Cockroaches (*Ectobius vittiventris*) in an Intensive Care Unit, Switzerland

Technical Appendix

Technical Appendix Table. Characteristics of the most common cockroach species*

Scientific name	*Blatta orientalis*	*Blattella germanica*	*Periplaneta americana*	*Ectobius vittiventris*
English name	Oriental cockroach	German cockroach	American cockroach	Field-dwelling cockroach
Habitat	Dark and moist places, damp areas, kitchens. Worldwide.	Domestic. Worldwide.	Subtropical areas worldwide, USA. May survive in dry areas.	Green areas surrounding buildings. Mostly Europe.
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Size, mm	20–30	10–15	35–40	10
Ability to fly	Short distance	No	Yes	Yes
Lifetime, mo	18	18	8–15	≥24
Nuisance	Rarely transmits pathogens	Can transmit pathogens	Can cause allergic disease and transmit pathogens	No
Eradication	Insecticide, e.g., lambda-cyhalothrin	Insecticide, e.g., permethrin, hydromethylnon	Insecticide, e.g., permethrin, hydromethylnon	Keep outside

*Source: Swiss Society of Pest Control (www.fsd-vss.ch) and various references. Photographs were obtained from Hannes Baur, Natural History Museum, Bern, Switzerland.