

Bluetongue and Epizootic  
hemorrhagic diseases in Israel  
from 2006 to day

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# Dové Israele?



500, 000, 000  
migratory birds via  
Israel



**Historically:** the first cow with hemorrhagic conjunctivitis in Israel, end of August 2006, firstly suspected as BEFV infection



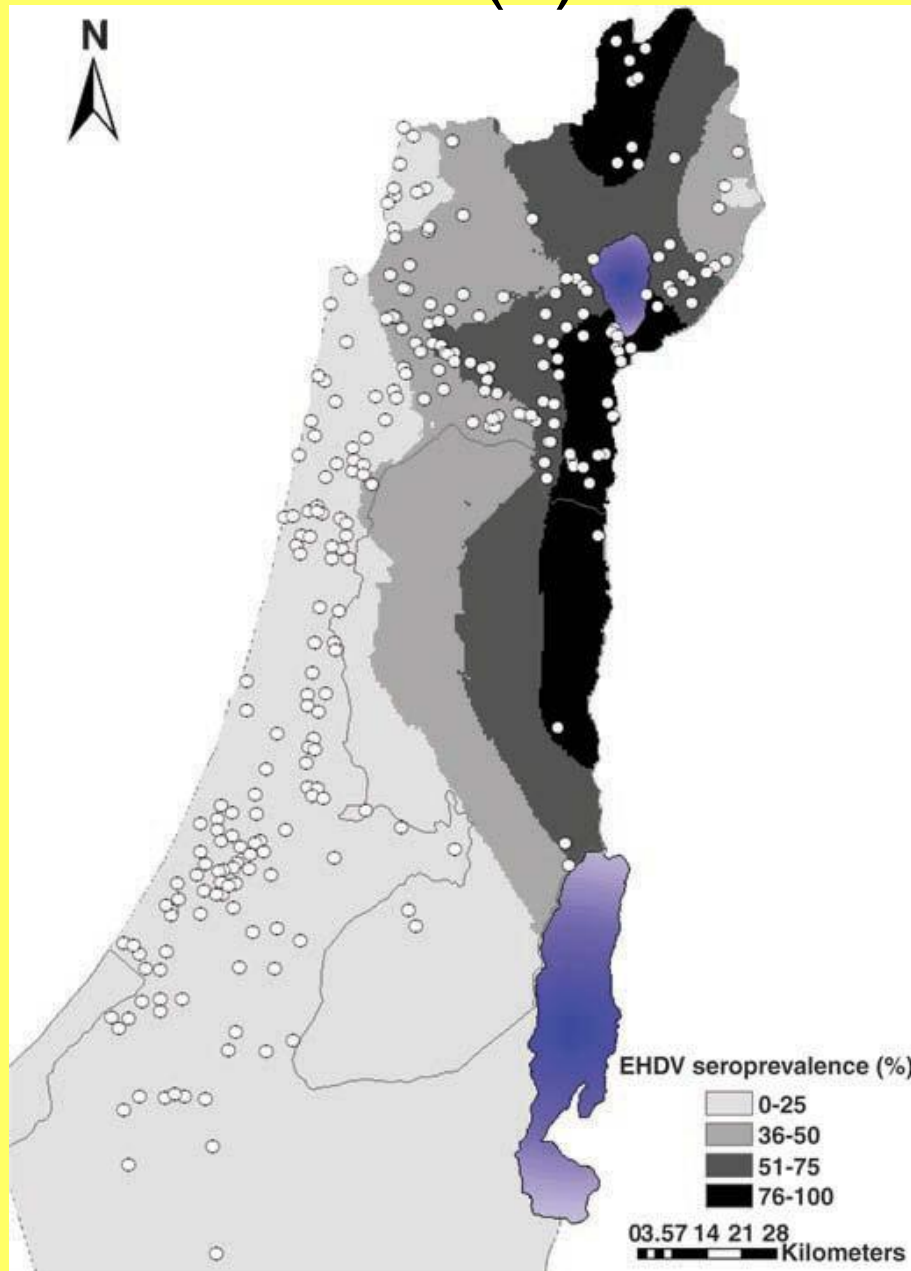
**EHDV7**

**Historically:** the first cow with bluetongue-like disease (HD). 6<sup>th</sup> September 2006 (the first EHDV-7 isolation/identification)

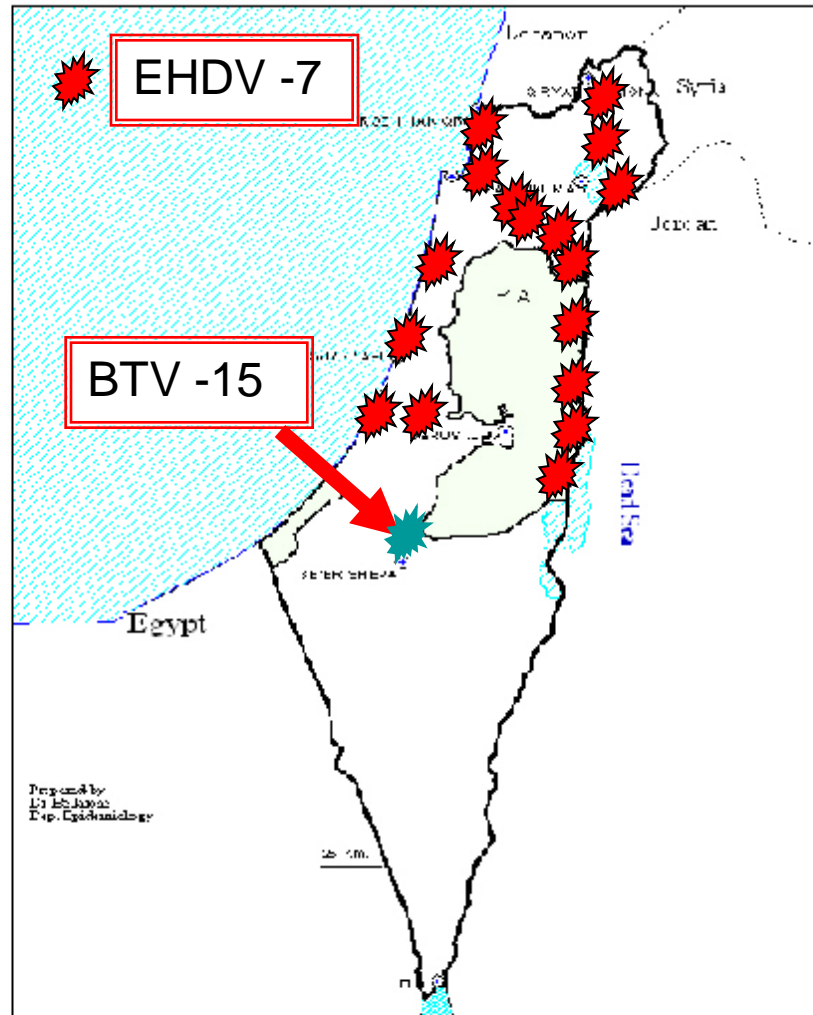


# The EHD ended (?) in Israel (end of Nov. 2006)

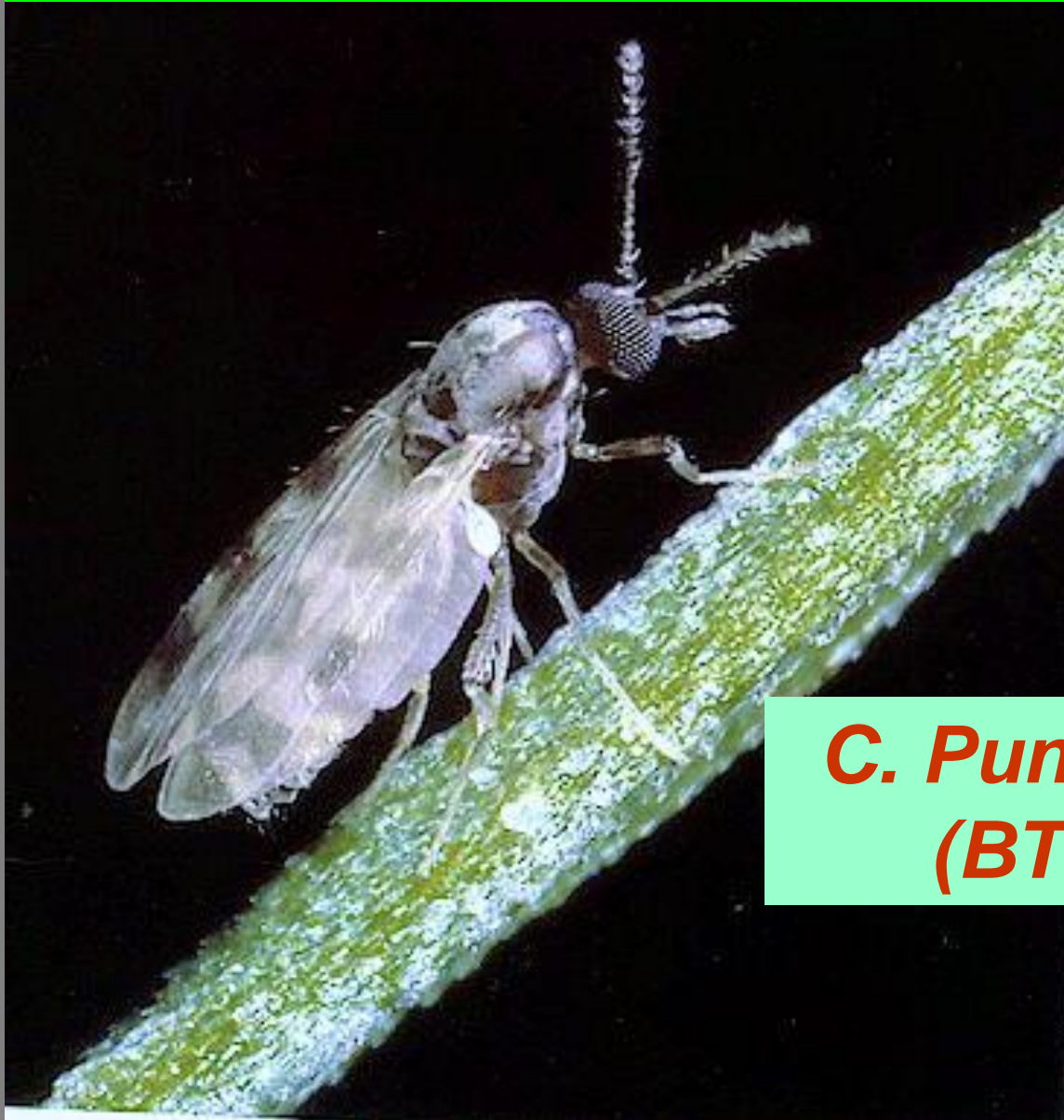
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# 2006 Culicoides (?) activity EHDV infection



*Culicoides imicola* (1.5 mm)



*C. Obsoletus*  
*C. schlzei*  
*C. oxystoma*  
*C. newsteadi*

*C. Punticollis* in  
(BTV-15?)



***orbivirus* (es) and Culicoides attacks (during the new millennium on the ruminant populations in Israel**

**\*Akabane & Aino (?) viruses 2001/2002**

**Equine encephalosis virus -2008**

**Epizootic hemorrhagic disease virus 7-2006**

**Bluetongue virus 2006 ( new type BTV15)  
2008/11 (new types: BTV8, BTV 24 & BTV5 & old types BTV2, BTV4, BTV15 & BTV16)**

**\*not orbivirus (Simbu serogroup)**

## Occurrence

**EHDV in cattle has been isolated throughout the world in North America, Australia, Africa, Asia, and the Mediterranean (Israel, Turkey, Maghreb). Ibaraki disease has been reported from Japan, Korea, Taiwan**

# ETIOLOGY

## Classification of the causative agent

**EHD is caused by a virus of the family *Reoviridae*, genus *Orbivirus*; there are 8 or more serotypes and Ibaraki virus is a member of the EHD virus (EHDV) serogroup (serotype 2). EHDV demonstrates immunological cross reactivity with the bluetongue virus group.**

# **EHDV Resistance to physical and chemical action**

**(adapted from Bluetongue virus)**

## **Temperature:**

**Extremely unstable at high temperatures. Inactivated by 50°C (122°F)/3 hours; 60°C (140°F)/15 minutes or 121°C (249.8°F) /15 minutes.**

## **pH:**

**Sensitive to pH <6.0 and >8.0.**

# **EPIDEMIOLOGY**

- **EHD can infect most wild and domestic ruminants**
- **Historically EHD is a disease of wild ruminants, particularly white-tailed deer in North America, and rarely a clinical disease of cattle**
- **A notable exception is Ibaraki virus, which caused an extensive outbreak of disease in cattle in Japan in 1959, and continues to cause cattle disease in the Far East**

## **EPIDEMIOLOGY (B)**

- **Recently EHD has become an emerging disease in cattle, and was added to OIE list of notifiable diseases in May 2008, following outbreaks in four Mediterranean countries**
- **Morbidity and mortality may be as high as 90% in white tailed deer; however severity varies between years and geographic locations**

## **SURVIVAL:**

**Very stable in blood and tissue specimens at 20°C, 4°C, and –70°C, but not at –20°C. Resistant to ultraviolet and gamma irradiation due to its double-stranded RNA genome.**

## Hosts

- White-tailed deer mainly, with mule deer and pronghorn affected to a lesser extent
- Other wild ruminants, like black-tailed deer, red deer, wapiti, fallow deer, roe deer, elk, moose, and bighorn sheep may seroconvert
- Until recently, only rare outbreaks were reported in cattle, although infection is common and they may serve as temporary reservoir hosts. **True persistent** infection of ruminants does not occur



## Hosts (B)

- Ibaraki disease is seen in cattle
- Sheep can be infected experimentally but rarely develop clinical signs, and goats do not seem to be susceptible to infection

# Transmission

- **Virus is transmitted by biological vectors, usually biting midges of the genus *Culicoides*, after an external extrinsic period of 10-14 days**
- **In temperate regions infection is most common in the late summer and autumn during peak vector population, while infection occurs throughout the year in tropical regions**

## **Transmission (B)**

- **As in bluetongue infection, (pseudo) viremia can be prolonged beyond 50 days, despite the presence of neutralizing antibody, due to an intimate association between virus and erythrocytes.**

## Sources of virus

- Blood of viremic animals infection in ruminants is not contagious – biological vectors (?) (*Culicoides* sp.) are required
- As the virus infects endothelium, all tissues of the body may be affected!!

## **DIAGNOSIS**

**The incubation period for EHD is estimated at 2-10 days.**

### **Clinical diagnosis**

- Domestic ruminants may be subclinically infected.**
- In prolonged cases, oral ulcers on the dental pad, hard palate, and tongue may occur.**

- **Acute outbreaks in cattle: fever, anorexia, reduced milk, swollen conjunctivae, redness and scaling of the nose and lips, nasal and ocular discharge, stomatitis, salivation, lameness, swelling of the tongue, oral/nasal erosions, hemorrhages, erosions, and ulcerations may be seen around the coronets**
- **Abortions and stillbirths (?). Some affected cattle die (up to 10%)**

# Laboratory diagnosis

## Samples

### Virus isolation and detection

- Whole blood in EDTA and/or heparin (?)
- Spleen, Lungs, Lymph nodes, Liver

### Serological tests

- Paired serum samples (3-5 ml each)  
also for seroconversion

# PREVENTION AND CONTROL

## Sanitary prophylaxis

Control *Culicoides* vectors with insecticides/ larvicides, insect repellents on susceptible ruminants, and management of *Culicoides* breeding areas.

## Medical prophylaxis

- No vaccine is commercially available for EHD viruses, however, a live attenuated Ibaraki disease vaccine is used in Japan
- EHDV vaccines could be produced but would need to be multivalent as humoral immunity is serotype specific



# PREVENTION AND CONTROL

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## **Chemicals/disinfectants:**

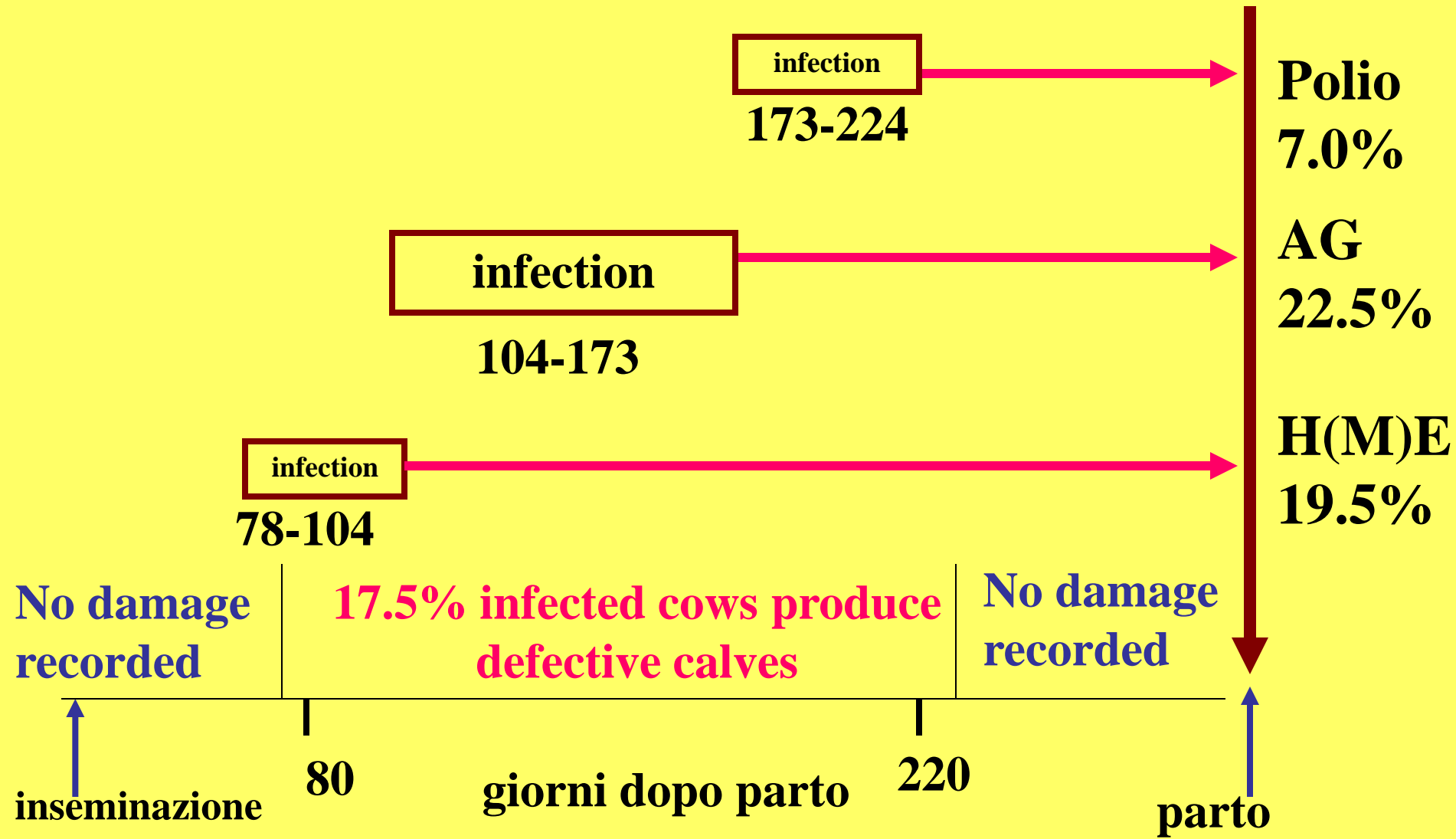
**Non-enveloped virus and thus relatively resistant to lipid solvents like ether and chloroform. Readily inactivated by beta-propiolactone, 2% w/v glutaraldehyde, acids, alkalis (2% w/v sodium hydroxide), 2%-3% w/v sodium hypochlorite, iodophores and phenolic compounds.**

**1... total loss of 26.5 US\$/cow, i.e., 0.55% of the annual average total production value of a dairy cow**

**2...the epidemic, which lasted only 3 months, engendered a loss equal to 0.5% of the Israeli dairy cattle industry's annual production.**

**The probable time of fetal calf infection correlates with the type of lesion seen at birth**

**Defective calves born**



# Hydranencephaly



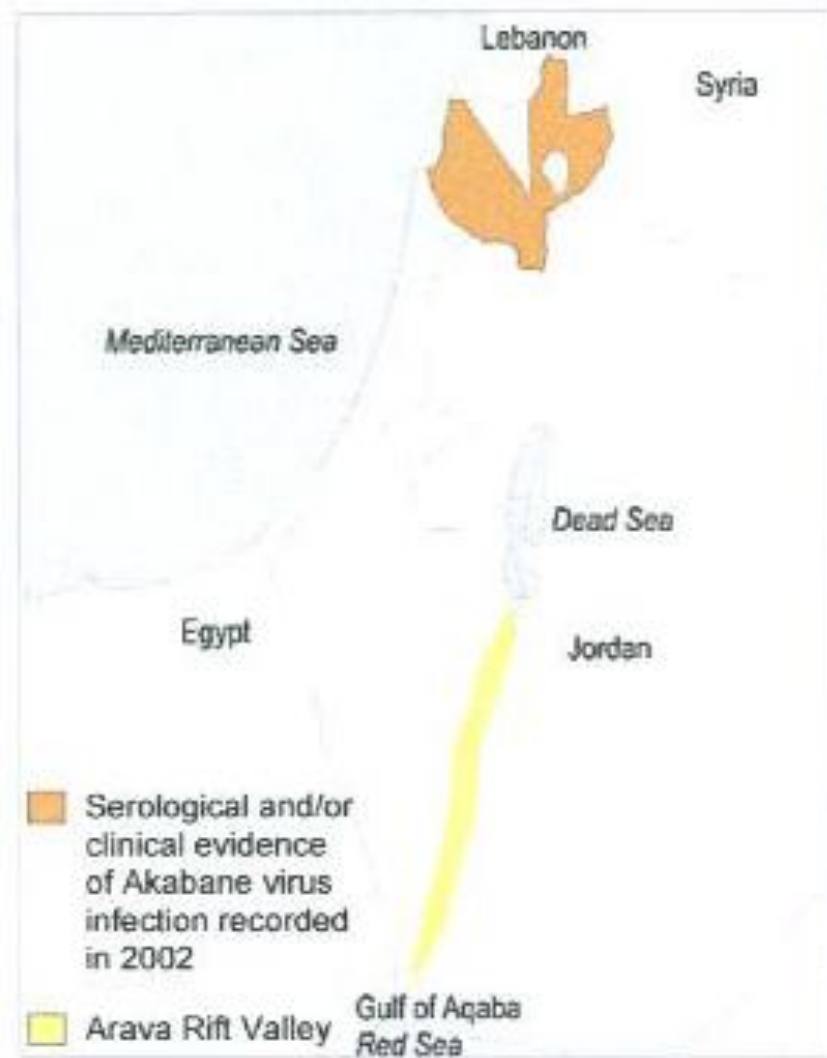
# Microencephaly



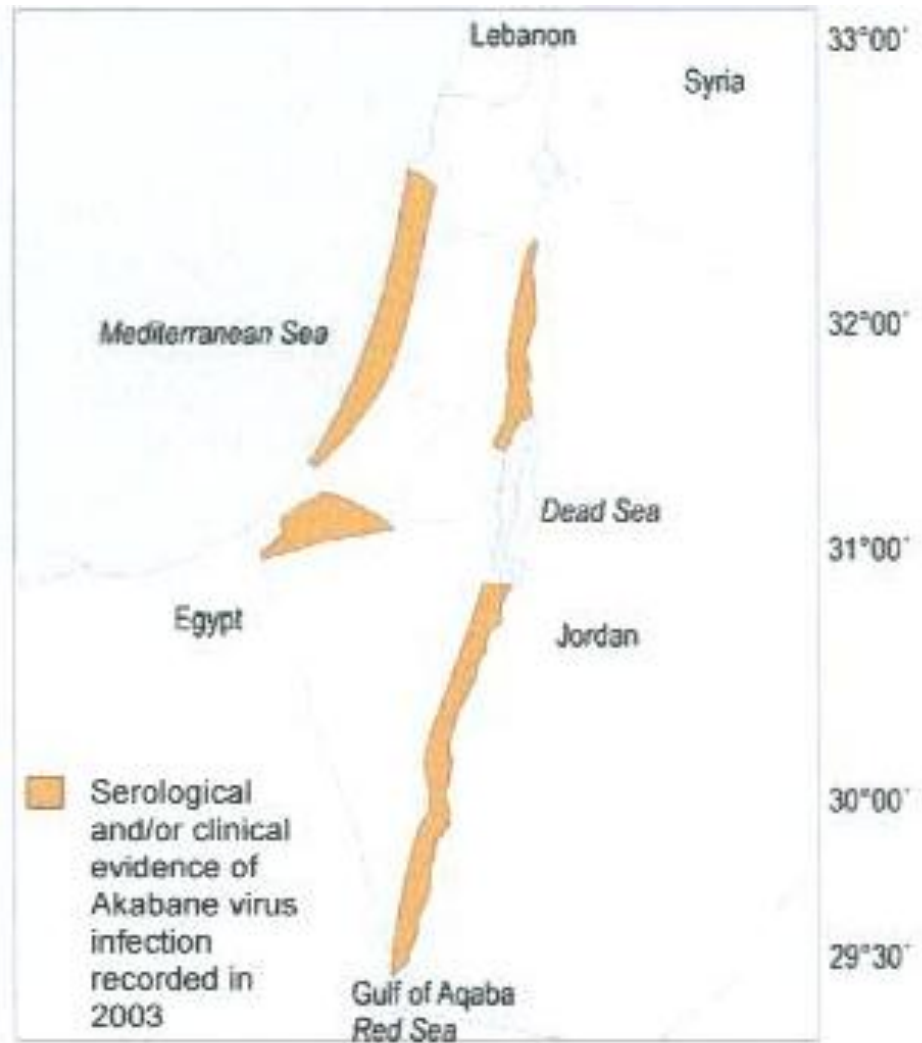
# Arthrogryposis

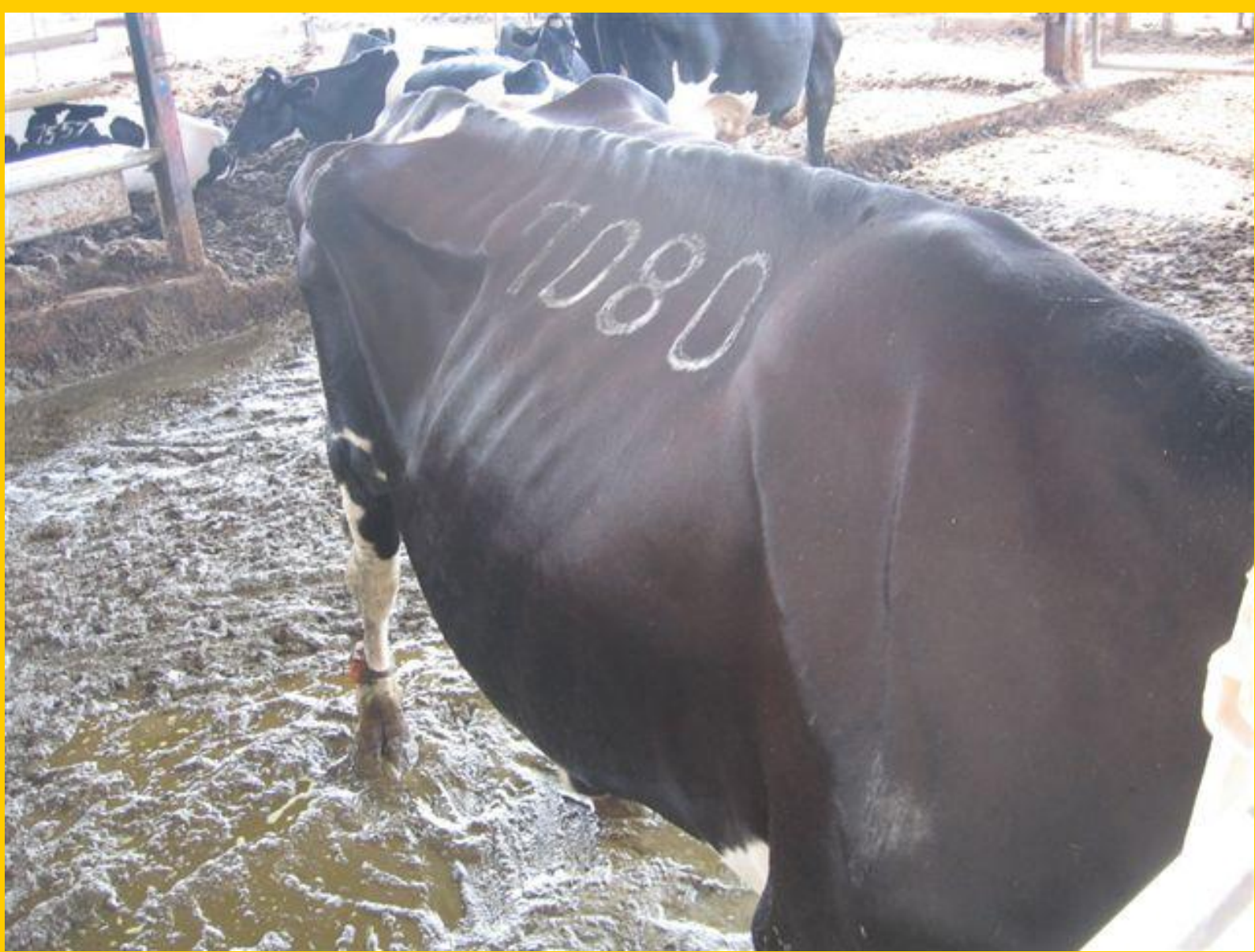
Simbu serogroup infection

# The epicenter of blind neonatal calves in the 2002 outbreak



# The epicenter of blind neonatal calves in the 2003 outbreak





Rapid body weight loss





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# EHDV infection



**EHDV infection: “parchment (pergamena) skin”**



**EHD: Cow, oral mucosa : mouth. Multiple blunted and congested papillae.**

**EHD: Cow, oral mucosa. Necrosis and blunting of the gingival papillae.**





**Cow, oral mucosa : hard palate. Multiple mucosal erosions.**

**Cow, oral mucosa.  
Necrosis and blunting of the gingival papillae.  
Necrotic lesion on the lingual tip & multiple blunted and congested papillae.**

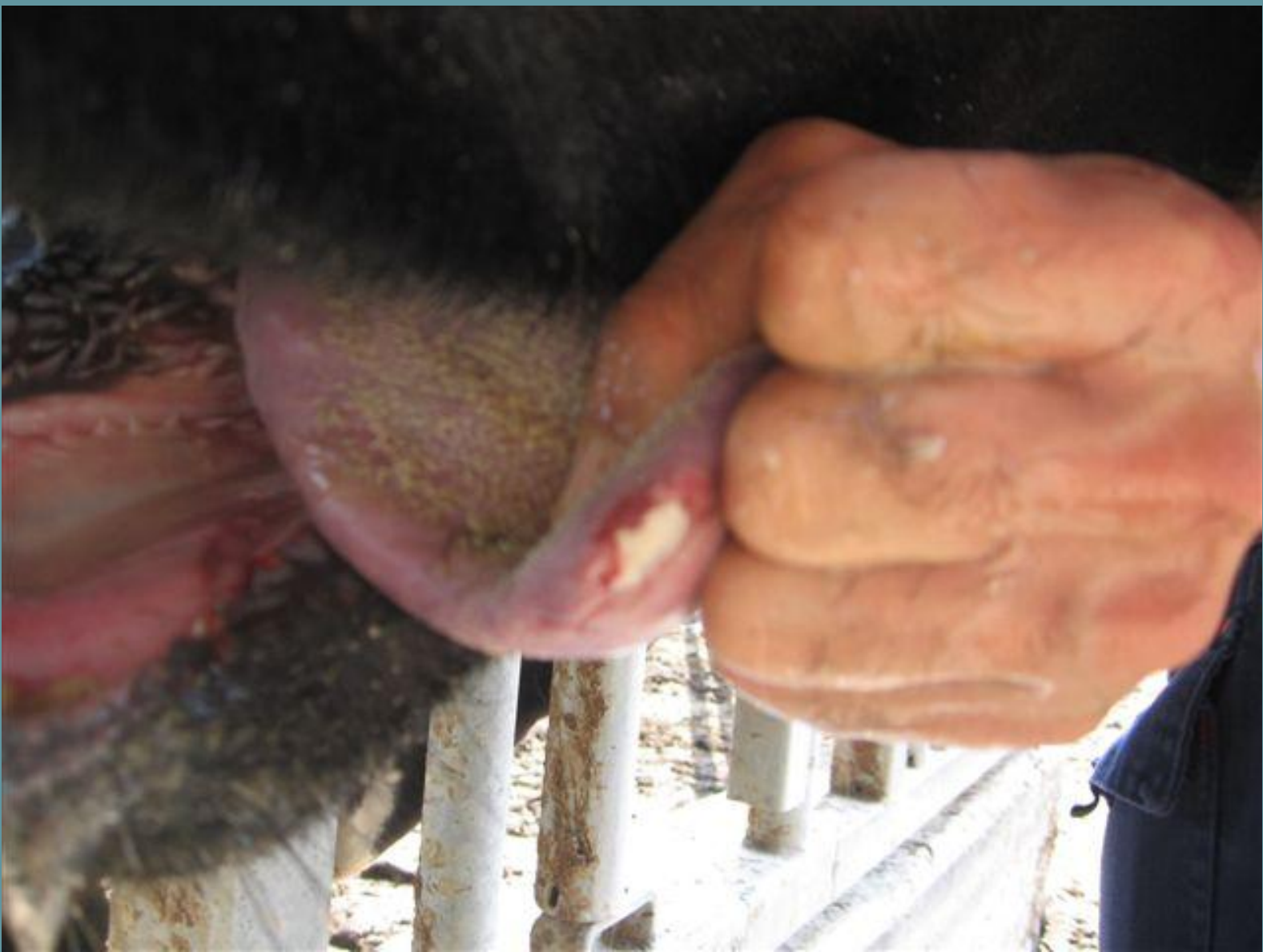




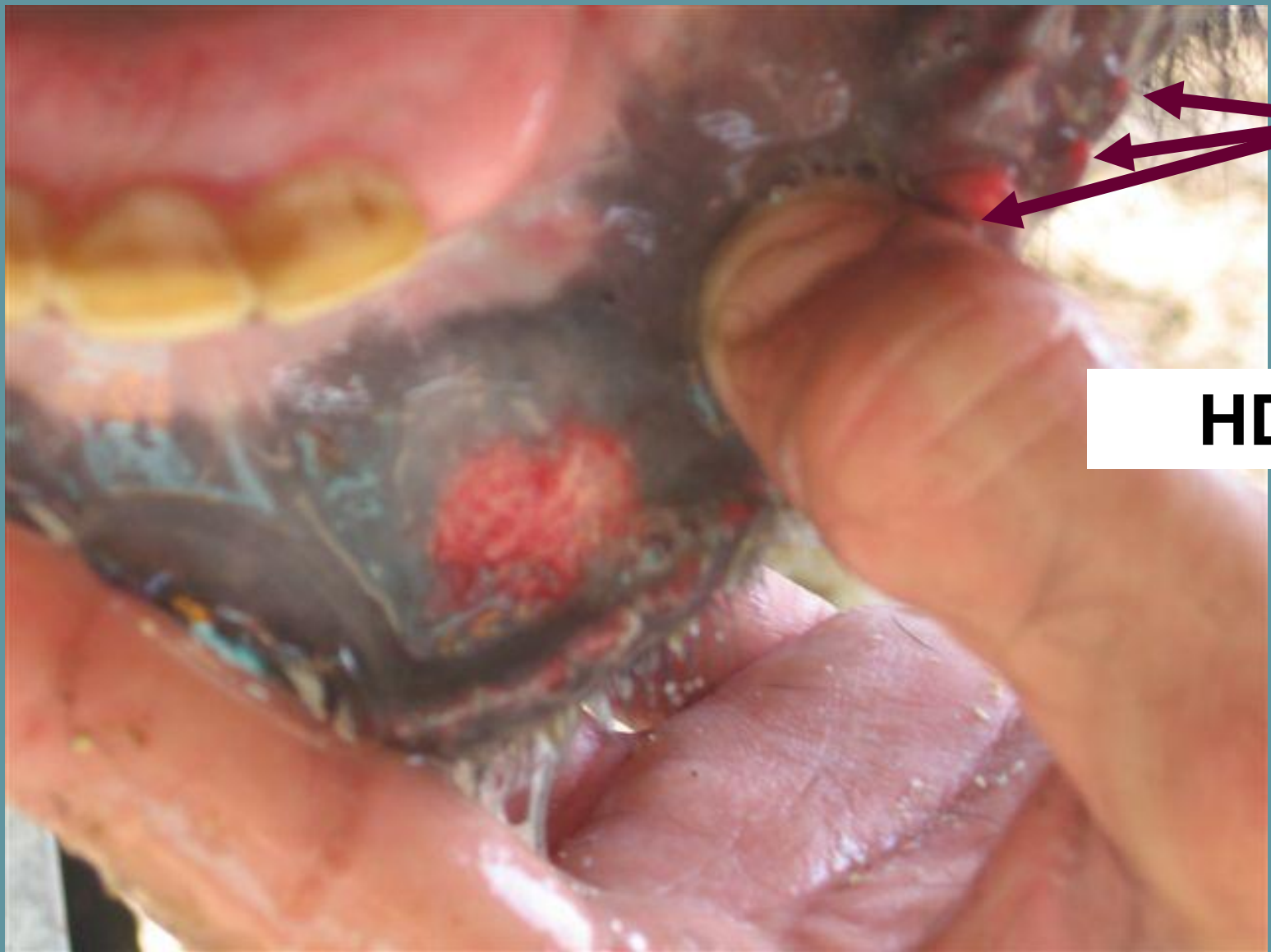
**EHDV infection: bluetongue(-like)**



Teats and udder petechia and discoloration



**EHD 7: Vesicular stomatitis (-like)**



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**Teats and udder petechia and discoloration  
and tip necrosis**

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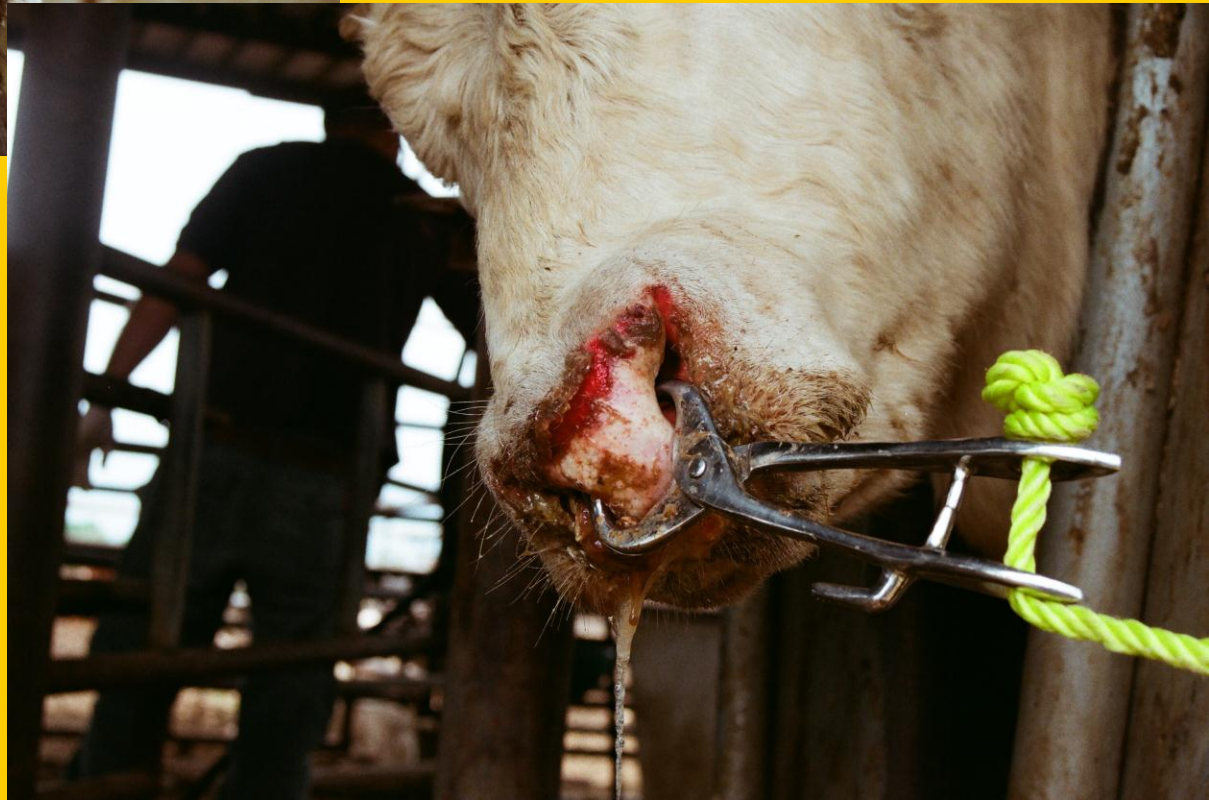
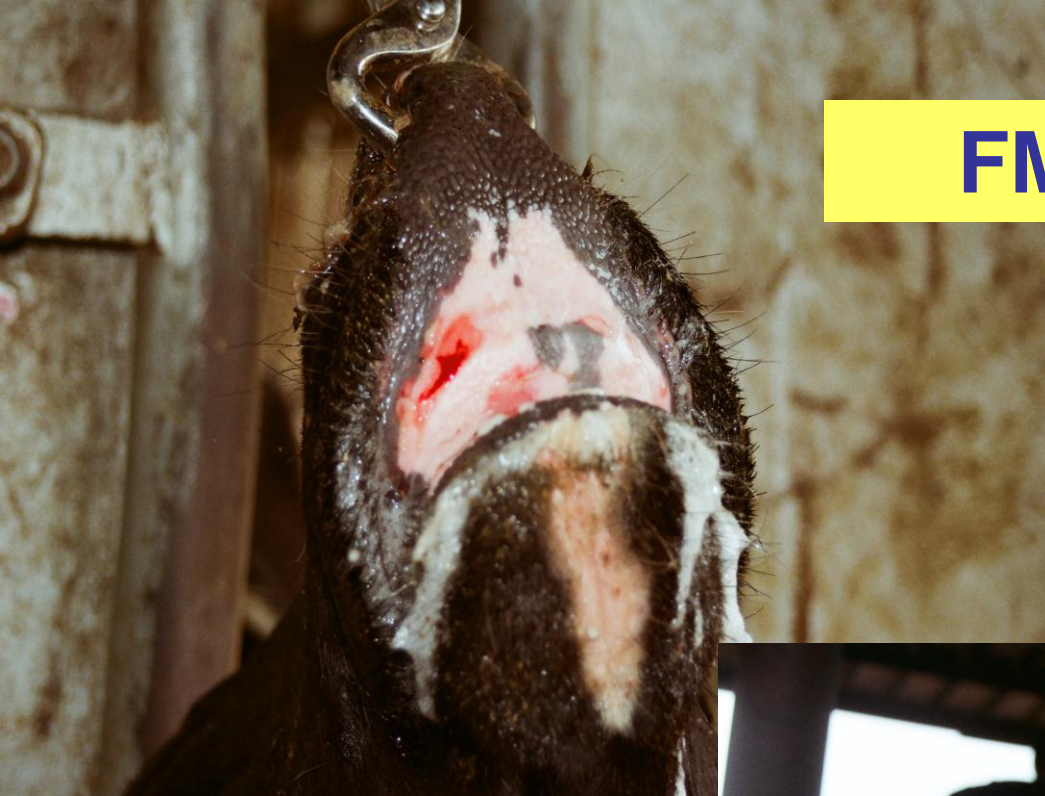
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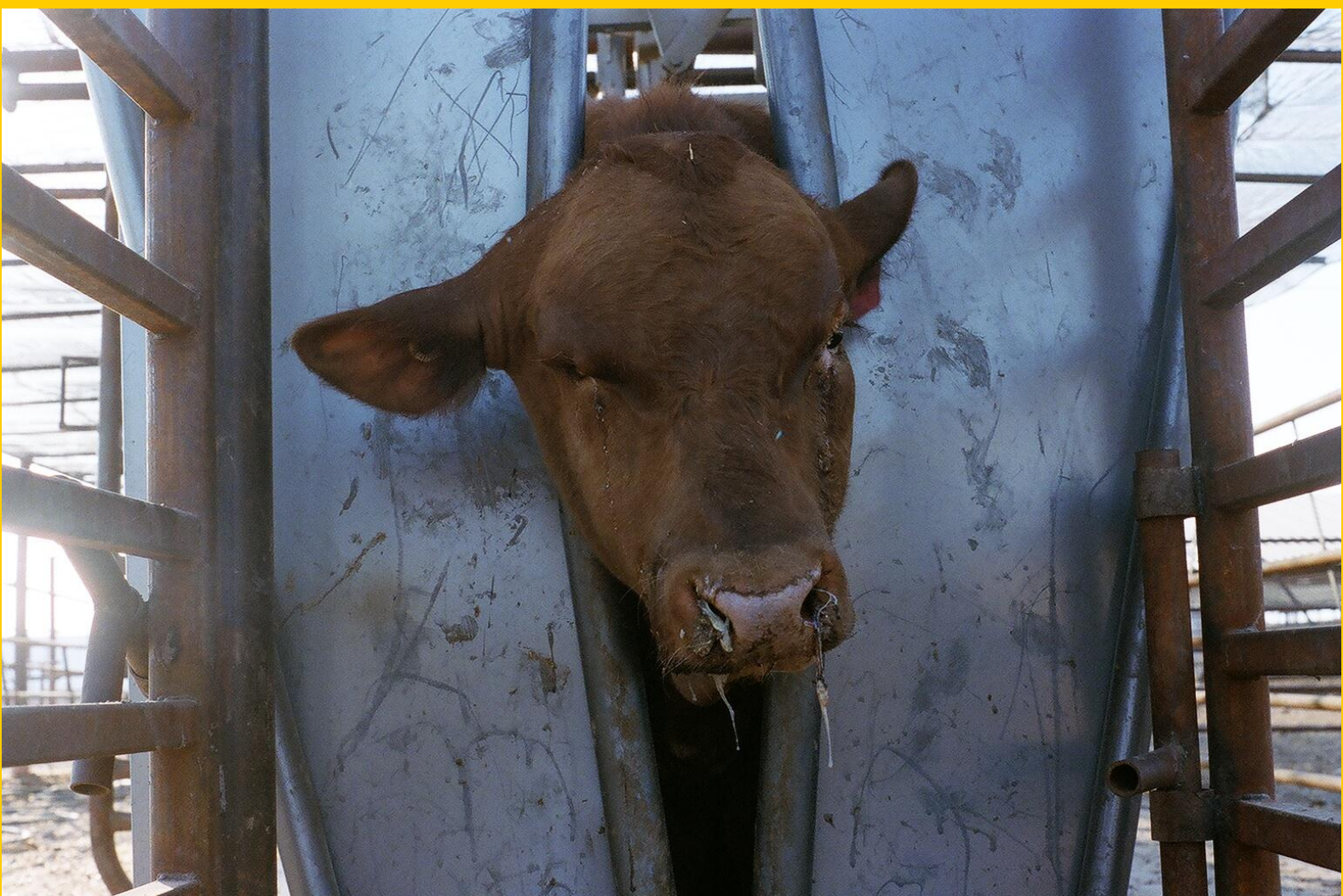
## Differential diagnosis

- **Cattle:**

**BT, BVD, FMD, IBR, VS, SA-MCF, BEF**

# FMD (O) 4/2011





**SA-MCF head and eye form**

# **BTV**

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Vet Rec in press**

# BTV Syndrome

Dated 8/2008-3/2010

8 16 4

**Foot rot-like**

24

**BT/EHD systemic syndrome**

8

**Red Udder**

4

**Emphysema**

8

**Maladjustment**

24

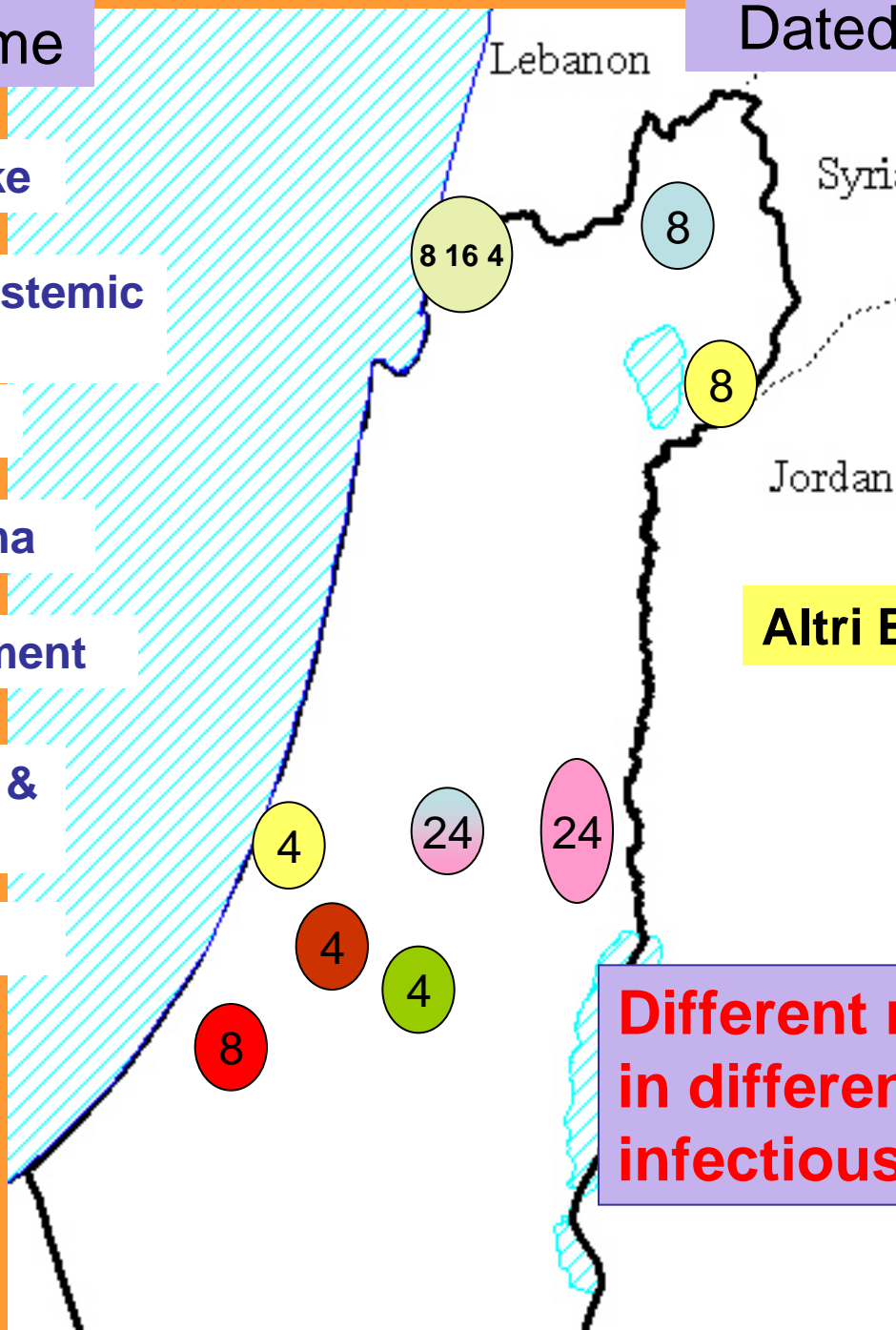
**Red udder & EHD-like**

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**Sore nose**

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**Post BT ASPP?**



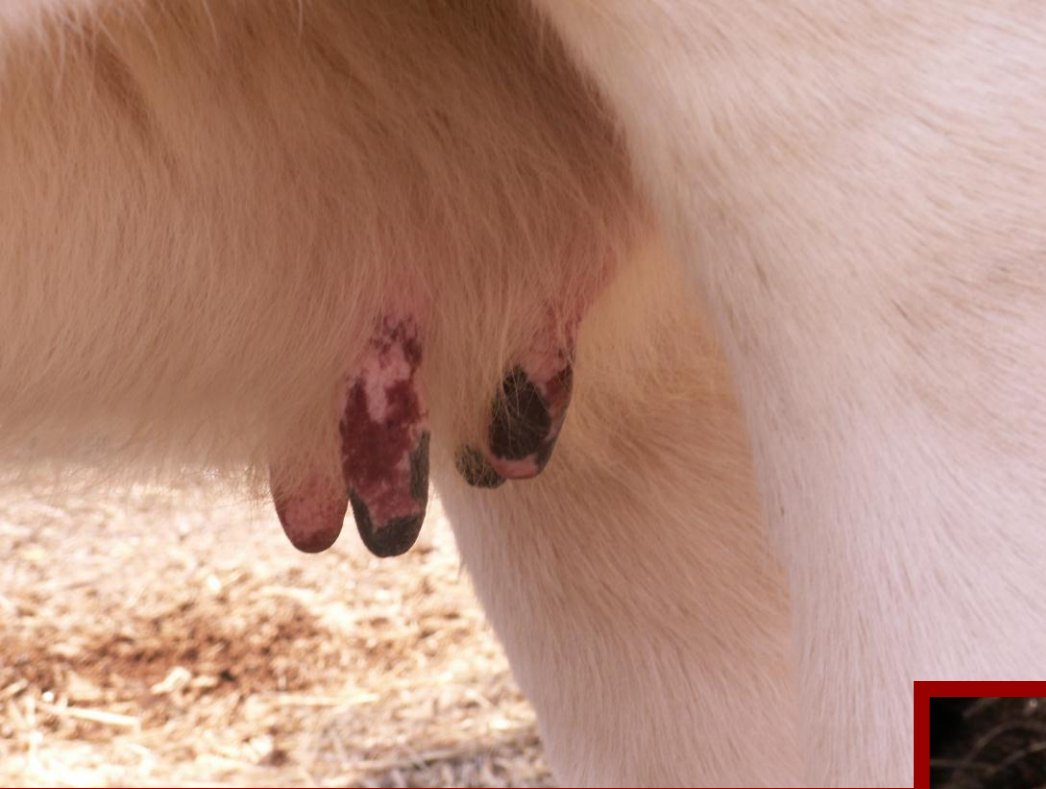
**Altri BTV 2, 5, 15,**

**Different manifestations in different BTV-types infectious sites in Israel**



**Cow: BTV24 BT/EHD  
systemic disease syndrome**





**BTB 24**





**BTV 24**





**BTV 24**

**Cow: BTV8, BTV4 BT-post severe  
pleuropneumonia syndrome ?**



# Sore nose syndrome



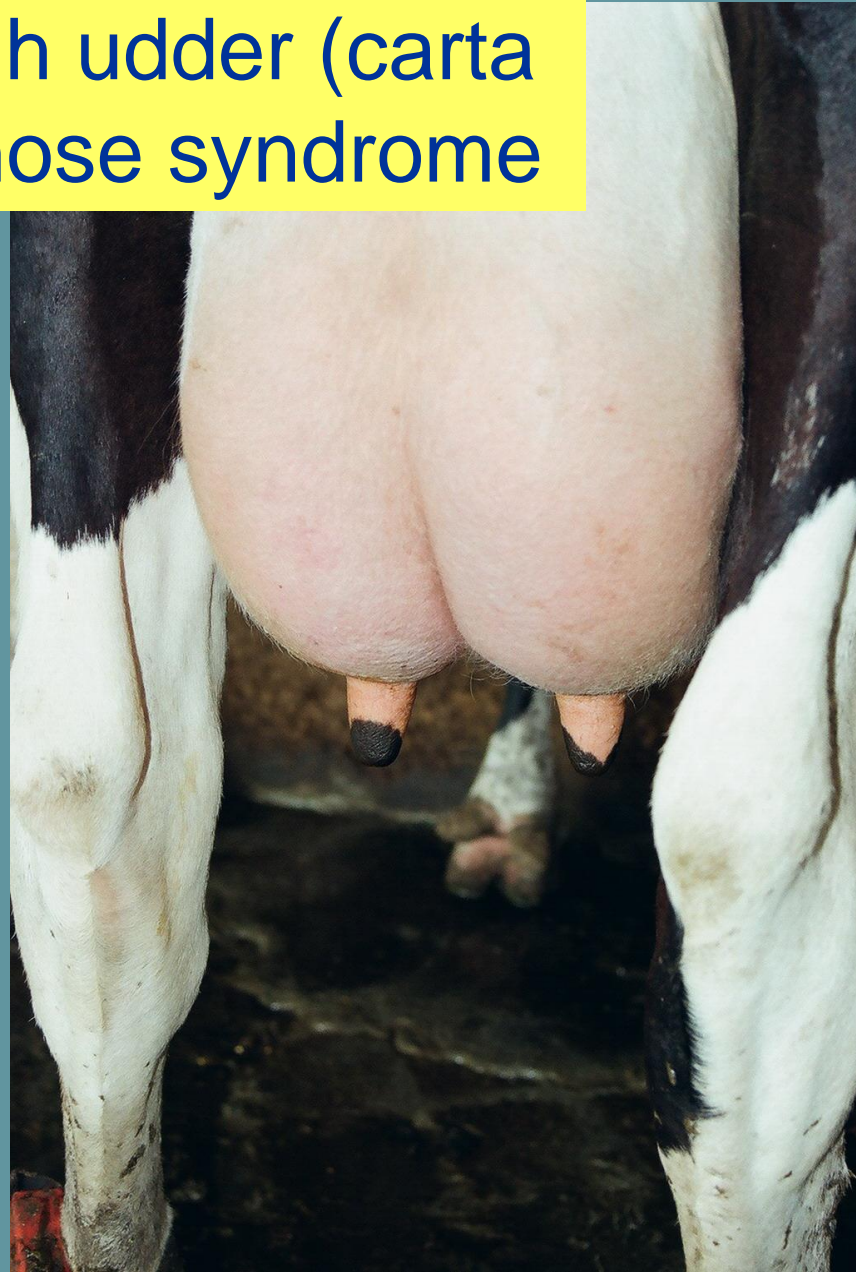
# Maladjustment (disadatto) syndrome



**36 NATI DI VACCHE  
DI PRIMO PARTO; DI  
LORO 20 MORTI AL  
ETA DI 12-48 ORE**



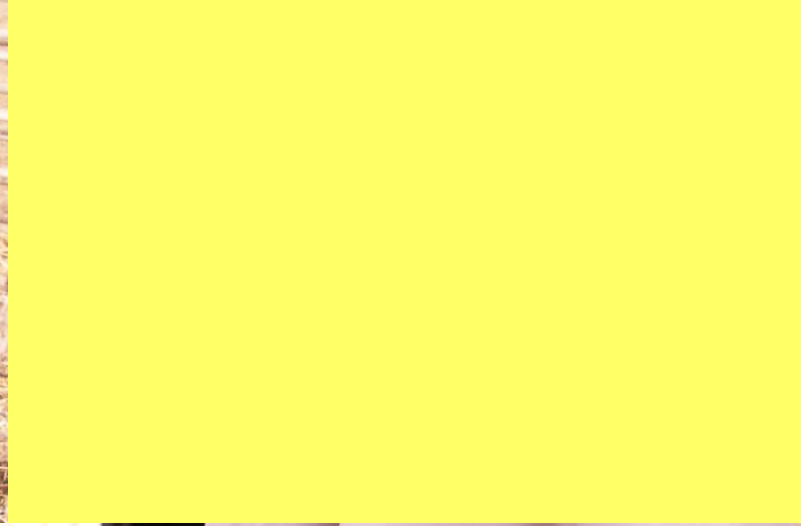
Red/rough udder (carta vetrata) nose syndrome





# Fot rot-like syndrome





**BTV24**

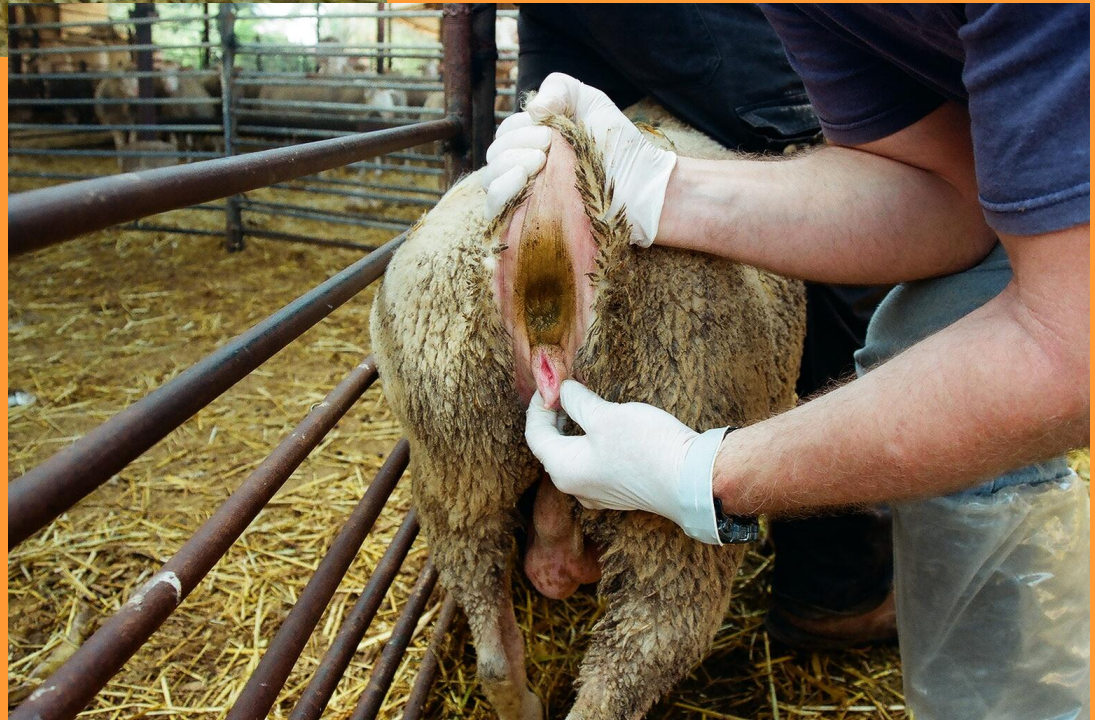
**BTV24**





**Animali vaccinati !!!**

**BTV4**



**BTV8**



**BTV8**





**BTV8**

**ovino**

**BTV4**



**caprino**

**BTV16**





**Holzhauser & Vos. 2009. "Blue eye" in newborn calves associate with BT infection. EHD viruses. Vet Rec 164: 403-404.**

**Blue eye: syndrome  
(CIECHI) BVT4**



**No eye BVT4**

## **White eye syndrome BVT? NON SOLO**

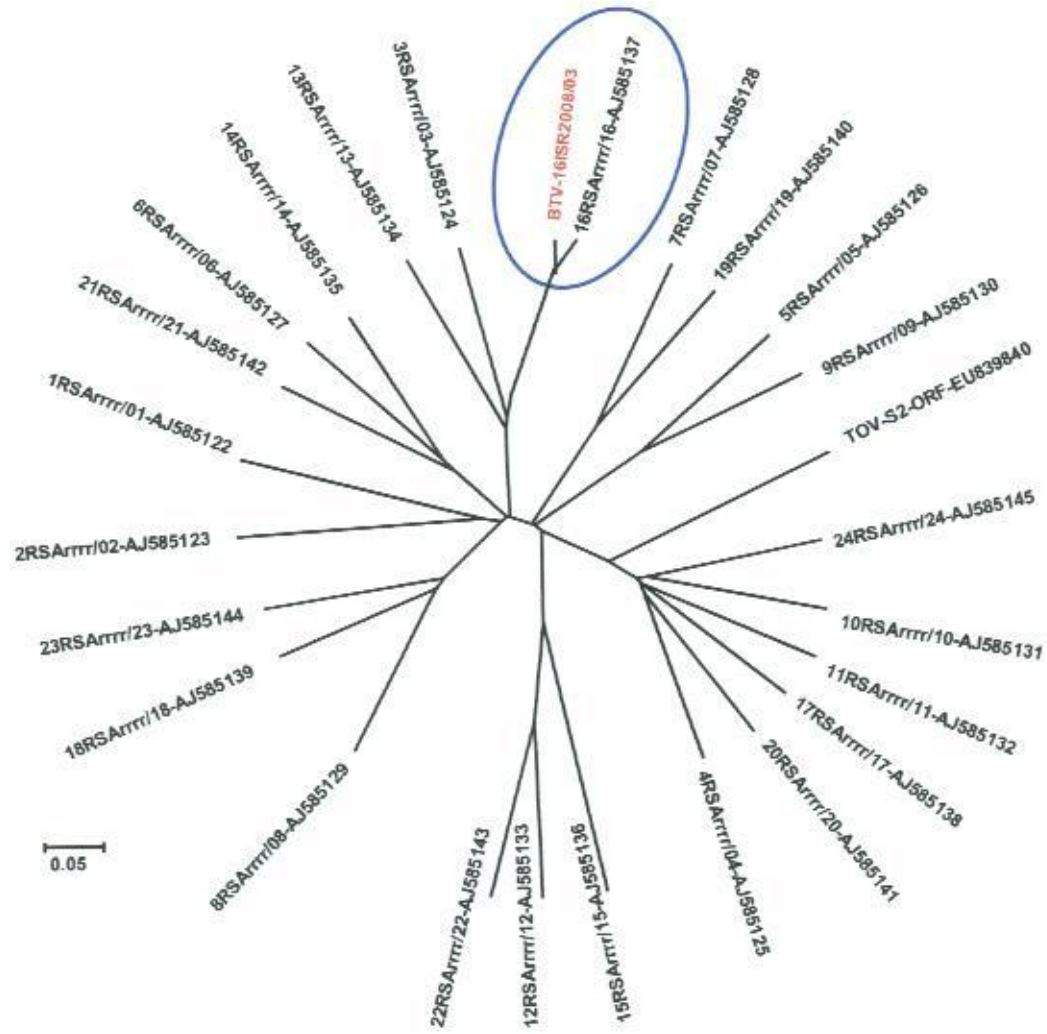


**Renolds, Schmidz, Mattson, pielstick, Leudke 1985. "white eye calf' syndrome in Oregon associate with Bt and EHD viruses. " Prog. Clin Biol. Res 178:67-69**

**White eye syndrome BVT? NON SOLO**



**Figure 1: Comparison of Seg-2 nucleotide sequence of BTV-16 from Israel in 2008 (ISR2008/03): comparison to 25 BTV reference strains**



**Figure 1: Comparison of Seg-2 nucleotide sequence of BTV-4 from Israel in 2008 (ISR2008/04): comparison to 25 BTV reference strains**

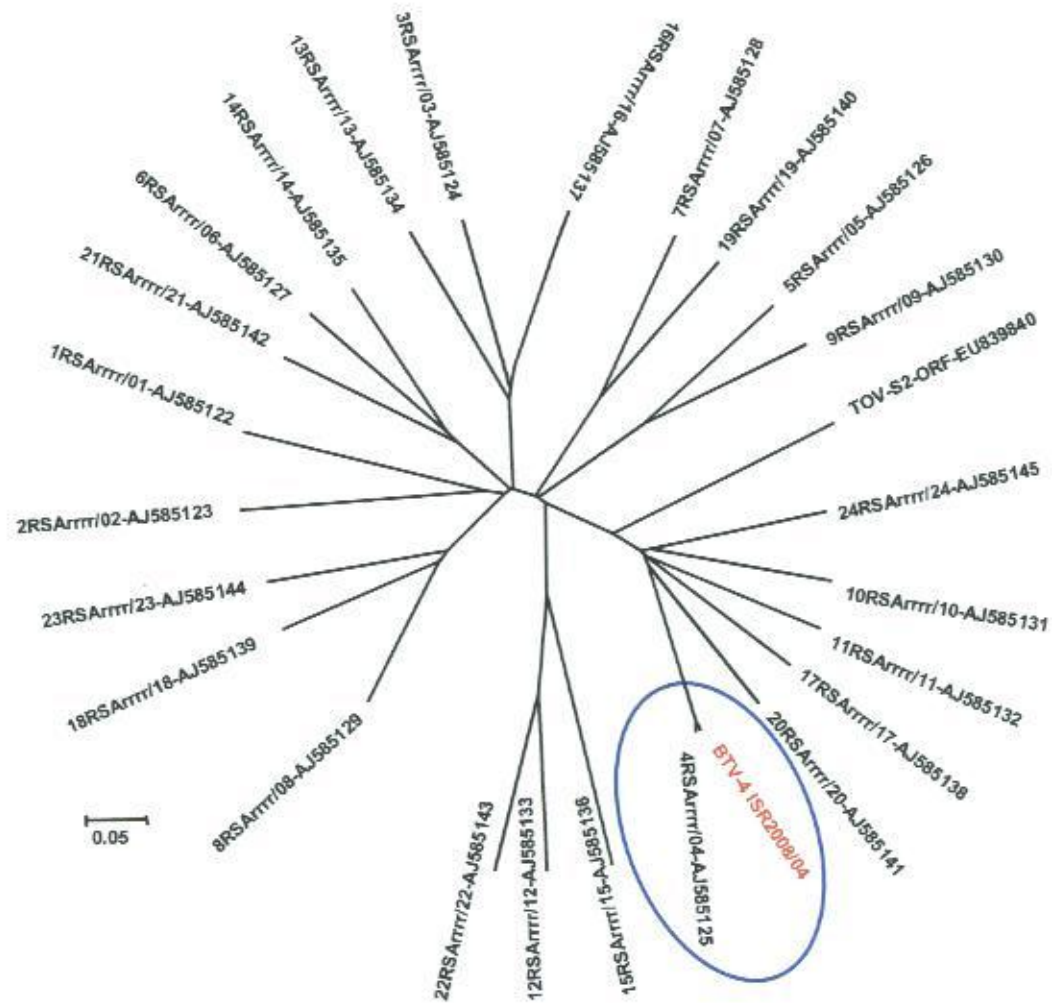
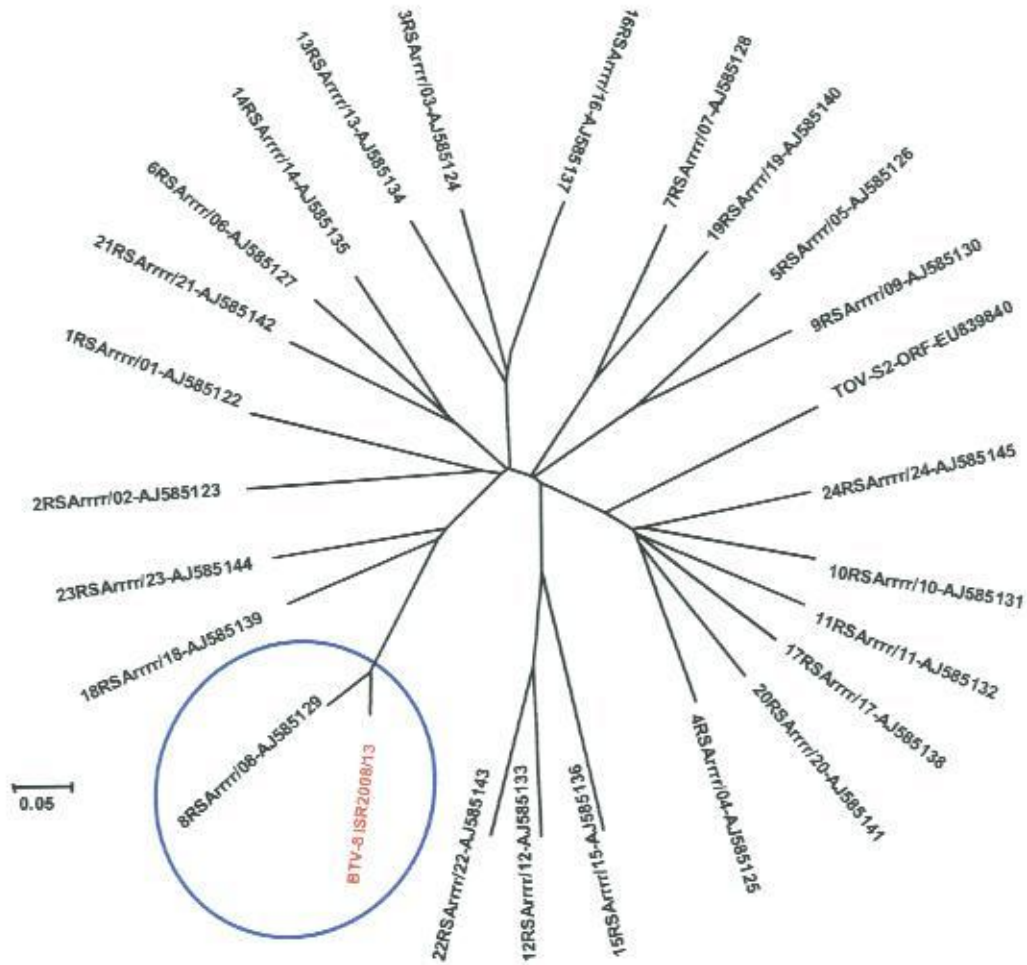
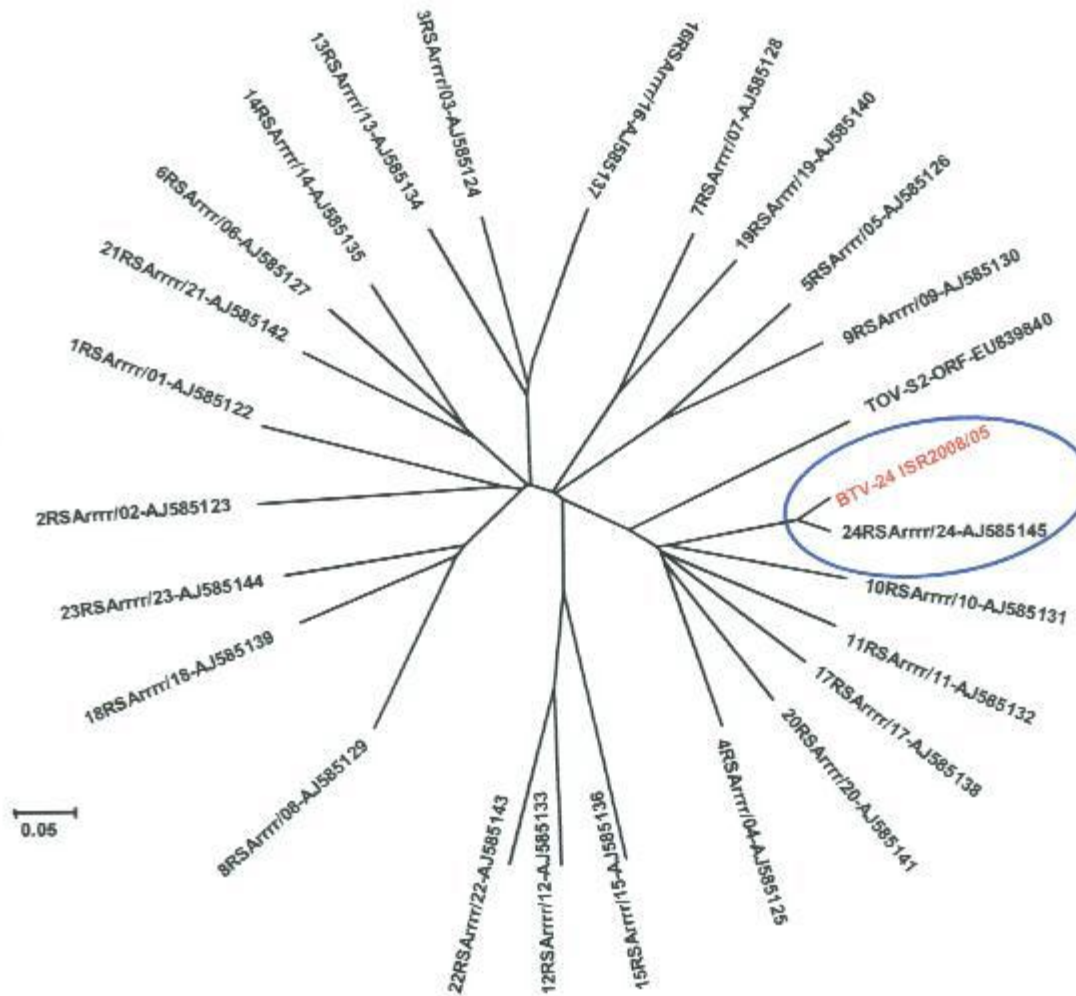


Figure 1: Comparison of Seg-2 nucleotide sequence from BTV-8 from Israel in 2008 (ISR2008/13): comparison to the 25 BTV reference strains

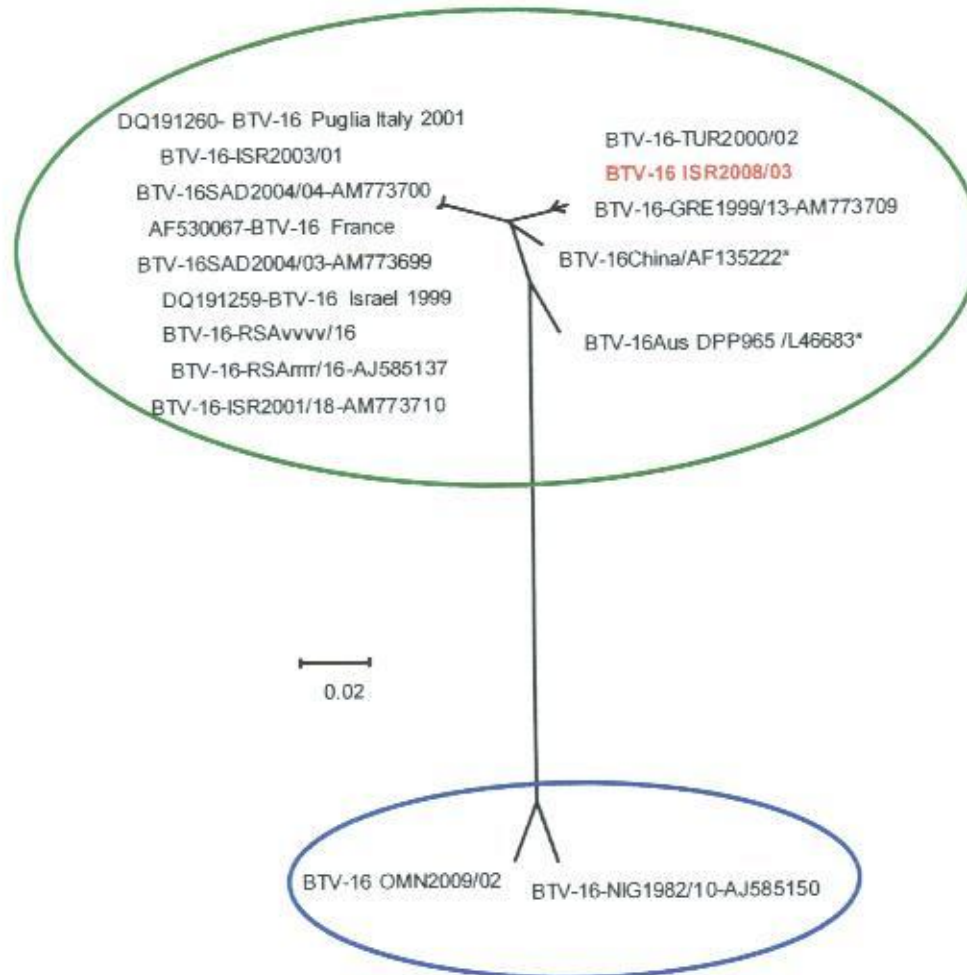


**Figure 1: Comparison of Seg-2 nucleotide sequence of BTV-24 from Israel in 2008 (ISR2008/05): comparison to 25 BTV reference strains**



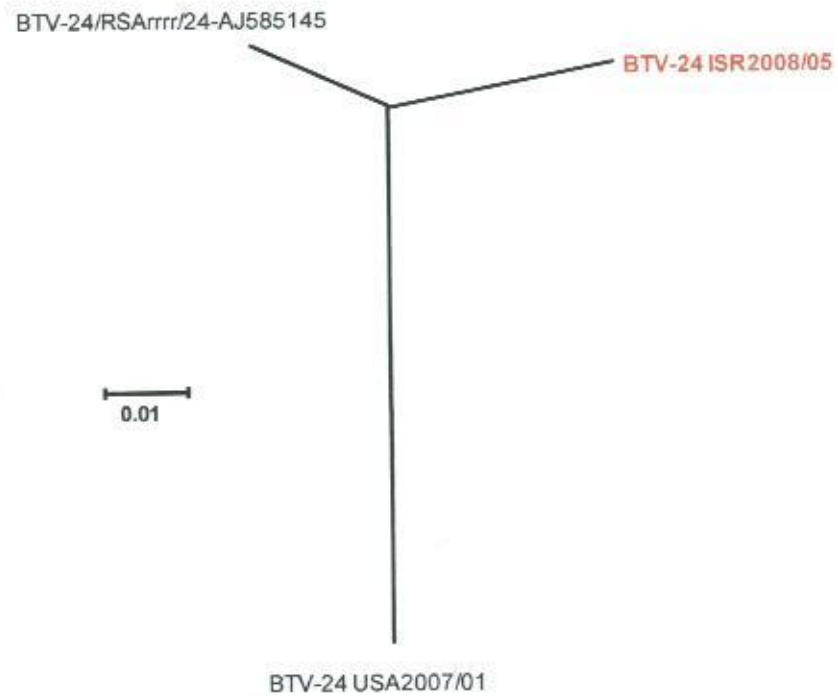


**Figure 2: Comparison of Seg-2 nucleotide sequence of BTV-16 from Israel in 2008 (ISR2008/03), to other strains of BTV-16.**



Blue oval represents western group and the green oval represents eastern group

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**All virus isolates in this analysis belong to western group; no sequence data or eastern virus isolates of BTV-24 were available for comparison.**

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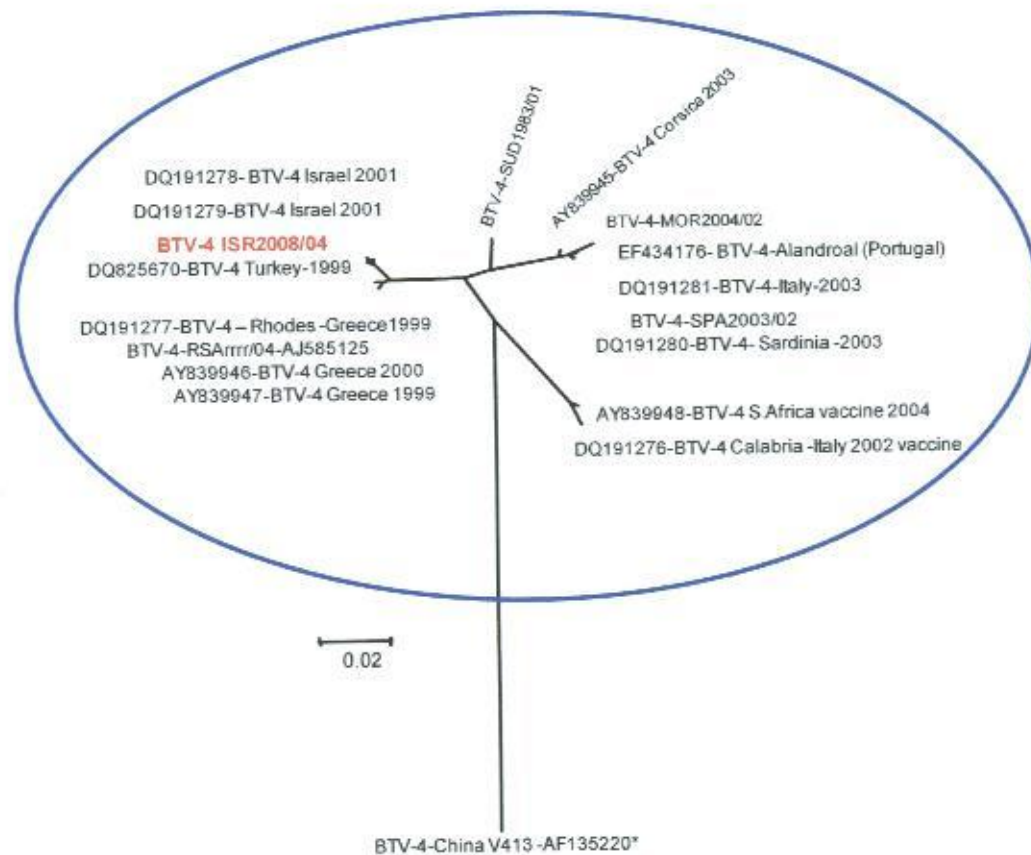


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