

## TECHNICAL BULLETIN

# Credelio® (lotilaner) kills ticks\* faster

## than Simparica TRIO® (sarolaner, moxidectin and pyrantel) and NexGard® (afoxolaner).<sup>1</sup>

Comparative tick\* speed of kill analysis: Head-to-head study of Credelio, Simparica TRIO and NexGard finds that Credelio has the fastest initial speed of tick\* kill and sustains that advantage throughout the dosing interval.<sup>1</sup>

### BACKGROUND:

#### Speed of Kill Matters

Ticks transmit pathogens to their hosts during the feeding process, with longer feeding periods allowing more pathogens to be passed.<sup>1, 2</sup>

#### Faster kill means:

- May reduce the risk of pathogen transmission
- Greater pet owner satisfaction

#### Not All Isoxazolines are Created Equal

There are four isoxazolines approved to treat and control lone star ticks - lotilaner, afoxolaner, sarolaner and fluralaner. The initial speed of tick kill can be linked to how rapidly a product is absorbed to reach systemically active blood levels, while a molecule's half-life can impact the sustainability of the speed of kill over the treatment period. The longer half-life of lotilaner (Credelio) following oral administration compared to sarolaner (Simparica TRIO), afoxolaner (NexGard) and fluralaner (Bravecto) suggests that the rapid speed of kill for lotilaner (Credelio) may be maintained longer than the other isoxazoline products.<sup>4</sup>

While a 2021 study demonstrated that lotilaner quickly disrupts tick neuromuscular function, causing irreversible deleterious pre-lethal effects on ticks,<sup>5</sup> a direct, comparative treatment and efficacy study of lotilaner against other isoxazoline-containing products has not previously been available.<sup>4</sup>

#### Not All Ticks are Created Equal

Some tick species are more difficult to kill than others.



*Amblyomma americanum*  
(lone star tick) is tough to kill.<sup>3</sup>



*Ixodes scapularis*, the vector of Lyme disease, tends to be more susceptible to isoxazolines than *A. americanum*.<sup>4</sup>

#### HALF-LIFE OF ISOXAZOLINES<sup>4</sup>

PRODUCT AVERAGE HALF-LIFE (DAYS)\*\*

**Credelio®**  
(lotilaner)

~ 30 DAYS

**Simparica TRIO®**  
(sarolaner)

11-12 DAYS

**NexGard®**  
(afoxolaner)

~ 16 DAYS

**Bravecto®**  
(fluralaner)

12-15 DAYS

\*\*in adult dogs

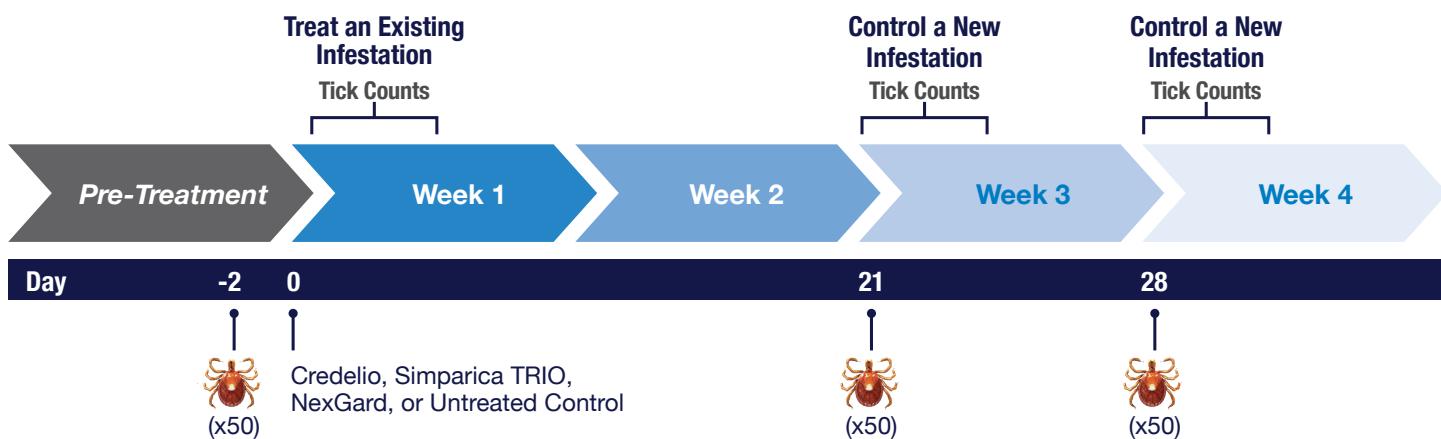
## SPEED OF KILL ANALYSIS<sup>1</sup>

### Study Objective

Compare the relative speeds of kill of the lone star tick following administration of three monthly-use, isoxazoline-containing products for dogs: Credelio, Simparica TRIO and NexGard.

### Study Design

Thirty-two dogs were randomly allocated to one of four treatment groups: Credelio, Simparica TRIO, NexGard or Untreated Control. Two days prior to treatment, every dog had approximately fifty *A. americanum* (lone star ticks) placed on them and ticks were allowed to attach and feed. On Day 0 (treatment day), the groups were treated according to the label with their respective isoxazoline-containing product or received no treatment. Live tick counts were performed on dogs by blinded investigators at 4, 8, 12, 24, 48 and 72 hours post-treatment (Day 0) and post-infestations on Day 21 and Day 28.



### Study Results

**At all 12-hour evaluations, only the Credelio group significantly reduced lone star ticks as compared to the untreated control group.**

 Credelio kills lone star ticks faster than Simparica TRIO and NexGard by reaching a statistically significant\*\* kill of the lone star tick faster than either product.<sup>1</sup>

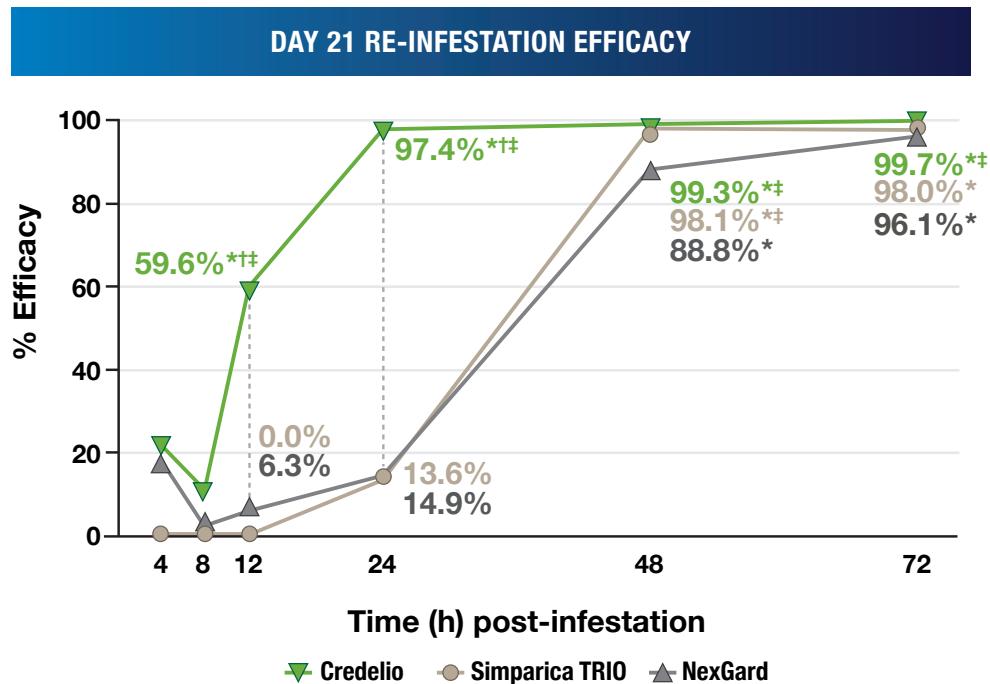
 The Credelio group was the only treatment group to achieve  $\geq 90\%$  efficacy at every 24-hour evaluation timepoint.

 Only Credelio significantly reduced lone star ticks at all 12-hour evaluations vs. the untreated control group. Simparica TRIO and NexGard groups were not significantly different from the untreated control group at all 12-hour evaluations.

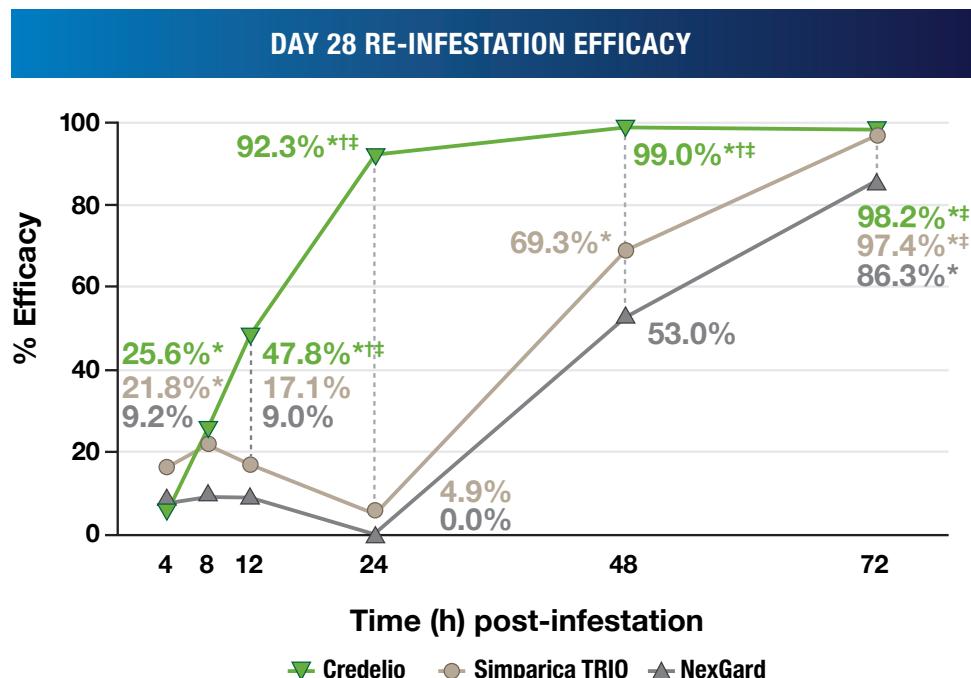


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% Efficacy represents live tick count reductions of product-treated vs untreated group



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## Key Findings

**The lone star tick is no match for Credelio®**

# Credelio kills ticks\* fast<sup>1</sup>

- This new head-to-head study finds Credelio has the fastest initial speed of tick\* kill and continues to grow that advantage throughout the dosing interval<sup>1</sup>.
- Credelio's rapid and consistent speed of tick\* kill may contribute to reduced risk of tick\*-borne pathogen transmission and increasing pet owner product satisfaction.



## REFERENCES

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<sup>6</sup>*Amblyomma americanum* (lone star tick)

<sup>7</sup>(P ≤0.05)

**CREDELIO INDICATIONS:** Credelio kills adult fleas and is indicated for the treatment and prevention of flea infestations (*Ctenocephalides felis*) and the treatment and control of tick infestations [*Amblyomma americanum* (lone star tick), *Dermacentor variabilis* (American dog tick), *Ixodes scapularis* (black-legged tick) *Rhipicephalus sanguineus* (brown dog tick) and *Haemaphysalis longicornis* (longhorned tick)] for one month in dogs and puppies 8 weeks of age and older and weighing 4.4 pounds or greater. Credelio is indicated for the prevention of *Borrelia burgdorferi* infections (also known as Lyme disease) as a direct result of killing *Ixodes scapularis* vector ticks.

**CREDELIO IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION:** Lotilaner is a member of the isoxazoline class. This class has been associated with neurologic adverse reactions including tremors, ataxia, and seizures. Seizures have been reported in dogs receiving this class of drugs, even in dogs without a history of seizures. Use with caution in dogs with a history of seizures or neurologic disorders. The safe use of Credelio in breeding, pregnant or lactating dogs has not been evaluated. The most frequently reported adverse reactions are weight loss, elevated blood urea nitrogen, polyuria, and diarrhea. For full prescribing information see Credelio package insert.