A case of human infestation with a hard tick Amblyomma testudinarium Koch (Acarina: Ixodide), in Japan

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Abstract

We report herein a case of human tick bite infestation with Amblyomma testudinarium in Japan. The patient was a 72-year-old farmer who was bitten by a tick while working in the fields. The tick was removed, and the patient was treated for the bite. The tick was identified as Amblyomma testudinarium, which is known to be a vector of several pathogens, including Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and Q fever.

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