



**Species composition, prevalence, and diversity of ixodid ticks
 (Acari: Ixodidae) on domestic ruminants in the
 forest-associated ecosystems of Trivandrum district, Kerala, India**

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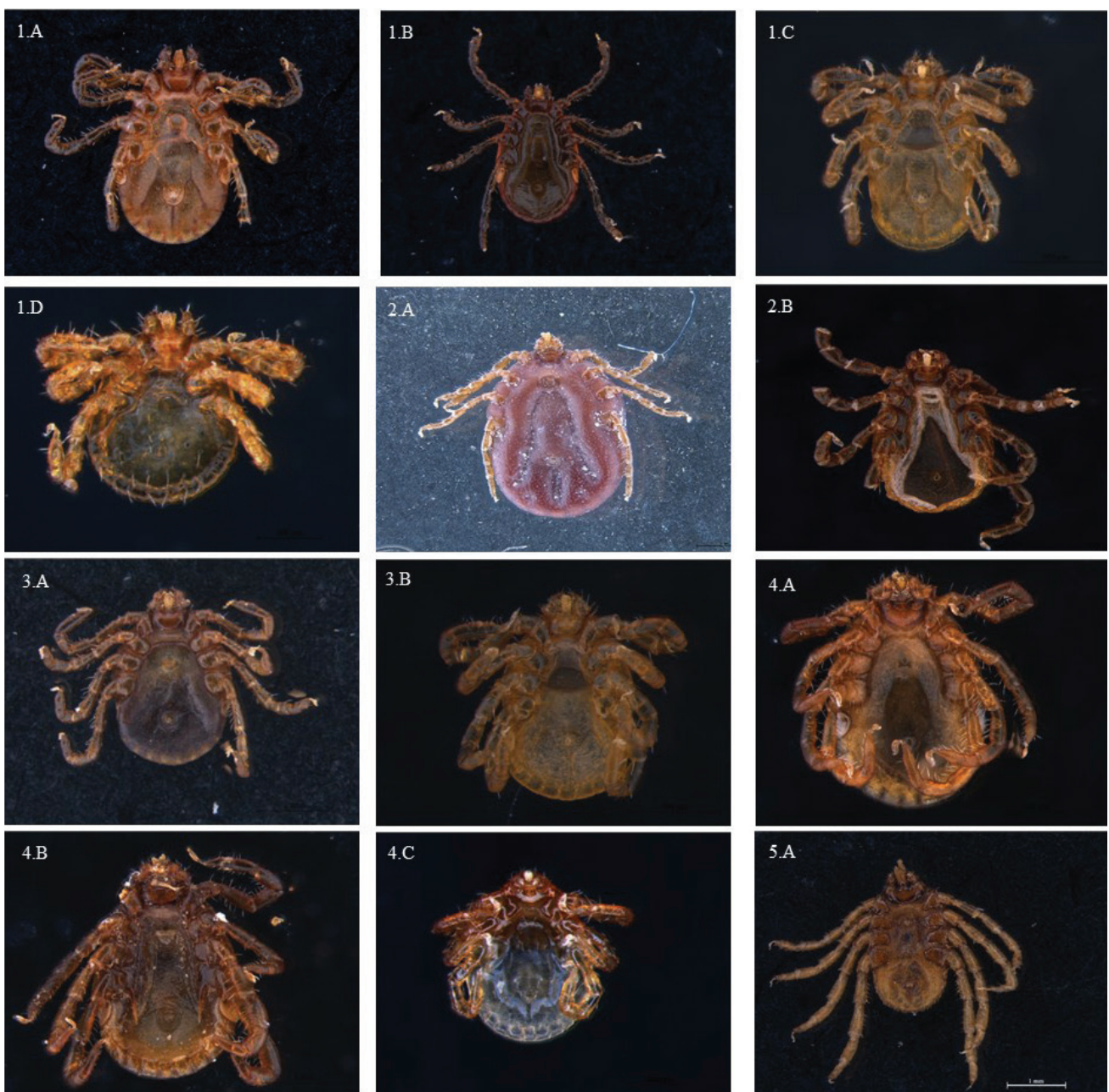




Fig. 1. The microscopic images of ixodid ticks obtained from the study area(ventral side): 1-*H.bispinosa* (1.A-Female, 1.B-Male, 1.C-Nymph; 1.D-Larvac); 2-*H.intermedia* (2.A-Female; 2.B-Male); 3-*H.turturis* (3.A-Female; 3.B-Male); 4-*H.spinigera* (4.A-Female; 4.B-Male; 4.C-Nymph); 5-*R.(B.) annulatus* (5.A-Female; 5.B-Male), 6-*R.haemaphysaloides* (6.A-Female, 6.B-Male), 7-*R.sanguineus* (7.A-Female, 7.B-Male), 8-*R.(B.)microplus* (8.A-Female, 8.B-Malc), 9-*A.integrum* (9.A-Female, 9.B-Nymph).