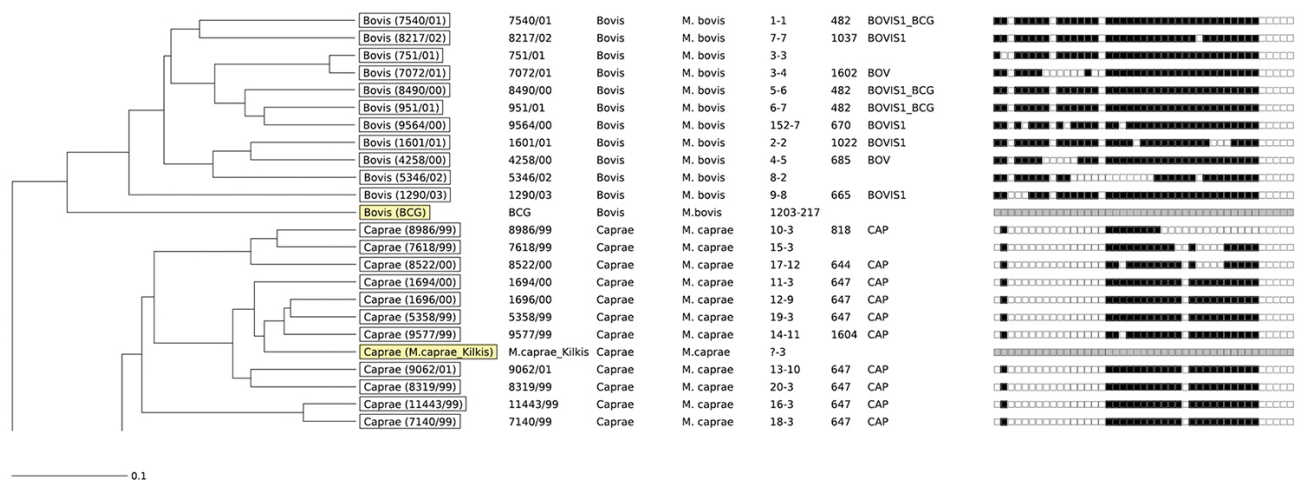


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Appendix



Appendix Figure. Phylogenetic tree of a *Mycobacterium caprae* isolate from a 65-year-old goat breeder from Kilkis, northern Greece (M.caprae_Kilkis: MIRU-VNTR 24-loci pattern 255326322553434243231432). The tree was calculated and drawn by using the UPGMA method and utilizing the MIRU-VNTRplus database reference strains (1). VNTR patterns were first searched against the MIRU-VNTRplus database using a default stringent distance cut-off of 0.17, which corresponds to a tolerance of ≤ 4 locus differences. Since no match was detected after the initial best-match analysis, a tree-based identification was used. Species, Lineage, MLVA MtbC15-9, SpolIDB4 Type, and Spoligo pattern information has been included. The patient's isolate shows tight genetic clustering with *M. caprae* reference strains that dominate in central and eastern Europe (spoligotypes lacking spacers 1, 3 to 16, 28, and 39 to 43, BOV_4-CAPRAE, SIT647, SB0418). A clear genetic separation from the Iberian isolates, mainly characterized by the additional absence of spacers 30-33 (BOV-CAPRAE, SIT644/SB0157) has been demonstrated. The *M. bovis* BCG control is also depicted. Scale bar represents 10% sequence divergence. BCG, Bacillus Calmette–Guérin; MLVA, Multiple-locus variable-number tandem repeat analysis; VNTR, variable number of tandem DNA repeats

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