



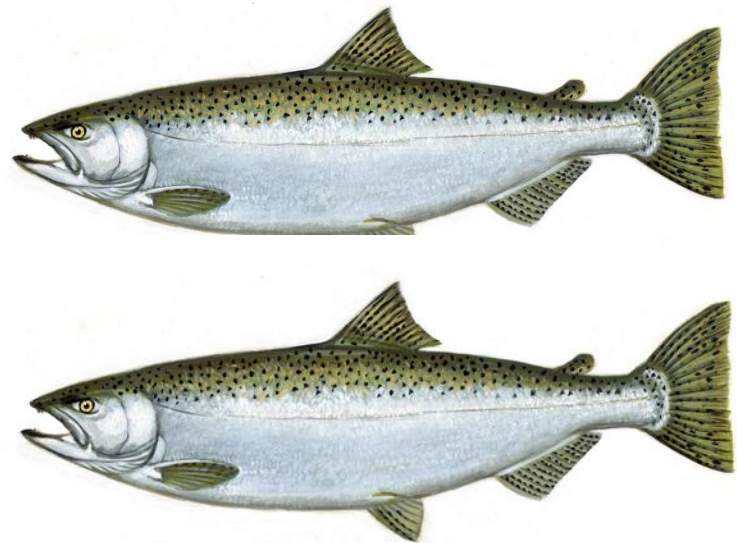
***Pseudophyllidea***  
***Diphyllobothrium latum***  
***Broad fish tape worm***

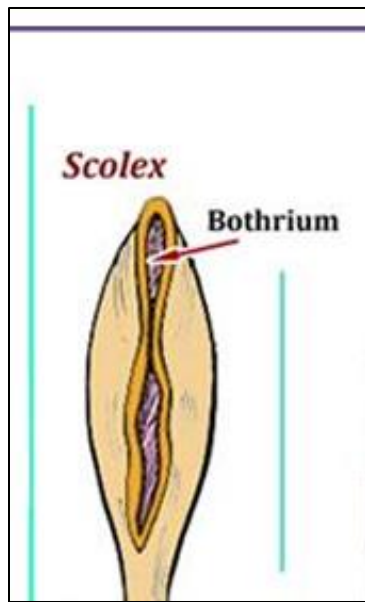
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- **Disease:** Diphyllobothriasis.

- **Geographical distribution:**

It is prevalent in Northern Europe mostly in Scandinavia and Russia, where pickled or insufficiently cooked salmon fish is prominent in the diet.



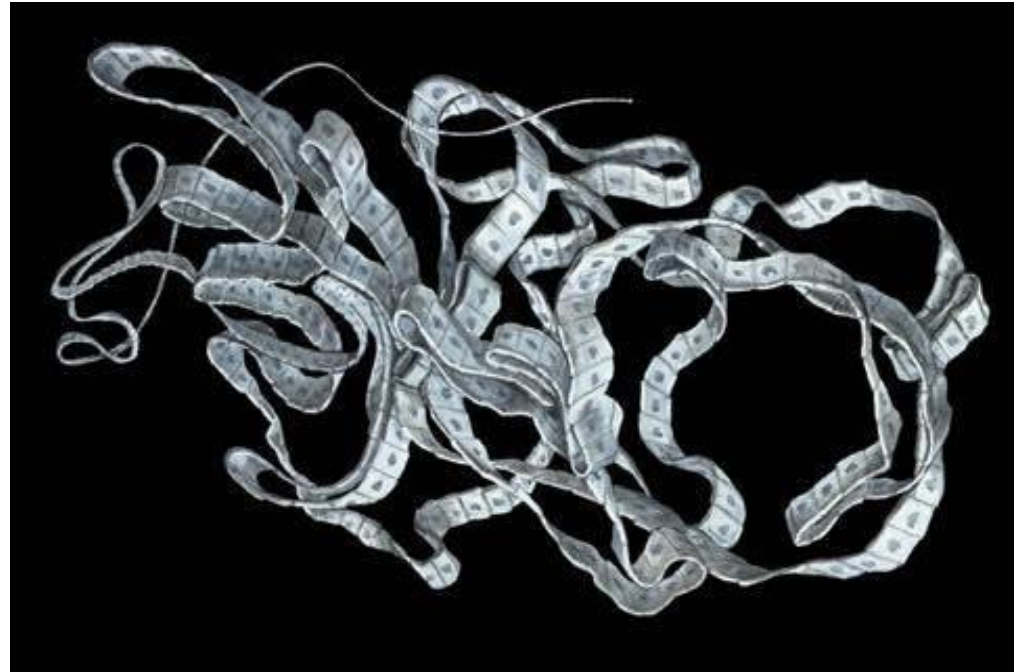


scolex

Elongated with dorsal and ventral bothria (grooves)

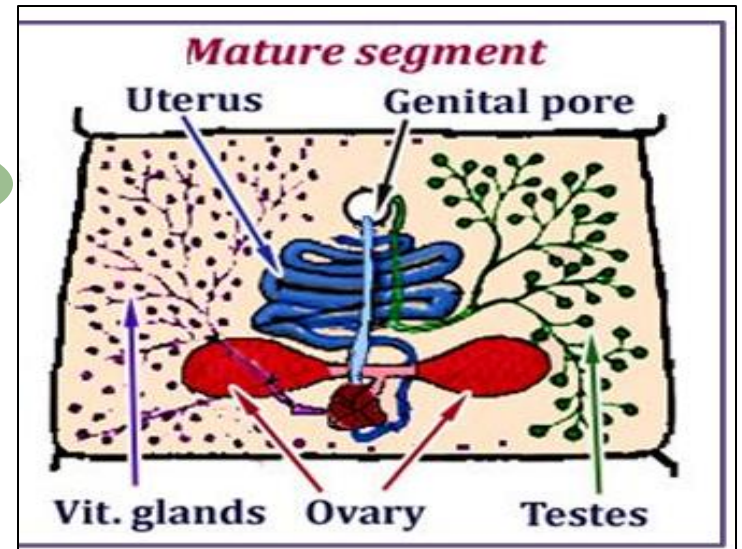
Adult

3-10 meters

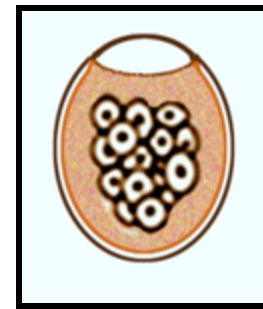


Mature seg.

- Genital pore ventrally
- Uterine pore
- Rosette-shaped uterus



- **Size:** 70 × 50 μm.
- **Shape:** Oval and operculated with thick shell.
- **Colour:** Yellowish brown.
- **Content:** Fertilized and immature.



**Egg**

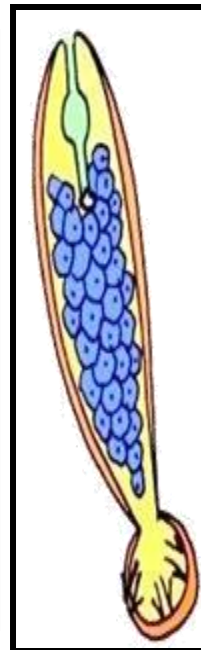
70x50 μm



**Coracidium**

- Spherical, 80–90 μm
- Covered with cilia
- Has 6 hooks

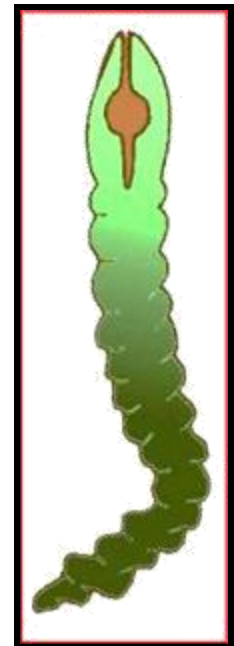
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- 500 μm

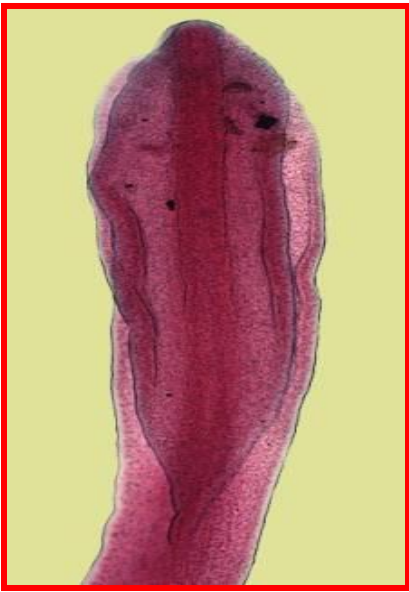
- Spherical caudal end having 6 hooks

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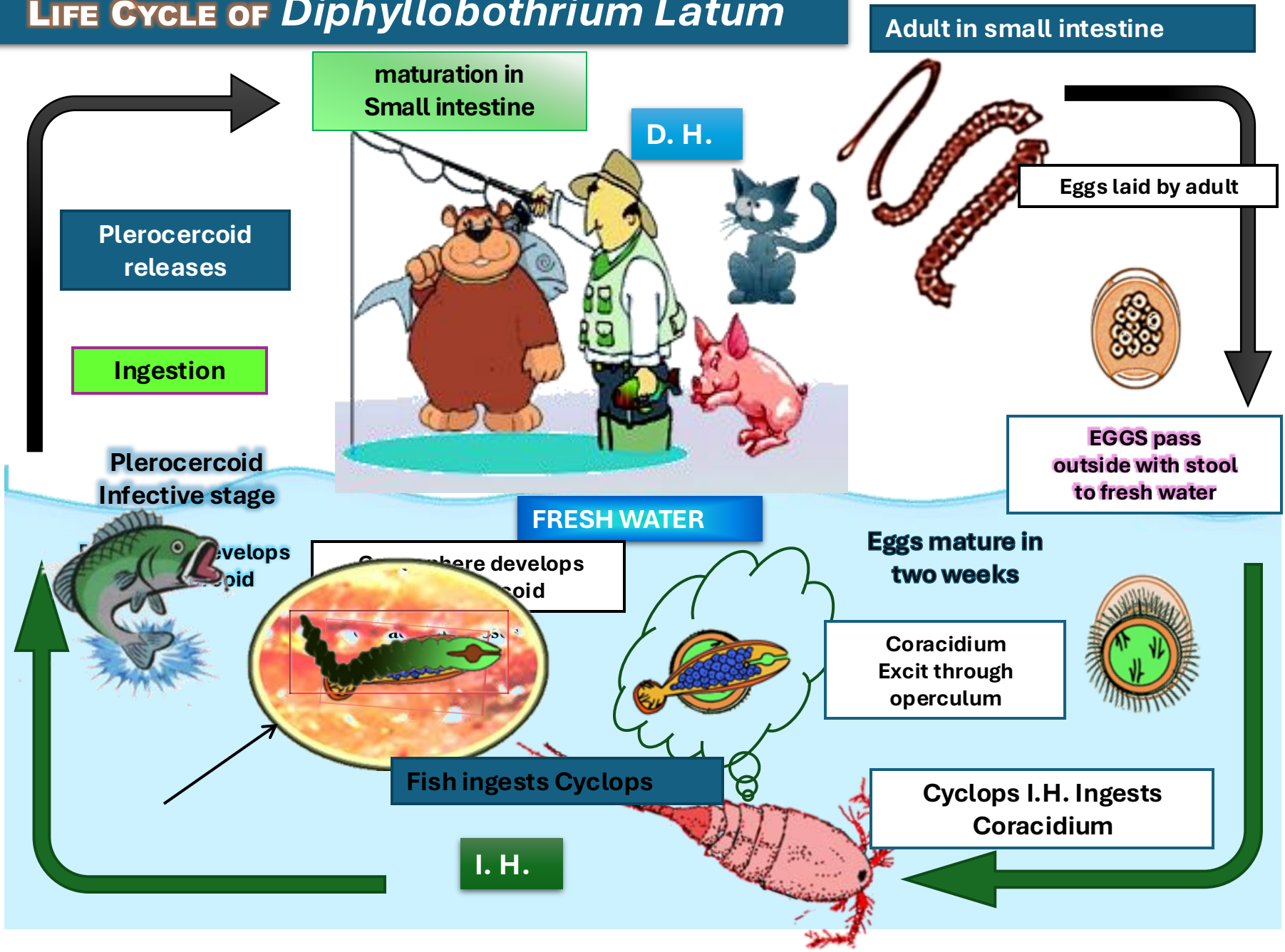


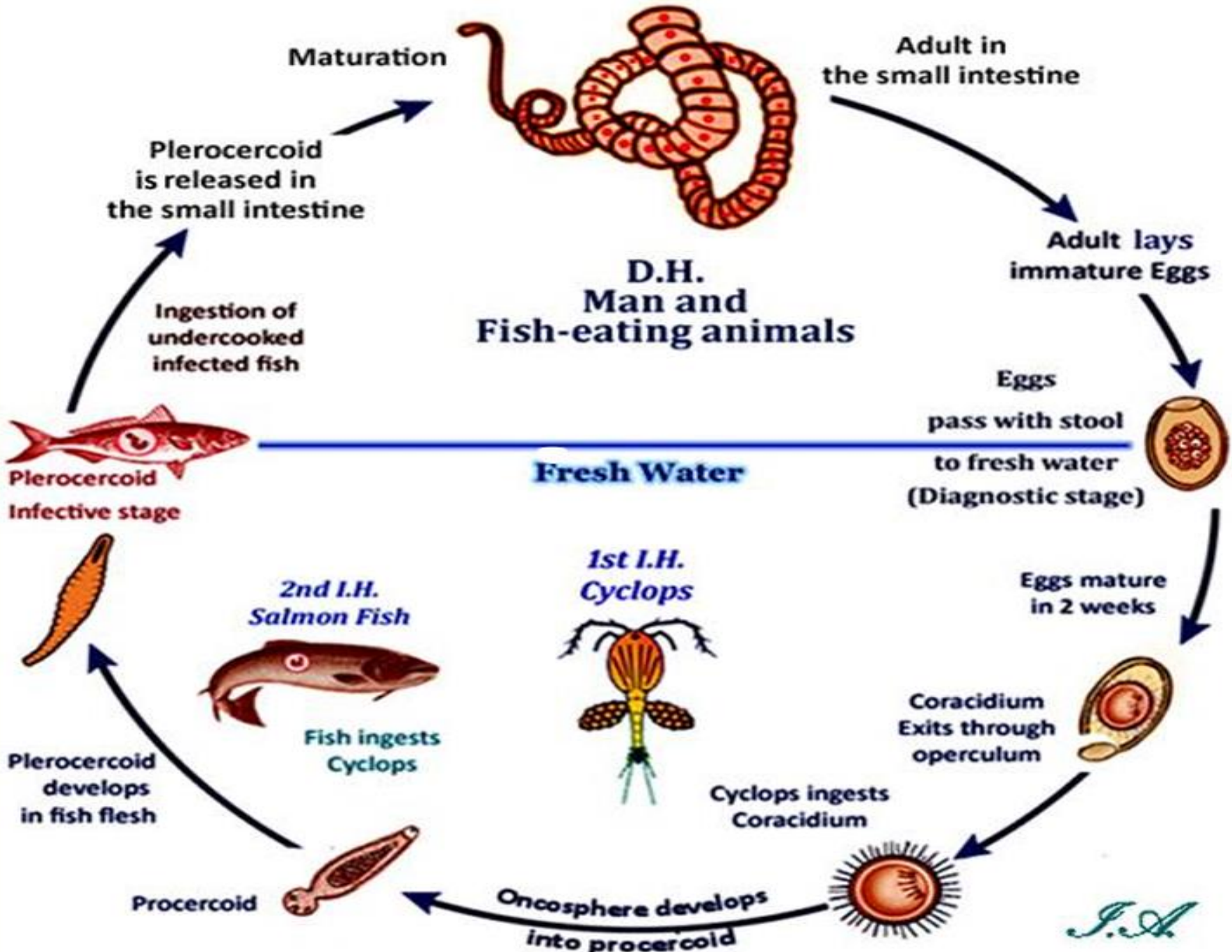
- 10-20 mm
- Bothria
- Body kinks





# LIFE CYCLE OF *Diphyllobothrium Latum*





Maturation

Adult in the small intestine

Plerocercoid is released in the small intestine

Adult lays immature Eggs

**D.H. Man and Fish-eating animals**

Ingestion of undercooked infected fish

Eggs pass with stool to fresh water (Diagnostic stage)

**Fresh Water**

Plerocercoid Infective stage

Eggs mature in 2 weeks

2nd I.H. Salmon Fish

1st I.H. Cyclops

Coracidium Exits through operculum

Cyclops ingests Coracidium

Oncosphere develops into proceroid

Proceroid

Plerocercoid develops in fish flesh

Fish ingests Cyclops

Plerocercoid is released in the small intestine

P.S.H.

<b>Habitat</b>	Small intestine
<b>Hosts:</b>	<b>D.H.:</b> Man <b>R.H.:</b> Fish-eating animals such as dogs and cats <b>I.H.:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> I. H.: <i>Cyclops</i> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> I.H.: Salmon fish
<b>Diagnostic stage:</b>	Egg
<b>Infective stage:</b>	Plerocercoid
<b>Mode of infection:</b>	Ingestion of improperly cooked salmon fish containing plerocercoid



# Clinical picture

- Many patients may be clinically free showing no symptoms.
- Vague abdominal pain, diarrhoea and nausea may be present.

# Complications:

- In some patients, serious **megaloblastic anaemia** develops due to vitamin B<sub>12</sub> deficiency because the worm absorbs a large amount of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> and also affects the normal absorptive mechanism for vitamin B<sub>12</sub> in the jejunum.
- Intestinal obstruction.
- Neurological manifestations e.g. headache, insomnia and convulsions are caused by absorbed toxins.

## Diagnosis:

- Detection of the characteristic eggs in stool samples.
- Segments may be detached and observed in the stool.

## Treatment:

- Praziquantel is the drug of choice.

# Differences between Cyclophyllidea & Pseudophyllidea

## Differences are:

- Scolex.
- Mature segment.
- Gravid segment.
- Eggs.
- Intermediate host.
- Larval stages.



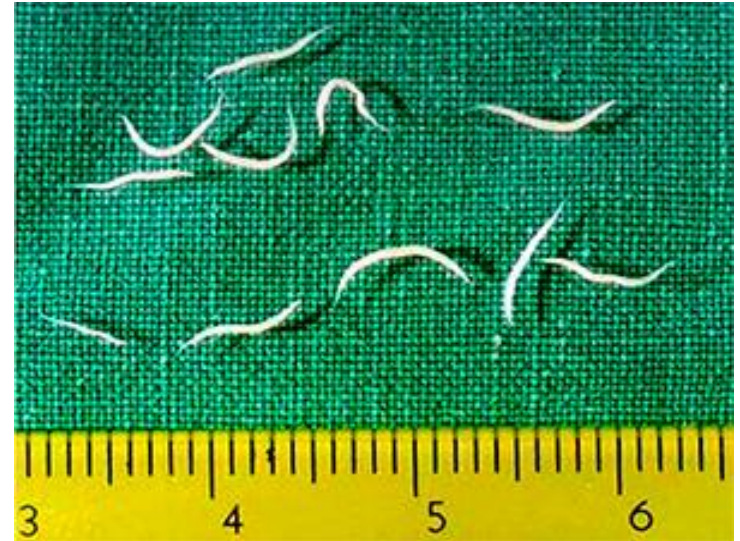
	<b>Cyclophyllidea</b>	<b>Pseudophyllidea</b>
<b>Scolex:</b> - Organs of attachment: - Hooks:	Globular <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suckers</li> <li>• May be present</li> </ul>	Elongated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bothria (grooves)</li> <li>• Absent (unarmed scolex)</li> </ul>
<b>Mature segment:</b> -Genital opening: -Uterus:  -Vitelline glands:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On the lateral side</li> <li>• Blind (no uterine pore)</li> <li>• In mass</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On the ventral surface</li> <li>• Uterine pore on the ventral surface</li> <li>• Dispersed in the segment</li> </ul>
<b>Gravid segment:</b>	Present	Absent
<b>Eggs:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non operculated</li> <li>• Mature containing oncosphere</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operculated</li> <li>• Fertilized &amp; immature</li> </ul>
<b>Larval stage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cysticercus bovis</li> <li>• Cysticercus cellulosa</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coracidium</li> <li>• Proceroid</li> <li>• Plerocercoid</li> </ul>
<b>Intermediate host</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two</li> </ul>



# Introduction to nematodes

## General Characters:

- **Rounded, elongate unsegmented with variable size.**
- **Separate sex (males are smaller than females with curved posterior end while the females have straight posterior end).**
- **Has body cavity, complete alimentary tract and tubular genital system, simple excretory and nervous system.**



# Systems of the body

## Digestive:

Mouth



Esophagus



Intestine



Anus

## Male:

Testis



Vas deference



Seminal vesicle



Ejaculatory duct

(Accessory copulatory organs)

## Female:

Ovary



Oviduct



Uterus

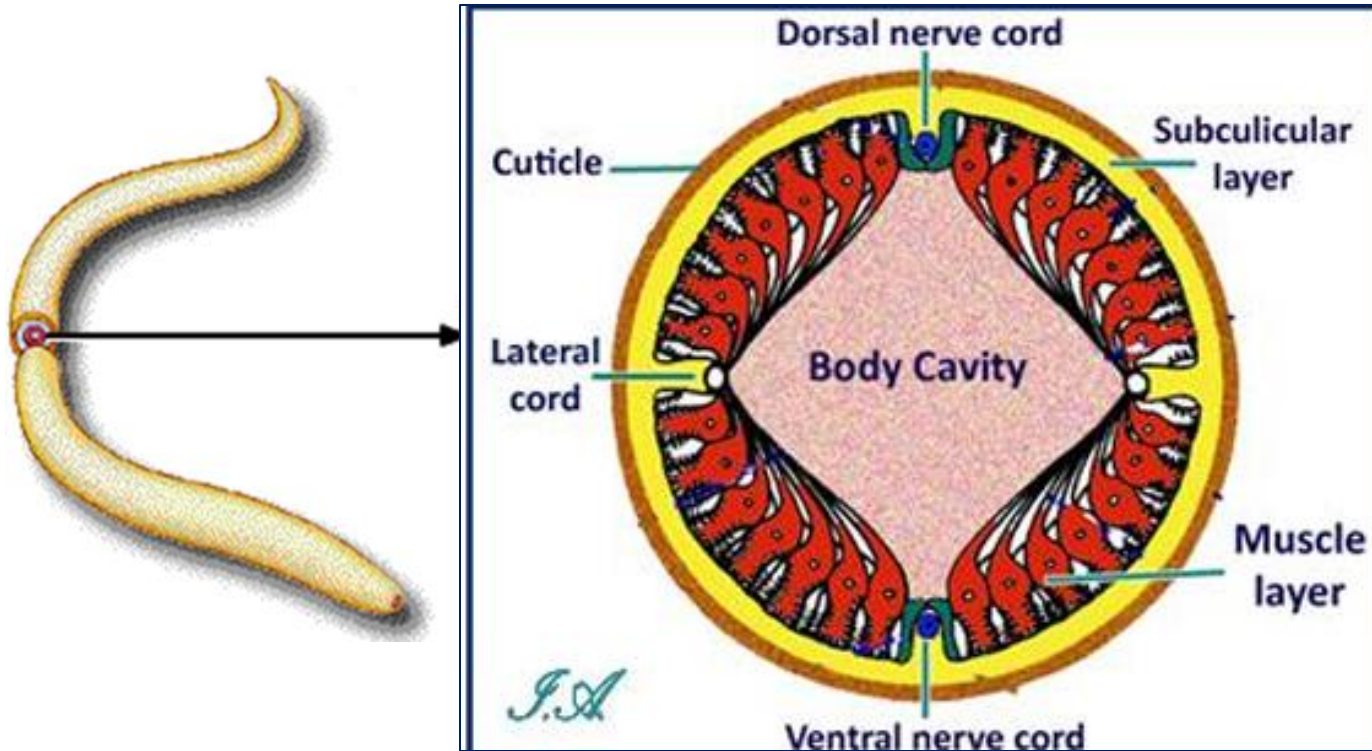


Vulva

(Sets of genitalia)



# Body wall & cavity



# The oesophagus



**Club shaped**



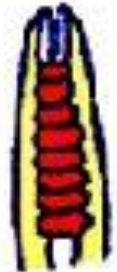
**Double bulbed**



**Rhabditiform**



**Cylindrical**



**Cellular**

# Life Cycle

