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### Highlights

- ullet R<sub>0</sub> calculation is crucial to design control interventions
- There is a low impact of larvae population in the maintenance of R. rickettsii.
- $\bullet$  Disease transmission between nymphs/adults and capy bara is the major contributor to changes in the  $R_0$
- Brazilian Spotted Fever control strategies should focus on the nymphs and adult seasons.

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