

Babesia odocoilei: First Report of Human Pathogen

In a new study, Scott et al. report the first detection of *Babesia odocoilei* in humans with Babesiosis symptoms. This adds to the list of several *Babesia* species worldwide that are pathogenic to humans. In this study, it was also found that *B. duncani* cross-reacts with *B. odocoilei*, therefore patients in North America who test serologically positive for *B. duncani*, may actually be infected with *B. odocoilei* or another *Babesia spp.*



Babesia protozoan (Trophozoite Stage, looks like malaria)
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