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Malaria parasites are skilled survivors. New research from the University of Edinburgh has found its virulent nature owes much to the parasites' competitive streak. When they enter the bloodstream of their victims, the parasites alter their plan of attack if they face competing strains. The malaria parasites focus on producing cells that replicate quickly to cause infection, rather than cells capable of being taken up by a feeding mosquito and spreading the disease.

