

The occurrence of *Cryptosporidium* oocysts in faecal samples submitted for routine examination at Kenyatta National Hospital

Abstract:

One hundred and thirty-three loose or diarrhoeic stool specimens from patients admitted at Kenyatta National Hospital were examined for cryptosporidiosis. Oocysts were detected in 5(3.8%) of the total in which *Cryptosporidium* was the sole pathogenic agent. In addition to *Cryptosporidium*, other pathogens isolated included bacteria, protozoa and helminths. We therefore report that *Cryptosporidium* is a cause of diarrhoea and should be looked for in the absence of other pathogenic organisms.