

Ocular toxocariasis

see [Toxocariasis](#).

see also [Cerebral toxocariasis](#)

Ocular [toxocariasis](#) (OT) is a zoonotic [infection](#) caused by larval stages of [Toxocara canis](#) and [T. cati](#).

A [systematic review](#) and meta-analysis aimed to evaluate the global [prevalence](#) of OT.

Five English ([PubMed](#), [Scopus](#), [ScienceDirect](#), [Web of Science](#), and [Google Scholar](#)) databases were explored and 101 [articles](#) met the [inclusion criteria](#).

The pooled [prevalence](#) (95% [confidence interval](#)) of OT was higher in immunological studies (9%. 6-12%) than in studies that applied ophthalmic examination (1%. 1-2%). The [lower middle income country](#) had the highest [prevalence](#) (6%. 2-12%) as well as the [African](#) region (10%. 7-13%). The highest [infection rate](#) (4%. 2-7%) was detected in the 1-25 mean age group.

Regular [anthelmintic](#) treatment of cats and dogs, and removal of animal feces from public places must be considered ¹⁾.

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