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Balantidium

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A genus of ciliated intestinal protozoan parasites in the family Balantiidae. Balantidium is the only ciliated protozoan known to infect humans and is the causative agent of balantidiasis. Infection occurs through contact with feces from an infected pig.