Specimen Required: Collect: Lavender (K₂EDTA) or Pink (K₂EDTA).
Specimen Preparation: Transport 1 mL whole blood. (Min: 0.5 mL)
Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated.
Remarks: Specimen source required.
Unacceptable Conditions: Serum or plasma. Heparinized specimens.
Stability (collection to initiation of testing): Ambient: 24 hours; Refrigerated: 5 days; Frozen: 1 week

Note: This test is designed to detect but not differentiate the nucleic acid from *B. hermsii*, *B. miyamotoi*, *B. parkeri*, and *B. turicatae*. Additional less-frequently encountered relapsing fever *Borrelia* species may also be detected, including *B. recurrentis*, *B. coriaceae*, *B. theileri*, *B. lonestari*, and *B. anserina*. A result of “Detected” indicates the presence of nucleic acid from any one of these species in the specimen.