**S1 Table.** *Borrelia* species & number of corresponding isolates screened.

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| **Species**  | **Number of Isolates Screened** |
| ***Borrelia burgdorferi* sensu lato complex** | **36** |
| *B. afzelii* | 18 |
| *B. americana* | 1 |
| *B. burgdorferi* sensu stricto | 8 |
| *B. carolinensis* | 3 |
| *B. garinii* | 3 |
| *B. mayonii* | 1 |
| *B. kurtenbachii* | 1 |
| *B. valaisiana* | 1 |
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| **Relapsing fever spirochetes** | **17** |
| *B. anserina* | 1 |
| *B. crocidurae* | 1 |
| *B. duttonii* | 1 |
| *B. hispanica* | 1 |
| *B. miyamotoi* | 12 |
| *B. persica* | 1 |