Supplementary Figure 1. Modified EVA-foam capsule system to feed the larval stages of the hard ticks. A, B: Cutting the capsule from the EVA foam. C: Gluing the mosquito mesh to the capsule, note that one corner is left open D: Attached capsule on the rabbit. E: Inoculation of ticks to the capsule via the open corner. F: Sealing of the open corner with superglue. G: opening the capsule with scissors or scalpel. H: Collecting the replete larvae using a paintbrush. I: Placing the engorged larvae in the plastic syringe with the needle-end cut and covered with mosquito mesh held in place with a rubber band.