

Neglected risk factors of childhood morbidity and mortality caused by *Cryptosporidium* infection.

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Ibrahim Khalil and colleagues (July, 2018)¹ report the estimated childhood morbidity and mortality from *Cryptosporidium* infection and its long-term consequences. Accordingly, in 2016, the infection was the fifth leading cause of diarrhoea, and acute infection caused more than 4·2 million disability-adjusted lifeyears (DALYs) lost and more than 48 000 deaths globally. In addition to acute infection, the results from Khalil and colleagues' study¹ showed that *Cryptosporidium* was associated with a decrease in childhood growth that caused 7·85 million DALYs. Despite these statistics, there are some neglected topics in cryptosporidial infections.