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Nuove e vecchie problematiche del
migrante: le “malattie dimenticate”



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on strongyloidiasis and
other intestinal parasitic
infections

Viewpoints

Strongyloides stercoralis: A Plea for Action

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→ Stima di almeno 370 milioni di persone infette nel mondo

~~Some 30–100 million people are estimated to be infected worldwide (probably an underestimate)”~~

EDITORIAL

Acute Strongyloidiasis: A Rarity. Chronic Strongyloidiasis: A Time Bomb!

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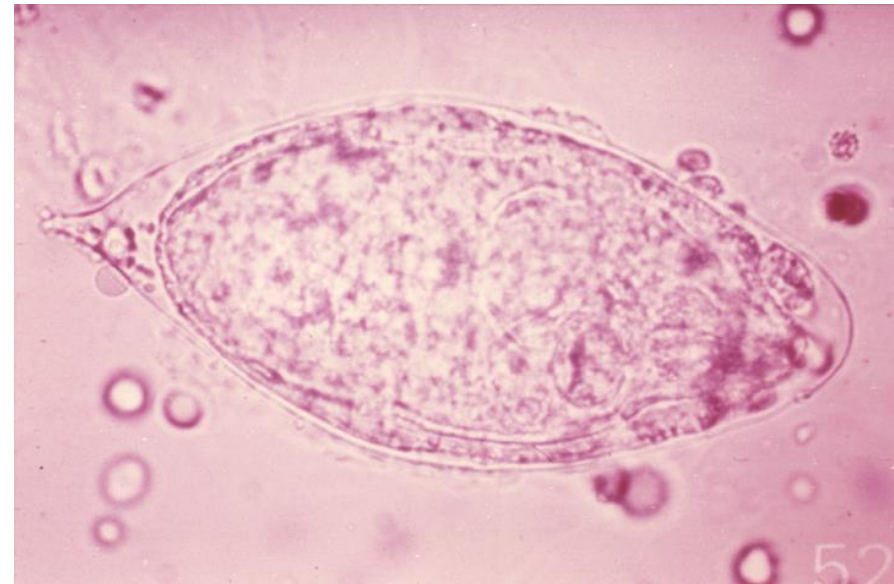
Schistosomiasi



S. mansoni



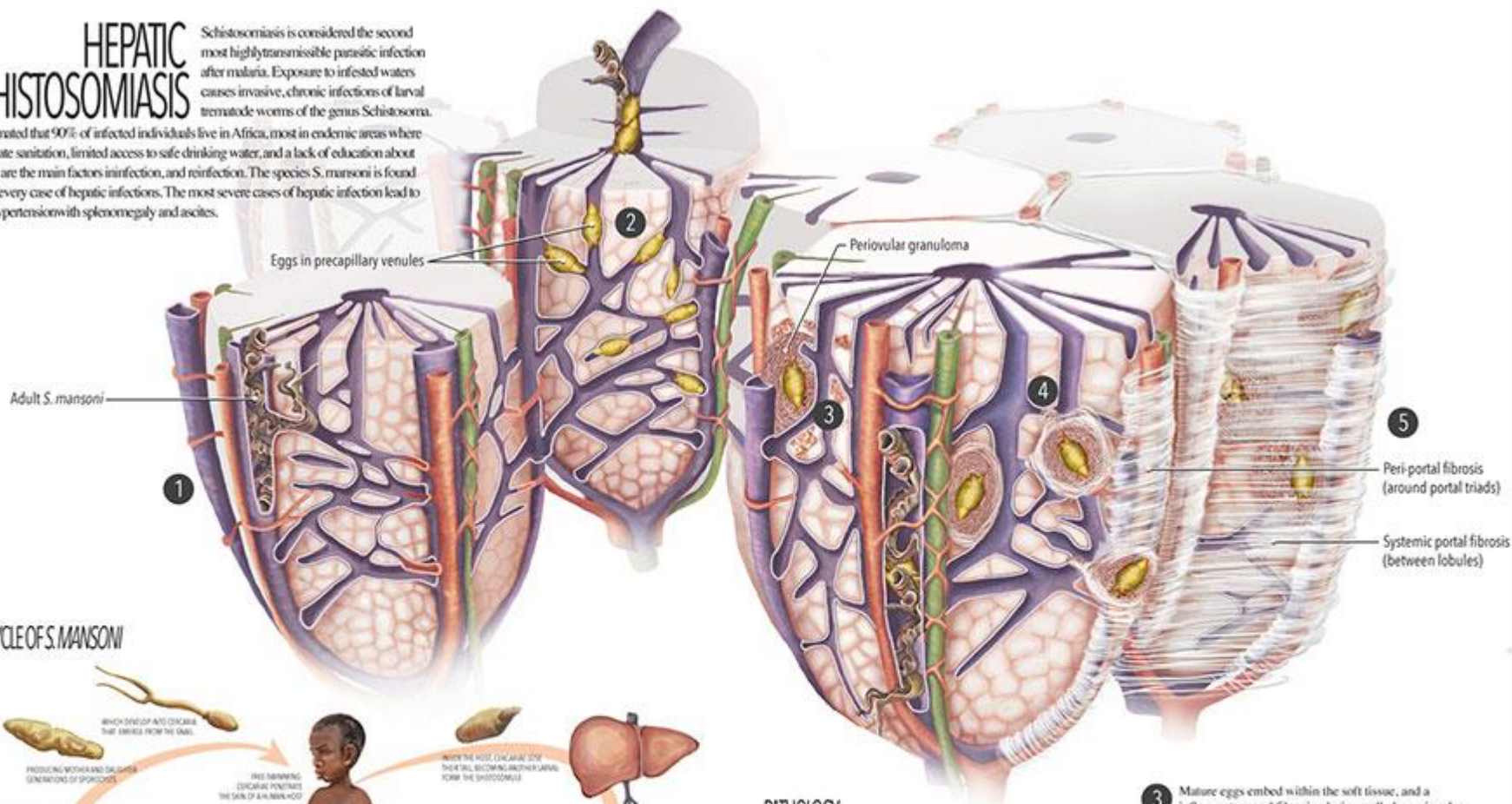
S. haematobium



HEPATIC SCHISTOSOMIASIS

Schistosomiasis is considered the second most highly transmissible parasitic infection after malaria. Exposure to infested waters causes invasive, chronic infections of larval trematode worms of the genus *Schistosoma*. It is estimated that 90% of infected individuals live in Africa, most in endemic areas where inadequate sanitation, limited access to safe drinking water, and a lack of education about hygiene are the main factors in infection, and reinfection. The species *S. mansoni* is found in most every case of hepatic infections. The most severe cases of hepatic infection lead to portal hypertension with splenomegaly and ascites.

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LIFE CYCLE OF S. MANSONI



PATHOLOGY

- 1 Schistosomulae living in the venous portal-mesenteric system mate, with the female laying upwards of 300 eggs per day in the soft tissues. How severely the disease progress is correlated with worm-load: more worms, more severe.
- 2 Eggs migrate to precapillary venules, taking 5-7 days to differentiate and produce lytic and antigenic secretions. These secretions flow through micropores in the egg's shell, and are the cause of tissue reaction. They become the local point of infection.
- 3 Mature eggs embed within the soft tissue, and a inflammatory and fibrosing lesion, called a periportal granuloma, is formed.
- 4 The periportal granuloma soon becomes encapsulated by the formation of concentric collagen rings at its periphery. Vascular endothelium responds by proliferation, involving both endothelial cells and their associated pericytes, and affecting hepatocytes.
- 5 Disease begins as periportal granulomatous inflammation and progresses to systemic portal fibrosis with granulomatous chronic inflammation. Severe vascular lesions obstruct intra- and inter-hepatic blood flow.



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A REVIEW OF HUMAN CARCINOGENS

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ON THE EVALUATION
OF CARCINOGENIC RISKS
TO HUMANS

It is well established that *S. haematobium* with egg deposition in the tissue leads to severe inflammation of the urinary bladder wall with accumulation of inflammatory cells resulting in increased oxidative stress. Overall, the studies summarized above suggest that the observed increased levels of oxidative stress in the schistosomiasis-associated bladder carcinomas correlate with genotoxicity and activation of repair genes, and point towards a relationship between oxidative stress induced by continuous and chronic inflammation due to schistosome infection and possibly nitric-oxide-mediated DNA genotoxicity. The excess of DNA alterations could result from nitric oxide produced by the inflammatory response provoked by *Schistosoma* eggs, and alkylation of DNA by *N*-nitroso compounds.

5. Evaluation

There is *sufficient evidence* in humans for the carcinogenicity of chronic infection with *Schistosoma haematobium*. Chronic infection with *Schistosoma haematobium* causes cancer of the urinary bladder.

Schistosomiasi

Epidemiologia in area non endemica



Prevalenza in gruppi di soggetti in area non endemica

Rifugiati Sudan (USA) ¹	Sierologia ELISA	44%
Rifugiati Somalia (USA) ¹	Sierologia ELISA	73%
Rifugiati la maggior parte da Africa Sub Sahariana (USA) ²	Es. parassitologico feci	3%
Viaggiatori/espatriati con storia di bagno nel lago Malawi ³	Sierologia ELISA	32%

Cortesia Lorenzo Zanmarchi, UFDID Firenze)

1. Posey et al CID 2007
2. Lifson et al Public Health Rep 2002
3. Cetron et al Lancet 1996

Schistosomiasi in richiedenti asilo, CMT 2015-2016

Country of origin	Number of patients tested	Antibodies detection (ELISA)	Ova detection (microscopy)	Schistosoma Antigen detection (CCA)	At least one positive test
Mali	43	24 (55.8%)	19 (44.2%)	9 (20.9%)	31 (72.1%)
Ivory Coast	25	11 (44%)	11 (44%)	7 (28%)	12 (48%)
Senegal	38	13 (34.2%)	7 (18.4%)	5 (13.2%)	15 (39.5%)
Ghana	47	13 (27.7%)	7 (14.9%)	7 (14.9%)	18 (38.3%)
Gambia	30	4 (13.3%)	3 (10%)	5 (16.7%)	7 (23.3%)
Somalia	13	1 (7.7%)	1 (7.7%)	2 (15.4%)	3 (23.1%)
Nigeria	104	11 (10.6%)	6 (5.8%)	5 (4.8%)	15 (14.4%)

Strongiloidosi e schistosomiasi: questioni aperte per lo screening

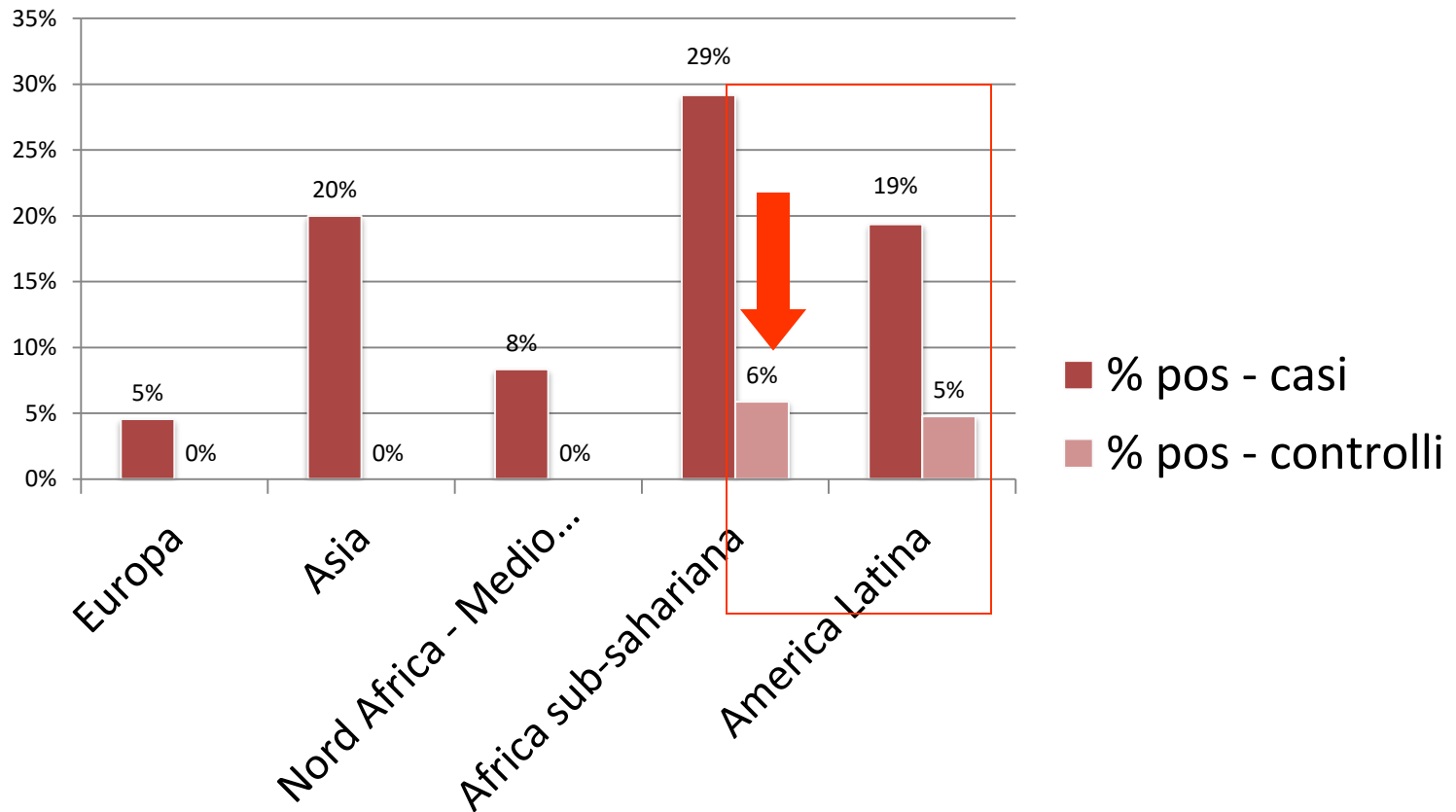
1. Eosinofilia utile?

2. Es. microscopico delle feci?

3. Sierologia?

Eosinofilia e *Strongyloides* in immigrati

Ss in casi (eosinofilia) e controlli (no eosinofilia)



Schistosomiasi (CMT)

Da 01/01/2010 a 31/12/2014 (CMT Negrar): 272 casi

234 immigrati: 46 *S. mansoni*

47 *S. haematobium*

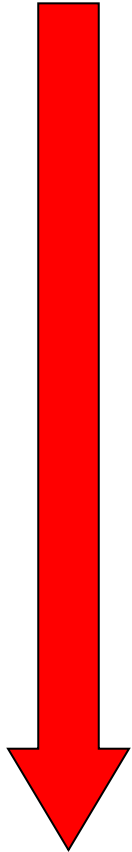
7 *S. mansoni* + *S. haematobium*

134 *Schistosoma* specie (sierologia)

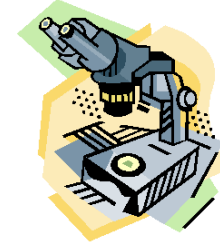
Eosinofili (media)	410.25/ μ L (SD 366.55) (IQ range 20-2020)
Increased AEC ($\geq 400/\mu$ L)	98 (41.9%)
Total IgE (mean)	1291.49 (SD 2637) (IQ range 5-25500)

58.1%
non eosinofilia!

Bassa sensibilità



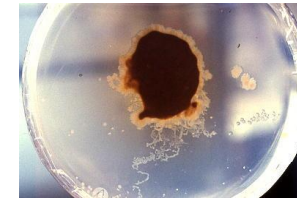
Microscopia diretta



Baermann



Coprocoltura in agar



Sierologia
(obbligatoria
per screening)



Alta sensibilità

Schistosomiasi, tecniche diagnostiche

Table 2. Accuracy and predictive values according to CRS and to LCA

Test	Sensitivity (95% CI)		Specificity (95% CI)		PPV		NPV	
	CRS	LCA	CRS	LCA	CRS	LCA	CRS	LCA
CCA	29%	29%	95%	93%	78%	76%	68%	70%
	(22-37)	(21-37)	(91-97)	(89-96)				
ELISA	71%	76%	99.6%	99.4%	99%	99%	84%	88%
	(63-78)	(67-84)	(98-100)	(95-100)				
WB	92%	94%	94%	91%	90%	85%	95%	97%
	(86-96)	(88-97)	(90-97)	(85-95)				
ICT	96%	96%	83%	79%	78%	72%	97%	97%
	(91-99)	(90-99)	(77-87)	(73-84)				
Micro	45%	48%	100% ⁷	99%	100%	98%	74%	77%

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Parassitosi intestinali

R9.1 - Si raccomanda di considerare, nel contesto della valutazione medica iniziale e durante tutte le fasi del percorso di accoglienza, la presenza di sintomi quali diarrea, dolori addominali, nausea, vomito, prurito, ematuria, in quanto suggestivi di parassitosi. [Grado A]

R9.2 - Nel corso degli accertamenti clinici, il riscontro di eosinofilia deve essere considerato quale possibile marcatore indiretto di elmintiasi. [Grado A]

R9.3 - In presenza di segni e sintomi compatibili con parassitosi intestinale e/o di eosinofilia, si raccomanda di offrire l'esame coproparassitologico per rilevare l'eventuale presenza di parassiti intestinali. [Grado A]

R9.4 - Nei migranti, anche asintomatici, che hanno vissuto o viaggiato in aree endemiche per strongiloidiasi e schistosomiasi*, è raccomandato l'esame sierologico, nell'ambito della presa in carico sanitaria. Il riscontro di sierologia positiva per *Strongyloides* e *Schistosoma*, in soggetti non trattati di recente, deve essere considerato come infezione in atto e come tale meritevole di trattamento. [Grado A]

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Should migrants be screened for Strongyloidiasis?

Recommendation

Serological screening for strongyloidiasis in newly arriving migrants and refugees to Europe from Asia, Africa and Latin America in holding or reception centres.
If positive, treat with ivermectin.

If patients are immunosuppressed, screening should be performed with a serological test plus parasitological tests. If positive, treat with ivermectin.

For strongyloidiasis, if there are no tests or delay in diagnostic methods, presumptive treatment with ivermectin may be recommended

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Should migrants be screened for Schistosomiasis?

Recommendation

Screen all newly arriving migrants/ refugees from high *Schistosoma spp* endemic areas (sub-Saharan Africa , Asia, Southeast Asia and South America) in reception or holding centre with a serological test. If positive, treat with praziquantel.

Whenever possible, screen refugees and migrants from high endemic areas with serological test + parasitological techniques for schistosomiasis.