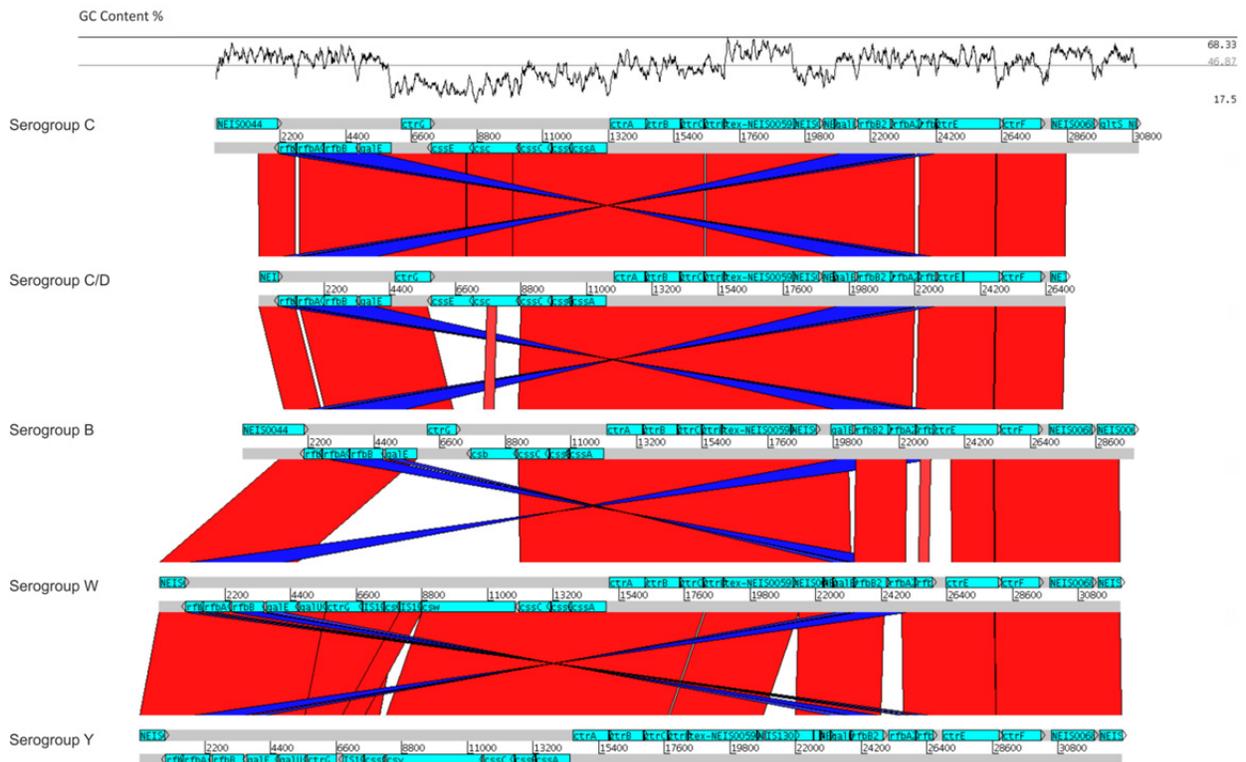


Description and Nomenclature of *Neisseria meningitidis* Capsule Locus

Technical Appendix

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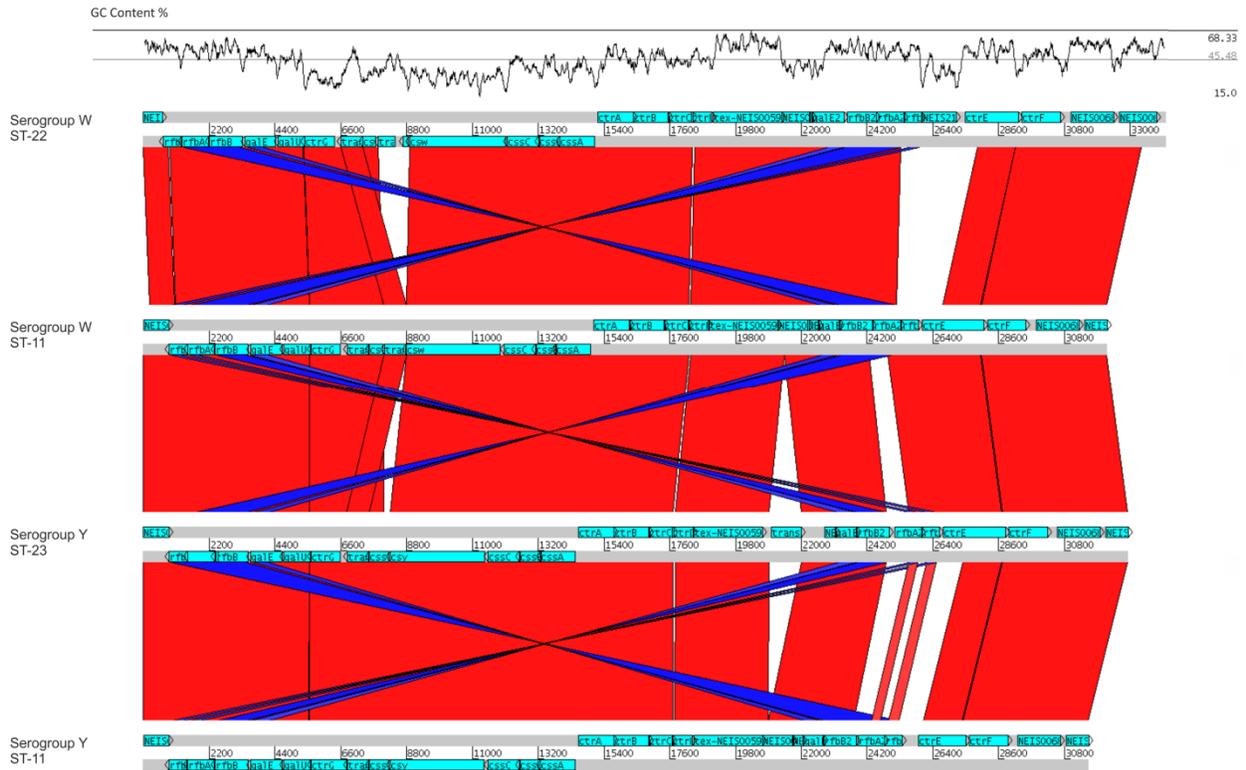


Figure 1. Panel A depicts a comparison of *Neisseria meningitidis* capsule loci from serogroups C, C (previously defined as serogroup D), B, W, and Y. Panel B displays a comparison of serogroups W and Y. The red and blue bands represent forward and reverse matches, respectively, with the intensity of the color proportional to the percentage sequence identity such that red indicates a good match (typically ranging from 90% to 100% sequence identity) and white indicates a low-scoring match. The average G+C content (%) across the bases is displayed at the top. Analyses were done by using the Artemis comparison tool (27).

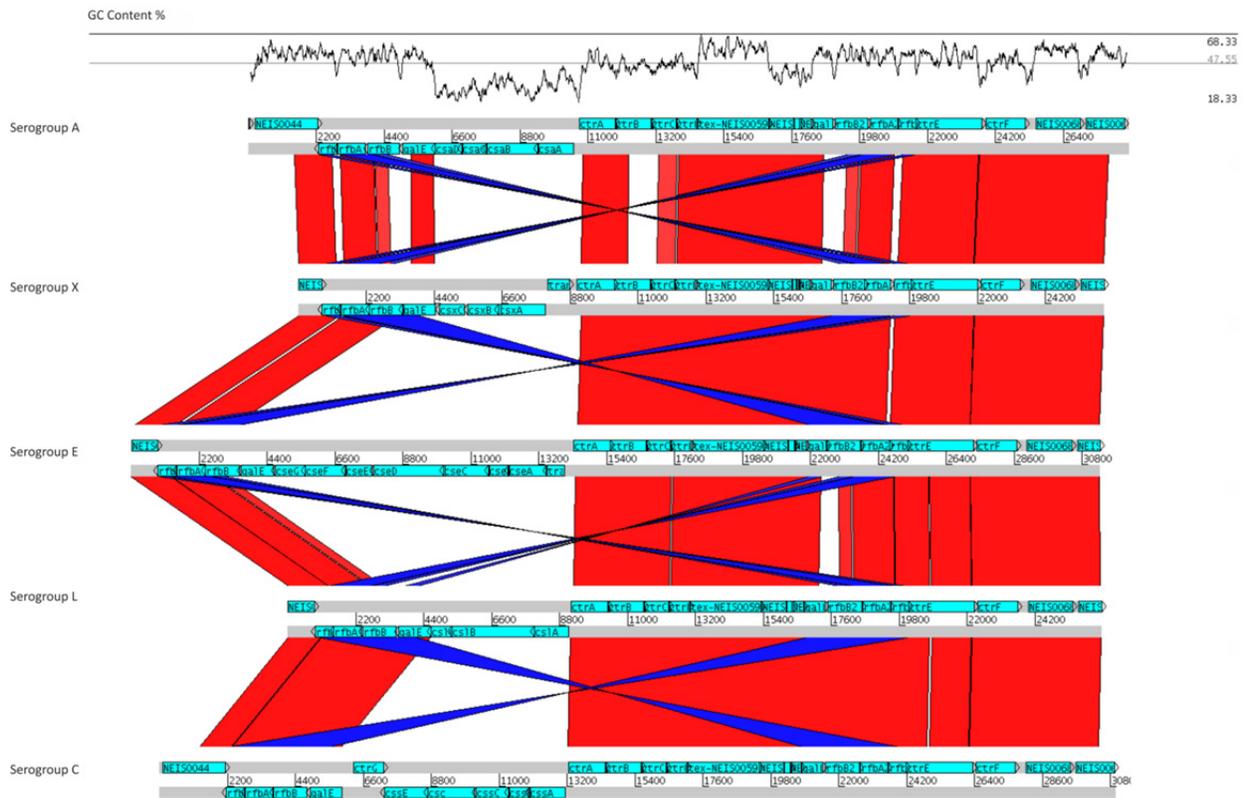
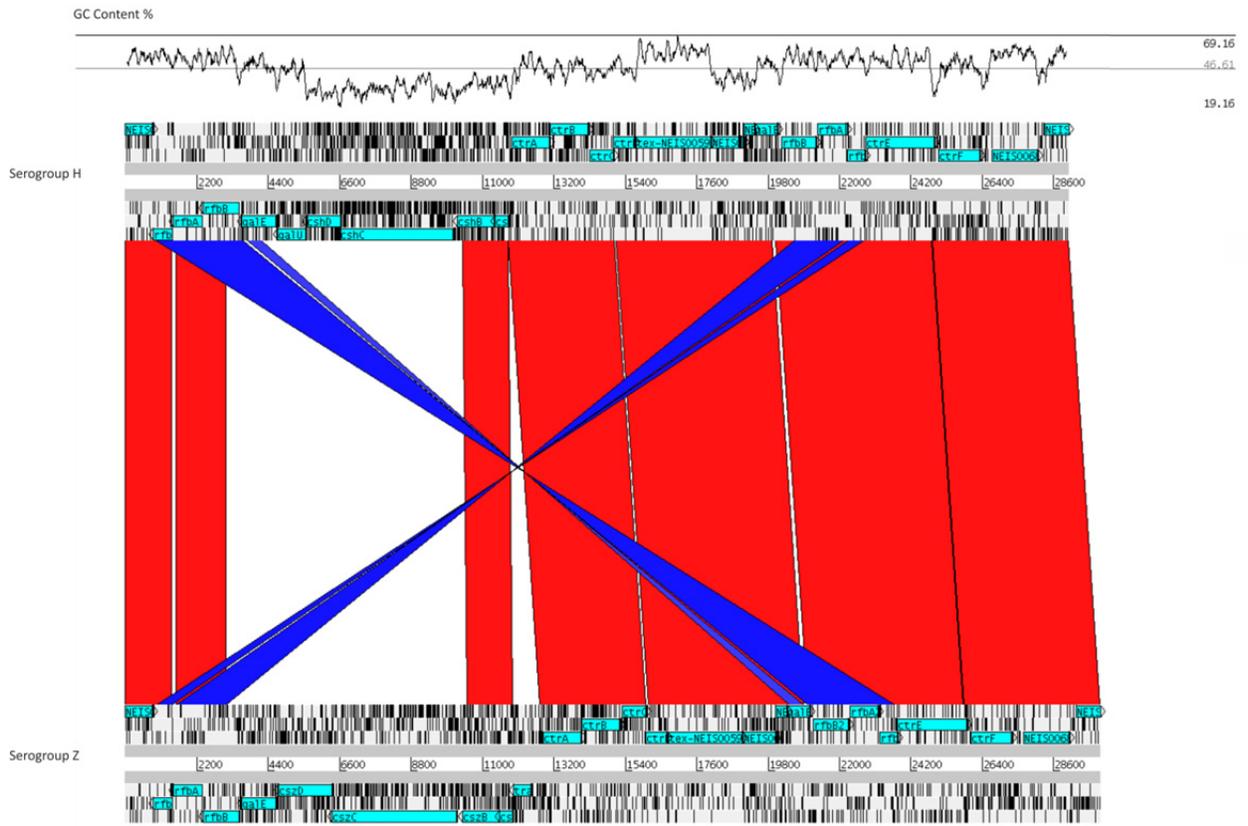


Figure 2. The figure compares *Neisseria meningitidis* serogroups A, X, E, L, and C. The red and blue bands represent forward and reverse matches respectively with the intensity of the color proportional to the percentage sequence identity such that red indicates a good match (typically ranging from 90% to 100% sequence identity) and white indicates a low-scoring match. The average G+C content (%) across the bases is displayed at the top. Analyses were done by using the Artemis comparison tool (27).

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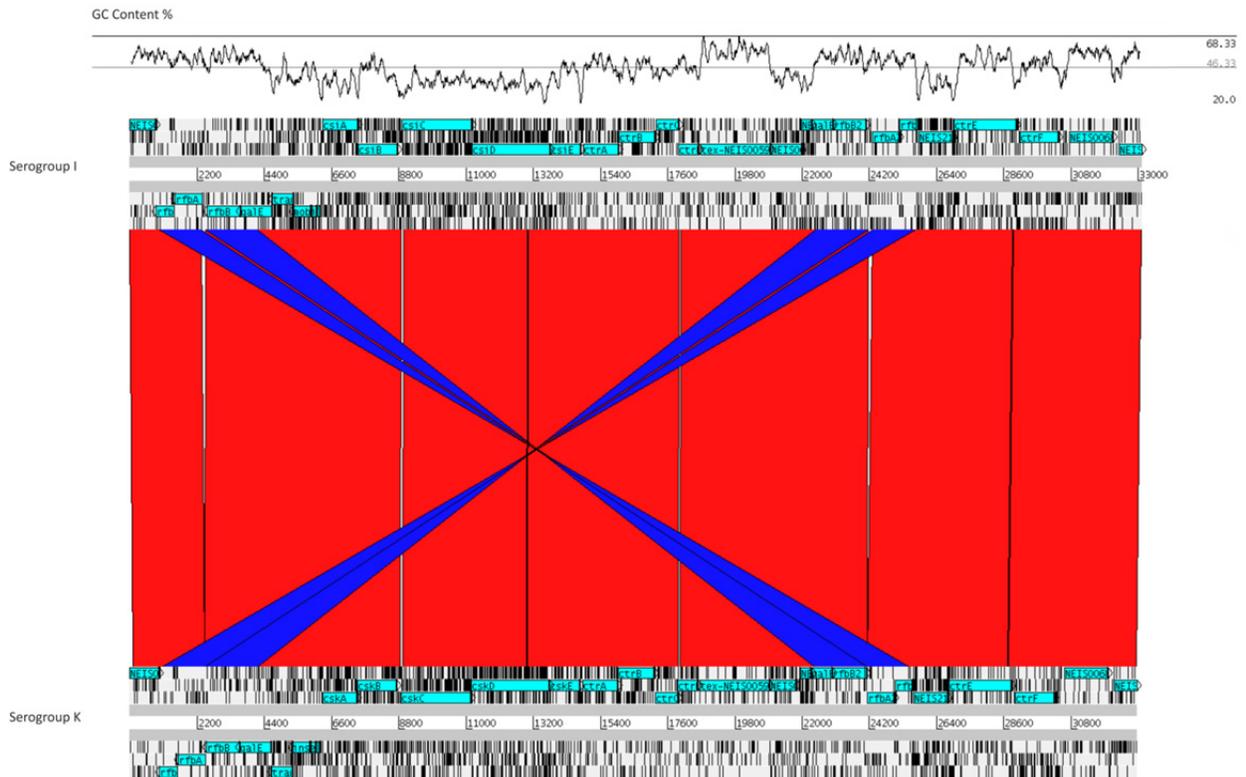


Figure 3. Panel A depicts *Neisseria meningitidis* serogroups H and Z. Panel B depicts serogroups I and K. The red and blue bands represent forward and reverse matches, respectively, with the intensity of the color proportional to the percentage sequence identity such that red indicates a good match (typically ranging from 90% to 100% sequence identity) and white indicates a low-scoring match. The average G+C content (%) across the bases is displayed at the top. Analyses were done by using the Artemis comparison tool (27).