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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Authors made a short review on TBD and new diagnostic tools available. I believe that the paper give a complete excursions on the state of the art in that field. I'm personally agree with the conclusion of the letter and if the Authors agree I suggest to remark that NGS, or more in general new technologies provide clues that an bacteria (or more properly DNA of a bacteria) detected in ticks could be pathogens but the Koch's postulates have to be considered before the clues become evidences.



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If possible update references through 2014-2015.



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It is an interesting paper reviewing tick-borne diseases and their emerging role the last two decades in the era of infections. The paper has to be revised in order to obtain a more compact structure. Basic sections has to be analyzed more extensively: - the list of known tick-borne diseases (TBDs) - new microbiological techniques for diagnosis - role of tick microbiome - meaning of tick pathobiome - emerging TBDs - techniques applied to the study of tick metabolism - differential diagnosis considering epidemiological background and unspecific clinical manifestations in healthy people and in elderly with chronic diseases (this could be the last section) Please also add prevalence data about these diseases. Lastly, an introduction and some conclusions have to be added.