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# Balantidium coli

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## Source

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A species of ciliated intestinal protozoan parasites in the family Balantiidae. Infection occurs by ingestion of a cyst, with the motile trophozoite residing in the large intestine. *B. coli* is the largest protozoan that infects humans.