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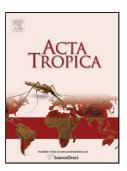
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Highlights

- This is the first investigation for *Entamoeba* spp in pig in China.
- •The *E. suis*, and two zoonotic *E. polecki* subtypes(ST1 and ST3) were observed in pig in Anhui province of China.
- •The study provide the feasible molecular tools for the identification of species/subtypes of porcine *Entamoeba* spp.

ABSTRACT

Three *Entamoeba* spp. including *E. suis*, zoonotic *E. polecki*, and *E. histolytica*, have been described in pigs to date. However, little is known about the molecular epidemiology of these neglected parasites in pigs globally. In this study we surveyed the occurrence and molecular epidemiology of porcine *Entamoeba* spp. in pigs in eastern China and evaluated their zoonotic potential. Five hundred fresh fecal samples, collected from seven pig farms in Anhui province, eastern China, were examined for the presence of *E. histolytica*, *E. suis*, and *E. polecki* ST1 and

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