



# Babesia

**Babesia is a genus of protozoan apicomplexan piroplasms which infect the blood and cause a parasitic, hemolytic disease called babesiosis. Babesia is often a co-infection of Lyme Borrelia when transmitted through a tick bite. *B. microti* and *B. divergens* are the two species most frequently found in humans. Babesiosis is the most common disease transmitted by blood transfusion and can cause malaria-like and other symptoms.**

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