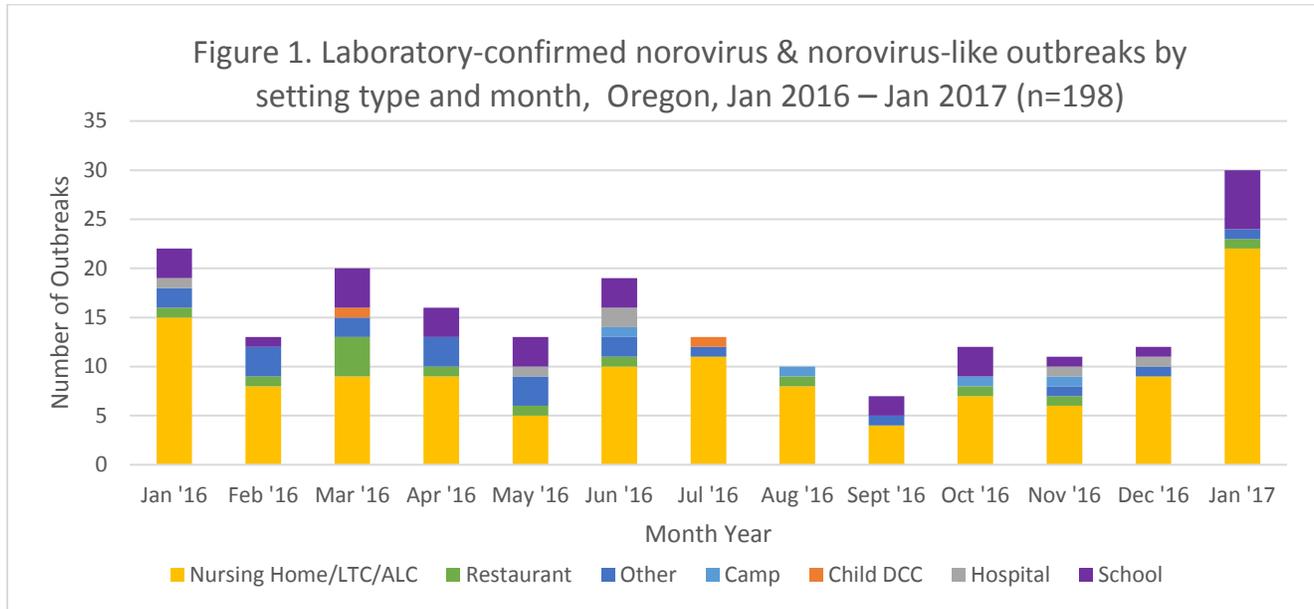


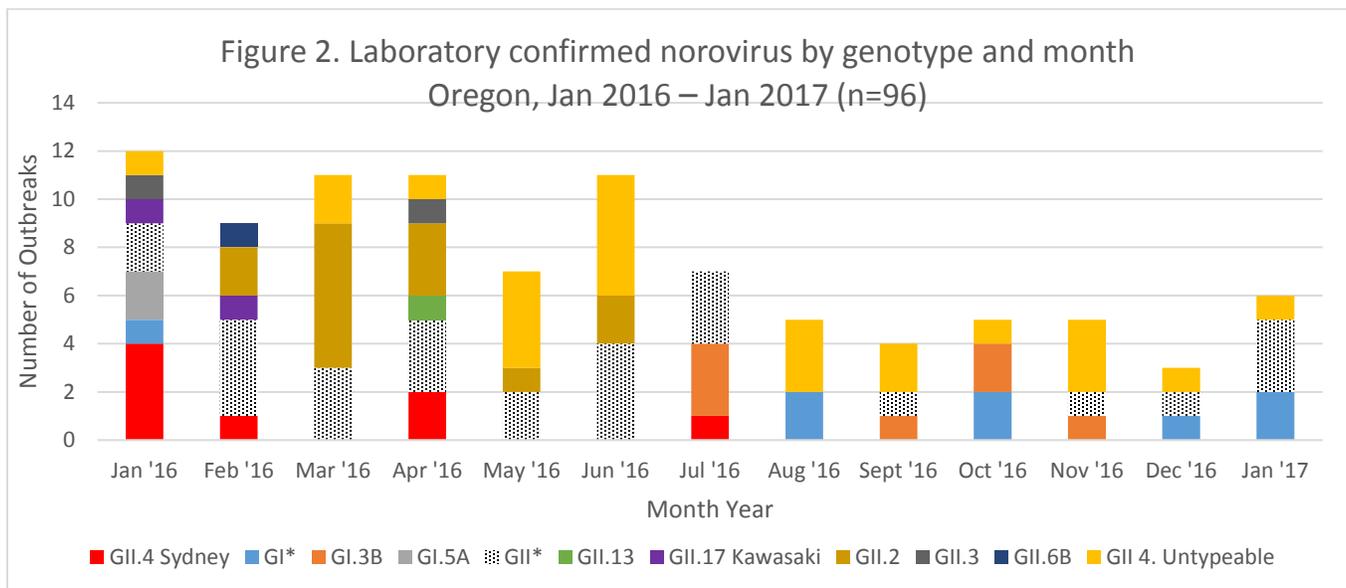
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In the month of January 2017, 30 norovirus or norovirus-like outbreaks were reported, of which 22 (73%) were in nursing homes, 6 (20%) were in schools, 1 (3%) was in a restaurant and 1 (3%) was in another setting. Since January 2016, 123 (62%) of 198 lab-confirmed and norovirus-like outbreaks occurred in nursing homes or assisted-living facilities (Fig. 1). Over the last year, the GII.4 Sydney strain was identified in 8 (8%) of 96 lab-confirmed outbreaks. We have not seen a GII.4 Sydney norovirus outbreak since April 2016. We continue to see the number of other GII-strain outbreaks increase and have seen a marked increase in GII.4 Untypeable (Fig 2).



LTC: long term care, ALC: Assisted living facility, DCC: Day Care Center, "Other": includes hotels, workplaces, private homes, caterers



\*96 (48%) of 198 suspected norovirus outbreaks have been confirmed by positive lab results from ≥2 patients.

GI\* and GII\* denote outbreaks that only had 1 positive sample

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