

## ***Amblyomma americanum* Larvae**

### **Catalog No. NR-44123**

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#### **Product Description:**

Classification: *Ixodidae*, *Amblyomma*

Species: *Amblyomma americanum* (common name: lone star tick)

Original Source: *Amblyomma americanum* (*A. americanum*) ticks were flagged from vegetation in 2003 in Georgia, USA.<sup>1</sup>

Transmission Competent Pathogens: *Ehrlichia chaffeensis*, *Ehrlichia ewingii* and Panola Mountain ehrlichial agent

Comments: This *A. americanum* colony may contain rickettsial endosymbionts.<sup>1</sup> The mitochondrial genome of a representative *A. americanum* colony has been sequenced (GenBank: [NC\\_027609](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/NC_027609)).<sup>2</sup>

#### **Material Provided:**

NR-44123 contains a live, wild-type *A. americanum* larval batch.

Note: *A. americanum* can also be obtained in adult (NR-42514) or nymph forms (NR-44124).

#### **Packaging/Storage:**

NR-44123 is prepared and shipped by the 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.<sup>3</sup>

#### **Citation:**

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#### **Biosafety Level: 1**

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