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Due to the development of high throughput sequencing technologies, large-scale sequencing of pathogens, such as influenza viruses and HIV, has not only become a routine work in surveillance of infectious diseases, but also become indispensable in identification of newly emerging infectious disease in their outbreaks. Besides, analyses of these large-scale sequence data of pathogens will significantly enhance our understanding towards the evolution of diseases, promoting new strategies for prevention and control of these viruses. This research mainly focuses on modeling the evolution of infectious disease from gene data and epidemiological data. Many computational methods have been developed in this lab to understand the origin and evolution of influenza viruses. They were demonstrated to be helpful in influenza vaccine recommendation, estimating the mortality burden and disease lethality, sourcing newly emerging influenza viruses, and so on. They have made a significant influence in the field of bioinformatics and informatics of infectious diseases. Among them, in collaboration with China CDC, the new methods developed for vaccine recommendation of human influenza viruses have now been in use in China CDC for assisting flu vaccine strains selection.

Recent Publications

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Biography

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