

In the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region, influenza activity continues to decrease in the month of August 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 August 2019, proportion of tested cases for influenza in EMR is 76.9% out of 2,999 enrolled cases, 14.6% of the tested cases is positive and 85.4% is negative.

**Figure 1: Influenza geographic spread by type and subtypes, August 2019.**

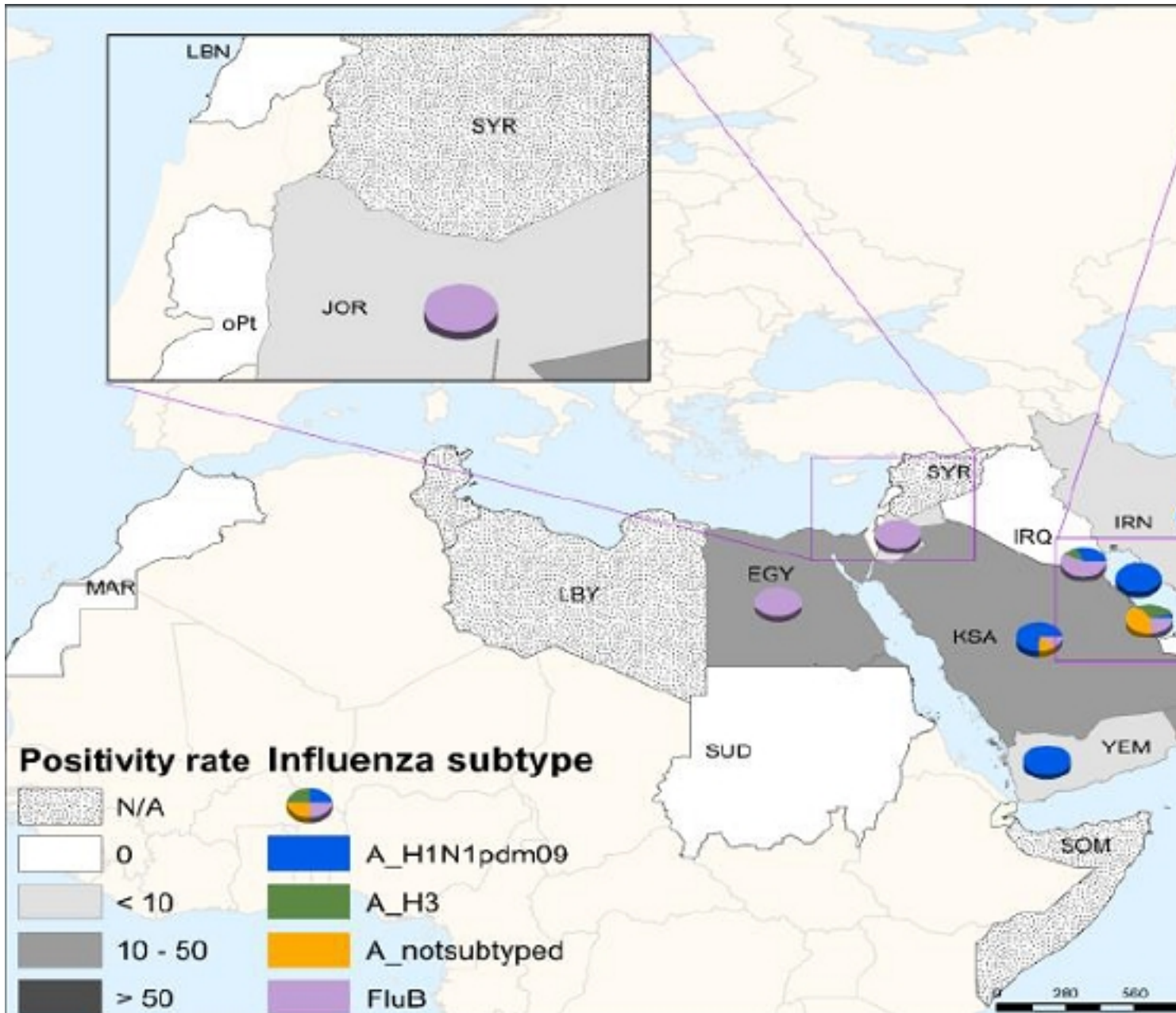


Figure 2. Influenza positivity rates (November 2018 to August 2019) by country, Eastern Mediterranean Region of WHO

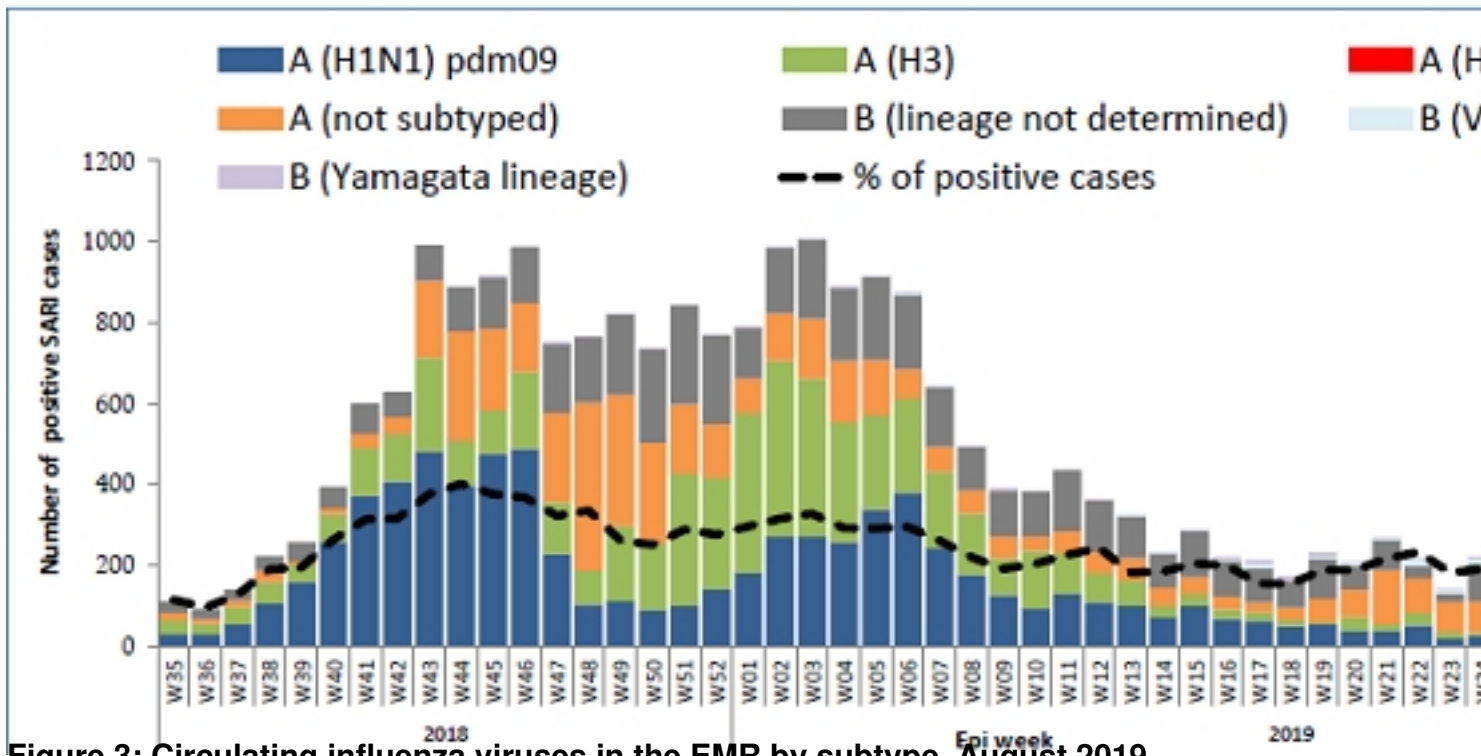
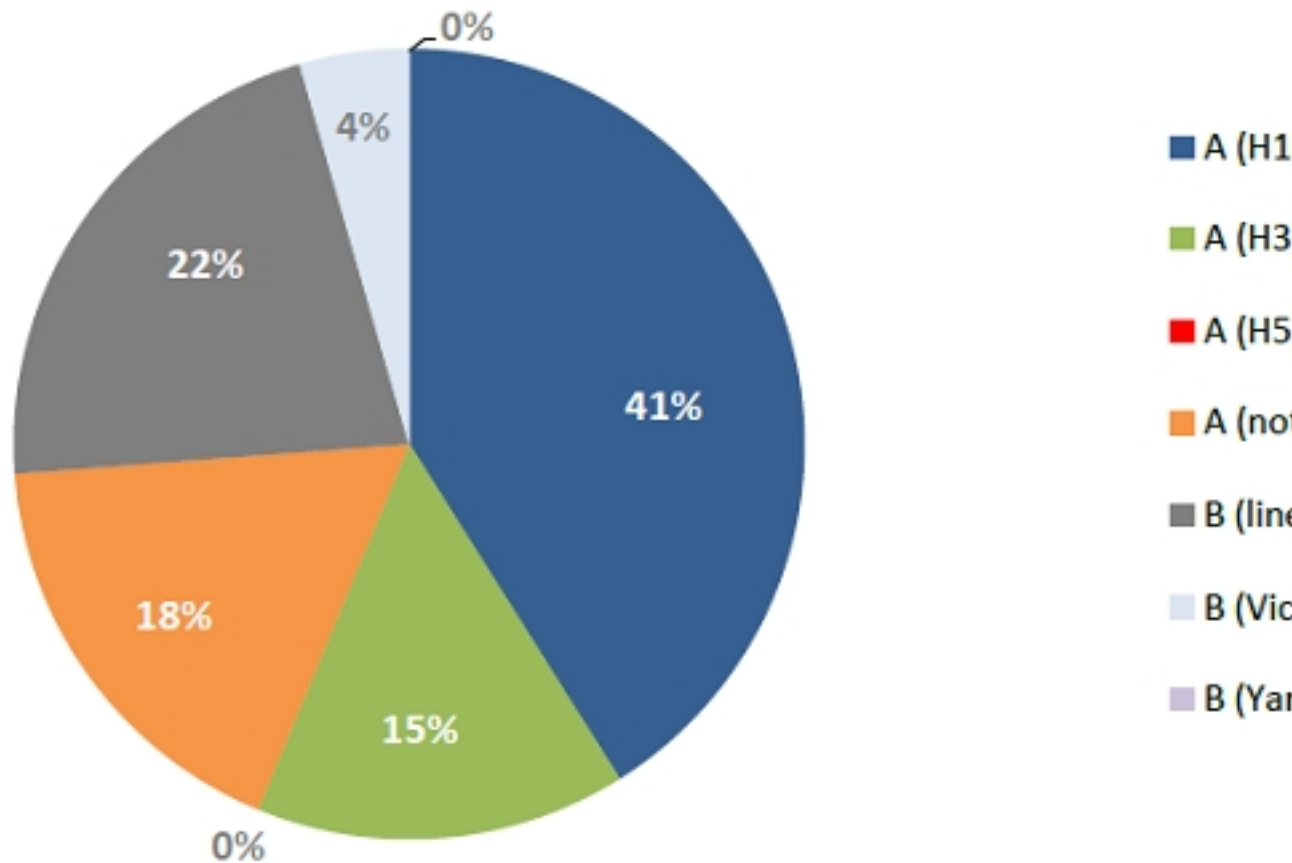


Figure 3: Circulating influenza viruses in the EMP by subtype, August 2019



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