

Re: can Spinal Taps help diagnose Lyme?

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in a sense, late lyme disease is a genetic condition. therefore, the presence of the disease in multiple family members may be expected in hyperendemic regions. of course, this does not explain the presence of disease in a spouse.

keep in mind two things: { 1 } the nymphal stage of the ixodes tick is tiny, the size of this dot: { . }. also, the ability of certain insects notably culex mosquitoes to transmit mechanically or otherwise has not been reported in north america. it's important because the lyme we see in north america is likely descended from crudely engineered strains manufactured in the 50s and 60s which utilized genetic material from certain old world relapsing fever spirochetes. why would they do this, well it's because they knew from the 40's that certain RF borrelia in addition to being capable of tick transmission were also able to reproduce and establish in certain insects. mosquitoes make very good bioweapons delivery systems. especially aggressive hybrid mosquitoes. finally, OW relapsing fever spirochetes were known to activate latent viral infections in humans. and were also known to establish residual brain infections and were highly neurotropic. all of these qualities lead to the use of their genetic material in producing manufactured strains tested on the US population. in any event, it's possible that your family is being infected not by ticks, but by flying insects.

Andrew spielman is a gigantic liar.

the 3rd Man wrote:

john wrote:

I was wondering.. Since Spinal Taps can test for several different things that blood tests cannot.

Possibly. A spinal tap may be ordered if there are symptoms consistent with neurological impairment, as I understand it.

But...if the tests (antibody, PCR) are "negative"...this does not "rule

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out" the disease, if I am not mistaken.

So, yes, the spinal tap MIGHT be useful in a patient with central nervous system involvement...IF it is positive.

Also, I read a few years ago from some medical literature that it may be possible that lyme can spread through the air...and this is how other close family members get it aswell... any truth behind this?

No.