

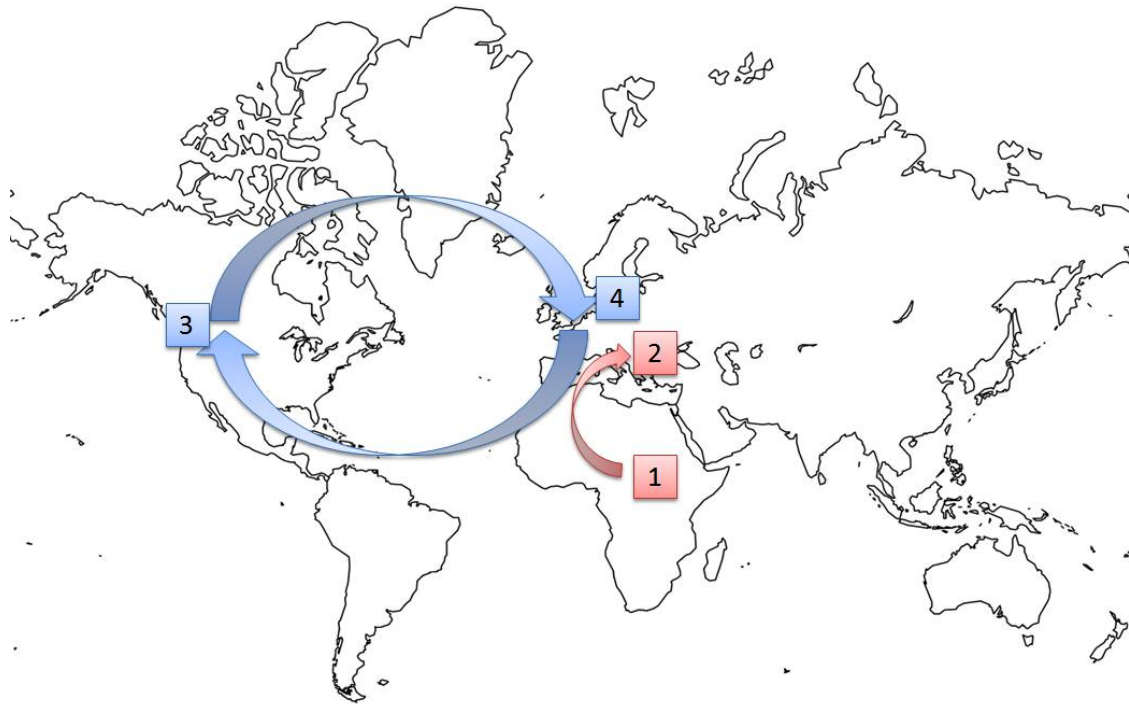
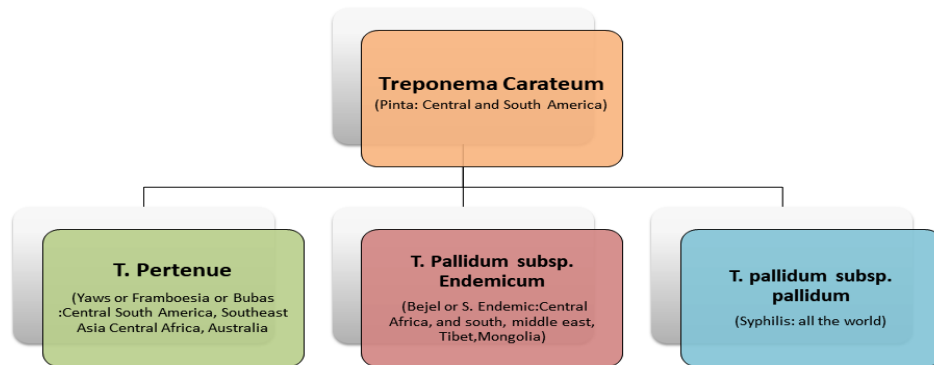
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## The “Scourge of the Renaissance”. A Short Review About *Treponema pallidum* infection

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Treponemal evolutionary tree (a) and the sequential spread of syphilis between the Old and the New World according to the Unitarian theory (b).