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Abstract : The leishmaniases present a variety of disease manifestations characterized markedly in their severity; only recently has their considerable abundance and health importance been fully recognized. Their control is complicated by the fact that the species of sandfly are potential vectors and that about 100 species of animals are reservoir hosts. This excellent book draws together world knowledge of the leishmaniases in an effort to establish guidelines for control that are specific to each region.

different disease forms, parasite species, reservoir hosts and vectors from countries or territories. It focuses on recent progress in the identification of vectors together with major advances in knowledge of geographical distribution and prevention of infection.

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