



# ASF Vaccination strategy:

In different production system and epidemiological scenarios

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## Difficulties of ASF virus:

**Complex virus, big size, large genome: 170-194 kb**

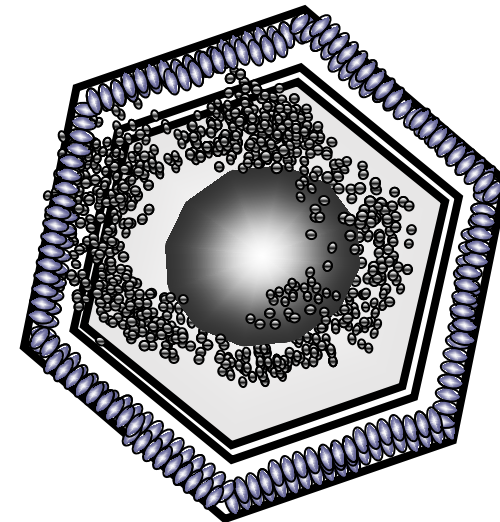
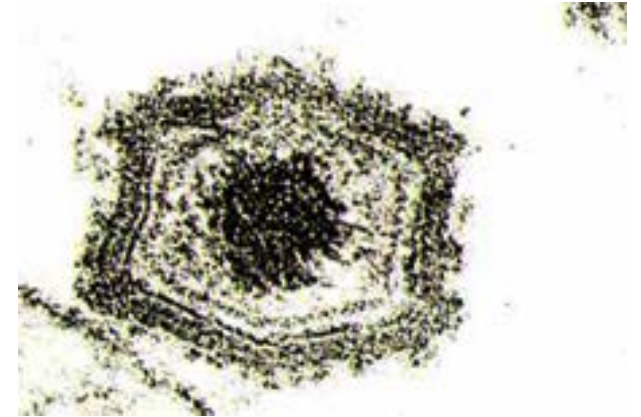
**Complex molecular structure**

**High virulence High Mortality**

**Genetic variability: Less Cross protection**

**NO production of neutralizing antibodies**

**Increase of information about virulence-related genes**

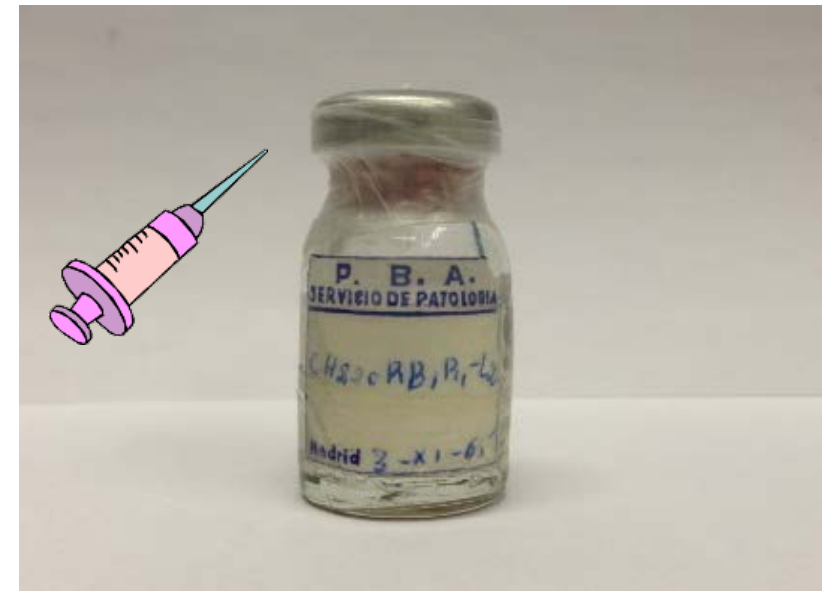


## Possible ASF candidates:

Many trials have been done in the last decades looking for an effective and safe vaccine against ASFV:

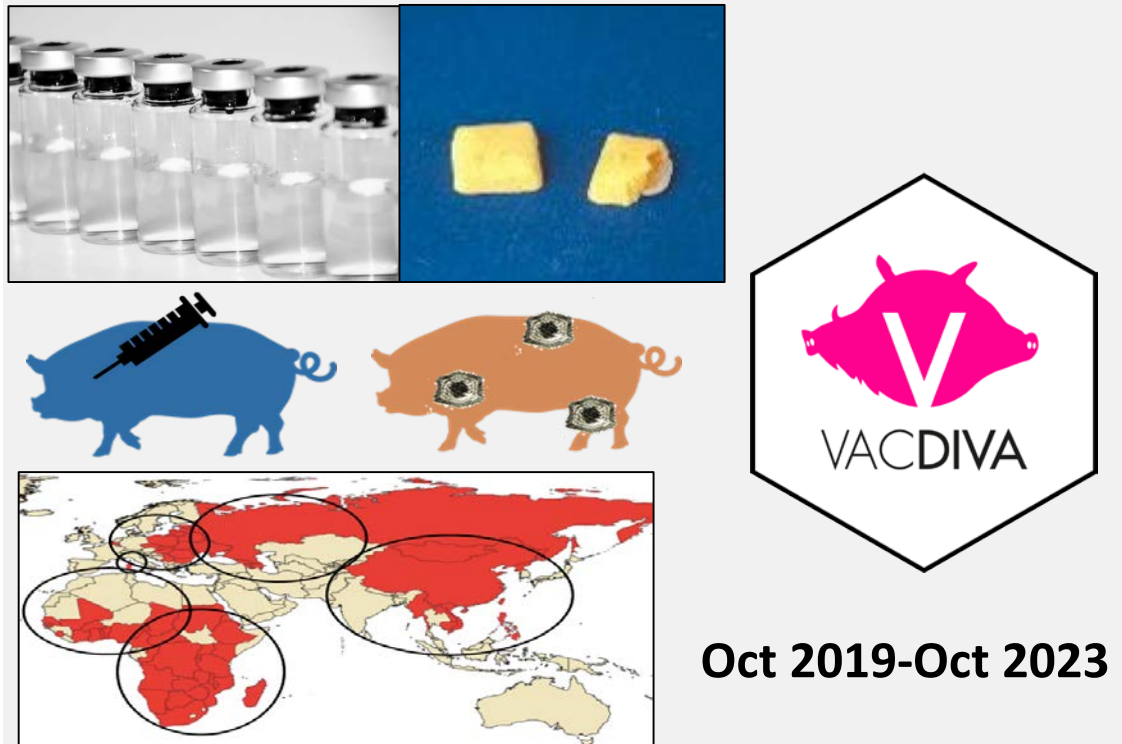
1. **INACTIVATED VACCINES** → Ab response. No protection
2. **ATTENUATED VACCINES** → Ab + cytotoxic specific  
→ PROTECTION against related and some NOT related ASFv. Some induced side effects. **ARE GOOD CANDIDATES: NATURAL ATTENUATED or DELETED**
3. **SUBUNITS, DNA VACCINE: LOW PROTECTIONS**
4. **DELETED ATTENUATED VACCINES: GOOD CANDIDATES**

## Attenuated ASF Vaccine 60s Portugal and Spain



Description of protection  
with  
homologous ASF isolates

## Objectives of VACDIVA project:



- To provide **effective and safe DIVA vaccine(s) for wild boar and domestic pigs** ready for registration.
- **To develop DIVA test** to allow an accurate monitoring of the effectiveness of the vaccine.
- To design **ASF control and eradication strategies** in different epidemiological scenarios worldwide and **test the pilot vaccine** in real environments (including buspigs and warthogs).



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## ASF Vaccination strategy



Coordination

**16 partners from the EU**

**4 PARTNERS FROM  
NON EU COUNTRIES**



## Candidates prototypes:

- Two natural attenuated isolates and/or with genes deleted
- One attenuated by celular passages: Moscow

**TRIALS EVALUATED ALREADY IN:**

**WILD BOARS (VISAVET-UCM, Spain)**

**and**

**DOMESTICS PIGS (CISA, Spain and Perugia, Italy)**

## First publication on wild boar vaccine prototype:

# First Oral Vaccination of Eurasian Wild Boar Against African Swine Fever Virus Genotype II

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## WILD BOAR TRIAL at UCM

Lv17/WB/Rie1 LAV vaccine prototype



**Effectiveness: 92.86%**

## Vaccine research done or on going with two prototypes:

- Genetic stability in vitro and in vivo: on going
- Overdoses immunization in WB: done
- Duration of Immunity (DP and WB): on going
- Immunization in domestic pig with a largest number of animals: on going
- DIVA adaptation on going
- Immunization with bait: done
- Bait conservation on different scenarios: on going
- Cross protection with different ASF isolates: on going
- Genes deletion of two candidates: on going

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### IMMUNIZATION WITH BAITS

## Domestic pigs immunization: on going

- **AT CISA-INIA:**
- INTRAMUSCULAR
- INTRADERMIC
- ORAL
- **AT PERUGIA:**
- INTRAMUSCULAR.
- ORAL

### DOMESTIC PIGS TRIAL:

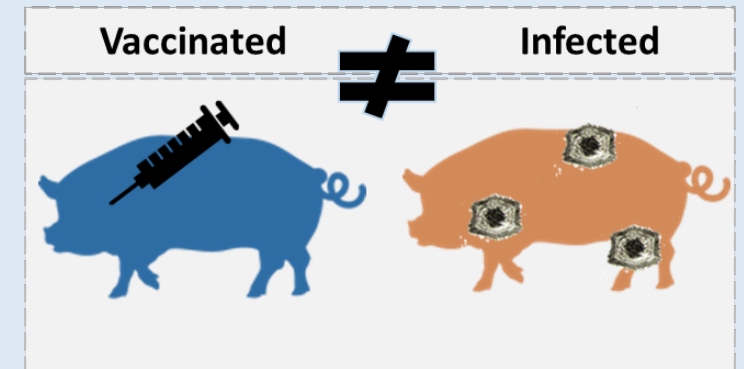
Lv17/WB/Rie1 LAV  
& NHV vaccine  
prototypes

CISA- INIA, SPAIN

NHV: PERUGIA, ITALY

- To develop companion **DIVA tests**, associated with the prototype vaccines, that will allow the **differentiation of vaccinated from infected animals**. All assays will be adapted to be used with wild boar and domestic pig samples.
- **Specific objectives:**
  - Development of a **molecular DIVA assay** and **DIVA immunoassays**.
  - Development simultaneous **detection of antigen and antibody**.
  - Assessment of **non-invasive and alternative samples**.
  - Standardization: **Proficiency Test (PT)** organization.

## AFS vaccine DIVA test



## Efficacy and safety studies of marker vaccines

To **select the most promising** marker vaccine/s built under throughout “*in vivo*” experimental efficacy and safety studies in **domestic pigs (DP)** and **W. boar** as animal model for vaccination.

### Specific objectives:

- “In vitro” evaluation of the compatibility of the marker vaccines with adjuvants.
- “In vivo” studies of infectivity, immunogenicity and cross-protective efficacy.
- Selection of vaccine formulation and posology.
- “In vivo” safety studies with selected marker vaccine(s).
- Evaluation of the “in vivo” genetic stability of marker vaccine(s).
- Evaluation of cross protection



## Vaccine production

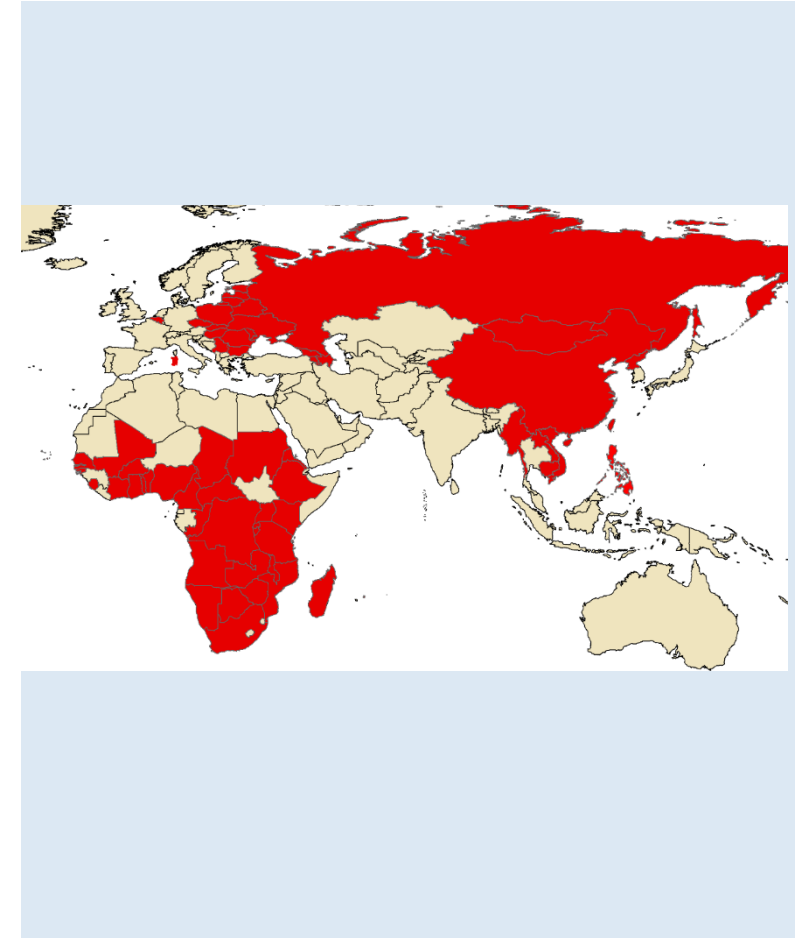
To develop a **manufacturing process for the prototype vaccine/s** with the immunological products previously tested safe and effective enough following the requirements of the **European Medicine Agency** and **authorizing agencies of countries outside EU**.



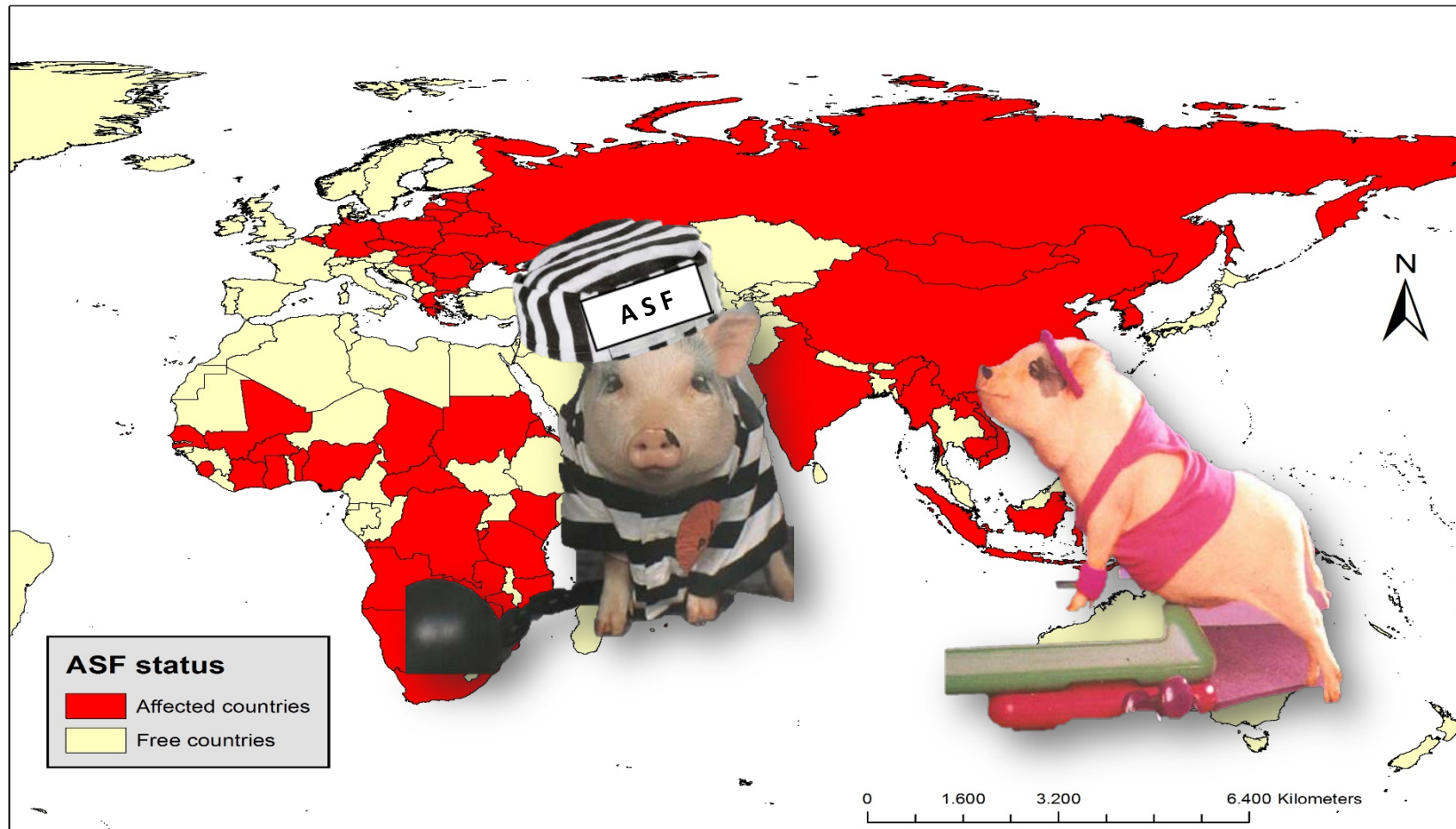
## Vaccine trials in different scenarios

To identify the **different vaccination scenarios** from ASF prevention or control, frame the **target vaccination populations** in each scenario and model different **vaccine and control strategies** to obtain a roadmap with the most cost-efficient methods towards ASF control with vaccination.

The vaccine/s **validated under animals trials will be tested in a selected territory** in terms of delivery, efficacy, safety and response.



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# Thank you. Gracias

