Babesia is a genus of protozoan apicomplexan piroplasms which infect the blood and cause a parasitic, hemolytic disease called babesiosis. Babesia is often a co-infection of Lyme Borrelia when transmitted through a tick bite. B. microti and B. divergens are the two species most frequently found in humans. Babesiosis is the most common disease transmitted by blood transfusion and can cause malaria-like and other symptoms.