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## HELMINTH FAUNA OF THE COMMON SHREW *SOREX ARANEUS* L. IN THE EUROPEAN PART OF THE SPECIES RANGE

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The structure and composition of the helminth fauna of *Sorex araneus* (Soricomorpha: Soricidae) in the European part of the species range are characterized. Ninety nine helminth species have been recorded in total, including 21 trematodes, 39 cestodes, 34 nematodes, 5 acanthocephalans. The high taxonomic diversity of helminths is due to the host's wide range and habitat versatility. Representatives of the Palaearctic faunal complex prevail among the parasites (70%). A majority of Holarctic and cosmopolitan species were polyxenous parasites found in shrew at larval stages of their development. The helminth fauna mainly comprises species with a complex life cycle, where *S. araneus* serves as a definitive or intermediate host. Comparative analysis of the helminth fauna of *Sorex araneus* in the European part of the species range has demonstrated a high level of difference in local component communities of parasites, mainly owing to rare (or accidental) species. The widespread species generating similarity in the helminth fauna of different parts of the *S. araneus* European range are specific parasites of Soricidae: trematodes *Brachylaima fulvum*, *Rubenstrema exasperatum*, cestodes *Monocercus arionis*, *Staphylocystis furcata*, *Neoskrjabinolepis schaldybini*, *Lineolepis scutigera*, *Ditestolepis diaphana*, *Vigisolepis spinulosa* and nematodes *Aonchotheca kutori*, *Eucoleus oesophagicola*, *Longistriata didas* and *L. codrus*.

**Key words:** shrews, *Sorex araneus*, diversity of parasites, Europe.

## ГЕЛЬМИНТОФАУНА ОБЫКНОВЕННОЙ БУРОЗУБКИ *SOREX ARANEUS* L. ЕВРОПЕЙСКОЙ ЧАСТИ АРЕАЛА

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Проведены исследования структуры и состава гельмитофагии *Sorex araneus* (Soricomorpha: Soricidae) европейской части ареала. Всего в Европе у *S. araneus* регистрируется 99 видов гельминтов, из которых трематод — 21, цестод — 39, нематод — 34, скребней — 5 видов. Высокое таксономическое разнообразие гельминтов определяется широким ареалом и эвритопностью этого вида хозяина. В составе гельмитофагии преобладают представители палеарктического фаунистического комплекса (70 %). Голарктические виды и космополиты в большинстве своем поликсенные паразиты, встречающиеся у бурозубки на личиночной стадии развития. Среди гельминтов значительное большинство паразитов со сложным жизненным циклом, в реализации которых *S. araneus* участвует в роли дефинитивного или промежуточного хозяина. Сравнительный анализ гельмитофагии *S. araneus* европейской части ареала показал высокое своеобразие локальных компонентных паразитарных сообществ, главным образом за счет редких (или случайных) паразитов. Широко распространенными и определяющими сходство гельмитофагии разных районов европейского ареала *S. araneus* являются специфичные паразиты Soricidae: трематоды *Brachylaima fulvum*, *Rubenstrema exasperatum*, цестоды *Monocercus arionis*, *Staphylocystis furcata*, *Neoskrjabinolepis schaldbybini*, *Lineolepis scutigera*, *Ditestolepis diaphana*, *Vigisolepis spinulosa* и нематоды *Aonchotheca kutori*, *Eucoleus oesophagicola*, *Longistriatida* и *L. codrus*.

**Ключевые слова:** бурозубки, *Sorex araneus*, видовое разнообразие паразитов, Европа.

The common shrew, *Sorex araneus* Linneus, 1758 (Soricomorpha: Soricidae), has a wide distribution in the Palaearctic, occurring from United Kingdom through central, northern and eastern Europe and Asia as far east as Lake Baikal and as far north as the Arctic coast. It is widespread throughout, with the exception of arid steppe and desert areas. In the Mediterranean, it occurs in most European continental areas, with the exception of large parts of Iberia, France, and Italy and the Balkans. There are isolated populations in the Pyrenees and the Massif Central (France). It is recorded from sea level to 2.500 m (Mitchell-Jones et al., 1999). The genetic diversity of this species is unique: 75 chromosomal races have been described, which can correspond to subspecies or geographic populations (Orlov et al., 2004; Orlov et al., 2007; Shchipanov et al., 2009; Shchipanov, Pavlova, 2016). The high genetic heterogeneity of hosts generates the wide geographic variation of local populations that can influence to the species composition of parasites.

Studies of the helminth fauna of the common shrew have been numerous, covering various geographic and landscape zones. On the other hand, papers offering a synthesis are few, and there is in fact only one that closely considers the structure and genesis of European cestodes fauna in shrews (Binkiene et al., 2011).

This paper is an attempt to make modern description of the helminth fauna in *Sorex araneus* in the European part of its range and to assess the biogeographic aspects of its formation relying on published data.

## MATERIAL AND METHODS

This analysis of the helminth fauna of the common shrew (*Sorex araneus*) was based on the results of parasitological studies carried out at different times in different parts of Europe: Vasilyev, 1949; Viktorov et al., 1964; Prokopic, Mahnerti, 1970; Barus et al., 1977; Mas-Coma, Galego, 1977; Romashov, 1983; Pecher, 1996; Okulova et al., 2003; Binkiene et al., 2011.

We carried out a comparative analysis of the species composition of helminths in *S. araneus* using the results of parasitological monitoring surveys (in 17 regions in total) on a broad sample of hosts in the following countries: Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981; Shimalov, 2007, 2012; Kornienko, Binkiene, 2008); Bulgaria (Prokopic et al., 1974; Genov, 1984; Genov, Georgiev, 1998); Czechia (Prokopic, 1958, 1959, 1972; Prokopic et al., 1974; Nasincova, Busta, 1991; Moravec, 2000); United Kingdom (Sharpe, 1964; Lewis, 1968, 1987; Churchfield, 1990; Roots, 1992); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006; Kornienko, Binkiene, 2008; Kornienko et al., 2016); Moldova (Andrejko, 1973); Poland (Soltys, 1952, 1954; Rybicka, 1959; Źarmowski, 1955, 1960; Kisielewska, 1961; Pojmanska, 1961); Ukraine (Bychovskaya-Pavlovskaya et al., 1970, 1978; Mel'nicenko, Panasenko, 1979; Tkach, 1993; Iskova et al., 1995; Tkach, Bray, 1995; Vysotskaya, 1997; Tkach, Swiderski, 1998); Finland (Erkinaro, Heikura, 1977; Haukisalmi, 1989; Haukisalmi, Henttonen, 1994; Bugmyrin et al., 2003; 2008; Haukisalmi, 2015); France (Jourdane, 1971, 1973; Vaucher, 1971; Vaucher, Durette-Desset, 1973; Ribas et al., 2005); Slovakia (Prokopic, 1958, 1959, 1972; Mituch, 1968; Vaucher, 1971; Prokopic et al., 1974; Matskasi, 1984; Mészáros, 1984; Murai et al., 1992; Stefancikova et al., 1994; Hanzelova, Rysavy, 1996, 1999); Switzerland (Baer, 1932; Vaucher, Hunkeler, 1967; Vaucher, 1971; Vaucher, Durette-Desset, 1973) and regions of Russia: Murmanskaya oblast' (Anikanova et al., 2005); Republic of Karelia (Novikov, 1992; Bugmyrin et al., 2003, 2008; Anikanova et al., 2007, 2009), Republic of Komi (Yushkov, 1995); Republic of Mordovia (Schaldybin, 1964); Samarskaya oblast' (Kirillova, 2004; Kirillova, Kirillov, 2007). The degree of similarity of the helminth fauna was measured by Jaccard index. Cluster analysis (Euclidian distance, Ward's method) was performed and the bootstrap dendrogram was constructed using PAST Ver. 2.17 software (Hammer et al., 2001). The taxonomic positions and full Latin names of taxa are given according to the Fauna Europaea Database (Gibson et al., 2014), Global Cestode Database (<http://tapewormdb.uconn.edu>), and, Keys to the Nematoda (Anderson et al., 2000) and Trematoda (Gibson et al., 2002; Jones et al., 2005; Bray et al., 2008).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The helminth fauna of the common shrew in the European part of the species range includes 99 species (see table).

The systematic list of helminths *Sorex araneus*,  
noted in the European part of the range

Species (with synonyms)	Faunistic complex	Country (the author)
Trematoda		
Brachylaimidae		
<i>Brachylaima fulvum</i> Dujardin, 1843 (Syn.: <i>Panopistus europaeus</i> Soltys, 1952; <i>Brachylaemus oesophagi</i> Shaldybin, 1953; <i>Brachylaemus migrans</i> Dujardin, 1845)	Palearctic	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981; Shimalov, 2007, 2012); Bulgaria (Genov, 1984; Prokopić et al., 1974); Czechia (Prokopic, 1958); Finland (Haukisalmi, 1989; Haukisalmi, Henttonen, 1994); France (Jourdane, 1971, 1973; Ribas et al., 2005); Germany (Pecher et al., 1996); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Moldova (Andrejko, 1973); Poland (Soltys, 1952; Zarmowski, 1960); Russia (Vasilyev, 1949; Schaldybin, 1964; Novikov, 1992; Yushkov, 1995; Anikanova et al., 2005, 2007, 2009; Bugmyrin et al., 2008); Slovakia (Prokopic, 1958; Matskasi, 1984); Spain (Mas-Coma, Gallego, 1977); Ukraine (Bychovskaya-Pavlovskaya et al., 1970; Iskova et al., 1995; Mel'nicenko, Pansenko, 1979; Tkach, 1993; Vysotskaya, 1997); United Kingdom (Churchfield, 1990; Lewis, 1968, 1987; Roots, 1992)
Panopistidae		
<i>Panopistus pricei</i> Sinitzin, 1931	Palearctic	Czechia (Prokopic, 1958); Slovakia (Prokopic, 1958; Mituch, 1968)
<i>Pseudoleucochloridium soricis</i> (Soltys, 1952) (Syn.: <i>Leucochloridium soricis</i> Soltys 1952; <i>Leucochloridium skrabini</i> , Shaldibin, 1953)	West Palearctic	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981; Shimalov, 2007, 2012); Bulgaria (Genov, 1984; Prokopić et al., 1974); Czechia (Prokopić, 1958); Finland (Haukisalmi, Henttonen, 1994); France (Jourdane, 1971, 1973); Hungary (Murai et al., 1992); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Poland (Soltys, 1954); Russia (Schaldybin, 1964; Yushkov, 1995); Slovakia (Prokopić, 1958; Mituch, 1968); Spain (Mas-Coma, Gallego, 1977); Switzerland (Vaucher, Hunkeler, 1967); Ukraine (Bychovskaya-Pavlovskaya et al., 1970; Iskova et al., 1995; Mel'nicenko, Pansenko, 1979; Tkach, 1993)
<i>Pseudoleucochloridium rotundus</i> Bychowskaja-Pavlovskaja et Kulakova, 1970	Palearctic	Ukraine (Bychovskaya-Pavlovskaya et al., 1970; Iskova et al., 1995; Vysotskaya, 1997)
Strigeidae		
<i>Strigea falconis</i> Szidat, 1928, larvae (Syn.: <i>Festucaria strigis</i> Frohlich, 1802; <i>Amphistoma striatum</i> Rudolphi, 1809)	Cosmopolitan	Belarus (Shimalov, 2007, 2012); Romania (Tkach, 1993); Ukraine (Iskova et al., 1995; Tkach, 1993)

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Species (with synonyms)	Faunistic complex	Country (the author)
<i>S. sphaerula</i> (Rudolphi, 1803), larvae (Syn.: <i>Amphistoma sphaerula</i> Rudolphi, 1803; <i>Holostomum sphaerula</i> of Dujardin, 1845)	Palearctic	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Shimalov, 2007, 2012)
<i>S. strigis</i> (Schrank, 1788), larvae (Syn.: <i>Festucaria strigis</i> , Schrank, 1788)	Palearctic	Belarus (Shimalov, 2007); Romania (Tkach, 1993); Ukraine (Iskova et al., 1995)
Diplostomidae		
<i>Alaria alata</i> (Goeze, 1782), larvae (Syn.: <i>Planaria alata</i> Goeze, 1782; <i>Distomum putorii</i> Molin, 1858)	Cosmopolitan	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981; Shimalov, 2012); Bulgaria (Genov, 1984; Genov, Georgiev, 1998); Russia (Viktorov et al., 1964; Kirillova, 2004); Slovakia (Štefancíková et al., 1994); Ukraine (Iskova et al., 1995; Mel'nicenko, Panasenko, 1979)
<i>Neodiplostomum major</i> Dubinina, 1950, larvae	Palearctic	Bulgaria (Genov, 1984); Romania (Tkach, 1993)
<i>N. spathoides</i> Dubois, 1937, larvae	Palearctic	Romania (Tkach, 1993)
Dicrocoeliidae		
<i>Prosolecithus danubica</i> Tkach et Bray, 1995	Palearctic	Ukraine (Tkach, Bray, 1995)
<i>Hyperosomum soricis</i> (Diesing, 1858), larvae (Syn.: <i>Distoma soricis</i> Diesing, 1858; <i>Dicrocoelium soricis</i> (Diesing 1858) Joyeux et Baer, 1936)	Palearctic	Bulgaria (Genov, 1984); Poland (Soltys, 1954); Romania (Tkach, 1993); Slovakia (Prokopic, 1958); Ukraine (Vysotskaya, 1997); United Kingdom (Lewis, 1968, 1987; Churchfield, 1990; Roots, 1992)
<i>L. transcarpathicus</i> , Bychowskaja-Pavlovskaja et Kulakova, 1978, larvae	Palearctic	Ukraine (Bychovskaya-Pavlovskaya et al., 1978; Iskova et al., 1995)
Prosthogonimidae		
<i>Cephalotrema minutum</i> Baer, 1943, larvae	Palearctic	Slovakia (Prokopić, 1958)
Plagiorchiidae		
<i>Skrjabinoplagiorchis polonicus</i> (Soltys, 1957) (Syn.: <i>Plagiorchis polonicus</i> Soltys, 1957; <i>Skrjabinoplagiorchis morosovi</i> Varenov, 1965)	Holarctic	Belarus (Shimalov, 2007)

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Species (with synonyms)	Faunistic complex	Country (the author)
<b>Omphalometridae</b>		
<i>Neoglyphe locellus</i> (Kossack, 1910) (Syn.: <i>Opisthioglyphe locellus</i> , Kossack 1910)	Holarctic	Belarus (Shimalov, 2007); Bulgaria (Genov, 1984); Romania (Tkach, 1993); Russia (Vasilyev, 1949); Ukraine (Iskova et al., 1995; Tkach, 1993)
<i>N. sobolevi</i> (Schaldybin, 1953) (Syn.: <i>Opisthioglyphe sobolevi</i> (Schaldybin 1953); <i>Sorexeglyphe sobolevi</i> (Schaldybin, 1953) Nadtochii, 1965; <i>S. suifunensis</i> Sadovskaja, 1952; <i>Opisthioglyphe soricis</i> Pojmanska, 1956)	Holarctic	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981; Shimalov, 2007, 2012); Finland (Haukisalmi, 1989; Haukisalmi, Henttonen, 1994; Bugmyrin et al., 2003); Hungary (Murai et al., 1992); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Poland (Pojmanska, 1961); Romania (Tkach, 1993); Russia (Schaldybin, 1964; Viktorov et al., 1964; Yushkov, 1995; Anikanova et al., 2005, 2007, 2009; Kirillova, 2004); Switzerland (Vaucher, Hunkeler, 1967); Ukraine (Iskova et al., 1995; Mel'nicenko, Panasenko, 1979; Tkach, 1993); United Kingdom (Lewis, 1987; Roots, 1992)
<i>Rubenstrema exasperatum</i> (Rudolphi, 1819) (Syn.: <i>Distoma exasperatum</i> Rudolphi, 1819; <i>Opisthoglyphe exasperatum</i> Dollfus, 1949)	Palearctic (West Palearctic)	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981; Shimalov, 2007, 2012); Bulgaria (Genov, 1984); Czechia (Prokopic, 1958); Finland (Haukisalmi, 1989); Hungary (Murai et al., 1992); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Moldova (Andrejko, 1973); Poland (Pojmanska, 1961; Soltys, 1952; Zarmowski, 1960); Romania (Tkach, 1993); Russia (Vasilyev, 1949; Schaldybin, 1964; Viktorov et al., 1964; Novikov, 1992; Yushkov, 1995; Anikanova et al., 2005; Kirillova, 2004; Anikanova et al., 2007b, 2009); Slovakia ((Prokopic, 1958; Mituch, 1968); Ukraine (Bychovskaya-Pavlovskaya et al., 1970; Iskova et al., 1995; Mel'nicenko, Panasenko, 1979; Tkach, 1993; Vysotskaya, 1997); United Kingdom (Churchfield, 1990)
<i>R. opisthovitellinus</i> (Soltys, 1954) (Syn.: <i>Opisthoglyphe opisthovitellinus</i> Soltys, 1954; <i>Plagiorchis opisthovitellinus</i> Soltys, 1954)	Palearctic (West Palearctic)	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981; Shimalov, 2007, 2012); Bulgaria (Genov, 1984); Czechia (Prokopic, 1958; Nasincova, Busta, 1991); Finland (Haukisalmi, 1989, Haukisalmi, Henttonen, 1994); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Poland (Zarmowski, 1960; Pojmanska, 1961); Romania (Tkach, 1993); Ukraine (Tkach, 1993; Iskova et al., 1995)
<b>Troglotrematidae</b>		
<i>Nephrotrema truncatum</i> (Leuckart, 1842) (Syn.: <i>Distoma (Soricitrema) baeri</i> Bykhovskaja-Pavlov-	Palearctic (West Palearctic)	Bulgaria (Prokopic et al., 1974; Genov, 1984); France (Jourdane, 1971, 1973; Ribas et al., 2005); Russia (Vasilyev, 1949); Slovakia (Mituch, 1968); Spain

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skaja, Vysotzkajab et Kulakova, 1970)		(Mas-Coma, Gallego, 1977); Ukraine (Bychovskaya-Pavlovskaya et al., 1970, Iskova et al., 1995; Vysotskaya, 1997)
	Nanophyetidae	
<i>Skrjabinophyetus soricis</i> Jourdane, 1973, larvae	Paleartic (West Palearctic)	France (Jourdane, 1973); Slovakia (Matskasi, 1984)
	Cestoda	
	Hymenolepididae	
<i>Novobrachylepis triovaria</i> (Karpenko, 1990) (Syn.: <i>Bachylepis triovaria</i> (Karpenko, 1990); <i>Mathevolpis triovaria</i> Karpenko, 1990)	Paleartic	Russia (Kirillova, 2004)
<i>Coronacanthus integrus</i> (Hamann, 1891) (Syn.: <i>Taenia integrus</i> Hamann, 1891; <i>Hymenolepis polyacantha</i> Baer, 1931; <i>Coroacanthus polyacantha</i> (Baer, 1931) Spasskii 1954; <i>Dicranotaenia polyacantha</i> (Baer, 1931) Lopez-Neyra, 1942; <i>Hymenolepis integra</i> Joyeuxet Baer, 1952; <i>Cysticercoidea bairdburni</i> Lal, 1952)	Paleartic	Czechia (Prokopič, 1958); Moldova (Andrejko, 1973); Slovakia (Prokopič, 1958; Mituch, 1968; Stefancikova et al., 1994)
<i>C. omissa</i> (Baer et Joyeux, 1943) (Syn.: <i>Hymenolepis omissa</i> Baer et Joyeux, 1943; <i>Hymenolepis anacetabulata</i> Soltys, 1954; <i>Acotylolepis anacetabulata</i> (Soltys, 1954) Yamaguti, 1959; <i>Coronacanthus spasskii</i> Prokopic, 1957)	Paleartic	Slovakia (Mituch, 1968)
<i>Ditestolepis diaphana</i> (Cholodkowsky, 1906) (Syn.: <i>Hymenolepis diaphana</i> , Cholodkowsky, 1906; <i>Neoskrjabinolepis diaphana</i> (Cholodkowsky, 1906) Kobulej, 1953; <i>Dicranotaenia diaphana</i> (Cholodkowsky, 1906) Skrjabin et Mathevossian, 1948; <i>Soricinia diaphana</i> (Cholodkowsky, 1906) Zarnowski, 1955; <i>Sinuterilepis spasskii</i> Sadovskaja, 1965)	Paleartic	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981; Shimalov, 2007, 2012); Belgium (Vaucher, 1971); Bulgaria (Prokopic et al., 1974; Genov, 1984; Genov, Georgiev, 1998); Czechia (Prokopic, 1958, 1972; Prokopic et al., 1974); Denmark (Vaucher, 1971); Finland (Haukisalmi, 1989; Bugmyrin et al., 2003, 2008; Haukisalmi, 2015); France (Jourdane, 1971; Vaucher, 1971); Germany (Vaucher, 1971); Holland (Vaucher, 1971); Hungary (Murai et al., 1992); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Norway (Vaucher, 1971); Poland (Soltys, 1952; Zarnowski, 1955; Rybicka,

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Species (with synonyms)	Faunistic complex	Country (the author)
<i>Gulyaevolepis tripartita</i> (Zarnowski, 1955) (Syn.: <i>Sorcinia tripartita</i> Zarnowski, 1955; <i>Vampirolepis tripartita</i> (Zarnowski, 1955) Zarnowski, 1956; <i>Ditestolepis tripartita</i> (Zarnowski 1955); <i>Ecrinolepis tripartita</i> (Zarnowski, 1955) Gulyaev, 1991)	Palearctic	1959; Kisielewska, 1961); Russia (Vasilyev, 1949; Schaldaybin, 1964; Yushkov, 1995; Okulova et al., 2003; Anikanova et al., 2005, 2007, 2009; Bugmyrin et al., 2003, 2008; Kirillova, 2004); Slovakia (Mituch, 1968; Prokopić, 1958; Stefancikova et al., 1994); Spain (Mas-Coma, Gallego, 1977); Sweden (Vaucher, 1971); Switzerland (Vaucher, Hunkeler, 1967; Vaucher, 1971); Ukraine (Mel'nicenko, Panasenko, 1979; Tkach, 1993); United Kingdom (Roots, 1992)
<i>Hilmylepis (?) kodrensis</i> Spassky et Andrejko, 1969 a species inquirenda (Vasileva et al., 2004)	Palearctic	Bulgaria (Genov, Georgiev, 1998); Czechia (Prokopic, 1972); Finland (Haukisalmi, 1989; Haukisalmi, 2015); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Norway (Vaucher, 1971); Poland (Zarnowski, 1955; Rybicka, 1959; Kisielewska, 1961); Russia (Okulova et al., 2003; Anikanova et al., 2005, 2007, 2009); Slovakia (Murai, Meszaros, 1984); Sweden (Vaucher, 1971); Switzerland (Vaucher, Hunkeler, 1967; Vaucher, 1971)
<i>Lineolepis scutigera</i> (Dujardin, 1845) (Syn.: <i>Hymenolepis toxometra</i> Baer, 1932); <i>Taenia scutigera</i> Dujardin, 1845; <i>Choanotaenia scutigera</i> Dujardin, 1845; <i>Hymenolepis scutigera</i> (Dujardin, 1845) nec Dollfus, 1961; <i>Staphylocystis toxometra</i> (Baer, 1932) Yamaguti, 1959 sensu Spassky et Andrejko, 1970)	Palearctic	Moldova (Andrejko, 1973)

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Species (with synonyms)	Faunistic complex	Country (the author)
<i>Neoskrjabinolepis merkushevae</i> Kornienko et Binkiene, 2008	Palaearctic	Belarus, Lithuania (Kornienko, Binkienè, 2008); Finland (Haukisalmi, 2015)
<i>N. schaldybini</i> Spassky, 1947 (Syn.: <i>Hymenolepis scalaris</i> (Dujardin, 1845) sensu Baer, 1932; <i>Hymenolepis singularis</i> (Cholodkowski, 1912) sensu Baylis, 1934; <i>Hymenolepis scutigera</i> (Dujardin, 1845) sensu Dollfus, 1961; <i>Hymenolepis schaldybini</i> (Spassky, 1947) Vaucher, 1971; <i>Neoskrjabinolepis singularis</i> sensu Prokopic et Genov 1974)	Palaearctic	Austria (Vaucher, 1971); Belarus (Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981); Belgium (Vaucher, 1971); Bulgaria (Genov, 1984; Genov, Georgiev, 1998); Denmark (Vaucher, 1971); Finland (Haukisalmi, 1989; Haukisalmi, Henttonen, 1994; Bugmyrin et al., 2008; Haukisalmi, 2015); France (Jourdane, 1971; Vaucher, 1971); Germany (Pecher et al., 1996; Vaucher, 1971); Holland (Vaucher, 1971); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Moldova (Andrejko, 1973); Norway (Vaucher, 1971); Poland (Pojmanska, 1961); Russia (Schaldybin, 1964; Novikov, 1992; Yushkov, 1995; Kirillova, 2004; Anikanova et al., 2005, 2007, 2009; Bugmyrin et al., 2008); Slovakia (Vaucher, 1971; Murai, Meszaros, 1984; Štefančíková et al., 1994; Hanzelova, Rysavy, 1996); Spain (Mas-Coma Galego, 1977); Sweden (Vaucher, 1971); Switzerland (Baer, 1932; Vaucher, Hunkeler, 1967; Vaucher, 1971); Ukraine (Tkach, 1993); United Kingdom (Sharpe, 1964; Lewis, 1968, 1987; Churchfield, 1990; Roots, 1992)
<i>N. singularis</i> (Cholodkowsky, 1912) (Syn.: <i>Hymenolepis singularis</i> Cholodkowsky 1912); <i>Dicranotaenia singularis</i> (Cholodkowski, 1912) Lopez-Neyra, 1942)	Palaearctic	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981; Shimalov, 2007, 2012); Bulgaria (Prokopić et al., 1974); Czechia (Prokopić, 1958, 1972; Prokopić et al., 1974); Denmark (Vaucher, 1971); Finland (Haukisalmi, 1989; Haukisalmi, Henttonen, 1994; Bugmyrin et al., 2003; Haukisalmi, 2015); France (Vaucher, 1971); Germany (Vaucher, 1971); Holland (Vaucher, 1971); Hungary (Murai et al., 1992); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Norway (Vaucher, 1971); Poland (Soltys, 1952; Zarnowski, 1955; Rybicka, 1959; Kisielewska, 1961; Pojmanska, 1961); Russia (Vasilyev, 1949; Viktorov et al., 1964; Okulova et al., 2003; Bugmyrin et al., 2003; Anikanova et al., 2007); Slovakia (Prokopić, 1958, 1972; Mituch, 1968; Hanzelova, Rysavy, 1996); Sweden (Vaucher, 1971); Switzerland (Baer, 1932; Vaucher, Hunkeler, 1967; Vaucher, 1971); Ukraine (Mel'nicenko, Panasenko, 1979); United Kingdom (Sharpe, 1964; Lewis, 1968, 1987; Churchfield, 1990; Roots, 1992)

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<i>Neomylepis magnirostellata</i> (Baer, 1931) (Syn.: <i>Vampirolepis heleni</i> Shaldybin, 1964; <i>Hymenolepis magnirostellata</i> Baer, 1931; <i>Vampirolepis magnirostellata</i> (Baer, 1931) Spasskii, 1954; <i>Rodentolepis magnirostellata</i> (Baer, 1931) Tkach et Zhumbekova, 1996)	Palearctic	Belarus (Shimalov, 2007, 2012); Bulgaria (Genov, 1984); Czechia (Prokopic, 1958, 1972; Prokopic et al., 1974); Slovakia (Prokopic, 1958, 1972; Mituch, 1968; Hanzelova, Rysavy, 1996)
<i>Pseudobothrialepis mathevosiana</i> Schaldybin, 1957 (Syn.: <i>Cryptocotylepis globosoides</i> (Soltys, 1954); <i>Hymenolepis globosoides</i> (Soltys, 1954) sensus Vaucher, 1971)	Palearctic	Belgium (Vaucher, 1971); Czechia (Prokopic, 1972); Finland (Haukisalmi, 1989; Haukisalmi, 2015); France (Jourdane, 1971); Holland (Vaucher, 1971); Norway (Vaucher, 1971); Russia (Schaldybin, 1964; Okulova et al., 2003; Kirillova, 2004; Anikanova et al., 2007); Slovakia (Mituch, 1968; Hanzelova, Rysavy, 1996)
<i>Skrjabinacanthus jacutensis</i> Spasskii et Morosov, 1959 (Syn.: <i>Hymenolepis jacutensis</i> (Spassky et Morosov, 1959) Vaucher, 1971)	Palearctic	Belgium (Vaucher, 1971); France (Jourdane, 1971); Russia (Okulova et al., 2003); United Kingdom (Roots, 1992)
<i>Sorcinia infirma</i> (Zarnowski, 1956) (Syn.: <i>Insectivorellis infirma</i> Zarnowsky, 1956; <i>Hymenolepis infirma</i> Zarnowsky, 1955; <i>Ditestolepis secunda</i> Schaldybin, 1964)	West Palearctic	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981; Shimalov, 2007); Belgium (Vaucher, 1971); Bulgaria (Prokopic et al., 1974; Genov, 1984; Genov, Georgiev, 1998); Czechia (Prokopic, 1972); Finland (Haukisalmi, 1989; Haukisalmi, Henttonen, 1994; Bugmyrin et al., 2003; Haukisalmi, 2015); France (Vaucher, 1971); Germany (Vaucher, 1971); Poland (Zarnowski, 1955); Slovakia (Murai, Meszaros, 1984); Spain (Mas-Coma, Galego, 1977); Russia (Schaldybin, 1964; Yushkov, 1995); Switzerland (Vaucher, Hunkele, 1967; Vaucher, 1971); United Kingdom (Roots, 1992)
<i>S. globosa</i> (Baer, 1931) (Syn.: <i>Hymenolepis globosa</i> Baer, 1931; <i>Dicranotaenia globosa</i> (Baer, 1931) Lopez-Neyra, 1942)	West Palearctic	Bulgaria (Prokopic et al., 1974); Czechia (Prokopic, 1958); Slovakia (Prokopic, 1958; Mituch, 1968; Hanzelova, Rysavy, 1996)
<i>S. sorcicis</i> (Baer, 1927) (Syn.: <i>Hymenolepis minuta</i> Baer, 1925; <i>Hymenolepis sorcicis</i> Baer, 1928)	West Palearctic	Belarus (Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981; Shimalov, 2012); Czechia (Prokopic, 1958); Finland (Haukisalmi, 1989); Lithuania (Kornienko et al., 2016); Moldova (Andrejko, 1973); Russia (Kirillova, 2004); Slovakia (Prokopic, 1958; Mituch, 1968; Hanzelova, Rysavy, 1996)

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<i>Spasskylepis ovaluteri</i> Shaldybin, 1964 (Syn.: <i>S. phoedorovi</i> Karpenko, 1983; <i>Hymenolepis diaphana</i> Cholodkowski, 1906 sensu Vaucher, 1971 <i>pro parte</i> )	Palaearctic	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Finland (Haukisalmi, 2015); Russia (Schaldybin, 1964; Yushkov, 1995; Anikanova et al., 2005, 2007, 2009)
<i>Staphylocystoides stefanskii</i> (Zarnowski, 1954) (Syn.: <i>Hymenolepis stefanskii</i> Zarnovski, 1954; <i>Zarnowskia stefanskii</i> (Zarnowski, 1954) Spassky et Andreiko, 1970; <i>Vampirolepis stefanskii</i> (Zarnowski, 1954) Zarnowski, 1955; <i>Neoskrjabinolepis stefanskii</i> (Zarnowski, 1954) Schaldybin, 1964)	Palaearctic	Belgium (Vaucher, 1971); Czechia (Prokopčík, 1972); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Finland (Haukisalmi, 2015); France (Jourdane, 1971; Vaucher, 1971); Poland (Soltys, 1954; Žarnowski, 1955; Rybicka, 1959); Russia (Schaldybin, 1964; Anikanova et al., 2009); Slovakia (Murai, Meszaros, 1984); Switzerland (Vaucher, Hunkeler, 1967; Vaucher, 1971); Ukraine (Tkach, Swiderski, 1998)
<i>Staphylocystis alpestris</i> (Baer, 1931) Spassky, 1950 (Syn.: <i>Hymenolepis alpestris</i> Baer, 1931; <i>Dicranotaenia alpestris</i> (Baer, 1931) Skrjabin et Mathevossian, 1945)	Palaearctic	Slovakia (Prokopčík, 1959; Mituch, 1968; Hanzelova, Rysavy, 1996)
<i>S. furcata</i> (Stieda, 1862) (Syn.: <i>Taenia furcata</i> Stieda, 1862; <i>Dicranotaenia furcata</i> (Stieda, 1862) Lopez-Neyra, 1942; <i>Dicranotaenia furcata</i> (Stieda, 1862) Skrjabin et Mathevossian, 1948; <i>Dicranotaenia fulleborni</i> (Hilmy, 1936) Kobulej et Versenyi, 1953; <i>Hymenolepis furcata</i> (Stieda, 1862) Meggitt, 1924; <i>Lepidotriias furcata</i> (Stieda, 1862) Cohn, 1869; <i>Weinlandia furcata</i> (Stieda, 1862) Mayer, 1925; <i>Hymenolepis uncinata</i> (Stieda, 1862) sensu Baer, 1932)	Palaearctic	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981; Shimakov, 2007, 2012); Belgium (Vaucher, 1971); Bulgaria (Prokopčík et al., 1974; Genov, 1984); Czechia (Prokopčík, 1958, 1972; Prokopčík et al., 1974); Finland (Haukisalmi, 1989; Haukisalmi, Henttonen, 1994; Bugmyrin et al., 2003, 2008; Haukisalmi, 2015); France (Jourdane, 1971; Vaucher, 1971); Holland (Vaucher, 1971); Hungary (Murai et al., 1992); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Moldova (Andrejko, 1973); Norway (Vaucher, 1971); Poland (Soltys, 1952; Žarnowski, 1955; Rybicka, 1959; Kisielewska, 1961; Pojmanska, 1961); Romania (Tkach, 1993); Russia (Schaldybin, 1964; Yushkov, 1995; Okulova et al., 2003; Kirillova, 2004; Anikanova et al., 2005, 2007, 2009; Bugmyrin et al., 2008); Slovakia (Prokopčík, 1958, 1972; Mituch, 1968; Murai, Meszaros, 1984; Hanzelova, Rysavy, 1996); Spain (Mas-Coma, Galego, 1977); Sweden (Vaucher, 1971); Switzerland (Baer, 1932; Vaucher, Hunkeler, 1967; Vaucher, 1971); Ukraine (Mel'nicenko, Panasenko, 1979; Tkach, 1993); United Kingdom (Lewis, 1987; Churchfield, 1990; Roots, 1992)

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<i>Staphylocystis pistillum</i> (Dujardin, 1845) (Syn.: <i>Taenia pistillum</i> (Dujardin, 1845); <i>Taenia pistillum</i> Dujardin, 1845; <i>Dicranotaenia pistillum</i> (Dujardin, 1845) Lopez-Neyra, 1942; <i>Staphylocystis micracanthus</i> Villot, 1877; <i>Hymenolepis pistillum</i> (Dujardin, 1845) Fuhrman, 1926)	Palearctic	Poland (Soltys, 1954); Russia (Vasilyev, 1949); Slovakia (Prokopic, 1958; Mituch, 1968; Hanzelova, Rysavy, 1996)
<i>S. tiara</i> (Dujardin, 1845) (Syn.: <i>Taenia tiara</i> (Dujardin, 1845); <i>Dicranotaenia tiara</i> (Dujardin, 1845) Lopez-Neyra 1942; <i>Hymenolepis tiara</i> (Dujardin, 1845) Janicki, 1906; <i>Hymenolepis furcata</i> (Stieda, 1862) sensus Sosnina, 1961)	Palearctic	Belarus (Shimalov, 2007); Russia (Vasilyev, 1949)
<i>Triodontolepis bifurca</i> (Hamann, 1891) (Syn.: <i>Taenia bifurca</i> Hamann 1891; <i>Hymenolepis tridontophora</i> Soltys, 1954; <i>Vampirolepis tridontophora</i> (Soltys 1954) Prokopic, 1957; <i>Triodontolepis tridontophora</i> (Soltys, 1954) Yamaguti, 1959)	Palearctic (West Palearctic)	Slovakia (Mituch, 1968; Štefancíkova et al., 1994; Hanzelova, Rysavy, 1996)
<i>T. hamanni</i> (Mrazek, 1891) (Syn.: <i>Vampirolepis hamanni</i> (Mrazek, 1891); <i>Cysticeroides hamanni</i> Mrazek, 1891; <i>Hymenolepis hamanni</i> Joyeux et Baer, 1952; <i>Hynebolepis neomydis</i> Baer, 1931; <i>Dicranotaenia neomydis</i> Lopez-Neyra, 1942; <i>Vampirolepis neomydis</i> (Baer, 1931) Spasskij, 1954)	Palearctic (West Palearctic)	Slovakia (Mituch, 1968; Štefancíkova et al., 1994; Hanzelova, Rysavy, 1996)
<i>T. skrabini</i> Spasskii et Andrejko, 1968	Palearctic	Moldova (Andrejko, 1973)
<i>Urocystis prolifer</i> Villot, 1880 (Syn.: <i>Pseudodiorchis multispinosa</i> Zarnowski, 1955; <i>Pseudodiorchis kampinosi</i> Rybicka, 1958; <i>Hymenolepis curiosa</i> Stamer, 1955; <i>Echinoproboscillepis kedrovienensis</i> Sadovskaja, 1965; <i>Coronacanthus parvihamata</i> Sawada et Harada, 1990)	Palearctic	Belarus (Shimalov, 2012); Belgium (Vaucher, 1971); Bulgaria (Prokopic et al., 1974; Genov, 1984; Genov, Georgiev, 1998); Finland (Haukisalmi, 2015); France (Jourdane, 1971; Vaucher, 1971); Germany (Pecher et al., 1996; Vaucher, 1971); Holland (Vaucher, 1971); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Moldova (Andrejko, 1973); Poland (Rybicka, 1959; Kisielewska, 1961); Russia (Anikanova et al., 2007,

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<i>Vampirolepis khalili</i> (Hilmy, 1936) (Syn.: <i>Hymenolepis khalili</i> Hilmy, 1936)	Palearctic	2009); Slovakia (Prokopic, 1972); Switzerland (Vaucher, Hunkeler, 1967; Vaucher, 1971); Ukraine (Tkach, 1993); United Kingdom (Roots, 1992) Slovakia (Mituch, 1968; Hanzelova, Ryšavy, 1996)
<i>Vigisolepis spinulosa</i> (Cholodkovsky, 1906) (Syn.: <i>Hymenolepis spinulosa</i> Cholodkovsky, 1906; <i>Vigisolepis barboscolex</i> Spasskii, 1949; <i>Anatinella spinulosa</i> (Dubinina, 1953))	Palearctic	Austria (Vaucher, 1971); Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981; Shimalov, 2007, 2012); Belgium (Vaucher, 1971); Bulgaria (Prokopic et al., 1974; Genov, 1984; Genov, Georgiev, 1998); Czechia (Prokopic, 1958, 1972; Prokopic et al., 1974); Denmark (Vaucher, 1971); Finland (Haukisalmi, 1989; Bugmyrin et al., 2003; Haukisalmi, 2015); France (Vaucher, 1971); Germany (Vaucher, 1971); Holland (Vaucher, 1971); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Moldova (Andrejko, 1973); Norway (Vaucher, 1971); Poland (Soltys, 1952; Rybicka, 1959; Kisielska, 1961); Russia (Vasilyev, 1949; Schaldybin, 1964; Viktorov et al., 1964; Novikov, 1992; Yushkov, 1995; Okulova et al., 2003; Kirillova, 2004; Anikanova et al., 2007, 2009); Slovakia (Prokopic, 1958, 1972; Mituch, 1968; Murai, Meszaros, 1984; Hanzelova, Rysavy, 1996); Sweden (Vaucher, 1971); Switzerland (Baer, 1932; Vaucher, Hunkeler, 1967; Vaucher, 1971); Ukraine (Mel'nicenko, Panasenko, 1979); United Kingdom (Sharpe, 1964)
Taeniidae		
<i>Taenia martis</i> (Zeder, 1803), larvae (Syn.: <i>Halysis martis</i> Zeder, 1803; <i>Fimbriotaenia martis</i> (Zeder, 1803) Korniyushin et Sharpilo, 1986)	Holarctic	Russia (Yushkov, 1995)
<i>Versteria mustelae</i> (Gmelin, 1790), larvae (Syn.: <i>Taenia mustelae</i> Gmelin, 1790; <i>Halysis mustelae</i> Zeder, 1803; <i>Fimbriotaenia mustelae</i> (Gmelin, 1790) Korniyushin et Sharpilo, 1986)	Holarctic	Bulgaria (Genov, 1984); Russia (Anikanova et al., 2007, 2009)

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Davaineidae		
<i>Otiditaenia conoideis</i> (Bloch, 1782), larvae (Syn.: <i>Taenia conoideis</i> Bloch, 1782; <i>Taenia cuneata</i> Batsch, 1786; <i>Otiditaenia eupodotidis</i> Beddard, 1912; <i>Schistometra conoideis</i> (Bloch, 1782) Cholodkovsky, 1912; <i>Schistometra embensis</i> Cholodkovsky, 1915; <i>Schistometra togata</i> Cholodkovsky, 1912; <i>Schistoetra wettsteini</i> Weithofer, 1916)	Palearctic	Czechia (Prokopic, 1958); Slovakia (Prokopic, 1958)
Paruterinidae		
<i>Cladotaenia circi</i> Yamaguti, 1935, larvae	Holarctic	Bulgaria (Genov, 1984; Genov, Georgiev, 1998)
<i>C. globifera</i> (Batsch, 1786), larvae (Syn.: <i>Taenia globifera</i> Batsch, 1786)	Holarctic	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981; Shimakov, 2007, 2012); Bulgaria (Prokopic et al., 1974; Genov, 1984); Russia (Anikanova et al., 2007, 2009)
Dilepididae		
<i>Dilepis undula</i> (Schrank, 1788), larvae (Syn.: <i>Dilepis vulpis</i> Petrov et Janchev, 1960; <i>Taenia undulata</i> Rudolphi, 1810; <i>Taenia angulata</i> Rudolphi, 1810)	Palearctic	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981; Shimakov, 2007, 2012); Bulgaria (Prokopic et al., 1974; Genov, 1984; Genov, Georgiev, 1998); Czechia (Prokopic, 1972); Finland (Haukisalmi, 1989; Haukisalmi, Henttonen, 1994; Haukisalmi, 2015); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Russia (Okulova et al., 2003; Anikanova et al., 2005, 2007, 2009; Novikov, 1992); Yushkov, 1995); Slovakia (Hanzelova, Rysavy, 1999); Switzerland (Vaucher, Hunkeler, 1967); Ukraine (Vysotskaya, 1997)
<i>Hepatocestus hepaticus</i> (Baer, 1932) (Syn.: <i>Monopylidium hepaticum</i> Baer, 1932; <i>Choanotera exigua hepatica</i> (Baer, 1932))	Palearctic	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981); Czechia (Prokopic, 1958, 1972); Finland (Haukisalmi, 1989; Haukisalmi, 2015); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Moldova (Andrejko, 1973); Poland (Soltys, 1952; Źarnowski, 1955; Kisielewska, 1961); Russia (Novikov, 1992; Anikanova et al., 2007, 2009); Slovakia (Prokopic, 1958, 1972; Hanzelova, Rysavy, 1999); Switzerland (Baer, 1932; Vaucher, Hunkeler, 1967; Vaucher, 1971); Ukraine (Mel'nicenko, Panasenko, 1979); United Kingdom (Lewis, 1987; Churchfield, 1990; Roots, 1992)

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<i>Monocercus arionis</i> (Siebold, 1859) (Syn.: <i>Molluscotaenia crassiscolex</i> (von Linstow, 1890); <i>Cystucercus arionis</i> Siebold, 1850; <i>Taenia crassiscolex</i> Linstow, 1890; <i>Choanotaenia arionis</i> (Siebold, 1850), Clerc, 1903; <i>Monopilidium soricinum</i> Cholodkowsky, 1906; <i>Amoebotaenia subterranea</i> Cholodkowsky, 1906; <i>Anomotaenia subterranea</i> (Cholodkowsky, 1906) Fuhrmann, 1908; <i>Choanotaenia soricina</i> (Cholodkowsky, 1906) Meggitt, 1924; <i>Monopilidium scutigerum</i> (Dujardin, 1845) Baer, 1928; <i>Rodentotaenia crassiscolex</i> (Linstow 1890) Matevosyan, 1963; <i>Molluscotaenia crassiscolex</i> (Linstow, 1890) Spasskii et Andreiko, 1969; <i>Choanotaenia crassiscolex</i> (Linstow, 1890) Vaucher, 1971)	Palaearctic	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981; Shimalov, 2007, 2012); Bulgaria (Prokopic et al., 1974; Genov, 1984; Genov, Georgiev, 1998); Czechia (Prokopic, 1958, 1972); Finland (Haukisalmi, 1989; Haukisalmi, Henttonen, 1994; Bugmyrin et al., 2003, 2008; Haukisalmi, 2015); France (Jourdane, 1971, Vaucher, 1971); Hungary (Murai et al., 1992); Germany (Pecher et al., 1996); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Moldova (Andrejko, 1973); Poland (Soltys, 1952; Źarnowski, 1955; Rybicka, 1959); Romania (Tkach, 1993); Russia (Vasilyev, 1949; Schaldybin, 1964; Novikov, 1992; Yushkov, 1995; Okulova et al., 2003; Kirillova, 2004; Anikanova et al., 2005, 2007, 2009; Bugmyrin et al., 2008); Slovakia (Prokopic, 1958, 1972; Mituch, 1968; Murai, Meszaros, 1984; Štefancikova et al., 1994); Spain (Mas-Corma, Gallego, 1977); Switzerland (Baer, 1932; Vaucher, Hunkeler, 1967; Vaucher, 1971); Ukraine (Mel'nicenko, Panasenko, 1979; Tkach, 1993; Vysotskaya, 1997); United Kingdom (Sharpe, 1964; Lewis, 1968, 1987; Churchfield, 1990; Roots, 1992)
<i>Poly cercus lumbri ci</i> Villot, 1883, larvae (Syn.: <i>Taenia paradoxa</i> Rudolphi, 1802; <i>Poly cercus paradoxa</i> (Rudolphi, 1802) Spasskaya et Spasskii, 1970; <i>Drepanidotaenia paradoxa</i> (Rudolphi, 1802) Parona, 1899; <i>Choanotaenia paradoxa</i> (Rudolphi, 1802) Cohn, 1899; <i>Parachoanotaenia paradoxa</i> (Rudolphi, 1802) Lühe, 1910; <i>Icterotaenia paradoxa</i> (Rudolphi, 1802) Railliet et Henry, 1909; <i>Paricterotaenia paradoxa</i> (Rudolphi, 1802) Fuhrmann, 1932; <i>Sacciuterina paradoxa</i> (Rudolphi, 1802) Matheovossian, 1963; <i>Sacciuterina paradoxa</i> var. <i>gasowskae</i> Matheovossian, 1963)	Palaearctic	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969); Russia (Anikanova et al., 2009)
<i>Sacciuterina paradoxa</i> (Rudolphi, 1802), larvae (Syn.: <i>Taenia paradoxa</i> Rudolphi, 1802; <i>Poly cercus paradoxa</i> (Rudolphi, 1802))	Palaearctic	Belarus (Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981; Shimalov, 2007); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006)

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Diphyllothriidae		
<i>Spirometra erinacei-europaei</i> (Rudolphi, 1819), larvae (Syn.: <i>Diphyllobothrium erinaceieuropaei</i> (Rudolphi, 1919))	Cosmopolitan	Bulgaria (Genov, 1984; Genov, Georgiev, 1998); Russia (Anikanova et al., 2007)
Nematoda Capillariidae		
<i>Aonchotheca kutori</i> (Rukhlyadeva, 1946) (Syn.: <i>Capillaria kutori</i> Rukhlyadeva, 1964; <i>Capillaria ventricola</i> Soltys, 1952)	Palearctic (European)	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981; Shimalov, 2007, 2012); Bulgaria (Prokopic et al., 1974; Genov, 1984); Czechia (Prokopic, 1958; Moravec, 2000); Finland (Haukisalmi, 1989; Bugmyrin et al., 2003, 2008); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Poland (Soltys, 1952); Romania (Tkach, 1993); Slovakia (Prokopic, 1958; Mituch, 1968); Spain (Mas-Coma, Galego, 1977); Russia (Schaldybin, 1964; Yushkov, 1995; Anikanova et al., 2005, 2007, 2009; Bugmyrin et al., 2008); Ukraine (Mel'nicenko, Panasenko, 1979; Tkach, 1993); United Kingdom (Sharpe, 1964; Roots, 1992)
<i>A. minuta</i> (Chen, 1937) (Syn.: <i>Capillaria minuta</i> Chen, 1937)	Palearctic	Russia (Yushkov, 1995)
<i>A. petrovi</i> (Rukhlyadeva, 1946) (Syn.: <i>Capillaria petrovi</i> Rukhlyadeva, 1946)	Palearctic	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981); Czechia (Prokopič, 1958; Prokopic et al., 1974; Moravec, 2000); Russia (Schaldybin, 1964; Yushkov, 1995; Kirillova, 2004); Slovakia (Prokopic, 1958; Mituch, 1968); Ukraine (Mel'nicenko, Panasenko, 1979)
<i>Calodium cholidicola</i> (Soltys, 1952) (Syn.: <i>Capillaria cholidicola</i> Soltys, 1952)	Palearctic	Bulgaria (Prokopic et al., 1974); Poland (Soltys, 1952); Slovakia (Prokopic, 1958); United Kingdom (Wakelin, 1968; Lewis, 1987; Roots, 1992)
<i>C. hepaticum</i> (Bancroft, 1893) Moravec, 1982 (Syn.: <i>Capillaria hepatica</i> Bancroft, 1893; <i>Trichocephalus hepaticum</i> Bancroft, 1893)	Cosmopolitan	Slovakia (Mituch, 1968; Štefancikova et al., 1994)
<i>C. soricicola</i> (Yokogawa et Nishigori, 1924) (Syn.: <i>Hepaticola soricicola</i> Yokogawa et Nishigori, 1924)	Palearctic	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkushsheva, Bobkova, 1981; Shimalov, 2007, 2012); Bulgaria (Prokopic et al., 1974; Genov, 1984); Czechia (Moravec, 2000); Hungary (Murai et al., 1992); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Poland (Soltys, 1952); Slovakia (Štefancikova et al., 1994); Romania (Tkach, 1993); Russia (Vasilyev,

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<i>Eucoleus oesophagicola</i> (Soltys, 1952) (Syn.: <i>Capillaria oesophagica</i> Soltys, 1952; <i>Capillaria blarinae</i> Ogren, 1953; <i>Capillaria oschmarini</i> Nadtočii et Rasskazova, 1971; <i>Eucoleus bernardi</i> Romashov, 1983; <i>Thominx oesophagicola</i> (Soltys, 1952))	Palaearctic	1949; Yushkov, 1995; Kirillova, 2004; Anikanova et al., 2007, 2009) Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981; Shimalov, 2007, 2012); Bulgaria (Genov, 1984; Prokopić et al., 1974); Czechia (Prokopic, 1958; Prokopic et al., 1974); Finland (Bugmyrin et al., 2003); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Poland (Soltys, 1952); Romania (Tkach, 1993); Slovakia (Prokopić, 1958; Mituch, 1968; Murai, Meszaros, 1984); Spain (Mas-Coma, Galego, 1977); Ukraine (Tkach, 1993); United Kingdom (Lewis, 1968, 1987; Churchfield, 1990; Roots, 1992); Russia (Schaldybin, 1964; Romashov, 1983; Yushkov, 1995; Kirillova, 2004; Anikanova et al., 2005, 2007, 2009)
<i>Liniscus incrassatus</i> Diesing, 1851 (Syn.: <i>Capillaria incrassata</i> Diesing, 1851; <i>C. capillaris</i> (Linstow, 1882); <i>Capillaria incrassata</i> (Diesing, 1851), Travassos, 1915; <i>Capillaria capilaris</i> Linstow, 1882; <i>Capillaria sunci</i> Chen, 1937; <i>Capillaria urinicola</i> Soltys, 1952; <i>Capillaria linstowi</i> , Travassos, 1914; <i>Capillaria exilis</i> Stiles et Staneley, 1932; <i>Trichosoma (Liniscus) incrassata</i> Diesing, 1850, Stossich, 1890; <i>Trichosoma capillare</i> Linstow, 1882; <i>C. uncinicola</i> Soltys, 1952)	Palaearctic	Austria (Prokopic, Mahnerti, 1970); Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981; Shimalov, 2007, 2012); Bulgaria (Prokopic et al., 1974; Genov, 1984); Czechia (Prokopić, 1958; Moravec, 2000); Finland (Bugmyrin et al., 2003, 2008); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Poland (Soltys, 1952); Romania (Tkach, 1993); Slovakia (Prokopic, 1958; Mituch, 1968; Murai, Meszaros, 1984); Spain (Mas-Coma, Galego, 1977); Ukraine (Mel'nicenko, Panasenko, 1979; Tkach, 1993); United Kingdom (Churchfield, 1990; Lewis, 1968, 1987; Roots, 1992); Russia (Vasilyev, 1949; Schaldybin, 1964; Viktorov et al., 1964; Kirillova, 2004; Anikanova et al., 2007, 2009; Bugmyrin et al., 2008)
		Soboliphymatidae
<i>Soboliphyme soricis</i> Baylis et King, 1932	Palaearctic	Belarus (Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981); Czechia (Prokopic, 1958); Norway (Barus et al., 1977); Poland (Soltys, 1952); Russia (Okulova et al., 2003; Kirillova, 2004; Anikanova et al., 2007, 2009; Bugmyrin et al., 2008); Slovakia (Murai, Meszaros, 1984)
		Dioctophymatidae
<i>Dioctophyme renale</i> (Goeze, 1782), larvae (Syn.: <i>Ascaris renale</i> Goeze, 1782)	Cosmopolitan	Czechia (Prokopic, 1958)

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Trichinellidae		
<i>Trichinella spiralis</i> (Owen, 1835), larvae (Syn.: <i>Trichina spiralis</i> Owen, 1835)	Cosmopolitan	Belarus (Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981)
Oxuridae		
<i>Syphacia obvelata</i> (Rudolphi, 1802) (Syn.: <i>Ascaris obvelata</i> Rudolphi, 1802)	Cosmopolitan	Slovakia (Mituch, 1968); Ukraine (Vysotskaya, 1997)
Strogyloididae		
<i>Parastrengyloides winchesi</i> Morgan, 1928	Holarctic	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981; Shimalov, 2007, 2012); Bulgaria (Genov, 1984; Prokopic et al., 1974); Czechia (Prokopic, 1958); Finland (Haukisalmi, 1989; Haukisalmi, Henttonen, 1994; Bugmyrin et al., 2003, 2008); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Moldova (Andrejko, 1973); Romania (Tkach, 1993); Russia (Vasilyev, 1949; Anikanova et al., 2005, 2007, 2009; Bugmyrin et al., 2003, 2008); Slovakia (Prokopčík, 1958; Murai, Meszaros, 1984); Spain (Mas-Camma, Galego, 1977); Ukraine (Mel'nicenko, Panasenko, 1979; Tkach, 1993); United Kingdom (Churchfield, 1990; Roots, 1992)
Heligmosomidae		
<i>Longistriata codrus</i> Thomas, 1953 (Syn.: <i>Longistriata depressa</i> Dujardin, 1845)	Paleartic	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981; Shimalov, 2007, 2012); Bulgaria (Genov, 1984; Prokopic et al., 1974); Finland (Haukisalmi, 1989; Haukisalmi, Henttonen, 1994; Bugmyrin et al., 2003, 2008); France (Vaucher, Durette-Desset, 1973); Germany (Pecher et al., 1996); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Moldova (Andrejko, 1973); Romania (Tkach, 1993); Slovakia (Prokopic, 1958; Prokopic et al., 1974; Mituch, 1968; Murai, Meszaros, 1984); Russia (Vasilyev, 1949; Yushkov, 1995; Kirillova, 2004; Anikanova et al., 2005, 2007; Bugmyrin et al., 2008); Switzerland (Vaucher, Durette-Desset, 1973); Ukraine (Mel'nicenko, Panasenko, 1979; Tkach, 1993); United Kingdom (Churchfield, 1990; Roots, 1992)
<i>L. didas</i> Thomas, 1953 (Syn.: <i>Longistriata pseudodidas</i> Vaucher et Durette-Desset, 1973)	Paleartic	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981); Bulgaria (Genov, 1984; Prokopic et al., 1974); Czechia

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<i>L. paradoxi</i> Shaldybin, 1964	Palearctic	(Prokopic, 1958); Finland (Haukisalmi, 1989; Haukisalmi, Henttonen, 1994; Bugmyrin et al., 2003, 2008); France (Vaucher, Durette-Desset, 1973); Germany (Pecher et al., 1996); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Romania (Tkach, 1993); Slovakia (Prokopic, 1958; Mituch, 1968; Murai, Meszaros, 1984); Spain (Mas-Coma, Galego, 1977); Russia (Yushkov, 1995; Anikanova et al., 2005, 2007; Bugmyrin et al., 2008); Switzerland (Vaucher, Durette-Desset, 1973); Ukraine (Mel'nicenko, Panasenko, 1979); United Kingdom (Churchfield, 1990; Roots, 1992)
<i>L. thomasi</i> Desportes et Chabaud, 1961	Palearctic	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981), Moldova (Andrejko, 1973); Russia (Schaldybin, 1964; Kirillova, 2004)
<i>L. trus</i> Thomas, 1953	Palearctic	United Kingdom (Churchfield, 1990)
		Heligmonellidae
<i>Tricholinstwia linstowi</i> (Travassos, 1918) (Syn.: <i>Longistriata vigisi</i> Petrov et Savinov, 1959)	Palearctic	Czechia (Prokopic, 1958); Slovakia (Prokopic, 1958)
		Angiostrongylidae
<i>Stefanskostrongylus soricis</i> (Soltys, 1954) (Syn.: <i>Angiostrongylus soricis</i> , Soltys, 1954)	Holarctic	Belarus (Shimalov, 2007); Slovakia (Mituch, 1968; Štefancikova et al., 1994); Russia (Anikanova et al., 2007, 2009); United Kingdom (Roots, 1992)
		Crenosomatidae
<i>Paracrenosoma skrjabini</i> (Pologentsev, 1935), larvae (Syn.: <i>Crenosoma skrjabini</i> Pologentsev, 1935 )	Palearctic	Slovakia (Mituch, 1968); Ukraine (Tkach, 1993)
		Ascarididae
<i>Porrocaecum depressum</i> (Zeder, 1800), larvae (Syn.: <i>Ascaris depressum</i> Zeder, 1800)	Cosmopolitan	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981); Moldova (Andrejko, 1973); Poland (Soltys, 1952); Russia (Yushkov, 1995; Kirillova, 2004;

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<i>P. talpae</i> (Schrank, 1788), larvae (Syn.: <i>Ascaris talpae</i> Schrank, 1788) <i>Porrocaecum</i> sp., larvae	Cosmopolitan	Anikanova et al., 2005, 2007, 2009; Bugmyrin et al., 2008); Switzerland (Baer, 1932); Ukraine (Mel'nicchenko, Panasenko, 1979) Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Spain (Mas-Coma, Galego, 1977); United Kingdom (Churchfield, 1990)	
Gongylonematidae			
<i>Gongylonema soricis</i> Fain, 1955, larvae	Palearctic	Belarus (Merkusheva, Bobkova, 1981; Shimalov, 2007, 2012); Bulgaria (Genov, 1984; Prokopic et al., 1974); Czechia (Prokopic, 1958; Prokopic et al., 1974); Finland (Erkinaro, Heikura, 1977); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Poland (Soltys, 1952); Romania (Tkach, 1993); Russia (Vasilyev, 1949; Okulova et al., 2003; Anikanova et al., 2007, 2009); Slovakia (Prokopic, 1958; Murai, Meszaros, 1984; Štefancíková et al., 1994); Spain (Mas-Coma, Galego, 1977); United Kingdom (Sharpe, 1964; Lewis, 1968, 1987; Roots, 1992)	
Spirocercidae			
<i>Ascarops strongylina</i> (Rudolphi, 1819), larvae (Syn.: <i>Spiroptera strongylina</i> Rudolphi, 1819)	Cosmopolitan	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Shimalov, 2007, 2012); Bulgaria (Genov, 1984)	
<i>Phyocephalus sexalatus</i> (Molin, 1860), larvae (Syn.: <i>Spiroptera sexalatus</i> Molin, 1860)	Cosmopolitan	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Shimalov, 2007); Bulgaria (Genov, 1984); Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006)	
Spiruridae			
<i>Agamospirura minutissima</i> Sharpilo, 1976, larvae	Palearctic	Lithuania (Binkiene, 2006); Russia (Anikanova et al., 2007)	
<i>Spirura talpae</i> (Gmelin, 1790) (Syn.: <i>Ascaris strumosa</i> Froelich, 1791; <i>Ascaris talpae</i> Gmelin, 1790)	Palearctic	Russia (Kirillova, 2004)	
Physalopteridae			
<i>Physaloptera kotlani</i> Kobulej et Versheni, 1953	Palearctic	Bulgaria (Prokopic et al., 1974; Genov, 1984); Czechia (Prokopic, 1958); Slovakia (Prokopic, 1958; Mituch, 1968)	
<i>Pseudophysaloptera soricina</i> (Baylis, 1934)	Palearctic	Russia (Kirillova, 2004); Slovakia (Murai, Meszaros, 1984)	
<i>P. formosana</i> (Yokogawa, 1922)	Palearctic	Slovakia (Mituch, 1968)	

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Acuariidae		
<i>Skrjabinoclava soricis</i> (Tiner, 1951) (Syn.: <i>Dispharynx soricis</i> Tiner, 1951; <i>Synhimantus rhopalocephalus</i> Soltus, 1952; <i>Stammerinema soricis</i> Tiner, 1951)	Holarctic	Belarus (Arzamasov et al., 1969; Mergusheva, Bobkova, 1981); Bulgaria (Prokopić et al., 1974; Genov, 1984); Poland (Soltys, 1952); Slovakia (Prokopic, 1958; Mituch, 1968); Ukraine (Mel'nicenko, Panasenko, 1979; Tkach, 1993); United Kingdom (Lewis, 1987; Churchfield, 1990)
<i>Paracuaria soricis</i> Jančev, 1972	Paleartic	Bulgaria (Prokopic et al., 1974; Genov, 1984)
Acanthocephala Centrorhynchidae		
<i>Centrorhynchus aluconis</i> (Muller, 1780), larvae (Syn.: <i>C. inequalis</i> (Rudolphi, 1808); <i>C. olssoni</i> Lundstrom, 1942; <i>C. otidis</i> (Schrank, 1788))	Paleartic	Russia (Kirillova, 2004; Kirillova, Kirillov, 2007); Ukraine (Tkach, 1993); United Kingdom (Lewis, 1968; Roots, 1992; Churchfield, 1990); Romania (Tkach, 1993)
<i>C. buteonis</i> (Schrank, 1788), larvae (Syn.: <i>Centrorhynchus caudatus</i> (Zeder, 1803); <i>Centrorhynchus polyacanthoides</i> (Creplin, 1825))	Paleartic	Austria (Prokopić, Mahnerti, 1970); Czechia (Prokopić, 1958); Poland (Soltys, 1952); Slovakia (Prokopić, 1958; Murai, Meszaros, 1984)
<i>Sphaerirostris teres</i> (Rudolphi, 1819), larvae (Syn.: <i>Sphaerirostris picae</i> (Rudolphi, 1819))	Paleartic	Ukraine (Tkach, 1993)
Polymorphidae		
<i>Polymorphus minutus</i> (Zeder, 1800), larvae (Syn.: <i>Echinorhynchus minutus</i> , Goeze, 1782)	Paleartic	Slovakia (Mituch, 1968)
Moniliformida: Moniliformidae		
<i>Moniliformis moniliformis</i> (Bremser, 1811), larvae (Syn.: <i>Echinorhynchus canis</i> Porta, 1914, <i>Echinorhynchus grassi</i> Railliet, 1893; <i>Echinorhynchus miniliformis</i> Bremser, 1811)	Cosmopolitan	Russia (Kirillova, 2004; Kirillova, Kirillov, 2007)

The most common helminths are cestodes (Platyhelminthes: Cestoda), represented by 39 species of 6 families — Hymenolepididae (28), Taeniidae (2), Davaineidae (1) Paruterinidae (2), Dilepididae (5), Diphyllobothriidae (1 species). A major part (70 %) of the cestodes belong to the Palaearctic faunal complex, 25 % are Holarctic, and 5 % are cosmopolitan species. The common shrew is a definitive host for 30 worm species (from fam. Hymenolepididae and Dilepididae), a paratenic or an intermediate host for 6 species (*Taenia martis*, *T. mustelae*, *Otiditaenia conoides*, *Cladotaenia circi*, *C. globifera*, *Spirometra erinacei-europaei*). The cestodes *Dilepis undula*, *Polyacercus lumbrici* and *P. paradoxus* are parasites of birds that accidentally infect shrews and do not reach full size and maturity in them.

Nematode fauna is characterized by high diversity: 34 species of 16 families — Capillariidae (8 species), Soboliphymatidae (1), Dioctophymatidae (1), Strogyloididae (1), Heligmonellidae (1), Heligmosomidae (5), Angiostrongylidae (1), Crenosomatidae (1), Trichinellidae (1), Ascarididae (3), Gongyloneumatidae (1), Spirocercidae (2), Spiruridae (2), Physalopteridae (3), Acuariidae (2), Oxuridae (1 species). Around 60 % of the species belong to the Palaearctic faunal complex, 24 % are cosmopolitan, 16 % have Holarctic distribution. Nematode parasites of *Sorex araneus* demonstrate a variety of life cycles. The common shrew is a definitive host for 24 species. A majority of them (16 species) are geohelminths with a direct life cycle (mainly from families Capillariidae and Heligmosomidae), while the rest are biohelminths that infest shrews when they ingest intermediate hosts, mainly earthworms (*Soboliphyme soricis*, *Stefanskostrongylus soricis*, *Spirura talpae*, *Physaloptera kotlani*, *Pseudophysaloptera soricina*, *P. formosana*, *Skrjabinoclava soricis*, *Paracuaria soricis*). Ten nematode species (see table) parasitize *S. araneus* at the larval stages.

The trematode diversity is represented by 21 species of 9 families — Brachylaimidae (2), Panopistidae (2), Strigeidae (3), Diplostomidae (3), Dicrocoeliidae (3), Plagiorchiidae (1), Omphalometridae (4), Troglotrematidae (1) and Prosthogonimidae (1). Palaearctic species prevail in the trematode fauna (75 %), the shares of Holarctic and cosmopolitan species being 15 and 10 %, respectively. For 8 trematode species (*Brachylaima fulvum*, *Pseudoleucochloridium soricis*, *P. rotundus*, *Neoglyphe sobolevi*, *N. locellus*, *Rubenstrema exasperatum*, *R. opisthotellinus*, *Nephrotrema truncatum*) the common shrew is a definitive host. The rest of the species have been found at the larval stage, and *S. araneus* is not an obligate component of their life cycles.

Spiny-headed worms (Acanthocephala) are represented in *S. araneus* by 5 widespread species: *Centrorhynchus buteonis*, *C. aluconis*, *Sphaerirostris terebellum*, *Polymorphus minutus*, *Moniliformis moniliformis*, for whom the shrew is a reservoir host. The definitive hosts for acanthocephalans are mammals and birds.

We chose to carry out comparative analysis of the helminth fauna in *Sorex araneus* populations from the following selected countries: Belarus, Bulgaria, Czechia, Finland, France, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Slovakia, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Ukraine and regions of Russia: Murmanskaya oblast', Republic of Karelia, Republic of Komi, Republic of Mordovia, Samarskaya oblast' (17, in total), where parasitological surveys were based on extensive host sampling.

The greatest number of helminths in *S. araneus* from 17 component communities was found in Slovakia — 56, Belarus — 49, Bulgaria — 40, Ukrai-

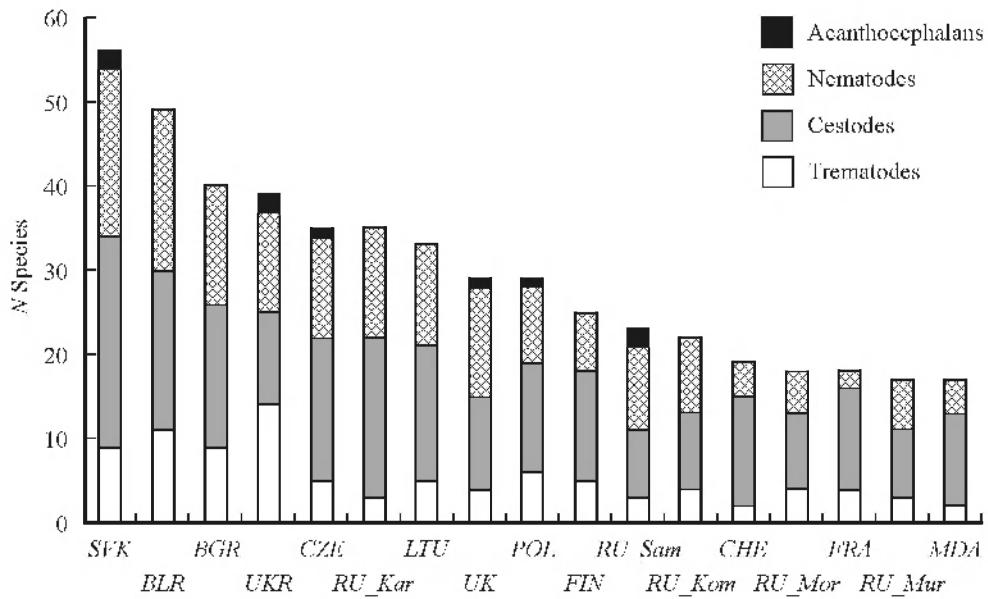


Fig. 1. Species richness of the helminth fauna in *Sorex araneus* from different European regions.  
 BGR — Bulgaria, BLR — Belarus, CHE — Switzerland, CZE — Czechia, FIN — Finland, FRA — France, LTU — Lithuania, MDA — Moldova, POL — Poland, RU Kar — Republic of Karelia, RU Kom — Republic of Komi, RU Mor — Republic of Mordovia, RU Mur — Murmansk oblast', RU Sam — Samara oblast', SVK — Slovakia, UK — United Kingdom, UKR — Ukraine.

ne — 39 species; and the lowest number was found in Murmansk Region and Moldova — 17 species (fig. 1). In a majority of regions, the most numerous groups in the helminth fauna were cestodes and nematodes. Trematodes were present in all regions, but their species richness was high in only a few (e. g. in Belarus and Ukraine), mainly owing to the species that parasitize the common shrew at the larval stages. Acanthocephalans were found only in 6 of the 17 regions (Czechia, Poland, Ukraine, Slovakia, United Kingdom, Samarskaya oblast').

Mean pairwise (136 pairs in total) Jaccard index for the regions in question was 0.39 (mode ( $M_o$ ) — 0.33), scattered from 0.16 to 0.66. The highest similarity values were obtained for the helminth faunae of neighbor areas in Northern Europe: Finland — Lithuania (0.66), Karelia — Lithuania (0.65), Murmansk — Finland (0.62). When the species using *S. araneus* as an intermediate or reservoir host are excluded from the list of parasites, the similarity of the helminth fauna species composition between the compared regions becomes higher. Mean  $K_J$  was 0.44 ( $M_o = 0.57$ ) with the interval of 0.18—0.72. Cluster analysis (Ward's method) revealed only two groups with bootstrap probability above 80 %: France — Switzerland and Czechia — Slovakia (fig. 2). Although there is no evidence in the dendrogram to strictly support other clustering, it is noteworthy that members of pairs with similar helminth fauna compositions are also geographically close to one another.

The relatively low similarity level in the helminth fauna of the common shrew or, in other words, uniqueness of local component communities of parasites is due to the high proportion of rare species in them. Thus, of the 99 helminth species known from the common shrew in the Europe, 30 species (34 %)

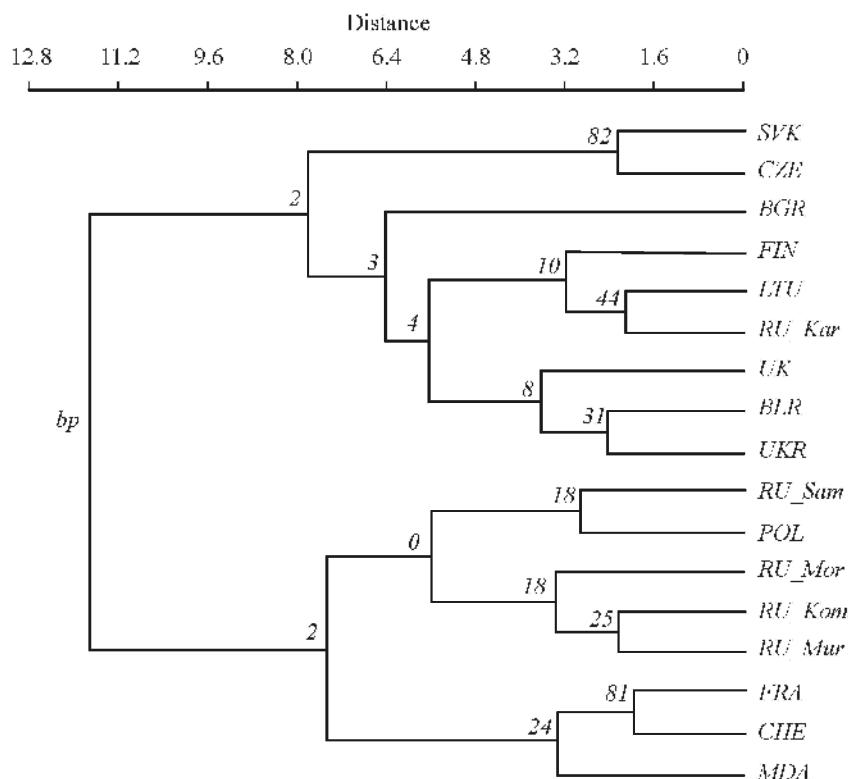


Fig. 2. Results of the cluster analysis (Ward's method) of the helminth fauna in *Sorex araneus* (definitive host) from 16 European regions (bp — bootstrap probability).

Abbreviations of country names as in fig. 1.

were found in only one of the 17 European regions, and 22 species occurred in 2 or 3 study sites.

Only 2 species — cestodes *Monocercus arionis* (fam. Dilepididae) and *Staphylocystis furcata* (fam. Hymenolepididae) were found in *S. araneus* in all the regions covered by this study. A wide distribution was noted for 10 species, recorded from 12—16 regions: trematodes *Brachylaima fulvum* (fam. Brachylaimidae) and *Rubenstrema exasperatum* (fam. Omphalometridae), cestodes *Neoskrjabinolepis schaldbini*, *Lineolepis scutigera*, *Ditestolepis diaphana* and *Vigisolepis spinulosa* (fam. Hymenolepididae), nematodes *Aonchotheca kutori*, *Eucoleus oesophagicola* (fam. Capillariidae), *Longistriata didas* L. *codrus* (fam. Heligmosomatidae). All these helminths were specialist parasites of insectivorous mammals, and prevailed in terms of abundance in the component communities of parasites in *S. araneus* in a majority of the investigated regions.

This study has demonstrated that the helminth fauna of the common shrew is noted for high taxonomic diversity, which is largely due to the host's wide range and habitat versatility. Representatives of the Palaearctic faunal complex prevail in the helminth fauna (70 %). A majority of Holarctic (15 %) and cosmopolitan (15 %) species are polyxenous parasites found in shrews at the larval stage of their development. There predominate (83 %) parasites with a complex life cycle, for whom *S. araneus* is a definitive or intermediate host. The diversity of parasites with direct life cycle mainly consists of nematodes of the family Helig-

mosomidae. Comparative analysis of the helminth fauna of *Sorex araneus* in the European part of the species range has demonstrated a high level of difference in local component communities of parasites, mainly owing to rare (or accidental) species, for which the probability of detection is increased by enlarging the host sample size. The widespread species generating similarity in the helminth fauna of different parts of the *S. araneus* European range are specific parasites of Soricidae: trematodes *Brachylaima fulvum*, *Rubenstrema exasperatum*, cestodes *Monocercus arionis*, *Staphylocystis furcata*, *Neoskrjabinolepis schalbybini*, *Lineolepis scutigera*, *Ditestolepis diaphana*, *Vigisolepis spinulosa*, and nematodes *Aonchotheca kutori*, *Eucoleus oesophagicola*, *Longistriata didas* and *L. codrus*.

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