

Helminthic Therapy in Science and the Media

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Introduction

This document lists scientific studies and various forms of media coverage relating to [helminthic therapy](#) and closely related topics such as the [Hygiene Hypothesis](#), the [Old Friends' Hypothesis](#), [Biome Depletion Theory](#) and [Evolutionary Mismatch Theory](#).

There are four organisms being used in helminthic therapy:

- * the pig whipworm, [Trichuris suis](#) (TSO)
- * the human hookworm, [Necator americanus](#) (NA)
- * the human whipworm, [Trichuris trichiura](#) (TTO)
- * the rat tapeworm, [Himenolepis diminuta](#) (HDC)

However, not all of the studies and articles listed below are concerned with these four species. Some have focussed on the effects of other helminths, or molecules derived from them, yet all are valuable for the insights they provide about the effects of helminths generally, and of their excretory/secretory products.

Searching the list

If you are interested in helminthic therapy in relation to a particular medical condition, use your device's search function to locate the items that are relevant to that disease. Several conditions will require the use of more than one search term, for example:

Allergies - search for "allerg", "atopy" and "anaphylaxis"
Anemia - search for "anemia" and "anaemia"
Arthritis - search for "arthritis" and "joint"
Asthma - search for "asthma", "airway" and "wheeze"
Autism - search for "autism" and "ASD"
Celiac disease - search for "celiac" and "coeliac"
Crohn's disease - search for "Crohn's" and "IBD"
Diabetes - search for "diabet" and "insulin"
Heart disease - search for "cardio" and "atherosclerosis"
Inflammation - search for "inflam"
Leaky gut - search for "barrier"
Multiple sclerosis - search for "multiple sclerosis" rather than "MS"
Obesity - search for "obes" and "adipose"
Pregnancy - search for "preg" and "mater"
Ulcerative colitis - search for "colitis" and "IBD"

Papers and reports

This section contains links to scientific papers and reports about *individual* studies, listed in reverse chronological order. Papers shown in **purple** mark key stages in the development of the Hygiene Hypothesis and the therapeutic use of helminths. Links shown in **red** are a good place to start if you're new to helminthic therapy, or if you're looking for resources that would help someone else to understand this therapy.

Unless otherwise stated, the main links are to **PubMed** abstracts, with additional links to full text copies and PDFs also provided, if available. Where free full text copies are not available via PubMed, these can usually be obtained from other sources such as **Sci-Hub** and the Facebook group, **Get Your Papers**.

Further papers can be found by searching **PubMed**, which carries almost all the scientific papers written about helminthic therapy.

2016

[Molecular events by which dendritic cells promote Th2 immune protection in helminth infection](#)

[Maternal Helminth Infection Is Associated With Higher Infant Immunoglobulin A Titers to Antigen in Orally Administered Vaccines](#)

[Intimate gut interactions: helminths and the microbiota](#)

[Host parasite communications-Messages from helminths for the immune system](#)

[Experimental arthritis: Helminth infection ameliorates arthritis](#) [No abstract]

[Mice infected with a parasite show reduced symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis](#) Bob Yirka, Medical Xpress

[Th2 and eosinophil responses suppress inflammatory arthritis](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Practices and outcomes of self-treatment with helminths based on physicians' observations](#) The first study to probe, through the eyes of their physicians, the practices and experiences of individuals who are treating themselves with helminths.

[Helminths and Intestinal Flora Team Up to Improve Gut Health](#)

[The relationship between helminth infections and low haemoglobin levels in Ethiopian children with blood type A](#)

[Parasitic helminth infections and the control of human allergic and autoimmune disorders](#)

[Intestinal worms boost immune system in a surprising way](#) Nik Papageorgiou, Mediacom

[Interaction between Helminths and Toll-Like Receptors: Possibilities and Potentials for Asthma Therapy](#)

[Macrobiota - helminths as active participants and partners of the microbiota in host intestinal homeostasis](#)

[Diplomatic Assistance: Can Helminth-Modulated Macrophages Act as Treatment for Inflammatory Disease?](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Treatment with *Trichuris suis* soluble products during monocyte-to-macrophage differentiation reduces inflammatory responses through epigenetic remodeling](#)

[Helminth infection promotes colonization resistance via type 2 immunity](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Parasitic worms may prevent Crohn's disease by altering bacterial balance](#) Mitch Leslie, Science

[Comprehensive Transcriptome Meta-analysis to Characterize Host Immune Responses in Helminth Infections](#) [Full text]

[Cellular gene expression induced by parasite antigens and allergens in neonates from parasite-infected mothers](#)

[To Keep or Not to Keep a Hookworm](#) Iqbal Pittalwala, UCR Today

[Immune-regulatory mechanisms of classical and experimental multiple sclerosis drugs: a special focus on helminth-derived treatments](#)

[Microbes and asthma: Opportunities for intervention](#)

[Are Helminths to be Trusted as Allies in the War against Autoimmunity and Chronic Inflammation?](#) [PDF]

[Malaria, helminths, co-infection and anaemia in a cohort of children from Mutengene, south western Cameroon](#) [Full text | PDF]

[The parasitic worm-derived immunomodulator, ES-62 and its drug-like small molecule analogues exhibit therapeutic potential in a model of chronic asthma](#) [Full text | PDF]

[The Role of Helminth Infection and Environment in the Development of Allergy: A Prospective Study of Newly-Arrived Ethiopian Immigrants in Israel](#) [Full text]

[Therapeutic potential of recombinant cystatin from *Schistosoma japonicum* in TNBS-induced experimental colitis of mice](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Interactions between the intestinal microbiome and helminth parasites](#)

[Mast cells: new therapeutic target in helminth immune modulation](#) [Full text | PDF]

2015

[Helminth Products Protect against Autoimmunity via Innate Type 2 Cytokines IL-5 and IL-33, Which Promote Eosinophilia](#)

[Low-Dose Intestinal *Trichuris muris* Infection Alters the Lung Immune Microenvironment and Can Suppress Allergic Airway Inflammation](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Worming Their Way into the Picture: Microbiota Help Helminths Modulate Host Immunity](#)

[Hookworm larvae to be injected into coeliacs in bid to treat gluten intolerance](#) ABC News

[Cohabitation in the Intestine: Interactions among Helminth Parasites, Bacterial Microbiota, and Host Immunity](#)

[Can Helminth Infection Reverse Microbial Dysbiosis?](#)

[Drug-like analogues of the parasitic worm-derived immunomodulator ES-62 are therapeutic in the MRL/Lpr model of systemic lupus erythematosus](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Helminth infection, fecundity, and age of first pregnancy in women](#)

[The Intestinal Microbiota Contributes to the Ability of Helminths to Modulate Allergic Inflammation](#) [Full text | PDF]

[IL-35 is a critical regulator of immunity during helminth infections associated with multiple sclerosis](#)

[Experimental hookworm infection and escalating gluten challenges are associated with increased microbial richness in celiac subjects](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Type 2 immunity-dependent reduction of segmented filamentous bacteria in mice infected with the helminthic parasite *Nippostrongylus brasiliensis*](#) [Full text | PDF]

[The interaction of commensal intestinal bacteria with helminth parasites](#)

[Effect of different helminth extracts on the development of asthma in mice: The influence of early-life exposure and the role of IL-10 response](#)

[Interactions between multiple helminths and the gut microbiota in wild rodents](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Are Human Intestinal Eukaryotes Beneficial or Commensals?](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Tapeworms may be good for your brain](#) Hanae Armitage, Science

[The Role of Adoptive Transfer of Immune Cells in Helminth- induced Regulation of Allergy and Autoimmune Diseases](#)

The hygiene hypothesis: current perspectives and future therapies [\[Full text has a PDF download link\]](#)

[Trichuris suis induces human non-classical patrolling monocytes via the mannose receptor and PKC: implications for multiple sclerosis](#) [\[Full text | PDF\]](#)

[Gut worms protect babies' brains from inflammation](#) Science Daily

[Enteric nematodes and the path to up-regulation of type 2 cytokines IL-4 and IL-13](#) (Includes mention of increased cell turnover to maintain an effective gut barrier in the presence of helminths.)

[Got Worms? Perinatal Exposure to Helminths Prevents Persistent Immune Sensitization and Cognitive Dysfunction Induced by Early-Life Infection](#)

[Suppression of inflammation by helminths: a role for the gut microbiota?](#) [\[Full text | PDF\]](#)

[Progress on reconstituting the depleted biome to prevent immune disorders](#) Parker and Morey, The Evolution and Medicine Review

[Helminth therapy for organic diseases?](#)

[Of worms and men - administration of helminth products as an innovative approach to treatment of autoimmune diseases](#)

[Significance of Diagnosing Parasitic Infestation in Evaluation of Unexplained Eosinophilia](#) [\[Full text | PDF\]](#)

[Chronic helminth infection and helminth-derived egg antigens promote adipose tissue M2 macrophages and improve insulin sensitivity in obese mice](#)

[Atopy and Asthma in Migrants: The Function of Parasites](#)

[Parasitic helminths and their beneficial impact on type 1 and type 2 diabetes](#)

[Prevention of Type 1 diabetes through parasite infection](#) [\[No abstract\]](#)

[Infection with Soil-Transmitted Helminths Is Associated with Increased Insulin Sensitivity](#) [\[Full text | PDF\]](#)

[The gut microbiome in the helminth infected host](#)

[Clinical trials of helminth therapy in autoimmune diseases: rationale and findings](#)

[Prophylactic and therapeutic treatment with a synthetic analogue of a parasitic worm product prevents experimental arthritis and inhibits IL-1 \$\beta\$ production via NRF2-mediated counter-regulation of the inflammasome](#) [\[Full text | PDF\]](#)

[Identifying the immunomodulatory components of helminths](#)

[Not all parasites are protective](#) [\[Full text | PDF\]](#)

[Trichuris suis soluble products induce Rab7b expression and limit TLR4 responses in human dendritic cells](#)

[Immune responses in children infected with the pinworm Enterobius vermicularis in central Greece](#)

[A worm of one's own: how helminths modulate host adipose tissue function and metabolism](#)

[Comments on TSO for Autism from a European Biomedical Center for Autism Research](#)

[Approaches to studying and manipulating the enteric microbiome to improve autism symptoms](#) [\[Full text | PDF\]](#)

[Alteration of the rat cecal microbiome during colonization with the helminth Hymenolepis dimunita](#) [\[Full text | PDF\]](#)

[Chronic Trichuris muris Infection in C57BL/6 Mice Causes Significant Changes in Host Microbiota and Metabolome: Effects Reversed by Pathogen Clearance](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Helminths improve insulin sensitivity and enhance M2 macrophage numbers in WAT of obese mice](#) [No abstract]

[Type 1 diabetes pathogenesis - Prevention???](#) [Full text]

[Helminths and autoimmunity: the good, the bad and the ugly](#) [PDF]

[Unraveling the Hygiene Hypothesis of helminthes and autoimmunity: origins, pathophysiology, and clinical applications](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Helminths and the microbiota: parts of the hygiene hypothesis](#) [PDF]

[Increased Biodiversity in the Environment Improves the Humoral Response of Rats](#) (Report by Science Daily, [here](#).)

[The parasitic worm product ES-62 targets myeloid differentiation factor 88-dependent effector mechanisms to suppress antinuclear antibody production and proteinuria in MRL/lpr mice](#) [Full text | PDF] (A worm-derived immunomodulator protects against kidney damage in lupus/SLE)

[Exosome-transported microRNAs of helminth origin: new tools for allergic and autoimmune diseases therapy?](#)

[From the worm to the pill, the parasitic worm product ES-62 raises new horizons in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Human helminth therapy to treat inflammatory disorders - where do we stand?](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Immune Antibodies and Helminth Products Drive CXCR2-Dependent Macrophage-Myofibroblast Crosstalk to Promote Intestinal Repair](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Epidemiological study of the association between malaria and helminth infections in Nigeria](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Overcoming Evolutionary Mismatch by Self-Treatment with Helminths: Current Practices and Experience](#) [PDF] The first study to probe the methods and outcomes reported by individuals self-treating with helminths.

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[The immunomodulatory parasitic worm product ES-62 reduces lupus-associated accelerated atherosclerosis in a mouse model](#) [Full text | PDF]

[The relationship between intestinal parasites and some immune-mediated intestinal conditions](#) [Full text | PDF]

[A role for helminth parasites in achieving immunological tolerance in transplantation](#)

[Helminth infections and type 2 diabetes: a cluster-randomized placebo controlled SUGARSPIN trial in Nangapanda, Flores, Indonesia](#) [Full text | PDF]

[A novel regulatory macrophage induced by a helminth molecule instructs IL-10 in CD4+ T cells and protects against mucosal inflammation](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Intestinal helminths regulate lethal acute graft-versus-host disease and preserve the graft-versus-tumor effect in mice](#) (Helminths improve the outcome of bone marrow transplantation in mice)

[Helminthes and insects: maladies or therapies](#)

[Experimental hookworm infection and gluten microchallenge promote tolerance in celiac disease](#) (Reports by EurekaAlert and ABC Australia, [here](#) and [here](#).)

[Potential Treatments for Food Allergy](#)

[The mechanisms behind helminth's immunomodulation in autoimmunity](#)

[A model for the induction of autism in the ecosystem of the human body: the anatomy of a modern pandemic?](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Splenic B cells from Hymenolepis diminuta-infected mice ameliorate colitis independent of T cells and via cooperation with macrophages](#)

[Treatment with egg antigens of Schistosoma mansoni ameliorates experimental colitis in mice through a colonic T-cell-dependent mechanism](#)

[Multiple sclerosis and environmental factors: the role of vitamin D, parasites, and Epstein-Barr virus infection](#)

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[Helminth Therapy for MS \(multiple sclerosis\)](#)

[Reduced asthma morbidity in endemic areas for helminth infections: a longitudinal ecological study in Brazil](#)

[In utero priming by worms protects against respiratory allergies](#)

[The emerging role of helminths in treatment of the inflammatory bowel disorders](#) [PDF]

[Maternal immune response to helminth infection during pregnancy determines offspring susceptibility to allergic airway inflammation](#)

[Potential treatment of inflammatory bowel disease: a review of helminths therapy](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Coincident helminth infection modulates systemic inflammation and immune activation in active pulmonary tuberculosis](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Impact of experimental hookworm infection on the human gut microbiota](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Therapeutic potential of larval excretory/secretory proteins of the pig whipworm Trichuris suis in allergic disease](#)

[Priming dendritic cells for th2 polarization: lessons learned from helminths and implications for metabolic disorders](#) [Full text | PDF]

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[Blockade of IL-33 release and suppression of type 2 innate lymphoid cell responses by helminth secreted products in airway allergy](#) [Full text | PDF]

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[The "hygiene hypothesis" for allergic disease is a misnomer](#) William Parker, The BMJ

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[Lessons from helminth infections: ES-62 highlights new interventional approaches in rheumatoid arthritis](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Systemic impact of intestinal helminth infections](#) [PDF]

[Microbial 'old friends', immunoregulation and socioeconomic status](#) [Full text | PDF]

[ES-62 protects against collagen-induced arthritis by resetting interleukin-22 toward resolution of inflammation in the joints](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Helminth/Parasite treatment of multiple sclerosis](#)

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[A multimodal Darwinian strategy for alleviating the atherosclerosis pandemic](#)

[Secreted proteins from the helminth *Fasciola hepatica* inhibit the initiation of autoreactive T cell responses and prevent diabetes in the NOD mouse](#) [Full text | PDF]

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[Microbiota, immunoregulatory old friends and psychiatric disorders](#)

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[Regulation of the immune system by biodiversity from the natural environment: an ecosystem service essential to health](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Helminths and their implication in sepsis - a new branch of their immunomodulatory behaviour?](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Parasite infections in multiple sclerosis modulate immune responses through a retinoic acid-dependent pathway](#) [Full text | PDF]

[The hygiene theory harnessing helminths and their ova to treat autoimmunity](#)

[*Heligmosomoides polygyrus* infection reduces severity of type 1 diabetes induced by multiple low-dose streptozotocin in mice via STAT6- and IL-10-independent mechanisms](#)

[Dueling Infections: One Keeps the Other at Bay, Say UCSB Anthropologists](#) Andrea Estrada, The Current, University of California, Santa Barbara

[Antagonism between two intestinal parasites in humans: the importance of co-infection for infection risk and recovery dynamics](#) [Full text | PDF]

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[Possible use of *Trichuris suis* ova in autism spectrum disorders therapy](#)

[Coassociations between IL10 polymorphisms, IL-10 production, helminth infection, and asthma/wheeze in an urban tropical population in Brazil](#)

[Hookworm excretory/secretory products induce interleukin-4 \(IL-4\)+ IL-10+ CD4+ T cell responses and suppress pathology in a mouse model of colitis](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Parasitic nematode-induced modulation of body weight and associated metabolic dysfunction in mouse models of obesity](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Previous contact with *Strongyloides venezuelensis* contributed to prevent insulinitis in MLD-STZ diabetes](#) [Full text includes a PDF download link]

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[Association of previous schistosome infection with diabetes and metabolic syndrome: a cross-sectional study in rural China](#)

[Evolutionary immune response to conserved domains in parasites and aeroallergens](#)

Patients self-treat with parasitic worms In this letter to the journal, Nature, two researchers called on the scientific community to adopt an approach to the development of helminth therapeutics that would recognise and utilise the insights and evidence being gained by citizen scientists who are self-treating with helminths.

[Microbial 'Old Friends', immunoregulation and stress resilience](#) [Full text | PDF]

Evolutionary biology and anthropology suggest biome reconstitution as a necessary approach toward dealing with immune disorders [Full text | PDF] This paper explains how the modern pandemics of autoimmune, inflammatory and allergic disease are due to the loss of species, especially helminths, from the human ecosystem.

[Protection against allergic airway inflammation during the chronic and acute phases of *Trichinella spiralis* infection](#)

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[Immune regulation during helminth infections](#) [Full text | PDF]

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[Therapeutic helminth infection of macaques with idiopathic chronic diarrhea alters the inflammatory signature and mucosal microbiota of the colon](#) [Full text | PDF]

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[Heligmosomoides polygyrus: EAE remission is correlated with different systemic cytokine profiles provoked by L4 and adult nematodes \(Multiple sclerosis\)](#)

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[Immune monitoring of Trichuris suis egg therapy in multiple sclerosis patients](#)

[Does helminth activation of toll-like receptors modulate immune response in multiple sclerosis patients? \[Full text | PDF\]](#)

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[Schistosoma mansoni antigens as modulators of the allergic inflammatory response in asthma](#)

[The hygiene hypothesis: an explanation for the increased frequency of insulin-dependent diabetes \[Full text | PDF\]](#)

[Helminth-host immunological interactions: prevention and control of immune-mediated diseases \[Full text | PDF\]](#) Summarises the science underpinning helminthic therapy.

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[Parasitic helminth cystatin inhibits DSS-induced intestinal inflammation via IL-10\(+\)/F4/80\(+\) macrophage recruitment](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Impact of Schistosoma japonicum infection on collagen-induced arthritis in DBA/1 mice: a murine model of human rheumatoid arthritis](#) [Full text | PDF]

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[Probiotic helminth administration in relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis: a phase 1 study](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Clonorchis sinensis-derived total protein attenuates airway inflammation in murine asthma model by inducing regulatory T cells and modulating dendritic cell functions](#)

[Helminth parasites and the modulation of joint inflammation](#) [Full text | PDF]

[Infection with an intestinal helminth parasite reduces Freund's complete adjuvant-induced monoarthritis in mice](#) [Full text | PDF]

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[The transcriptome of Trichuris suis -- first molecular insights into a parasite with curative properties for key immune diseases of humans](#) [Full text | PDF]

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