

# Neurocysticercosis - Islam and Other Religions

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## Dear Editor,

The recent article on Mirsane et al. (1) is very interesting. As noted by Mirsane et al. (1), neurocysticercosis should not exist in the Islamic community and the Islamic principle is the best way for prevention of neurocysticercosis. In fact, many other religious practices are also useful for prevention of neurocysticercosis. It is stated that vegetarianism in Hinduism and Chinese Buddhism might also be useful in preventing neurocysticercosis. However, what's interesting is the existed cases of neurocysticercosis in several communities with religious practices that support no neurocysticercosis. In a recent report, "diet (vegetarian vs. non-vegetarian and consumption of raw veg-

etables)" has no "any association with seropositivity (2)." Therefore, neurocysticercosis should still be a differential diagnosis of a space-occupying lesion in any community regardless the religious background.

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