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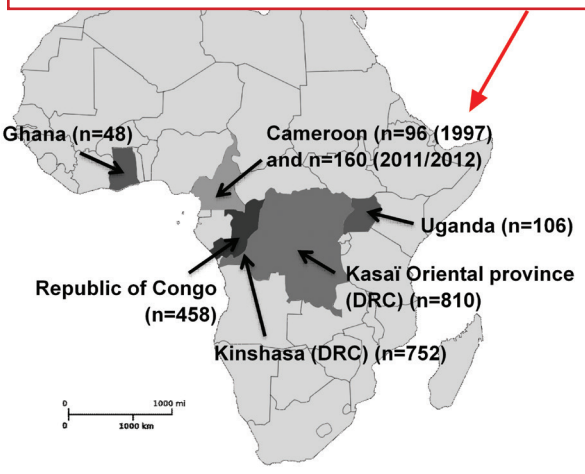

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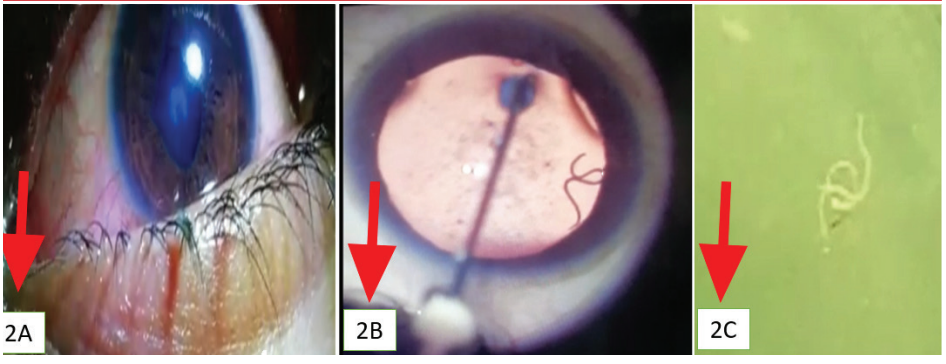

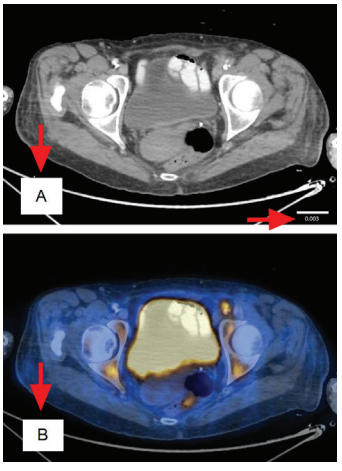

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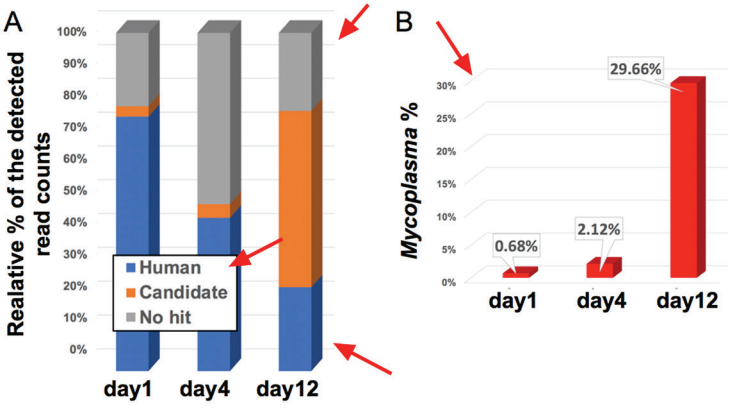

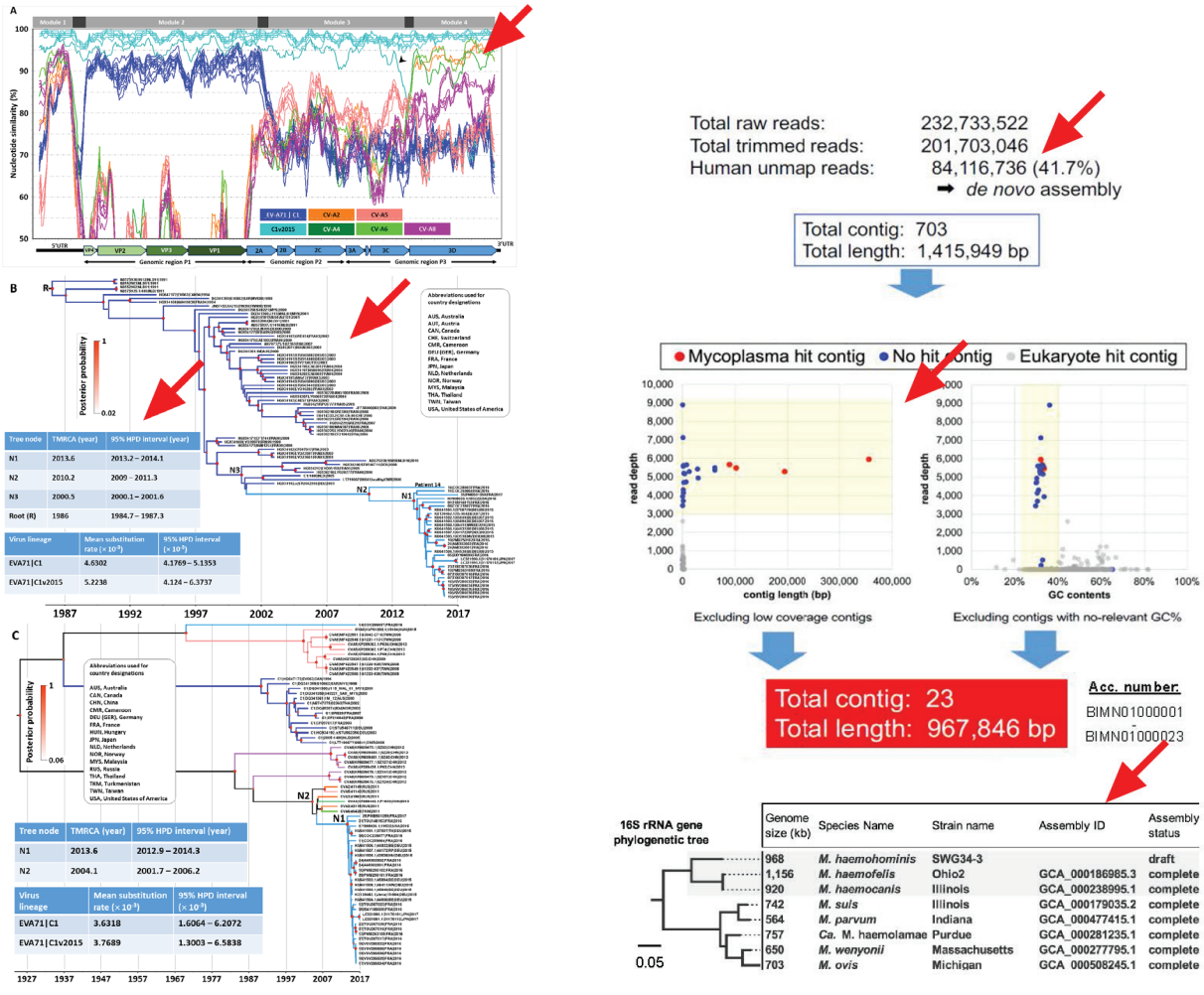

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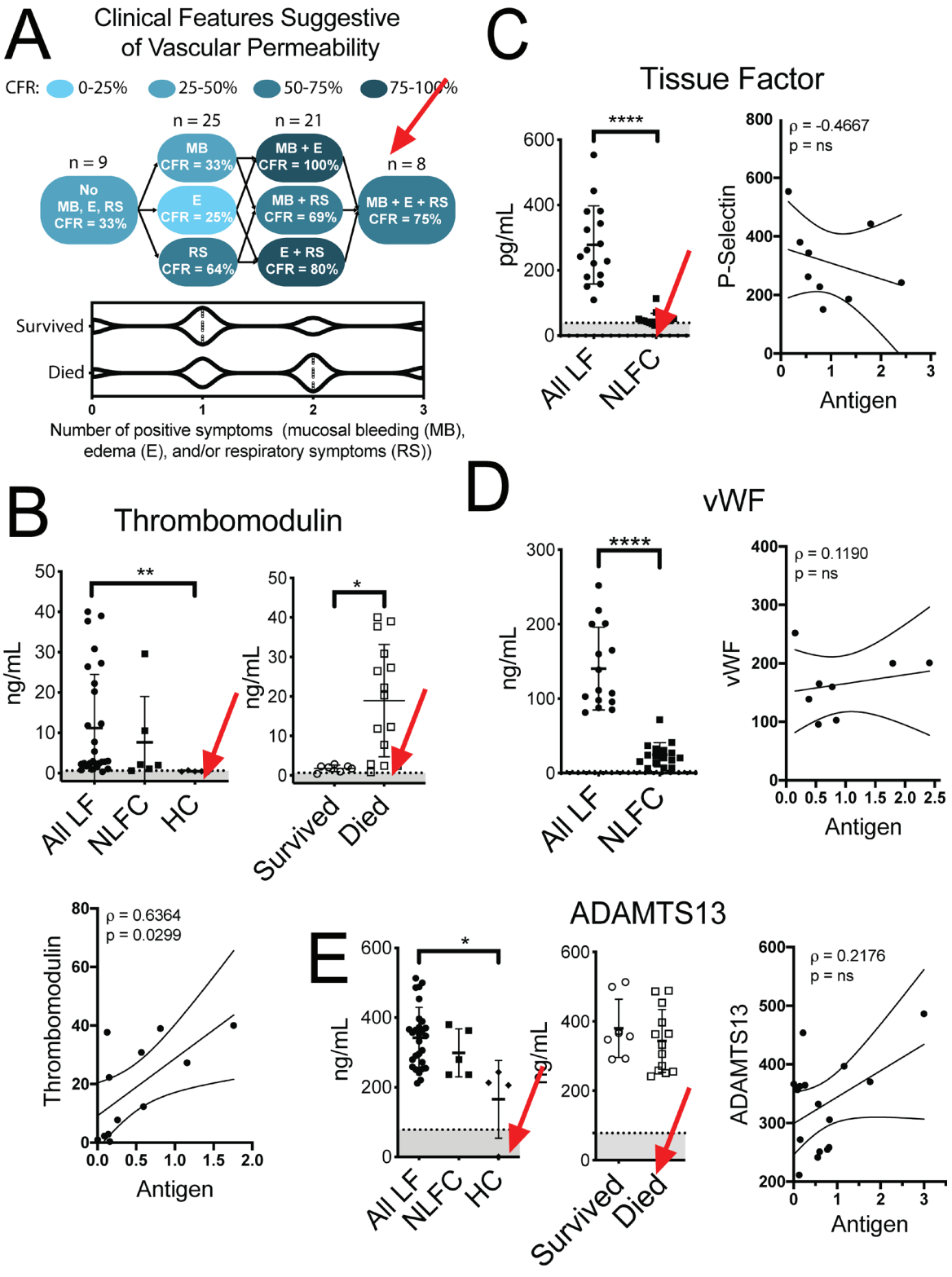

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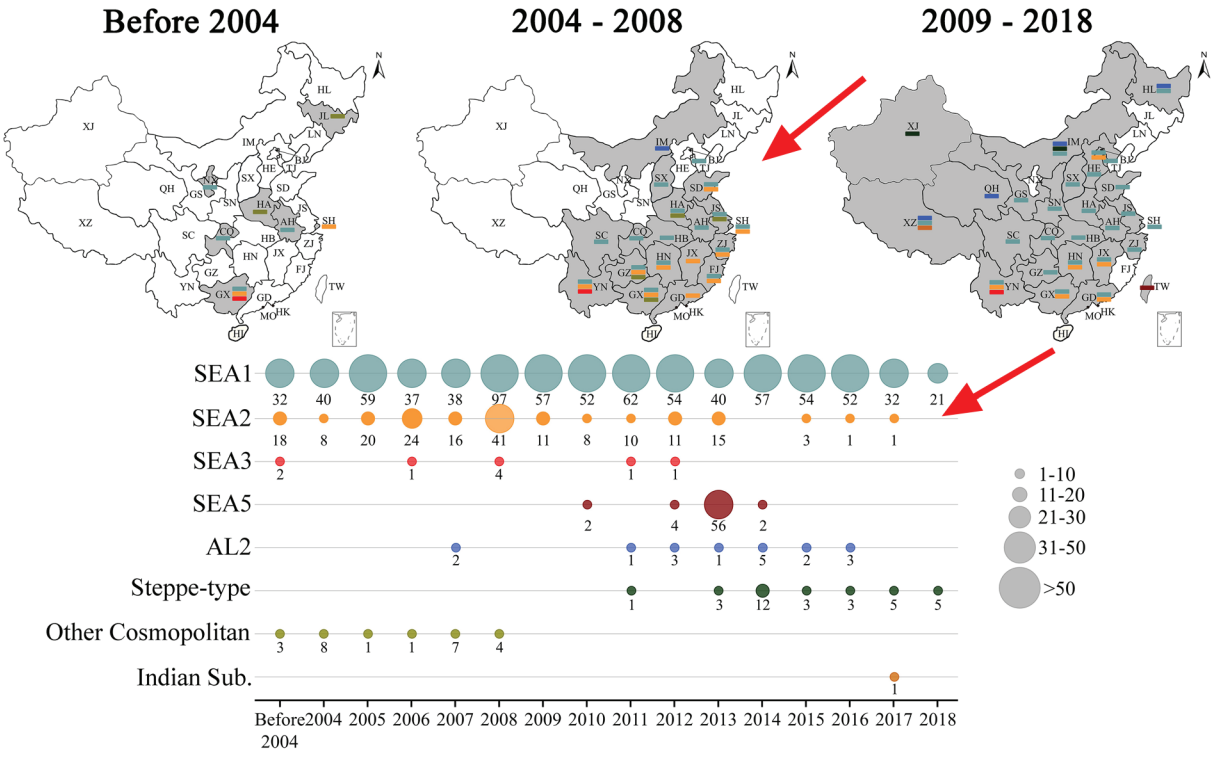

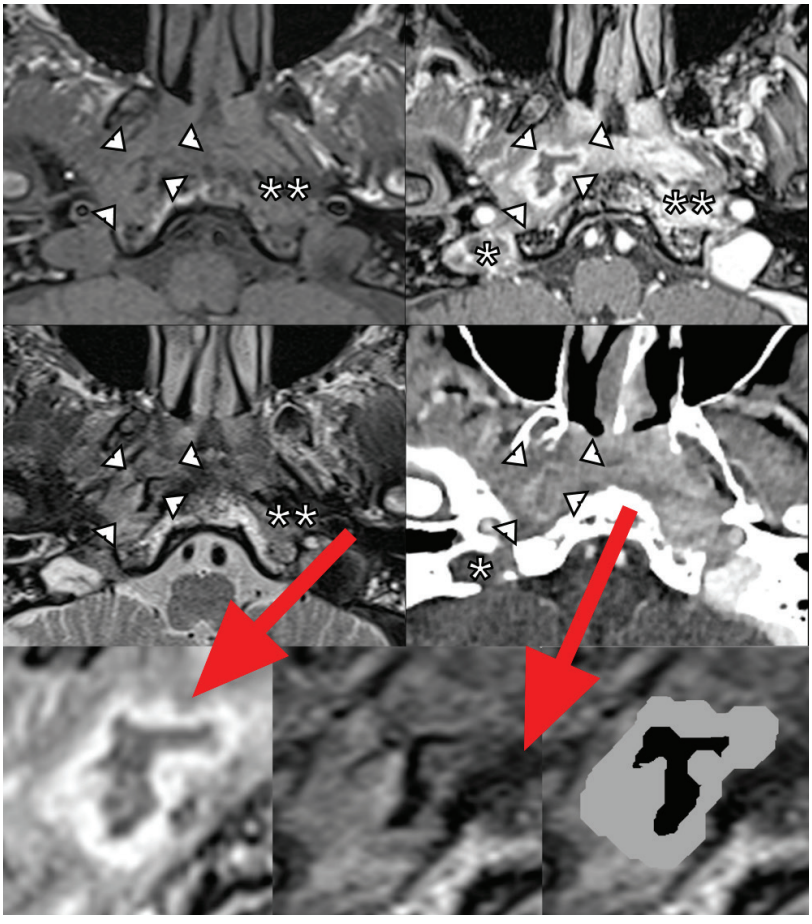

Above: Avoid rules within charts. This figure also mingles disparate elements.

Left: a figure with blurry, low-resolution images.