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## Introduction

Human amebiasis is caused by the protist parasite *Entamoeba histolytica*, which is a major public health issue in developing nations. Even though research into the disease's pathobiological mechanisms has progressed significantly over the past few decades, little is known about the molecular pathways that lead to tissue damage and invasion in both intestinal and extraintestinal diseases. Clear linkage between the genotype of the parasite with intrusive infection or with extraintestinal attack has not been seen, however various destructiveness factors have been recognized lately. In amebiasis, the relationship between the host and the parasite is also influenced by host factors, which include the micro flora of the gut and host genes like leptin. In addition to providing food, gut bacteria also provide an anaerobic environment and pH that encourage trophozoites to multiply and transform into cysts. It is progressively trusted that the stomach climate and parasite genotype, along with the host genotype, all connect to establish the right climate for *E. histolytica* to attack. We do not, however, have a clear understanding of the nature of these interactions or how they ultimately affect the parasite's capacity to invade tissues [1].

during modified cell passing of trophozoites. Some of the nucleotidase enzymes are present in the inner membrane of cytoplasmic vacuoles that may or may not be phagolysosomes, whereas it was also found in the cytoplasm and near the nucleus. Additionally, it is unclear whether these enzymes contribute to this organism's calcium homeostasis. In *E. histolytica*, a repertoire of 27 CaBPs with multiEF-hands was discovered through genomic analysis [4, 5].

### Cells for interest

*E. histolytica* adhesion to target cells is necessary for subsequent cell lysis and tissue invasion, as clearly demonstrated. *E. histolytica*'s hydrolytic and cytotoxic molecules or the stimulation of the apoptotic pathway that begins after contact with the parasitic cells can directly cause the death of the target cells. Numerous proteolytically active genes are encoded and expressed by amebic cells. Among these, cysteine protease 5 (Ehcp5) has acquired consideration since it is situated on the cell surface and due to the shortfall of a practically dynamic homolog in the nonpathogenic species *E. dispar*. Porin like proteins of *E. histolytica*, amebapores, were likewise ensnared in cytolysis done by amebic cells. After *E. histolytica* interacts with target cells, one of their outcomes is a significant increase in Ca<sup>2+</sup> levels. The death of the target cell was slowed down by blocking Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels. Because the purified protein itself raises Ca<sup>2+</sup> levels in target cells, it is hypothesized that Gal/GalNAc lectin initiated this. However, upon contact with *E. histolytica*, the mechanism by which target cells release Ca<sup>2+</sup> is unclear [6, 7].

### Phagocytosis process

Phagocytosis is closely related to *E. histolytica*'s biology. It has a high rate of pinocytosis and phagocytosis, resulting in a renewal of the plasma membrane every 30 minutes. It phagocytoses a variety of cells, including RBCs, bacterial cells, live and apoptotic cells from mammals, and so on. According to a number of reports, phagocytosis is essential to the virulence of amebae. The observed direct positive relationship between an isolate's phagocytic ability and virulence potential constitutes the majority of the evidence. In general, less virulence is correlated with a

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