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Toxocara infection in gardener

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To the editor,

The report on *Toxocara* infection in gardener is very interesting[1]. Esquivel *et al.* concluded that “gardeners do not have a higher risk for *Toxocara* infection than subjects of the general population in Durango City, Mexico”[1]. In fact, considering the source of infection of *Toxocara*, it can be at risk for anyone who contacts it. As an occupation, gardener might have a chance to contact soil. In fact, everyone has to contact soil and the gardener does not live all day but part of day in the garden. In addition, the *Toxocara* can be seen in many areas including the public yard[2] as well as hospital yard[3]. A recent report by Cassenote *et al.* stated that “soil contact and personal hygiene appear to have a greater influence on the acquisition of infection than sociodemographic attribute”[4]. This means that the hygiene is a preventive factor for infection[5,6]. This can confirm the statement by Mendonça *et al.* that “low socioeconomic status is a risk factor for the acquisition of this infection as a reflection of hygiene habits of the family”[7].

Conflict of interest statement

We declare that we have no conflict of interest.

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