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Rickettsia japonica

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A species of aerobic, Gram negative, rod and cocci shaped bacteria assigned to the phylum Proteobacteria. This species is obligately intracellular, motile, does not form plaques in Vero cell cultures and is transmitted to humans by a tick, *Haemaphysalis hystricis*. *R. japonica* is a pathogen that causes Japanese spotted fever.