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# Echinococcus

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A genus of cyclophyllid tapeworms in the family Taeniidae. The definitive hosts for echinococcus are carnivorous predators; humans become by zoonotic transfer. Infection with Echinococcus results in hydatid disease, also known as echinococcosis.