

Tapeworms of dogs (Continued...)

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TAENIA MULTICEPS PATHOGENESIS

Diagnosis

- By PM examination.
- X ray.

Treatment

- Uneconomical.

ECHINOCOCCUS GRANULOSUS

Common name

Smallest dog tapeworm (Important Zoonotic tapeworm).

Host

Dogs

Location

Small intestine

Intermediate Hosts

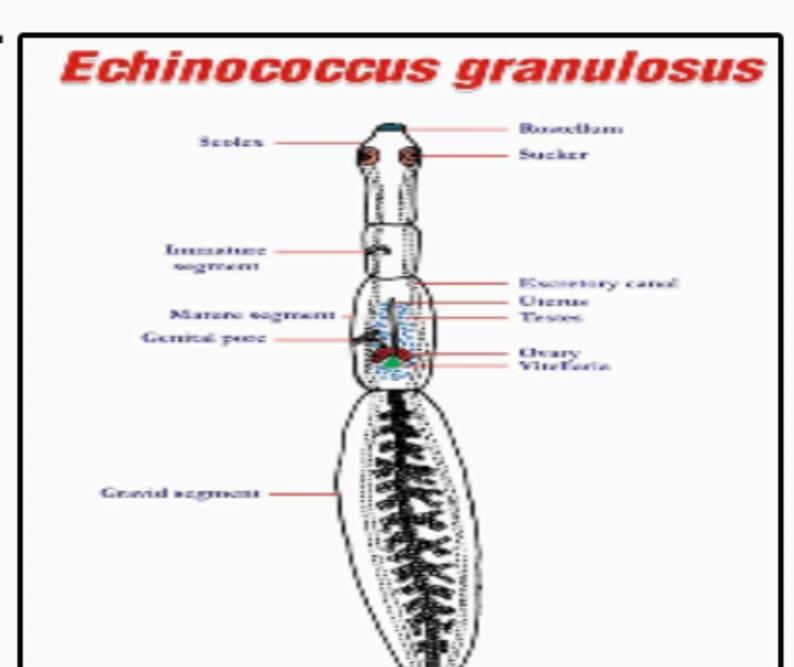
All mammals including man

Larval stage

Hydatid cyst

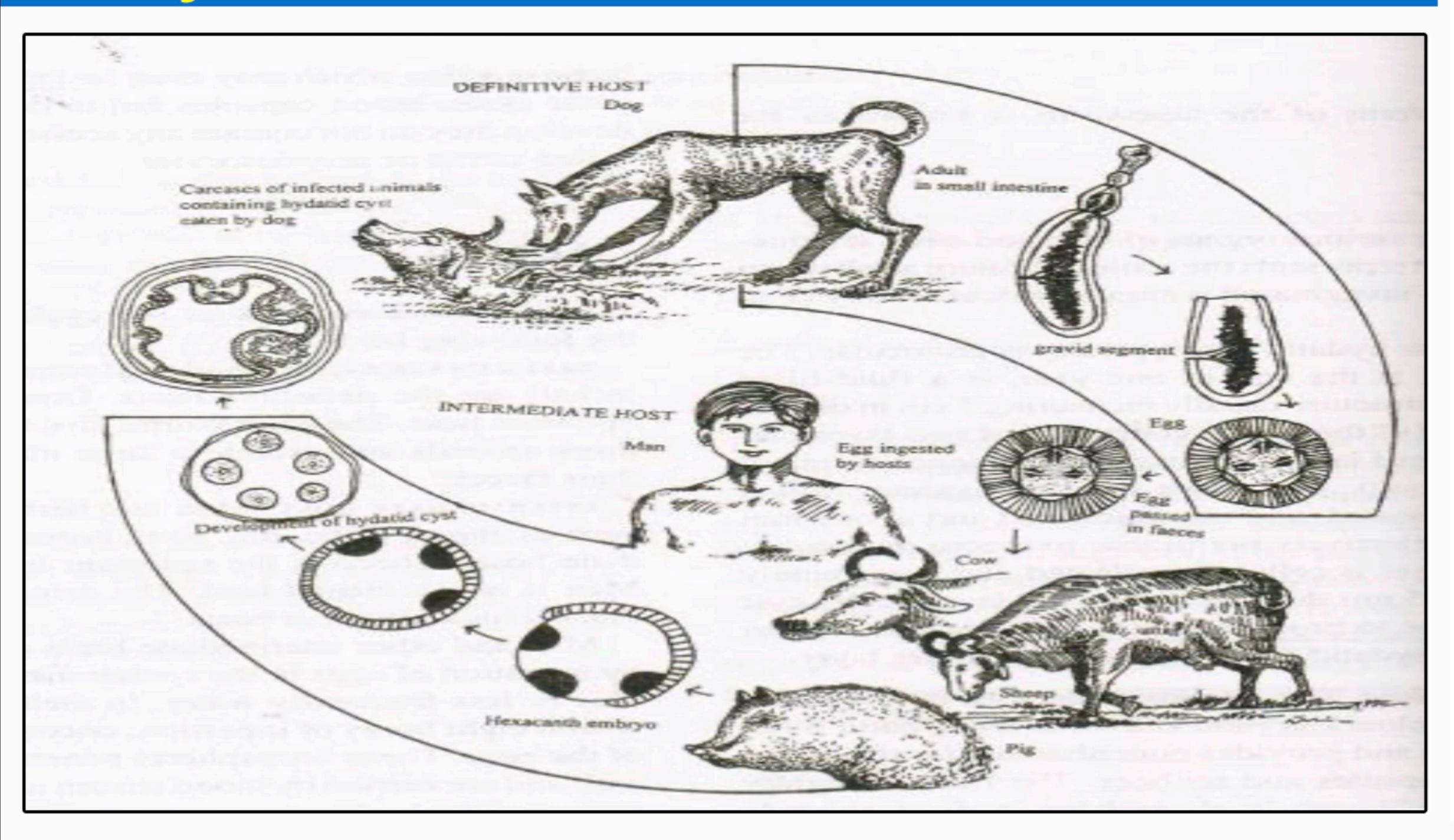
Morphology

- Worms are 3 to 7 mm in length and have 3 to 4 segments.
- The rostellum has two rows of hooks.
- The penultimate segment is the mature segment and the last one is gravid.
- Each segment has a single set of reproductive organ. Genital pore irregularly alternate.
- Ovary is kidney shaped. In the gravid segment number of lateral branches of uterus may occur.
- Eggs are taenid type.



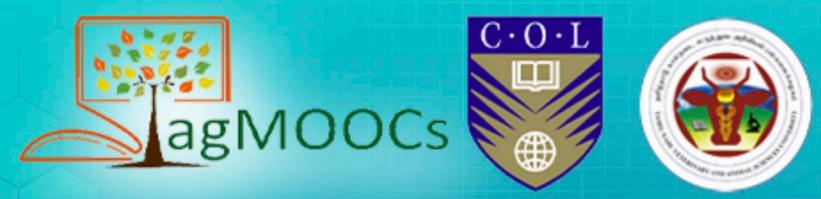
- Eggs are ingested by I/H (Sheep, cattle, goat, pig, horse and man) and these hatch in the small intestine and upon hatching the oncosphere penetrates the intestine wall and reach the liver via blood and lymphatic circulation.
- In liver and lungs, oncosphere develops into a cyst - hydatid cyst.
- Cyst may also occur in other organs.
- Cyst develops slowly and takes several months to attain maturity.

Life cycle

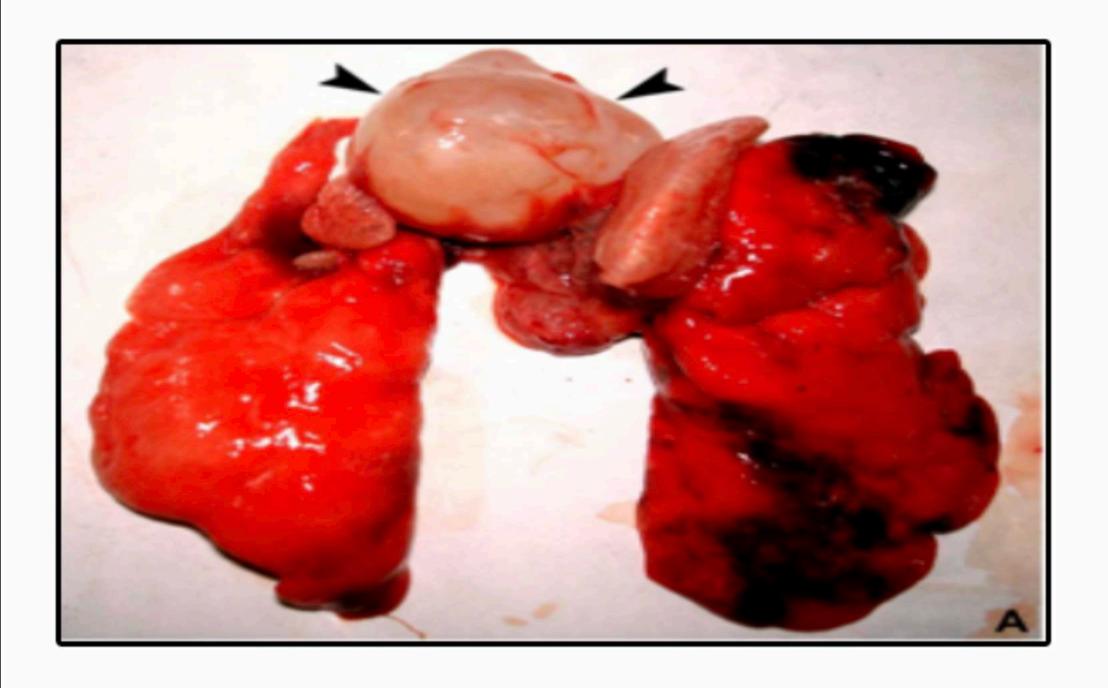


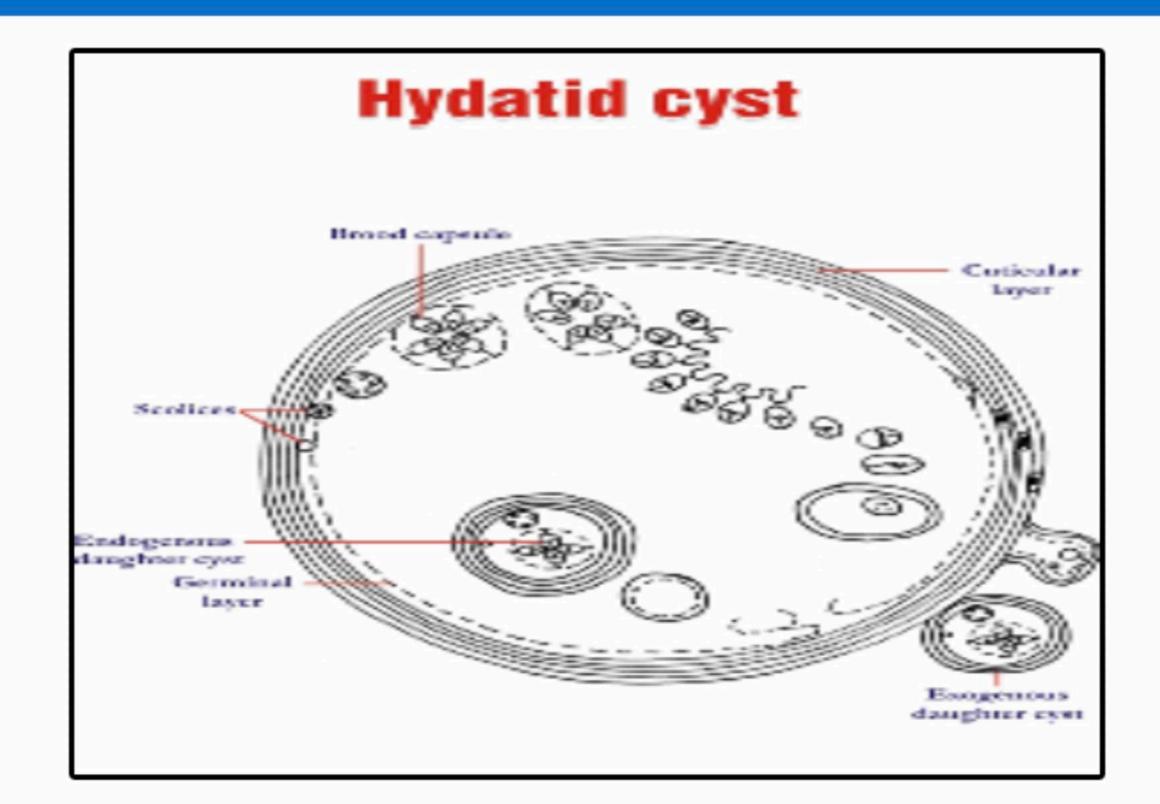
HYDATID CYST

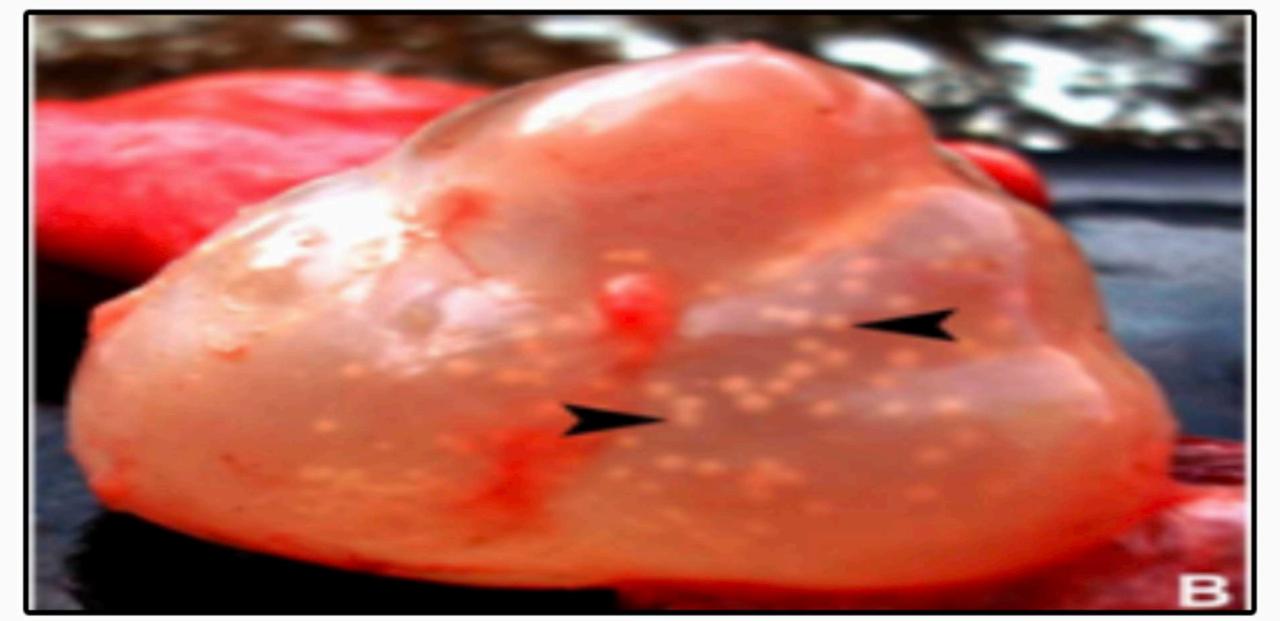
- Meausres 5 to 10 cm in diameter, unilobular and consists of two layers
 - -Outer laminated membrane and
 - -Inner germinal membrane.
- From the germinal membrane, brood capsules develop in about 5 months after infection.
- Each capsule contains a number of protoscolices.
- Sometimes, the brood capsule detaches and float free in the hydatid fluid which is called as "hydatid sand".
- If the cyst is ruptured, the brood capsule and protoscolices produce "external daughter cysts".
- All cysts do not produce brood capsules and protoscolices. Cysts which does not have brood capsules and protoscolices are known as "sterile cysts".
- ▶ D/H acquires infection by ingestion of protoscolices along with infected meat. In dog, the protoscolices penetrate between the villi and reach maturity in about 4 to 7 days.
- Man can acquire infection by ingestion of eggs along with contaminated food or entry of protoscolices through cut wounds during slaughter.



HYDATID CYST







PATHOGENESIS

- ▶ In dogs, adult tapeworms are not pathogenic whereas in humans and other domestic animals, the pathogenesis vary and may be severe, owing to larval tapeworms i.e., hydatid cyst.
- ► Clinical signs depend upon the location of the cyst. The function of affected organ is impaired. If the cyst is ruptured, it results in anaphylactic shock.

DIAGNOSIS

Diagnosis in dog

- Examination of faeces for presence of eggs but *E. granulosus* eggs cannot be differentiated from other taenid eggs such as *T. multiceps* and *T. hydatigena*.
- So confirmation is only based upon the demonstration of adult worm.
- ► For collection of adult worms from the infected animals, the dogs must be treated with Arecoline hydrobromide, 1 to 2 mg/Kg b wt. The treated dogs will purge out the intestinal contents and expel all the adult worms.
- Examine the mucous portion of the faecal sample to obtain the adult worms.

Diagnosis in man (Hydatidosis)

- CASONI's skin test 1903 Outdated.
- Counter immuno electrophoresis.
- **ELISA**
- **AGPT**

ECHINOCOCCUS GRANULOSUS TREATMENT AND CONTROL

Treatment in dogs

Similar to Dipylidium caninum

Treatment in Humans (Hydatid Cysts)

- Surgical removal.
- ► Aspiration of cyst fluid, Marsupilization and Sterilization of cyst.
- ▶ Inject 2.5 to 10% formalin which will destroy the germinal membrane and protoscolices. However, this procedure is dangerous, because spillage of hydatid fluid may cause anaphylatic shock and dissemination of protoscolices to various parts.
- ► Albendazole 10 mg/kg bwt. Two divided dose.
- ► Mebendazole 400 to 600 mg/kg b. wt. thrice for 21 to 30 days.

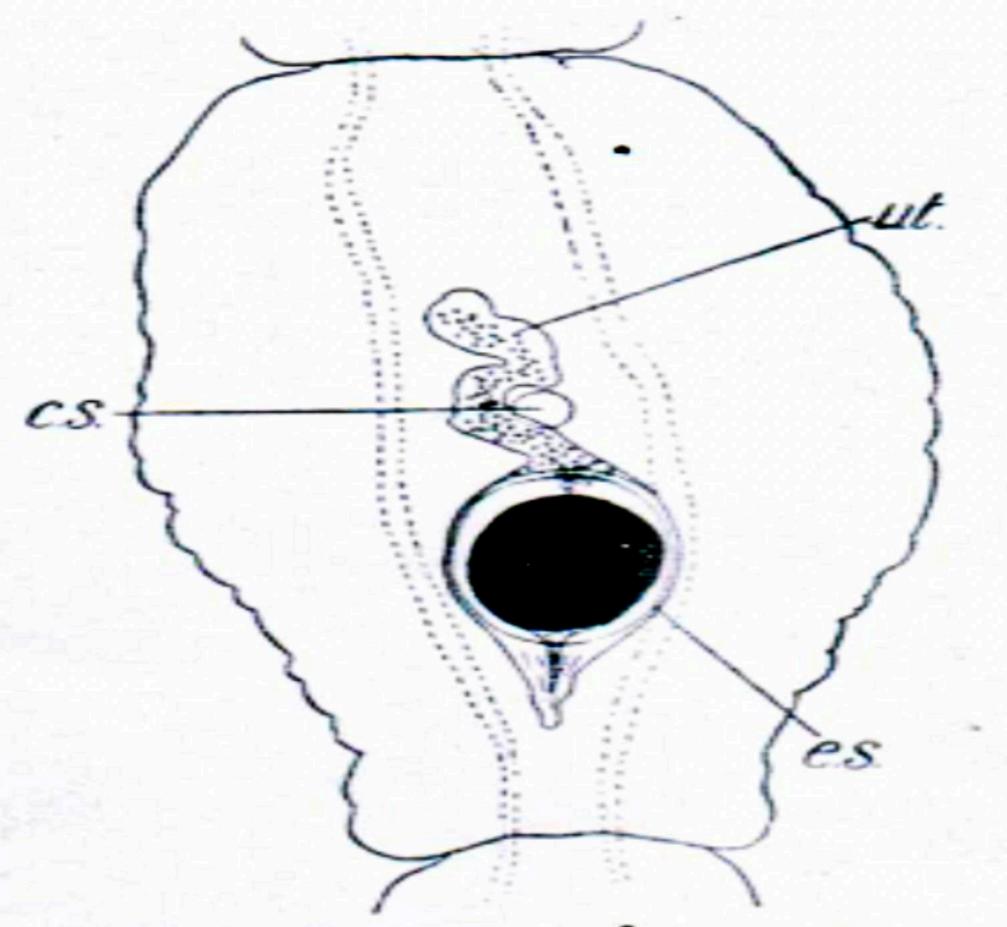
Control of tapeworm infection in dogs

- Control of lice and fleas using deltame
- thrin 1% [Butox] or by using flea collar.
- Hygienic maintenance of kennel.
- Avoid providing raw meat or offals to dogs
- Periodical deworming against tapeworms.

Control of hydatid cyst in man

- Personal hygiene.
- Public education and awareness.

MESOCESTOIDES LINEATUS

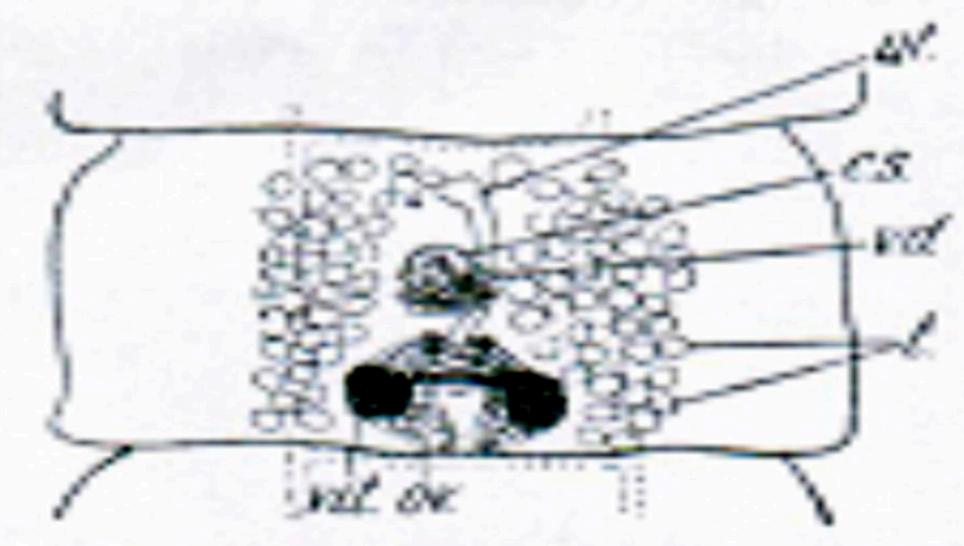


Dorsal view of gravid segment of Mesocestoides lineatus, (After Baylis)

cirrus-sac

egg-sac

uterus



Dorsal view of manuar segment of Mesocratoider (mounts). (After Baydo)

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vas deferens vitellarium

M.lineatus

Host

Dog, cats, wild carnivores and also humans.

Location

Small intestine

Intermediate Host

- Oribatid mite or coprophagus beetles 1st I/H.
- Amphibia, reptiles, birds, dog and cat 2nd I/H.

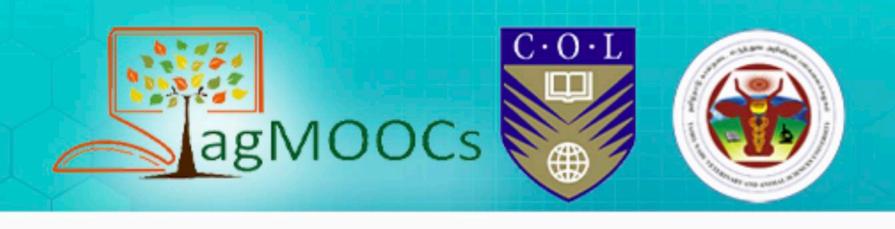
Larval stage

Cysticercoid and Tetrathyridium.

Morphology

- Small to medium sized worm.
- Scolex has four elongate oval suckers which are unarmed
- Rostellum is absent. Genital pore is situated on the mid ventral line of the ventral aspect.
- Ovary is bilobed.
- Testes are 50 in number.
- In the gravid segment uterus is replaced by par-uterine organ.
- No separate uterine pore.

- ➤ Not fully known. Only based on experimental infection the scientists suggested that it requires two I/H.
- ➤ Oribatid mite or coprophagus beetles act as 1st I/H in which cysticercoid like developmental stage occur.
- ➤ When infected mite or beetles are ingested by 2nd I/H in which tetrathyridium is formed. It mainly occurs in the peritoneal cavity of 2nd I/H and they multiply asexually by longitudinal splitting of parent scolex.
- ➤ The final host acquire infection by ingestion of infected ed 2nd I/H. Prepatent period is 16 to 20 days



PATHOGENESIS AND TREATMENT

Pathogenesis

- ➤ Adult worms are not pathogenic. But heavy infection causes severe diarrhoea in man.
- ➤ If dog act as 2nd I/H, the tetrathyridium causes peritonitis and ascites.

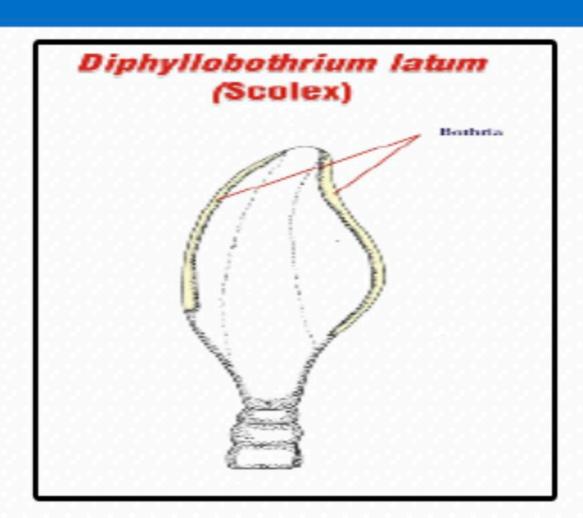
Treatment

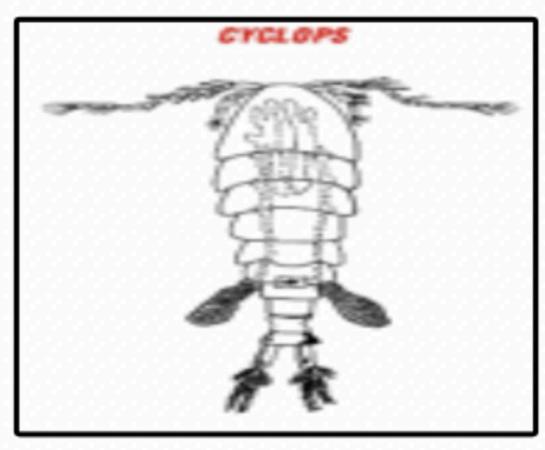
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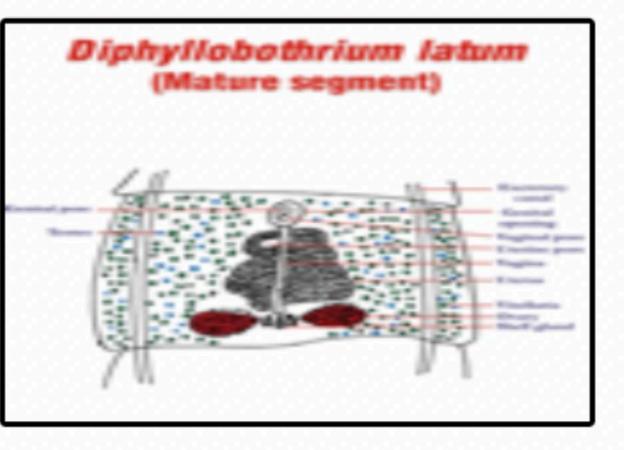
TAENIA HYDATIGENA

Broad fish tape worm

- Man, dog, cat, pigs, and other fish eating mammals
- Small intestine
- 1st I/H Cyclops (Diaptomus gracilis copepod crustaecean).
- 2nd I/H Fresh water fish. (Pike, trout and perch)
- Worms are medium to large in size, scolex has a narrow week, deep muscular groove known as "Bothria" (hold fast organ) situated on both dorsal and ventral side.
- Scolex is unarmed and almond in shape.
- Each segment contain single set of reproductive organs.
- Genital pore and uterine pore open separately on the ventral aspect, whereas in mesocestoides, there is no separate uterine pore.
- Ovary is bilobed. Vitelline gland and testes distributed uted in the lateral margin of segment.
- In the gravid segment uterus is spiral tube in shape.



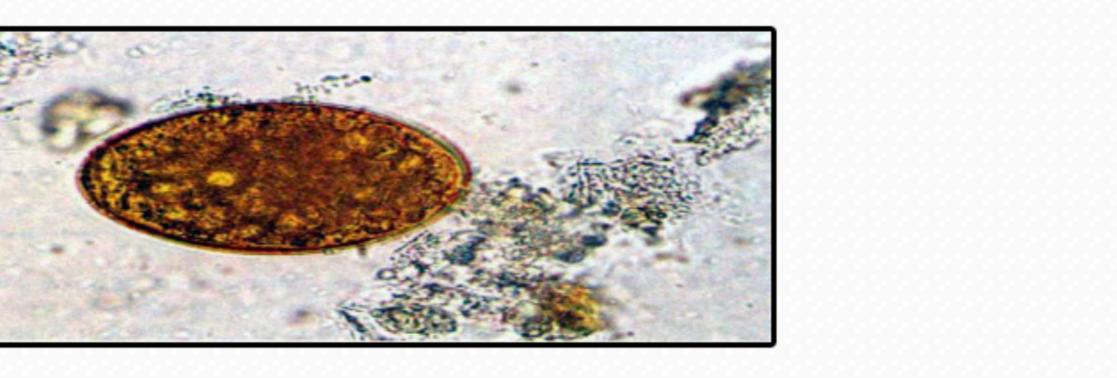




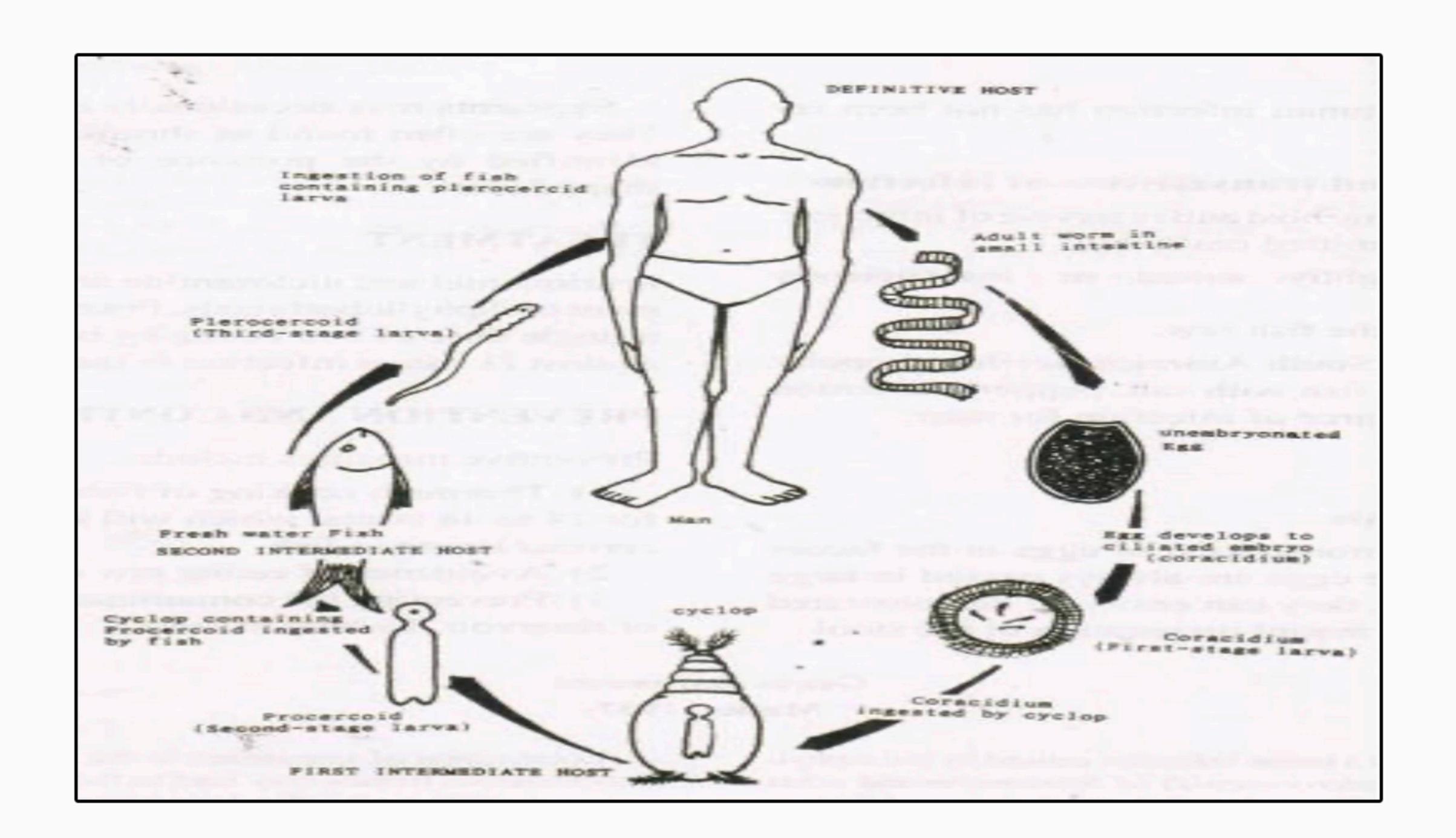
- Eggs are passed in the faeces of host, they are light brown in colour, operculated and unembryonated when laid.
- Development of eggs occur in the environment, takes several weeks for the development of 'coracidium'. It is a six hooked oncosphere covered with ciliated embryosphore.
- ➤ The fully developed coracidium hatch out and swim in the water for short period, the coracidim is then ingested by 1st I/H Cyclops, develops into "Procercoid" in about 3 weeks time. These infected 1st I/H are ingested by fish (2nd I/H).
- Within the 2nd I/H it develops into plerocercoid in the viscera and musculature.
- > D/H acquire infection by eating the infected raw fish. Prepatent period is 4

Diphyllobothrium latun

weeks.







PATHOGENESIS AND DIAGNOSIS

Pathogenesis

➤ In man: It causes non-specific abdominal symptom and macrocytic hypochromic anaemia - pernicious anaemia due to competition between the host and parasite for vitamin B12.

Diagnosis

- ➤ Based on clinical signs.
- > Faecal examination for the presence of eggs.

Treatment

- ➤ Praziquantel 25mg/Kg b wt.
- Niclosamide 75 150mg/Kg b wt.
- ➤ Quinacrine 7 10mg/Kg b wt.

Control

> Avoid eating of raw fish.

