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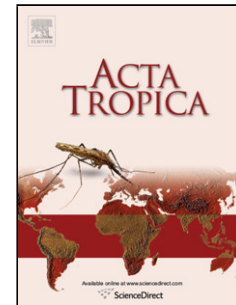
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Highlights

- The recent report of *Babesia bovis* using Giemsa stain in blood samples of cattle in the absence of its transovarian tick vector, *Rhipicephalus (Boophilus) annulatus* in and around Jimma town in Ethiopia raises concerns of misidentifications.
- All the previous studies published on international journals reported the presence of *Babesia bovis* and its tick vector, *Rhipicephalus (Boophilus) annulatus*, only in Gambella Regional State in Ethiopia.
- All the recent studies employing molecular techniques never reported *Babesia bovis* and its tick vector *Rhipicephalus (Boophilus) annulatus* outside Gambella Regional State of Ethiopia.

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