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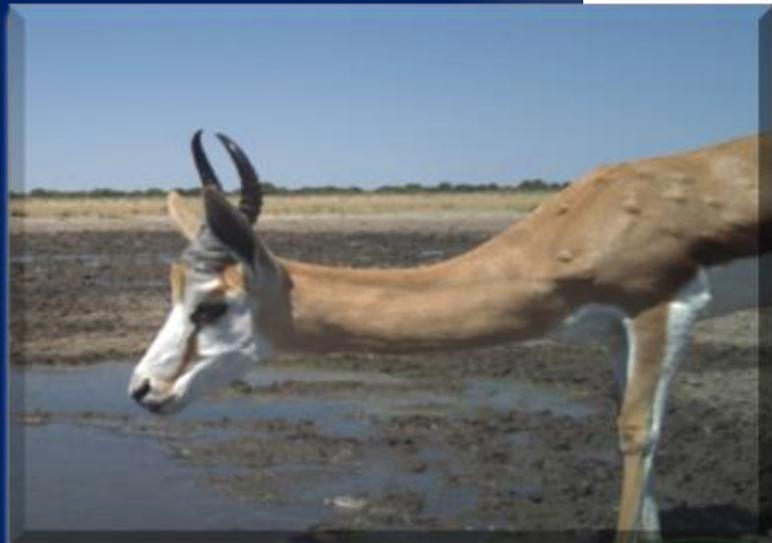
LUMPY SKIN DISEASE

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Lumpy skin disease: Introduction



Causative agent: [Poxvirus] – {*Capripoxvirus*}

- Lumpy skin disease virus

Type strain: Neethling strain (Western Cape, RSA, 1957)

Ruminants: Cattle and water buffalo.

Wildlife: Springbok, impala, eland, giraffe, camel, gazelle, oryx, Arabian oryx, banteng and Mainland searow

Notifiable disease: WOAH

Lumpy skin disease: Transmission

Highly contagious
viral infection

Direct contact: Skin nodules, nasal discharge or saliva from infected animals

In-direct: Contaminated food, water and milk

Vertically: Intrauterine route

Vector-borne,
non-zoonotic and
transboundary
disease

Long-distance dispersal of LSDV seems to occur via the movement of infected animals

NOT an arbovirus

Seasonal patterns indicate that arthropod-borne transmission (Mechanical):

Blood-sucking or biting arthropods:

Stable flies (*Stomoxys calcitrans*), Mosquitoes (*Aedes aegypti*),

Hard ticks (*Rhipicephalus* and *Amblyomma* species)

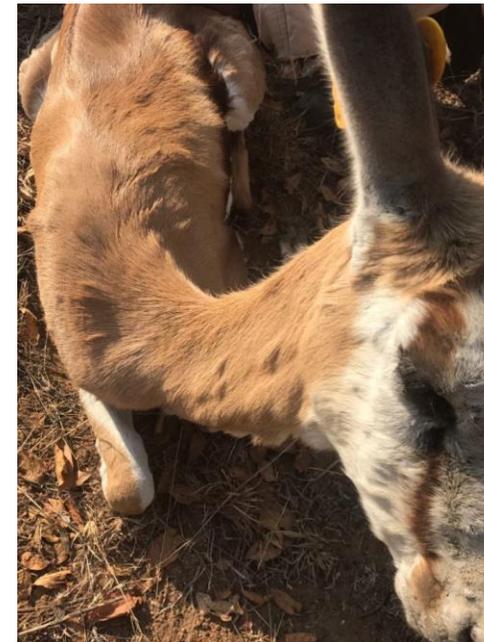
House fly (*Musca domestica*)

Require more
investigations

Lumpy skin disease: Role of wildlife species

This evidence is supported by extensive serosurveys of wildlife in Africa which detected antibodies in very low numbers of samples (Davies, 1982; Hedger and Hamblin, 1983), leading the authors to conclude “wildlife in Africa probably does not play a very important part in the perpetuation and spread of LSDV”.

LSDV has spread rapidly in recent years into the Middle East and Asia, and the susceptibility of wildlife species in these regions to LSDV is unknown.



In South Africa:
Springbuck and giraffe - National
parks and game reserves

Require more investigations

In 2022, isolation and characterisation of LSDV from a giraffe in a zoo was reported in Vietnam (Dao et al., 2022).

Namibia: an eland antelope (*Taurotragus oryx*), which was asymptomatic for LSD, but LSDV DNA isolated (Molini et al., 2021)

India: Farmed camels (Kumar et al., 2023)

India: Free living gazelle (Sundhankar et al., 2023)

Lumpy skin disease: Global spread

Zambia: 1929

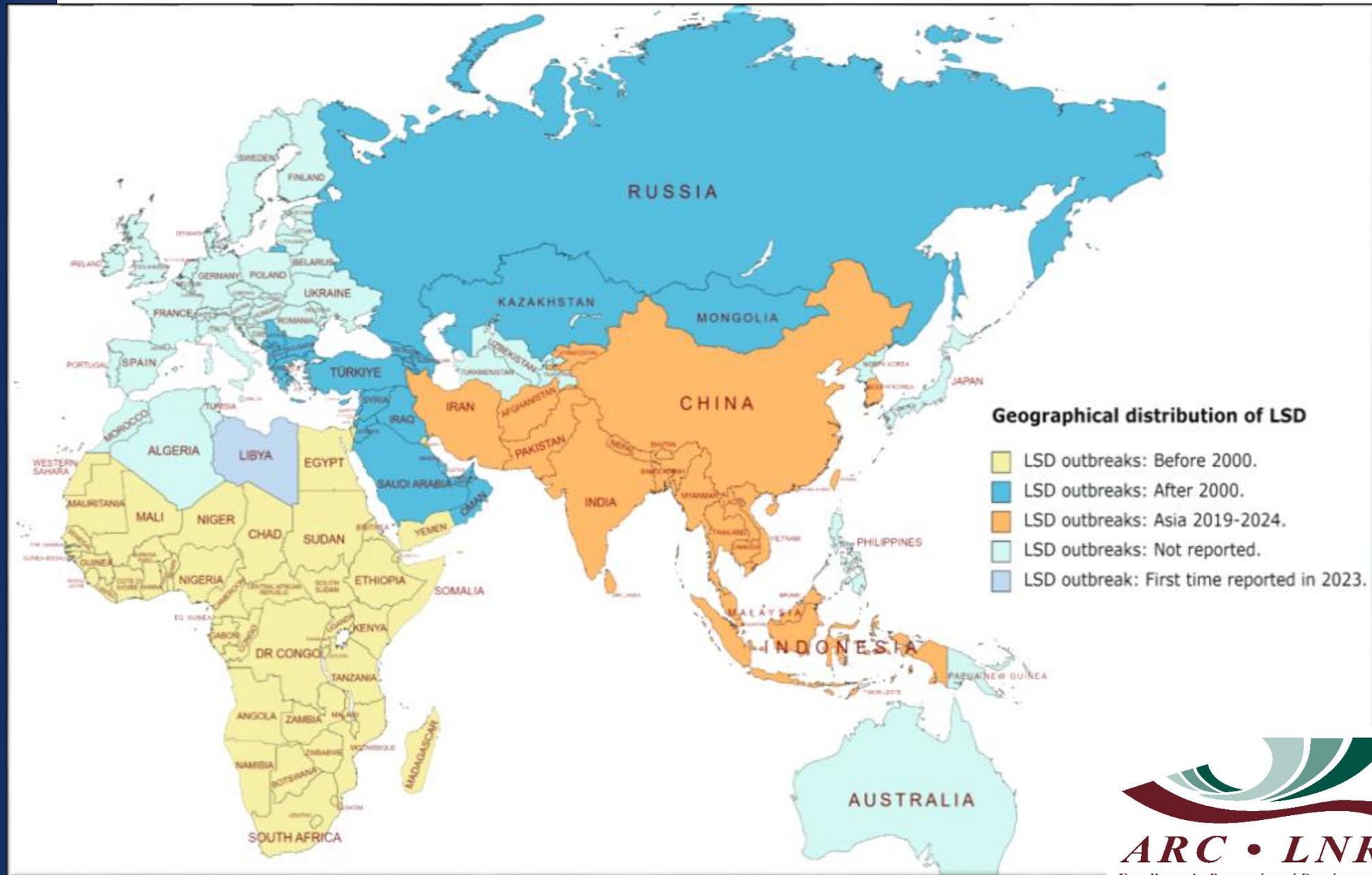
South Africa: 1944

Kenya: 1958

Middle East: 1988
and again in 2006

Europe, Caucasus and
Russia: 2015

China and India:
2019



Lumpy skin disease: Epidemiology

Clusters based on Markers



- 1.2
- 1.2 -KSGP
- 1.1 & 1.2
- 1.2 & 2.3
- 2.5
- 1.1 & 1.2 & 2.1 & 2.2 & 2.4 & 2.5 & 2.6
- No sequence data

Lumpy skin disease: Phylogenetics

Clusters 1.1 and 1.2

LSDVs representing sequences from both clusters were circulating in Africa in the 1950's.

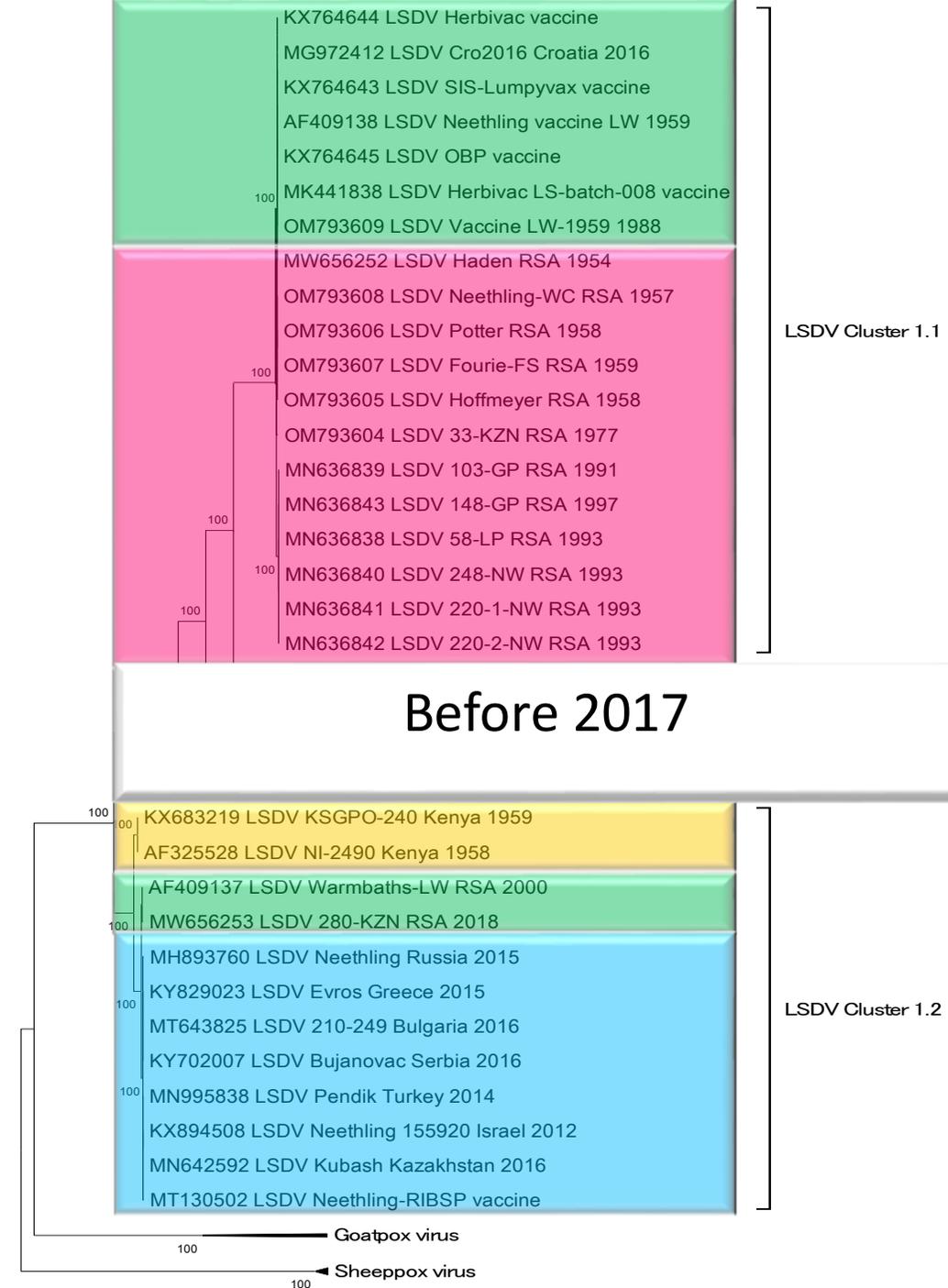
± 2,200 SNPs between cluster 1.1 and 1.2

(Kara et al., 2003; van Schalkwyk et al., 2021)

- ± 1860 SNPs in 114 ORFs
 - 57% Synonymous
 - 26% Non-Synonymous
- ± 330 (15%) IGR

Majority of the DIVA assays are based on differentiation between cluster 1.1 and 1.2. Thus not suitable to detect the field isolates of cluster 1.1

TMRCA: ± 500 years



Lumpy skin disease: Phylogenetics (Cluster 1.1)

Oldest isolate: Haden / 1954
(van Schalkwyk et al., 2021)

Prototype: Neethling-WC / 1957
(Alexander et al., 1957; van Schalkwyk et al., 2022)

- **Vaccine: Neethling-LW1959** (van Rooyen et al., 1959; Kara et al., 2003)
- **Vaccine: OBP, Herbivac, SIS-Lumpyvax** (Mathijs et al., 2016; Douglass et al., 2019)

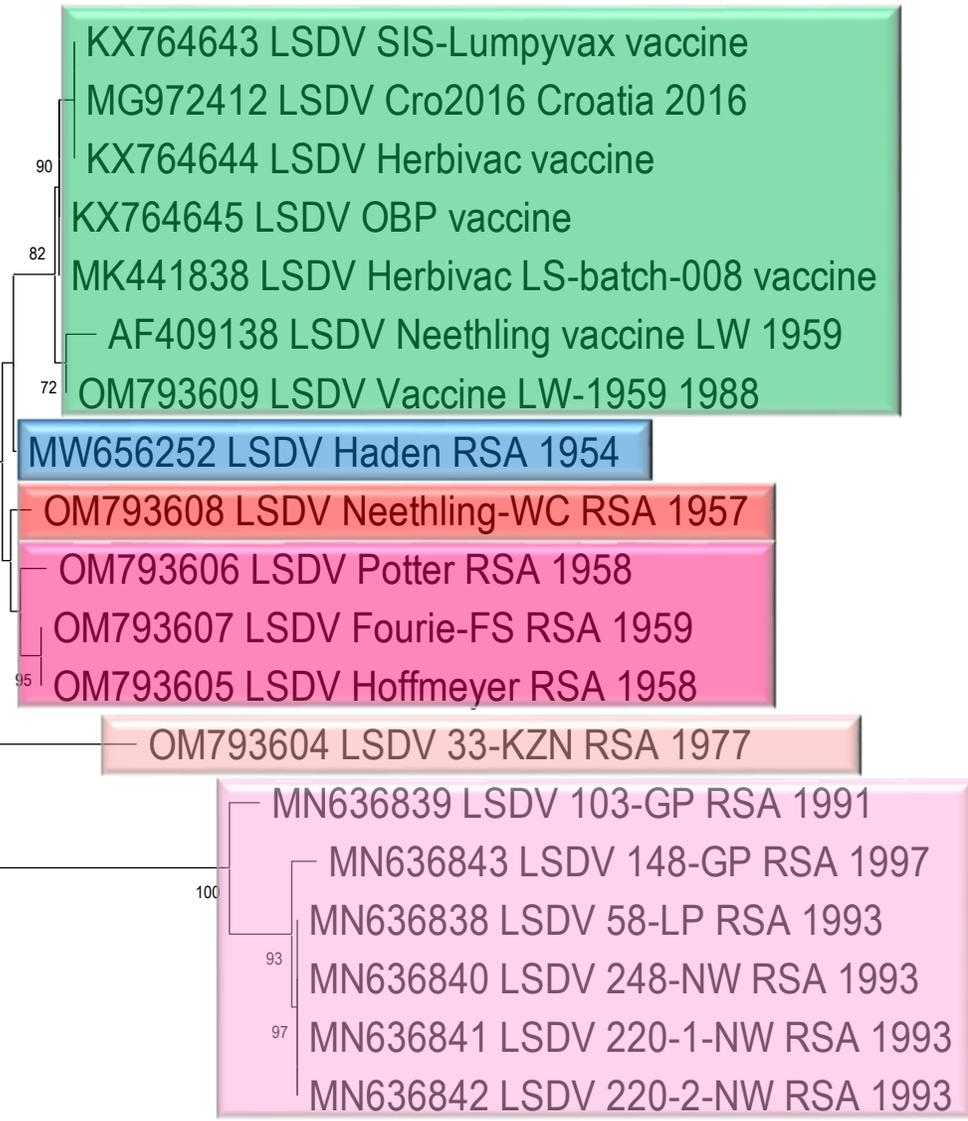
Wild type field isolates: South Africa 1950's, 1970's and 1990's
(van Schalkwyk et al., 2020 and 2022)

Cluster 1.1 - Attenuation

Seven SNPs between Neethling-WC/1957 and Neethling-LW1959 vaccine
(van Schalkwyk et al., 2022)

- Non-synonymous:
 - LW028 T135A
 - LW083: K663N
 - LW098: G553S
 - LW098: I625T

- Reading frame:
 - LW086: Termination
 - LW131: Termination
 - LW134: Termination



Lumpy skin disease: Phylogenetics (Cluster 1.2)

Isolate: 2490/Kenya/1958

(Tulman et al., 2000)

Vaccine: KSGPO-240/1959

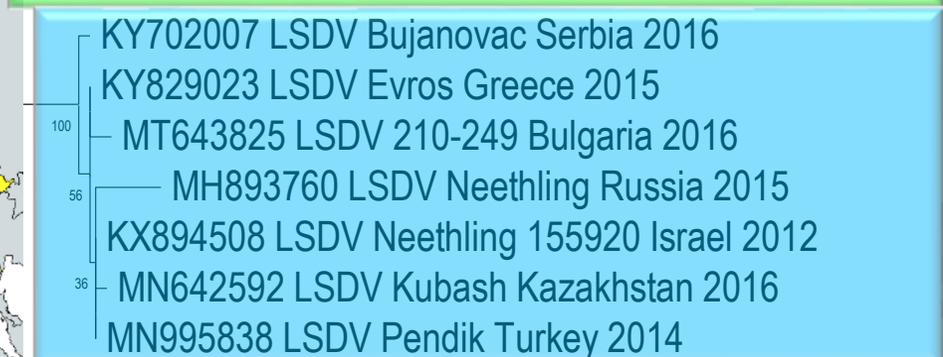
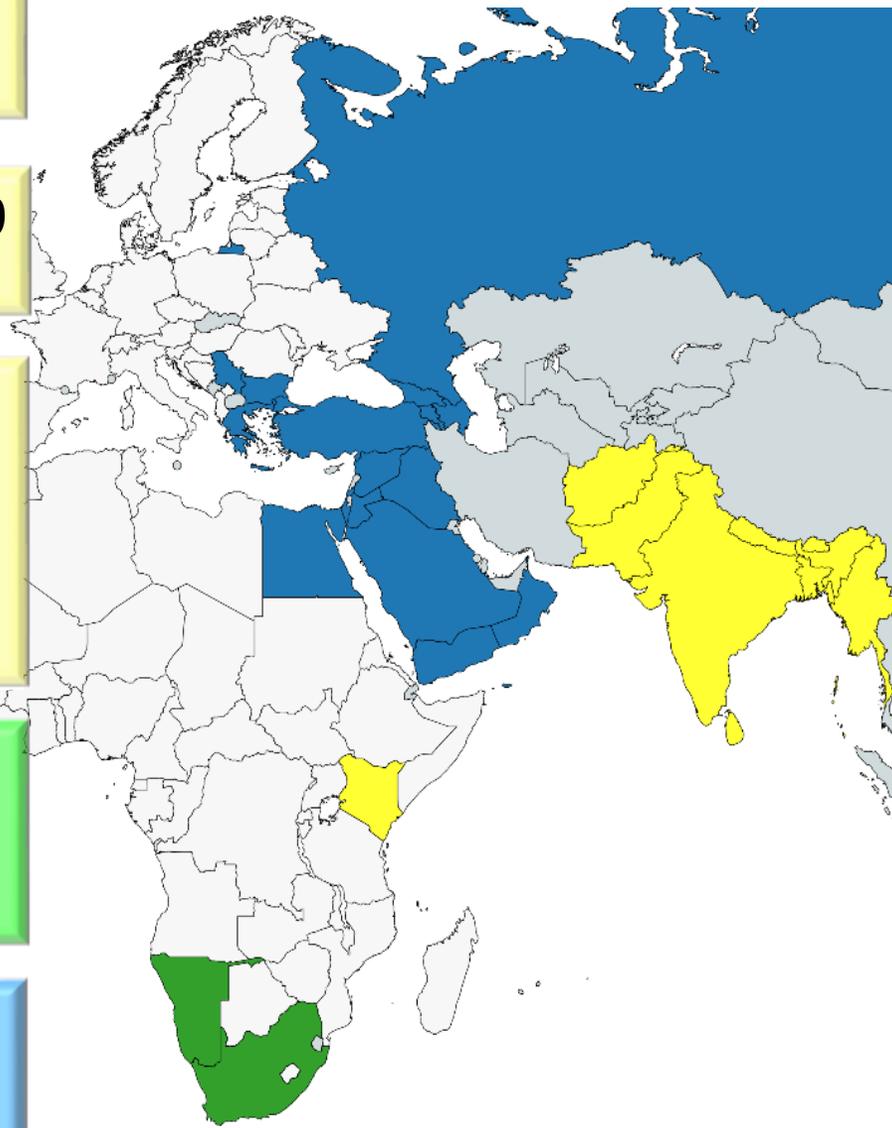
(Vandenbussche et al., 2016)

Vaccine: KSGPO-240/1959. Outbreak in Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan

Isolates from southern Africa 2000 – 2022

(Kara et al., 2003)

Isolates from Middle East, Europe and Asia 2012 – 2016



Lumpy skin disease

Recombinants

Parental sequences
are both vaccines:
- Neethling-LW1959
- KSGPO-240

2.1: Saratov/Russia/2017

(Sprygin et al., 2018)

2.2: Udmurtya/Russia/2018

(Sprygin et al., 2018)

2.3: Kostanay/Kazakhstan/2018

2.4: Tyumen/Russia/2019

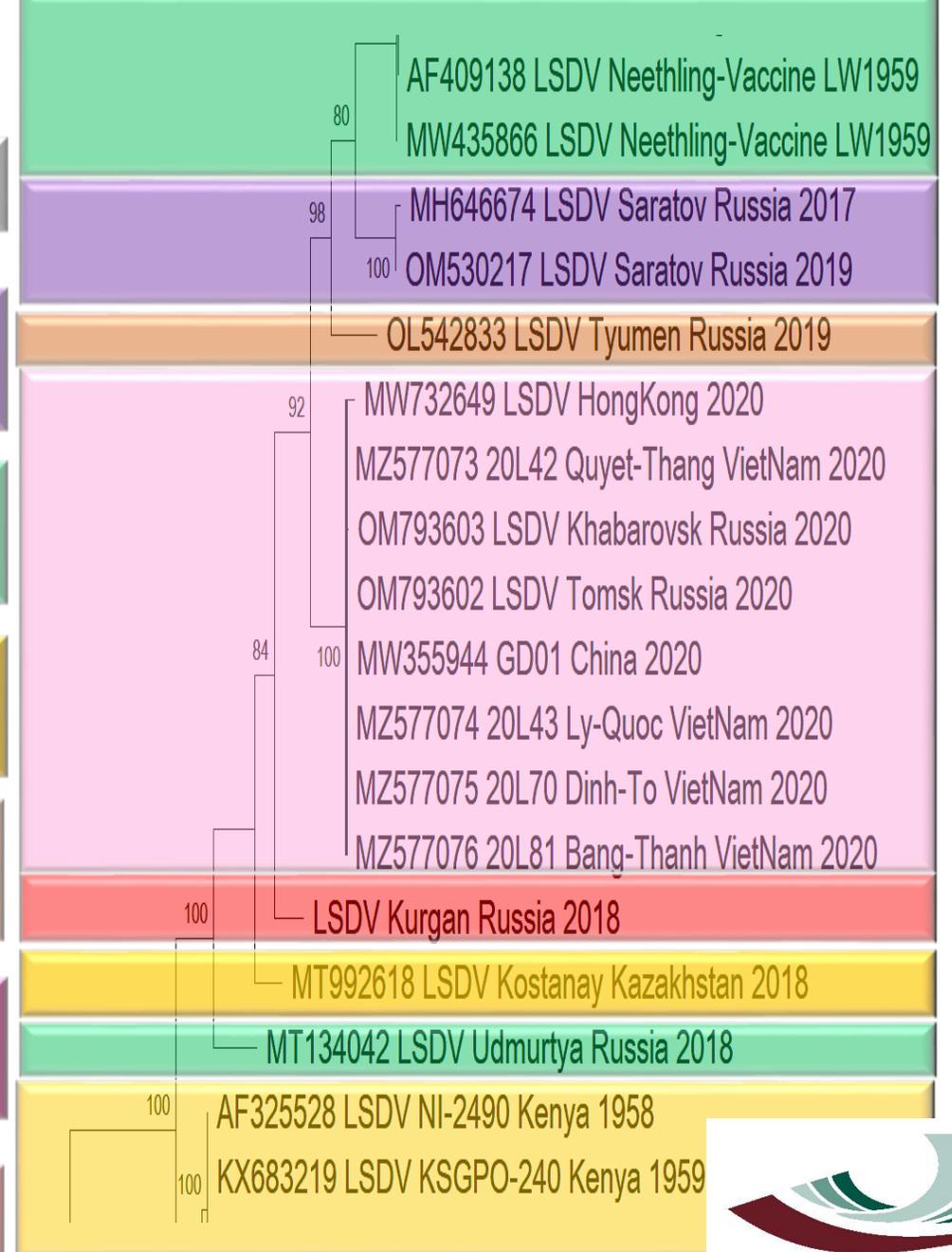
(Krotova et al., 2022)

2.5: GD01/China/2019

(Ma et al., 2021)

2.6: Kurgan/Russia/2018

(Sprygin et al., 2024)



The Importance of Quality Control of LSDV Live Attenuated Vaccines for Its Safe Application in the Field

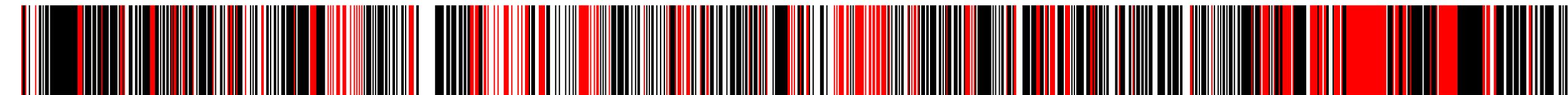
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Recombinant LSDV Strains in Asia: Vaccine Spillover or Natural Emergence?

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Contaminated LSD vaccine = Neethling, KSPG vaccine and GTPV

Saratov / 2017



Tuymen / 2019



China / 2019



Kurgan / 2018



Kazakhstan / 2018



Udmurtia / 2018



Non-vector-borne transmission of lumpy skin disease virus

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A lumpy skin disease virus which underwent a recombination event demonstrates more aggressive growth in primary cells and cattle than the classical field isolate

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Experimentally controlled study indicates that the naturally occurring recombinant vaccine-like lumpy skin disease strain Udmurtiya/2019, detected during freezing winter in northern latitudes, is transmitted *via* indirect contact

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Overwintering of recombinant lumpy skin disease virus in northern latitudes, Russia

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Recombinants: Novel phenotypes

- Transmission
- Overwintering
- Aggressive growth



Lumpy skin disease: Phylogenetics

Phylogenetic analysis shows the majority of LSDV strains group into two monophyletic clusters (cluster 1.1 and 1.2) (Biswas et al., 2020; Van Schalkwyk et al., 2021).

Cluster 1.1:
Neethling Prototype
strain and vaccine

Cluster 1.1 consists of LSDV Neethling vaccine strains that are based on the LSDV/Neethling/WC-1957 type-strain (Kara et al., 2003; Van Rooyen et al., 1959; van Schalkwyk et al., 2020) and historic wild-type strains from South Africa.

Cluster 1.2:
KSGP and “wild
type”

Cluster 1.2 consists of wild-type strains from southern Africa, Kenya, the northern hemisphere, and the Kenyan KSGP O-240 commercial vaccine.

Cluster 2.1 -2.6:
Six unique
recombinant strains

In addition to these two clusters, there have recently been recombinant LSDV strains isolated from clinical cases of LSD in the field in Russia and central Asia (Flannery *et al.*, 2021; Sprygin *et al.*, 2018; 2020; Wang *et al.*, 2021). These recombinant viruses show unique patterns of accessory gene alleles, consisting of sections of both wild-type and “vaccine” LSDV strains.

- Laboratory confirmation:
 - “Gold standard” serological test: serum/virus neutralization test (SNT/VNT).
Not all animals either naturally infected or vaccinated develop LSDV neutralizing antibodies.
 - Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) by IDVet (France).
 - Conventional and Real-Time Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) assays.
 - Virus isolation on cell culture (Skin nodules).

Lumpy skin disease: WOAAH Manual: B. DIAGNOSTIC TECHNIQUES

Key:
 +++ = recommended for this purpose
 ++ recommended but has limitations
 + = suitable in very limited circumstances
 – = not appropriate for this purpose

Method	Purpose					
	Population freedom from infection	Individual animal freedom from infection prior to movement	Contribute to eradication policies	Confirmation of clinical cases	Prevalence of infection – surveillance	Immune status in individual animals or populations post-vaccination
Detection of the agent						
Virus isolation	+	++	+	+++	+	–
PCR	++	+++	++	+++	+	–
Transmission electron microscopy	–	–	–	+	–	–
Detection of immune response						
VNT	++	++	++	++	++	++
IFAT	+	+	+	+	+	+
ELISA	++	++	++	++	++	++

PCR = polymerase chain reaction; VNT = virus neutralisation test;

IFAT = indirect fluorescent antibody test; ELISA = enzyme linked immunosorbent assay

Lumpy skin disease: Molecular test to differentiate vaccine and wild-type LSDV

DIVA: Differentiation of Infected from Vaccinated Animals

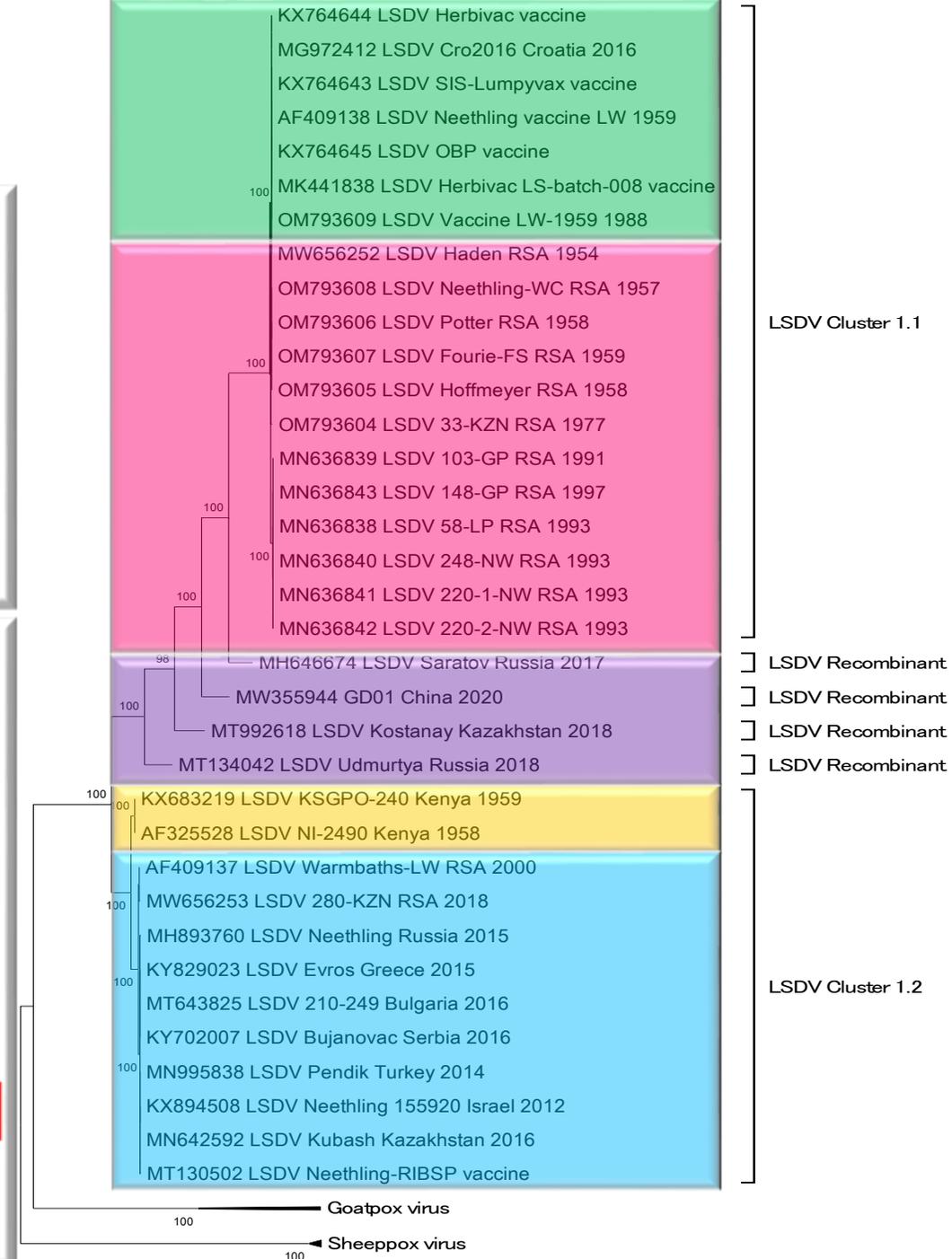
CAN differentiate between cluster 1.1 and 1.2.

CAN NOT differentiate between vaccine and wild type isolates within Cluster 1.1

CAN NOT differentiate between vaccines and novel recombinant strains (Cluster 2.1 – 2.5)

Quantitative real-time PCR assays have been designed to differentiate the “Neethling response” caused by vaccination with a **Neethling-based LSDV strains** and **wild-type LSDV strains from cluster 1.2** (Agianniotaki et al., 2017; Pestova et al., 2018; Vidanovic et al., 2016).

However, they cannot distinguish between a **LSDV Neethling vaccine strain** and the novel **recombinant LSDV strains** recently isolated from disease outbreaks in Asia (Byadovskaya et al., 2021; Flannery et al., 2021). These DIVA assays are also not capable of discriminating between LSDV Neethling vaccine strains and recently characterised **(historic) wild-type viruses from South Africa** belonging within cluster 1.1 (Van Schalkwyk et al., 2020; 2021).



Lumpy skin disease: New Markers

Kumar et al., 2023

HRM-based gap-qRT-PCR: 801bp in terminal repeat region (ITR)

- Vaccine: (Lumpi-ProVac^{Ind}) vs. Wild type: (LSDV/2019/India/Ranchi)

Haegeman et al.,
2023

Duplex qRT-PCR: LW133 and LW144

- Vaccine (Neethling) vs. Wild type: Cluster 1.2 vs. Recombinant (Cluster 2.5)

Krotova et al., 2023

PCR and Sanger sequencing: 705bp in ORF LW134

- Vaccines (Neethling and KSGPO) vs. Wild type Cluster 1.2 vs. Recombinant (Cluster 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5)

Lumpy skin disease: New Diagnostic tests

Nan et al., 2023

Triplex real-time PCR:

- LSDV vs GTPV vs SPPV

Liao et al., 2023

CRISPR-Cas12a:

- LSDV vs GTPV vs SPPV

Nandi et al., 2023

Isothermal PCR: 27bp in ORF LW126

- Vaccines (GTPV) vs. Wild type Cluster 1.2-KSGPO

Abdalhamed et al.,
2022

Gold nanoparticle – lateral flow test

Sthitmatee et al.,
2023

In-house ELISA using whole virus (LSD/THA/CMU/21/05)

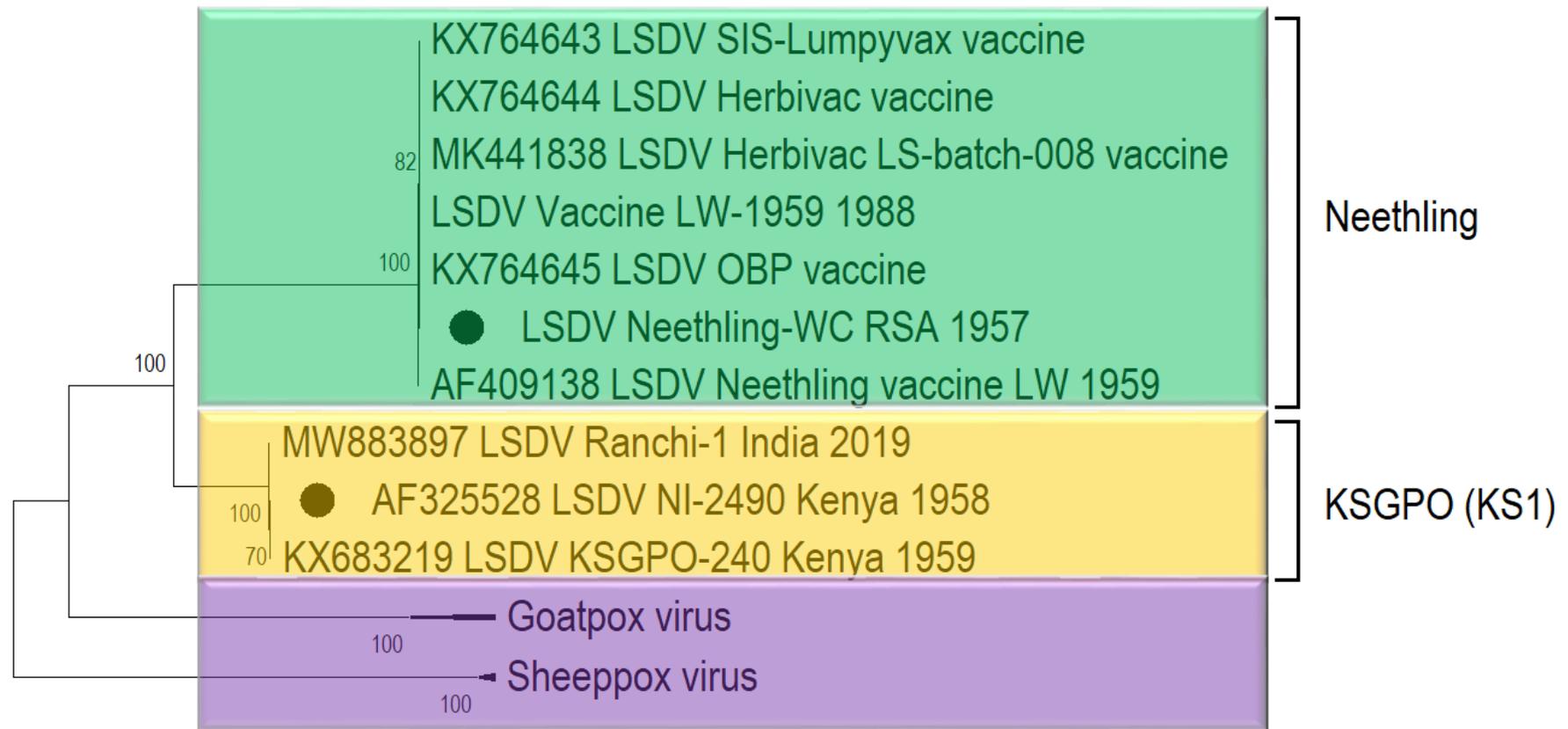
NO DIVA

Homologous vaccines:
 Attenuated LSDV
 (Neethling and KSGPO)

Heterologous vaccines:
 Goatpox (Gorgan /
 Uttarkashi)
 Sheeppox (NISHKI)

Haegeman et al., 2023;
 Hamdi et al., 2020;
 Wolf et al., 2022

DIVA



Homologous inactivated vaccines: Safe, regular boosters; <1 year immunity

New vaccines: vector-, subunit, mRNA vaccines

Lumpy skin disease: Available vaccines

Manufacturer	Product Name and Virus Strain	Target Species	Titre, Dose, Administration
Onderstepoort Biological Products (OBP) South Africa	Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD Neethling strain)	Vaccine for Cattle	$10^{3.5}$ TCID ₅₀ /dose 2 ml SC
Intervet (Pty) South Africa/MSD Animal Health	Lumpyvax™ (LSD SIS Neethling strain)	Vaccine for Cattle	$10^{4.0}$ TCID ₅₀ /dose 2 ml SC
MCI Santé Animale Morocco	Bovivax-LSD™ (LSD Kenya strain)	Vaccine for Cattle	$10^{3.5}$ TCID ₅₀ /dose 2 ml SC
Jordan Bio-Industries Center (JOVAC) Jordan	LumpyShield-N™ (LSD Neethling strain)	Vaccine for Cattle	$10^{4.0}$ TCID ₅₀ /dose 2 ml SC
Jordan Bio-Industries Center (JOVAC) Jordan	Caprivac™ (Gorgan GTP strain)	Vaccine for Cattle	
Middle East for Vaccines (MEVAC) Egypt	MEVAC LSD (LSD Neethling strain)	Vaccine for Cattle	$10^{3.5}$ TCID ₅₀ /dose 2 ml SC
National Veterinary Institute (NVI) Ethiopia	Lumpy Skin Disease vaccine (LSD Neethling strain)	Vaccine for Cattle	$10^{3.0}$ TCID ₅₀ /dose 2 ml SC
Kenya Veterinary Vaccines Production Institute (KEVEVAPI)	Lumpivax™ (LSD Neethling strain)	Vaccine for Cattle	Not known TCID ₅₀ /dose 2 ml SC
Pendik Veterinary Control Institute/ Ministry of Agriculture, Turkey	Penpox-M™ Live SPPV (Bakirköy SPPV strain)	Vaccine for Cattle	$10^{2.5}$ TCID ₅₀ /dose 2 ml SC
Vetal Company Turkey	Poxvac™ (Bakirköy SPPV strain)	Vaccine for Sheep and Cattle	$10^{2.5}$ TCID ₅₀ /dose 2 ml SC
	Lumpyvac™ (LSD Neethling strain)	Vaccine for Cattle	$10^{3.5}$ TCID ₅₀ /dose 2 ml SC
Dollvet Turkey	Poxdoll™ (Bakirköy SPPV strain)	Vaccine for Sheep, goats and Cattle	$10^{2.5}$ TCID ₅₀ /dose 2 ml SC
	LSD-NDOLL (LSD Neethling strain)	Vaccine for Cattle	$10^{3.5}$ TCID ₅₀ /dose 2 ml SC
FGBI-Federal Centre for Animal Health Russia	Sheep Pox Cultyral Dry™ (Arriah (NISHKI) SPPV strain)	Vaccine for Sheep and Cattle	Not known TCID ₅₀ /dose
ABIC, Israel	RM 65 Sheeppox (Yugoslavia RM65)	Vaccine for Sheep and Cattle	

Tuppurainen et al., 2021

Lumpy skin disease: Vaccine testing (literature study by Pravesh Kara)

Breed Age Gender	Construct / Vaccine Dose Route & Volume	Number of animals	Fever (%)	Start of fever (Ave Days)	Inoculation site reaction (%)	>1 nodule (%)	Clinical reaction [other than fever] (%)	Shedding (PCR) (%)	Nodule (PCR) (%)	Viremia (PCR / VI) (%)	VNT 1 (%)	VNT 2 (%)	ELISA (%)	IPMA (%)	IFIT / IFAT (%)	Reference
Holstein - Friesen 6 months Male	LSD Neethling OBP [1.4x10 ⁷ TCID ₅₀] SC Route: 2ml	5	0/5 (0%)	N/A	1/5 (20%)	0/5 (0%)	1/5 (20%)	Nd	0/1 (0%)	PCR 0/5 VI 0/5	0/5 (0%)	nd	nd	nd	nd	Kara et al., 2018
Holstein 6 months Male	LSD Neethling OBP [1x10 ^{3.5} TCID ₅₀] SC Route: 2ml	7	6/7 (86%)	1 dpv (4.2 days)	0/7 (0%)	0/7 (0%)	0/7 (0%)	Nd	0/7 (0%)	0/7 (0%)	1/7 (14%)	3/7 (43%)	nd	7/7 (100%)	nd	Haegeman et al., 2021a
	LSD Neethling Lumpyvax [1x10 ⁴ TCID ₅₀] SC Route	7	7/7 (100%)	1 dpv (10.3 days)	0/7 (0%)	0/7 (0%)	0/7 (0%)	Nd	0/7 (0%)	0/7 (0%)	1/7 (14%)	4/7 (57%)	nd	5/7 (72%)	nd	
	LSD Neethling HerbivacLS [1x10 ^{2.5} TCID ₅₀] SC Route	7	4/7 (57%)	1 dpv (3 days)	0/7 (0%)	3/7 (43%)	3/7 (43%)	nd	3/7 (43%)	4/7 (57%)	3/7 (43%)	5/7 (71%)	nd	6/7 (86%)	nd	
	LSD Neethling (O variant) MCI [1x10 ³ TCID ₅₀] SC Route	7	4/7 (57%)	1 dpv (3.8 days)	3/7 (43%)	2/7 (29%)	3/7 (43%)	nd	2/7 (29%)	2/7 (29%)	4/7 (57%)	3/7 (43%)	nd	7/7 (100%)	nd	
	LSD KSGP Kenyavac [1x10 ^{2.5} TCID ₅₀] SC Route	7	5/7 (71%)	1 dpv (6.8 days)	0/7 (0%)	0/7 (0%)	0/7 (0%)	nd	0/7 (0%)	0/7 (0%)	0/7 (0%)	2/7 (29%)	nd	5/7 (72%)	nd	
Holstein-cross 4-6 months	LSD Neethling (LSD _{NT}) [1x10 ⁴ TCID ₅₀] SC Route: 2ml	15	7/15 (47%)	2 dpv (2 days)	0/15 (0%)	1/15 (7%)	1/15 (7%)	1/15 (7%)	1/15 (7%)	nd	7/15 (47%)	nd	nd	nd	nd	Bamouh et al., 2021
	LSD Neethling (LSD _{NT}) [1x10 ⁵ TCID ₅₀] SC Route: 2ml	30	13/30 (43%)	NI (4.3 days)	2/30 (7%)	2/30 (7%)	2/30 (7%)	2/30 (7%)	2/30 (7%)	nd	23/30 (73%)	nd	nd	nd	nd	
	LSD KSGP O-240 [1x10 ⁴ TCID ₅₀] SC Route: 2ml	12	5/12 (42%)	NI (5.6 days)	0/12 (0%)	0/12 (0%)	0/12 (0%)	0/12 (0%)	0/12 (0%)	0/12 (0%)	12/12 (100%)	nd	nd	nd	nd	
	LSD KSGP O-240 [1x10 ⁵ TCID ₅₀] SC Route: 2ml	12	9/12 (75%)	NI (3.8 days)	1/12 (8%)	3/12 (25%)	3/12 (25%)	3/12 (25%)	3/12 (25%)	3/12 (25%)	12/12 (100%)	nd	nd	nd	nd	
Morocco (Zebu) 6-8 months	LSD Neethling OBP [1x10 ⁴ TCID ₅₀] SC Route	15	1/15 (7%)	1 dpv (1 day only)	0/15 (0%)	0/15 (0%)	0/15 (0%)	0/15 (0%)	0/15 (0%)	nd	7/15 (47%)	nd	nd	nd	nd	Hamdi et al., 2020
Holstein-Friesen 9-10 months	LSD Neethling (Nt _{hd}) [1x10 ⁷ TCID ₅₀] IV Route: 3ml & SC Route: 1ml	6	0/6 (0%)	N/A	2/6 (33%)	0/6 (0%)	0/6 (0%)	2/6 (33%)	0/6 (0%)	4/6 (67%)	4/6 (67%)	nd	5/6 (83%)	nd	6/6 (100%)	Moller et al., 2019
Holstein-Friesen 4-6 months	LSD Neethling HerbivacLS [1x10 ^{2.5} TCID ₅₀] SC Route: 2ml	6	3/6 (50%)	5-6 dpv. (4-6 days)	5/6 (83%)	0/6 (0%)	5/6 (83%)	0/6 (0%)	nd	4/6 (67%)	5/6 (83%)	nd	5/6 (83%)	nd	nd	Wolff et al., 2020
Borana (Zebu) 12-24 months	LSD Neethling (NVI, Ethiopia) [1x10 ^{4.5} TCID ₅₀] SC Route	5	0/5 (0%)	N/A	0/5 (0%)	0/5 (0%)	0/5 (0%)	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	0/5 (0%)	Gari et al., 2015
	LSD Neethling (NVI, Ethiopia) [1x10 ^{3.5} TCID ₅₀] SC Route	5	0/5 (0%)	N/A	0/5 (0%)	0/5 (0%)	0/5 (0%)	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	0/5 (0%)	
	LSD KSGP O-180 [1x10 ^{4.5} TCID ₅₀] SC Route	5	0/5 (0%)	N/A	0/5 (0%)	0/5 (0%)	0/5 (0%)	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	0/5 (0%)	
	LSD KSGP O-180 [1x10 ^{3.5} TCID ₅₀] SC Route	5	0/5 (0%)	N/A	0/5 (0%)	0/5 (0%)	0/5 (0%)	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	0/5 (0%)	
Dexter 11-16 months Male	LSD Neethling OBP [1x10 ^{3.5} TCID ₅₀] SC Route: Vaccination 1	6	0/6 (0%)	N/A	0/6 (0%)	0/6 (0%)	0/6 (0%)	nd	nd	0/6 (0%)	0/6 (0%)	nd	nd	nd	nd	Osugawuh et al., 2007
	LSD Neethling OBP [1x10 ^{3.5} TCID ₅₀] SC Route: Repeat Vaccination 21 dpv	6	0/6 (0%)	N/A	0/6 (0%)	0/6 (0%)	0/6 (0%)	nd	nd	0/6 (0%)	4/6 (67%)	nd	nd	nd	nd	
Holstein 6 months Male	LSD Lumpivax (KEVEVAPI, Kenya) [Dose: NI] SC Route: 2ml	7	7/7 (100%)	NI	7/7 (100%)	2/7 (29%)	7/7 (100%)	nd	3/3 (100%)	1/7 (14%)	nd	nd	1/7 (14%)	7/7 (100%)	nd	Haegeman et al., 2021b
Breed: NI 6-9 months Male	LSD Lumpi-ProVac Ind [1x10 ^{3.5} TCID ₅₀] Route: NI	8	3/8 (37.5%)	NI	0/8 (0%)	0/8 (0%)	Viremia 5/8 (62.5%) 3dpv only	0/8 (0%)	0/8 (0%)	PCR 5/8 (62.5%) 3dpv only	7/8 (87.5%)	nd	nd	nd	nd	Kumar et al., 2022

Not all animals naturally infected or vaccinated develop neutralizing antibodies against LSDV or they develop low levels of antibodies undetectable by current serological assays



Lumpy skin disease: South Africa

Endemic since 1945

Annual outbreaks – Summer months

Diagnostic – Laboratory confirmation

- Molecular: Realtime PCR
- Serology: VNT
- Serology: IDVet ELISA
- Complete genome sequencing

Vaccination: Live attenuate Neethling vaccine:

- OBP vaccine Onderstepoort Biological Products, South Africa
- Herbivac - Deltamune, South Africa
- Lumpyvax - MSD Animal Health, South Africa
- Annual vaccination - encourage

Education and information: 5 Languages

LUMPY SKIN DISEASE

What is lumpy skin disease?

- ✓ Poxvirus infecting cattle
- ✓ Symptoms include:

- ✓ Fever
- ✓ Skin nodules (Lumps)
- ✓ Ocular discharge
- ✓ Nasal discharge
- ✓ ↓ milk production

Lameness and Depression

Economic impact

- Decrease in milk production
- Decrease in value of hide
- Decrease in body condition
- Decrease in growth rate
- Decrease in international trade
- Sterility in bulls
- Infertility in cows

How does it spread?

- Movement of sick animals
- Mechanically via insects
- Contaminated feed
- Shared water troughs
- Direct contact
- Indirect contact

Can humans get LSD?

No, but cattle and wildlife such as springbok and giraffe can.

How to prevent LSD?

- ✓ Vaccinate cattle
- ✓ Vaccinate only healthy cattle
- ✓ Vaccinate annually

What should you do when you see LSD?

- ☎ Contact Veterinarian
- ☎ Contact Animal Health Technician

Questions?

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