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Ixodes ricinus Nymph

Catalog No. NR-44118

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Product Description:

Classification: Ixodidae, Ixodes

- <u>Species</u>: *Ixodes ricinus* (common name: castor bean tick or sheep tick
- <u>Original Source</u>: *Ixodes ricinus (I. ricinus)* ticks were flagged from vegetation in 2009 in Paris, France, and contributed to CDC by Sarah Bonnet.
- <u>Transmission Competent Pathogens</u>: Anaplasma phagocytophilum, Babesia spp., Borrelia burgdorferi, tickborne encephalitis virus
- <u>Comment</u>: The whole genome shotgun sequence of a representative *I. ricinus* colony is available (GenBank: <u>JXMZ00000000</u>).¹

Material Provided:

NR-44118 contains a live, wild-type *I. ricinus* nymph.

<u>Note</u>: *I. scapularis* can also be obtained in adult (NR-42511) or larval forms (NR-44117).

Packaging/Storage:

NR-44118 is prepared and shipped by CDC. The product is provided at room temperature and should be placed in an incubator or used immediately.

Growth Conditions:

All life stages are fed on New Zealand White rabbits. The contributor recommends standardized laboratory conditions for the maintenance of ticks.²

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 1

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