



ninth edition

TORTORA | FUNKE | CASE

MICROBIOLOGY

an introduction



Microbial Diseases of the Cardiovascular and Lymphatic Systems (II)

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- List the signs and symptoms of septicemia
- Differentiate gram-negative sepsis, gram-positive sepsis, and puerperal sepsis.
- Describe bacterial endocarditis and rheumatic fever.
- Discuss the epidemiology of tularemia, brucellosis, anthrax, gas gangrene.
- Describe pathogens that are transmitted by animal bites and scratches.
- Compare and contrast the causative agents, vectors, reservoirs, symptoms, treatments, and preventive measures for plague, Lyme disease, and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.
- Describe infectious mononucleosis.
- Compare and contrast the causative agents, vectors, reservoirs, and symptoms for yellow fever.
- Compare and contrast the causative agents, modes of transmission, reservoirs, and symptoms for Ebola hemorrhagic fever and *Hantavirus* pulmonary syndrome. Also, for Chagas' disease, toxoplasmosis, malaria, and babesiosis.
- Describe Swimmer's Itch.

VIRAL DISEASES OF THE CARDIOVASCULAR AND LYMPHATIC SYSTEMS

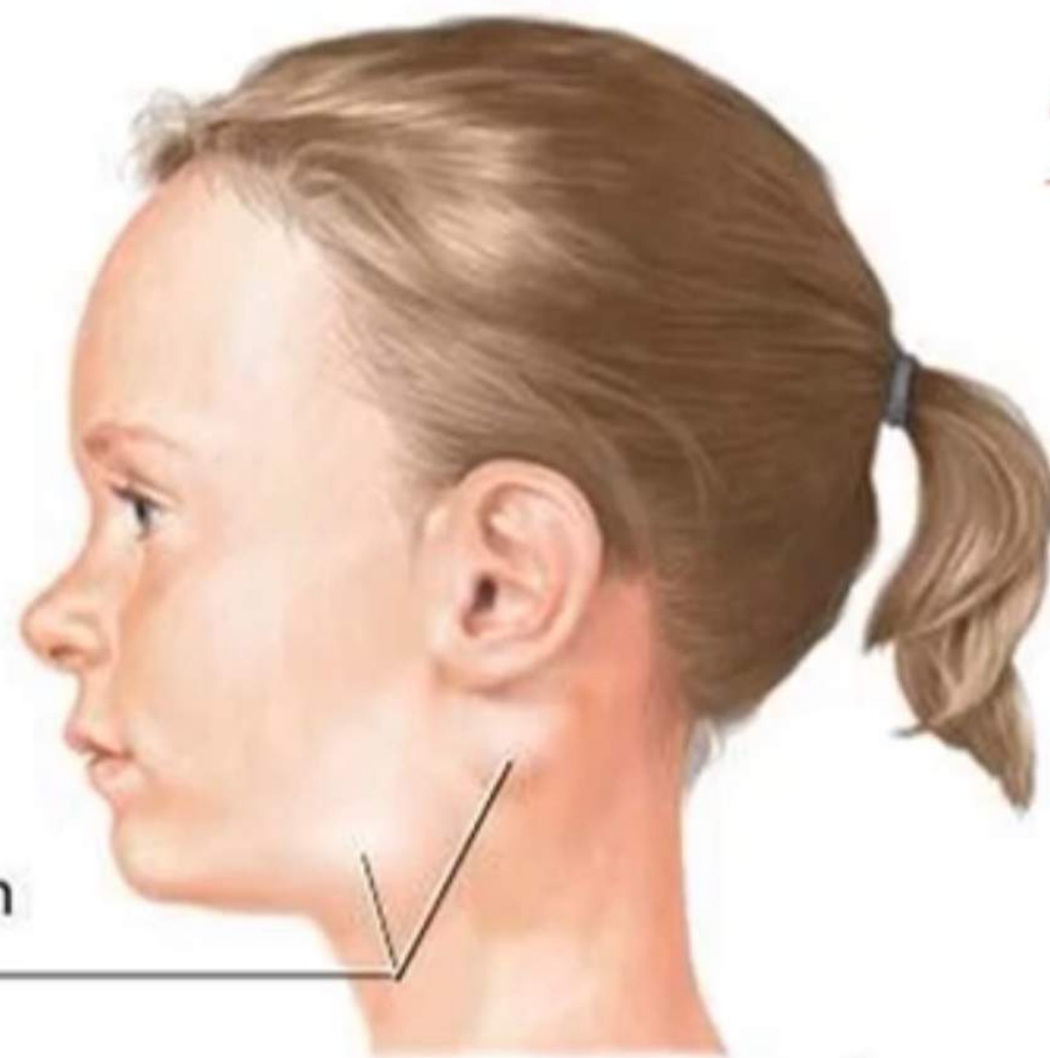
- Infectious Mononucleosis
- Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers

Infectious Mononucleosis

- “Kissing disease” – caused by **Epstein-Barr virus** (EBV) of *Herpesviridae*, also known as HHV-4
- Well-established relationship between **HHV-4** and oncogenesis (Burkitt’s Lymphoma etc.)
- Virus multiplies in parotid glands and is present in saliva. It causes the proliferation of atypical lymphocytes (life-long infection) – Transmission via saliva
- Most people (~95%) infected. Childhood infection usually asymptomatic. Adolescent infection → Mononucleosis.
- Characteristic triad: fever, pharyngitis, and lymphadenopathy (+spleno- and hepatomegaly) lasting for 1 to 4 weeks.

Mononucleosis
causes:

- Fever
- Fatigue
- Sore throat
- Swollen lymph glands



Triad

ADAM.

Swollen lymph nodes, sore throat, fatigue and headache are some of the symptoms of mononucleosis. It is generally self-limiting and most patients can recover in 4 to 6 weeks without medications.

**Young adults present
with fever,
pharyngitis,
lymphadenopathy,
and tonsillitis.**

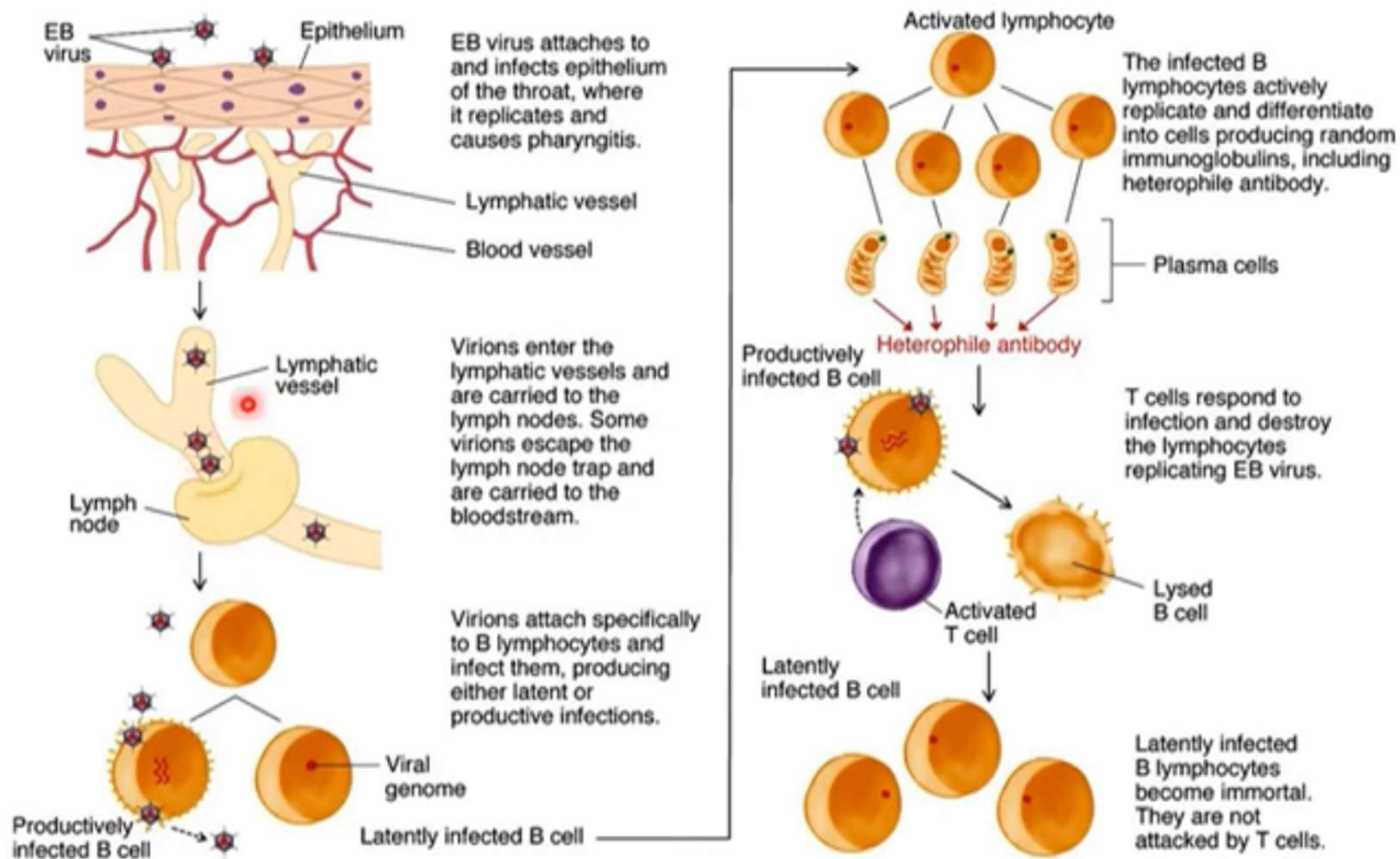


- Proliferation of infected B cells results in massive activation and proliferation of T_c cells (CD8 cells) → characteristic lymphoid hyperplasia.
- Transformation of B cells to immortal plasmacytoid cells → secrete a wide variety of IgMs = **heterophile antibodies** (Monospot test)
- Commercially-available test kits are 70-92% sensitive and 96-100% **specific**

"Downy cell": lymphocytes infected by EBV or CMV in infectious mononucleosis. Cytoplasmic rim is intensely blue and has tendency to "stream" around adjacent red cells.



Pathogenesis of infectious mononucleosis



Epstein- Barr Virus

- Infectious mononucleosis
- Burkitt's lymphoma
- Nasal pharyngeal carcinoma
- B-cell lymphomas
- Hairy leukoplakia



**Oral hairy leukoplakia
of tongue in AIDS**



**Tongue and palate of patient
with infectious mononucleosis**



**Conjunctival hemorrhage due to
infectious mononucleosis**



Burkitt's Lymphoma

Laboratory diagnosis

- **Hematologic approach:** absolute lymphocytosis (atypical lymphs)
- **Immunologic approach:**
 - a) Heterophil antibody test (**Monospot test**)
 - b) EBV-specific Abs tests:
 - **IgM VCA**
 - **IgG VCA**

Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers

Classic

Yellow fever	Flavivirus	<i>Aedes aegypti</i>	Monkeys
Dengue & DHF	Flavivirus	• <i>A. aegypti</i> • <i>A. albopictus</i>	No known reservoir

Emerging

Marbug	Filovirus	• Monkeys (?)	
Ebola	Filovirus	• Monkeys (?)	
Lassa fever	Arenavirus	• Rodents	
Argentine hemorrhagic fever	Arenavirus	• Rodents	
Bolivian hemorrhagic fever	Arenavirus	• Rodents	
Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome	Hantavirus	• Rodents	

ARBOVIRUSES

FAMILY	ENVELOPE	SYMMETRY	GENOME	
Togaviridae Flaviviridae	Yes	icosahedral	single strand RNA (+ve)	
Bunyaviridae	yes	helical	single strand RNA (- ve) segmented	
Reoviridae	no	icosahedral	double strand RNA segmented	

ARBOVIRUSES

FEVER AND HEMORRHAGIC FEVER

NAME

DISEASE

OCCURRENCE

VECTOR

Flaviviridae Family

Dengue Fever

fever, hemorrhagic fever

Worldwide - tropic regions



Yellow Fever

hemorrhagic fever

South and Central America and Africa

Mosquito

Reoviridae Family

Colorado tick fever

fever

North America

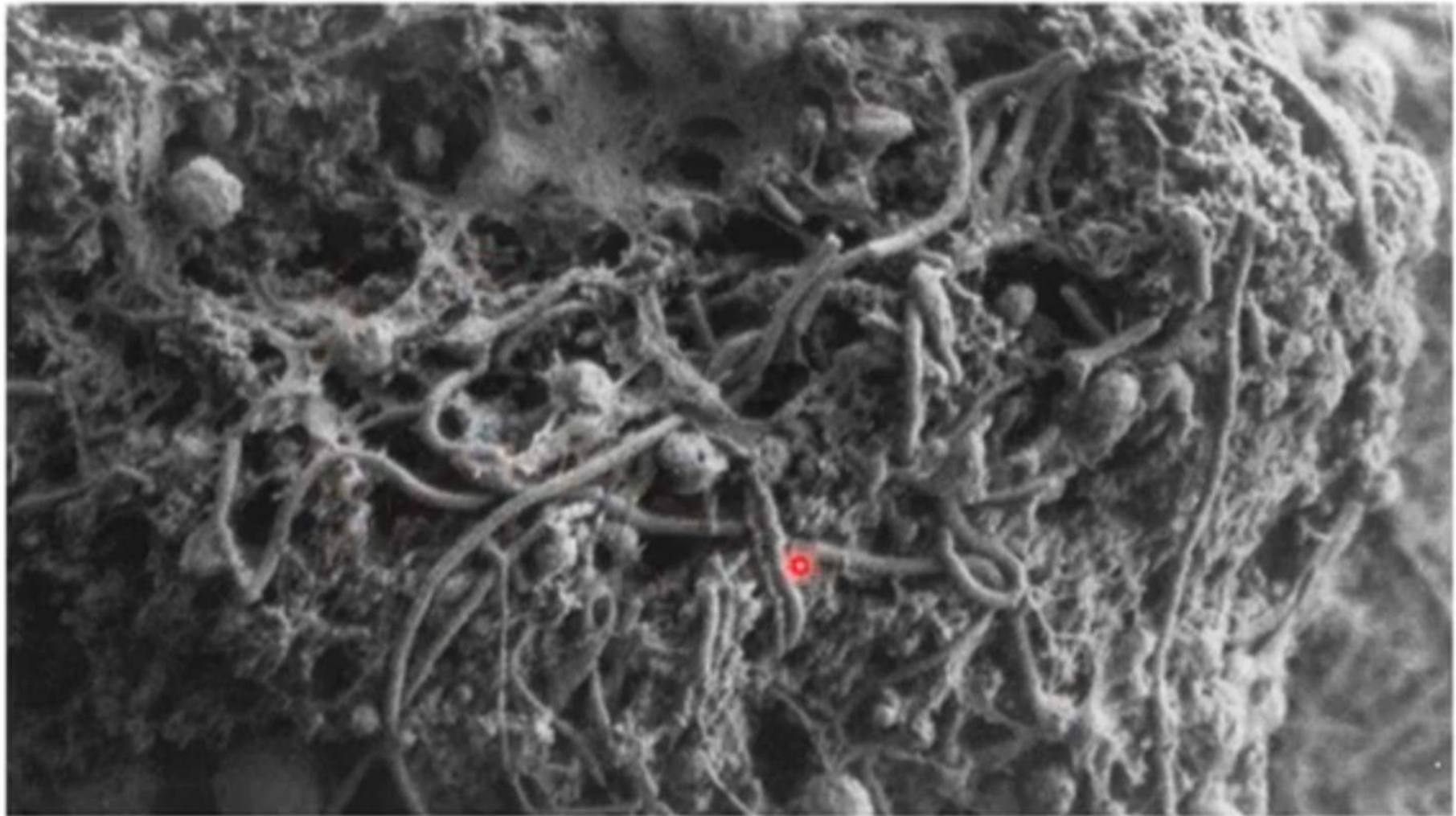
Tick

Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers

- Enveloped RNA viruses: Arenaviruses, filoviruses, bunyaviruses, and flaviviruses
- Viruses geographically restricted to where their host species live
- For some viruses, after accidental transmission from host, humans to human transmission
- Human cases or outbreaks sporadic and irregular. Not easily predictable
- **Marburg VHF:** 1967 outbreak in Marburg (D) – imported from Africa; Mortality rate 25%
- **Ebola HF:** 1995 major outbreaks in Zaire and Sudan; Mortality rate 50 – 90%



Ebola Virus



Classic Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers: Yellow Fever

Caused by arbovirus (flaviviridae)
transmitted by mosquitoes

Direct damage to liver and heart →
jaundice, hemorrhaging, weak heart
→ circulatory and kidney failure

African and American tropical jungles

Diagnosis: test for presence of virus-
neutralizing antibodies

No treatment

Highly effective attenuated
vaccine



YELLOW FEVER VIRUS (Flavivirus family)

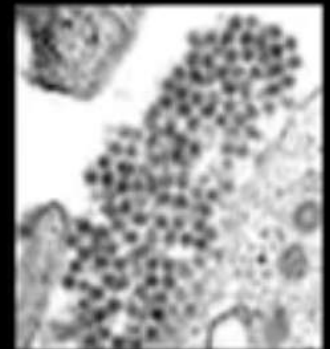
- only found in Africa and South America
- transmitted by mosquitoes
- Natural hosts of the virus include monkeys and man
- It has an urban and a jungle cycle



- Infection results in severe systemic disease, hemorrhages, degeneration of the liver, kidney and heart
- The case-fatality rate can be 50%
- There is an effective vaccine (live, attenuated strain called 17D)

DENGUE VIRUS (Flavivirus family)

- **Dengue fever:**



- natural hosts are monkeys and man
- mosquitoes are the vector (*A. aegypti*)
- occurs worldwide (50-100 million cases per year)
- (**breakbone fever**): severe pains in muscle & joints (associated with influenzalike symptoms)

- **Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever:**

- It is a much more disease with fatality rate ~ 10%
- **Dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF)** may resemble classical dengue
- But shock & hemorrhage (**GI & skin**) develop
- dengue shock syndrome (**DSS**) is due to the large amounts of cross-reacting Abs
- **No antiviral therapy** or **vaccine** is available

DENGUE HEMORRHAGIC FEVER/DENGUE SHOCK SYNDROME

- hemorrhages
- plasma leakage
- hemoconcentration
- hypotension
- circulatory failure
- shock



Caption: A large subcutaneous haemorrhage on the upper arm of a patient with dengue haemorrhagic fever. (Image courtesy of the Wellcome Trust)



flavivirus

Hemorrhagic

Manifestation

Fig:WHO/TDR/Welcome Trust

Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS)

**Korean hemorrhagic fever caused by
Hantaan virus of *Bunyaviridae***

HPS first reported in US in spring of 1993.

Transmission through urine, droppings, or saliva
of infected rodents → humans breathe in
aerosolized virus.

No person to person transmission.

Sudden respiratory failure

Mortality rate > 35%



PARASITIC DISEASES OF THE CARDIOVASCULAR AND LYMPHATIC SYSTEMS

- **American Trypanosomiasis
(Chagas' Disease)**
 - **Toxoplasmosis**
 - **Malaria**
 - **Babesiosis**
 - **Schistosomiasis**
-

❖ American Trypanosomiasis or Chagas Disease

Trypanosoma cruzi



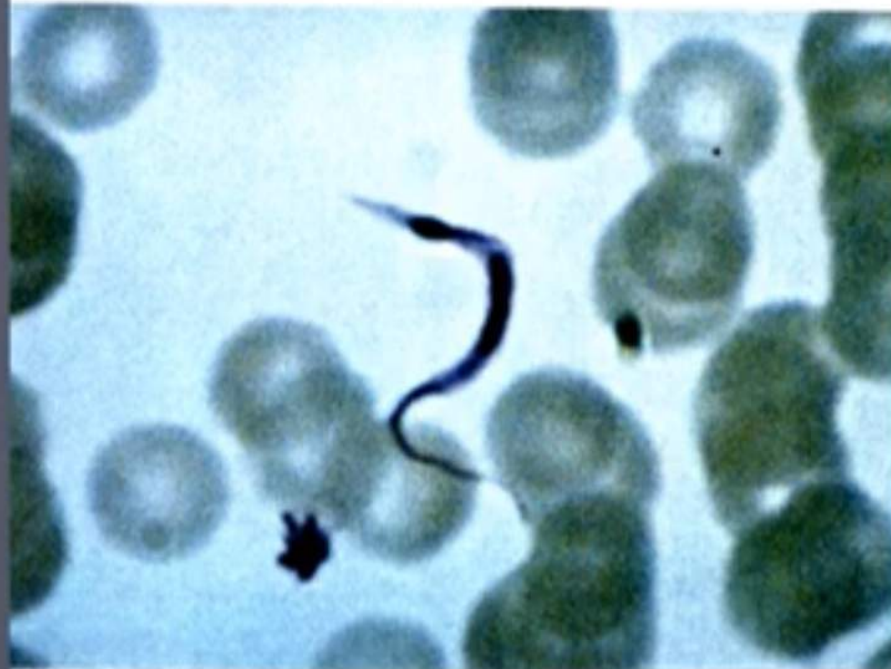
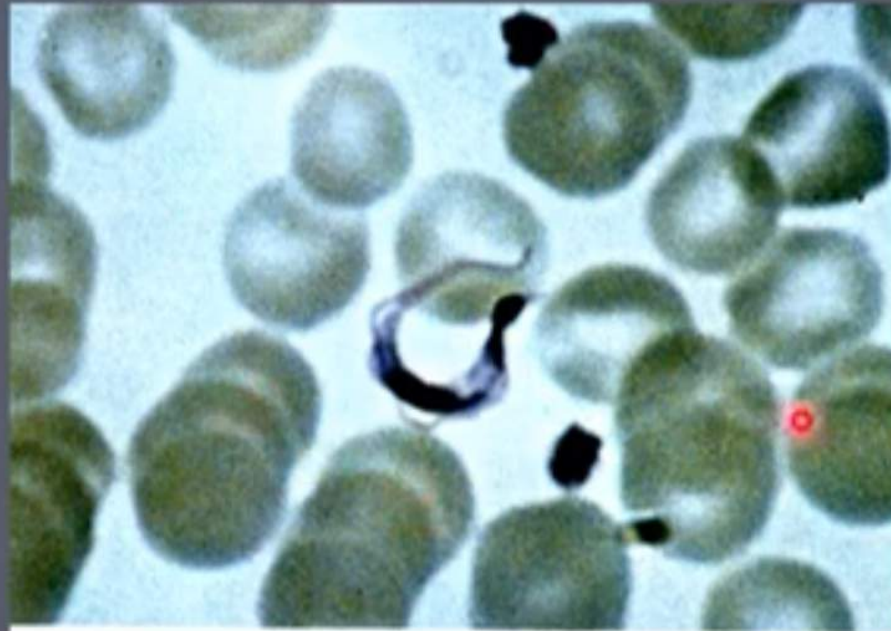
Reservoir: Rodents, opossums, armadillos

Vector: night feeding reduviid bugs (kissing bugs)

Symptoms in 1% of infected. Acute phase (fever etc.) to chronic phase (heart damage)

Antigenic variation $\Rightarrow$ persistent evasion of immune system
 $\Rightarrow$ Cyclic parasitemia (7-10 days)

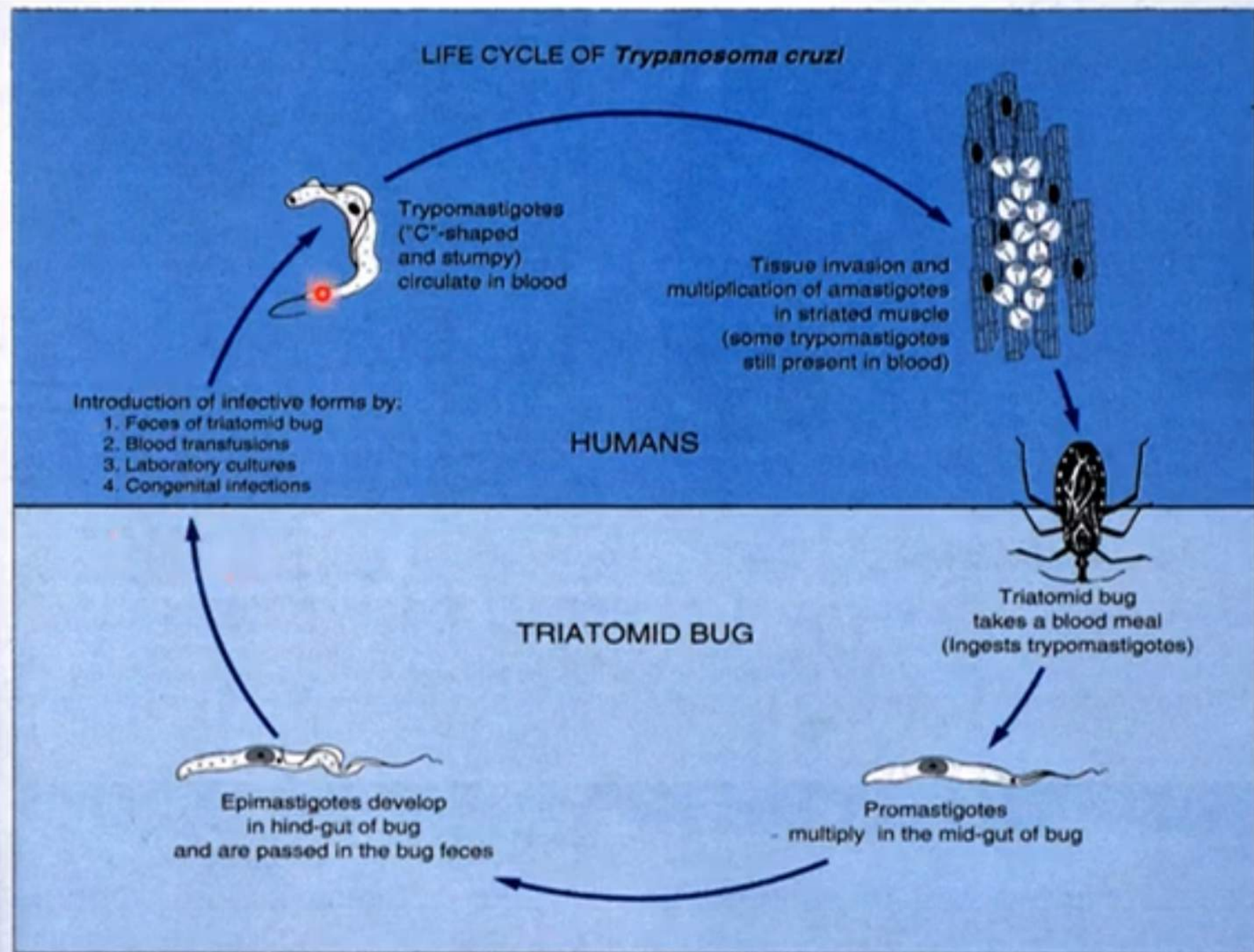






Triatoma (Reduviid bug)

Life Cycle



Symptoms

- ▶ Acute phase: facial edema (related to site of bug bite) & "chagoma" Fever lymphadenopathy & hepatospleno-megaly. Resolution in ~2 months.
- ▶ Chronic form may lead to death from cardiac arrhythmias & heart failure. May include autoimmune aspects.

Pathology & Immunology

- ▶ Myocardial, glial and RES cells are most common intracellular growth sites.
- ▶ Cardiac muscle is most severely affected. Neuronal damage gives rise to arrhythmias & loss of muscle tone in the colon & esophagus (megacolon & megaesophagus).
- ▶ Acute phase: both trypsin and amastigotes in the blood; chronic phase: amastigotes in the tissues

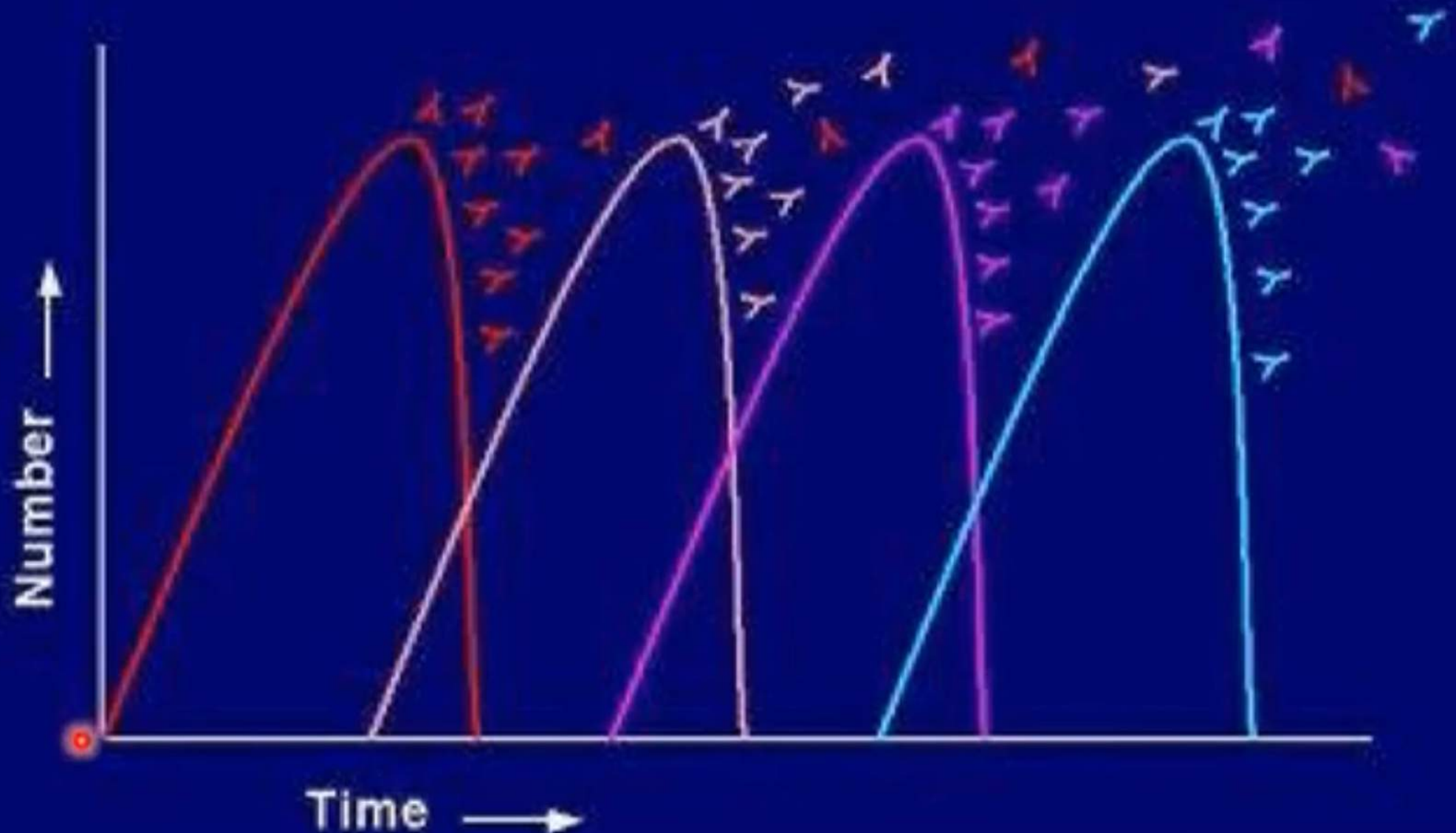
Diagnosis

- ▶ Clinical Diagnosis: Cardiac dilation, megacolon & megaesophagus
- ▶ Presence of tryps in thick or thin films
- ▶ Stained biopsy specimens may reveal amastigotes
- ▶ Serology may be used (CF)

Treatment & Control

- ▶ Nifurtimox kills trypsin, but not amastigotes in tissues
- ▶ No cure for chronic infection
- ▶ Control measures: reduce contact between the vectors and man

Antigenic variation in African trypanosomes



Course of trypanosome infection: emergence of variant surface glycoproteins (VSG) - Host antibodies indicated with Y's.

Millions in Latin America affected. No cure and little effective treatment

Romana's sign: pathognomonic, early sign of Chagas disease.

→ Unilateral severe conjunctivitis, swelling of eyelid, inflammation of tear gland, swelling of regional lymph nodes.



❖ Toxoplasmosis

Toxoplasma gondii

> 60 mio people infected in US (mostly asymptomatic)

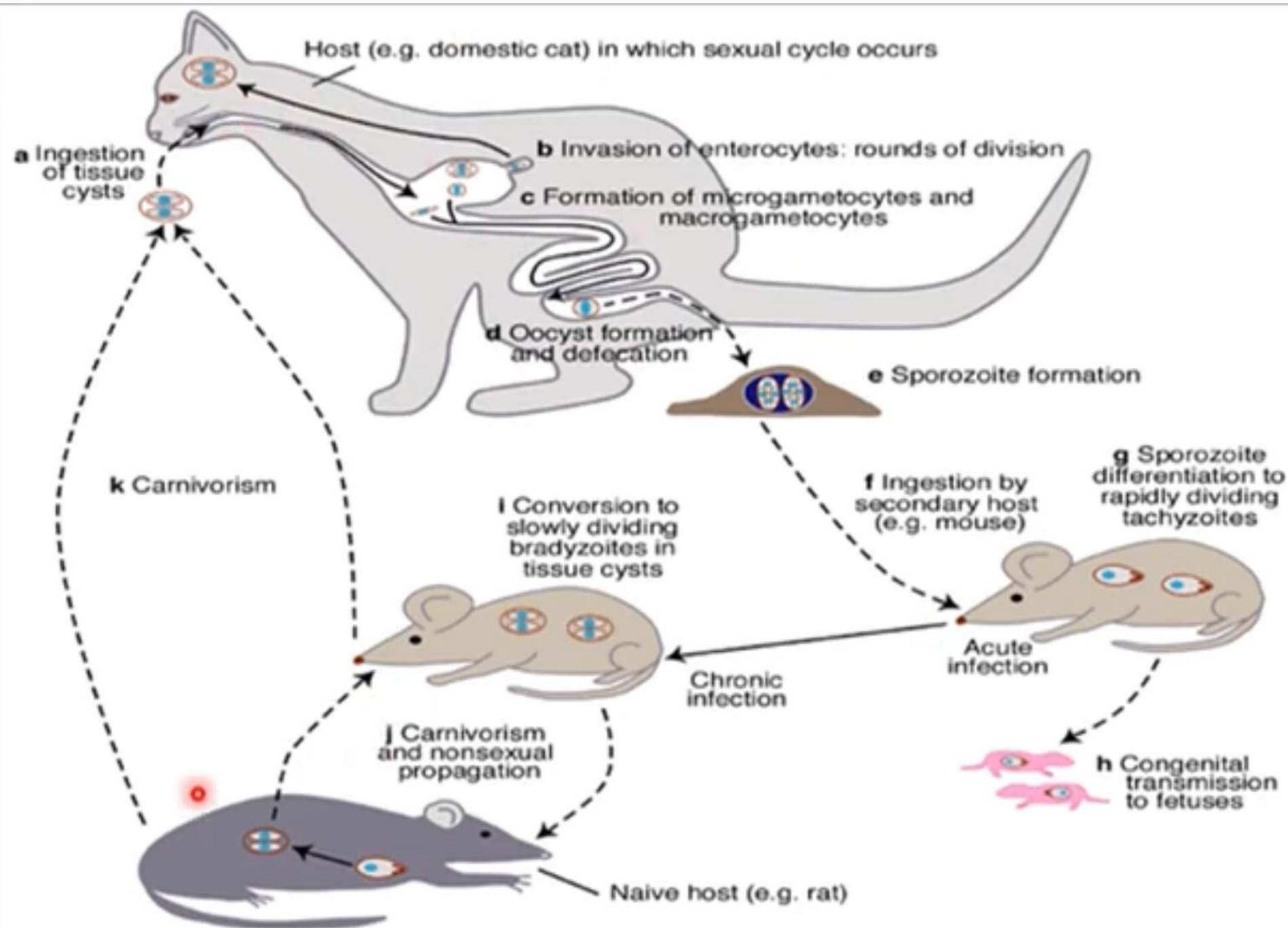
Zoonosis – Transmission via undercooked meat, cat feces, drinking water. **Flu-like symptoms**

Can cross placenta ⇒ **Congenital risk (TORCH)** → brain damage or vision problems

Risk of new infection or reactivation in the immunosuppressed

T. gondii undergoes sexual reproduction in the intestinal tract of domestic cats, and oocysts are eliminated in cat feces.

Toxoplasmosis can be identified by serological tests, but interpretation of the results is uncertain.



The *Toxoplasma gondii* life cycle



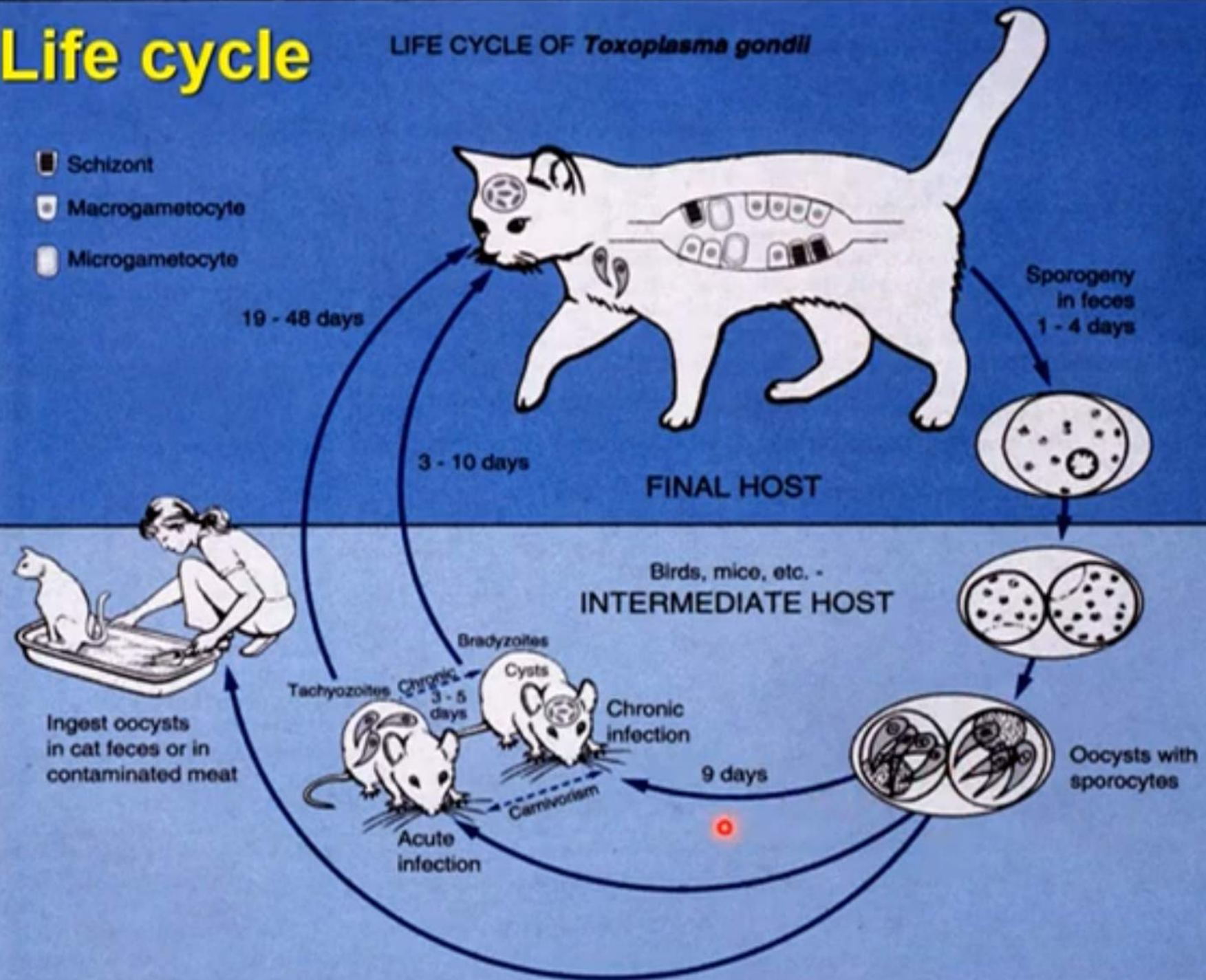
Clinical manifestations

- ▶ **Immunocompetent host:** Asymptomatic
- ▶ **Immunocompromised host:** Reactivation disease
- ▶ **Congenital infection:** Consequences depend upon the gestational age of the fetus. Spontaneous abortion, CNS damage, eye involvement

Life cycle

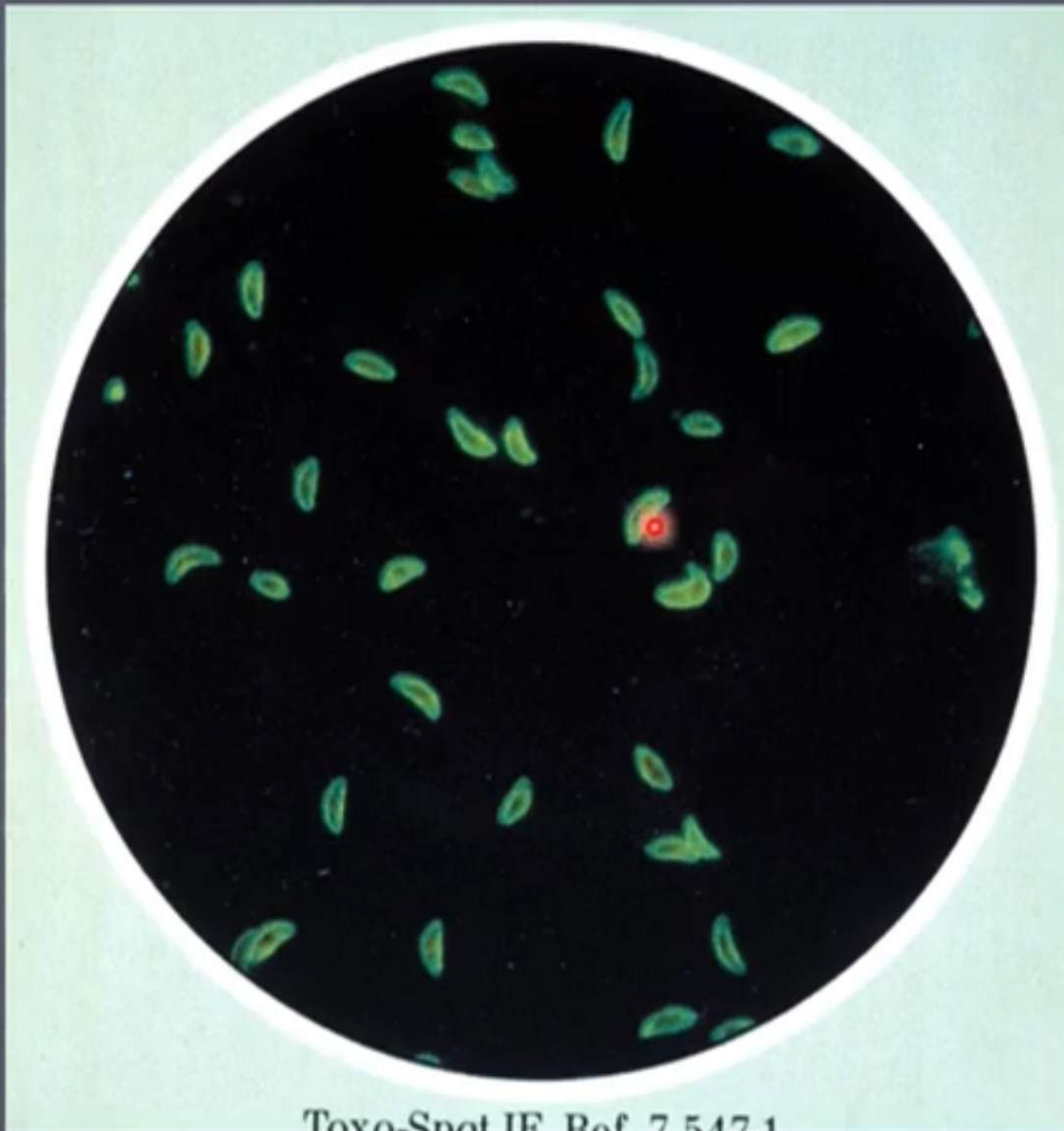
LIFE CYCLE OF *Toxoplasma gondii*

-  Schizont
-  Macrogametocyte
-  Microgametocyte



Laboratory diagnosis

- ▶ Diagnosed by enzyme immunoassay for IgM antibody (acute) or IgG antibody (chronic)
- ▶ Banana-shaped trophs can be seen in Giemsa-stained blood smears during acute-phase infection from mice inoculated with patient samples



Toxo-Spot IE Ref. 7 547 1

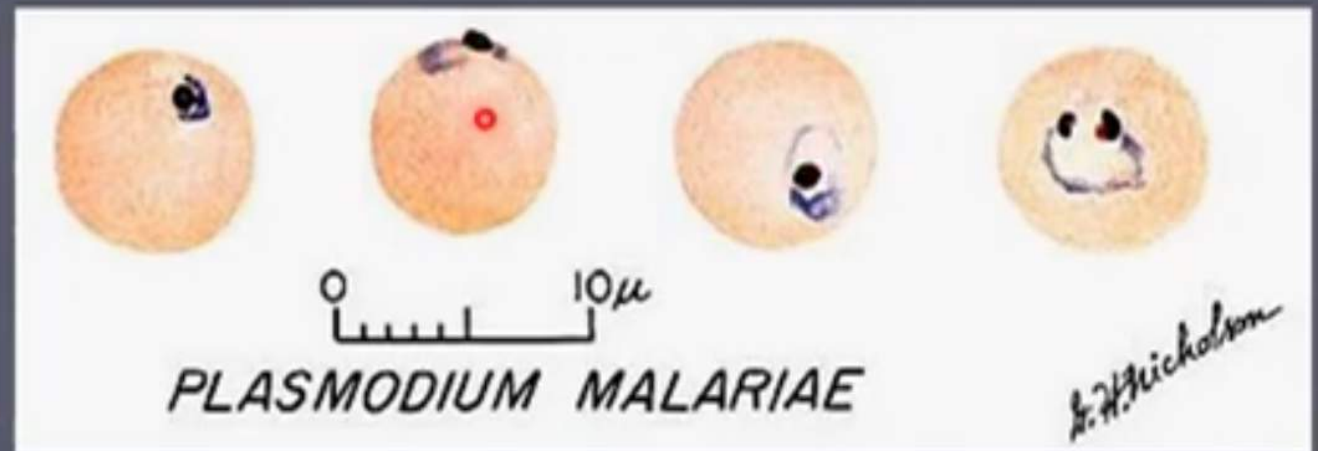
❖ Malaria

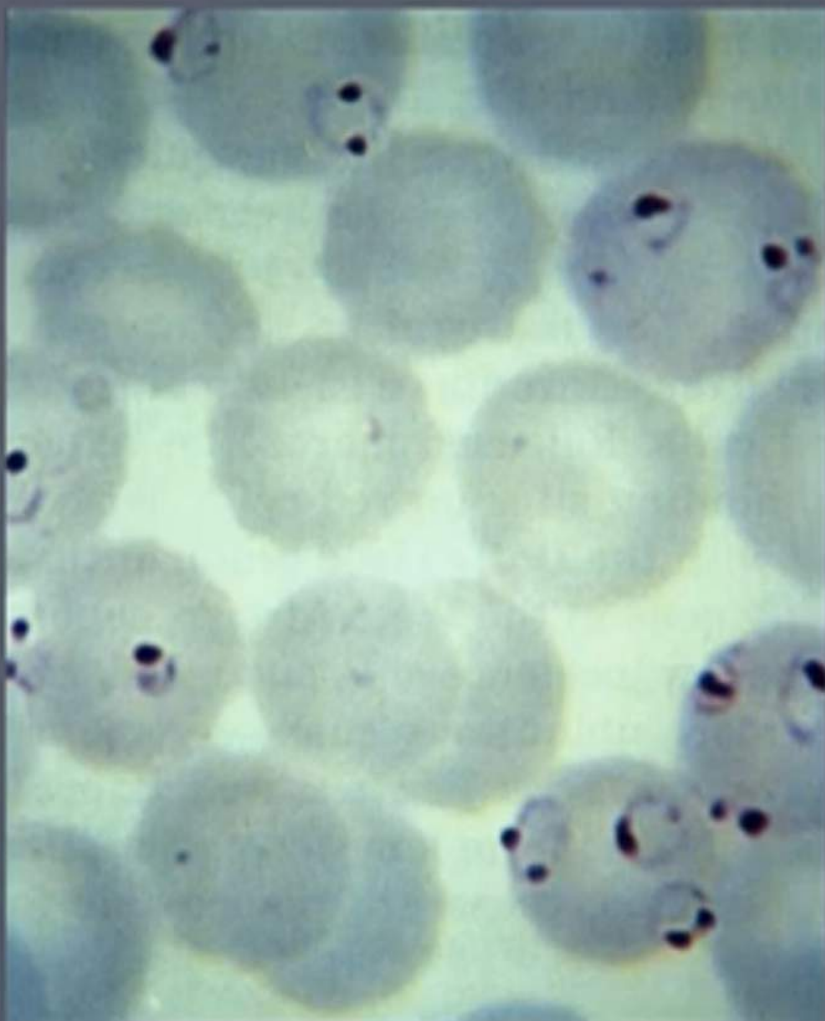
- Four species of Plasmodium: *P. falciparum* (malignant)
- Vector: *Anopheles* mosquito
- Worldwide 300-500 million cases; ~ 1.5 – 3 million people die; ~ 1,200 cases in US
- *Plasmodium* infects red blood cells $\Rightarrow$ microscopic diagnosis
- Symptoms: chills, fever, vomiting, headache; at intervals of 2 to 3 days
- New drugs are being developed as the protozoa develop resistance to drugs such as chloroquine.



Morphology

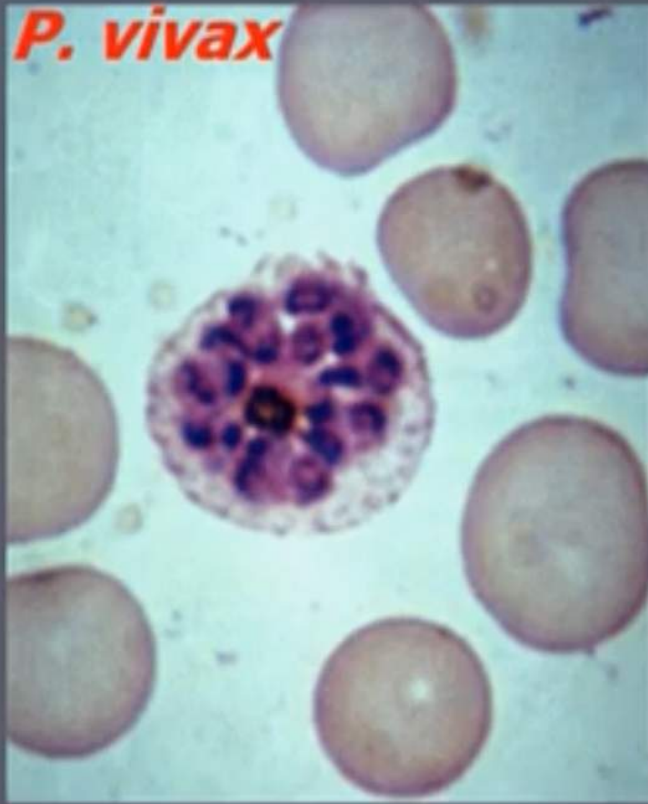
- ▶ Trophozoite (1-2 μm)
- ▶ Sexual forms (gametocytes)



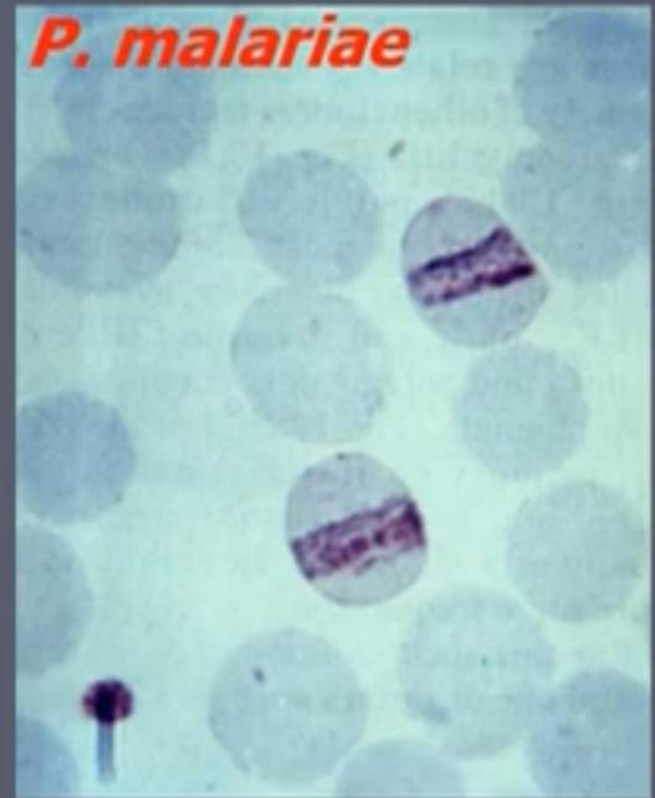


P. falciparum

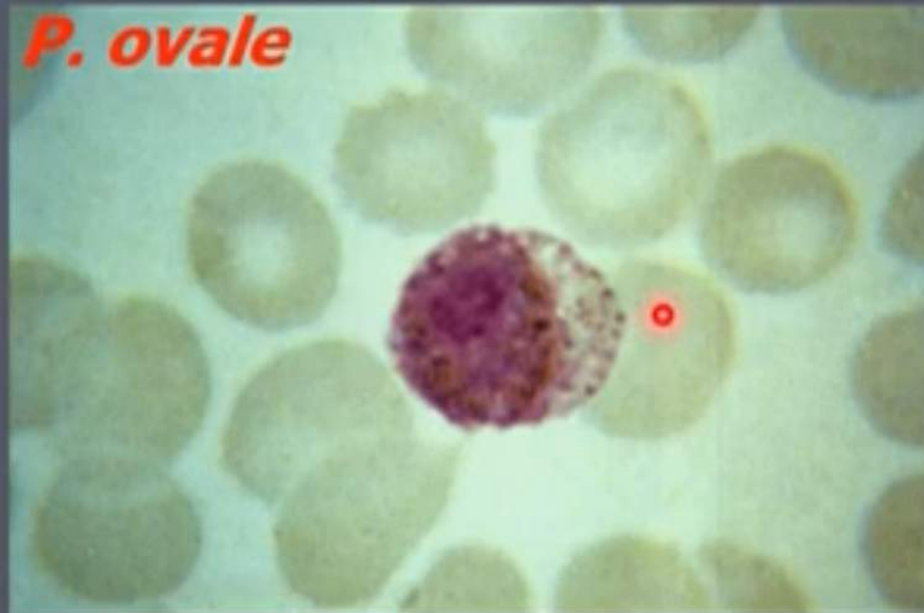
P. vivax



P. malariae



P. ovale



Mode of transmission

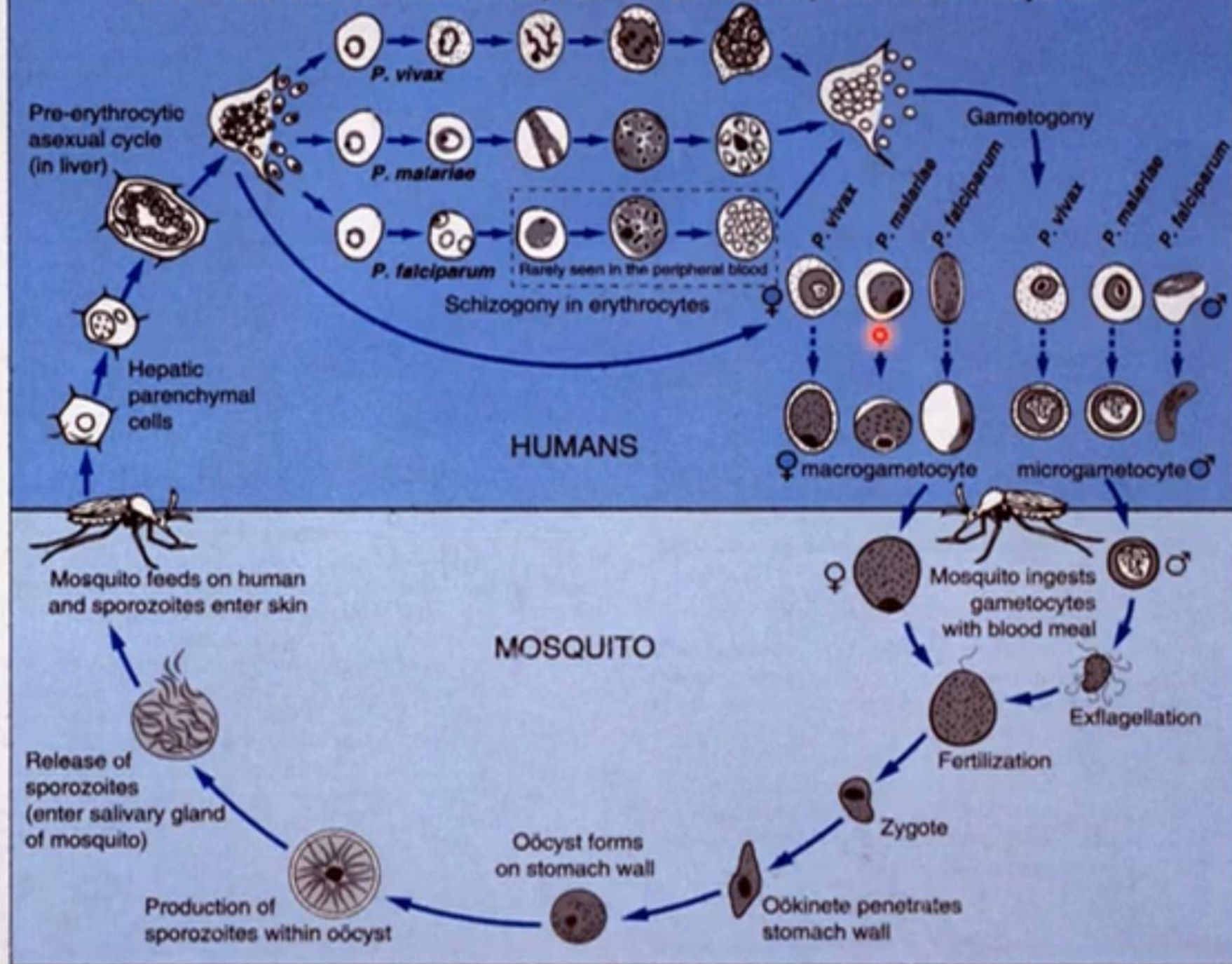
- Zoonotic transmission via female *Anopheles* mosquito, or (rarely) by inoculation of infected blood



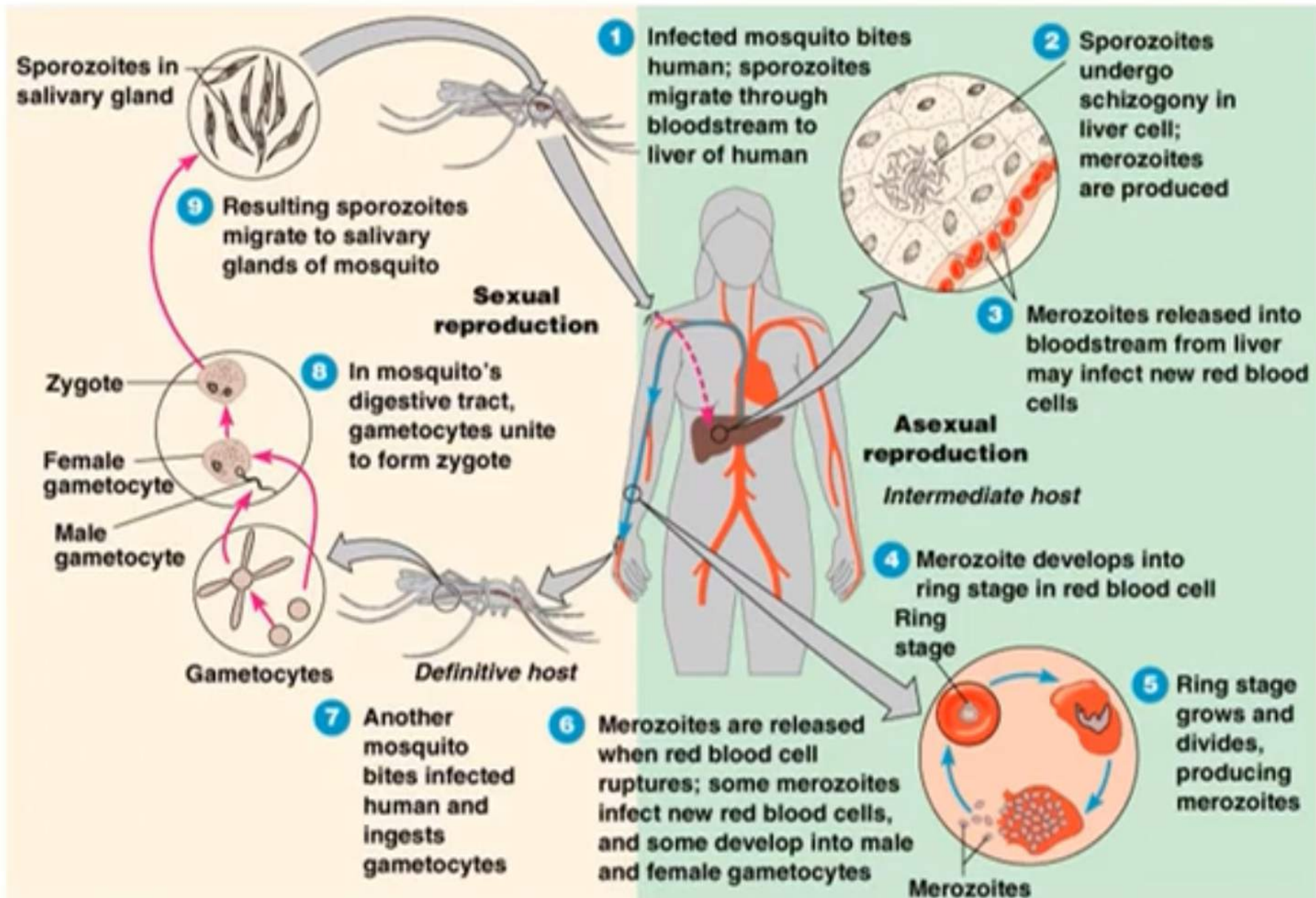
Figure 2: South American species of malarial mosquito (*Anopheles albimanus*) feeding from human arm.



LIFE CYCLE OF *Plasmodium vivax*, *Plasmodium malariae*, *Plasmodium falciparum*



Malaria

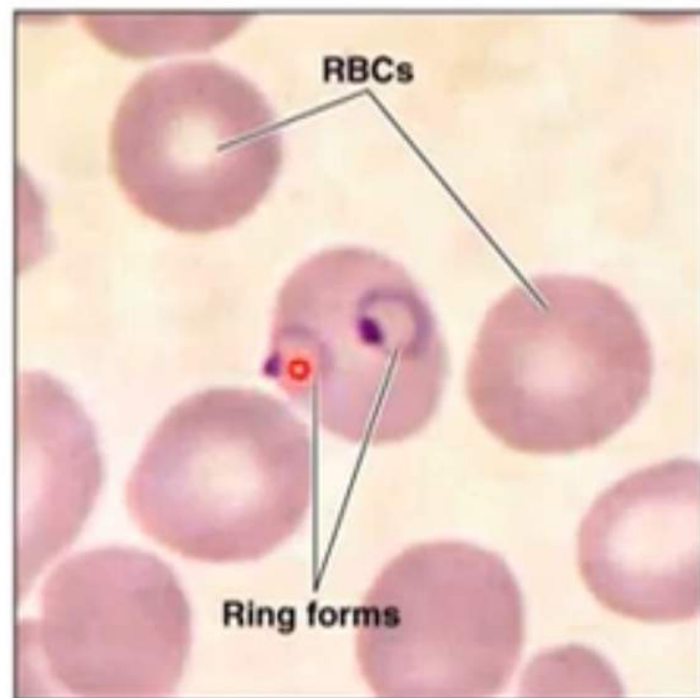


Microscopic Diagnosis



(a) Merozoites being released from lysed RBC.

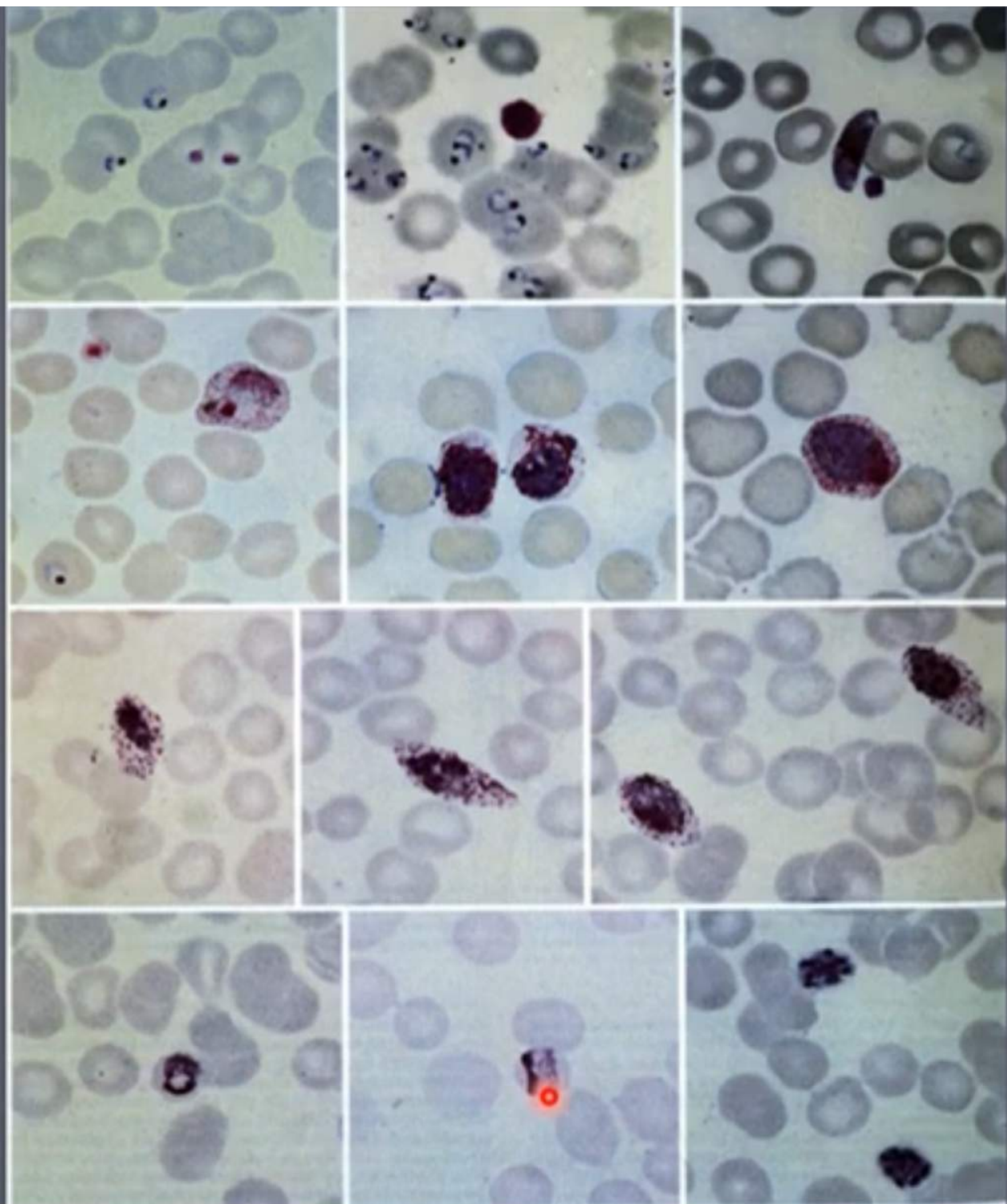
SEM 1 μm



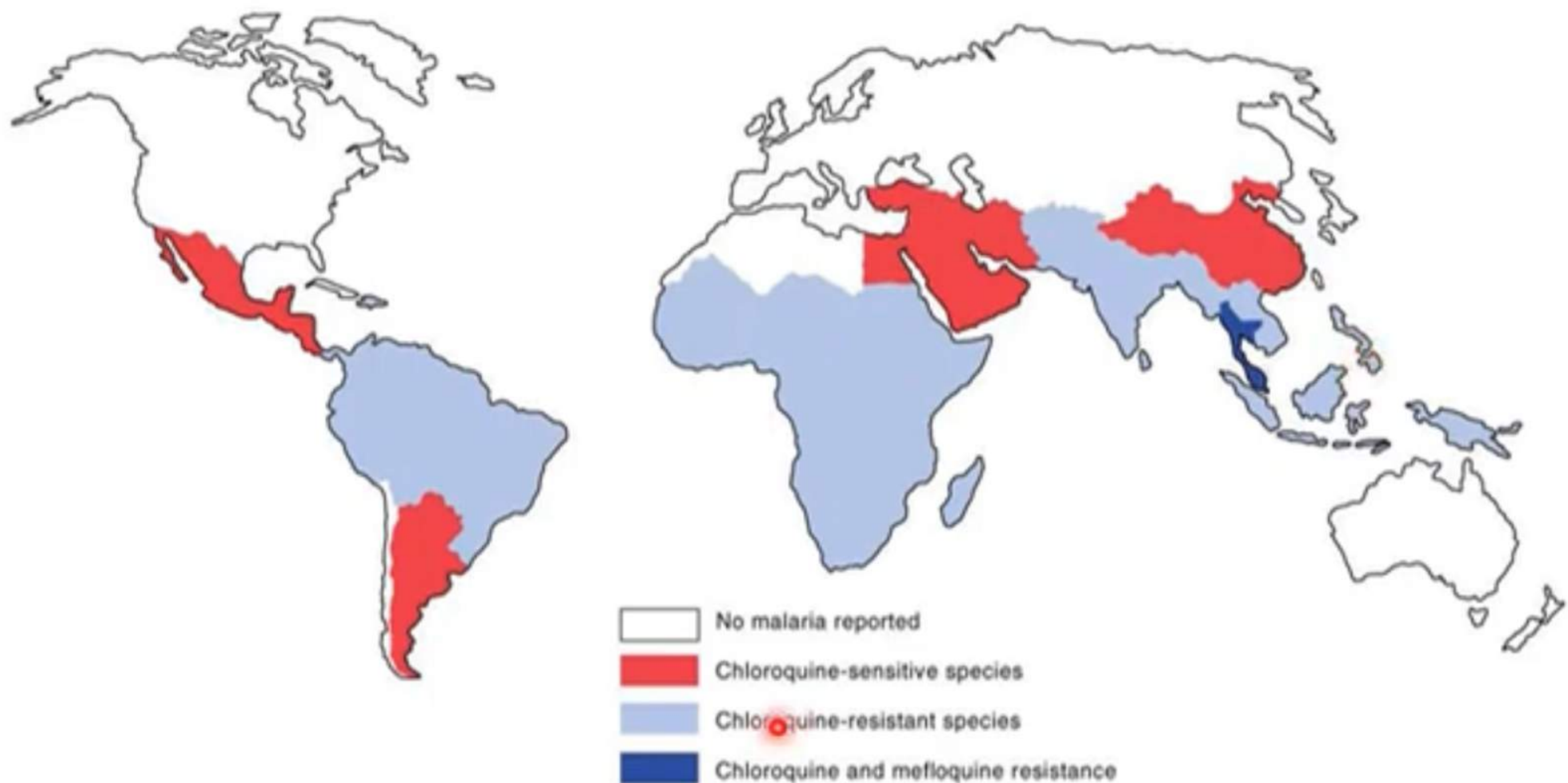
(b) Malarial blood smear; note the ring forms.

LM 5 μm

Diagnosis

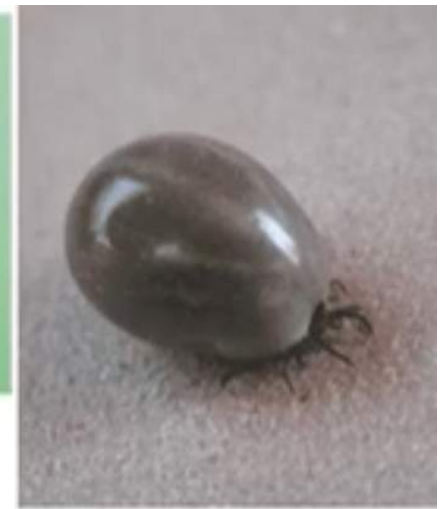


Distribution of Malaria



❖ Babesiosis

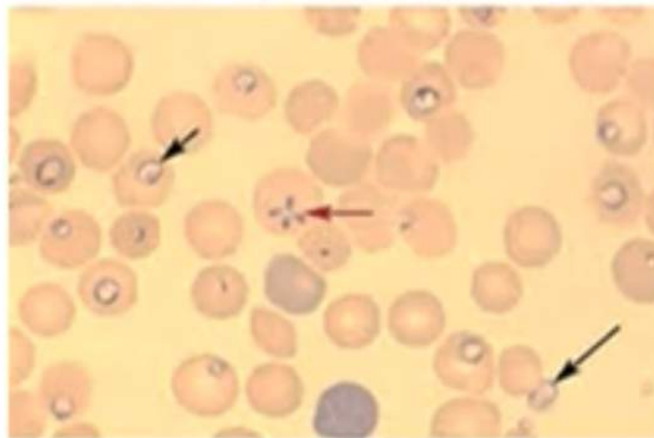
Babesia microti



Vector *Ixodes* tick - Zoonosis

Hemoprotozoan → rupture of RBCs →
hemolytic anemia, fever, Jaundice

In malaria-endemic areas
misdiagnosis as Plasmodium



❖ Schistosomiasis / Bilharzia(sis)

- *Schistosoma mansoni*, 
- *S. haematobium*, and
- *S. japonicum*
- 250 million people infected worldwide
- Cercaria penetrates skin when exposed to contaminated water → worms grow inside blood vessels and produce eggs → eggs travel to liver (liver damage), intestine or bladder.
- Treatment available (*praziquantel*)

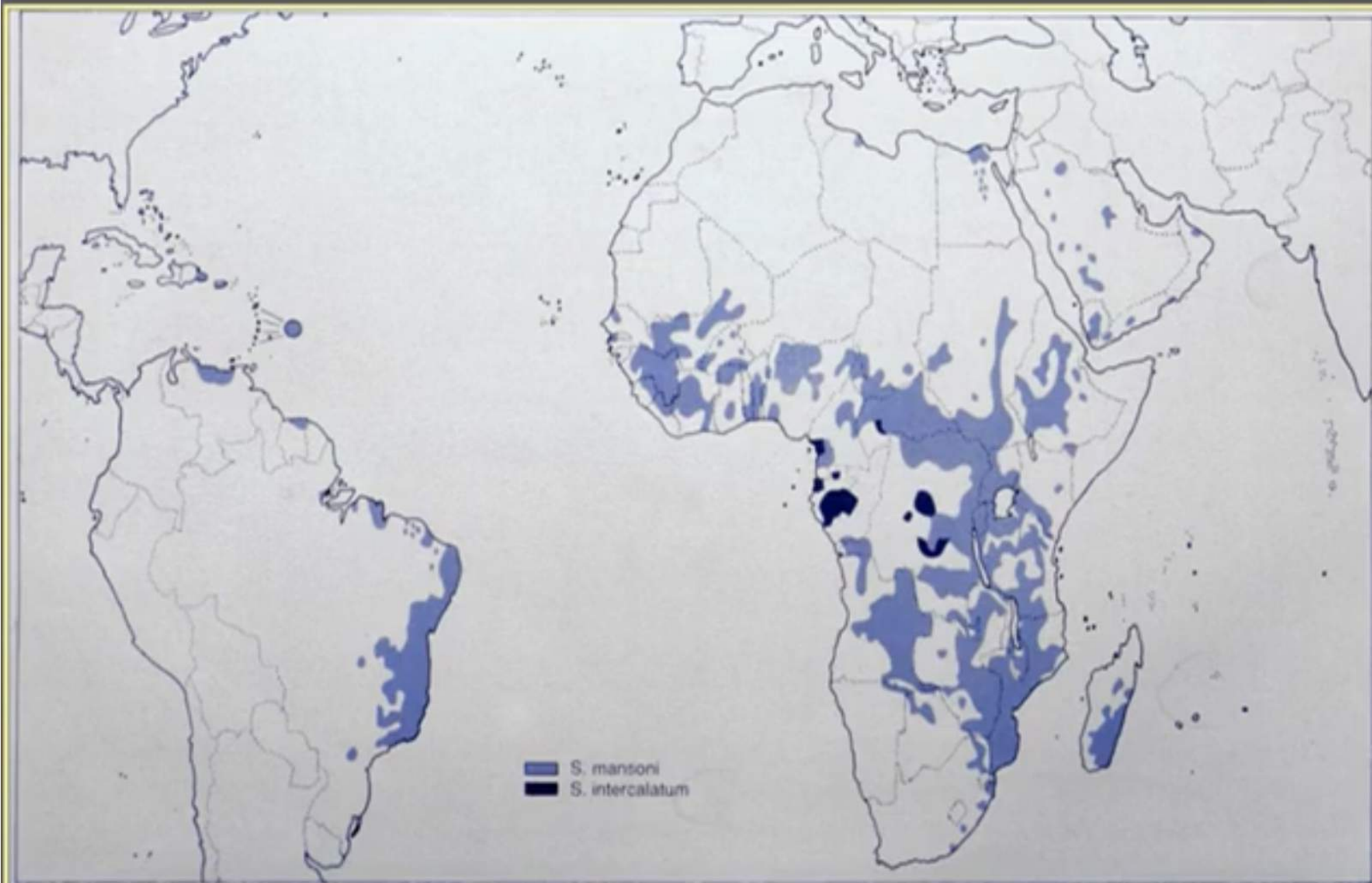
Schistosomiasis (Bilharziasis)

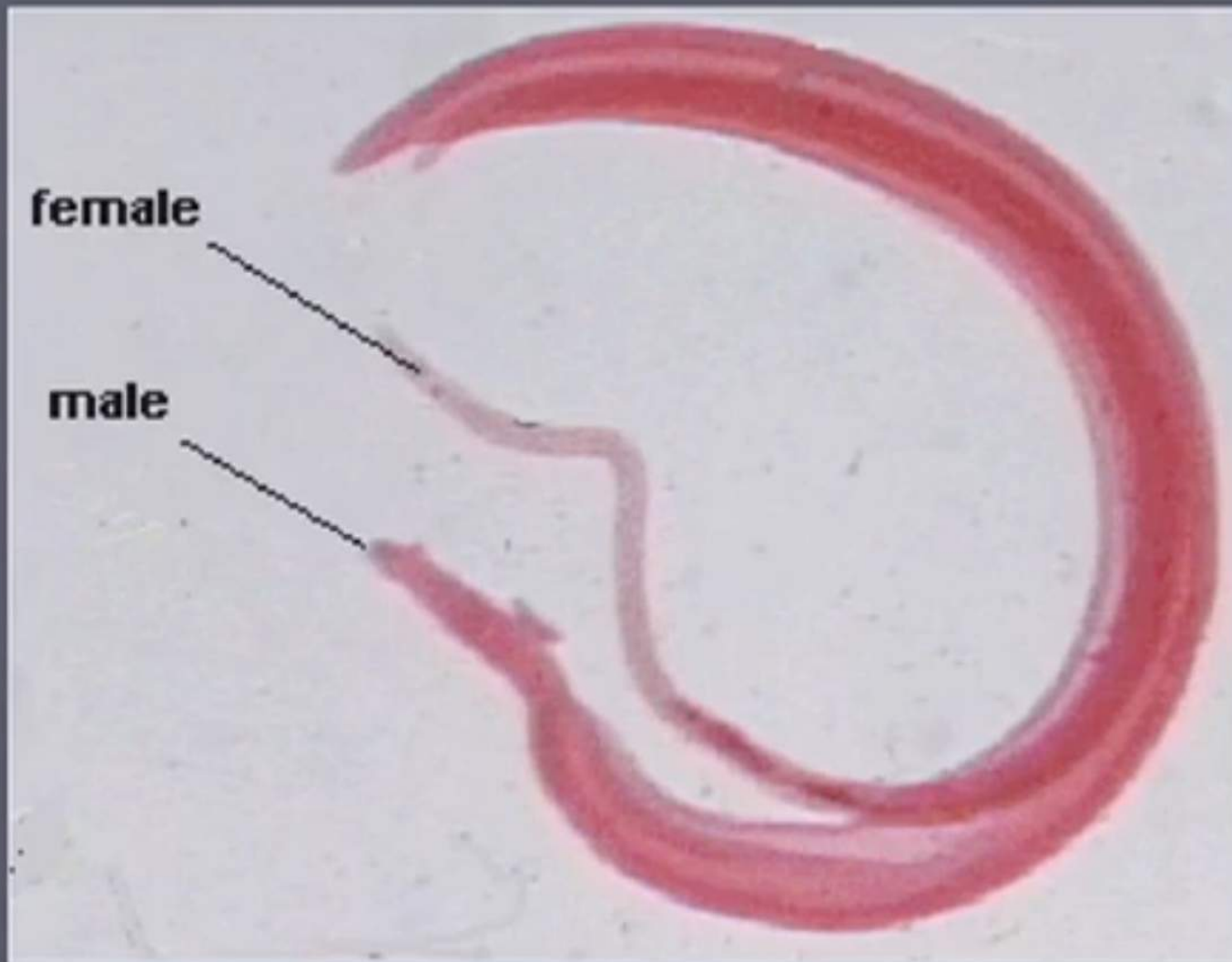
- ▶ *S. hematobium* is prevalent in Africa
- ▶ *S. mansoni* is found in Africa and America
- ▶ *S. japonicum* is common in the far east
- ▶ ~ 250 million people are infected
- ▶ ~ 600 million are at risk

Schistosomiasis

- **Tissue damage (granulomas) in response to eggs lodging in tissues**

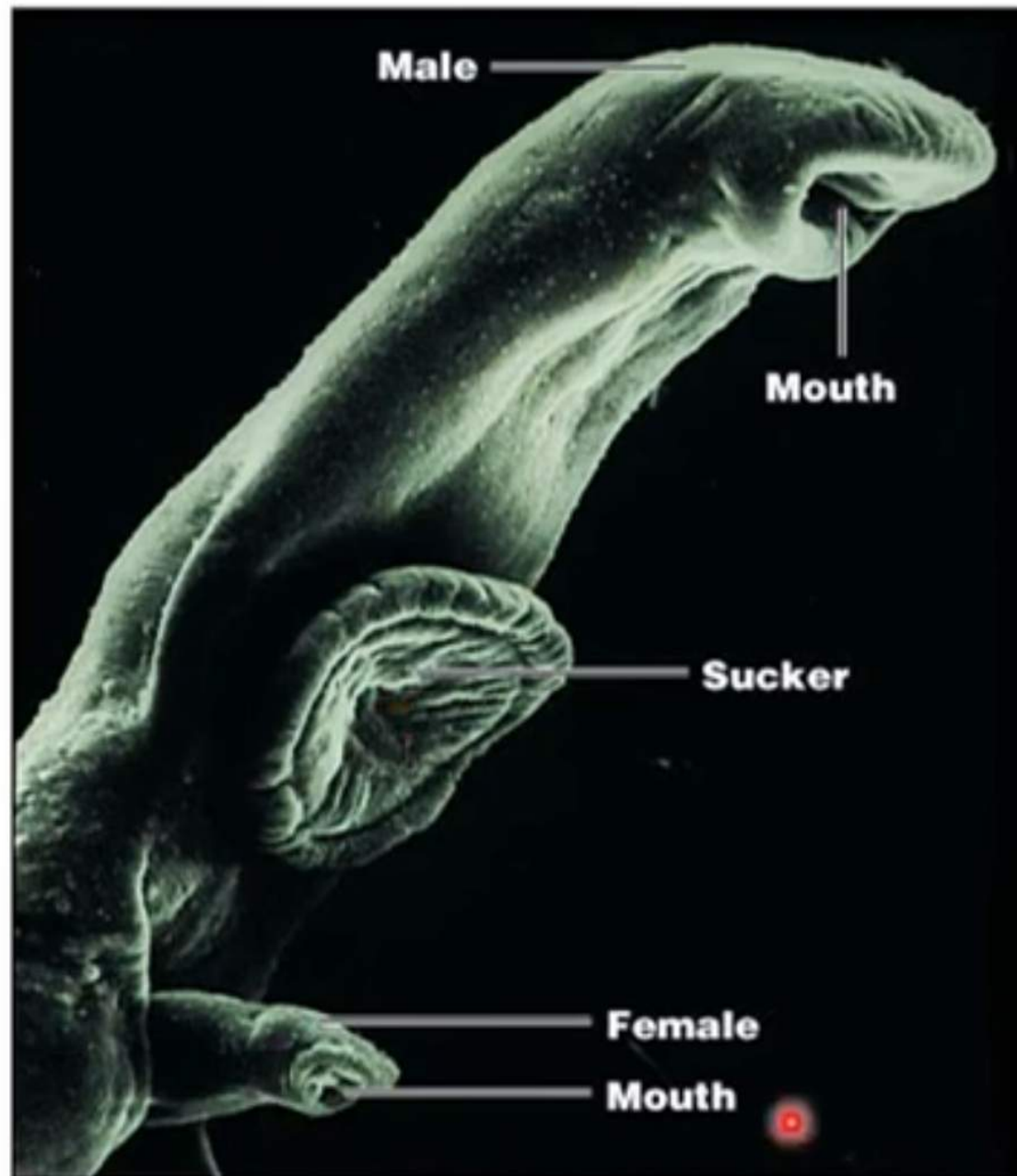
• <i>S. haematobium</i>	Granulomas in urinary bladder wall	Africa, Middle East
• <i>S. japonicum</i>	Granulomas in intestinal wall	East Asia
• <i>S. mansoni</i>	Granulomas in intestinal wall	African, Middle East, South American, Caribbean
• Swimmer's itch	Cutaneous allergic reaction to cercariae	U.S. parasite of wildfowl





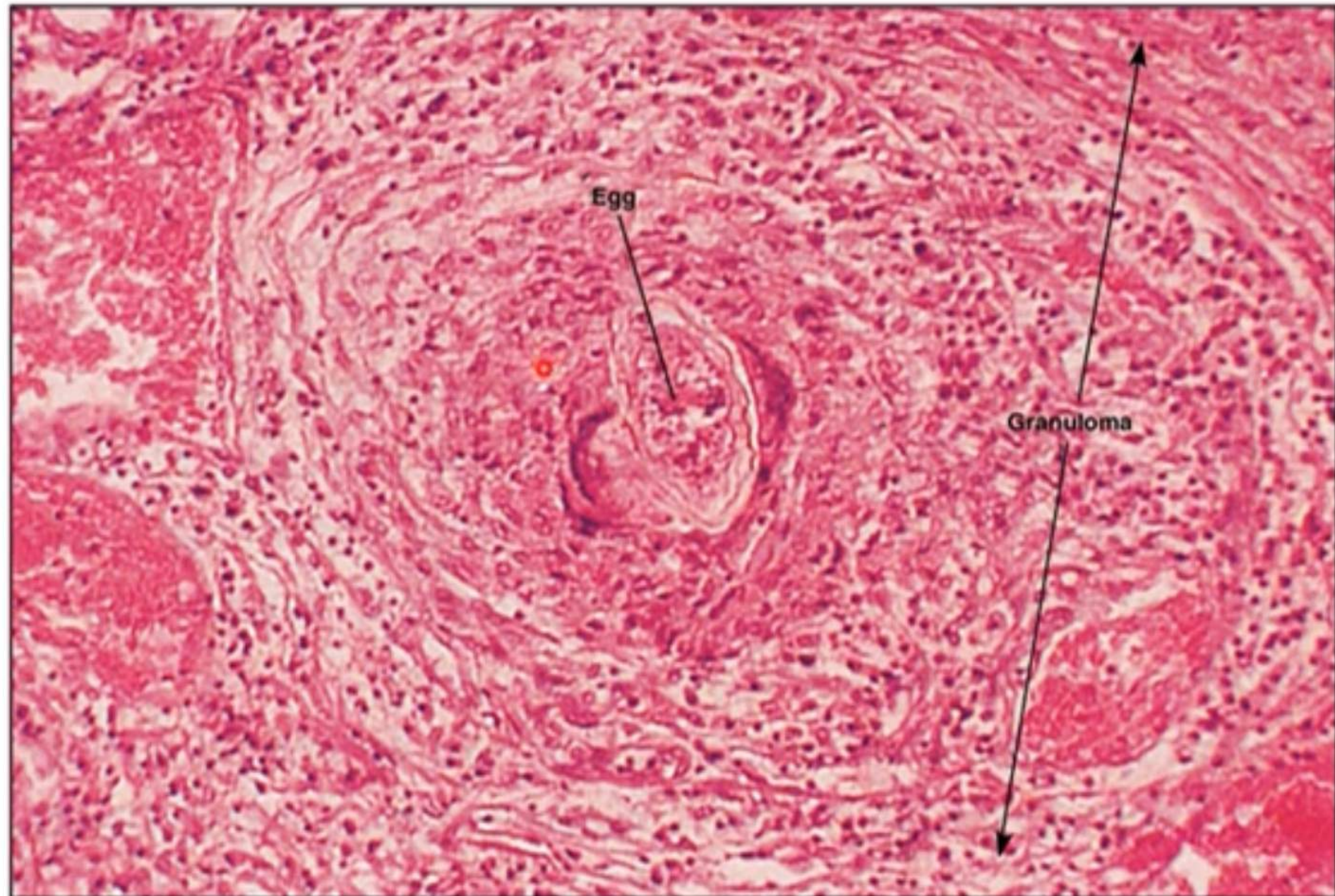
Gynaecophoric canal „deep ventral groove”

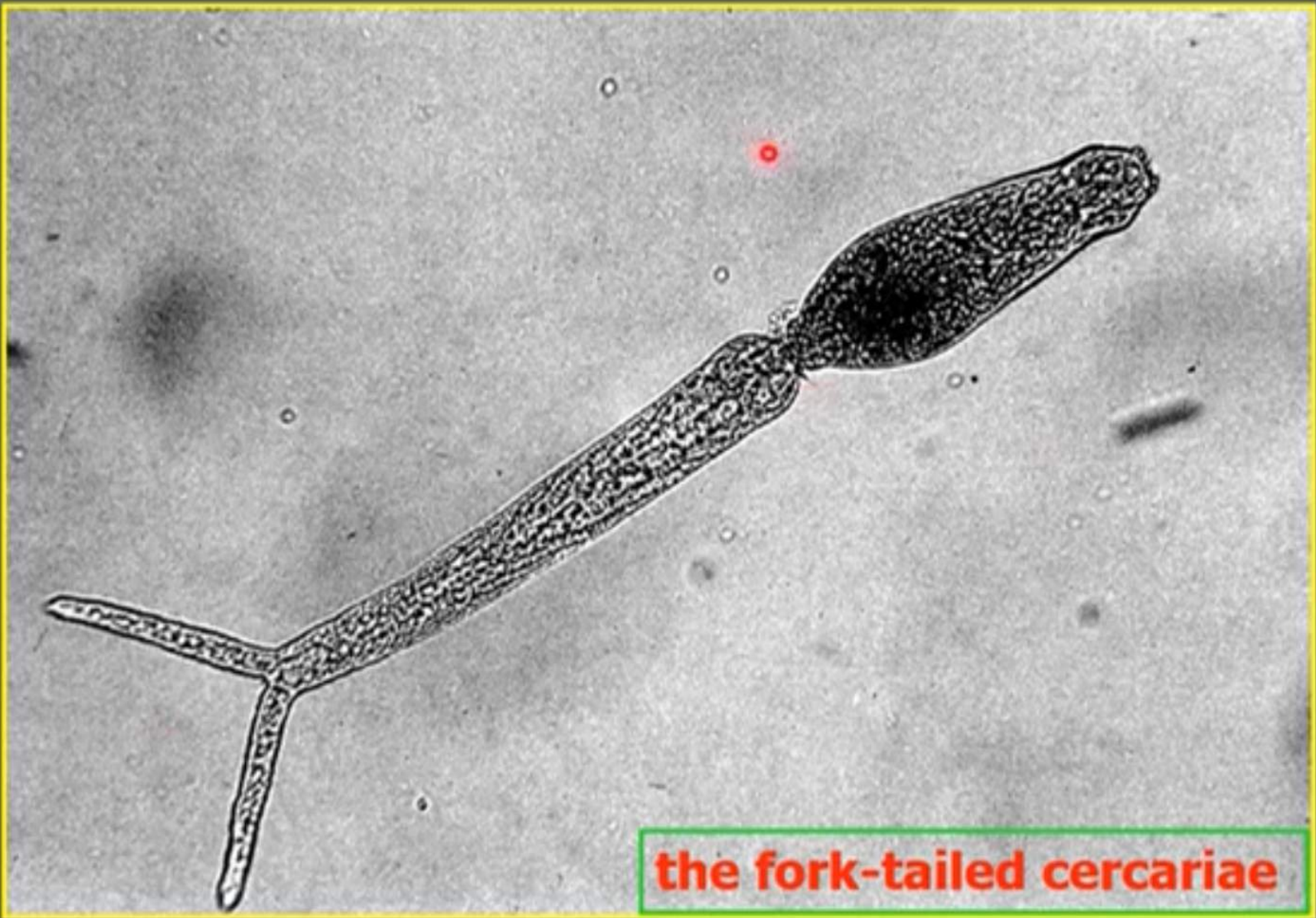
Schistosomiasis



Male and female schistosomes

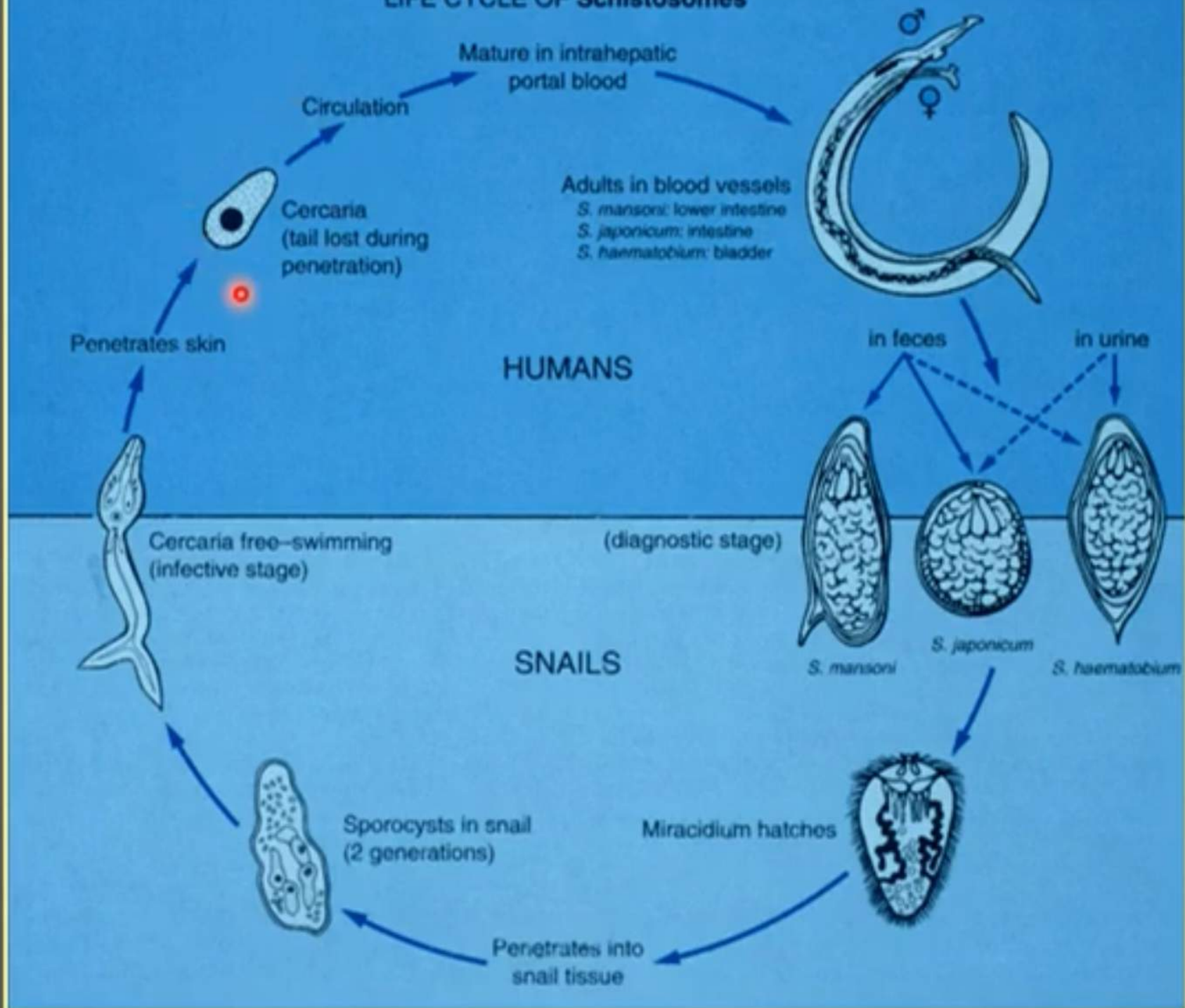
Schistosomiasis





the fork-tailed cercariae

LIFE CYCLE OF Schistosomes







***S. hematobium* eggs in urine**



***S. mansoni* eggs in feces**

a spine on the side



round spine on the side

***S. japonicum* eggs in feces**

Other Schistosomes: Swimmer's Itch or Cercarial Dermatitis

Schistosome cercaria

accidentally enters human skin (bird is definitive host for adult parasite)



Almost every state in US (Most predominant in the north). Also in more than 30 countries.

Disappears without treatment (~ 7 days) – no internal organs involved





Parasites after entering
→ dermatitis in
previously sensitized
individuals. Sensitivity
rarely disappears; usually
gets worse in subsequent
exposures.



Widely scattered from
Michigan lakes to Alaska.

