

# HELMINTHOLOGY

## CESTODA-4



Subclass:

CESTODA

Order:

PSEUDOPHYLLIDEA

CYCLOPHYLLIDEA

Family:

Diphyllobothriidae

Taeniidae

Mesocestoididae

Dilepididae

Davaineidae

Hymenolepididae

Anaplocephalidae

## Family: DILEPIDIDAE

### 1 -*Dipylidium caninum*

Final host: Dog, cat, wild carnivorous animals / Small intestine  
Human\*

Intermediate host: Cat, dog, human flea (larvae) / **Cysticercoid**  
Dog lice (larvae + mature)

**Distribution:** common

# Morphology:

- 20 – 50 cm long
- Rostellum 3 – 4 lines hooked
- The proglottids are in the form of melon / cucumber seeds
- GA in the middle on the laterals



## Biology:

- **Epidemiology:**
- Fleas and lice

- **Treatment and control:**

Treatment of adult  
proglottid

Flea, lice and  
ectoparasitic drug

**3-4 WEEKS**

### **-Dipylidium sexcoronatum**

The rostellum carries 6 lines  
of hooks –

The eggs in the egg capsule  
are small

**1 MONTH**

## ➤ **2 - Joyeuxiella pasqualei**

- Final host: Cat, dog and other carnivores
- Intermediate host: Coprophage insects /  
**Cysticercoid**

★ \*LIZARD (**Parathenic intermediate host**)

- **Distribution:** common

### ➤ **Morphology:**

- 20 – 30 cm. long , 1 – 2 mm. large
- Rostellum with 16 rows of hooks
- GA proglottid in upper half
- Egg capsules contain only one egg

## Biology / Epidemiology:

**Pathogenesis / Clinic:** \* Complaint of dropping beads

## Treatment / Control:

### Joyeuxiella echinorhyncoides

(Similar to the previous species, wider (2 – 3 mm), rostellum hook row number 23 – 25)

### 3- Diplopylidium nölleri

Final host: Carnivore / Small intestine

Intermediate host: Various coprophage arthropoda / **Cysticeroid**  
Reptiles (**paratenic host**)

**Distribution:** Prevalent all of the world , also in Turkey

**Morphology:** 9 – 12 mm long

Rostellum 3 – 4 rows hooked

(\* First row is large *Taenia* hook, others are in the form of small rose thorns)

There is only one egg in cocoon

**Joyeuxiella pasqualei**

*Dipylidium caninum*

**Diplopylidium spp.**



#### 4 – *Choanotaenia infundibulum*

Last host: Chicken, turkey and other wild poultry / Small intestine

Intermediate host: **Coleoptera**, mainly **Musca domestica**, feces eating insects and **grasshoppers** / **Cysticeroid**

**Morphology:** 20 cm long – Rostellum single row hooked – Eggs filamentous

#### 5 – *Amoebotaenia cuneata*

Final host: Chicken, turkey, duck / small intestine

Intermediate host: **Earthworm** / **Cysticeroid**

**Morphology:** up to 4 mm –rostellum single line of hooks

#### 6 – *Metroliasthes lucida*

Final host: Chicken, poultry such as turkey / Small intestine

Intermediate host: Various **grasshopper** species / **Cysticeroid**

**Morphology:** 20 cm ↑ - no rostellum - Hooked pullers

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## Family: DAVAINEIDAE

### 1- Davainea proglottina

Final host: Poultry / Duodenum

Intermediate host: Crustacean, crustacean slugs / **Cysticercoid**

**Distribution:** common

**Morphology:** 4 mm long (4 – 9 proglottids)  
rostellum (carries 6 lines of hooks)

\*\*There are hooks in suckers

GA ring in upper half

# Biology:

Proglottids phototropic / active

1-2 WEEKS

Their eggs are unstable  
(It can stay alive for 4 – 5 days)

3 WEEKS

**Cysticercoid** / can survive  
for 1 year

*Davainea proglottina*



**Pathogenicity:** It is the most pathogenic among the bird tapeworms.



- Lots of small space
- It has rostellum / Hooked suckers
- Embedded deep in the intestine

Hemorrhagic inflammation  $\Rightarrow$  necrosis  $\Rightarrow$  death

- **2- Railliettina tetragona**
- **Last host:** Poultry / small intestine
- 6 – 25 cm long
- Rostellum / Suckers carry hooks (weak)
- Eggs 6 – 12 in a cocoon

Ants are **intermediate host** / **Cysticercoid**

## **Railliettina cestisillus**

**Last host:** Poultry, small intestine

13cm long

Rostellum semicircular shape, flat

Single egg in egg capsule

Coprophage insects are **intermediate host** / **Cysticercoid**

## Railliettina echinobothrida

Last host: poultry, small intestine

25cm long

Rostellum / Suckers carry hook

Eggs in 6 – 12-in-one capsules

Ants are **intermediate host** / **Cysticercoid**

★ The most pathogenic among the Railliettina species

Causes nodule formation, Causes **HYPERPLASTIC ENTERITIS**

(Mixed with tuberculosis)

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Family: **HYMENOLEPIDIDAE**

## 1- **Hymenolepis nana**

Final host: Rodent, primate, human / Small intestine

Intermediate host: Coleoptera, flea species / **Cysticercoid**

★ can also develop without intermediate host.

**Distribution:** common

**Morphology:** 2.5 – 4 cm long

1mm wide

★ **“THE DWARF TAPEWORM”**

It have rostellum

- **Biology:**
- With intermediate host (Indirect)
- Without Intermediate host (Direct)

★ AUTOINFECTION  
- INNER  
- OUTER

## Pathogenicity and clinical signs:

### Light infections:

Asymptomatic

### Heavy infections:

*H.nana* can cause weakness, headaches, anorexia, abdominal pain, and diarrhea.

**Diagnosis:** Diagnosis is made by identifying dwarf tapeworm eggs in stool/feces.

**Treatment:** Niclosamide 200 mg/kg

Praziquantel 25 mg/kg

Mebendazole 30 mg/kg x 3 days

## **Hymenolepis diminuta**

Final host: Rodent, human / Small intestine

Intermediate host: Various arthropods / Cysticercoid

**Morphology:** 45 cm long  
no rostellum

**Biology:** Indirect (Many arthropod species)





**Hymenolepis microstoma** (rodent / gallbladder, ducts)

**Hymenolepis carioca** (Chicken, small intestine / Coprophage insects and flour beetles are intermediate hosts).

**Hymenolepis lanceolata** ( Duck, goose(waterfowl) , small intestine / Aquatic crustacea intermediate host)

**Hymenolepis cantaniana** ( Chicken, turkey, small intestine / Coprophage insects intermediate host)



## 2- *Fimbriaria fasciolaris*

Final host: Goose, duck (waterfowl) / Duodenum

Intermediate host: Copepod crustacea

15 – 30 cm long

Scolex small, have rostellum

★ carries pseudoscolex

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**Anoplocephalidae**

➤ Family: **ANOPLOCEPHALIDAE**

➤ **HORSE TAPEWORM**

- Last host: Equides
- Location: Small intestine and caecum
- Intermediate host: Mites of the family Oribatidae
- Scolex: No rostellum (and hook),
- They have 4 suckers attach to the digestive sistem

**1. Anoplocephala perfoliata**

- The most common species
- Live at around ileo-caecal valve
- Lappets are present behind each of the 4 suckers

Last host: Equidae/ Lower parts of small intestine, caecum, colon (ileosecal orifice)

Intermediate host: Oribatid mites / **Cysticercoid**

Distribution: **Widespread**. There is also Turkey.

The most common equide tapeworm

**Morphology**: 2.5-5 cm long 8 cm5-14mm wide

Scolex: 2-3 mm in diameter

no rostellum

4 suckers

LAPPET (earring) carries

# **Anoplocephala magna**

**Last host:** Equidae

**Location:** small intestine, jejunum, rarely stomach

**Intermediate host:** Oribatid mites/ **Cysticercoid**

**Morphology:** 80 cm long (largest)

2.5cm wide

Scolex 4 – 6 mm in diameter (largest)

4 suckers (without earrings/ No lappet)



## 2. *Paranoplocephala mamillana*

**Final host:** Equidae

**Location:** small intestine, duodenum, rarely stomach

**Intermediate host:** Oribatid mites / **Cysticercoid**

**Morphology:** 10-40 mm long (smallest)

2-6mm wide

scolex small

4 suckers (slit format with openings)



## General Biology: (*A. perfoliata*, *A. magna*, *P. mamillana* + *M. pallida*)

**Life cycle:** Soil mites eat tapeworm eggs from feces, horse eats mites containing cysticercoids, attach to the ileo-cecal junction, mature into adults, shed eggs and proglottids in feces

Prepatent period.....1-2 month

*Oribatid mite* → *intermediate host*  
➤ *Cysticercoid* is intermediate stage  
➤ in oribatid mite

## Clinical signs and patogenesis:

Young horses (3-4 years) are more susceptible. There does not appear to be an acquired or age resistance to this parasite in horses. All ages, including older ones, can be infected.

Colic, diarrhea, enteritis, dehydration, loss appetite, weight loss, poor growth

**Anoplocephala perfoliata** ➡ ulcers, perforation, granulation tissue, partial intestinal obstruction of ileo-caecal valve, death

**A. magna\*** ➡ hemorrhagic enteritis, obstruction of the intestinal lumen (most pathogenic)

**Paranoplocephala mamillana** ➡ less significant (generally apathogenic)



**Detection:** Eggs in feces by flotation,  
mature segments in feces, ELISA test on  
blood

Not finding tapeworm eggs in feces does  
not mean these parasites are actually  
absent in a horse.

The discharge of proglottids is sporadic,  
a single fecal examination may not be  
diagnostic.

**Egg;** 60-80  $\mu$  diameter

Nearly spherical, sometimes flattened at  
one or several

sides (triangular and vary in appearance)

Greyish color

Contain hexacanth embryo, surrounded by  
a chitinous piriform (pear-shaped)  
apparatus

## Treatment:

Praziquantel...1 mg/kg p.o. ★

Pyrantel pamoate...13.2 mg/kg p.o. X 2 or 3 days ★

Niclosamide....80-100 mg/kg p.o.

Fenbendazole...10 mg/kg p.o. X 3 days

Mebendazole...20 mg/kg p.o.

★ They should be preferred

Pasture-born infection

**Control** is difficult, because mites are widespread on pasture.

Eggs can survive for 1 year in environment

Treatment should be necessary 1 or 2 times a year (end of summer and autumn season)

Pasture management may be possible (pasture cleaning, alternate grazing of pasture by ruminant...)

## Treatment of HORSE TAPEWORM

Active Ingredient	Dose (mg/kg)	Commercial Drug Names
Niclosamide	75 - 150	Şeridif - Şerivet - Tenyavet - Şeriten - Niclovet
Praziquantel	15	Droncit enj -Droncit tab - Cestocid enj - Cestodan enj - Mansonil Paratak plus (Praziquantel + Pyrantel pamoate + Oxantel pam.) Drontal plus (Praziquantel + Pyrantel embonate + Febantel) Pramectin (Praziquantel + Ivermectin)
Albendazole	10	Anavert fort - Anaverm fort - Vetalben sus. - Vetalben bol - Albezol S - Valbazen S
Mebendazole	10	Mebenzol, Mebanvet, Vermazol
Oxfendazole	10	* There's no single active ingredient drug. Okzavet, Okzan: (Oxfendazole + Oxytocosanide) Benzolmin oral pasta *, Eqicide * Synanthic*, Systemex*
Fenbendazole *	10	Panacur
Bithional	7 - 10	Actamer
Resorantel *	65	Terenol
Dichlorophene *	100	Dicestal - Diphanthene 70
Bunamidine hydroxynaphthoate *	25 - 50	Buban

### ADULT

Anoplocephala perfoliata  
Anoplocephala magna  
Paranoplocephala mamillana  
Moniezia pallida

### LARVAE

Hydatid cyst  
Cysticercus tenuicollis  
Coenurus cerebralis

# RUMINANT TAPEWORMS

- Host: Ruminants
- Location: Small intestine
- Intermediate host: Mites of the family Oribatidae
- Scolex: No rostellum and hook
- They have 4 suckers attach to the digestive sistem

These are long tapeworms (2 m or more length)

- *Moniezia expansa* ... 2-6 m long (sheep, goat occasionally cattle)
- *Moniezia benedeni* .....»..... (more frequent in cattle)
- *Thysaniezia ovilla* ..... 2 m long ..... (all ruminants)
- *Stilesia globipunctata* .... 60 cm long ..... ( « )
- *Avitellina centripunctata* ... 1-3 m long ..... ( « )
- *Thysanosoma actinioides* ... 35-60 cm long ... ( « )

• Segments are broader than they are long. They contain 2 sets of genital organs and pores. Two species are common among ruminants.

### 3. *Moniezia expansa*

Last host: Sheep, goats, infrequently cattle

Location: small intestine

Intermediate host: Oribatid mite / **Cysticeroid**

**Distribution:** Widespread (also in Turkey)

**Morphology:** - 2 m. long 6m. X 1.5 – 2 cm wide

Scolex without rostellum

4 suckers

- There are 2 GAs in each ring (Bilateral)
- - Interproglottidal glands = Vitelline glands along the posterior edge of the proglottid
- - **Eggs**; 55 x 75  $\mu$
- Grey, white, angular, round,
- Three double hooked oncospheres
- Pear-like structure

Interproglottidal glands are spread over the width of the proglottid (in the middle of the posterior border of each segment)

## **Moniezia benedeni**

Last host: Mostly cattle, rarely sheep, goats

Location: Small intestine

Intermediate host: Oribatid mite / Cysticercoid

**Morphology:** Similar to previous species.

(Different interproglottidal glands are only posteriorly in the middle area

Interproglottidal glands are concentrated in the middle (in whole breadth of posterior border of each segment)

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#### 4. *Thysaniezia ovilla* (*Helictometra giardi*)

Final host: Sheep, goat, cattle

Location: Small intestine

(widespread in Ankara region cattle)

Intermediate host: Oribatid mites and Psocid insects / **Cysticercoid**

**Morphology:** 2m long, 1cm wide

Scolex; without rostellum,

4 suckers

In each proglottid; There is 1 GA

Testes outside the excretory ducts

their eggs; 3 to 8 of them collectively in the paruterine organ

20 – 25  $\mu$

No pear-like structure

Segments are wider than they are long.

Single genital pore irregularly.

Several paruterine organs are present in each proglottid.

## 5. *Stilesia globipunctata*

Final host: Sheep, goat, cattle / Small intestine

Intermediate host: Oribatid mite / Cysticercoid

**Morphology:** 60cm long<sup>2</sup> – 3 mm wide  
(FROM THIN STRIPS)

Scolex is without rostellum and has 4 suckers

Segmentation is poorly visible in strobila.

In proglottids; There is only one GA, Testes  
inside and outside the excretory ducts,  
There are 2 paruterine organs in pregnant  
proglottids

**Eggs;** Numerous eggs in the paruterine  
organ, small, oval, No pear-like structure

Paruterine organs filled with eggs when  
viewed externally, opaque double line

## *Stilesia hepatica*

Short-thin tapeworms, single genital pore irregularly. Two paruterin organs are present in each gravid proglottid.

Sheep, goat, cattle / Bile and pancreatic ducts

20 – 50 cm long x 3 mm wide not in Turkey



## 6. *Avitellina centripunctata*

Final host: Ruminants

Location: Small intestine

Intermediate host: Psocid insects / **Cysticercoid**

**Morphology:** 1 – 3 m long 3 mm wide (FROM THIN STRIPS)

Segmentation is poorly visible in strobila.

In proglottids; There is only one GA Uterus turns into paruterine organ in the middle (One opaque line in the middle that can be noticed even from the outside) The testicles are mostly on the inner side of the excretory ducts.

**Eggs;** In the paruterine organ

6 – 12 in one

Small and no oval/pyriform structure

- Long-thin tapeworm, single genital pore irregularly. One paruterin organ is present in each gravid proglottid.

## 7. *Thysanosoma actinioides*

Final host: Sheep, goat, cattle

Location: Small intestine, bile, pancreatic duct

Intermediate host: Psocid insects / **Cysticercoid**

**Morphology:** 35 – 60 cm long

2 – 3mm 8mm wide

**In the proglottids;**

There are 2 GAs

Fringe shaped structure (**FRINGED STRIP**)

**eggs;**

In the paruterine organ (A few hundred in each ring)

1 – 33 eggs (in each paruterine organ)

- Segments short and fringed posteriorly containing two sets of genital organs. Several paruterin organs are present in each proglottid.

## Anoplocephalidae in ruminant animals size and morphological characteristics of parasites

Parasite species	Size	Characteristics
<i>Moniezia expansa</i>	2- 6 m x 1.5- 2 cm	Interproglottidal glands are spread over the width of the proglottid (in the middle of the posterior border of each segment)
<i>Moniezia benedeni</i>	0.5 - 4 m x 2 cm	Interproglottidal glands are concentrated in the middle (in whole breadth of posterior border of each segment)
<i>Thysaniezia ovilla</i>	2 – 4.5 m x 1 cm	Segments are wider than they are long. Single genital pore irregularly. Several paruterin organs are present in each proglottid.
<i>Stilesia globipunctata</i>	60 cm x 2 – 3 mm *THIN	Short-thin tapeworms, single genital pore irregularly. Two paruterin organs are present in each gravid proglottid.
<i>Avitellina centripunctata</i>	1- 3 m x 3mm *THIN	Long-thin tapeworm, single genital pore irregularly. One paruterin organ is present in each gravid proglottid.
<i>Thysanosoma actinioides</i>	35 – 60 cm x 2 – 3 mm → 8 mm	Segments short and fringed posteriorly containing two sets of genital organs. Several paruterin organs are present in each proglottid.

The adults of *Moniezia* species lay eggs in the intestine of the final hosts, and **eggs** are shed with the feces. In other species the gravid segments containing the eggs are shed out and release the eggs only outside the host.

<p><i>Moniezia</i> spp.</p>	<p><i>Avitellina</i> spp., <i>Stilesia</i> spp., <i>Thysaniezia</i> spp., <i>Thysanosoma</i> spp.</p>
<p>50 – 80 <math>\mu</math>m Tri- or quadrangle to pyramidal shape Dark grey Thick shell Embryo surrounded by a piriform apparatus</p>	<p>20 – 45 <math>\mu</math>m No piriform apparatus <b>Eggs</b> are contained in capsules in the paruterin organ/organs in each proglottid  <i>Thysaniezia</i>.....3-8 <b>eggs</b>  <i>Thysanosoma</i>....1-33 <b>eggs</b>  <i>Avitellina</i>.....6-12 <b>eggs</b>  <i>Stilesia</i>.....a lot of <b>eggs</b></p>

## •Biology:

### •Indirect (indirect development)

#### •Intermediate host: Mite (Oribatidae, Psocidae)

0.5 – 1.5mm

Feeds on organic residue in humus soil

**Cysticercoid** development 1–4 months

Prepatent period 1–2 months

The adults of *Moniezia* species lay eggs in the intestine of the final hosts, and eggs and proglottids are shed with the feces. In other species the gravid proglottid containing the eggs are shed out and release the eggs only outside the host. The oribatid mites ingest the eggs, and cysticercoids develop in the body cavity of the mites. They are infective for the final hosts.

Cysticercoids can survive for months inside the mites. The final hosts become infected after ingesting contaminated mites while grazing. The mites are digested and release the cysticercoids.

They attach to the gut's wall and develop to adult tapeworms within a several weeks, depending on the worm species and the final host. The adult worms live for up to 18 months inside their final host.

Prepatent period.... 3-4 months

## Clinical signs:

Infection is common in lambs, calves during their first year of life, less common in older animals.

There is an acquired or age resistance to this parasite in ruminants after 1 age, and there is founded few parasites.

Generally asymptomatic but, it can negatively affect productivity (production of meat and wool)

Diarrhoea, enteritis, dehydration, respiratory signs, uncoordinated movements, convulsion, loss appetite, weight loss, poor growth, intestinal obstruction, death

## Diagnosis:

**Detection:** Moniezia eggs (by flotation) and mature proglottid in feces, presence of gravid segments (in other cestodes) on fecal examination, ELISA test on blood or PCR

**Eggs:** For *Moniezia* sp.

Triangular, quadrangular to pyramidal shape / with thick-shelled

With six hooked hexanth larva

Pyriform apparatus

## Protection and control:

Prevention of pasture contamination

Infected flocks must be treated

Relocation of infected flocks should be prevented

(Foreign herds should not be brought into the pasture)

Prevention of continuation of infection in pasture

Animals should not be taken to pasture at risky times.

Dry grass should be given to the animals in the barn.

Contaminated pastures should be devoted to agriculture for several years



## • **Points to consider in treatment:**

- Treated animals should not be taken to pasture for 3 days.
- Spraying should be done in the barn
- The best treatment time for final hosts is April and May.

## **Treatment:**

Praziquantel...15 mg/kg p.o.

Niclosamide....75-150 mg/kg p.o.

Fenbendazole...5 mg/kg p.o.

Mebendazole...20 mg/kg p.o.

Albendazole... 10 mg/kg p.o.

Cambendazole...20 mg/kg p.o.

Oxfendazole....5 mg/kg p.o.

## Treatment of Ruminant Tapeworms

Active Ingredients	Dose (mg/kg)	Commercial Drug Names
Niclosamide	75 - 100	Şeridif - Şerivet - Şeriten - Niclovet - Tenyazilin - Tenyavet
Praziquantel	3.75 - 15	Droncit -Mansonil - Cestocid enj - Cestodan enj - Paratak plus (Praziquantel + Pyrantel pamoate+ Oxantel pam.) Drontal plus (Praziquantel + Pyrantel embonate + Febantel) Pramectin (Praziquantel + Bulmectin)
Oxfendazole	5	There's no single active ingredient drug. Okzavet, Okzan, Oksapan, Oksfort, Oxsamisol, Oksinil: (Oxfendazole + Oxcyclozanide) Synanthic*, Systamex*: (Oxfendazole)
Mebendazole	15 - 20	Mebenzol, Vermazol
Fenbendazole *	10 - 15	Panacur
Albendazole	10	Anavert fort - Anaverm fort - Vetalben sus - Vetalben oblet - Albezol K - Albezol S - Valbazen S - Atazol
Febantel	5 - 10	Rintal
Netobimin	20	Hapadex
Bunamidine hydroxynaphthoate *	25 - 50	Buban
Dichlorophene *	100	Dicestal - Diphanthene 70
Resorantel *	65 - 75	Terenol

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**Thysanosoma actinioides**

### LARVAE

**Cysticercus bovis**  
**Cysticercus ovis**  
**Cysticercus tenuicollis**  
**Coenurus cerebralis**  
**Echinococcal cysts**