

# ENTERIC VIRUSES AS EMERGING RISKS IN FOOD SAFETY

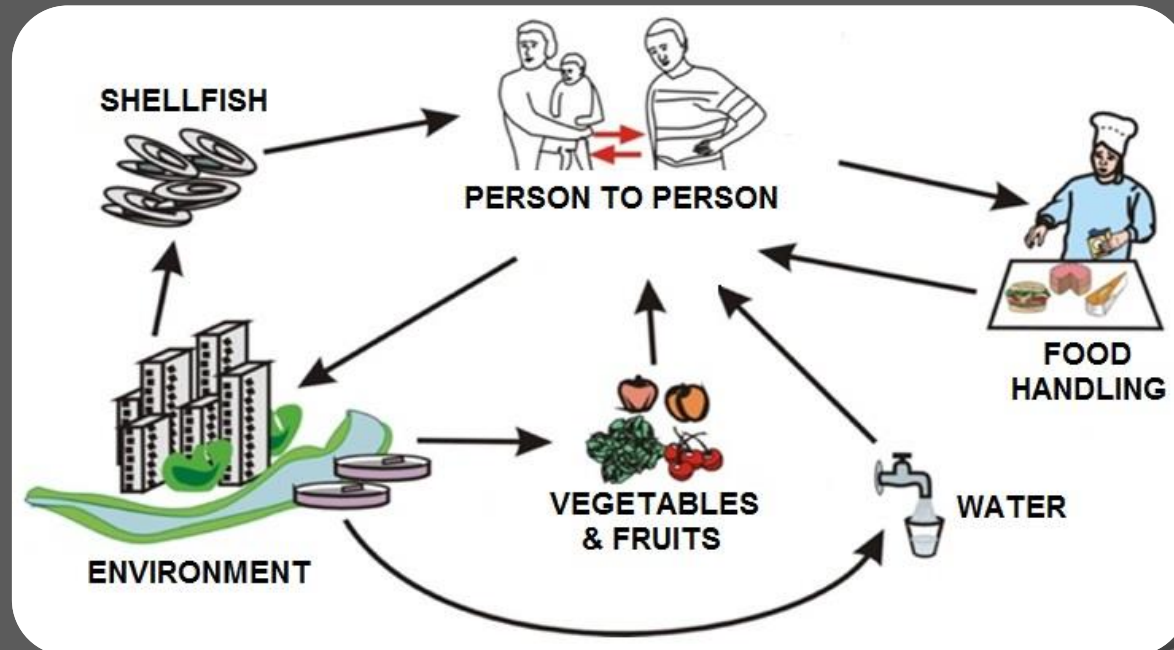
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# 1. INTRODUCTION

Transmission → *FECAL-ORAL ROUTE*



Molluscs act as vectors of viral gastroenteritis and other diseases as they concentrate and retain pathogens, some of them being endemic in developing countries.

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Evaluation of emerging risks (climate change, aging, etc.), and development of preventive measures

Totally new risks

New risks by the  
kind of product

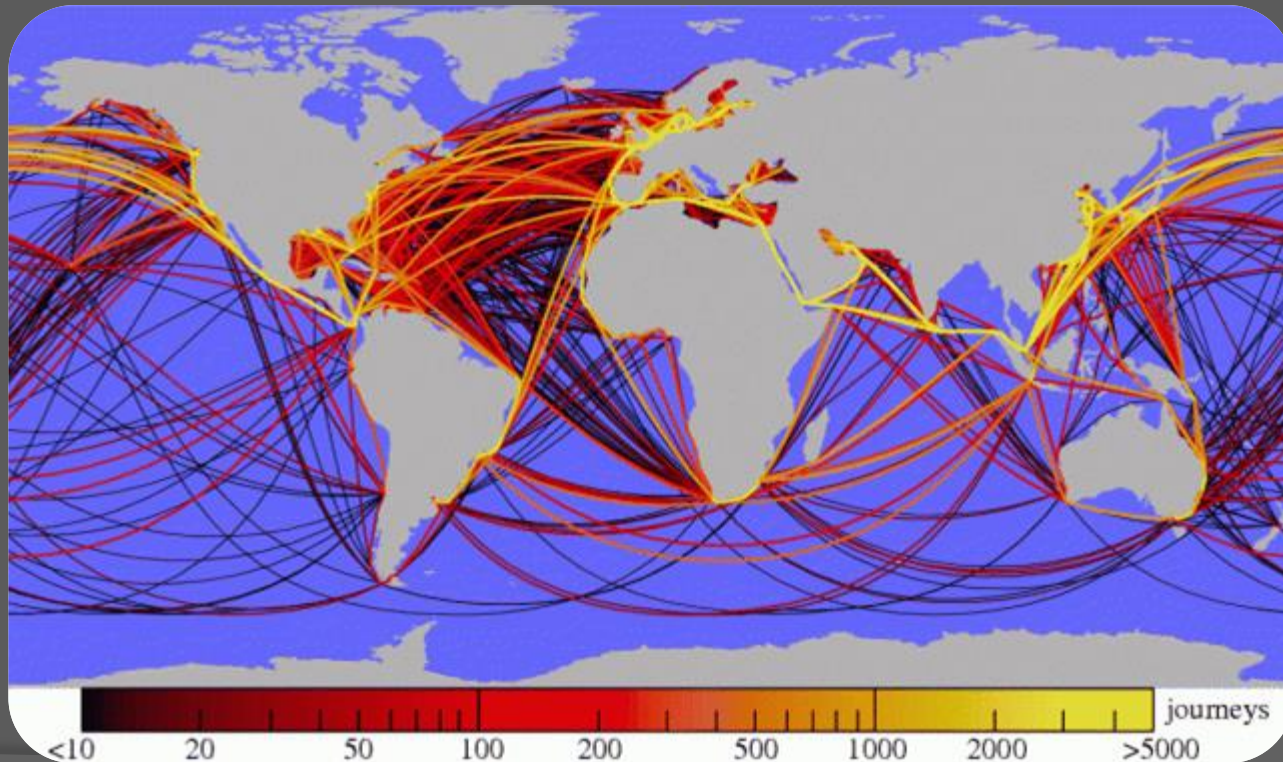
New risks for  
specific  
geographic areas

Risks diminished for  
areas geographic  
specific

Risks increased for  
areas geographic  
specific

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Globalization has increased the risk for infectious foodborne diseases due to the international trade of food products, including bivalve molluscs.



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Int Microbiol (2001) 4: 223–226  
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## RESEARCH ARTICLE

J.L. Romalde · I. Torrado · C. Ribao · J.L. Barja

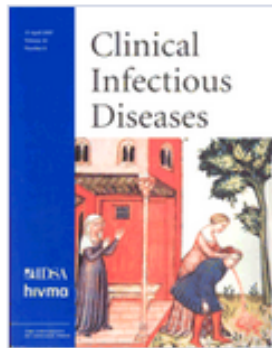
### **Global market: shellfish imports as a source of reemerging food-borne hepatitis A virus infections in Spain**

Water Sci Technol. 2001;43(12):61-5.

### **Human enteric viruses in Coquina clams associated with a large hepatitis A outbreak.**

Bosch A<sup>1</sup>, Sánchez G, Le Guyader F, Vanaclocha H, Haugarreau L, Pintó RM.

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**Volume 44, Issue 8**  
15 April 2007

## Internationally Distributed Frozen Oyster Meat Causing Multiple Outbreaks of Norovirus Infection in Australia FREE

R. J. Webby ✉, K. S. Carville, M. D. Kirk, G. Greening, R. M. Ratcliff, S. K. Crerar, K. Dempsey, M. Sarna, R. Stafford, M. Patel, ... [Show more](#)

Clin Infect Dis (2007) 44 (8): 1026-1031.

**DOI:** <https://doi.org/10.1086/512807>

N Z Med J. 2007 Oct 26;120(1264):U2773.

**A New Zealand outbreak of norovirus gastroenteritis linked to the consumption of imported raw Korean oysters.**

Simmons G<sup>1</sup>, Garbutt C, Hewitt J, Greening G.



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Novel enteric viruses have emerged as responsible for food-borne outbreaks associated with this type of food, or have been detected in meat, shellfish, fruits, etc.

Aichi virus (AiV)	Sapovirus (SaV)
Family <i>Picornaviridae</i>	Family <i>Caliciviridae</i>
Genus <i>Kobuvirus</i>	Genus <i>Sapovirus</i>
Icosahedral morphology	Icosahedral morphology
Non-enveloped	Non-enveloped
Genome 8.4 Kb (ssRNA)	Genome 7.5 Kb (ssRNA)

Hepatitis E virus (HEV)
Family <i>Hepeviridae</i>
Genus <i>Orthohepevirus</i>
Icosahedral morphology
Non-enveloped
Genome 7.2 Kb (ssRNA)

## 2. OBJECTIVES

The detection and quantification of emerging enteric viruses (AiV, SaV and HEV) in shellfish samples from harvesting areas in Galicia (NW Spain).

Detection of enteric viruses in clinical samples. Epidemiology.

The detection and quantification of Aichi virus (AiV) and Sapovirus (SaV) from shellfish samples imported to Spain.

The efficiency of depuration in the elimination of enteric viruses from shellfish.



### 3. MATERIAL & METHODS

#### PROCESSING & EXTRACTION

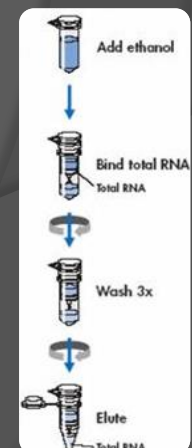
- Homogenization from digestive tissue
- RNA extraction: NucleoSpin RNA Virus Kit



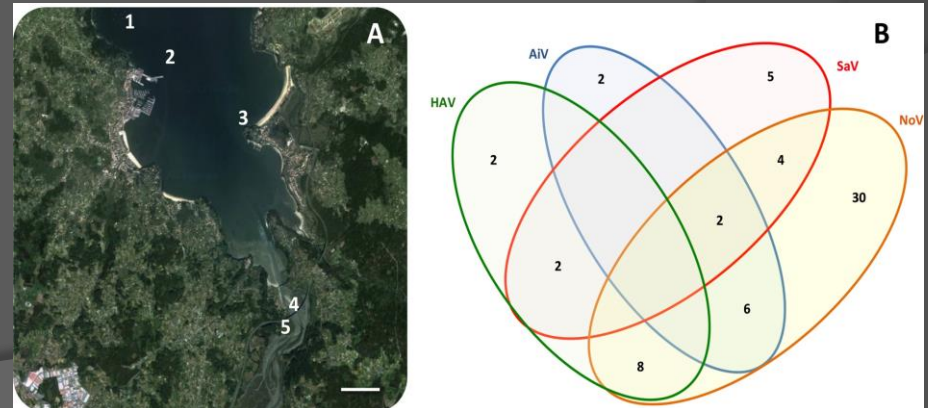
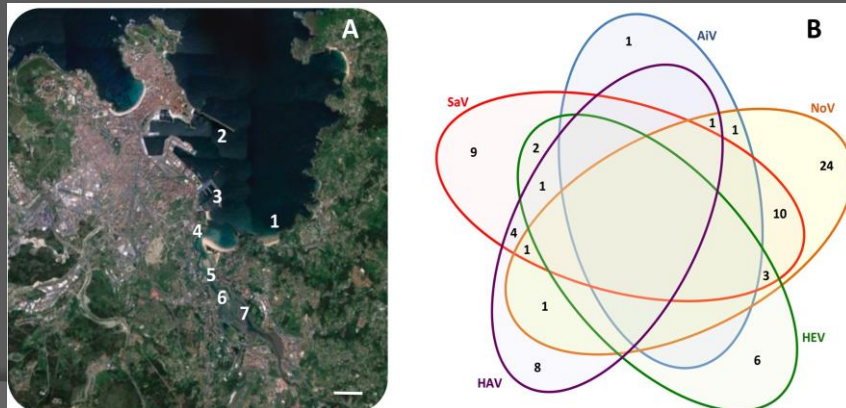
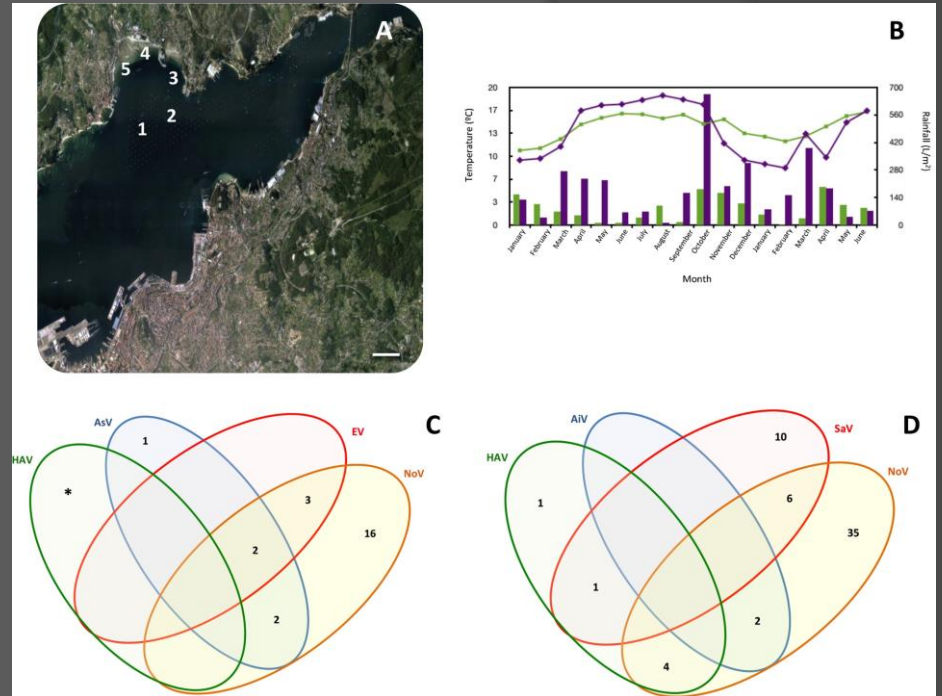
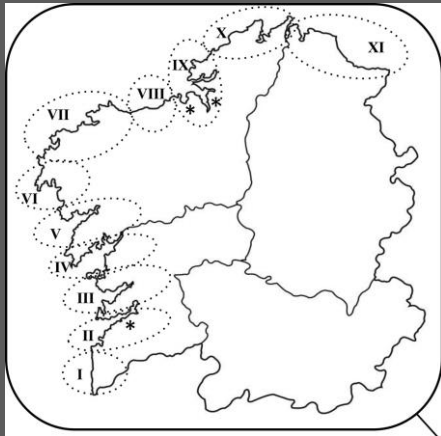
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#### DETECTION & QUANTIFICATION

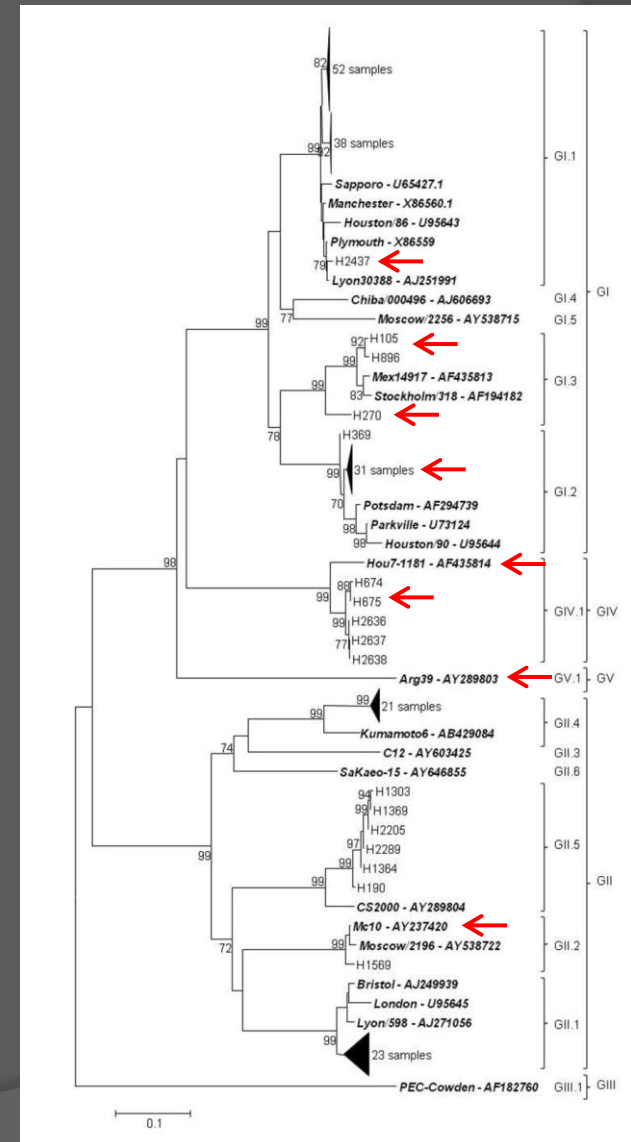
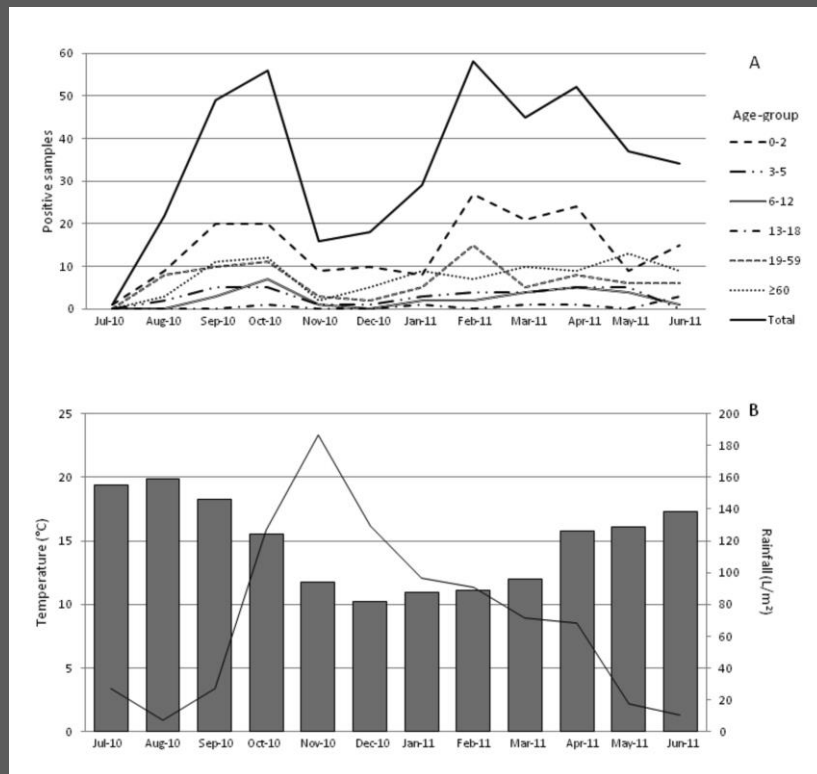
- RT-qPCR with specific primers and TaqMan probes,
- Standard curve: serial dilutions of cloned fragment in plasmid



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Total of 54 shellfish samples imported between Sep-2006 and Jan-2011

### Morocco

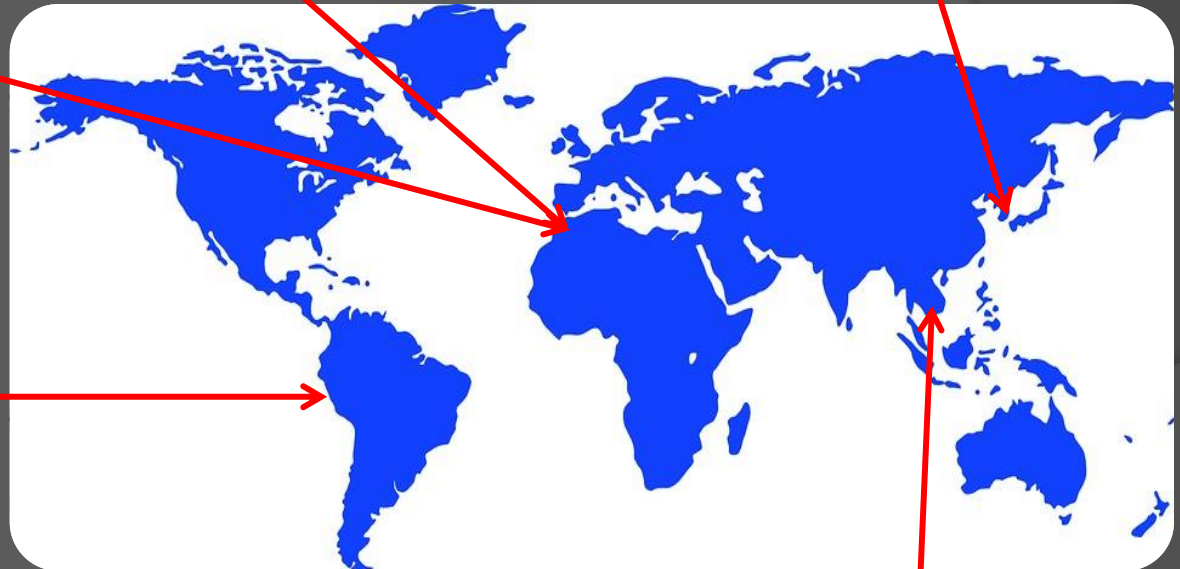
*Callista chione* n=21  
*Ensis* sp. n=6  
*Donax* sp n=2  
*Crassostrea angulata* n=1  
*Cerastoderma edule* n=1  
*Solen marginatus* n=1

### Peru

*Transanella pannosa* n=6  
*Argopecten purpuratus* n=5  
*Donax* sp n=3  
*Ensis* sp. n=2

City of Melilla (Spain)  
Clams (n=2) and mussels (n=1)

South Korea  
*Meretrix lyrata* n=1



Vietnam  
*Meretrix lyrata* n=2

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**SaV was detected in 29 samples**

SaV	DETECTION							QUANTIFICATION cRNA/g DT	
	TOTAL	Clams	Oysters	Mussels	Scallops	Cockles	Razor clams	Average	Range
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53.7 %</b>	<b>43.2 %</b>	<b>100 %</b>	<b>100 %</b>	<b>100 %</b>	<b>100 %</b>	<b>55.6 %</b>	<b>1.2 x 10<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>1.4x10<sup>3</sup> – 9.9x10<sup>6</sup></b>
<b>Morocco</b>	<b>37.5 %</b>	21.7 %	100 %			100 %	71.4 %	6.0 x 10 <sup>4</sup>	1.4x10 <sup>3</sup> - 9.9x10 <sup>6</sup>
<b>Peru</b>	<b>68.8 %</b>	66.7 %			100 %		0 %	2.3 x 10 <sup>5</sup>	1.3x10 <sup>4</sup> – 3.2x10 <sup>6</sup>
<b>Vietnam</b>	<b>100 %</b>	100 %						4.8 x 10 <sup>4</sup>	1.8x10 <sup>4</sup> – 1.3x10 <sup>5</sup>
<b>S. Korea</b>	<b>100 %</b>	100 %						-	-
<b>Melilla</b>	<b>100 %</b>	100 %		100 %				2.5 x 10 <sup>5</sup>	2.5x10 <sup>4</sup> – 1.7x10 <sup>6</sup>

**AiV was detected in 18 samples**

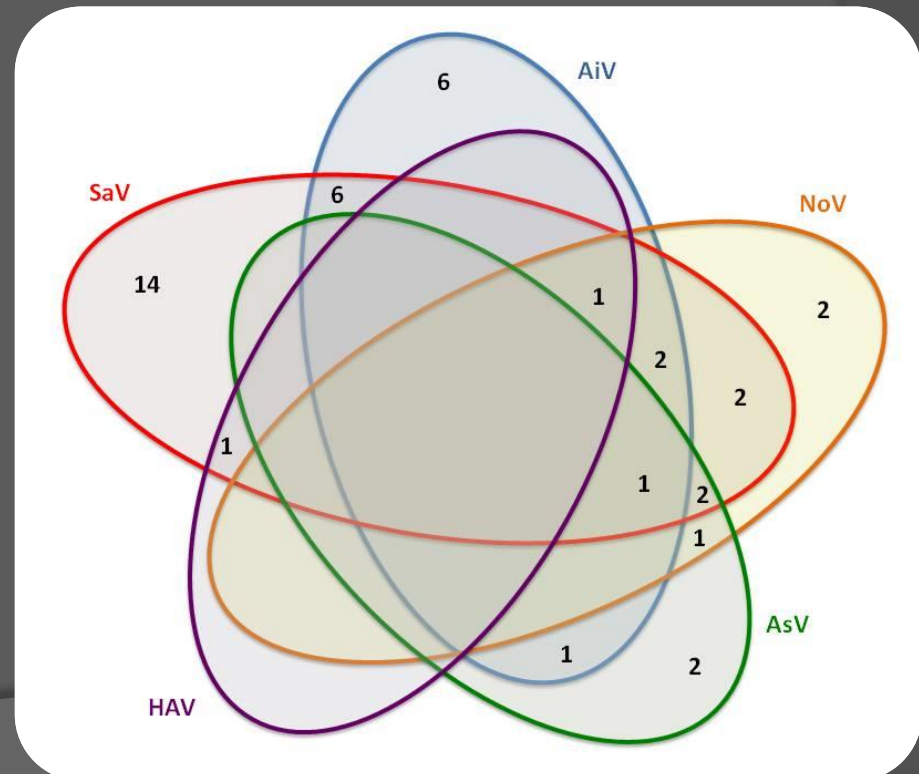
AiV	DETECTION							QUANTIFICATION cRNA/g DT	
	TOTAL	Clams	Oysters	Mussels	Scallops	Cockles	Razor clams	Average	Range
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33.3 %</b>	<b>35.1 %</b>	<b>0 %</b>	<b>0 %</b>	<b>0 %</b>	<b>100 %</b>	<b>44.4 %</b>	<b>2.4 x 10<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>4.9x10<sup>2</sup> – 3.6x10<sup>6</sup></b>
<b>Morocco</b>	<b>37.5 %</b>	34.8 %	0 %			100 %	42.9 %	3.9 x 10 <sup>4</sup>	1.6x10 <sup>3</sup> - 3.6x10 <sup>6</sup>
<b>Peru</b>	<b>18.8 %</b>	22.2 %			0 %		50.0 %	2.8 x 10 <sup>4</sup>	1.5x10 <sup>4</sup> - 5.9x10 <sup>4</sup>
<b>Vietnam</b>	<b>50.0 %</b>	50.0 %						-	-
<b>S. Korea</b>	<b>100 %</b>	100 %						-	-
<b>Melilla</b>	<b>33.3 %</b>	50.0 %		0 %				-	-



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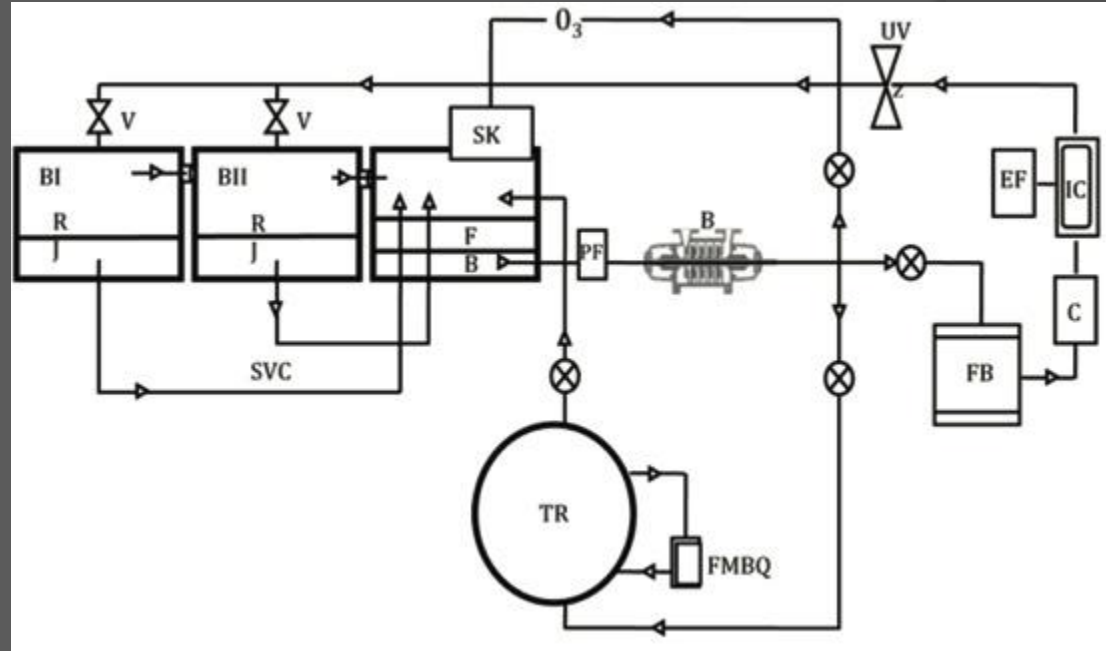
Mixed contamination with AiV and SaV was detected in 10 samples. It occurred in all countries but especially in Morocco (5).

Results compared with previous studies of Norovirus (NoV), hepatitis A virus (HAV) and Astrovirus (AsV).

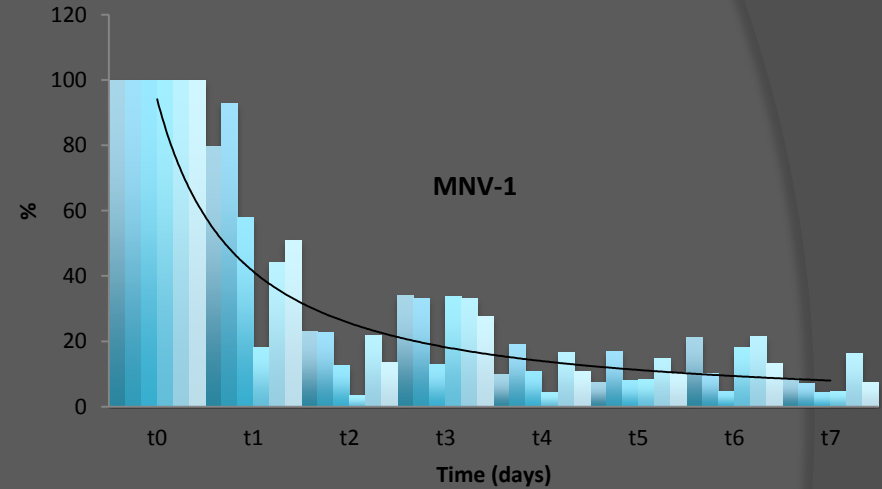
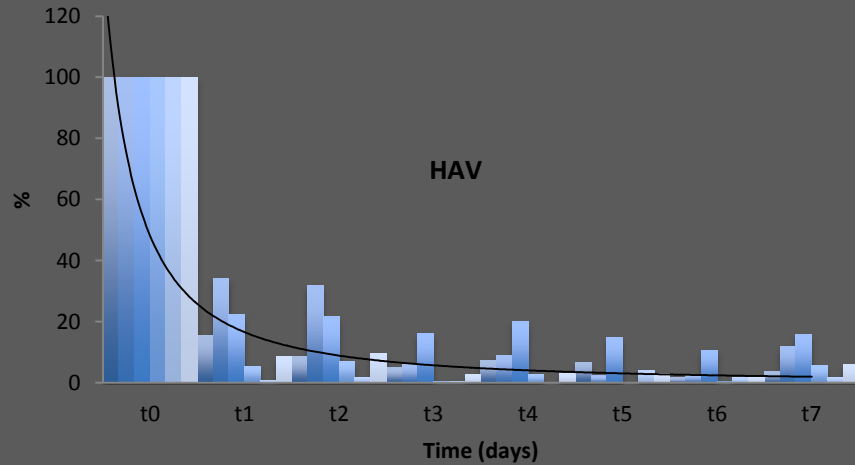




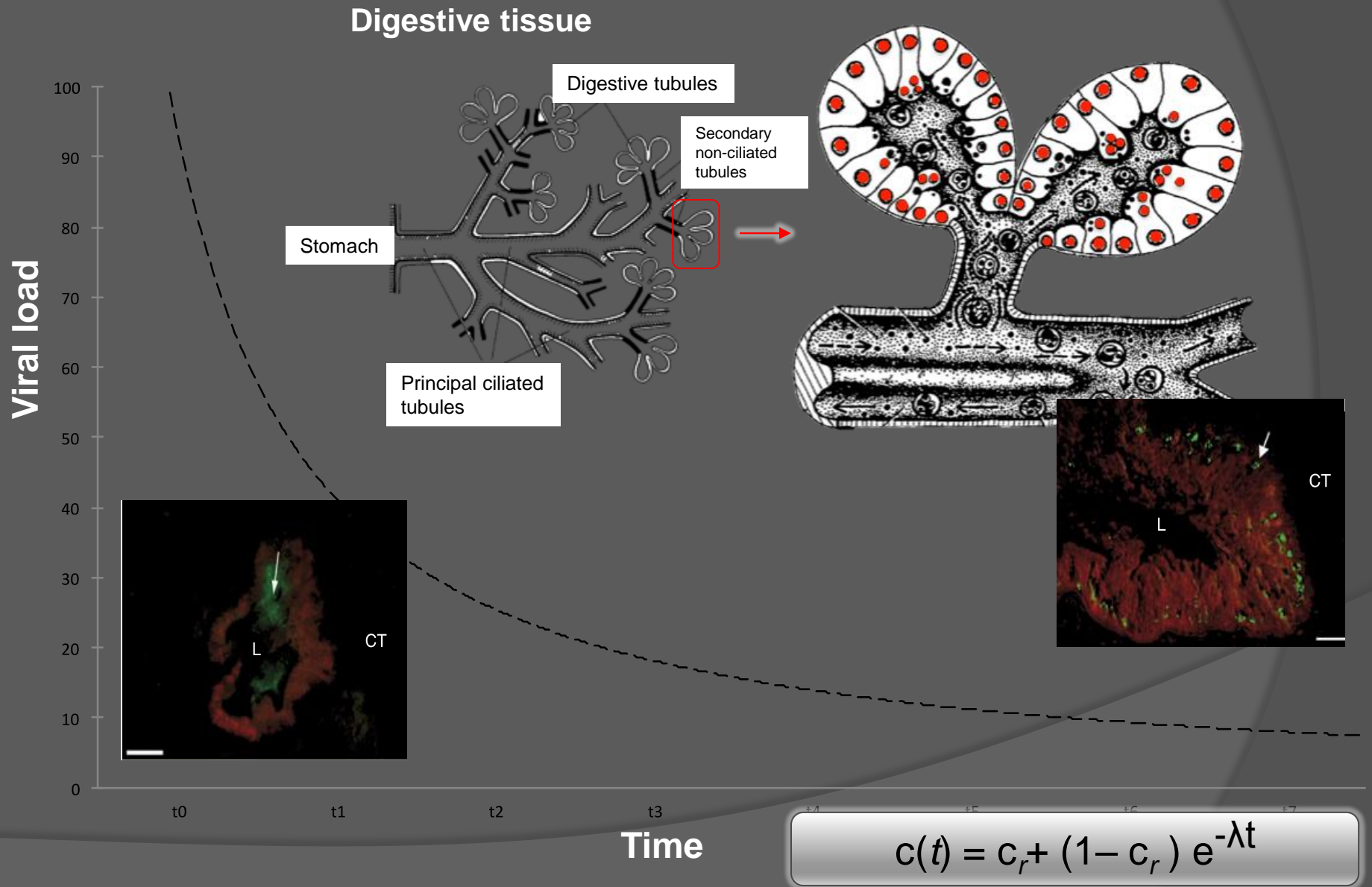
## Experimental depuration system



- Close circuit (ASE M BINS)
- 500 kg of capacity
- Water volume 1,750 L
- Water disinfection by  $O_3$  y UV
- Mechanic, chemical and biological filter

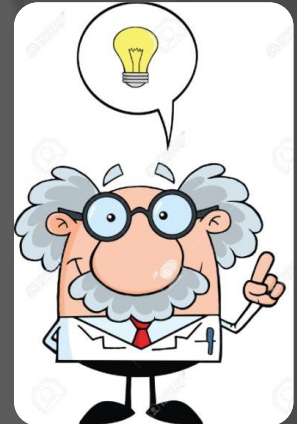


- Different mollusks showed different depuration rates
- Always a two-phases kinetic



## 5. CONCLUSIONS

- It is important to continue the studies with shellfish and clinical samples in order to detect shifts in the major viral groups/genotypes, and to try to determine the vehicles of transmission.
- A great variety of mixed contaminations are observed, both in Galician harvesting areas and in imports, especially when comparing these results with previous studies for Norovirus and hepatitis A virus.
- Further depuration studies are needed with the known and emerging viruses.
- Further research is needed in order to determine the importance of emerging enteric viruses, as SaV, HEV and AiV, as cause of possible foodborne outbreaks associated to shellfish.





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