Parasitic mites and ticks (Parasitiformes: Ixodida, Mesostigmata) from the true lizards (Lacertidae, Reptilia) of the Caucasus and their vector significance

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Abstract: 15 species of ixodid ticks (Ixodida) and 2 ones of gamasid mites (Mesostigmata) were identified in the true lizards (Lacertidae) of the Caucasus harbor according to our own and literature data. Of which one species of ixodid and both species of gamasid ticks are specific to reptiles. The core of the fauna of ixodid ticks is formed by species of the genus *Haemaphysalis*. The largest number of ixodid tick genera and species are associated with lizards of the genus *Lacerta*. The data obtained require clarification as to the role of reptiles in the circulation of dangerous natural focal infections in the Southern Russia.

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