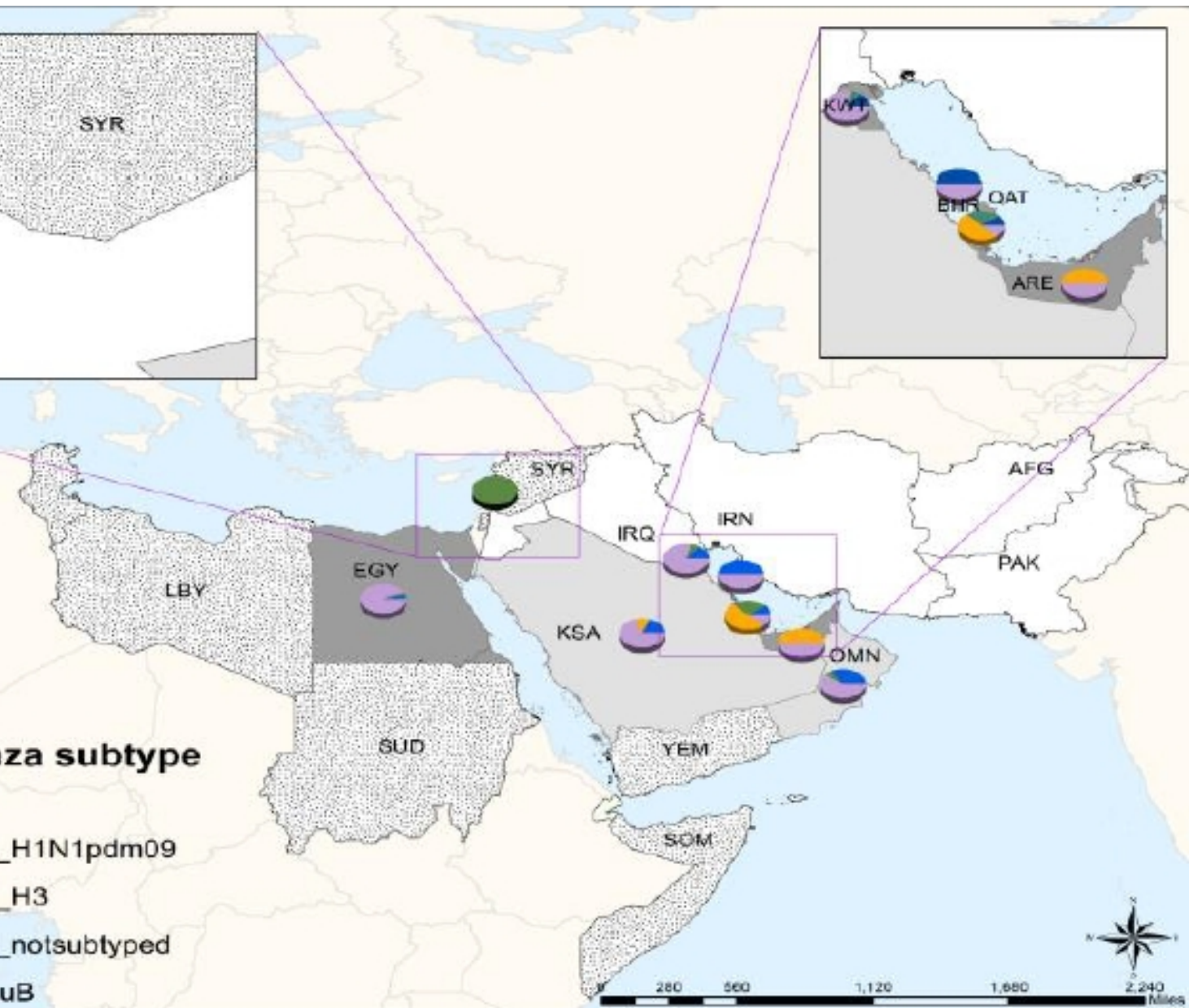


In the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region, influenza activity continues to decrease in the month of June in many countries reporting data to FluNet and EMFLU, namely, Afghanistan, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, occupied Palestinian territory (oPt), Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and United Arab Emirates.

In July 2019, the percentage of tested cases for influenza in EMR is 86.3% out of 4140 enrolled cases, 10.5% of the tested cases is positive and 89.5% is negative.

Figure 1: Influenza geographic spread by type and subtypes, July 2019



• In the context of influenza transmission, the E. coli outbreak in Qatar in 2019 is likely to have been influenced by the influenza A (H1N1)pdm09 virus subtype 'za' (Figure 27) circulating in the region.

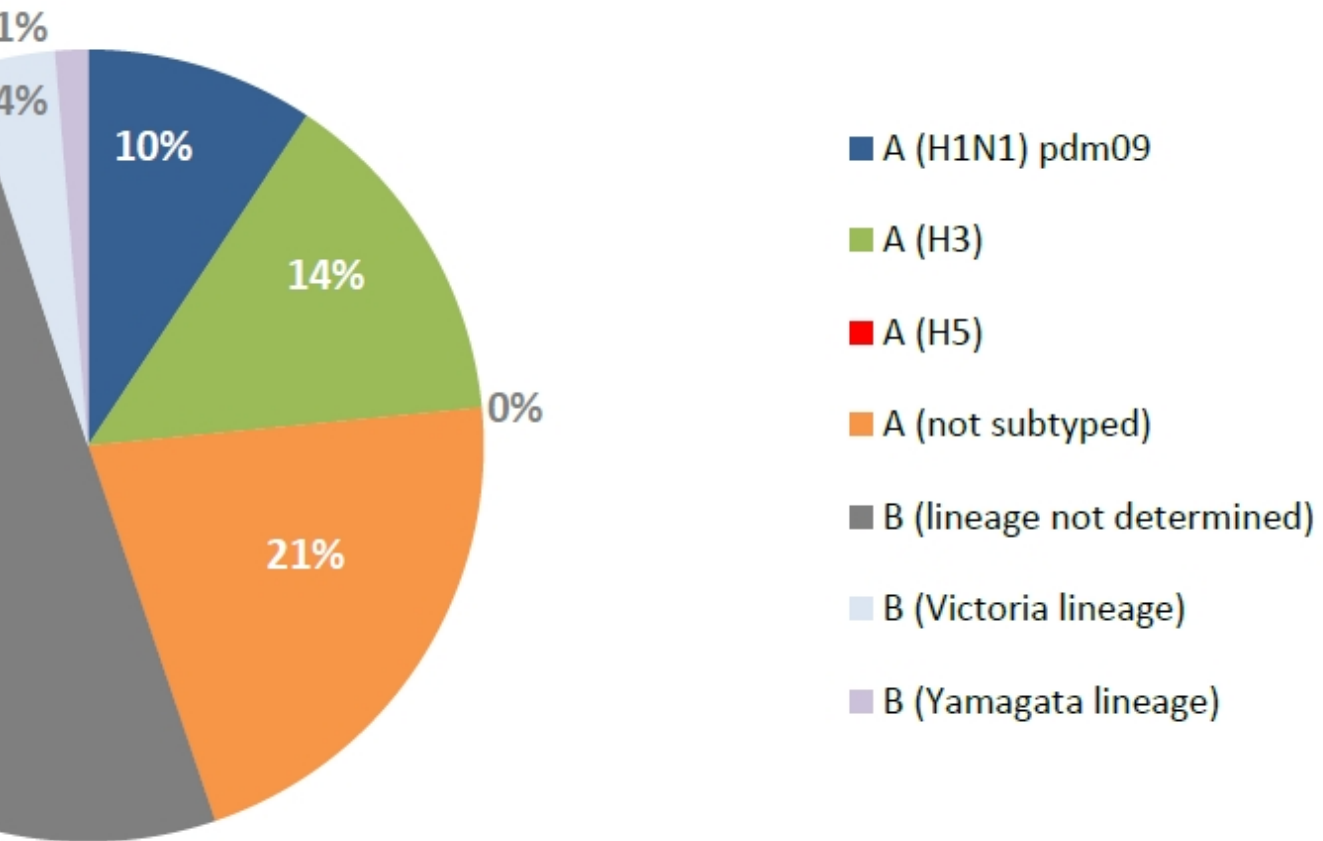
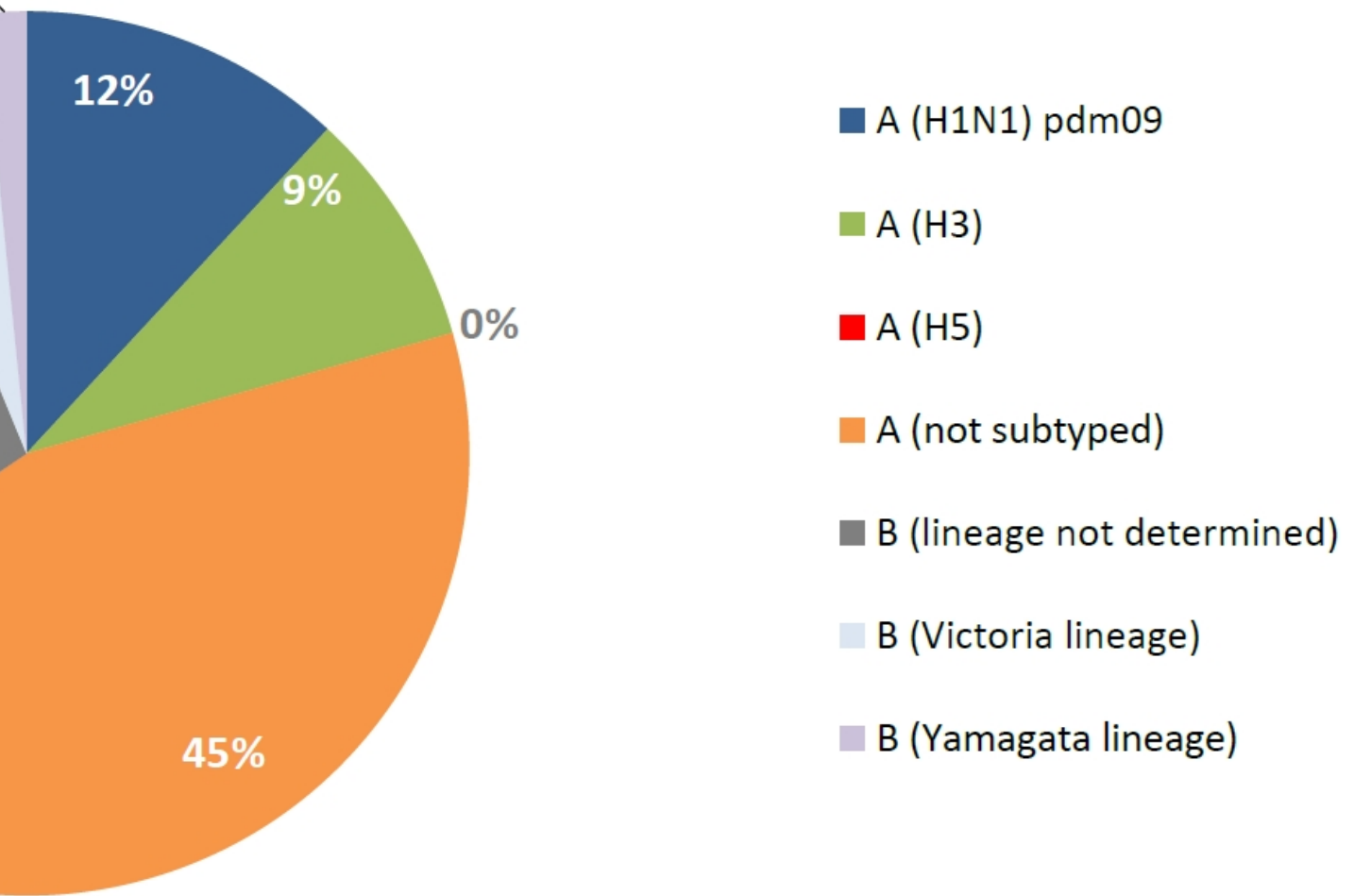


Figure 3: Circulating influenza viruses in the EMR by subtype, July 2019



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