Clade Nomenclature Activity

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Justification for a global swine clade nomenclature system

- Common terminology for all regions to use
- Non-incriminating (ie, gets away from reporting a "North American" virus in South America, etc.)
- Provides a system to describe swine IAV in relationship to common human ancestors
- Provides a common nomenclature for automated clade tools on IRD
 - Beta tool for US swine H1 already in use
 - H3 in the pipeline

Swine H1 clade classification in IRD



Draft Criteria

Basic Criteria:

- Common phylogenetic node
- In well-sampled geographic areas, >70 bootstrap value
- >93-95% within clade nucleotide identity (95% for H1 and 93% for H3)
- >7% between clade divergence (most are >10%)
- Minimum number of isolates (>10)
- Minimum time period (>1 year)
- Antigenic support based on HI cross-reactivity recommended
- Considering isolates from 5 most recent years (2010-15)

Emerging or transitional sequence criteria:

- Unique interspecies spillover without minimum number or minimum time period:
 - >70 bootstrap support
 - long branch lengths from nearest common swine ancestor
 - supported by homologous HI sero-surveillance
- Clusters with poor bootstrap for internal node, but high bootstrap for contemporaneous node (>2010) in under-surveilled areas:
 - continued detection >1 year
 - branch length is 3 times longer than the standard error of branch lengths in the phylogeny
 - HA sequence quality and length confirmed
 - minimum of 10 independent isolates