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# Hymenolepis diminuta

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A species of tapeworm in the family Hymenolepididae with a long cylindrical body, 4 suckers, and an apical organ at its scolex with no rostellar hooks. The lifecycle of *H. diminuta* involves beetles as the intermediate host and rodents as the definitive host. This tapeworm is prevalent in tropical zones worldwide but only rarely infects humans.