

## Sporozoa

Sporozoa are nonmotile parasites of animals. Their name recognizes that these organisms form spores at some point in their life cycle. The most widespread human parasite is *Plasmodium vivax*, the cause of one type of **malaria**. When a human is bitten by an infected female *Anopheles* mosquito, the parasite eventually invades the red blood cells. The chills and fever of malaria appear when the infected cells burst and release toxic substances into the blood.

