

The Importance of Shiga Toxin-Producing *Escherichia coli* O145:NM[H28]/H28 Infections in Argentina, 1998–2020

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Supplementary Materials

Table S1. Outbreaks description. (†) Deceased case.

| No. of Event | Type of Event | Index Case | Total No. of STEC Case & Contacts Detected | City, Province Date | PFGE Patterns of STEC O145 Strains Outbreak Associated |
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| 1 | Institutional / day-care center outbreak | HUS case 1 year old boy Co-infection STEC shedding for 18 days | 1 HUS case with long shedding. (Four strains STEC O145:NM[H28] <i>stx2a/eae/ehxA</i> and one STEC O145:H7) (ONT:HNT) 1 HUS case and 1 asymptomatic case (O145:NM <i>stx2a/eae/ehxA</i>) | Rosario, Santa Fe January, 2005 | ARENMX01.0006 (2 HUS cases one present 2 strains) and ARENMX01.0043 (asymptomatic) with 88.9% similarity. ARENMX01.0042 (2 strains from excretion) with 74% similarity. |
| 2 | Family outbreak | Undetermined | 3 HUS cases 1 asymptomatic contact (O145:NM[H28] <i>stx2a/eae/ehxA</i>) | Mar del Plata, Buenos Aires January and February, 2006 | ARENMX01.0061 - 100% similarity |
| 3 | Family outbreak | HUS case 20 months of age | 1 HUS case (STEC negative) and 3 asymptomatic household contacts (2 sisters and the father) (O145:NM[H28], <i>stx2a/eae/ehxA</i>) | Neuquén, Neuquén November, 2006 | ARENMX01.0006 - 100% similarity |
| 4 | Family outbreak | HUS case | 1 HUS case and 1 asymptomatic contact (sister) (O145:NM[H28] <i>stx2a/eae/ehxA</i>) | Córdoba, Córdoba January 2011 | ARENMX01.0040 - 100% similarity |
| 5 | Institutional / kindergarten outbreak | HUS case (†) 5 years old boy | 1 HUS case (+), 1 BD case (3 positive samples) and 2 D non-complicated (one D with 3 positive samples) (O145:NM[H28], <i>stx2a/eae/ehxA</i>) 1 contact (O111:NM, <i>stx1a/eae/ehxA</i>) | City of Buenos Aires April, 2011 | ARENMX01.0135 (HUS) ARENMX01.0136 (BD 1 st sample and D – 100% similarity) ARENMX01.0137 (D 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd sample; BD 2 nd and 3 rd sample – 100%) 84.6% similarity among all the strains |
| 6 | Institutional / kindergarten outbreak | HUS case Co-infection 10 months old girl | 1 HUS (two positive samples) and 1 D case (O145:NM[28], <i>stx2a/eae/ehxA</i> and O157:H7, <i>stx2a/stx2c/eae/ehxA</i>) 1 BD case (O157:H7, <i>stx2a/stx2c eae/ehxA</i>) 1 Contact (O26:H11, <i>stx1a/eae/ehxA</i> and O157:H7, <i>stx2a/stx2c/ eae/ehxA</i>) 1 D case (O91:H21, <i>stx2c/ehxA</i>) 1 Contact (O103:NM, <i>stx1a, /eae/ehxA</i>) | City of Buenos Aires May, 2011 | ARENMX01.0138 (HUS 1 st and D – 100% similarity) ARENMX01.0139 93.3% similarity among all the strains |

| 1 Contact (O22:H11, <i>stx</i> _{1a} / <i>stx</i> _{2c} / <i>ehx</i> A) | | | | | |
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| 7 | Family outbreak | HUS case 23 months old girl | 1 HUS case and 2 contacts (father and sister) (O145:NM[H28], <i>stx</i> _{2a} / <i>eae</i> / <i>ehx</i> A) | City of Buenos Aires December, 2011 | ARENMX01.0119 - 100% similarity |
| 8 | Family outbreak | DS case 8 years old boy | 1 BD case and 1 contact (sister) (O145:NM[28], <i>stx</i> _{2a} / <i>eae</i> / <i>ehx</i> A) | Tandil, Buenos Aires December, 2011 | ARENMX01.0169 - 100% similarity |
| 9 | Institutional / Day-care center outbreak | HUS case 2 years old girl | 1 HUS and 2 asymptomatic contacts (O145:NM[28], <i>stx</i> _{2a} / <i>eae</i> / <i>ehx</i> A) | San Carlos de Bariloche, Río Negro October, 2012 | ARENMX01.0194 (HUS and contact – 100% similarity) ARENMX01.0212 (contact - 90.5% similarity) |
| 10 | Family outbreak | HUS case | 1 HUS and 1 asymptomatic contact (brother) (O145:NM[28], <i>stx</i> _{2a} / <i>eae</i> / <i>ehx</i> A) | City of Buenos Aires January 2015 | ARENMX01.0207 – 100% similarity |
| 11 | Family outbreak | HUS case 17 months old | 1 HUS case (STEC negative) and 1 asymptomatic contact (sister) (O145:NM[28], <i>stx</i> _{2a} / <i>eae</i> / <i>ehx</i> A) | Villarino, Buenos Aires January 2016 | ARENMX01.0274 (contact) |
| 12 | Family outbreak | HUS case 8 months old boy | 1 HUS case (STEC negative) and 1 asymptomatic contact (mother) (O145:NM[28], <i>stx</i> _{2a} / <i>eae</i> / <i>ehx</i> A) | San Carlos de Bariloche, Río Negro February, 2016 | ARENMX01.0261 - 100% similarity |
| 13 | Family outbreak | BD case 8 years old boy | 1 BD case and 3 asymptomatic contacts (2 sisters and 1 brother) (O145:NM[28], <i>stx</i> _{2a} / <i>eae</i> / <i>ehx</i> A) | Maisonave, La Pampa August, 2016 | ARENMX01.0120 (BD 1 st , 2 nd and 4 th – 100% similarity) and ARENMX01.0279 (contacts) with 92.4% similarity |
| 14 | Family outbreak | D case 1 year old boy | 1 D case and 6 contacts with diarrhea (4 brothers, 2 sisters) (O145:NM[28], <i>stx</i> _{2a} / <i>eae</i> / <i>ehx</i> A) | Gral. Pico, La Pampa December, 2016 | ARENMX01.0281 - 100% similarity |
| 15 | Institutional / Kindergarten outbreak | HUS case 5 years old girl | 3 HUS cases (two are brother and sister) (O145:NM[28], <i>stx</i> _{2a} / <i>eae</i> / <i>ehx</i> A) | Vicente López, Buenos Aires July, 2017 | ARENMX01.0303 – 100% similarity |
| 16 | Family outbreak | D case 3 years old boy | 1 D case and 2 asymptomatic contacts (mother and unknown) (O145:NM[28], <i>stx</i> _{2a} / <i>eae</i> / <i>ehx</i> A) | San Justo, Buenos Aires February, 2018 | ARENMX01.0120 (D 1 st , 2 nd and contacts – 100% similarity) |
| 17 | Family outbreak | HUS case 20 months old boy | 1 HUS case and 2 asymptomatic contacts (sister and mother) (O145:NM[28], <i>stx</i> _{2a} / <i>eae</i> / <i>ehx</i> A) | Hilario Lagos, La Pampa March, 2018 | ARENMX01.0319 (HUS 1 st , 2 nd , 3 th and contacts – 100% similarity) |
| 18 | Family outbreak | HUS case 6 months old boy | 1 HUS and 1 asymptomatic contact (father) (O145:NM[28], <i>stx</i> _{2a} / <i>eae</i> / <i>ehx</i> A) | Bahía Blanca, Buenos Aires November 2018 | ARENMX01.0340 – 100% similarity |
| 19 | Family outbreak | HUS case 2 years old | 1 HUS (STEC negative) and 1 asymptomatic contact (mother) (O145:NM[28], <i>stx</i> _{2a} / <i>eae</i> / <i>ehx</i> A) | Valcheta, Río Negro May 2018 | ARENMX01.0324 |
| 20 | Family outbreak | HUS case 2 years old | 1 HUS (STEC negative) and 2 asymptomatic contacts (sister and mother) (O145:NM[28], <i>stx</i> _{2a} / <i>eae</i> / <i>ehx</i> A) | Bahía Blanca, Buenos Aires March 2019 | ARENMX01.0076 – 100% similarity |
| 21 | Family outbreak | D case 12 years old boy Long shedding (5 positive samples) | 1 D case and 1 asymptomatic contact (father) (O145:NM[28], <i>stx</i> _{2a} / <i>eae</i> / <i>ehx</i> A) | San Carlos de Bariloche, Río Negro June 2019 | ARENMX01.0399 (2 nd) ARENMX01.0401 (3 th) ARENMX01.0402 (4 th , 5 th and 6 th sample) with 94.3% similarity (Contact non-typeable) |
| 22 | Family outbreak | D case 2 years old girl | 2 D case (index case and sister) (O145:NM[28], <i>stx</i> _{2a} / <i>eae</i> / <i>ehx</i> A) | Realicó, La Pampa November 2020 | ARENMX01.0400 (HUS 1 st , 2 nd and contact – 100% similarity) |