

# SUSHI, ANISAKIDOSIS & ALLERGIES: AN EMERGING PROBLEM FOR EUROPE AND TURKEY ?

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# EATING RAW FISH IS A RISK FACTOR TO ACQUIRE PARASITIC DISEASES



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In EUROPE

- Anisakidosis
- Diphyllobothriosis
- Opistorchiasis
- Cryptosporidiosis

# A lot of raw fish recipes all over the world



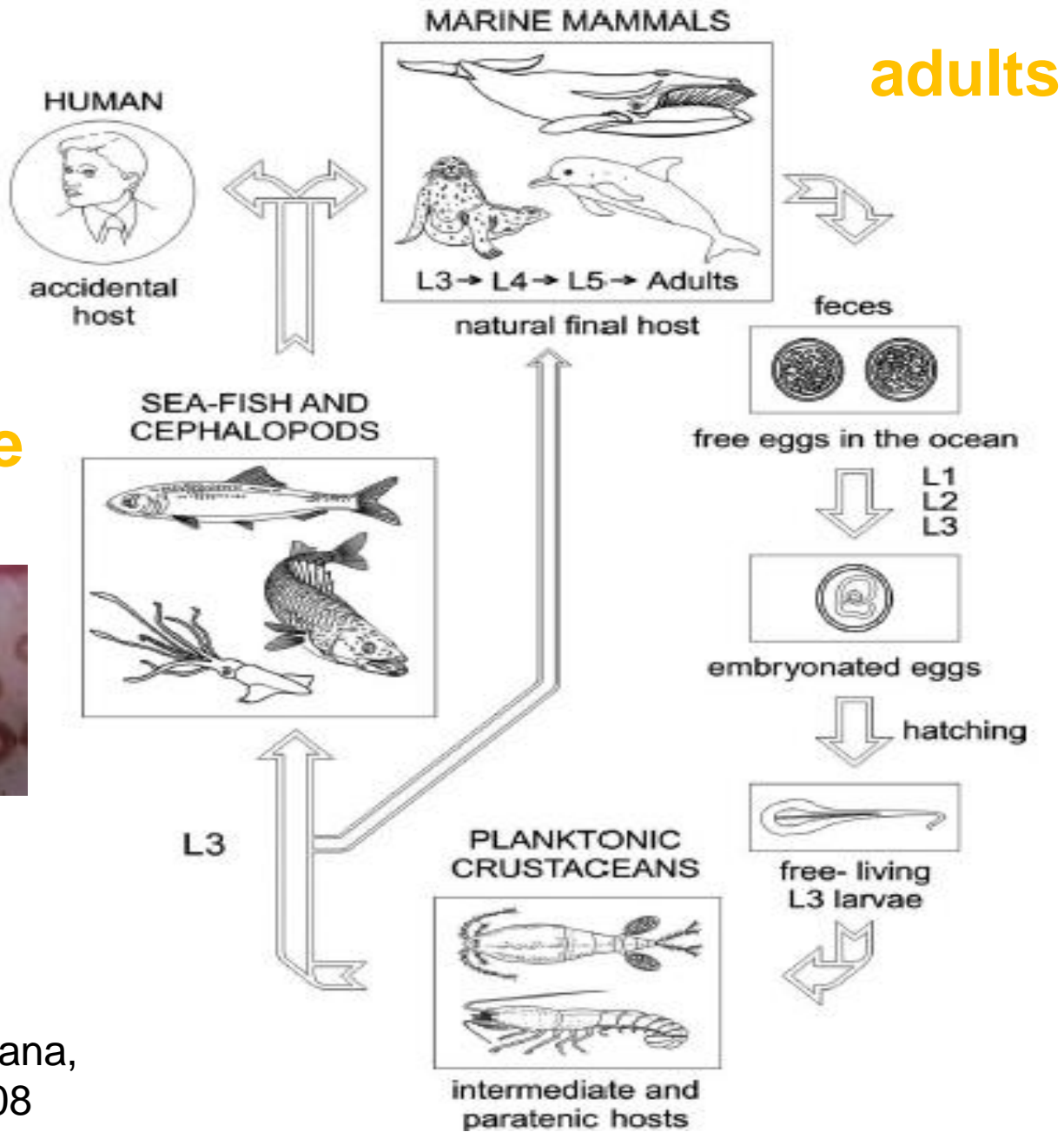
- Sushi, sashimi : Japan, world wide
- Bagoong: Philippines
- Salted or smoked herrings: Netherlands
- Gravlax: Scandinavia
- Lomi-lomi & palu: Hawaii
- Ceviche: South America
- Boquerones en vinagre: Spain
- Carpaccio di pesce: Italy



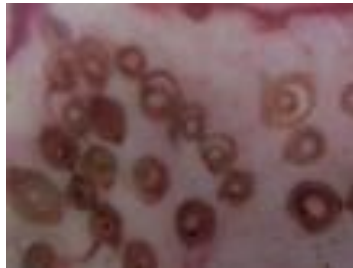
**Home made preparations are at risk**

**Anisakidosis:** infestation by  
anisakids

**Anisakiasis:** infestation by  
*Anisakis*



larvae



# Cycle

Source M.T.Audicana,  
M.W Kennedy,2008

# MOST FREQUENT SPECIES INVOLVED IN HUMAN INFESTATIONS



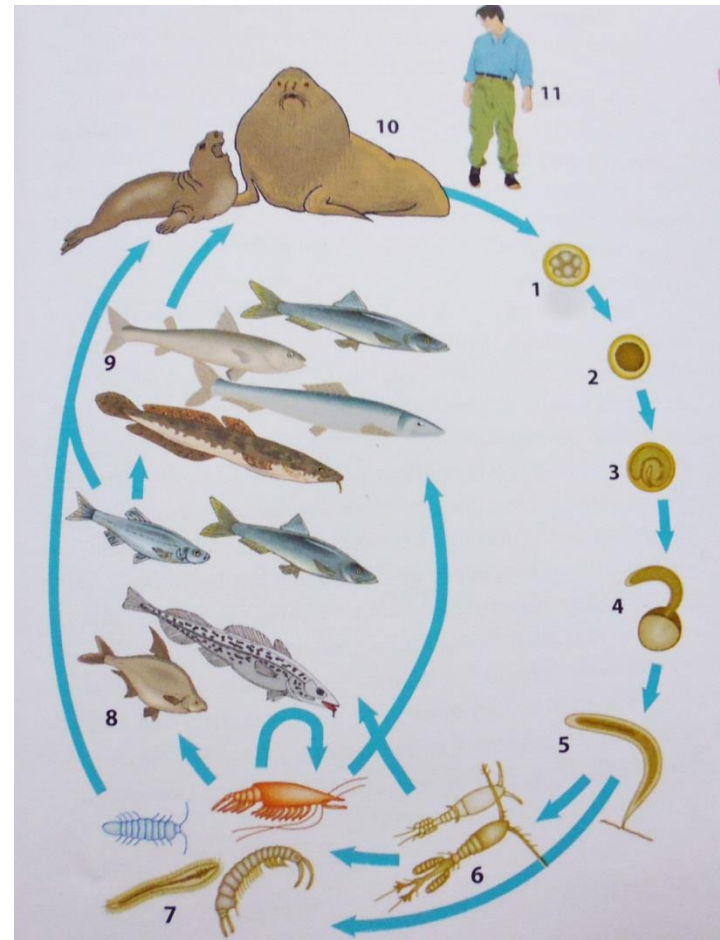
*Anisakis sp*

*Pseudoterranova sp*

# *Anisakis sp*



# *Pseudoterranova sp*

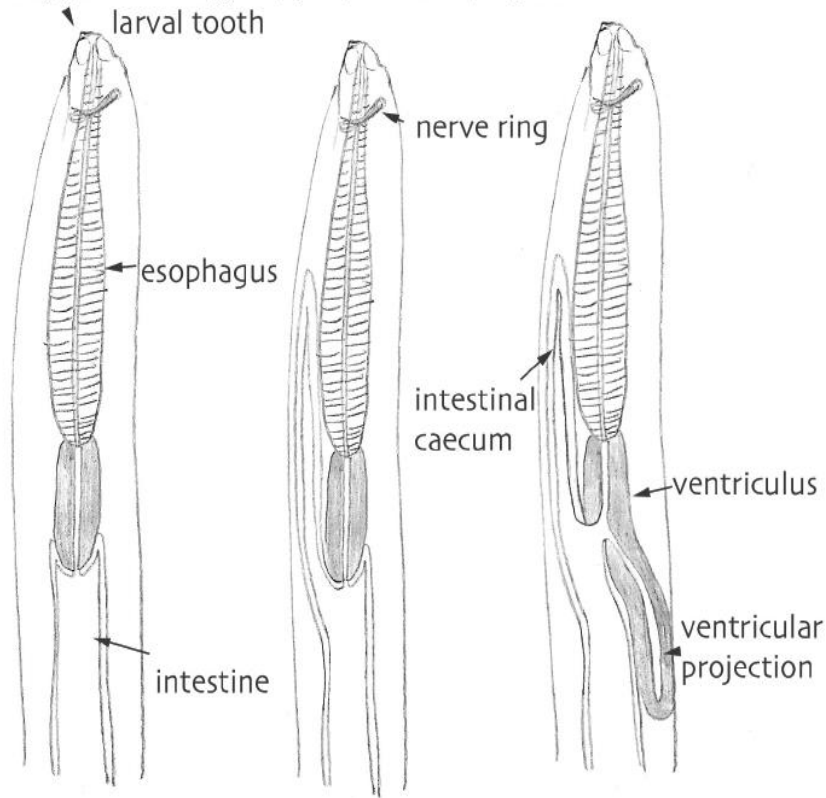


# Anisakidae

fixatives: glacial acetic acid, AFA (85ml 85% ethanol, 10ml formalin, 5ml glacial acetic acid)

storage: alcohol-glycerol = 9 parts 70% ethanol, 1 part glycerol

clearing: glacial acetic acid, glycerol, xylene, 90% lactic acid, lacophenol



*Anisakis simplex*  
*senso lato*

*Pseudoterranova decipiens*  
*senso lato*

*Contracaecum osculatum*  
*senso lato*

*Phosascaris cystophorae*  
*senso lato*

L3 small white worms  
9-38mm  
bright blush-white  
fluorescence

L3 redish-brown  
9-58mm  
bright blush-white  
fluorescence

L3 greenish brown  
7-30mm  
yellow  
fluorescence

Dixon, 2006

Diagnosis on  
microscopic  
criteria... but easier  
with PCR and  
sequencing...





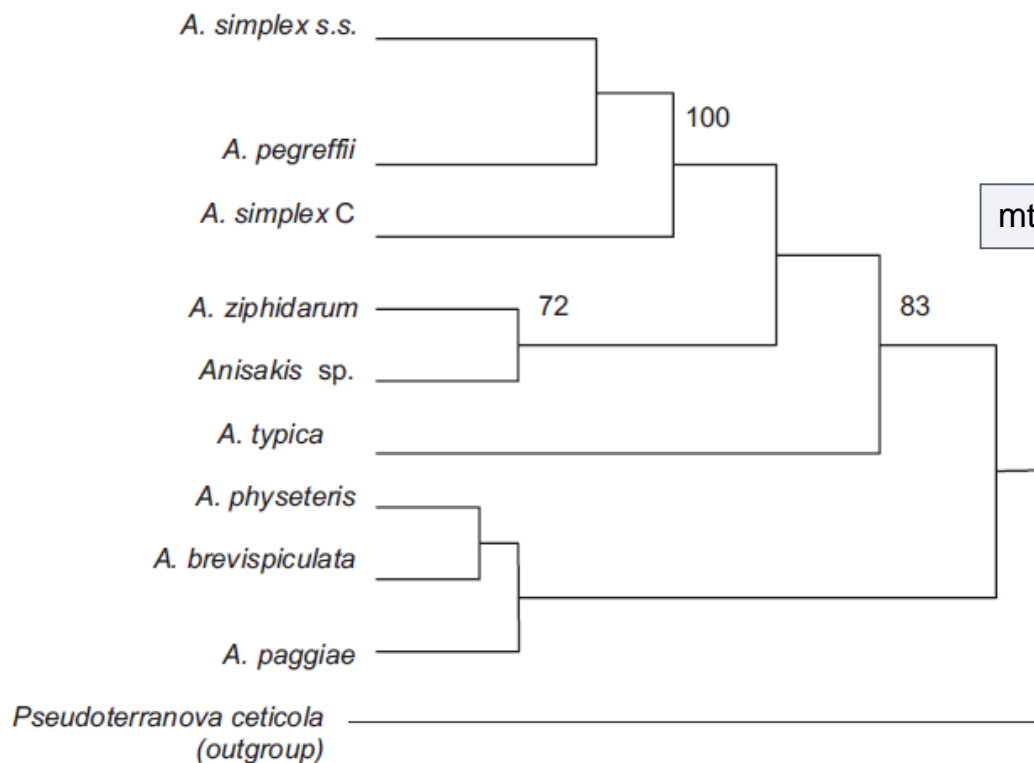
## MOLECULAR SYSTEMATICS, PHYLOGENY AND ECOLOGY OF ANISAKID NEMATODES OF THE GENUS *ANISAKIS* DUJARDIN, 1845: AN UPDATE

MATTIUCCI S.\* & NASCETTI G.\*\* *Parasite*. 2006;13:99-113.

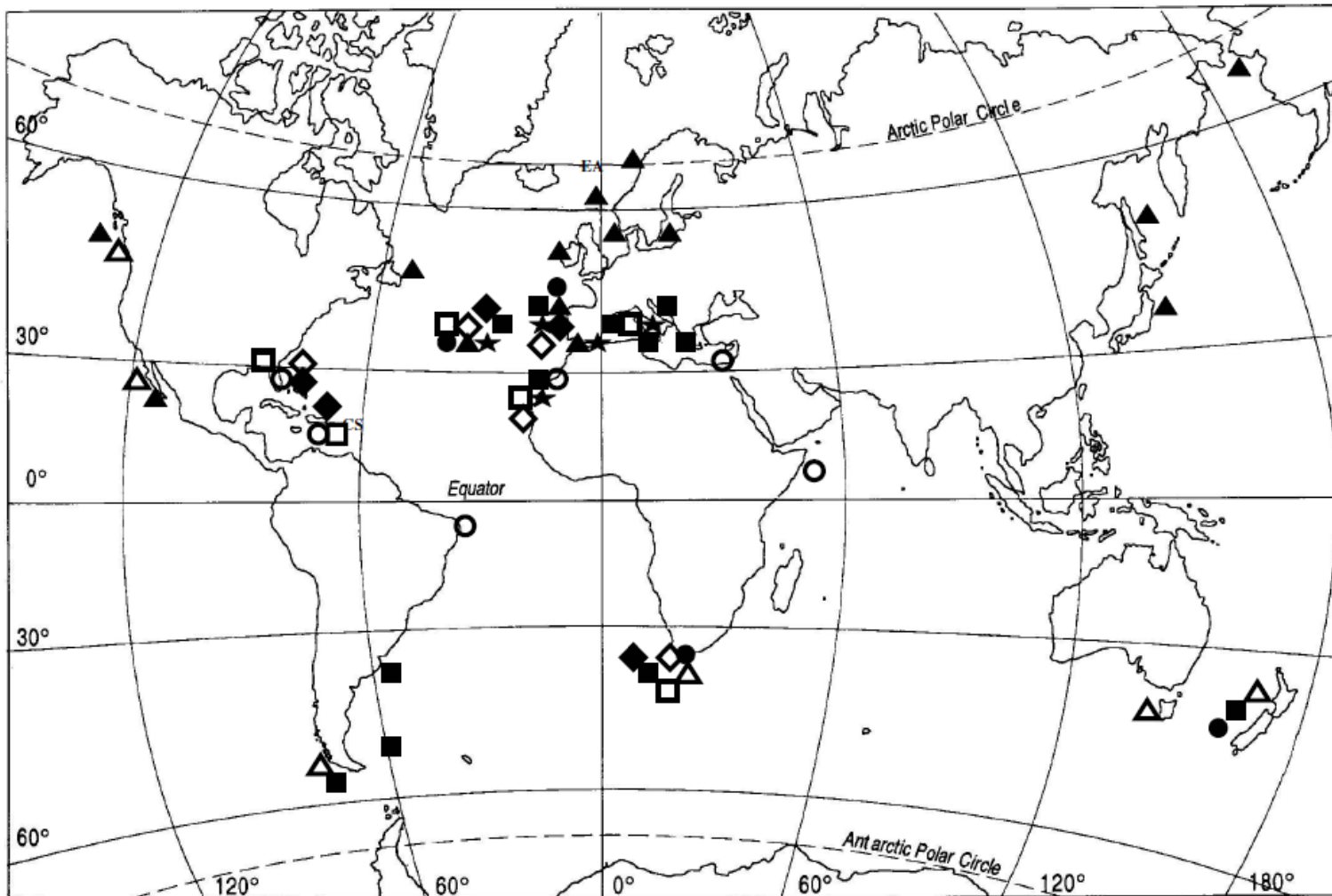
CLADE I



CLADE II



mt DNA *cox2*



▲ *A. simplex s.s.*    ■ *A. pegreffii*    △ *A. simplex C*    ○ *A. typica*    □ *A. ziphidarum*    ● *Anisakis sp.*    ★ *A. physeteris*  
 ◇ *A. brevispiculata*    ◆ *A. paggiae*

# Different *Anisakis* species according to host and geographical location

A. *Merluccius merluccius* (hake)



B. *Trachurus trachurus* (Atlantic horse mackerel)

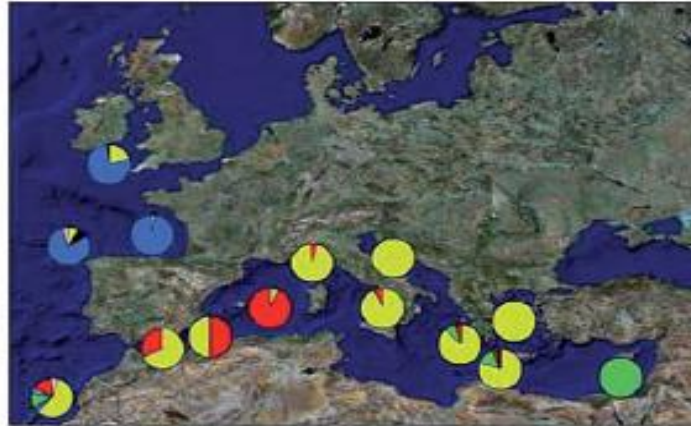


C. *Xiphias gladius* (sword fish)

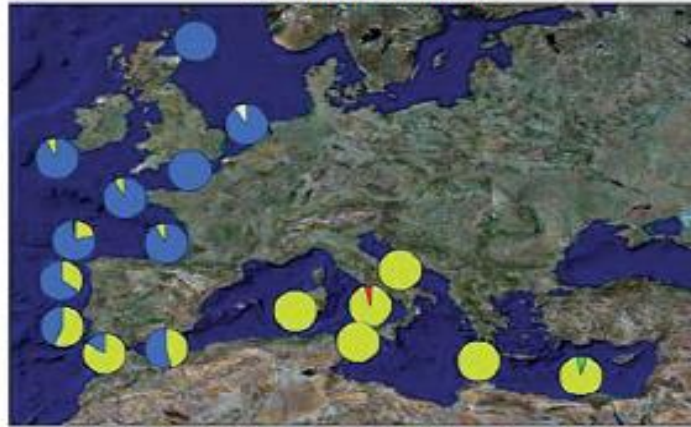


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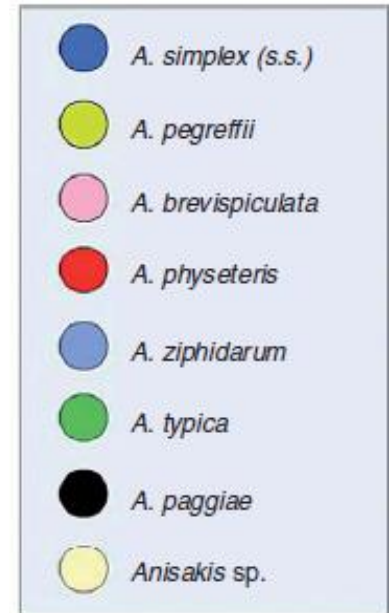
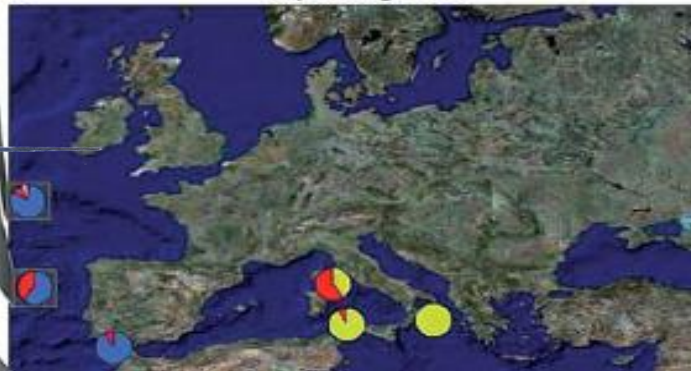
A *Merluccius merluccius*



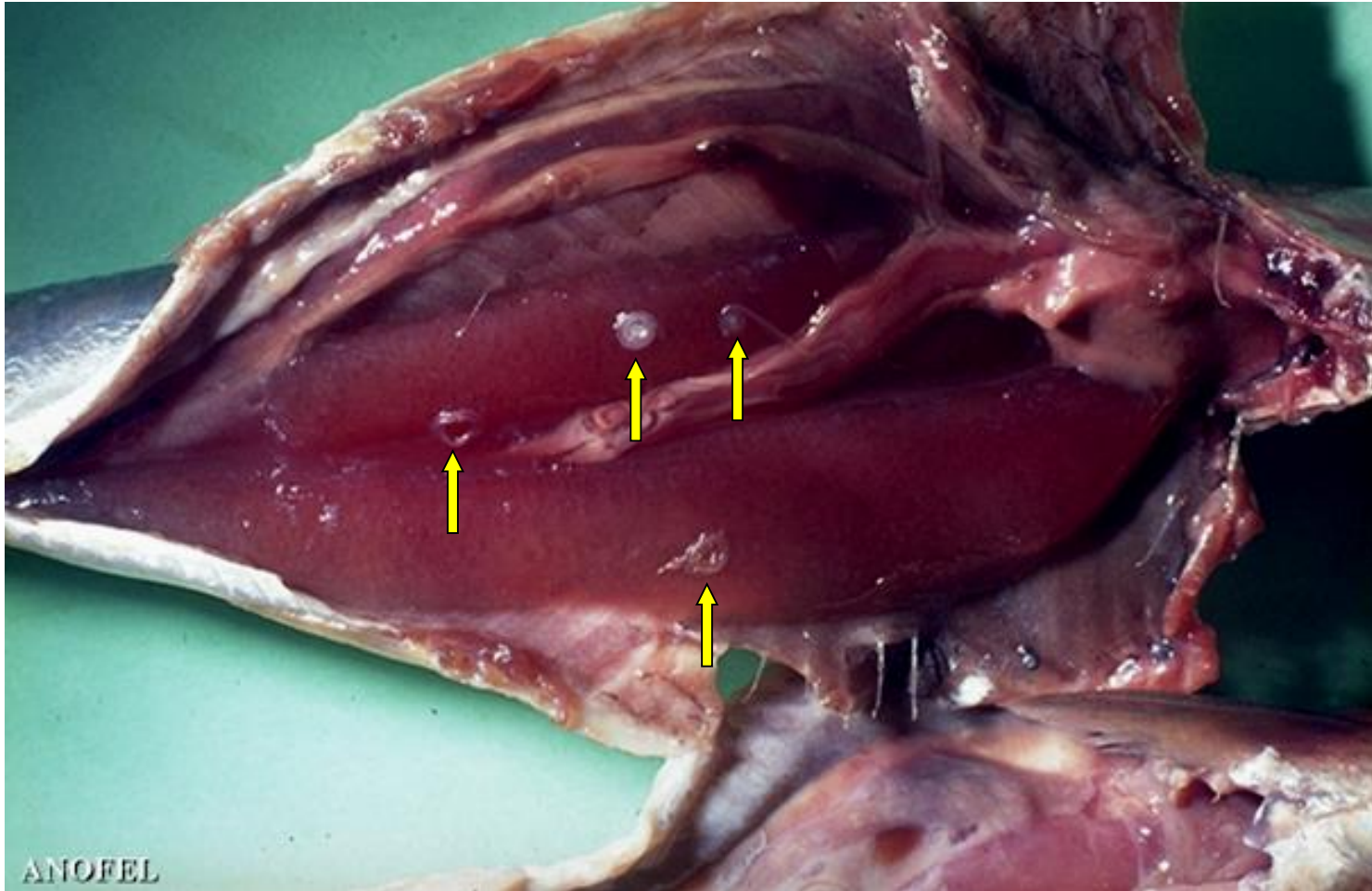
B *Trachurus trachurus*



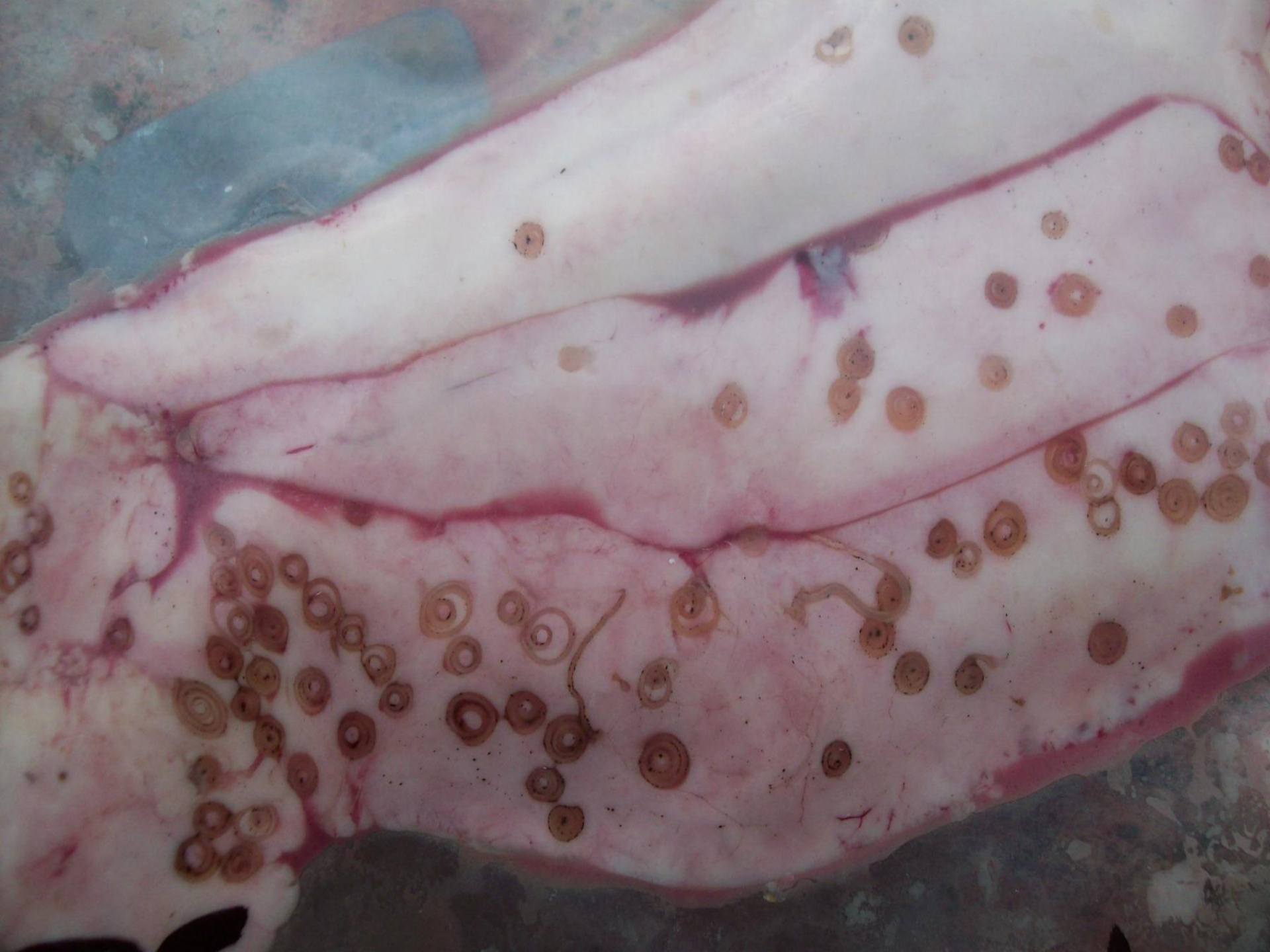
C *Xiphias gladius*



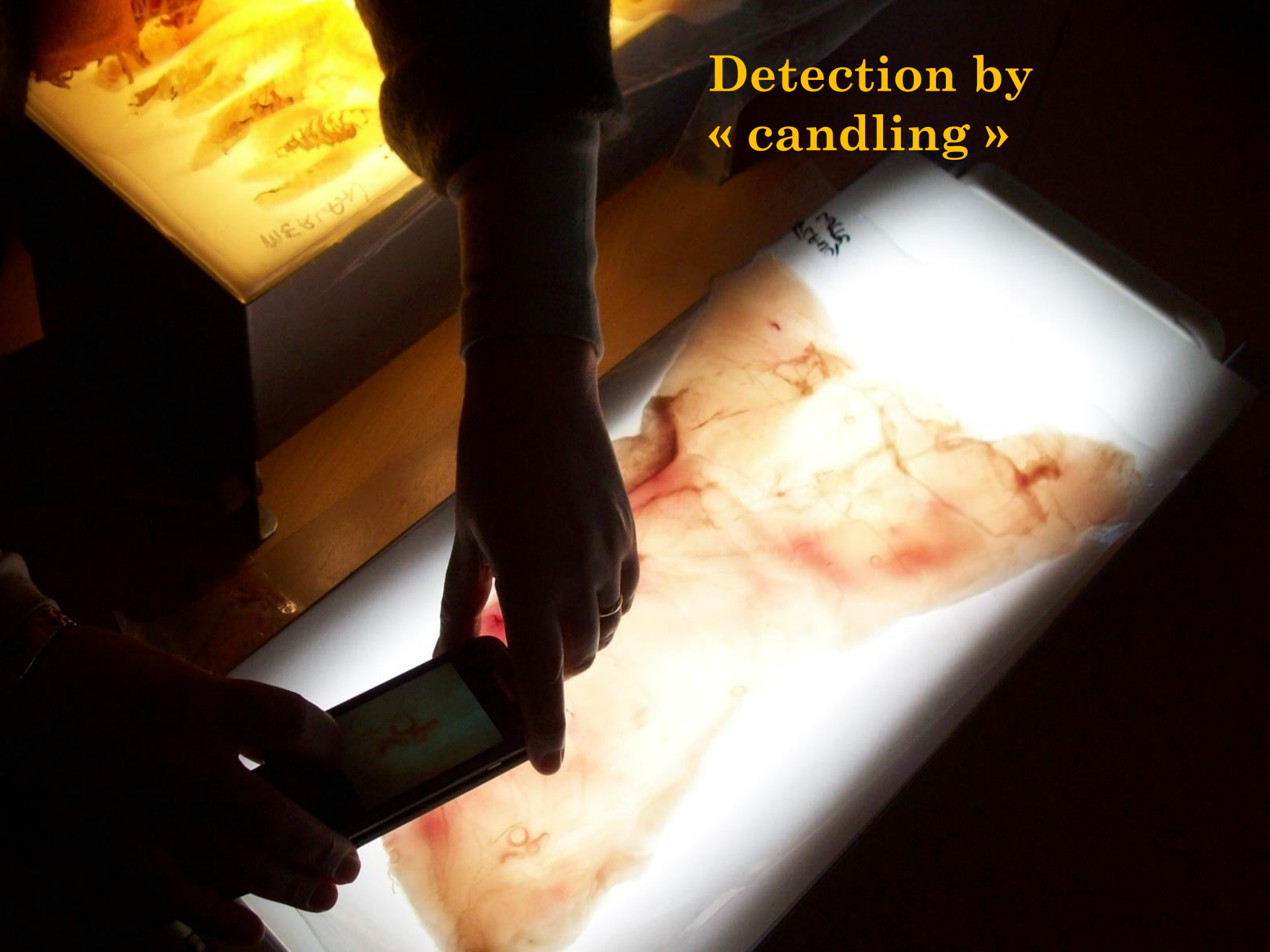
# Some examples of larvae in fish





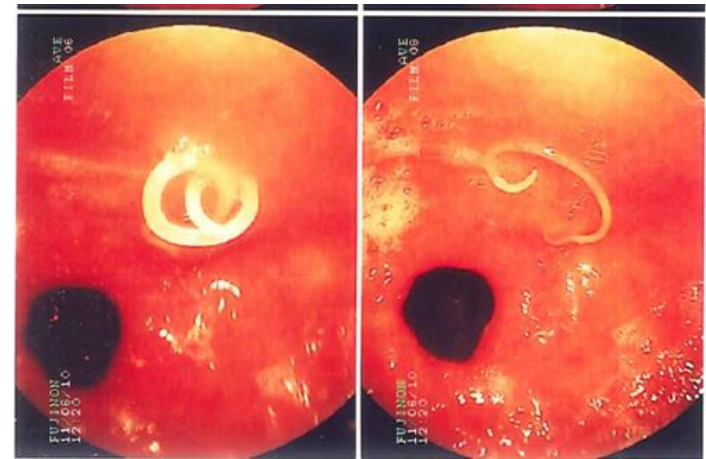


# Detection by « candling »



# ANISAKIDOSIS : ACUTE SYMPTOMS

- Vomiting and worm expulsion
- Gastric ulcer-like symptoms
- Allergies
  - Urticaria,
  - Quincke oedema
  - Asthma
  - Intestinal oedema leading to obstruction





# Thermoresistant allergens



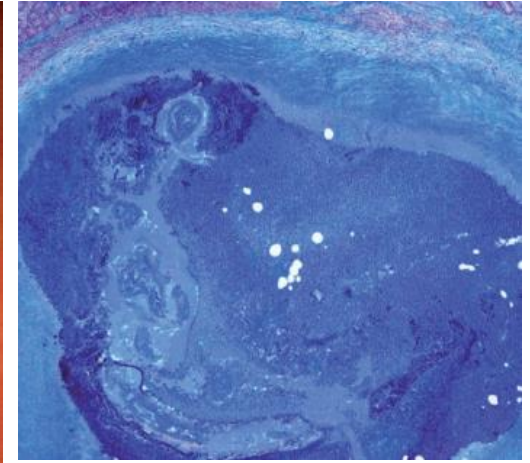
Figure 2. Results of patch testing with the *Anisakis* series in a positive patient: live (+++), frozen (++) , cooked (-).

# CHRONIC ANISAKIDOSIS

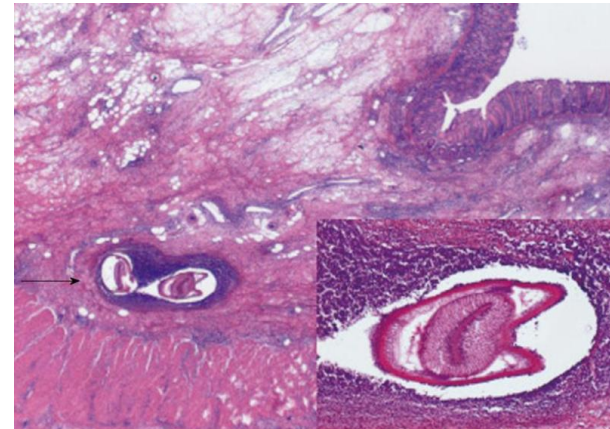
○ «intestinal tumor»

- Colon polyps
- Intestinal obstruction

histology: **eosinophilic granuloma**



Herranz-Bachiller et al, 2012



Miura et al, 2010

# A CO-FACTOR FOR DIGESTIVE CARCINOMAS ?

### *Anisakis simplex*, a co-factor of gastric cancer?

SIR,—Dr Davis and colleagues (Aug 25, p 474) note that mortality from stomach cancer is still falling in nearly all the countries studied “although the oldest groups in Italy and Japan show some continuing increases”. Japan has the highest national mortality rate from gastric cancer (52.3 per 100 000 in men in 1977), though the rate has been falling.<sup>1</sup> Gastric anisakiasis is also very common in Japan, with 11 232 cases in 1988.<sup>2</sup> A limited relation has been found between gastric cancer mortality<sup>3</sup> and the consumption of salted fish that could be the origin of contamination by *Anisakis simplex*. Desowitz,<sup>4</sup> in work on anisakiasis, found a low molecular weight fraction of extract with “tumour-promoter-like activity”.

By serological diagnostic methods<sup>5</sup> we have detected ten subacute

These epidemiological, experimental, and histopathological data suggest that *A simplex* may be a co-factor for certain forms of gastric cancer—a hypothesis that can be tested by longitudinal studies, which take into account the long incubation period of cancers.

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1. Nagayo T. Histogenesis and precursors of human gastric cancer. Berlin: Springer-Verlag, 1986
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OBSERVATIONAL STUDY

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## Previous Exposure to the Fish Parasite *Anisakis* as a Potential Risk Factor for Gastric or Colon Adenocarcinoma

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# SURVEY OF ANISAKIDOSIS IN FRANCE

- Retrospective survey over the years 2010 -2014
  - by collecting cases (questionnaire) among all Parasitology-Mycology laboratories of University hospitals of metropolitan France (ANOFEL network)
  - by analyzing data from the French hospital medical information database (PMSI).

## Enquête sur l'incidence de l'anisakidose humaine de 2010 à 2014

1<sup>er</sup> ENVOI

Dans le cadre de la préparation d'une thèse d'exercice, nous réalisons une enquête sur l'incidence de l'anisakidose humaine sur la période 2010 à 2014 en France. Nous souhaiterions obtenir des informations concernant le nombre de cas que vous auriez recensé dans votre service ainsi que les symptômes que vous auriez observé. Pour cela nous vous serions reconnaissants de bien vouloir nous fournir des éléments de réponses à ce premier questionnaire :

### Vos Coordonnées

Votre nom : Service :  
Nom de l'établissement : Adresse :

### Incidence de l'Anisakidose

Avez-vous observé dans votre service des cas d'Anisakidose entre 2010 et 2014 ?

Oui  Non Si oui, combien :

Nombre de cas :

En 2010 : En 2011 : En 2012 :  
En 2013 : En 2014 :

### Formes de la maladie

Parmi les cas, quelle(s) forme(s) de la maladie avez-vous observé ?

Forme œsophagienne n =  Forme gastroduodénale n =  Forme allergique n =  
 Granulome éosinophile n =  Autres formes n = :

Commentaires :

En cas de réponse positive, nous vous adresserons un second questionnaire plus précis et nous nous permettrons de vous contacter.

Nous vous remercions pour votre contribution qui sera sans doute très précieuse pour cette étude. Veuillez agréer, l'expression de nos salutations distinguées.

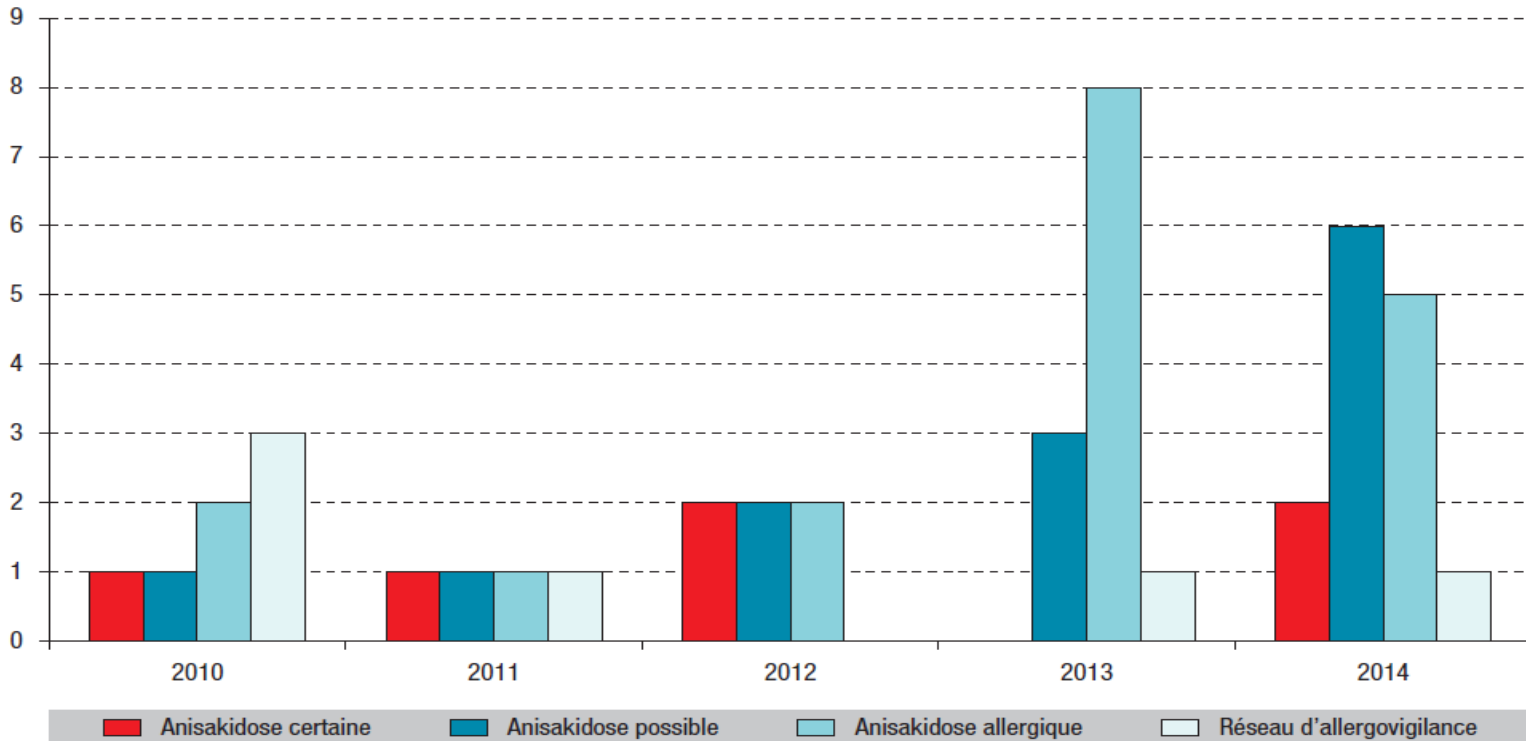
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## ○ 37 cases notified by all French Departments of Parasitology:

- Age range: 11-69 years
- Females predominance (25/12, 67 %)

Nombre de cas d'anisakidose (certains, possibles ou allergiques) identifiés dans le réseau Anofel et nombre de cas d'anaphylaxie grave dus aux anisakidés repérés dans le réseau d'allergovigilance (RAV) en France métropolitaine, 2010-2014

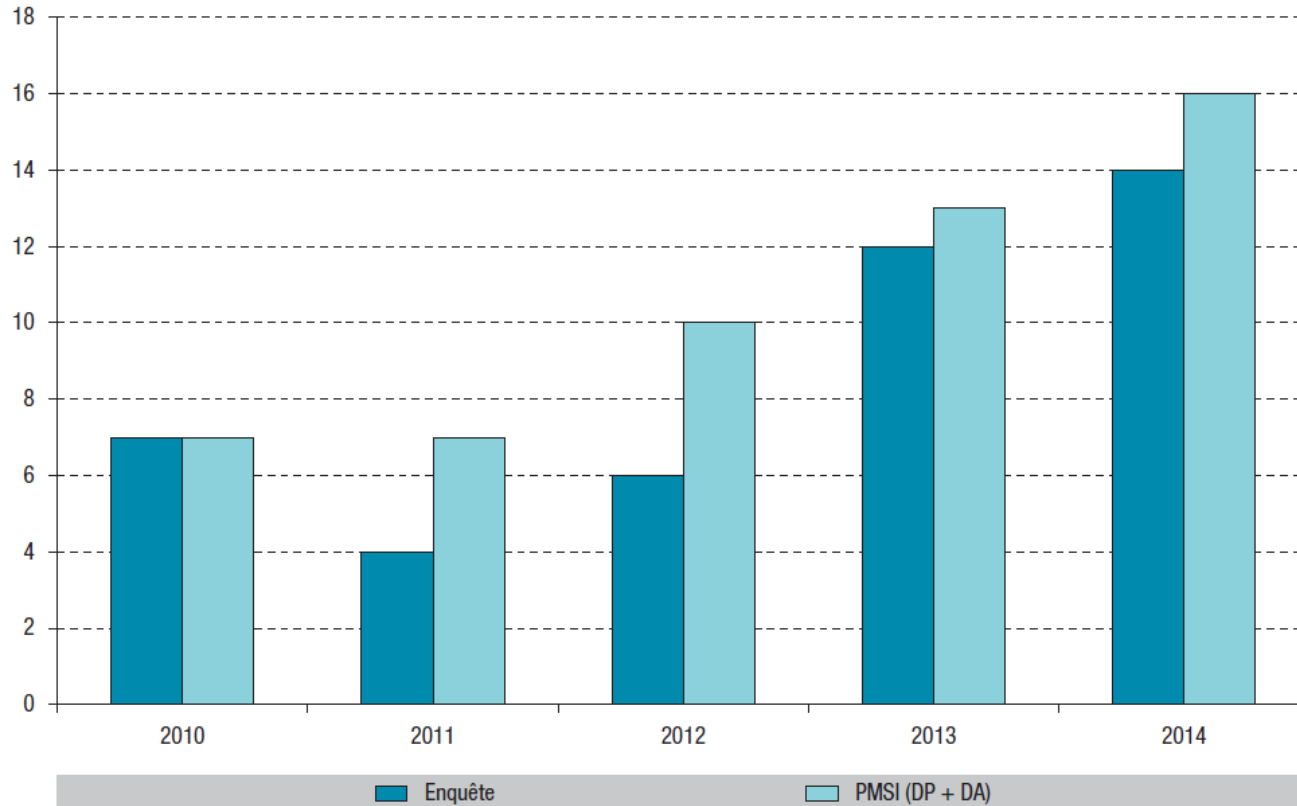


- **6 proven cases** with evidence of a worm,
- **13 possible cases** with abdominal pain after consumption of raw fish with detection of anti-*Anisakis* precipitins
- **18 allergic cases** defined as acute manifestations after consumption of fish associated with specific IgE for *Anisakis*

# ○ Analysis of the PMSI database identified 43 hospitalized cases (anisakidosis reported as main or associated diagnosis)

- Median age: 51 years (8-81)
- Female predominance (62%)

Nombre total de cas d'anisakidose (réseau Anofel et réseau d'allergovigilance, RAV) identifiés entre 2010 et 2014 en France métropolitaine comparés aux cas identifiés par le PMSI



PMSI data base



Parasitol dpt survey



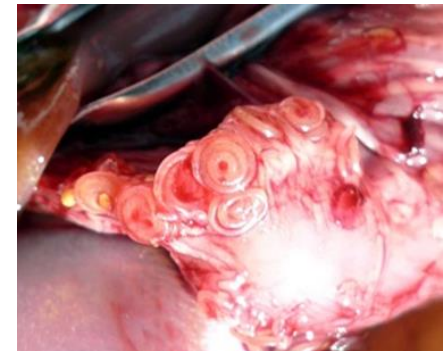
DP=diagnostic principal ; DA=diagnostic associé.

- The female predominance of anisakidosis could be due to a higher preference for sushi.
- This preference was demonstrated in Japanese but not in French women.
- Women could be more implicated in preparing raw fish recipes at home than men.



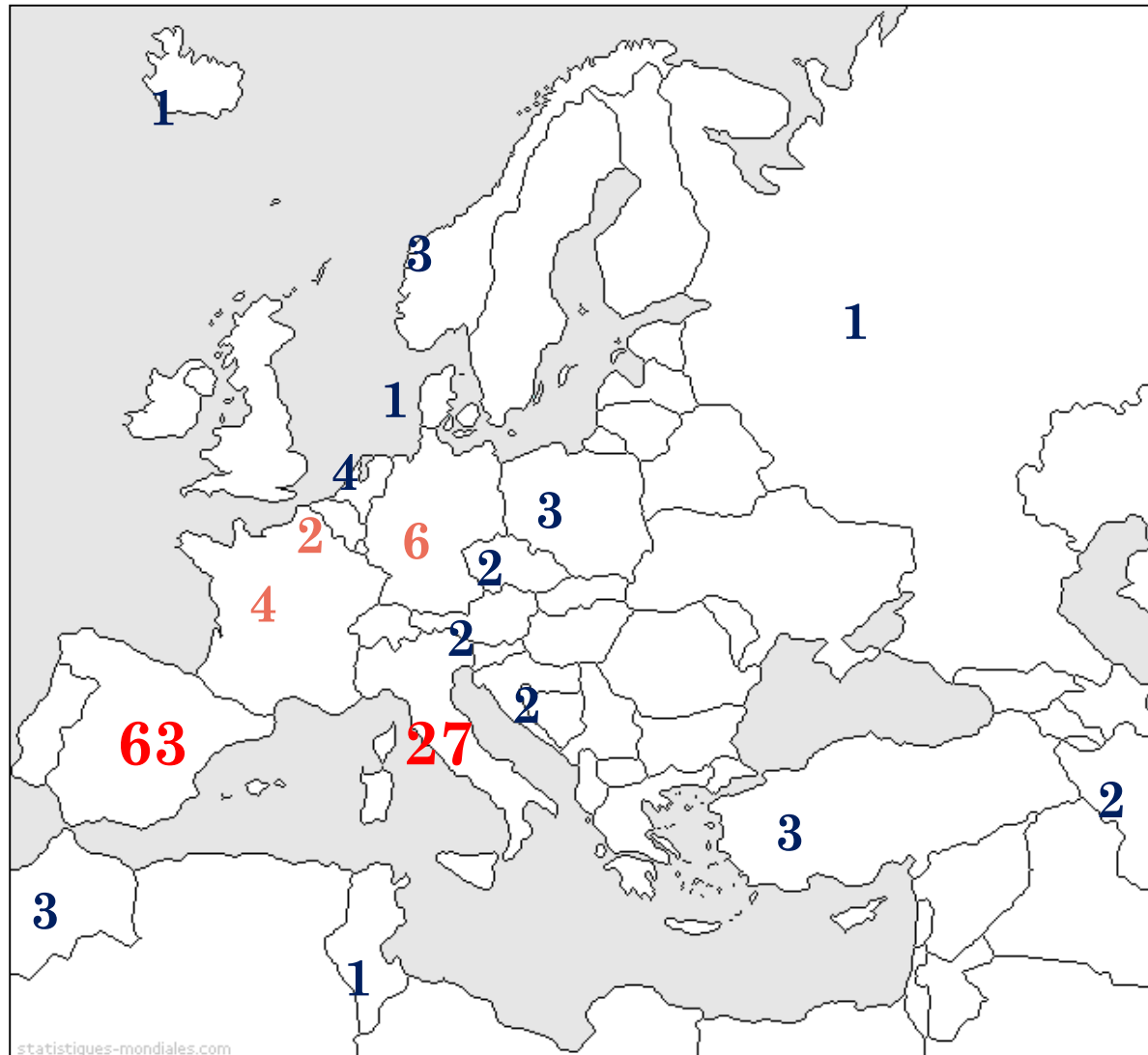
- Compared with a previous survey performed in France 25 years ago (Hubert et al., 1989), this study indicates:
  - a decrease of clinical cases of anisakidosis  
**0.23 cases/months in 2014 vs 0.63 in 1987**
  - the emerging allergic potential of anisakids whose importance for public health in France should be better evaluated.

- Data from the French hospital medical information database reliable information about the incidence of anisakidosis
- The unfrequent human cases contrast with the high prevalence of anisakids in fish. This could be explained by :
  - EU regulation advising to cook or deep freeze fish
  - Spontaneous elimination of anisakids by humans
  - Elimination of parasites by professionals when preparing filets



# Papers devoted to anisakiasis in Europe

- **Key words Medline:** « country, anisakiasis, human», past 10 years



# STUDIES IN TURKEY ?

- Data in Fish
- No Data in humans (to my knowledge)

# Gökçeada Kıyı Sularındaki Balıkların Parazitik Nematodları

## Parasitic Nematodes of Fish in the Coastal Waters of Gökçeada

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Türkiye Parazit Derg  
2013; 37: 199-202

Akmırza A. 201  
Balıkların Parazitik Nematodları

**Tablo 1.** Nematod türleri, bulunduğu konakçılar ve enfeksiyon değerleri

Parazit türü	Konakçı	İBS	PBS	TPS	P %	Ortalama yoğunluk	Min-max
<i>Anisakis simplex</i>	<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	9	7	92	77,78	13,14	4-23
	<i>Alosa fallax</i>	6	2	5	33,3	2,5	2-3
	<i>Serranus hepatus</i>	4	1	5	25	5	5
	<i>Zeus faber</i>	1	1	>100	100	>100	>100
	<i>Scomber japoniscus</i>	71	6		8,45		2- >50
	<i>Uranoscopus scaber</i>	29	4	21	13,79	5,25	2-11
	<i>Sphyaena sphyraena</i>	12	5	14	41,67	2,8	1-6
	<i>Trachurus mediterraneus</i>	28	1	5	3,57	5	5
	<i>Conger conger</i>	26	4	14	15,38	3,5	1-6
	<i>Pomatomus saltator</i>	3	1	2	33,33	2	2
	<i>Mullus surmeletus</i>	46	1	2	2,17	2	2



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## Veterinary Parasitology

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### Molecular identification of Anisakis species (Nematoda: Anisakidae) from marine fishes collected in Turkish waters

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Black Sea	<i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i>	11.2 (10–19.5)	0/250
	<i>Trachurus trachurus</i>	13.8 (12.1–18)	0/198
	<i>Merlangius merlangus euxinus</i>	14.2 (10.5–22)	0/153
	<i>Mullus barbatus ponticus</i>	12.7 (12–16.9)	0/112
	<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>	10.2 (6.8–12.5)	0/102
	<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	18.3 (12–20.3)	0/62
	<i>Sarda sarda</i>	25.3 (22.4–32)	0/32

**No *Anisakis* in Black sea fish**

Aegean Sea	<i>Scomber japonicas</i>	28.1 (19–32.4)	10/10	100
	<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	26.2 (20.3–28)	8/10	80
	<i>Scomber scombrus</i>	30.3 (22–35.5)	8/8	100
	<i>Micromesistius poutassou</i>	29.4 (24–33.5)	6/8	75

***Anisakis* (*pegreffii*, *typica*, *simplex*) are present**

Mediterranean Sea	<i>Trachurus mediterraneus</i>	14.5 (11–16.8)	18/30	60
	<i>Mullus barbatus</i>	13.2 (10–14.5)	5/12	41.7
	<i>Sphyraena sphyraena</i>	33 (30–36)	0/2	0
	<i>Pagellus erythrinus</i>	23 (21–25)	0/2	0

# CONCLUSIONS

- Emergence of allergy to anisakids reported in numerous international studies
- Anisakidosis is a health problem in Mediterranean countries such as Spain and Italy
- Anisakidosis should be evaluated in Turkey as recent papers have shown the presence of anisakids in fish consumed in this country.



Many thanks!



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