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31 backyard poultry; live bird market; dabbling duck; goose; swan; evolutionary network;  
32 reassortment; phylogenetic; United States



34 **Abstract**

35 Wild bird–origin influenza A viruses (IAVs or avian influenza) have led to  
36 sporadic outbreaks among domestic poultry in the United States (US) and Canada,  
37 resulting in economic losses through the implementation of costly containment practices  
38 and destruction of birds. We used evolutionary analyses of virus sequence data to  
39 determine that 78 H5 low pathogenic avian influenza viruses (LPAIVs) isolated from  
40 domestic poultry in the US and Canada during 2001–2017 resulted from 18 independent  
41 virus introductions from wild birds. Within the wild bird reservoir, the hemagglutinin  
42 gene segments of H5 LPAIVs exist primarily as two co-circulating genetic sublineages,  
43 and our findings suggest the H5 gene segments flow within each migratory bird flyway  
44 and among adjacent flyways, with limited exchange between the non-adjacent Atlantic  
45 and Pacific Flyways. Phylogeographic analyses provided evidence that IAVs from  
46 dabbling ducks and swans/geese contributed to emergence of viruses among domestic  
47 poultry. H5 LPAIVs isolated from commercial farm poultry (i.e. turkey) were descended  
48 from a single introduction typically remain a single genotype, whereas those from live  
49 bird markets sometimes led to multiple genotypes, reflecting the potential for  
50 reassortment with other IAVs circulating within live bird markets. H5 LPAIV introduced  
51 from wild birds to domestic poultry represent economic threats to the U.S. poultry  
52 industry, and our data suggest that such introductions have been sporadic, controlled  
53 effectively through production monitoring and a stamping-out policy, and are, therefore,  
54 unlikely to result in sustained detections in commercial poultry operations.

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58 **Importance**

59           Integration of viral genome sequencing into influenza surveillance for wild birds  
60 and domestic poultry can elucidate evolutionary pathways of economically costly poultry  
61 pathogens. Evolutionary analyses of H5 LPAIVs detected in domestic poultry in US and  
62 Canada during 2001–2017 suggest that these viruses originated from repeated  
63 introductions of IAVs from wild birds, followed by various degrees of reassortment.  
64 Reassortment was observed where biosecurity was low and there were opportunities for  
65 more than one virus to circulate existed (e.g. congregations of birds from different  
66 premises such as live bird markets). None of the H5 lineages identified were maintained  
67 long term in domestic poultry, suggesting that management strategies have been effective  
68 in minimizing the impacts of virus introductions on US poultry production.

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## 72 **Introduction**

73           Influenza A viruses (IAVs) are single-stranded, negative sense RNA viruses with  
74 eight genomic segments. Wild waterbirds, especially migratory waterfowl, such as geese  
75 and ducks, along with gulls and shorebirds are purported to be the natural reservoir for  
76 IAVs of the hemagglutinin (HA) subtypes H1–16 and neuraminidase (NA) subtypes N1–  
77 9. IAVs are maintained in wild waterbirds, and those of low pathogenicity result in  
78 enteric infections with rare evidence of clinical illness. In contrast, IAVs typically result  
79 in respiratory disease in gallinaceous birds, such as chickens and turkeys; clinical signs  
80 and disease severity vary and are strain-dependent. Subtypes H5 and H7 low pathogenic  
81 avian influenza A viruses (LPAIVs) demonstrate the potential to evolve from low to  
82 highly pathogenic avian influenza A viruses (HPAIVs) through increased HA cleavability  
83 by acquiring multiple basic amino acids (1-3) or insertions (4-8) at the cleavage site  
84 during replication (8, 9). H5 and H7 HPAI causes high mortality among domestic poultry  
85 leading to large economic losses.

86           Reassortment is another mechanism that can contribute to the generation of novel  
87 and economically costly IAVs in domestic birds. For example, H7N9 and H10N8 IAVs  
88 recently identified in China appear to have wild bird–origin HA and NA genes and  
89 internal genes from IAVs circulating among domestic poultry (10, 11). Both of these  
90 reassortant viruses have been associated with human disease that may have resulted from  
91 contact with infected birds at live bird markets (LBMs). A H7N9 IAV that most likely  
92 resulted from reassortment of H7, N9, and H9N2 avian IAVs has caused >1,566 human  
93 infections and at least 613 deaths in China (11, 12); a H10N8 avian-origin IAV also



94 originated from reassortant of H10N8 and H9N2 IAVs in LBMs and caused human  
95 infections (10, 13).

96         In the United States (US) and Canada (collectively referred to as North America  
97 for the purposes of this study), poultry production systems include large commercial  
98 poultry farms (CPFs), backyard poultry operations (BYPs), game bird poultry farms  
99 (GBPs), and LBMs. CPFs are defined as large-scale commercial poultry farms  
100 with >1,000 domestic birds per year. BYPs are defined as residential farms raising small  
101 flocks of domestic birds; these, typically produce  $\leq 1,000$  birds per year. GBPs are poultry  
102 operations raising small flocks of game birds, such as pheasants and quail, often released  
103 for sport harvest. LBMs are operations that typically supply live birds for on-site  
104 slaughter to consumers. Some, such as botanicas, may sell live birds as well. LBMs may  
105 acquire birds from both non-CPF and CPF sources. In the US, CPFs are located primarily  
106 in the southern and midwestern regions, while many LBMs are located in urban areas of  
107 the western and northeastern regions; and BYPs and GBPs are present in all regions (14-  
108 16).

109         Detections of IAVs in domestic poultry are not uncommon (17); wild bird–origin  
110 IAVs are usually identified as the source of virus across a variety of North American  
111 poultry production systems (3, 9, 17-21). In rare cases, LPAIVs circulating in LBMs have  
112 been associated with outbreaks at commercial farms (22). However, there is limited  
113 information regarding the evolutionary patterns of IAVs detected in North American  
114 poultry. Such information is necessary to improve our collective understanding of the  
115 natural reservoirs (location and wild bird taxa) in which viruses that ultimately lead to  
116 poultry outbreaks are maintained, how evolutionary mechanisms for IAVs might vary

117 between poultry production systems, and the frequency with which IAVs are shared  
118 among CPFs, BYBs, GBPs, and LBMs.

119 In this study, we genetically characterized and compared inferred evolutionary  
120 pathways of 78 H5 LPAIVs from the US and Canada during 2001–2017. This study  
121 seeks to explore the evolutionary pathways of IAVs that move from wild birds into  
122 domestic poultry. Better understanding of viruses at this interface will help improve  
123 influenza surveillance and management strategies, reduce economic and animal losses,  
124 and decrease opportunities for the generation of novel pathogens including those that can  
125 infect humans and cause pandemic influenza threats.

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## 127 **Results**

128 **H5 LPAIVs were sporadically detected in CPFs and LBMs.** In this study, an isolate is  
129 defined as an IAV recovered from wild birds or domestic poultry, and an introduction is  
130 defined as a case of IAV infection in domestic poultry; one or more isolates may be  
131 recovered from the same introduction. A total of 78 H5 LPAI isolates from domestic  
132 poultry in North America during 2001–2017 were included in the study. Isolates were  
133 recovered from CPFs (n = 11), BYPs (n = 3), GBPs (n = 2), and LBMs (n = 62) (Table 1).  
134 H5 isolates were identified on CPFs in turkey (n = 11, commercial turkey growers are  
135 indoor operations with curtain-sides); from BYPs in a mallard duck, a domestic duck and  
136 a guinea fowl; from GBPs in a pheasant and a quail; and in LBM samples collected from  
137 domestic ducks (n = 42), chicken (n = 7), guinea fowl (n = 6), turkey (n = 1), quail (n =  
138 2), pheasant (n=1), and unknown species (n = 3) (Table 1). Based upon the inferred  
139 phylogenetic relationships and nucleotide identities for the HA gene segment, these 78

140 H5 poultry isolations result from 18 independent introductions (details in Materials and  
141 Methods) (Figure 1A; Figure S1. Among the 18 introductions, 5 were detected in CPFs, 9  
142 in LBMs, 2 from a BYP, and 2 from a GBP (Figure 1A). Each introduction event was  
143 identified by the operation type, state, year, and HA/NA subtype from the first isolate; for  
144 example ‘CPF-WI-2017(H5N2)’ denotes an H5N2 event in commercial turkeys from  
145 Wisconsin during 2017. Where more than one event occurred in a state within one year,  
146 the events are distinguished by a letter; for example ‘LBM-NJ-2006(H5N2)a’ and ‘LBM-  
147 NJ-2006(H5N2)b’ represent two independent H5N2 events in New Jersey LBMs during  
148 2006.

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150 **H5 LPAIVs from US and Canadian domestic poultry are of North American lineage**  
151 **and share genetic ancestry with wild bird–origin IAVs.** Geographic lineage was  
152 assigned based upon phylogenetic analyses of the HA gene for the 78 H5 LPAIVs; we  
153 considered this lineage to be comprised primarily of four distinct sublineages (Figure 1B).  
154 A total of 70 of the 78 domestic poultry isolates characterized in this study, as well as the  
155 majority of the wild bird–origin H5 LPAIVs identified in the US and Canada from 2001  
156 to 2017 clustered within sublineages 1 and 2. Viruses causing enzootic outbreaks of IAVs  
157 among domestic poultry in Mexico are clustered in sublineage 3, whereas IAVs  
158 circulating in both wild birds and domestic poultry in the US and Canada during 1966–  
159 1990 were grouped in sublineage 4 (Figure 1B). Eight additional H5 subtype IAVs  
160 identified in poultry from the US and Canada, along with a relatively small number of  
161 wild bird–origin IAVs isolated from samples collected during 1987–2008, clustered in  
162 clades not assigned to these four sublineages (Figure 1B).

163 We used the relationships inferred by phylogenetic and nucleotide sequence  
164 identities to further distinguish genetic groups within sublineages 1 and 2. The 78 H5  
165 isolates from North American poultry clustered into 18 distinct genetic groups. Five  
166 genetic groups contained isolates detected in domestic birds sampled on CPFs, nine  
167 genetic groups contained isolates detected in birds sampled from LBMs, two genetic  
168 groups contained isolates detected in birds sampled from BYPs, and two genetic groups  
169 contained isolates detected in birds sampled from GBPs. For most poultry isolates (67%),  
170 nucleotide sequence identity at the HA gene segment of H5 LPAIVs was >99% similar to  
171 that for wild bird–origin viruses (Figure 1B; Figure S1; Table S1); however, within a  
172 genetic group, the poultry isolates were most similar to each other, suggesting a common  
173 introduction event with subsequent spread (Figure S1). Based upon this analysis, each of  
174 the 18 genetic groups was determined to represent discrete introduction events of IAVs  
175 from wild birds to domestic poultry. Additionally, only one production system was  
176 affected in each of the 18 inferred introduction events (e.g., CPFs, BYPs, GBPs, or LBMs)  
177 (Table 1).

178 Based upon phylogenetic analyses, the NA and internal gene segments of the H5  
179 LPAI from poultry (including CPFs, LBMs, GBPs and BYPs) were genetically diverse  
180 (Figure 2). Phylogenetic analyses also identified potential precursor strains for 15 of the  
181 18 purported introductions; three events were excluded: CPF-CA-2002(H5N2) had an  
182 incomplete genome, LBM-NY-2016(H5N2) lacked wild bird progenitor genes and LBM-  
183 NY-2007(H5N2) lacked wild bird precursors (Table 2). For 13 of the inferred  
184 introductions, potential wild bird progenitor strains shared similar phylogenetic positions  
185 in tree topologies with high nucleotide sequence similarity for 3 to 4 gene segments

186 (Table 2). Potential wild bird progenitor viruses across all eight gene segments were  
187 identified for two purported introductions: a Canada goose (*Branta canadensis*) virus for  
188 CPF-MO-2016(H5N1) and an American wigeon (*Mareca americana*) for BYP-OR-  
189 2006(H5N2) (Table 2).

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191 **Geographic and temporal patterns of H5 LPAIV lineages in North America.** Fifteen  
192 of the 18 introductions were detected in only one flyway: seven within the Atlantic  
193 Flyway (one CPF and six LBM detections), three within the Mississippi Flyway (two  
194 CPF and one BYP detection); one in the Central Flyway (a CPF detection); and four  
195 within the Pacific Flyway (one CPF, one BYP, and two GBP detections). The remaining  
196 three introductions were LBM-associated detections in the Atlantic and Mississippi  
197 Flyways. Of the LBM events, eight were genetically related other IAVs detected in  
198 Canadian provinces or US states (Table 1).

199 To further evaluate gene flow for the H5 HA gene segment, we performed  
200 phylogeographic analyses for viruses in sublineages 1 and 2. Viruses in sublineage 1,  
201 which included viruses associated with 13 introduction events, were predominantly from  
202 the Central (5.36%), Mississippi (31.07%), and Atlantic (63.57%) Flyways. Most  
203 (81.03%) of the viruses in sublineage 2, associated with three introduction events, were  
204 from wild birds sampled within the Pacific Flyway (Figure 1C). Two events were not  
205 associated with either lineage 1 or 2: CPF-CA-2002(H5N2), and LBM-NY-2007(H5N2),  
206 the latter of which involved seven LPAIVs detected during 2007–2009. Bayesian  
207 analyses of viruses in sublineage 1 and 2 indicated unilateral or bilateral state transitions  
208 suggestive of H5 HA gene flow among the Atlantic, Mississippi, and Central Flyways

209 and among the Mississippi, Central, and Pacific Flyways (Bayes factor  $>3$ ). However,  
210 no state transitions suggestive of H5 HA gene flow were supported between the Atlantic  
211 and Pacific Flyways (Bayes factor  $<3$ , no significant transition was observed) (Table S2;  
212 Figure S2). In summary, phylogeographic analyses suggested H5 HA gene flow across  
213 adjacent or nearby flyways but not between the Atlantic and Pacific Flyways.

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215 **H5 LPAIVs detected in domestic poultry are likely descendant from those in**  
216 **dabbling ducks or geese/swans.** To understand whether specific hosts were associated  
217 with virus introductions detected in domestic poultry, we categorized bird host species  
218 into 9 functional groups based on taxonomic and ecologic attributes: dabbling duck,  
219 diving/sea duck, goose/swan, gull/tern/seabird, raptor, shorebird, other avian, unknown,  
220 and poultry (see Materials and Methods section for details). Phylogeographic analyses  
221 were performed to estimate Bayes factors between the domestic poultry viruses and  
222 viruses from each functional group. A combination of Bayes factor  $\geq 3$  and mean  
223 indicator  $\geq 0.5$  was used as the threshold of statistical significance; a larger Bayes factor  
224 indicates a higher probability that a specific functional group is associated with an  
225 introduction event (3, 23).

226 Using phylogeographic analyses, we assessed the genetic origins for 16 of the 18  
227 purported introduction events; two events were excluded: CPF-CA-2002(H5N2) had an  
228 incomplete genome, and LBM-NY-2016(H5N2) lacked related wild bird samples. Our  
229 results suggest that IAVs in wild waterfowl (dabbling ducks, swans/geese, or diving/sea  
230 ducks) were the probable progenitor for at least one viral gene segment for 15 of 16  
231 investigated introduction events; no probable wild bird IAV progenitor was identified for

232 LBM-NY-2007(H5N2) (Tables S3 and S4). Neither gulls/terns/seabirds nor raptors were  
233 supported as probable sources of gene segments for H5 IAVs detected in domestic  
234 poultry, and shorebirds were supported as a probable progenitor for only one gene  
235 segment for a single introduction event [MP gene of CPF-VA-2007(H5N1)]. Dabbling  
236 ducks, in particular, were associated with numerous gene segments from North American  
237 poultry viruses, including all gene segments of viruses involved in the following  
238 outbreaks: CPF-WI-2017(H5N2) (Bayes factor 6.59 to 35.12), CPF-MB-2010(H5N2)  
239 (Bayes factor 3.24 to 189.74), LBM-NJ-2015(H5N1) (Bayes factor 4.65 to 138.71),  
240 LBM-NY-2006(H5N2) (Bayes factor 6.89 to 1,244.25), and LBM-NJ-2006a(H5N2)  
241 (Bayes factor 12.21 to >10,000) (Table S4). For recent introductions (2015–2017): CPF-  
242 WI-2017(H5N2) was associated with dabbling duck origin viruses across all eight  
243 segments (Bayes factor 6.59 to 35.12) (Table S3); CPF-MO-2016(H5N1) was associated  
244 with goose/swan origin viruses across six segments (PB2, PB1, PA, HA, MP, and NS)  
245 (Bayes factor 15.69 to 149.91) (Figure 3; Table S3); and LBM-NJ-2015(H5N1) was  
246 associated with dabbling duck viruses (HA and NA; Bayes factor 53.98 and 8.12,  
247 respectively), diving/sea duck virus (NP; Bayes factor 169.25), and goose/swan virus (NS;  
248 Bayes factor 9.55) (Table S3). Functional groups associated with all eight gene segments  
249 were identified for only four of the 18 purported introductions into North American  
250 poultry during 2001–2017. Among them, all gene segments were associated with  
251 dabbling duck, goose/swan, or unknown functional groups (Tables S3 and S4).

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253 **H5 LPAIVs in LBMs have potential opportunities for reassortment.** The opportunity  
254 for reassortment exists whenever two or more viruses circulate simultaneously. For CPFs,

255 only a single genotype was associated with each introduction event, whereas, multiple  
256 genotypes were identified among viruses associated with two of the LBM introductions  
257 [LBM-NY-2006(H5N2) and LBM-NJ-2001(H5N2)]; (Figure 2). Neither LBM virus was  
258 found to be related to other poultry introduction events in this study. Reassortment may  
259 have played a role in the evolutionary pathways of viruses associated with LBM-NY-  
260 2006(H5N2) and LBM-NJ-2001(H5N2). Phylogeographic analyses suggest that viruses  
261 from several functional groups may have contributed to the evolution of viruses detected  
262 in LBMs (Table S4). The viruses from the unknown group could include other reservoirs  
263 (e.g. wild bird) for which we lack data or uncontrolled viruses in the LBMs. Thus, these  
264 H5 viruses can be associated with a single introduction of H5 gene, but NA or internal  
265 genes could be associated with viruses (all HA/NA subtypes rather than only H5 subtype)  
266 that may circulate in LBMs or with introductions from other reservoirs (e.g. wild birds).

267       Compared with H5 viruses detected on CPFs, those detected in LBMs were more  
268 temporally and spatially diverse. For example, four LBM introductions events included  
269 detections over several years and/or multiple states [LBM-NJ-2007(H5N2), LBM-NY-  
270 2006(H5N2), LBM-NJ-2006(H5N2)b, and LBM-NJ-2001(H5N2)], whereas CPF  
271 introduction events did not occur across years.

272

273 **Temporal gaps exist between emergence and detection of H5 LPAIVs in domestic**  
274 **poultry in North America.** The temporal gap between the time of H5 virus introduction  
275 into poultry and flock detection was estimated. Molecular clock analysis was used to  
276 determine the time of most recent common ancestor (TMRCAs) between inferred wild  
277 bird progenitors and poultry isolates, and documented detection dates were obtained for 9



278 introduction events (Table 3). Estimated temporal gaps for three CPF introductions were  
279 146, 80, and 142 days (average 123 [ $\pm$ 37 standard deviation] days) (Table 3). The  
280 temporal gaps for seven LBM introductions varied from 97 to 487 days (average 231  
281 [ $\pm$ 137 standard deviation] days) (Table 3).

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### 283 **Discussion**

284 We investigated evolutionary pathways for 78 H5 LPAIVs detected in North  
285 American domestic poultry across CPFs, BYPs, GBPs, and LBMs during 2001–2017; our  
286 data suggest that the events were the result of 18 discrete virus introductions from wild  
287 birds. The H5 LPAIVs from North American poultry in this study share ancestry with  
288 viruses circulating among wild waterfowl, a finding generally consistent with those from  
289 other investigations of outbreaks in US poultry production systems (3, 9, 17-21). Our  
290 findings support that H5 LPAIVs maintained in certain wild bird species represent an  
291 ongoing threat to domestic poultry in North America.

292 A previous study investigating the ancestral origins of H7 HPAIV reported among  
293 turkeys in Indiana, US, suggested that IAVs from diving ducks were associated with  
294 evolution of the virus ultimately introduced into the CPFs resulting in an outbreak (3).  
295 Our results show limited evidence for diving duck–associated IAVs contributing to the  
296 ancestry of H5 IAVs detected in North American poultry; instead, we found  
297 proportionally more evidence for contributions from dabbling ducks and geese/swans  
298 (Figure 3; Table S4). These findings suggest multiple potential evolutionary pathways for  
299 IAVs that are introduced to domestic poultry, and they highlight one of the challenges for  
300 avian influenza surveillance in wild birds: identifying the most pertinent wild bird species

301 to target for sample collection to obtain meaningful reference information for better  
302 understanding the emergence of IAVs among poultry (24, 25).

303 We explored the time and location of H5 IAV introductions detected in various  
304 poultry production systems, including multiple introductions into CPFs and LBMs but  
305 did not identify any clear patterns for introductions. Instead, H5 IAV introductions  
306 appeared to be sporadic throughout the year and occur in states/provinces in multiple  
307 regions of the US and Canada. However, it is possible that the number of purported H5  
308 introductions identified in this study was too small to detect patterns or that our data were  
309 of insufficient resolution to accurately identify the true times/locations of introduction  
310 events.

311 Our results suggest that sublineages of contemporary North American–origin H5  
312 gene segments have different geographic distributions: sublineage 1 was predominantly  
313 detected in the Atlantic Flyway but was also detected at a lower frequency in other  
314 flyways, whereas sublineage 2 was most frequently detected in the Pacific Flyway but  
315 was also identified at lower relative abundance in other flyways. Recent genomic  
316 evidence indicates that viruses initially have modest fidelity to migratory bird flyways;  
317 however, over multiple years, IAV lineages tend to disperse flyways (26, 27).  
318 Sublineages 1 and 2 have been co-circulating in wild birds in the North America since  
319 2002, so their restricted gene flow appears to be atypical. Post-hoc phylogeographic  
320 analyses did not show similar geographic patterns for other HA gene segment sublineages  
321 or for those of other genes (data not shown). Additional research is needed to identify  
322 genetic barriers in North America for these two H5 sublineages.

323 Our results provide evidence that, compared with H5 IAV introductions in North  
324 American LBMs, those in each CPF introduction had a single genotype and more recent  
325 estimated TMRCAs with viruses circulating among wild birds. This may indicate that  
326 poultry management activities in North America have successfully identified and quickly  
327 stamped out low pathogenic H5 IAVs in domestic birds raised on CPFs before the viruses  
328 have reassorted or become highly pathogenic. IAVs associated with introductions in  
329 LBMs sometimes had more than one genotype and, compared with CPF-associated IAVs,  
330 had longer mean TMRCAs with inferred wild bird predecessor viruses. Thus, viruses in  
331 North American LBMs may have a longer opportunity to co-circulate with other IAVs  
332 and subsequently form reassortants. Furthermore, the detection of genetically similar  
333 viruses associated with a single introduction event across multiple years and US  
334 states/Canadian provinces suggests that management activities relative to the detection  
335 and stamping out of H5 IAVs may be less efficient in LBMs than on CPFs.

336 On the basis of our results, we propose a conceptual model (Figure 4) describing  
337 generalized evolutionary pathways for low pathogenic H5 avian IAVs detected in North  
338 American domestic poultry. Our results suggest that H5 viruses detected in domestic  
339 poultry in the US and Canada are descended from IAVs circulating among wild birds,  
340 typically waterfowl, that are periodically introduced into poultry production systems. It  
341 appears that, on CPFs, H5 IAVs are detected relatively quickly through surveillance  
342 efforts and that the viruses are effectively eradicated through slaughter and additional  
343 preventative measures, as witnessed by apparent independent evolutionary pathways for  
344 viruses of a single genotype associated with each introduction event. In contrast, our  
345 study provides evidence that viruses in LBMs are not detected as rapidly as those on

346 CPFs and, therefore, may have a greater potential for genetic reassortment with other  
347 wild bird–associated IAVs. The high mobility of birds sold in LBMs also facilitates the  
348 geographic spread of viruses in the US states and Canada.

349 In summary, the apparent repeated introduction of H5 IAVs from wild birds to  
350 domestic poultry in North America highlights the importance of avian IAV surveillance,  
351 particularly at the interface of wild birds and domestic poultry. Proactive and strategic  
352 surveillance covering multiple wild bird species and integrating genomic sequencing  
353 approaches is critical to understanding the evolutionary pathways of IAVs; such  
354 knowledge will be valuable in efforts to refine monitoring activities and optimize early  
355 warning systems. In addition, our findings support the premise that avian H5 IAVs  
356 introduced from wild birds present an ongoing threat to domestic poultry and can be  
357 controlled effectively through management practices, particularly those implemented in  
358 North American CPFs.

359

### 360 **Materials and Methods**

361 **Data.** To understand the genesis of low pathogenic avian H5 IAVs in North America, we  
362 sequenced 37 isolates recovered from domestic poultry samples collected during 2001–  
363 2017 (Table S5); 27 of the isolates were H5N2 viruses (including mixed viruses) from  
364 LBMs, five were H5N2 viruses from CPFs, one was H5N2 virus from a BYP, one was  
365 H5N2 virus from a GBP, and three were H1N1viruses from turkeys (n = 2) and a chicken  
366 (n = 1). Of note, if multiple isolates identified from the same case report had identical  
367 genomic sequences, only one of the isolates was selected for this study. We analyzed  
368 sequence data for these 34 poultry H5 isolates and 44 other North American poultry–

369 origin IAVs deposited in public databases (total of 78 H5 isolates) (Table 1). In addition,  
370 we sequenced 127 H5 IAV isolates originating from wild birds (mostly during 2015 and  
371 2016, n = 116) in 30 US states (Table S5); the isolates were from dabbling ducks (n = 94),  
372 shorebirds (n = 16), geese/swans (n = 10), gulls/terns/seabirds (n = 3), diving/sea ducks  
373 (n = 1), and unknown avian species (n = 3). Genomic sequencing and sequence assembly  
374 were performed as previously described (3); the GenBank accession numbers are listed in  
375 Table S5. The geographic, temporal, and host distribution of all viruses we sequenced are  
376 shown in Figure S3. In this study, the IAVs from commercial flocks and LBMs were  
377 isolated during poultry pre-movement monitoring activities, suspected IAV outbreaks or  
378 surveillance activities; the IAVs from wild birds were isolated during active influenza  
379 surveillance.

380 To perform systematic analyses, we retrieved the genomic sequences for all  
381 avian-origin IAVs from the following public databases in April 2017: the Influenza Virus  
382 Resources (28) (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genomes/FLU>), the Influenza Research  
383 Database (29) (<https://www.fludb.org>), and GISAID (30) (<https://www.gisaid.org>). For  
384 those viruses for which we obtained redundant sequences, we only included the longest  
385 sequence contig per gene segment in analyses. In total, we used sequences from ~20,000  
386 influenza viruses worldwide, including >9,000 IAVs of North American origin (Table  
387 S6). Because our preliminary phylogenetic analyses of these genomic sequences  
388 suggested that the low pathogenic H5 IAV isolates in domestic poultry were genetically  
389 related to North American lineage IAVs (data not shown), we focused subsequent data  
390 analyses only on sequences for IAVs detected in North America. The temporal and host

391 distribution of all viruses of North American origin included in this study are shown in  
392 Figure S4.

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394 **Sequence alignment and phylogenetic analysis.** Multiple sequence alignments were  
395 generated using MAFFT v7.273 (31). Phylogenic analyses were performed using an  
396 approximate maximum-likelihood method with a generalized time-reversible substitution  
397 model and ‘CAT’ approximation rate model by using FastTree v2.1 (32). These  
398 preliminary trees provided initial inference regarding tree topology among all sequences  
399 in the public databases, specifically to differentiate gene segment sequences of North  
400 American lineages from those of Eurasian lineages. A refined phylogenetic tree for each  
401 gene segment was then re-constructed using a maximum-likelihood method by running  
402 RAxML v 8.2.9 (33). A gamma model of rate heterogeneity and a generalized time-  
403 reversible substitution model were used for these phylogenetic analyses, and  
404 bootstrapping was conducted using the same rate and substitution model. Phylogenetic  
405 trees were visualized by ggtree v1.6.11 (34) and FigTree v1.4.3  
406 (<http://tree.bio.ed.ac.uk/software/figtree/>). Topologies of phylogenetic trees were  
407 validated using MrBayes 3.2.7 (35), PAUP\* 4.0 (36), and PHYLIP 3.6 (37).

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409 **Genotype analyses and assignment of possible progenitor gene and potential**  
410 **precursor viruses for low pathogenic H5 avian IAVs.** Genotypes for IAVs were  
411 assigned through analyses assessing genetic similarity among viral genome constellations.  
412 Gene segments were considered to be genotypically similar if they co-occurred in clades

413 with other gene segment sequences (as determined using inferred tree topology) with a  
414 minimum bootstrap value of 70 and shared nucleotide sequence identities  $\geq 95\%$  (18).

415 Possible progenitor gene segments and precursor viruses for H5 IAVs of North  
416 American poultry origin were also assessed using tree topology and sequence identities.  
417 Possible progenitor gene segments were inferred when the following criteria were met: 1)  
418 the candidate gene segment shared a phylogenetic clade with a minimum bootstrap value  
419 of 70 with a North American poultry gene segment; 2) the candidate progenitor gene  
420 segment and North American poultry gene segment shared  $\geq 98\%$  nucleotide sequence  
421 identity; 3) the candidate gene segment shared the highest nucleotide sequence identity  
422 with the poultry-origin IAV gene segment in its genetic cluster; and 4) the putative  
423 progenitor gene segment was detected prior to detection of the North American poultry  
424 IAV gene segment. A potential precursor virus was inferred when a virus had three or  
425 more possible progenitor gene segments from an H5 IAV identified in North American  
426 poultry.

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428 **Definition of purported H5 introduction into North American poultry.** Multiple H5  
429 IAVs detected in North American domestic poultry were inferred to have resulted from  
430 the same introduction event if the following criteria were met: 1) the genetic sequence for  
431 the H5 HA gene segment of these two viruses shared a common clade with a minimum  
432 bootstrap value of 70; 2) the H5 HA gene segment of these two viruses shared  $\geq 98\%$   
433 nucleotide sequence identity; and 3) the nucleotide sequence identity shared with H5 HA  
434 gene segments from IAVs originating from North American poultry was greater than that  
435 shared with gene segments from wild bird–origin IAVs.

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437 **Phylogeographic analyses to infer transition of viruses between wild birds and**  
438 **domestic poultry and between North American migratory bird flyways.** To enable  
439 inference of wild bird hosts associated with H5 IAV introductions in North American  
440 domestic poultry, we performed phylogeographic analyses to assess support for  
441 associations between specific functional groups of wild bird IAV hosts and H5 IAV gene  
442 segments detected in domestic poultry. Hosts of influenza viruses were categorized into 9  
443 functional groups: dabbling duck, diving/sea duck, goose/swan, gull/tern/seabird, raptor,  
444 shorebird, other avian (i.e., American coot, double-crested cormorant, red-necked grebe,  
445 rock dove, and western grebe; n = 5), and unknown (i.e., hosts for whom the species was  
446 unclear or for which the domestic status was ambiguous, including ducks, geese, feces,  
447 fowl, and poultry; n = 22). To minimize sampling bias, we balanced the number of  
448 sequences in each host group by resampling: for each year, we randomly selected a  
449 maximum of 10 sequences from each functional group.

450 Phylogeographic analyses were performed as previously described (3, 23). An  
451 asymmetric substitution model with Bayesian stochastic search variable selection and a  
452 strict clock model were applied in the analyses. We used Markov chain Monte Carlo  
453 methods, setting the chain length to 100 million with sampling every 10,000 states. The  
454 convergence of each run was checked by Tracer v1.6 (<http://beast.community/tracer>)  
455 before continuing to the next step. All poorly configured states were removed according  
456 to a 10% burn-in rate. After that, maximum clade credibility phylogenetic trees were  
457 generated using TreeAnnotator v1.8.4 (38) (<http://beast.community/treeannotator>). Bayes  
458 factor was calculated to indicate the statistical support level. Significant transition was



459 indicated by a combination of Bayes factor  $\geq 3$  and mean indicator  $\geq 0.5$ . Statistical  
460 support levels were interpreted from Bayes factors as follows: Bayes factor  $< 3$  indicates  
461 no support;  $3 \leq$  Bayes factor  $< 10$  indicates support;  $10 \leq$  Bayes factor  $< 100$  indicates  
462 strong support;  $100 \leq$  Bayes factor  $< 1000$  indicates very strong support; and Bayes factor  
463  $\geq 1,000$  indicates decisive support. Maximum clade credibility phylogenetic trees were  
464 visualized by FigTree v1.4.3 (<http://tree.bio.ed.ac.uk/software/figtree/>).

465 In addition to the above analyses on the potential sources of wild bird hosts for  
466 the H5 IAV gene segments detected in domestic poultry, we also inferred the transition  
467 patterns of influenza A viruses across North American migratory bird flyways. We first  
468 designated each US state and Canadian province into either the Atlantic, Mississippi,  
469 Central, or Pacific Flyway based on the administrative definition of North American  
470 migratory bird flyways (<https://www.fws.gov/birds/management/flyways.php>) (Figure  
471 1C). Phylogeographic analyses were then performed to assess support for transitions of  
472 IAVs between among migratory bird flyways. To minimize the biases for sample  
473 selection, we included all viruses in sublineages 1 and 2 (identified from phylogenetic  
474 tree of H5 gene) in the phylogeographic analyses. Phylogeographic analyses and data  
475 interpretation are the same as described above.

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477 **TMRCAs estimation.** The Bayesian Markov Chain Monte Carlo method implemented in  
478 BEAST v1.8.4 (38) was used to estimate the substitution rates and TMRCAs between  
479 inferred predecessor HA gene segments of IAVs identified in the wild bird reservoir and  
480 H5 IAVs detected in poultry for which specific dates of detection were available. SRD06  
481 partitioned substitution model, uncorrelated lognormal relaxed clock model, and

482 Bayesian skyline coalescent tree prior were implemented in the molecular clock analyses.  
483 Two independent runs with 100 million chain length (sampling frequency = 10,000) were  
484 combined by LogCombiner v1.8.4 (<http://beast.community/logcombiner>) and then  
485 analyzed by Tracer v1.6 using a 10% burn-in rate  
486 (<http://tree.bio.ed.ac.uk/software/tracer/>).

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491 MF046227, MF046237, MF046275, MF046276, MF046280, MF046298, MF046299,  
492 MF046306, MF046330, MF046351, MF046361, MF046366, MF046376, MF046389,  
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495 MF046504, MF046507, MF046509, MF046514, MF046523, MF046531, MF046536,  
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652 **Figure Legends**

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654 **Figure 1.** Detections of low pathogenic H5 avian influenza A viruses in domestic poultry

655 in the United States and Canada (2001–2017). **A)** The temporal distributions of

656 introductions of H5 viruses detected on commercial poultry farms (CPFs), backyard

657 poultry (BYPs), game bird poultry (GBPs,) and in live bird markets (LBMs) during

658 2001–2017. An introduction was defined by a tree topology of the H5 gene with a

659 bootstrap value  $\geq 70$  (Figure S1) and shared nucleotide sequence identity  $\geq 98\%$ . **B)**

660 Simplified phylogenetic tree displaying general topology for North American sequence of

661 influenza A viruses at the H5 hemagglutinin gene. The distribution of functional groups

662 of wild bird hosts for influenza A viruses in the tree are summarized by pie charts. **C)** US

663 state and Canadian province of origin for H5 subtype influenza A virus isolates detected

664 in North American domestic poultry during 2001–2017 and geographic distribution of the

665 influenza A viruses of H5 sublineages 1 and 2 in wild birds based on the North American

666 administrative definition of migratory bird flyways

667 (<https://www.fws.gov/birds/management/flyways.php>). Circle sizes indicate the number

668 of H5 influenza A virus isolates in the corresponding US state/Canadian province. Based

669 on ecologic attributes, the hosts of influenza viruses were categorized into 9 different

670 groups: dabbling duck, diving/sea duck, goose/swan, gull/tern/seabird, poultry, raptor,

671 shorebird, other avian, and unknown. Viruses from avian species that did not fit into any

672 of these functional groups were categorized as ‘other avian’, and viruses for which the

673 species sampled were unclear or for which the domestic status was ambiguous were

674 categorized as ‘unknown’.

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676 **Figure 2.** Summary of genotypic analysis of low pathogenic H5 avian influenza A  
677 viruses detected in domestic poultry in the United States (2001–2017). Genotypes were  
678 assigned by unique combinations of sublineages for each gene, which were determined  
679 based on tree topology with a bootstrap value  $\geq 70$  and a nucleotide sequence identity  $\geq$   
680 95%. To simplify the illustration, only the representative viruses were selected for each  
681 genotype including those with unique combinations of location of detection  
682 (state/province) and year. Numbers on the tree indicate individual H5 low pathogenic  
683 introductions and were linked to unique IDs of those introductions to the right.

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685 **Figure 3.** Summary of analyses to assess transition of influenza A viruses from a specific  
686 functional group of wild birds to the low pathogenic H5 avian influenza A viruses  
687 detected in domestic poultry. In this figure, phylogeographical analyses showed one  
688 recent and representative H5 low pathogenic introduction in North American poultry,  
689 CPF-MO-2016(H5N1), which is an introduction of virus in Missouri turkey as an  
690 example. The trees shown in the figure are constructed on the basis of the maximum  
691 clade credibility phylogenetic trees. Phylogeographical analyses were performed using all  
692 isolates for each inferred H5 introduction. Branches of the phylogenetic trees were  
693 colored according to the estimated ancestral state of the functional group of wild birds  
694 from discrete trait reconstruction. Arrow widths are based on the Bayes Factor support  
695 levels. Statistical support is provided in greater detail in Table S3.

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697 **Figure 4.** Conceptual model summarizing the generalized inferred evolutionary pathways  
698 for low pathogenic (LP) H5 avian influenza A viruses (IAVs) detected on commercial  
699 poultry farms and in live bird markets (LBMs) in the United States and Canada during  
700 2001–2017. H5 viruses introduced by wild waterfowl were inferred to circulate for a  
701 longer time in LBMs than on commercial poultry farms. Furthermore, we found evidence  
702 suggesting reassortment between H5 viruses and other influenza A viruses in LBMs,  
703 resulting in multiple genotypes associated with a single introduction event. The blue and  
704 red lines denote genetically distinct gene segments; in each virus, the segments were  
705 vertically sorted in the order of PB2, PB1, PA, HA, NP, NA, MP, and NS.

**Table 1.** H5 LPAI viruses detected in domestic poultry in the United States and Canada (2001–2017).

Introduction <sup>a</sup>	Host	Region	Year	Isolate name <sup>a</sup>	Sample date	Subtype
BYP-MI-2015(H5N2)	mallard	Michigan	2015	A/mallard/Michigan/15-031493-1orig/2015	2015-10-01	H5N2
BYP-OR-2006(H5N2)	duck guinea fowl	Oregon	2006	A/duck/Oregon/459674-3/2006	2006-09-29	H5N2
				A/guineafowl/Oregon/459674-5/2006	2006-09-29	H5N2
GBP-CA-2014(H5N8)	quail	California	2014	A/quail/California/K1400794/2014	2014-04	H5N8
GBP-ID-2008(H5N8)	pheasant	Idaho	2008	A/pheasant/Idaho/08-002590-63/2008	2008	H5N8
CPF-WI-2017(H5N2)	turkey	Wisconsin	2017	A/turkey/Wisconsin/17-007146-1/2017	2017-03-02	H5N2
				A/turkey/Wisconsin/17-007146-2/2017	2017-03-02	H5N2
				A/turkey/Wisconsin/17-007146-3/2017	2017-03-02	H5N2
				A/turkey/Wisconsin/17-007319-3/2017	2017-03-03	H5N2
CPF-MO-2016(H5N1)	turkey	Missouri	2016	A/turkey/Wisconsin/17-007981-6/2017	2017-03-09	H5N2
				A/turkey/Missouri/16-014037-7/2016	2016-04-29	H5N1
CPF-MB-2010(H5N2)	turkey	Manitoba	2010	A/turkey/Missouri/16-014037-7/2016	2016-04-29	H5N1
				A/turkey/MB/FAV11/2010	2010-11-25	H5N2
CPF-VA-2007(H5N1)	turkey	Virginia	2007	A/turkey/MB/FAV10/2010	2010-11-26	H5N2
				A/turkey/VA/505477-18/2007	2007-07-11	H5N1
CPF-CA-2002(H5N2)	turkey	California	2002	A/turkey/Virginia/505477-17/2007	2007-07-11	H5N1
				A/turkey/CA/D0208651-C/02	2002	H5N2
LBM-NY-2016(H5N2)	duck muscovy duck	Ontario New York New Jersey	2016	A/turkey/CA/D0208651-C/02	2002	H5N2
				A/domesticduck/ON/FAV-18CS46/2016	2016	H5N2
				A/duck/NewYork/16-020978-2orig/2016	2016	H5N2
				A/duck/NewYork/16-021467-1orig/2016	2016	H5N2
				A/duck/NewYork/16-021916-1orig/2016	2016	H5N2
				A/duck/NewYork/16-021920-1orig/2016	2016	H5N2
LBM-NJ-2015(H5N1)	chicken	New Jersey	2015	A/muscovyduck/NewJersey/16-021456-4/2016	2016	H5N2
				A/muscovyduck/NewJersey/16-021457-2/2016	2016	H5N2
				A/chicken/New_Jersey/15_002659_2/2015	2015-01-20	H5N1

LBM-NJ-2011(H5N2)	duck	New Jersey	2011	A/duck/NewJersey/11-064045-002/2011	2011-12-20	H5N2
				A/duck/NewYork/07-002127-001/2007	2007-10-30	H5N2
				A/muscovyduck/NewYork/08-000560-002/2008	2008-03-13	H5N2
LBM-NY-2007(H5N2)	duck muscovy duck	New York	2007-2009	A/duck/NewYork/08-000759-001/2008	2008-04-22	H5N2
				A/duck/NewYork/08-000937-001/2008	2008-05-22	H5N2
				A/muscovyduck/NewYork/09-002670-002/2009	2009-03-04	H5N2
				A/duck/NewYork/09-005059-001/2009	2009-04-14	H5N2
				A/muscovyduck/NewYork/09-005059-002/2009	2009-04-14	H5N2
LBM-PA-2007(H5N2)	chicken duck guinea fowl muscovy duck pleasant	Pennsylvania New York New Jersey	2007-2008	A/duck/Pennsylvania/07-002198-003/2007	2007-11-09	H5N2
				A/muscovyduck/NewJersey/07-002376-001/2007	2007-12-05	H5N2
				A/guineafowl/NewYork/08-000170-003/2008	2008-01-07	H5N2
				A/pheasant/NewYork/08-000170-002/2008	2008-01-07	H5N2
				A/guineafowl/NewYork/08-000238-001/2008	2008-01-28	H5N2
				A/chicken/NewJersey/251-4/2008	2008-02-01	H5N2
				A/chicken/NewJersey/577-6/2008	2008-03-27	H5N2
				A/chicken/NewJersey/08-000640-006/2008	2008-04-03	H5N2
				A/guineafowl/NewJersey/08-000640-008/2008	2008-04-03	H5N2
				A/guineafowl/NewJersey/08-000841-001/2008	2008-05-14	H5N2
				A/muscovyduck/NewJersey/08-000912-001/2008	2008-05-28	H5N2
LBM-NY-2006(H5N2)	duck quail turkey	New York Pennsylvania	2006-2007	A/duck/NewYork/465571/2006	2006-10-23	H5N2
				A/duck/NewYork/465976/2006	2006-10-24	H5N2
				A/duck/NewYork/466787/2006	2006-10-31	H5N2
				A/turkey/NewYork/465977/2006	2006-10-31	H5N2
				A/duck/NewYork/470179/2006	2006-11-07	H5N2
				A/avian/NewYork/466812/2006	2006-11-09	H5N2
				A/duck/Pennsylvania/07-467189-1/2006	2006-11-09	Mixed
				A/duck/NewYork/469961/2006	2006-11-13	H5N2
				A/duck/NewYork/489761/2007	2007	H5N2

				A/duck/NewYork/481172/2007	2007-01-23	H5N2
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				A/duck/NewYork/492652/2007	2007-04-05	H5N2
				A/duck/NewYork/494165/2007	2007-04-18	H5N2
				A/quail/NewYork/07-501360-1/2007	2007-06-02	H5N2
				A/quail/NewYork/501360/2007	2007-06-12	H5N2
				A/duck/NewYork/504371/2007	2007-06-22	H5N2
				A/duck/NewYork/504372/2007	2007-06-22	H5N2
				A/avian/NewJersey/437109/2006	2006-05-09	H5N2
				A/chicken/NewYork/439236/2006	2006-05-10	H5N2
				A/chicken/NewYork/439235/2006	2006-05-15	H5N2
				A/muscovyduck/NewYork/62095-1/2006	2006-05-15	H5N2
LBM-NJ-2006(H5N2)a	chicken duck muscovy duck	New York New Jersey Pennsylvania	2006	A/duck/NewYork/440410/2006	2006-05-17	H5N2
				A/duck/NewYork/440409/2006	2006-05-23	H5N2
				A/duck/NewYork/445743/2006	2006-06-19	H5N2
				A/chicken/Pennsylvania/446080-7/2006	2006-07	H5N2
				A/duck/Pennsylvania/446080-6/2006	2006-07	H5N2
				A/duck/Pennsylvania/446080-7/2006	2006-07	H5N2
				A/avian/NewYork/448534/2006	2006	H5N2
LBM-NJ-2006(H5N2)b	guinea fowl	New York New Jersey	2006-2007	A/guineafowl/NewJersey/447114/2006	2006-07-19	H5N2
				A/guineafowl/NewJersey/07-002030-001/2007	2007-10-23	H5N2
LBM-NJ-2001(H5N2)	duck	Maine New Jersey	2001-2002	A/duck/NJ/117228-7/2001	2001-07-16	H5N2
				A/duck/ME/151895-7A/2002	2002-01-29	H5N2

<sup>a</sup>An isolate is defined as an avian influenza virus recovered from wild birds or domestic poultry. An introduction describes a case of avian influenza infection detected in domestic poultry, and one or multiple isolates can be recovered from the same introduction.

**Table 2.** Potential precursor viruses for predominate genotype of low pathogenic H5 avian influenza virus introductions in domestic poultry in the United States and Canada (2001-2017)

Representative isolate	Introduction	Potential precursor virus <sup>a</sup>	No. <sup>b</sup>	Sequence Identity (%) <sup>c</sup>							
				HA	NA	PB2	PB1	PA	NP	MP	NS
A/turkey/Wisconsin/17-007146-1/2017	CPF-WI-2017(H5N2)	A/northernpintail/Ohio/15OS5861/2015(H5N2)	4	99.14	98.81			98.26	98.96		
A/turkey/Missouri/16-014037-7/2016	CPF-MO-2016(H5N1)	A/canadagoose/DelawareBay/601/2016(H5N1)	8	98.82	99.29	99.43	99.56	99.35	99.53	99.47	99.52
A/turkey/MB/FAV10/2010	CPF-MB-2010(H5N2)	A/americangreen-wingedteal/Illinois/2975/2009(Mixed)	4		98.74		98.18		98.88		99.29
A/turkey/VA/50547718/2007	CPF-VA-2007(H5N1)	A/mallard/PA/454069-9/2006(H5N1)	4	98.74	99.39		98.31				99.40
A/turkey/CA/D0208651C/02	CPF-CA-2002(H5N2)			ND <sup>d</sup>							
A/duck/NewYork/16-020978-2orig/2016	LBM-NY-2016(H5N2)			ND							
A/chicken/NewJersey/150026592/2015	LBM-NJ-2015(H5N1)	A/americangreen-wingedteal/Wisconsin/11OS3580/2011(H11N2)	4					98.18	98.33	98.55	99.16
A/duck/NewJersey/11-064045-002/2011	LBM-NJ-2011(H5N2)	A/mallard/Ohio/11OS1961/2011(H5N2)	4	99.60	99.86		98.92			99.80	
A/duck/NewYork/08-000759-001/2008	LBM-NY-2007(H5N2)			ND							
A/chicken/NewJersey/2514/2008	LBM-NJ-2007(H5N2)	A/mallard/Maryland/07OS2433/2007(H5N2)	3	98.90	98.25						98.24
A/turkey/NewYork/465977/2006	LBM-NY-2006(H5N2)	A/americanwigeon/Iowa/463993/2006(H5N2)	4	99.08	98.54		98.53	98.29			
A/chicken/Pennsylvania/4460807/2006	LBM-NJ-2006(H5N2)a	A/mallard/Maryland/897/2004(H5N2)	4	98.63	98.75		99.01		99.29		
A/avian/NewYork/448534/2006	LBM-NJ-2006(H5N2)b	A/mallard/Ohio/468158/2006(H5N2)	4	98.34	98.63			98.14		98.30	
A/duck/NJ/1172287/2001	LBM-NJ-2001(H5N2)	A/mallard/Maryland/302/2001(H5N2)	3		98.58			98.48			99.42
A/mallard/Michigan/15-031493-1orig/2015	BYP-MI-2015(H5N2)	A/mallard/Ohio/11OS2156/2011(H5N2)	4	98.68	98.96				98.57		99.30
A/duck/Oregon/4596743/2006	BYP-OR-2006(H5N2)	A/americanwidgeon/Oregon/467919/2006(H5N2)	8	99.60	100.00	99.83	99.78	99.86	99.81	99.73	99.88
A/quail/California/K1400794/2014	GBP-CA-2014(H5N8)	A/mallard/California/1479/2013(mixed)	3		98.05			98.07			99.20
A/pheasant/Idaho/08-002590-63/2008	GBP-ID-2008(H5N8)	A/ruddyturnstone/NewJersey/AI06-582/2006(H6N7)	3			98.40	98.78				98.40

<sup>a</sup>A potential precursor virus was defined by the virus with at least three possible progenitor genes (see method section for details); <sup>b</sup> Number of possible progenitor genes; <sup>c</sup>Only sequence identity >98% are shown; <sup>d</sup>ND, not done because complete genome was not available.

**Table 3.** Time to most recent common ancestor estimation of HA gene for low pathogenic H5 avian influenza A virus introductions from commercial farms (CPFs) and live bird markets (LBMs) in the United States and Canada (2001-2017).

Source	Introduction <sup>a</sup>	Mean TMRCA	95% HPD <sup>b</sup> low	95% HPD <sup>b</sup> high	First detected <sup>c</sup>	Difference <sup>d</sup> (days)	Average (days)	Standard deviation
Commercial Farms	CPF-WI-2017(H5N2)	2016-10-07	2016-01-01	2016-06-18	2017-03-02	146		
	CPF-MB-2010(H5N2)	2010-09-06	2010-11-16	2010-06-02	2010-11-25	80		
	CPF-VA-2007(H5N1)	2007-02-19	2007-06-10	2006-10-09	2007-07-11	142	123	37
Live Bird Markets	LBM-NY-2007(H5N2)	2007-07-24	2007-10-18	2007-04-02	2007-10-30	97		
	LBM-PA-2007(H5N2)	2007-06-23	2007-09-23	2007-03-14	2007-11-09	138		
	LBM-NY-2006(H5N2)	2006-02-12	2006-06-17	2005-10-09	2006-10-23	253		
	LBM-NJ-2006(H5N2)a	2005-09-26	2006-01-18	2005-05-17	2006-05-09	225		
	LBM-NJ-2006(H5N2)b	2006-01-09	2006-06-22	2005-07-10	2006-07-19	191		
	LBM-NJ-2001(H5N2)	2000-03-16	2001-03-01	1999-01-23	2001-07-16	487	231	137

<sup>a</sup> For each introduction, all isolates with exact sampling date were included in analysis; <sup>b</sup>First detected date of an introduction was defined as the earliest sampling date among all isolates within this introduction; <sup>c</sup> HPD, highest posterior density; <sup>d</sup>Difference between date of first detection and mean time to most recent common ancestor.

Figure 1

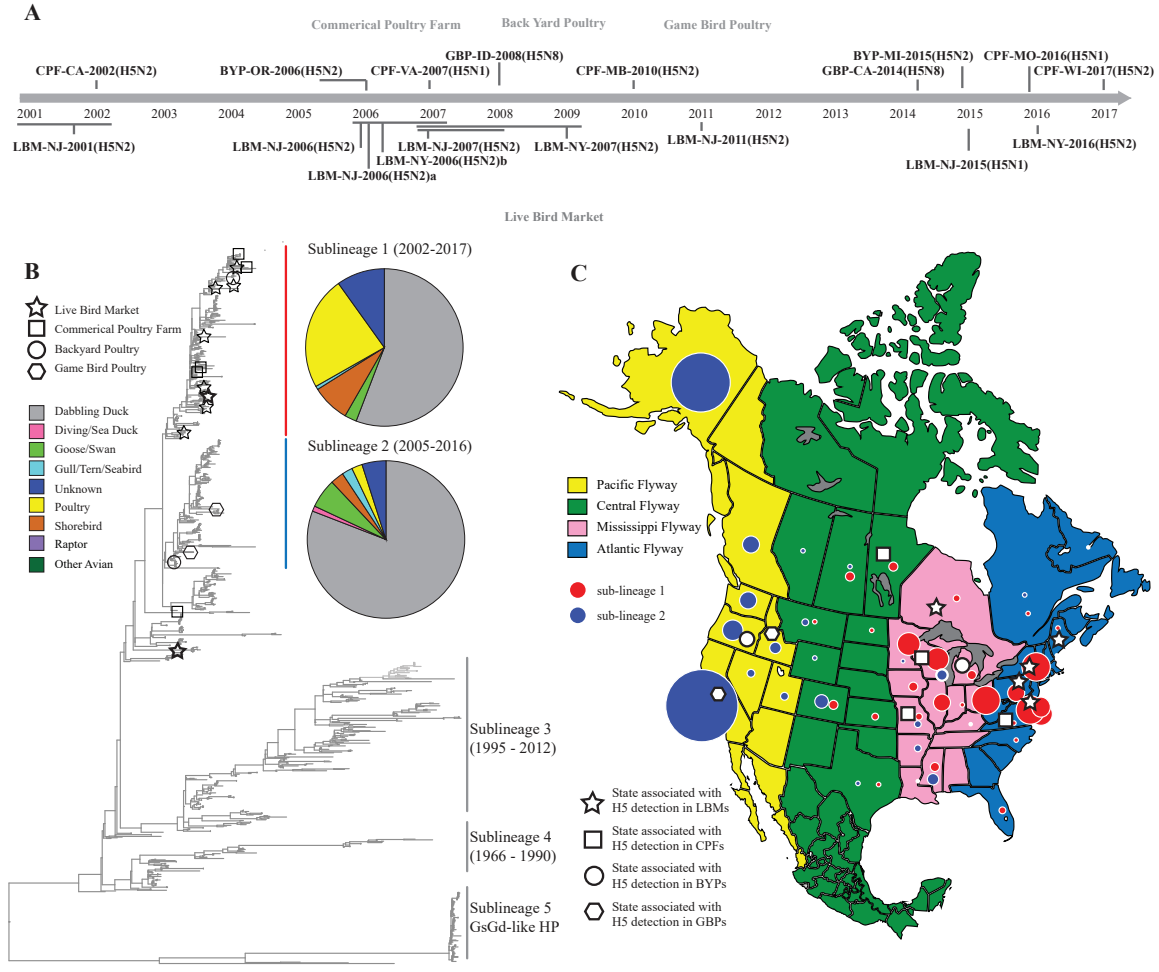
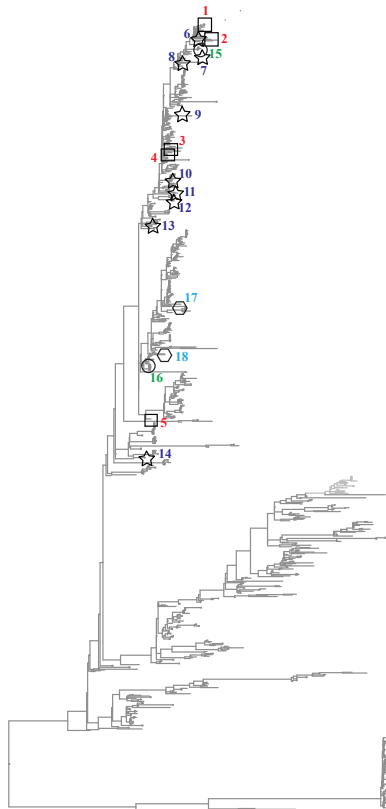


Figure 2



- H5 IAVs detected in CPFs
- ☆ H5 IAVs detected in LBMs
- H5 IAVs detected in BYPs
- ⬡ H5 IAVs detected in GBPs

ID	Introduction Name	HA	NA	PB2	PB1	PA	NP	MP	NS	Isolates(n)	Representative Isolate Name	Subtype	Year
<b>Commercial poultry farm</b>											11		
1	CPF-WI-2017(H5N2)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	5	A/turkey/Wisconsin/170071461/2017	H5N2	2017
2	CPF-MO-2016(H5N1)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	1	A/turkey/Missouri/160140377/2016	H5N1	2016
3	CPF-MB-2010(H5N2)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	2	A/turkey/MB/FAV10/2010	H5N2	2010
4	CPF-VA-2007(H5N1)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	2	A/turkey/VA/50547718/2007	H5N1	2007
5	CPF-CA-2002(H5N2)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	1	A/turkey/CA/D0208651C/02	H5N2	2002
<b>Live bird market</b>											62		
6	LBM-NJ-2015(H5N1)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	1	A/chicken/NewJersey/150026592/2015	H5N1	2015
7	LBM-NY-2016(H5N2)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	7	A/duck/NewYork/16-020978-2orig/2016 A/domesticduck/ON/FAV-18CS46/2016 A/muscovyduck/NewJersey/16-021456-4/2016	H5N2	2016
8	LBM-NJ-2011(H5N2)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	1	A/duck/NewJersey/11-064045-002/2011	H5N2	2011
9	LBM-NY-2006(H5N2)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	17	A/turkey/NewYork/465977/2006 A/quail/NewYork/501360/2007	H5N2	2006 2007
		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	2	A/duck/NewYork/492652/2007	H5N2	2007
		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	1	A/duck/Pennsylvania/07-467189-1/2006	Mixed H5/H11 N2/N9	2007
10	LBM-PA-2007(H5N2)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	11	A/duck/Pennsylvania/07-002198-003/2007 A/muscovyduck/NewJersey/07-002376-001/2007 A/chicken/NewJersey/2514/2008	H5N2	2007 2008
		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	10	A/guineafowl/NewYork/08-000170-003/2008 A/chicken/Pennsylvania/4460807/2006 A/duck/NewYork/445743/2006 A/avian/NewJersey/437109/2006	H5N2	2006
12	LBM-NJ-2006(H5N2)ja	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	3	A/guineafowl/NewJersey/447114/2006 A/guineafowl/NewJersey/07-002030-001/2007	H5N2	2006 2007
13	LBM-NJ-2001(H5N2)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	1	A/duck/ME/1518957A/2002	H5N2	2002
		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	1	A/duck/NJ/1172287/2001	H5N2	2001
14	LBM-NY-2007(H5N2)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	7	A/duck/NewYork/492652/2007 A/duck/NewYork/08-000759-001/2008 A/muscovyduck/NewYork/09-005059-002/2009	H5N2	2007 2008 2009
<b>Backyard flock poultry</b>											3		
15	BYP-MI-2015(H5N2)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	1	A/mallard/Michigan/15-031493-1orig/2015	H5N2	2015
16	BYP-OR-2006(H5N2)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	2	A/duck/Oregon/4596743/2006 A/guineafowl/Oregon/459674-5/2006	H5N2	2006
<b>Game bird flock poultry</b>											2		
17	GBP-CA-2014(H5N8)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	1	A/quail/California/K1400794/2014	H5N8	2014
18	GBP-ID-2008(H5N8)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	1	A/pheasant/Idaho/08-002590-63/2008	H5N8	2008



Figure 3

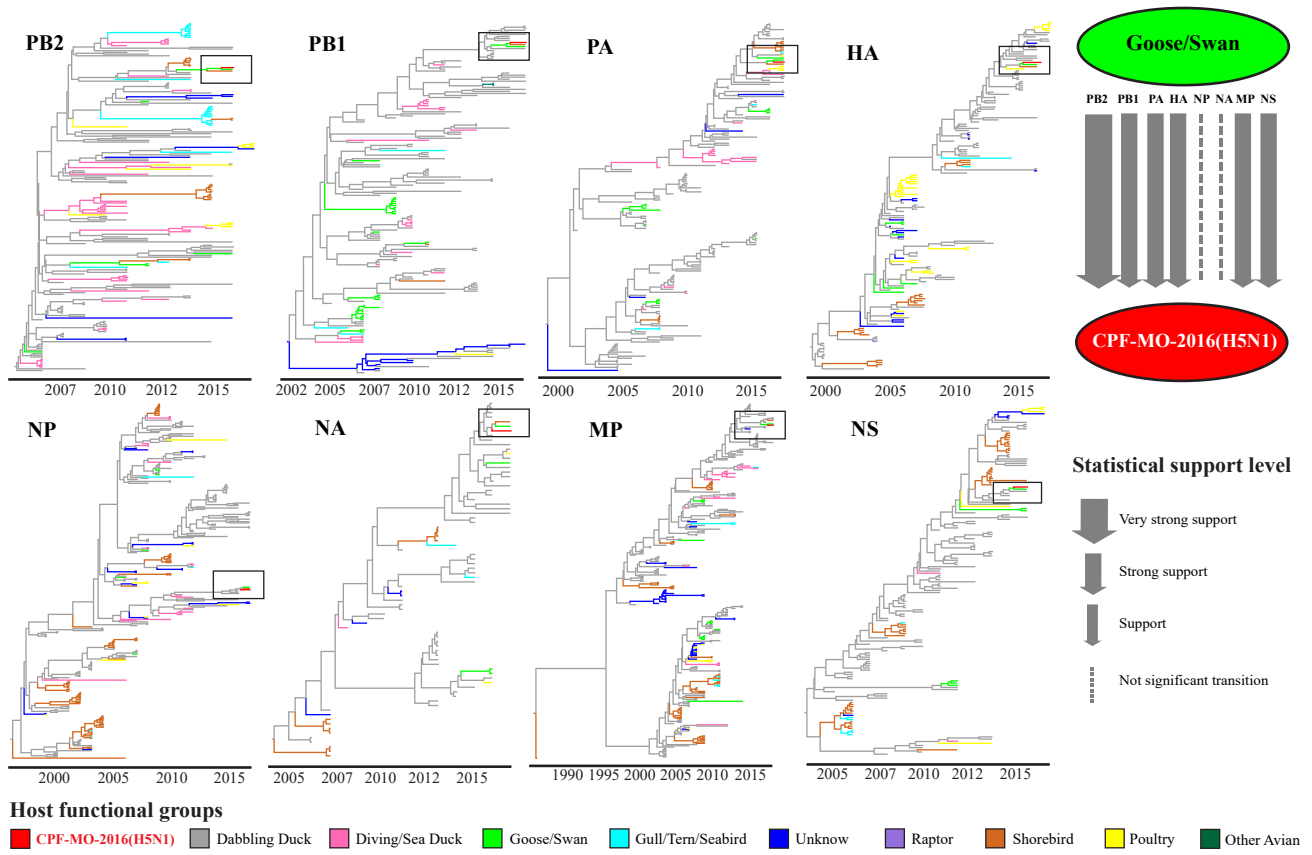


Figure 4

