

**AUTHOR'S REPLY**

Dear Sir,

The statement in my article<sup>(1)</sup> regarding “humans becoming intermediate hosts through contact with a definitive host (usually a domesticated dog) or ingestion of contaminated water or vegetables” was quoted from an article by Pedrosa et al in Radiographics<sup>(2)</sup>.

I have gone through all the references quoted in the letter from Dr Lange. Although Canda MS et al<sup>(3)</sup> mentioned a fox as the definitive host, McManus et al<sup>(4)</sup> have mentioned dogs and wolves as the definitive hosts for *E. granulosus* and foxes as the most important definitive hosts for *E. multilocularis*. According to McManus et al, domesticated dogs and cats can also harbour the tapeworm and may be involved in a synanthropic cycle.

The rest of Dr Lange's comments in the same letter contain further details on the subject of hydatid disease that was not provided in my manuscript. I have no disagreement with these additional comments.

Yours sincerely,

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