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Phylum: Platyhelminthes

Class: Cestoda

1-Order: Cyclophyllidea

1-Family: Taeniidae

1-Taenia saginata

2- Taenia solium

3-Echinococcus granulosus

2-Family: Hymenolepidae

Genus: Hymenolepis nana

Genus: Hymenolepis diminuta

3-Family: Dipylidae

Genus: Dipylidium caninum

2-Order: Pseudophyllidae

Genus: Diphyllobothrium latum

The Main characteristics

Scolex: contains hooks and suckers

Neck

Immature segment

Mature segment

Gravid (proglottid) segment

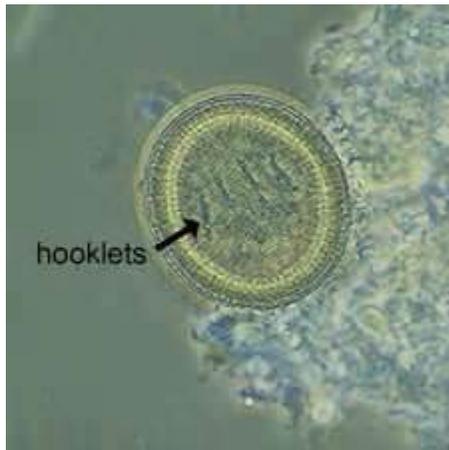
Taenia saginata

Common name: Beef tapeworm

Disease name: taeniasis
Defenitive host: human
Intermediate host: cattle

Morphology:

The length of the adult *T. saginata* is 4-8 meters usually have 1000-2000 proglottids which may produce up to 100000 eggs per proglottid. Scolex is composed of 4 powerful suckers don't have hooks and rostellum. The mature segment contains uterus unbranched, ovary, genital pores, testes and vitelline gland. In the gravid proglottid the uterus is branched 15-20 on each side filled with eggs. Ova of *Taenia* species are spherical, yellowish brown and measure 31-34 μm in diameter. The shell is thick and radially striated. Within the shell, the oncosphere has 3 pairs of hooklets.



Site of infection: Muscle, viscera
Infective stage: cysticercus bovis
Diagnostic stage: egg

Taenia solium

Common name: Pork tapeworm
Disease name: cysticercosis
Defenitive host: human
Intermediate host: pigs
Site of infection: Brain, skin, muscle

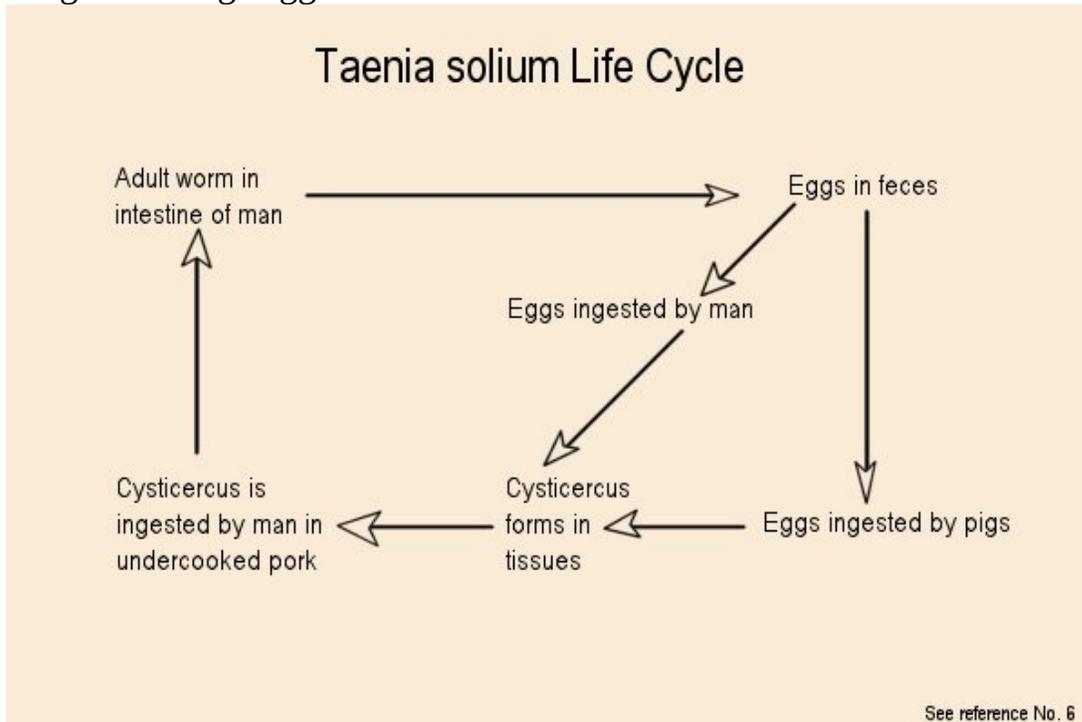
Morphology:

Length of adult worms is usually 2-7 and have an average of 1000 proglottids which may produce 50000 eggs per proglottid respectively .The proglottids can be identified by the number or uterine branches which are(7-13). It also have four suckers on its scolex and rostellum surrounded by two rows of hooks.

Life cycle:

Infective stage: cysticercus cellulose

Diagnostic stage:egg



Clinical symptoms:

Symptoms of *taenia spp.* include dizziness, abdominal pain, diarrhea, headaches, nausea and loss of appetite. There can be intestinal obstruction in humans and this can be alleviated by surgery.

Laboratory Diagnosis

Since it is difficult to diagnose using eggs Eggs of *T.solium* and *T.saginata* are indistinguishable and species identification should be made from proglottids or scolexs. alone looking at scolex or the gravid proglottids can help identify. When the uretus is injected with India ink, its branches become visible.

3-Echinococcusgranulosus

Comman name:Hydatid cyst worm

Disease name:Hydatidiosis, echinococcosis, hydatid disease

Morphology:

Its 2-7mm in length,The adult worm contain three proglottidsscolex ,neck and body(immature,mature,gravid).Scolex have rostellum surrounded with two rows of hooks(30-36).

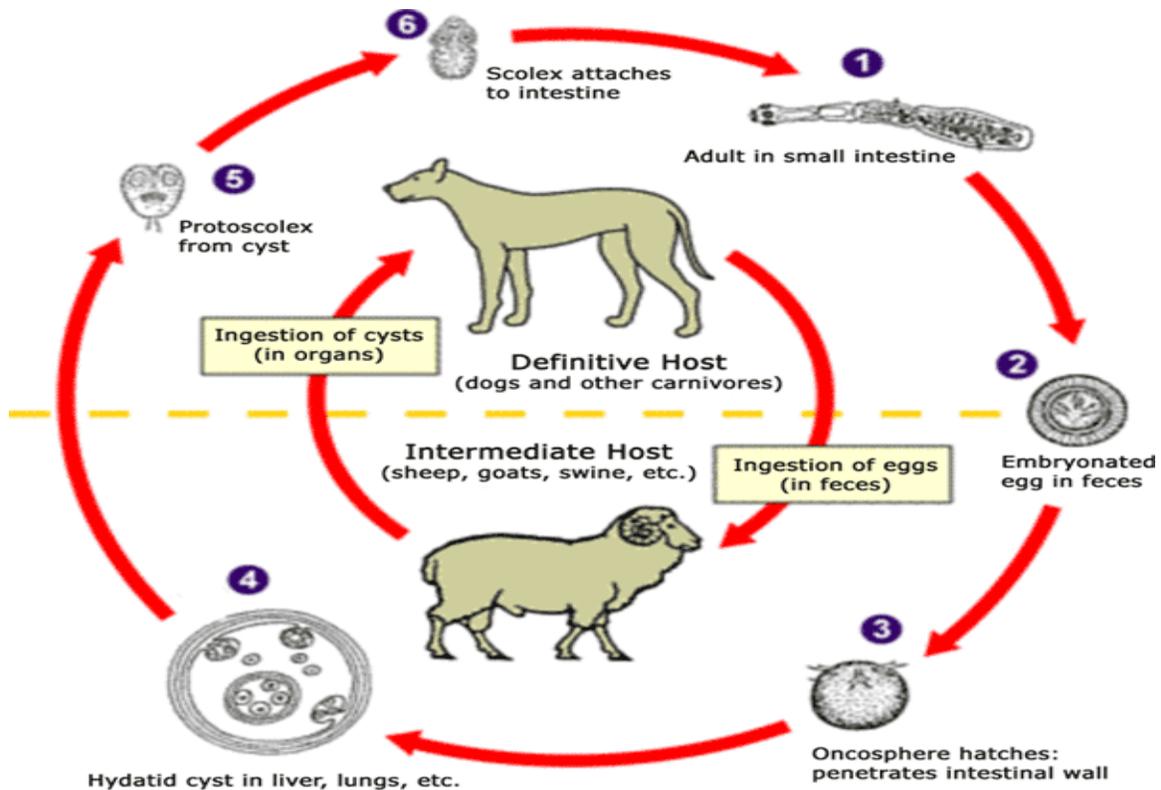
Life cycle:

Defenitive host: Dogs and canids

Intermidiate host: Human,sheep,pigs,kamel (carnivorus)

Infective stage: Embryonated egg

Diagnostic stage: Hydatid cyst



***Hymenolepis nana*:**

Common name: Dwarf tapeworm

Morphology

Smallest tapeworm to infect humans, seldom exceeding 40mm long and 1mm wide. The scolex bears a retractable rostellum armed with a single circle 20-30 hooks. The scolex also has four suckers. The neck is long slender and the segments are wider than long.

Life cycle

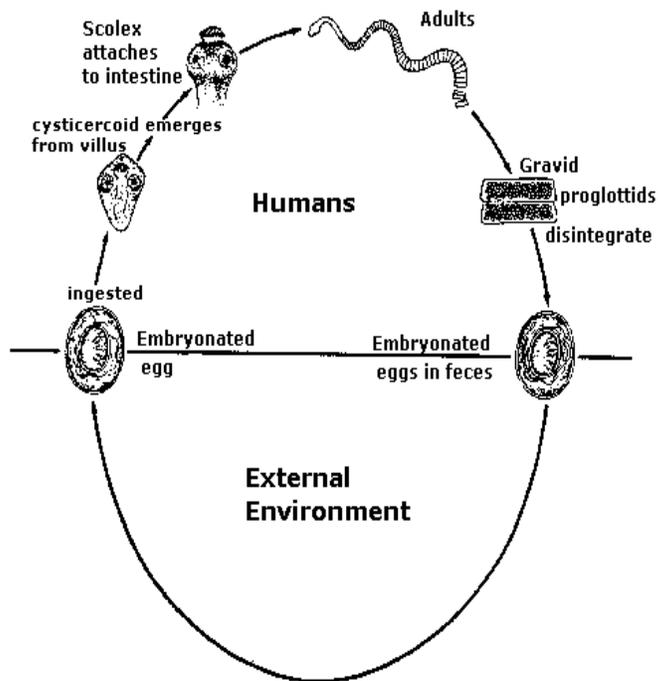
Infective stage: cysticercoid infected arthropods, embryonated egg

Diagnostic stage: Embryonated egg

No intermediate host

Definitive host: human

Site of infection: small intestine



Symptoms:

Restlessness, enteritis, anorexia, abdominal pain, vomiting, nausea and diarrhea
bloody diarrhea.

Laboratory Diagnosis Diagnosis is based on recovery and identification of the characteristic ova in a formol-ether concentrate of feces. Adult worms and proglottids are rarely seen in stool samples.

Hymenolepis diminuta

Definitive host: rats and mice and human.

Morphology

The ova are large, ovoid and yellowish with a moderately thick shell. They contain an oncosphere with six hooklets and a clear area between the oncosphere and the shell. They measure 70-85µm by 60-80µm. The adult worm is a small tapeworm 20-60cm long. It has a knob like scolex with a rostellum but no hooklets and four suckers (in contrast to *H. nana*). The rostellum can be withdrawn into a rostellum sac. The tapeworm contains about 1000 proglottids, each of which is wider than long.

Life cycle and

Site of infection : Upper small intestine

The life cycle of *H. diminuta* requires an intermediate arthropod host e.g. earwigs, larval fleas and various beetles. Human infection occurs by the accidental ingestion of an infected arthropod, which contains the cysticercoids.

Clinical Disease

The symptoms associated with *H. diminuta* infections are few if any.

Laboratory Diagnosis

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Dipylidium caninum

Common: Cucumber tapeworm, double-pore tapeworm

Morphology:

Adult is long flat worm, around 40-50cm. The body is made up of the scolex, neck and segmented section called the strobilus. The scolex has hooks for attachment. A proglottid is one set of reproductive organs, two genital pores located laterally on each segment, with two proglottids per segment.

Life cycle

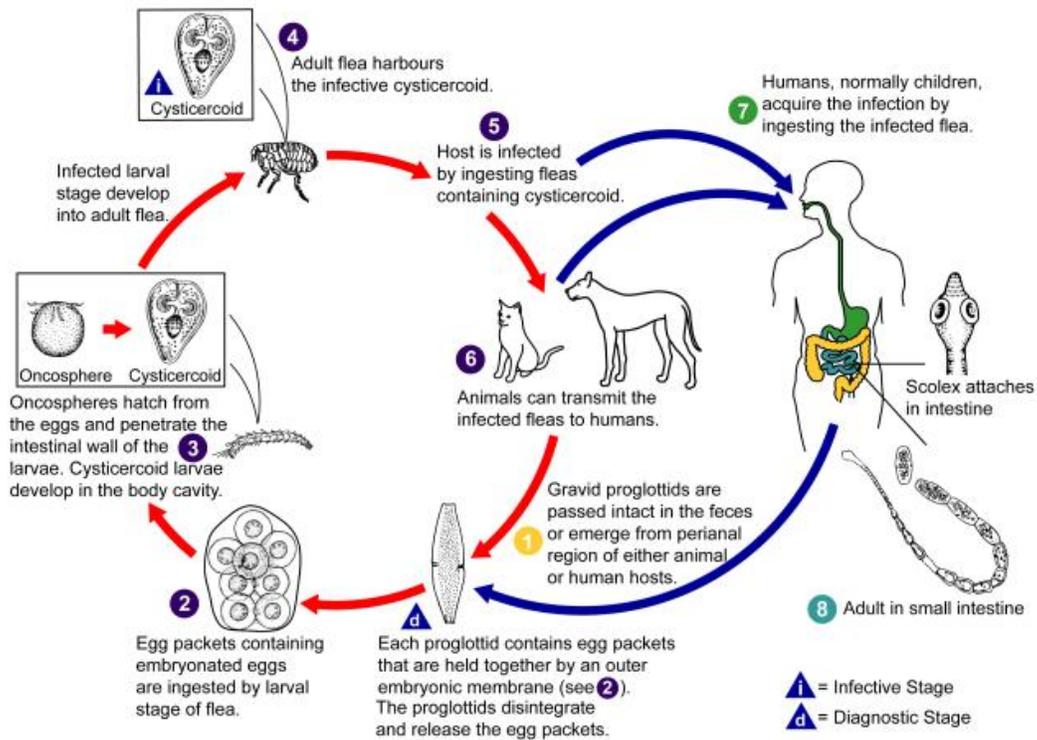
Intermediate host : Flea

Definitive host: Human pet owners especially children, canids

Infective stage: cysticercoid larvae

Defenitive stage: egg

Dipylidium caninum Infection (*Dipylidium caninum*)



Diphyllobothrium latum

Common name: broad fish tapeworm.

Site of infection: small intestine

Disease name: Diphyllobothriasis

The infection caused by *D. latum* is due to the ingestion of raw, poorly cooked or pickled fresh water fish.

Morphology

The egg is usually ovoid and has a small knob at the opercular end and is yellowish-brown in color with a smooth shell, of moderate thickness. They measure 58-75µm by 40-50µm in size. Adult worms can reach up to a length of 10 meters or more and may contain up to 3,000 proglottids. The scolex is spatulate with no rostellum or hooklets. It has two shallow grooves or bothria, which are unlike the typical four suckers seen on the *Taenia* species. The proglottids measure 3µm long and 11µm wide and have a rosette shaped central uterus..

Life Cycle

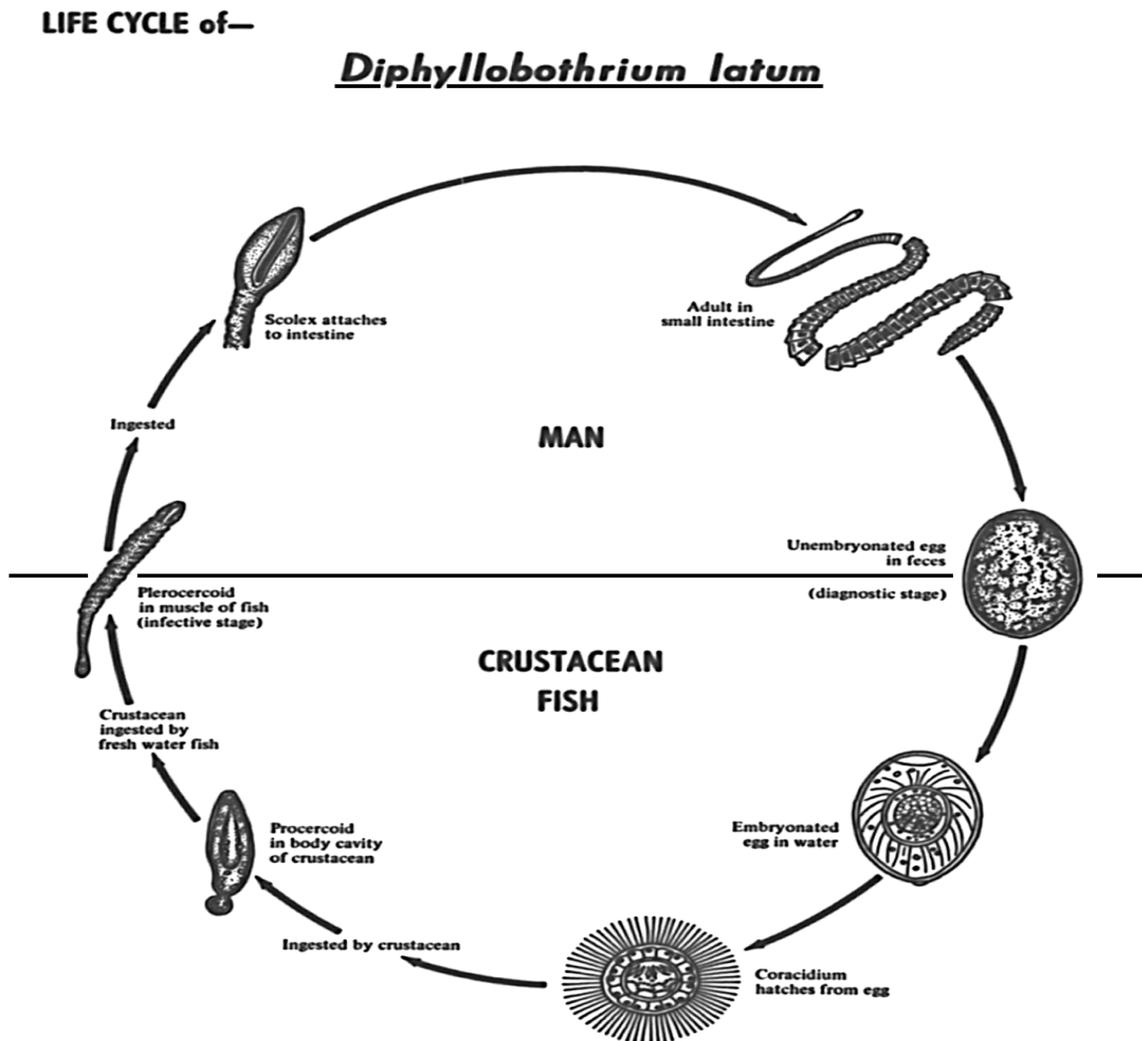
The life cycle of this tapeworm requires two intermediate hosts: Copepods (crustaceans), fish.

Definitive host: human, dog, cat and pig

Transmission to human is by eating uncooked or partly cooked fish.

Infective stage: plerocercoid larvae

Diagnostic stage: unembryonated egg



Clinical Disease

The infection may be absent or minimal with eosinophilia. There may be occasional intestinal obstruction, diarrhea, and abdominal pain. The most serious symptom is the onset of pernicious anemia. This is due to a vitamin B₁₂ deficiency.

Laboratory Diagnosis Laboratory diagnosis depends on the recovery of characteristic eggs from a formolether concentrate of feces. Proglottids may also

be seen in fecal samples usually in a chain of segments from a few centimeters to about half of a meter in length.