

# The PRAGMATICK mobile app



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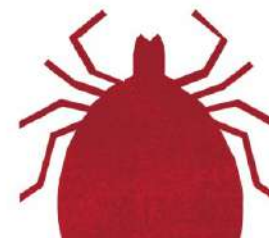


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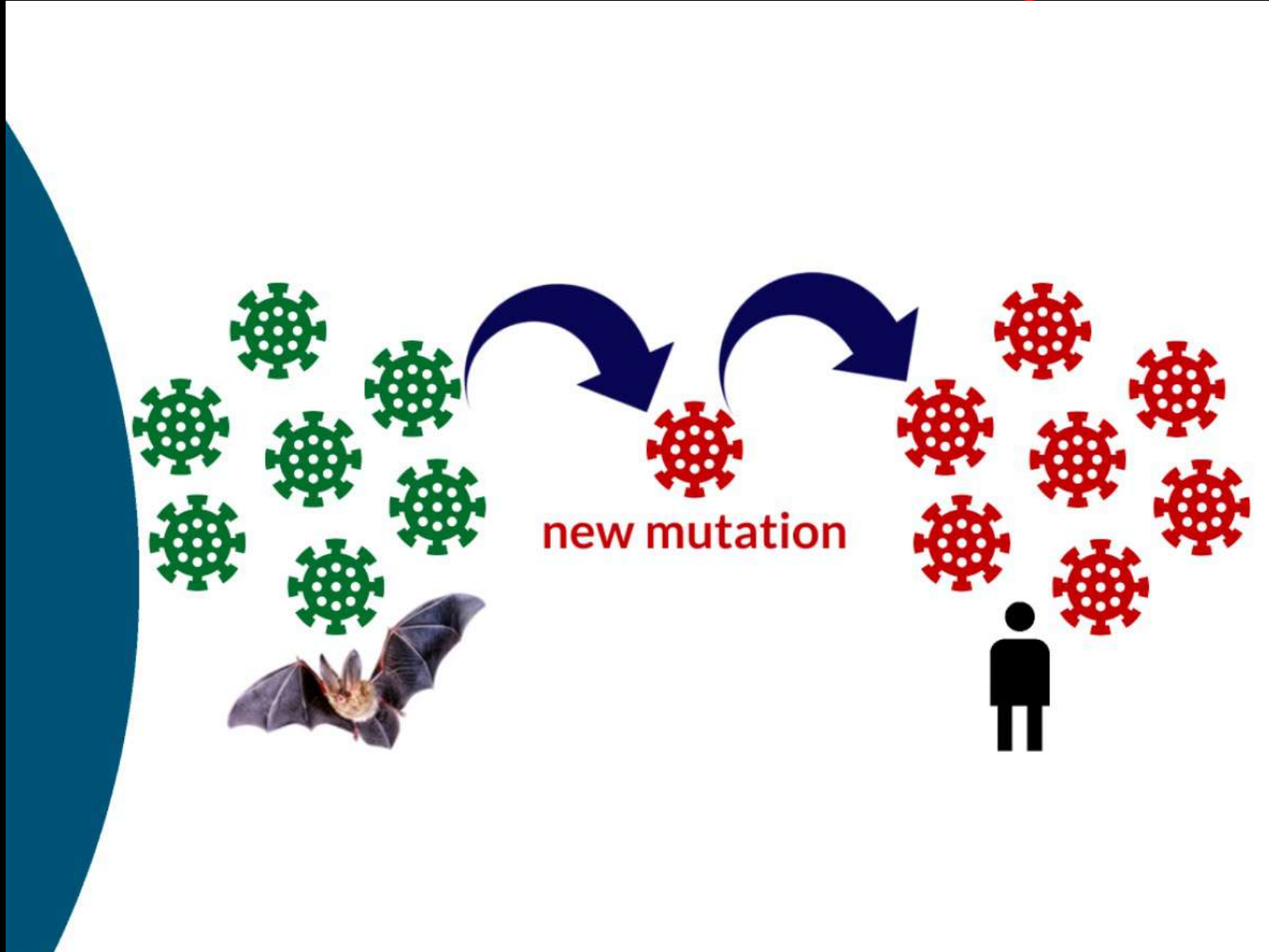


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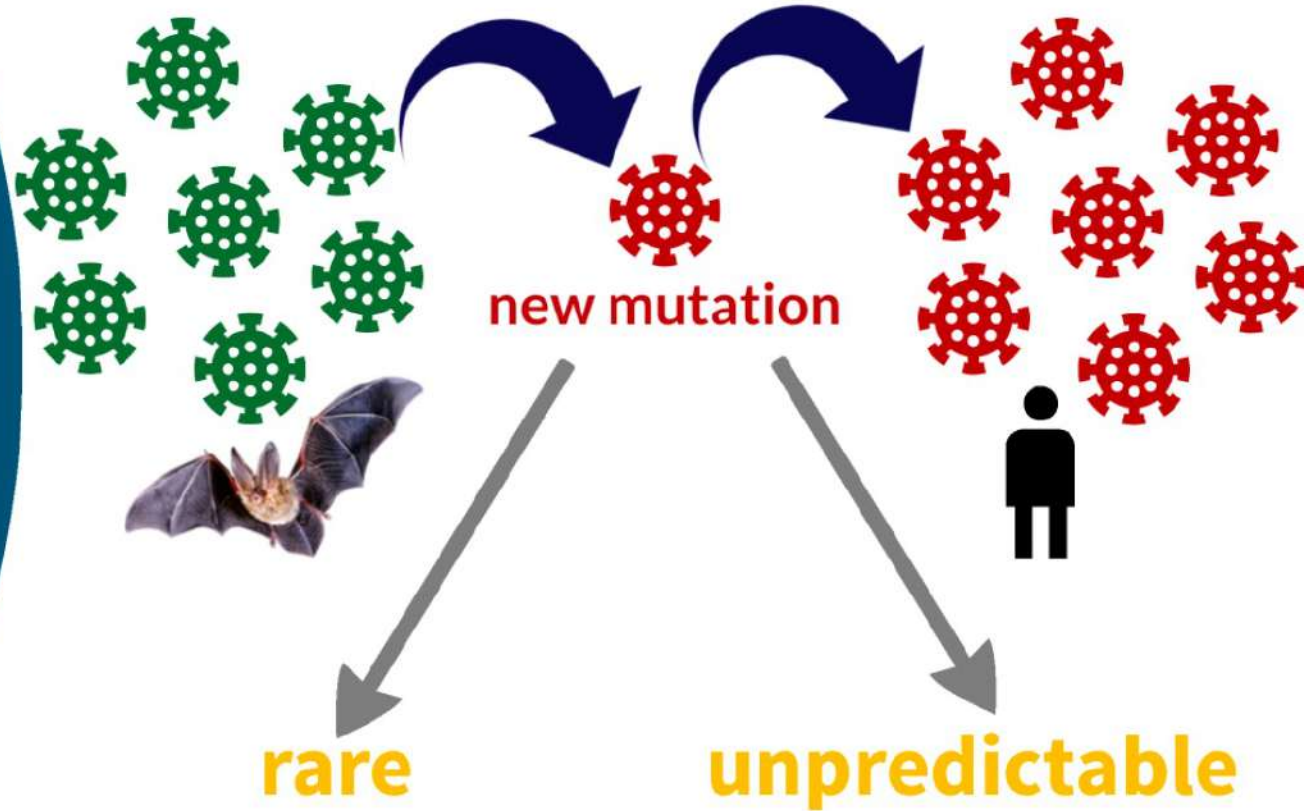


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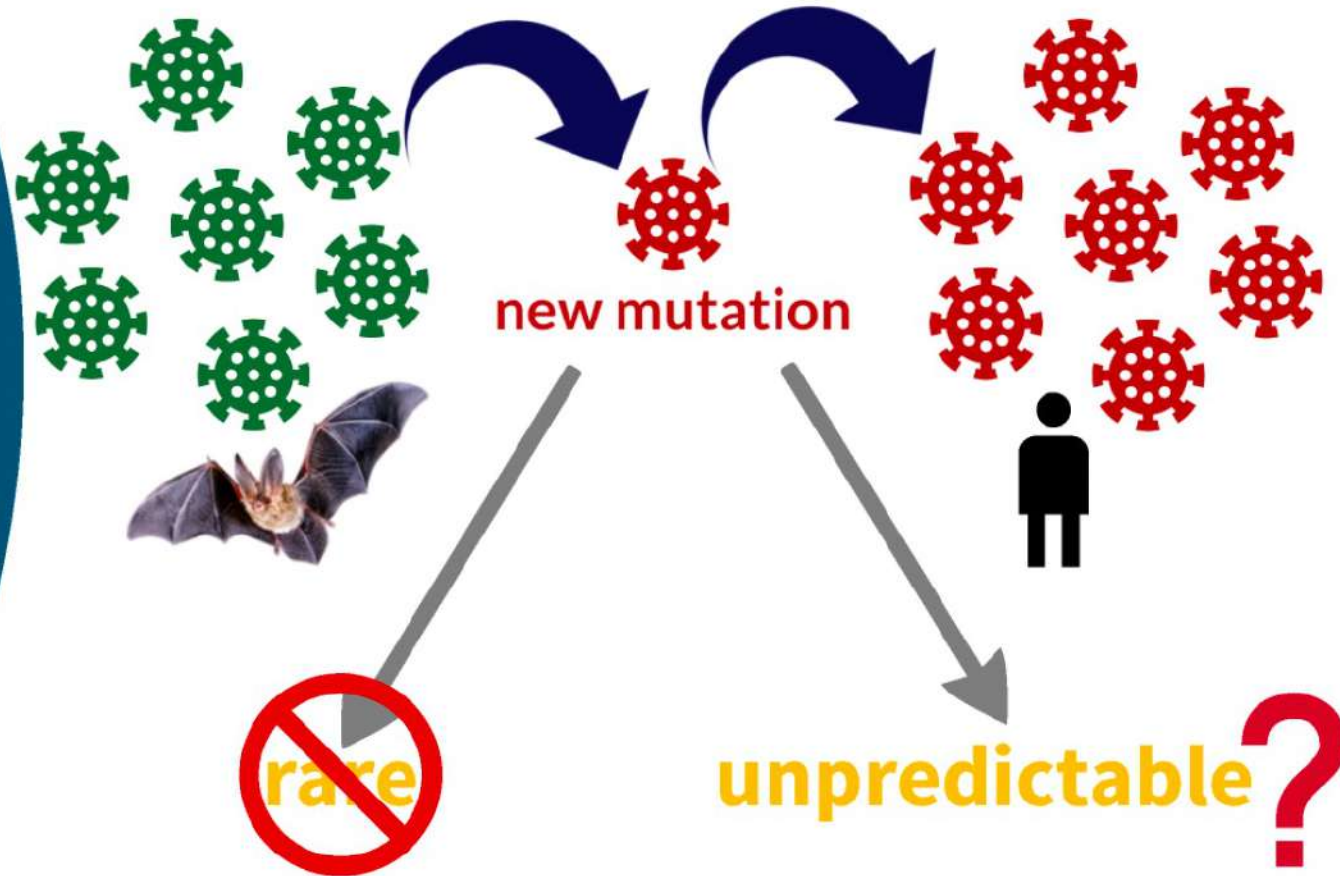


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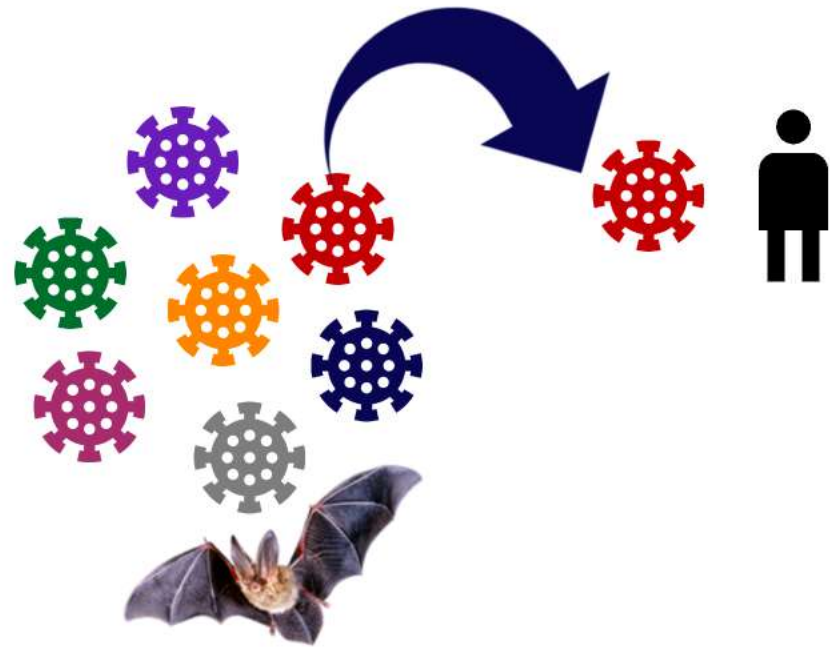


**HOST- PARASITE COEVOLUTION**

# Emerging Infectious Diseases

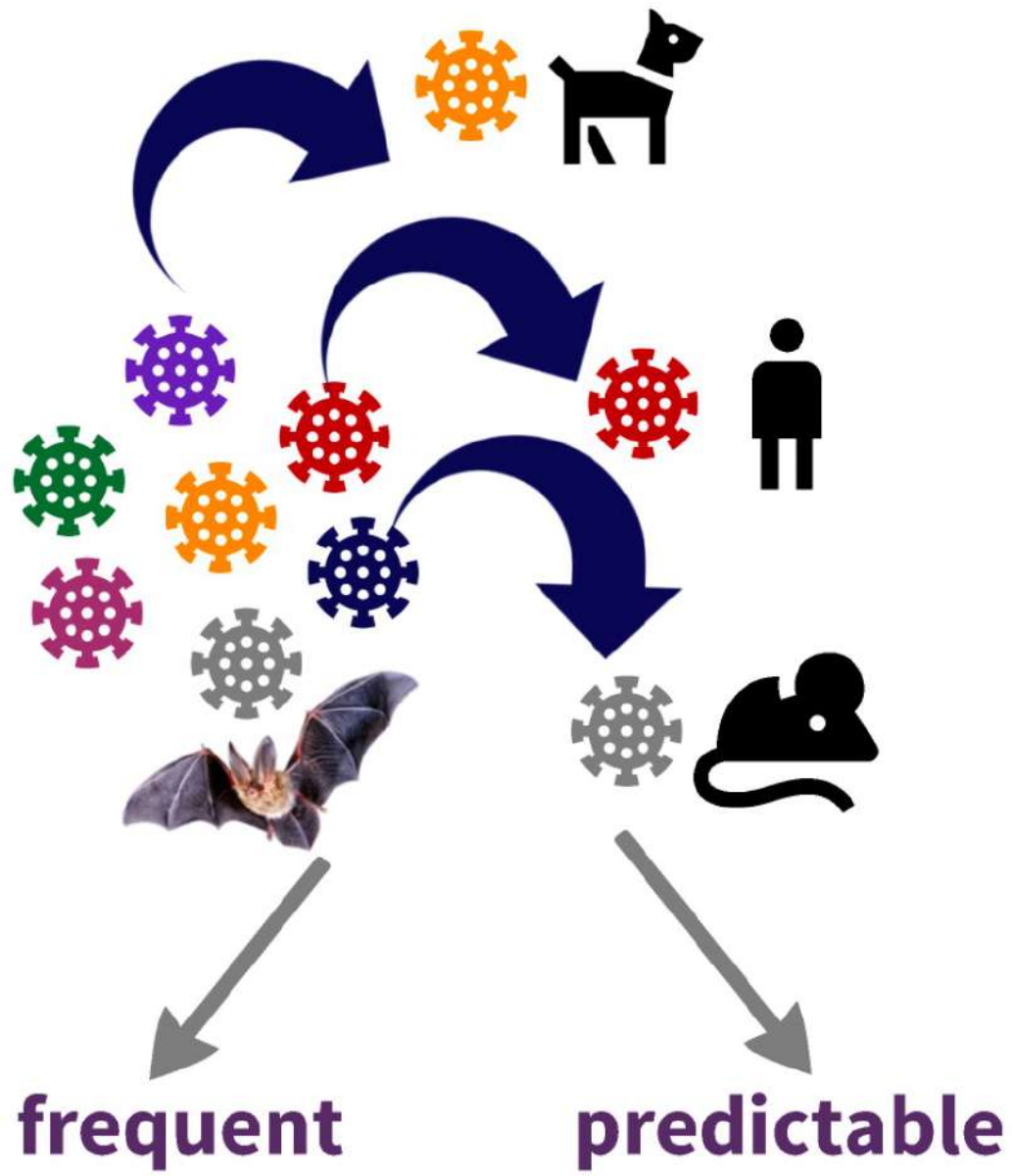


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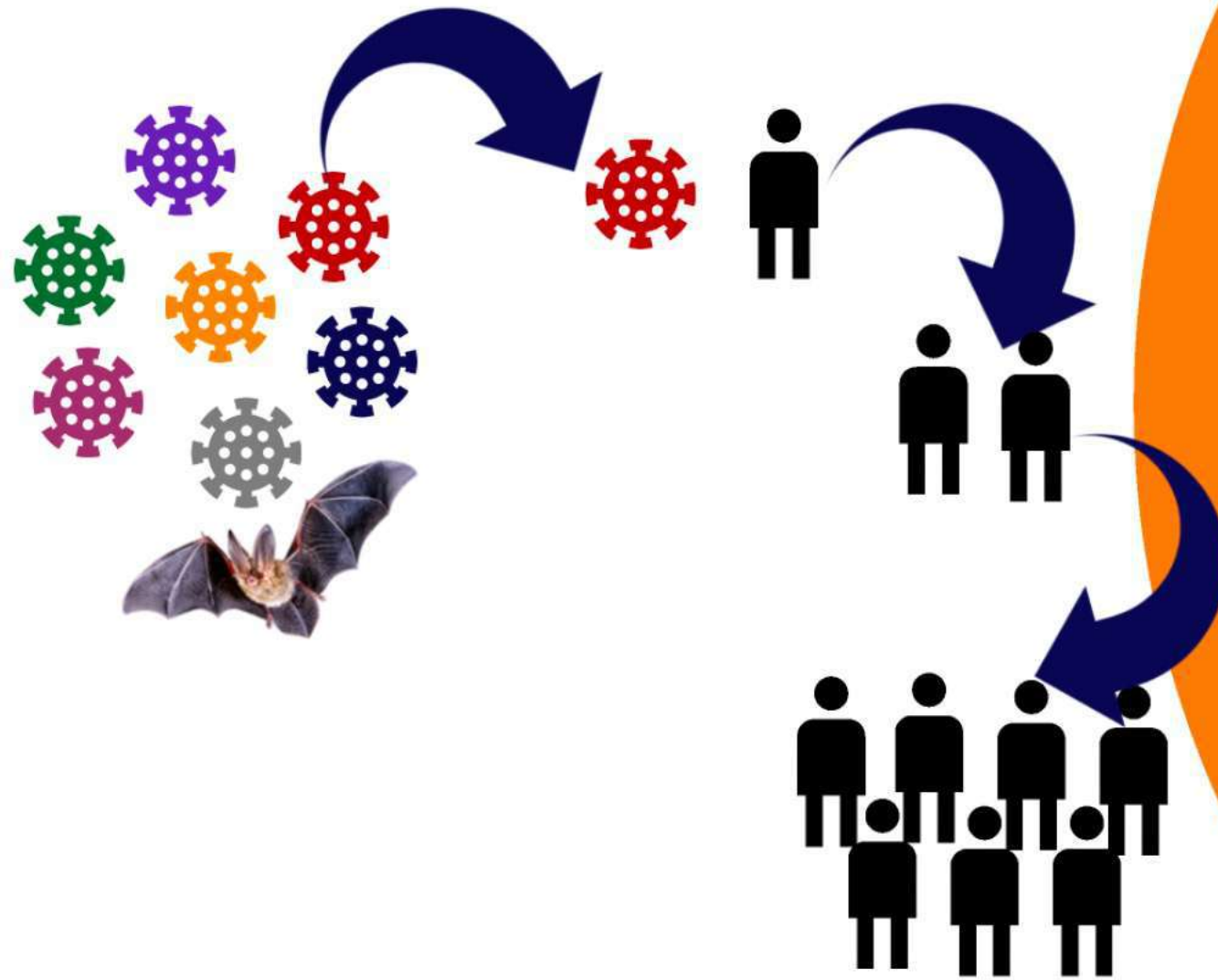


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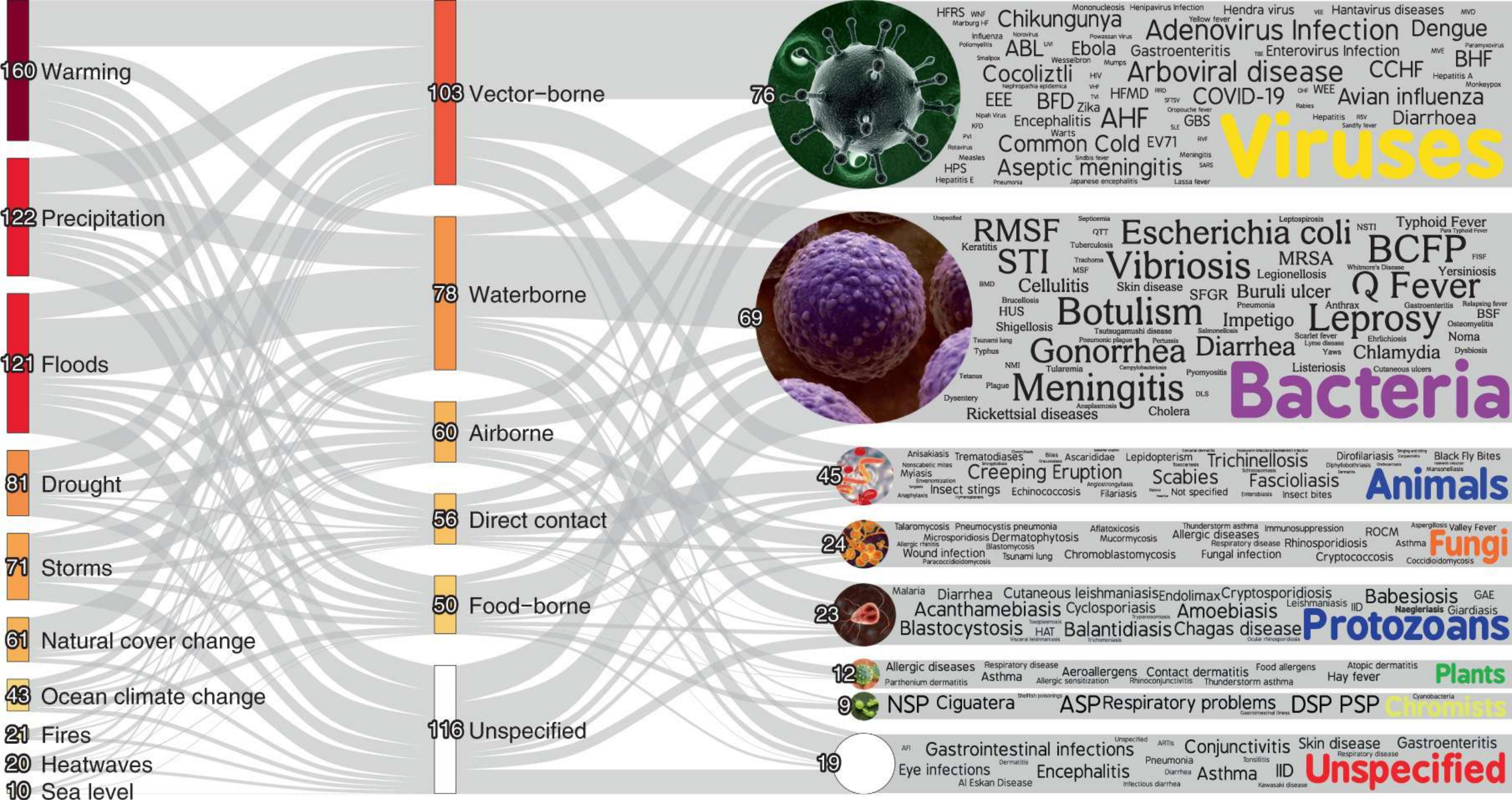
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CLIMATE CHANGE  
AND EMERGING  
DISEASE

DANIEL R. BROOKS, ERIC P. HOBERG,  
AND WALTER A. BOEGER

- ✓ **Ecological fitting** (Janzen, 1985) ensures that there is no need for mutations for host colonization
- ✓ Climate change and habitat loss will increase migration in vectors, hosts and pathogens
- ✓ This leads to new opportunities and new EIDs
- ✓ **Emerging Infectious Diseases are the rule and not the exception**





Mora et al. 2022 *Nature Climate Change*





# We can be proactive about coping with EIDs based on the Stockholm Paradigm

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- ✓ Colonization of a new host requires new **opportunities** given specific pre-existing capacities
- ✓ Those pre-existing capacities are predictable, allowing us to anticipate disease emergence





# DAMA protocol: *Finding them before they find us*

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**Document**  
**Assess**  
**Monitor**  
**Act**



**Brooks** et al. (2014) Finding them before they find us: informatics, parasites, and environments in accelerating climate change. *Comparative Parasitology* 81:155-164.

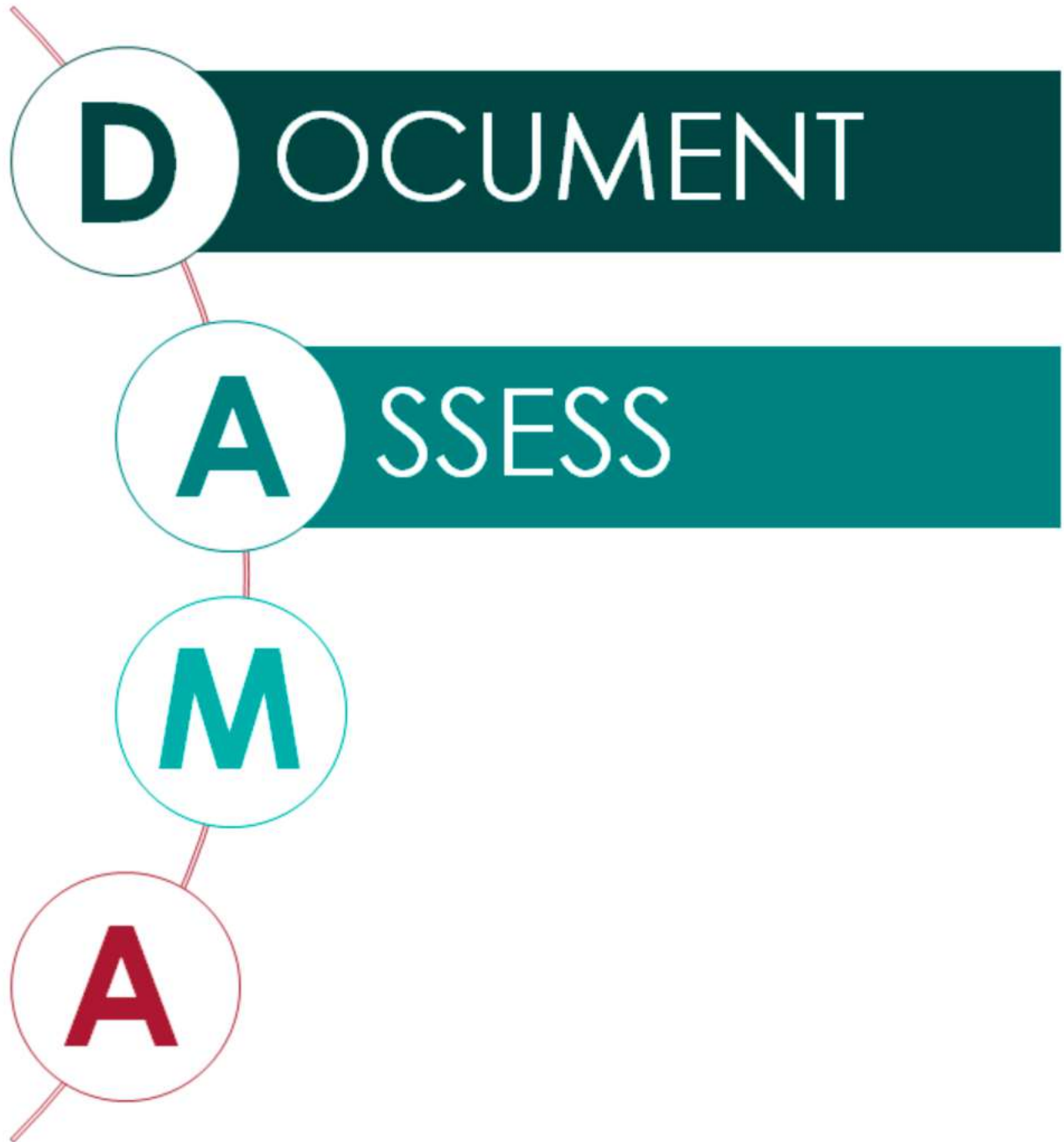
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## The DAMA Protocol, an Introduction: Finding Pathogens before They Find Us

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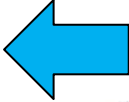
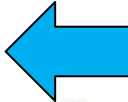
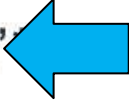
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# „Disease X”

A WHO tool distinguishes which diseases pose the greatest public health risk due to their epidemic potential and/or whether there is no or insufficient countermeasures.

At present, the priority diseases are:

- COVID-19 
- Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever 
- Ebola virus disease and Marburg virus disease
- Lassa fever
- Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)
- Nipah and henipaviral diseases
- Rift Valley fever
- Zika
- “Disease X” 





**Assess the risk**



# ASSESS (the threat): phylogenetic triage

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**Is this a known pathogen?  
Is this closely related to a known  
pathogen?**

**If NO to both, ignore but  
archive**

**If YES to either, gather or infer  
information about its transmission  
dynamics, microhabitat preferences  
and natural history**

# MONITOR



# ACT: Coping and Cooperating

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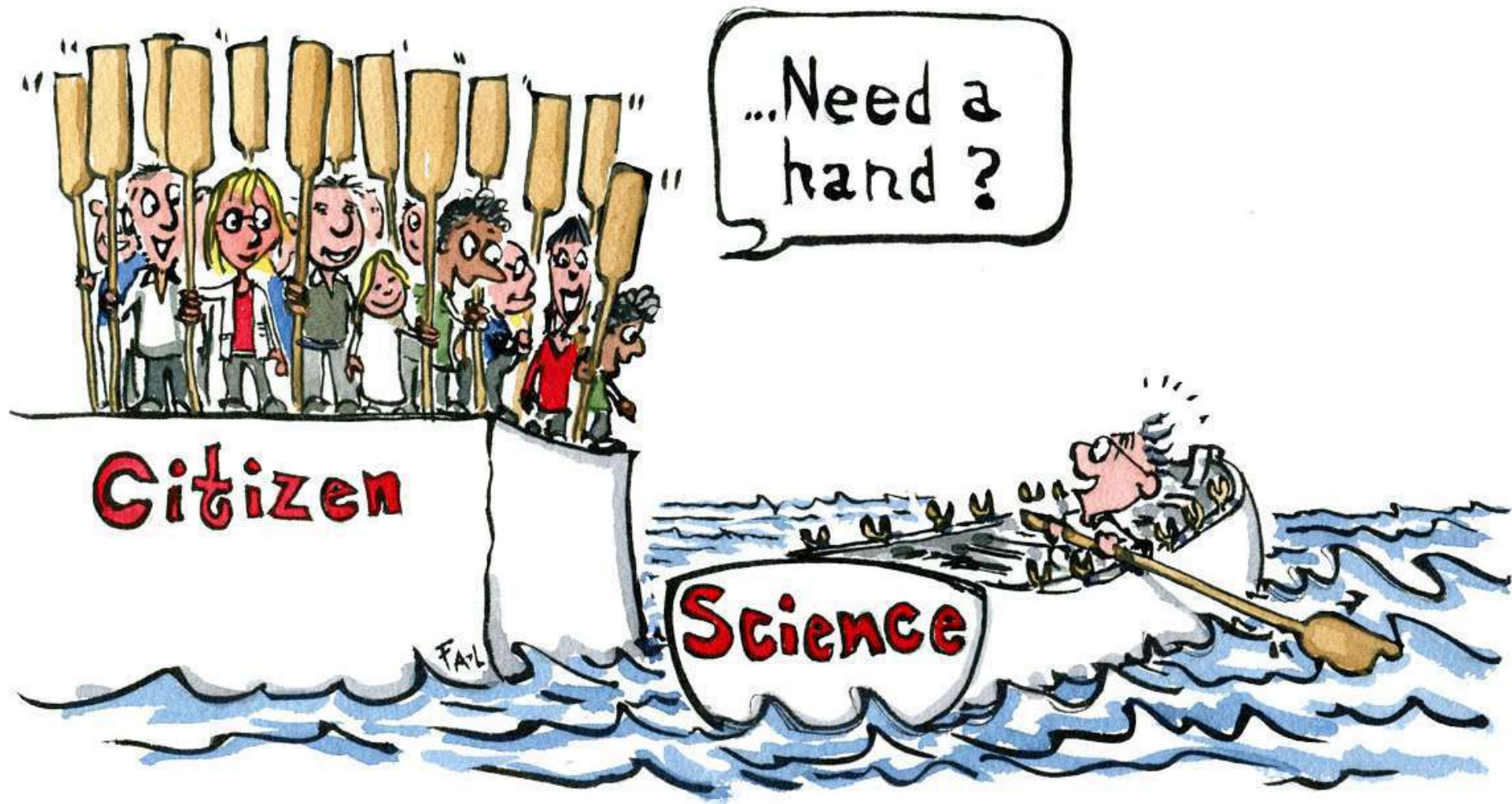


- ❑ Teach citizen scientists how to reduce chances of establishment
- ❑ Reduce risk of exposure, recognize new arrivals rapidly
- ❑ Mobilize universities, governmental agencies and NGOs
- ❑ **Provide proactive suggestions to decision makers**

**INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION**

**ACT**





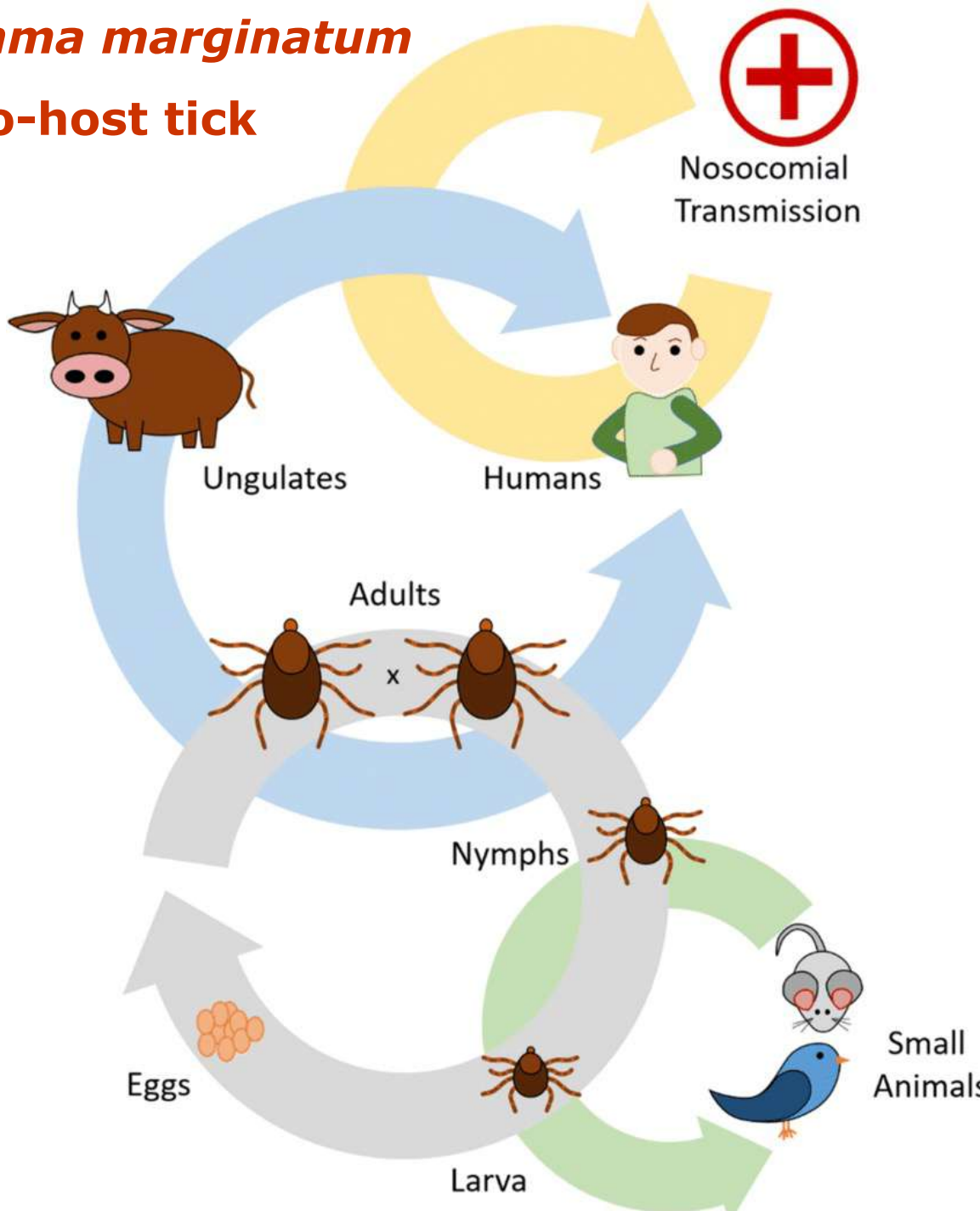
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*Hyalomma marginatum*

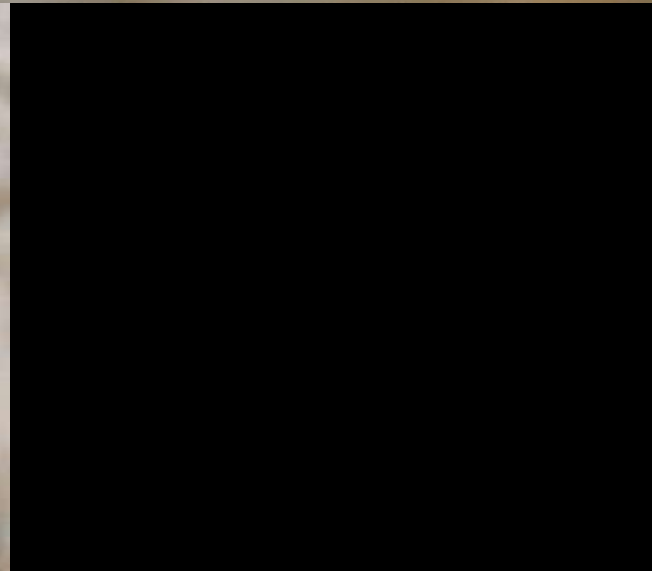
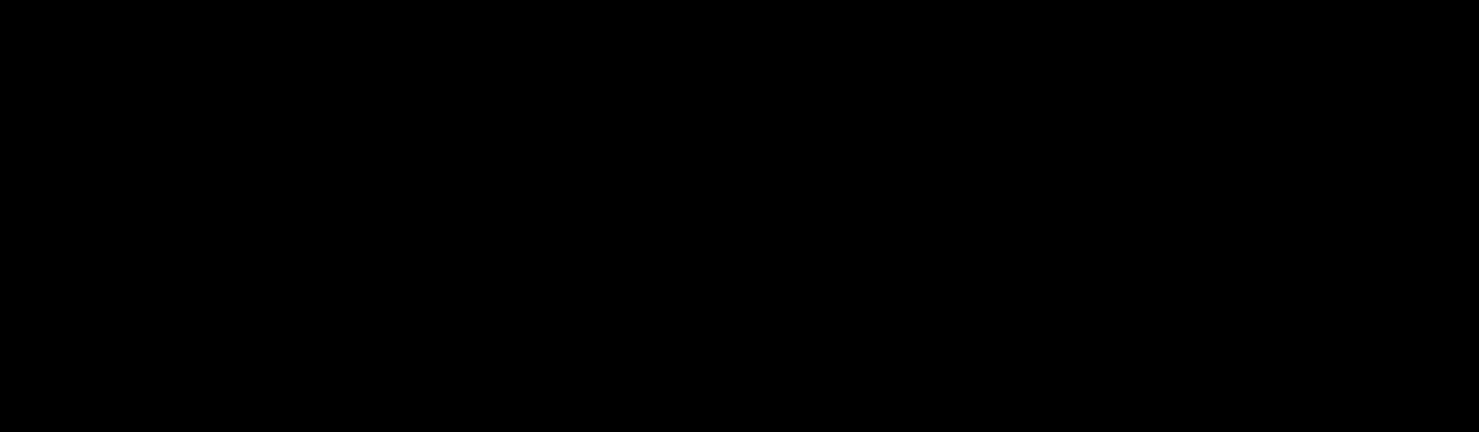


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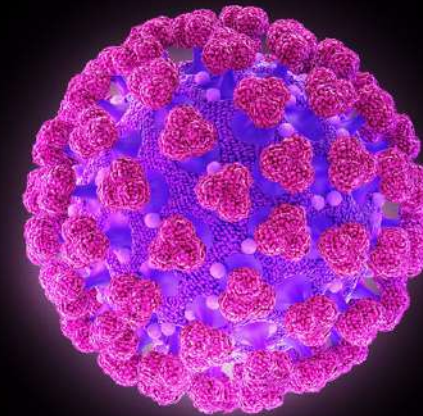
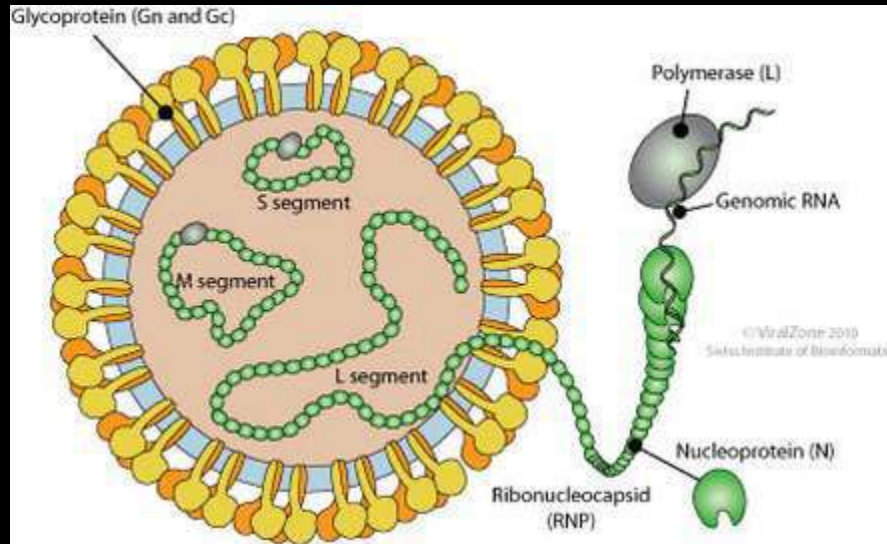
is a two-host tick







# Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever Virus (CCHFV)



**I FOUND A TICK**



**I WOULD COLLECT TICKS**



Visible size difference between **HYALOMMA IXODES** and **DERMACENTOR** ticks



## HYALOMMA

### WHAT CAN IT BE CONFUSED WITH?

There are 20 to 23 species of ticks in Hungary, some of which parasitize on hosts that are also favored by the *Hyalomma* species. The distinction may not be easy at first, but the following images help with the difficulties:

Perhaps the most characteristic feature of the *Hyalomma* species is the clear, ring-like banding of the legs. Upon closer observation, small, longitudinal furrows on the upper border can be observed. The shape of the animal also helps to distinguish it, the individuals are oval-shaped before sucking blood and are widest in the middle of their



5.5-6.5 mm





SEGÍTSÉG, KULLANCS!

# LEGYEN ÖN IS KULLANCSFIGYELŐ!

HA CSÍKOS LÁBÚ HYALOMMA KULLANCCSAL  
TALÁLKOZIK, KÉRJÜK KÜLDJE EL NEKÜNK!

## HYALOMMA

DERMACENTOR



IXODES



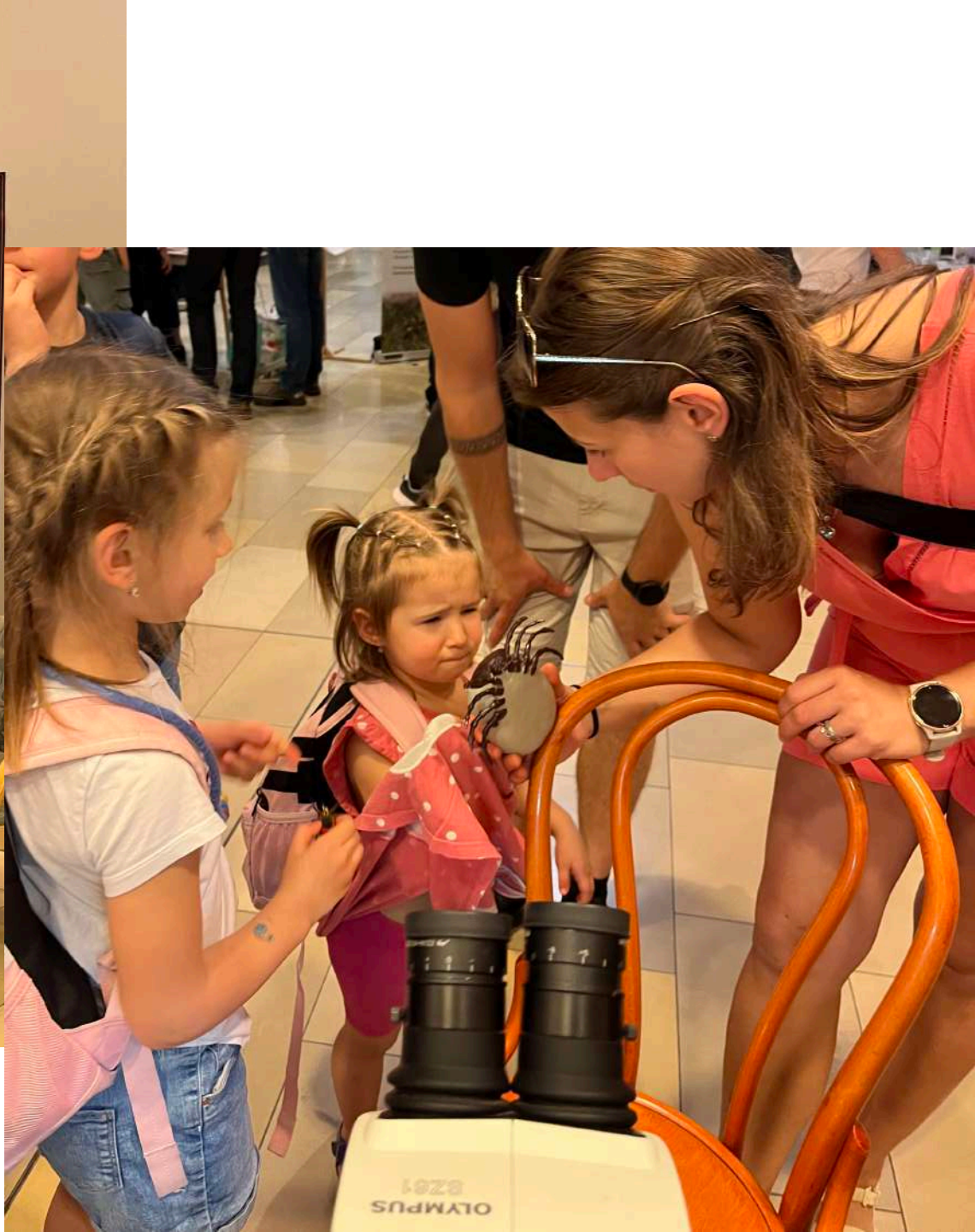
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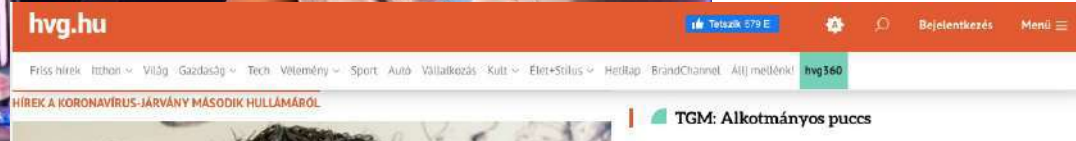
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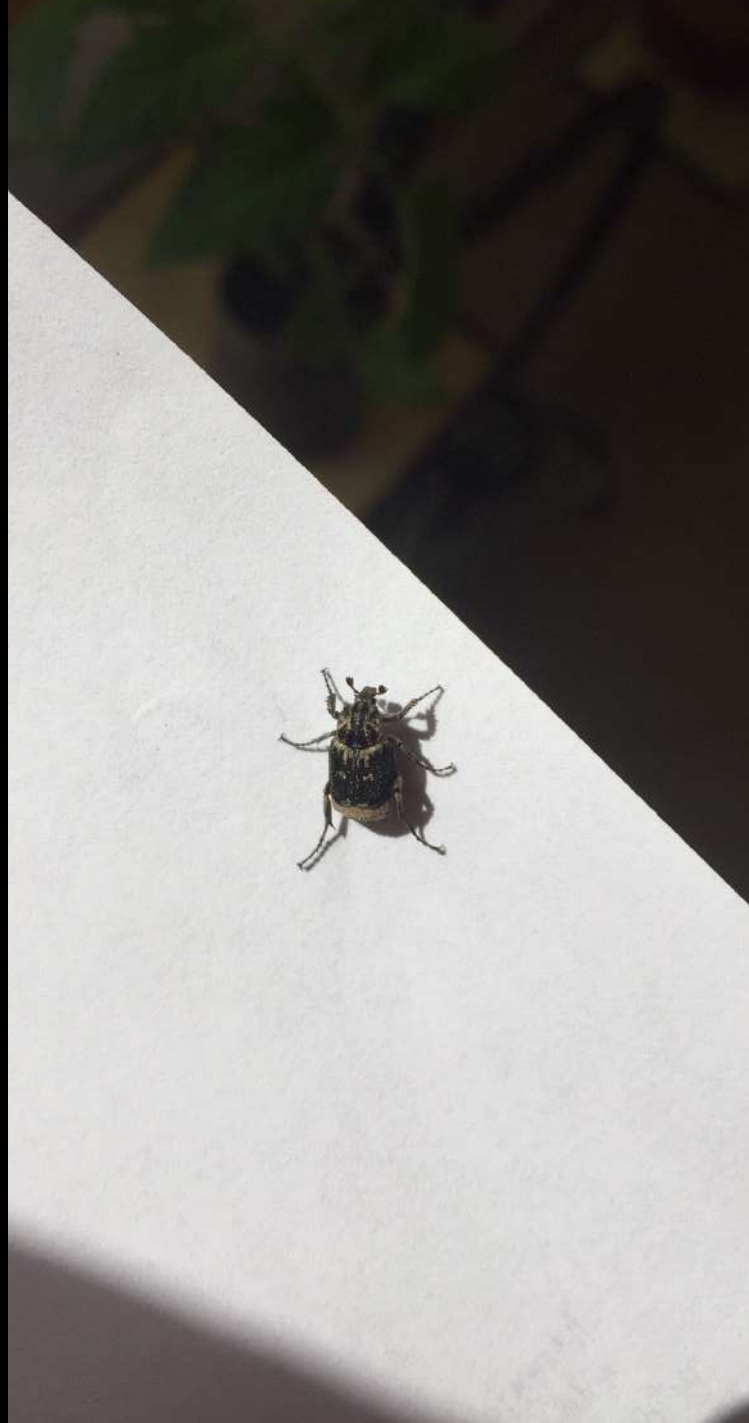
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**Akár a Margit-szigetről is kitorzhetn  
következő világvjárvány?**

Dévényesi Szabolcs

**"Így már túl lehet élni" - fontos mentőöv lehet a vendéglátósokn  
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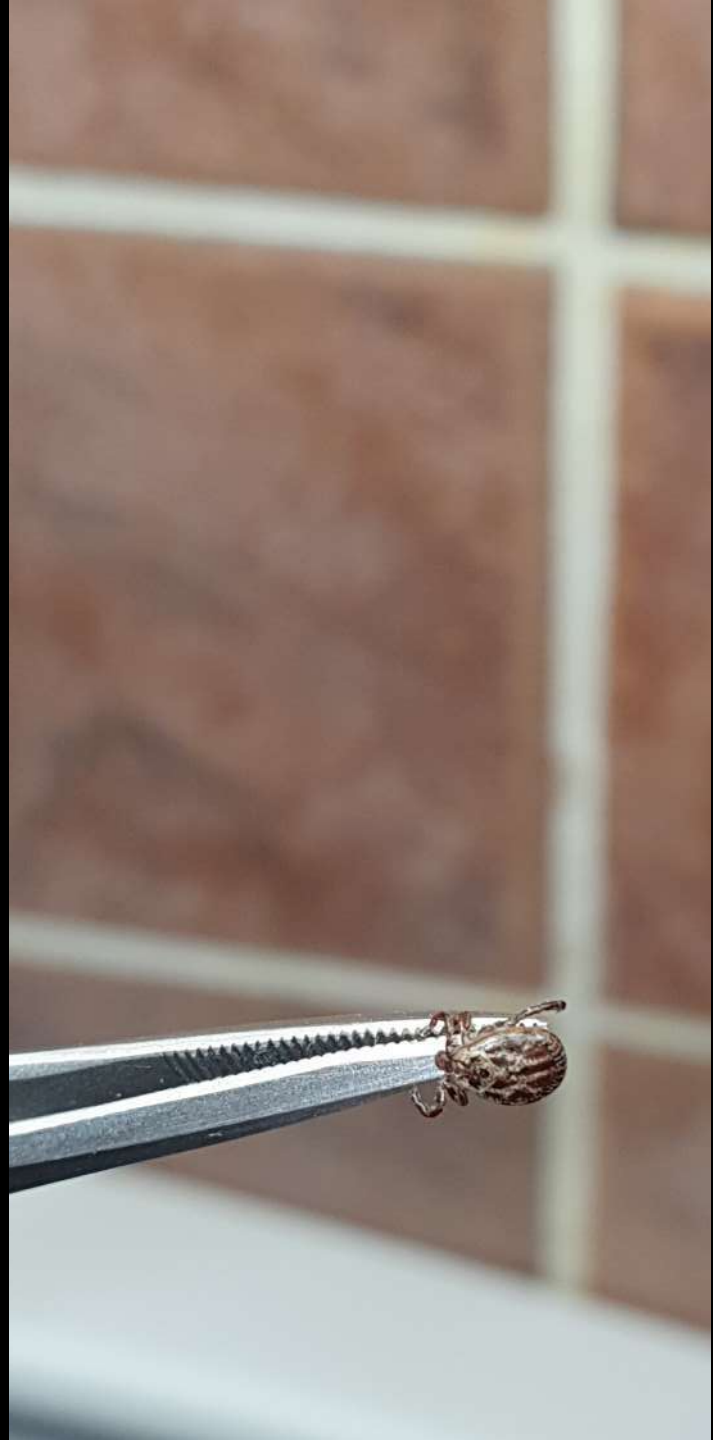




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Media presence:  
necessary but risky...

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## Veszélyes afrikai kullancs jelent meg az országban: durva betegséget terjeszt

[infostart.hu](http://infostart.hu) 2019.08.02. 09:30

f Megosztom



Egy eddig hazánkban ismeretlen, afrikai eredetű kullancsfaj egyetlen példányát találták meg a Margitszigeten, a parazita akár a veszélyes, vérzéses krími-kongói lázat is terjesztheti - tudta meg az InfoRádió Földvári Gábortól, az MTA Ökológiai Kutatóközpontjának főmunkatársától.

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Egy Magyarországon szinte ismeretlen







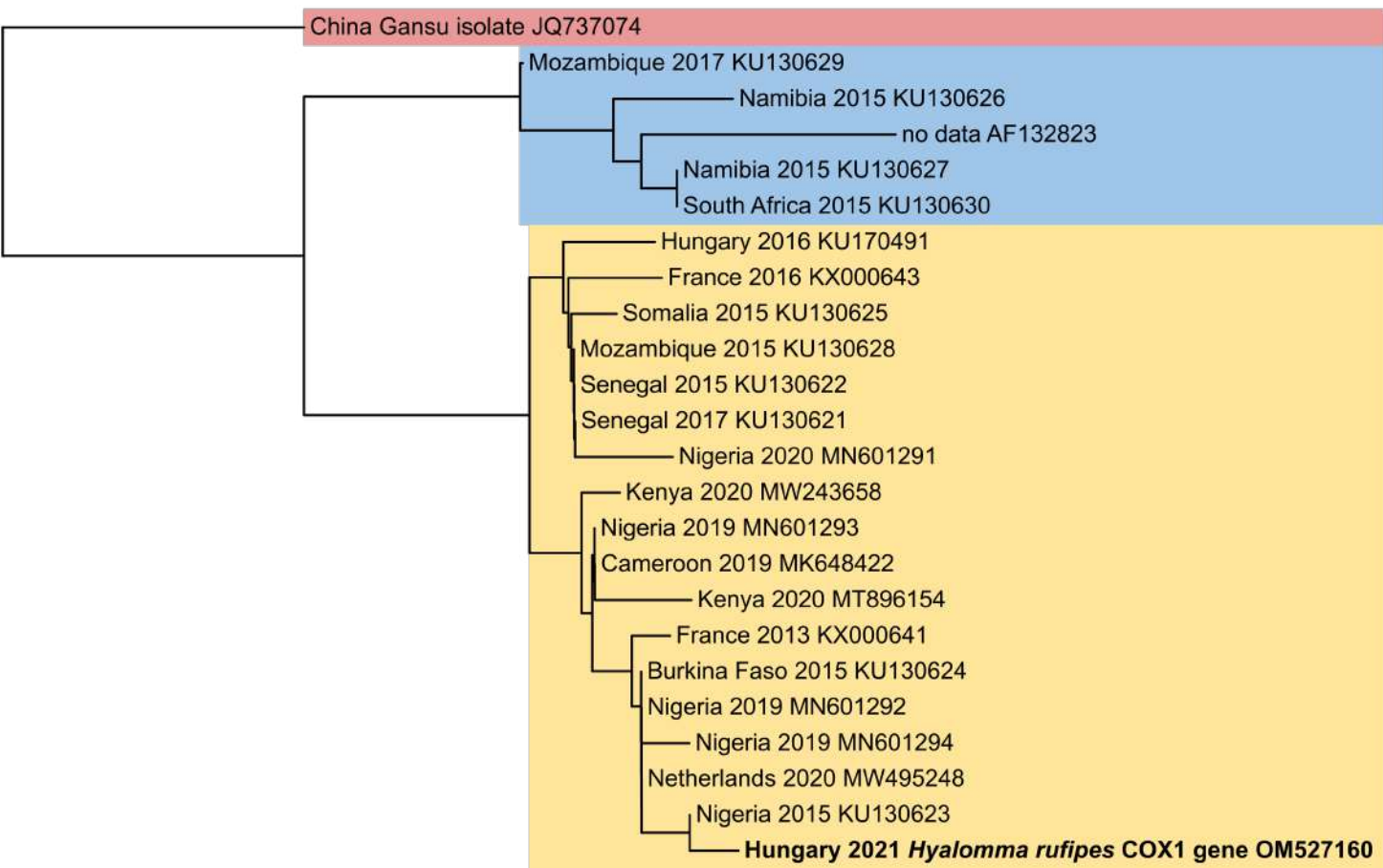




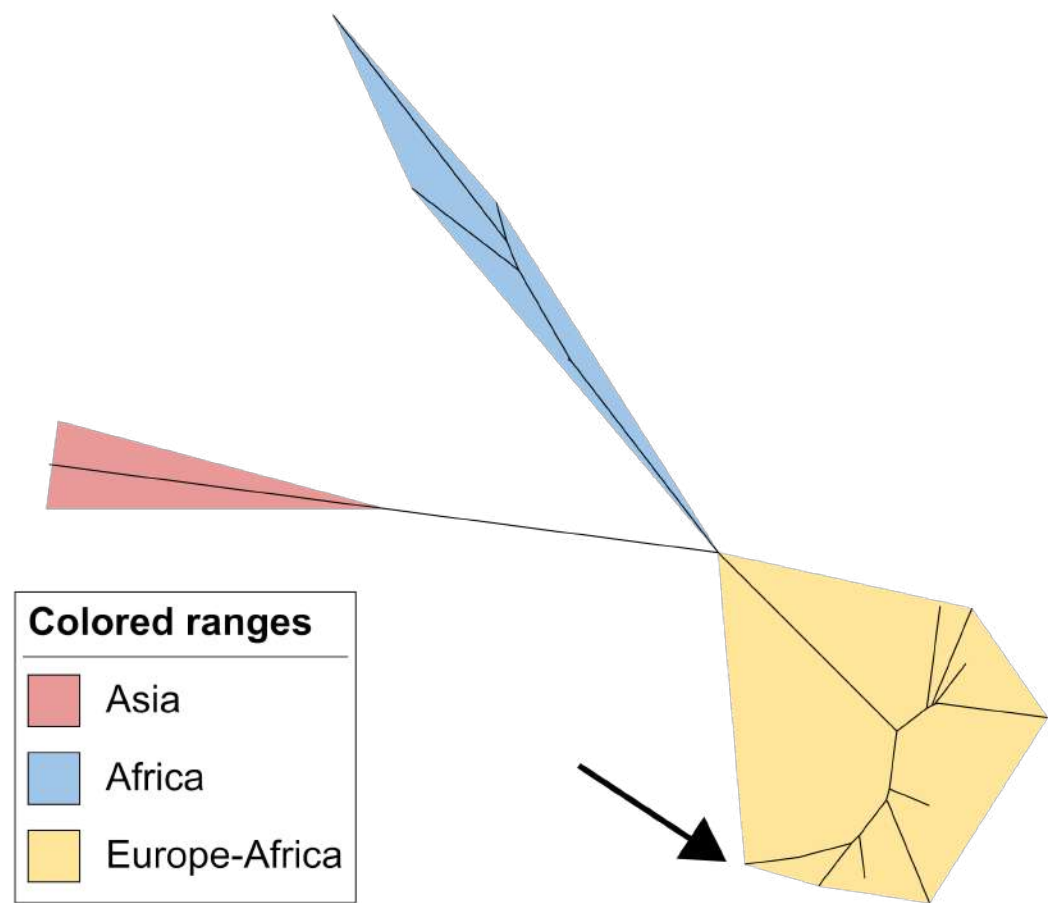
*Hyalomma rufipes*  
adult from a cattle



Tree scale: 0.01



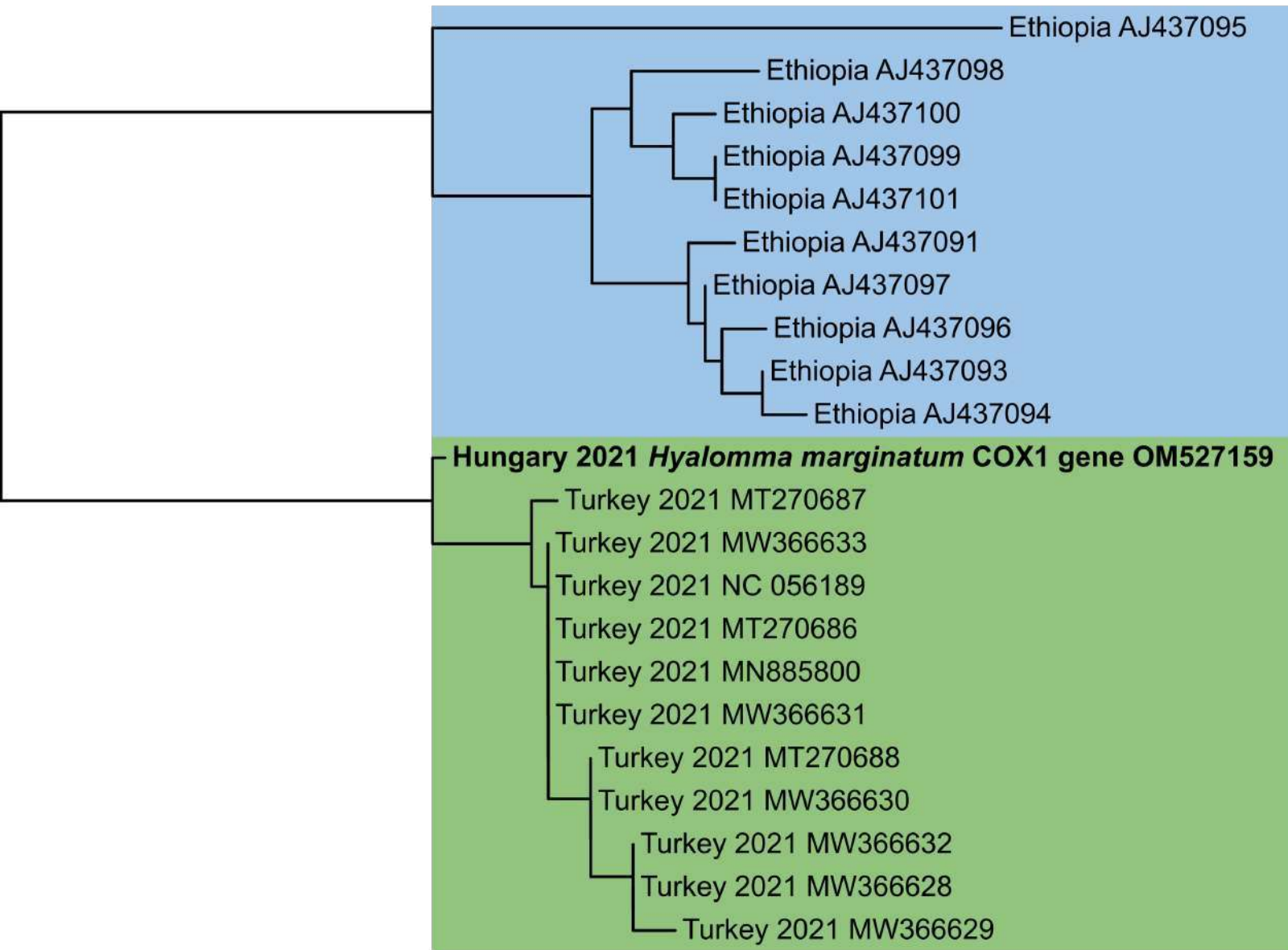
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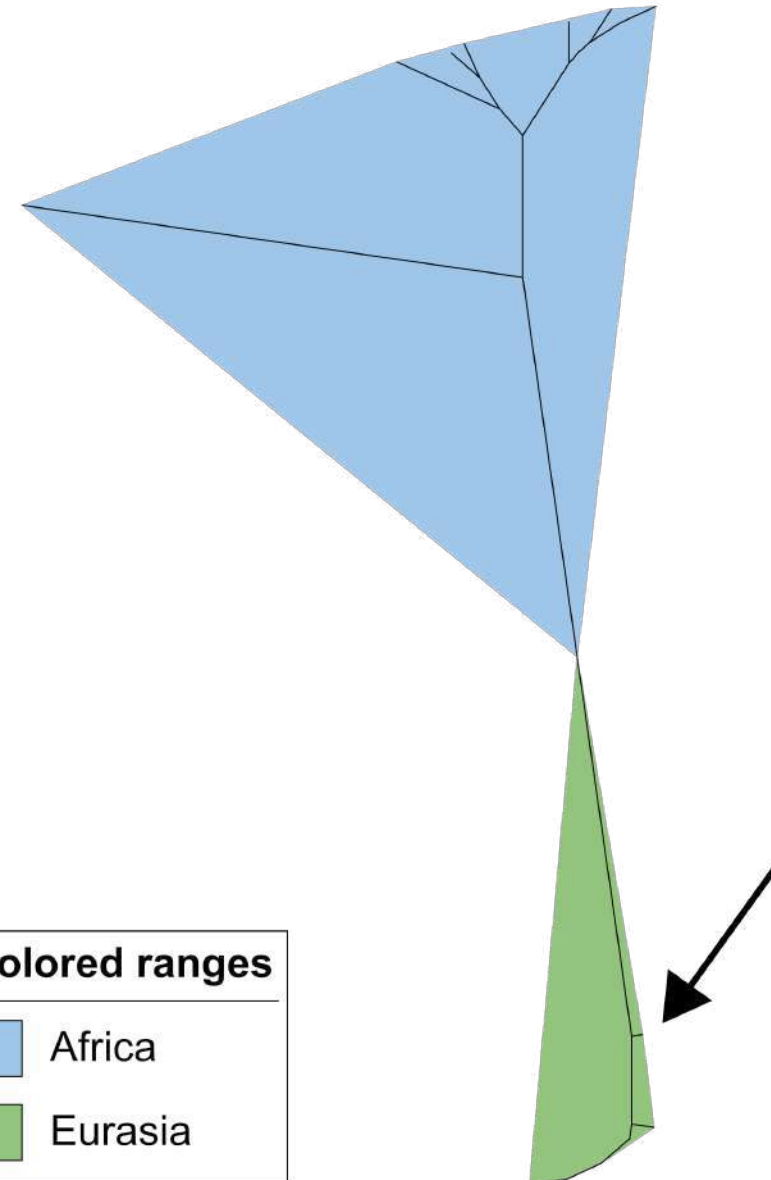
*Hyalomma marginatum*  
adult from a dog



Tree scale: 0.01



Tree scale: 0.01



*Hyalomma marginatum*  
adult from a donkey



*Hyalomma* sp.  
adult from a horse



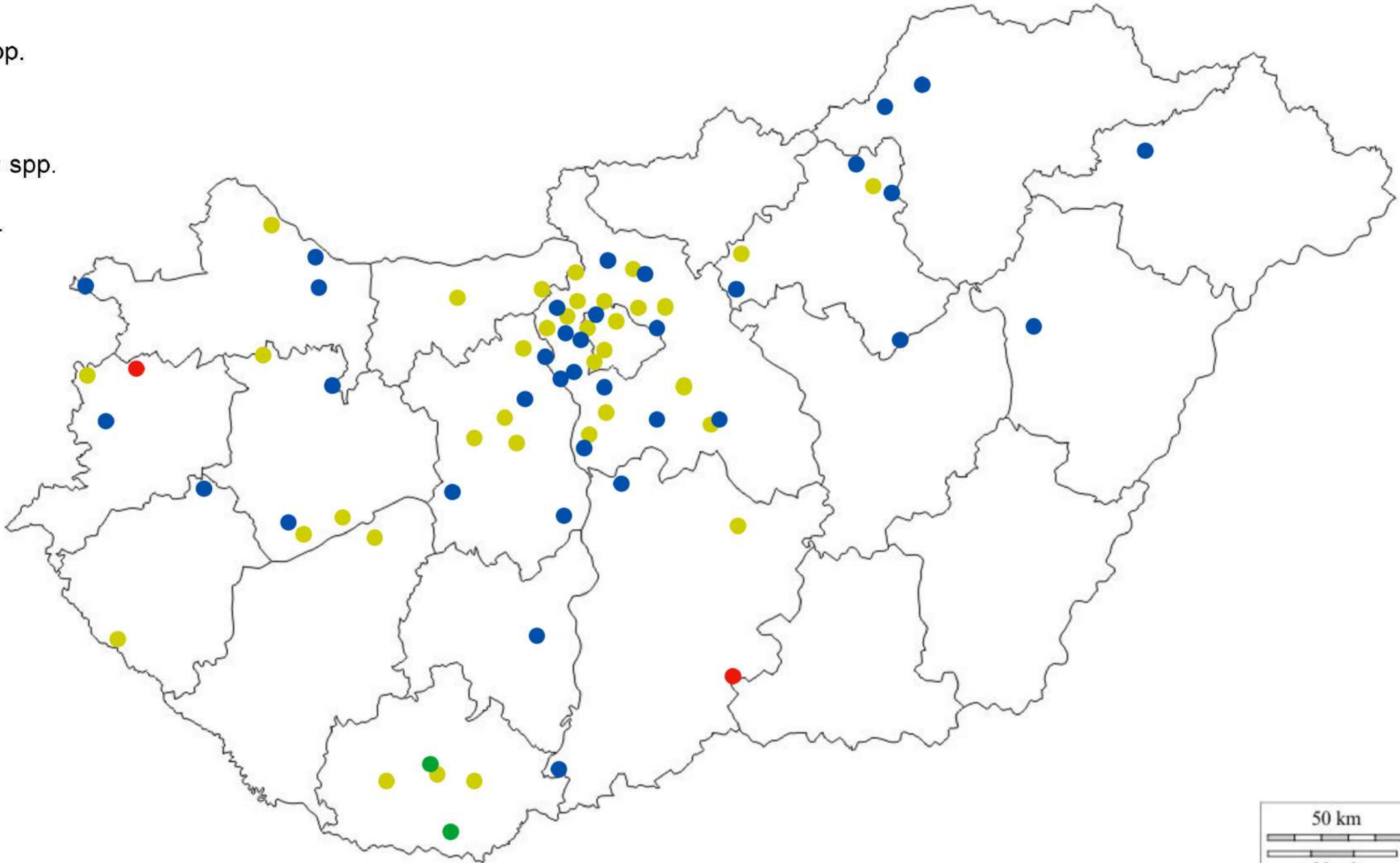


● *Dermacentor* spp.

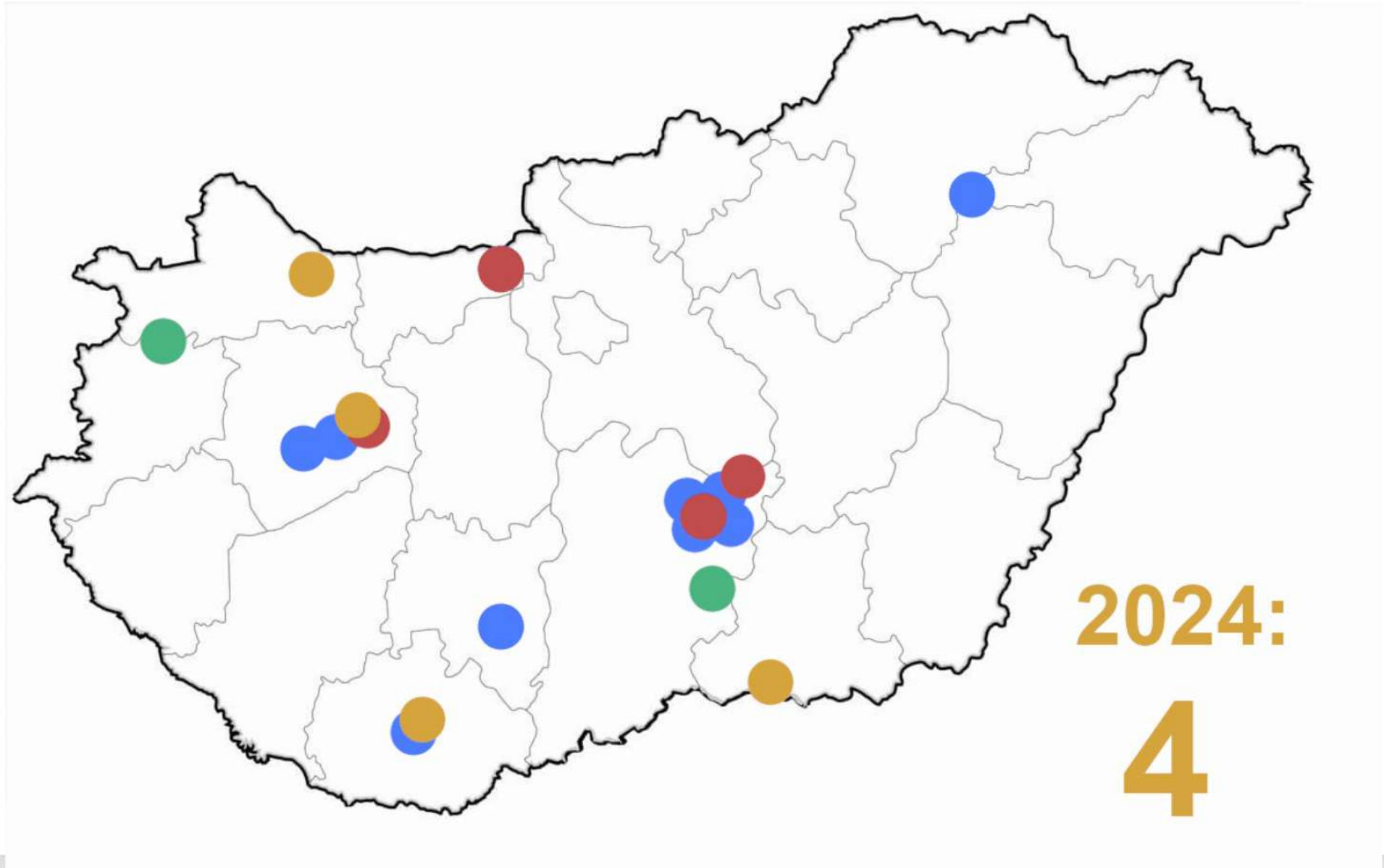
● *Ixodes* spp.

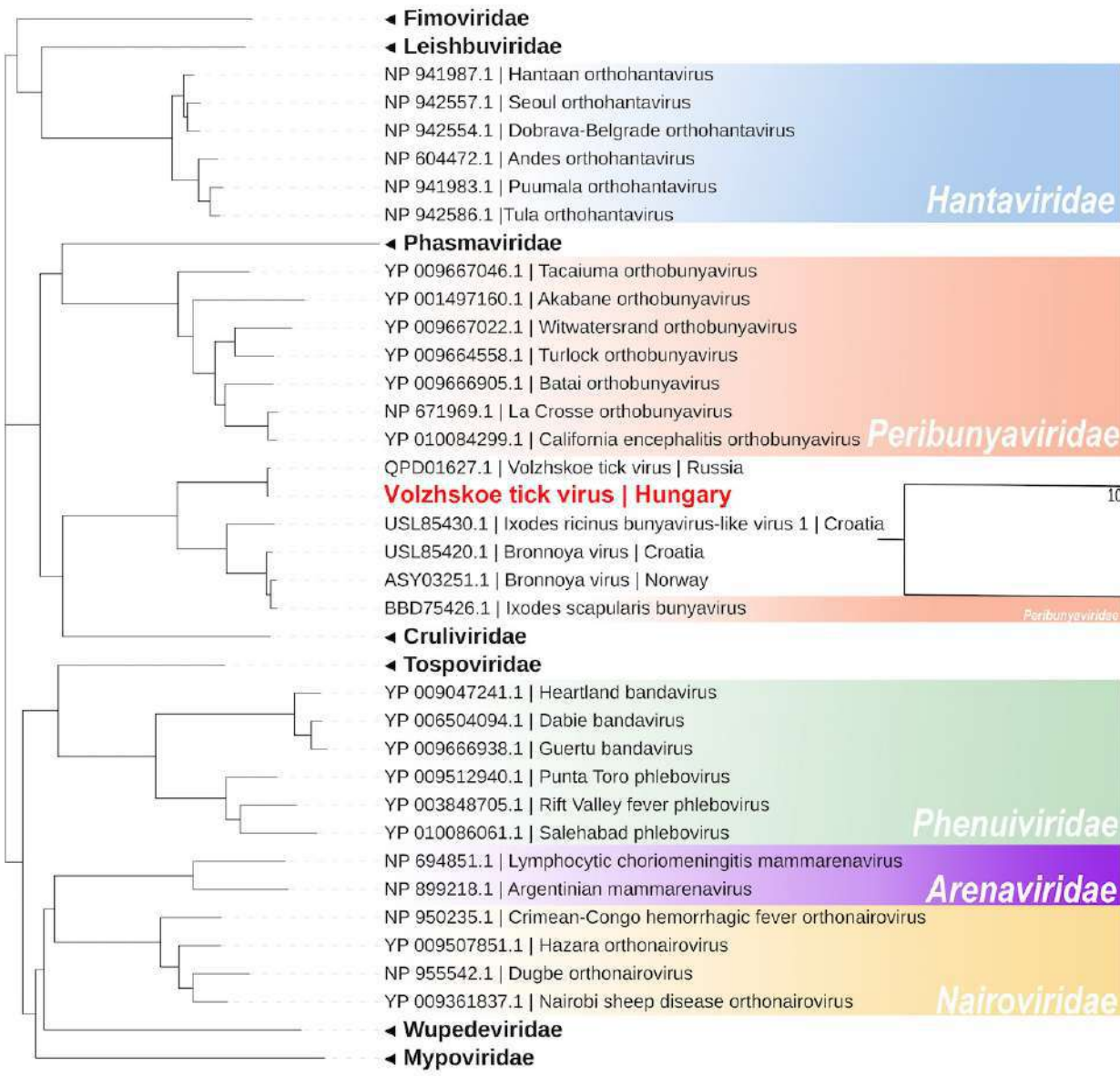
● *Haemaphysalis* spp.

● *Hyalomma* spp.

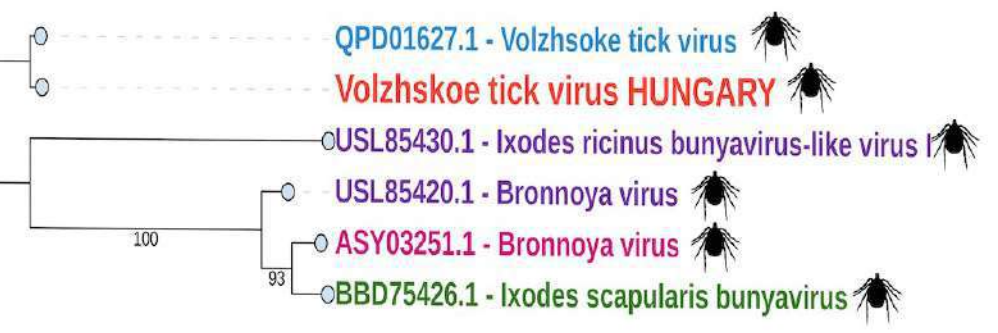


# *Hyalomma* observations through TickWatcher 2021-2024



**A**

**No CCHFV so far but we (metagenomics) found Volzhskoe tick virus**

**C**

Földvári et al. *Scientific Reports* 2024



# scientific reports



OPEN

## Genomic characterization of Volzhskoe tick virus (*Bunyaviricetes*) from a *Hyalomma marginatum* tick, Hungary

Gábor Földvári<sup>1,2,8</sup>✉, Zsófia Tauber<sup>4,7,8</sup>, Gábor Endre Tóth<sup>4,5</sup>, Dániel Cadar<sup>6</sup>, Alexandra Bialonski<sup>6</sup>, Balázs Horváth<sup>6</sup>, Éva Szabó<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Zsófia Lanszki<sup>4,5</sup>, Brigitta Zana<sup>4,5</sup>, Zsaklin Varga<sup>4,5</sup>, Fanni Földes<sup>4,5</sup> & Gábor Kemenesi<sup>4,5</sup>

***„Our protocols must be evolvable.  
There is no static solution for  
problems involving an evolving Earth  
and an evolving biosphere.”***

Brooks, Hoberg, and Boeger, 2019

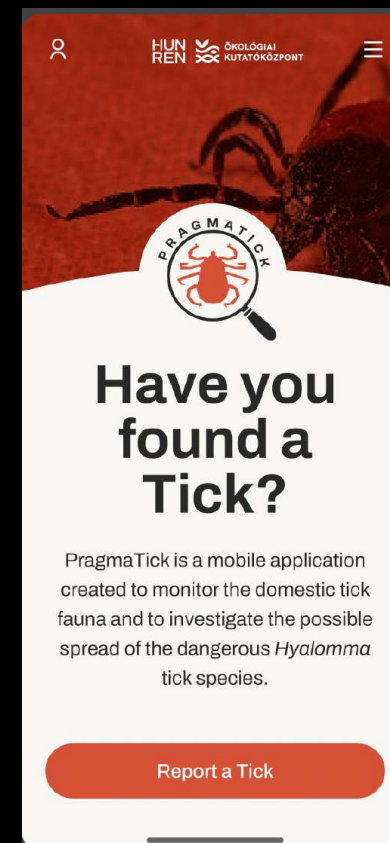


# PRAGMATICK mobile app



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- ✓ 50,000 EUR, iOS and android
- ✓ Hungarian, English and any other language
- ✓ We educate the public
- ✓ Participants send pictures and ticks
- ✓ Distribution maps
- ✓ Expert morphological ID
- ✓ Machine learning algorithm for genus ID
- ✓ Gamification





# Kullancsot találtál?

A Kullancsfigyelő azért jött létre, hogy a lakosság segítségével felderíthessük veszélyes **Hyalomma** fajok esetleges hazai megjelenését.

Bejelentem

# Kullancsfigyelő

## Konceptió

Egyszerű, könnyen használható, kortárs külsővel. Célunk volt megőrizni a Kullancsfigyelő meglévő megjelenését, szélesebb demográfia számára intuitív, használatra ösztönző megjelenést adni.





# Have you found a Tick?

PragmaTick is a mobile application created to monitor the domestic tick fauna and to investigate the possible spread of the dangerous *Hyalomma* tick species.

[Report a Tick](#)





**Report**  
**Info hub**  
**Send in**  
**Map**



9:41



Report a Tick

## What do you report?

Tick bite

Tick

Next

9:41



Location and time

## Location and time

It is important that you enter the **location** and **time** where you assume you came into contact with this tick.

Location

Kóspallag



Town name, coordinates

Time

Enter the time of the event



Type of location

Choose the type of location



Next

9:41



Location

Kóspallag



Kóspallag

Save



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VIDEO

PHOTO

PORTRAIT

PANO





# Identification

**Characteristics:**

Strongly banded legs, dark shield, large size, fast movement.

**Hyalomma**

5.5-6.5 mm

**Other****Next**

# PRAGMATICK mobile app

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- ✓ Volunteers from different countries wanted
- ✓ National translations and adaptations needed



- ✓ The goal is to have a harmonized data collection

A close-up photograph of a human hand hovering just above a row of white dice. The dice are arranged to spell out the word 'PROACTIVE' in bold, black, uppercase letters. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting. The lighting is bright and even, highlighting the texture of the hand and the smooth surface of the dice.

**P R O  
R E A C T I V E**