



# **Parasitic Infections Affecting CNS and Special senses**



## Each Slide has Two Questions

**Q1: Identify??**

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**Q2: A. Parasite Life cycle (DH, IH, RH, Habitat, Stages of life cycle, Infective stage, Diagnostic stage, Mode of infection).**

**B. Diagnostic specimens or samples.**

**C. Most important or commonest C/P**

**D. Most important or commonest Complication**

**E. Specific treatment**



## ➤ Parasitic Infections Affecting CNS :

### **Free living amoeba:**

- Primary Amoebic Meningoencephalitis
- Granulomatous Amoebic Meningoencephalitis

### ***Trypanosoma brucei* :**

- Sleeping Sickness

### ***Entamoebae histolytica***

- Secondary Amoebic Cerebral Abscess

### ***Taenia solium*:**

- NeuroCysticercosis



# 1) Pathogenic Free-Living Amoebae

*1) Naegleria fowleri*

*2) Acanthamoeba castellani*

# Naegleria fowleri (Primary Amoebic Meningoencephalitis)

**DH:** Man

**IH:** No

**RH:** No

**Habitat:** Free living in soil & fresh stagnant water, **CNS** in humans

**Stages of life cycle:** Amoeboid Trophozoite, Flagellate Trophozoite, Cyst

**IS:** Amoeboid trophozoite

**DS:** Trophozoite

**Mode of infection:** Nasal route → swimming/sniffing contaminated water, inhaling contaminated air

**Most C/P:** Neck stiffness, Fever, photophobia, seizures, altered mental status

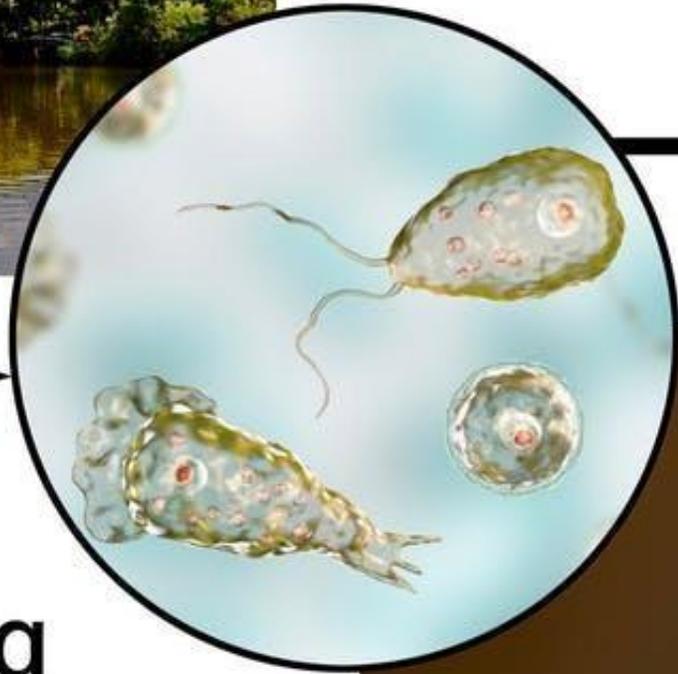
**Most Complications:** Coma and death

**Diagnostic specimens:** CSF

**Treatment:** Hospitalization, IV. Amphotericin-B, Fluconazole & Rifampicin



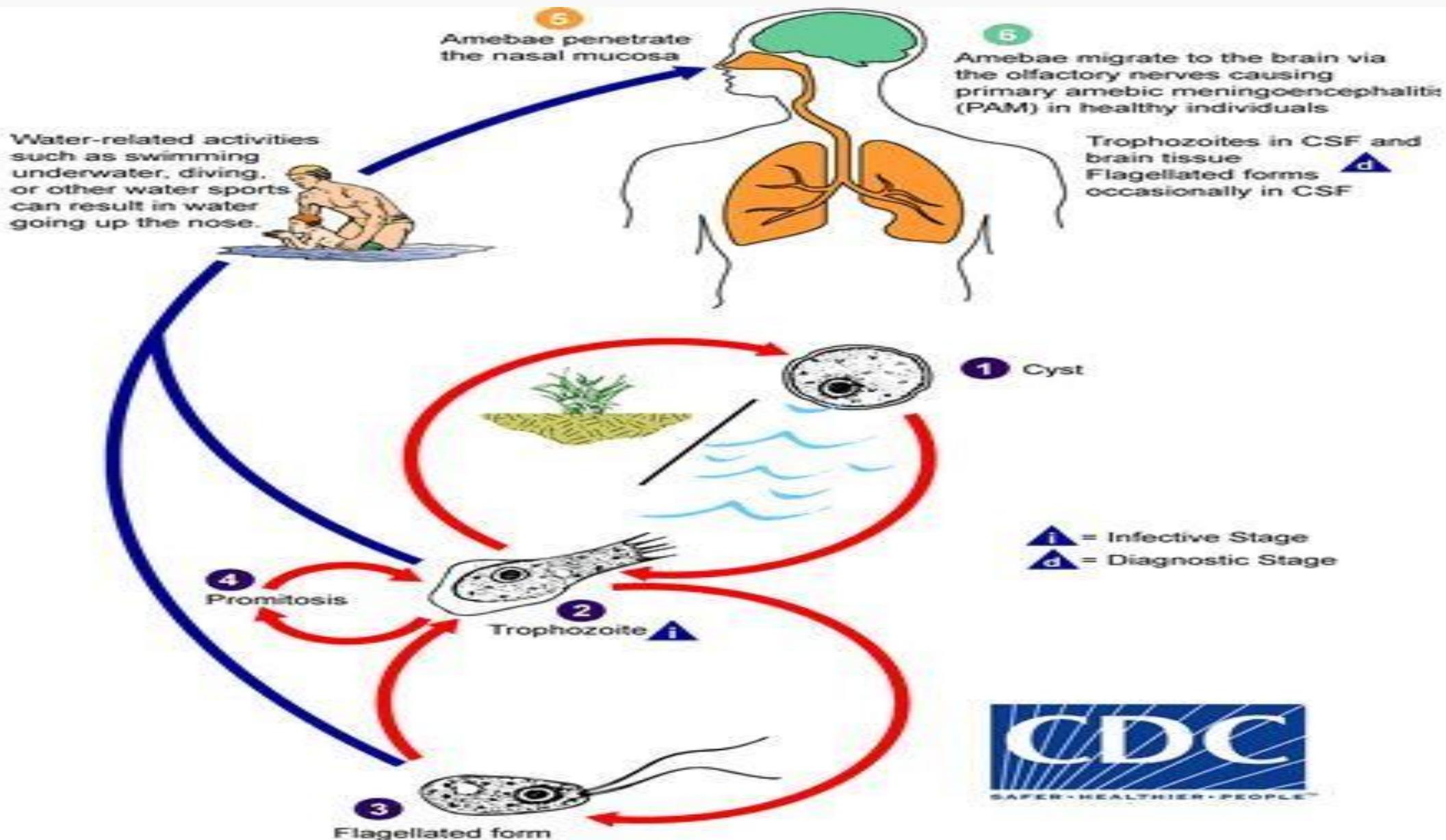
# Naegleriasis



**Brain-Eating  
Amoeba Infection**



# Naegleria fowleri Life cycle:





## *Naegleria fowleri* Life cycle:

- **Habitat:**
- Free living in soil and fresh- stagnant water
- In man it attack CNS
- **Infective stage:** Amoeboid trophozoite
- **Mode of infection:** through Nasal route.
  - 1 Swimming in /or sniffing contaminated water.
  - 2 Inhalation of contaminated air.



## ➤ *Naegleria fowleri* morphological stage:

### Amoeboid Trophozoite:

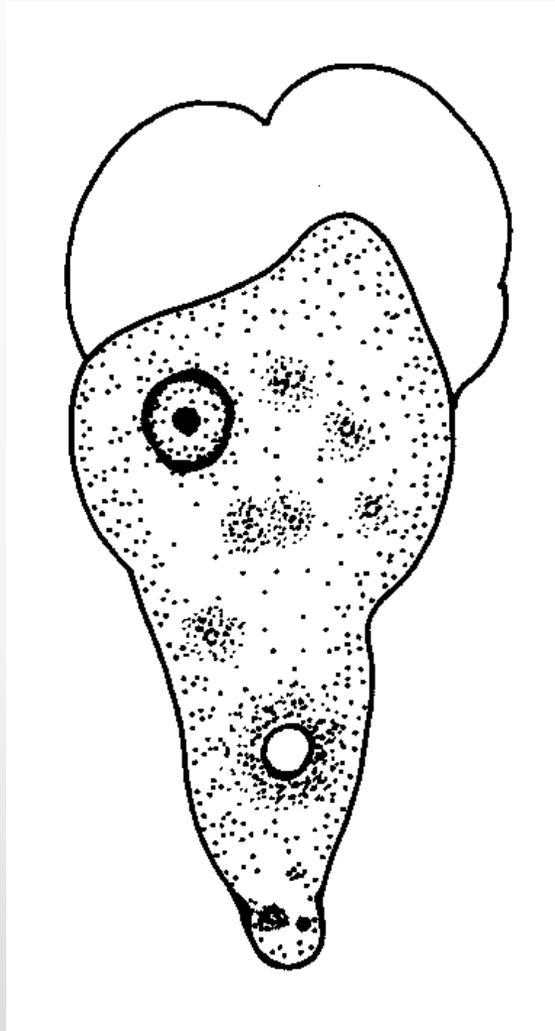
- (in tissues and CSF)
- Elongate with broad anterior end, tapering posterior end.
- with single pseudopodium.
- 15 $\mu$

### Flagellate Trophozoite

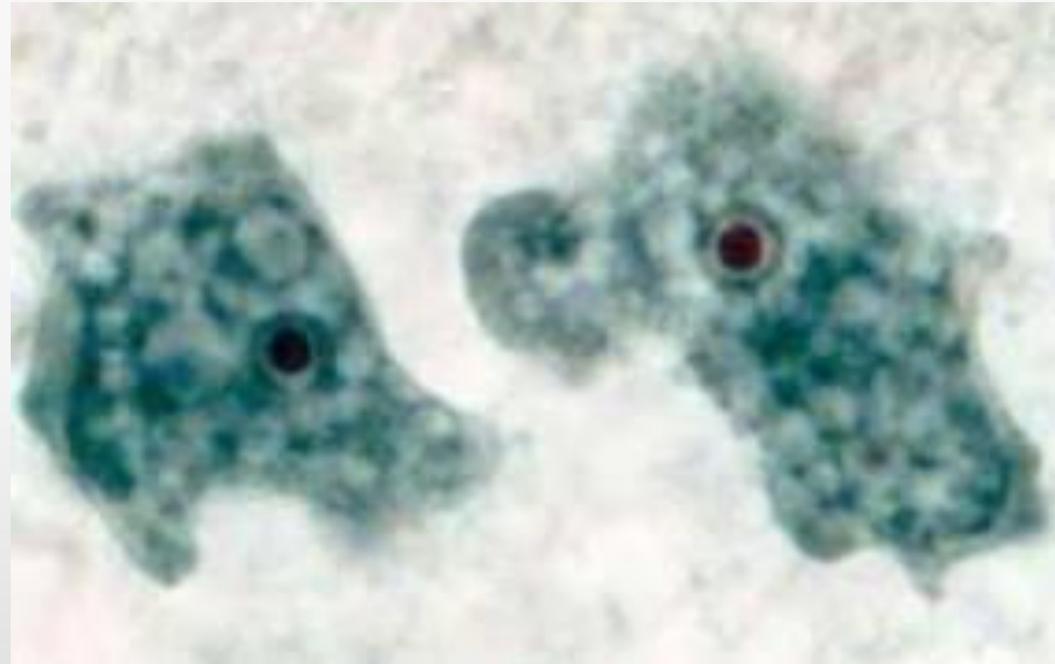
- (when contact with water)
- Pear shaped
- two long equal flagellae

### Cyst:

- Occurs in soil (never in tissues):
- Rounded
- 10  $\mu$ m.

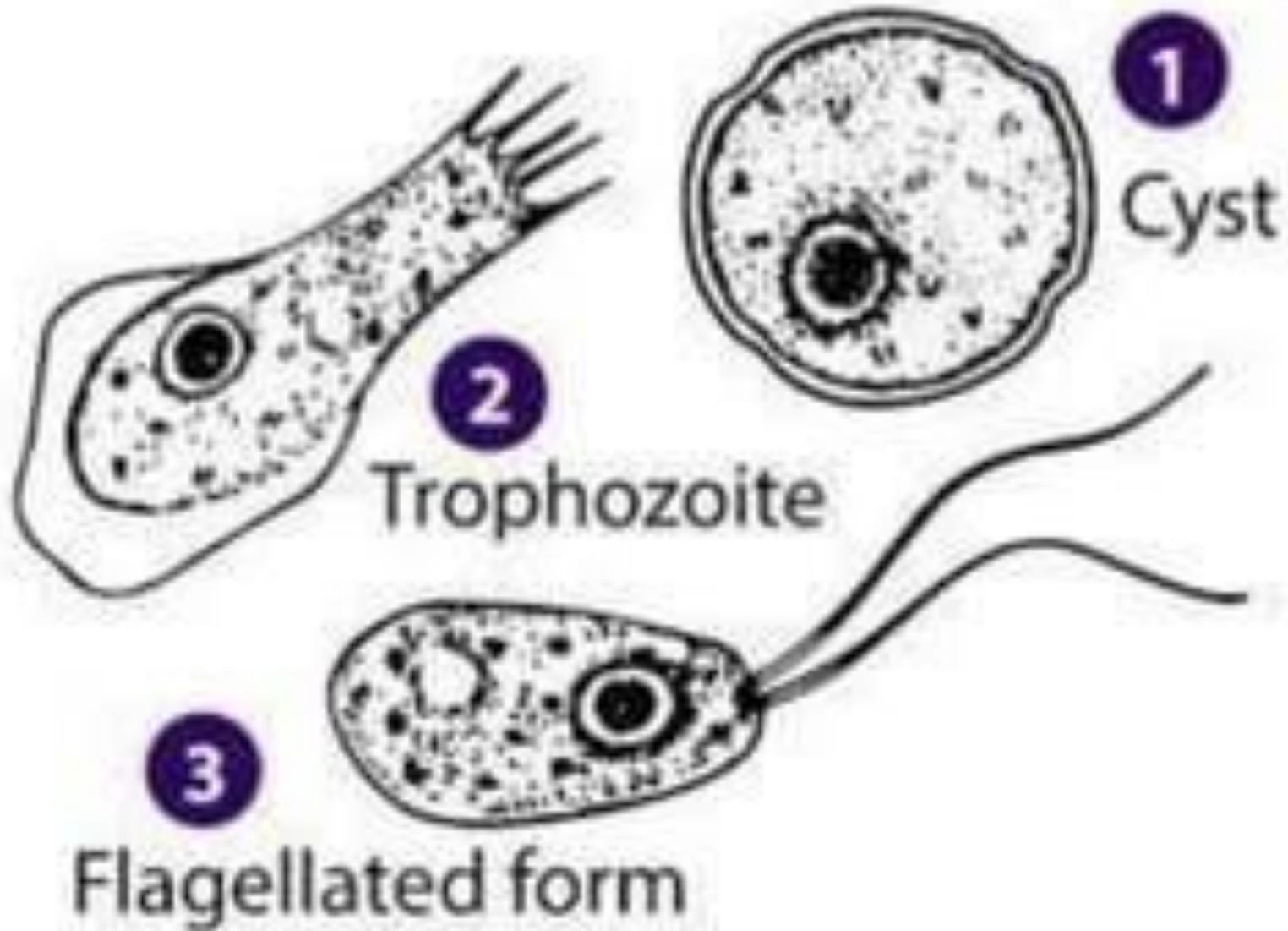


*Naegleria fowleri*



Amoeboid Trophozoite

# *Naegleria fowleri* stages



***Naegleria fowleri***  
**morphological**  
**stage:**



**Cyst stage**

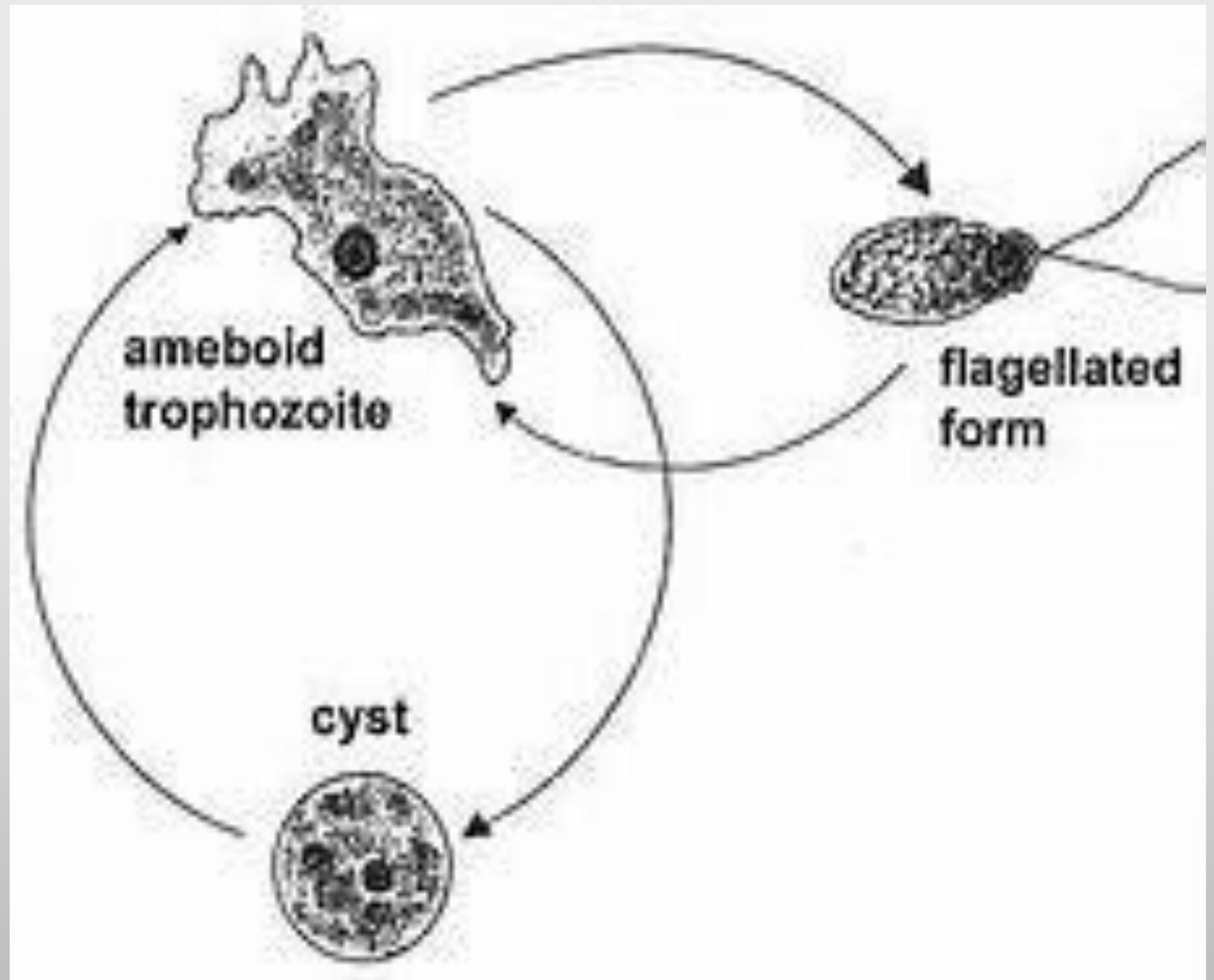


**Trophozoite stage**



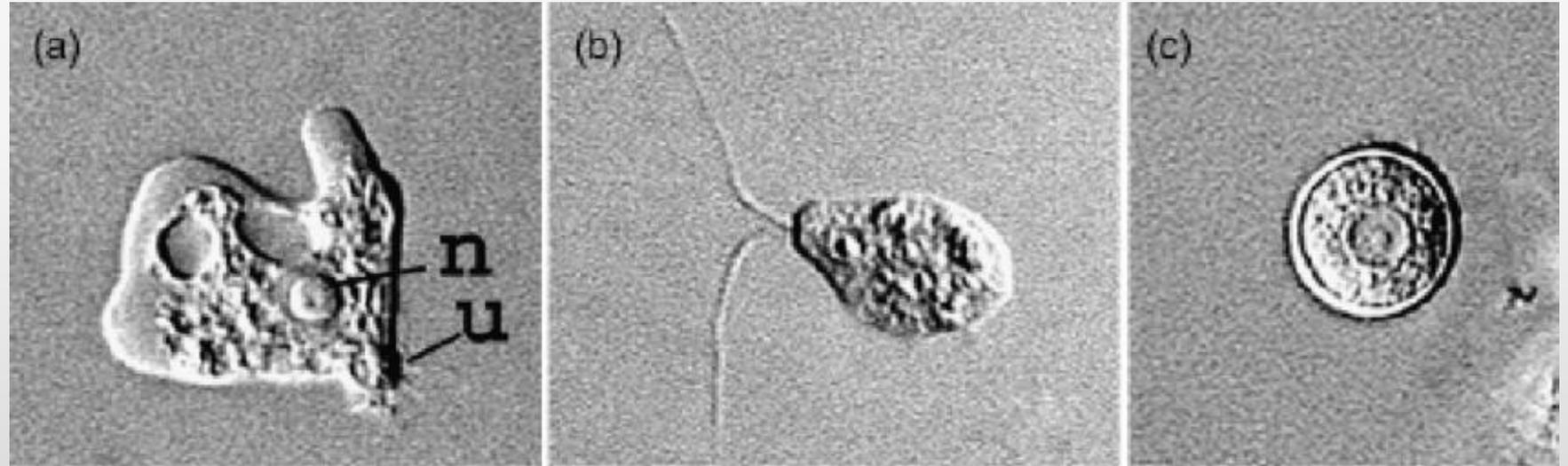
**Flagellated stage**

*Naegleria  
fowleri stages*



## *Naegleria fowleri* morphological stage:

- (a).....?
- (b) .....?
- (c) .....?





# 1) Pathogenic Free-Living Amoebae

*1) Naegleria fowleri*

*2) Acanthamoeba castellani*

# **Acanthamoeba castellani (Granulomatous amoebic meningoencephalitis)**

**DH: Man**

**IH: No**

**RH: No**

**Habitat:** soil, stagnant water & dust. In Man (**Brain, eye, skin**)

**Stages of life cycle:** Trophozoite, Cyst

**IS:** Trophozoite & Cyst

**DS:** Trophozoite & Cyst

**Mode of infection:** Through cornea (contact lenses), skin and mucosal ulcers, Inhalation

**Most C/P:** Keratitis, headache, seizures, stiff neck ...

**Most Complications:** Chronic granulomatous skin lesions

**D.Specimens:** CSF, Corneal scrapings

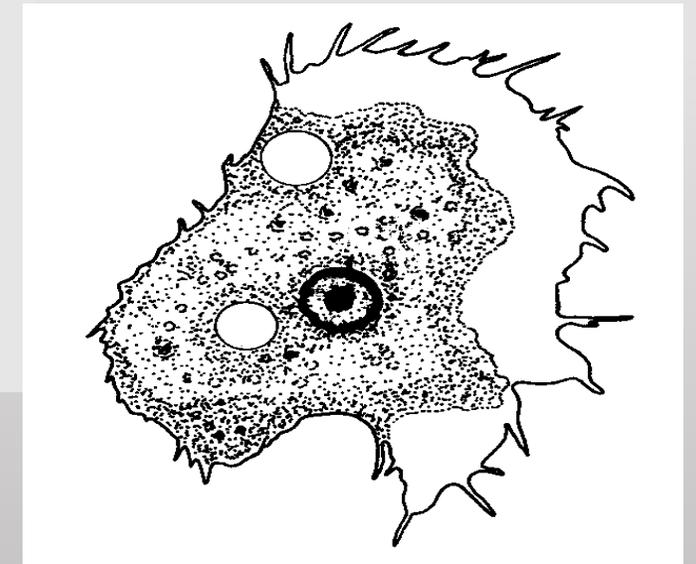
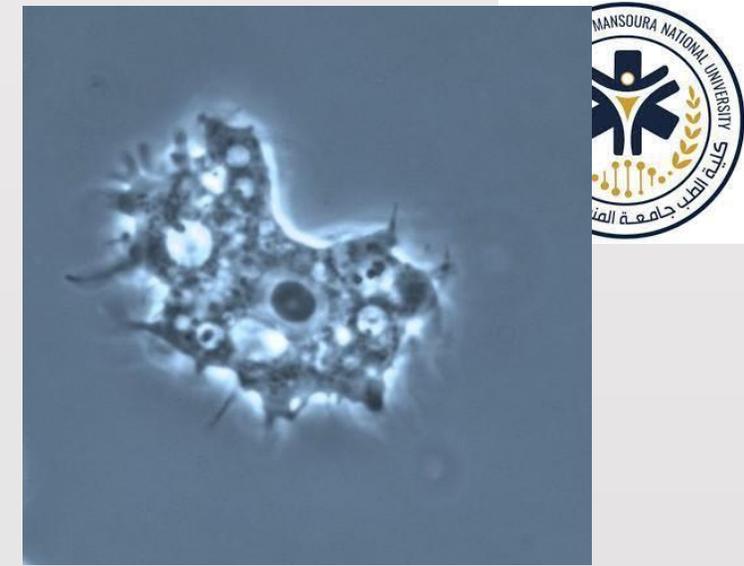
**Treatment:** Sulfamethoxazole/Trimethoprim+ Fluconazole & Rifampin



# *Acanthamoeba castellani*

Free-living trophozoite and cyst stages may exist in environment and in tissues

- Present in soil, dust, stagnant water and contact lens fluid.
- in man it affect CNS, eye, skin and lungs.



*Acanthamoeba castellani*  
trophozoite

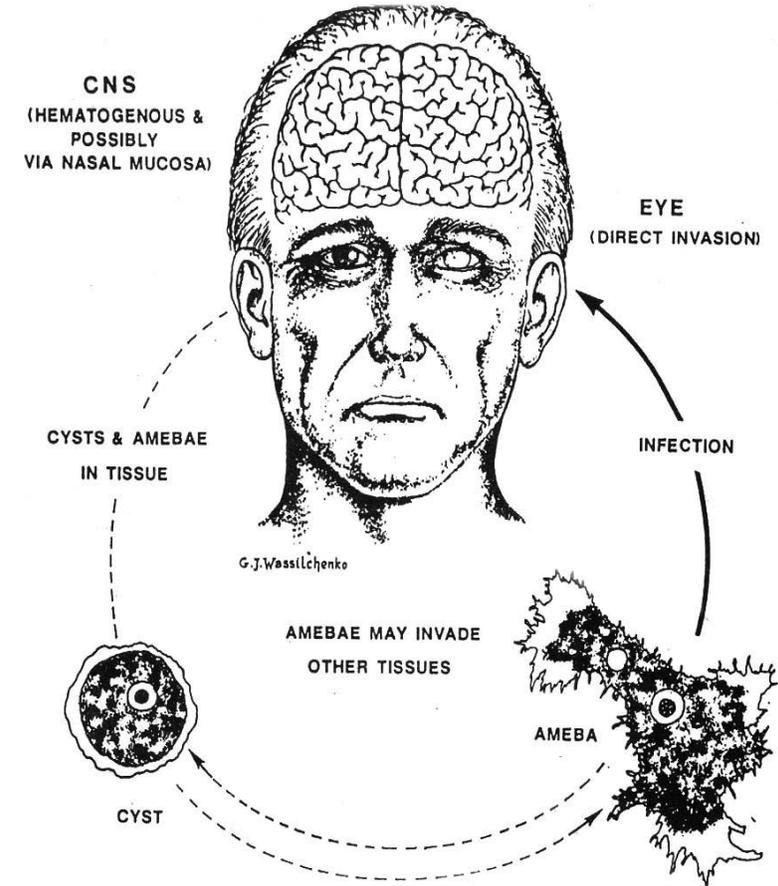
# *Acanthamoeba castellani* Morphology

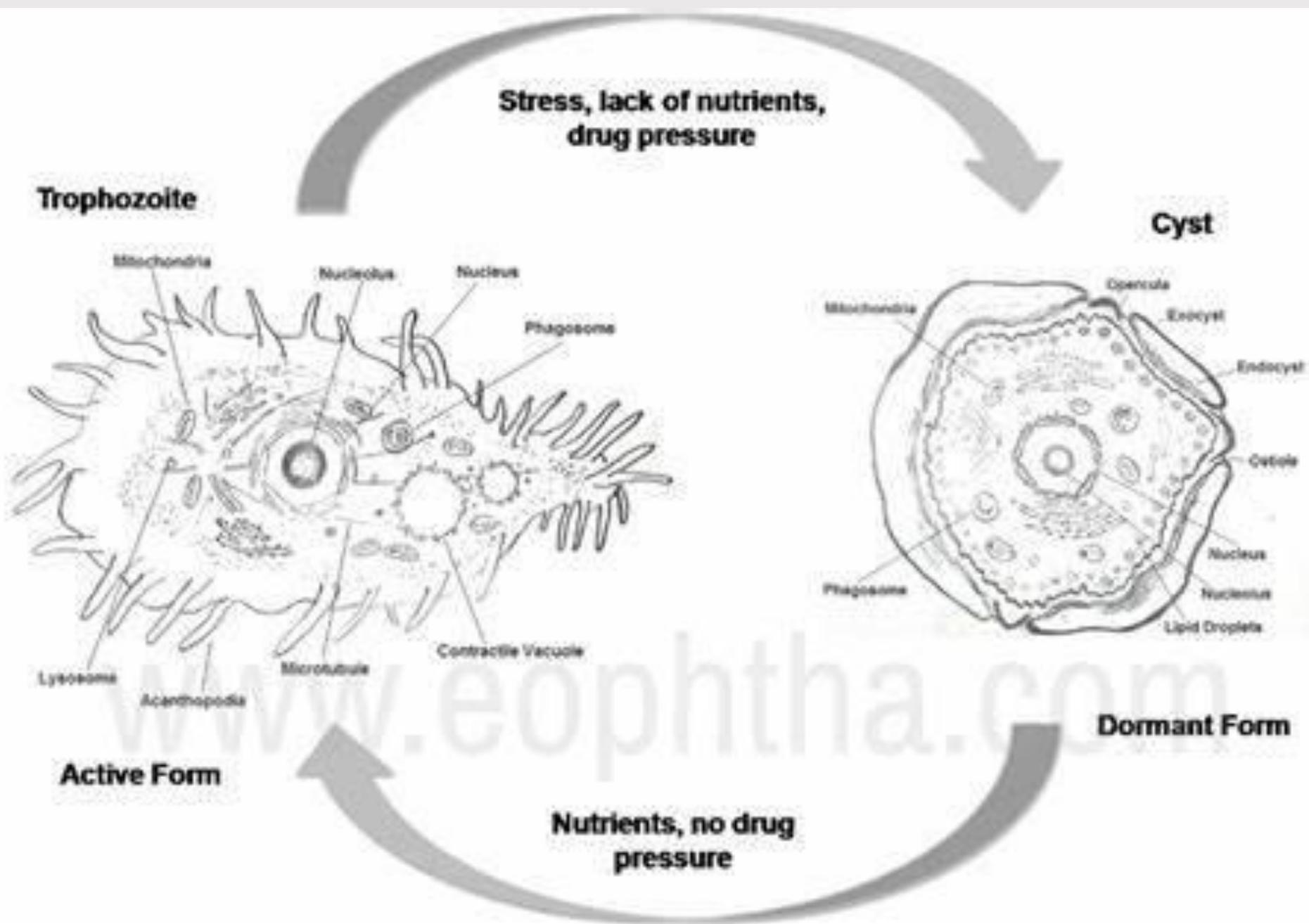
## Trophozoite:

- Amoeboid
- Cytoplasm is well differentiated
- Pseudopodia are multiple and spiky (Acanthopodia).
- 20-40  $\mu\text{m}$  in size

## Cyst:

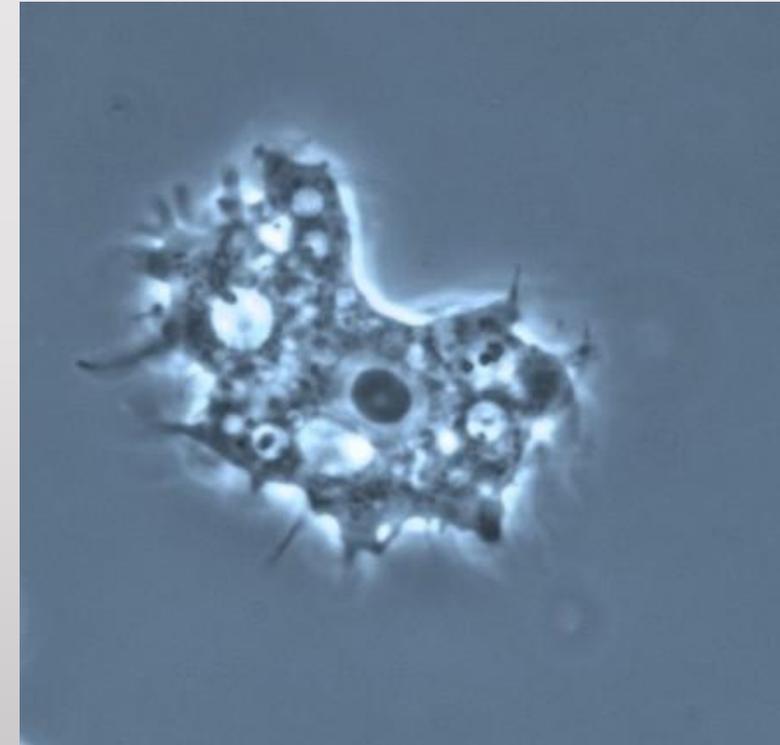
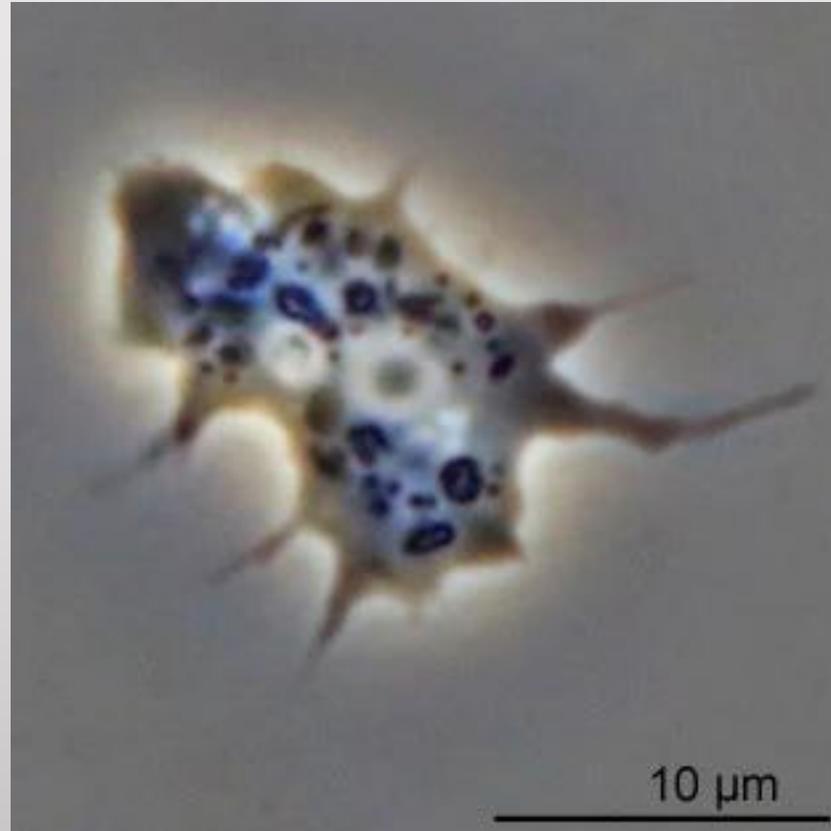
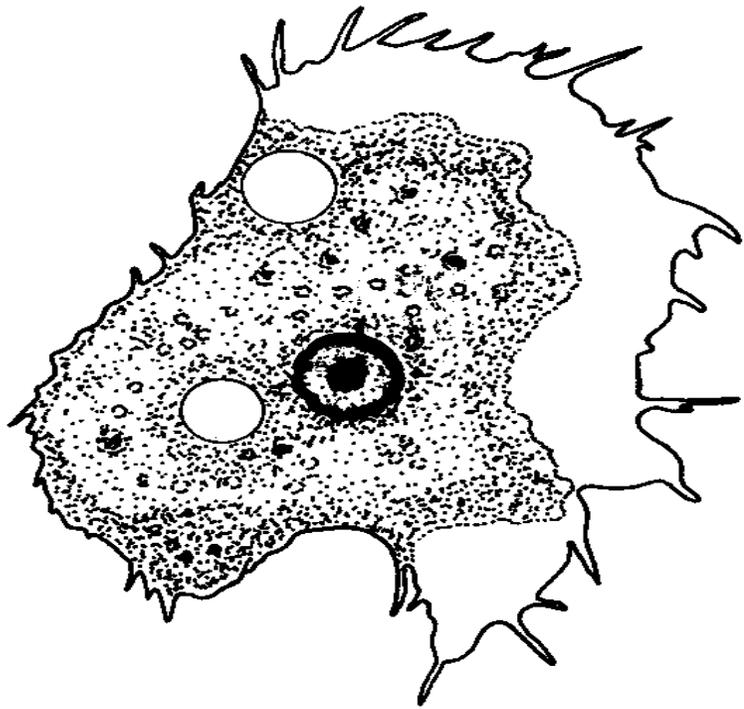
- Double wall
- Rounded
- 20  $\mu\text{m}$ .





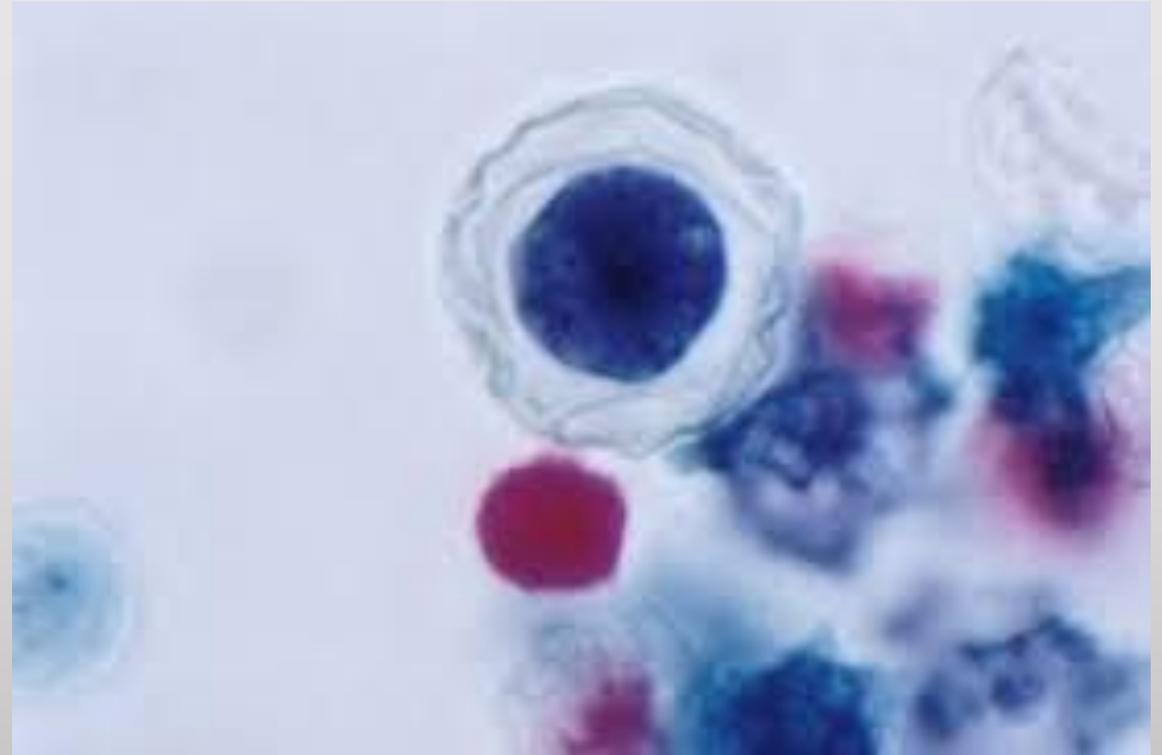
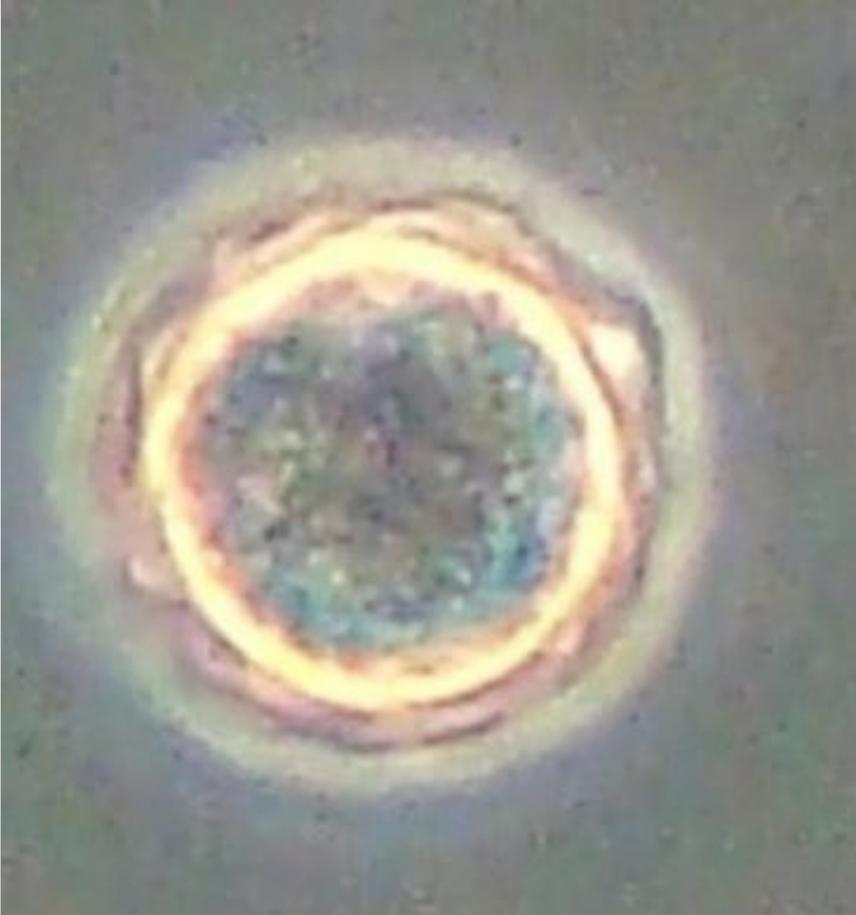


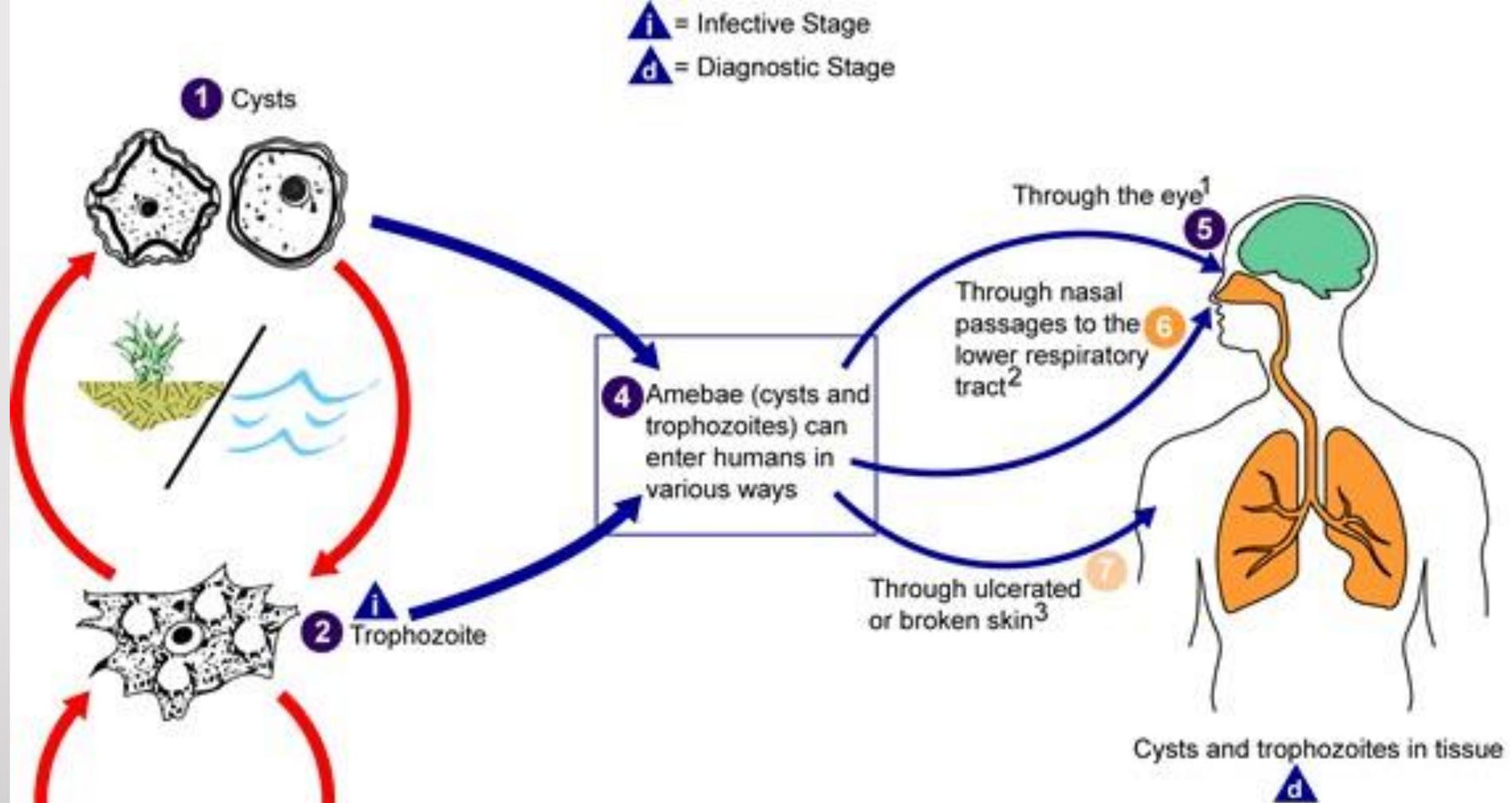
# *Acanthamoeba castellani* Trophozoite:





# *Acanthamoeba castellanii* cyst:





<sup>1</sup> Results in severe keratitis of the eye. **8**

<sup>2</sup> Results in granulomatous amebic encephalitis (GAE) and/or disseminated disease **10** in individuals with compromised immune systems. **9**

<sup>3</sup> Results granulomatous amebic encephalitis (GAE), disseminated disease **10**, or skin lesions individuals with compromised immune systems. **11**

# Life Cycle of *Acanthamoeba castellanii*

➤ **Habitat**: free living in soil, stagnant water and dust.

Or infect Human host (Brain, eye, skin)

➤ **Infective stage**: **Trophozoite & Cyst**

➤ **Source of infection**: dust, stagnant water and contact lens fluid.

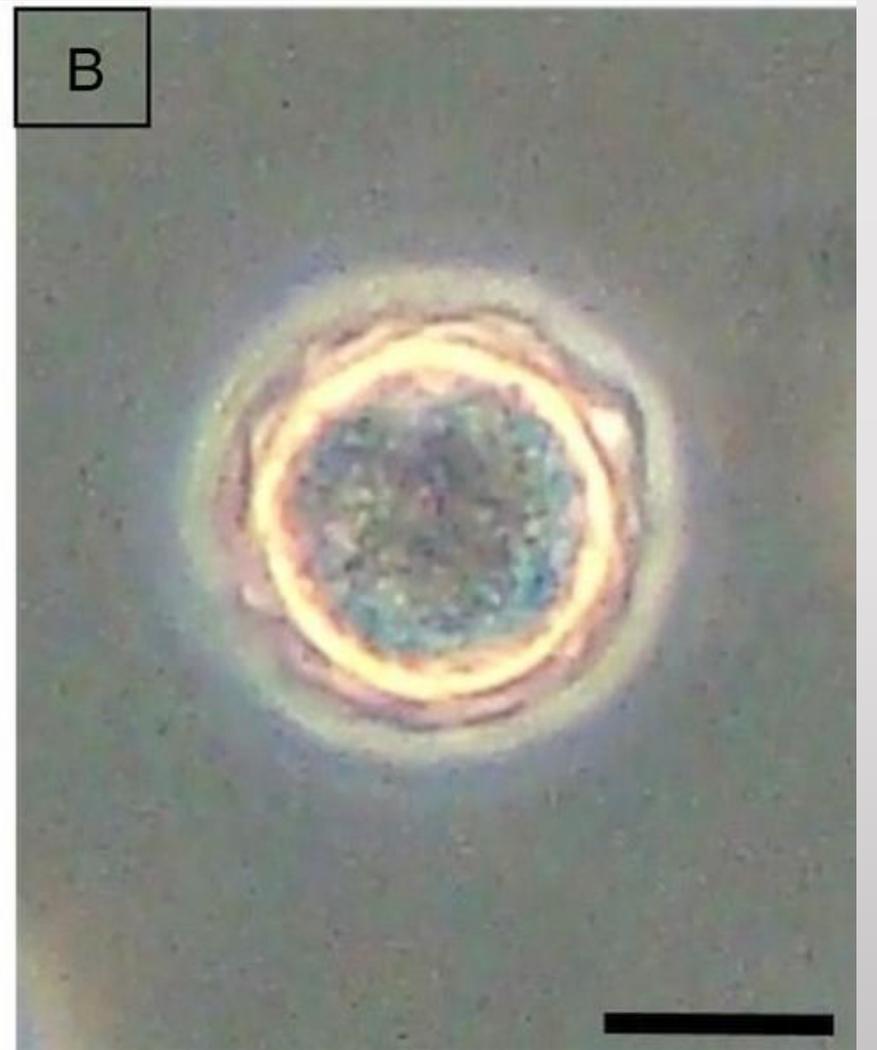
➤ **Portal of entry (Mode of infection)**:

-Through **skin** and **mucosal ulcers**,

-**Inhalation** into the lungs,

-Through **cornea** (contaminated contact lenses)

(A).....?  
(B).....?





# 3) African Trypanosomiasis Sleeping sickness

# African Trypanosomiasis (Sleeping sickness)

**DH:** Man

**IH:** Glossina fly

**RH:** Animals

**Habitat:** Blood → RES (liver, spleen, LNs, BM) → CNS

**Stages of life cycle:** Trypomastigote, Epimastigote, Metacyclic trypomastigote

**IS:** Metacyclic trypomastigote

**DS:** Polymorphic Trypanosomes

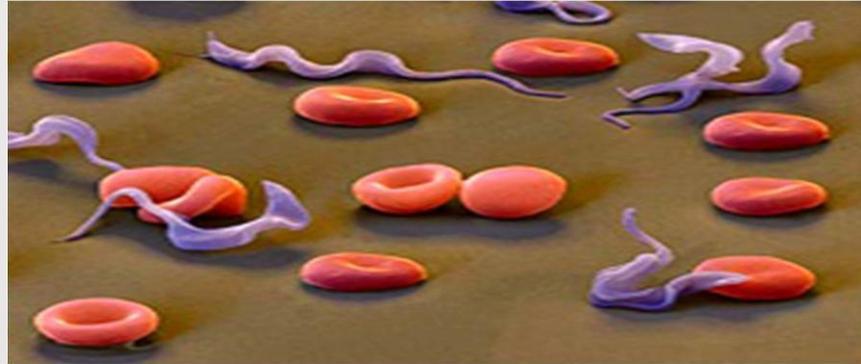
**Mode of infection:** Bite of fly carrying IS, Blood transfusion, Organ transplantation, Congenital

**Most C/P:** chancre, Winterbottom's sign

**Most Complications:** Coma & death

**D.Specimens:** blood, aspirate (chancre, LN, BM) & CSF

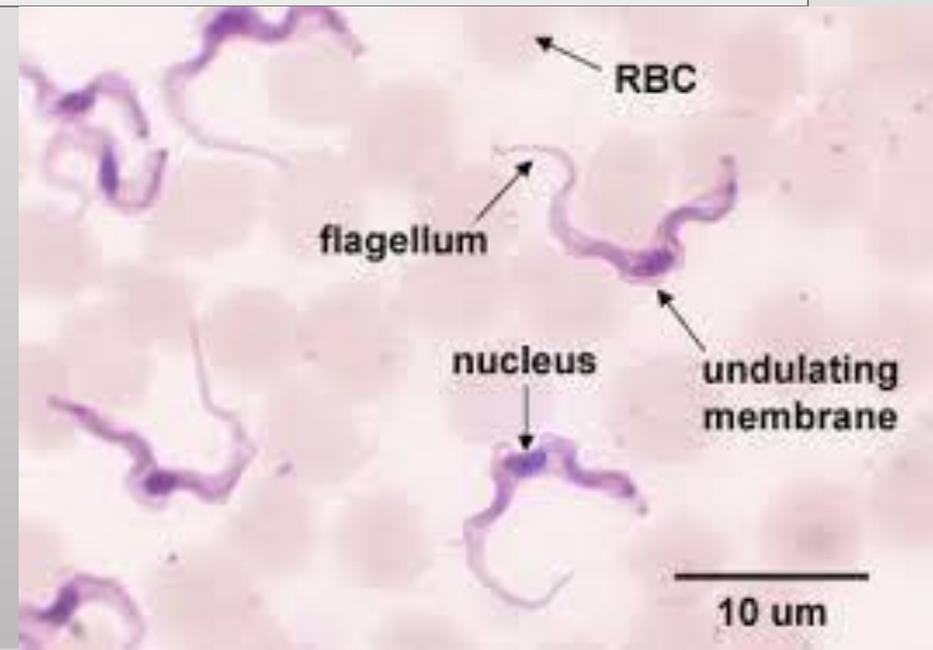
**Treatment:** Early → Suramin & Pentamidine, Late → Melarsoprol



Parasitic diseases caused by *Trypanosoma brucei*. There are 2 main forms:

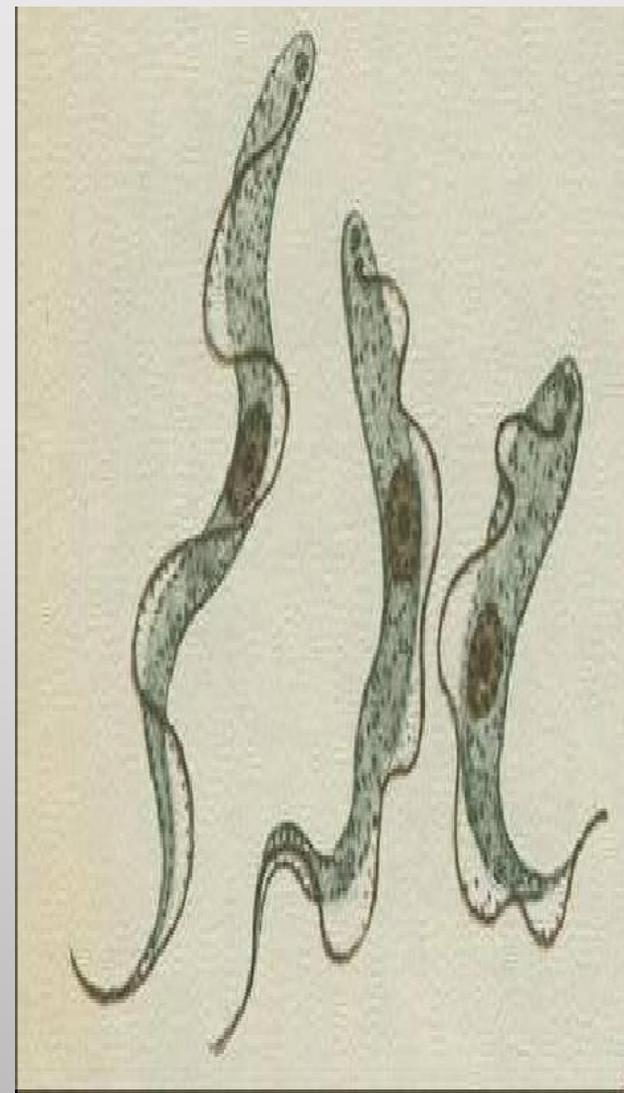
- Chronic Sleeping sickness: caused by *Trypanosoma brucei gambiense*
- Acute Sleeping sickness: caused by *Trypanosoma brucei rhodesiense*

*Trypomastigotes* (flagellated form):  
Motile (with anterior flagellum & undulating membrane).

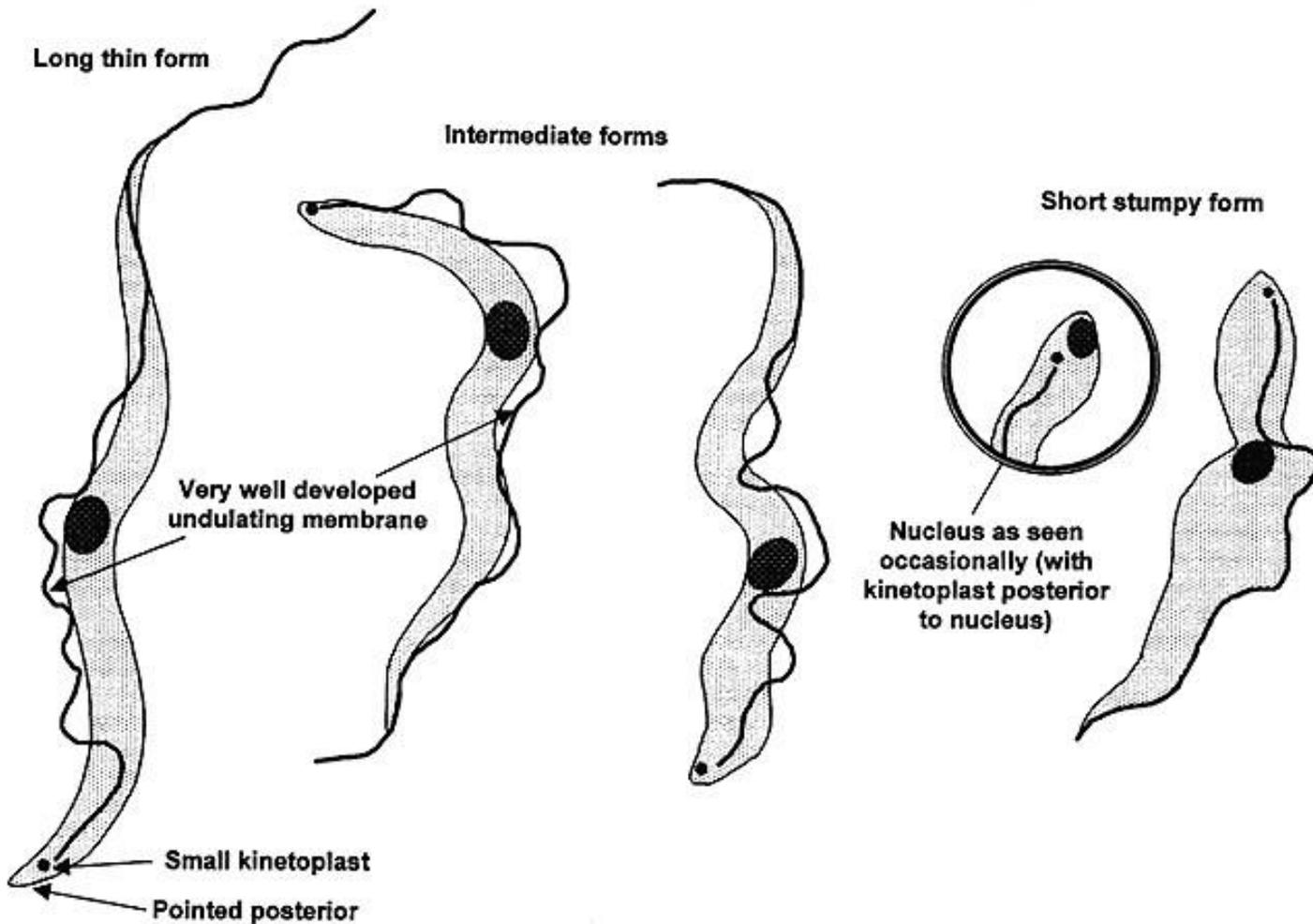


***Trypomastigote* has 3 forms in vertebrate host**

| Morphological form          | Characters  |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 1- <u>Long slender</u> form | 30 u in length, with a free flagellum & actively motile |
| 2- <u>Intermediate</u> form | 22 u in length, with a short free flagellum             |
| 3- <u>Short stumpy</u> form | 15 u in length, without a free flagellum                |

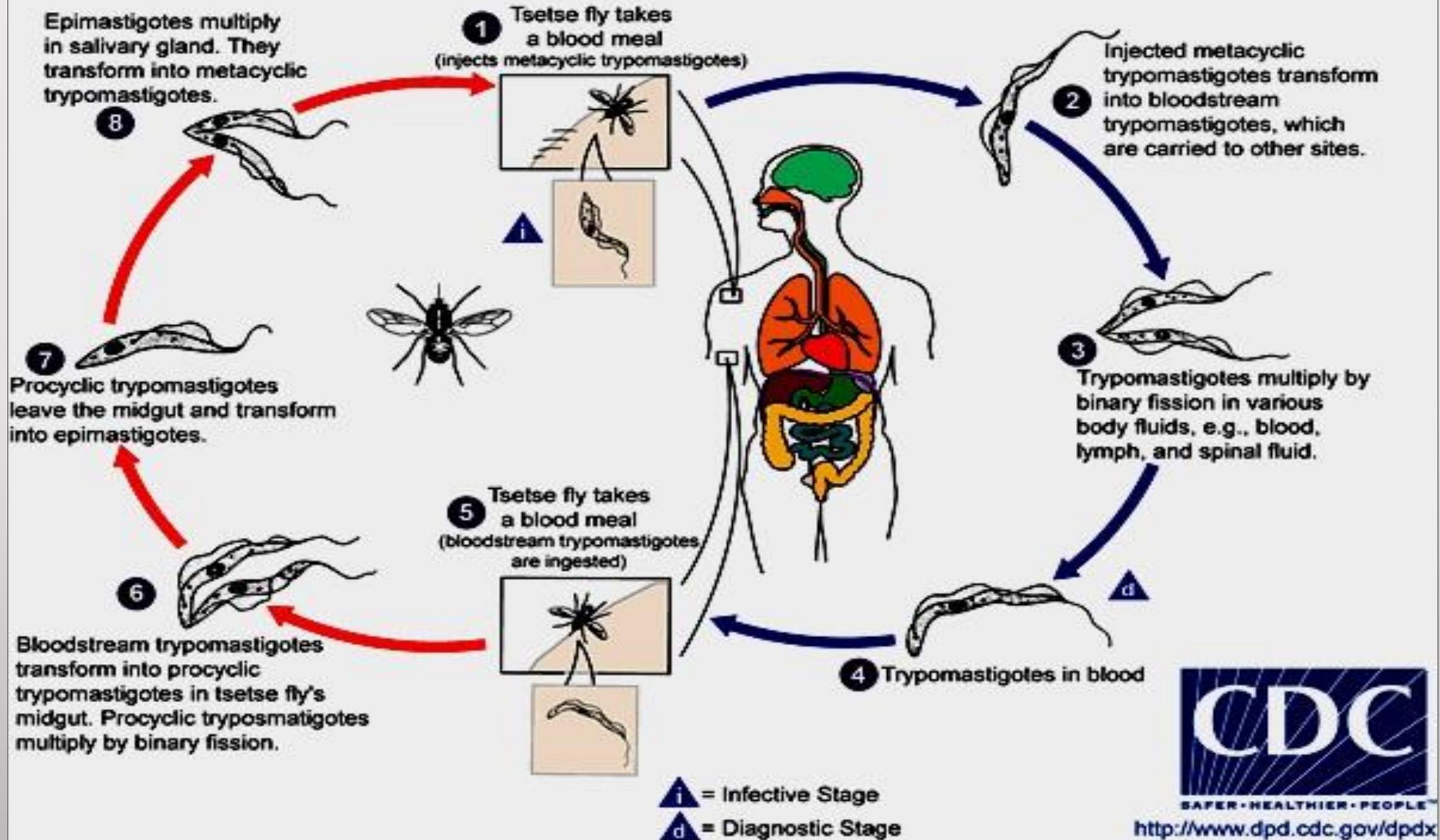


- In Vector (Glossina fly) → Metacyclic trypomastigote  
(infective stage) in salivary gland.



## Tsetse fly Stages

## Human Stages





# Life Cycle:

## ➤ Habitat

- During the early stages of the disease; *Trypanosomes* are found extracellular in the peripheral blood. Then, RECs (Liver, Spleen, Lymph nodes, Bone marrow).
- In the terminal stages; in CNS

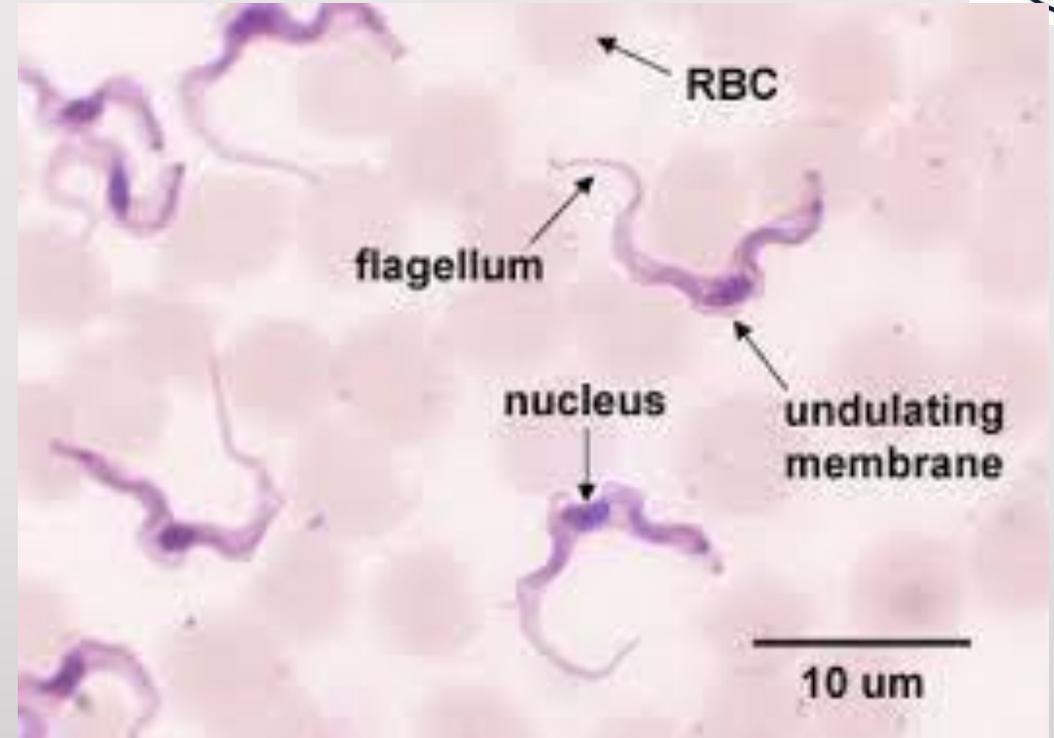
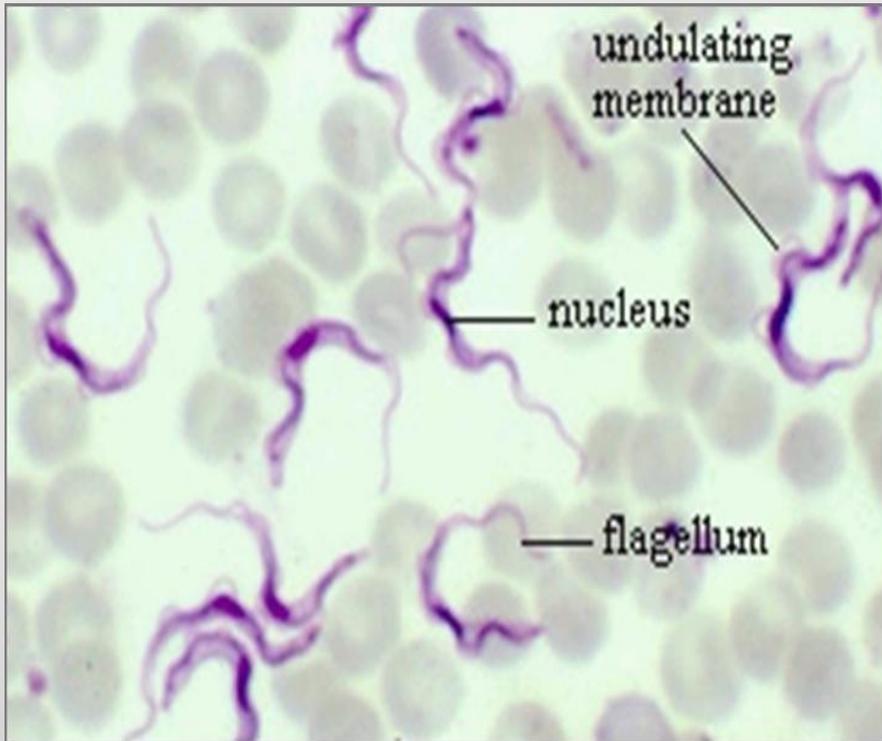
D.H. ( man )

R.H. (animals) as, antelopes, pigs, goats, dogs.

I.H. (Vector) Glossina fly.

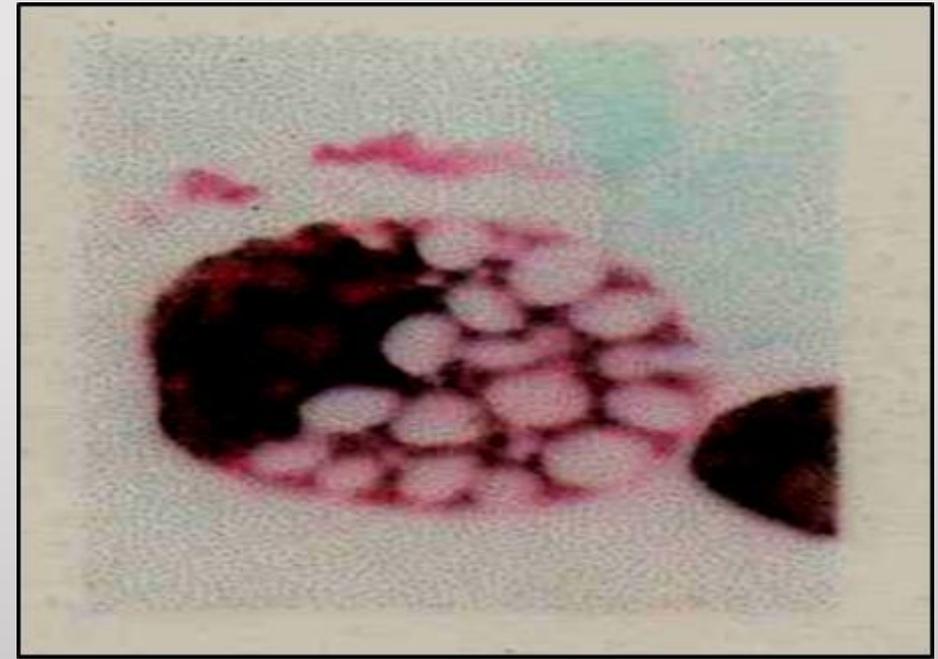
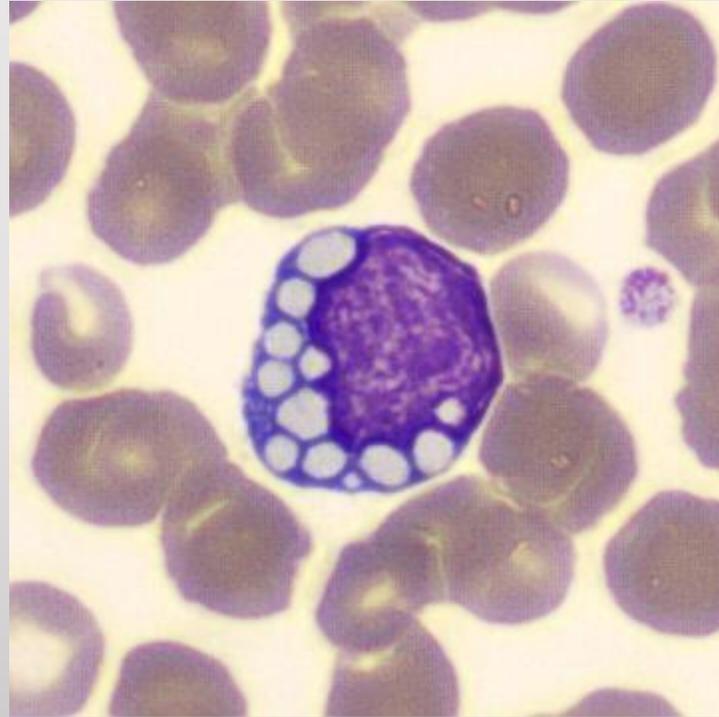
## Mode of transmission:

- 1 Bite of the fly, infective stages in the Saliva of infected vector.
- 2 Blood transfusion
- 3 Organ transplantation
- 4 Congenital



## Polymorphic Trypanosomes in blood film

➤ **CSF examination: Trypomastigotes, and Morula cells of Mott (Vacoulated cytoplasm)**



**Vector**  
**(Glossina fly)**





# Onchocerciasis

# **Onchocerca volvulus (Onchocerciasis - River Blindness)**

**DH:** Man

**IH:** Simulium fly

**RH:** No

**Habitat:** Adult worms live in fibrous subcutaneous nodules

**Stages of life cycle:** Microfilariae, Larva, Adult

**IS:** Filariform larvae

**DS:** Microfilariae or Adult

**Mode of infection:** Bite of infected Simulium

**Most C/P:** Skin → Onchocerca nodule, Severe dermatitis, pigmentation

Eye → River blindness (Sudan blindness) conjunctivitis with photophobia

**Most Complications:** Blindness

**D.Specimens:** Skin snip, conjunctival biopsy

**Treatment:** Ivermectin for microfilaria, Doxycycline for adult worm



- Infection of human skin and subcutaneous tissue by *Onchocerca volvulus* adult and microfilaria (Nematode).
- **Mode of infection:** through inoculation of the **infective filariform larva (Infective stage)** present in the mouth of intermediate host (*Simulium fly*) into skin bite.
- Adult worms live in **fibrous subcutaneous nodules** from the host reaction (**not tender**).

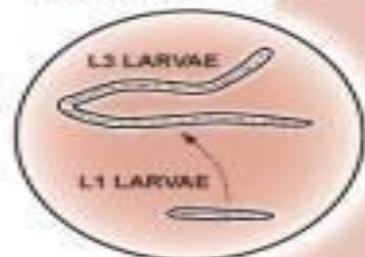
# The Life Cycle of River Blindness (Onchocerciasis)

## BLACK FLY STAGES

1 An infected black fly seeks a blood meal from a host.

2 Larvae migrate from the midgut to the black fly's proboscis.

3 Inside a black fly's midgut, microfilariae develop into L3 infectious larvae.



4 Another black fly becomes infected, continuing the cycle



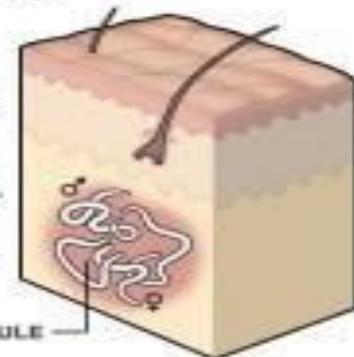
A black fly, feeding on the blood of an infected person, ingests microfilariae, and becomes infected.

## HUMAN STAGES

1 An infected black fly starts the cycle

A black fly deposits larvae on the skin while biting and the larvae enter the wound.

2 Inside the skin tissue, larvae develop into worms, which cluster densely in nodules.



3 Adult worms mate and produce microfilariae (immature worms). A female worm can produce almost 1,000 microfilariae a day.

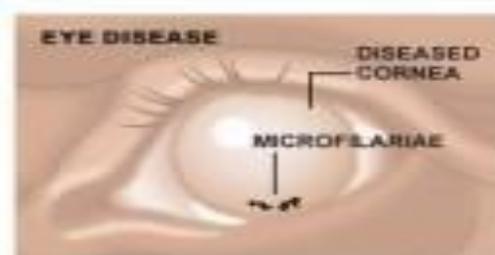


4 Thousands of microfilariae migrate through skin tissue, causing a variety of symptoms.

## SYMPTOMS OF RIVER BLINDNESS

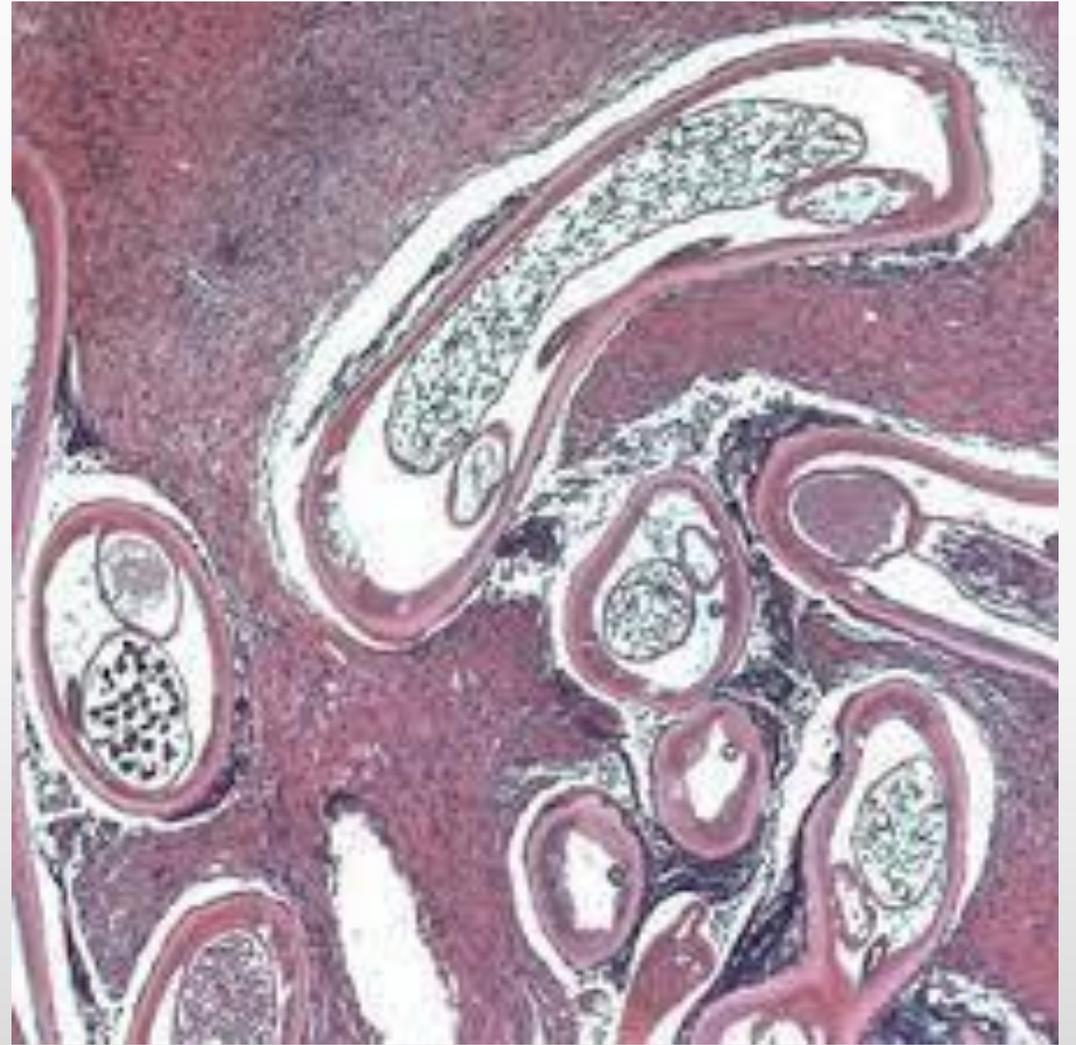
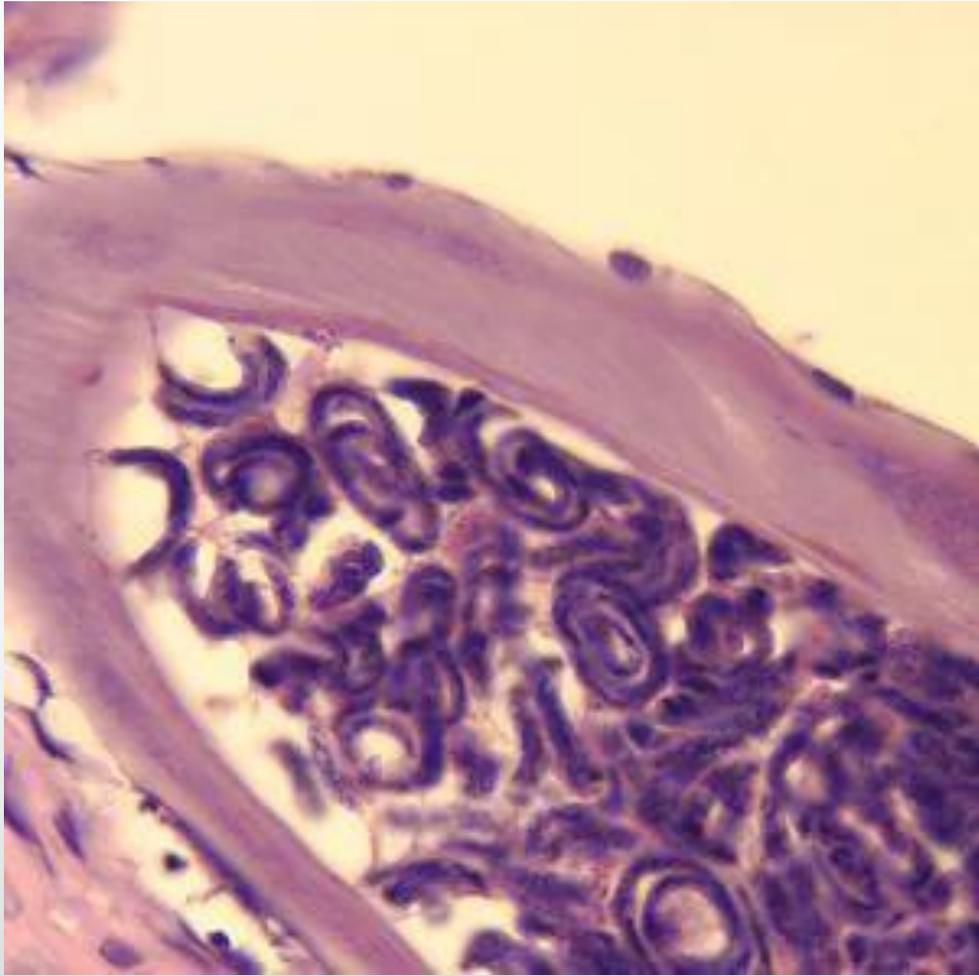
### SKIN DISEASE

In addition to nodules, when microfilariae die, the resulting inflammation causes skin rashes, intense itching and skin depigmentation.

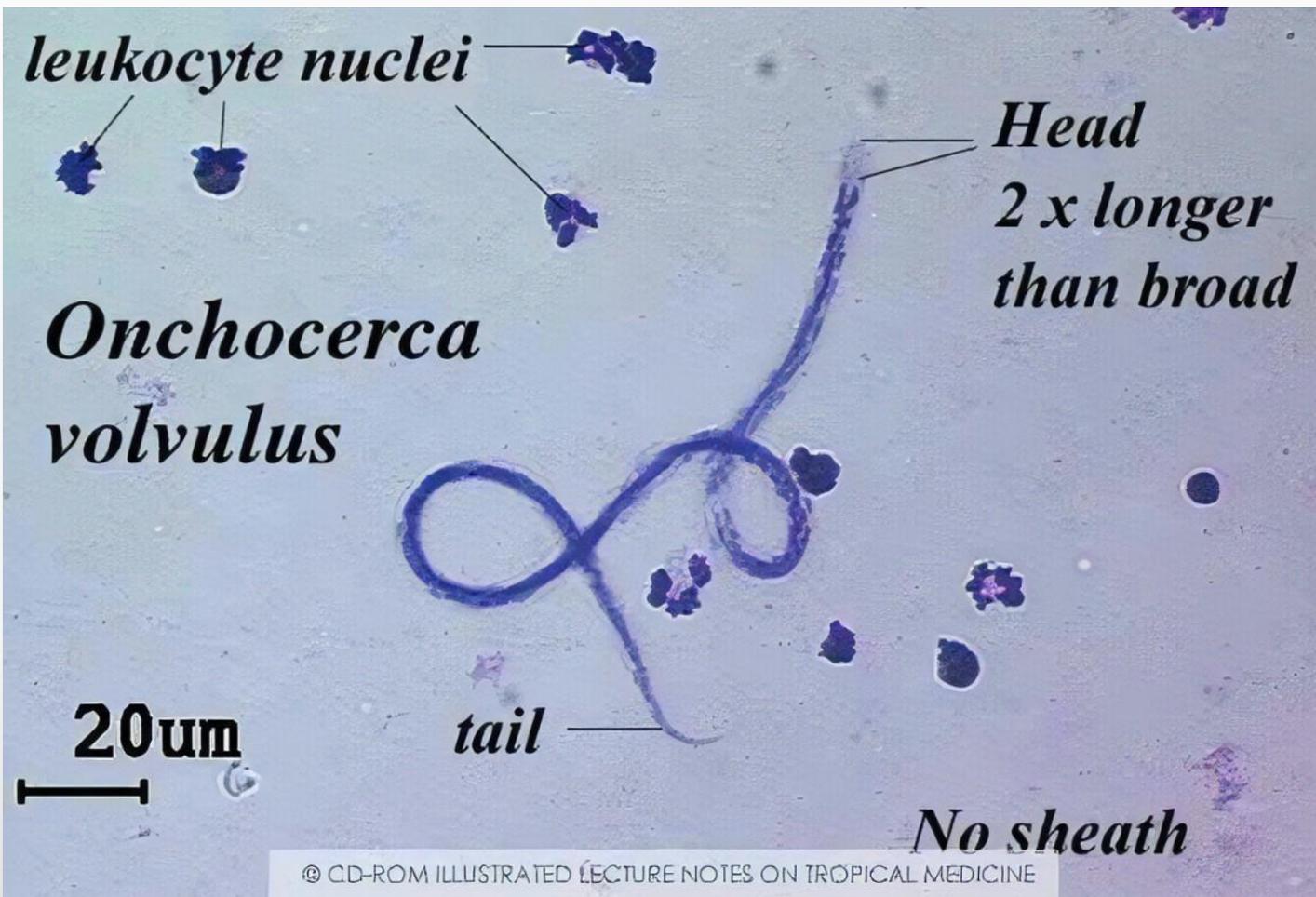


Microfilariae migrate to the cornea, causing infection and inflammation that result in blindness.





***Onchocerca volvulus* nodule (onchocercoma) cut section:**



***Onchocerca volvulus***  
**Microfilaria**



## Discussion & Feedback



3 minutes