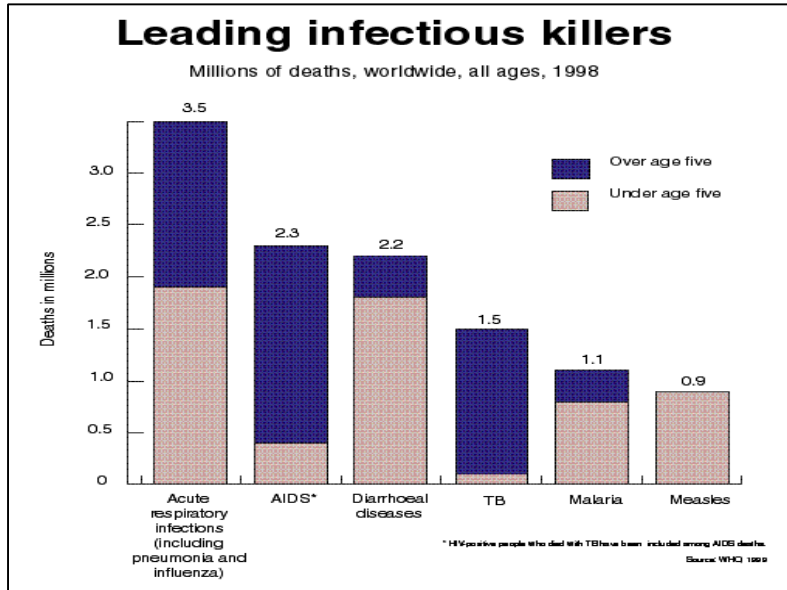


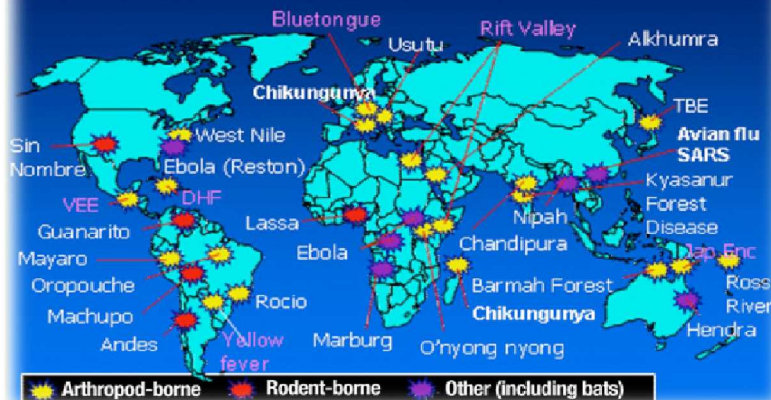
# Human disease surveillance: Novel approaches to predict and monitor outbreaks and pandemics

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# Infectious diseases: the great threat

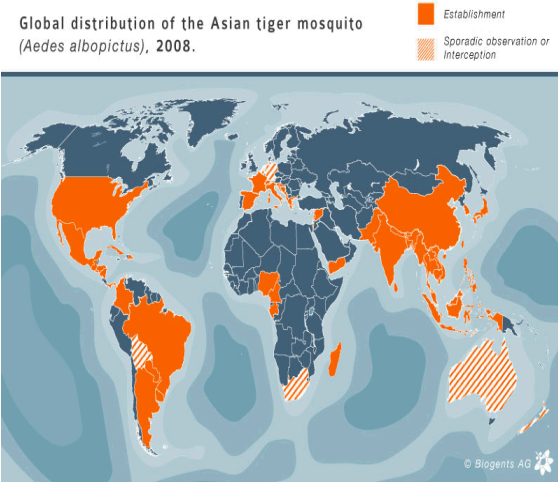


## Emerging and Reemerging infections - 70% vector-borne or zoonotic



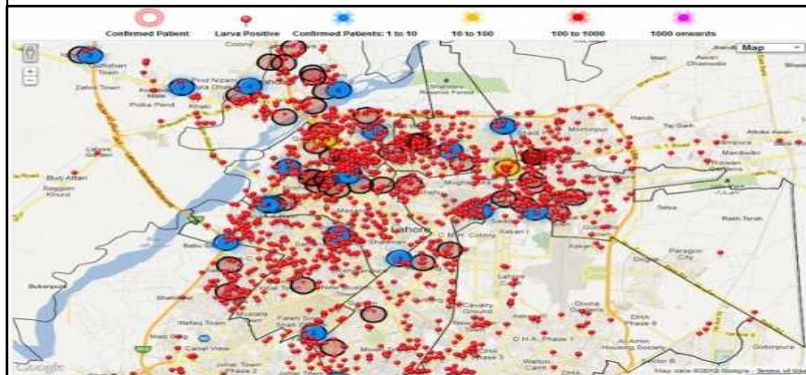
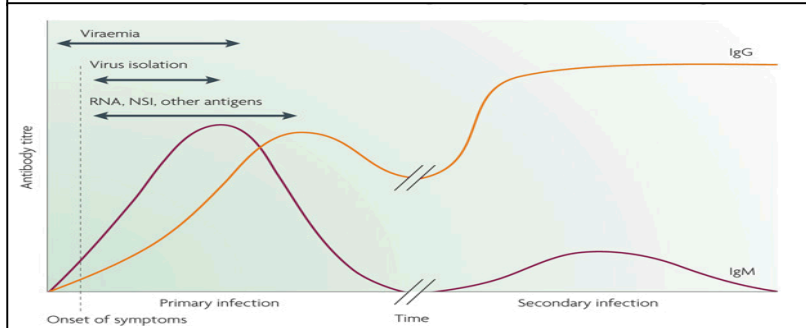
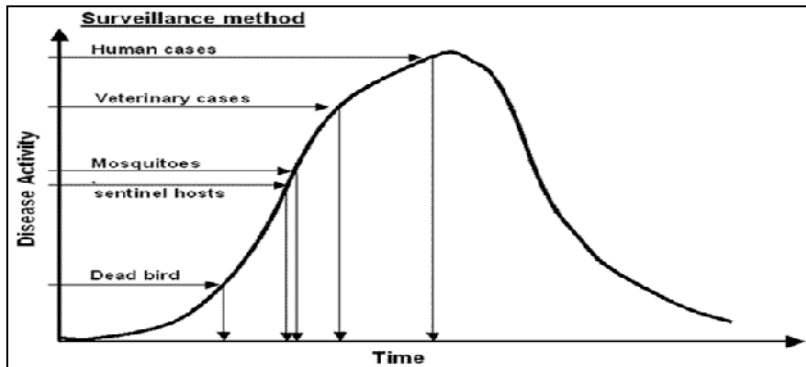
- A few human pathogens account for 90% of infectious disease related deaths worldwide
- Disproportionate global disease burden
- Urbanization and globalization increase the magnitude and frequency of epidemics

# Mechanisms of vector-borne disease emergence



- Globalization/changing human migration patterns
- Climate change
- Geographic expansion of vector populations
- Viral adaptation- transmissibility/virulence
- Infect highly susceptible naïve host population

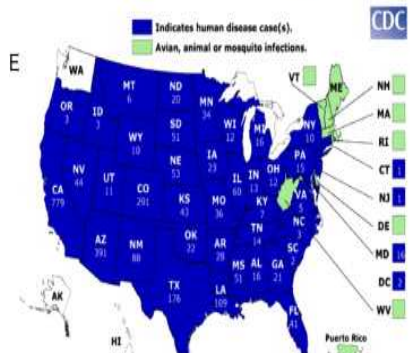
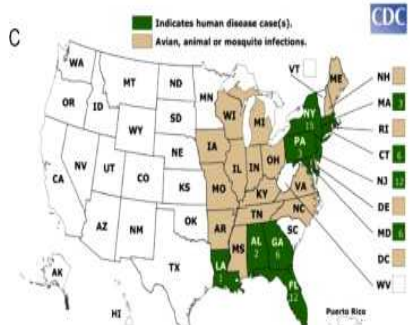
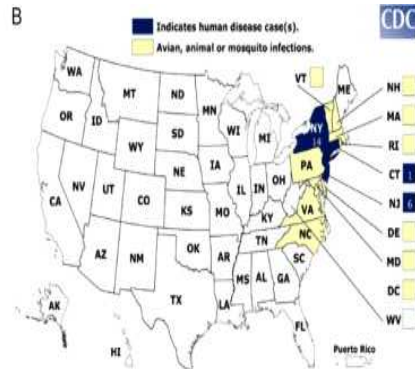
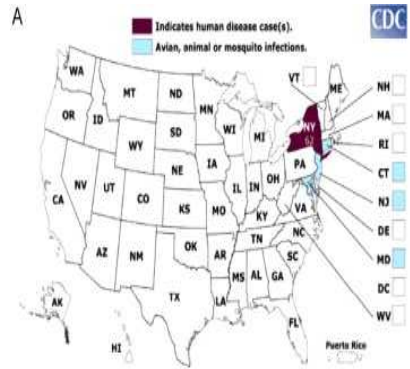
# Effective surveillance can predict human disease



- Wildlife mortality surveillance- Dead birds predict WNV human disease
- Human and wildlife serosurveys can approximate herd immunity levels
- Screen vector populations for human diseases
- Use media sources (medical internet sites, twitter feeds, facebook) as a predictive outbreak tool.

**Challenge: All require a dedicated Surveillance infrastructure and resources**

# Tracking WNV: Dissemination throughout the Americas



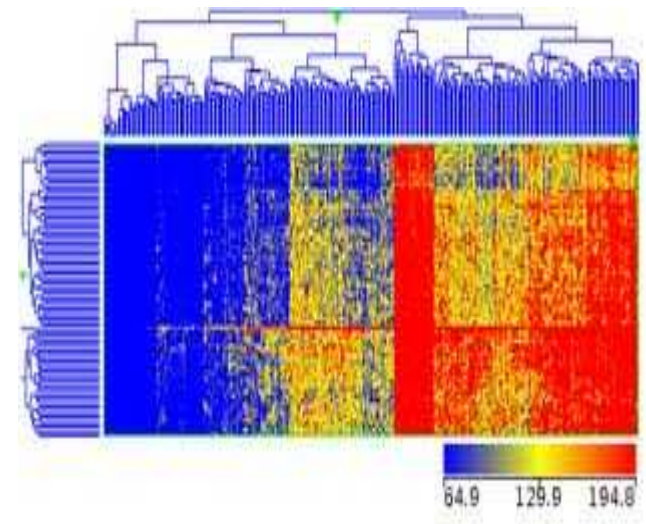
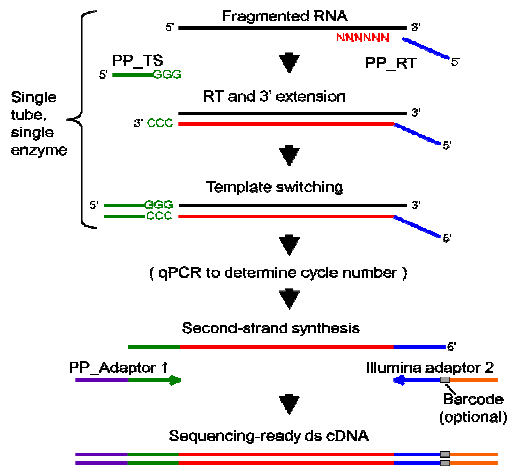
- **First evidence of WNV in Western Hemisphere**  
-New York City, 1999
- **Genotype identical to WNV isolate from Israel**  
-Importation
- **Highly virulent phenotype in NA birds**  
-up to 100% mortality rates
- **Implemented dead bird surveillance**  
-Virulent phenotype in birds
- **Track WNV spread in “real-time”**  
- detected throughout US in 5 years
- **Impact of exotic pathogen exposed to naïve host populations**  
-up to 50% population decline

# Current methods for pathogen detection

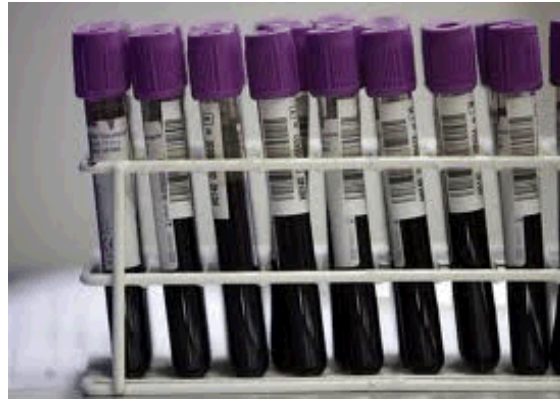
- Antigen/Antibody (immunoassays)
- PCR (RT-PCR, qPCR)
- Propagate (cell culture, growth medium)



# RapTOR: deep sequencing for pathogen detection



# RapTOR: a tool for human disease surveillance

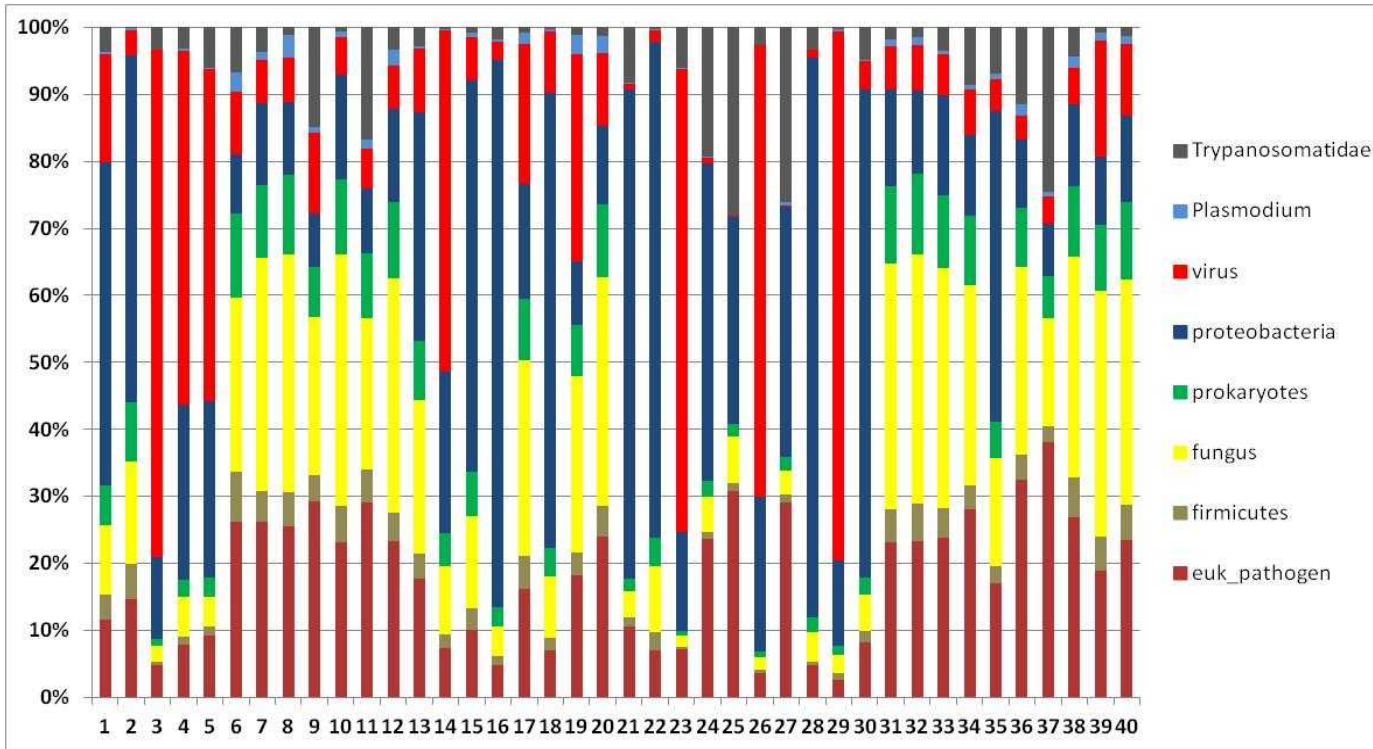


- A cost-effective sample prep protocol for deep sequencing clinical and environmental samples
- Compatible pathogen enrichment assays
- Automated bioinformatics analysis pipeline
- Identify known and unknown human pathogen sequences

# RapTOR: bioinformatics pipeline

- Automated
- Eliminates low quality sequences and primer contamination
- Contains filters to remove highly abundant host sequences
- Aligns unmapped non-host sequences against all genomes in the Refseq database.

# RapTOR: High level metagenomics analysis



- Align unmapped non-human sequences against human/veterinary pathogen sequence database
- Use high level analysis to rapidly identify eukaryotic pathogens and track human disease trends at a population level.

# Validation of RapTOR for clinical samples

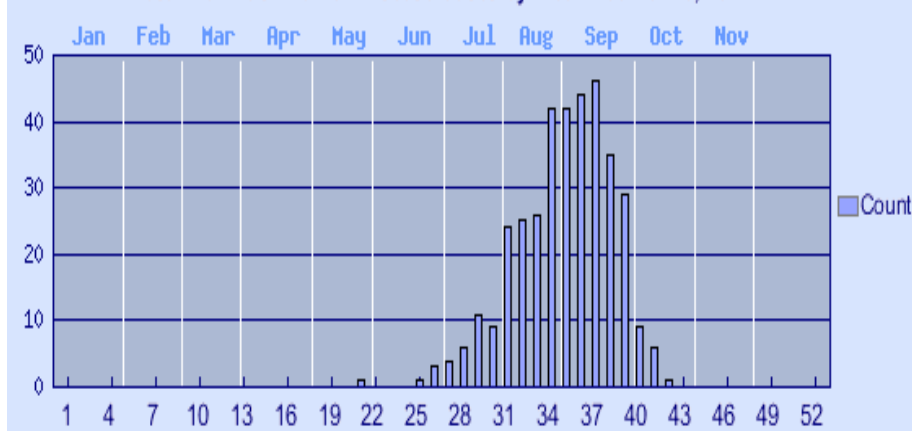


DeRisi 96 sample bioinformatic challenge

# 2012 CA WNV outbreak



West Nile Virus - Human Disease Cases by Week - California, 2012



CDC arbonet 2012

## WNV Report as of 11/2/12

Human cases in US = 4891

Human cases in CA = 377

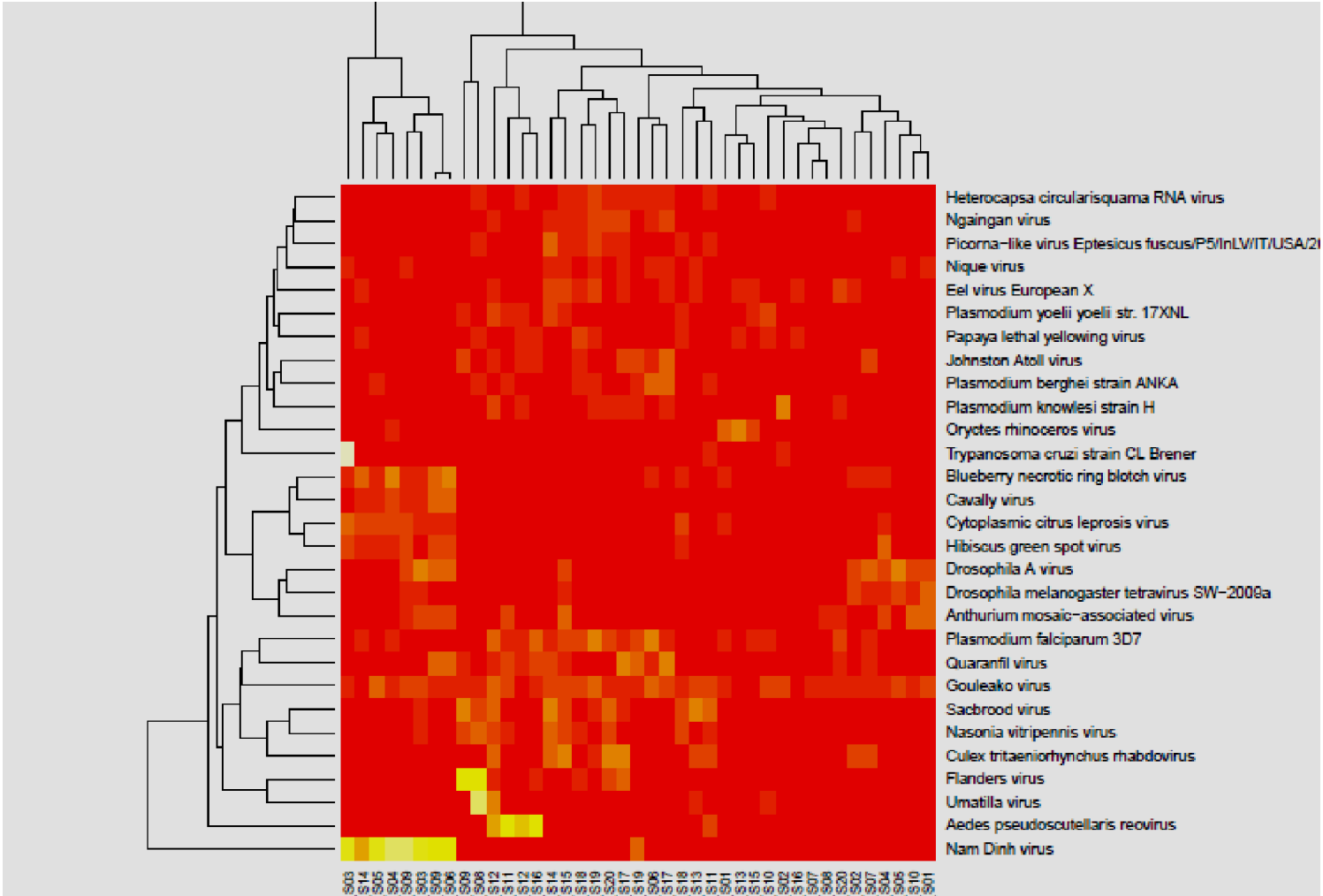
Mosquito pos pools = 2814

Chicken sentinel pos = 507

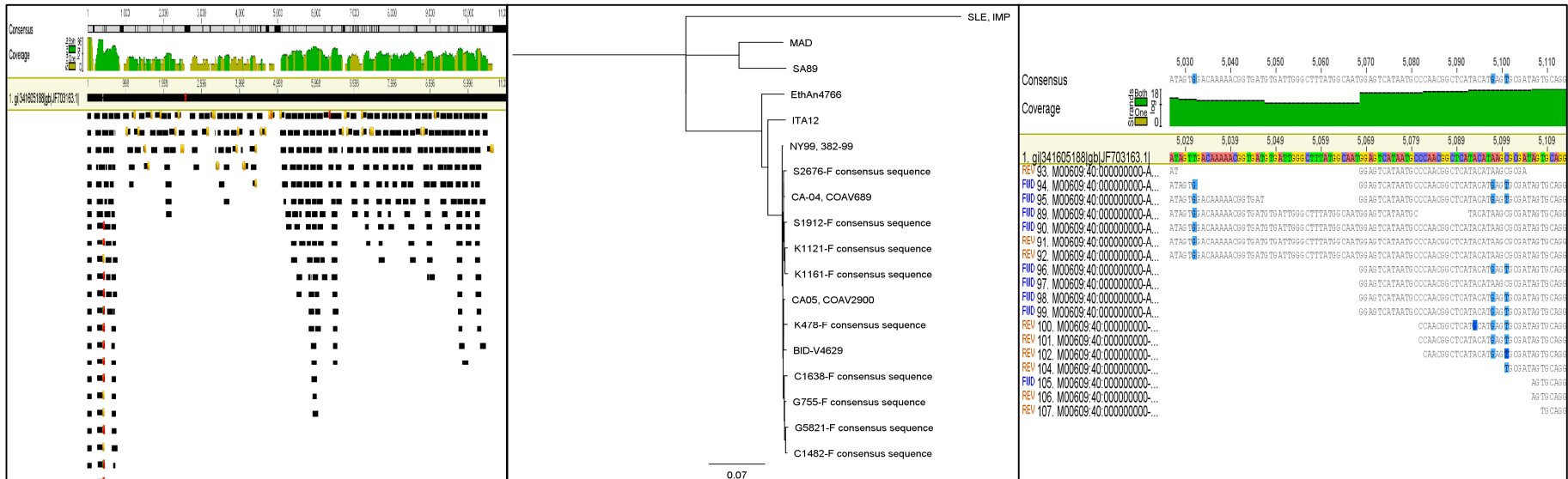
## WNV positive pools for deep sequencing

- 40 WNV positive *Culex* pools (n=50)
- 4 distinct geographic locations
- 3 different *Culex* species
- All collected during peak transmission

# Geographic distribution of mosquito-borne viruses in California



# RapTOR: pathogen genotype characterization



- Use NCBI blastx to identify potential pathogen sequences
- Align pathogen sequences to reference genomes for confirmation
- Perform phylogenetic analysis on pathogen sequences and monitor drug resistance mutations in a population
- Develop rapid PCR and antigen-based screening assays to monitor transmission

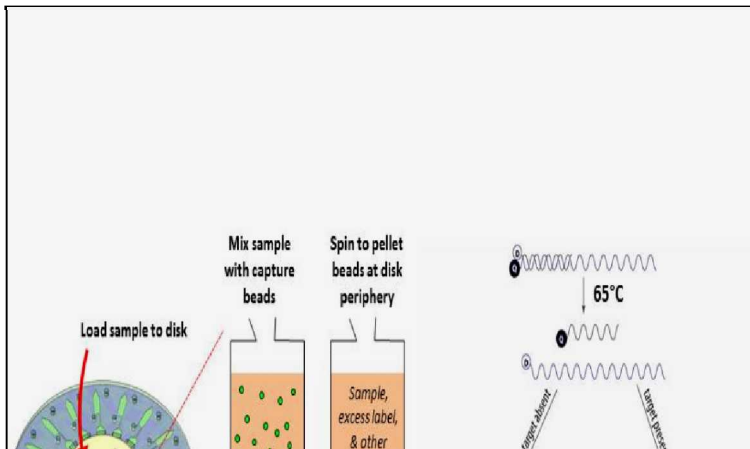
# Advantages to RapTOR disease surveillance platform

- Characterize all known eukaryotic pathogens circulating within a given population
- Use as a clinical diagnostics tool for human samples with unknown disease etiology
- Identify regional and local disease “hot spots” to focus public health resources where it is most needed.
- Mitigate disease in affected population(s), if therapeutics and/or control measures are available
- Use pathogen sequence information to develop rapid diagnostic assays for surveillance

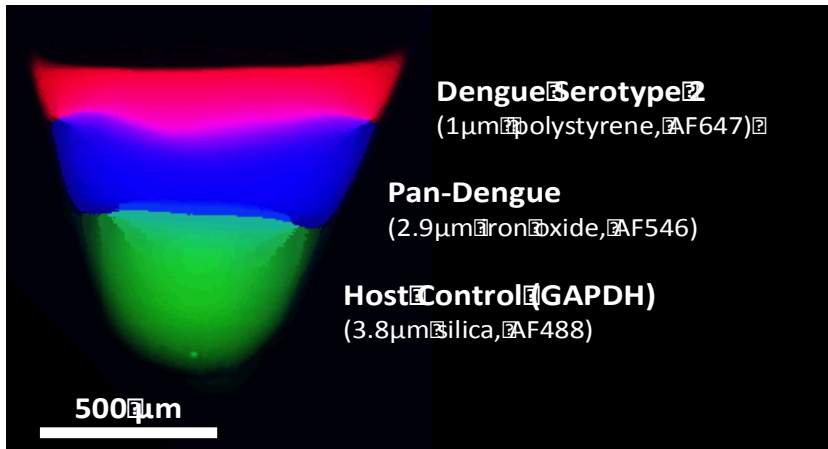
# SpinDx™: Lab on a CD for disease surveillance



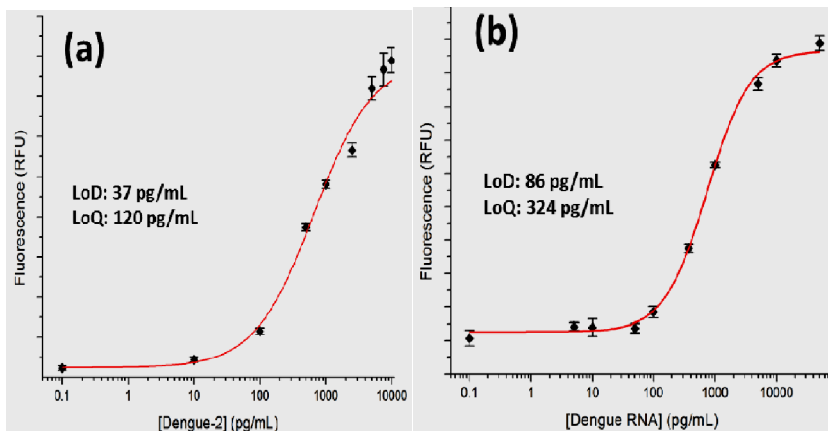
- Microfluidic platform
- Inexpensive diagnostic/surveillance assay
- Immunoassay (Ab/Ag) or nucleic acid (DNA/RNA)
- total sample-to-answer time of < 20 minutes
- No sample preparation necessary (sample-to-CD)
- Multiplexing capabilities



# Dengue virus SpinDx



- Identifies all DENV serotypes (1-4) in a single multiplexed assay
- Detects multiple conserved DENV NA signatures using fluorescent DNA probes
- Sample nucleic acid integrity evaluated
- Up to 50 samples per CD



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