MONGOLIA

BASIC COUNTRY DATA

Total Population: 2,756,001  
Population 0-14 years: 28%  
Rural population: 43%  
Population living under USD 1.25 a day: 22.4%  
Population living under the national poverty line: 35.2%  
Income status: Lower middle income economy  
Ranking: Medium human development (ranking 110)  
Per capita total expenditure on health at average exchange rate (US dollar): 75  
Life expectancy at birth (years): 68  
Healthy life expectancy at birth (years): 56

BACKGROUND

*Leishmania* infection was first reported in Mongolia in 1976 in great gerbils; up to 100% of them were infected in some areas in the south of the country [1]. In an 8-year-long and extensive study in Mongolia, no other reservoir could be identified, indicating that *L. major* in Mongolia is limited to great gerbils only. The parasites identified were *L. major* and *L. gerbilii*, the latter a non virulent species. No human cases have been notified. In 1990 a new species, *L. turanica*, was identified, also only occurring in great gerbils [2].

PARASITOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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No further information is available
SOURCES OF INFORMATION
