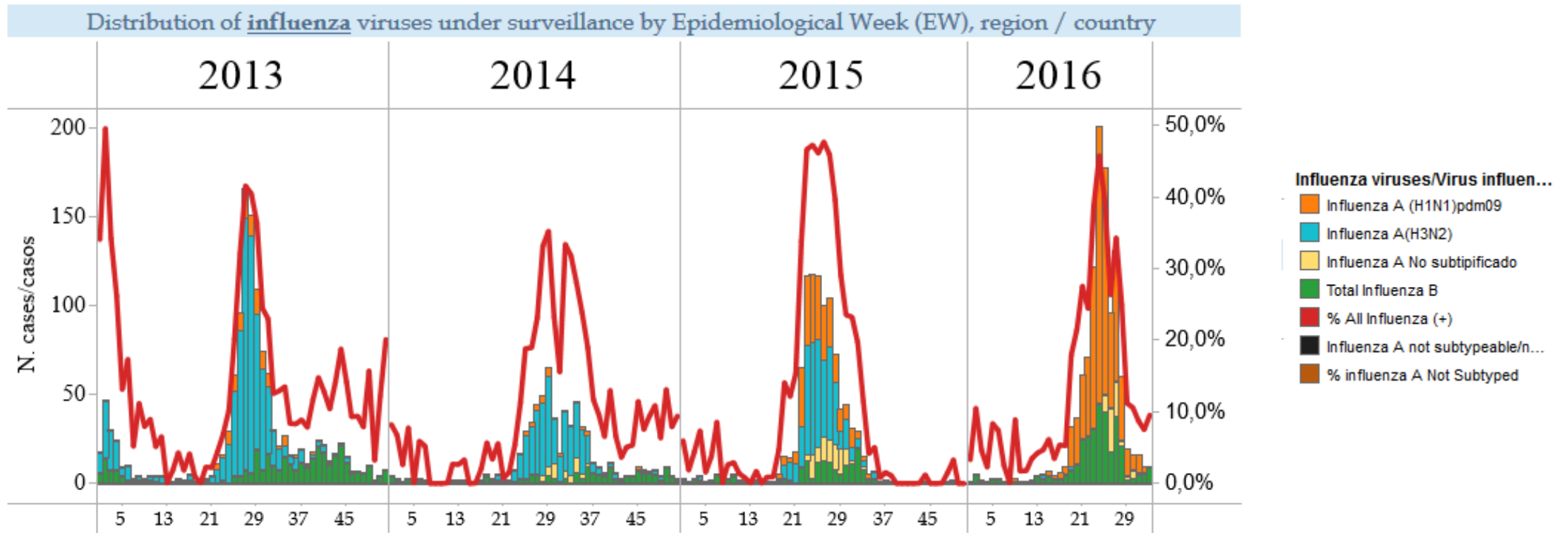
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co-circulation V / Y

# Influenza and other Respiratory Viruses under Surveillance, 2010-2015

Regional Influenza Surveillance, PAHO-WHO

## PARAGUAY



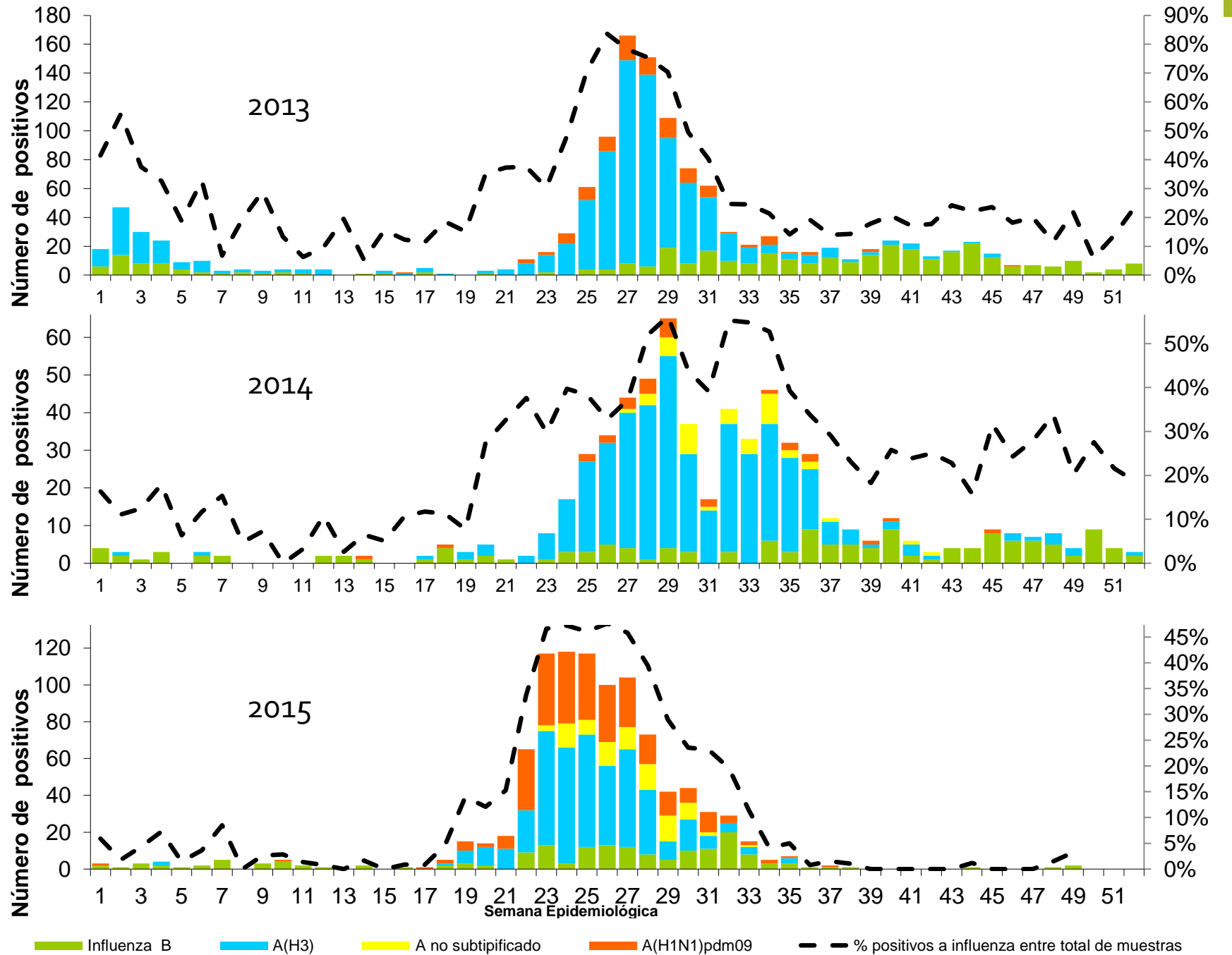
# Influenza Types and Subtypes by EW Paraguay 2013 - 2015

18250 samples analyzed

15,8% Influenza

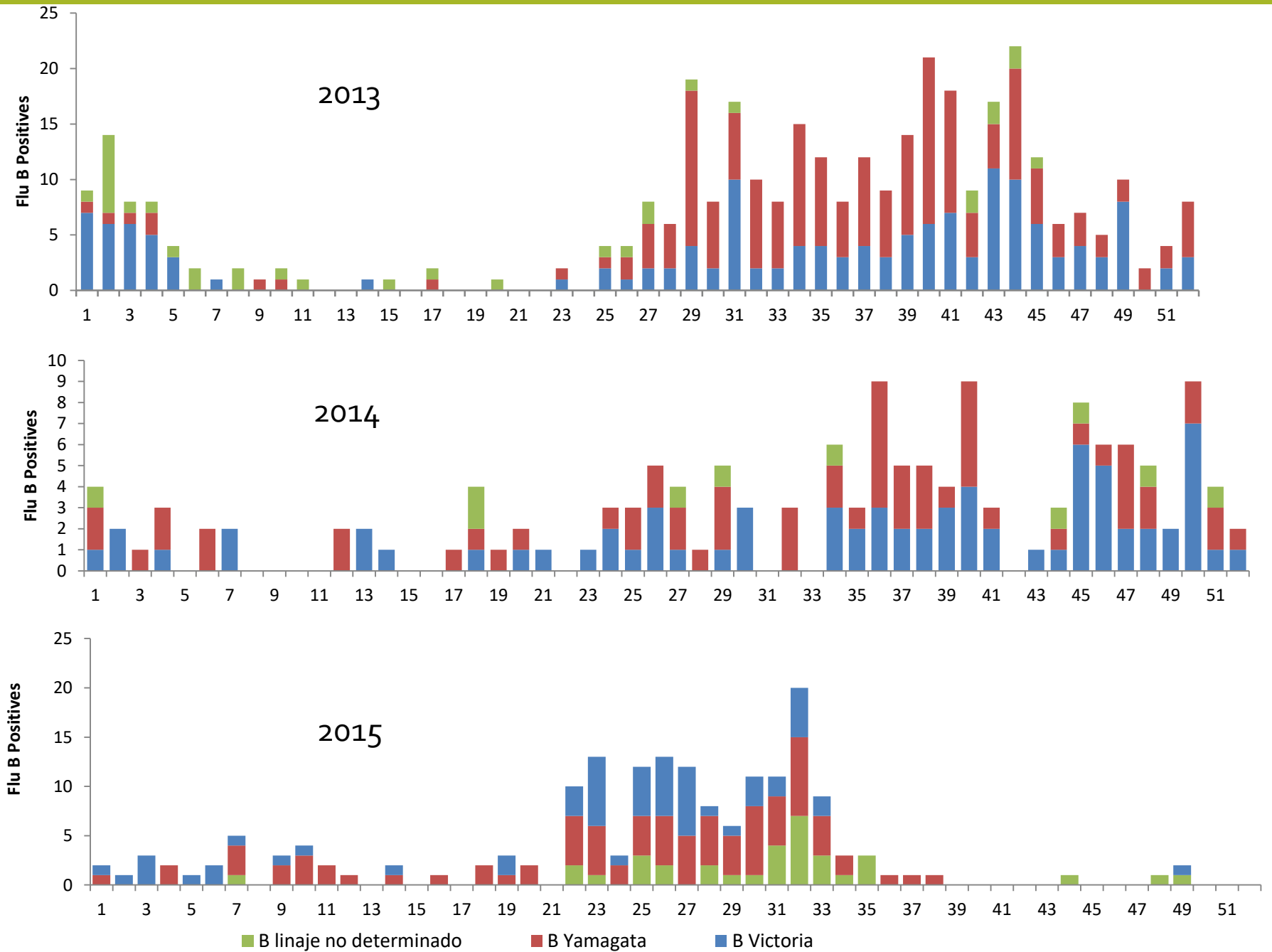
76,4% Influenza A

23,6% Influenza B



# INFLUENZA B LINEAGE BY EW PARAGUAY

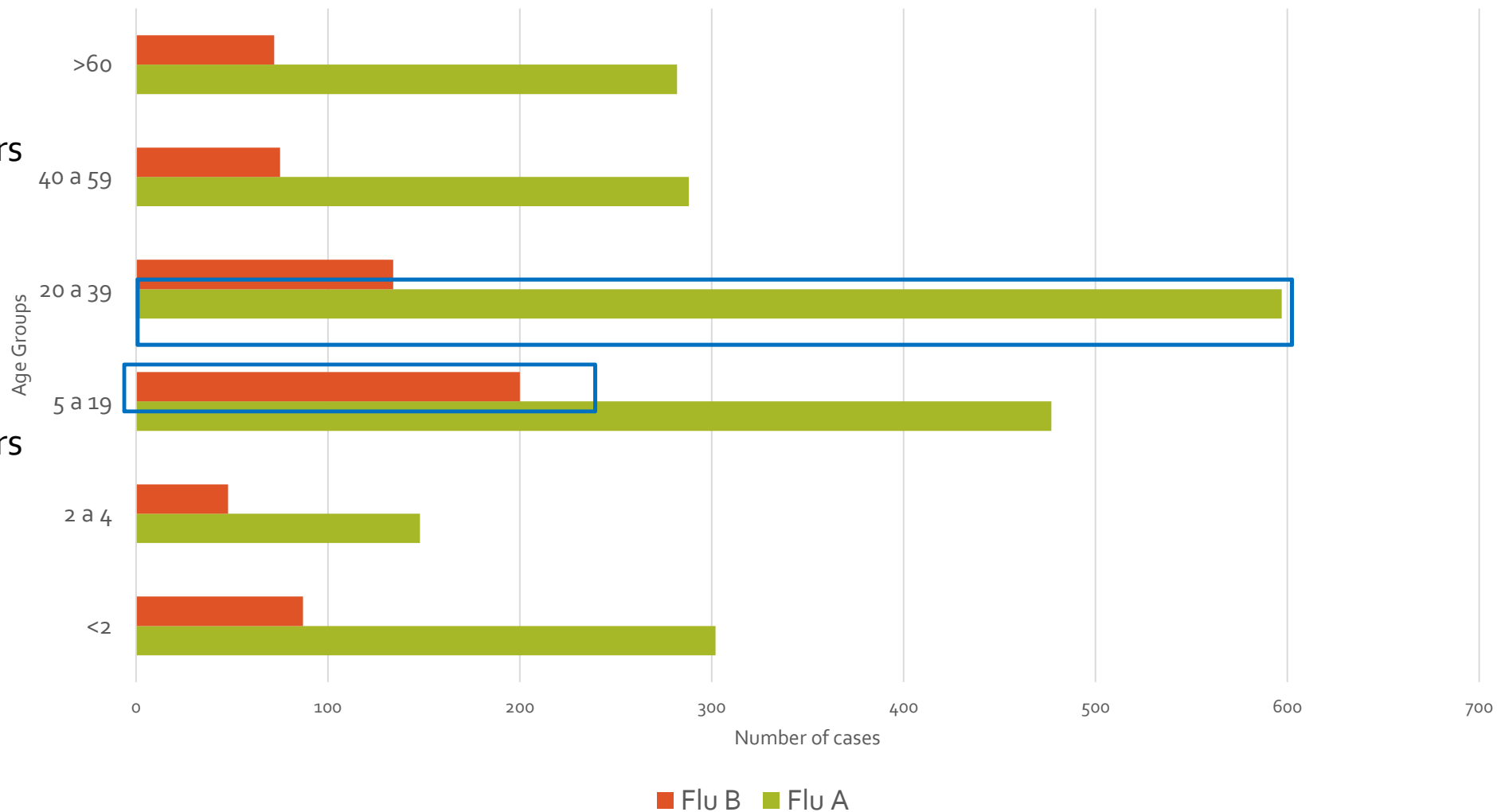
Victoria: 46%  
Yamagata: 54%



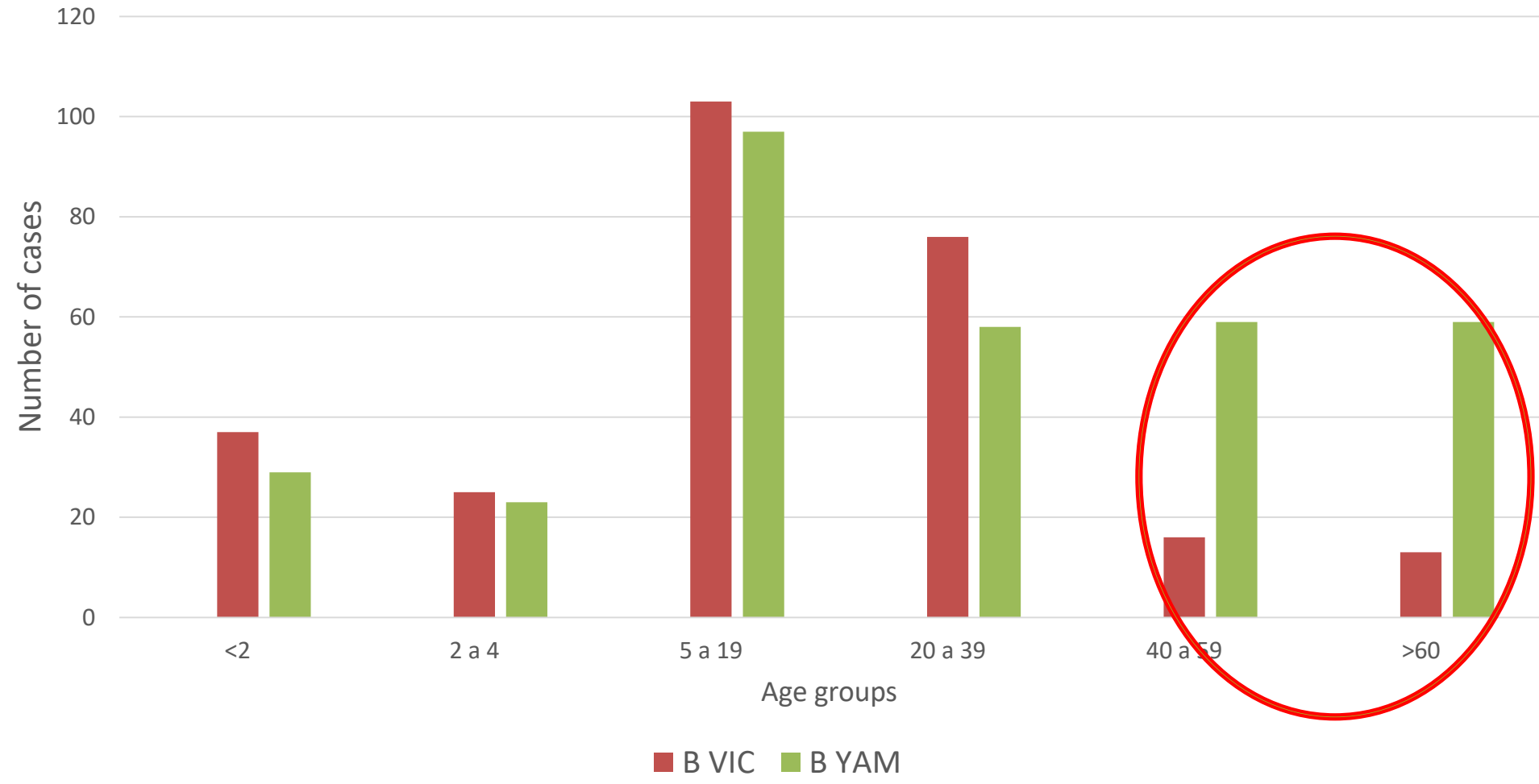
# Influenza types by age group. Paraguay 2013 -2015

Median age Flu A: 23 years  
(14 days to 97 years)

Median age Flu B: 16 years  
(2 days to 99 years)



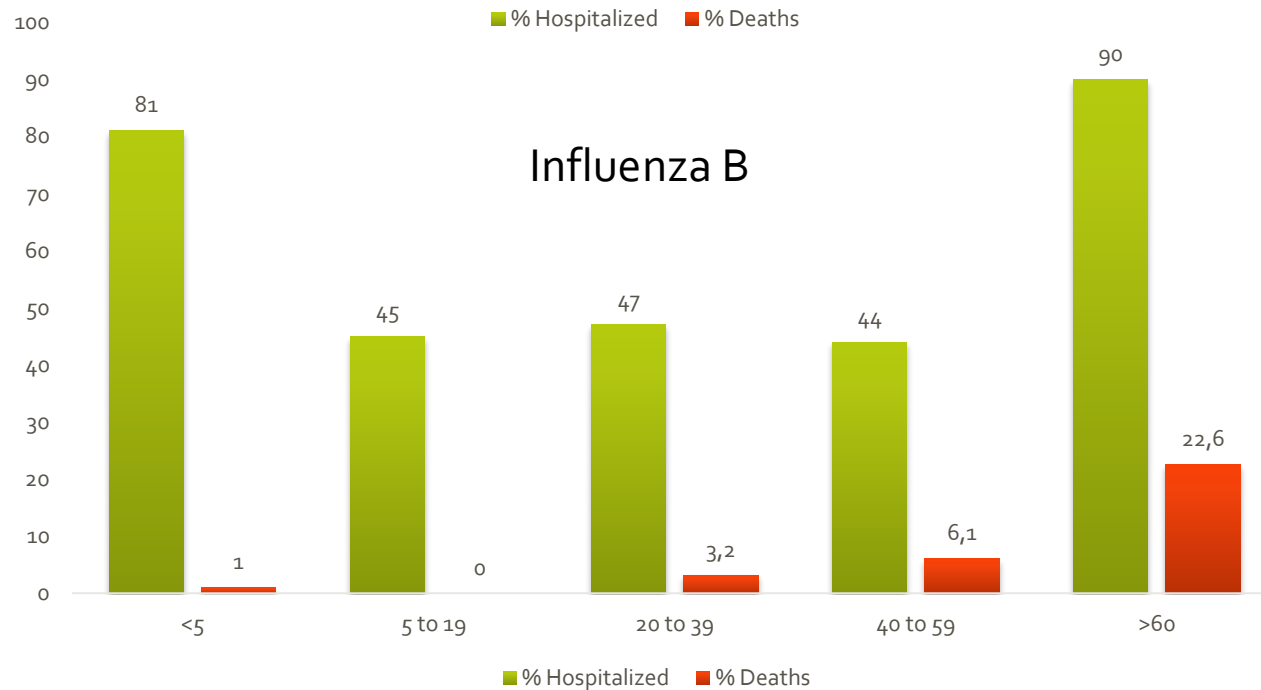
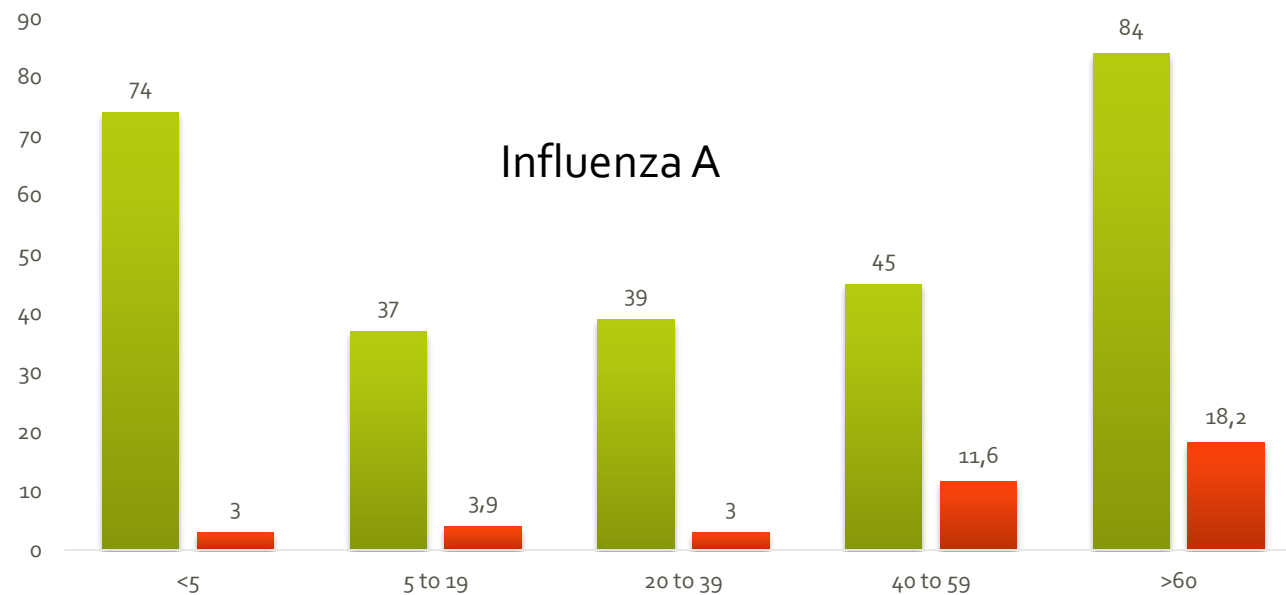
# Influenza B lineage by age group. Paraguay 2013 -2015



## Hospitalized and death patients by type and subtype of Influenza. Paraguay 2013 - 2015

Types/Subtypes	Positives	Hospitalized	ICU	Deaths
Flu A/H1 pdm2009	474	278 (59%)	36 (7,6%)	25 (5,3%)
Flu A/H3	1737	833 (48%)	81 (4,7%)	58 (3,3%)
Flu B Not characterized	79	44	8	5
Flu B Vic	277 (45,9%)	155 (56%)	16 (5,8%)	4 (1,4%)
Flu B Yam	327 (54,1%)	172 (53%)	15 (4,6%)	13 (4%)
<b>Total A</b>	2211 (76,4%)	1111 (50%)	117 (5,3%)	83 (3,7%)
<b>Total B</b>	683 (23,6%)	371 (54%)	39 (5,7%)	22 (3,2%)

# Hospitalized and death patients by age group. Paraguay 2013 - 2015





# Influenza B in Paraguay

- In Paraguay since 2013 to 2015 we found that overall Influenza A Virus (IAV) was more commonly detected. Influenza B Virus (IBV) 23,6%
- No significant differences were observed between the proportion of hospitalizations and deaths due to both types of virus
- The IBV was more frequent in school-age children and adolescents, while IAV was more prevalent in adults
- No major differences were observed in ages affected by the different lineage of influenza B
- Both lineages of IBV co-circulated in similar proportions over the whole year, and 46% of the circulating IBV belonged to the lineage not included in the TIV

# Influenza B in LAC

- The frequency and seasonality of influenza B is variable <sup>1,2,3,4</sup>
  - from one country to another
  - from one year to another
  - from one region to another
  - in different regions of the same country
- IBV affects people of all ages<sup>1, 5</sup>
- IBV cause severe illness and death<sup>1</sup>
- Continuous turnover of IBV lineages and the match with vaccine strain vary annually. Mismatch with vaccine strain can reach as much as 87%<sup>6</sup>
- Strengthen surveillance is necessary to better understanding the disease burden, but data indicate that the impact of the strains B in Latin America is similar to that reported in US and Europe<sup>7</sup>
- It is expected that the introduction of the QIV in Latin America can better protect the population<sup>7</sup>

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