## S3 Table. Example of a Site-Specific Partition of the Full Dataset for the Bayesian Analyses

Data from all 14 tested ticks sampled from site 602 (i=2) in 2006 are presented below. Rows are sorted according to the observed presence/absence of infection ( $z_{ij}$ ), observed success/failure of RLB test ( $v_{ij}$ ) if  $z_{ij}$  = 1 (otherwise "NA" for "not applicable"), and observed presence/absence of HIS strains ( $t_{ij}$ ) if  $z_{ij}$  =  $v_{ij}$  = 1 (otherwise missing data). Boldfaced entries are determined automatically by the value(s) in the preceding column(s).

<i>i</i> (Site Label)	Tick Label <i>j</i> (sorted)	$z_{ij}$	$v_{ij}$	$t_{ij}$
2 (602)	1	0	NA	0
	2	0	NA	0
	3	0	NA	0
	4	0	NA	0
	5	0	NA	0
	6	0	NA	0
	7	0	NA	0
	8	0	NA	0
	9	1	0	missing
	10	1	0	missing
	11	1	0	missing
	12	1	0	missing
	13	1	1	0
	14	1	1	1