

ZOO 520 Parasitic Zoonosis (1+0+1)

Objective :

To allow Zoology graduate students a developed scope in the field of Parasitology and zoonotic diseases.

Contents:

Introduction of Parasitology

Zoonotic disease examples

Leishmania spp

Typanosoma spp

Toxoplasmosis

Plasmodium malaria

Fasciola spp.

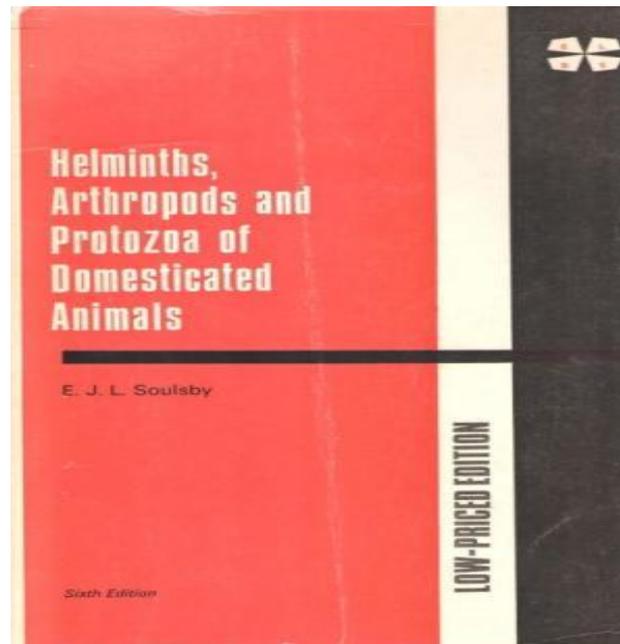
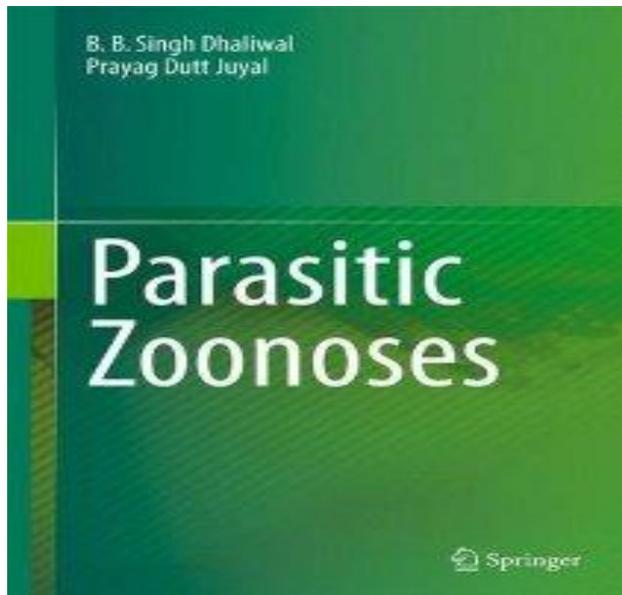
Paragonimus westermani

Taenia spp.

Clonorchis sinensis

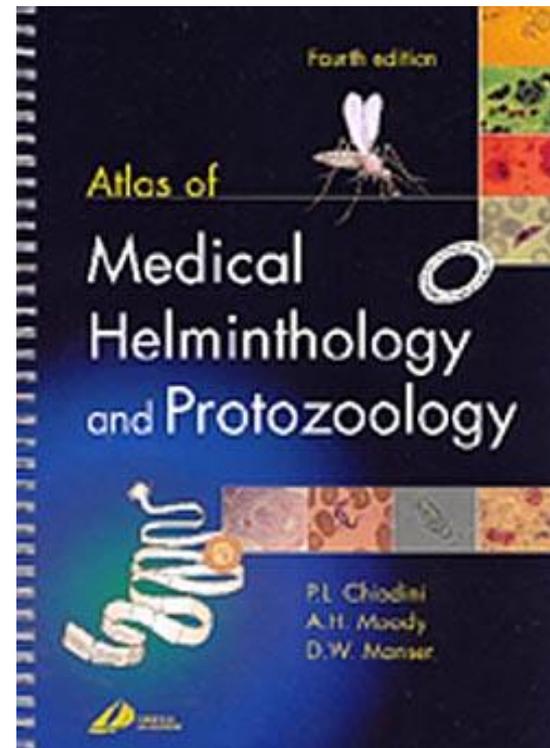
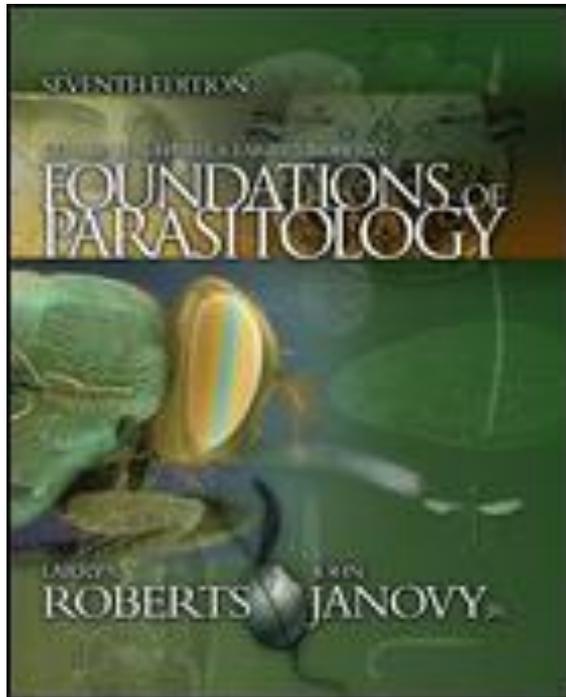
Some book suggestions

- Soulsby, E.J.L. Helminths, Arthropods and Protozoa of Domestic Animals. Bailyère Tindall. 1982
- Dhaliwal, B.S. and Juyal, P.D., 2013. Parasitic zoonoses. New Delhi: Springer.



Some book suggestions

(for some of these titles newer editions might be available)



Zoonoses

From the Greek:

Zoon: Animal

Noson: Disease

Diseases and infections which are
naturally transmitted between
vertebrate animals and humans

- WHO 1959

Parasitism - a way of life

- **Parasite and Parasitism** are ecological terms that define a way of life rather than a coherent and evolutionary related group of organisms
- **Symbiosis, Commensalism, Mutualism, Parasitism**
- **PARASITE: The man who eat from others table!!!**
From Greek:
Para: beside or around
Sitos: Wheat

Parasitism - a way of life

- **Parasite and Parasitism** are terms that define a way of life rather than a coherent and evolutionary related group of organisms
- **Symbiosis:** “Any two organisms living in close association, commonly one living in or on the body of the other, are symbiotic, as contrasted with free living.” De Bary 1879
- **Commensalism:** Sharing the table. One partner benefits but the other is not hurt.
- **Mutualism:** Both partners benefit.
- **Parasitism:** One partner (the parasite) harms or lives on the expense of the other (host).

Host – Parasite Relationships:

Symbiosis : close association between 2 organisms (host and parasite) where either can not exist independently = parasite gets something from host & vice – versa

Mutualism: association between 2 organisms where both are benefited to the situation & can exist independently if separated.

Commensalism : an association of 2 organisms where one is benefited, the other is unaffected. = parasites derives benefit from the host.

Parasitism = an association between 2 organisms where one is dependent upon another for existence and one harms the other.

Key definitions: What is?

- **Medical Parasitology:** “the study and medical implications of parasites that infect humans”
- **A parasite:** “a living organism that acquires some of its basic nutritional requirements through its intimate contact with another living organism”. Parasites may be simple unicellular **Protozoa** or complex multicellular **Metazoa**
- **Eukaryote:** a cell with a well-defined chromosome in a membrane-bound nucleus. All parasitic organisms are eukaryotes
- **Protozoa:** unicellular organisms, e.g. *Plasmodium* (malaria)
- **Metazoa:** multicellular organisms, e.g. helminths (worms) and arthropods (ticks, lice)
- **An endoparasite:** “a parasite that lives within another living organism” – e.g. malaria, Giardia
- **An ectoparasite:** “a parasite that lives on the external surface of another living organism” – e.g. lice, ticks

- **Host:** “the organism in, or on, which the parasite lives and causes harm”
- **Definitive host:** where the parasite lives & complete their life cycle (final host-human-trypanosome) = also harbors the mature /adult/ sexual /stage of the parasite
- **Intermediate host:** “the organism in which the parasite lives during a period of its development only”
- **Parasitic Zoonosis:** “a parasitic disease in which an vertebrate is normally the host - but which also infects man”
- **Vector:** “a living carrier (e.g. an arthropod) that transports a pathogenic organism from an infected to a non-infected host”. A typical example is the female *Anopheles* mosquito that transmits malaria.
- **Reservoir host:** Other animal that harbors the same parasite. = ensures continuity of the parasites life cycle. = act as additional source of human infection.

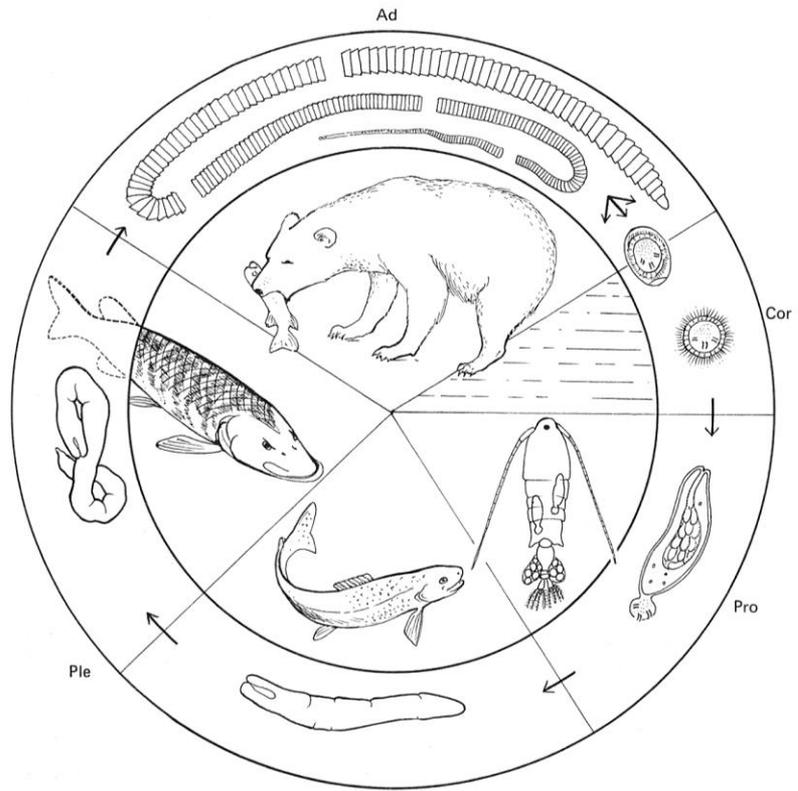
Endoparasites can exist in one of two forms: **intercellular parasites** (inhabiting spaces in the host's body) or **intracellular parasites** (inhabiting cells in the host's body). Intracellular parasites, such as protozoa. An example of this interaction is the transmission of malaria, caused by a protozoan of the genus *Plasmodium*, to humans by the bite of an [anopheline mosquito](#). An **epiparasite** is one that feeds on another parasite. This relationship is also sometimes referred to as [hyperparasitism](#), exemplified by a protozoan (the hyperparasite) living in the digestive tract of a flea living on a dog. is a [parasite](#) whose [host](#) is a parasite

Accidental host

A host in which the parasite is not commonly found, nevertheless it is one suitable for the parasite's development. In some instances (e.g. cysticercosis) the accidental host becomes a "dead end" because even though the parasite develops through its appropriate stages, it fails to find a portal of exit and is thus blocked from continuing its life cycle.

Hosts and life cycles

- The **definitive host** is by definition the one in which the parasite reproduces sexually
- Additional hosts are then designated **intermediate hosts**
- Host which actively transmit parasites to humans are often called **vectors**
- In **paratenic** or transport hosts no parasite development occurs
- **Reservoir host** are alternate animal host from which the parasite can be transmitted to humans (zoonosis) or domestic animals
- **Accidental host**, not suitable for parasite development, but severe disease might ensue nonetheless



Protozoology - study of single-celled **animal**
(Protozoa)

Helminthology- study of worms and worm like
organism

(roundworms, flukes, tapeworm)

Acanthocephalans

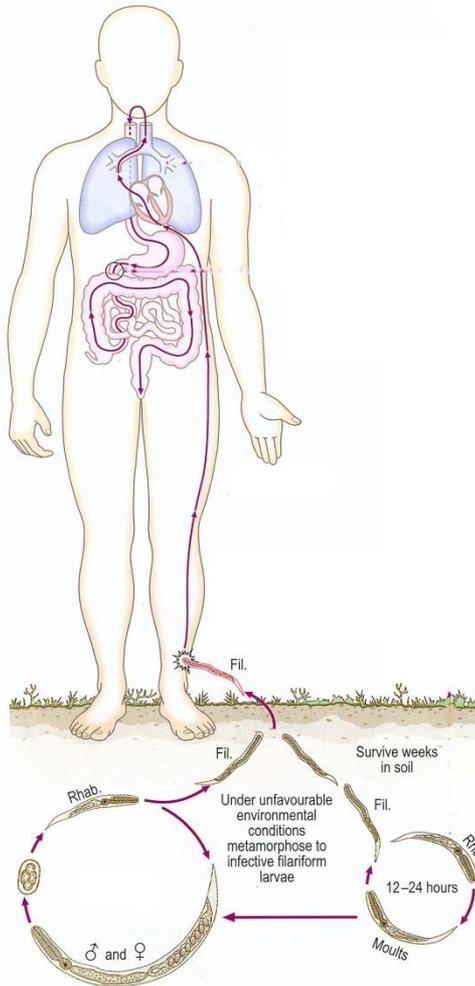
Arthropodology - study of jointed **-legged**
organism like the arthropods (flea, mite,
mosquito, ticks ..etc.)

Types of parasitism:

Obligate: Organism which are completely dependent on the host for existence. = cannot exist without a host (nematodes)

Facultative / Opportunistic: When a parasite is capable of living even without a host . Can exist as free – living or as parasite

Obligate/facultative, and permanent/intermittent parasites



Indirect

Direct

- Most parasites are obligate parasites
- In some species only some life cycle stages, e.g. the larvae are parasitic, in others parasitic and free living generations can alternate depending on environmental conditions (*Strongiloides stercoralis*).

Incidental - parasite the establishes itself in a host in which it does not ordinarily live.

Permanent - parasite that remains on or in the body of the host from early life until maturity or for its entire life. (*Ascaris*)

Pathogenic - parasite that causes injury to the host by its mechanical

Vectors:

are biological system that transmit parasite

Mechanical vector: Transmit a parasite without being a host = transmit Parasite to host, parasite stay in the host but does not undergo development . Not essential to the life cycle of the parasite. Example mosquito, flies

Biological vector: serves both as a vector and a host for the development stage of the parasite Ex. Anopheles mosquito. (malaria)

Source of exposure to parasitic infection(transmission)

Contaminated water and soil= most common=

utilized by most parasite Ex:

Contaminated H₂O

Protozoa = *Giardia* . *Cryptosporidium*

Nematodes = *Ascaris* = *Trichiuris* = *Enterobius*

Contaminated Soil

(Ex: Hookworm,) larva of parasite penetrate skin goes to venous circulation heart lungs alveoli (air sac) rupture bronchioles bronchi trachea esophagus swallowed into the stomach

Infection & infestation



- Infectious diseases are caused by transmittable parasitic agents including bacteria, viruses, fungi, protozoa and a variety of metazoans commonly referred to as helminths or worms
- Infection usually implies replication of the agent resulting in a growing number of pathogens
- Infestation are characterized by a constant number of pathogens. Severity of disease often depends on infection dose.

Skin = penetration of infective stage larva to skin

Directly

Ex: Cercaria of *Schistosoma*

Filariform larva of hookworm

Filariform larva of *S. stercoralis*

Indirectly

Through insect vectors Ex: Infective stage larva of

Trypanosoma and *Leishmania*

Infective stages of *Plasmodium*

Incubation Period: The time between the entrance of the organism and the appearance of the first signs and symptoms of the disease.

Disease terminology

- Prepatency: infected but parasite presence can not be detected yet
- Patency: established infection, parasite stages can be detected (malaria parasites in blood smears, worm eggs in feces etc.)
- Incubation period: time between infection and the development of symptoms
- Acute disease can lead to crisis which can resolve in spontaneous healing, chronic infection or death
- Convalescence: Period after healing, absence of infectious agents, no symptoms, in certain case immunity to reinfection

Human Parasitology

Medical
Protozoology

Medical
Helminthology

Medical
Arthropodology

- **Class Lobosea**
- **Class Zoomastigophorea**
- **Class Sporozoa**
- **Class Ciliophora**

- **Class Nematoda**
- **Class Trematoda**
- **Class Cestoda**
- **Class Metacanthocephala**

- **Class Insecta**
- **Class Arachnida**
- **Class Crustacea**
- **Class Chilopoda**