

# **ENTAMOEBA HISTOLYTICA**

Entamoeba histolytica is an anaerobic parasitic amoebozoan, part of the genus Entamoeba. Predominantly infecting humans and other primates causing amoebiasis, E. histolytica is estimated to infect about 35-50 million people worldwide.



# CLASSIFICATION

Kingdom Protista
Phylum Sarcomastigophora
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Class Zoomastigophorea
Order Diplomonadida
Family Hexamitidae
Genus Giardia

Subphylum Sarcodina Superclass Rhizopoda Class Lobosea

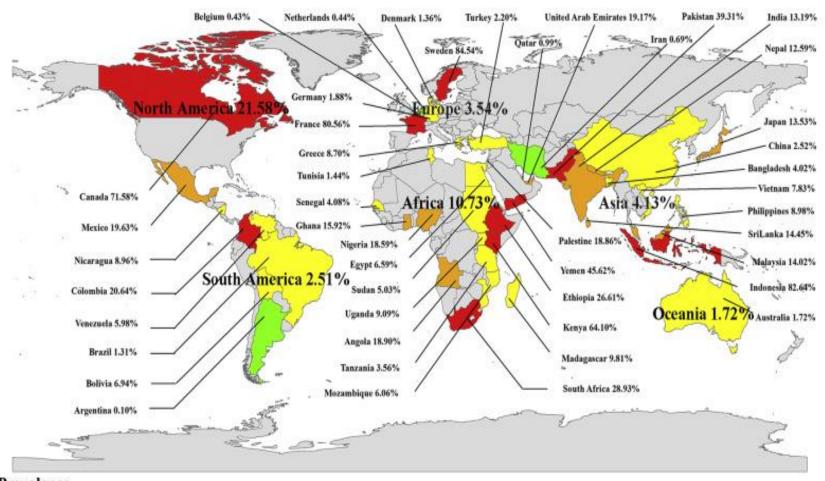
Order Amoebida
Family Endamoebidae
Genus Entamoeba

### DISEASE OF ENTAMOBEA

Entamoeba histolytica is an ameba that feeds on cells in the human colon. It is the cause of amebic dysentery (bloody diarrhea) as well as colonic ulcerations. The **infection** is also referred to as amebiasis.

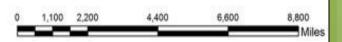
### GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION

- COSMOPOLITIAN
- The prevalence of Entamoeba infection is as high as 50% in areas of Central and South America, Africa, and Asia.
  E histolytica seroprevalence studies in Mexico revealed that more than 8% of the population were positive









### MORPHOLOGY

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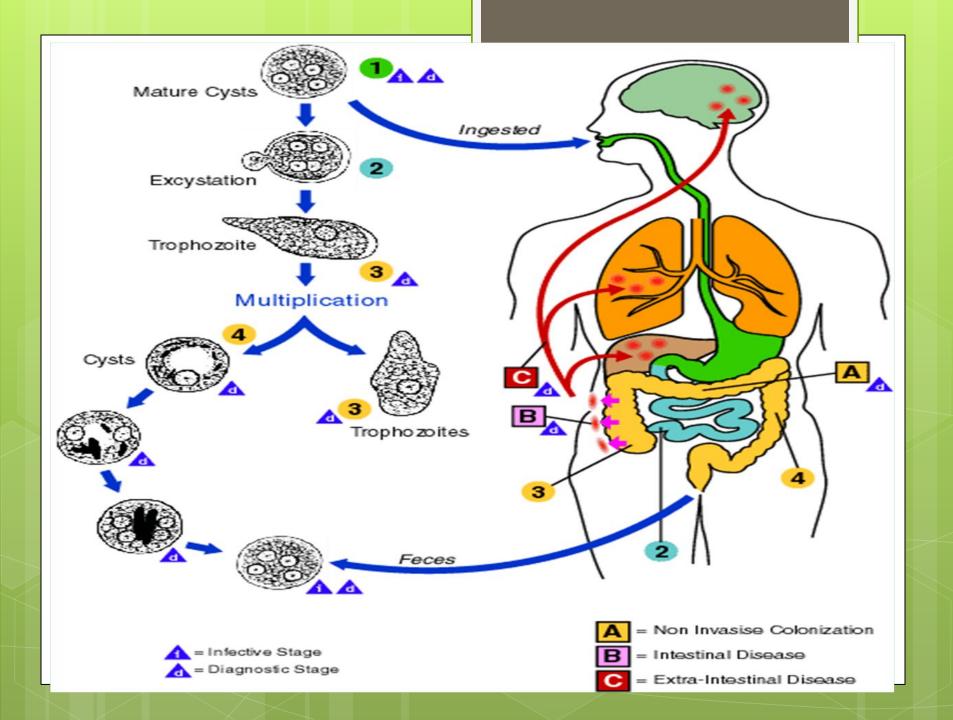
The trophic forms vary in size from 15-40 micro average being 25 micro. The cell body is divisible into two distinct portions—ectoplasm and endoplasm. The ectoplasm is clear and translucent while the endoplasm is granular

Cysts vary in diameter from 10-20 micro. The cysts are spherical. The cyst wall is double and the cytoplasm usually bears four nuclei. The cytoplasm is clear and often contains black rod-like chromatoid bar or bodies.

Organism	Trophozoite	Precyst	Cyst
E. histolytica E. dispar E. moshkovskii			
E. coli			
E. hartmanni	( o . )	(° 80°)	(OOO)
I. bütschlii			

# LIFECYCLE

- When the cyst of E.histolytica reaches caecum or lower part of ileum excystation occurs and an amoeba with four nuclei emerges and that divides by binary fission to form eight trophozoites.
- Trophozoites migrate to the large intestine and lodge into the submucosal tissue.
- Trophozoites grow and multiply by binary fission in the large intestine (Trophozoite phase of the life cycle is responsible for producing characteristics lesion of amoebiasis).
- Certain numbers of trophozoites are discharged into the lumen of the bowel and are transformed into cystic forms.
- The cysts thus formed are unable to develop in the same host and therefore necessitate a transference to another susceptible host. The cysts are passed in the feces.



### **PATHOGENECITY**

E. histolytica, as its name suggests
 (histo-lytic = tissue destroying),
 is pathogenic; infection can be
 asymptomatic or can lead to amoebic
 dysentery or amoebic liver abscess.
 Symptoms can include fulminating
 dysentery, bloody diarrhea, weight loss,
 fatigue, abdominal pain, and amoeboma

# SYMPTOMS

On average, about one in 10 people who are infected with E. histolytica becomes sick from the infection.
 The symptoms often are quite mild and can include loose stools, stomach pain, and stomach cramping. Amebic

dysentery is a severe form of amebiasis associated with stomach pain, bloody stools, and fever

### DIAGNOSIS

A single stool examination has a low sensitivity of detecting the parasite (129). The best **diagnostic** method is detection of E. **histolytica** antigen or DNA in stool (78, 79). Clinical **diagnosis** of amebiasis is difficult because of the nonspecific nature of symptoms

### TREATMENT

Current U.S. treatment guidelines recommend as first line either metronidazole 750 mg PO tid for 7-10 days (35-50 mg/kg/d in children) OR tinidazole 2 g once PO daily for 5 days (50 mg/kg/day in children 3 years of age or older). Luminal agents used are paromomycin, iodoquinol, and diloxanide furoate.

### PREVENTION AND CONTROL

Improved sanitation will help to reduce the liklihood of transmission. Travelers to endemic areas can reduce the risk of infection by drinking bottled water, not using ice cubes in drinks, and washing fruits and vegetables with clean water (or by peeling them yourself).

### **Prevention & Control**

#### Primary prevention

- Safe excreta disposal
- Safe water supply
- Hygiene
- Health education

#### Secondary

- Early diagnosis
- Treatment

### Reference

- https://youtu.be/wBPh9svlU9Q
- https://youtu.be/gfCunkjxkMo
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