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# **Parasites 1**

## **Platyhelminthes**

# Medical parasitology is classified

into

## Medical helminthology

Deals with parasitic worms

1-Phylum :  
Platyhelminthes  
(flat worms)

2-Phylum :  
Nemathelminthes  
(round worms)

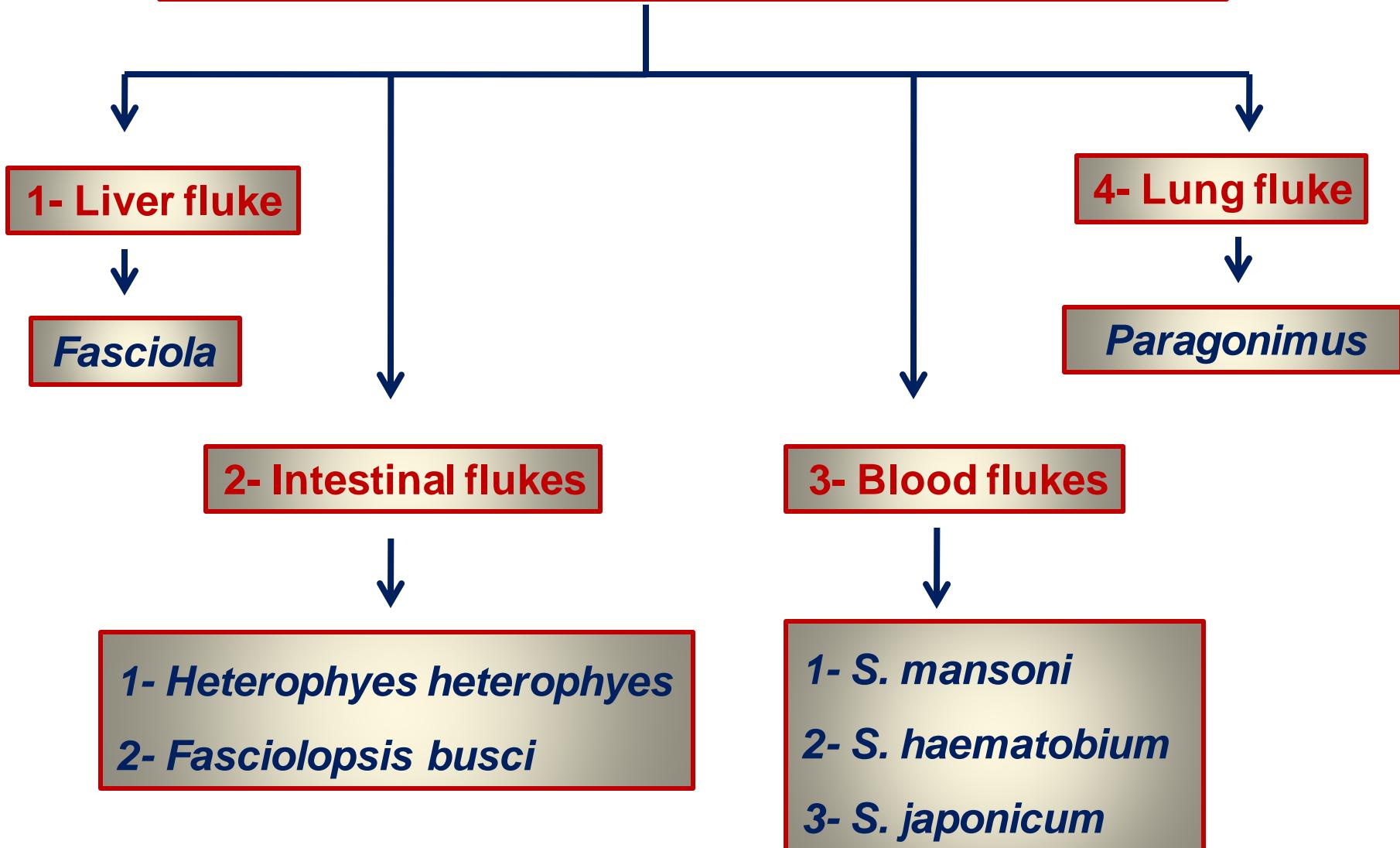
➤ Class: Trematoda  
➤ Class: Cestoidea

## Medical protozoology

Deals with unicellular parasites

1-Class: Rhizopoda:  
(move by pseudopodia)  
2- Class: Ciliata  
(move by cilia)  
3-Class: Zoomastigophora  
(move by flagellae)  
4-Class: Sporozoa  
(move by gliding movement)

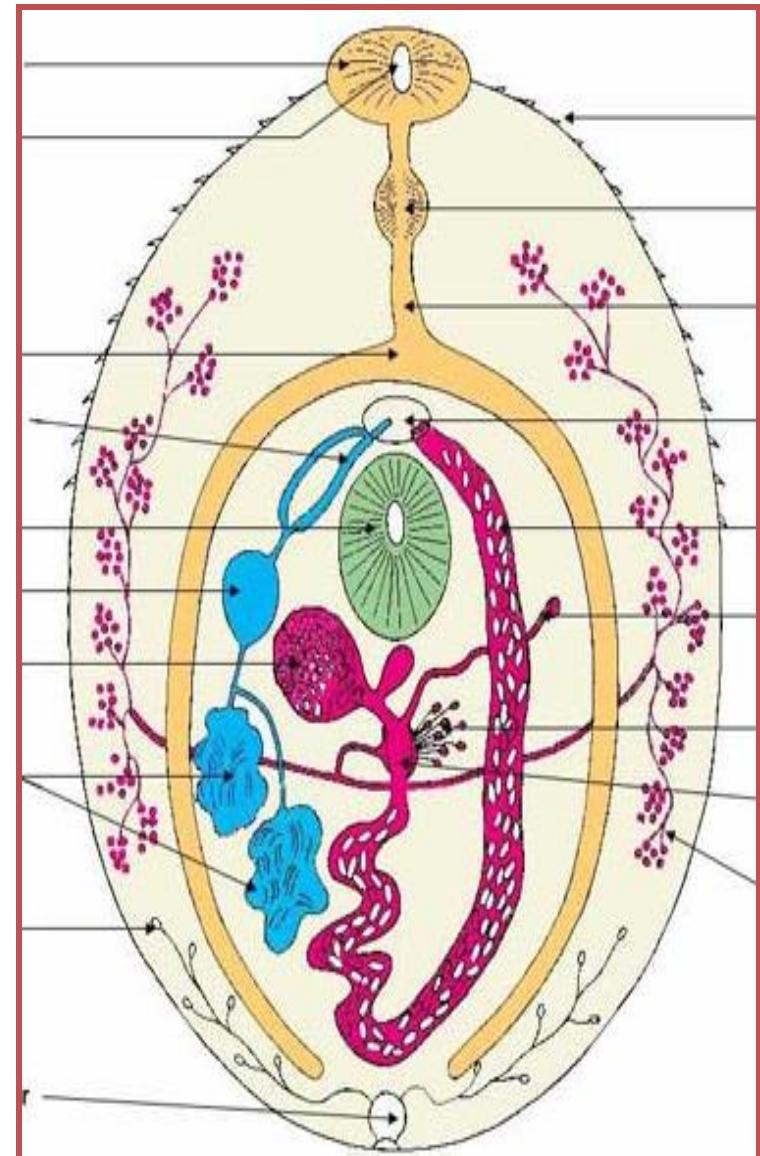
## Class Trematoda (flukes) are classified into



# Class : Trematoda (Flukes)

## ❖ General characters:

- Flattened, leaf-like **except** female of *Schistosoma*.
- Hermaphrodite.
- Bilaterally symmetrical.
- Has no body cavity.
- Variable in size. Large (*Fasciola*), very small (*Heterophyes*).
- Covered with cuticle( smooth, é spine or tubercle).
- **Organs of fixation:**
  - Oral sucker → anterior.
  - Ventral sucker → Larger on the ventral surface.
  - Genital sucker (present in some species).



# Digestive system

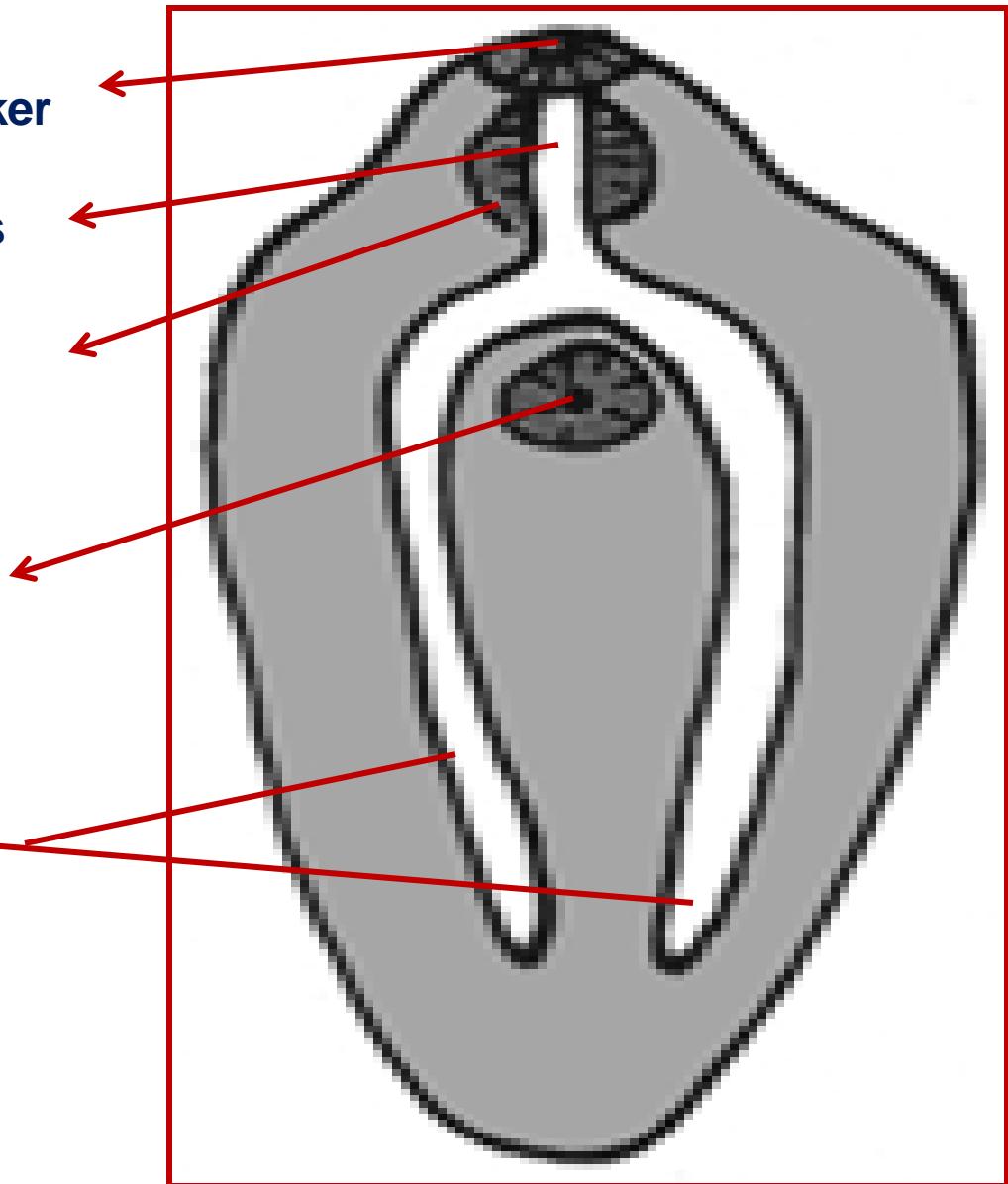
Mouth surrounded by oral sucker

Short oesophagus

Muscular pharynx  
(absent in  
*Schistosoma*)

Ventral sucker

2 intestinal caeca end blindly  
may be simple or branched



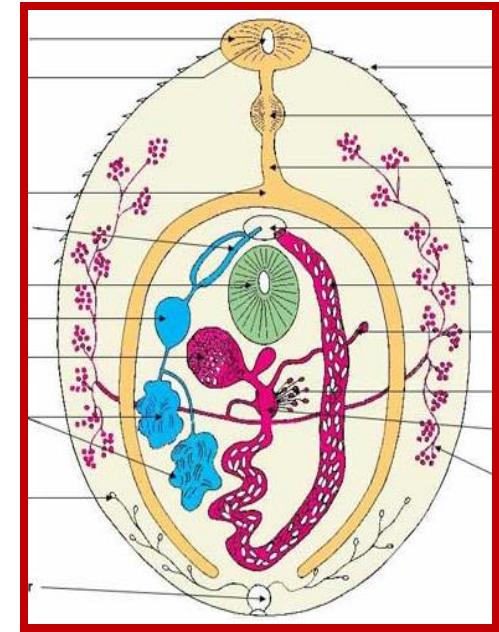
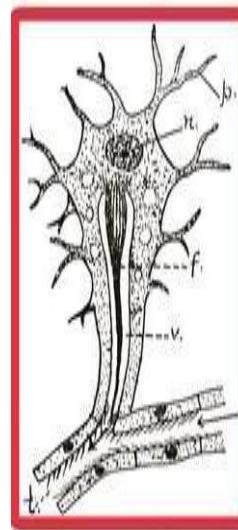
❖ **Excretory system:**

Bilaterally symmetrical

flame cells → collecting tubules

which collect fluid → bladder

→ excretory pore posteriorly.



❖ **Respiration:** Either **aerobic** (e.g. parasites live in blood and tissues) or **anaerobic** (e.g. parasites live in intestinal lumen and bile duct).

❖ **Nervous system:** The nerve ganglia present around the pharynx and send nerve fibers to different body structures.

# Genital system

All trematods are hermaphrodite except *Schistosoma*

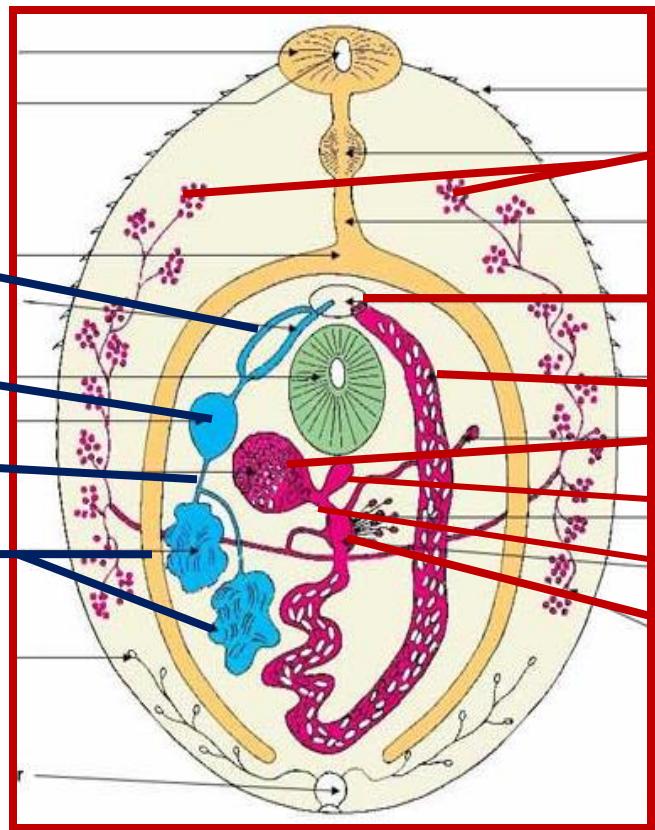
## Male G.System

Cirrus sac  
opens anterior in  
CGP

Seminal vesicle

Vas deferens

2 testes → 2  
vasa efferentia



## Female G.System

Vitteline glands  
in both sides  
opens in ootype

Vagina opens  
posterior in CGP

Uterus

Ovary

Seminal receptacle

Short oviduct

Ootype  
surrounded by  
shell gland

❖ The eggs of trematodes are operculated (except for schistosomes), usually they pass mature with miracidium inside (*Schistosoma* and *Heterophyes*) or pass immature (*Fasciola*, *Fasciolopsis* & *Paragonimus*) and all eggs need water to hatch.



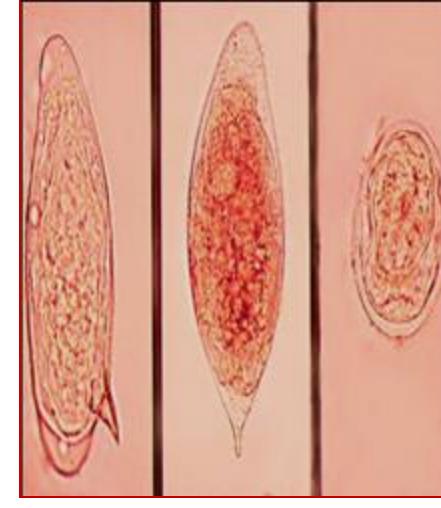
Paragonimus  
egg



*Fasciolopsis*  
egg



*Fasciola*  
egg



Schistosomes  
eggs



*Heteropyle*  
egg

# *Heterophyes heterophyes*

## Adult

Muscular pharynx  
eosophagus  
coecum  
V.S  
G.S  
Uterus full of eggs  
Ovary  
2 testes



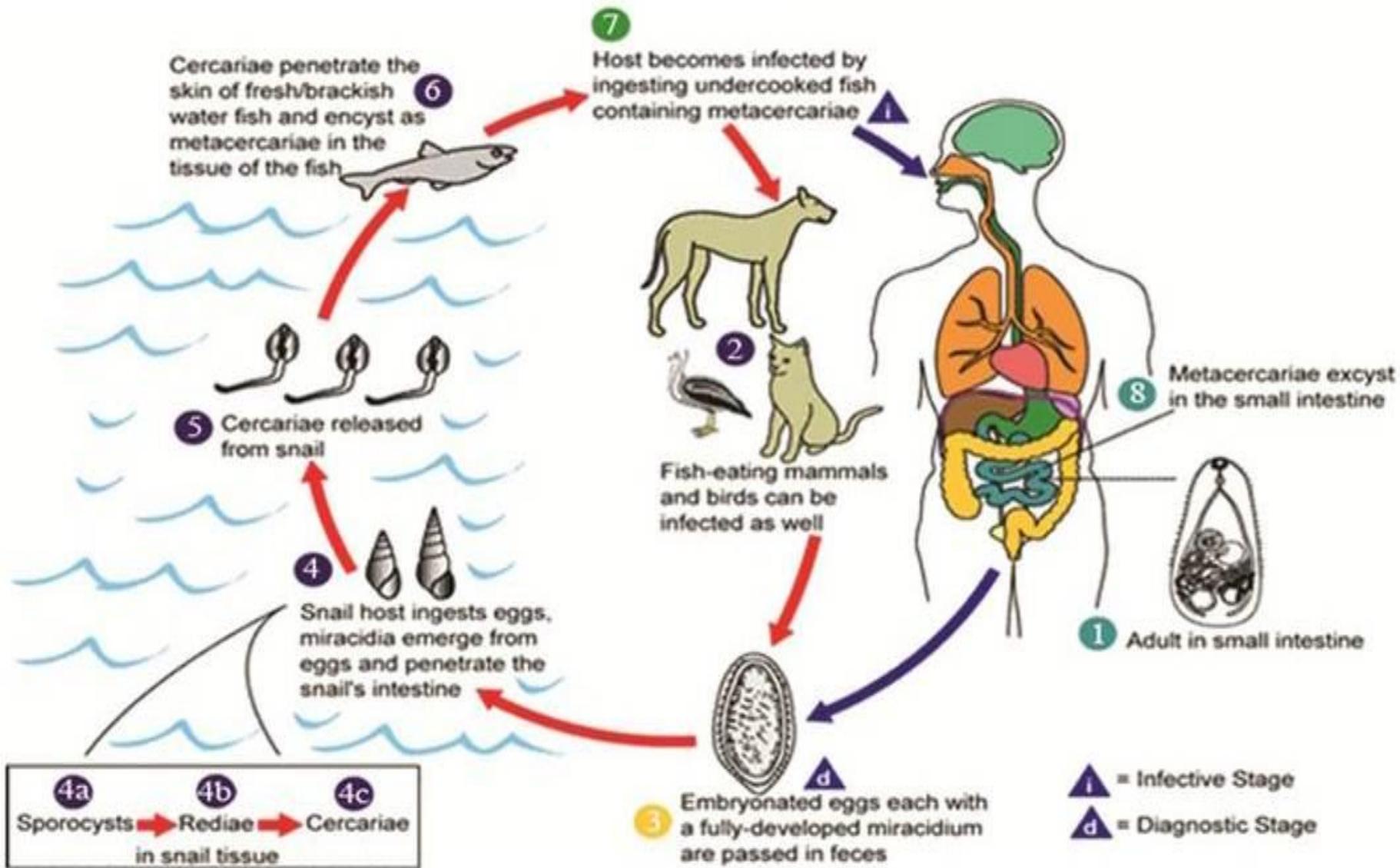


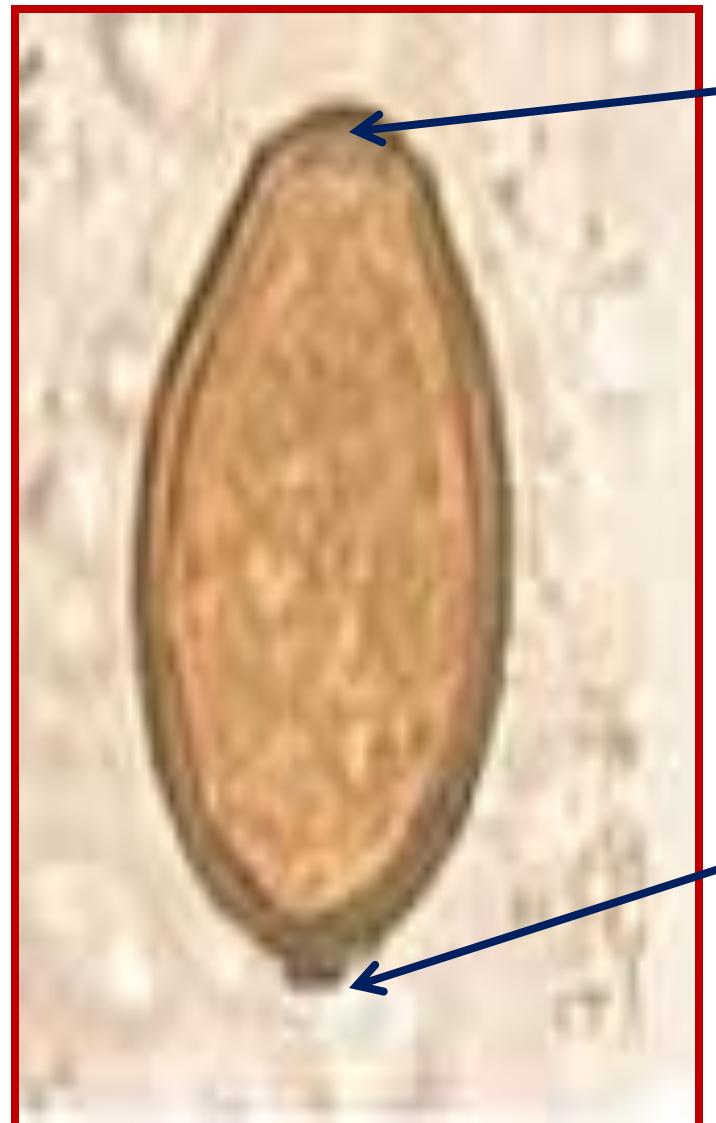
Fig. (3 - 5) *H. heterophyes* life cycle

# *Heterophyes heterophyes*

## Egg

### ❖Eggs (D.S) :-

- **Size :** 30 x 15 µm.
- **Shape :** Oval.
- **Shell :** Thick with anterior operculum and a small knob at posterior end.
- **Color :** Yellowish brown.
- **Content :** Mature (miracidium).



# *Pirenella conica* snail

Inside the snail:

Miracidium → Sporocyst



Cercaria ← Redia



1<sup>st</sup> I.H  
of *H. heterophyes*

## *H. Heterophyes miracidium*

### ❖ Miracidium:-

- Pyriform ciliated larva.
- Germinal cells develops into sporocyst.



❖ **Sporocyst:-**

**Simple elongated sac filled with germ cells. sporocyst develops into rediae.**

❖ **Redia:-**

➤ **Cylindrical larva.**  
➤ **Germ cells develop into cercariae.**



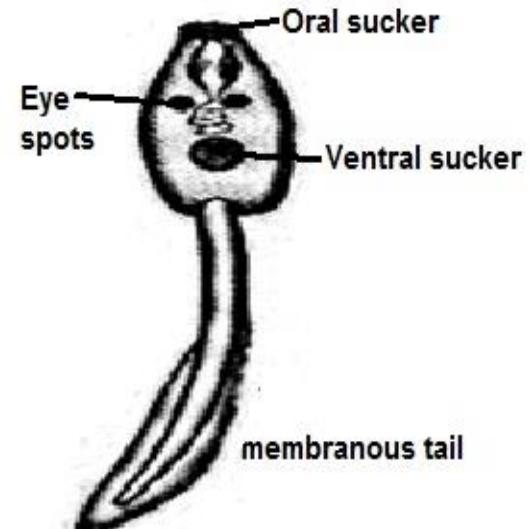
*H. Heterophyes* sporocyst



*H. Heterophyes* Redia

## Lophocercous cercaria of *H. heterophyes*

➤ Has body and  
membranous tail



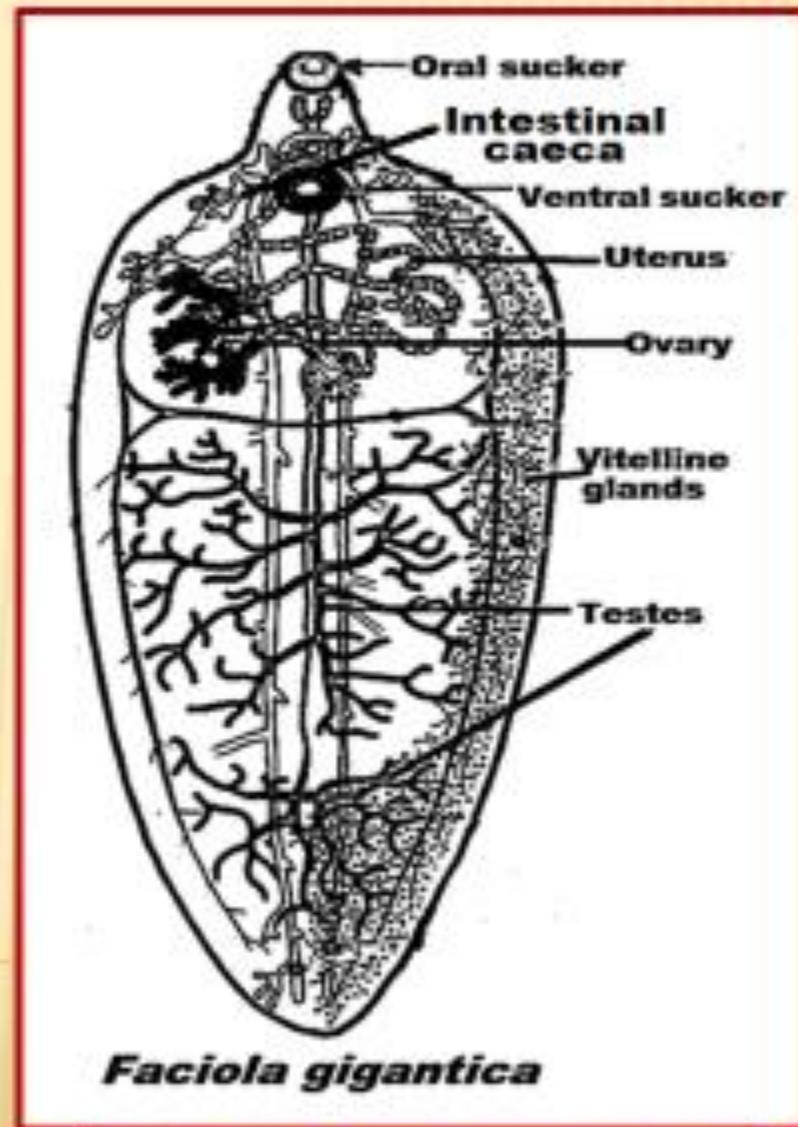
(I.S)  
Encysted metacercaria  
of *H. heterophyes* in  
fish (2<sup>nd</sup> I H)



## *Fasciola* adult



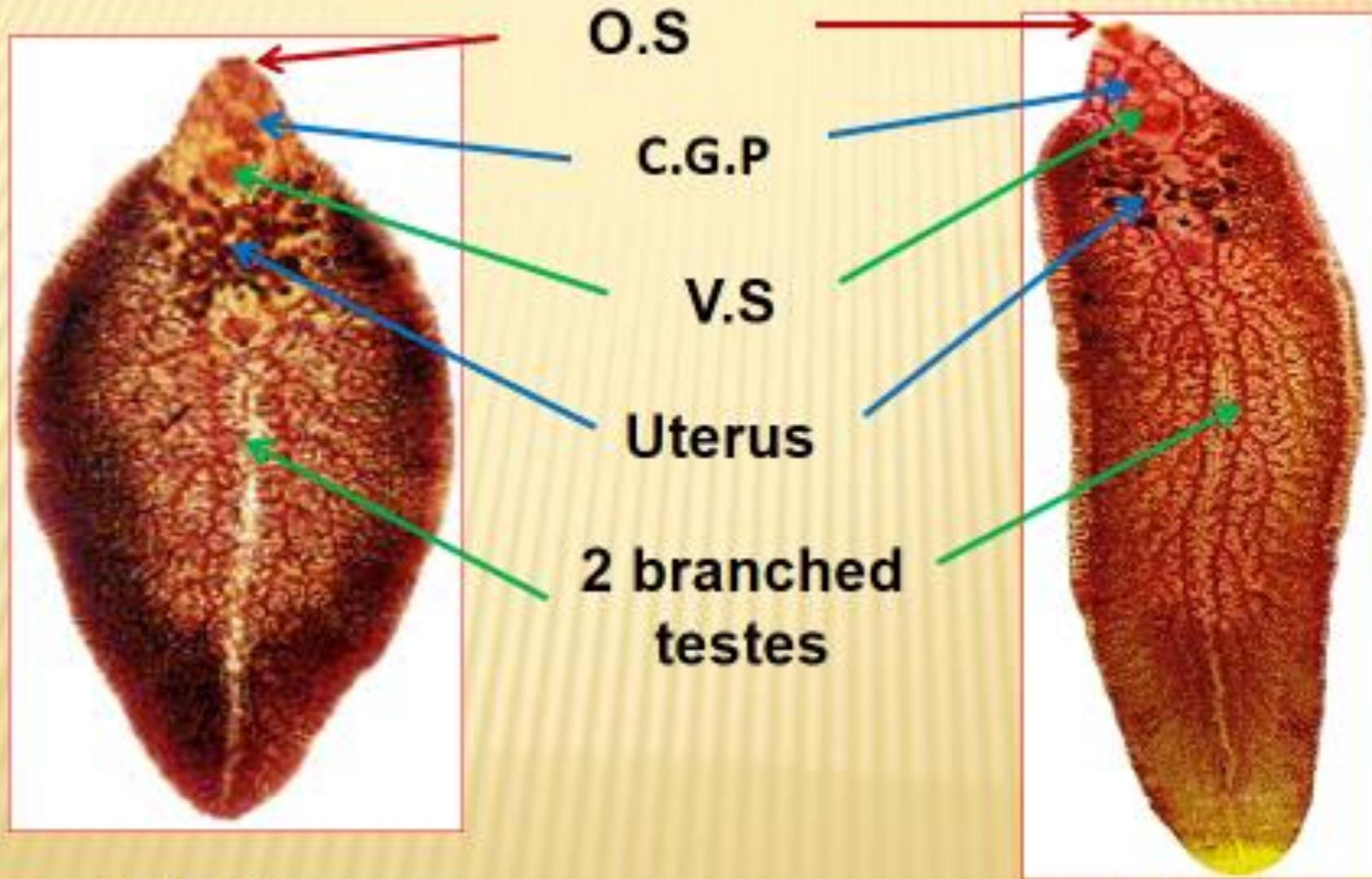
*Fasciola hepatica*



*Faciola gigantica*

*Faciola gigantica*

## *Fasciola* adult



*F. hepatica*

*F. gigantica*

# ***Fasciola hepatica***

It differs from *F.gigantica* in the following:-

Items	<i>F. gigantica</i>	<i>F. hepatica</i>
Distribution	Africa , Asia	Common in Europe
Reservoir host	Cattle and sheep	Sheep
Size	6 x1.5 cm	3x1 cm
Shape	Longer and slender with small anterior cone and parallel sides	Wide anteriorly and pointed posteriorly (converging) with large anterior cone
Shoulder	Less prominent	More prominent
Suckers	Ventral larger than oral	Equal in size
Testes	In the middle third	Extended to posterior third
Intestinal caeca	Medial branches are Y or T	Medial branches are simple
Intermediate host	<i>Lymnaea cailliaudi</i>	<i>Lymnaea truncatula</i>

## *Fasciola* egg (D.S)

- **Size :** 140 x 70 µm.
- **Shape :** Oval.
- **Shell :** Thin operculated.
- **Color :** Yellowish brown.
- **Content :** Immature  
(ovum & yolk cells).



## ***Lymnaea cailliaudi snail***

I.H of *Fasciola gigantica*

Inside the snail :

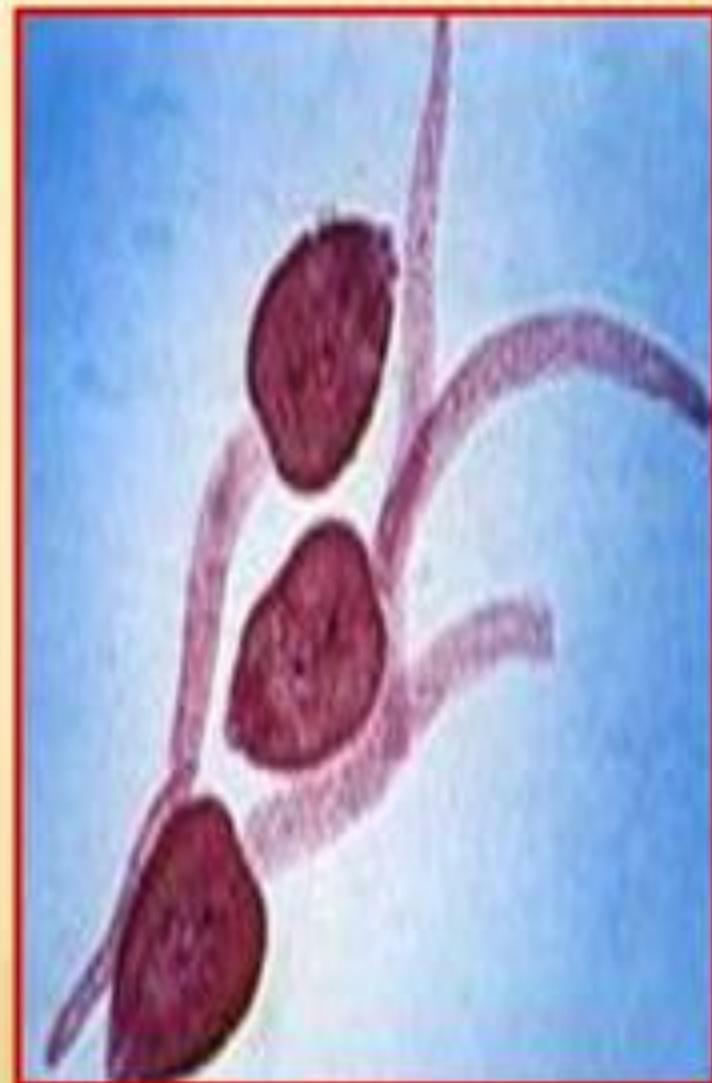
Miracidium → Sporocyst

→ Redia → Cercaria



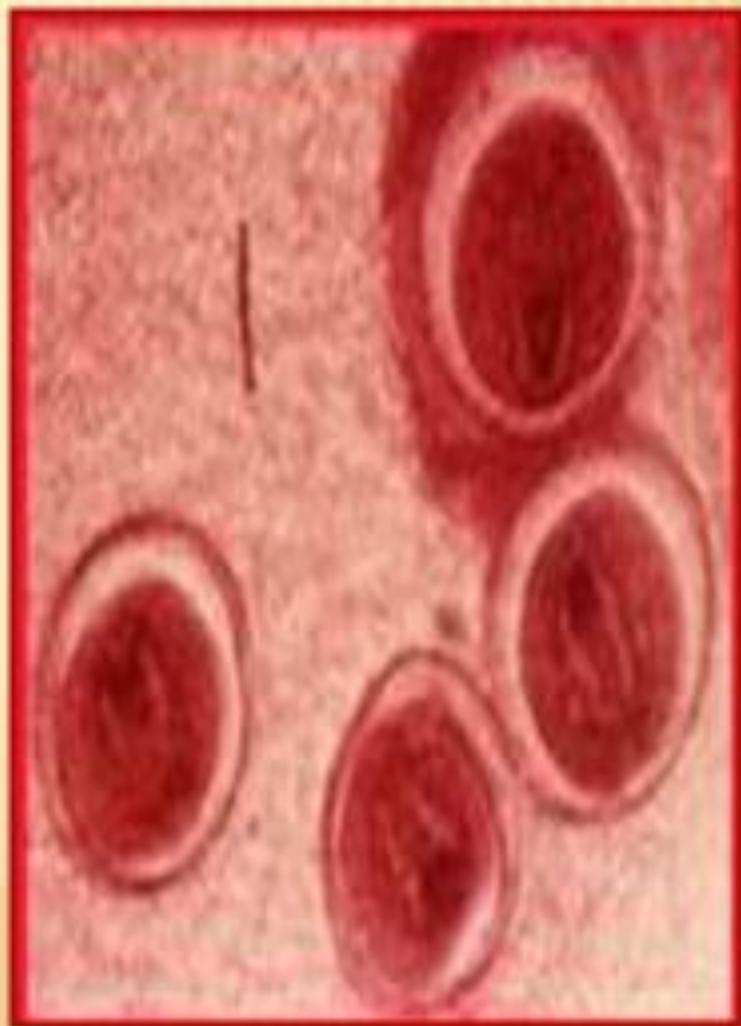
## cercaria of *Fasciola* & *Fasciolopsis*

- Formed of body and tail.
- Body with oral and ventral suckers, simple intestinal caeca.
- Tail : Simple (leptocercous cercaria).

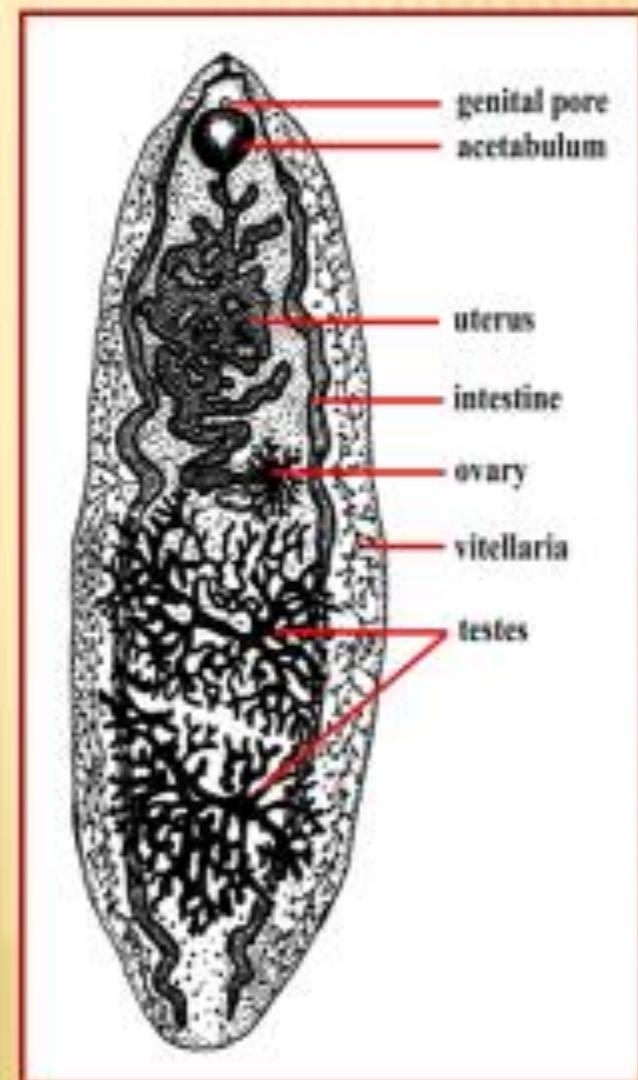
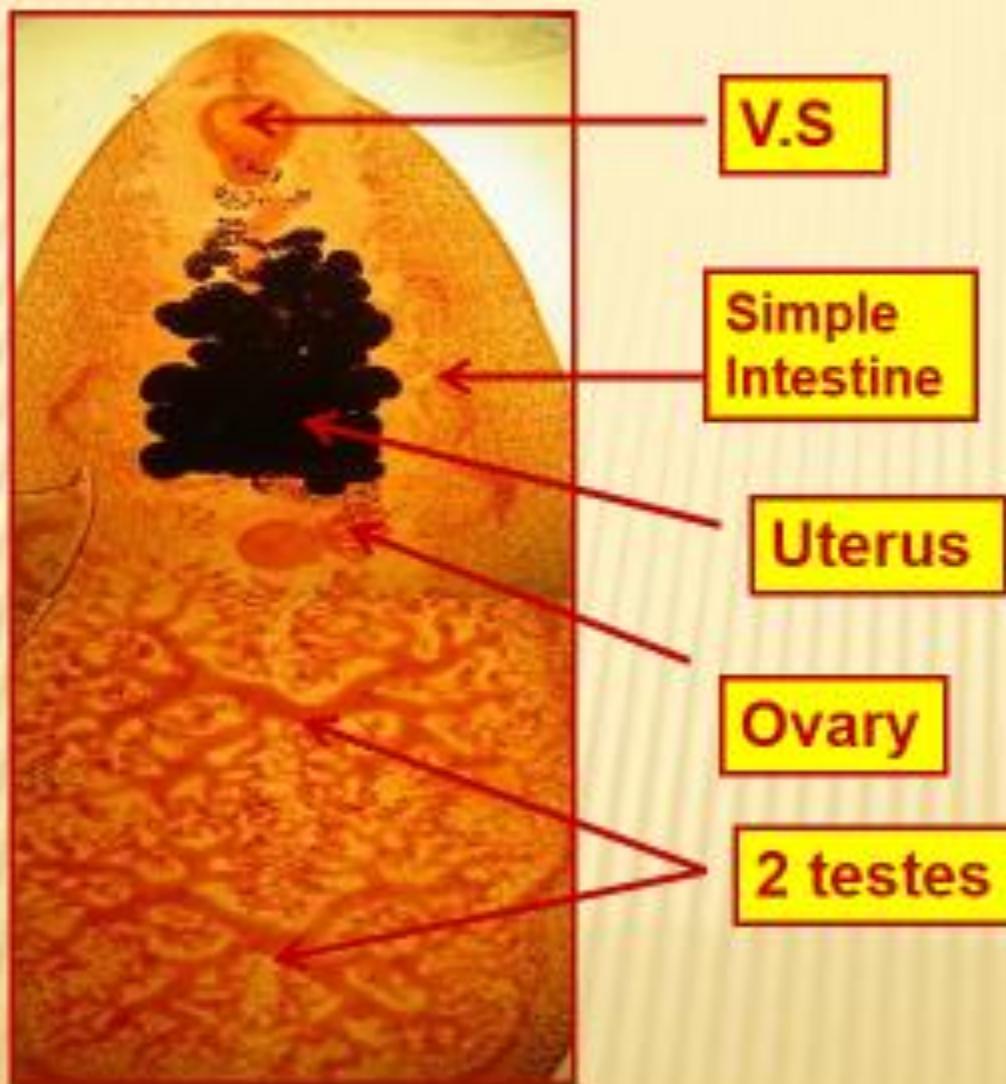


## Encysted metacercaria (I.S) of *Fasciola*& *Fasciolopsis*

- Spherical in shape.
- The cercaria losses its tail and secrete a thick cyst wall.
- Present in green water vegetations and water.

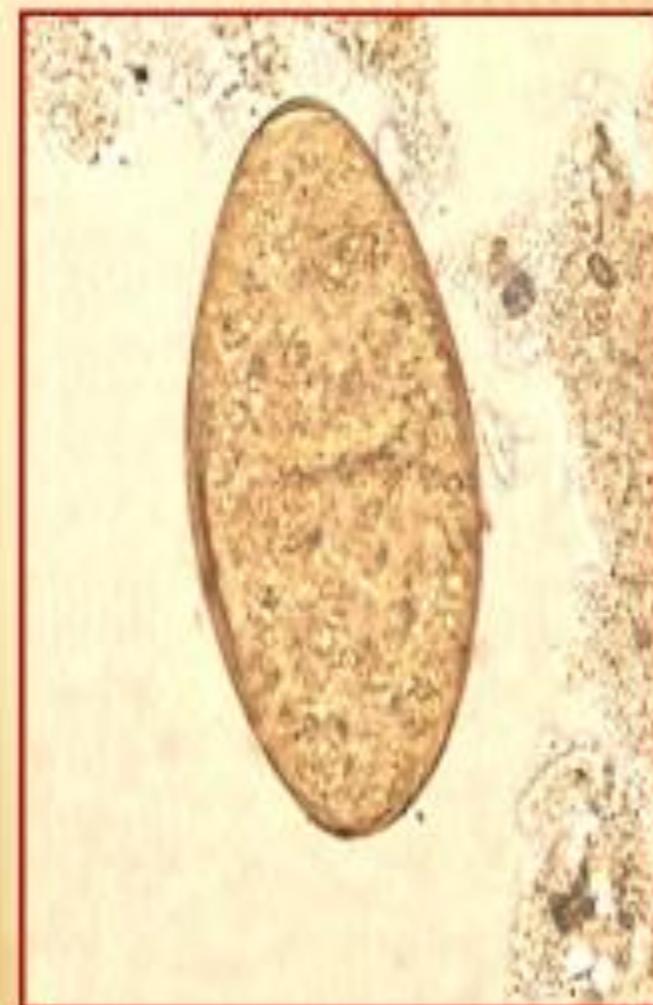


# *Fasciolopsis buski* adult



## *Fasciolopsis buski* egg (D.S)

- Size : 140 x 70 µm.
- Shape : Oval.
- Shell : Thin, operculated.
- Color : Yellowish brown.
- Content : Immature  
(ovum & yolk cells).

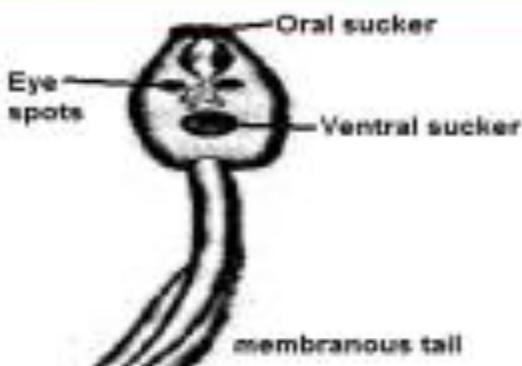


## ***Segmentina* snail**

- ❖ I.H of *Fasciolopsis buski*
- (miracidium →
- sporocyst → redia
- cercaria  
(leptocecous cercaria).



# Types of cercaria of Trematodes



Heterophyes



*Fasciola* &  
*Fasciolopsis*

Lophocercous cercaria



Paragonimus

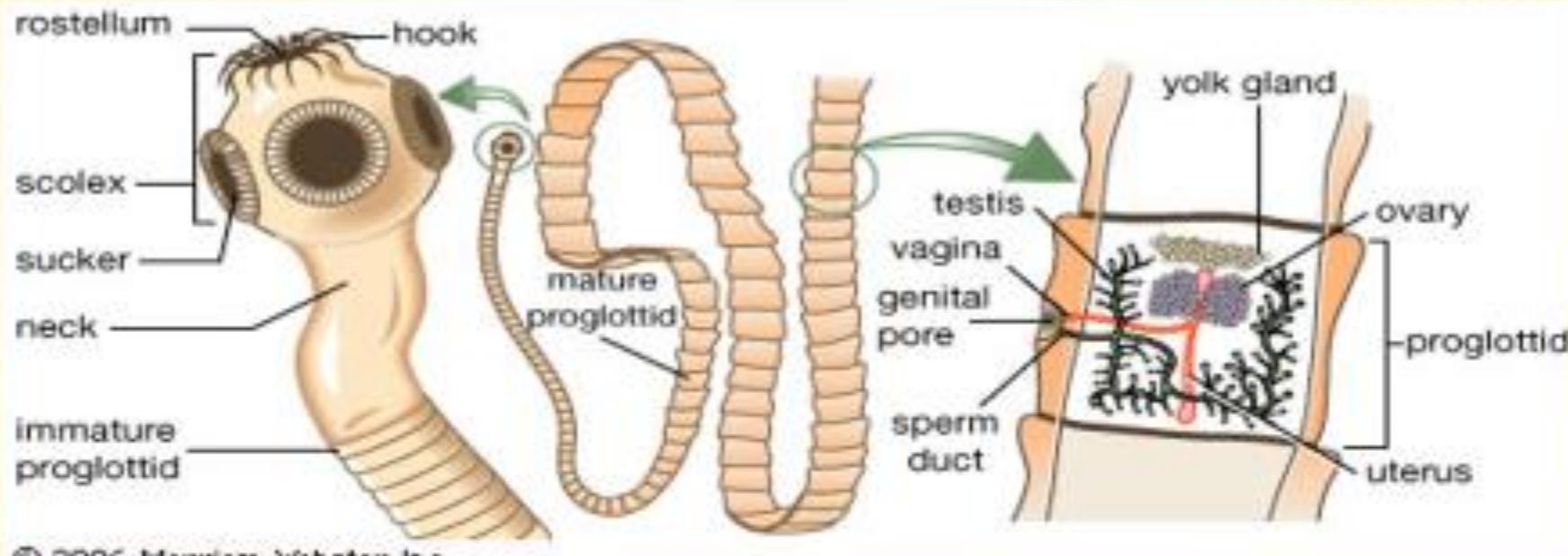
Microcercous cercaria



*Schistosoma*

Furcocercus cercaria

# General characters



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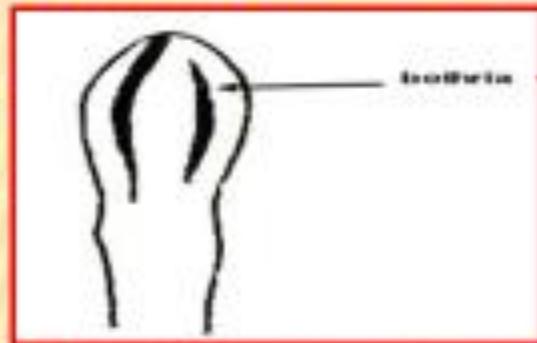
## Adults:

- Flat, ribbon like and segmented.
- Cestodes have neither a body cavity nor an alimentary tract.
- Cestodes are hermaphrodites.

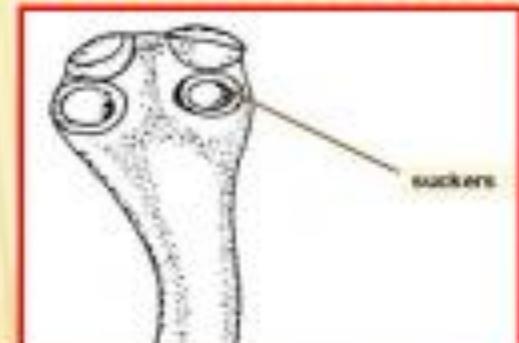
**Subclass Cestoda is divided into two orders**

**Pseudophyllidea**

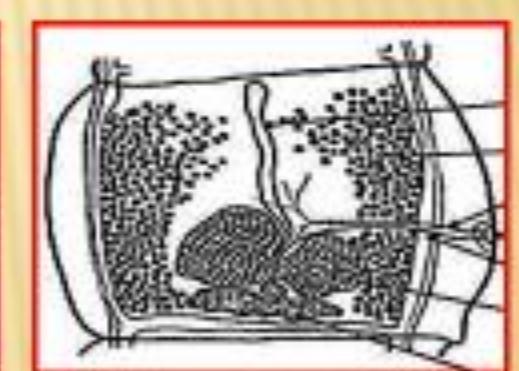
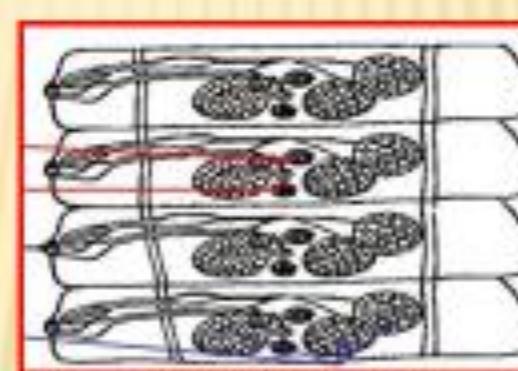
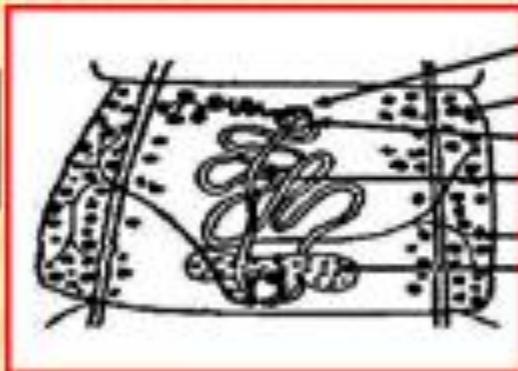
Scolex



**Cyclophyllidea**



Mature segment



Gravid segment

No gravid segments

*Diphyllobothrium latum*



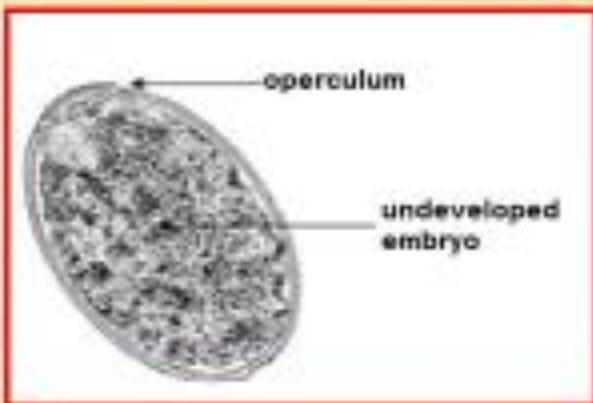
*Hymenolepis nana*



*Taenia saginata*

## PseudoPhyllidea

Egg of  
*D. latum*



Coracidium



Procercoid  
larva(solid)

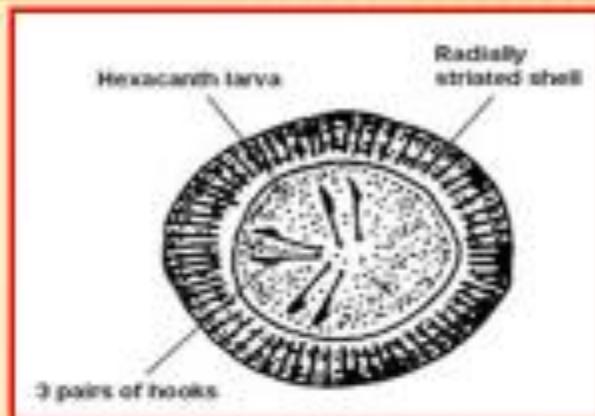


Plerocercoid  
larva(solid)

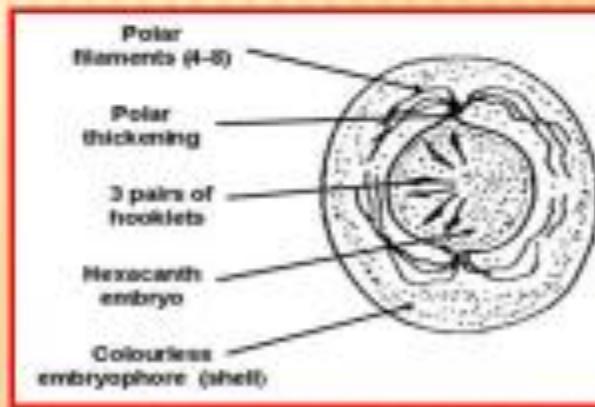


## Cyclophylidea

Egg of  
*Taenia*



Egg of *H.*  
*nana*



Cystic  
larvae



Cestodes are classified according to habitat into

Intestinal cestodes

(Adult in the small intestine of man)  
(Man is the D.H)

1- *Diphyllobothrium latum*

2- *Taenia saginata*

3- *Taenia solium*

4- *Hymenolepis nana*

Tissue cestodes

(Larvae in the tissues of man)  
(Man is the I.H)

1- *Cysticercus cellulosae* (larva of *T. solium*)

⌚ Cysticercosis

2- Hydatid cyst (larva of *Echinococcus granulosus*) ⌚ Hydatidosis

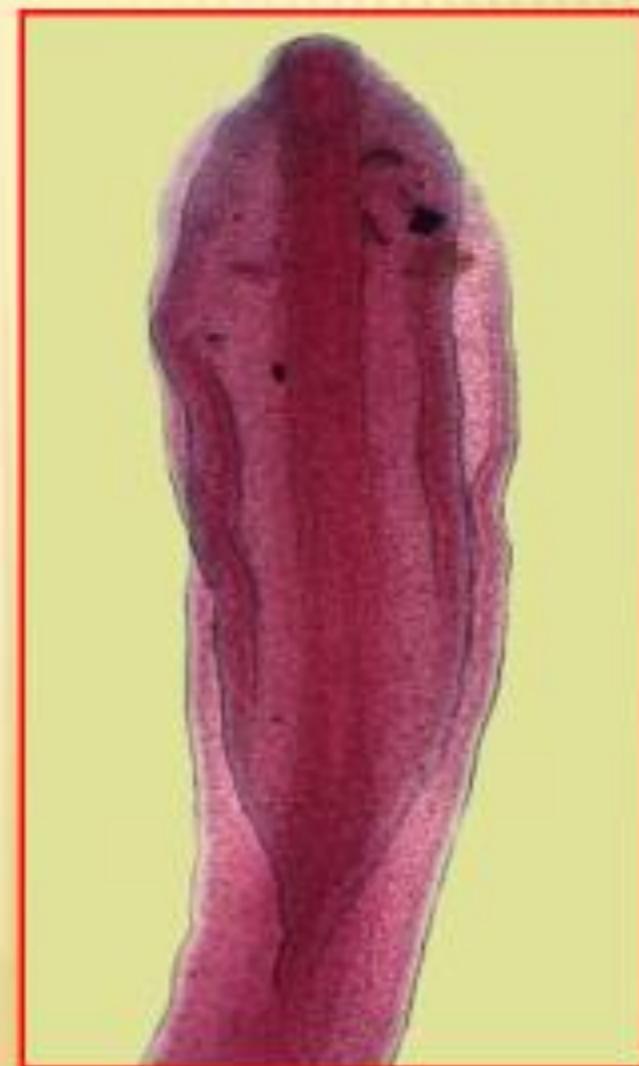
3- *Cysticeroid nana* (larva of *H. nana*) ⌚  
Cysticeroid nana

☛ N.B: *H. nana* & *T. solium* are considered  
as intestinal and tissue cestodes

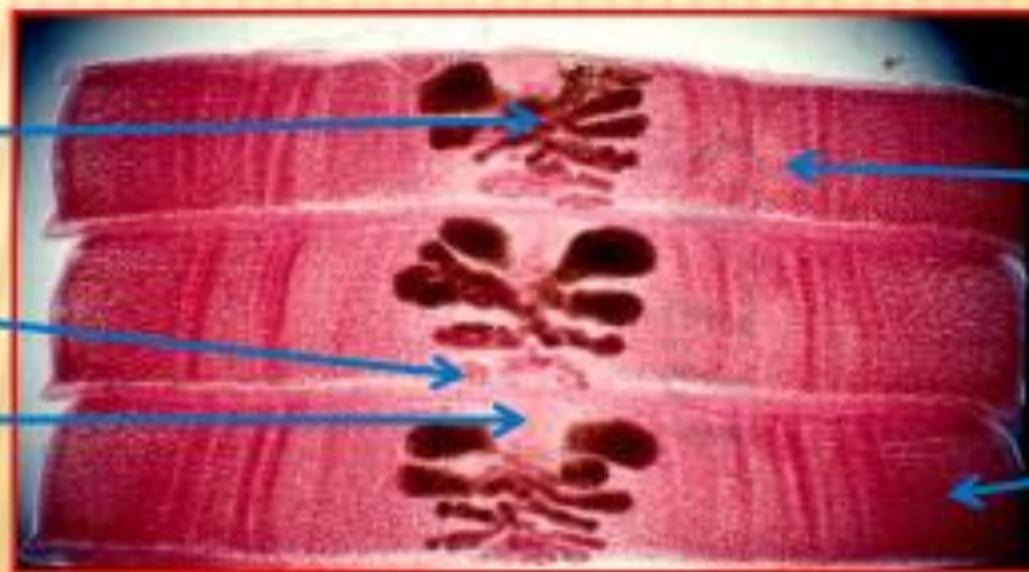
*Diphyllobothrium latum*  
(broad tapeworm , fish tapeworm)

**Scolex**

Elongated, almond like with  
two grooves (bothria), one  
dorsal & one ventral.



## *Diphyllobothrium latum* mature segment



Uterus

Ovary

C.G.P

Testes

Vitteline  
glands

## *Diphyllobothrium latum* egg

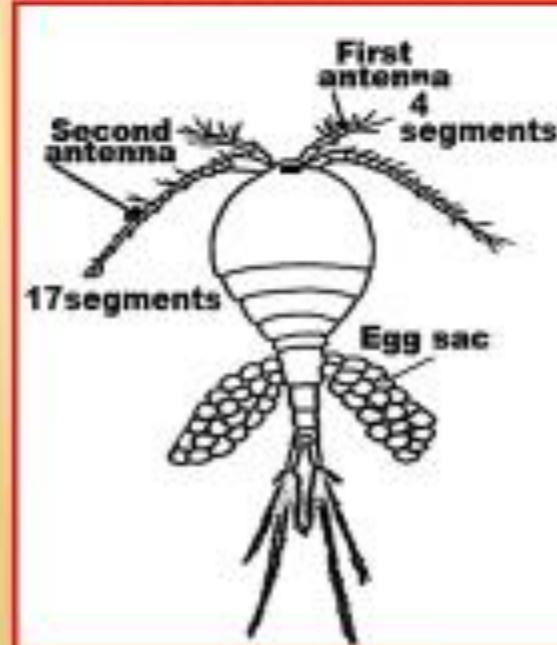
- Size : 70×45 µm
- Shape : Oval.
- Shell : Thick and operculated.
- Color : Yellowish brown.
- Content : Immature (ovum and yolk cells).



➤ **Coracidium : Oncosphere**  
larva with ciliated epithelium  
containing hexacanth  
embryo.

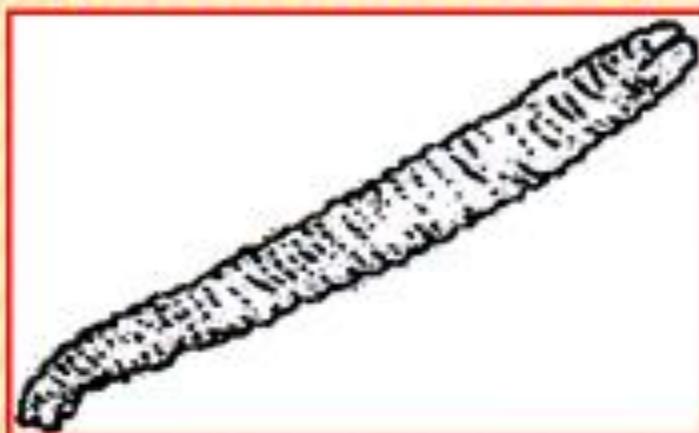


**Cyclop:** 1<sup>st</sup> I.H of  
*Diphyllobothrium latum*  
containing procercoid  
larva.



## Larvae of *Diphyllobothrium latum*

Plerocercoid (I.S)



Procercoid



Solid larva with striated body found in 2<sup>nd</sup> I.H  
(Salmon fish).

Solid elongated larva, with posterior spherical end having 6 hooks found in 1<sup>st</sup> I. H (Cyclop).

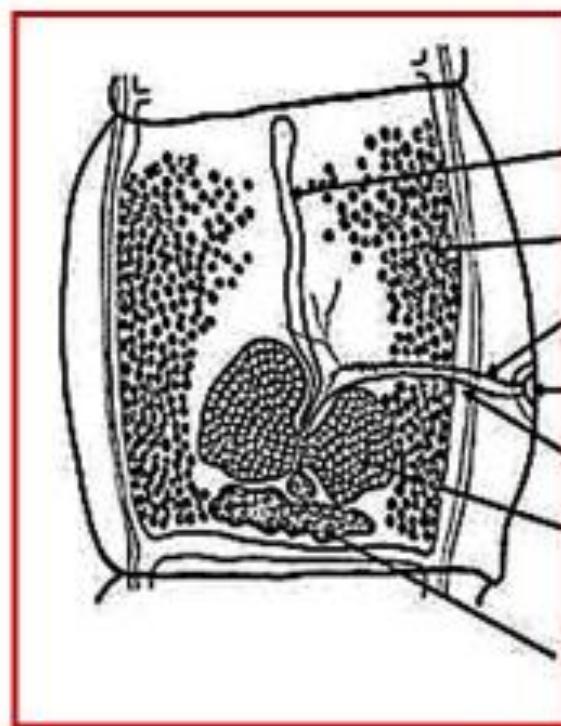
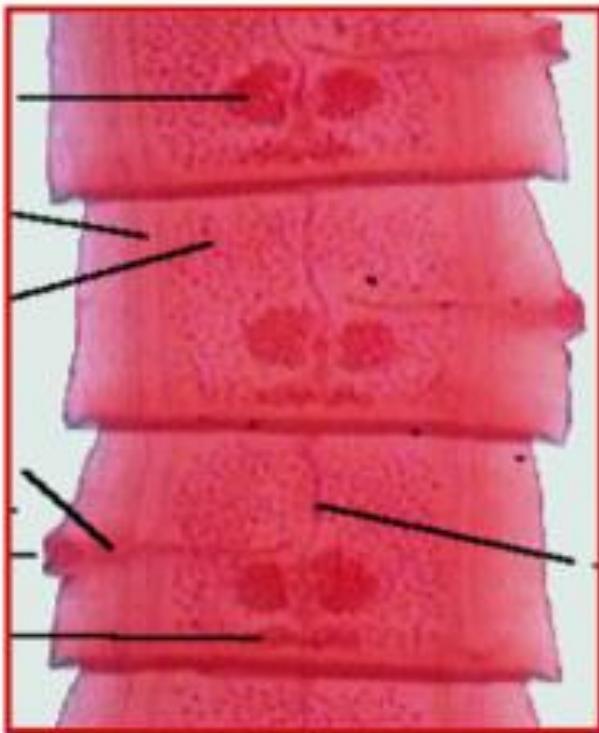
## *Taenia saginata*

### 1) Adult :-

- Size : 4-10 meters.
- Scolex : Globular, with 4 cup shaped suckers at the angles of the head. No rostellum or hooks.
- Strobila: 1000 - 2000 segments.
  - Immature segments.
  - Mature segments.
  - Gravid segments.



## Mature segment of *T. saginata*



Squarish in shape

Contains male & female genital systems

## Gravid segment of *T. saginata*

- Longer than broad
- Uterus with 15 - 30 (18) lateral branches on each side
- Full of eggs.
- Detached singly out of the anus (with feces or actively migrate).



## *Taenia solium*

### 1) Adult :-

➤ Size: 4-6 meters.

#### ➤ Scolex :-

- Globular.

- 4 cup shaped suckers.

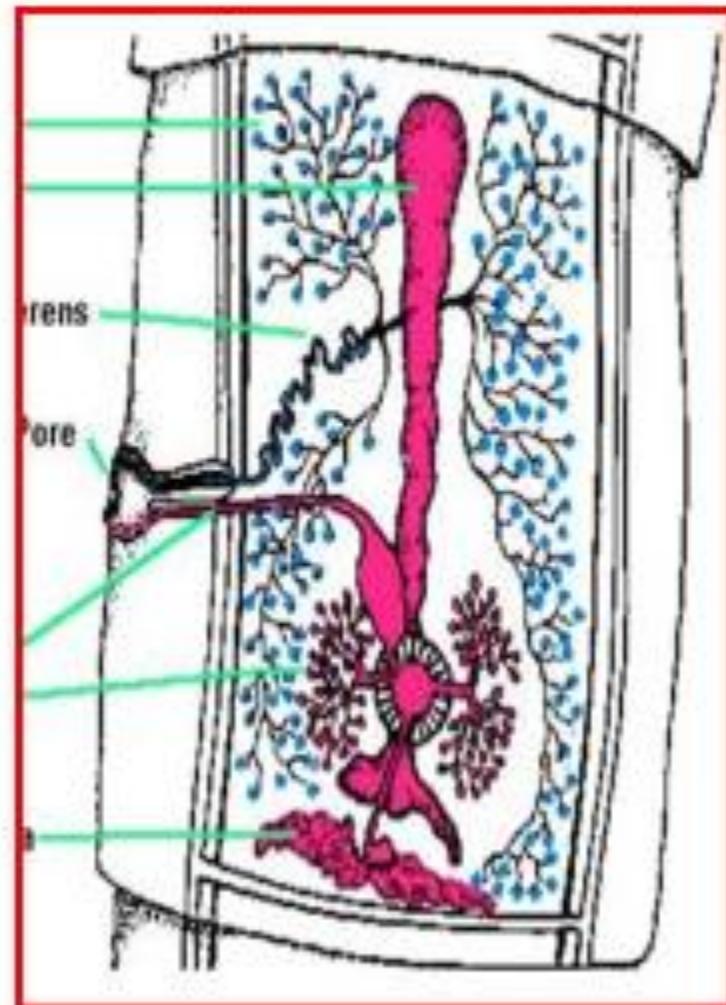
- Rostellum with 2 rows of taeniod hooks (short handle, guard & long blade).



## Mature segment of *T. solium*

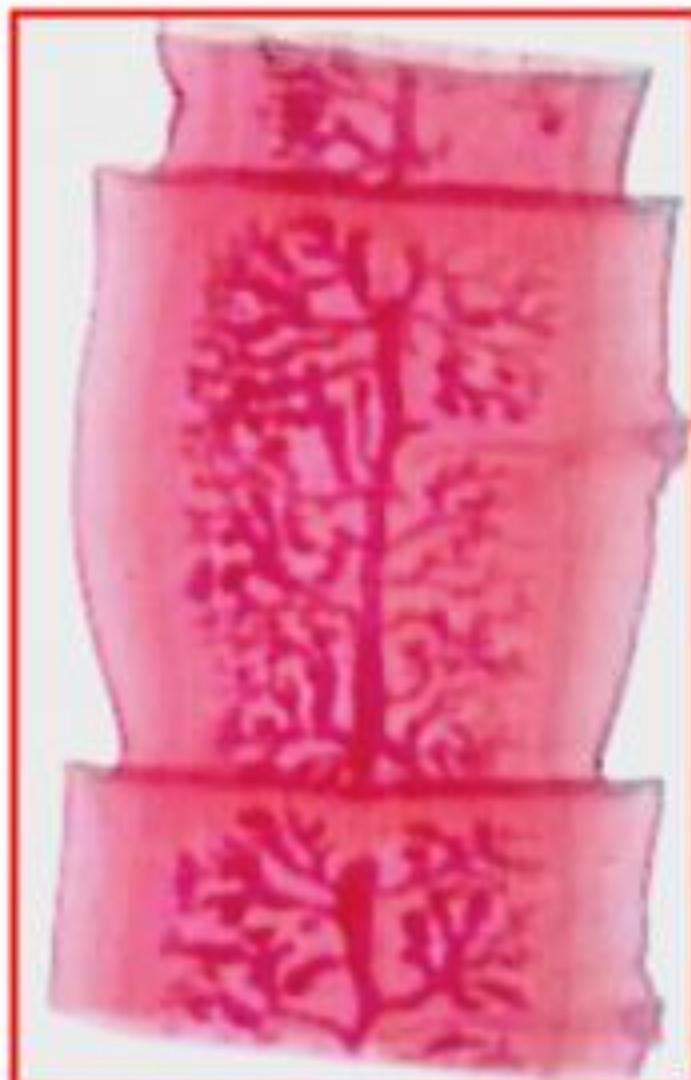
**Strobila : About 1000 segments:-**

- Immature segments.
- Mature segments :
- Similar to *T. saginata* except :-
  - \*Smaller.
  - \*Testes : Fewer.
  - \*Ovary : Trilobed.



## Gravid segment of *T. solium*

- Gravid segments :
- Similar to *T. saginata* except:-
  - 1 - Smaller.
  - 2 - Uterus: About 9 lateral branches on each side.
  - 3 - Segments detach in groups.



## Egg of *T. saginata* (D.S)

**Size :** 30- 40 µm in diameter.

**Shape :** Spherical.

**Shell :** Thick, radially striated.

**Color :** Yellowish brown.

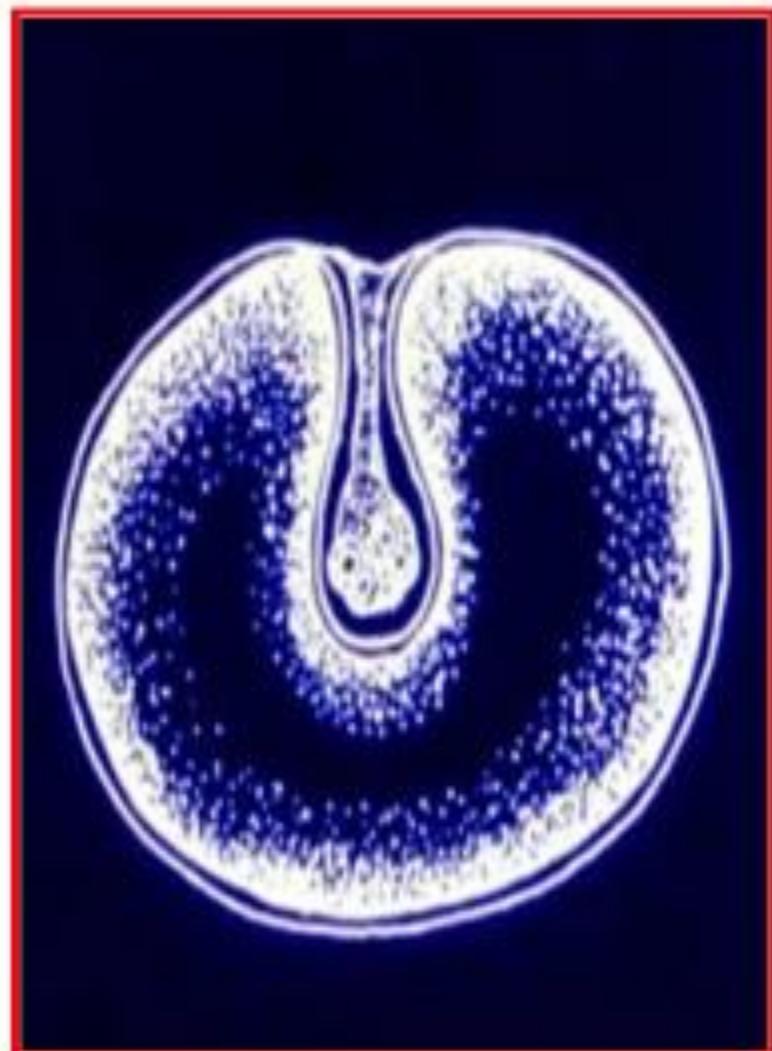
**Content :** Mature hexacanth embryo.

Egg of *T. solium* similar to *T. saginata* but it is the infected stage to human causing cysticercosis



## Cysticercus bovis of *T. saginata* (I.S)

- Cystic larva of *T. saginata* found in beef.
- Lined with germinal epithelium & contain fluid.
- Has invaginated scolex with 4 suckers (without hooks).



## **Cysticercus cellulosae of *T. solium* (I.S)**

**Similar to cysticercus bovis, but detected in pork and the invaginated scolex carries 4 suckers, rostellum and hooks.**



## **Diagnosis of Cysticercosis**

### **A. Direct methods:**

- Biopsy from nodules for detection of larvae.
- CT and MRI for brain infection.
- X ray for calcified cyst.
- Ophthalmoscope for eye infection.
- Surgical removal for detection of the larvae.
- Stool examination for detection of eggs or gravid segments (only in patients having the adult worm).

### **B. Indirect methods:**

- Serological tests.
- Eosinophilia.

*Taenia saginata*  
scolex



*Taenia solium*  
scolex



Globular, with 4 cup shaped suckers at the angles of the head

