

Teaching tree thinking with forensic applications

Outline

1. A famous example
 2. A software-based tutorial
 3. Additional case studies
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- <http://faculty.washington.edu/~herronjc>

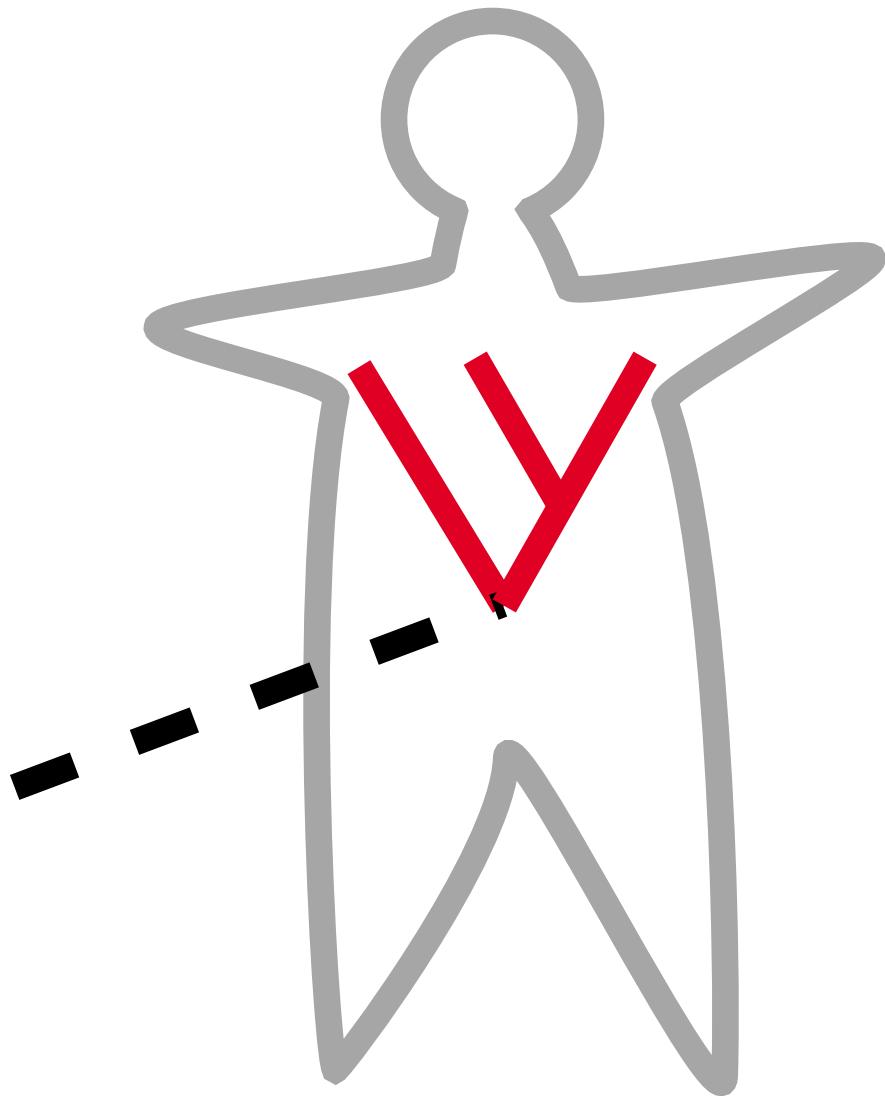
The Florida dentist

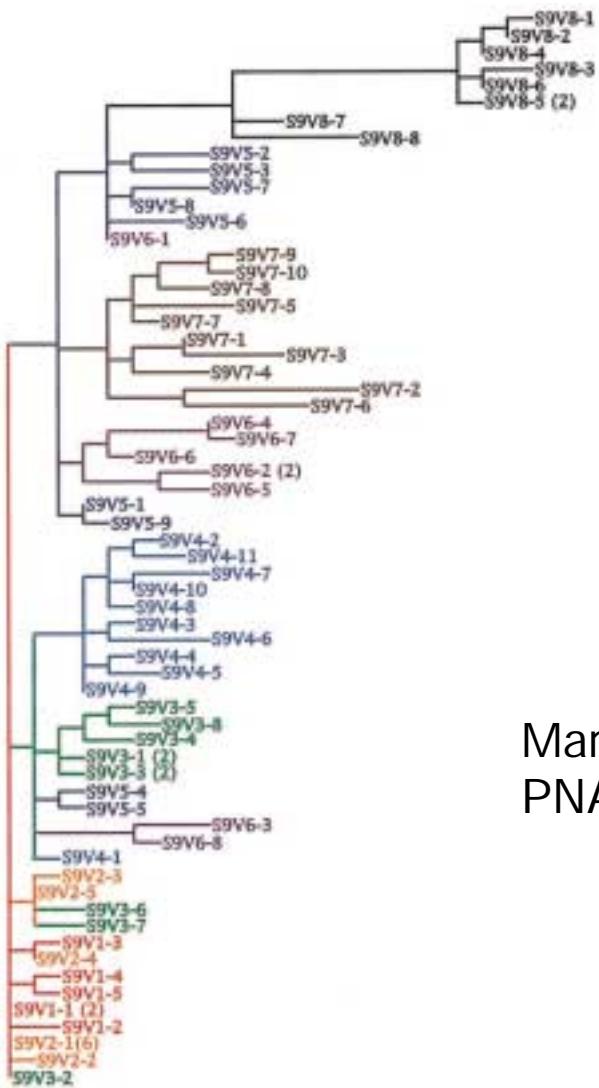
- In 1986 dentist tested positive for HIV; later AIDS.
- Continued general dentistry for 2 years.
- Patient with no risk factors discovered she had HIV
- Dentist publicly urges other patients to take test
- 10 of 1100 patients are HIV+

Did the dentist pass HIV to his patients?

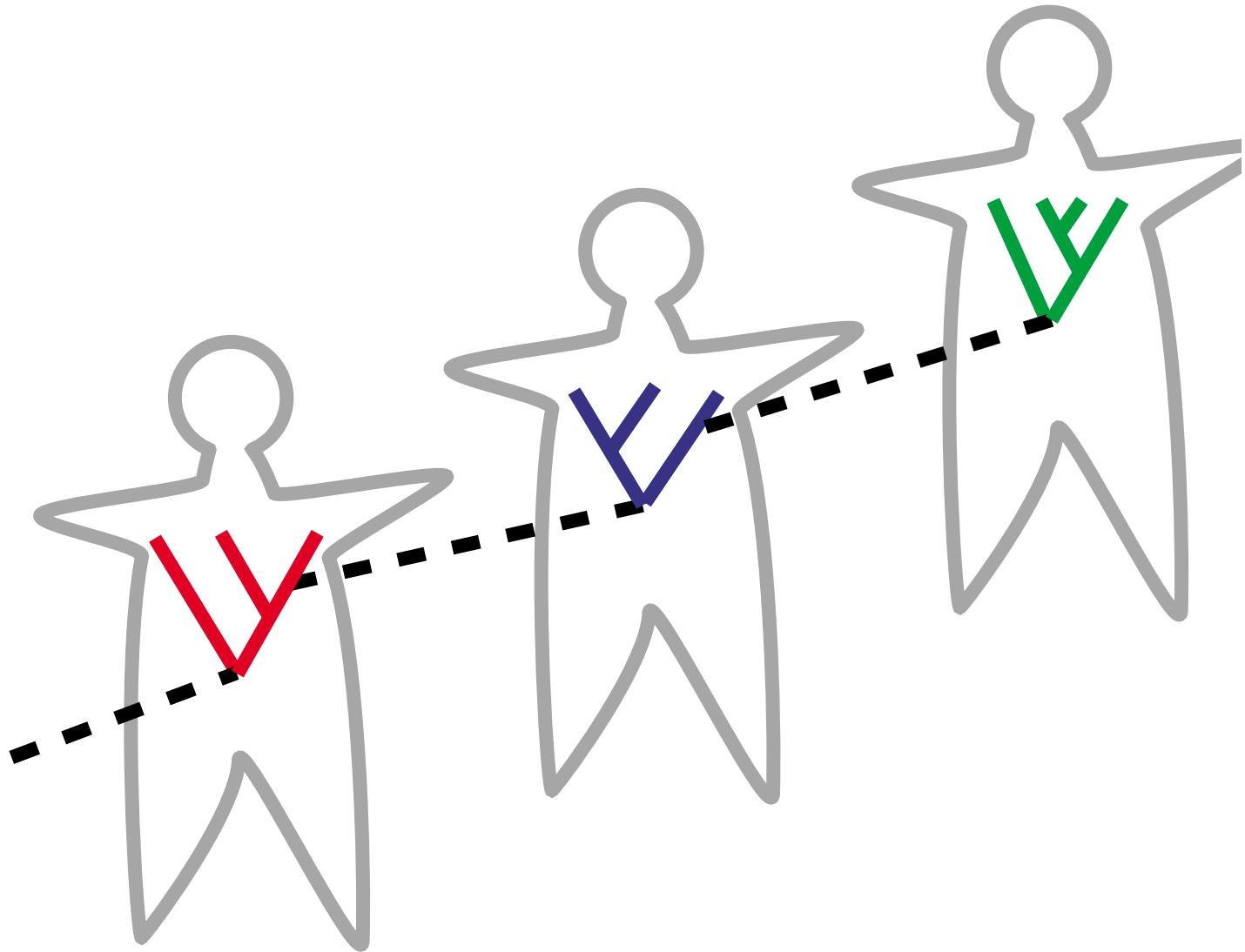
Objectives for students

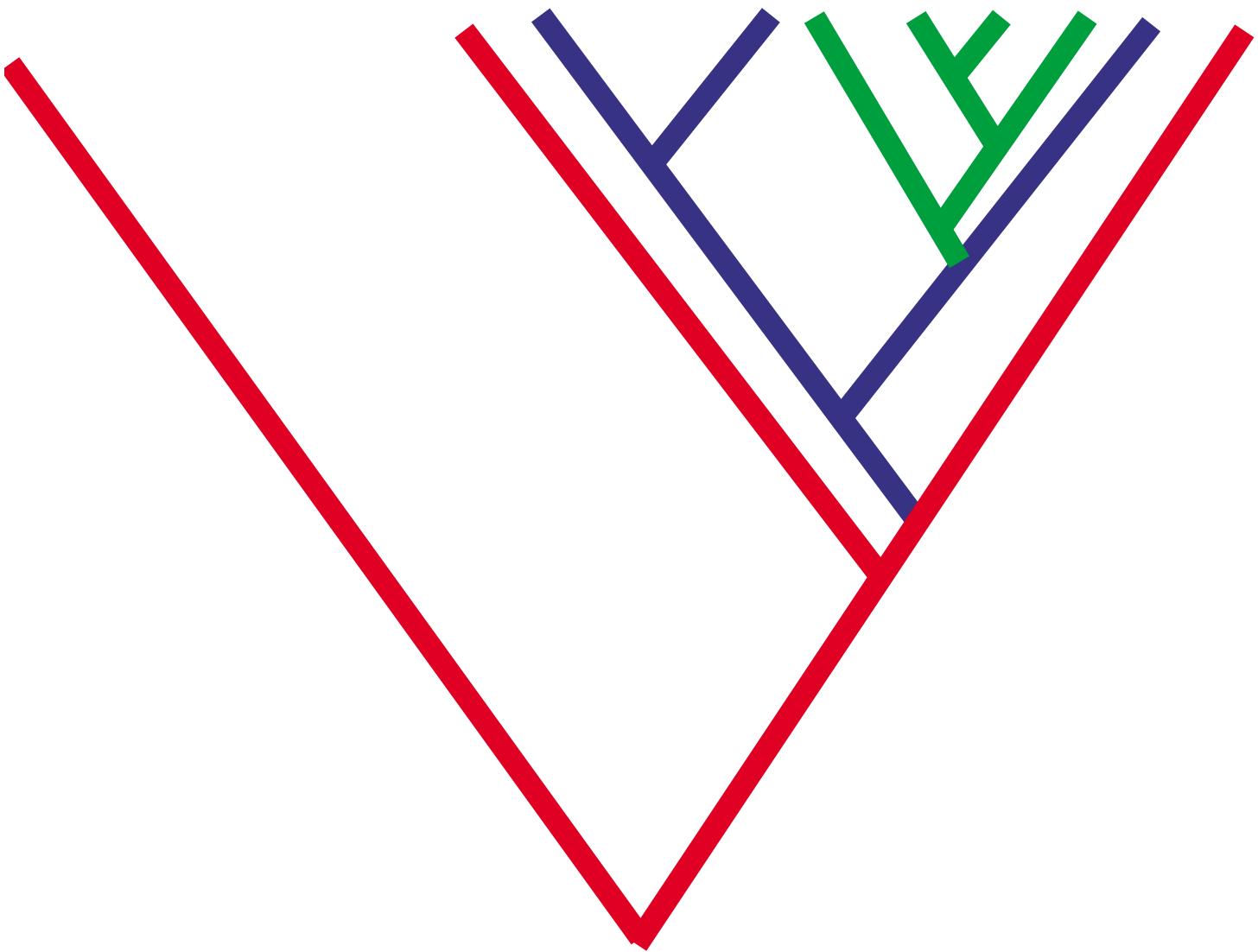
- Describe the logic of a phylogenetic analysis that would answer the question
- Predict the results if the dentist did/did not infect his patients
- Use UPGMA to analyze small datasets
- Correctly interpret the published phylogeny

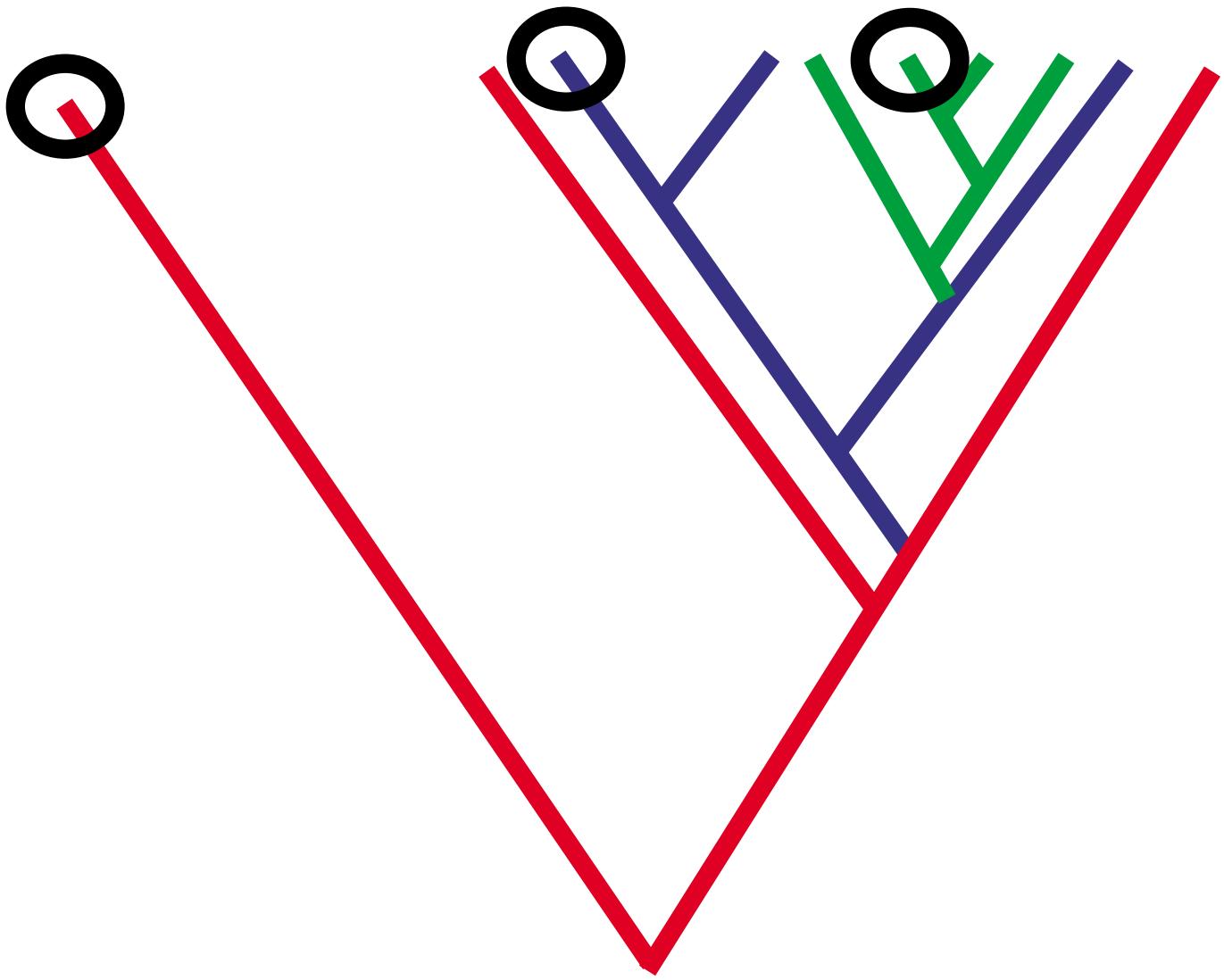


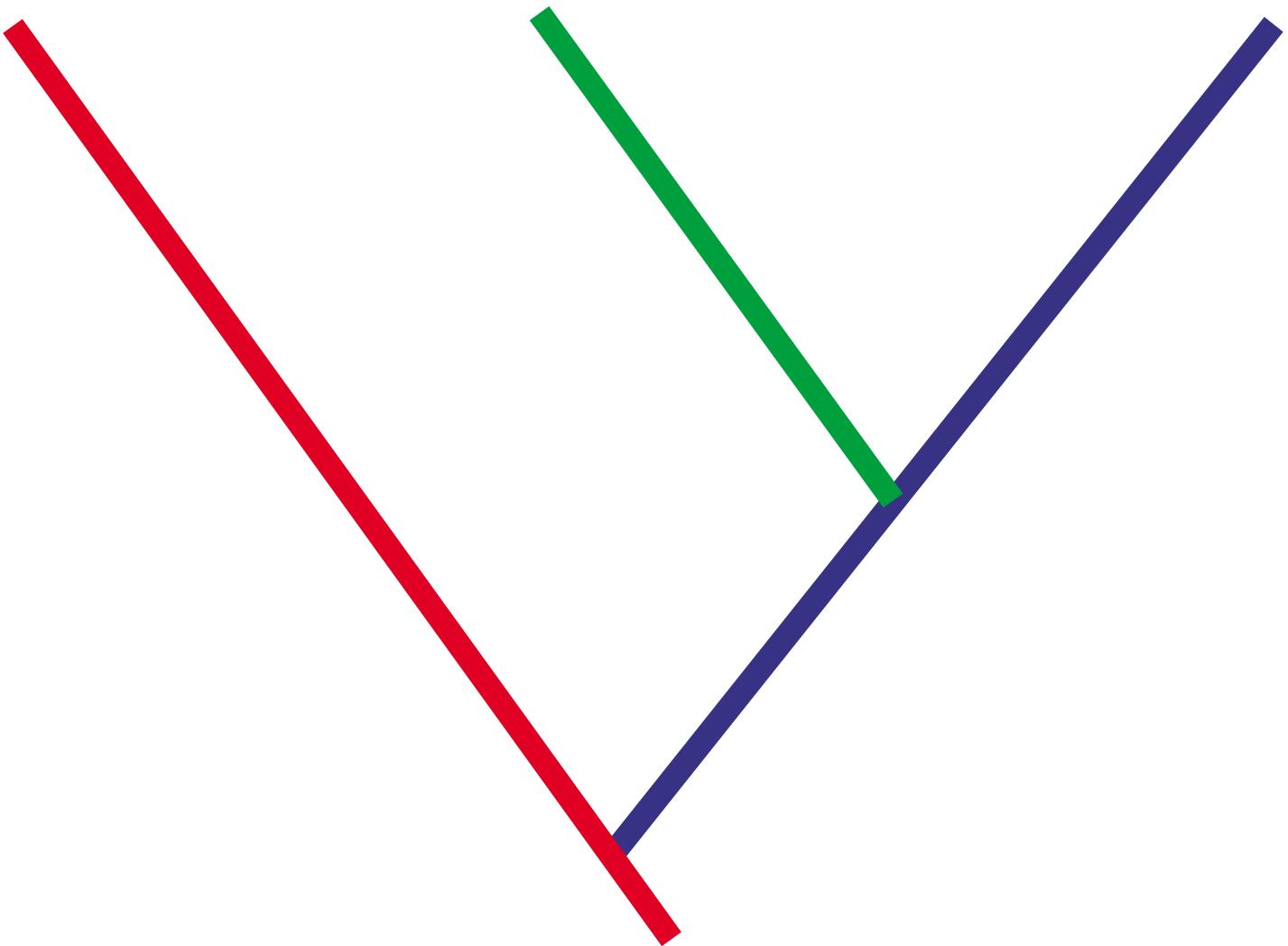


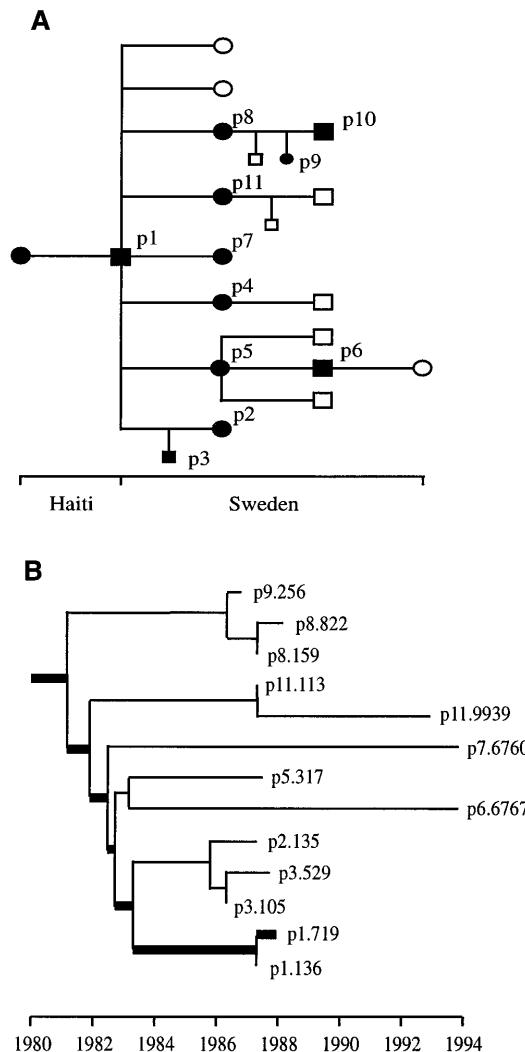
Markham et al. 1998
PNAS 95: 12568







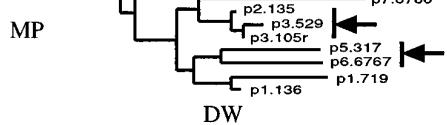
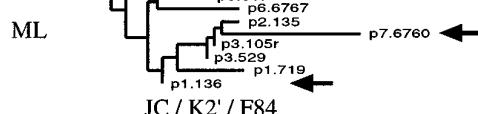
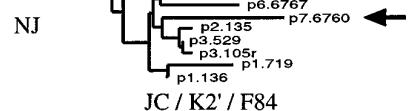
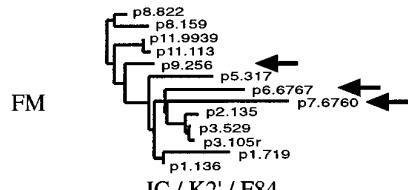




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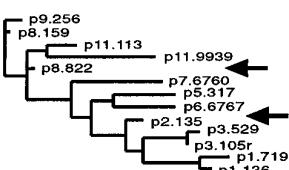
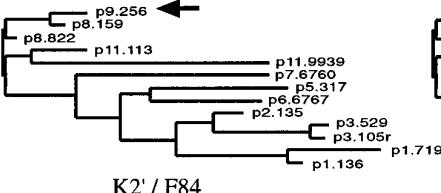
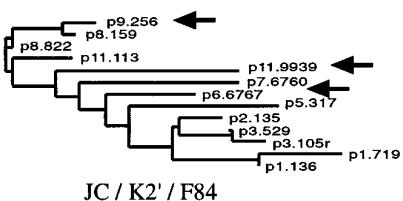
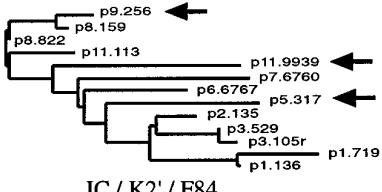
Method

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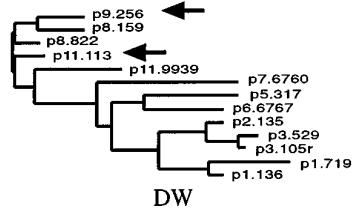
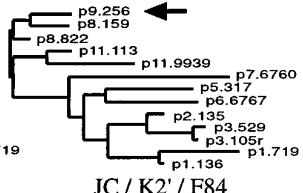
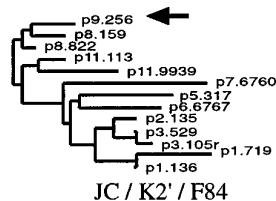
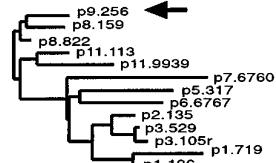


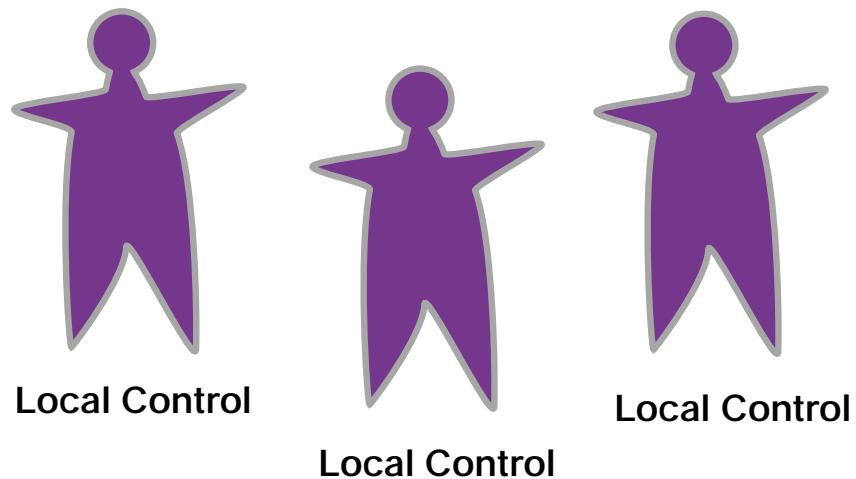
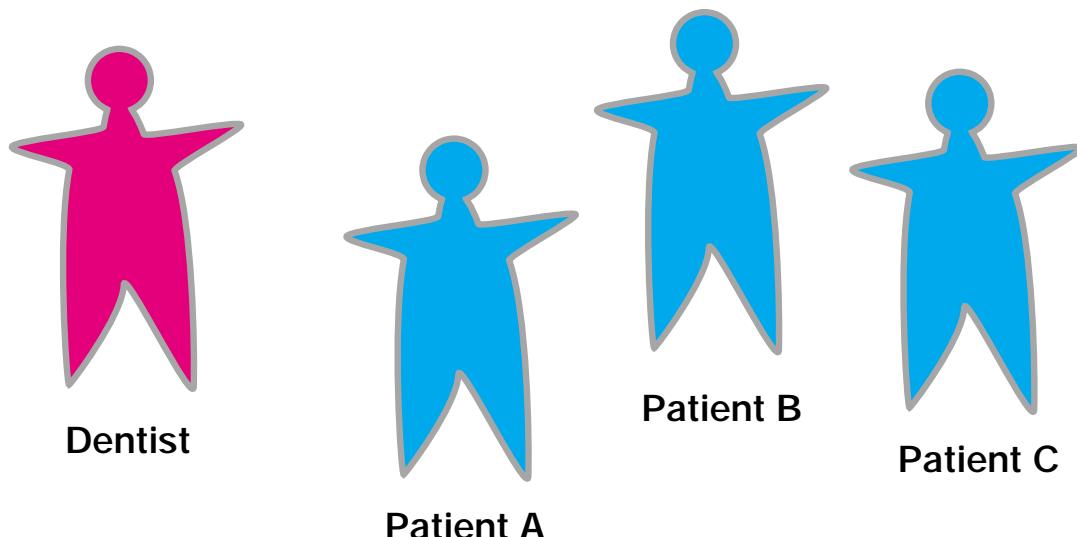
Gene fragment

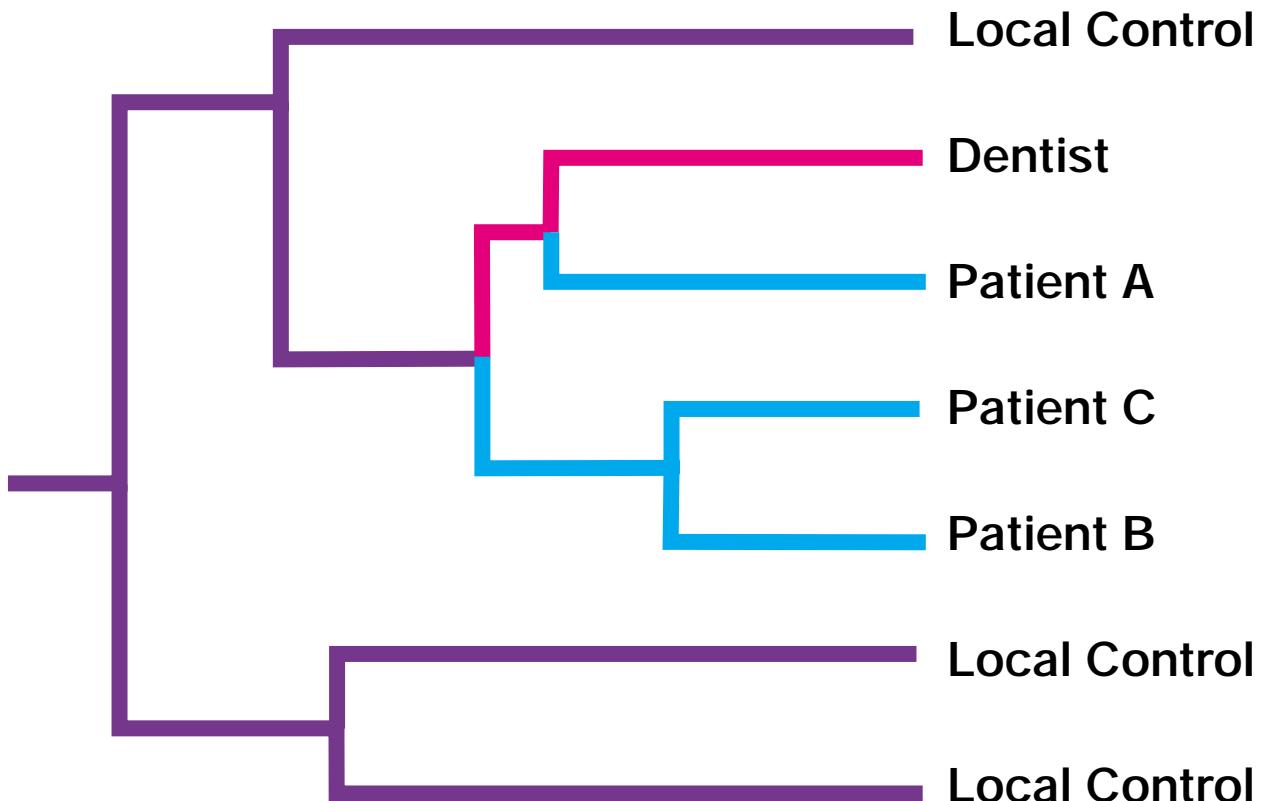
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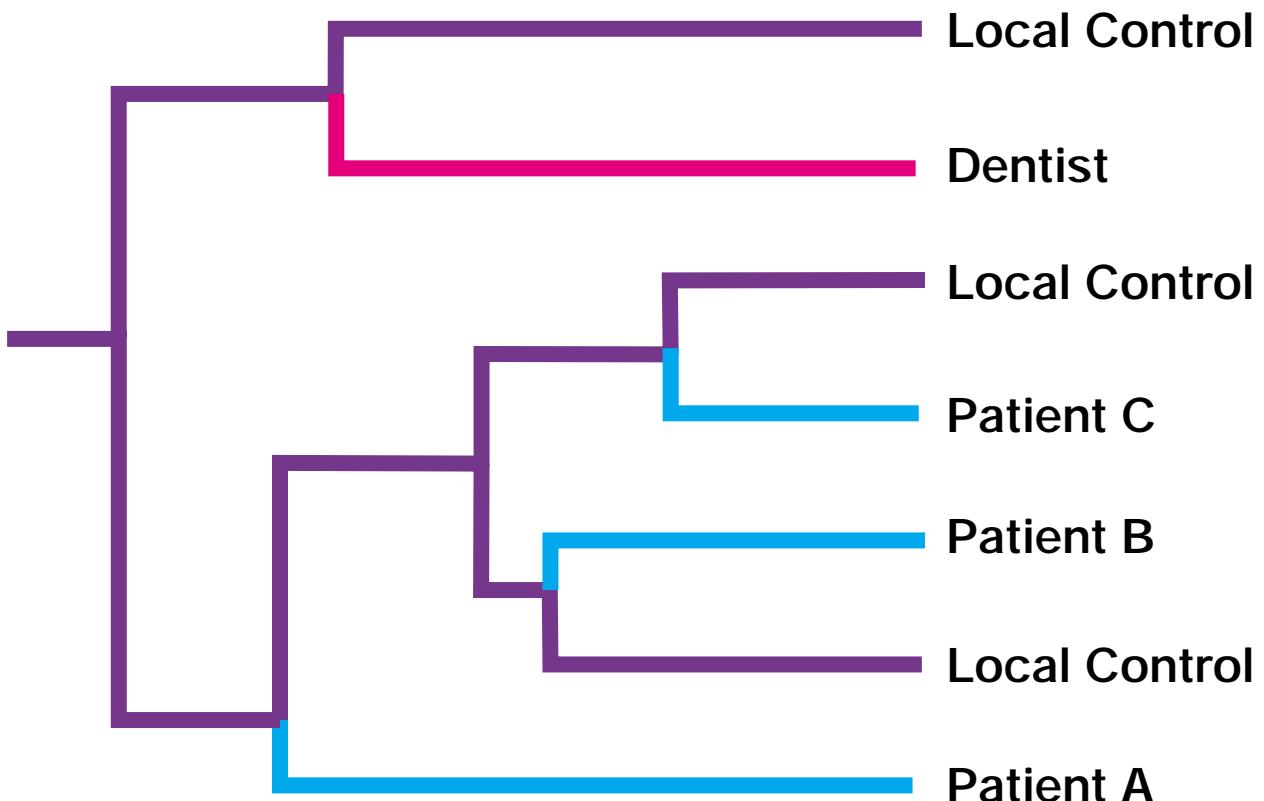


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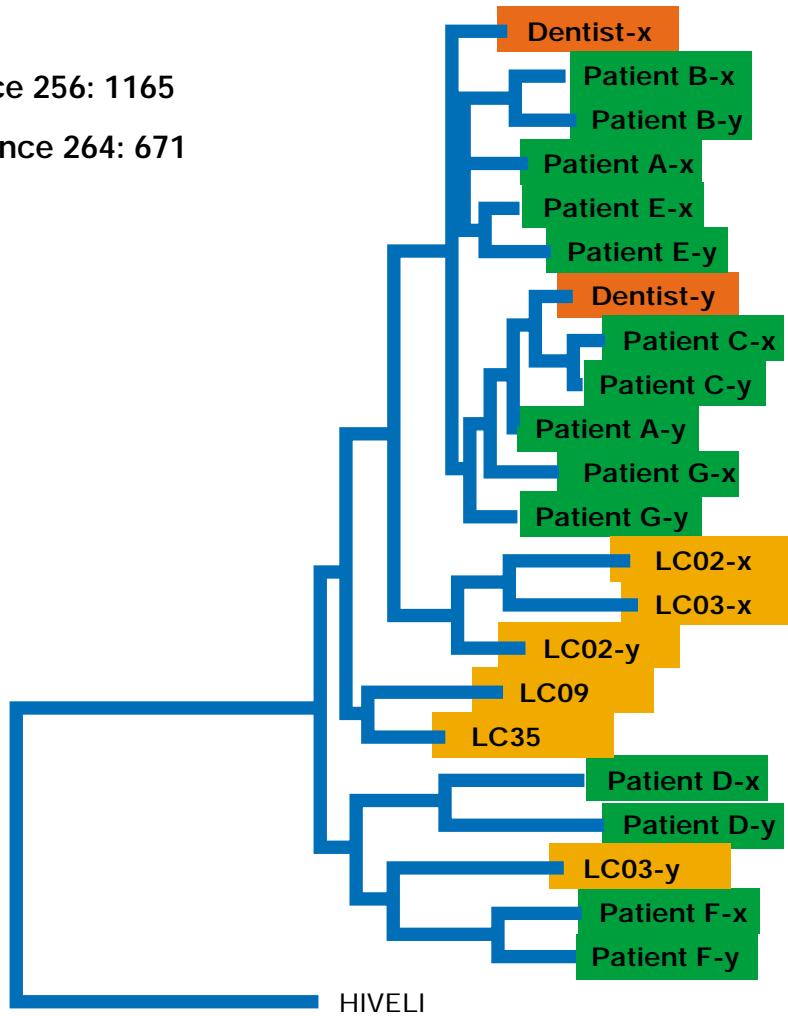




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Ou et al. 1992. Science 256: 1165
Hillis et al. 1994. Science 264: 671

Branch length
(number of single-letter
substitutions in the
genetic sequence)



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DOI 10.1002/jmv.2166

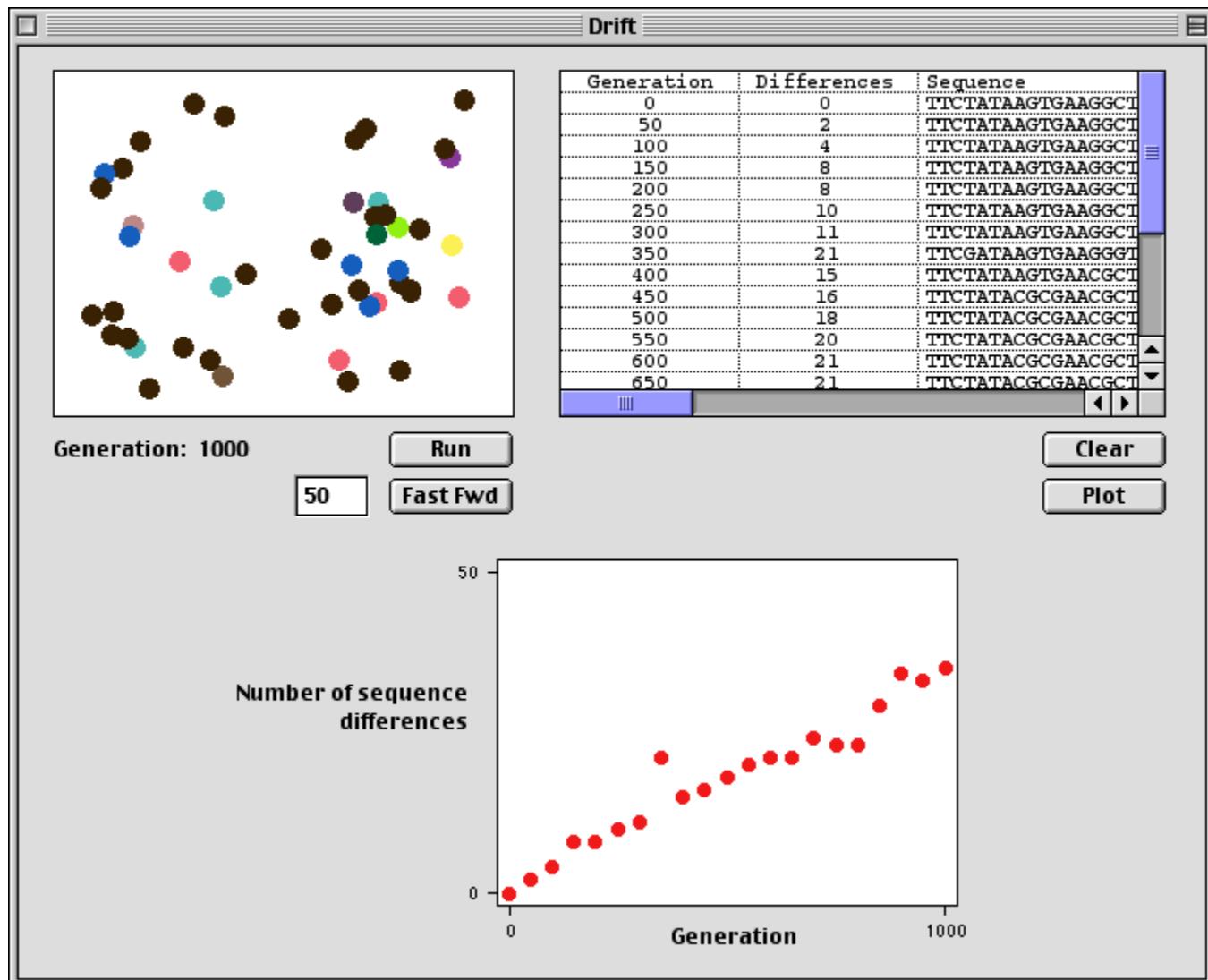
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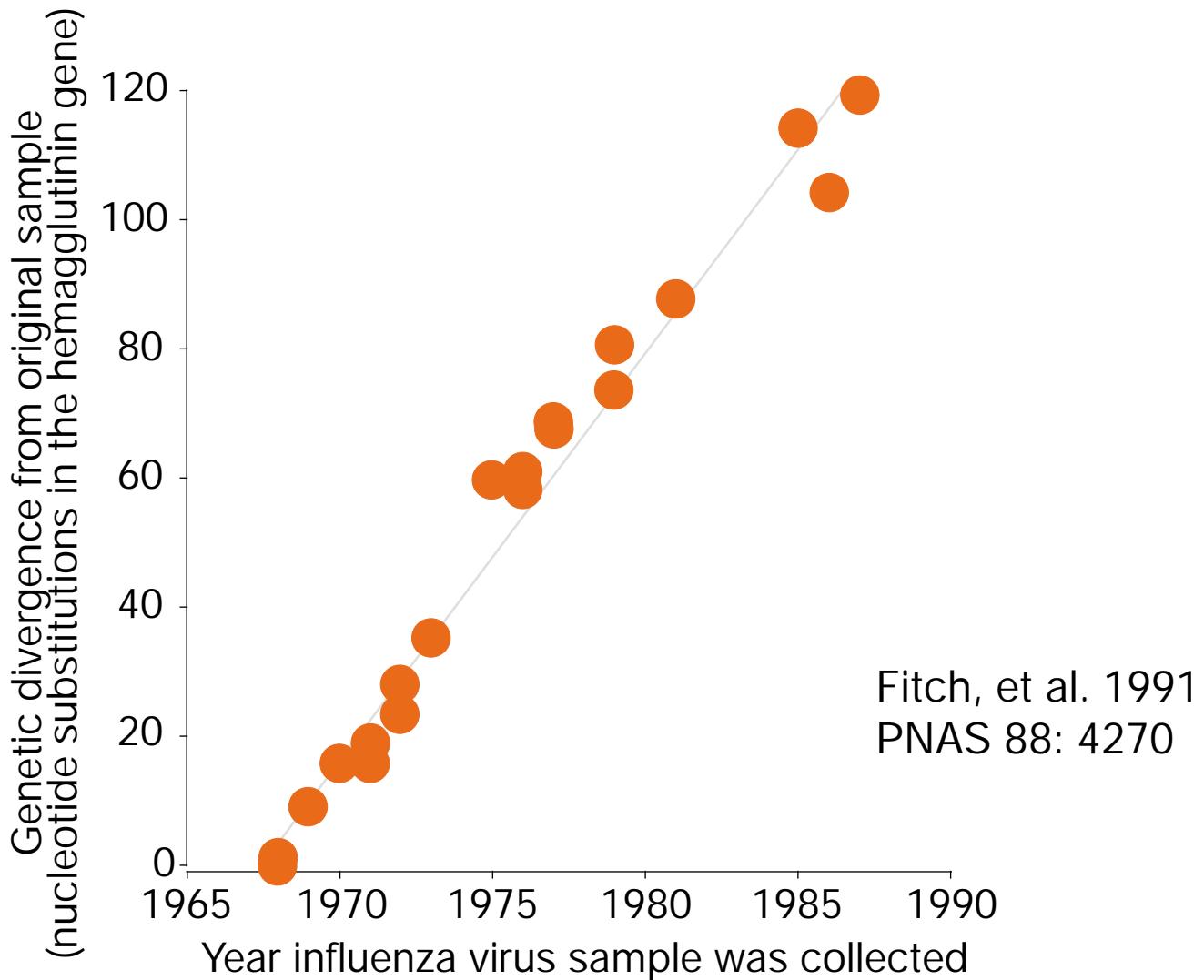
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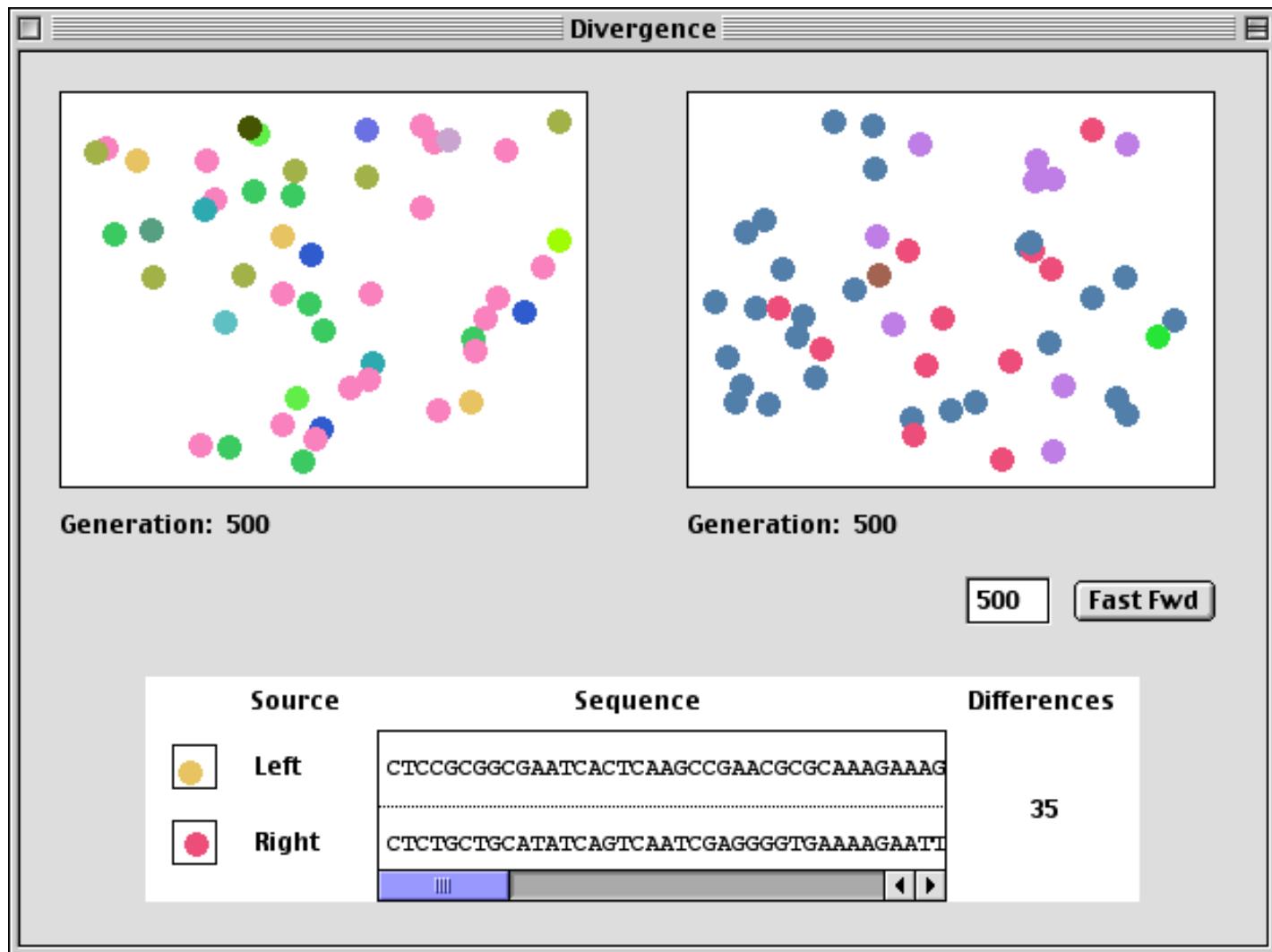
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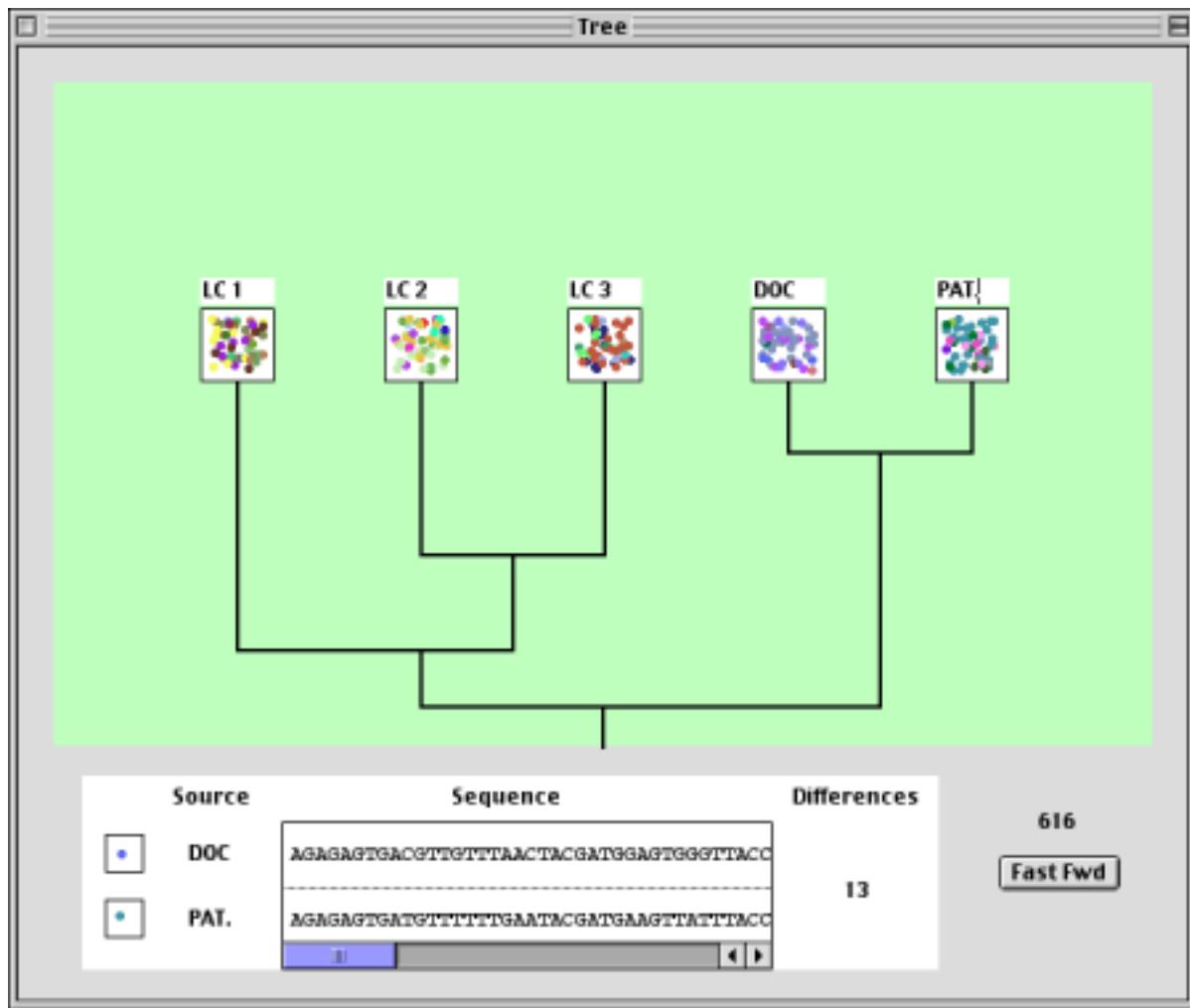
A recent issue of the Journal of Medical Virology contained a paper about a German surgeon who handled orthopedic cases in the emergency room. In July of 2000, the surgeon disclosed to his hospital that he was infected with Hepatitis C Virus (HCV). HCV infects the liver, and is spread by contact with the blood of an infected person. Although many infected individuals are asymptomatic, some patients suffer serious liver damage.

Upon learning of the surgeon's infection, the hospital performed blood tests on 207 of the surgeon's former patients. Three tested positive for HCV. The question: Did these patients get HCV from the surgeon, or from someone else?





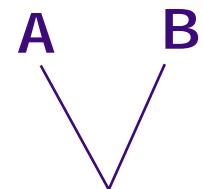




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B) Tree:



C)

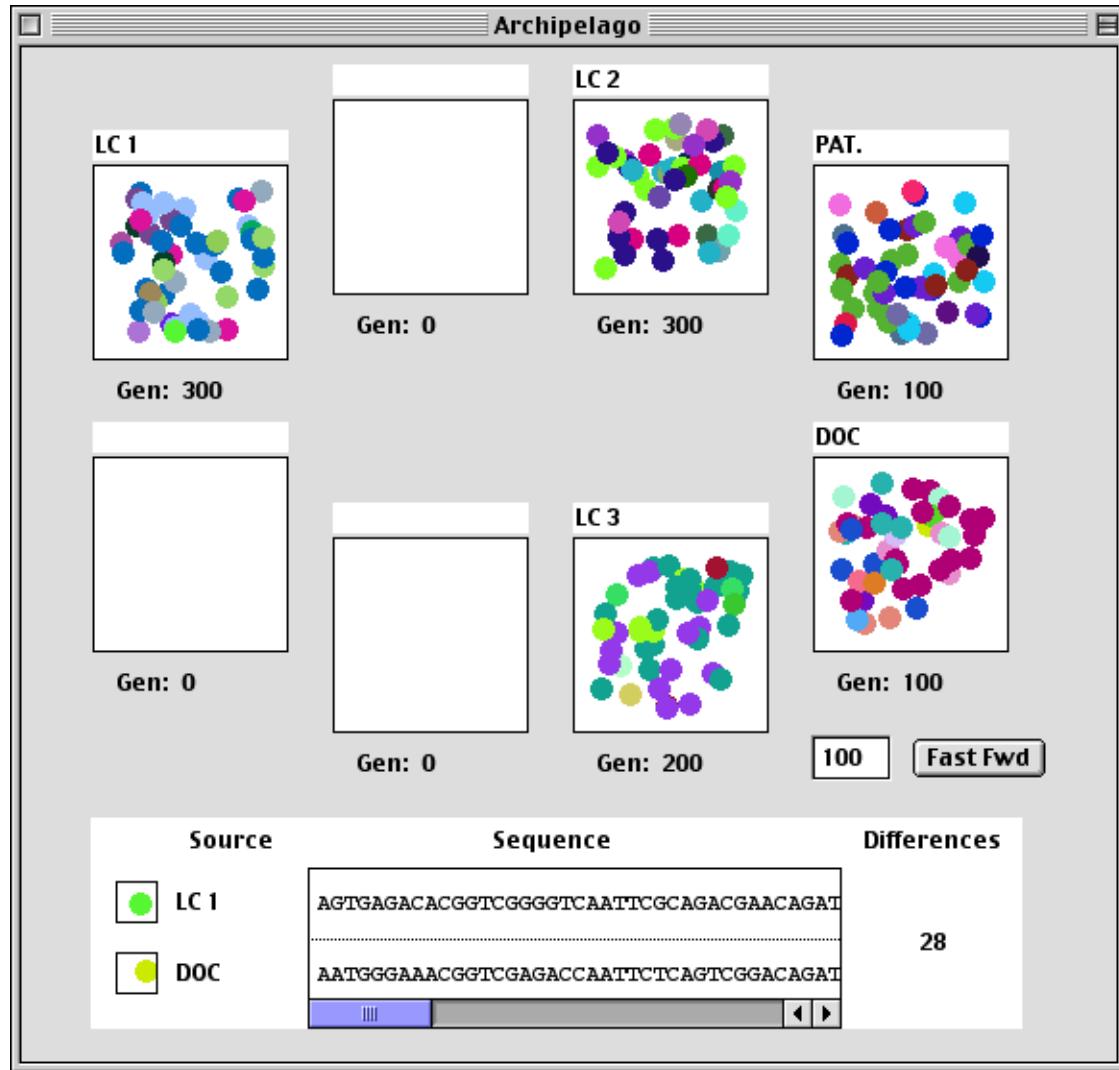
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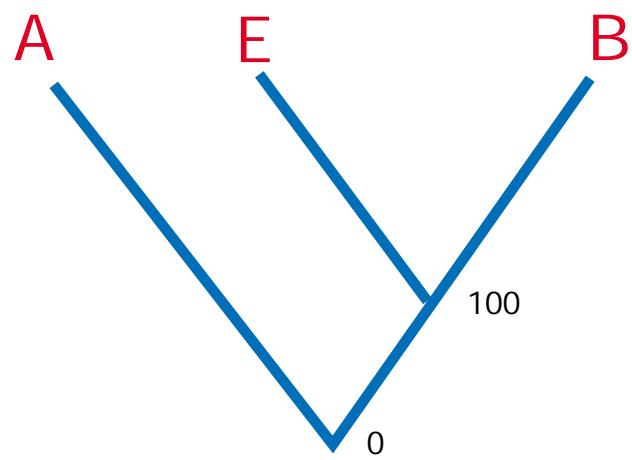
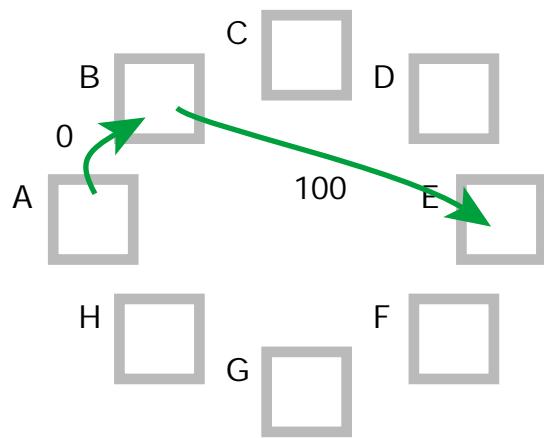
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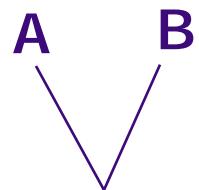


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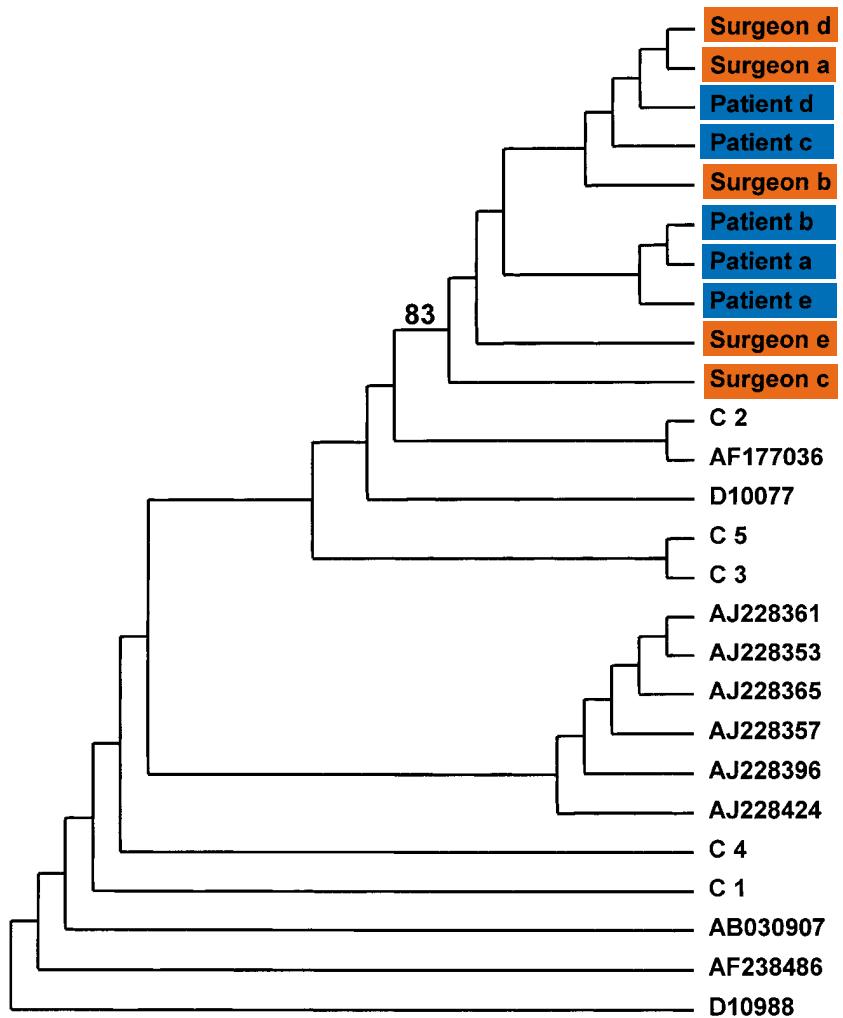
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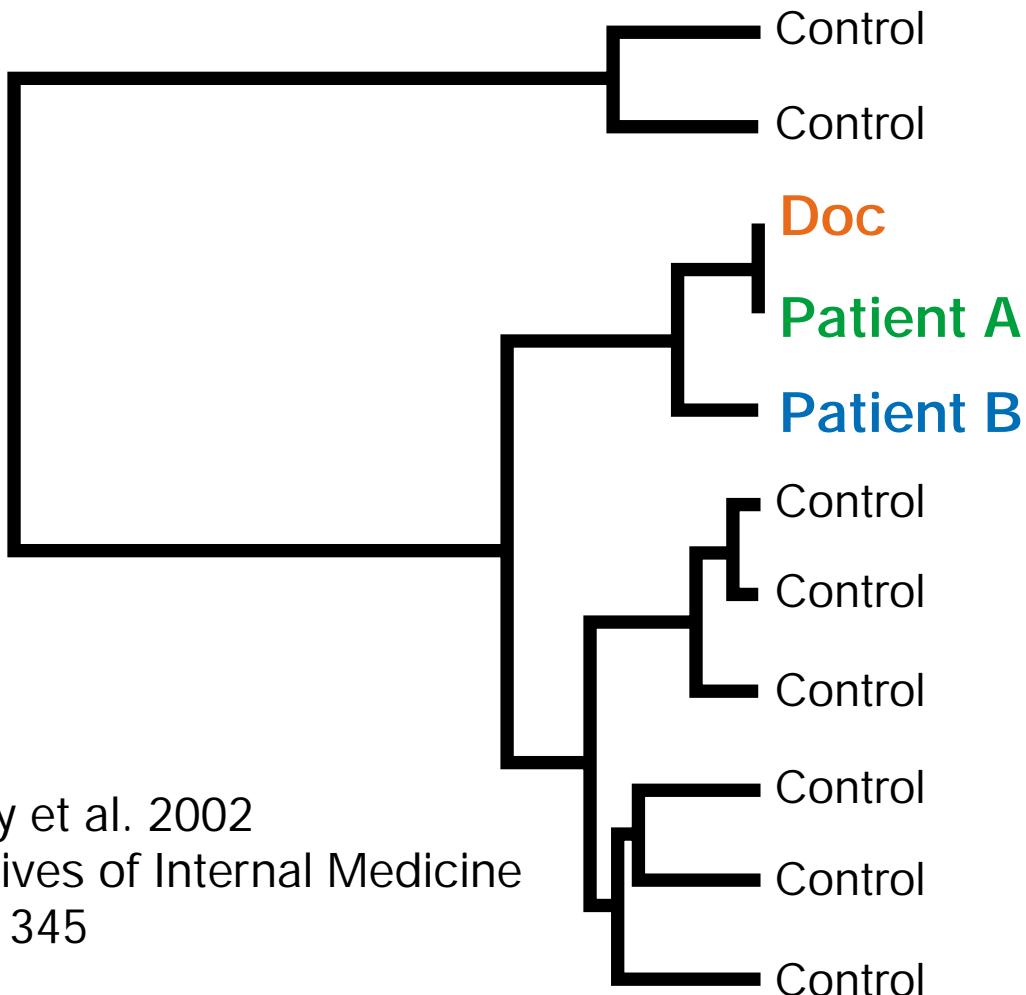
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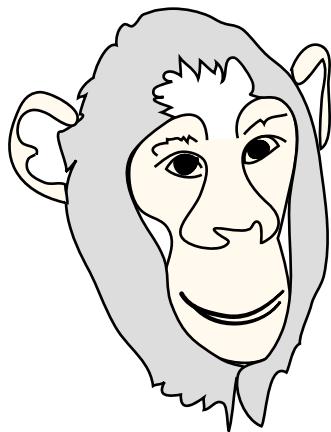
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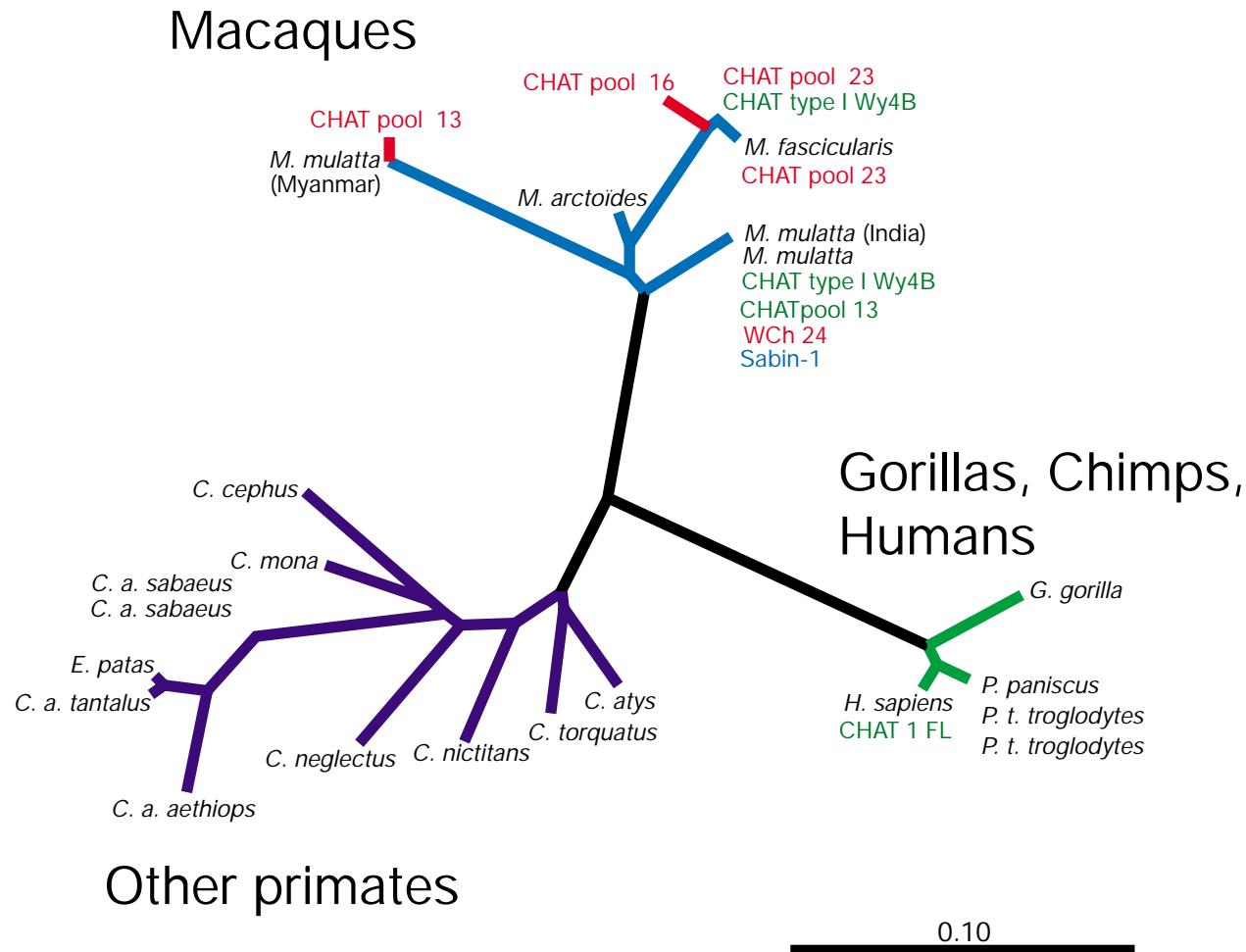
SIVcpz

Oral polio vaccine
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kidney cells from
chimpanzees

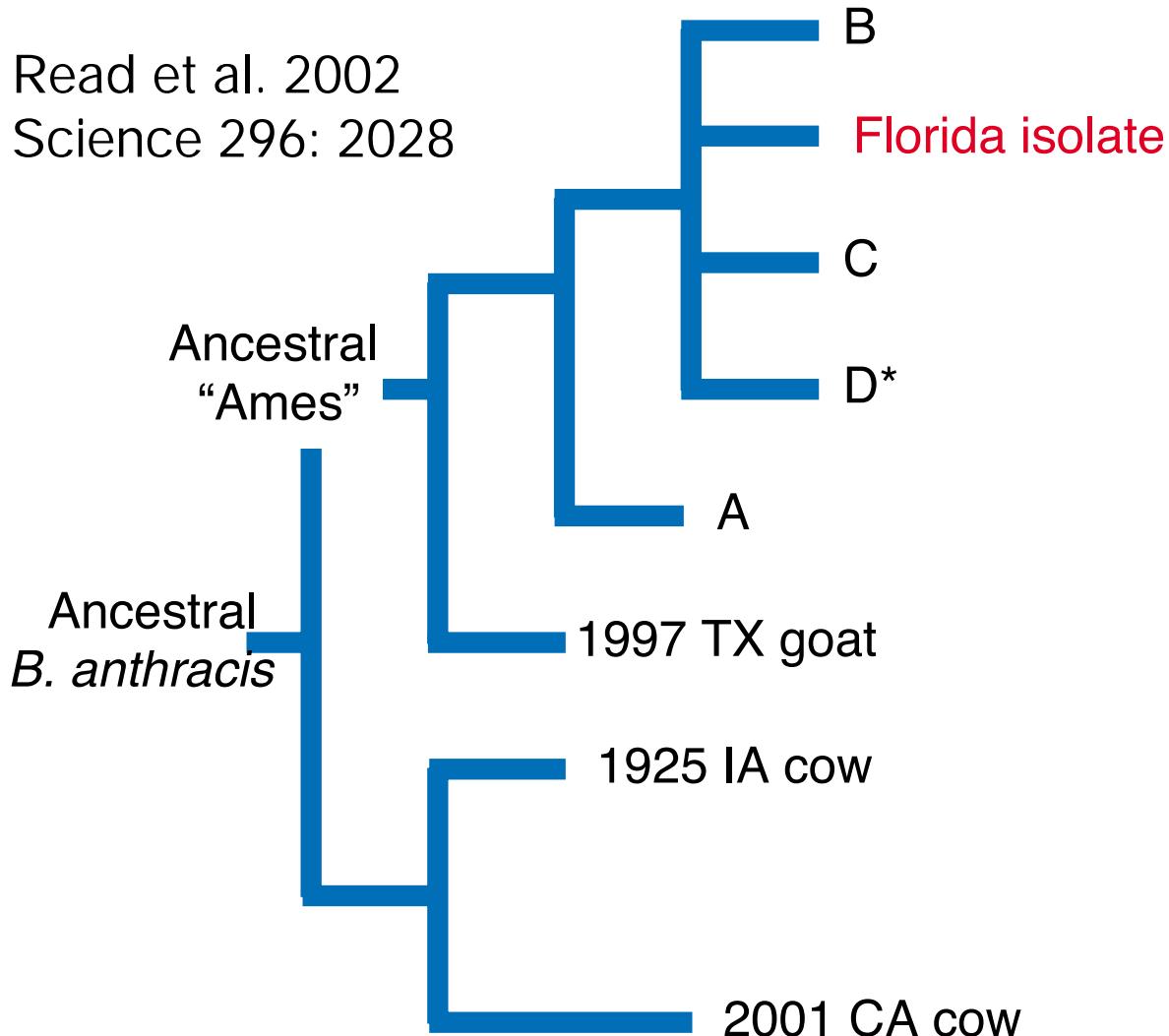


HIV-1

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