

BIOLOGICAL BASES OF PARASITISM

CLASS-SARCODINA(RIZOPODA)

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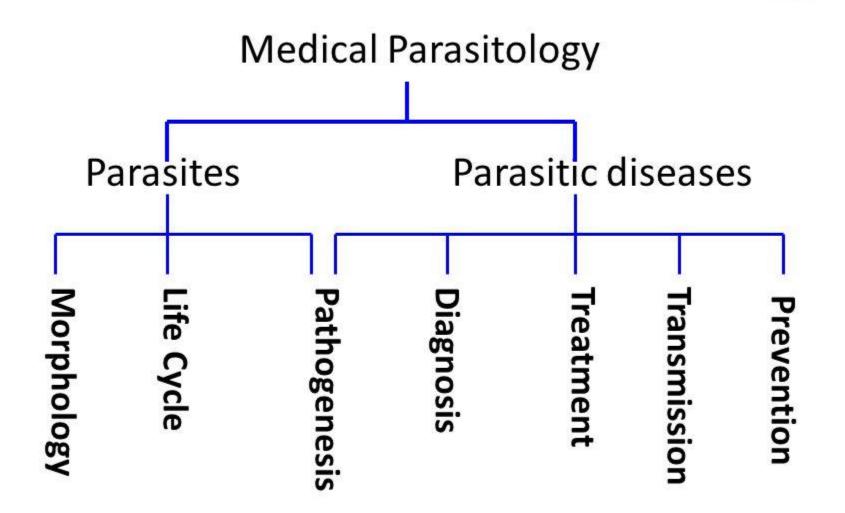


What is Parasitology?

A parasite is an organism that live on or within another organism called the host.

Parasitology is a science of studying parasitism and a discipline dealing with the biology of parasites (including its morphology, embryology, physiology, biochemistry and nutrition, etc.), ecology of parasitism with emphasis on parasite-host and parasite-environment interactions.

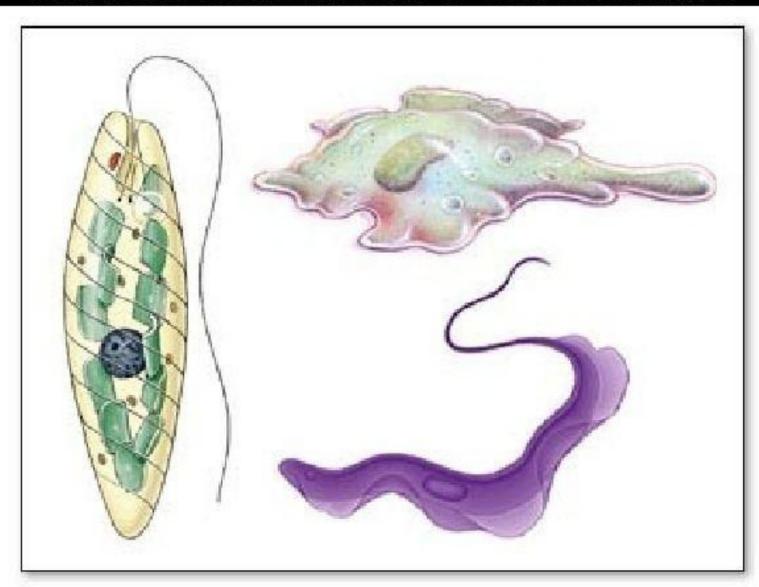
Definition of Medical Parasitology



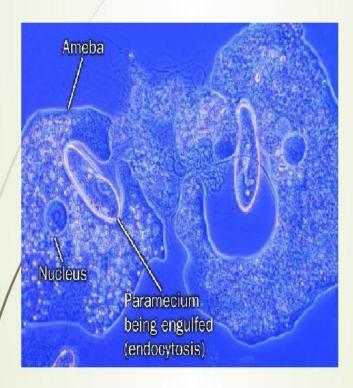
CLASSIFICATION

- KINGDOM- PROTISTA
- ☐ SUBKINGDOM- PROTOZOA
- □ PHYLUM-SARCOMASTIGOPHORA
- SUBPHYLUM-SARCODINA
- ☐ CLASS- LOBOSEA
- ORDER- AMOEBIDA
- □ FAMILY- ENDAMOEBIDAE

SARCOMASTIGOPHORA



Phylum Sarcodina - Amoeba



Thrive in fresh water, salt water and soil.

Many are motile, with pseudopods ("false feet") used for locomotion.

Some are parasitic species, found in animal intestines.

ENTAMOEBA HISTOLYTICA

Kingdom Animalia

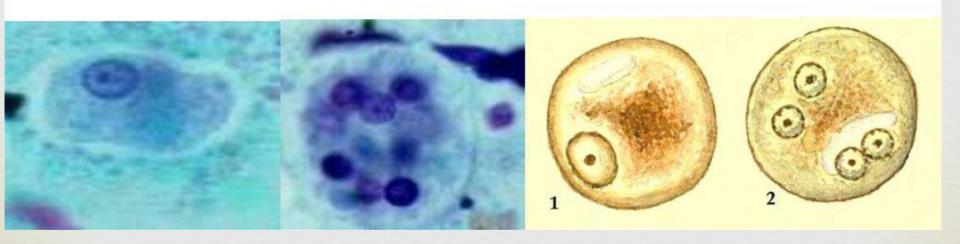
Phylum Protozoa

Class Rhizopoda

Genus Entamoeba

Species E. histolytica

ENTAMOEBA HISTOLYTICA is the causative agent of the anatropous disease amoebiasis (amoebic dysentery). Amoebiasis is characterized by frequent watery stools mixed with blood and mucus, abdominal pain, fever, and dehydration of the body.



Entamoeba histolytica

Causes: Amoebiasis.

Cyst

Geog. Distribution: cosmopolitan

Habitat: caecum and sigmoido-

rectal region of man.

Infective stage: Trophozoite

Quadrinucleate cyst.

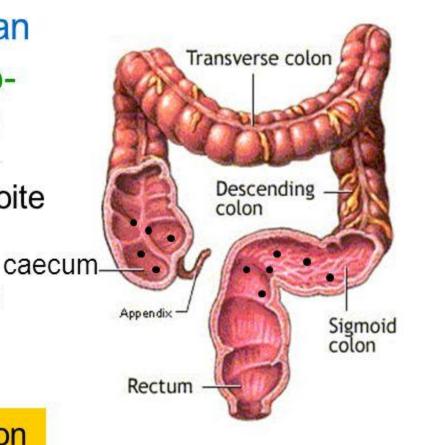
Mode of infection:

Eating raw vegetables (salad)

Drinking water Heteroinfection

Flies and food handlers (cyst passer)

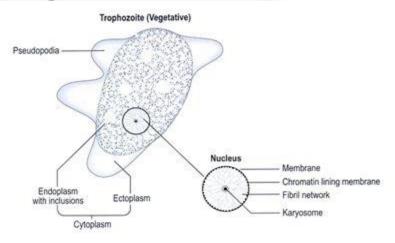
Faeco-oral Autoinfection



Entamoeba histolytica

Morphology of Trophozoite(vegetative form):

- 10-60 X 15-30 μ average (20-25 μ)
- Cytoplasm is clearly differentiated into:
- Ectoplasm: is clear with well developed pseudopodia.
- Endoplasm: dense & fine granular enclosing:
- Nucleus: spherical containing central karyosome & peripheral evenly distributed small chromatin dots.
- Food vacuoles: contain leucocytesbacteria-may be <u>RBCs</u>.





LIFE CYCLE OF **ENTAMOEBA** HISTOLYTICA Ingestion in contaminated food and water Mature cyst Noninvasive infection Cysts exit host in the stool Excystation One trophozoite with four nuclei emerges, divides Invasive infection Quadrinucleate cyst three times and each through the bloodstream, nucleus divides once to infecting sites such as the produce eight trophozoites from each cyst liver, brain, and lungs. 03 Trophozoites migrate to the large intestine Trophozoites invade the intestinal mucosa Immature cyst Trophozoites multiply by binary fission Encystation

LIFE CYCLE OF E. histolytica

Ingestion of cysts



Excystation in small intestine



Division of quadrinucleate cyst into 4 and then 8 trophozoites



Trophozoites move to colonize the colon



Encystation

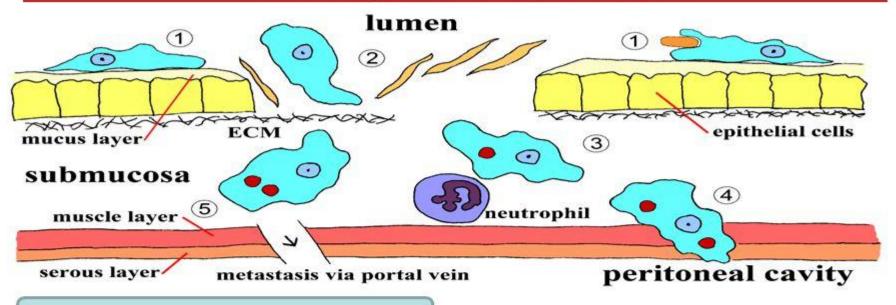


Excretion of cysts



Ingestion of cysts by the patient

Pathogenesis (Cont.)



Factors determining Pathogenicity

- 1- Strain E. dispar similar to E. histolytica differ in being non invasive
- 2- Virulence Virulent strains are capable of transformation into invasive due to:-

 - * Contact dependent cell lysis * Lytic enzyme secretion (proteolysis)
 - * Phagocytic activity
- 3-Host factors
- **1-** <u>Immunity</u> (secretory IgA) <u>**2-Nutrition:**</u> carbohydrate rich diet ↑, protein ↓, change diet habit
- 3- <u>Drugs:</u> immunosuppressive. 4- <u>Debilitating states</u> (malignancy, pregnancy, etc),.
- 5- Intestine: bacteria & intestinal flora hypermotility or stasis of the bowel.

Entamoeba histolytica

Laboratory Diagnosis:

- 1. Trophozoites or cysts visible in stool.
- 2. Serologic testing (indirect hemagglutination test positive with invasive disease).

Treatment:

- Metronidazole plus iodoquinol.

Treatment

- Metronidazole, Tinidazole. Tissue amoebicide
 Very effective in killing amoebas in the wall of the intestine, in blood and in liver abscesses.
- Diluxanide furoate.

 Luminal amoebicide
 kills trophozoites and cysts in the lumen of the intestine.

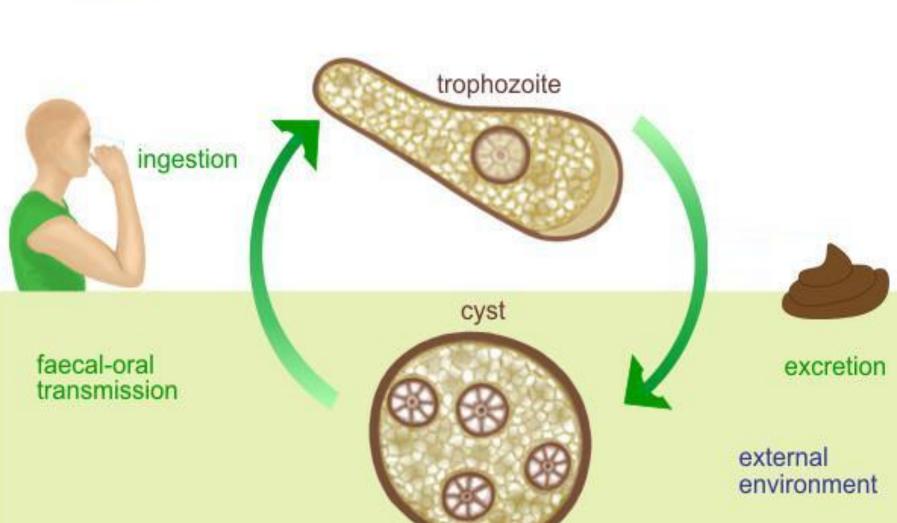
Asymptomatic patients: are given luminal amoebicide as Diluxanide furoate.

Symptomatic patients: are given tissue amoebicide as Metronidazole followed by luminal amoebicide as Diluxanide furoate.

TRANSMISSION

E histolytica is transmitted primarily through the fecal-oral route. Infective cysts can be found in fecally contaminated food and water supplies and contaminated hands of food handlers.
Sexual transmission is possible, especially in the setting of oral-anal practices (anilingus).





Prevention & Control

Primary prevention

- Safe excreta disposal
- Safe water supply
- Hygiene
- Health education

Secondary

- Early diagnosis
- Treatment

