Assessment of population structure and antimicrobial resistance pattern of *Salmonella* Typhi isolates using whole genome sequencing data in Bangladesh

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Estimates of typhoid burden in Bangladesh

- Typhoid fever remains a public health threat especially in South Asia including **Bangladesh** due to poor access of safe water and sanitation system
- In Bangladesh, an overall population incidence of typhoid estimated between 292 - 395 per 100,000 people per year (*Theiss-Nyland et al. 2019*)
- The indiscriminate use of antibiotics is accelerating the reports of multi-drug resistance
- Whole genome sequence based study emphasizes the importance of surveillance to understand the AMR trend to facilitate patient management





S. Typhi strains isolated from Bangladesh (1998 - 2016)

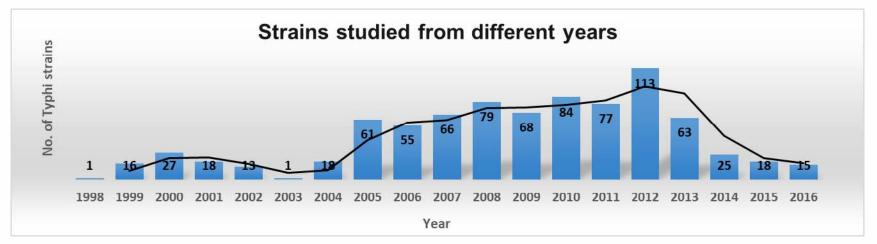
A total of 818 S. Typhi strains were utilized for genomic analysis

• 202 S. Typhi strains from 3 urban areas inside Dhaka city (2003 - 2016)

icddr,b Dhaka Hospital (n=43) icddr,b Kamalapur field site (n=130) icddr,b Mirpur field site (n=29)

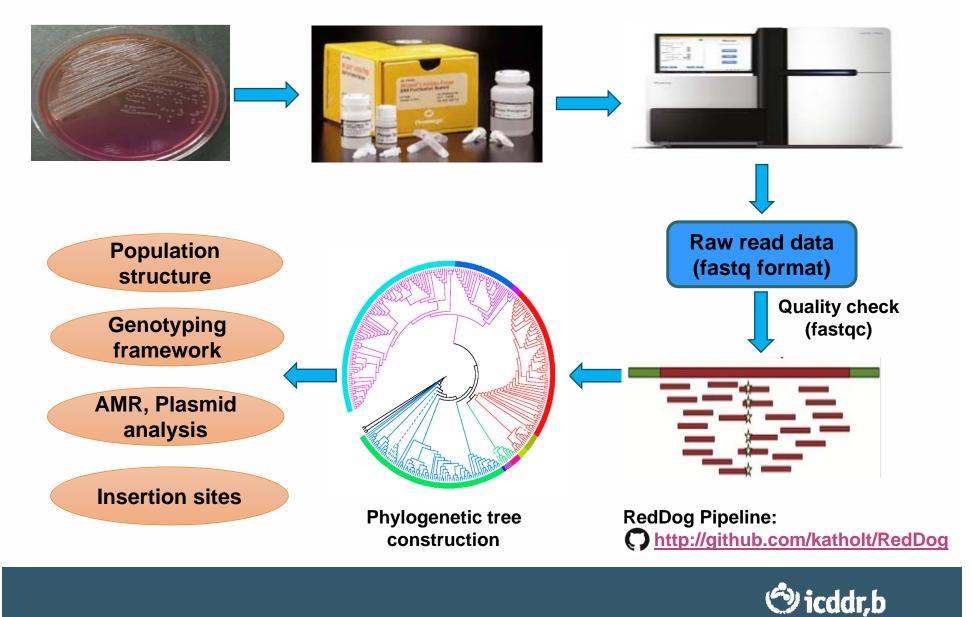
Also 616 previously published sequence data were included (1998 - 2016)

From Wong *et al.* 2016 (n= 88) From Tanmoy *et al.* 2018 (n= 528)

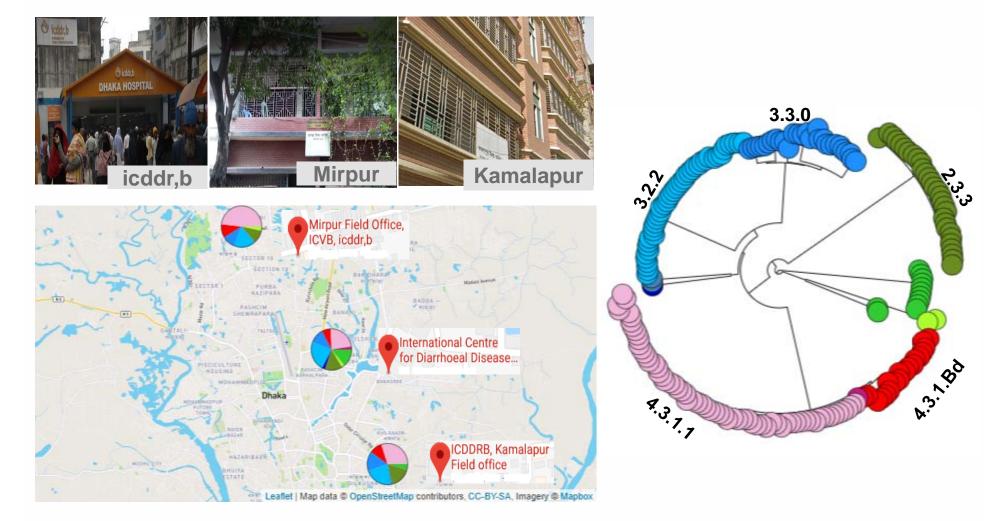




Genomic analysis workflow



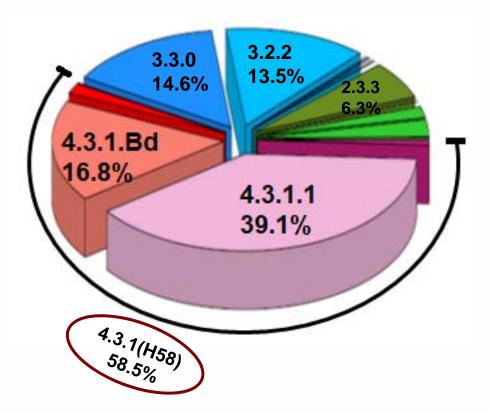
Spatial analysis of 202 S. Typhi strains of this study



Microreact: https://microreact.org/project/S1a1IWN7N



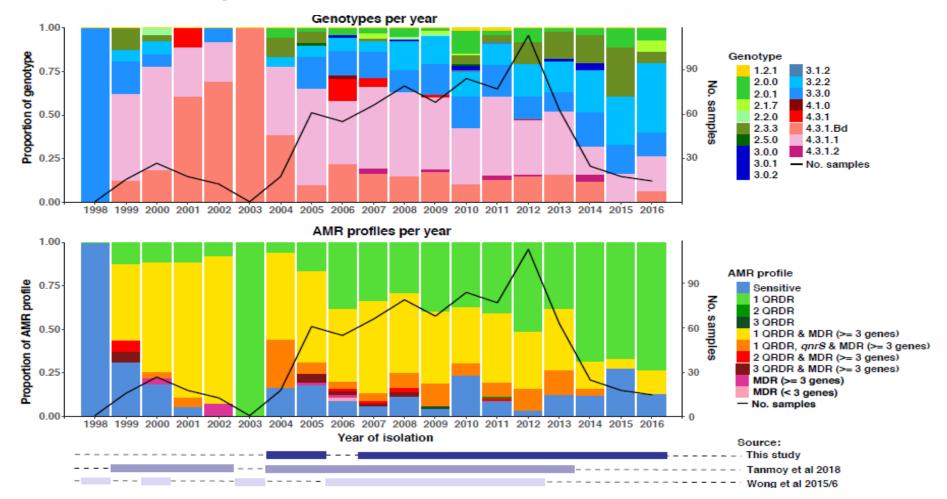
Genotypic distribution of 818 S. Typhi strains



- Revealed 17 distinct genotypes
- Genotype 4.3.1 (H58) dominant
- H58 lineage I (4.3.1.1) more common among Bangladeshi strains than lineage II
- New H58 lineage called "lineage Bd" (4.3.1.Bd) reported in Tanmoy *et al.* 2018 was also found in our collection

Genotyphi tool: http://github.com/katholt/genotyphi/



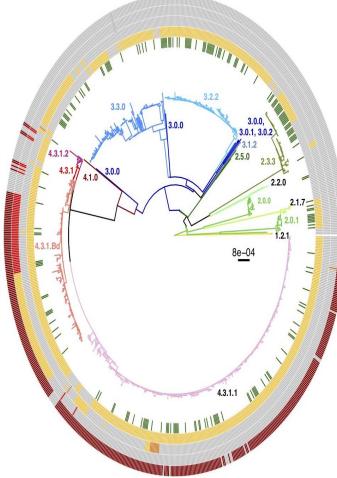


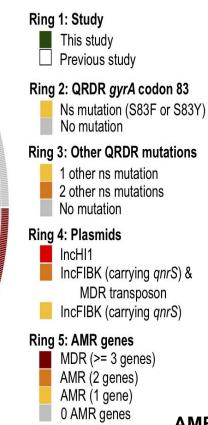
Timeline of Bangladeshi Typhi strains sequenced from 1998 - 2016

 Rapid increase of genotypes 3.3.0, 3.2.2, and 2.3.3 carrying only 1 QRDR in recent years



Bangladeshi 818 S. Typhi population structure with AMR





Acquired AMR genes (defined as MDR)

- bla_{TEM-1} (ampicillin)
- catA1 (chloramphenicol)
- dfrA7,sul1,sul2 (cotrimoxazole)
- MDR genes without evidence of IncHI1 plasmids observed in only H58 lineage I isolates
- QRDR mutation in gyrA (S83F or S83Y) was the most prevalent

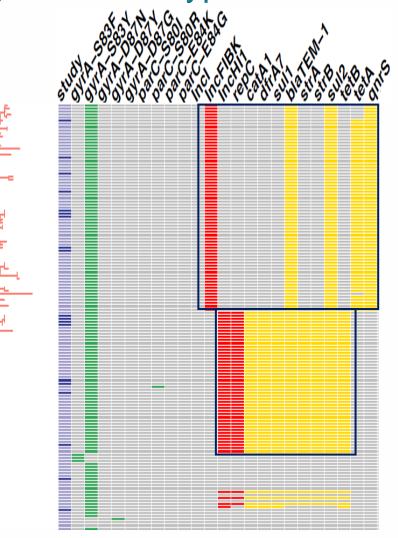
AMR and plasmid analysis:

- C ariba: https://github.com/sanger-pathogens/ariba
- SRST2: https://github.com/katholt/SRST2



Newly defined "lineage Bd" in Bangladeshi S. Typhi strains

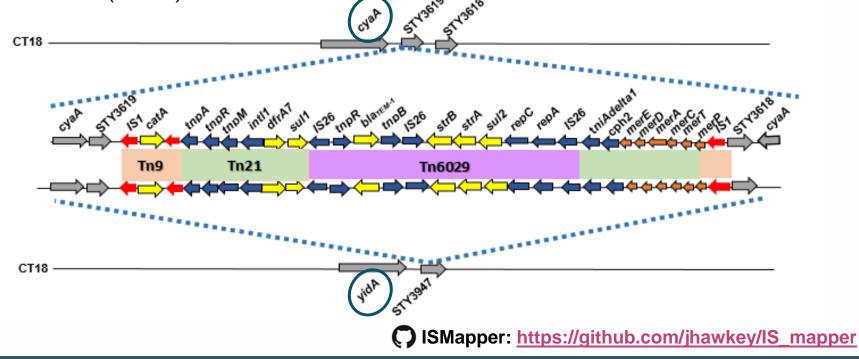
- A newly defined H58 lineage reported in Tanmoy *et al.* 2018 as "lineage Bd" (4.3.1.Bd) was found in 138 Typhi strains
- Revealed two major patterns in terms of AMR gene and plasmid association
 - □ Strains harbouring IncHI1-PST6 plasmid contained 8 AMR genes *catA1, dfrA, sul1, bla_{TEM-1}, strAB, sul2, tetB*
 - Strains carrying IncFIBK plasmid associated with only 4 AMR genes bla_{TEM-1}, sul2, qnrS1, tetA





Insertion sites of transposons in S. Typhi isolates

- Two separate integration event of *IS1* site observed in H58 lineage I isolates
 - STY3618 and STY3619 locus near gene cyaA
 - STY3947 locus near gene yidA
- Acquired AMR genes encoded within Tn2670 composite transposon, comprising Tn6029 (*bla_{TEM-1}*, *strB*, *strA*, *sul2*) and Tn21 (*dfrA7*, *sul1*) inserted within Tn9 (*catA1*)

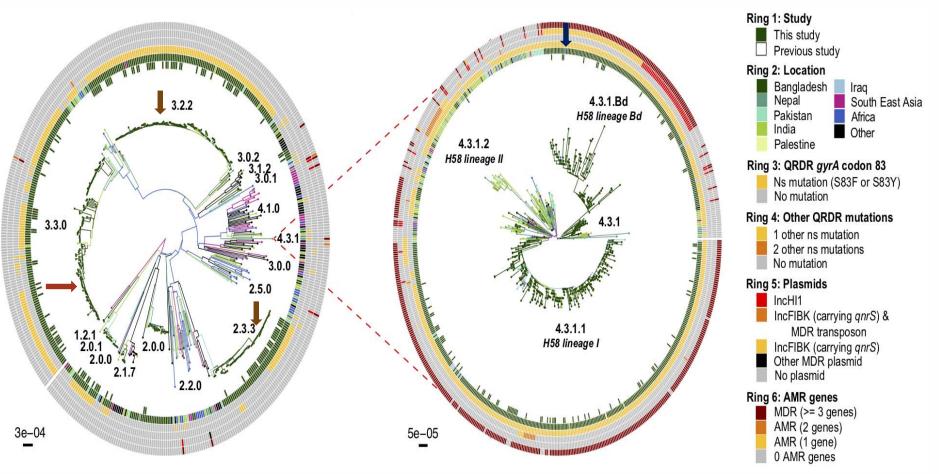




Global and regional S.Typhi strain circulation patterns

Non-H58

H58





Conclusions

WGS data of S. Typhi strains representative of the past 18 years from Bangladesh suggest that :

- H58 lineage I (39.1%) most common in Bangladeshi strains followed by H58 lineage Bd strains (16.8%)
- MDR phenotype strongly correlated with H58 isolates than non-H58 isolates
- Reported for the first time two different patterns of AMR and plasmid association in lineage Bd isolates (4.3.1.Bd)
- Rapid spread of genotype 2.3.3, 3.2.2,3.3.0 carrying only QRDR mutation led to reduce fluoroquinolone susceptibility
- Highlights the need for laboratory and molecular based surveillance to monitor acquisition of AMR and ongoing evolution in endemic regions



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