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Isosporiasis

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Isosporiasis (also known as cystoisosporiasis) is an exclusively human parasitosis occurring mainly in the tropics and subtropics, due to infection with *Isospora belli* (through ingestion of contaminated food), that is frequently asymptomatic or that can cause fever and diarrhea, but that is usually a self-limiting condition in the immunocompetent. HIV-positive individuals are particularly at risk of suffering from symptomatic isosporiasis and can manifest with a more severe clinical course of chronic diarrhea and severe weight loss.