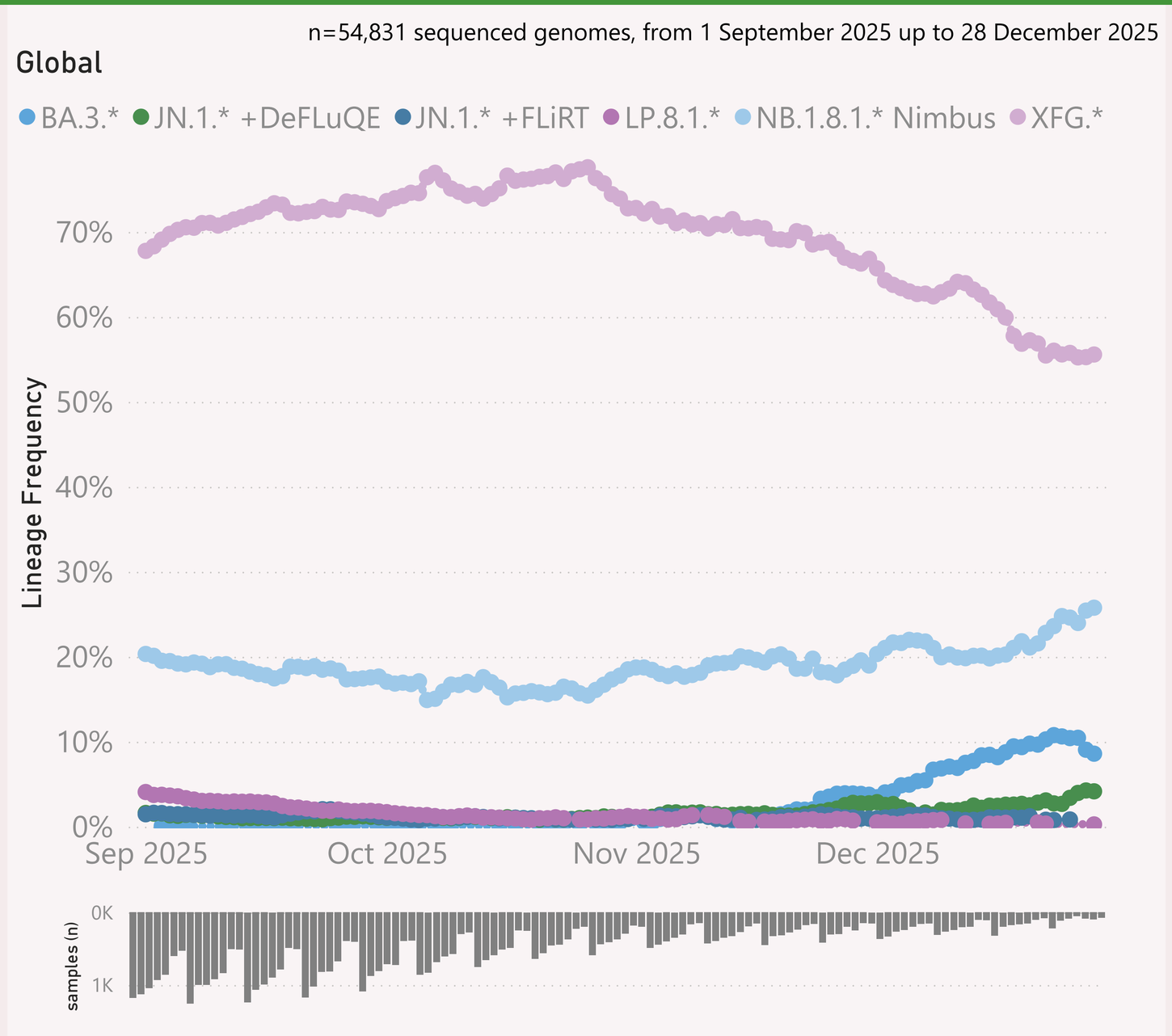

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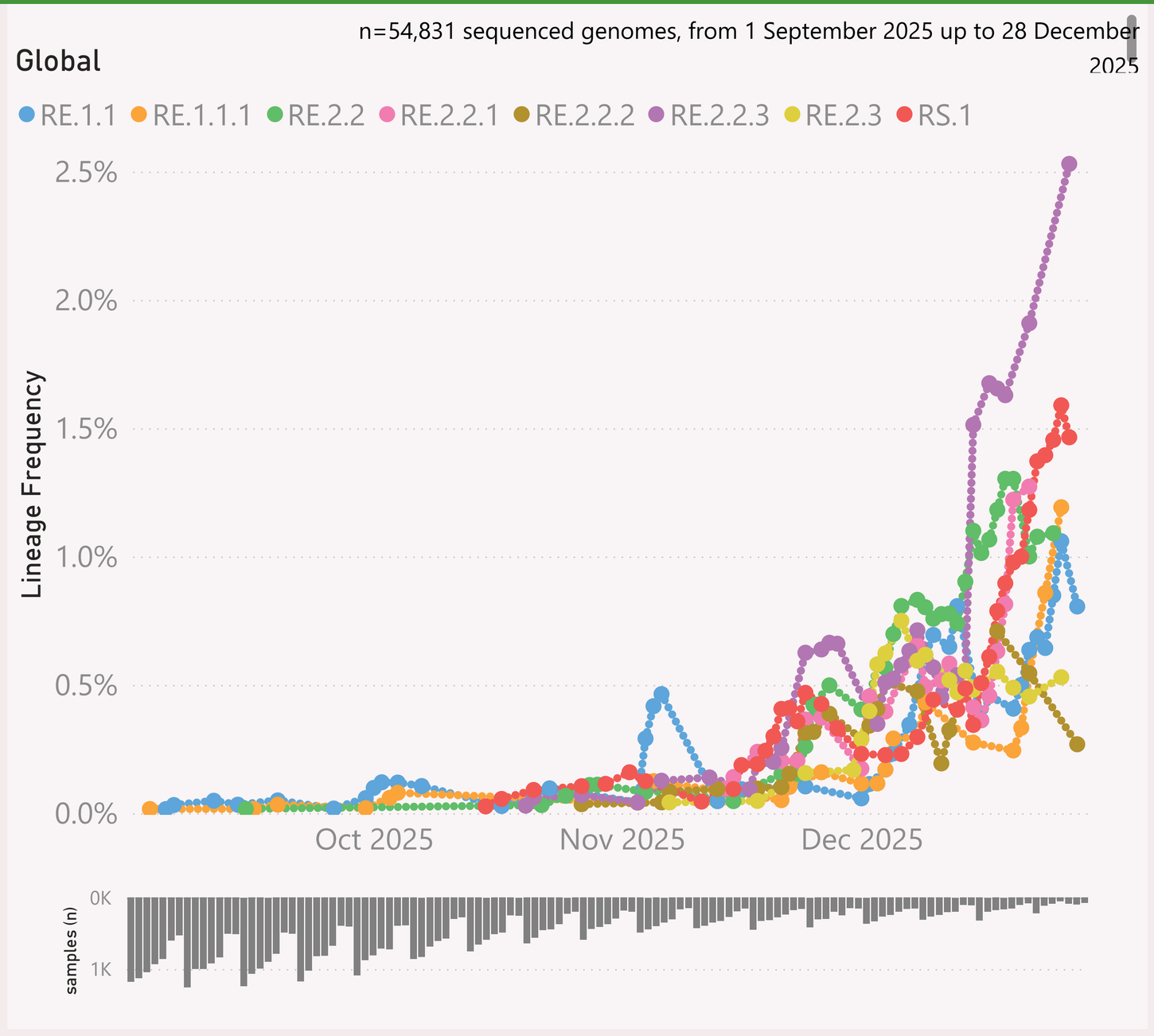

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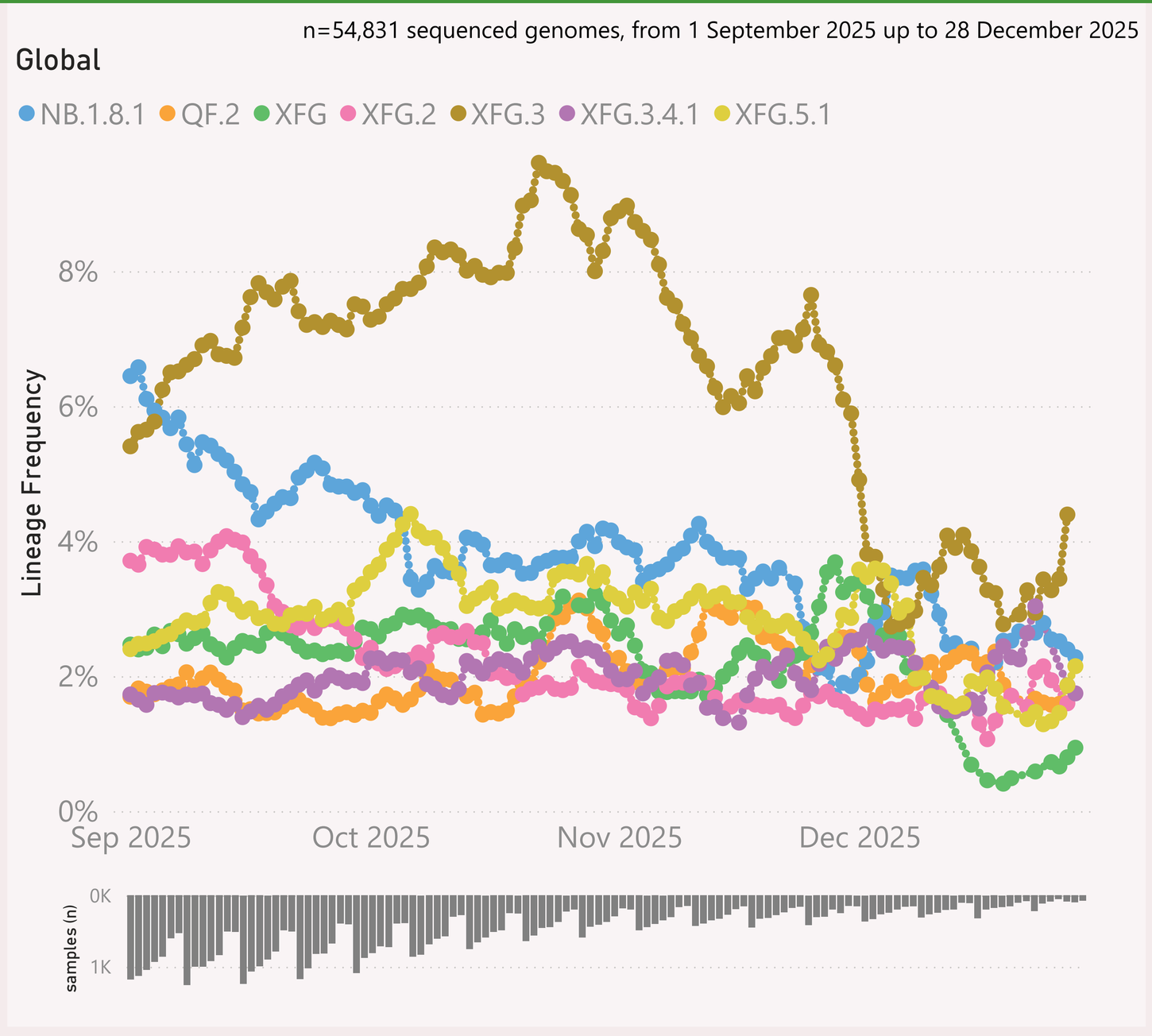

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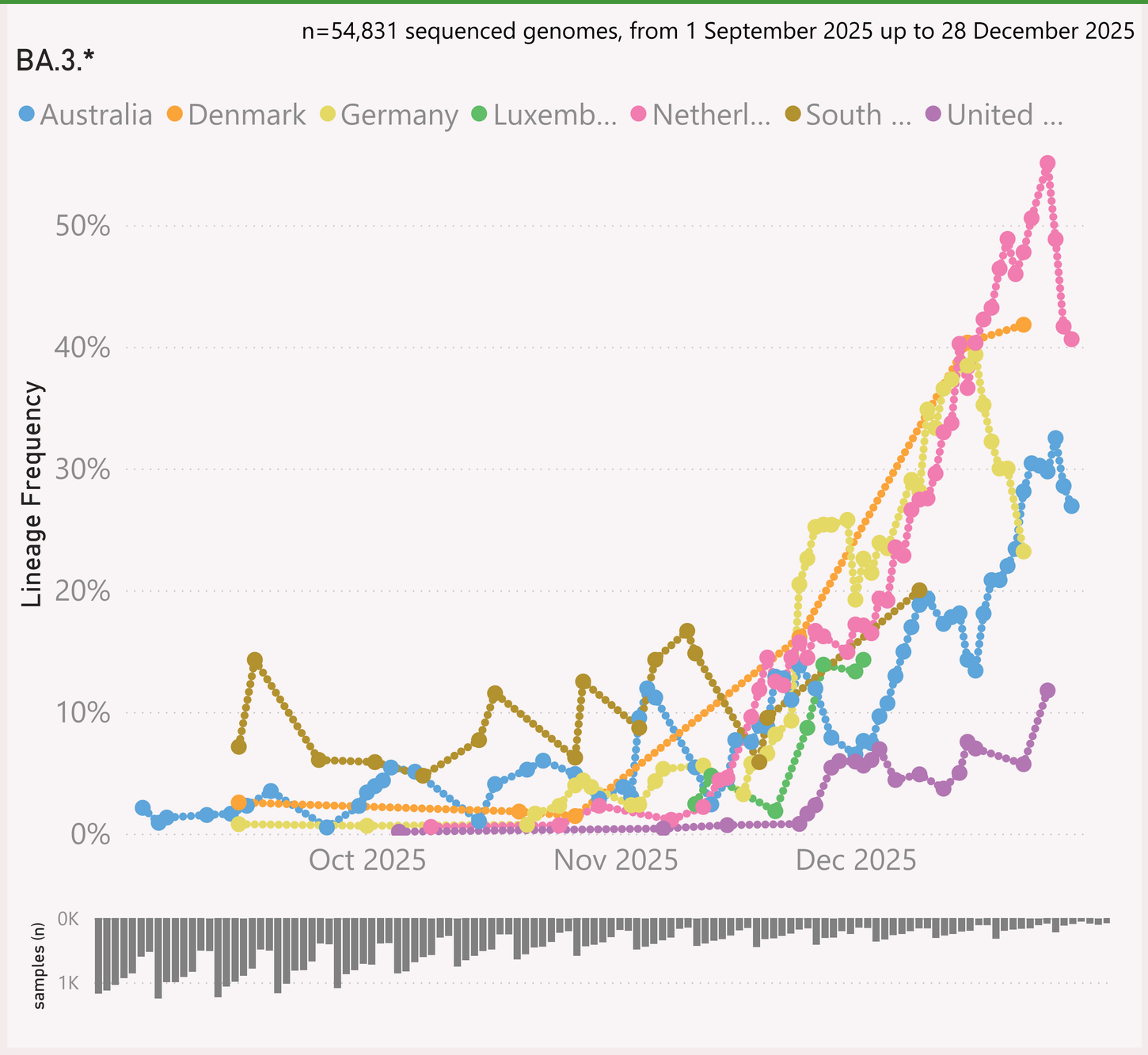

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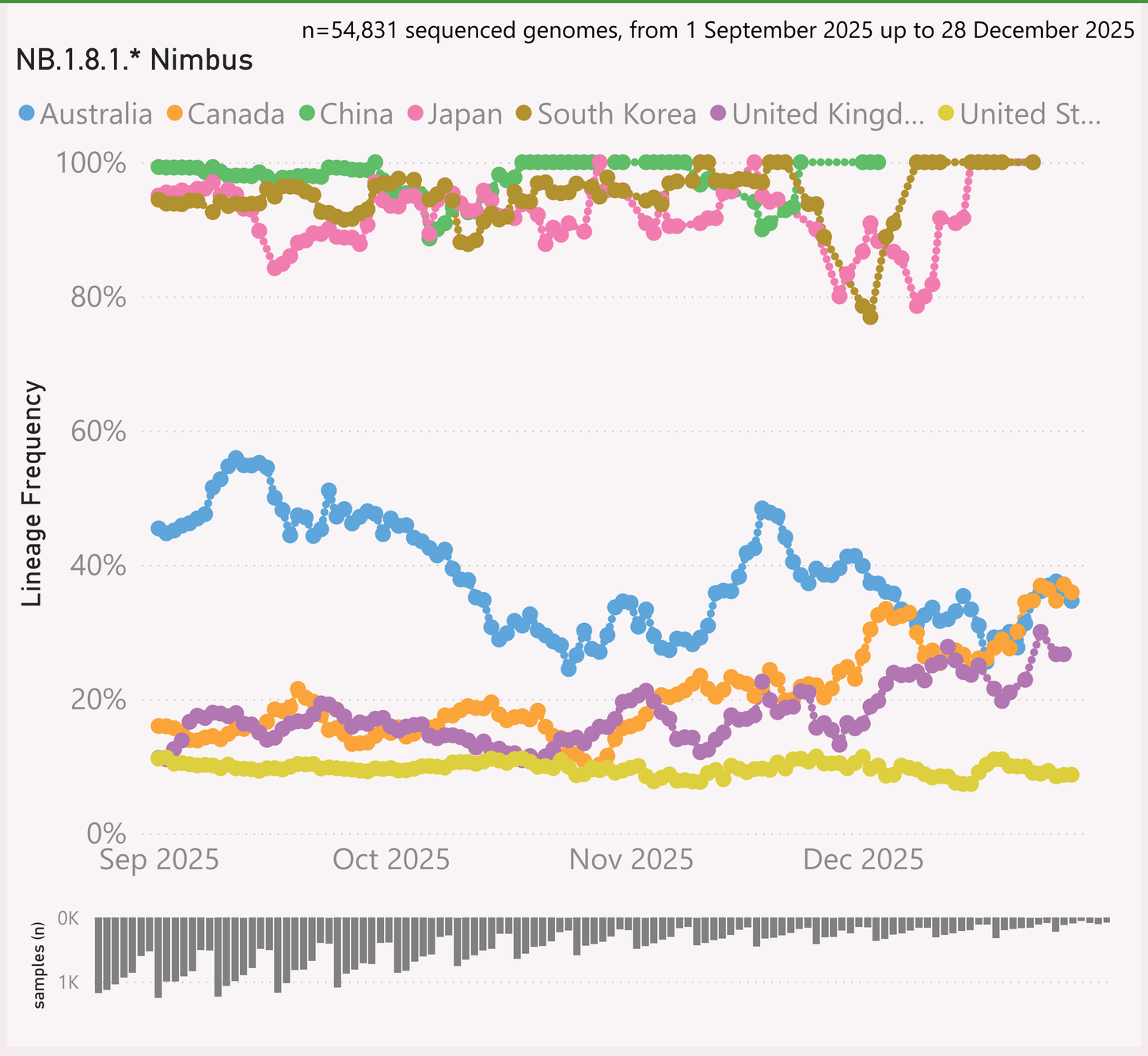

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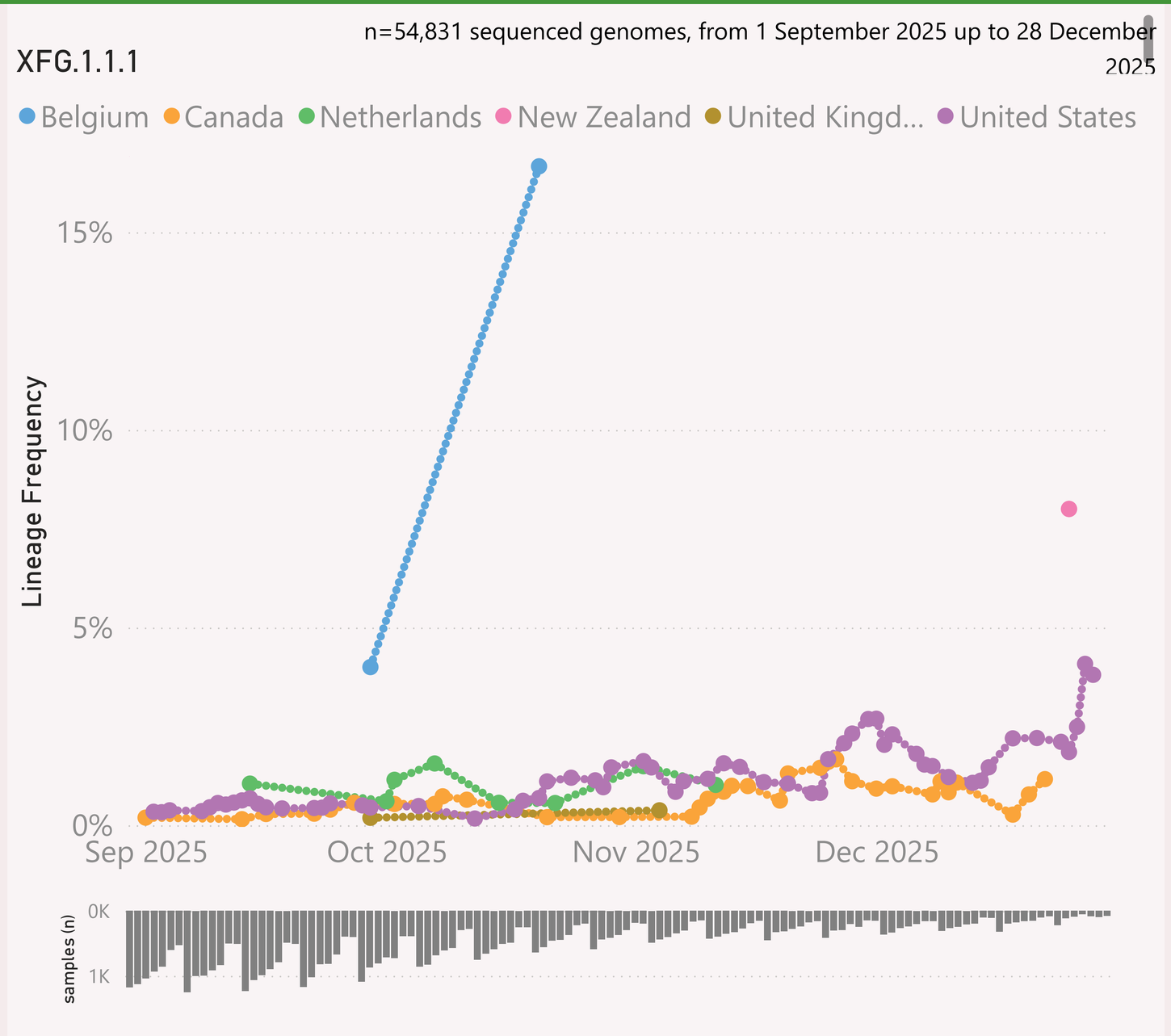

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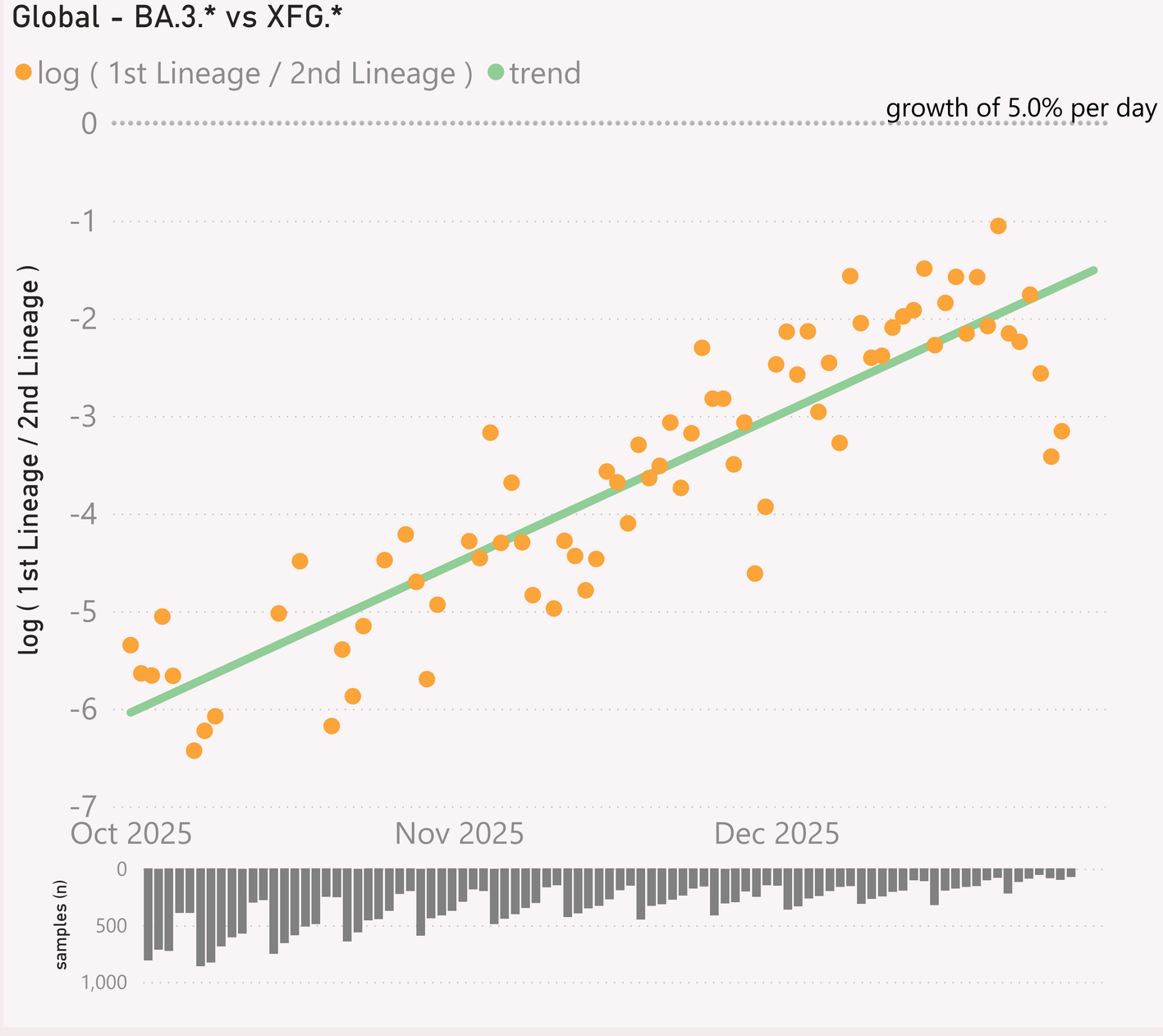

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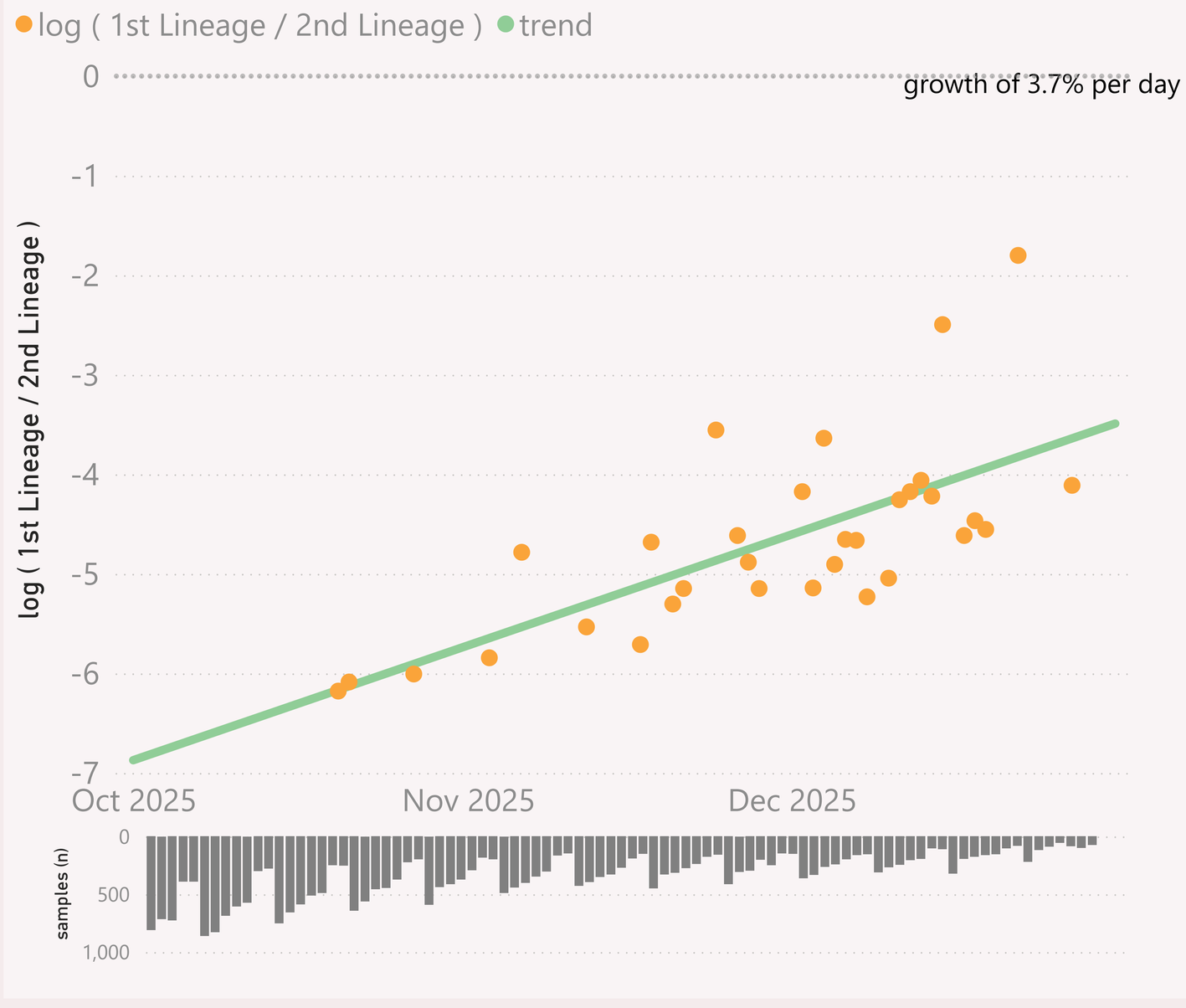

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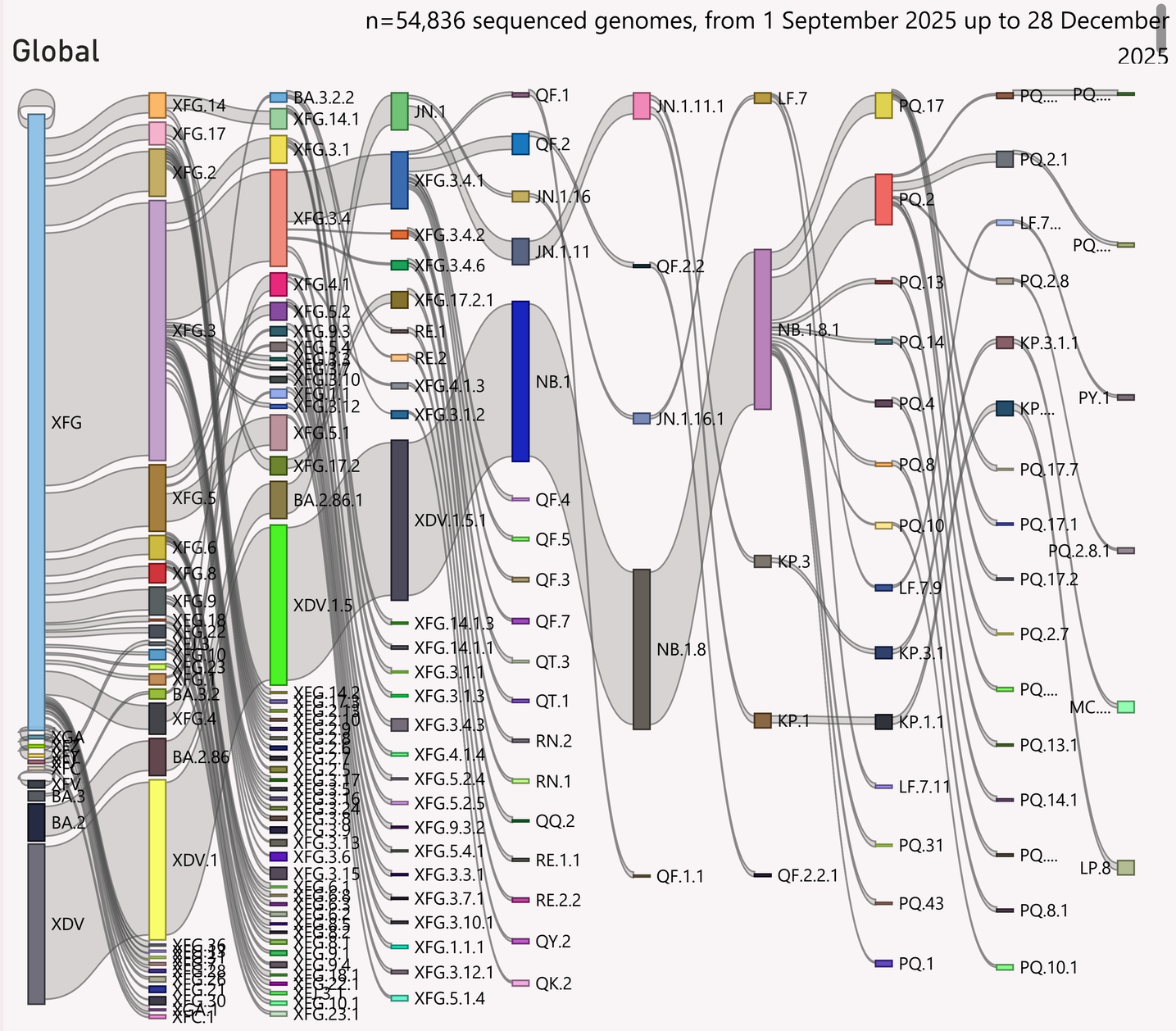

This page shows the hierarchy of the significant Lineages, over recent months.

The hierarchy can be read from left to right, starting with the earliest/highest Lineages being broken down into more detailed child Lineages.

The vertical height of each bar segment represents the relative volume of all the samples of that specific Lineage, as well as all it's descendants.

The full picture is typically quite busy, so insignificant Lineages (with few samples, or at the extreme top or bottom of the hierarchy) are not shown.

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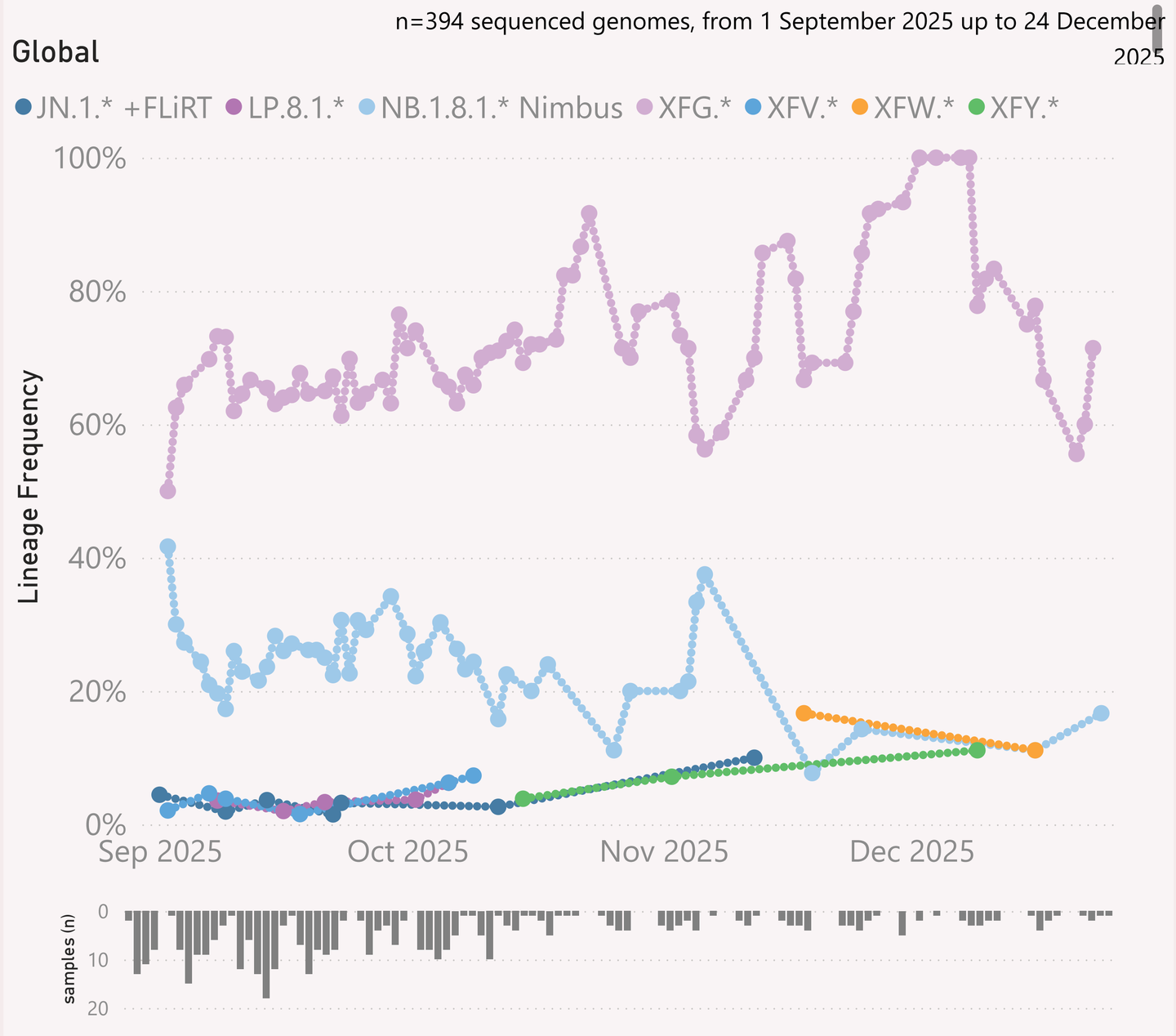

This page shows the frequency of the top 6 "L2" lineages, across recent months, for "International Traveller" samples.

This is probably a more randomised sample than the "Global" aggregate of all samples submitted to GISAID, as those are dominated by the US and Canada

These samples are mainly collected from arrivals into the US and Japan.

COVID-19 Genomic Sequencing analysis - Data Currency. Data from gisaid.org. Source files and info on github.

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Data Submitted in the last 8 weeks

Country	# Samples Sequenced	Latest Collection date	by Collection date	Latest Submission date	by Submission date
United States	4,610	28/12/2025		01/01/2026	
Canada	3,562	28/12/2025		01/01/2026	
Russia	1,678	04/12/2025		23/12/2025	
Spain	1,271	24/12/2025		01/01/2026	
Germany	1,000	28/12/2025		01/01/2026	
Australia	936	28/12/2025		01/01/2026	
United Kingdom	871	28/12/2025		01/01/2026	
Italy	650	27/12/2025		01/01/2026	
France	618	28/12/2025		01/01/2026	
Chile	585	18/12/2025		01/01/2026	
Netherlands	571	28/12/2025		01/01/2026	
China	444	03/12/2025		01/01/2026	
Lithuania	426	29/11/2025		31/12/2025	
Japan	335	23/12/2025		01/01/2026	
Argentina	323	26/11/2025		01/01/2026	
South Korea	299	23/12/2025		01/01/2026	
Ukraine	286	16/12/2025		01/01/2026	
Denmark	285	22/12/2025		01/01/2026	
Brazil	275	25/12/2025		01/01/2026	
New Zealand	209	28/12/2025		01/01/2026	
Luxembourg	201	02/12/2025		17/12/2025	
Sweden	191	19/12/2025		01/01/2026	
South Africa	181	09/12/2025		01/01/2026	
Ireland	165	09/12/2025		23/12/2025	
Poland	141	08/12/2025		19/12/2025	
Slovakia	121	05/12/2025		01/01/2026	
Finland	84	11/12/2025		19/12/2025	
Slovenia	77	27/12/2025		01/01/2026	
Total	**20,993**	**28/12/2025**		**01/01/2026**	

This page shows the volume and currency/timeliness of the genomic sequencing data shared via GISAID, over the last 8 weeks, for the countries sharing the most samples.

Each sample shared comes with a Collection date - when the PCR test for that sample was collected. The GISAID system also records a Submission date for each sample, which is typically the date that sample was uploaded.

The latest date of each type is shown, along with "sparkline"-style mini charts to give a flavour for the spread of recent data by Collection date and by Submission date.