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## PAIS project: Argentine SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium “Surveillance of SARS-CoV-2 variants in Argentina”

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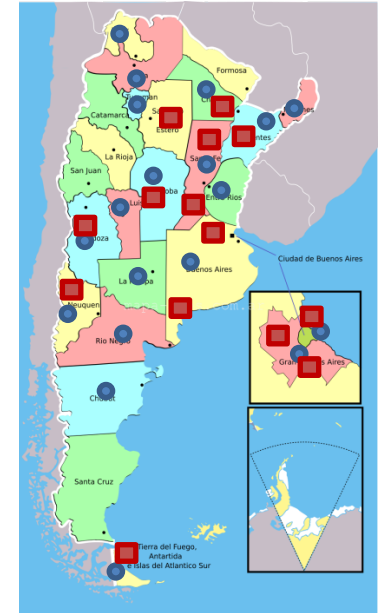
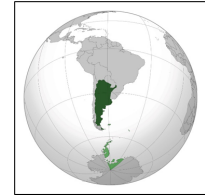
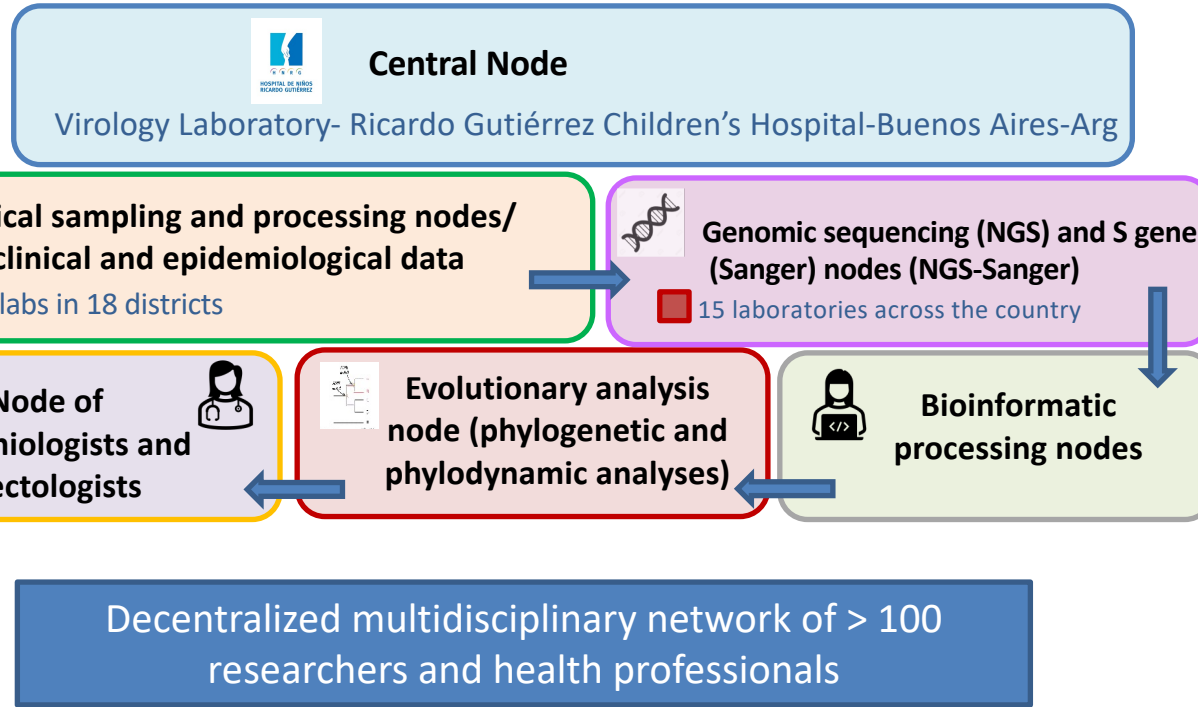


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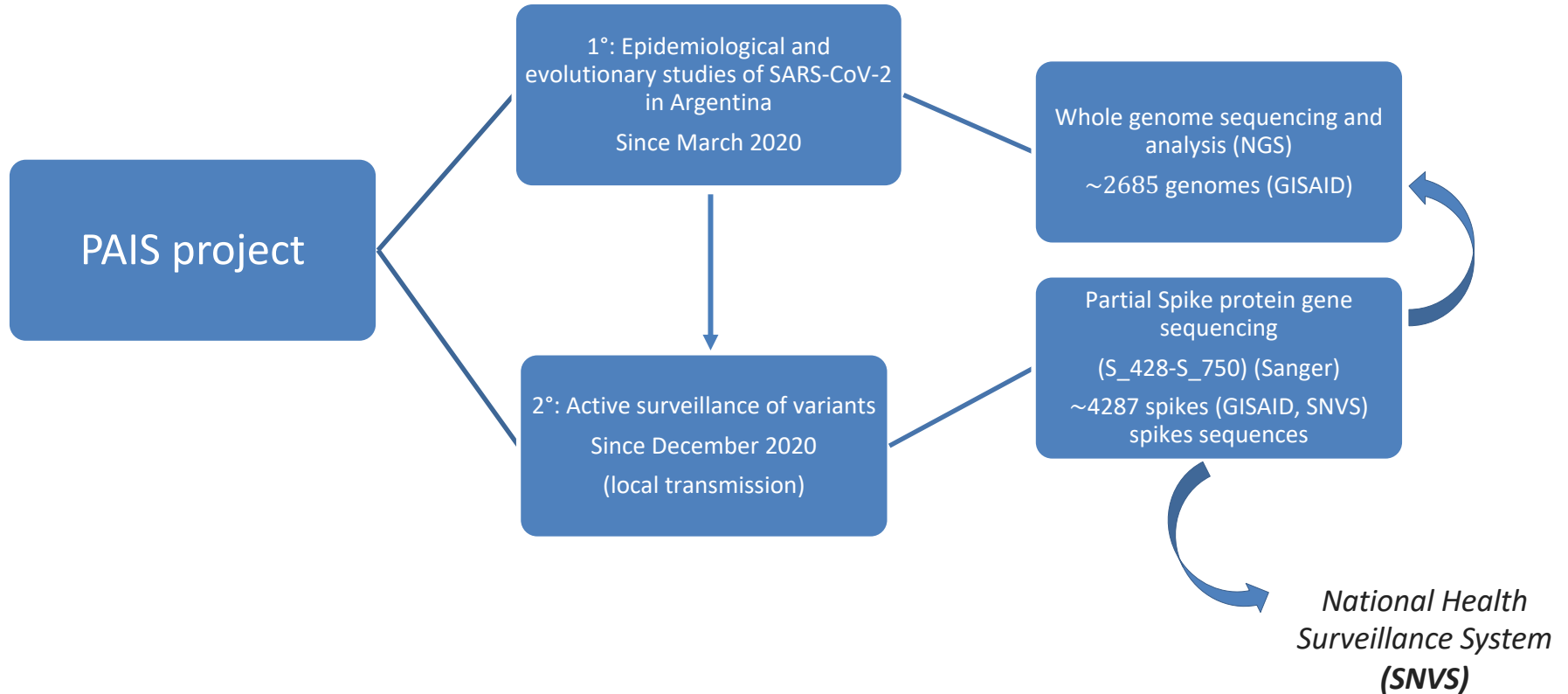


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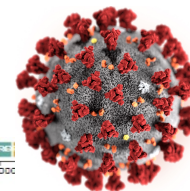
# How is the Argentine SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium made up of?



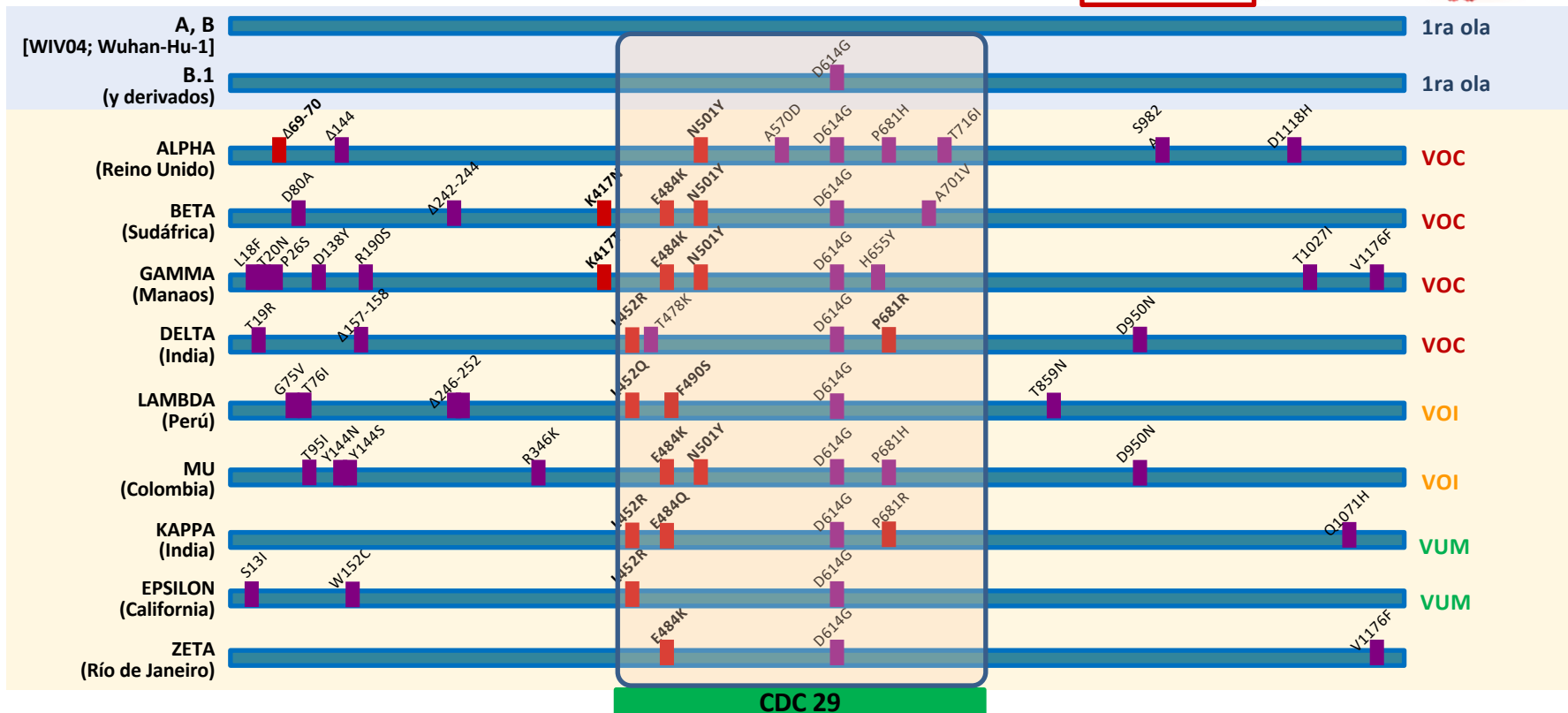
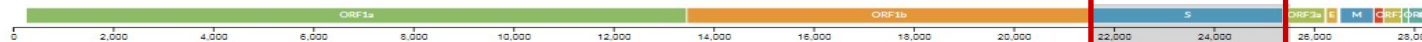
# PAIS Project: Work Strategies



# VOC/VOI SARS-CoV-2 Sanger sequencing strategy



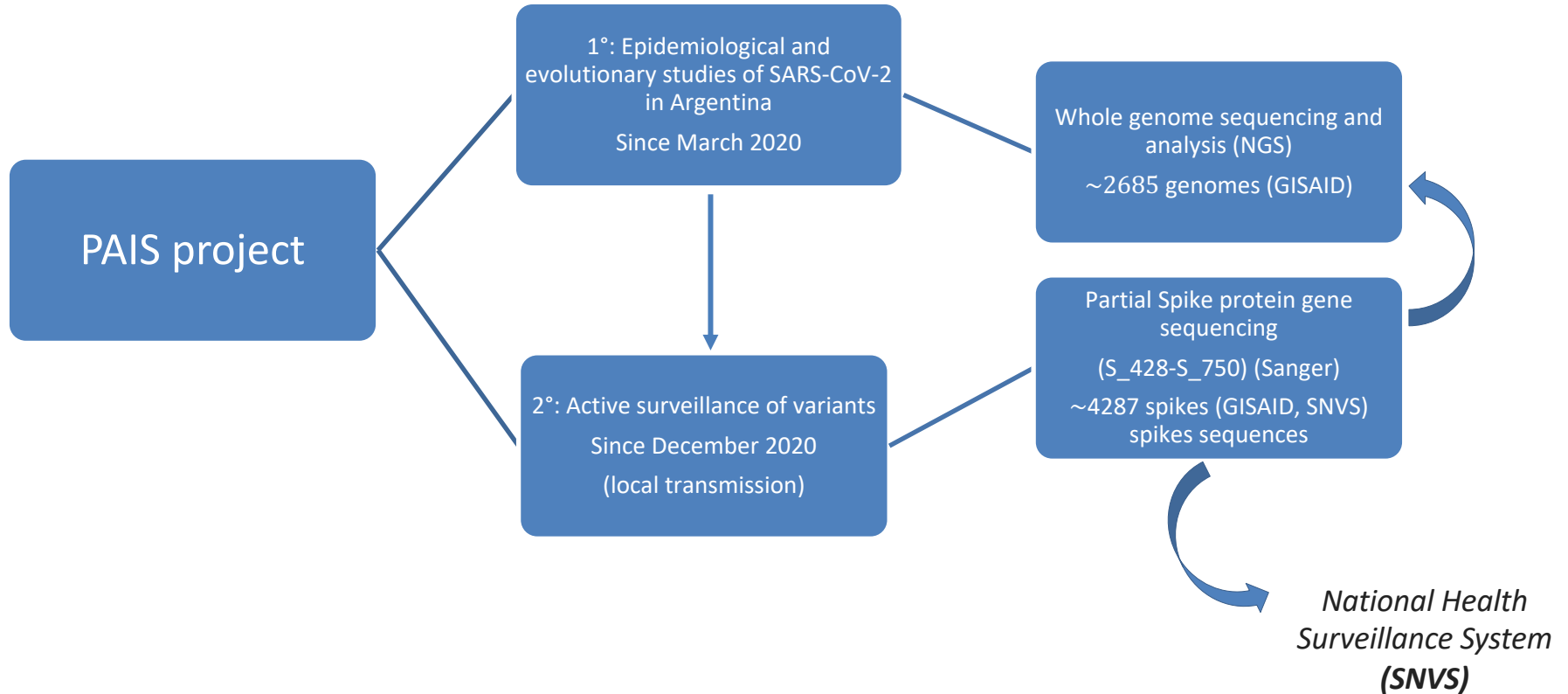
Spike protein gene



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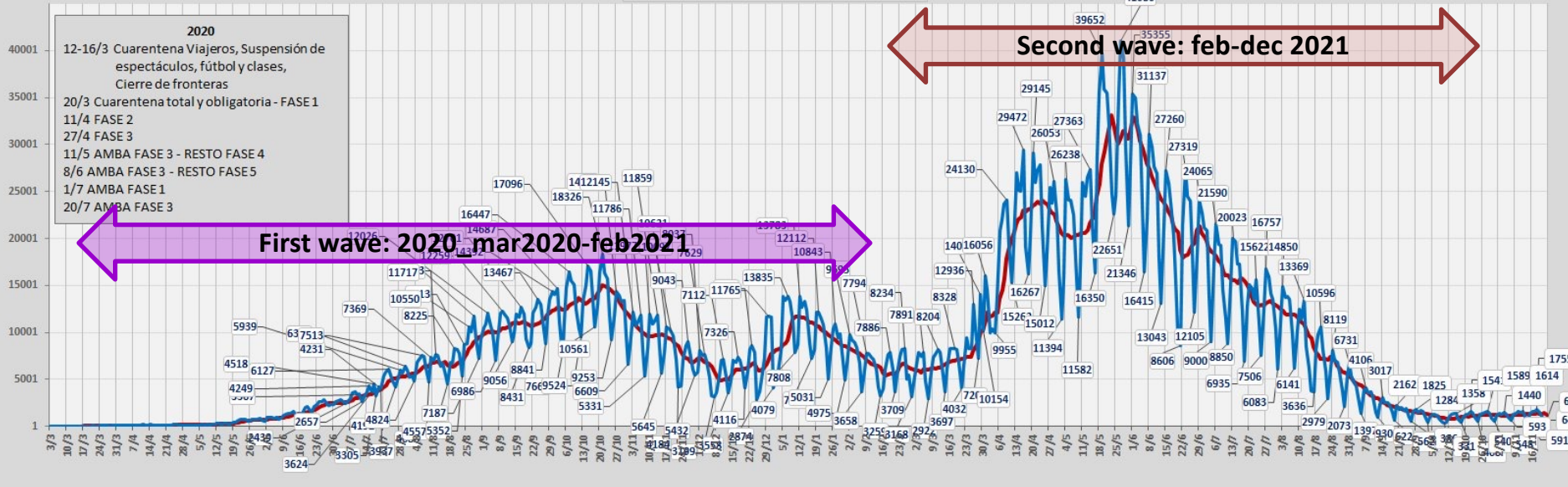


# Genomic epidemiological surveillance of SARSCoV-2: first and second waves

## The pandemic in Argentina:

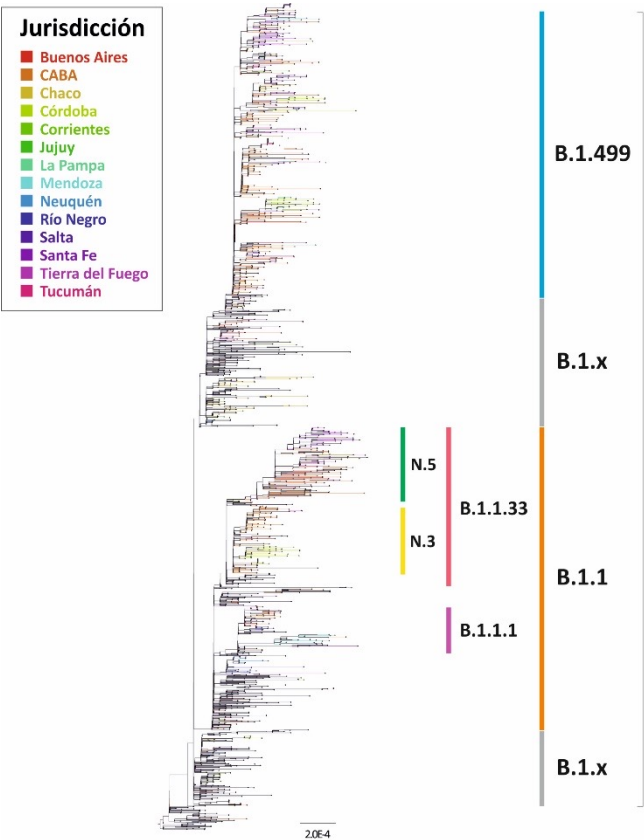
Total Confirmados Diarios

— Promedio últimos 7 días — Casos x día

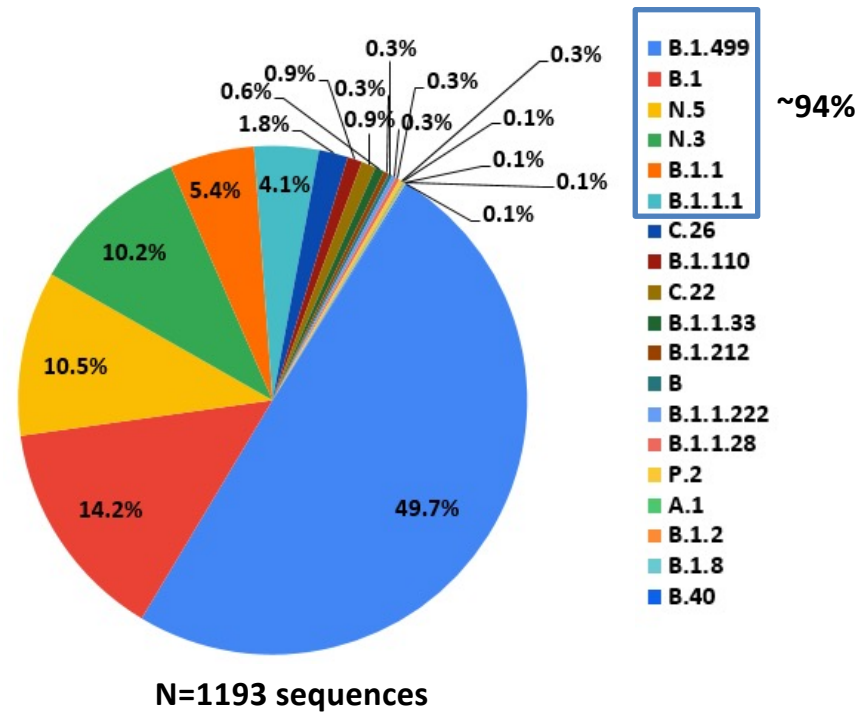


Fuente: Jorge Aliaga, [https://jorgealiaga.com.ar/?page\\_id=2185](https://jorgealiaga.com.ar/?page_id=2185)

# Whole genome sequencing and analysis (NGS)



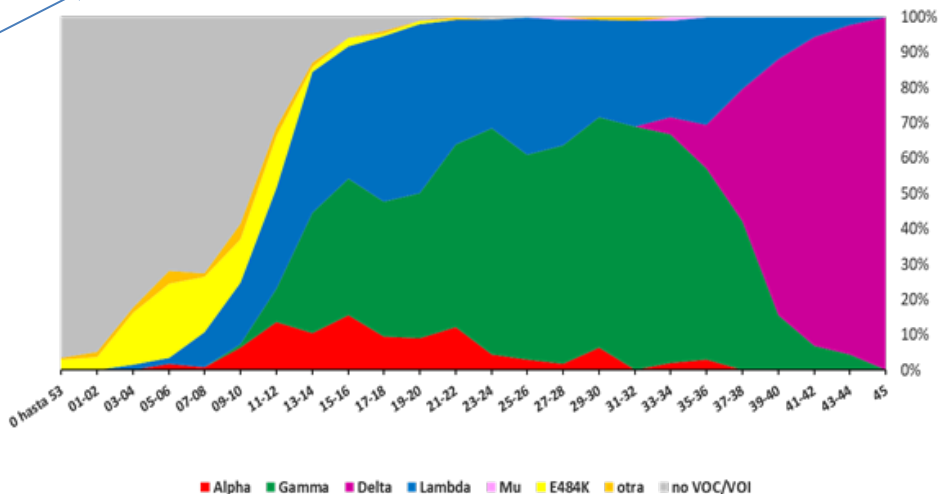
SARS-CoV-2 Argentine lineages distribution: first wave



# Active surveillance of SARS-CoV-2 variants: MABA (second wave)



## MABA (Metropolitan area of Buenos Aires)



Second wave in Argentina:

At the country level, the second wave was driven mainly by the Gamma variant, although with a heterogeneous distribution.

Currently in EW 49 an increase in Delta is observed in all the analyzed regions, being 100% in the MABA. So far, the omicron variant has not been detected in local transmission.

# Hits and challenges of PAIS project

## HITS:

- THE HUMAN CAPITAL
- THE KNOW-HOW
- THE GENEROSITY AND COOPERATION AMONG PEERS

## CHALLENGES:

- THE LOW BUDGET (~USD 250,000 in two years)
- THE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS
- THE BUREAUCRATIC PROCEDURES AT THE CUSTOMS
- THE SCARCE AVAILABILITY OF LABORATORY REAGENTS FROM THE HIGH-INCOME COUNTRIES COMPANIES.





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Thank you!!