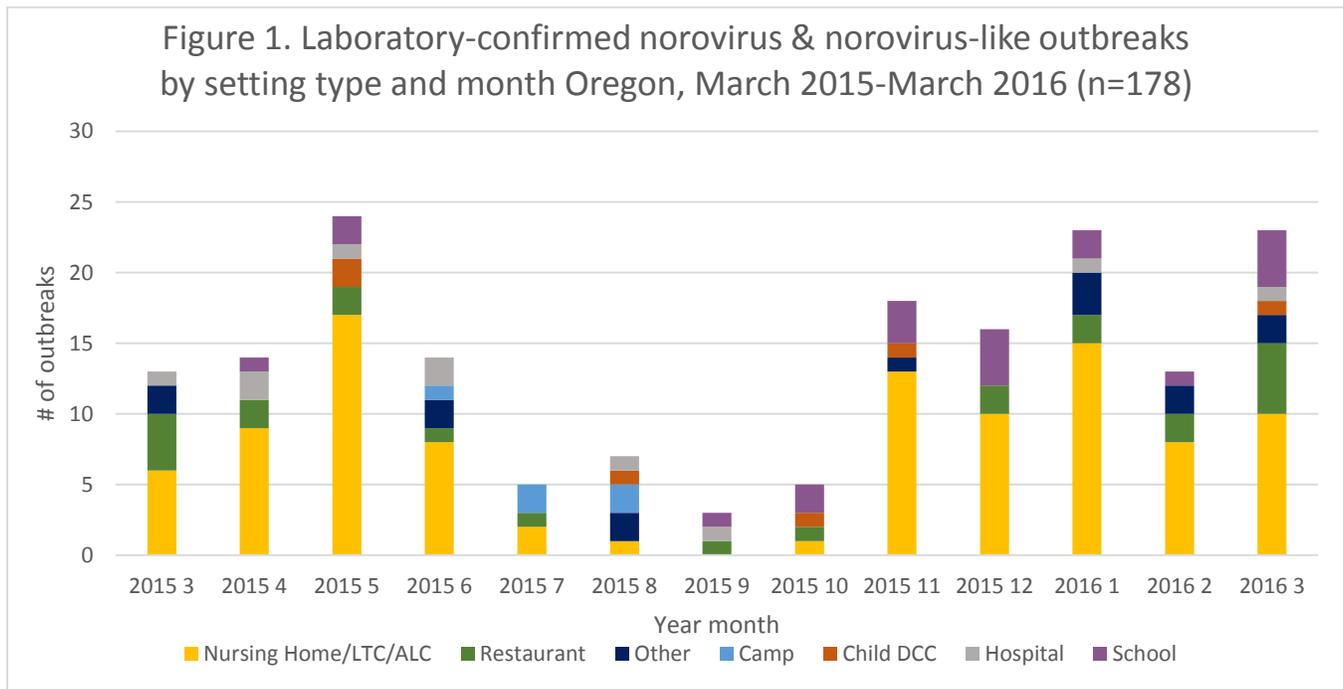


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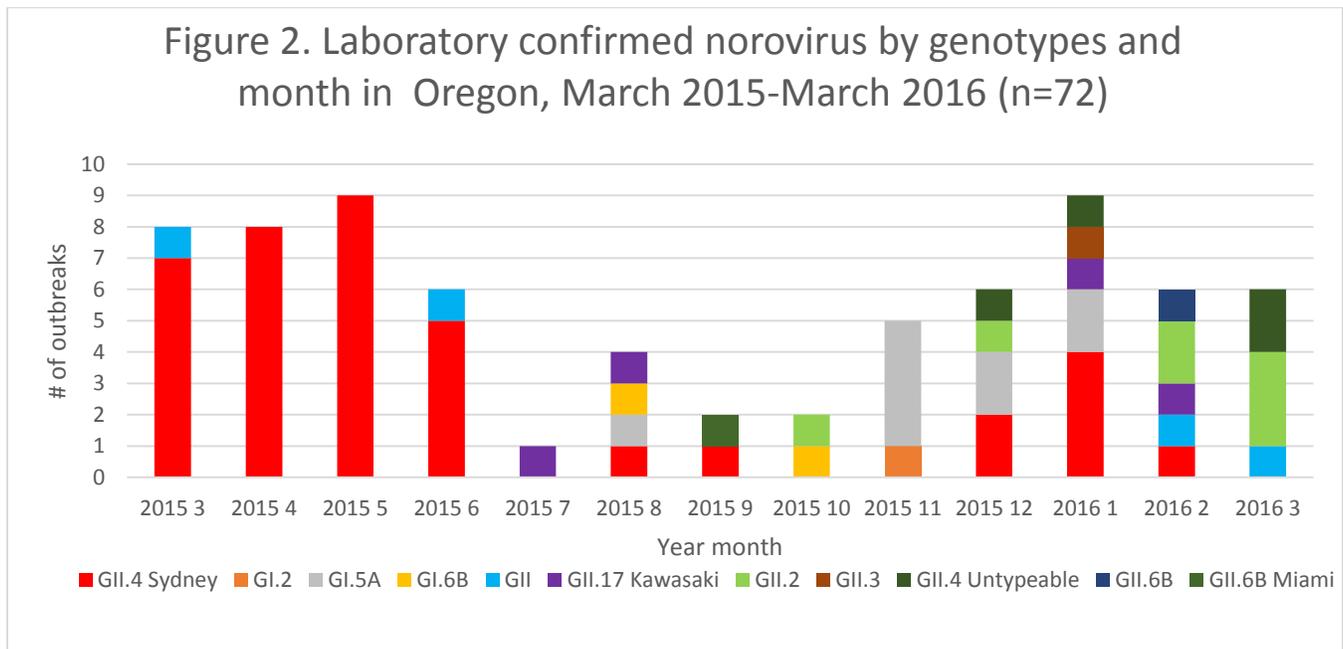


Figure 1. Laboratory-confirmed norovirus & norovirus-like outbreaks by setting type and month Oregon, March 2015-March 2016 (n=178)



LTC: long term care ALC Assisted living facility *"Other" includes hotels, workplaces, private homes, caterers

Figure 2. Laboratory confirmed norovirus by genotypes and month in Oregon, March 2015-March 2016 (n=72)



*72 (40%) of 178 suspected norovirus outbreaks have been confirmed by positive lab results from ≥2 patients.

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