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In the article "The bdr Gene Families of the Lyme Disease and Relapsing Fever Spirochetes: Potential Influence on Biology, Pathogenesis, and Evolution," by Roberts et al., Table 2 on page 113, contained printing errors. A correct version of the table appears below. We regret any confusion these errors may have caused.

Table 2. *Borrelia* Bdr homology groups and gene nomenclature

Bdr subfamily designation	Species/revised gene designation	Accession or TIGR number	Previous gene names	Ref.
Subfamily A				
B. turicatae OZ-1	$bdrA_1$	AF062395	*repA*	(46)
B. turicatae OZ-1	$bdrA_2$,A_3,A_4	AF128445-AF128447	none	(25)
B. hermsii YOR-1	$bdrA_1$,A_2,A_3	AF143473-AF143475	none	(25)
B. hermsii HS1	$bdrA_1$,A_2	AF143457-AF143458	none	(25)
B. hermsii MAN	$bdrA_1$,A_2	AF143465, AF143467	none	(25)
B. parkeri	$bdrA_1$	AF143455	none	(25)
Subfamily B				
B. turicatae OZ-1	$bdrB_1$,B_2,B_3,B_4,B_5	AF128448-AF128452	none	(24)
B. hermsii MAN	$bdrB_1$,B_2,B_3	AF143463, AF143464, AF143466	none	(25)
Subfamily C				
B. parkeri	$bdrC_1$	AF143455	none	(25)
B. hermsii MAN	$bdrC_1$,C_2,C_3,C_4,C_5	AF143468-AF143472	none	(25)
B. hermsii HS1	$bdrC_1$,C_2,C_3,C_4	AF143459-AF143462	none	(25)
B. hermsii YOR-1	$bdrC_1$	AF143476	none	(25)
B. parkeri	$bdrC_2$	AF143456	none	(25)
Subfamily D				
B. burgdorferi B31G	$bdrD_1$,D_2,D_3,	BBL35, BBM34, BBO34	*bdrO, bdrK, bdrM*	(30)
B. burgdorferi B31G	$bdrD_4$,D_5,D_6	BBP34, BBQ42, BBS37	*bdrA, bdrV, bdrE*	(30)
B. burgdorferi B31	$bdrD_7$	X87201	ORF-E (lp50 allele)	(41)
B. burgdorferi B31	$bdrD_8$	X87127	ORF-E (cp30.5 allele)	(41)
B. burgdorferi B31	$bdrD_9$	U42599	ORF-E (cp18 allele)	(41)
B. burgdorferi B31	$bdrD_{10}$	BBN34	*bdrQ*	(30)
B. burgdorferi B31	$bdrD_{11}$	BBR35	*bdrG*	(30)
Subfamily E				
B. burgdorferi B31G	$bdrE_1$,E_2,E_3	BBL27, BBN27, BBO27	*bdrP,* none, *bdrN*	(30)
B. burgdorferi B31G	$bdrE_4$,E_5,E_6	BBR27, BBS29, BBQ34	*bdrH, bdrF, bdrW*	(30)
B. burgdorferi 297	$bdrE_1$,E_2	U45421, U45422	*rep+2.9-1, rep+2.9-2*	(42)
B. burgdorferi 297	$bdrE_3$,E_4	U45423, U45424	*rep+2.9-3, rep+2.9-4*	(42)
B. burgdorferi 297	$bdrE_5$	U45425	*rep+2.9-5*	(42)
B. burgdorferi 297	$bdrE_6$	AF046998	*rep+2.9-8*	(45)
B. burgdorferi 297	$bdrE_7$	AF046999	*rep+2.9-9*	(45)
Subfamily F				
B. afzelii DK1	$bdrF_1$	Y08143	*p21*	(43)
B. burgdorferi B31G	$bdrF_1$,F_2,F_3	BBF03, BBG33, BBH13	*bdrS, bdrT, bdrU*	(30)