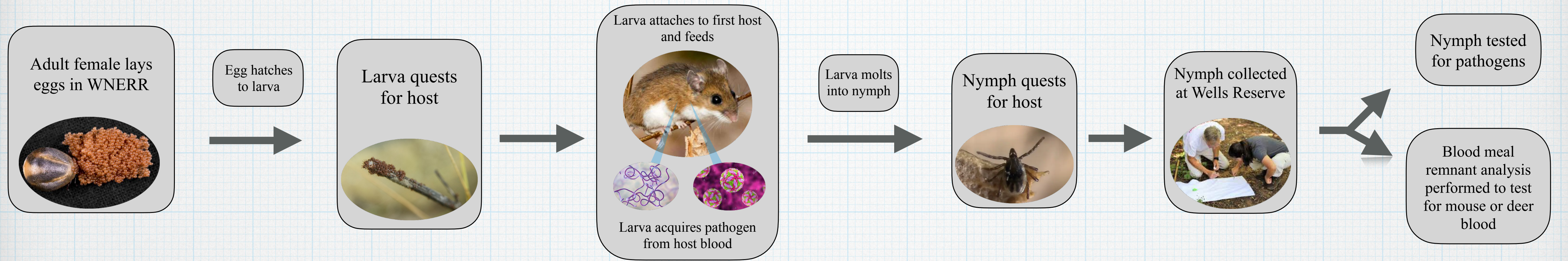


Blood Meal Analysis and Infection Rates of *I. Scapularis* Nymphs Collected From Wells, Maine

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1. On what animals are nymphal deer ticks feeding at the WNERR?
2. From what animals are nymphal deer ticks acquiring the pathogens they carry at the WNERR?

- * 110 nymphs collected and tested
- * 91% of nymphs negative for mice and deer blood
- * 2/31 infected nymphs positive for deer blood
- * 0/31 infected nymphs positive for mouse blood

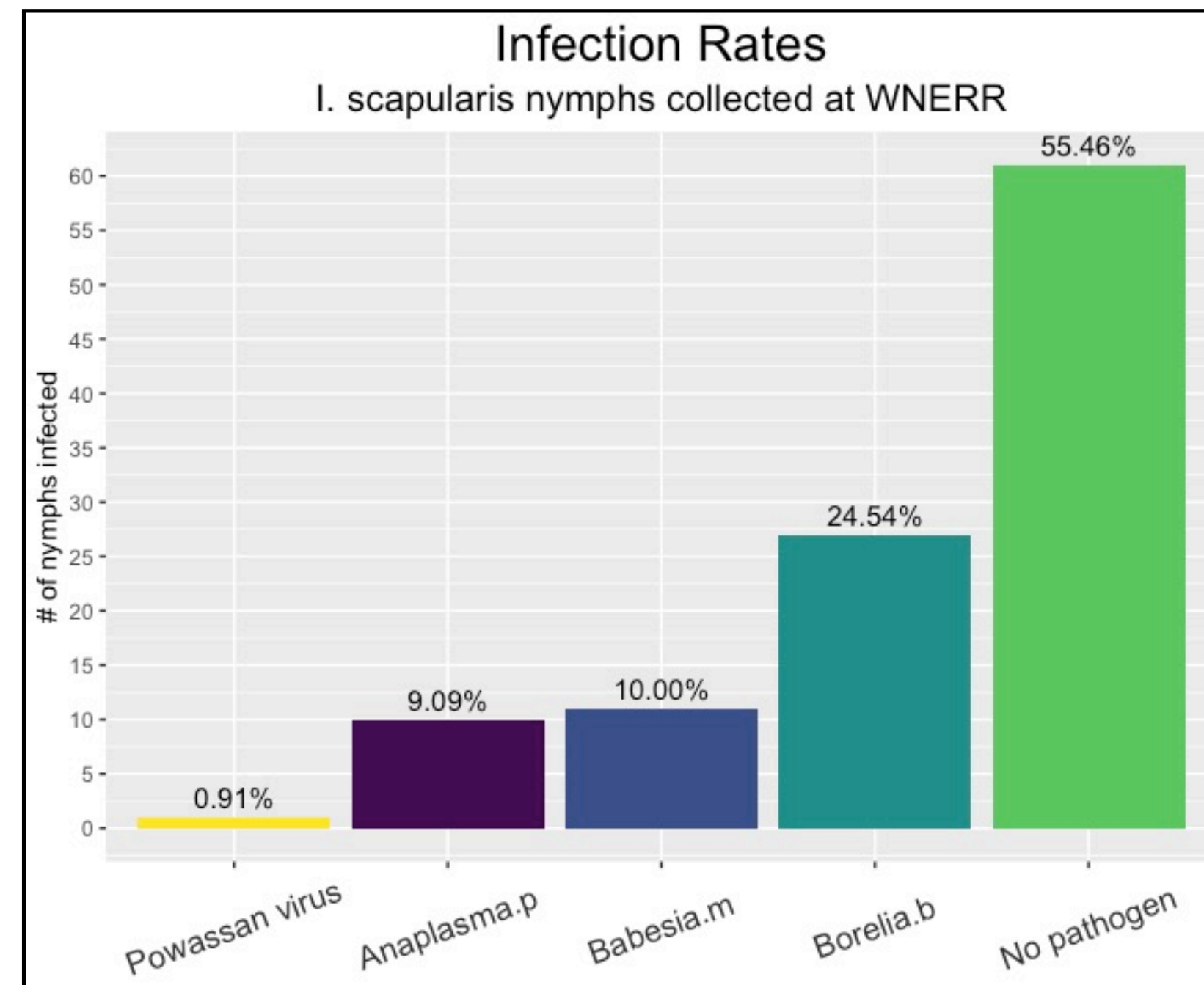


Fig 1. (Above): Bar graph showing the infection prevalence of each pathogen in the 110 nymphal deer ticks collected and sampled.

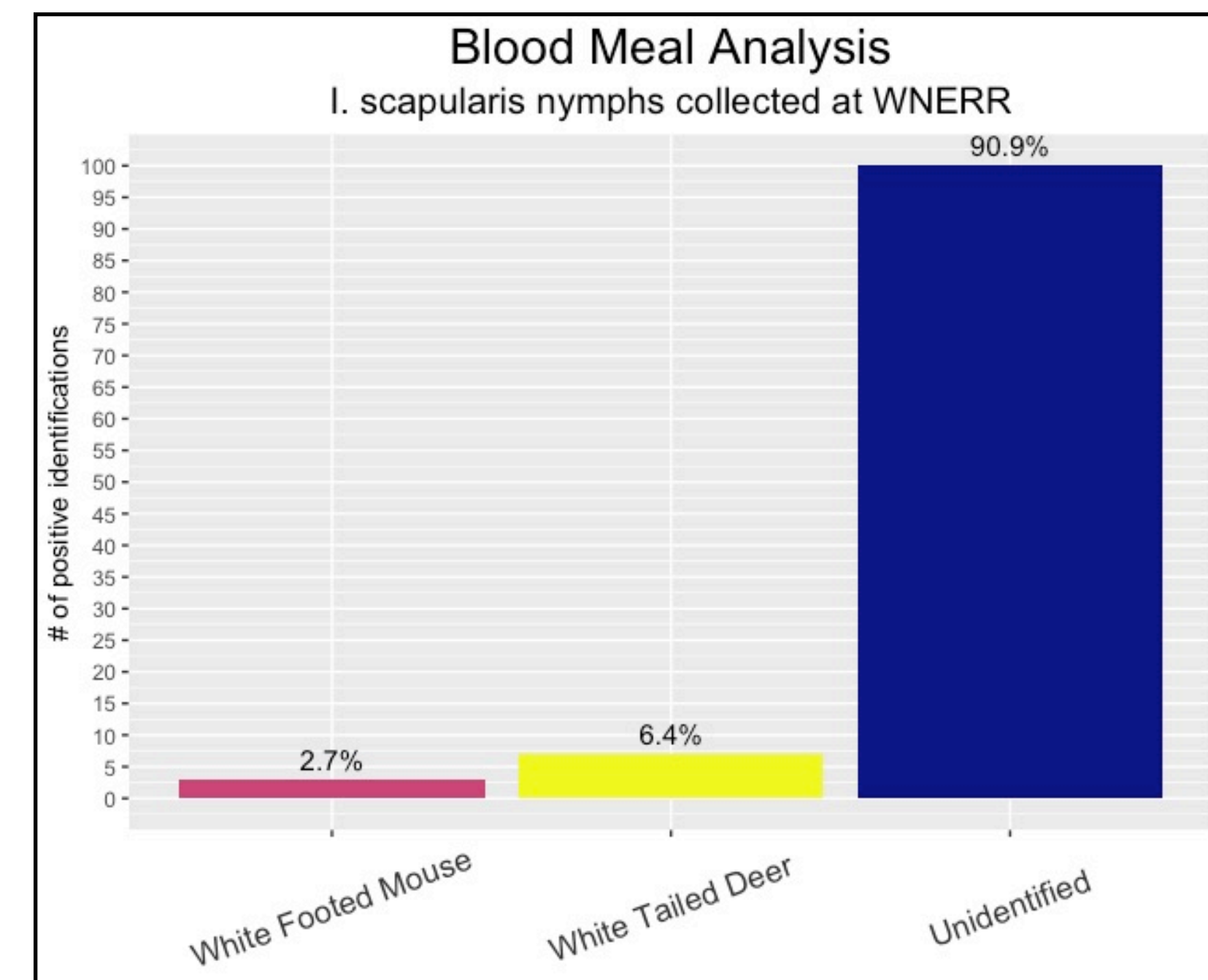


Fig 2. (Above): Bar graph showing the number and percentage of nymphs that tested positive for mice or deer blood based on blood meal remnant analysis.

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