

Figure S3. Representative photos of *Ixodes dentatus* vs. *Ixodes scapularis* nymphs showing morphological similarity between species.



I. dentatus FT-24297



I. scapularis FT-24300



I. dentatus FT-24320



I. dentatus FT-24430



I. scapularis FT-24316



I. dentatus FT-24757



I. scapularis FT-24318



I. dentatus FT-24893



I. scapularis FT-24321



I. scapularis FT-24800