phlebotomines

- current data on phlebotomine distribution in Turkey
- historical phlebotomine data in Europe
- •missing data and way forward

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Fernand Braudel (1966) "The Mediterranean and the Mediterranean world in the age of Philip II" William Collins Sons and Co Ltd, Glasgow. Vol. 1, 2nd Edition (1st ed. 1949), 642 pp

"Geography of a particular kind, with special emphasis on human factors. But it is more than this. It is also an attempt to convey a particular kind of history.

Geography, to understand the distribution of the animals, plants and human populations, is no longer an end in itself but a means to an end. It helps us to rediscover the slow unfolding of structural realities, to see things in the perspective of the very long term "

"The Mediterranean has at least two faces."

In the first place, it is composed of a series of compact, mountainous peninsulas, interrupted by vital plains: Italy, the Balkans Peninsulas, Asia Minor, North Africa, The Iberian peninsula.

Second, between these miniature continents lie vast, complicated, and fragmented stretches of sea, for the Mediterranean is not so much a single entity as a complex seas. Peninsulas and seas: these are the two kinds of environment we shall be considering first of all, to establish the general conditions of distribution of natural organisms as much as human life "

But they will not tell the whole story!!

Braudel precisely described the real biogeographical border of the Mediterranean regarding its all dynamics:

"On one side, to the south, the Mediterranean is a near neighbour of the great desert that runs uninterrupted from the Atlantic Sahara to the Gobi Desert and up to the gates of Peking. From southern Tunisia to southern Syria, the desert directly borders of the sea. The relationship is not casual; it is intimate, sometimes difficult, and always demanding. So the desert is one of the faces of the Mediterranean.

On the other side, to the north, lies Europe, which if often shaken by Mediterranean influences has had an equally great and sometimes decisive influence on the Mediterranean "



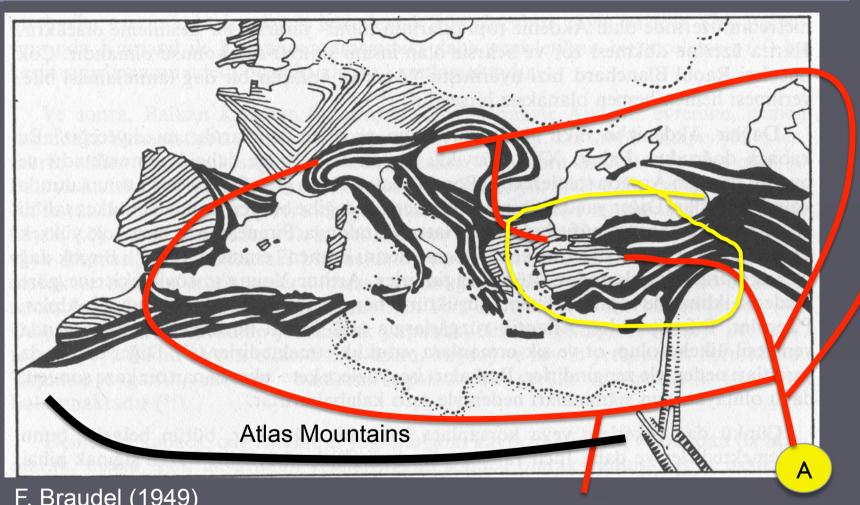
Hereynian blocks banded, Alpine foldings in black; the white lines indicate the direction of the mountain ranges.

To the south, the Saharan plateau in white, borders the Mediterranean from Tunisia to Syria.

To the east, the tectonic fractures of the Dead Sea and the Red Sea.

To the north, the intra-Alpine and extra-Alpine plains are in white.

The doted lines mark the furthest limit of former glaciers.



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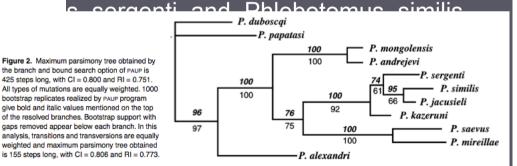
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Abstract

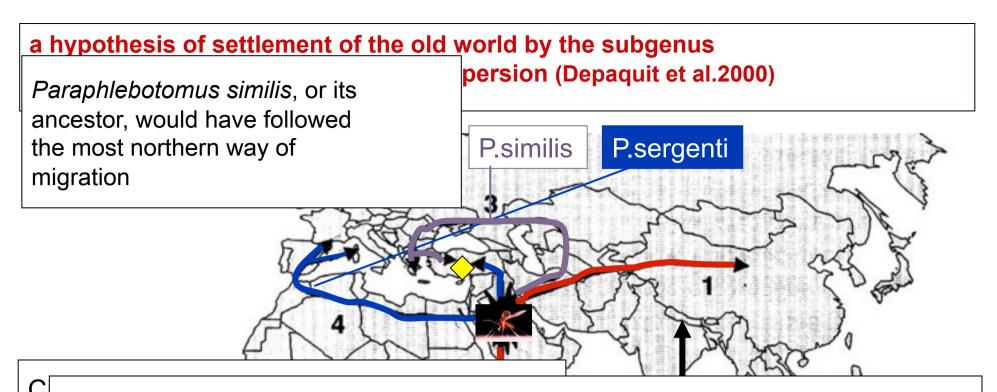
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a time when the Linnean systematic and typological approaches tend to be systematically supplemented by a phylogenetic study, we propose a cladistical analysis of the Paraphlebotomus subgenus. Within this group, the few discriminating morphological characters appear to be inadequate for an acute approach and it was therefore

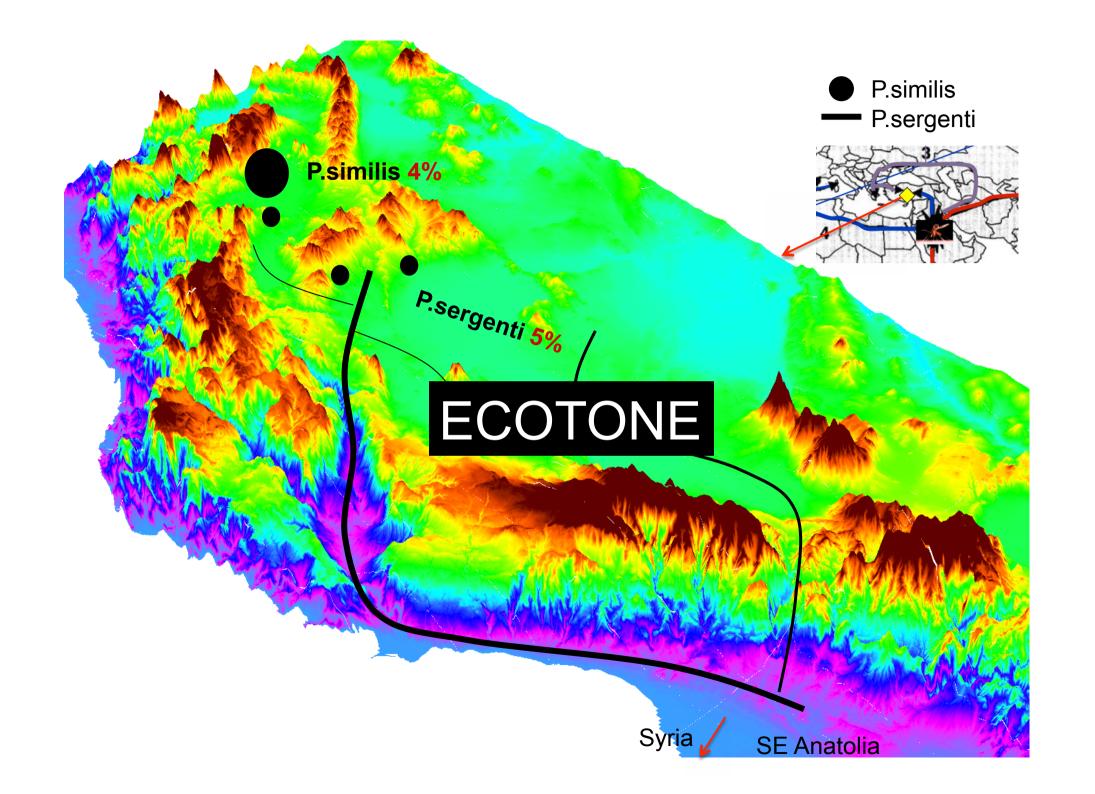


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P. similis and P. sergenti are allopatric. In Turkey, P. similis is present only in the Western part of the country, that is to say western Taurus and Antitaurus. Eastward, P. sergenti replaces it. Turkey constitutes the only country in which the two species are mentioned. Researchers had access to an Eastern Turkish material which confirms the presence of P. sergenti, East of Tarus and Antitaurus mountains. It would be interesting to include other Western Turkish populations in order to confirm the presence of P. similis alone there.

According to results of previous studies, in the East, there were no or little variation between the sequences of flies from populations of Cyprus, Syria, Pakistan and Turkey, where P. sergenti and P. similis seem to be separated by Taurus and Antitaurus mountains



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Distribution and altitudinal structuring of phlebotomine sand flies (Diptera: Psychodidae) in southern Anatolia, Turkey: their relation to human cutaneous leishmaniasis

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ABSTRACT: The two Old World genera, *Phlebotomus* and *Sergentomyia*, were both recorded in southern Anatolia in Turkey. *Phlebotomus* species predominated and comprised about 93% of the entire collection (3,172 specimens). Out of the sixteen species identified, two belonged to the genus *Sergentomyia*: *S. dentata* and *S. theodori*. The remaining fourteen species in the genus *Phlebotomus* were grouped under four subgenera including some species that are elsewhere known to act as vectors of human cutaneous leishmaniasis. Most of the *Phlebotomus* were *P. tobbi* (32,5%), but *P. papatasi*, *P. transcaucasicus*, *P. halepensis*, *P. galilaeus*, *P. sergenti*, *P. syriacus*, *P. neglectus*, *P. simici*, *P. alexandri*, *P. similis*, *P. jacusieli*, *P. perfiliewi*, and *P. brevis* were also identified. There were two associations of sand fly fauna with altitudinal gradient; the first one at relatively higher altitudes and the second one at lower altitudes. The transition between these two assemblages was within the range of 800-1,000 m. It is likely that Adana and Hatay provinces are transitional areas between western and eastern Anatolia. Mountains do not appear to be important geographical barriers for sand fly distribution. We also found that the proven vector *P. sergenti* is a widely distributed species throughout southern Anatolia and this species, together with its closely related species *P. similis*, shows sympatry in Konya Province. *Journal of Vector Ecology* 32 (2): 269-279. 2007.

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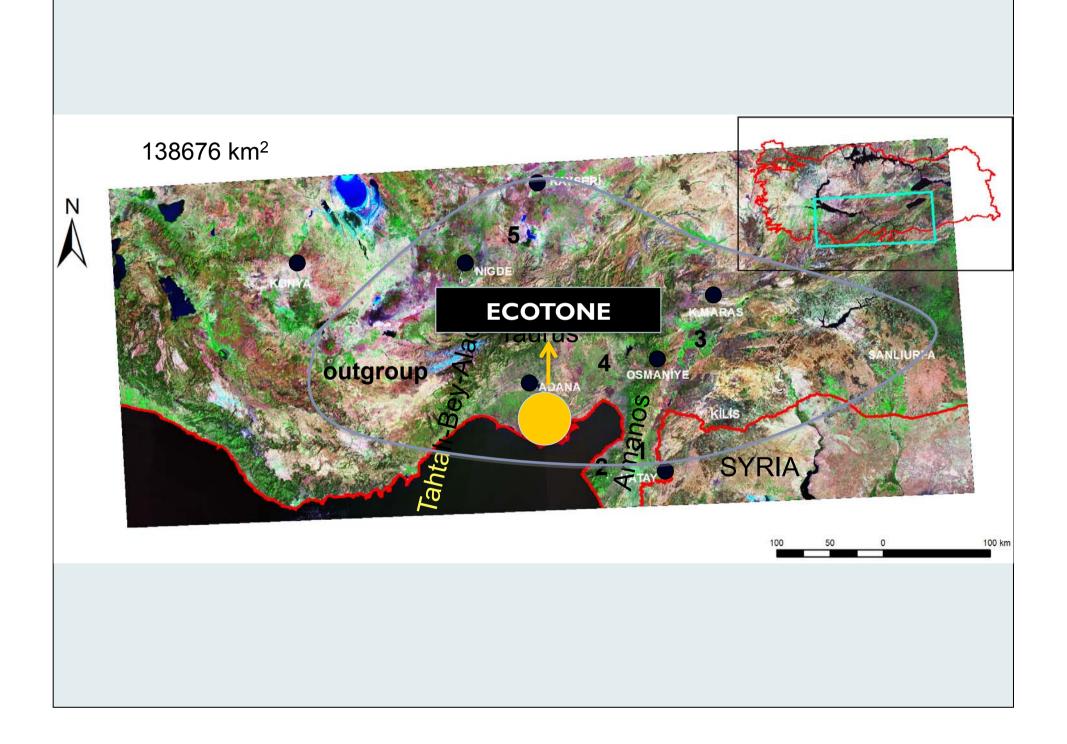
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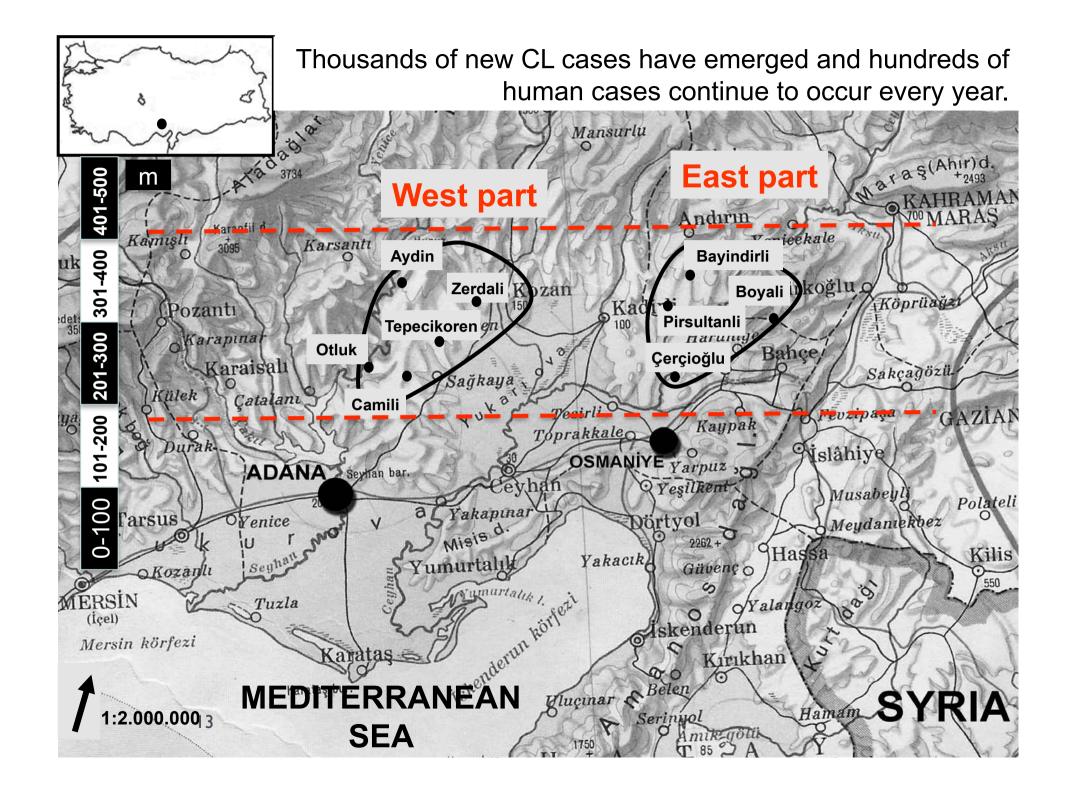
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ABSTRACT: The wing-shape morphology of local populations of the medically important phlebotomine sand flies, *Phlebotomus sergenti*, *P. papatasi*, *P. tobbi*, and *P. similis*, were examined in both sexes by using geometric morphometrics. There are three major mountain ranges that may serve as geographical barriers for species distribution in the study area and four main gaps were recognized among these barriers. We found no statistically important differences in wing morphology in all examined species in both sexes for all local populations. These results show that the barriers are not sufficient to stop gene flow among local populations of sand flies. The graphical depiction of PCA, CVA, and F-test confirmed our morphometric study suggesting that the difference in wing morphology between *P. similis* and *P. sergenti* indicates that these are clearly different species. These two show sympatric distribution in the Konya Plain of Anatolia. *Journal of Vector Ecology* 32 (2): 226-234. 2007.







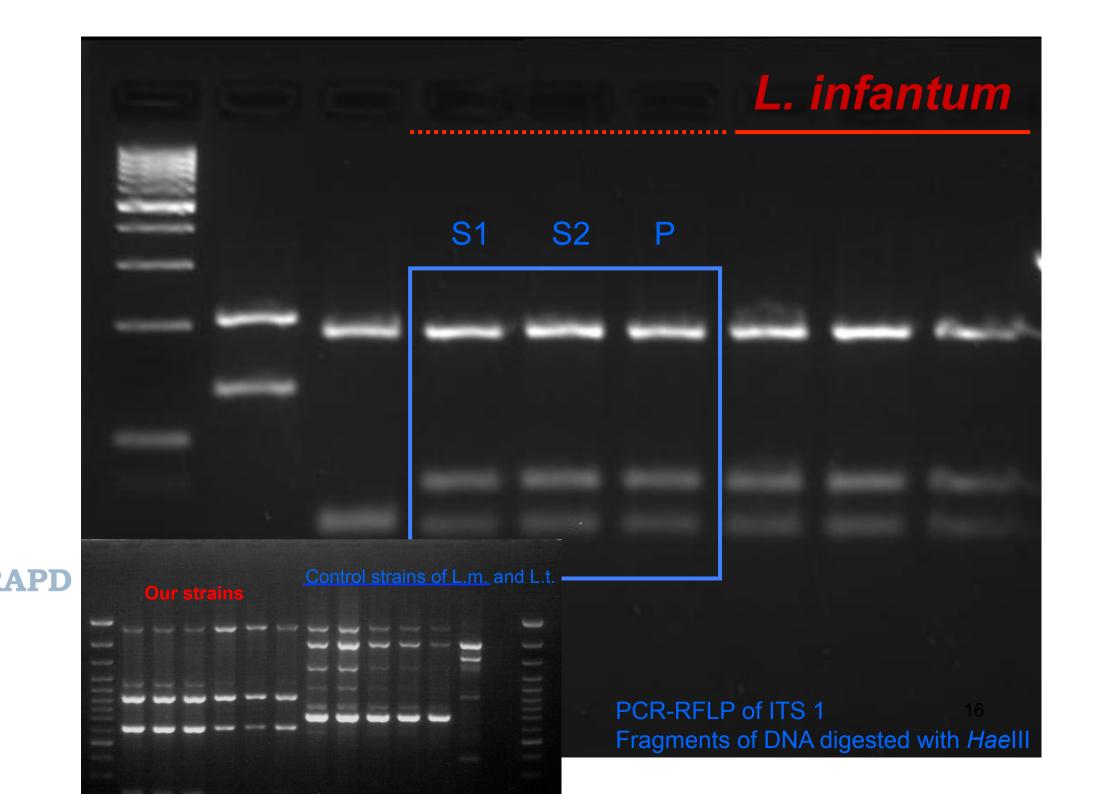
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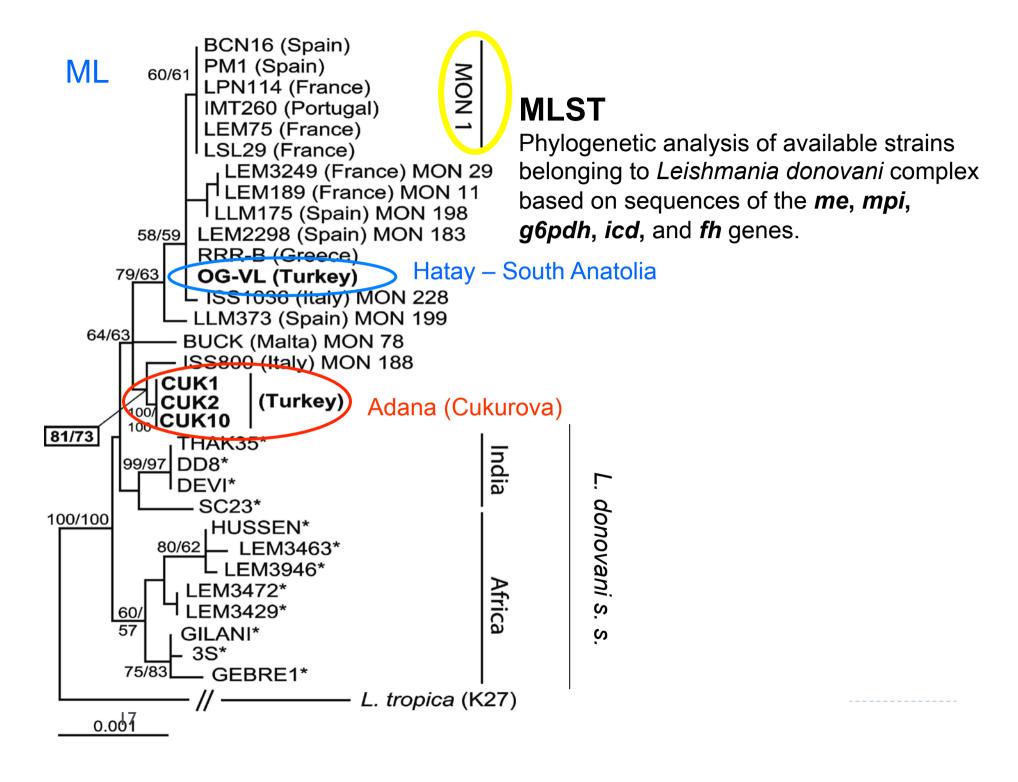
RAPD (Random Ampliphied Polymorphic DNA)

ITS PCR-RFLP(Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphism)

MLST (Multi Locus Sequencing Typing)







Leishmania typing (strains from patients and sand flies)

RAPD

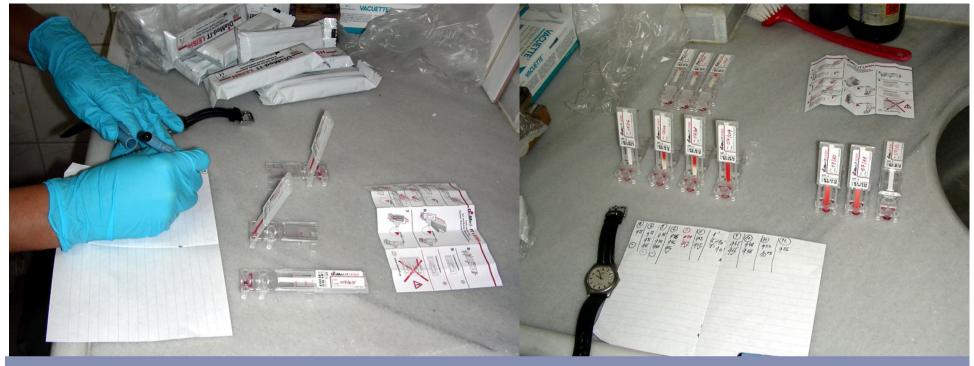
Leishmania (more-or-less same strains)

ITS PCR-RFLP

Leishmania infantum

Leishmania infantum (close to MON 188)

Leishmania infantum (close to "MON 188")

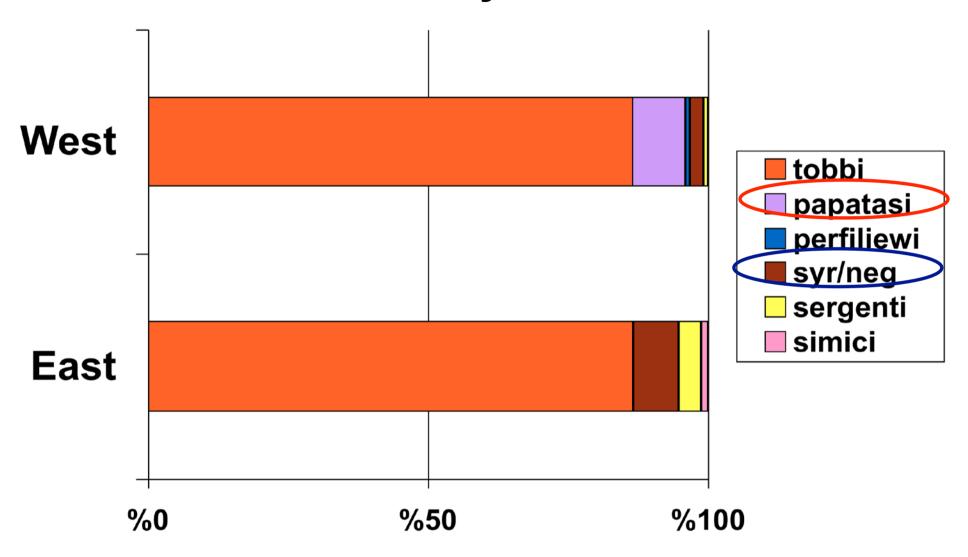


DiaMed-IT LEISH dipstick test clearly demonstrated non-visceral form of leishmaniosis



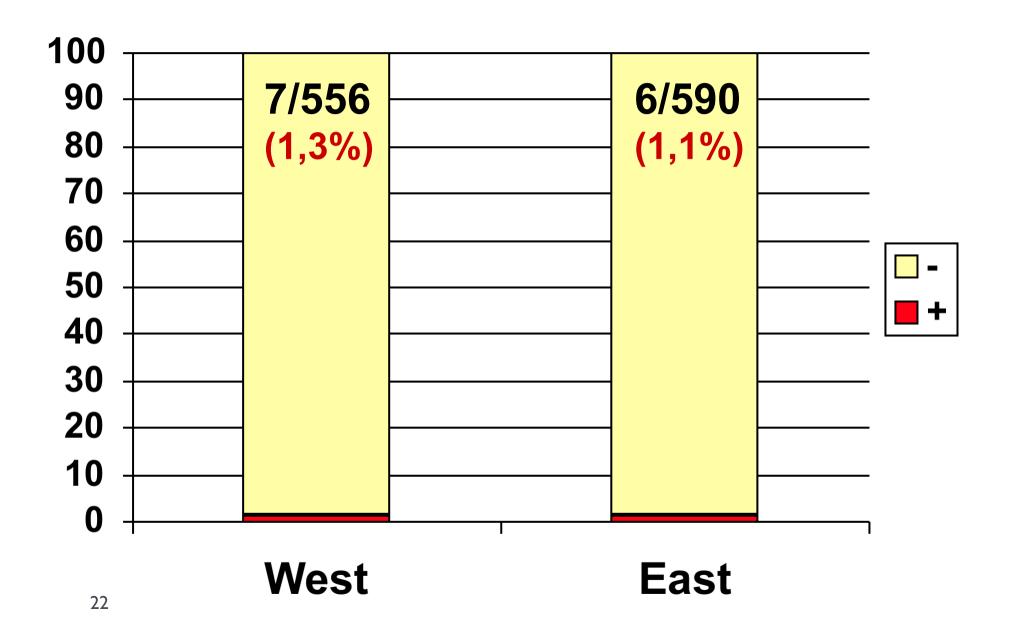


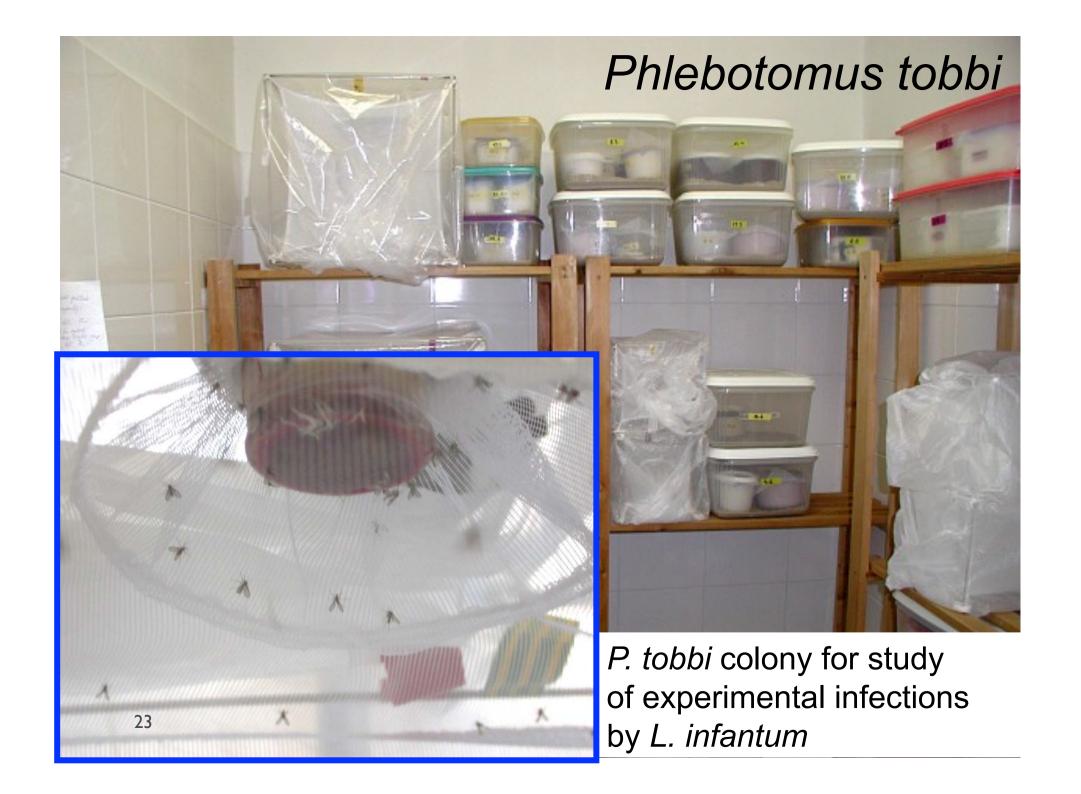
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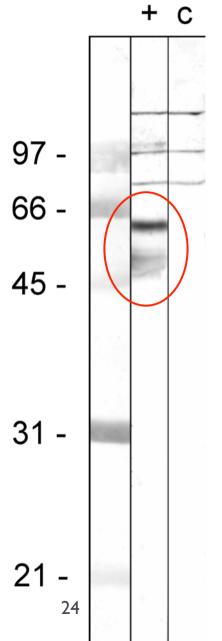
$$N = 1251$$
 (West), 1281 (East)

% of infected Ph. tobbi





O-glycosylated epitopes in the gut



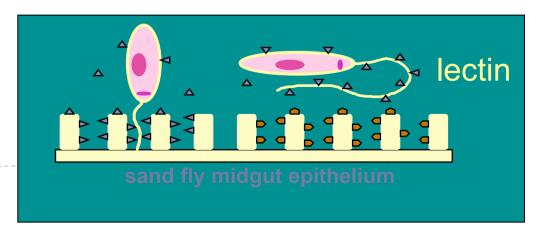
Blotting of *P. tobbi* midgut lysate with HPA.

+: positive reaction

c: preincubation with specific inhibitor (GalNAc)

The positive reaction indicates the presence of terminally exposed GalNAc which is typical for Olinked glycan. This type of midgut glycosylation is typical for permissive vectors (sand fly species susceptible to development of various *Leishmania*).

= *P. tobbi* is a **permissive vector**, similarly to other species transmitting parasites of the *L. donovani* complex.



L. infantum hosts/reservoir

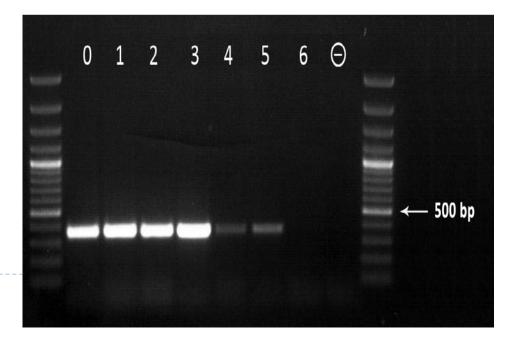
- dog



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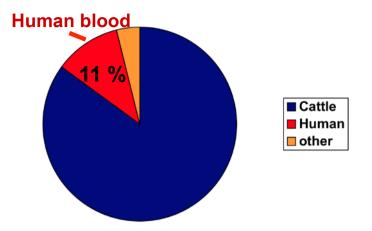
Blood-meal identification

- PCR cytochrome b (mtDNA)
- High sensitive method (up to 5 days after blood feeding)



Blood-meal identification

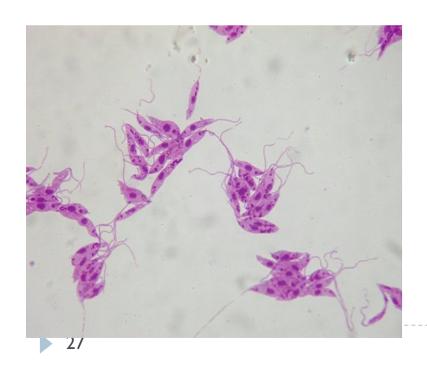
- 267 blood fed females (Phlebotomus tobbi,
- Ph. papatasi, Ph. sergenti, Ph. perfiliewi)
- In 220 source of blood was determined (82%)

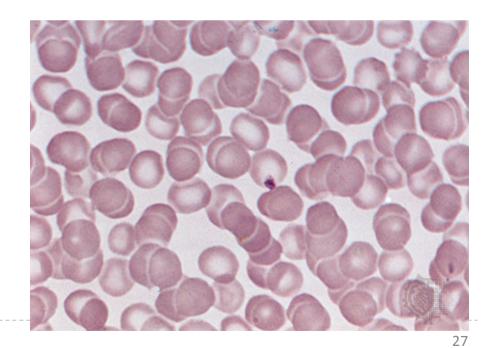


Sand fly host	ТОВ	PAP	LAR	SER	
cattle	159 (70.7%)	11	6	0	
human	23 (10.2%)	8	0	0	
chicken	5 (2.2%)	2	2	1	
goat	1 (0.4%)	0	0	0	
mouse	1 (0.4%)	0	0	0	
vole	1 (0.4%)	RII	BUT		
non-identified	35 (15.6%)				
Total	225		NO DOG		

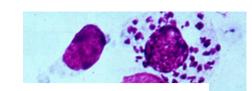
Blood-meal identification

- In 4 Leishmania-infected females of Ph. tobbi blood source was identified
- > In all four cases HUMAN blood was detected









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Cutaneous leishmaniasis caused by Leishmania infantum transmitted by Phlebotomus tobbi *

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ABSTRACT

Transmission of cutaneous leishmaniasis (CL) caused by Leishmania infantum was studied in South Anatolia, Turkey. Small, non-ulcerating lesions prevailed and patients were negative in rK39 tests for antibody detection for human visceral leishmaniasis (VL). The most abundant sand fly species, Phlebotomus tobbi, was found positive for Leishmania promastigotes with a prevalence of 1.4% (13 out of 898 dissected females). The isolated strains were identical with those obtained from patients with CL and were typed as L. infantum. Phylogenetic analysis revealed similarity to MON-188 and a clear difference from the MON-1 clade. Blood-meal identification showed that P. tobbi feeds preferentially on cattle and humans. This finding, the high number of CL patients and relative scarcity of dogs in the focus, suggests that the transmission cycle could be anthroponotic.

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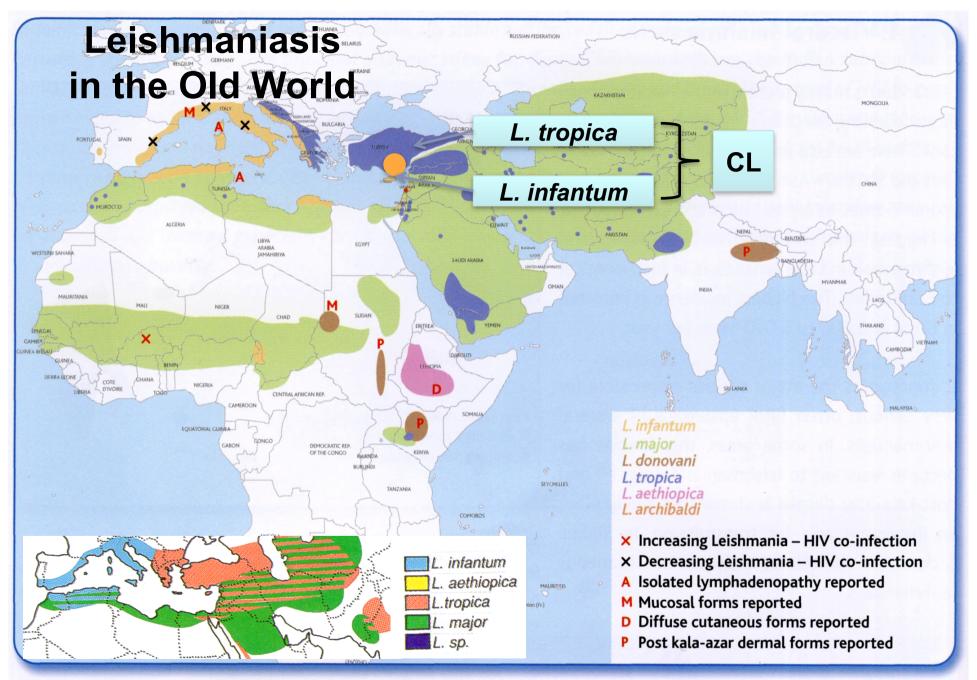
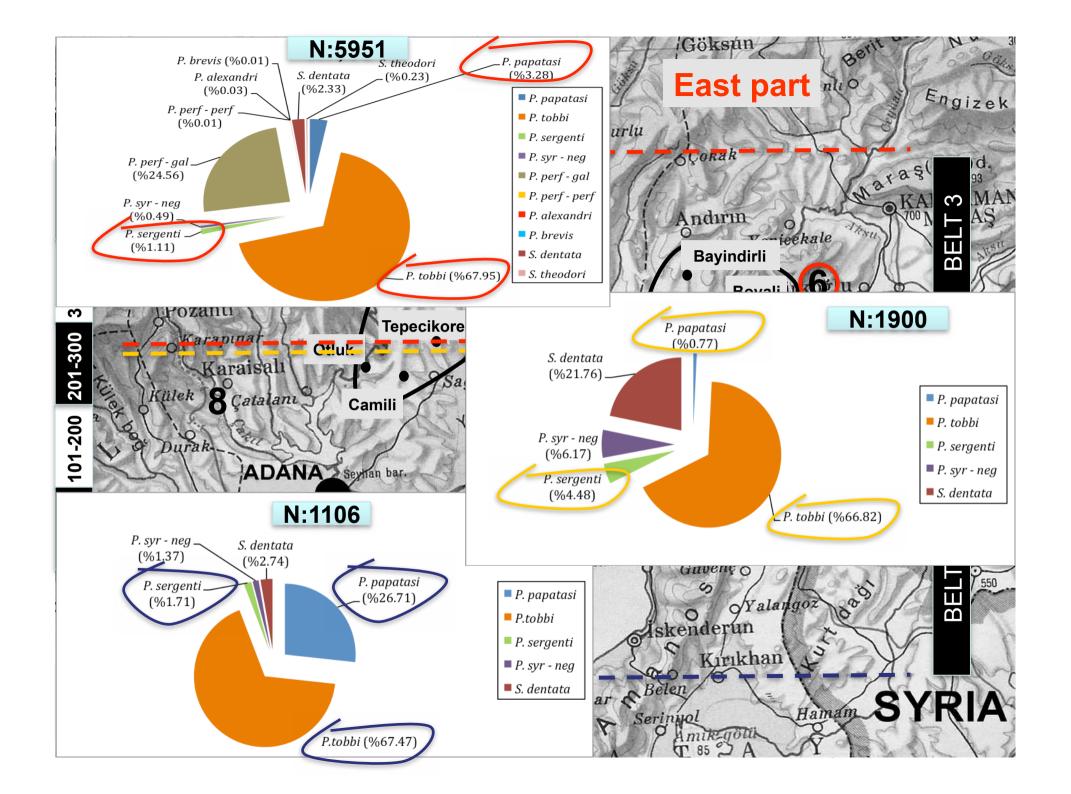


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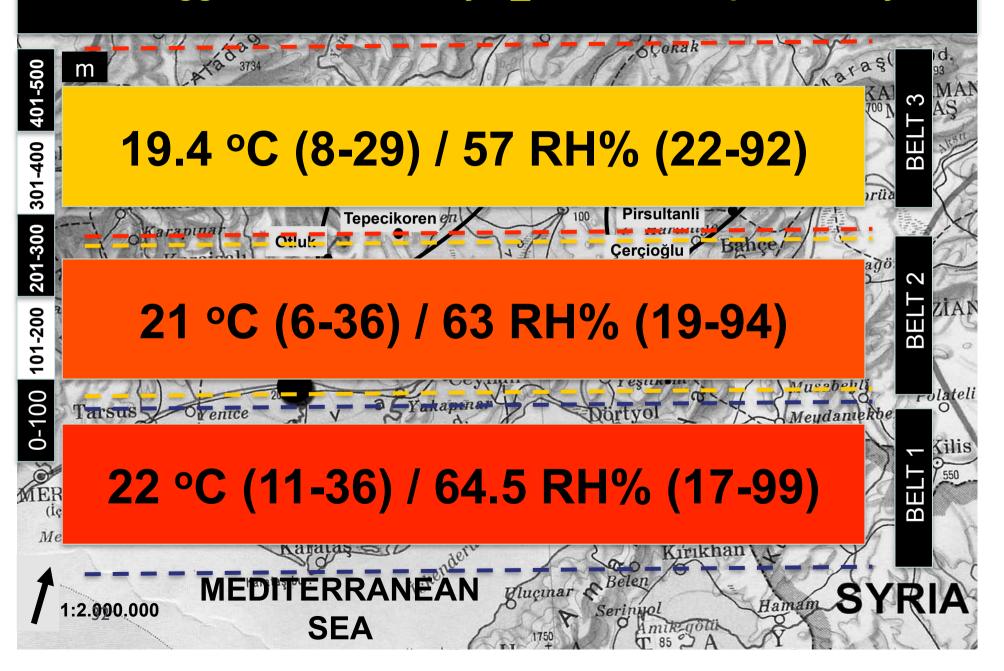
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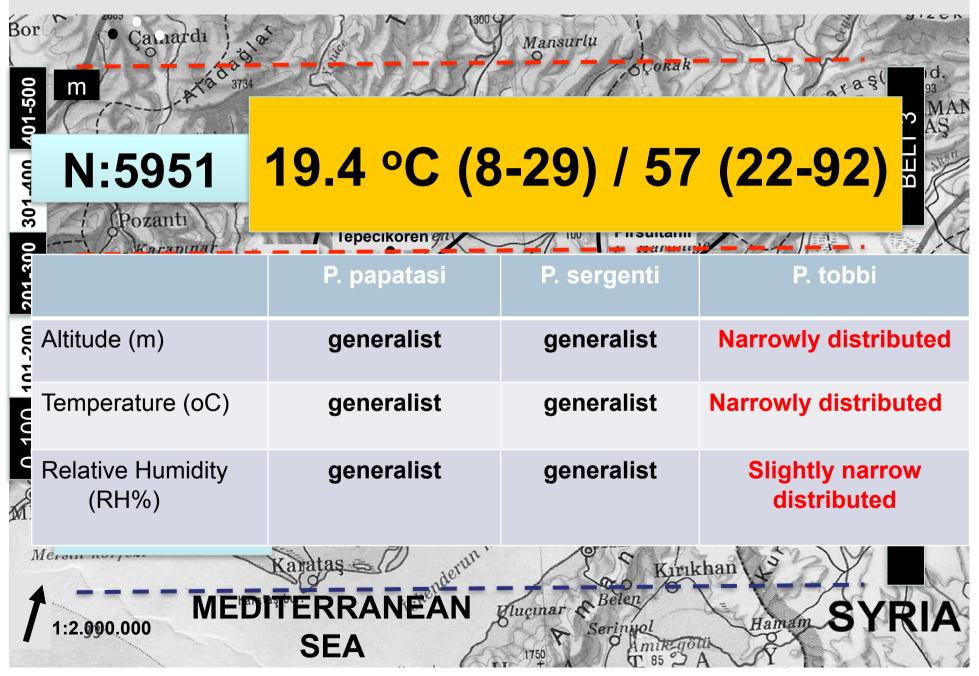
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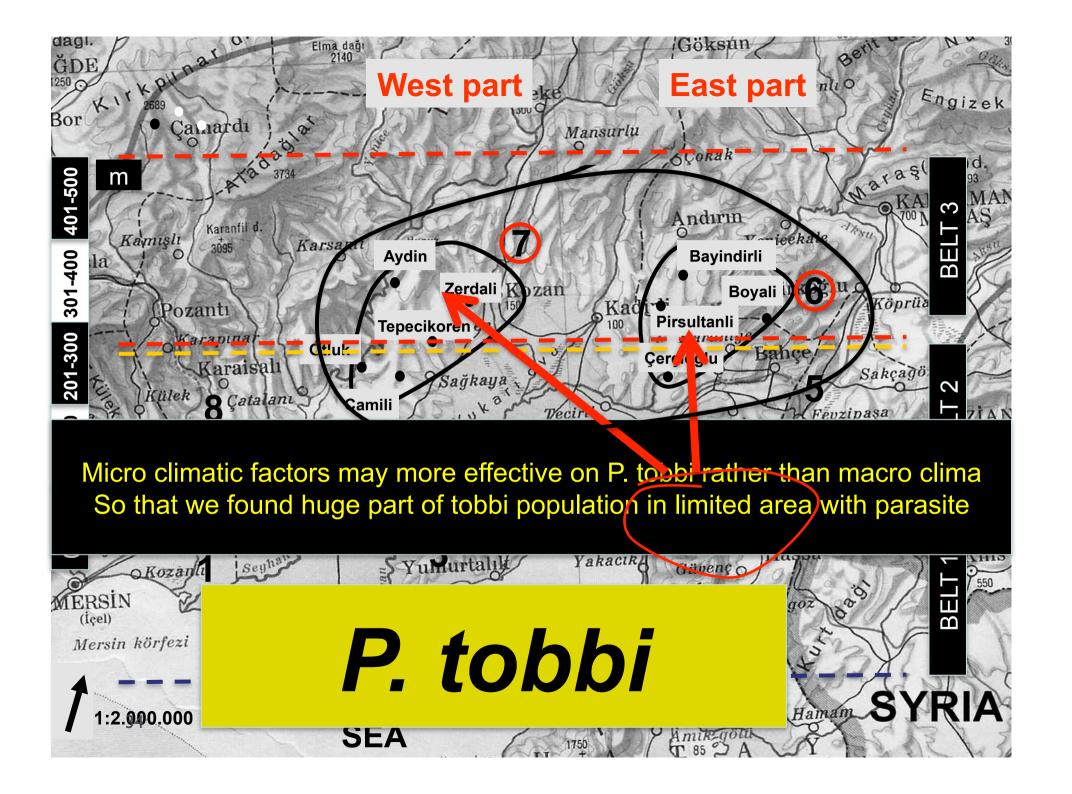


39 data logger / 4 times a day / ∑ 1460 record per DL / 2 years



P. tobbi





Effect of different larval rearing temperatures on the productivity (R_o) and morphology of the malaria vector *Anopheles superpictus* Grassi (Diptera: Culicidae) using geometric morphometrics

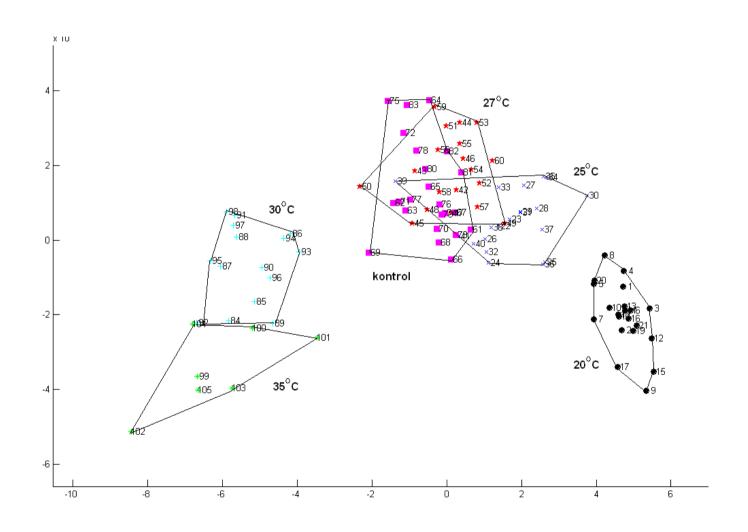
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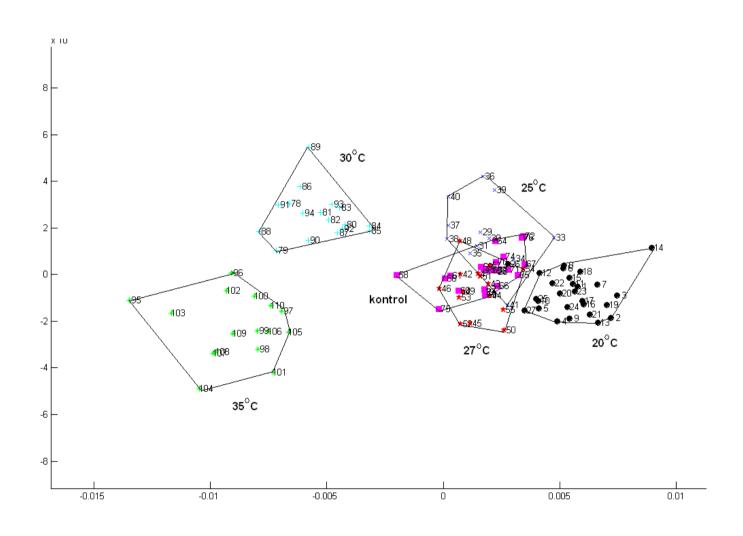
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ABSTRACT: Temperature affects both the biology and morphology of mosquito vectors. Geometric morphometrics is a useful new tool for capturing and analyzing differences in shape and size in many morphological parameters, including wings. We have used this technique for capturing the differences in the wings of the malaria vector Anopheles superpictus, using cohorts reared at six different constant temperatures (15°, 20°, 25°, 27°, 30°, and 35° C) and also searched for potential correlations with the life tables of the species. We studied wing shape in both male and female adults, using 22 landmarks on the wing in relation to ecological parameters, including the development rate. The ecological zero was calculated as 9.93° C and the thermal constant as 296.34 day-degrees. The rearing temperature affects egg, larval, and pupal development and also the total time from egg to adult. As rearing temperatures increased, longevity decreased in both sexes. In An. superpictus, R value and productivity correlated with the statistically significant gradual deformations in the wing shape related to size in both sexes. These deformations directly linked to differences in immature rearing temperatures. Analysis using PCA and UPGMA phenograms showed that although wings of females became narrower dorsoventrally as the temperature increased, they became broader in males. Comparisons of the wing landmarks indicated the medial part of the wing was most affected by larval rearing temperatures, showing relatively more deformations. Algorithmic values of the life tables were determined in correlation with the results of geometric morphometrics. Comparisons of centroid sizes in the cohorts showed that overall wing size became smaller in both sexes in response to higher rearing temperatures. Journal of Vector Ecology 34 (1): 32-42. 2009.

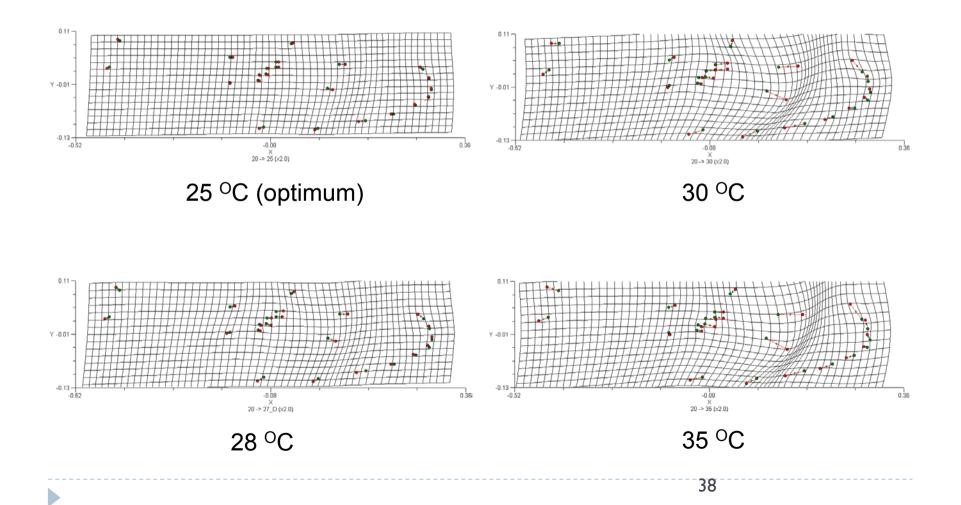
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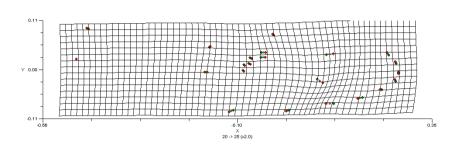
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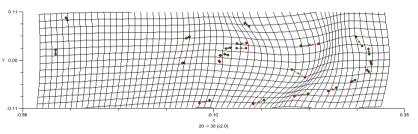


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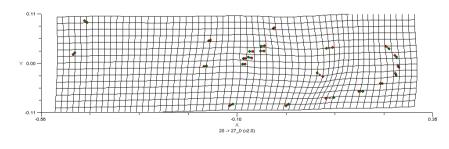
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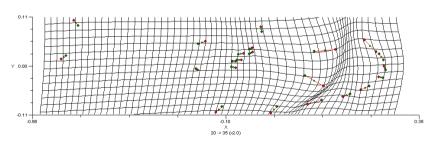




25 °C (optimum)

30 °C



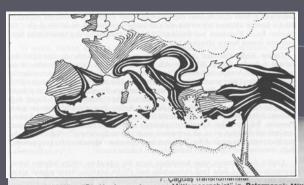


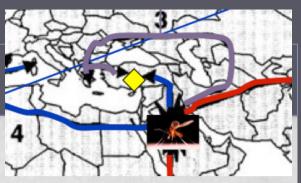
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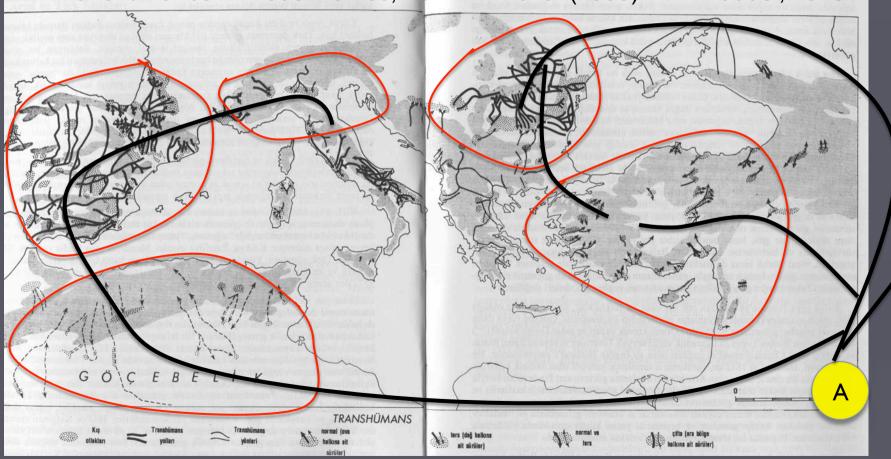
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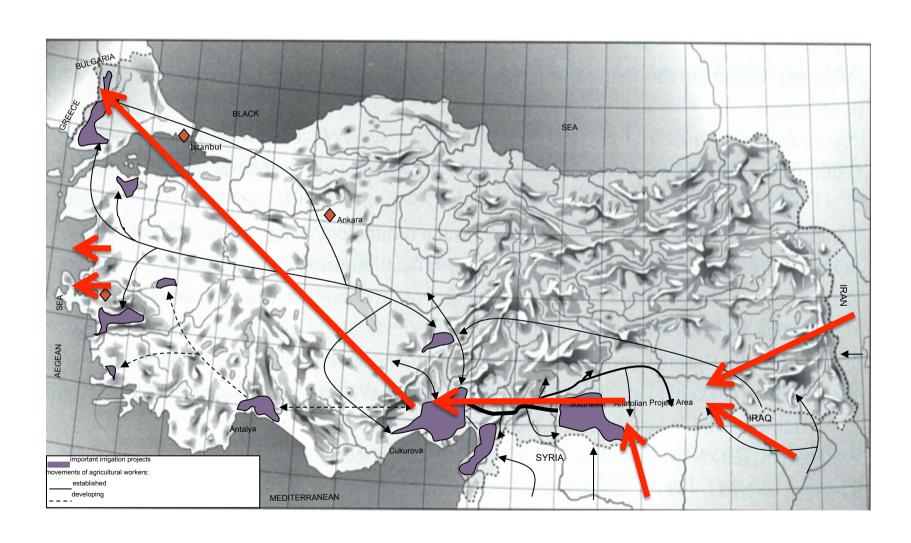


Kaynak: Elli Müller, "Die Herdenwarderungen Mittlemeergebiet" in, Petermann's Mittellungen, 1938.

Transhumance in modern times, from Elli Müller (1938) in F. Braudel, 1949



Human movement from east to west in last 30 years in Anatolia



current data on phlebotomine distribution in Turkey

Phlebotomus

Ph. papatasi

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Paraphlebotomus

Ph. sergenti

Ph. similis

Ph. jacusieli

Ph. alexandri

Ph. caucasicus

5

Larroussius

Ph. syriacus

Ph. neglectus

Ph. perfiliewi

Ph. tobbi

Ph. kandelakii

Ph. mascittii

Ph. t.caucasicus

Ph. galilaeus

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Adlerius

Ph. halepensis

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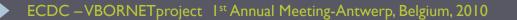
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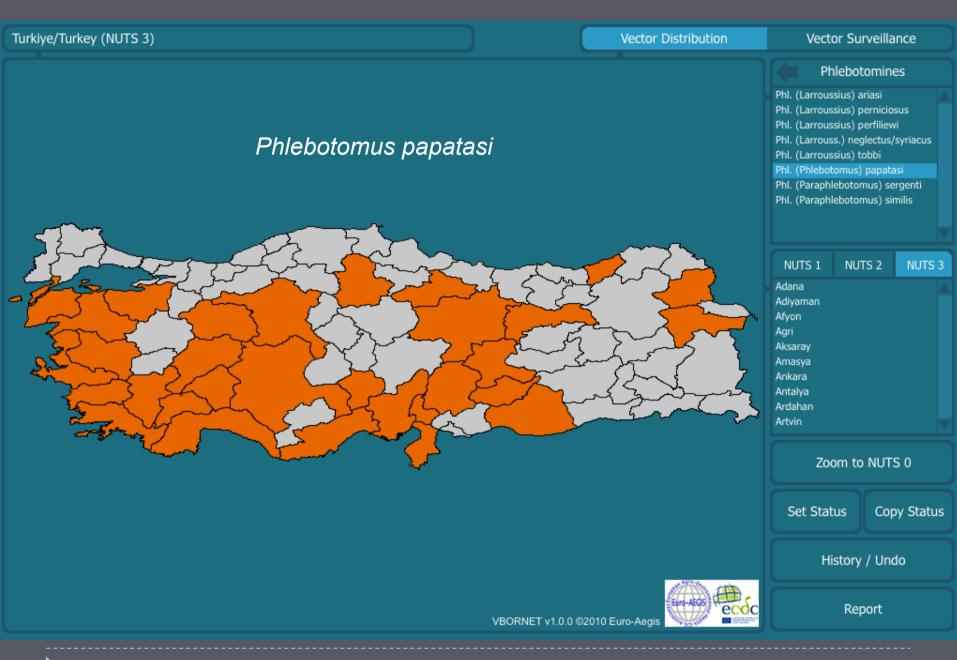
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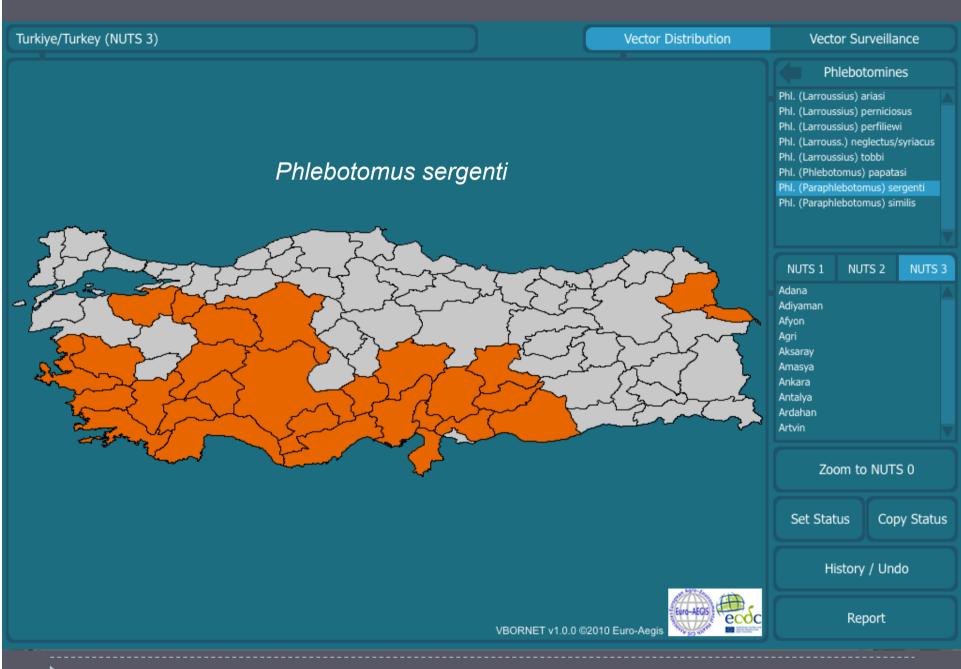
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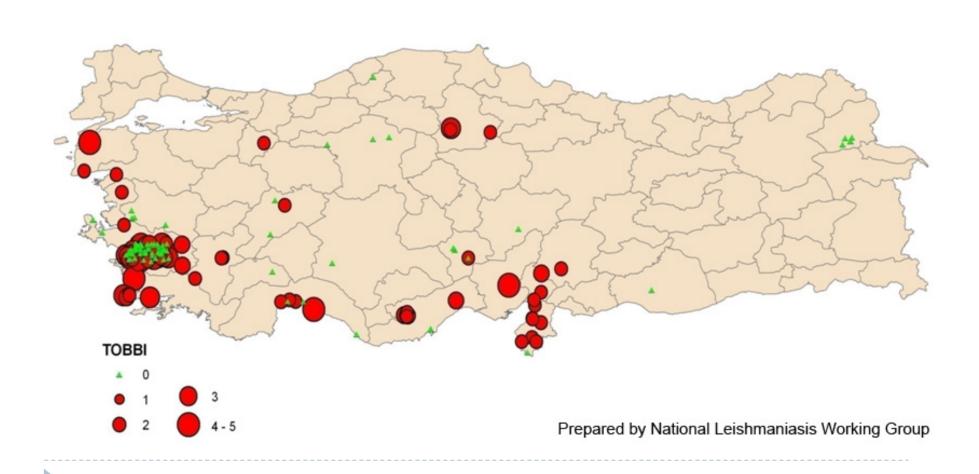




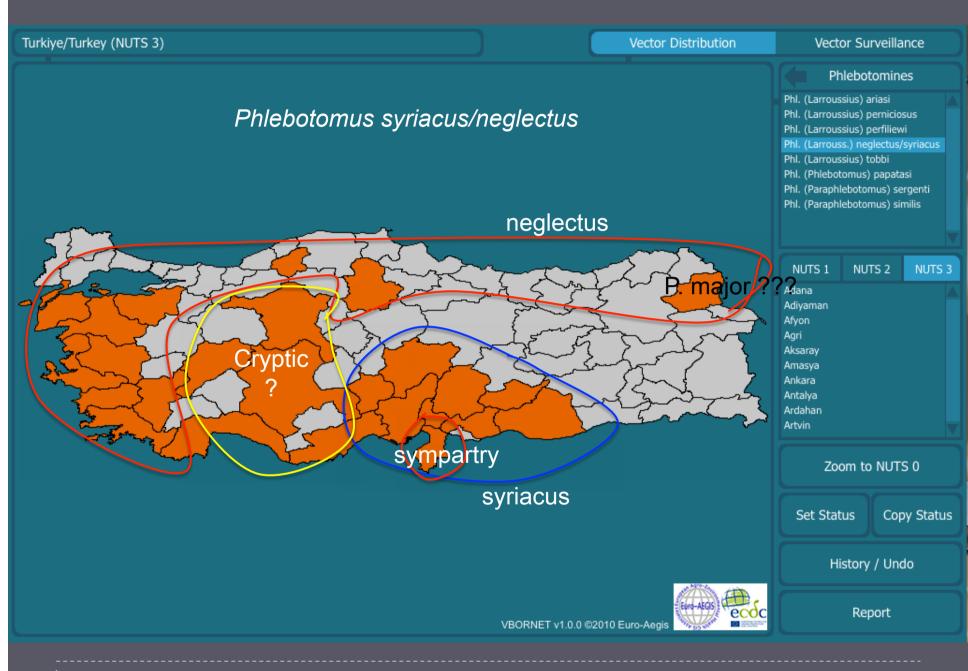


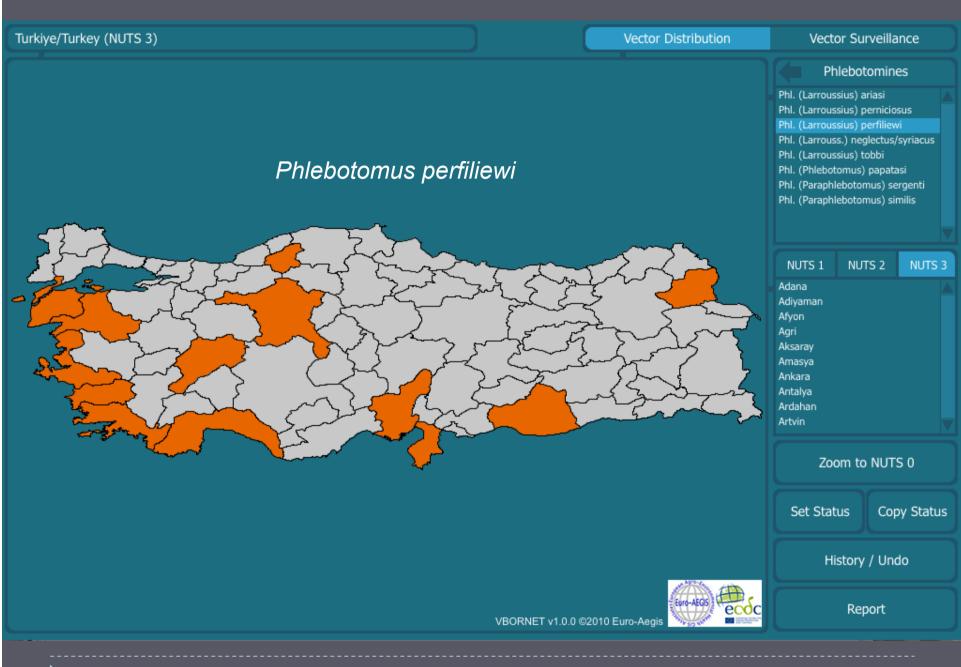


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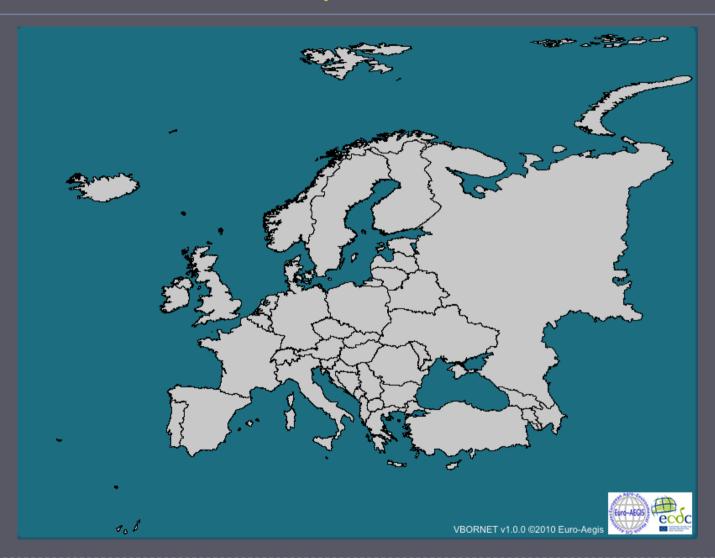








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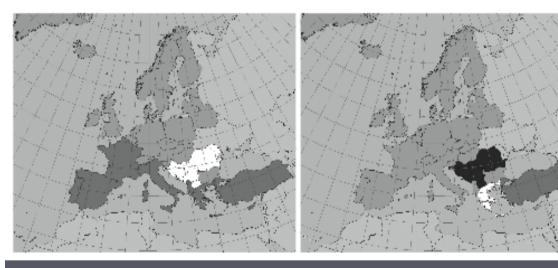
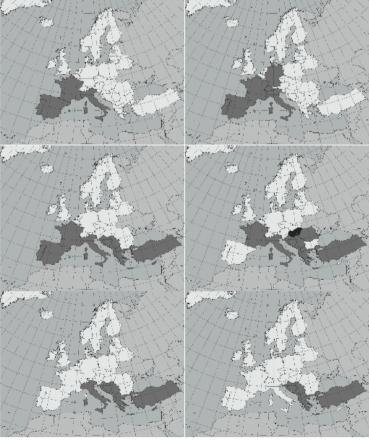


FIGURE 2

stribution of vectors of leishmaniasis in European countries up to 2009



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From left to right and top to bottom: (a) Phlebotomus ariasi, (b) P. perniciosus, (c) P. sergenti, (d) P. perfiliewi, (e) P. neglectus, (f) P. tobbi. Dark grey: present; light grey: absent; black: old record.

Presence in North Africa and Middle East is not depicted.

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FIGURE 1

FIGURE 3

Distribution of (a) Toscana, (b) Sicilian, and (c) Naples viru Distribution of main vectors in the European Union and neighbouring countries around the Mediterranean Sea up to 2009 the Mediterranean Sea up to 2009













From left to right and from top to bottom: (a) Phlebotomus papatasi, (b) P. perniciosus, (c) P. ariasi, and (d) P. perfillewis. st. Countries with confirmed presence are depicted in mid grey, estimated distribution limits are depicted in dark grey. Source: V-borne project; reproduced with permission from the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control.

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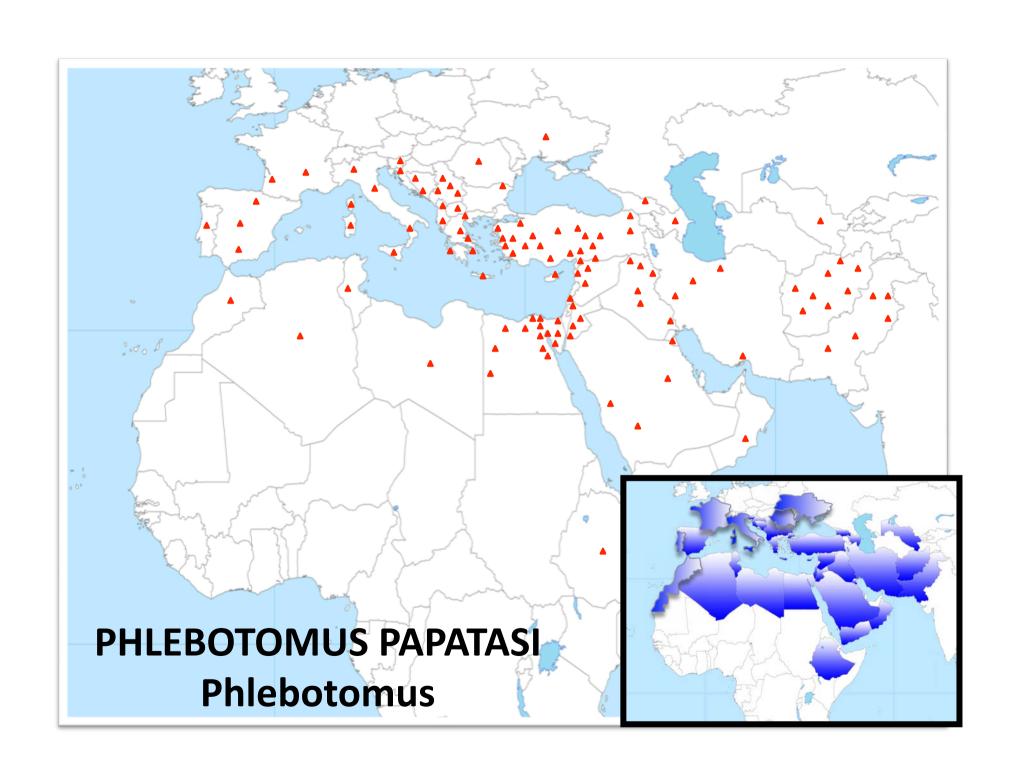
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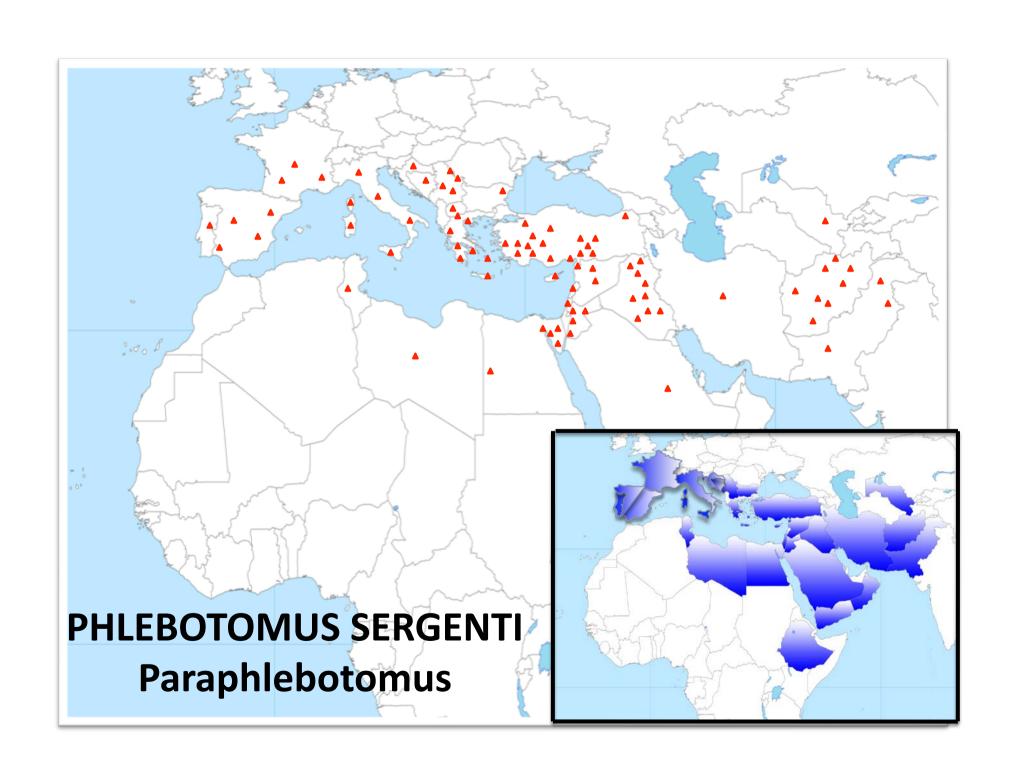
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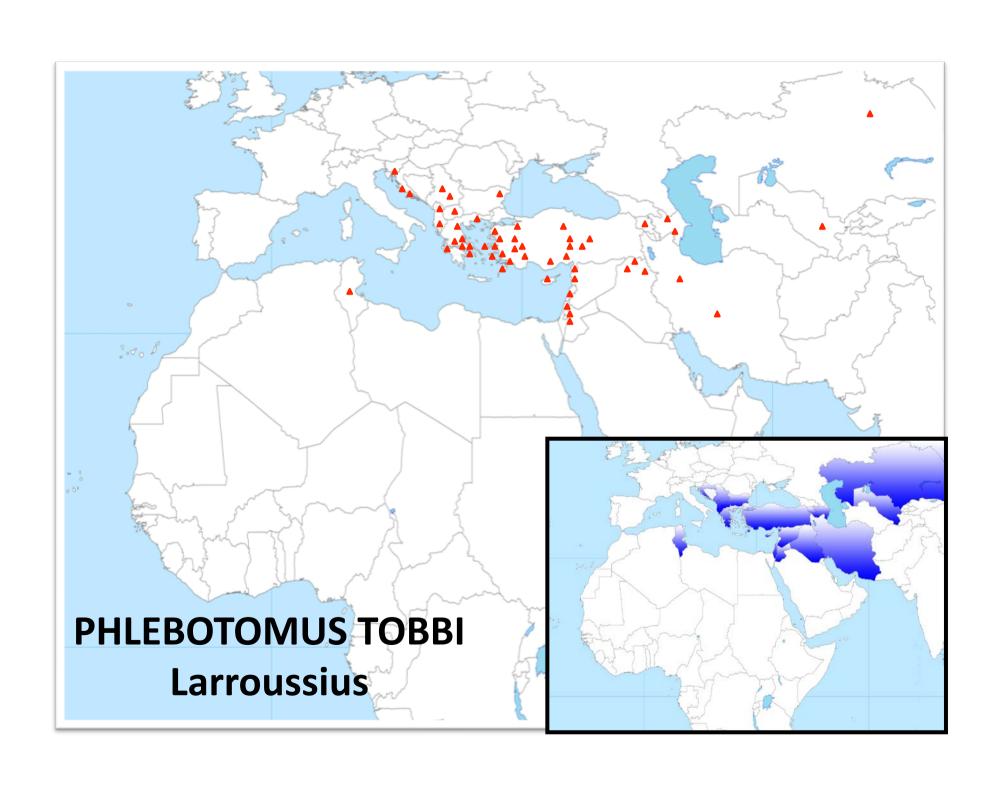
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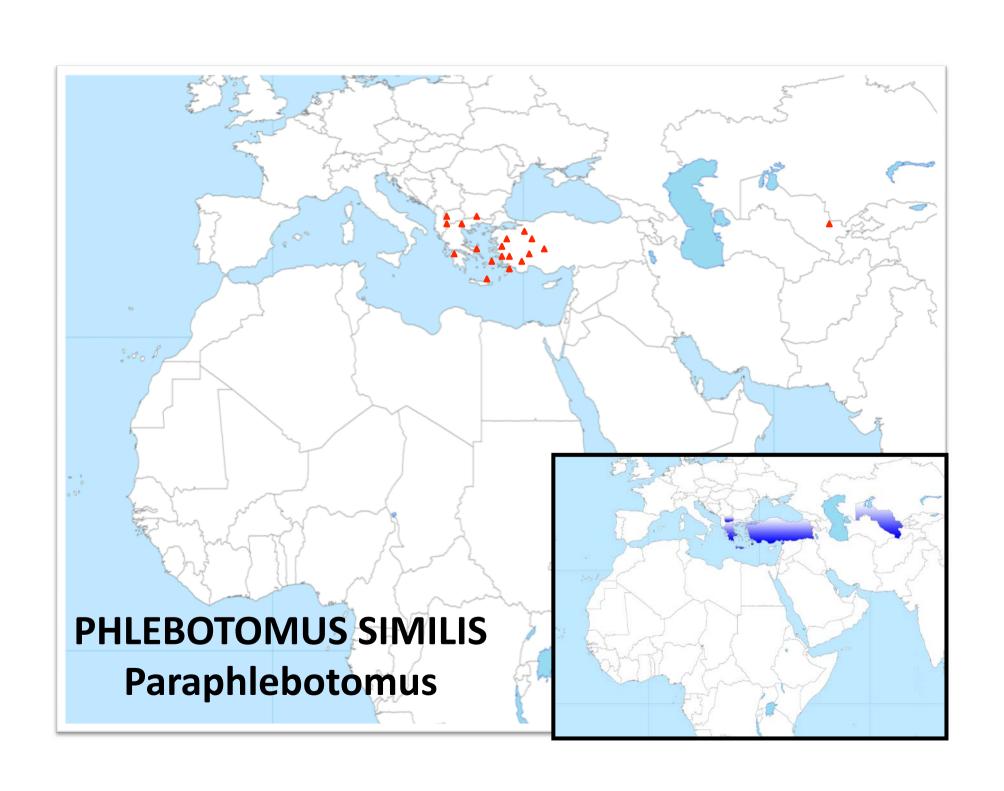
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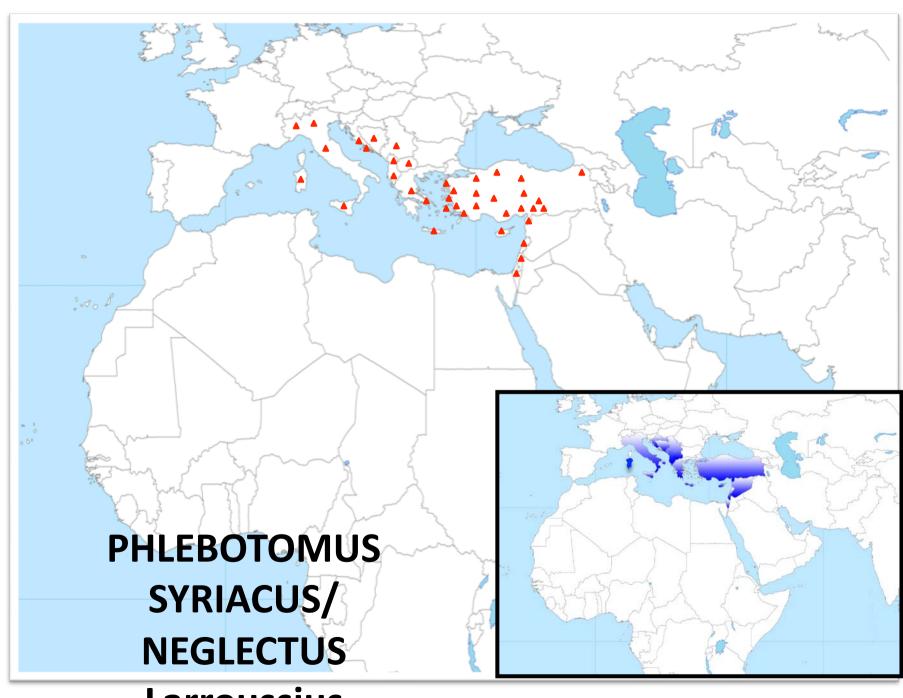
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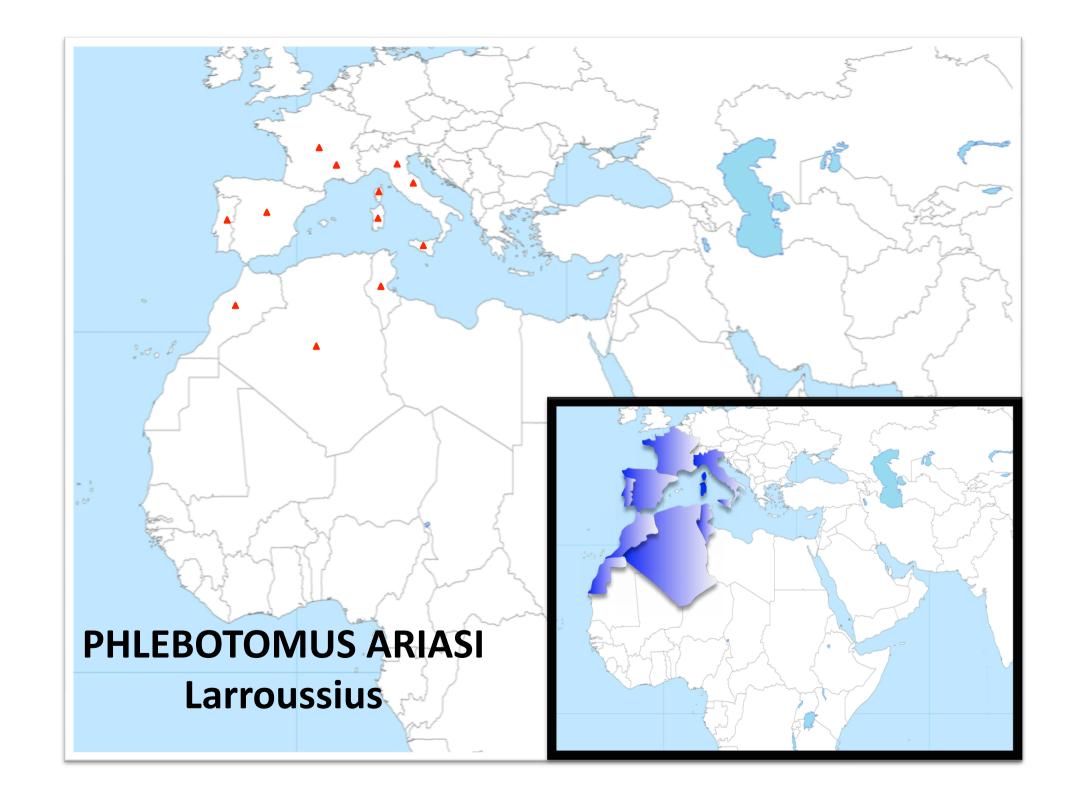


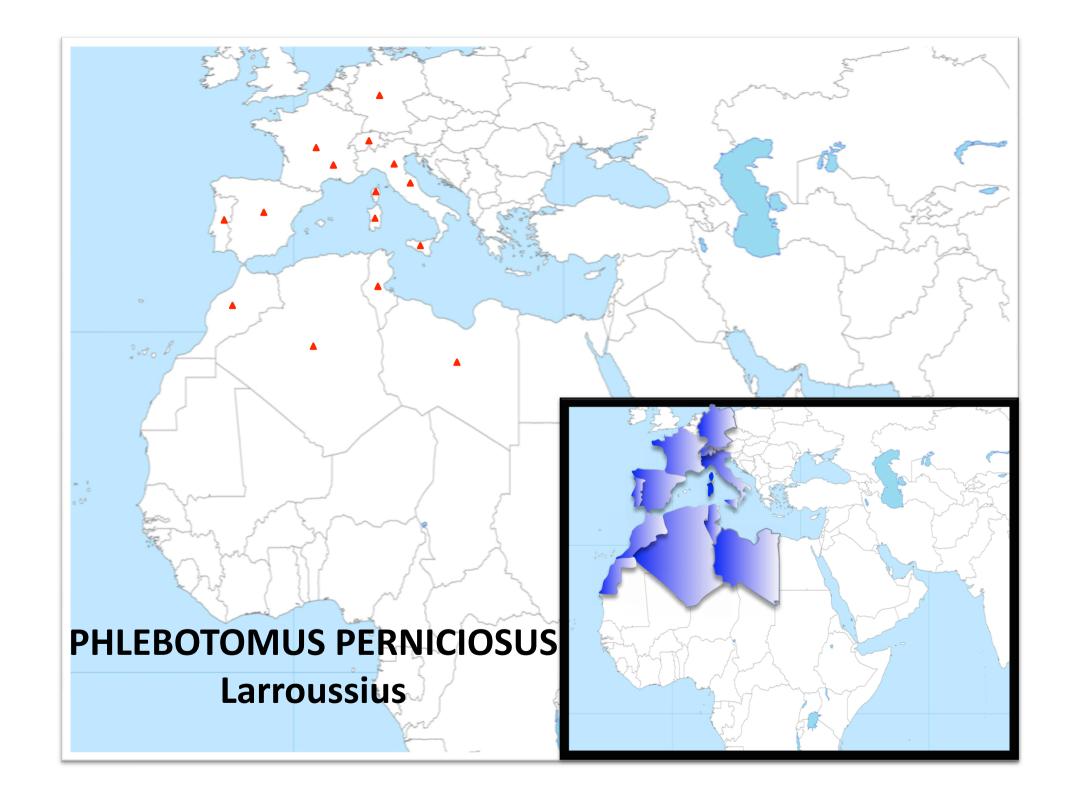






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conclusion

We have to pay attention some other species and the vectorial competence of these *Phlebotomus* species should be tested because these species are now known to be spread in most of European and also north African countries.

1.Ph. mascittii: Italy, France, Belgium, Germany, Sicily, Turkey

(However, low rates of biting humans and autogeny (the ability to produce eggs without a blood- meal) cast doubt on its epidemiological importance) (P.D. Ready 2010)

- 2. Ph. major: Greece, Bulgaria, Romania, Sicily
- 3. Ph. kandelakii: Croatia, Slovenia, Turkey
- 4. Ph. alexandri: Greece, Tunisia, Turkey
- 5. Ph. halepensis: Turkey



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