

Supplementary Table S1. Primers used for the detection of tick-borne pathogens in ticks from cattle in the present study

Organism	Gene	Primer	Sequence 5' to 3'	Size (bp)	Amplification condition	Reference
Invertebrate	Mitochondrial cytochrome c oxidase subunit I	LCO1490	GGTCAACAAATCATAAAGATATTGG	710	95°C/5 min; 35 cycles: 95°C/60 s, 40°C/60 s, 72°C/30 s; 72°C/10 min	[16]
		HC02198	TAAACTTCAGGGTGACCAAAAAATCA			
<i>Anaplasma</i> spp.	16S rRNA	*		429	95°C/5 min; 45 cycles: 95°C/30 s, 59°C/30 s, 72°C/30 s; 72°C/10 min	Commercial AccuPower® Rickettsiales 3-Plex PCR Kit (Bioneer)
<i>Ehrlichia</i> spp.	16S rRNA	*		340	95°C/5 min; 45 cycles: 95°C/30 s, 59°C/30 s, 72°C/30 s; 72°C/10 min	Commercial AccuPower® Rickettsiales 3-Plex PCR Kit (Bioneer)
<i>Rickettsia</i> spp.	16S rRNA	*		252	95°C/5 min; 45 cycles: 95°C/30 s, 59°C/30 s, 72°C/30 s; 72°C/10 min	Commercial AccuPower® Rickettsiales 3-Plex PCR Kit (Bioneer)
<i>Rickettsia</i> spp.	<i>gltA</i>	Rsgf877	GGGGGCCTGCTCACGGCGG	380	95°C/10 min; 35 cycles: 95°C/60 s, 51°C/60 s, 72°C/60 s; 72°C/10 min	[19]
		Rsgf1258	ATTGCCAAAAGTACAGTGAACA			
<i>Bartonella</i> spp.	ITS-1	QHVE-OF	TTCAGATGATGATCCCAAGC	736	94°C/10 min; 35 cycles: 94°C/60 s, 55°C/60 s, 72°C/120 s; 72°C/5 min	[20]
		QHVE-OR	AACATGTCTGAATATACTTC			
		QHVE-IF	CCGGAGGGCTTAGCTCAG			

		QHVE-IR	CACAATTCAATAGAAC		
Severe fever with thrombocytopenia syndrome virus	S segment	NP-2F	CATCATTGTCTTGCCCTGA	461	50°C/30 min; 95°C/15 min; 40 cycles: 95°C/20 s, 52°C/40 s, 72°C/30 s; 72°C/5 min
		NP-2R	AGAAGACAGAGTTCACAGCA		[21]
		N2F	AAYAAGATCGTCAAGGCATCA	346	25 cycles: 94°C/20 s, 55°C/40 s, 72°C/30 s
		N2R	TAGTCTTGGTGAAGGCATCTT		
<i>Babesia</i> spp. and <i>Theileria</i> spp.	18S rRNA	*		676	95°C/5 min; 35 cycles: 95°C/30 s, 59°C/30 s, 72°C/30 s; 72°C/5 min
<i>Babesia</i> spp. and <i>Theileria</i> spp.	18S rRNA	BT-F1	GGTGATCCTGCCAGTAGT	1077	94°C/10 min; 30 cycles: 95°C/30 s, 65°C/30 s, 72°C/45 s; 72°C/10 min
		BT-R2	TTGCGACCATACTCCCCCA		[17]
<i>Anaplasma</i> spp.	16S rRNA	EE1	TCCTGGCTCAGAACGAACGCTGGCGGC	1433	94°C/5 min; 35 cycles: 94°C/30 s, 50°C/30 s, 72°C/60 s; 72°C/10 min
		EE2	AGTCACTGACCCAACCTTAAATGGCTG		[12, 13]
		EE3	GTCGAACGGATTATTCTTTATAGCTTGC	928	94°C/5 min; 35 cycles: 94°C/30 s, 50°C/30 s, 72°C/60 s; 72°C/10 min
		EE4	CCCTTCCGTTAAGAAGGATCTAATCTCC		

* Commercial PCR kits were used for the detection of these pathogens.