Diphyllobothriasis and Sparganosis in Indonesia

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Food-borne zoonotic cestode infections by *Diphyllobothrium* spp. and *Spirometra* spp. are relatively uncommon in Indonesia. So far, only one case of diphyllobothriasis was confirmed in 2004 in Jakarta, whereas there were 4 sparganosis cases in Indonesia. Morphology of eggs and gravid proglottids revealed the first case to be caused by *Diphyllobothrium* species. However, molecular identification of the species was not successful. Sparganosis may not be particularly rare in Indonesia, since *Spirometra* species have often been found in cats and other animals. These topics in Indonesia are briefly overviewed with reference to historical records and socio-cultural background information.

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