

Letter to the Editor

**Ad: *Fasciola hepatica* Human Infection.
Histopathological Study of Sixteen Cases**

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Since Professor Doerr was kind enough to answer my critical observations on the above article, I would like to thank him for giving me the opportunity of writing a short letter from a reader.

The title and text of the work give the impression that this infection is a common disease in people of South America (Uruguay). Even though 16 such cases in man are mentioned, in only a few has the infection been proved to be caused by this parasite.

Furthermore, it must be pointed out that with the majority of cases, the eosinophilic granuloma described can be traced back to a variety of possible causes. In cases in which the cause of infection was not apparent, we have considered the possibility of infection via larva migrans.

Before the eosinophilic granuloma discussed in the work can be interpreted as being caused by *fasciola hepatica*, anatomopathological proof must be obtained. If that is not possible, only a tentative diagnosis can be established.

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