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Assembly and Analysis of Concurrent XDR and HMV *K. pneumo* Substrains Using Nanopore Sequencing

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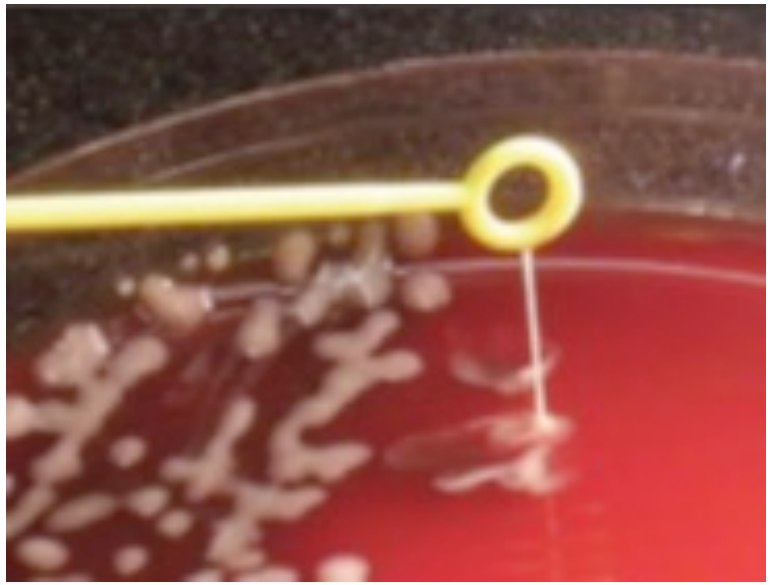
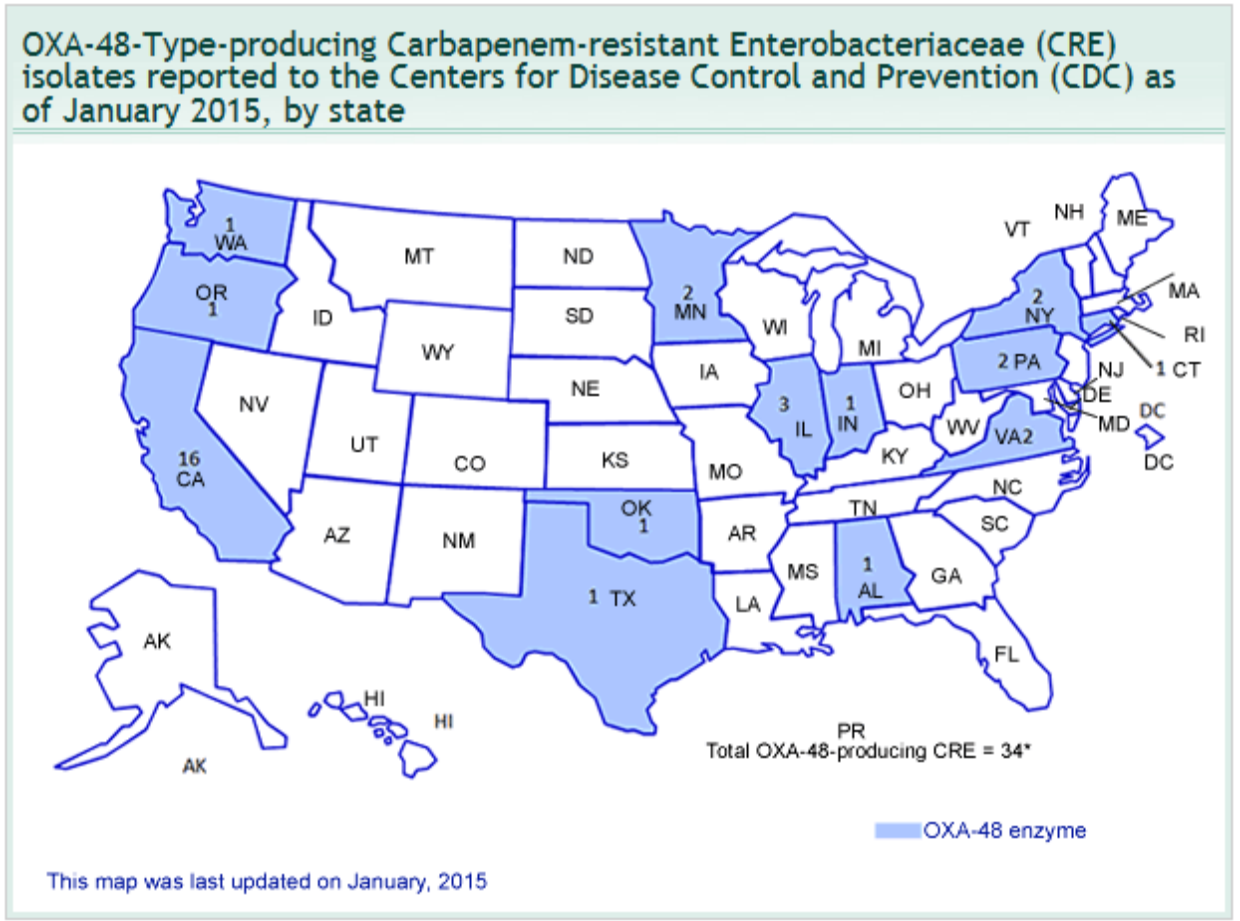
Hypervirulent (hypermucoviscous) *K. pneumoniae*

New variant of *Klebsiella pneumoniae*
First described in the Asian Pacific Rim 1980s
Now increasingly recognized in other countries

Defining clinical features:

- Serious, life-threatening community-acquired infection in younger healthy hosts
- Liver abscess, pneumonia, meningitis and endophthalmitis
- Metastatic spread

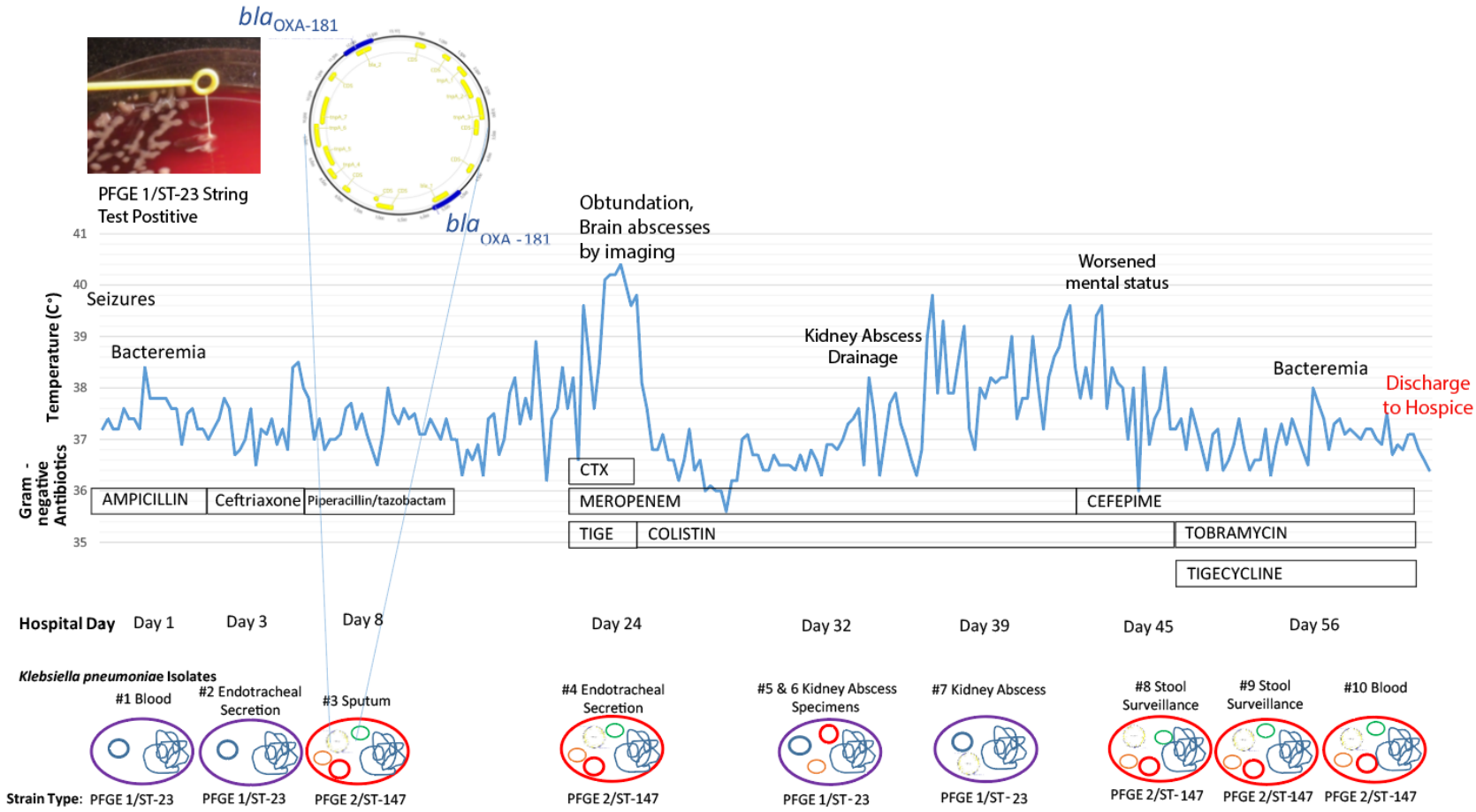




Source: Shon, Rajinda, Russo 2013
CDC
http://www.cdc.gov/hai/organisms/cre/TrackingCRE.html#CREmapOXA

Patient

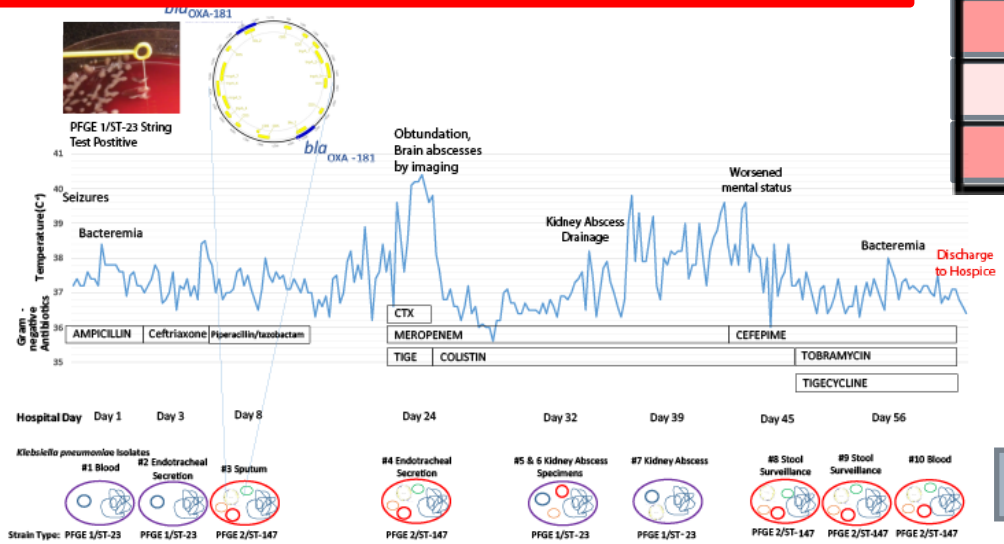
- 44yo m with cirrhosis. Transferred from Holy Cross Hospital on 7/26/15 with seizure, sepsis and *K. pneumoniae* pneumonia. Found to have kidney and brain abscesses.
- Travel history: Social visits to India in April/May2015
- Medical care abroad: Hospital stay in India after a fall
- Previous admission 6/21 – 6/28 (MICU) -> Bacteremia and pneumonia
- Admitted to MICU 7/27; Contact isolation started 8/7 (CRE from sputum collected 8/4)
  - *K. pneumoniae* (varying resistance from sputum, renal abscess, blood)
  - Identified as multi-drug resistant (8/7)
  - Identified as hypermucoviscous (8/7)
  - Positive for *bla*$_{OXA-48}$ enzyme (9/15)
  - Verified to be *bla*$_{OXA-48}$ by DHMH/CDC



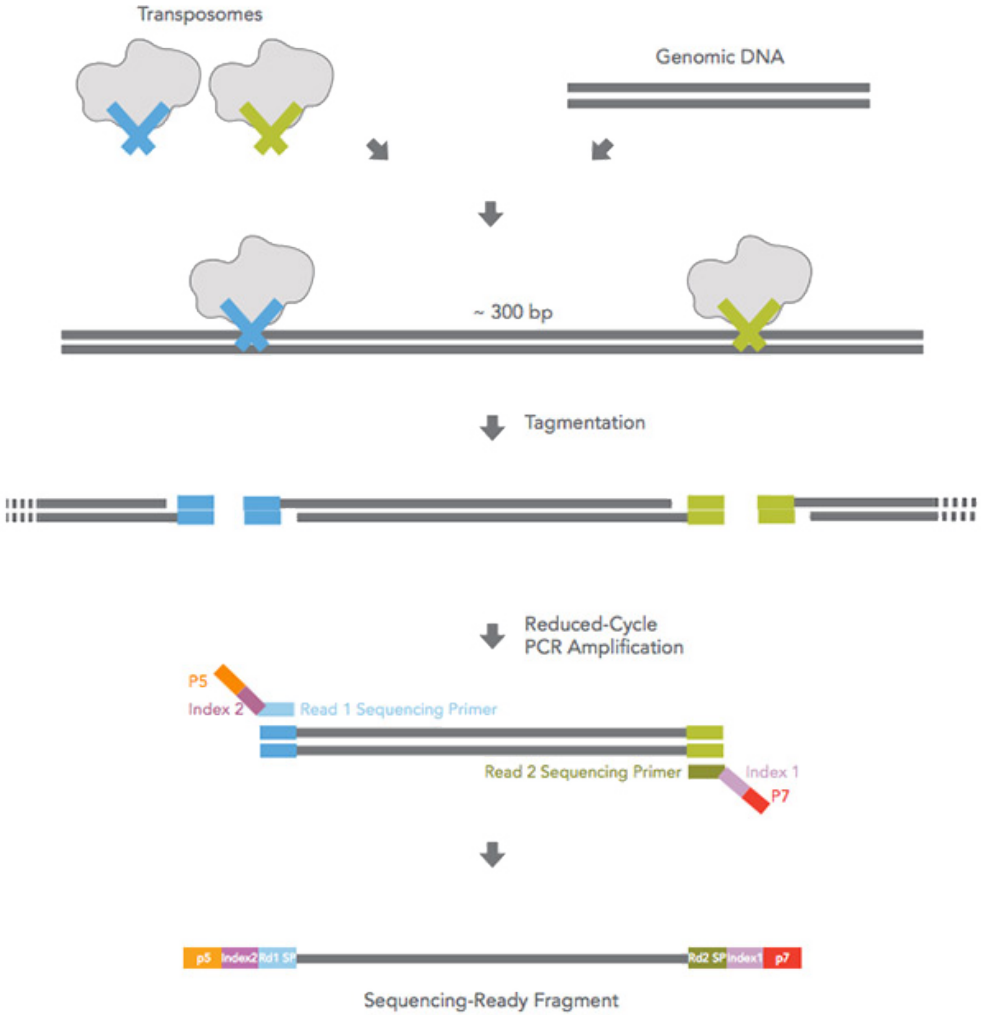
Isolates Sequenced

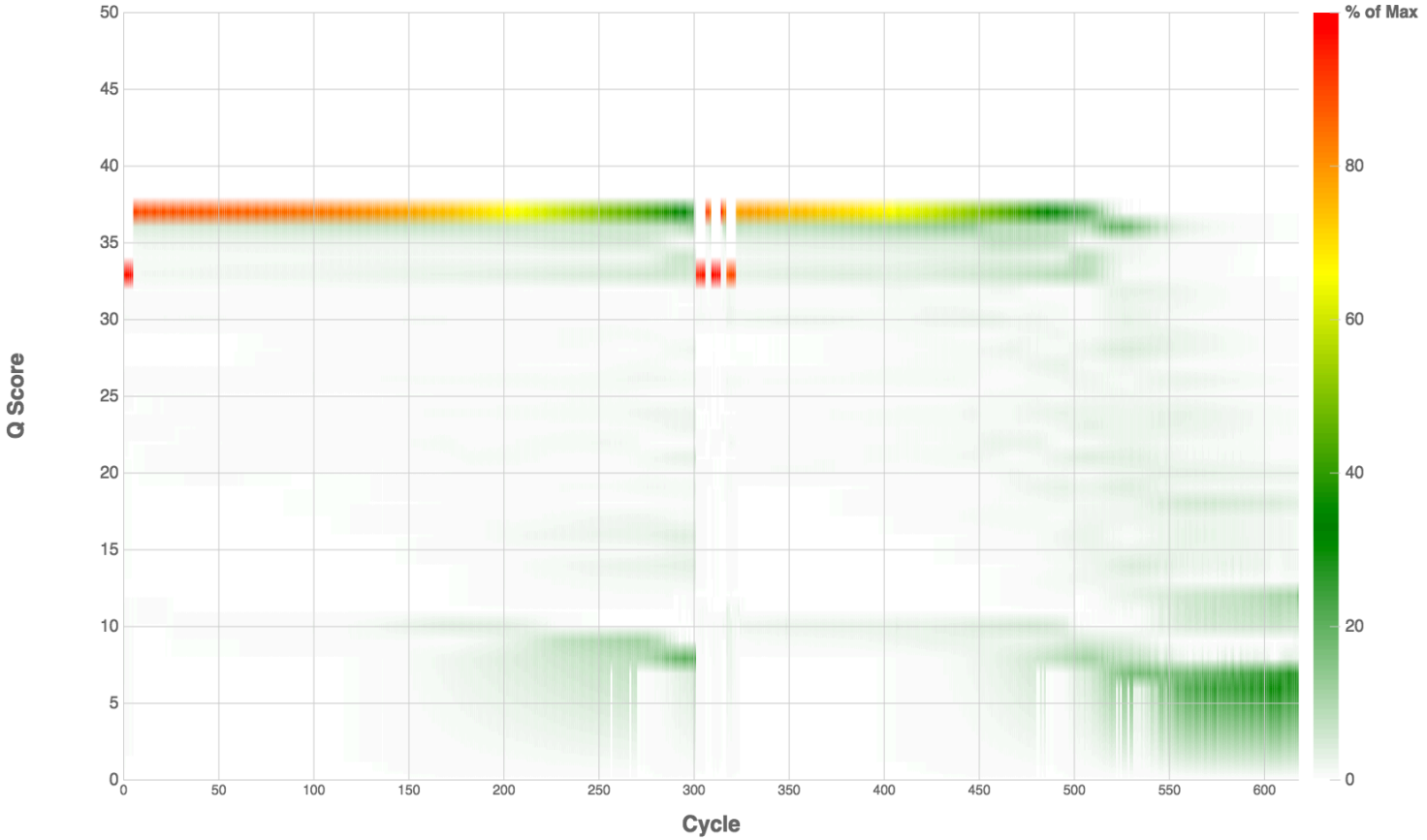
- Isolates grown up and extracted with MoBio Power Biofilm kit
- All isolates sequenced on Illumina
- 9 isolates sequenced on nanopore

Isolate	Hospital Day	Source	Resistance	Sequencer
1	1	Blood	No	Illumina and Nanopore
2	3	Endo/Nasal	No	Illumina and Nanopore
3	8	Sputum	Yes	Illumina Only
4	24	Endo/Nasal	Yes	Illumina and Nanopore
5	32	Kidney Abcess	No	Illumina Only
6	32	Kidney Abcess	No	Illumina and Nanopore
7	39	Kidney Abcess	No	Illumina and Nanopore
8	45	Stool	Yes	Illumina and Nanopore
9	45	Stool	Yes	Illumina and Nanopore
10	56	Blood	Yes	Illumina and Nanopore
11	50	Room	Yes	Illumina Only
12	50	Room	Yes	Illumina and Nanopore



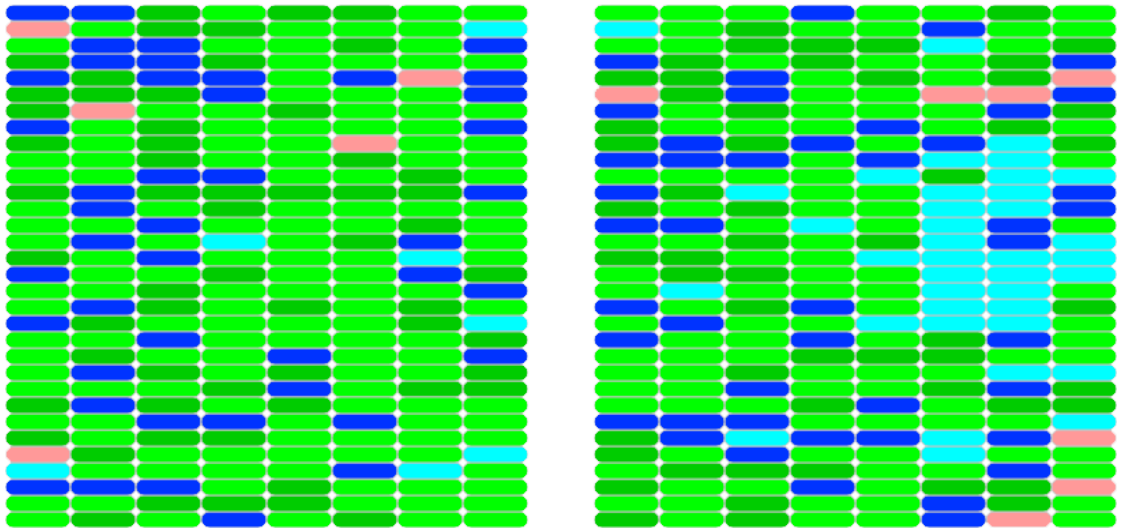
Illumina Nextera

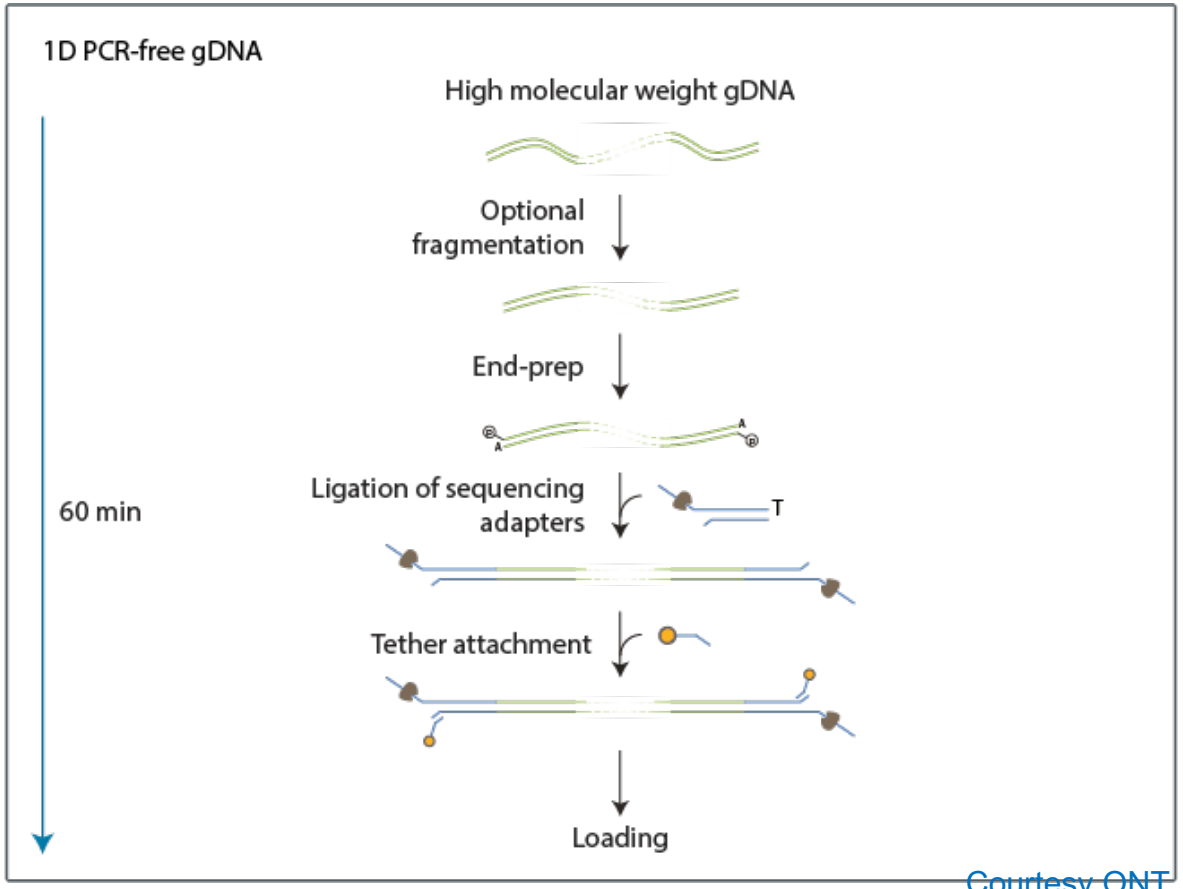




- Performed Illumina Nextera (transposase based) library prep, needs only 1ng
- Tagmentation (transposase) based prep is straightforward, then sequenced on the MiSeq
- Used 600v3 kit, ~60 hrs runtime
- Multiplexed 3 samples per run.

Nanopore Library Prep





Courtesy ONT

- Library prep is very similar to methods for short-read sequencing
- For DNA shearing we used Covaris gTubes
- After end-repair and A-tailing, leader adapter with motor protein is ligated
- MinION arrays 512 channels (with 4 pores possible per channel) (shown bottom left from running software); dark green pores are sequencing, light green available, other colors inactive.

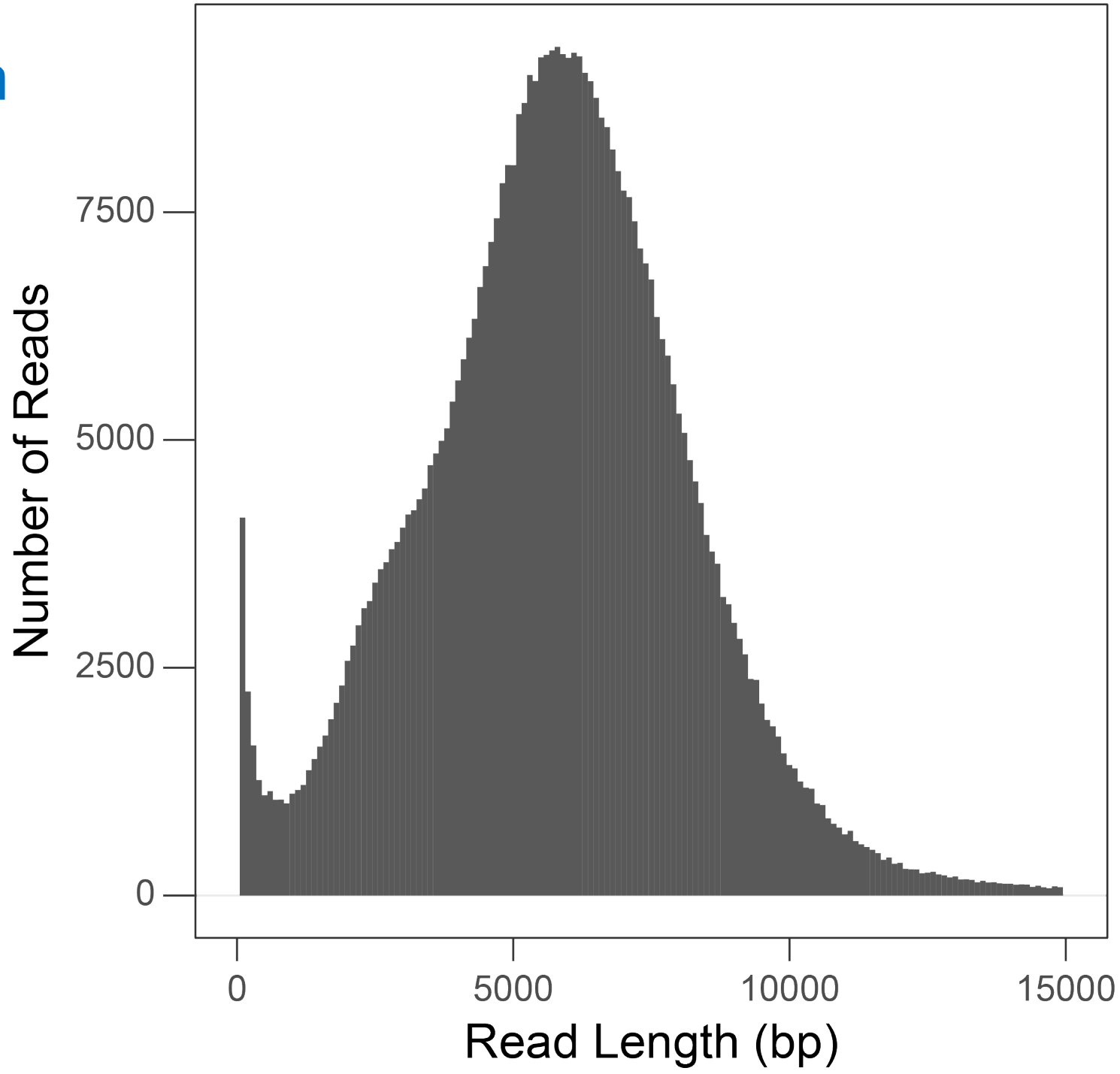
Run data

Sample	Source	Illumina Reads (M)	Illumina Yield (Gb)	Illumina Chemistry	Nanopore Reads (k)	Nanopore Yield (Mb)	Read Length	Nanopore Chemistry
1	blood	9.2	4.0	600v3	361.0	2158.0	5977	R9
2	endo/nasal	4.6	2.6	600v3	103.6	535.4	5169	R7
3	sputum	6.6	3.0	600v3				
4	endo/nasal	5.9	3.3	600v3	75.7	362.7	4789	R7
5	kidney abcess	10.6	5.1	600v3				
6	kidney abcess	7.5	3.5	600v3	189.4	912.6	4819	R9
7	kidney abcess	6.3	3.5	600v3	100.6	427.5	4250	R7
8	stool	6.4	3.6	600v3	41.7	188.5	4522	R7
9	stool	3.6	2.0	600v3	97.5	467.0	4789	R7
10	blood	9.8	4.7	600v3	359.7	1906.6	5300	R9
11	room	6.1	3.0	600v3				
12	room	10.1	4.9	600v3	446.5	2489.9	5577	R9

Nanopore sequencing yield has improved dramatically R7->R9 – from 100s of Mb to typical yield of ~1-5 Gb in our hands – 1-2.5 Gb shown here.

Read length histogram

- Read length for nanopore sequencing was relatively short
- Due to prep methods:
  - HMV was hard to extract effectively, bead beating likely broke DNA
  - We also sheared (Covaris gTubes)
  - To get plasmid sequences, either tagmentation or shearing is likely required to get smaller circular sequences



Assemblies

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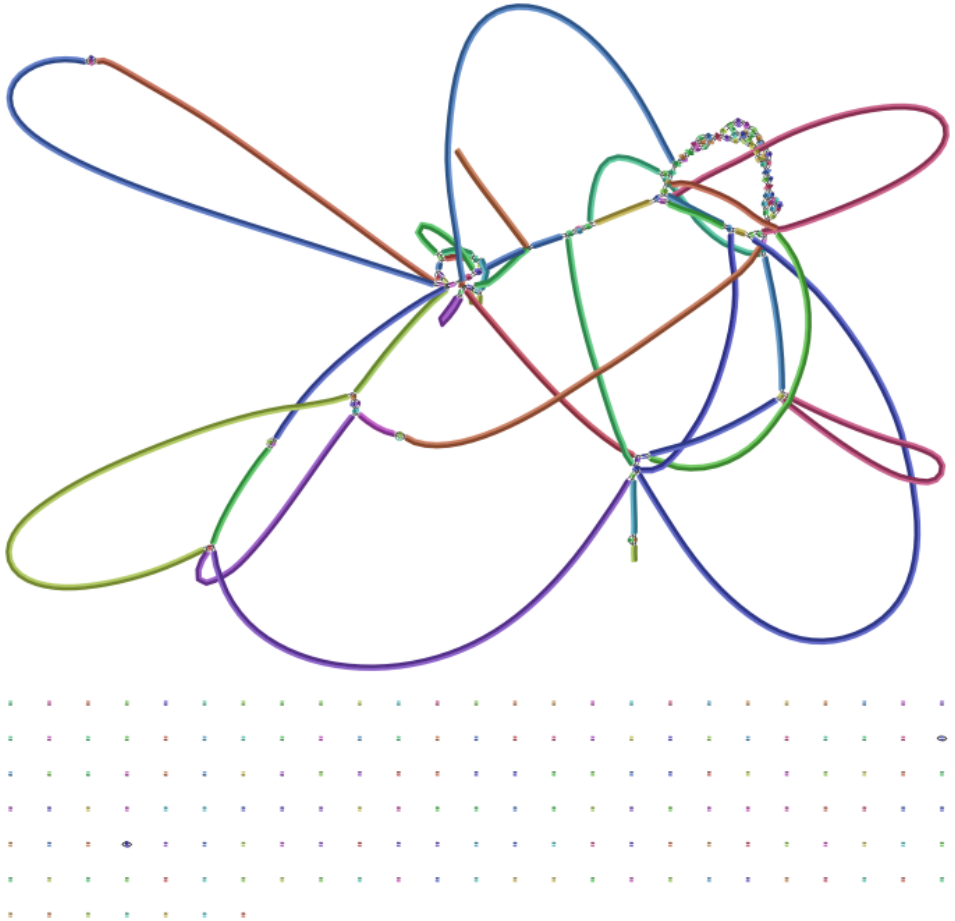

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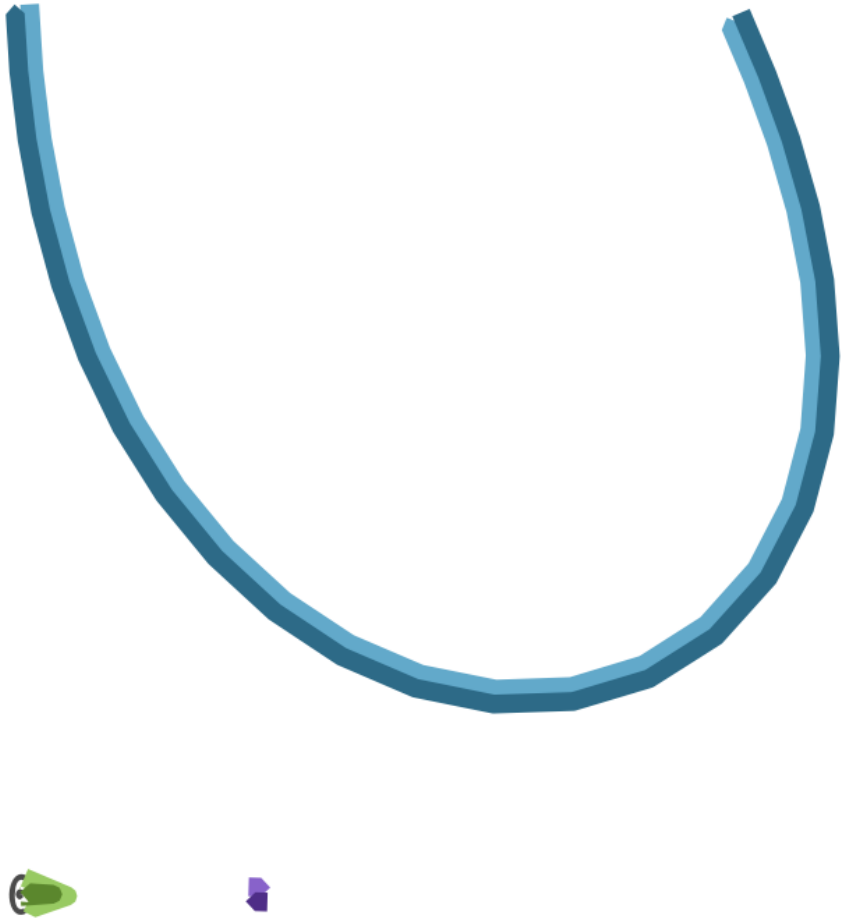

Long reads **really** help in getting complete assemblies – this is 2X the yield of Illumina reads, but the N50 is still ~0.3 Mb for no effort Illumina only, while it's full length chromosome from nanopore only

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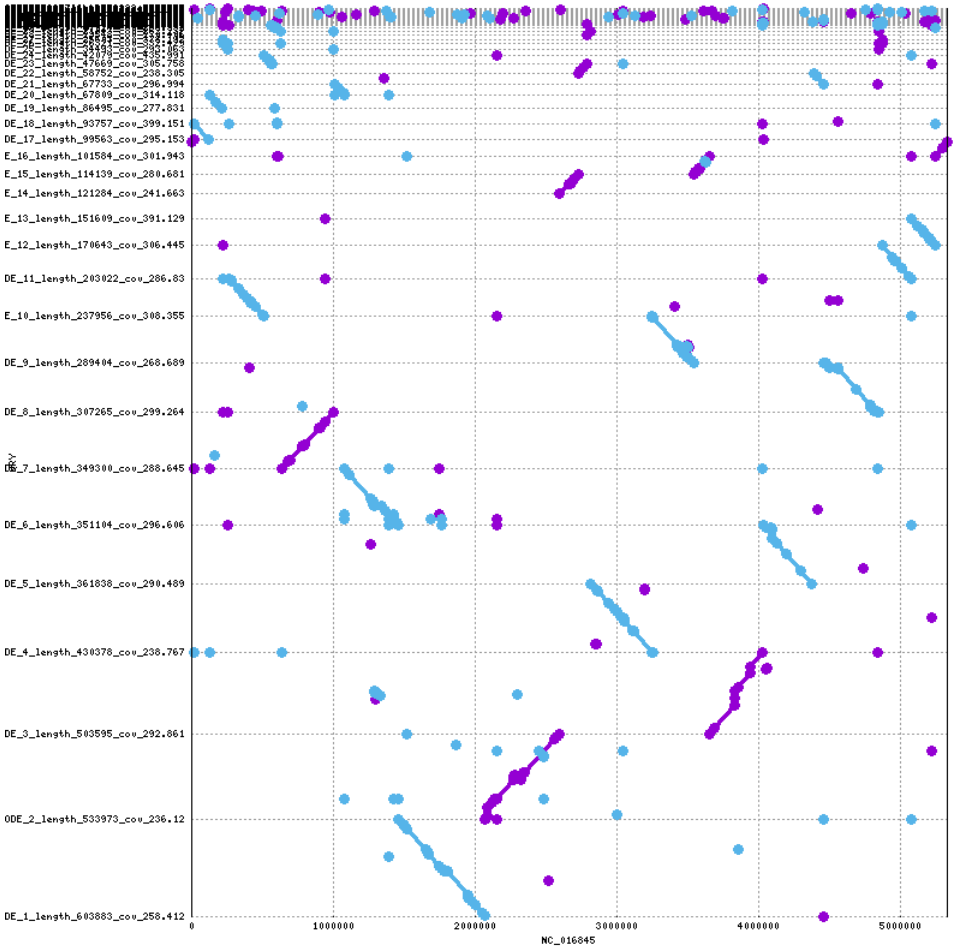

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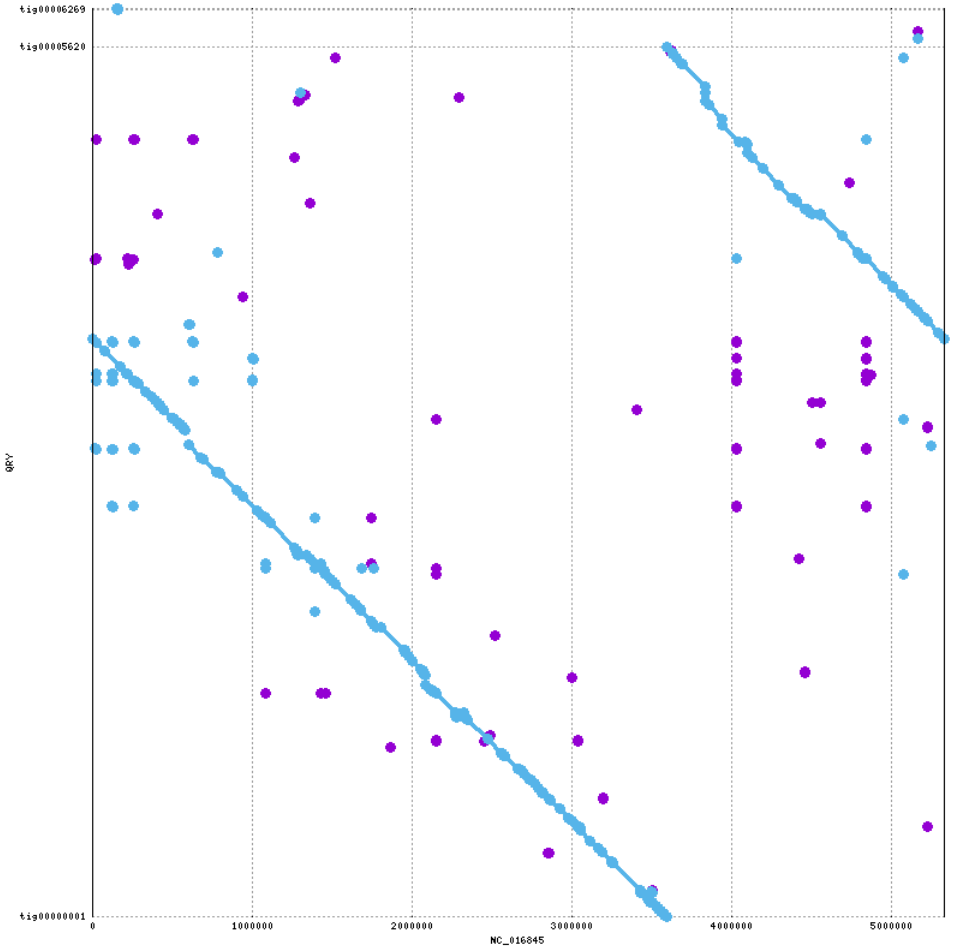

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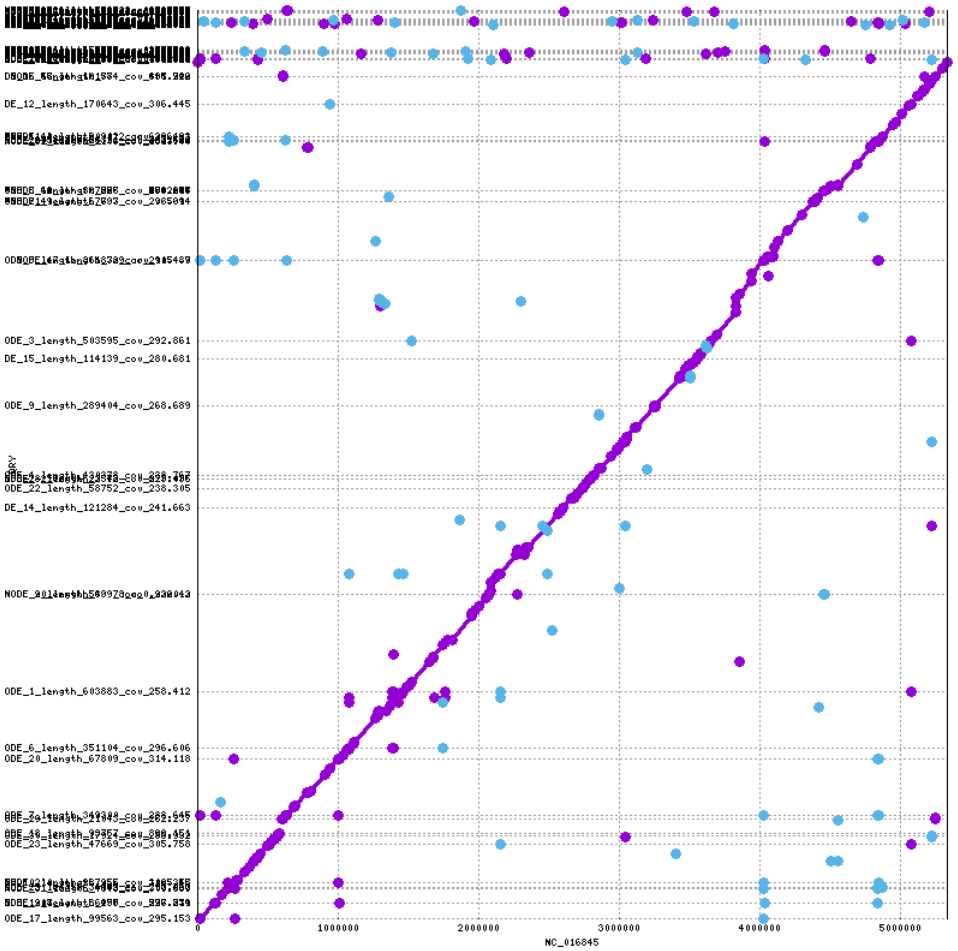

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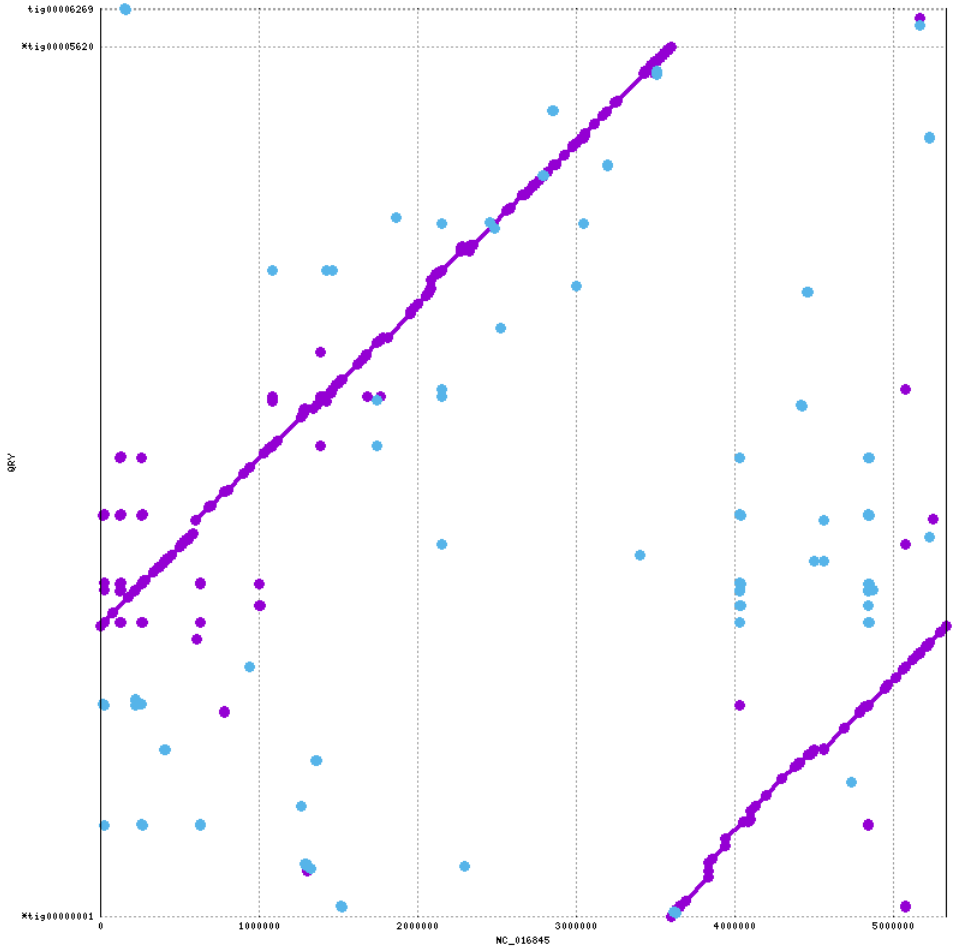

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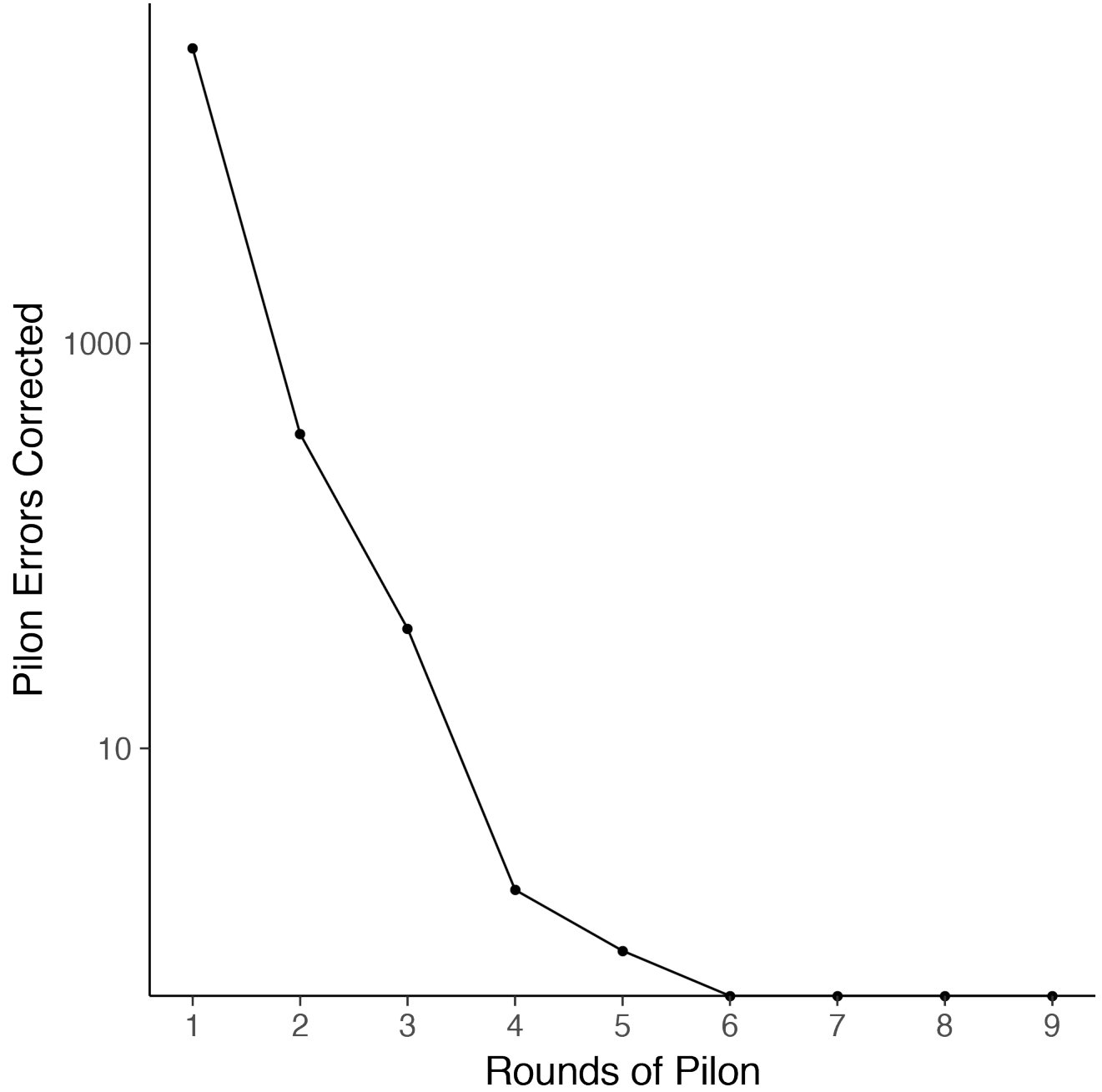
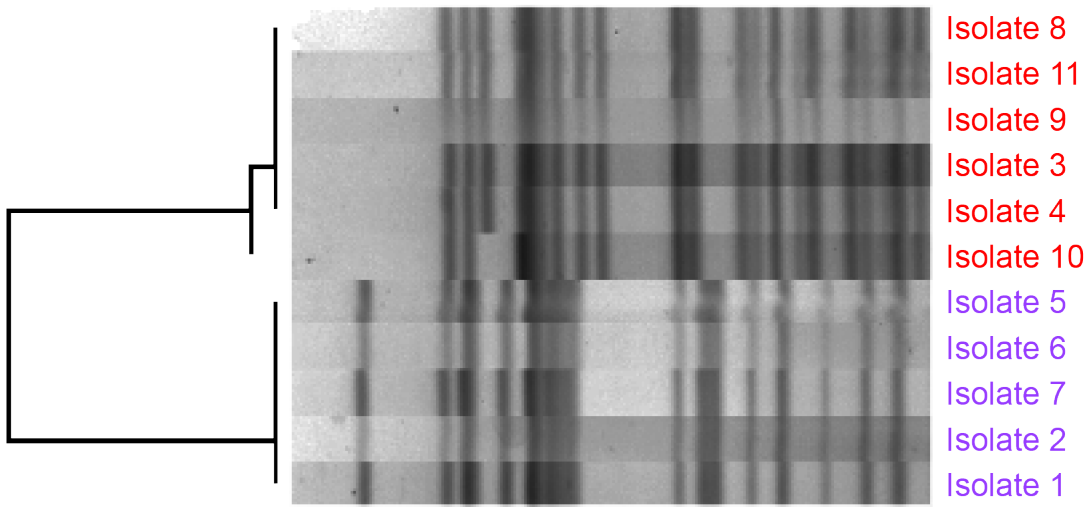
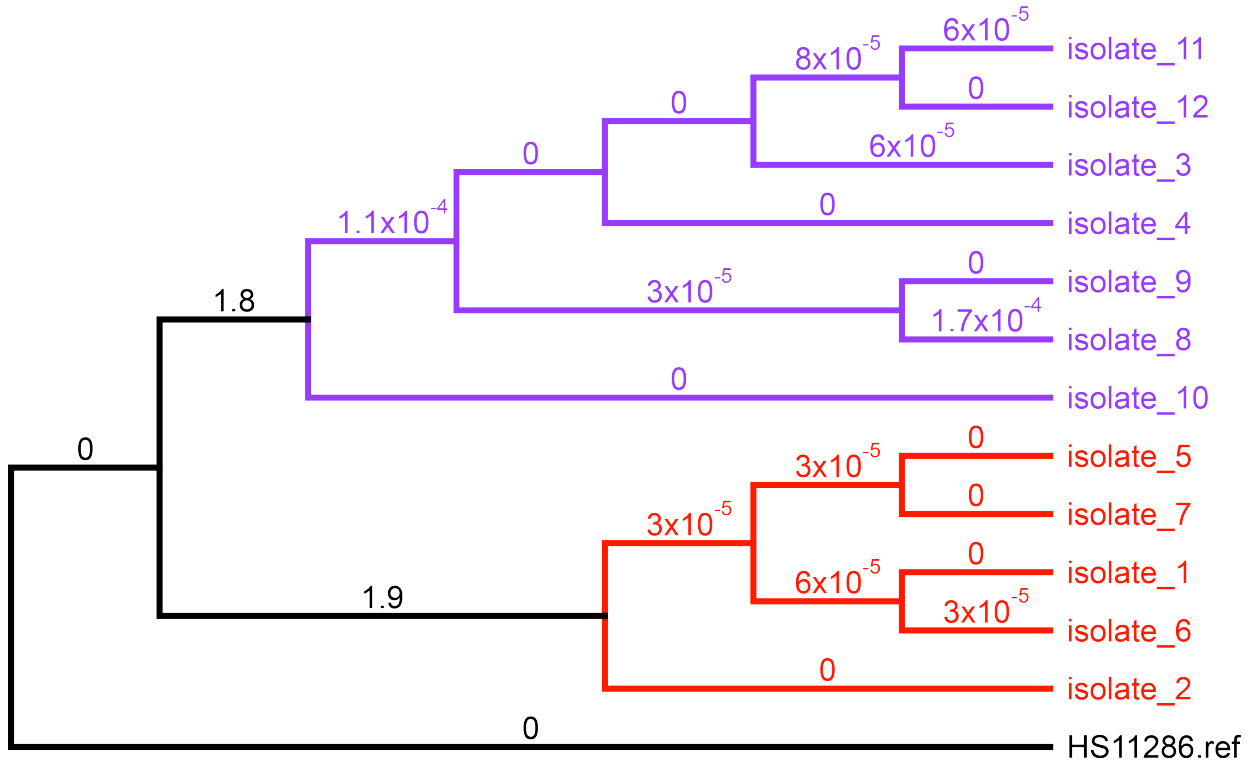
Pilon Correction

- Though ONT error rate is improving, still not sufficient from raw basecalled for SNPs
- Application of Illumina data via pilon allows for correction
- Multiple rounds of correction needed – initially Illumina reads won't align correctly to error prone scaffold
- Next we are trying to apply *nanopolish* which returns to the electrical signal to correct nanopore only assemblies



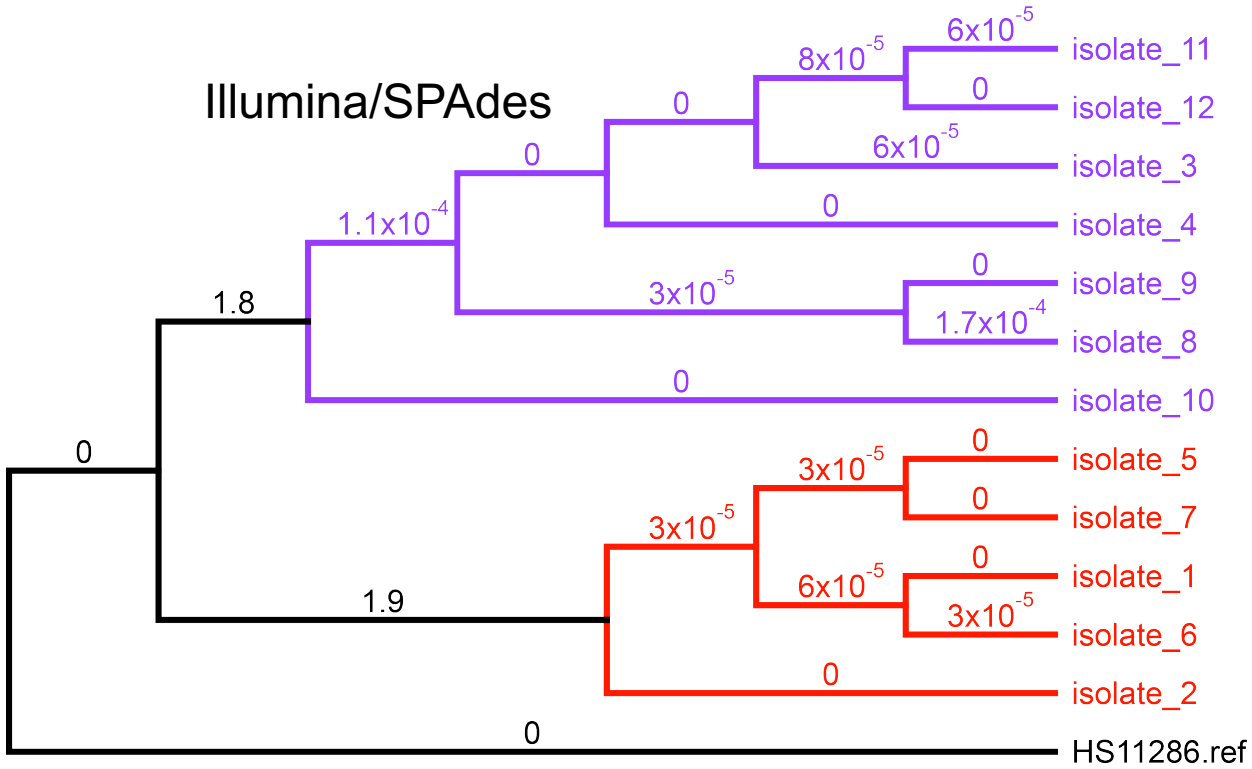
Tree comparing isolates

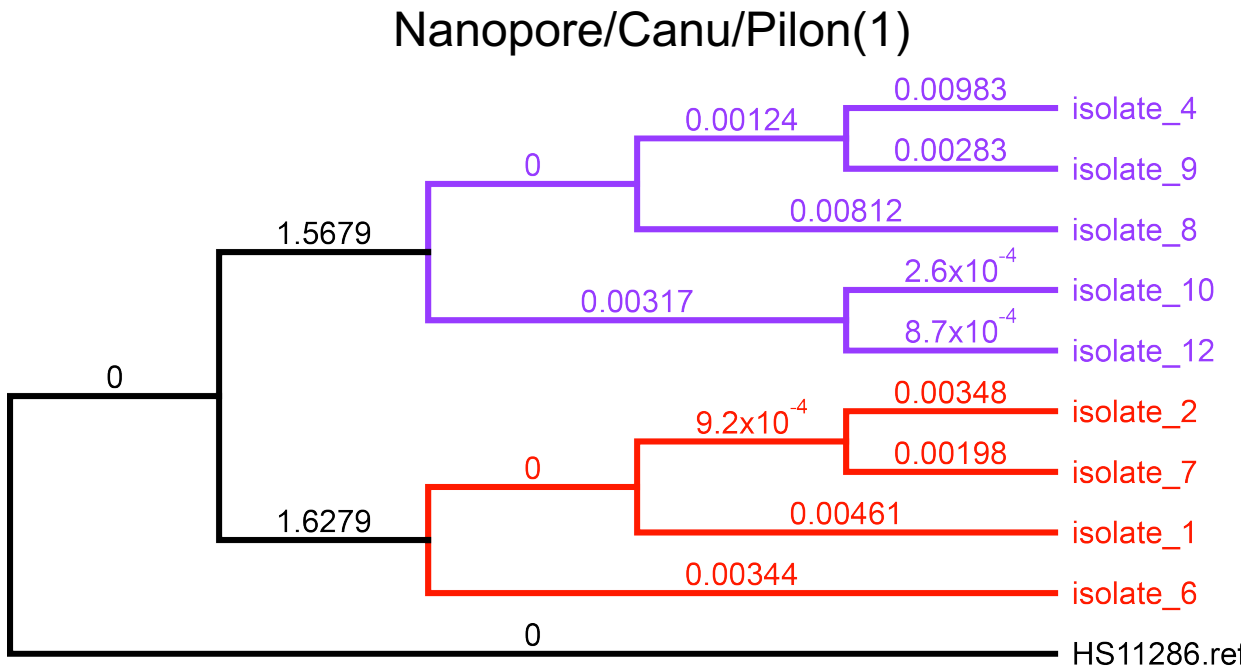




We performed a simple comparison of our isolates using HarvestTools (Parsnp) and found that it largely agreed with the PFGE results`

Illumina Nanopore



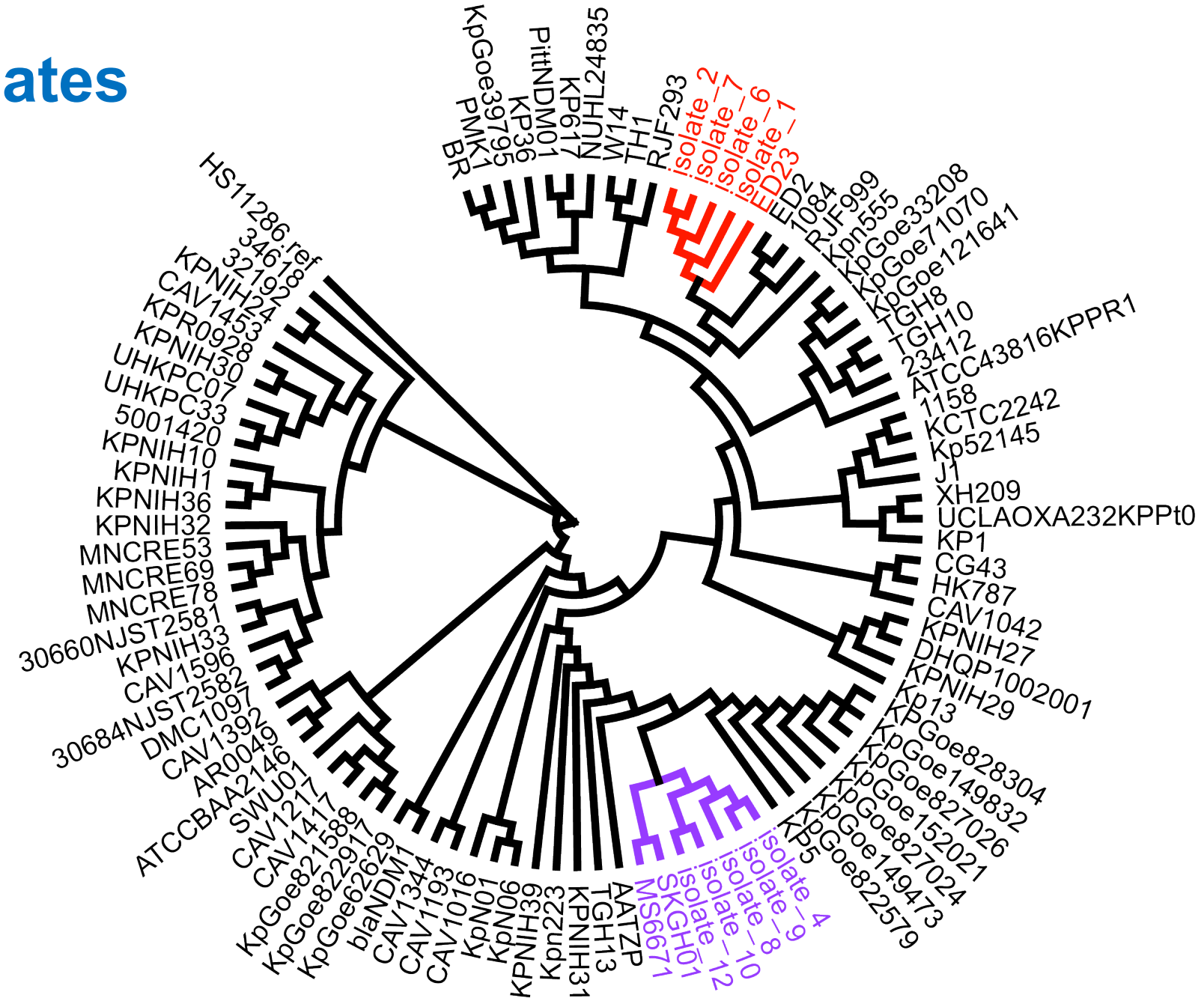


We generated phylogenetic trees from both the SPAdes assemblies and the nanopore assemblies (after 1 round of polishing with pilon from Illumina reads) The nanopore results still showed a larger number of differences, likely due to the higher error rate, especially from some of our older nanopore data.

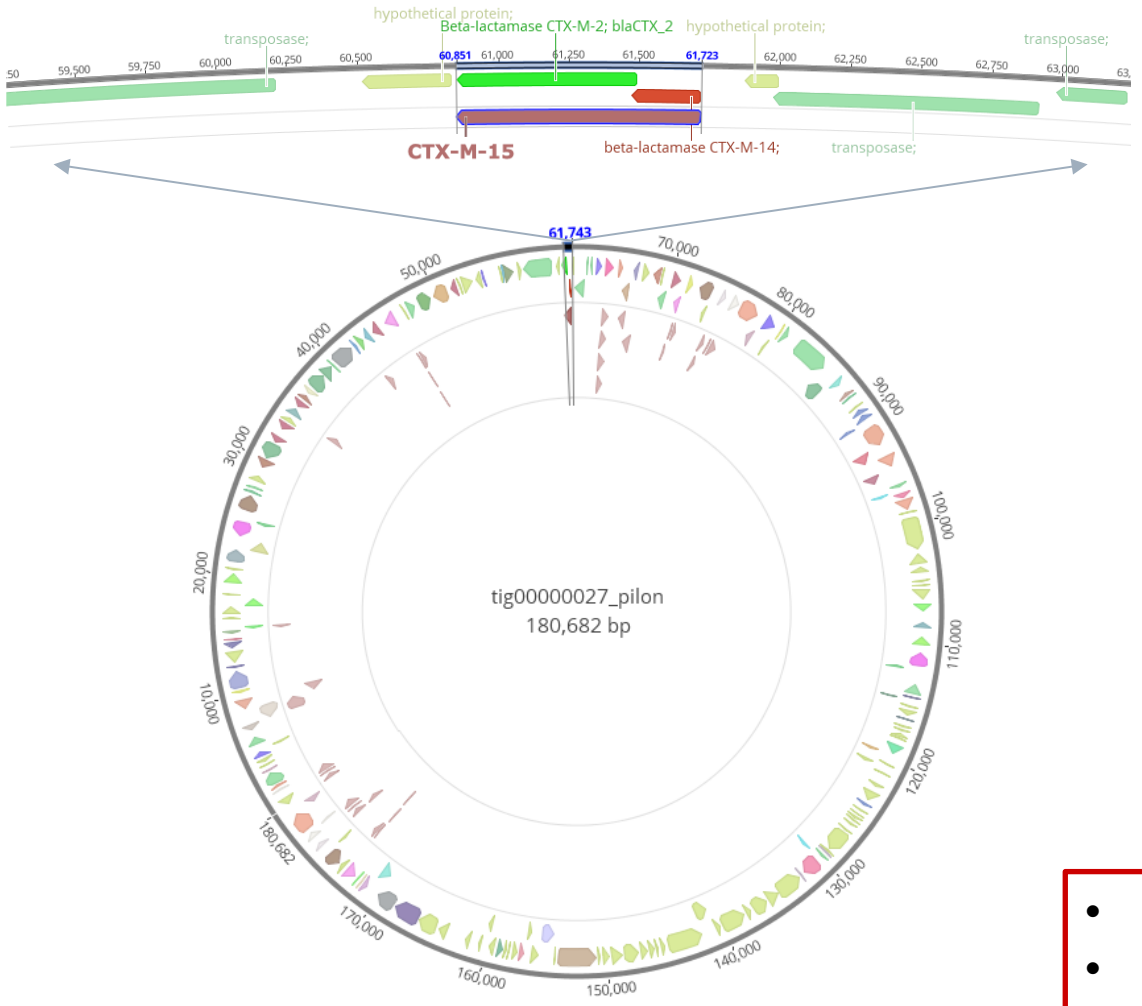
Versus Reference Isolates

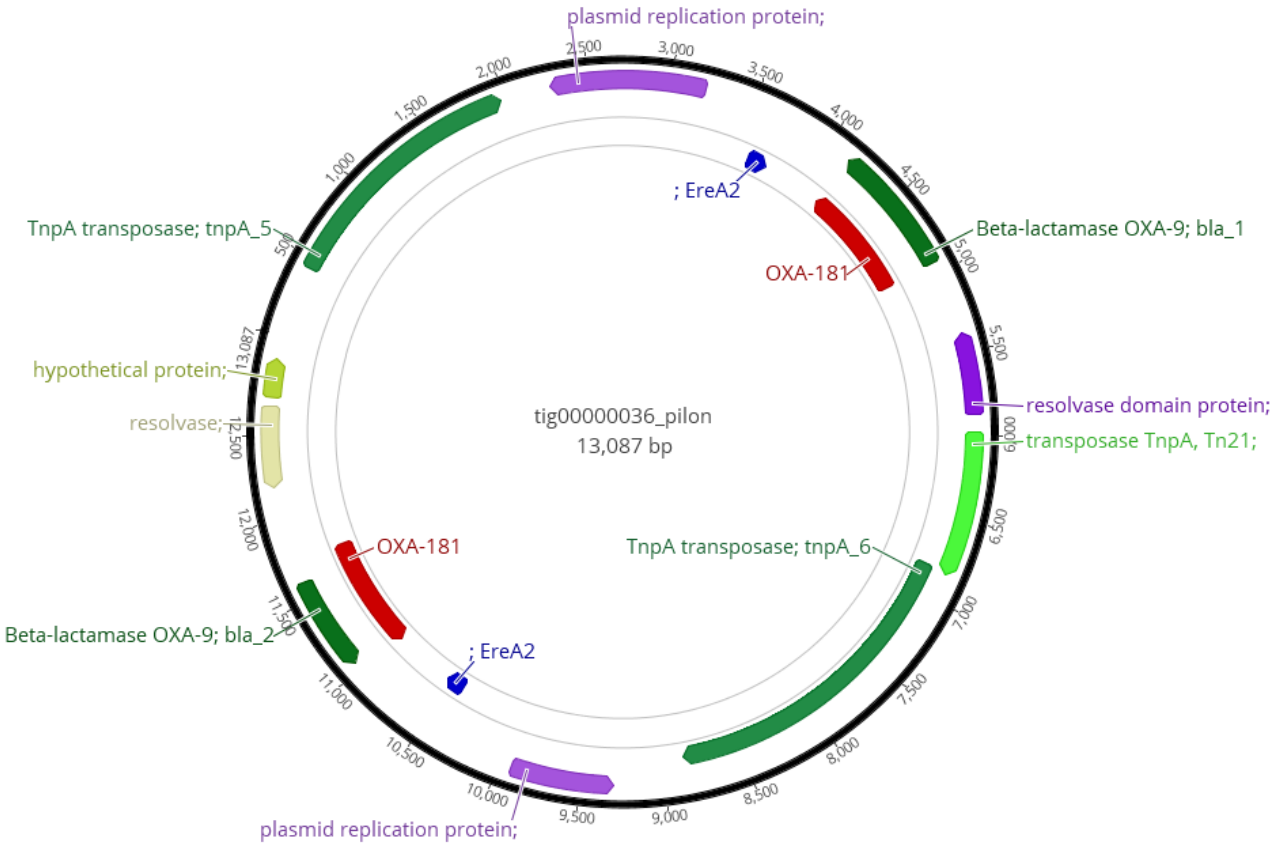
A comparison of our isolate assemblies to NCBI reference genomes for K. pneumo gave clear clustering with specific strains

- HMV strain (MLST ST-23) is closest to MS6671 which is a strain first isolated in the United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- XDR strain (MLST ST-147) is closest to ED23 which is a strain first isolated in Taiwan



AMR genes

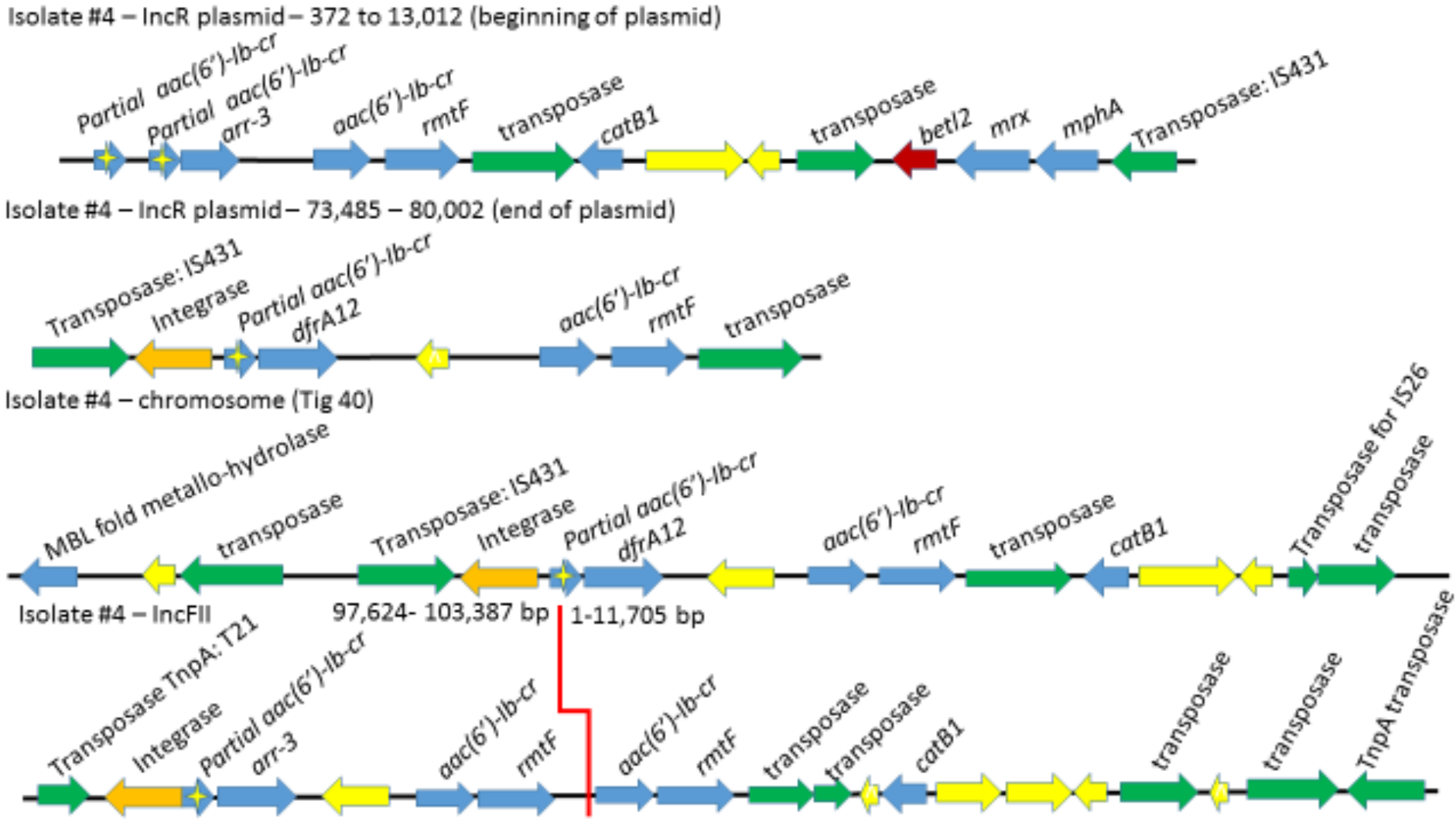




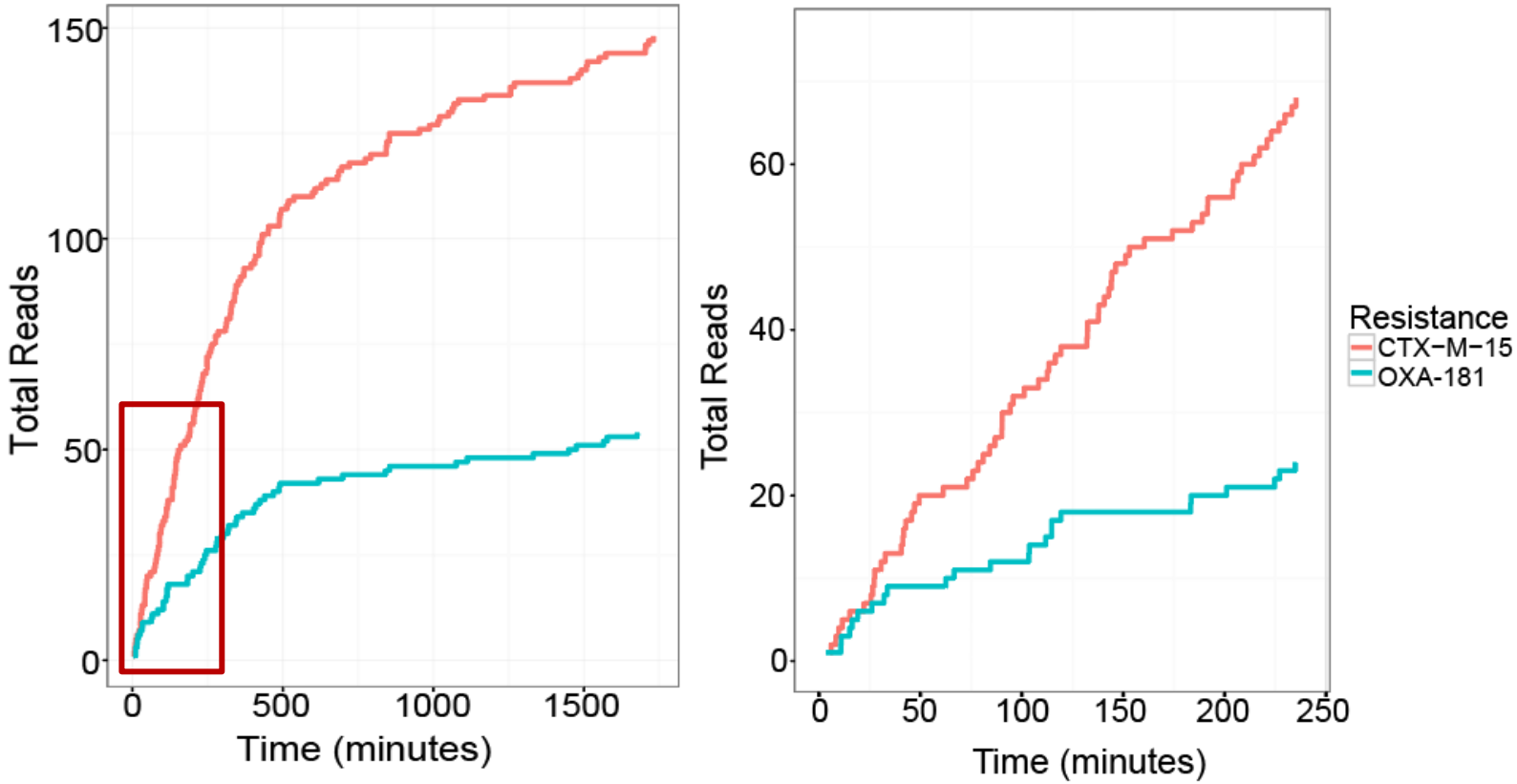
- Annotated assemblies with prokka and CARD databse
- Two specific AMR genes (CTX-M-15 and OXA-181) were discovered and placed within their genetic context (plasmids)

Mobile Elements

- With our complete assemblies we can observe transfer between the plasmids and the chromosome
- Isolate #4, the larger class 1 integron containing *dfrA12*, *aac(6')Ib-cr, rmtF*, *catB7, mrx* and *mphA* was integrated in the chromosome.



Real-time Detection



Sample	OXA-181 detection time	CTX-M-15 detection time
4	4.8 min	2.8 min
8	10.3 min	3.6 min
9	10.73 min	9.37 min
10	0.99 min	1.00 min
12	13.07 min	6.04 min

Resistance identified within 15 minutes!

As reads can be identified as they come off the sequencer, we can identify AMR rapidly
Our retrospective analysis showed the resistance was identified for all of our isolates within 15 minutes

Conclusions/Future Directions

- Sequencing can provide more insight into environmental context of organisms than just culture alone
- Nanopore sequencing could be useful as an aid in providing proper treatment for infectious diseases
  - Get full coverage of pathogenic organisms with one flowcell
  - Rapid time of detection of genes of interest
- Application of nanopolish to improve nanopore-only assemblies
- Application of nanopolish to call methylation in assemblies (go PCR-free)

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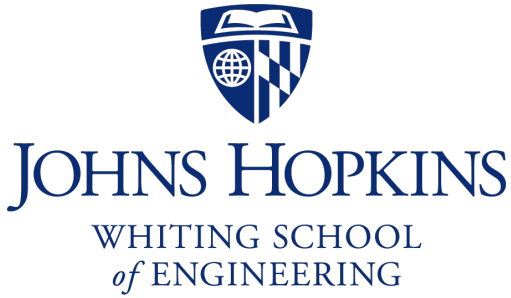

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