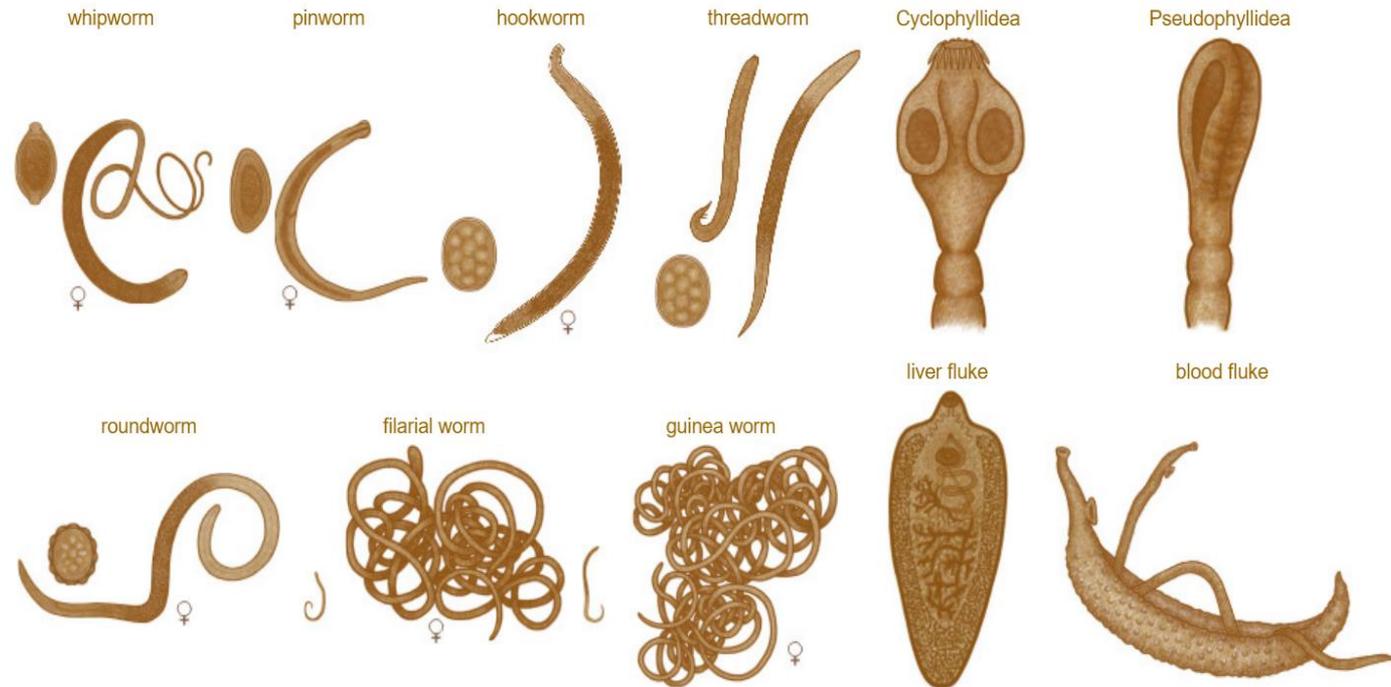




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# Introduction to Helminthology

# Topic Learning Outcomes

At the end of the lecture, students will be able to

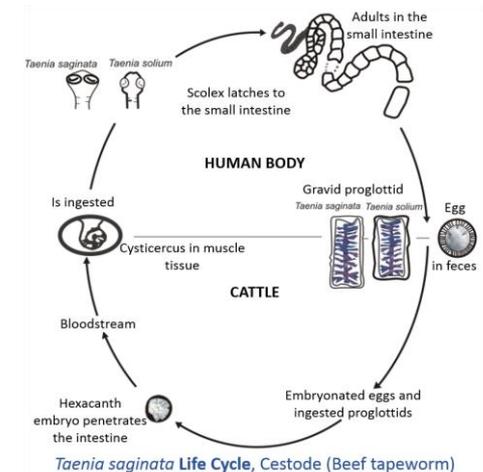
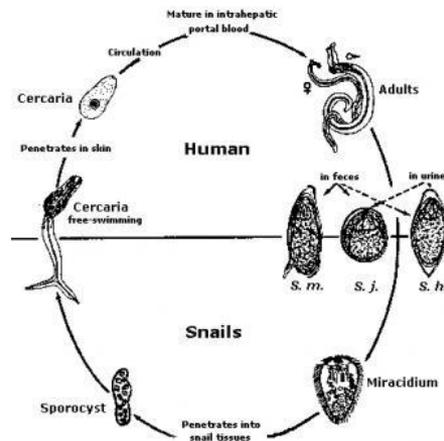
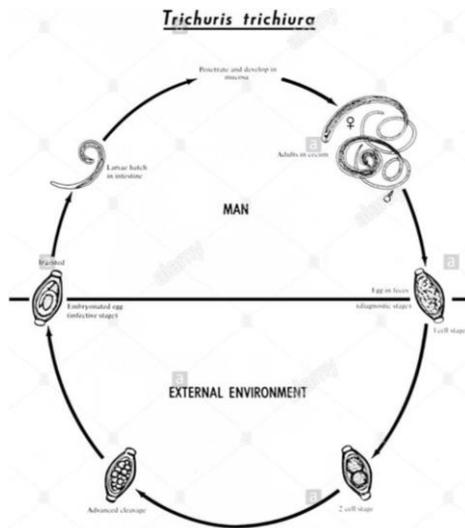
1. classify medically important helminth
2. discuss the general aspects of helminth, such as morphology, life cycle, epidemiology and mode of transmission
3. outline the types of helminth habitats

# Introduction: Overview

- Helminth = worm
- Biodiversity



- Life cycle



# 1. Classification

Sarcodina

Mastigophora

Coccidia

Sarcomastigophora

Ciliophora

Apicomplexa

Microspora

4.1 Protozoa  
(Protozoology)

Nematoda

Platyhelminthes

4.2 Helminths  
(Helminthology)

Trematoda

Cestoda

4.3 Arthropods  
(Entomology)

Insecta

Scorpions

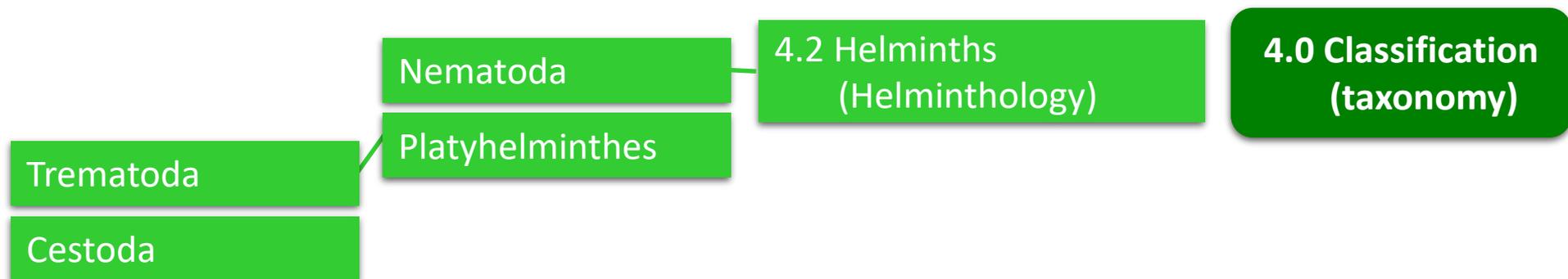
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Spiders

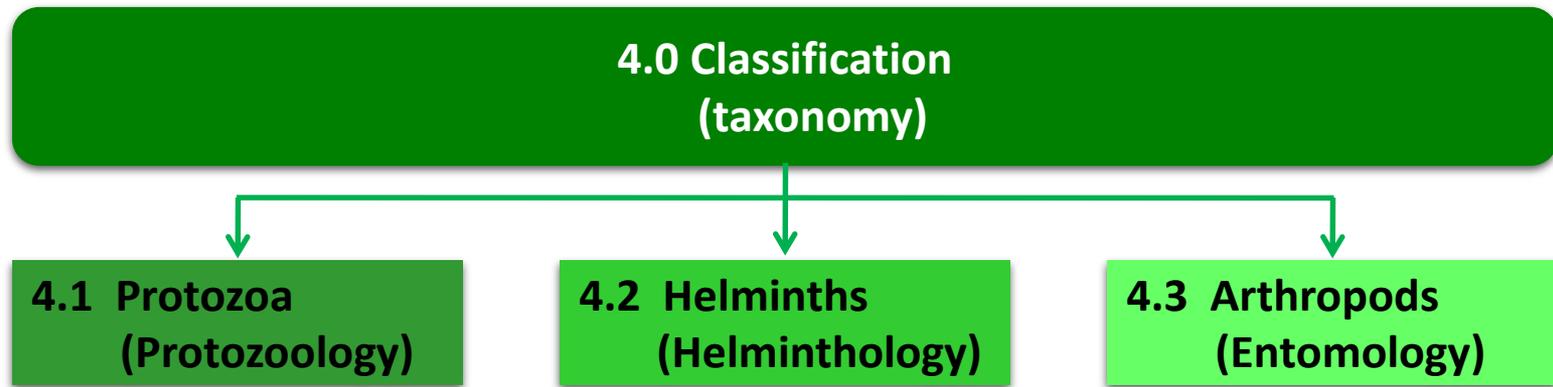
Acari (mites , ticks)

**4.0 Classification  
(taxonomy)**

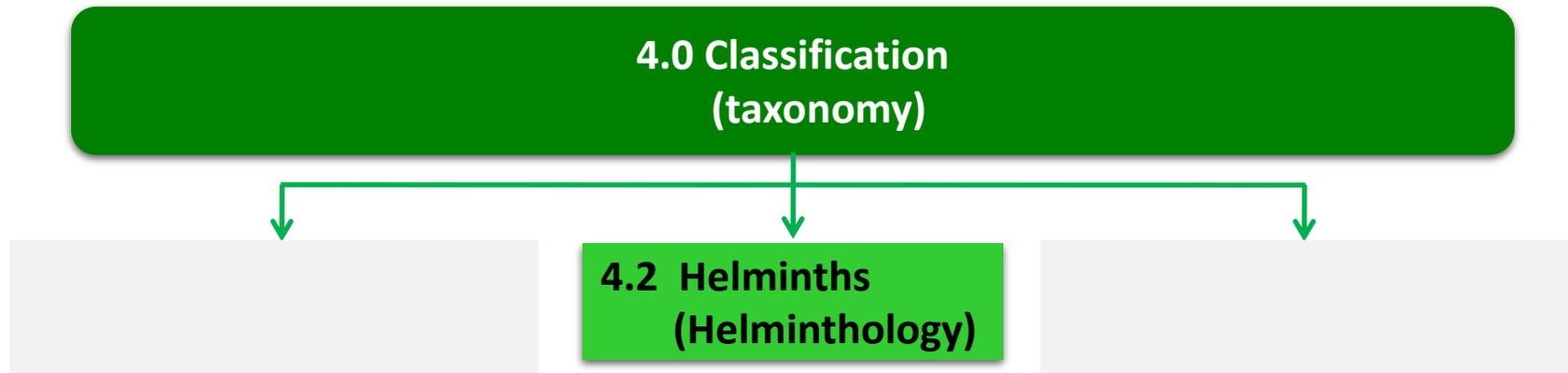
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# 1.1 Classification of helminths found in human

PHYLUM	PARASITE	DISEASE
<b>Nematoda</b>		
Intestine	<i>Enterobius vermicularis</i> <i>Ascaris lumbricoides</i> <i>Trichuris trichiura</i> <i>Strongyloides stercoralis</i> Hookworm: <i>Necator americanus</i> / <i>Ancylostoma duodenale</i>	Enterobiasis Ascariasis Trichuriasis Strongyloidiasis Hookworm infection
Blood/ Tissue*/ Subcutaneous+	<i>Wuchereria bancrofti</i> <i>Brugia malayi</i> <i>Loa loa</i> + <i>Onchocerca volvulus</i> + <i>Mansonella ozzardi</i> <i>M. pertans</i> <i>M. streptocerca</i> <i>Dirofilaria immitis</i> <i>Trichenella spiralis</i> * <i>Dracunculus medinensis</i> *	Lymphatic filariasis Lymphatic filariasis <i>Loa loa</i> filariasis/ s.f. River blindness/ s.f. Serous cavity filariasis Serous cavity filariasis Subcutaneous filariasis (s.f.)  Trichinosis

# 1.2 Taxonomy of pathogenic helminth (Nematode)

CLASSIFICATION	NAME	EXAMPLE ( <i>Genus sp.</i> )
Kingdom	Animalia	
Phylum	Nematoda	
Class	Rhabditea	
Order	Ascaridida	
Family	Ascarididae	
Genus	<i>Ascaris</i>	
Species	<i>lumbricoides</i>	<i>Ascaris lumbricoides</i>

# 1.2 Classification of helminths found in human

PHYLUM	PARASITE	DISEASE
<b>Platyhelminthes (flat worms)</b>		
<b>Class Trematoda (flatworms)</b>		
Intestine	<i>Faciolopsis buski</i>	Faciolopsiasis
Blood	<i>Schistosoma mansoni</i> <i>S. japonicum</i> <i>S. haematobium</i>	Schistosomiasis
Liver/ Lung*	<i>Faciola hepatica</i> <i>Paragonimus westermani</i> *	Facioliasis Paragonimiasis
<b>Class Cestoda (tapeworms)</b>		
Intestine	<i>Taenia saginata</i> , <i>T. solium</i>	Taeniasis
Tissue	<i>Echinococcus granulosus</i>	Echinococcosis

# 1.2 Taxonomy of pathogenic helminth (Trematode)

CLASSIFICATION	NAME	EXAMPLE ( <i>Genus sp.</i> )
Kingdom	Animalia	
Phylum	Platyhelminthes	
Class	Trematoda	
Order	Strigeiformes	
Family	Schistosomatidae	
Genus	<i>Schistosoma</i>	
Species	<i>mansoni</i>	<i>Schistosoma mansoni</i>

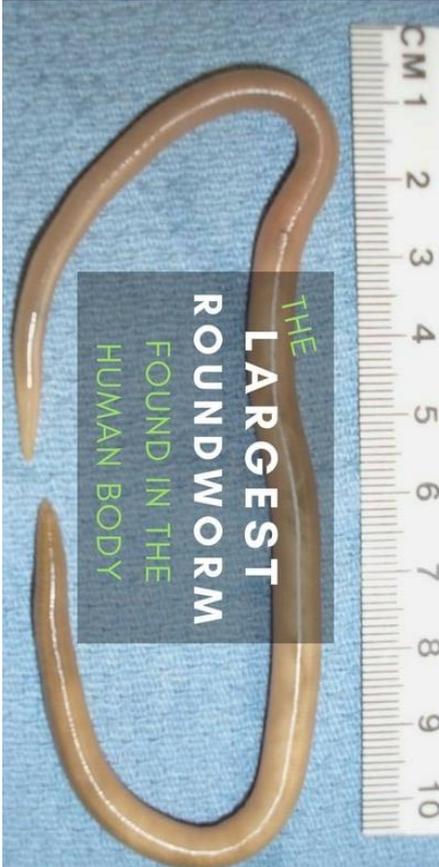
# 1.2 Taxonomy of pathogenic helminth (Cestode)

CLASSIFICATION	NAME	EXAMPLE ( <i>Genus sp.</i> )
Kingdom	Animalia	
Phylum	Platyhelminthes	
Class	Cestoda	
Order	Cyclophyllidea	
Family	Taeniidae	
Genus	<i>Taenia</i>	
Species	<i>saginata</i>	<i>Taenia saginata</i>

# 2. General Concepts

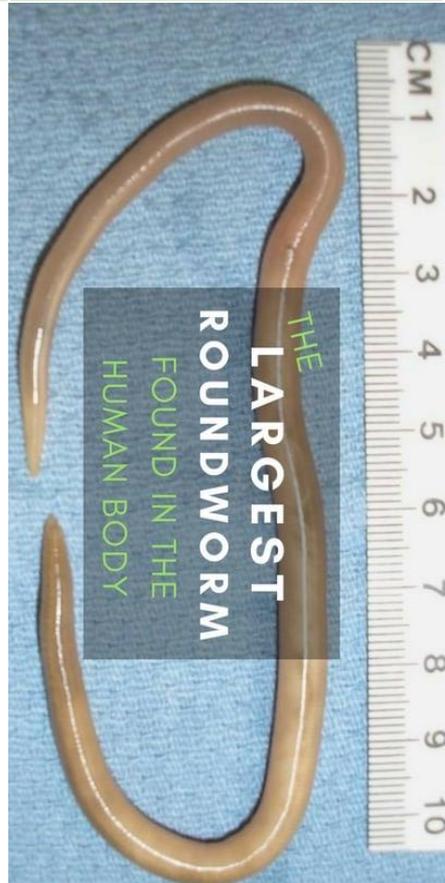
# 2. General Concepts

## 2. General characteristic: morphology

Characteristic	Nematode	Platyhelminthes	
		Trematode	Cestode
Shape	 <p>THE LARGEST ROUNDWORM FOUND IN THE HUMAN BODY</p>		

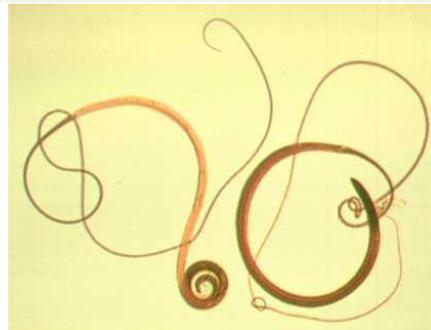
# 2. General characteristic: morphology

Characteristic	Nematode	Platyhelminthes	
		Trematode	Cestode
Shape	Round Elongated Cylindrical	Leaf-like, unsegmented	Tape-like, segmented



## 2. General characteristic: morphology

Characteristic	Nematode	Platyhelminthes	
		Trematode	Cestode
Sexes			



*Trichuris trichiura*

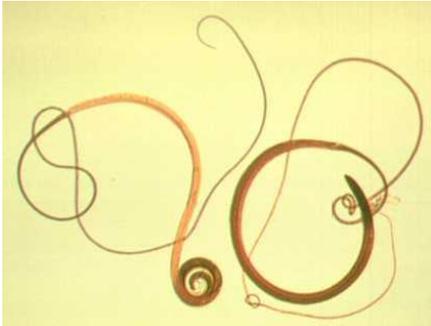


*Fasciola hepatica*



*Echinococcus granulosus*

## 2. General characteristic: morphology

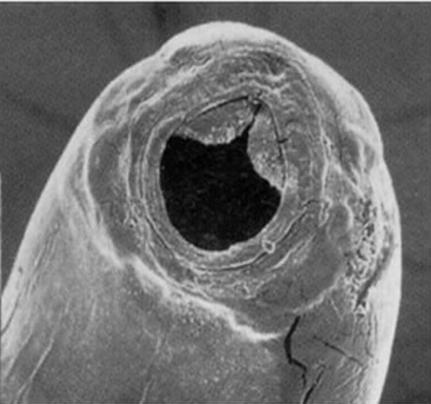
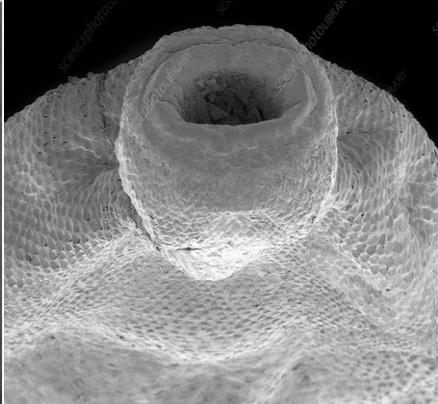
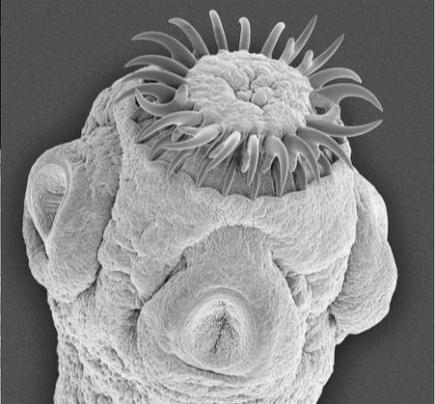
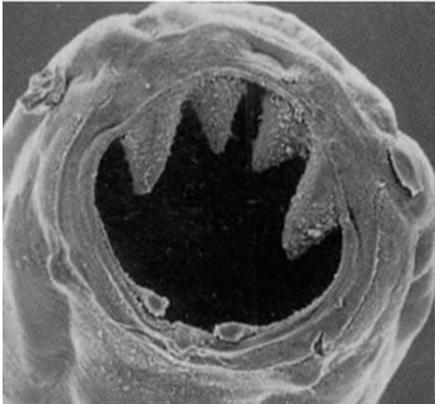
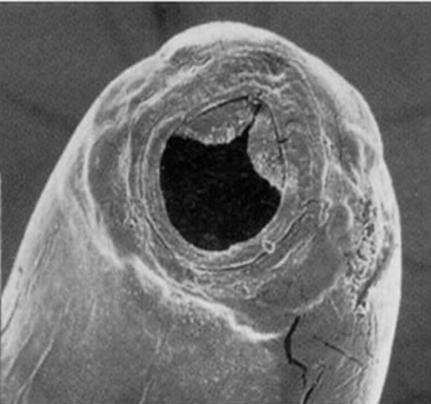
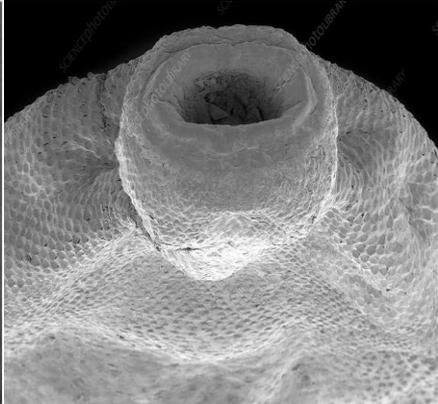
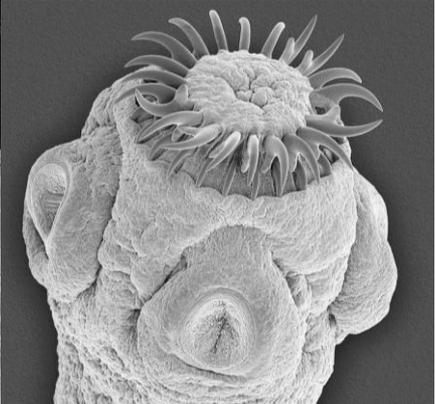
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<b>Sexes</b>	Separate (diecious)	Not separated (monoecious) <i>Except:</i> blood flukes (diecious)	Not separated (monoecious)
			

*Trichuris trichiura*

*Faciola hepatica*

*Echinococcus granulosus*

## 2. General characteristic: morphology

Characteristic	Nematode	Platyhelminthes		
		Trematode	Cestode	
“Head end”				
				

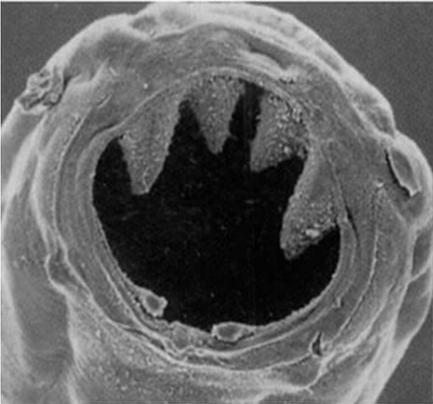
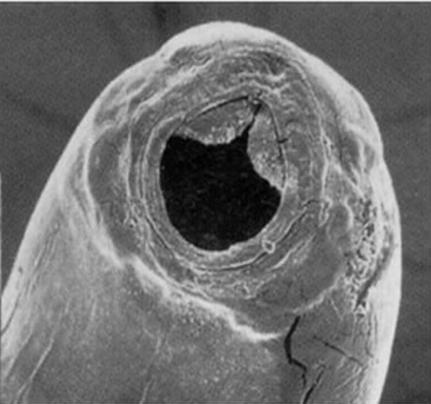
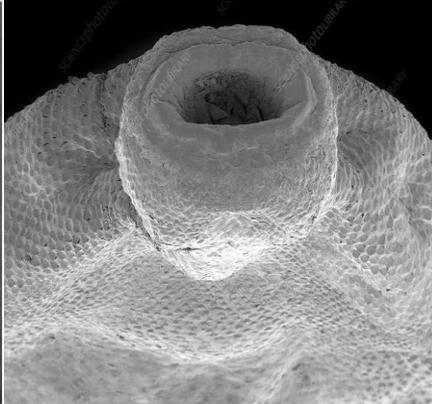
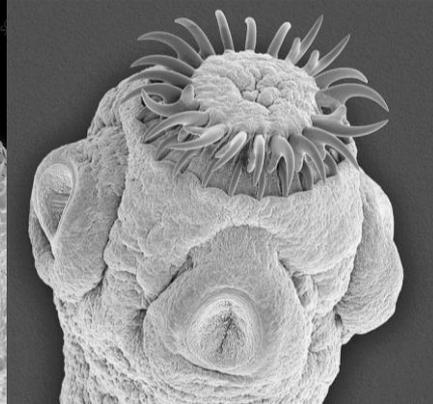
*Ancylostoma duodenale*

*Necator americanus*

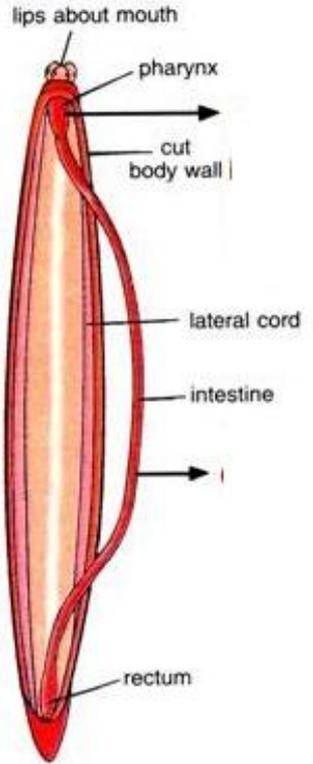
*Faciola* sp.

*Taenia saginata*

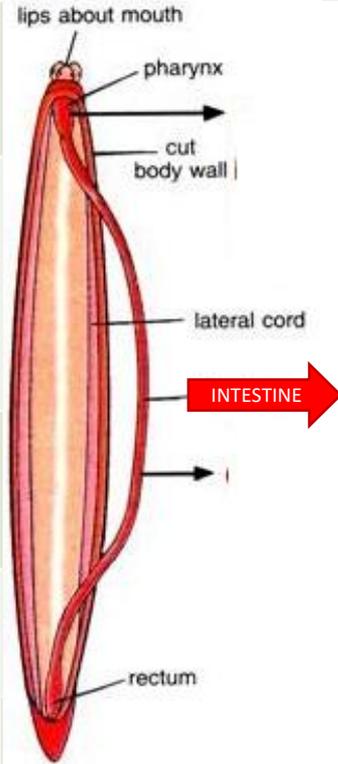
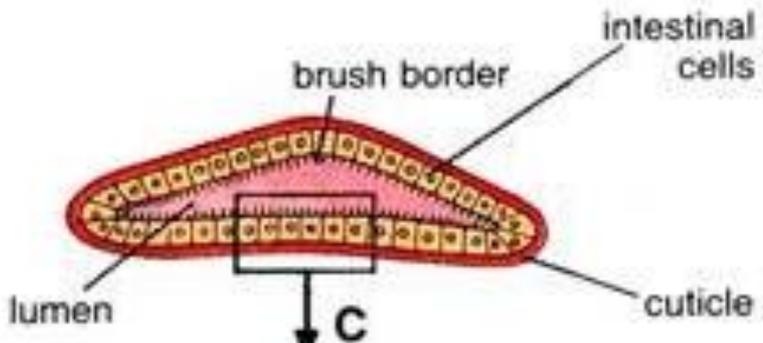
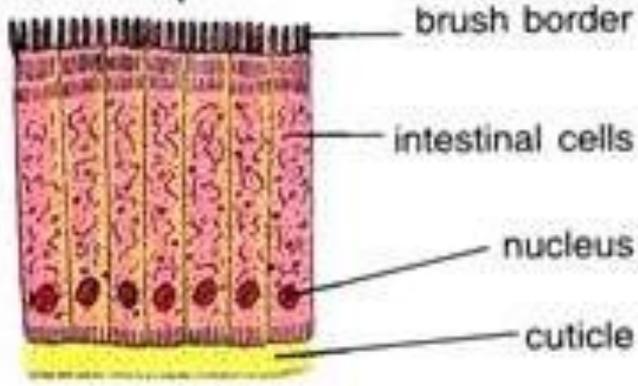
## 2. General characteristic: morphology

Characteristic	Nematode	Platyhelminthes	
		Trematode	Cestode
“Head end”	Without suckers, without hooks	Suckers, without hooks	Suckers, with hooks
			
	<i>Ancylostoma duodenale</i>	<i>Necator americanus</i>	<i>Faciola sp.</i>
			<i>Taenia saginata</i>

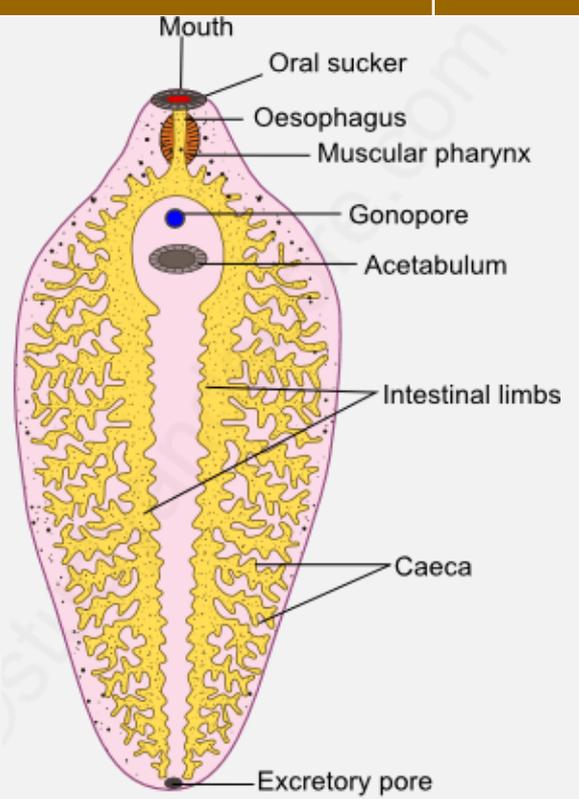
## 2. General characteristic: medically important helminths

Characteristic	Nematode	Platyhelminthes	
		Trematode	Cestode
Alimentary canal	 <p>lips about mouth pharynx cut body wall lateral cord intestine rectum</p> <p><b>A</b></p>		

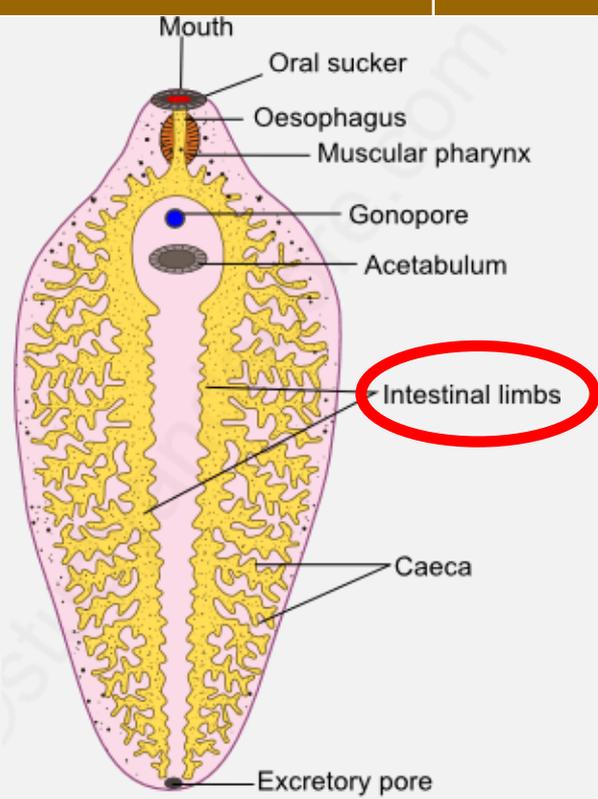
# 2. General characteristic: morphology

Characteristic	Nematode	Platyhelminthes	
		Trematode	Cestode
Alimentary canal	 <p>Diagram A shows a longitudinal section of a nematode. At the anterior end, there are lips about the mouth, followed by the pharynx. The body wall consists of a cuticle and muscle layers. A lateral cord runs along the sides. The central alimentary canal is labeled 'INTESTINE' with a red arrow. At the posterior end, the rectum is shown.</p>	 <p>Diagram C shows a cross-section of a trematode. The central lumen is surrounded by a layer of intestinal cells with a brush border on their apical surface. The entire body is covered by a cuticle.</p>	 <p>Diagram D shows a cross-section of a cestode. The central lumen is surrounded by a layer of intestinal cells with a brush border on their apical surface. Each cell contains a large, centrally located nucleus. The body is covered by a cuticle.</p>

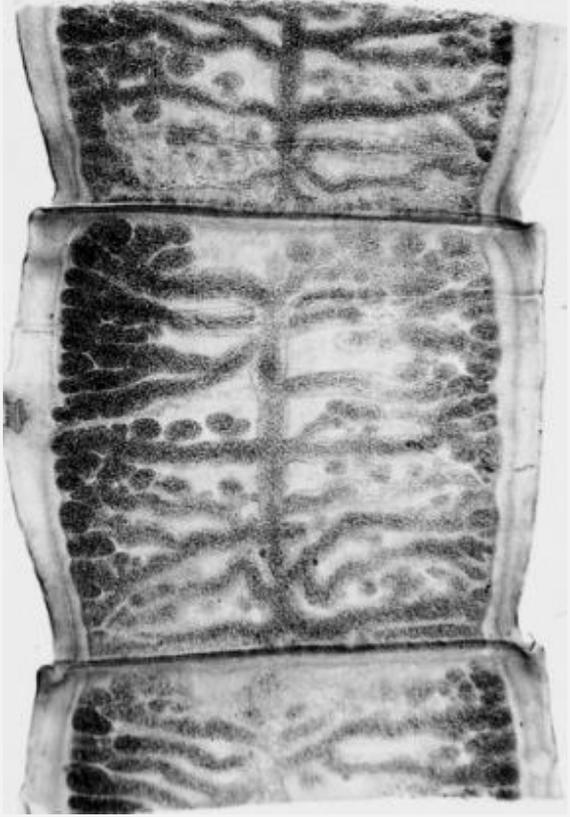
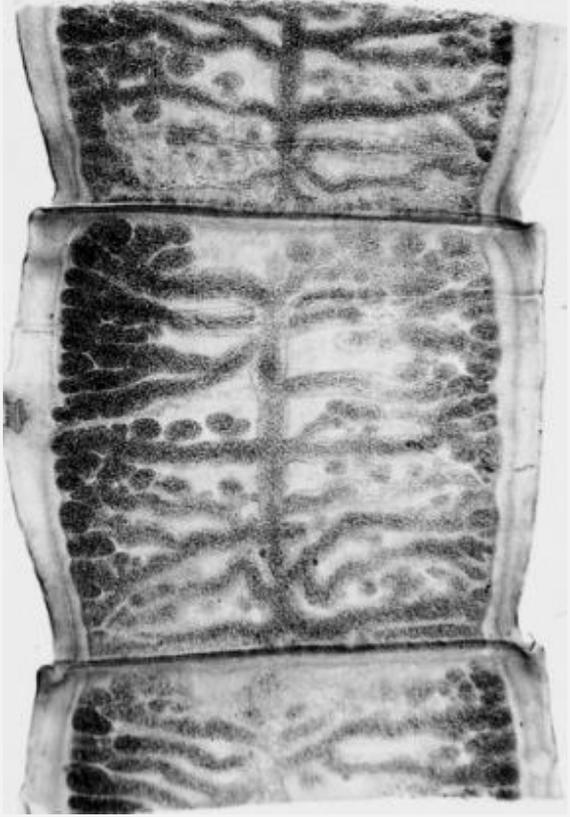
## 2. General characteristic: morphology

Characteristic	Nematode	Platyhelminthes	
		Trematode	Cestode
Alimentary canal		 <p>The diagram illustrates the Fasciola-Digestive System of a trematode. It shows a cross-section of the body with the following labeled parts: Mouth, Oral sucker, Oesophagus, Muscular pharynx, Gonopore, Acetabulum, Intestinal limbs, Caeca, and Excretory pore. The digestive system is shown as a central canal with numerous branching intestinal limbs and caeca extending throughout the body. The caption below the diagram reads 'FASCIOLA-DIGESTIVE SYSTEM'.</p>	

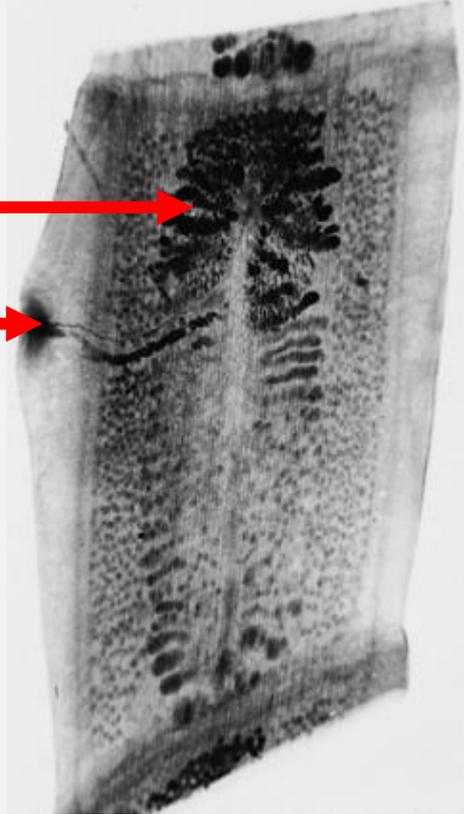
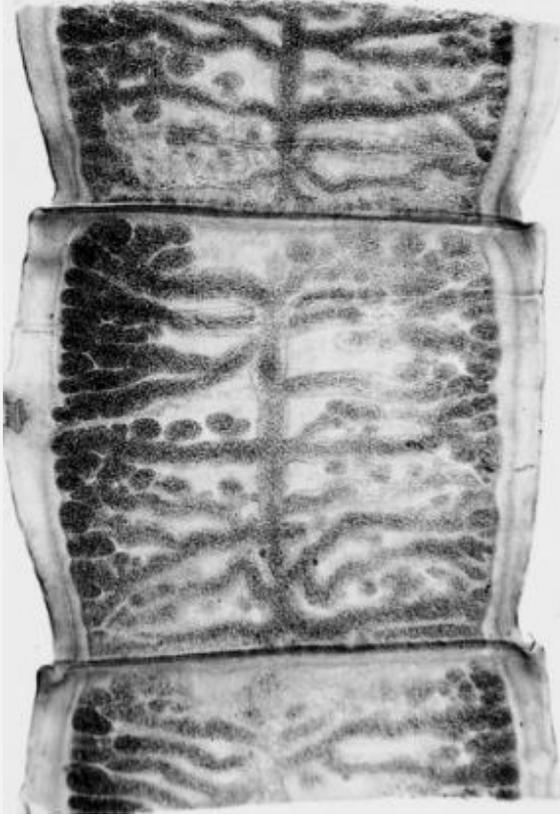
## 2. General characteristic: morphology

Characteristic	Nematode	Platyhelminthes	
		Trematode	Cestode
Alimentary canal		 <p>The diagram illustrates the Fasciola-Digestive System of a trematode. It shows a cross-section of the body with various internal structures labeled. At the anterior end, there is a mouth leading to an oral sucker, followed by the oesophagus and muscular pharynx. A gonopore and acetabulum are located in the middle of the body. The digestive system consists of a central caeca with numerous branching intestinal limbs. An excretory pore is located at the posterior end. The label 'Intestinal limbs' is circled in red.</p> <p>FASCIOLA-DIGESTIVE SYSTEM</p>	

## 2. General characteristic: morphology

Characteristic	Nematode	Platyhelminthes	
		Trematode	Cestode
Alimentary canal			

## 2. General characteristic: morphology

Characteristic	Nematode	Platyhelminthes	
		Trematode	Cestode
	<p>Gravid proglottids: Branching uterus Genital pore</p> 		
Alimentary canal			

## 2. General characteristic: morphology

Characteristic	Nematode	Platyhelminthes	
		Trematode	Cestode
<b>Alimentary canal</b>	Present , complete	Present, incomplete	Absent

# 2. General characteristic: morphology

Characteristic	Nematode	Platyhelminthes	
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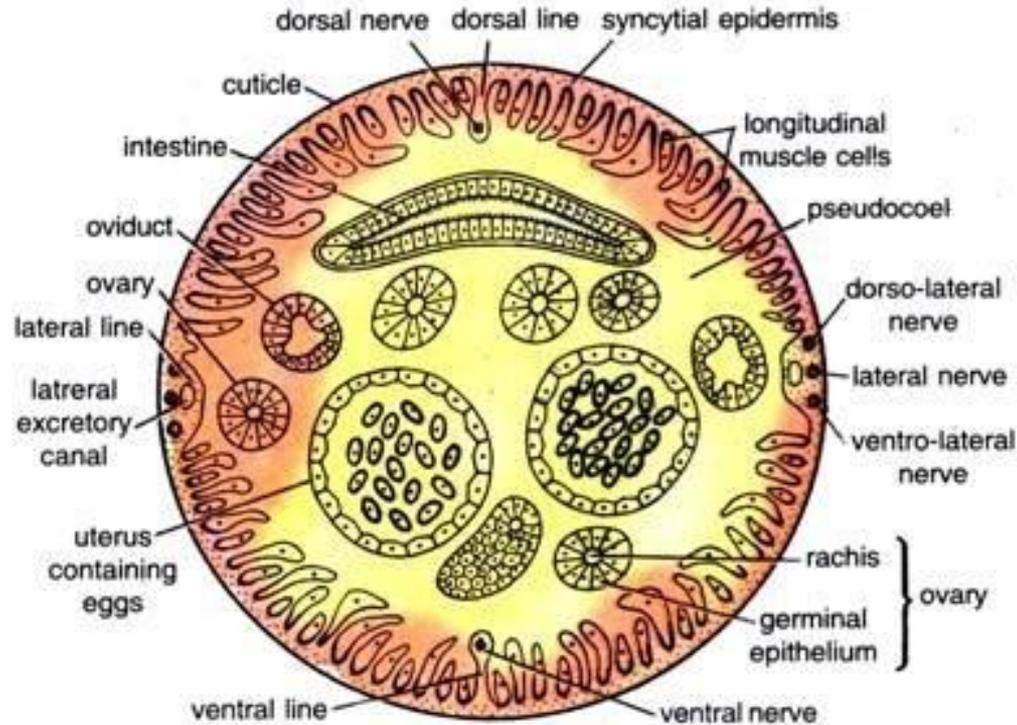


Fig. 46.14. *Ascaris lumbricoides*. T.S. of a mature female.

Body cavity

## 2. General characteristic: morphology

Characteristic	Nematode	Platyhelminthes	
		Trematode	Cestode

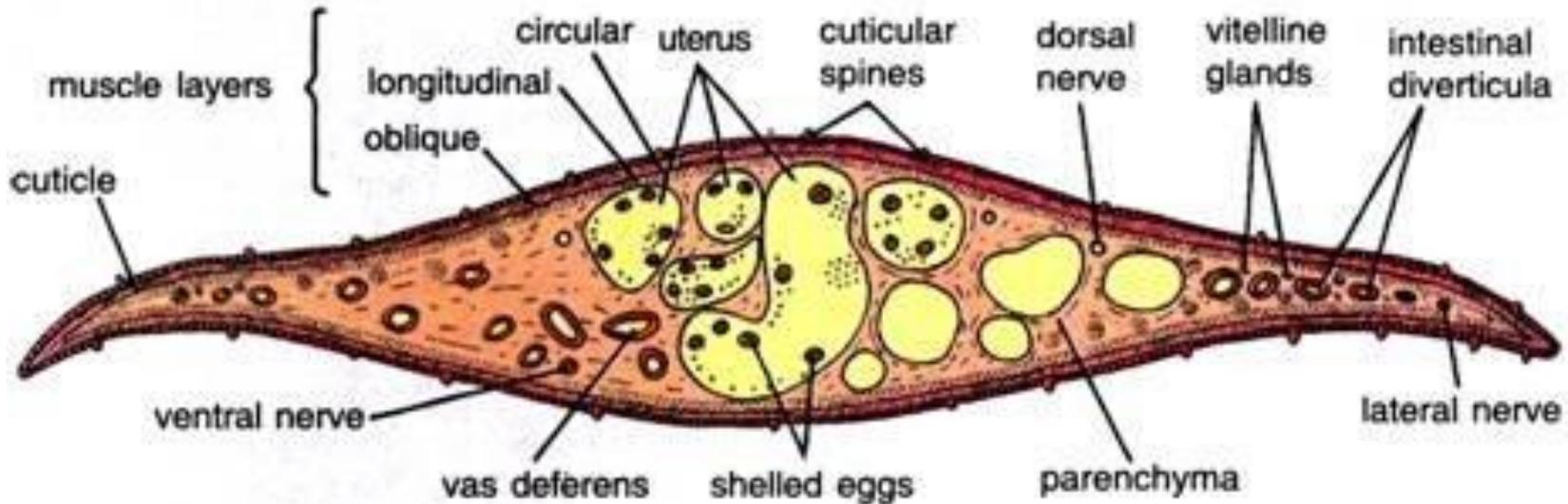


Fig. 41.12. *Fasciola hepatica*. T.S. of body through uterus.

Body cavity

## 2. General characteristic: morphology

Characteristic	Nematode	Platyhelminthes	
		Trematode	Cestode
Body cavity		<p>Fig. 116 T.S. TAENIA MATURE PROGLOTTID</p>	

## 2. General characteristic: morphology

Characteristic	Nematode	Platyhelminthes	
		Trematode	Cestode
<b>Body cavity</b>	Present	Absent	Absent

## 2. General characteristic: morphology

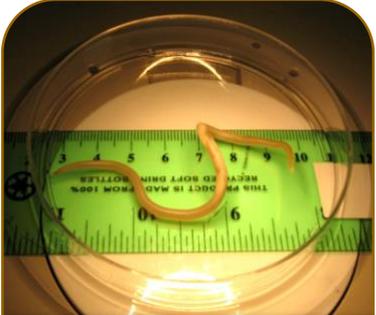
Characteristic	Nematode	Platyhelminthes	
		Trematode	Cestode
<b>Shape</b>	Elongated, cylindrical	Leaf-like, unsegmented	Tape-like, segmented
<b>Sexes</b>	Separate (diecious)	Not separated (monoecious) <i>Except:</i> blood flukes (diecious)	Not separated (monoecious)
<b>“Head end”</b>	Without suckers, without hooks	Suckers, without hooks	Suckers, with hooks
<b>Alimentary canal</b>	Present , complete	Present, incomplete	Absent
<b>Body cavity</b>	Present	Absent	Absent

### **Note:**

1. Multicellular
2. Bilaterally symmetrical animals
3. Have 3 germ layers

# Characteristic of Nematoda

- 1. **.round**worms
- 2. having elongated cylindrical unsegmented bodies
- 3. Internally the cuticle is formed from an underlying hypodermis
- 4. has four longitudinal thickenings



*Ascaris lumbricoides*



*Trichuris trichiura*



*Strongyloides stercolis*



*Wuchereria bancrofti*



*Brugia malayi*

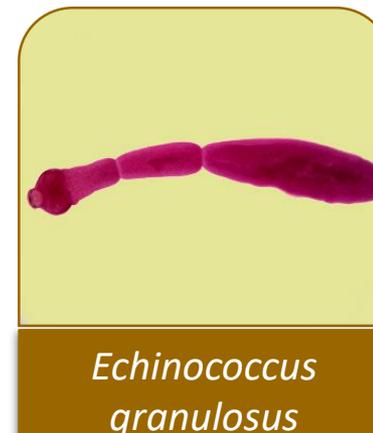
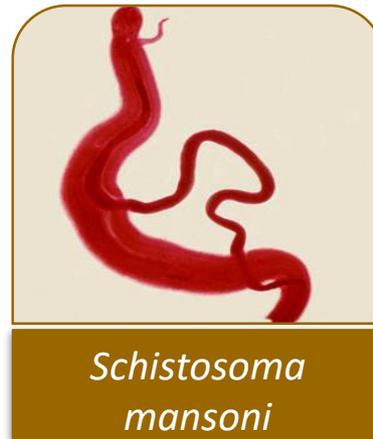
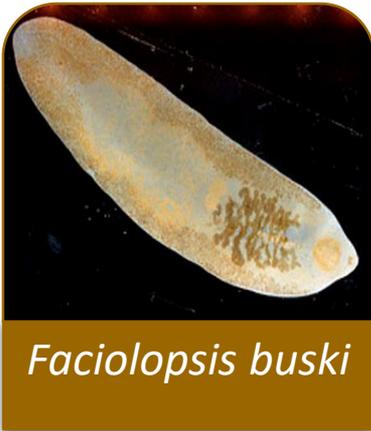


*Loa loa*

**microfilaria**

# Characteristic of Platyhelminthes

1. dorso-ventrally **flattened** worms
2. with solid acoelomate bodies, (i.e. no body cavities),
3. the organs and muscle fibres being embedded in parenchymal tissue
4. no respiratory or circulatory systems present



## 2. General characteristic: life cycle

nematode cycle  
egg - larvae (L1-L4) - adult



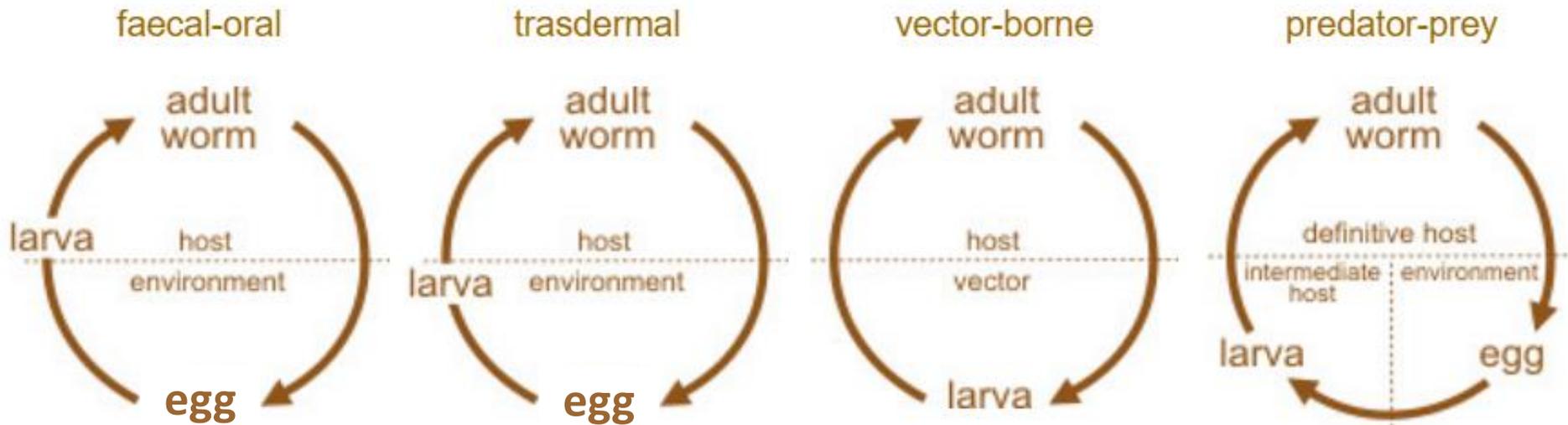
cestode cycle  
egg - metacestode - adult



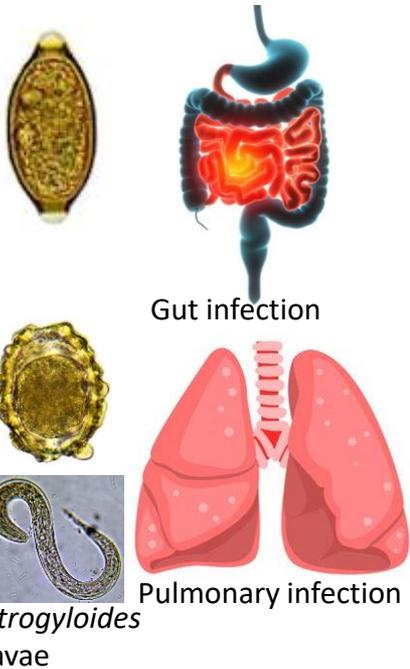
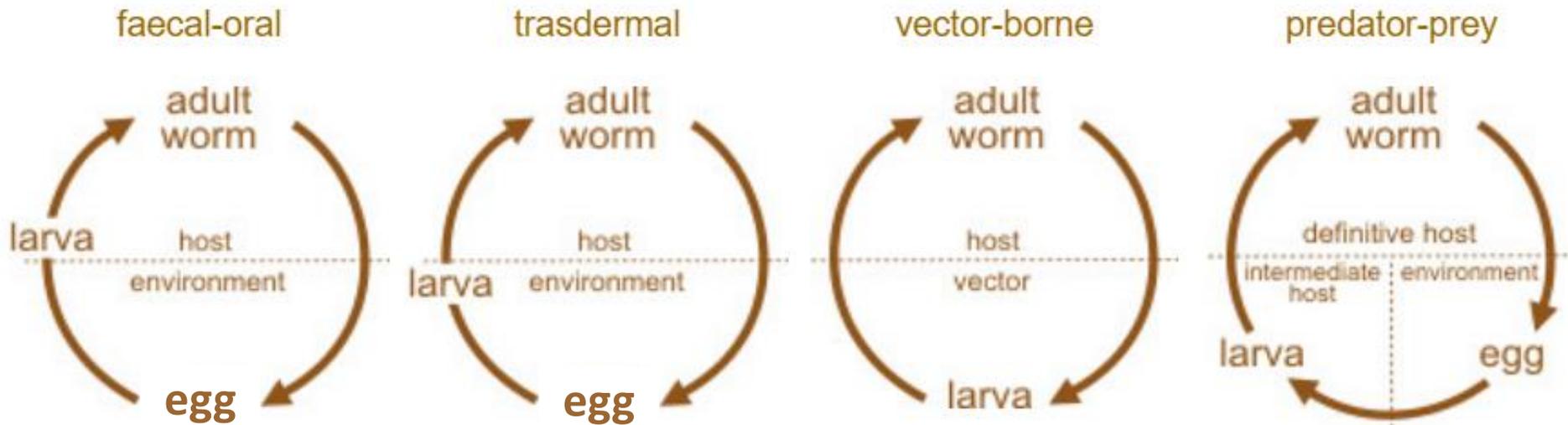
trematode cycle  
egg-miracidium-sporocyst-redia-cercaria-(metacercaria)-  
adult



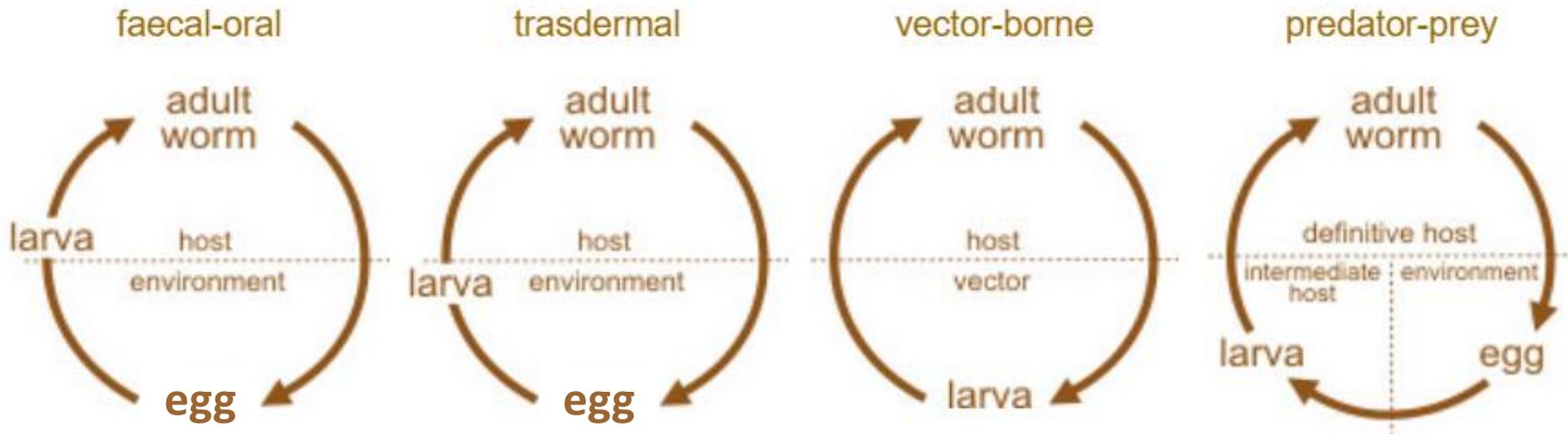
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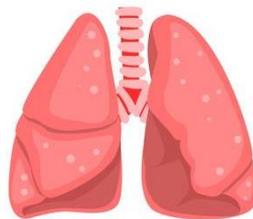
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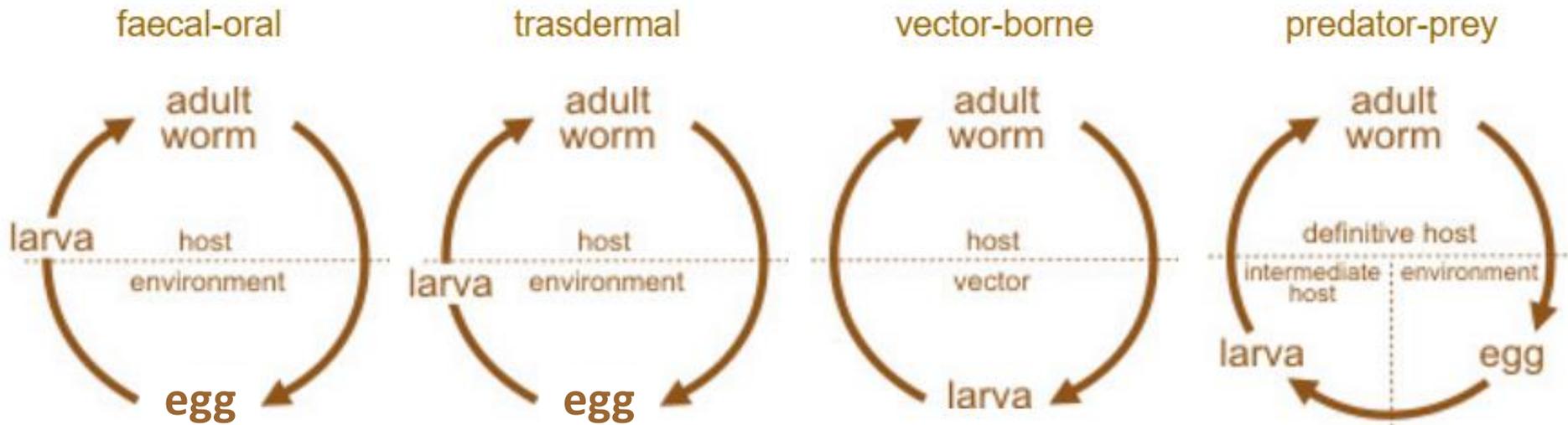
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Larval  
hookworm



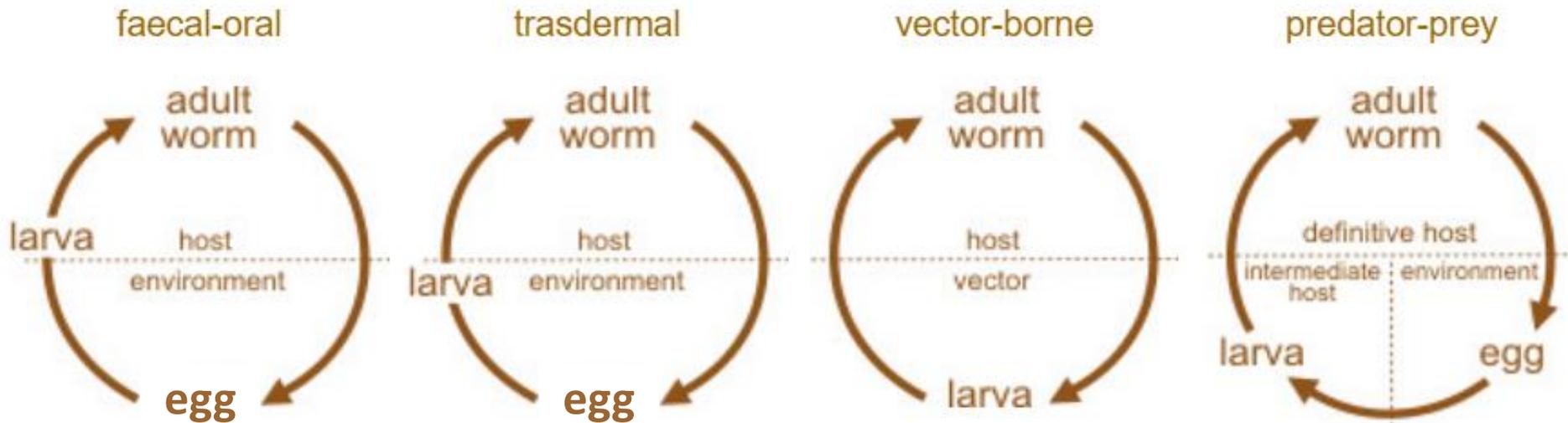
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*Schistosoma mansoni*  
miracidium



## 2. General characteristic: modes of transmission

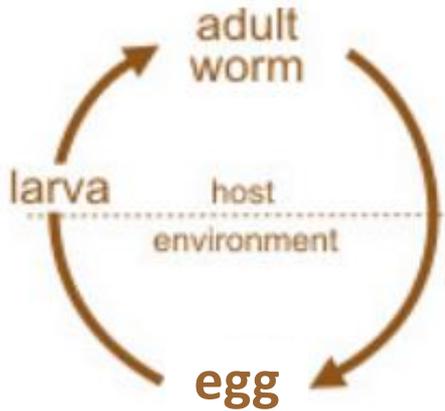


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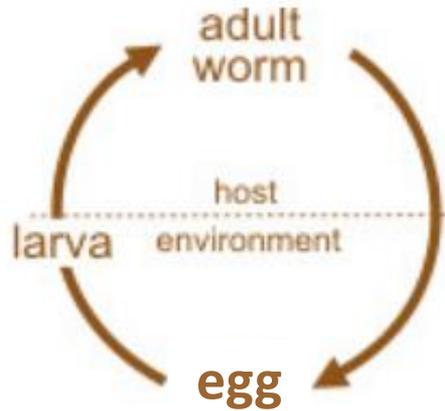


# 2. General characteristic: modes of transmission

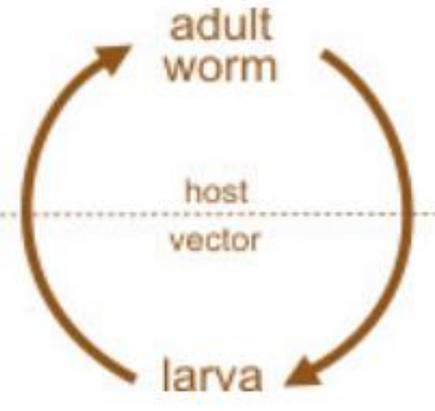
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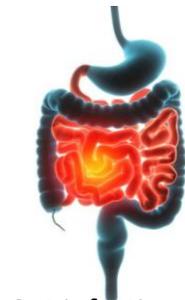
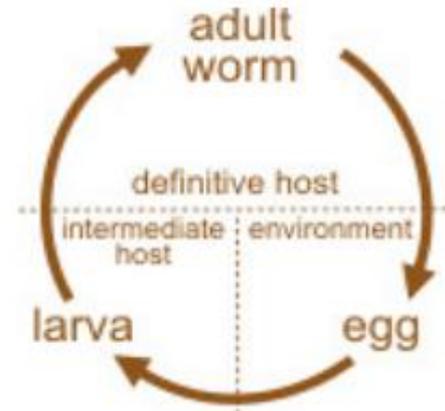
transdermal



vector-borne



predator-prey



Gut infection



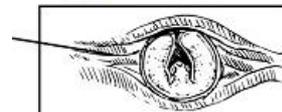
Larval hookworm



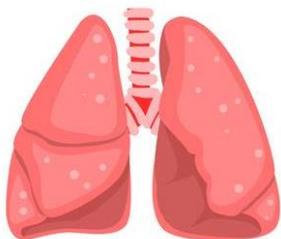
*Schistosoma mansonii* miracidium



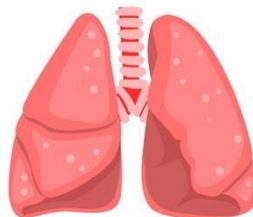
4 Oncospheres develop into cysticerci.



*Taenia solium* cysticerci



Pulmonary infection



*Stroglyoides* larvae

# 3. Habitats

## Blood/ Body fluid

### Nematode:

*Wuchereria bancrofti*,  
*Brugia malayi*/ *B. timori*/  
*B. Pahangi*  
*Mansonella ozzardi*/  
*M. pertans*/  
*M. streptocerca*

### Blood Fluke:

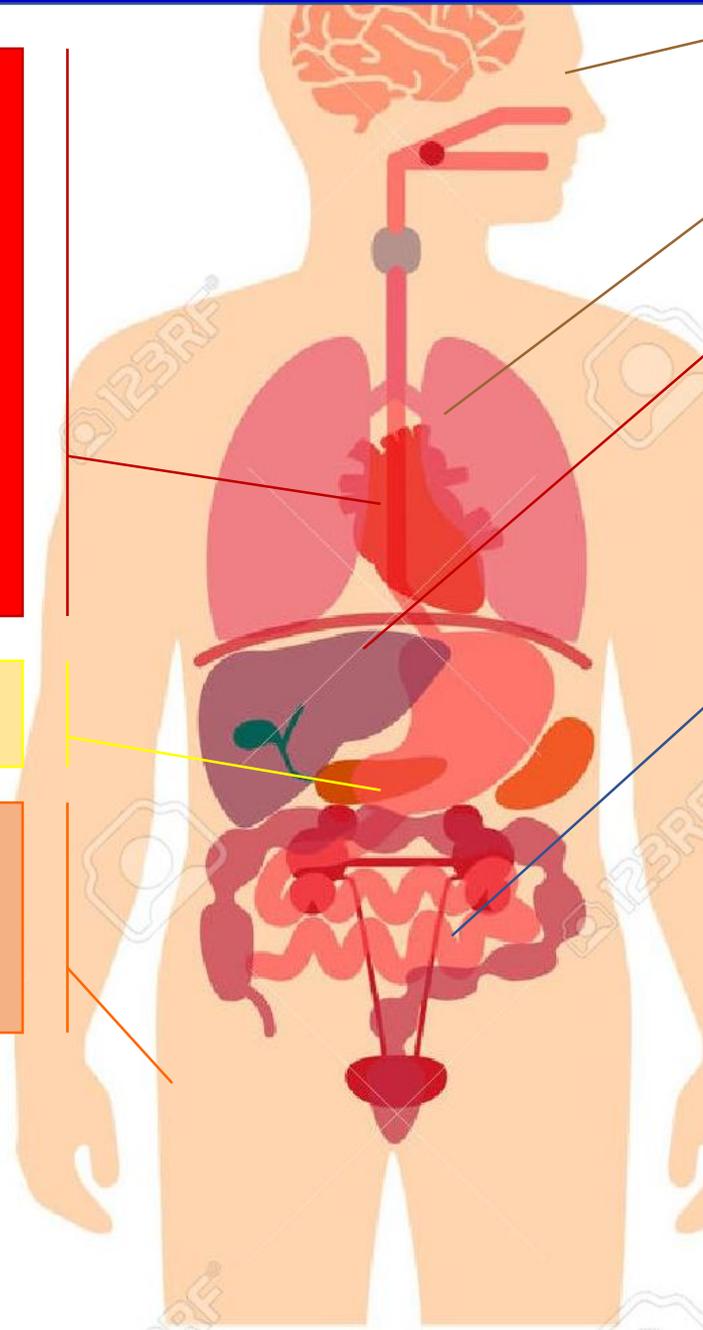
*Schistosoma mansoni*  
*S. japonicum*  
*S. haematium*

## Pancreas

*Eurytrema* spp.

## Tissue

*Trichinella spiralis*  
*Dracunculus medinensis*  
*Echinococcus granulosa*  
*Multiceps* spp.



## Eye (tissue)

**Nematode:** *Loa loa*

*Onchocerca volvulus* (river blindness)

## Lung

**Fluke:** *Paragonimus westermani*

## Liver

**Fluke:** *Faciola hepatica*,  
*Clonorchis sinensis*,  
*Opisthorchis* spp.,  
*Dicrocoelium* spp.

## Intestinal

### Nematodes:

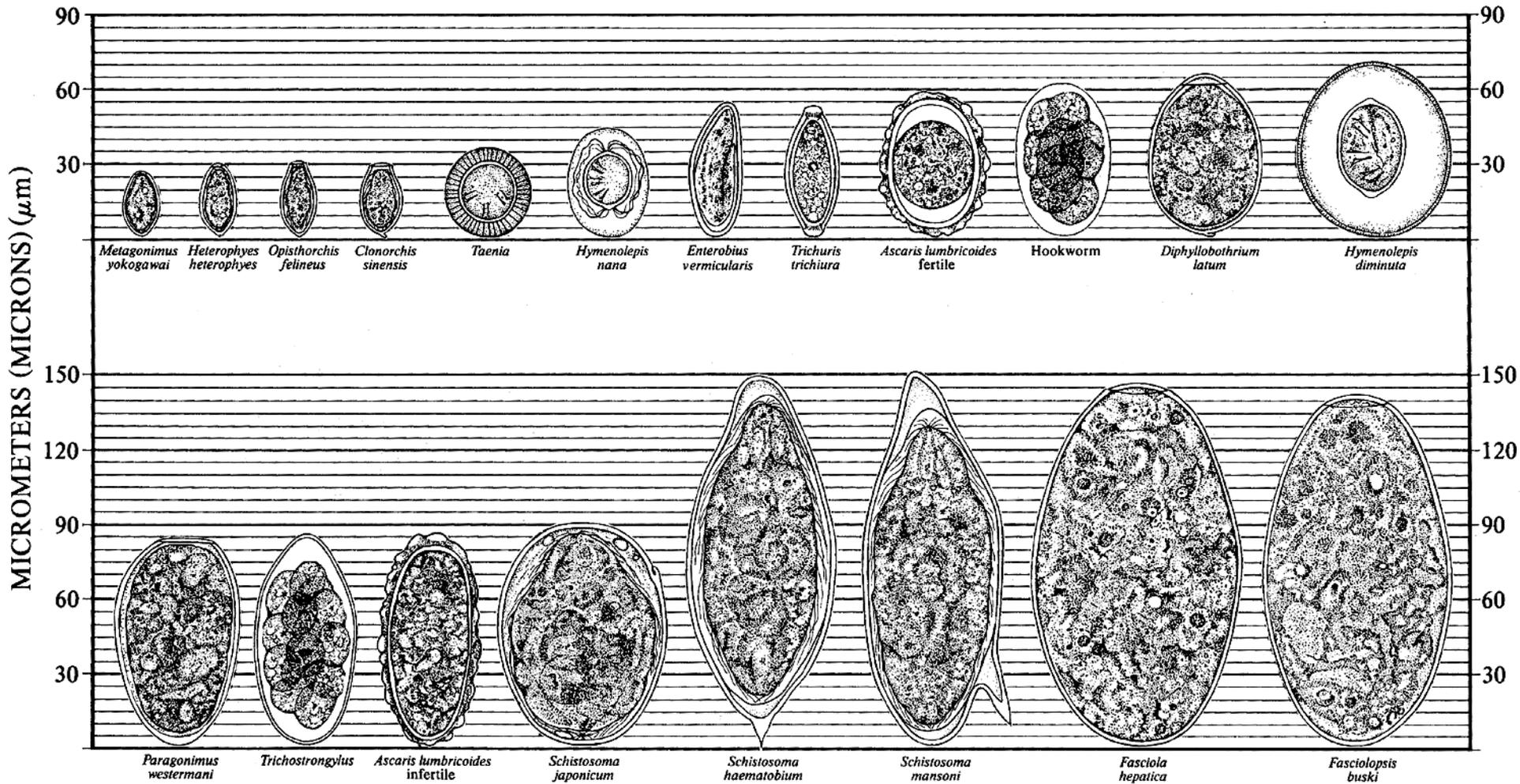
*Enterobius vermicularis*  
*Ascaris lumbricoides*  
*Trichuris trichiura*  
*Necator americanus*/  
*Ancylostoma duodenale*  
*Stroglyoides stercoralis*

**Flukes:** *Faciolopsis buski*,  
*Heterophyes heterophyes*,  
*Metagonimus yokogawai*

### Cestode:

*Diphyllobothrium latum*  
*Taenia saginata*/ *T. solium*  
*Hymenolepis nana*/  
*Hymenolepis diminuta*  
*Dipylidium caninum*

# 4. Summary



- Classification of trematodes according to their habitat
- Blood flukes include *Schistosoma haematobium*, *Schistosoma mansoni*, *Schistosoma japonicum*, *Schistosoma mekongi*, and *Schistosoma intercalatum* (clade B – mammalian freshwater schistosomes).
- Liver flukes include *F hepatica*, *Fasciola gigantica*, *C sinensis*, *Opisthorchis felinus*, *O viverrini*, *Dicrocoelium dendriticum*, *Dicrocoelium hospes*, and *Metorchis conjunctus*.
- Pancreatic flukes include *Eurytrema pancreaticum*, *Eurytrema coelomaticum*, and *Eurytrema ovis*.
- Lung flukes include *Pwestermani*, *Paragonimusheterotremus*, *Paragonimus kellicoti*, *Paragonimus mexicana*, *Paragonimus skrjabin*, *Paragonimus miyazakii*, *Paragonimus compactus*, and *Paragonimushueit'ungensis*.
- Intestinal flukes include *F buski*, *M yokogawai*, *Echinostoma ilocanum*, *Watsonius watsoni*, *H heterophyes*, and *Gastrodiscoides hominis*.
- Eye flukes include *Philophthalmus lacrimosus*, *Philophthalmus palpebrarum*, and *Philophthalmus gralli* (*Philophthalmus lucipetus*).
- Other flukes include *Alaria americana* and *Clinostomum complanatum*.

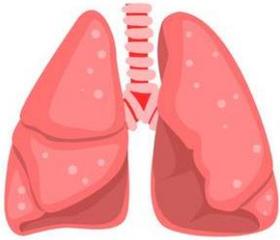
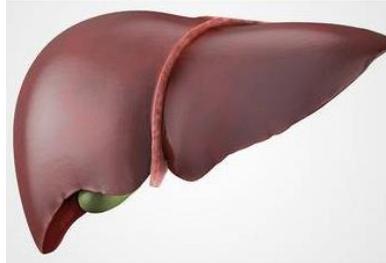
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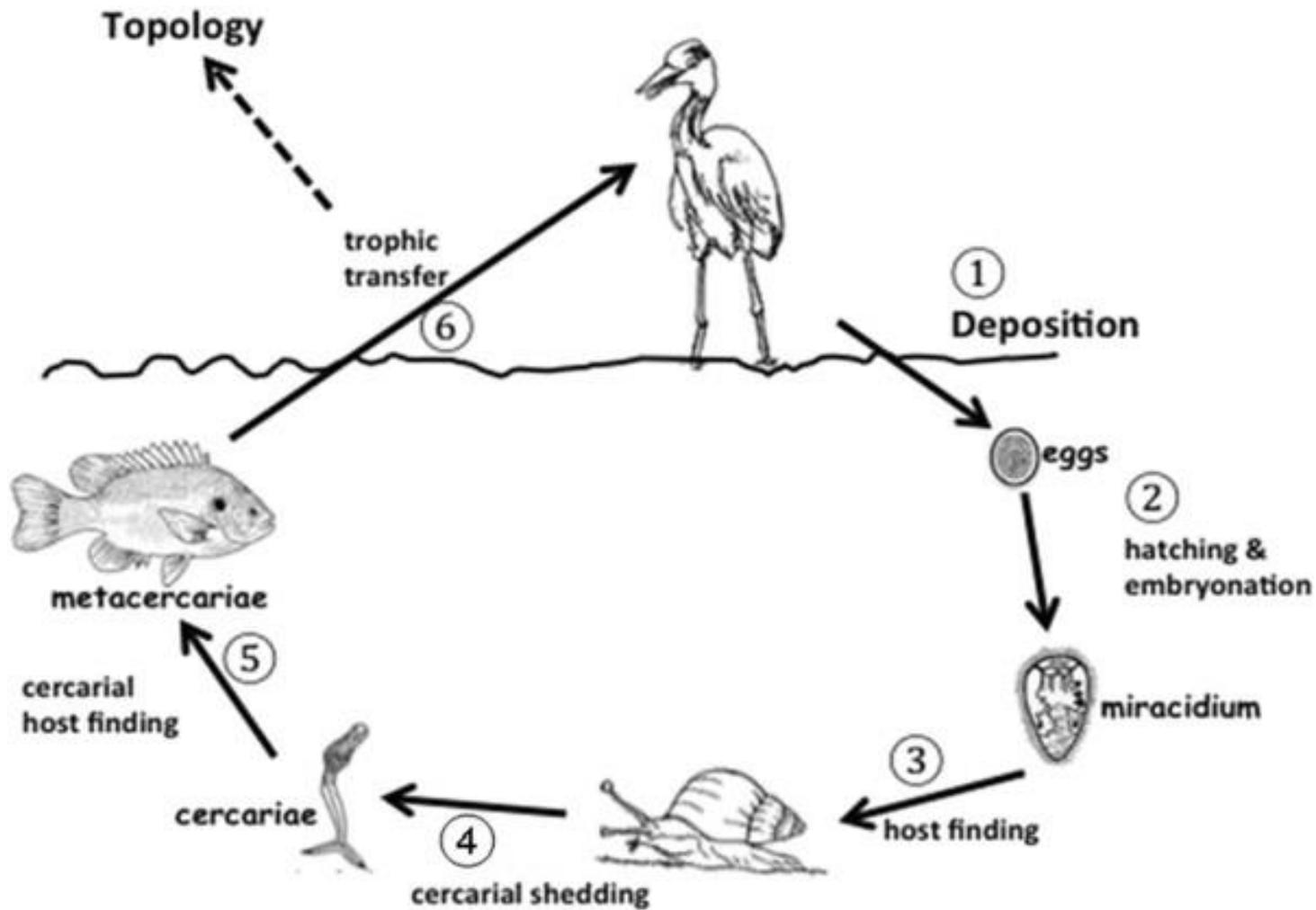
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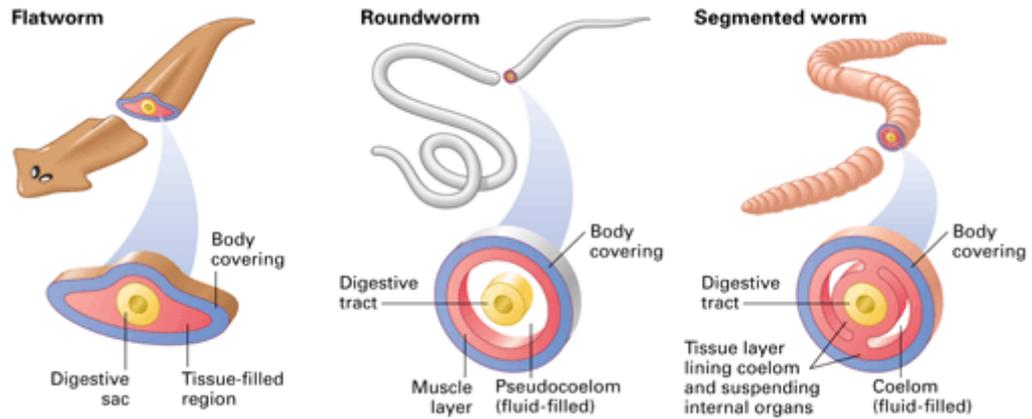


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Measurements in micrometers ( $\mu\text{m}$ )

