Workshop on the Mathematical Modelling of Variant Replacement of Infectious Diseases Pathogens

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Japan		Brazil
377,975 km ²	Area	8,515,767 km ²
123,970,000	Population	203,080,756
330/km ²	Density	23.8/km ²





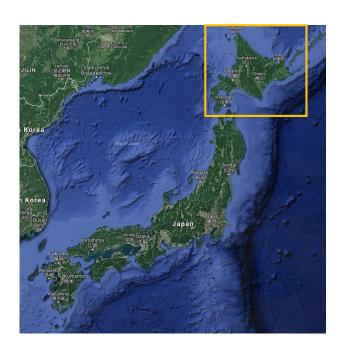
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Hokkaido 北海道 ほっかいどう

The northernmost island of Japan

Population: 5.5 million

Area: 83,450 km²



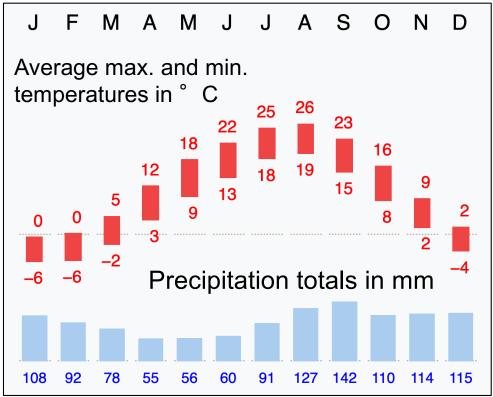


Sapporo 札幌 さっぽろ



Established in 1868

Area	1,121.26 km ²	
Population	1,959,750	
Time Zone	UTC+09:00 (JST)	



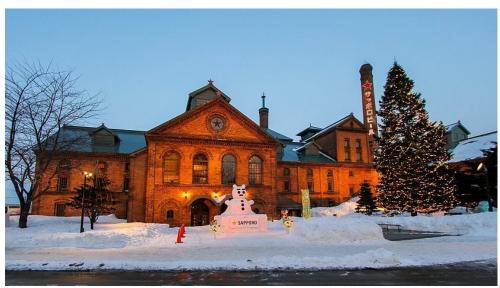
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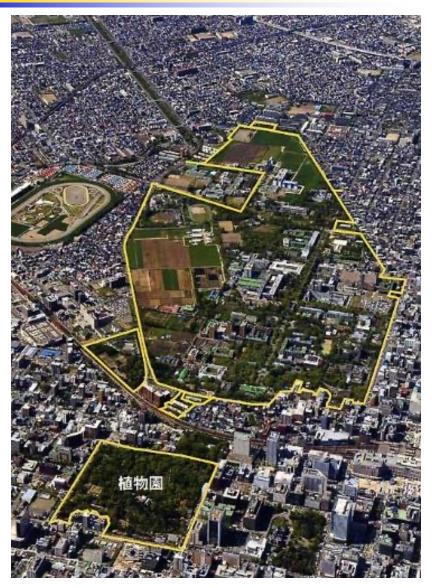


Hokkaido University

北海道大学 ほっかいどうだいがく



- Founded in 1876 as Sapporo Agricultural College
- Educational Philosophy
 - Frontier Spirits
 - Global Perspectives
 - All-round Education
 - Practical Learning
- Students
 - 11,600 undergraduate students
 - 6,300 graduate students



International Institute for Zoonosis Control





- Established as the Research Center for Zoonosis Control in 2005
- Interdisciplinary research center specialized in the education and research for the control of zoonosis.
- Designated as "WHO Collaborating Centre for Zoonoses Control" in 2011

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- Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, Hokkaido University (-2005)
 - Machine Learning and Data Mining
- Research Center for Zoonosis Control, Hokkaido University (2005-)
 - Prediction of the Evolution of Influenza A Viruses

Contents of the Workshop

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

[Morning] Mathematical Models of Variant Replacement (Lecture)

[Afternoon] Maximum Likelihood Estimation of Relative

Reproduction Number from the Variant Replacement

Data (Lecture)

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

[Morning] Prediction of Variant Replacement in the Future (Lecture)

[Afternoon] Hands-on Training on the Prediction of SARS-CoV-2 Variants using the RelRe program (Practice)

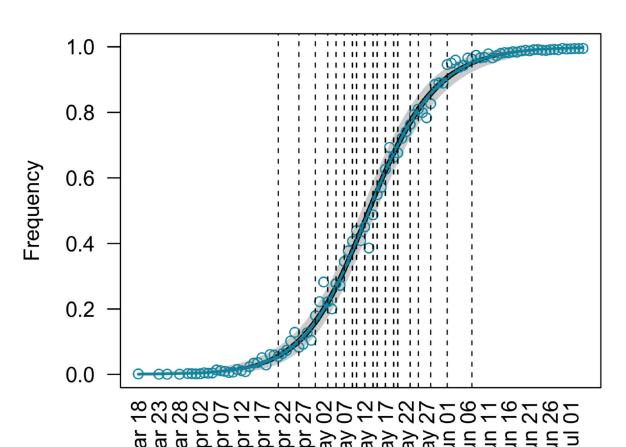
Thursday, September 19, 2024

[Morning] Hands-on Training on the RelRe program (Practice)

[Afternoon] General Discussion

Replacement of Variants (1)

 Relative frequency of Delta variants of SARS-CoV-2 in England from 1 January to 31 July 2021.



An analysis of Alpha-Delta replacement using a total of 399,530 nucleotide sequences.

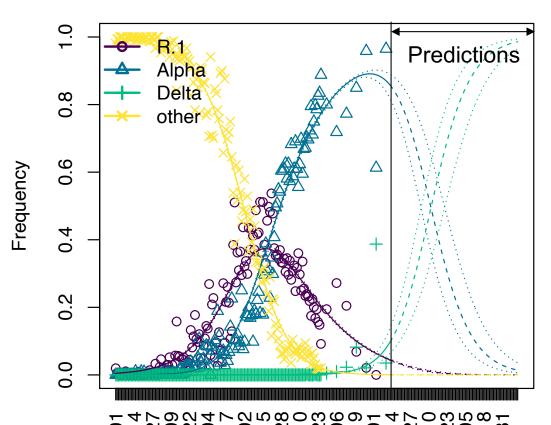
Circles: observations

Curve: model

(Piantham & Ito, 2022)

Replacement of Variants (2)

 Relative frequency of R.1, Alpha, Delta, and other variants in Japan from Dec 2020 to Aug 2021



Circles: observations

Curves: model

(Ito, Piantham, Nishiura

2022)

The model can predict variant replacement in the future.

Mathematical Models

- A mathematical model is a mathematical description of a real-world phenomenon.
- The purpose of the model is
 - To understand the phenomenon,
 - To make predictions about future behavior.

Process of Mathematical Modeling

