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Background: Lyme disease is the most common vector-borne infection in the United States
with 300,000 estimated cases per year.

Objective: The purpose of this study was to compare the presenting clinical features and
long-term outcome of males versus females with culture-confirmed early Lyme disease.

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