Geographically widespread and novel hemotropic mycoplasmas and bartonellae in Mexican free-tailed bats and sympatric North American bat species: Supplemental Materials

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| Primers | | Organism and gene | Expected product (bp) | Temperature (°C) / time (seconds) | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------------------|
| | Sequence | | | Initial denaturation | Denaturation | Annealing | Extension | Cycles | Ref |
| CS 443f | GCTATGTCTGCATTCTATCA | | ~700 | 95/120 | 95/30 | 48/30 | 72/120 | 40 | 1 |
| CS 1210r | GATCYTCAATCATTTCTTTCCA | | | | | | | | |
| Bhcs 781p | GGGGACCAGCTCATGGTGG | Bartonellae gltA | ~300 | 95/180 | 95/30 | 55/30 | 72/120 | 40 | 2 |
| Bhcs 1137n | AATGCAAAAAGAACAGTAAACA | | | | | | | | |
| UNI_16S_hemoFnew | TGAATAAGTGACAGCWAACTATGTGCC | Hemoplasma | ~850–900 | 95/300 | 95/50 | 60/60 | 72/60 | 55 | 3* This study |
| UNI_16S_hemoR | GACGGGCGGTGTGTACAAGACCTG | 16S rRNA | | | | | | | |
| UNI_rpoB_hemoF1 | CCTAAYTTRARYATWMGKGACGTTCACTATT C | Hemoplasma | ~785 | 95/300 | 95/50 | 55/60 | 72/60 | 55 | This study |
| UNI_rpoB_hemoR1_1 | GAAGAMARRATAATDGCATCYTCATAGTTGT A | <i>rpoB</i> (primer set 1)** | | | | | | | |
| UNI_rpoB_hemoF1 | CCTAAYTTRARYATWMGKGACGTTCACTATT C | Hemoplasma | ~1280 | 95/300 | 95/50 | 55/60 | 72/90 | 55 | This |
| UNI_rpoB_hemoR1_2 | ACAGGAGTWCCATCYTCYARRTAWGGCAT | <i>rpoB</i> (primer set 2)** | | | | | | | study |
| UNI_23S_Myc_Ur_cladeF | CCCAGACCATKGGGYAAGCCTA | Hemoplasma | 1500.00 | 95/300 | 95/50 | 58/60 | 72/90 | 55 | 3 |
| UNI_23S_Myc_Ur_cladeR | GAGACAGTCAAGAGATGGTTACAC | 23S rRNA | ~1500–80 | | | | | | |

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*Primers were slightly modified based on available hemoplasma 16S rRNA gene data

**Both sets of primers were used to amplify the hemoplasma *rpoB* gene. The *rpoB* primers were designed based on the conserved sequences found within the *rpoB* gene sequences of known hemotropic mycoplasmas and closely related *Mycoplasma* species.

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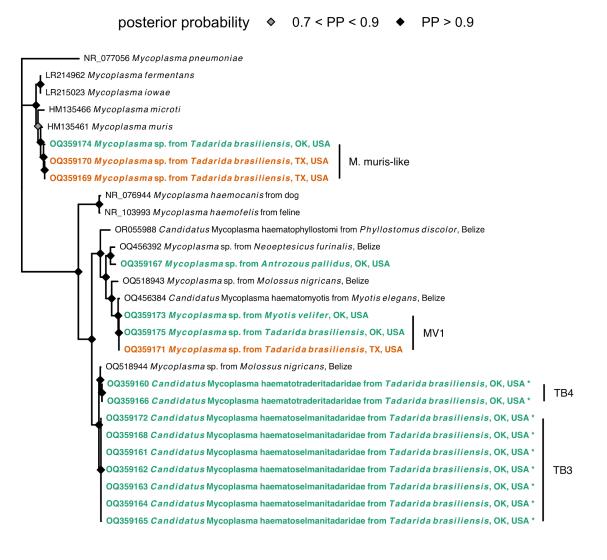
Table S2. Results of GLMs with mean bias reduction for hemoplasma and *Bartonella* spp. positivity in Mexican free-tailed bat samples from Bracken Cave in Texas (n = 48; model 4). Reference levels include bats sampled in August 2021 and non-reproductive bats.

| | hemoplasmas | | | Bartonella spp. | | | |
|---------------|-------------|------|------|-----------------|------|------|--|
| Parameter | OR | z | р | OR | z | р | |
| Intercept | | 2.25 | 0.02 | | 1.96 | 0.05 | |
| December 2021 | 0.40 | 0.51 | 0.61 | 0.74 | 0.25 | 0.80 | |
| March 2022 | 1.63 | 0.45 | 0.65 | 1.22 | 0.22 | 0.83 | |
| Reproductive | 1.53 | 0.33 | 0.74 | 2.67 | 0.95 | 0.34 | |

Table S3. Results of GAMs for hemoplasma and *Bartonella* spp. positivity in Mexican freetailed bat samples from Selman Bat Cave in Oklahoma (n = 146 and n = 145, respectively). Nonreproductive bats serve as the reference (only females were reproductive). Predictors are presented with model coefficients or estimated degrees of freedom (EDF) and test statistics

| | hemoplasmas | | | | Bartonella spp. | | | | | |
|--------------|-------------|------|------|----------|-----------------|------|------|------|----------|------|
| Term | OR | z | EDF | χ^2 | р | OR | z | EDF | χ^2 | р |
| Intercept | | 4.67 | | | < 0.01 | | 2.77 | | | 0.01 |
| Reproductive | 0.39 | 1.36 | | | 0.17 | 0.79 | 0.53 | | | 0.60 |
| s(Week) | | | 2.10 | 14.02 | 0.001 | | | 1.75 | 6.68 | 0.02 |

Figure S1. Consensus Bayesian phylogeny of partial 23S rRNA mycoplasma sequences from this study (highlighted in bold and colored by geography; see Table 1 for genotype assignments) and reference sequences from bats and other mammals. Nodes are colored by posterior probability (nodes with less than 50% support are not shown). Hemoplasmas with *Candidatus* species names proposed here are indicated by asterisks and have paired 16S rRNA sequences in Figure 1.



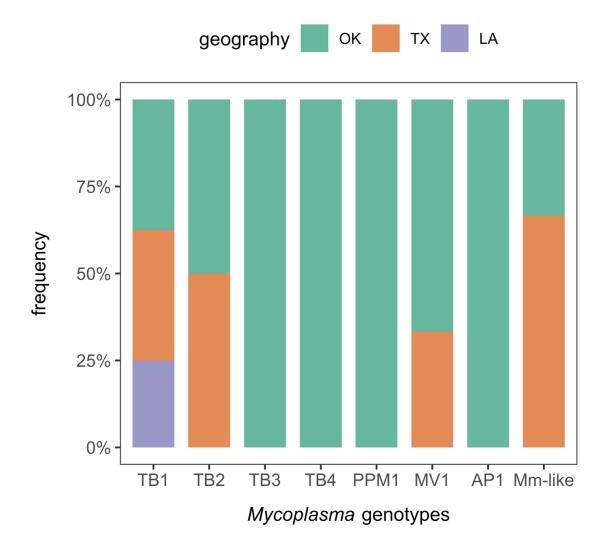
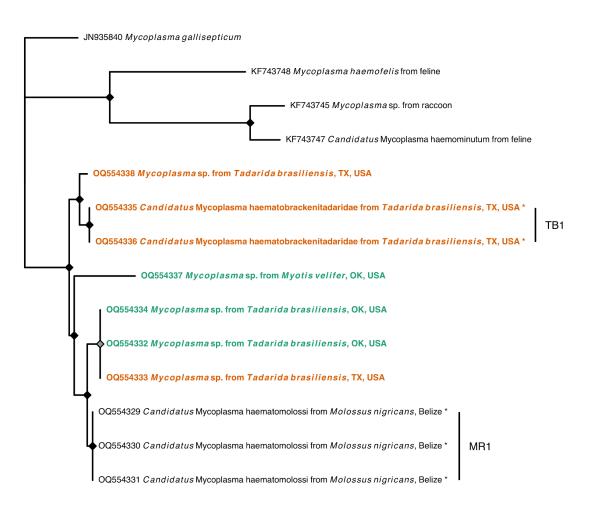


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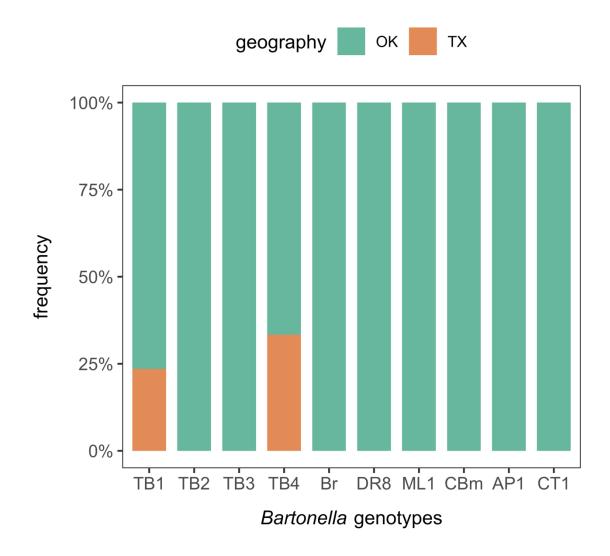


Figure S4. Cross-tabulation of *Bartonella* genotypes by geography, including all bat species.