

WORKPACKAGE 5

RISK ASSESSMENT

*BTV OVERWINTERING BY
HORIZONTAL TRANSMISSION
IN VECTORS, RUMINANTS OR
IN BOTH*

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Period of Low Vector Activity (PLVA) vs. Vector Free Period (VFP)

In Europe: PLVA rather than VFP



Assess the effect of (low) transmission during PLVA

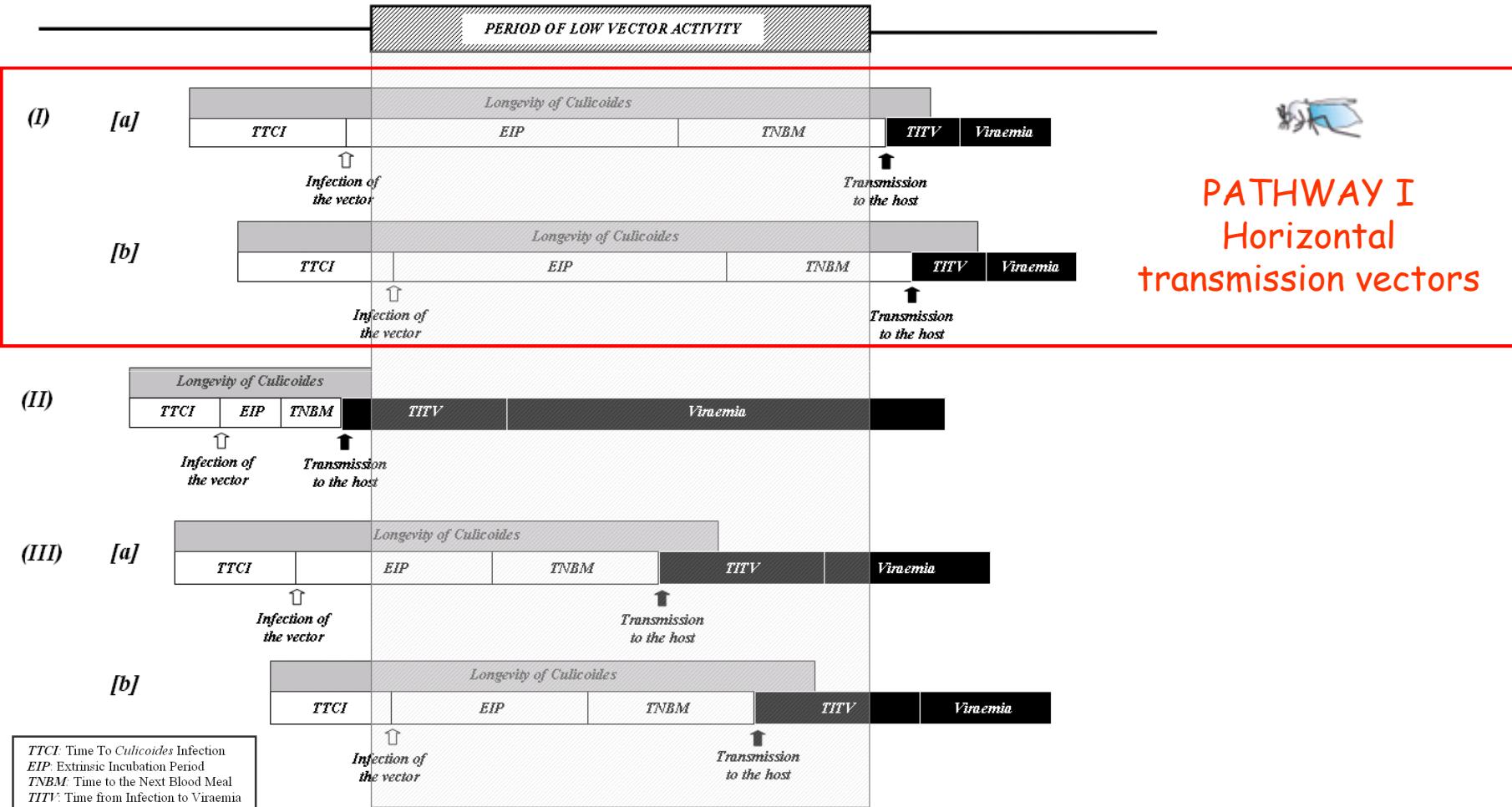
Exophilic vs. endophilic behaviour

In (Northern) Europe: *Culicoides* regularly found inside buildings

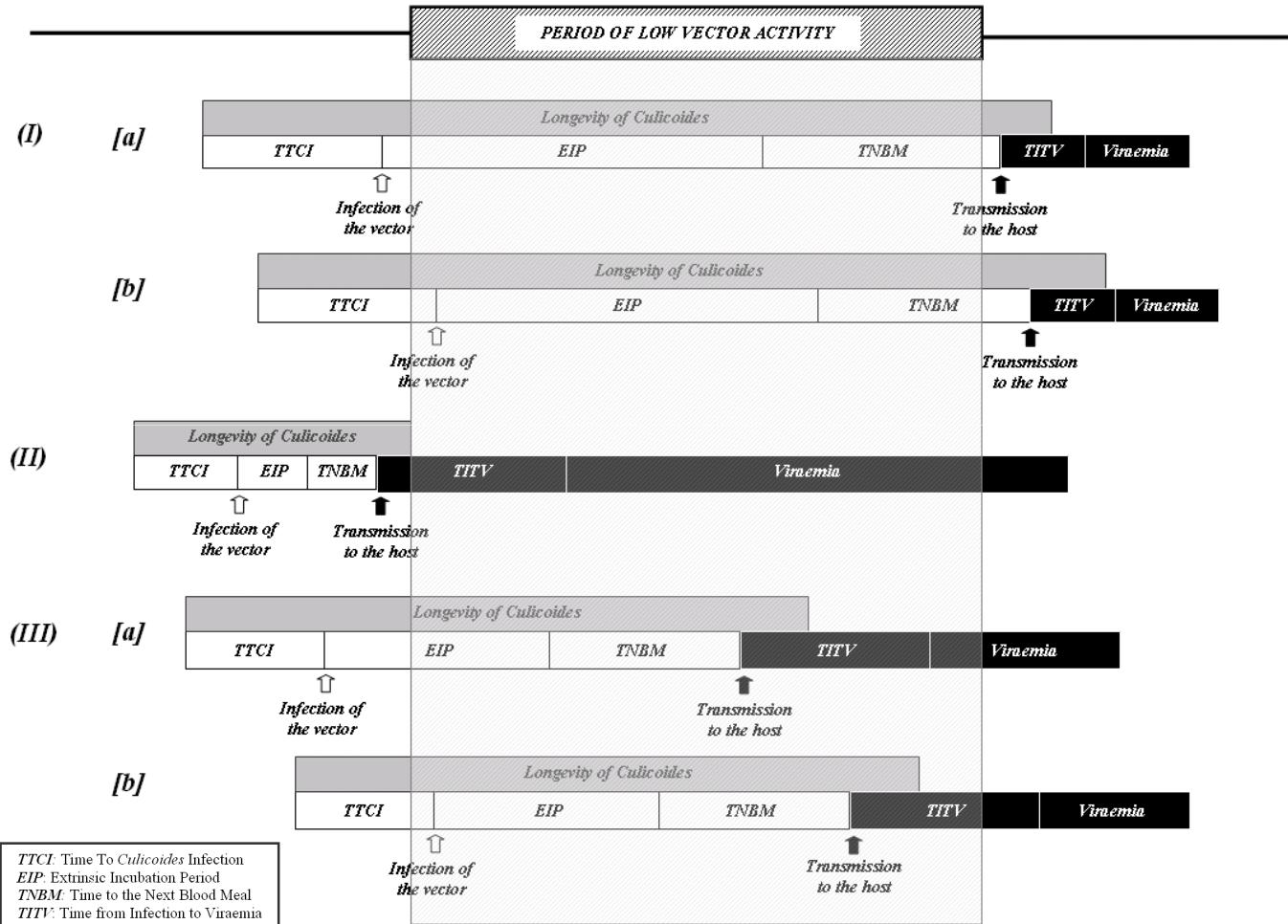


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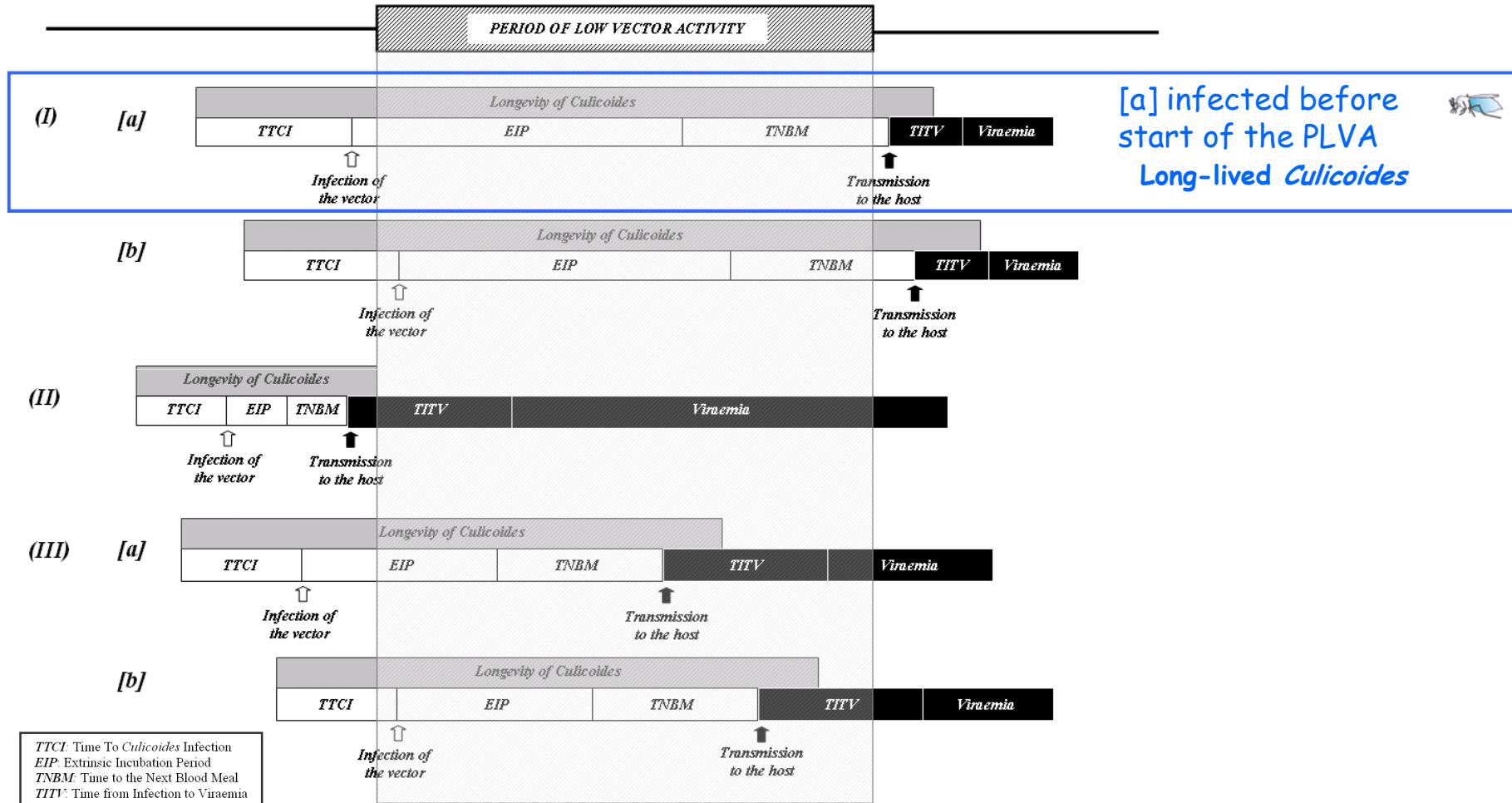
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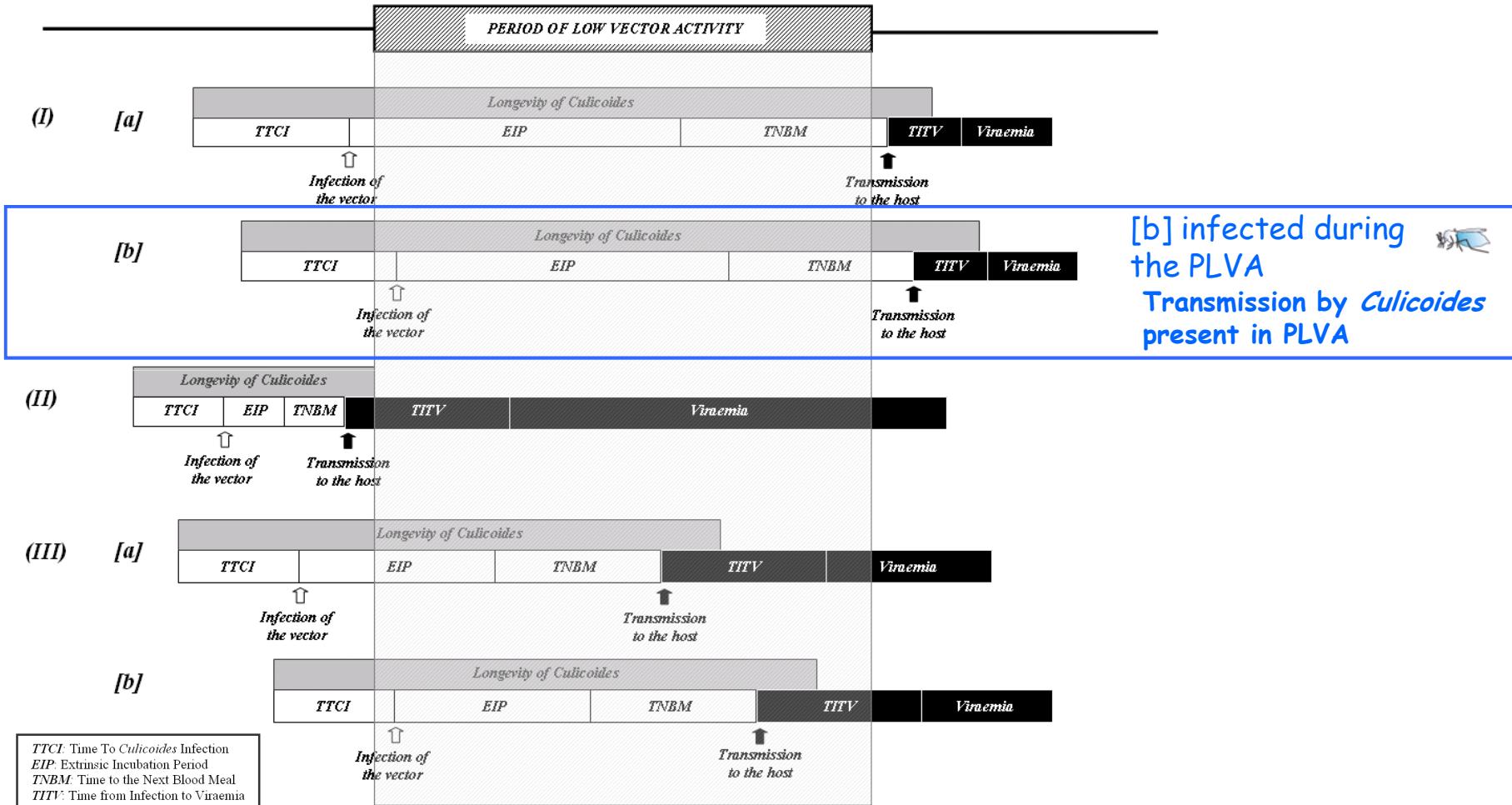
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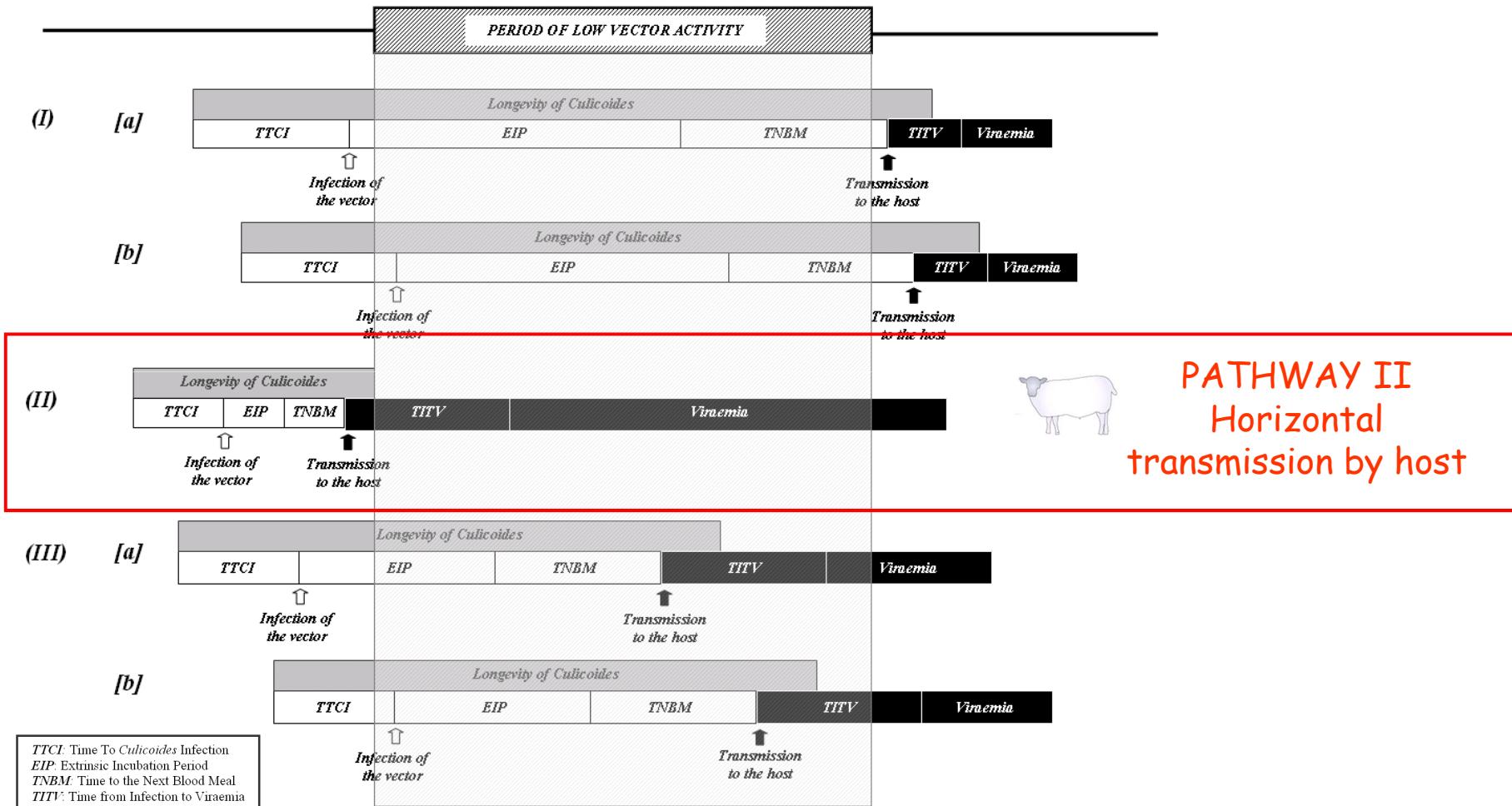
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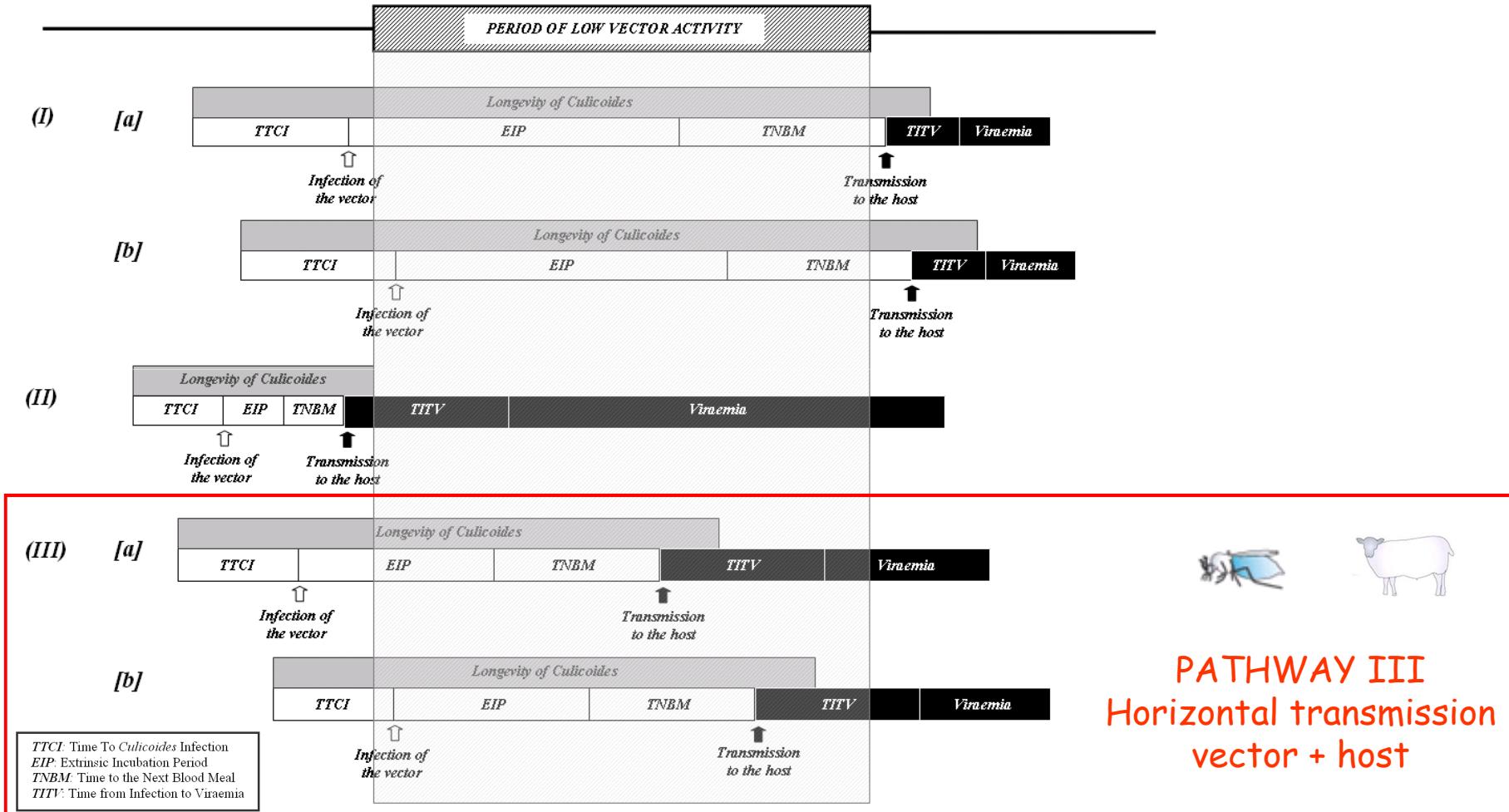
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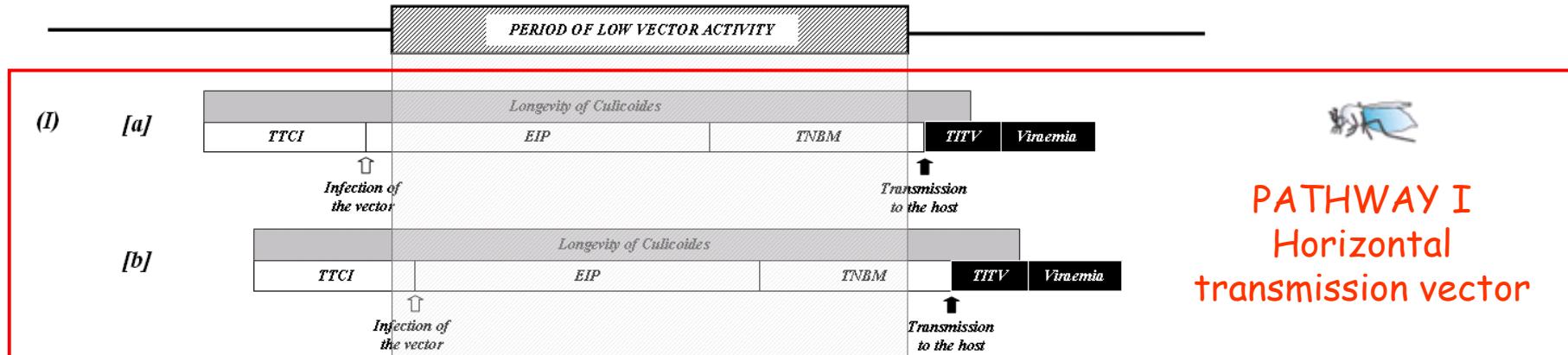


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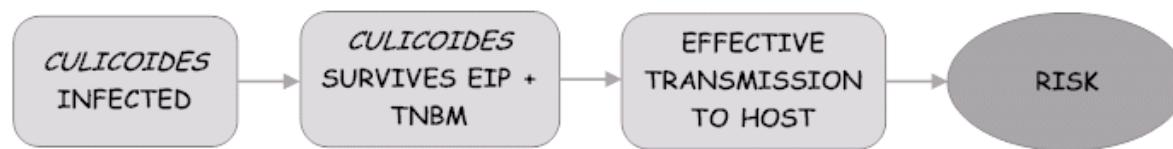


Models run independently for EXOPHILIC AND ENDOPHILIC (%) behaviour

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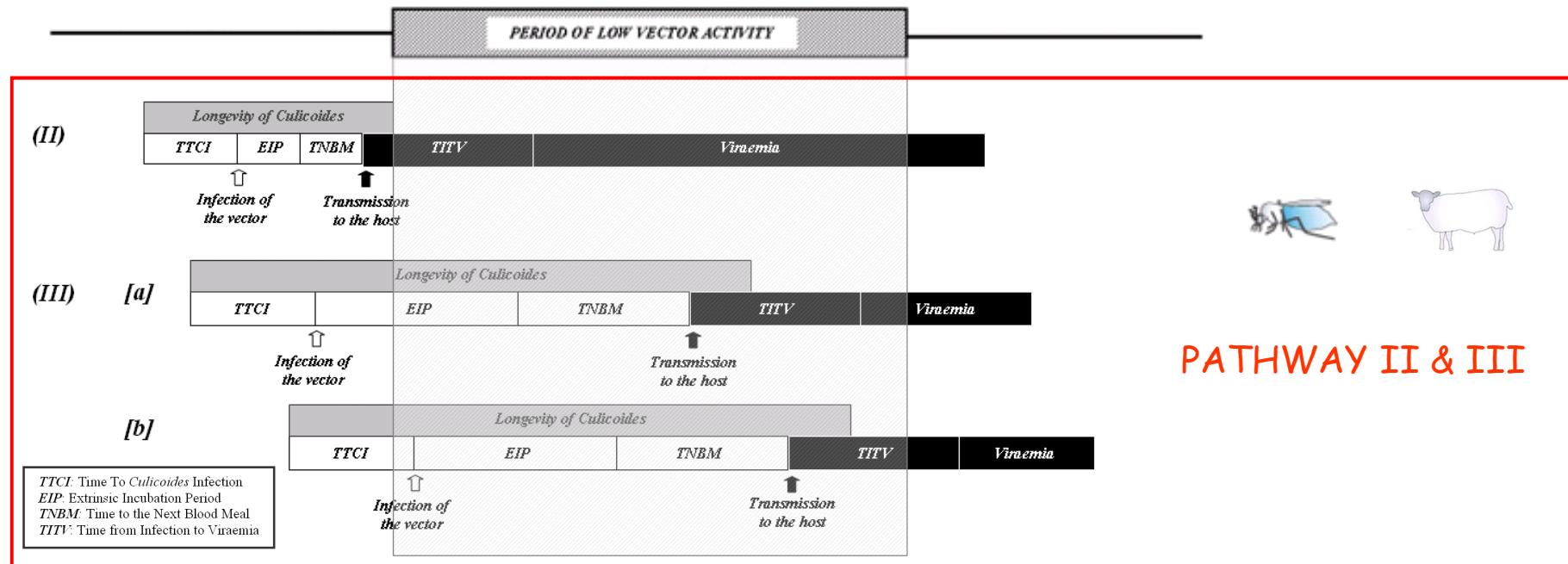
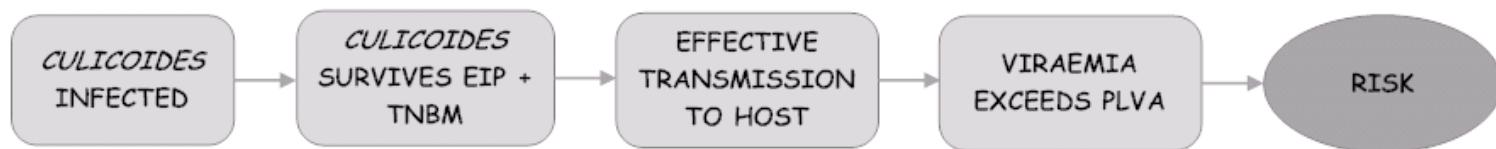


PATHWAY I



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PATHWAYS II & III



SCENARIO DESCRIPTION



A) 2006.

Emerg Infect Dis. 2009 Mar;15(3):433-5.
Epidemiology of bluetongue virus serotype 8, Germany.
Conraths FJ, Gethmann JM, Staabach C, Mettenleiter TC, Beer M, Hoffmann B.

Model applied to a real scenario: Probability of overwintering in Germany (North Rhine-Westphalia) in 2006-2007.

Appendix II: Specific input parameters (Germany 2006-2007)

Scenario input parameters (Germany 2006 - 2007)	Value	Source
Mean daily temperatures (°C)	NA	Bundesministerium für Verkehr, Bau und Stadtentwicklung, Klimadaten Deutschland (http://www.dwd.de/ovbw/appmanager/ovbw/dwdwww/Desktop?)
Monthly <i>Culicoides</i> captures	NA	Clausen and collaborators (2009) Hörbrand and collaborators (2009)
Monthly proportion of <i>Culicoides</i> captured indoors (versus outdoors)	NA	Clausen and collaborators (2009)
Number of cattle farms (North Rhine-Westphalia)	19,505	Statische Ämter des Bundes und der Länder (https://www.regionalfestistik.de/)
Number of sheep farms (North Rhine-Westphalia)	3,485	Statische Ämter des Bundes und der Länder (https://www.regionalfestistik.de/)
Cattle population (North Rhine-Westphalia)	1,346,488	Statische Ämter des Bundes und der Länder (https://www.regionalfestistik.de/)
Sheep population (North Rhine-Westphalia)	199,762	Statische Ämter des Bundes und der Länder (https://www.regionalfestistik.de/)
Monthly number of cattle farms affected (2006-2007)	NA	EU, Food Safety Regulatory Committees: Presentations: http://ec.europa.eu/food/committees/regulatory/scfah/animal_health/blue_germany27112006.pdf http://ec.europa.eu/food/committees/regulatory/scfah/animal_health/bluetongue_germany012007.pdf http://ec.europa.eu/food/committees/regulatory/scfah/animal_health/presentations/fb_12112008_de.pdf
Monthly number of sheep farms affected (2006-2007)	NA	As above
Proportion of immune cattle	0.01	Model estimation [‡]
Proportion of immune sheep	0.04	Model estimation [‡]

NA: Not applicable

[‡]The proportion of immune cattle and sheep were obtained based on the estimated number of cattle and sheep infected in 2006 (natural immunity) as vaccination did not start until 2008

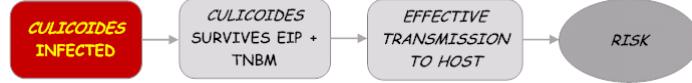


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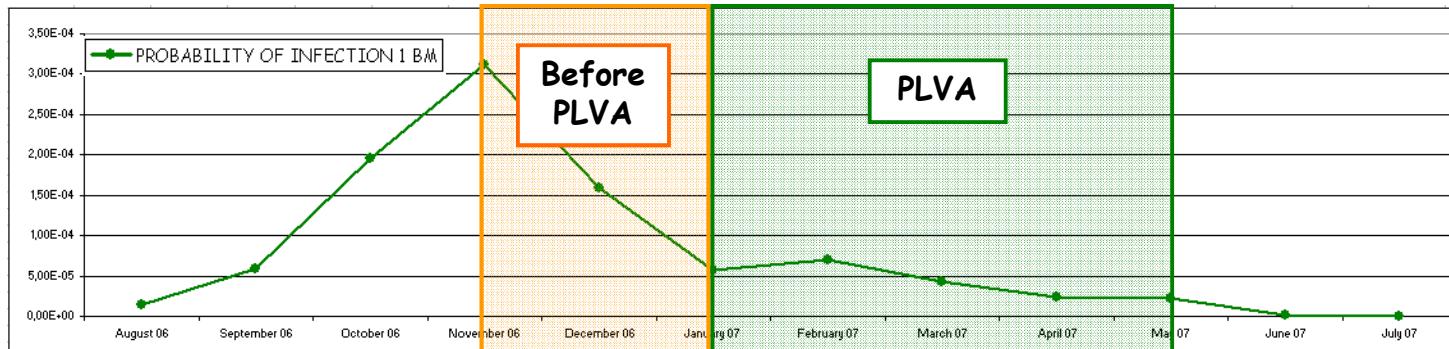
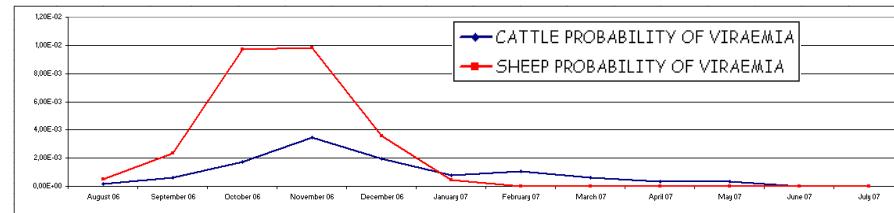
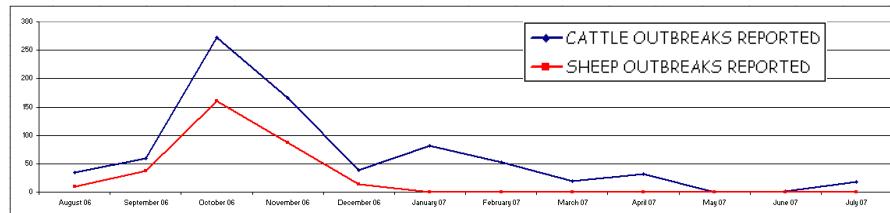
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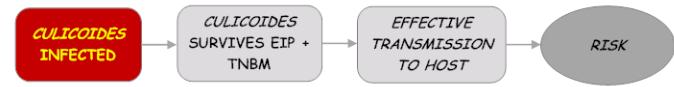
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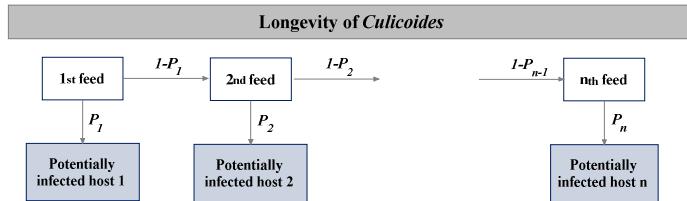


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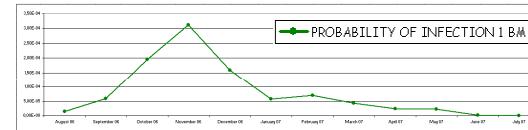


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Probability *Culicoides* getting infected after N BMs



A) Probability *Culicoides* getting infected after 1 BM (per month)



B) Number of BMs

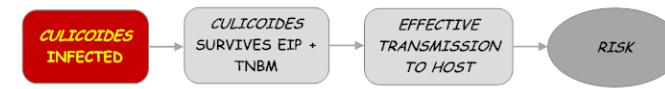
T^a dependent parameters

- Longevity of *Culicoides*
- Biting rate

Estimations based on daily temperatures

TEMPERATURE	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
1	7.0	5.9	5.9	11.2	13.1	15.1	19.1	16.4	14.0	12.7	10.2	7.7
2	4.5	6.4	5.7	11.8	13.1	16.7	17.0	16.4	16.0	14.0	10.8	8.0
3	5.5	7.2	7.8	7.2	14.2	16.9	14.5	17.0	13.6	15.0	11.5	6.5
4	3.7	5.6	6.6	6.1	11.1	17.1	17.3	19.1	17.4	15.3	11.5	8.7
5	7.6	4.6	8.6	7.9	14.7	18.6	14.6	21.0	11.4	12.6	7.6	9.6
6	8.5	2.3	8.2	10.3	14.4	19.3	15.3	22.1	14.4	10.6	6.9	9.3
7	7.5	1.4	6.9	8.4	12.8	22.5	15.9	17.5	14.9	10.0	7.6	9.1
8	5.0	0.2	5.4	5.9	11.7	15.9	14.9	15.4	14.8	10.0	7.3	5.5
9	12.0	1.0	6.1	10.7	12.0	20.4	14.4	15.9	14.1	10.6	4.5	6.5
10	10.7	3.0	7.9	11.5	15.0	20.0	13.9	17.1	12.6	11.1	5.6	5.5
11	8.0	3.3	5.1	11.9	13.9	19.7	13.8	17.1	13.8	10.1	4.6	4.7
12	8.6	5.0	8.4	13.9	13.2	18.5	15.8	17.8	13.5	11.3	4.3	3.6
13	10.4	7.2	7.7	16.4	16.0	18.8	19.9	17.7	13.2	10.5	3.7	3.2
14	9.5	6.8	7.4	16.5	16.2	18.5	21.1	17.5	13.9	10.9	3.9	3.0
15	3.4	5.6	7.4	18.7	11.2	18.0	24.5	21.6	13.7	11.9	0.8	0.0
16	5.6	6.1	8.2	18.3	10.4	16.4	25.6	17.1	15.1	13.7	1.8	-2.1
17	9.1	5.6	6.6	11.0	9.9	17.9	21.0	14.7	15.5	12.2	2.9	-0.9
18	11.4	6.1	7.5	8.8	13.7	17.9	20.0	17.7	11.1	12.3	1.3	-1.7
19	9.8	4.4	3.0	10.3	15.7	20.4	19.0	16.9	10.3	6.5	2.9	-1.7
20	10.3	4.1	3.0	8.7	17.5	20.9	19.8	15.9	13.1	4.7	5.5	-3.0
21	9.5	5.5	3.1	8.7	17.5	20.9	19.8	15.9	13.1	5.7	3.5	-3.5
22	2.4	6.6	4.2	13.0	18.6	19.8	17.1	16.5	19.0	3.5	7.7	-3.5
23	-3.0	7.5	6.4	15.8	17.4	15.8	16.4	18.0	16.4	4.0	6.0	-1.3
24	4.8	5.7	4.7	17.4	17.4	17.7	17.7	19.3	17.7	5.5	2.0	-2.0
25	-2.6	8.2	10.5	19.4	20.2	16.7	17.7	19.3	12.0	7.6	4.4	-0.3
26	-2.2	7.3	10.5	19.3	16.8	12.8	20.0	18.4	10.2	7.7	3.0	0.6
27	1.9	6.4	10.5	18.2	15.4	12.8	18.5	16.5	10.6	7.9	5.4	2.5
28	1.3	7.5	5.1	15.4	14.1	14.1	17.4	14.1	12.1	8.1	4.4	2.7
29	5.9	9.0	8.7	15.1	10.7	14.6	14.7	13.4	12.1	8.0	3.0	3.3
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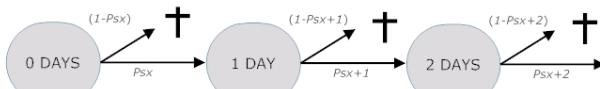


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Estimation of longevity

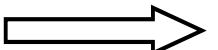
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Daily temperatures

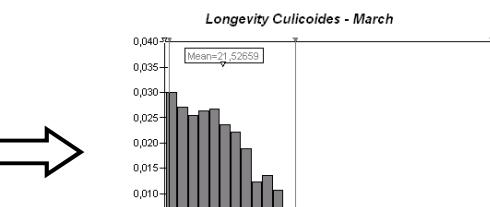


$$mr(T) = 0,009 * \exp(0,16 * T)$$

$$Ps = \exp(-mr)$$



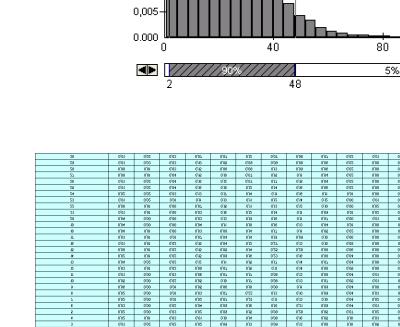
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1	0.97	0.98	0.98	0.95	0.93	0.88	0.80	0.70	0.68	0.69	0.72	0.95	0.97
2	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.95	0.93	0.88	0.80	0.70	0.68	0.69	0.72	0.96	0.98
3	0.97	0.98	0.98	0.95	0.93	0.88	0.80	0.70	0.68	0.69	0.72	0.95	0.97
4	0.97	0.98	0.98	0.95	0.93	0.88	0.80	0.70	0.68	0.69	0.72	0.94	0.96
5	0.97	0.98	0.98	0.95	0.93	0.88	0.80	0.70	0.68	0.69	0.72	0.94	0.96
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7	0.97	0.98	0.98	0.95	0.93	0.88	0.80	0.70	0.68	0.69	0.72	0.94	0.96
8	0.97	0.98	0.98	0.95	0.93	0.88	0.80	0.70	0.68	0.69	0.72	0.94	0.96
9	0.94	0.99	0.98	0.95	0.93	0.88	0.80	0.70	0.68	0.69	0.72	0.95	0.97
10	0.95	0.98	0.98	0.95	0.93	0.88	0.80	0.70	0.68	0.69	0.72	0.94	0.96
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21	0.99	0.98	0.98	0.97	0.98	0.85	0.80	0.70	0.68	0.69	0.72	0.97	1.00
22	0.99	0.97	0.98	0.97	0.98	0.85	0.80	0.70	0.68	0.69	0.72	0.97	0.99
23	0.99	0.97	0.98	0.97	0.98	0.85	0.80	0.70	0.68	0.69	0.72	0.97	0.99
24	0.99	0.97	0.98	0.97	0.98	0.85	0.80	0.70	0.68	0.69	0.72	0.97	0.99
25	0.99	0.97	0.98	0.97	0.98	0.85	0.80	0.70	0.68	0.69	0.72	0.97	0.99
26	0.99	0.97	0.98	0.97	0.98	0.85	0.80	0.70	0.68	0.69	0.72	0.97	0.99
27	0.99	0.98	0.98	0.97	0.98	0.85	0.80	0.70	0.68	0.69	0.72	0.97	0.99
28	0.99	0.98	0.98	0.97	0.98	0.85	0.80	0.70	0.68	0.69	0.72	0.97	0.99
29	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.90	0.90	0.95	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.94	0.97	0.99	0.98
30	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.90	0.90	0.95	0.91	0.91	0.92	0.93	0.96	0.96	0.96



$$br(T) = 0,000171 * T * (T - 3,6966) * (41,8699 - T)^{1/2,7056}$$



Daily temperatures





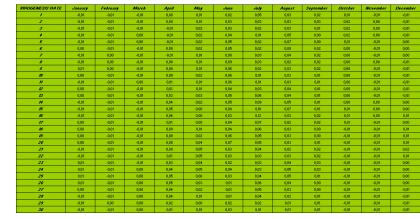
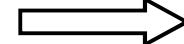
2- PROBABILITY CULICOIDES SURVIVES EIP + TNBM

Estimation of the EIP

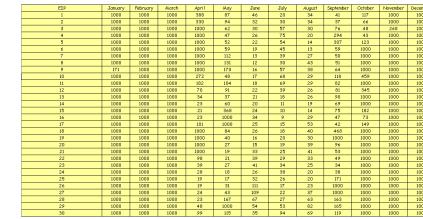
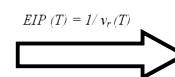
Measurement	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
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2	4.5	3.0	0.8	1.1	13.1	0.8	19.0	16.0	12.5	12.6	8.0	7.9
3	5.5	7.2	7.0	7.2	14.2	6.9	14.9	17.0	11.8	15.9	9.5	9.5
4	7.4	5.0	4.0	4.0	13.0	4.0	20.0	18.0	13.5	13.5	9.0	9.0
5	7.6	4.9	6.6	7.9	14.7	6.6	14.4	15.9	10.4	12.4	7.8	9.3
6	5.3	3.0	0.8	1.1	13.1	0.8	19.0	16.0	12.5	12.6	8.0	7.9
7	7.5	1.4	4.9	9.4	10.8	21.3	13.8	17.5	14.9	13.8	7.4	9.1
8	5.0	3.0	0.8	1.1	13.1	0.8	19.0	16.0	12.5	12.6	8.0	7.9
9	10.9	1.8	6.1	10.7	12.5	20.4	14.4	15.9	16.1	13.8	9.5	9.5
10	7.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	13.0	4.0	20.0	18.0	13.5	13.5	9.0	9.0
11	6.9	5.1	9.1	9.1	11.9	9.9	13.9	9.2	13.4	9.0	9.7	9.7
12	6.6	5.0	4.0	4.0	13.0	4.0	20.0	18.0	13.5	13.5	9.0	9.0
13	30.4	6.0	16.4	16.5	16.8	16.9	19.9	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
14	7.1	5.0	4.0	4.0	13.0	4.0	20.0	18.0	13.5	13.5	9.0	9.0
15	7.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	13.0	4.0	20.0	18.0	13.5	13.5	9.0	9.0
16	7.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	13.0	4.0	20.0	18.0	13.5	13.5	9.0	9.0
17	8.1	5.0	6.0	11.0	10.0	8.8	17.2	12.0	12.0	12.2	8.9	9.9
18	5.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	13.0	4.0	20.0	18.0	13.5	13.5	9.0	9.0
19	6.0	4.4	4.0	4.0	13.0	4.0	20.0	18.0	13.5	13.5	9.0	9.0
20	30.5	4.1	2.0	0.7	17.5	20.4	19.2	16.9	16.9	13.5	9.5	9.5
21	2.4	6.0	4.2	4.2	13.0	10.5	10.9	17.2	17.2	16.9	13.5	9.5
22	2.4	6.0	4.2	4.2	13.0	10.5	10.9	17.2	17.2	16.9	13.5	9.5
23	-0.4	6.0	6.7	17.4	19.7	17.4	13.9	20.0	18.4	13.5	9.5	9.5
24	-0.4	6.0	6.7	17.4	19.7	17.4	13.9	20.0	18.4	13.5	9.5	9.5
25	-2.2	7.2	30.5	19.5	16.9	16.9	20.0	20.0	18.2	7.7	9.3	9.4
26	-2.2	7.2	30.5	19.5	16.9	16.9	20.0	20.0	18.2	7.7	9.3	9.4
27	4.5	6.5	8.1	16.4	12.1	14.0	17.4	14.1	13.2	8.1	2.4	4.2
28	4.5	6.5	8.1	16.4	12.1	14.0	17.4	14.1	13.2	8.1	2.4	4.2
29	-6.3	7.0	9.3	11.6	10.7	10.2	15.2	10.9	10.4	7.9	9.8	9.3
30	-6.3	7.0	9.3	11.6	10.7	10.2	15.2	10.9	10.4	7.9	9.8	9.3

Daily temperatures

$$v_r(T) = 0.0003 \times T \times (T - 10,4057)$$



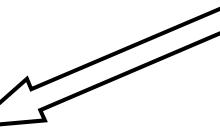
Virogenesis rate



EIP

A *Culicoides* infected on day x was assumed to complete a proportion (P_{EIPx+1}) of the EIP on the following day

$$P_{EIPx+1} = 1/EIP_{x+1}$$



And a proportion (P_{EIPx+2}) of the EIP the day after ($x+2$)

$$P_{EIPx+2} = 1/EIP_{EIPx+2}$$

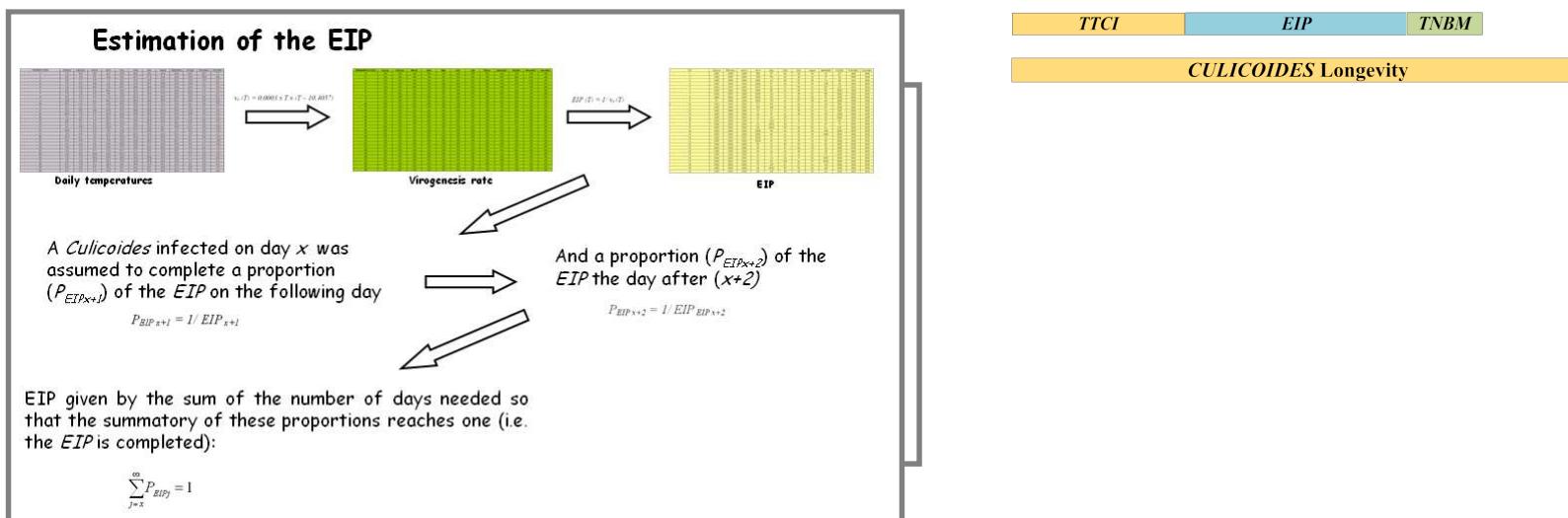
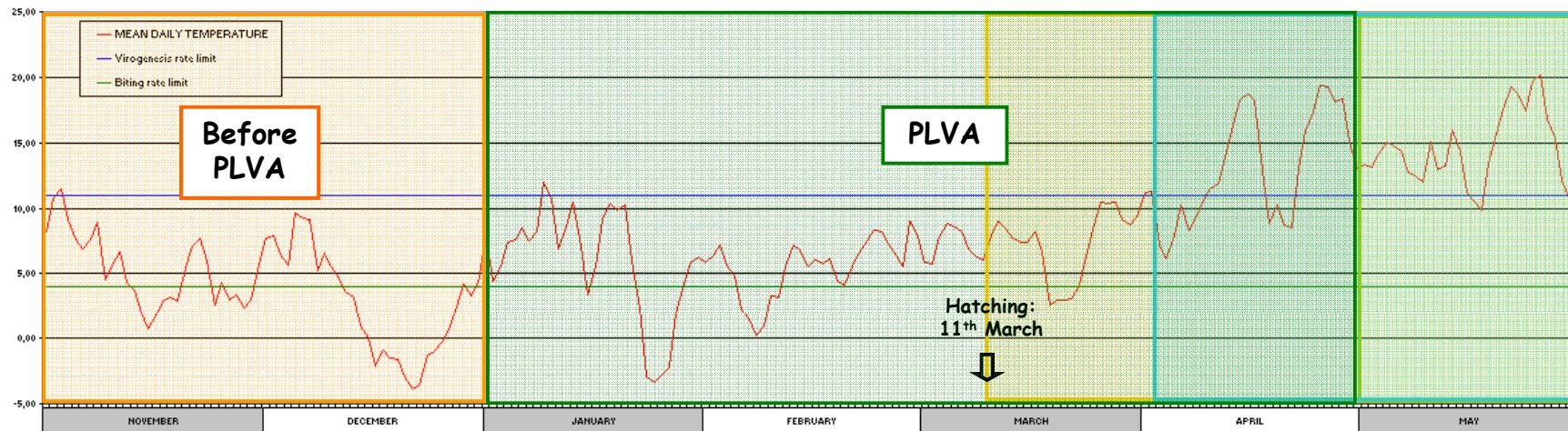
EIP given by the sum of the number of days needed so that the summatory of these proportions reaches one (i.e. the EIP is completed):

$$\sum_{j=x}^{\infty} P_{EIPj} = 1$$

Estimation of TNBM \approx to EIP estimation

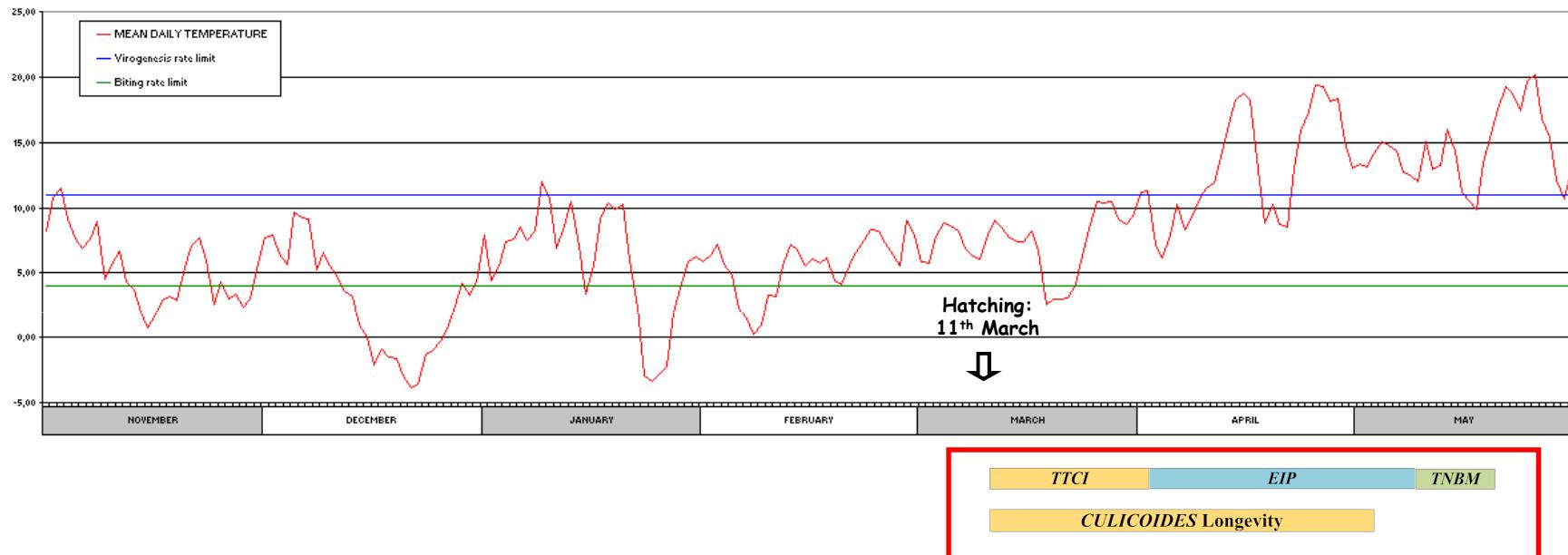


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In the majority of cases, *Culicoides* do not live long enough to survive the EIP



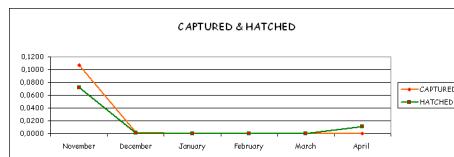
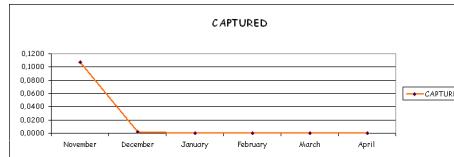
RESULTS

PER VECTOR (1 VECTOR)

Given a *Culicoides* which hatched in a given month, we estimated the probability of overwintering by the different pathways

WEIGHTED

By taking into account the number of *Culicoides* in the different months of study



November or April more weight on the (weighted) prob. of overwintering

EXOPHILY vs ENDOPHILY

Exophily: *Culicoides* subjected to outside temperatures

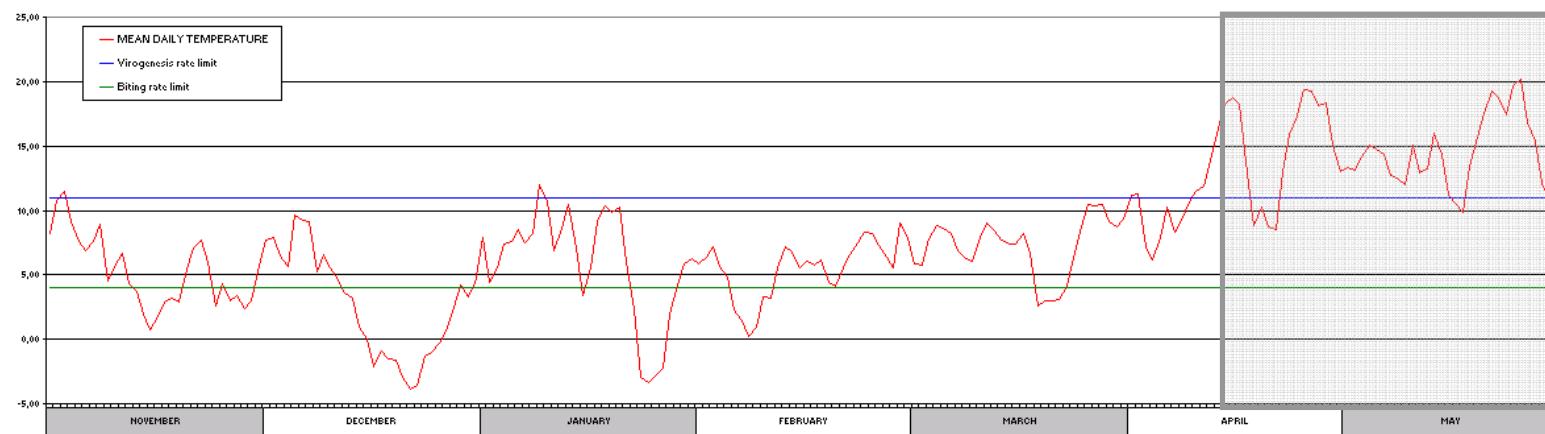
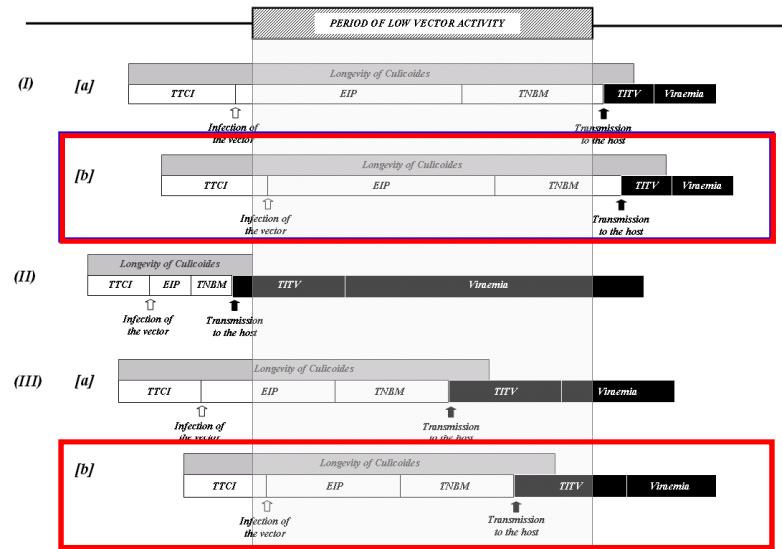
Endophily: A % of *Culicoides* subjected to (milder) inside temperatures



RESULTS

EXOPHILIC (1 vector)	Probability <i>Ia</i>	Probability <i>Ib</i>	Probability <i>IIIa</i>	Probability <i>IIIb</i>	TOTAL MONTHS
November	0	0	0	0	0
December	0	0	0	0	0
January	NA	$3,4 \times 10^{-9}$	NA	0	$3,4 \times 10^{-9}$
February	NA	$6,1 \times 10^{-8}$	NA	0	$6,1 \times 10^{-8}$
March	NA	$1,0 \times 10^{-7}$	NA	0	$1,0 \times 10^{-7}$
April	NA	$1,4 \times 10^{-7}$	NA	0	$1,4 \times 10^{-7}$

ENDOPHILIC (1 vector)	Probability <i>Ia</i>	Probability <i>Ib</i>	Probability <i>IIIa</i>	Probability <i>IIIb</i>	TOTAL MONTHS
November	0	0	0	0	0
December	0	0	0	0	0
January	NA	$5,4 \times 10^{-9}$	NA	$7,0 \times 10^{-8}$	$7,6 \times 10^{-8}$
February	NA	$3,1 \times 10^{-8}$	NA	$2,4 \times 10^{-7}$	$2,7 \times 10^{-7}$
March	NA	$1,5 \times 10^{-7}$	NA	$1,9 \times 10^{-7}$	$3,3 \times 10^{-7}$
April	NA	$1,9 \times 10^{-7}$	NA	$1,6 \times 10^{-8}$	$2,0 \times 10^{-7}$



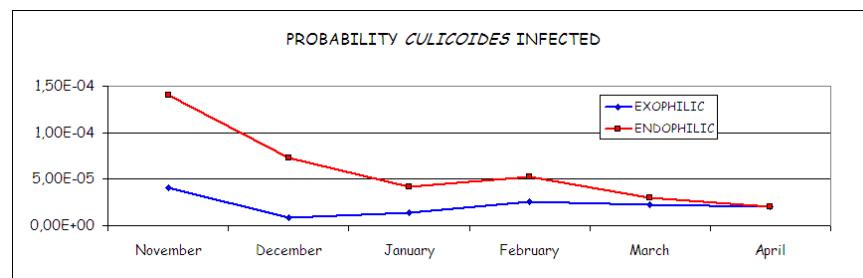


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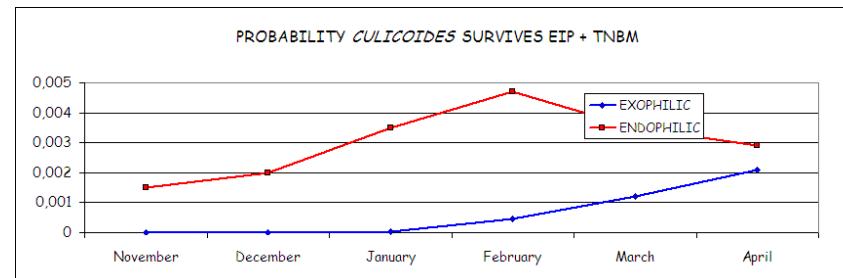
EXOPHILIC (WEIGHTED)	Probability <i>Ia</i>	Probability <i>Ib</i>	Probability <i>IIIa</i>	Probability <i>IIIb</i>	TOTAL MONTHS
November	0	0	0	0	0
December	0	0	0	0	0
January	NA	$2,6 \times 10^{-11}$	NA	0	$2,6 \times 10^{-11}$
February	NA	$9,7 \times 10^{-10}$	NA	0	$9,7 \times 10^{-10}$
March	NA	$1,2 \times 10^{-9}$	NA	0	$1,2 \times 10^{-9}$
April	NA	$1,4 \times 10^{-8}$	NA	0	$1,4 \times 10^{-8}$
TOTAL PATHWAYS	0	$1,6 \times 10^{-8}$	0	0	$1,6 \times 10^{-8}$

ENDOPHILIC (WEIGHTED)	Probability <i>Ia</i>	Probability <i>Ib</i>	Probability <i>IIIa</i>	Probability <i>IIIb</i>	TOTAL MONTHS
November	0	0	0	0	0
December	0	0	0	0	0
January	NA	$8,9 \times 10^{-10}$	NA	$2,8 \times 10^{-9}$	$3,7 \times 10^{-9}$
February	NA	$3,3 \times 10^{-10}$	NA	$4,2 \times 10^{-9}$	$4,5 \times 10^{-9}$
March	NA	$4,6 \times 10^{-9}$	NA	$4,2 \times 10^{-9}$	$8,8 \times 10^{-9}$
April	NA	$2,6 \times 10^{-8}$	NA	$4,8 \times 10^{-10}$	$2,7 \times 10^{-8}$
TOTAL PATHWAYS	0	$3,2 \times 10^{-8}$	0	$1,1 \times 10^{-8}$	$4,4 \times 10^{-8}$

Endophily seemed to favour overwintering, but its effect was limited



Endophily (milder T^a)
 ↑ Number of BMs
 ↓ Longevity



Endophily (milder T^a)
 ↓ Duration of EIP & TNBM
 ↓ Longevity

WORKPACKAGE 5

RISK ASSESSMENT

**QUANTITATIVE ASSESSMENT OF
THE RISK OF BTV BY CULICOIDES
INTRODUCED VIA TRANSPORT
AND TRADE NETWORKS**

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INTRODUCTION

In August 2006, a bluetongue outbreak by BTV-8 was detected in the Netherlands

The strain, of sub-Saharan origin (Maan et al., 2008) entirely bypassed southern Europe (Carpenter et al., 2009).

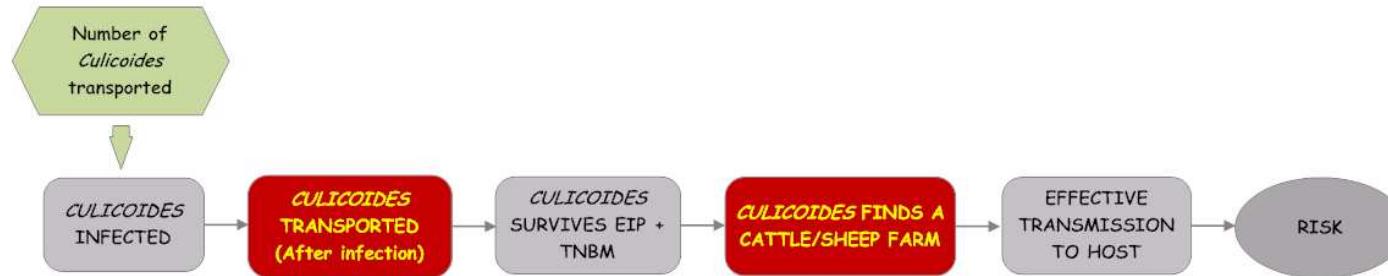
The most obvious mechanisms for BTV incursion into a free area, the importation of infected hosts or the transportation of infected *Culicoides* on airstreams seemed unlikely (Mintiens et al., 2008)



The potential for *Culicoides* to be imported along with or independently of the import of animals, plants or other 'materials', had to be considered.

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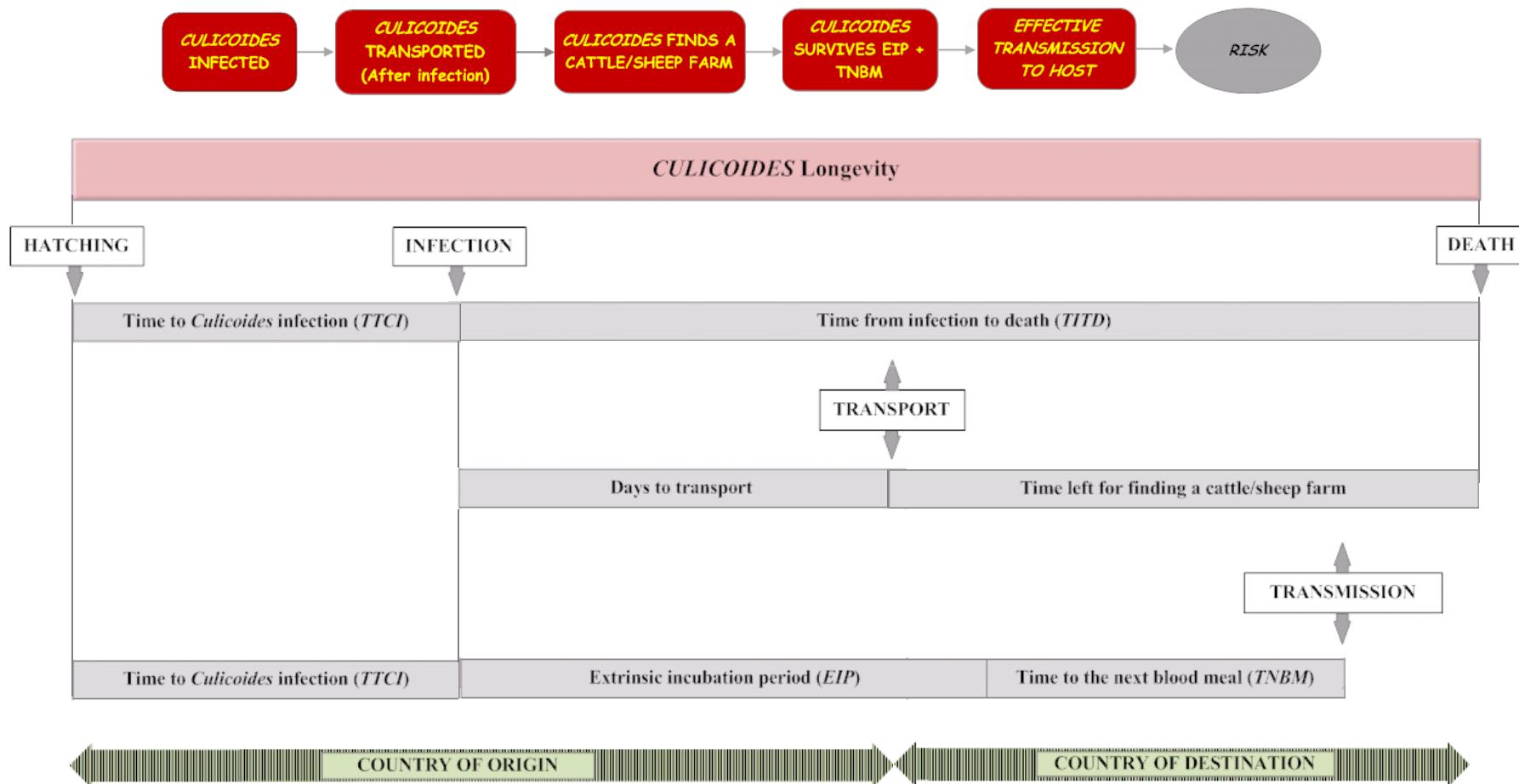
PATHWAY



LIMITATIONS

- Number (probability) *Culicoides* carried via ≠ transport and trade networks is unknown
- Complexity of transport and trade networks
- Whether conditions during travel affect the viability of *Culicoides* is unknown
- Many of the parameters that determine the risk would be specific of the *Culicoides* species

MODEL

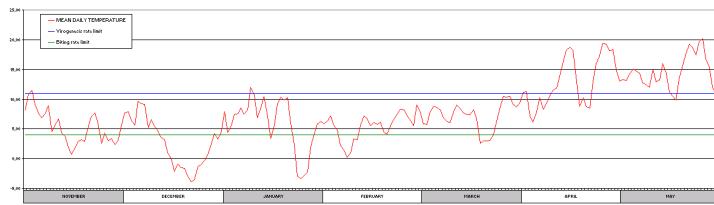
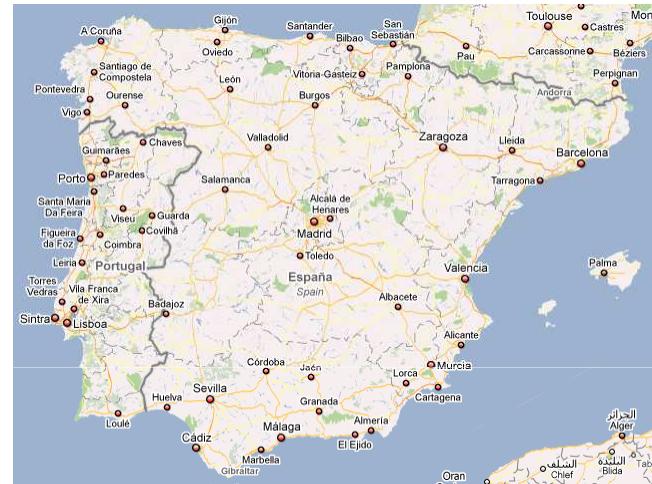




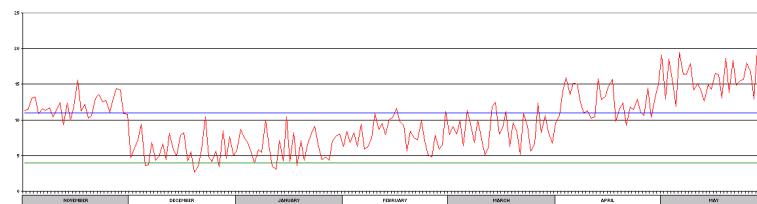
SCENARIO



Given the epidemic in North Rhine-Westphalia in 2006, probability of a BTV outbreak in Spain given transportation of 1 *Culicoides*



North Rhine-Westphalia



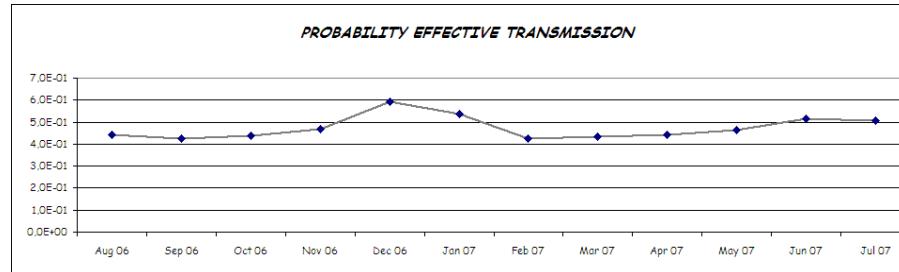
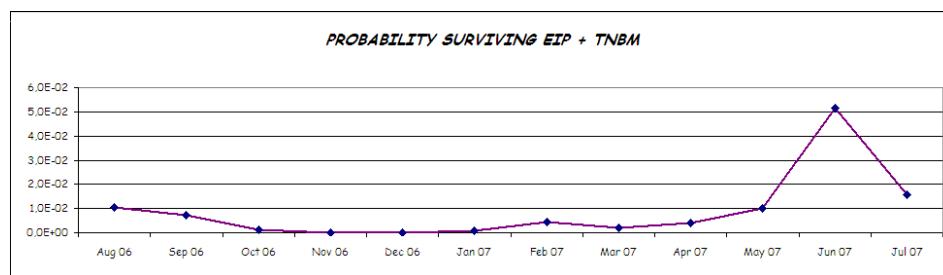
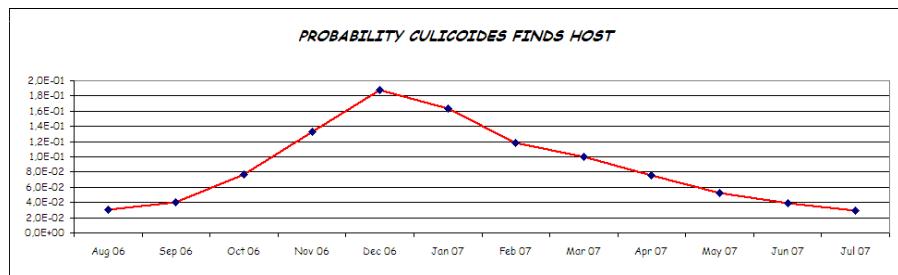
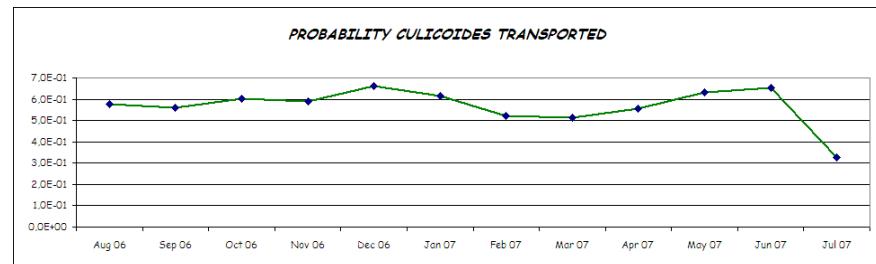
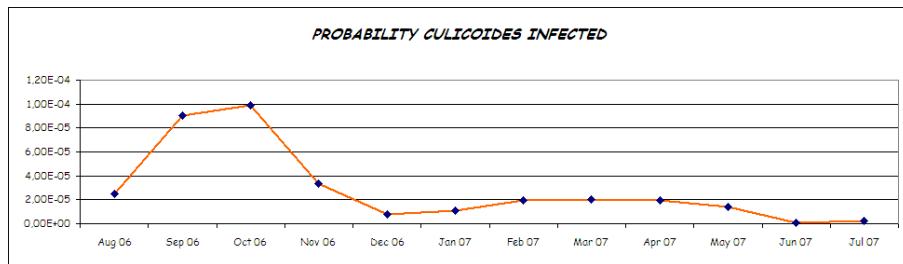
Spain



Given the epidemic in North Rhine-Westphalia in 2006, probability of a BTTV outbreak in Spain given transportation of 1 Culicoides



RESULTS



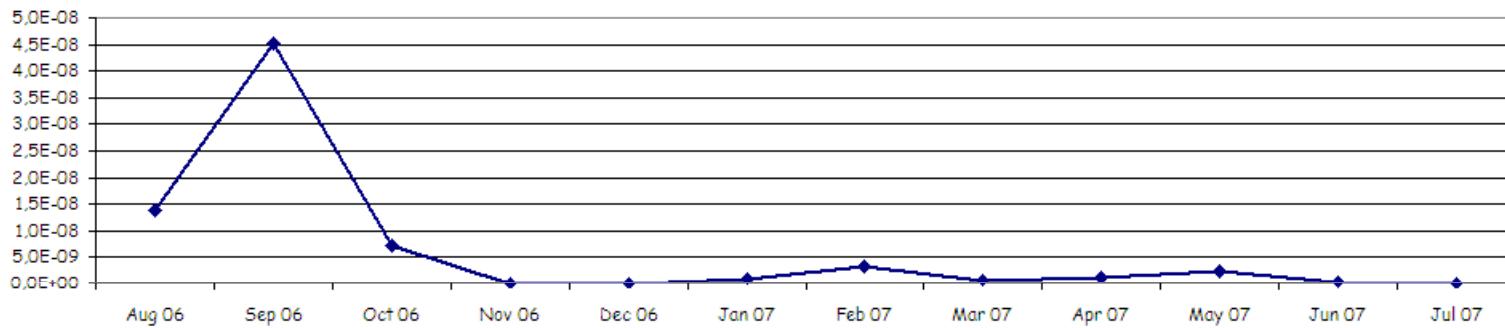


Given the epidemic in North Rhine-Westphalia in 2005, probability of a BTB outbreak in Spain given transportation of 1 Calicoderus

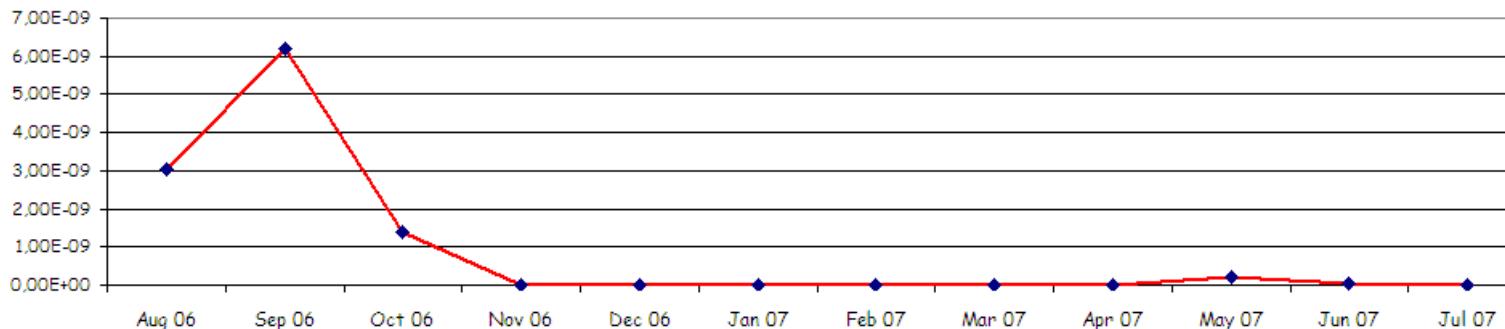


RESULTS

FINAL PROBABILITY (1 VECTOR)



FINAL PROBABILITY (WEIGHTED)



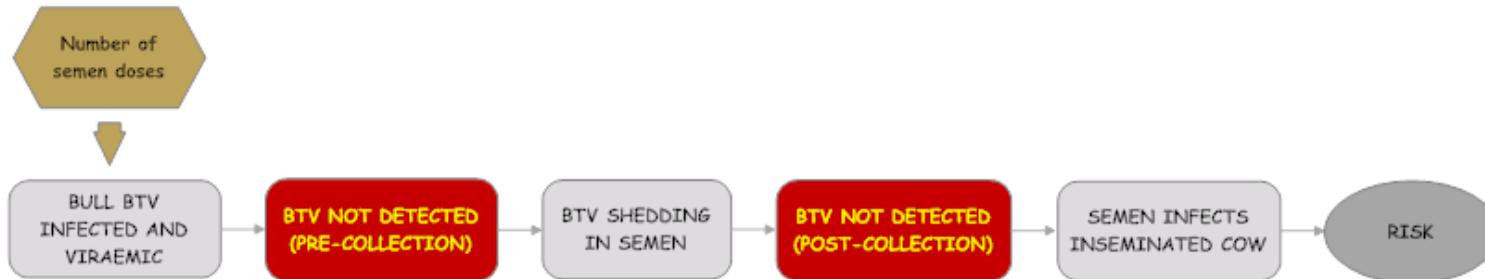
WORKPACKAGE 5

RISK ASSESSMENT

***QUANTITATIVE ASSESSMENT OF
THE PROBABILITY OF
BLUETONGUE VIRUS
TRANSMISSION BY SEMEN***

MODEL

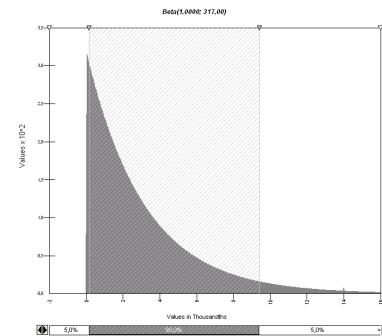
PATHWAY



LIMITATIONS

- In the 1970s, Luedke et al., suggested that some bulls may excrete virus in their semen, but since then all the attempts to reproduce this finding failed
- Probability of virus shedding in semen based on the experiments by: Gard et al, (1989), Kirkland et al, (2004) and Phillips et al, (1986):

Out of 316 viraemic bulls, none shed BTV in semen => Beta distribution



INTRODUCTION

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1266/2007 (Annex III): Semen obtained from donor animals that:

- (a) kept outside a restricted zone for > 60 days before semen collection
- (b) protected against vectors for > 60 days before semen collection
- (c) kept during the seasonally vector-free period in a BT seasonally-free zone for > 60 days before semen collection
- (d) serological test according to the OIE with negative results, at least every 60 days during the collection period
- (e) polymerase chain reaction test according to the OIE with negative results, at least every 28 days

INTRODUCTION

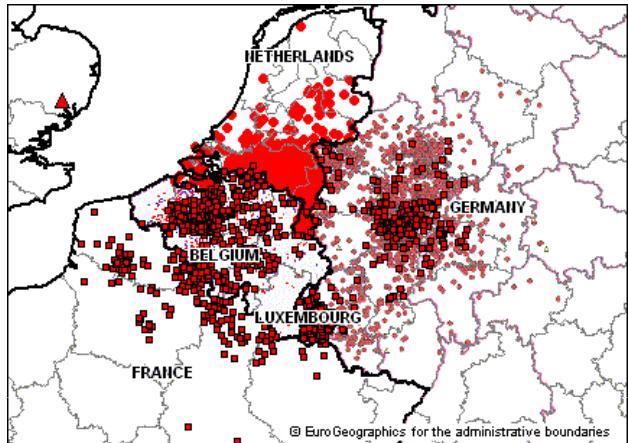
Commission Regulation (EC) No 1266/2007 (Annex III): Semen obtained from donor animals that:

- (a) kept outside a restricted zone for > 60 days before semen collection
- (b) protected against vectors for > 60 days before semen collection (90%)
- (c) kept during the seasonally vector-free period in a BT seasonally-free zone for > 60 days before semen collection
- (d) serological test according to the OIE with negative results, at least every 60 days during the collection period
- (e) polymerase chain reaction test according to the OIE with negative results, at least every 28 days

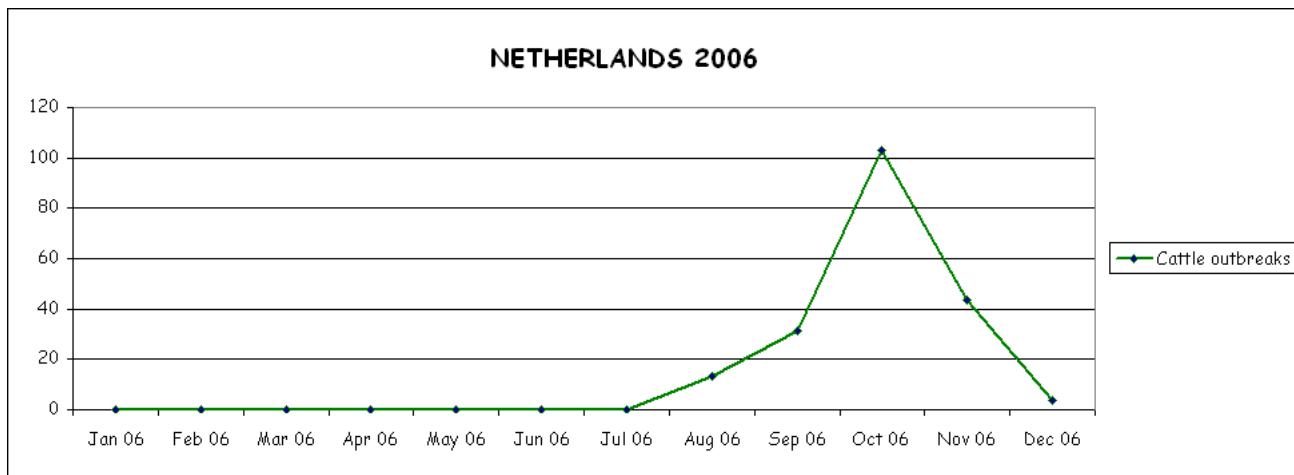
Aim: Assess the effectiveness of these preventive measures



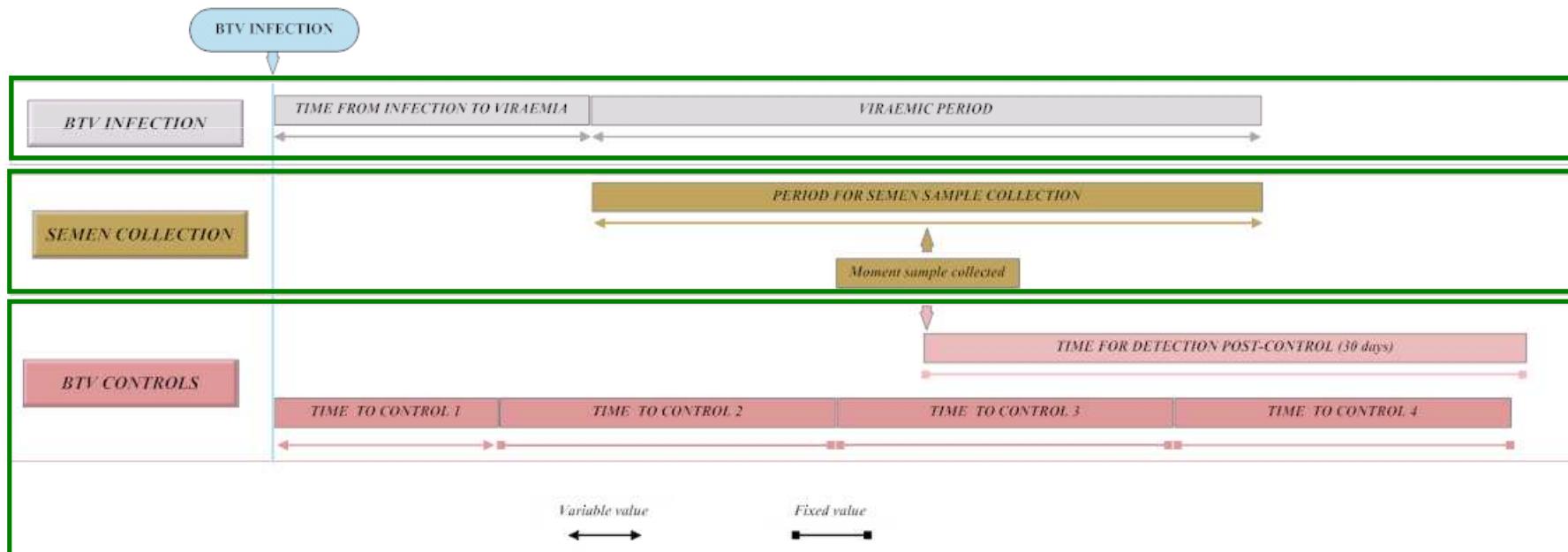
SCENARIO



Based on the epidemics of BTV-8 in the Netherlands in 2006, estimation of the probability that results in an outbreak in another location as a consequence of the exportation of that semen



MODEL



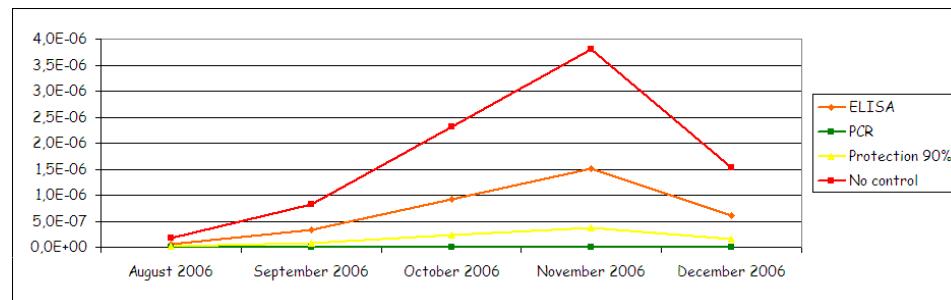


RESULTS

PROBABILITY OF BTV NOT DETECTED (BEFORE SEMEN COLLECTED)

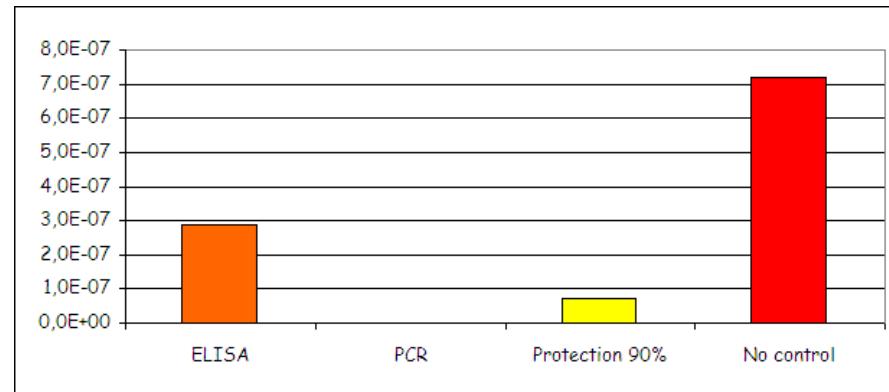
Results per month

NETHERLANDS	ELISA	PCR	Protection 90%	No control
August 2006	$6,8 \times 10^{-8}$	$2,2 \times 10^{-10}$	$1,7 \times 10^{-8}$	$1,7 \times 10^{-7}$
September 2006	$3,2 \times 10^{-7}$	$1,0 \times 10^{-9}$	$8,2 \times 10^{-8}$	$8,2 \times 10^{-7}$
October 2006	$9,1 \times 10^{-8}$	$2,9 \times 10^{-9}$	$2,3 \times 10^{-7}$	$2,3 \times 10^{-6}$
November 2006	$1,5 \times 10^{-6}$	$4,7 \times 10^{-9}$	$3,8 \times 10^{-7}$	$3,8 \times 10^{-6}$
December 2006	$6,1 \times 10^{-7}$	$1,9 \times 10^{-9}$	$1,5 \times 10^{-7}$	$1,5 \times 10^{-6}$



Results per year

NETHERLANDS	ELISA	PCR	Protection 90%	No control
Year 2006	$2,9 \times 10^{-7}$	$9,0 \times 10^{-10}$	$7,2 \times 10^{-8}$	$7,2 \times 10^{-7}$



Option (d): ELISA test: Risk reduction 2,5-fold

Option (e): PCR test: Risk reduction 800-fold



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