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Shigellosis

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Shigellosis is a bacterial infection leading to dysentery and is caused by *Shigella*, which are small, ubiquitous Gram-negative bacteria belonging to the enterobacteria family. There are four species: *S. dysenteriae*, *S. flexneri*, *S. boydii* and *S. sonnei*, all of which cause bacillary dysentery and are strictly limited to human hosts.