

# Trich-tracker: a tool to trace *Trichinella* outbreaks



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# Trichinella Outbreaks on Pig Farms in Poland in 2012–2020

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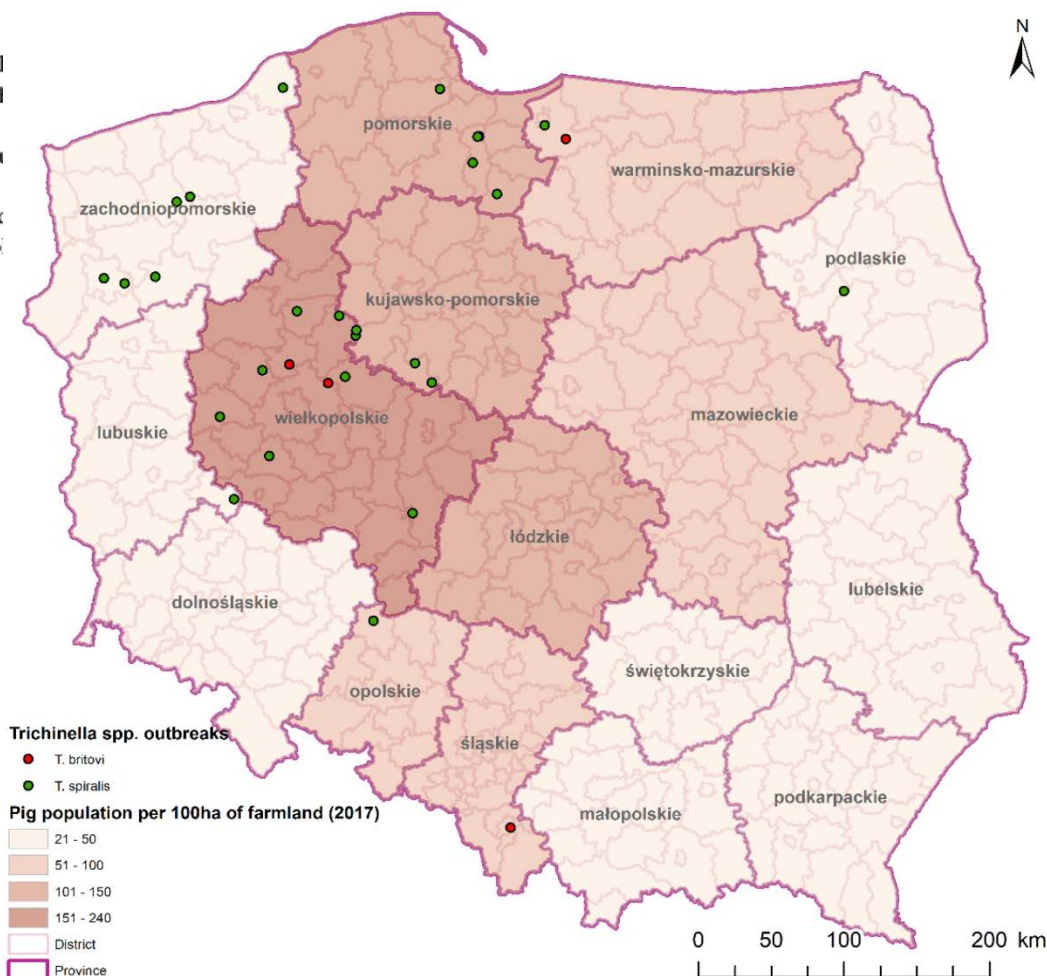
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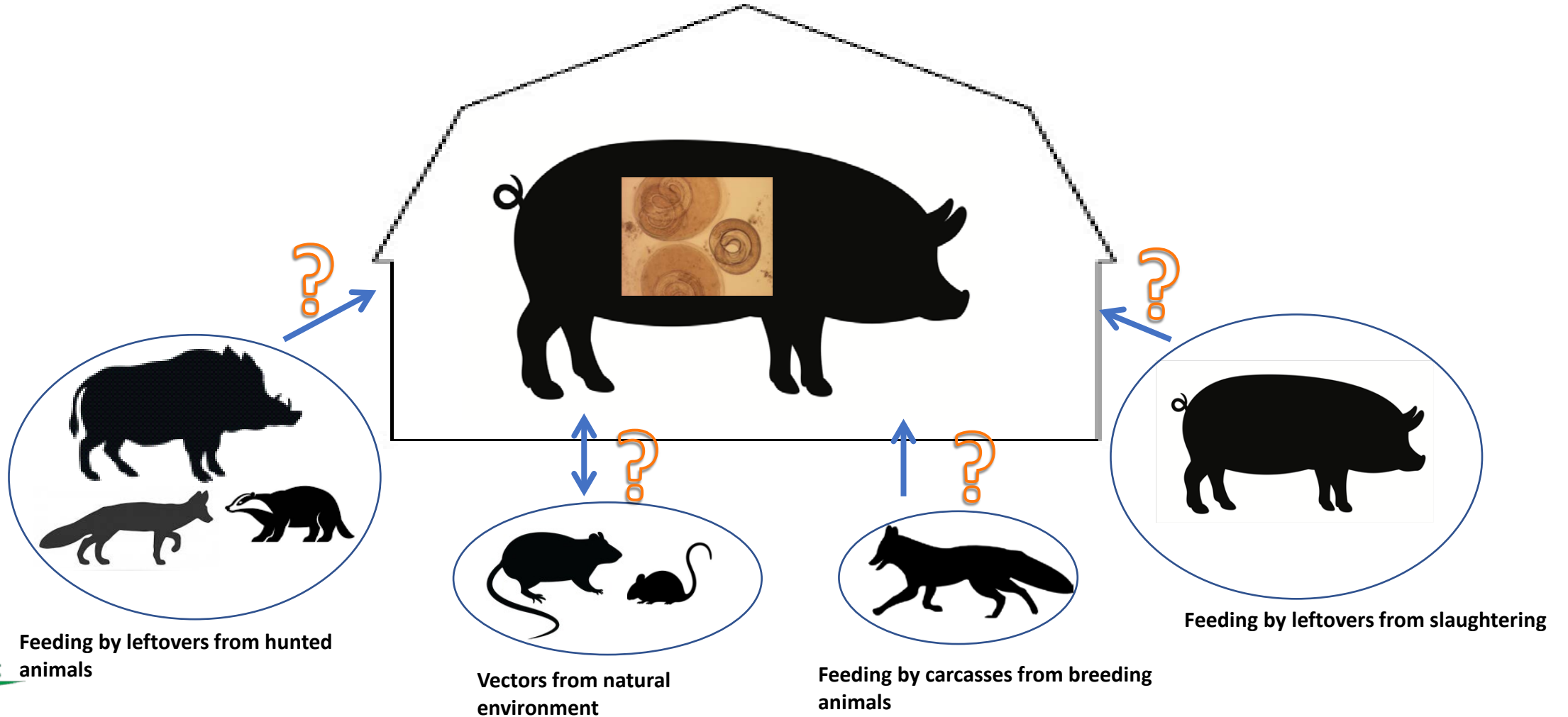
● 26 *T. spiralis*

● 4 *T. britovi*



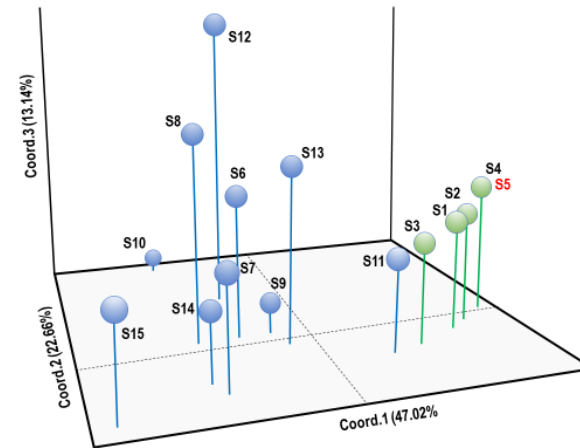
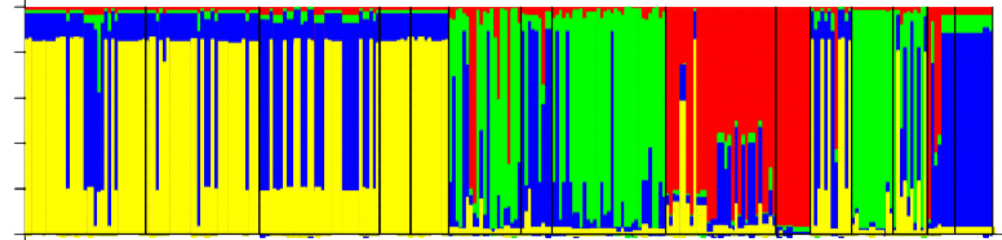
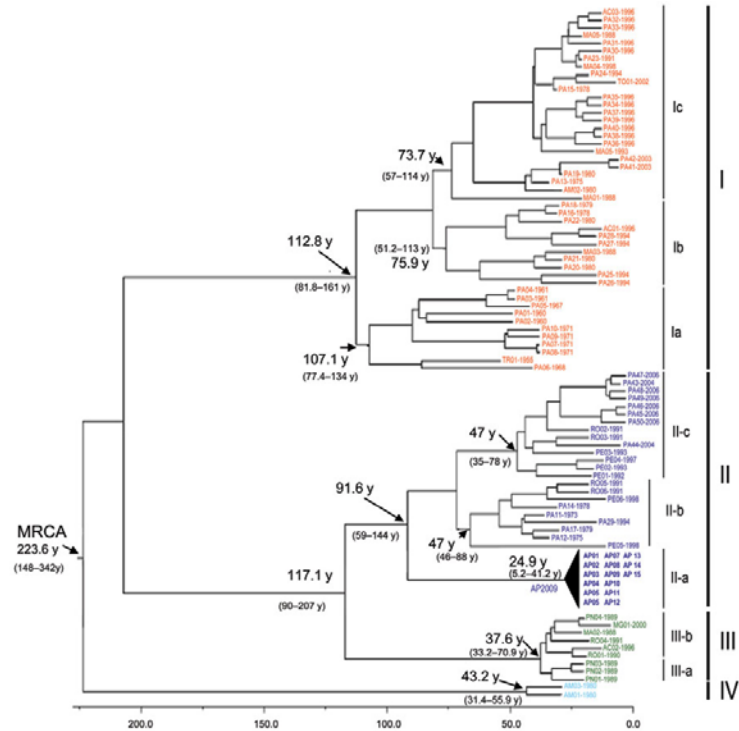
# Epidemiological investigation in *Trichinella* outbreak – what is the source infection?

Veterinary Service is obliged to conduct epidemiological investigation to find source of *Trichinella* infection in pigs and to eliminate it.



# Molecular epidemiology

- Use DNA sequence to separate distinct sources





# But what markers?



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- Singular fragments of gene?

to less information in case of  
inbred *T.spiralis*

Only two genotypes...

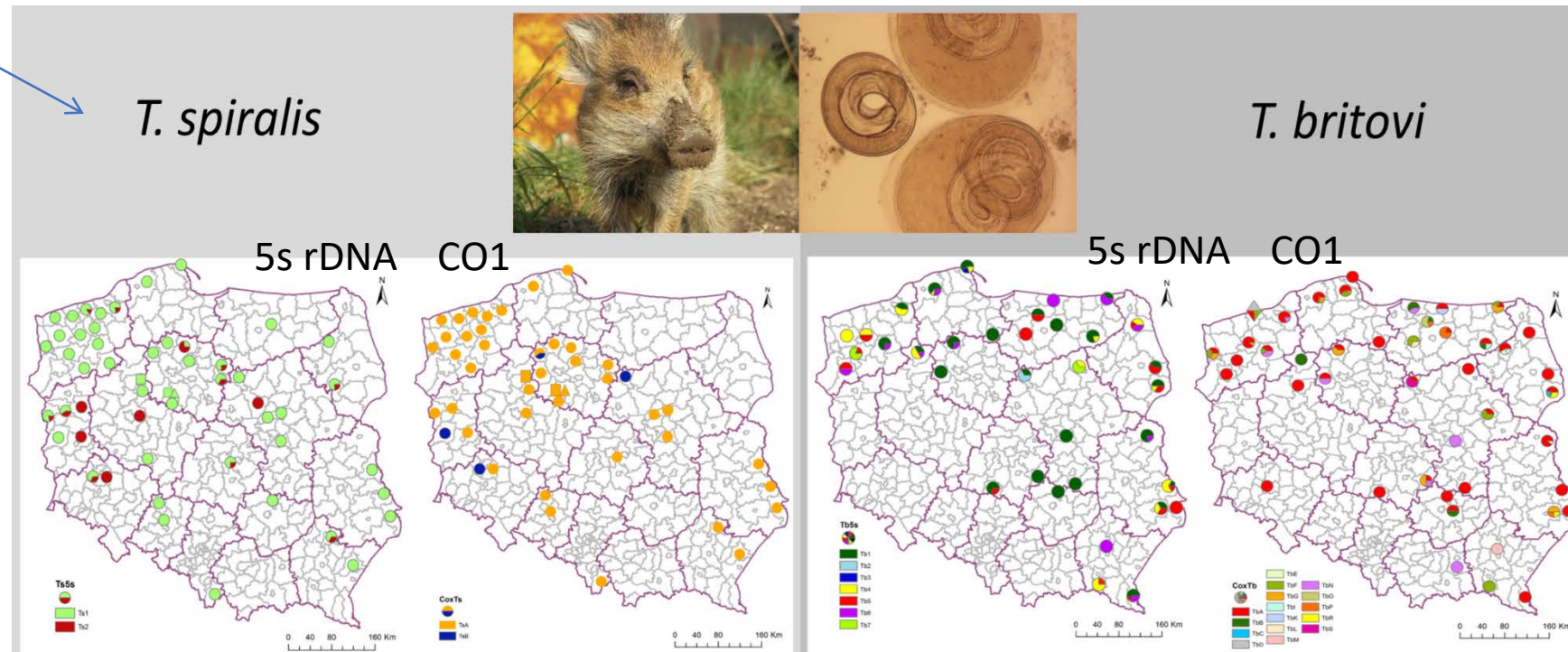
## Intraspecific genetic variation in *Trichinella spiralis* and *Trichinella britovi* populations circulating in different geographical regions of Poland

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# But what markers?

Microsatellites? – proved to be good in case of *T.britovi* and even homogenic *T.spiralis*  
– but very time consuming !!!

## RESEARCH

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Multilocus genotype analysis outlines distinct histories for *Trichinella britovi* in the neighboring Mediterranean islands of Corsica and Sardinia




Giuseppe La Rosa<sup>1</sup>, Isabelle Vallée<sup>2</sup>, Gianluca Marucci<sup>2</sup>, François Casabianca<sup>3</sup>, Ennio Bandino<sup>4</sup>, Fabio Galati<sup>1</sup>, Pascal Boireau<sup>2</sup> and Edoardo Pozio<sup>1\*</sup>

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Genetic evidence substantiates transmission of *Trichinella spiralis* from one swine farm to another



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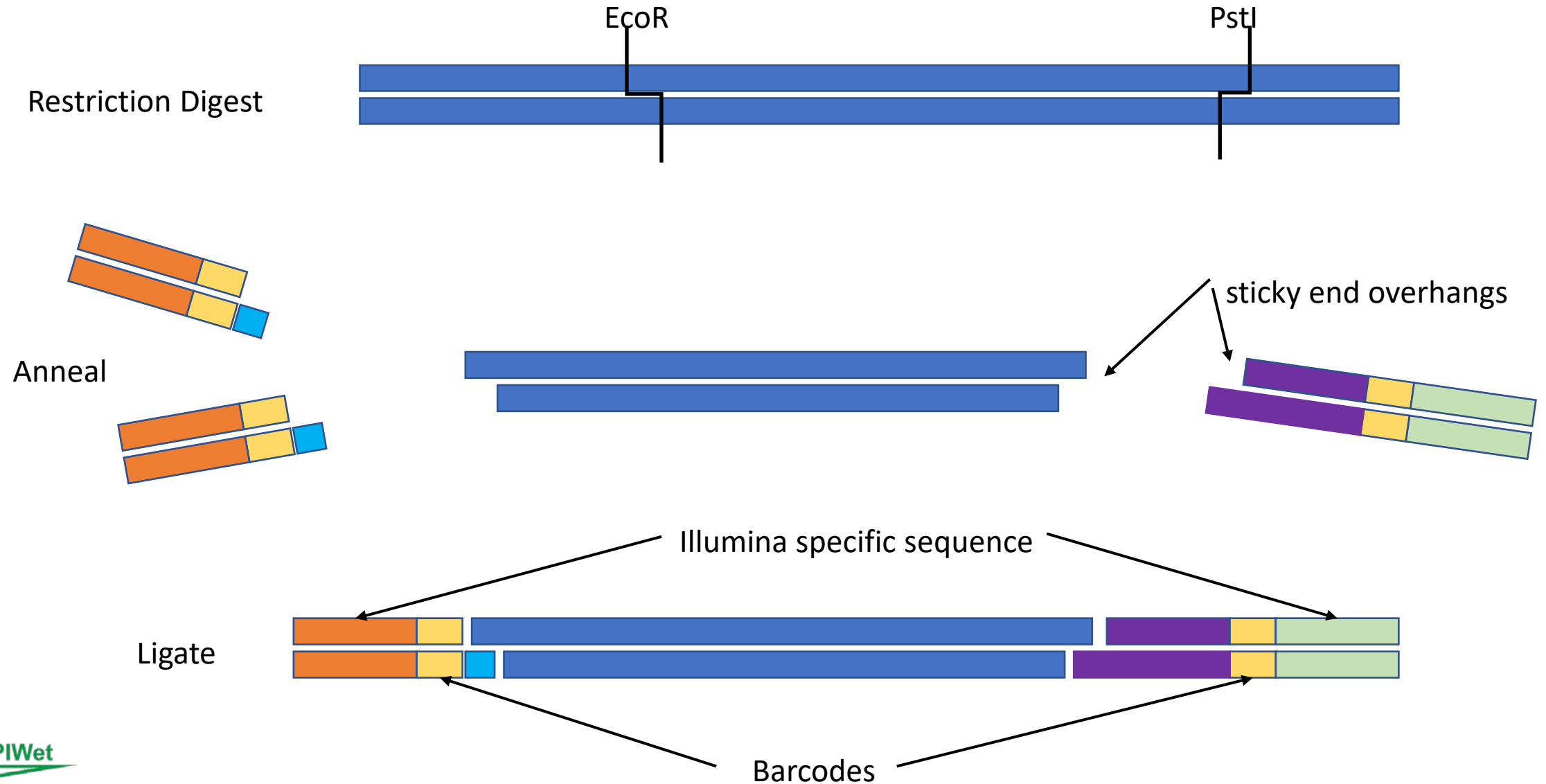
# But what markers?

- Whole Genome Sequencing???
- Expensive, time consuming, too much data to process...

It is best to design the method according to your needs

- Reduced representation libraries
  - Sample limited amounts of DNA from multiple places in the genome
  - Restriction-site Associated DNA sequencing - **RADseq**
  - It is method which was tested and working properly on non-model organisms, therefore we thought it would be an adequate technique for *Trichinella spiralis*.






























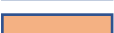







# Method – double digest RADseq



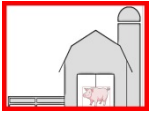


# Method – double digest RADseq

- Individual reads will line up with specific locus in a genome
- Loci should be distributed randomly across the chromosomes

Locus 1		Locus 2		Locus 3		Locus 4	
Individual A		Individual A		Individual A			
Individual B		Individual B		Individual B			
Individual C		Individual C		Individual C			
Individual D		Individual D		Individual D			
Individual E		Individual E		Individual E			
Individual F		Individual F		Individual F			
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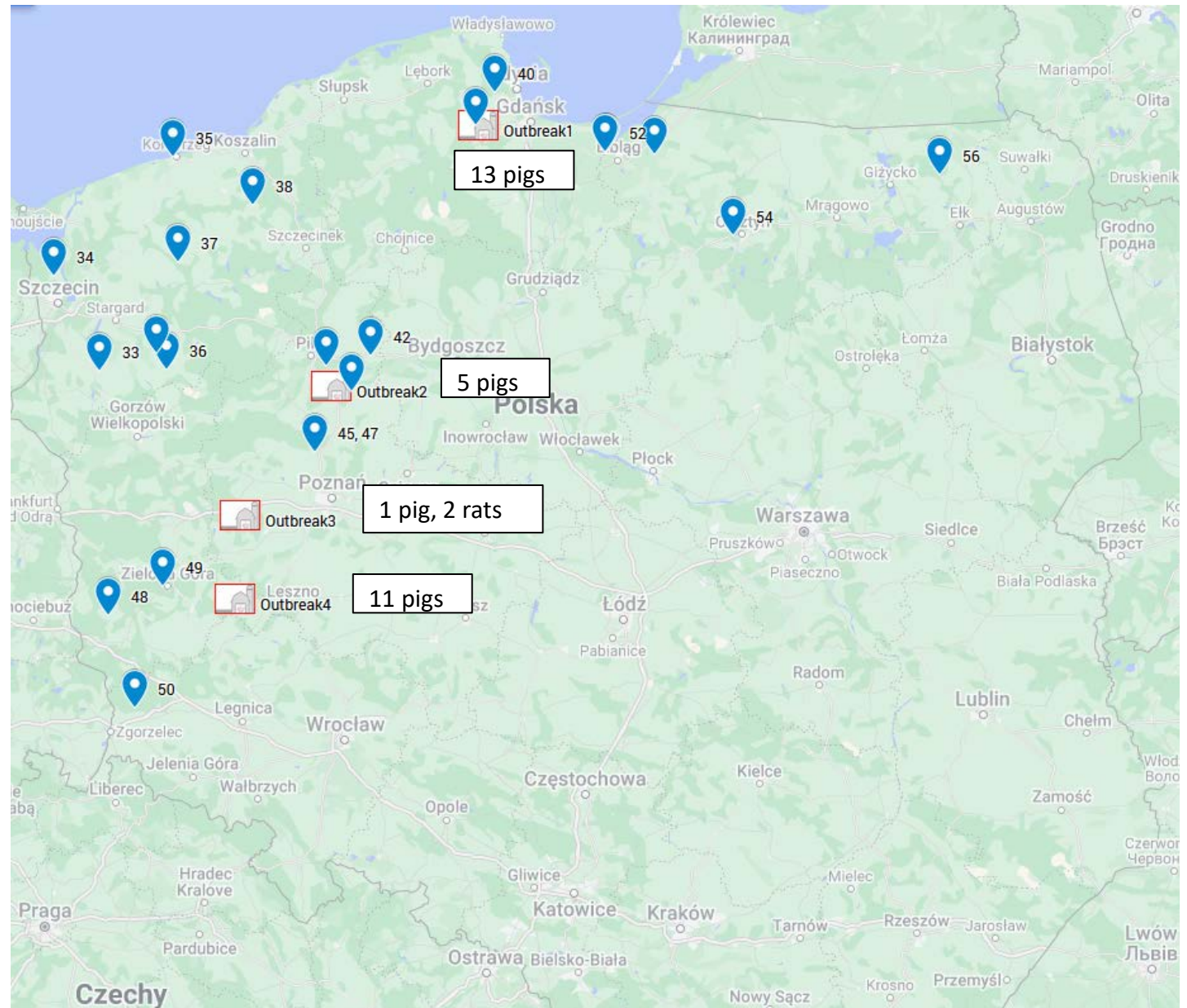
# Material - *Trichinella spiralis* isolates



4 outbreaks  
(30 pigs and 2 rats)

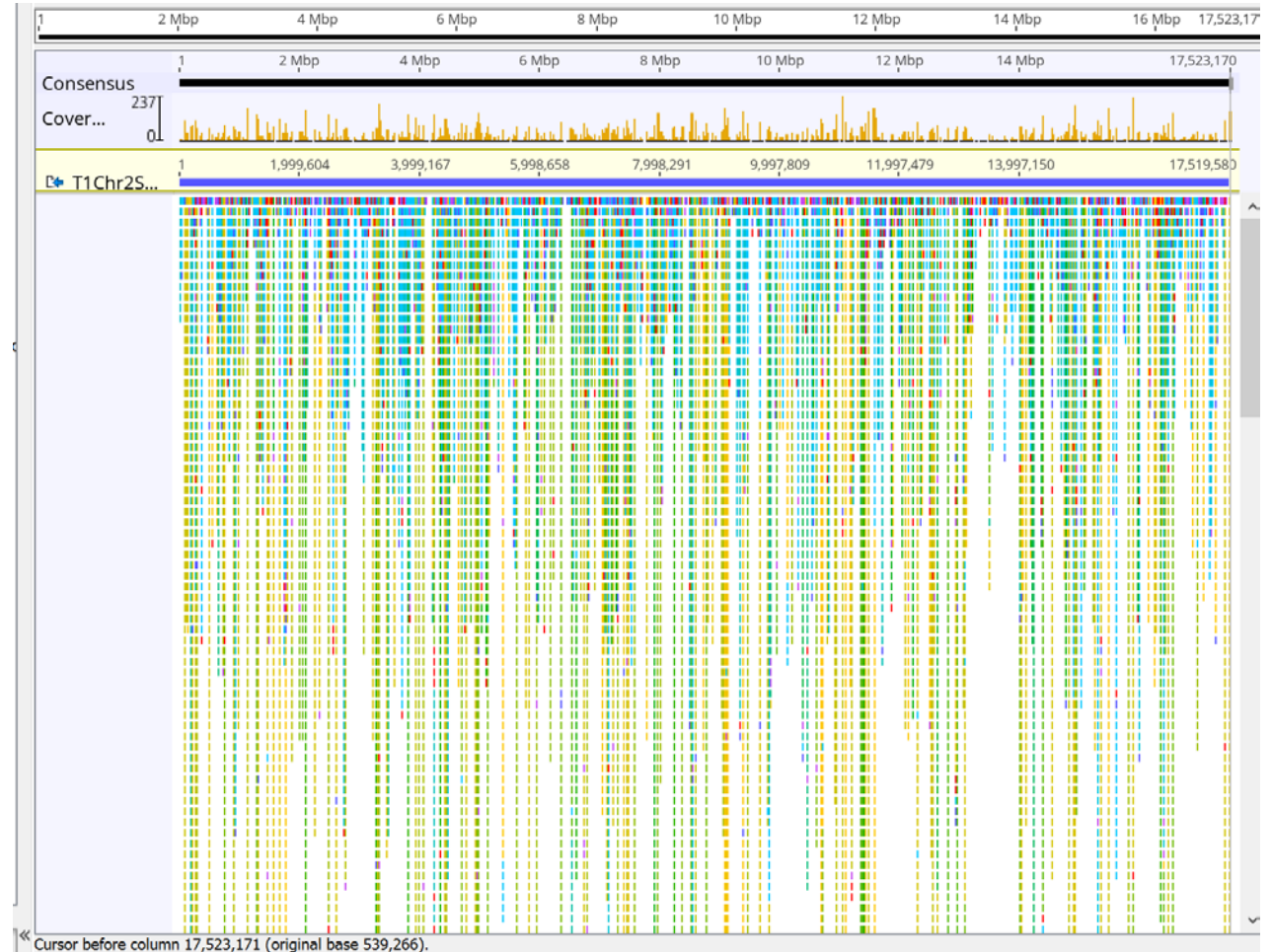


24 wild boars



# Data generation

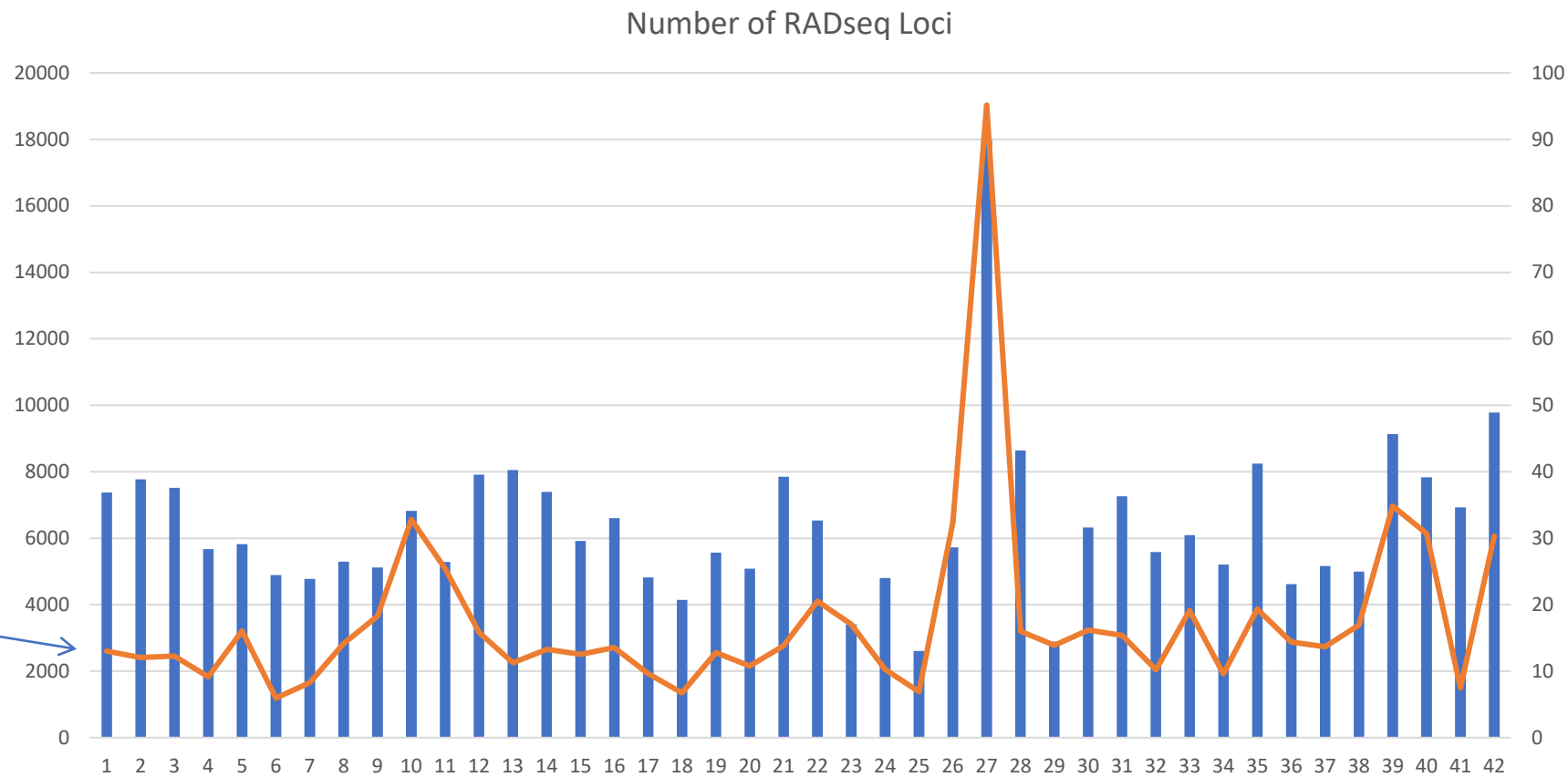
- Double-digest RADseq
- Libraries sequenced on Illumina MiSeq platform
- 150 bp paired-end reads
- Average: 750,000 reads/sample



Distribution of RADseq reads mapped to reference sequence

# Results

Good number of loci and depth of coverage  
- 2000 loci across the genome in each sample - 7x coverage.



# Results

## Final dataset after bioinformatic processing

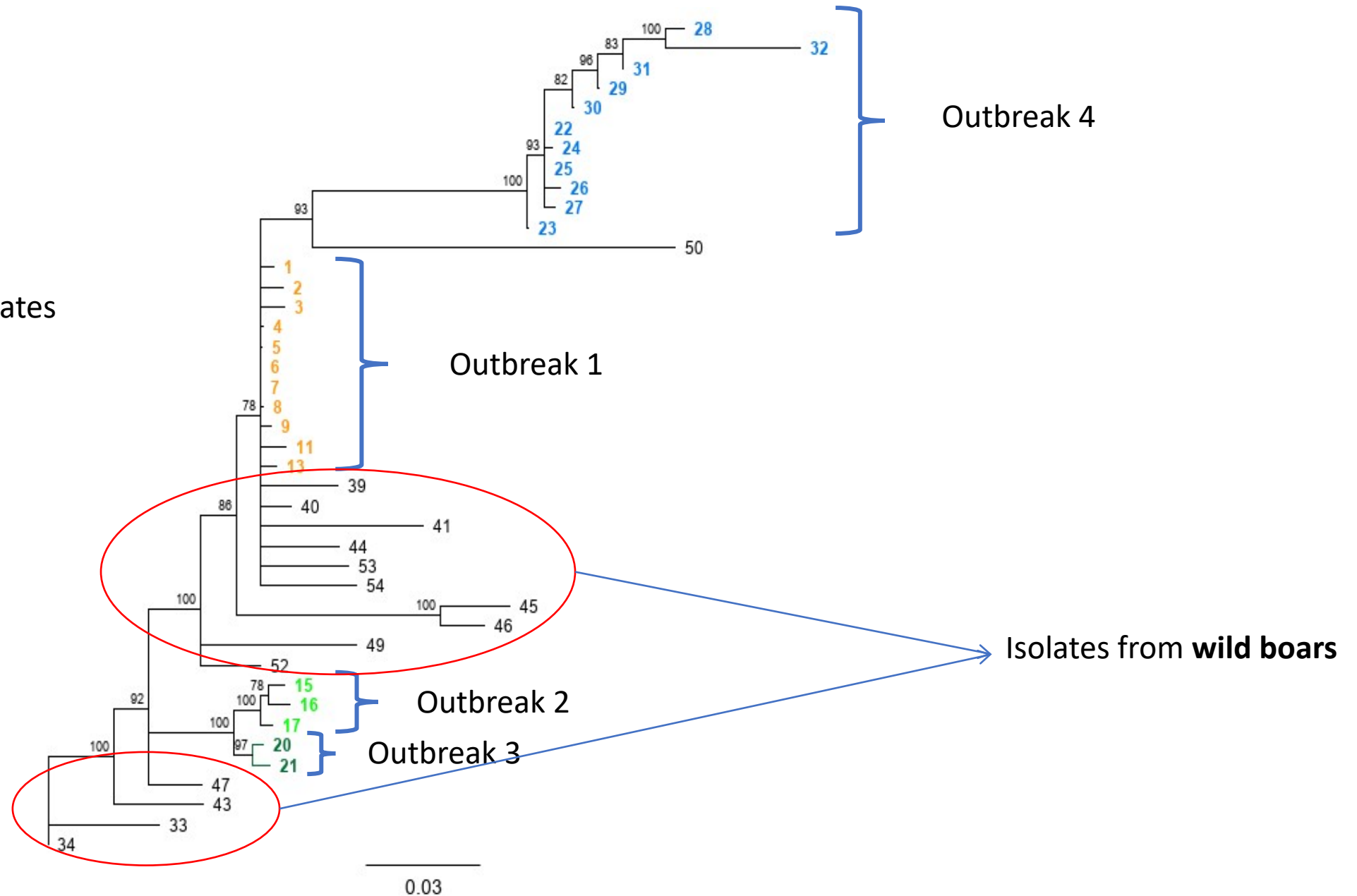
- RADseq data of *T. spiralis* from 42 hosts
  - 26 pigs
  - 1 rat
  - 15 wild boars

### Analyzed only the loci present in every sample

- 1331 loci distributed across genome
- ~150000 bp of sequence per sample
- Total 299 Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs)

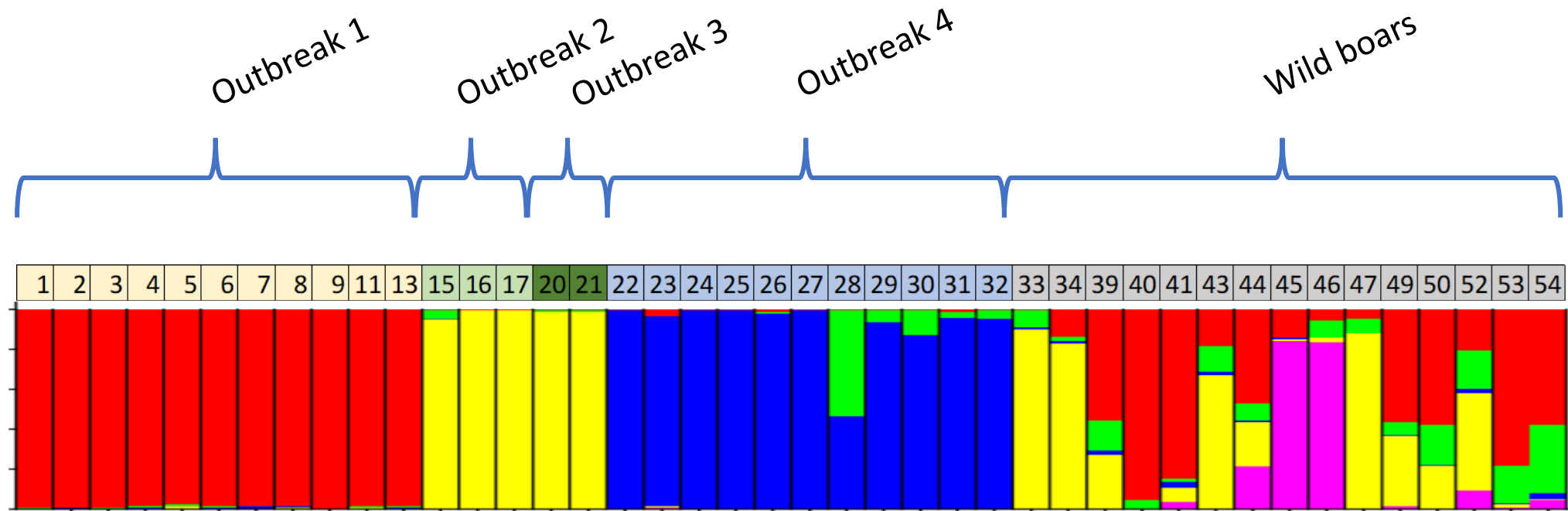
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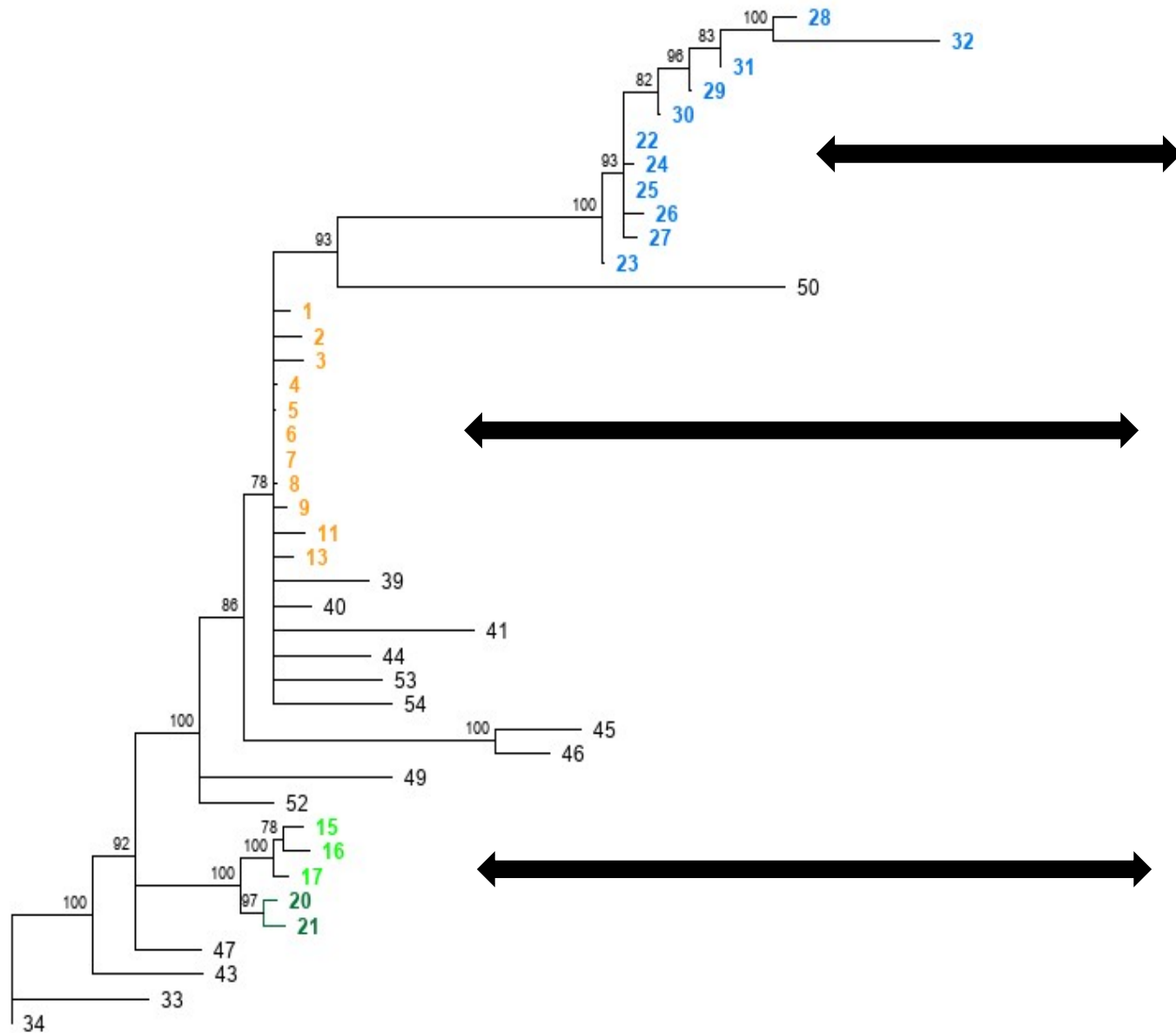
Neighbor-joining tree  
Tamura-Nei distance  
1000 bootstrap replicates



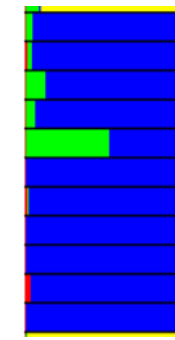


# Results





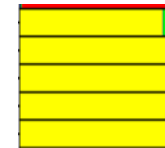
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Outbreak 4



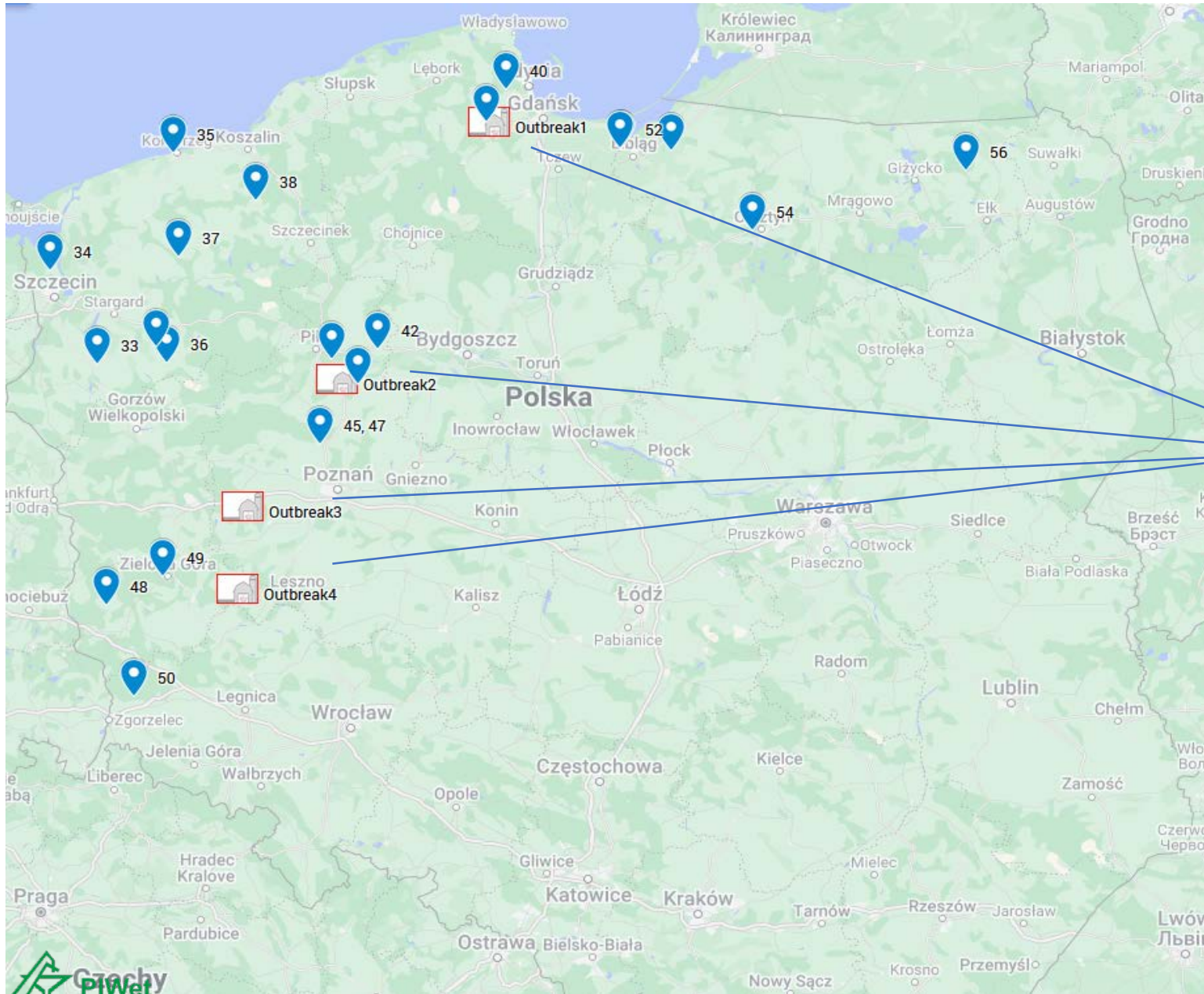
Outbreak 1



Outbreak 2

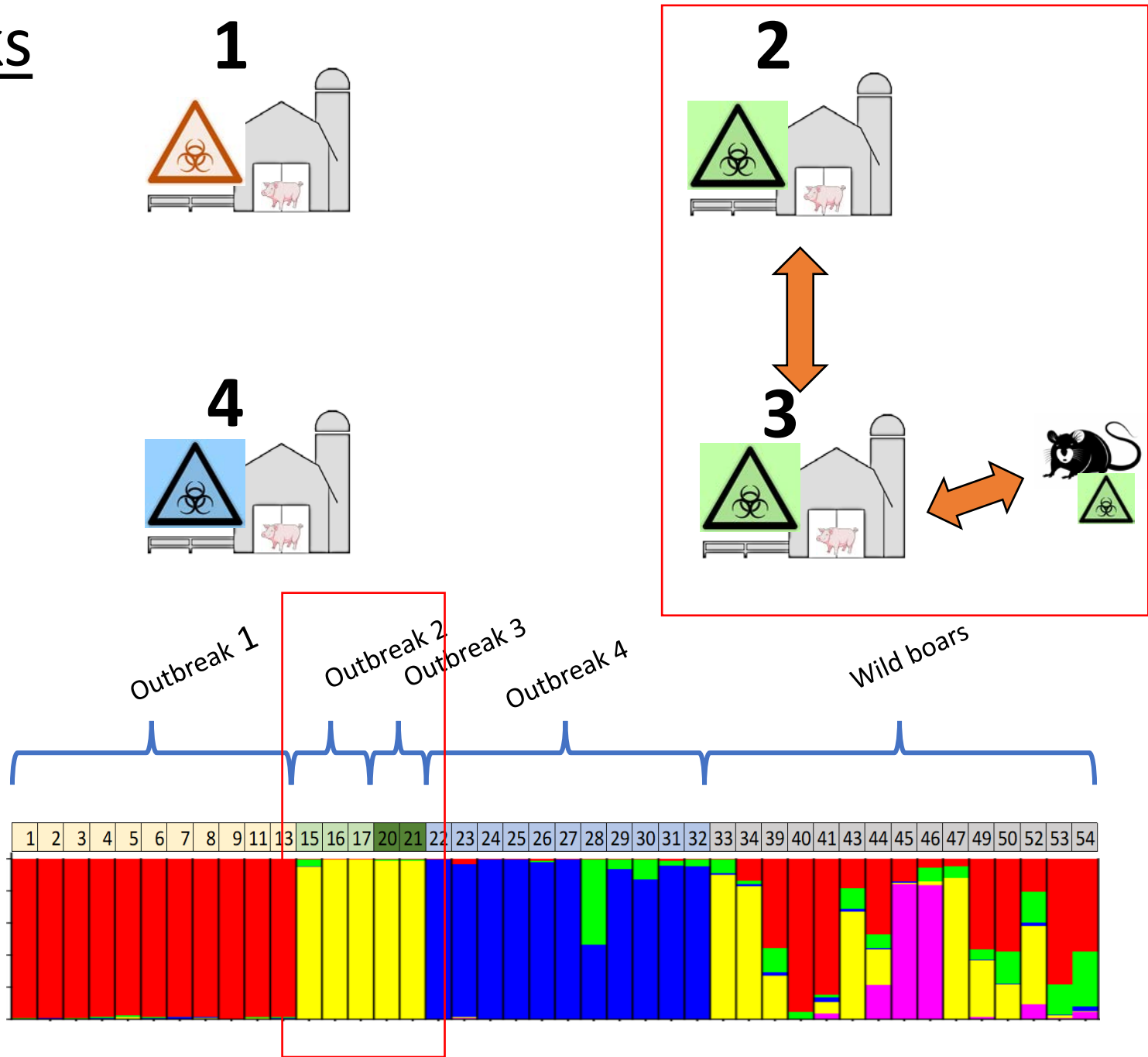
Outbreak 3

# PIG outbreaks



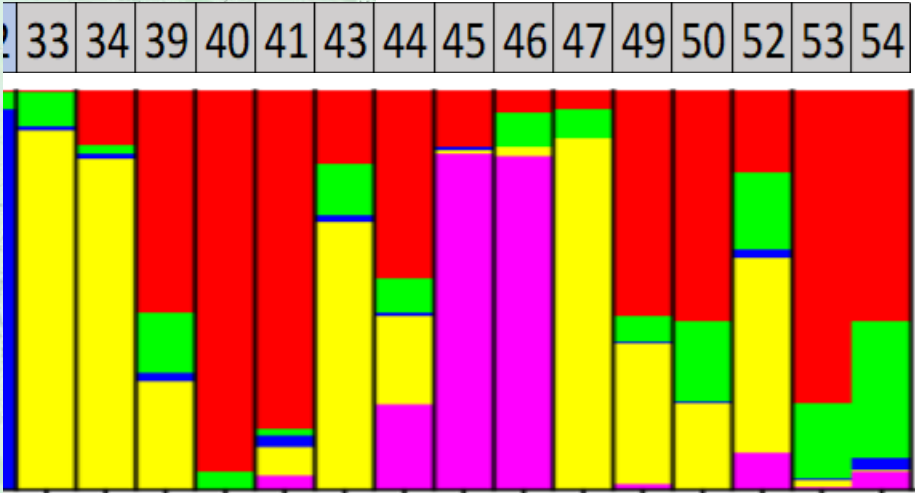
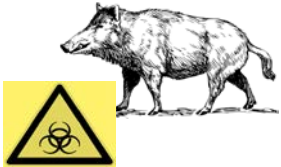
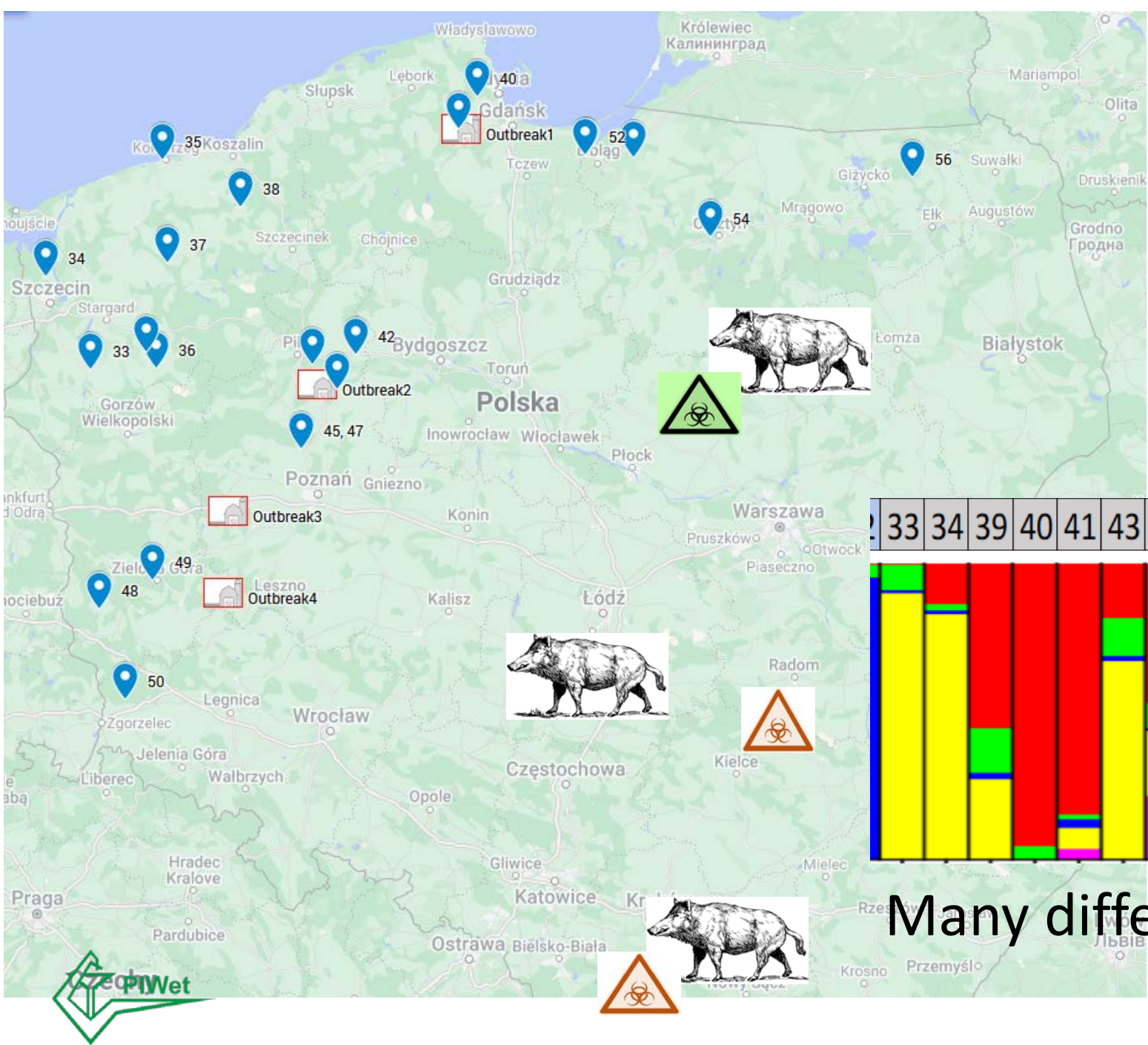
Is there a connection between analyzed outbreaks?

# PIG outbreaks

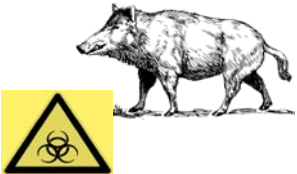




# Wild boars



Many different genotypes







# “Trich-tracker” possible to use in ongoing outbreak

Extract DNA  
from Samples

**1 Day**

ddRADseq Library  
preparation

**2 Days**

Library  
sequencing

**2 Days**

Data analysis

**3-4 Days**

# Conclusions

- Trich-tracker is a useful tool for tracing *T.spiralis* outbreaks
- This method balances the need for more sequence with the cost of sequencing entire genomes.

## Applications

- Outbreak investigation, source identification, isolates differentiation, tracking parasite...
- ***The method is flexible and can be used in any parasite system***



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