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# Blastocystis hominis

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## Source

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A species of protozoan parasites in the family Blastocystidae. External transmission of *B. hominis* is believed to occur by infection with a cyst. The cysts infect epithelial cells of the digestive tract and multiply asexually.