

HOTLINE: Effective April 4, 2022

2006502	Tick Identification with Reflex to Borrelia Species by PCR (Lyme Disease)	TICK ID
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Methodology: Qualitative Microscopy/**Macroscopy**

Specimen Required: Collect: Full intact tick, dead

Specimen Preparation: Transport tick in 70 percent ethanol in a **sterile container**. (Min: 1 tick)

Test is not performed at ARUP; separate specimens must be submitted when multiple tests are ordered.

Storage/Transport Temperature: Room temperature. Also acceptable: Refrigerated

Unacceptable Conditions: Dry specimens. Preservative other than 70 percent ethanol.

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): Ambient: 2 weeks; Refrigerated: 2 weeks; Frozen: Unacceptable