TRACKING COVID-19 MUTATIONS

BIOLOGICAL QUESTIONS

of strains?

1. Which regions are producing the greatest variety

Figure 1. Proportion of mutations over time.

MUTATIONS OF CONCERN

Table 1. Frequency of mutations

Mutation	Total Mutated
D614G	107
841:a->g	78
Reference	55
Q613Q	45
S477N	45
D294D	16
F306F	8
L54F	7
458:t->c	5
S698L	3

MAP OF MUTATIONS

2. How are some clinically significant mutations

distributed and what are the implications?



Figure 6. Geographical representation of the frequency of mutation s by country.

PHYLOGENY

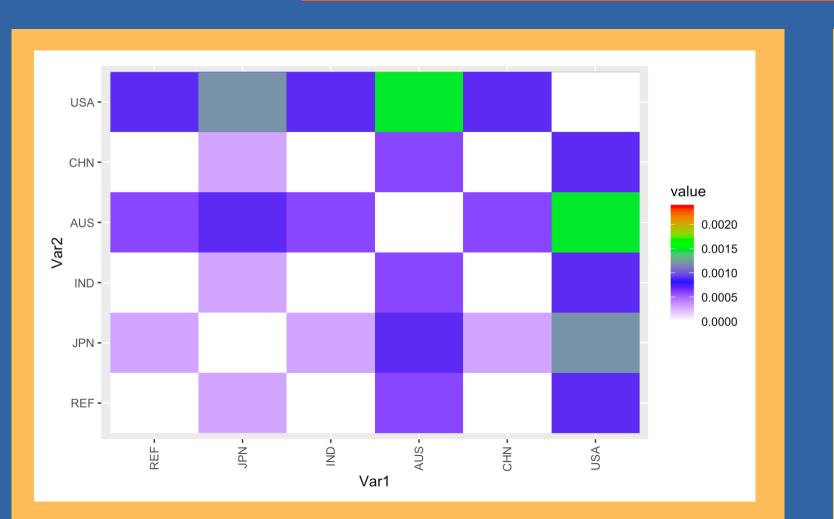


Figure 2. Countries distance matrix.

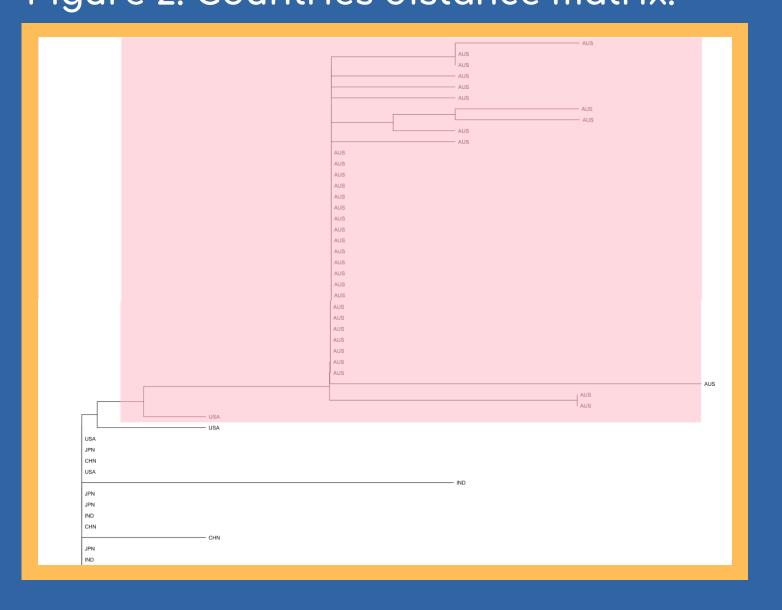


Figure 4. Phylogeny showing the evolutionary relationship between COVID-19 strains grouped by country

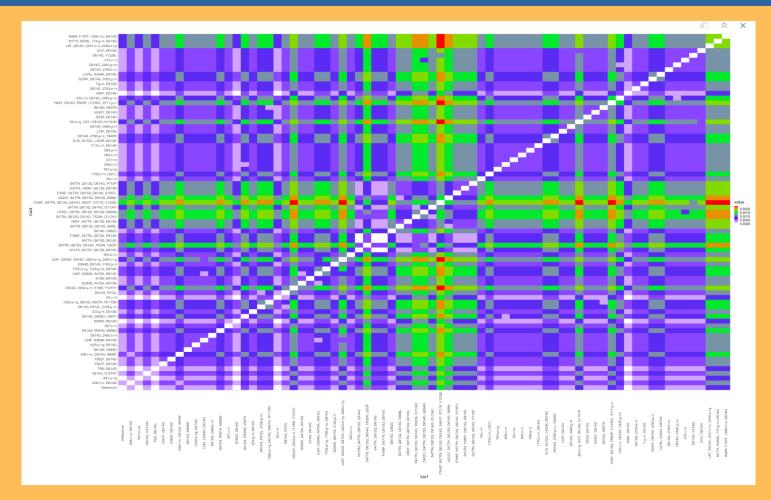


Figure 3. Mutations distance matrix.

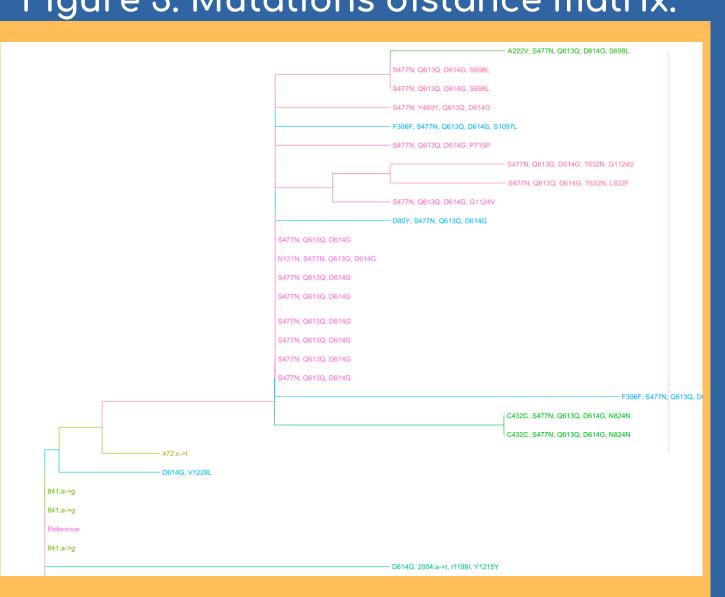


Figure 5. Phylogeny showing the evolutionary relationship between COVID-19 strains grouped by mutation

• two distance matrices showing relation between mutations and countries

- created two phylogenies for countries and mutations
- demonstrated that Australia was producing the greatest varfiety of strains

FULL PHYLOGENY

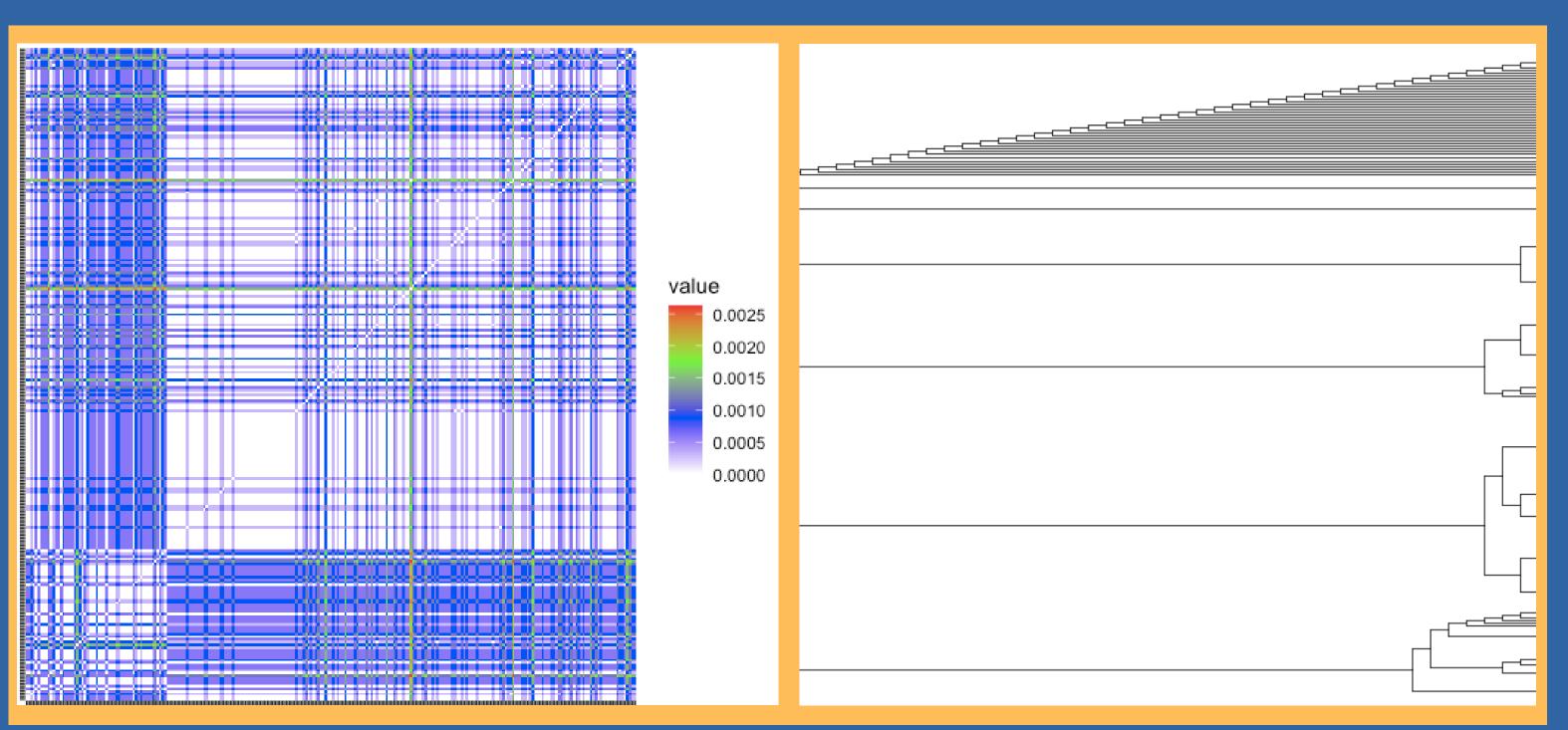


Figure 6. Distance matrix of full sequences of the SARS-Cov-2 genome

Figure 7. Phylogeny of the full sequences from the dataset

COVID-19 DATASET

- 46,000 Sequences
- 5 Countries: Australia, China, India, Japan, USA
- 50 sequences sampled per country

Table 2. Summary table of mutation by country

Country	Unique Mutations	Mutated Sequences	Avrg Mutations per Sequence
AUS	21	48	3.50
CHN	9	11	1.09
IND	28	50	1.92
JPN	10	39	1.33
USA	40	48	1.83

CONCLUSIONS

- Australia is the country producing the greatest variety of strains
- The mutations map shows the diversity and distribution of mutations across the world
- the most clinically significant mutation in out data is D614G

FUTURE RESEARCH

- Tracking the evolution of new mutations is crucial for informing public health officials on preventative measures like quarantines and lockdowns.
- Australia was linked with high mutation accumulation which could be the result of tight COVID-19 regulations that isolated these mutations within the country.
- Further research contributes to the growing COVID-19 database and allows researchers to predict future rate of infections.