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Cerebral sparganosis

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The recently published article on cerebral sparganosis was very interesting (1). Indeed, Wang et al. described a relevant case study of sparganosis, which is an uncommon tapeworm infection that is sporadically reported and can be found in many tropical countries. Cerebral sparganosis has been documented in Thailand (2), and it is typically initially identified by brain imaging. One important concern associated with this condition is the migratory path of the parasite. Indeed, migration is not part of the common course of infection with this parasite, and migration is more commonly observed in other parasitic infestations, such as

gnathostomiasis. Of interest, sparganosis can become manifest in the brain, and concurrent infection may also be possible.

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