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# Alpha-heavy chain disease

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Alpha-heavy chain disease (alpha-HCD) is a type of HCD (see this term) characterized by the production of incomplete monoclonal alpha-heavy chains without associated light chains. Alpha-HCD is considered to be a subtype of immunoproliferative small intestinal disease (IPSID; see this term). The clinical presentation includes chronic diarrhea with evidence of malabsorption.