

PATHOGENICITY

- Disease is reticuloendotheliosis.
- Incubation Period - Varies 3-6 months.

PATHOGENICITY

Cellular &
humoral
proliferation.

Marked
proliferation
of
macrophages .

In bone
marrow ,
spleen, liver,
lymph nodes,
spleen

CLINICAL FEATURES

- Fever
- Malaise
- Headache
- Progressive enlargement of liver, spleen, lymph nodes.
- Skin is dry , rough & pigmented .
- Hair.

*VISCERAL LEISHMANIASIS
SHOULD*

BE INCLUDED IN THE LIST

OF OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTIONS

LABORATORY DIAGNOSIS

- Non-Specific Laboratory Test
- Blood count
- Haemoglobin Estimation
- Estimation of Serum Proteins
- Parasitological Diagnosis
- Peripheral Blood Film By thick film Method
- Needle Biopsy
- Culture of blood and FNAC
- Animal Inoculation

LABORATORY DIAGNOSIS

- Immunological Test
- Non-specific Tests
- Aldehyde Test, Antimony Test

- Specific Tests
- DAT, IHA, IFAT, ELISA
- Leishmanin or Montenegro Skin Test

POST KALA-AZAR DERMAL DISEASE (PKDL) OR DERMAL LEISHMANOID

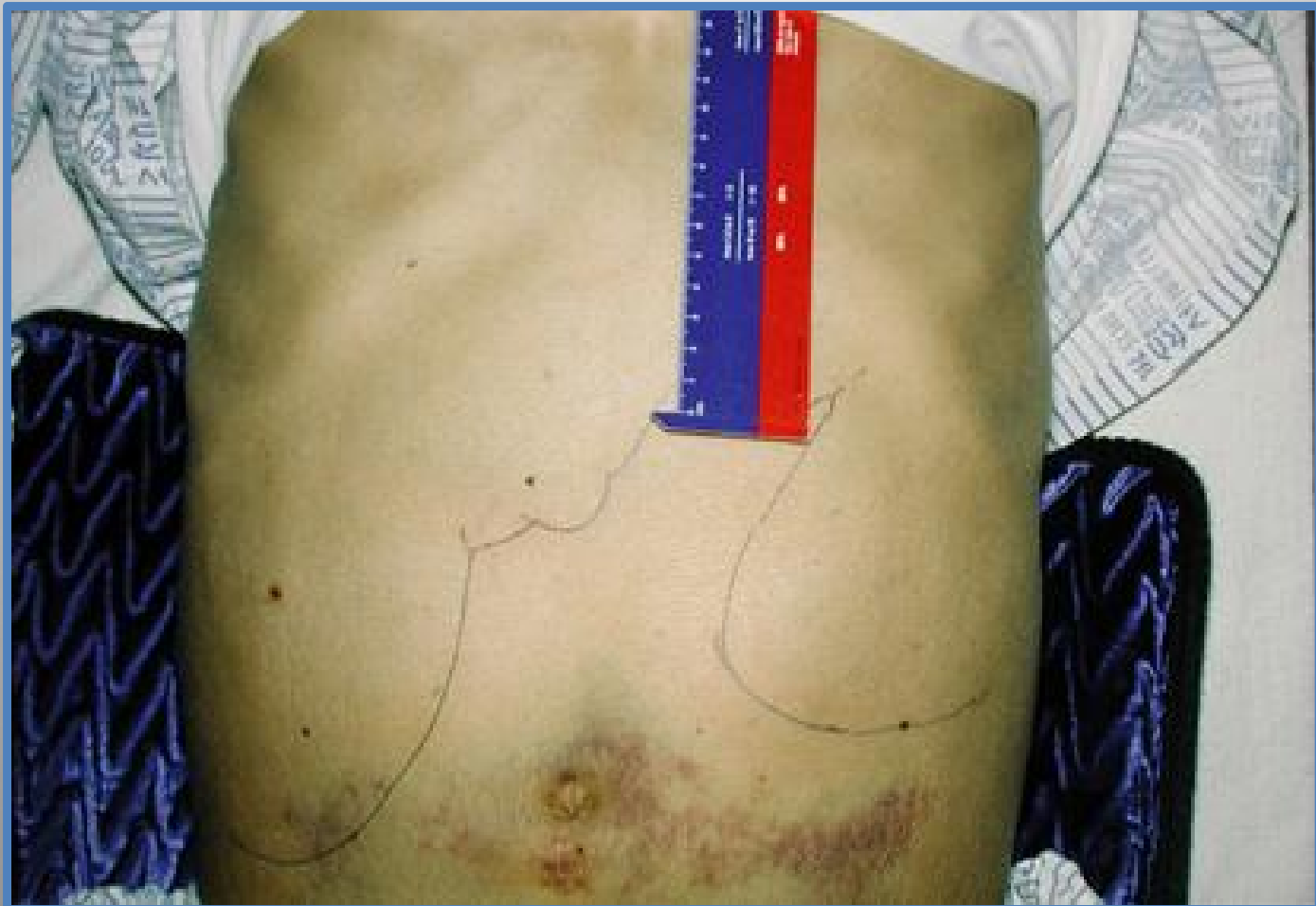
- It is a common consequence of therapeutic cure from visceral Leishmaniasis caused by *L. donovani*.
- Develops 1-2 years after completion of antimonial treatment.

LEISHMANIASIS





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LEISHMANIA TROPICA

- It causes cutaneous leishmaniasis.

HABITAT

- Inside reticulo endothelial cells (dermatocytes) of skin.

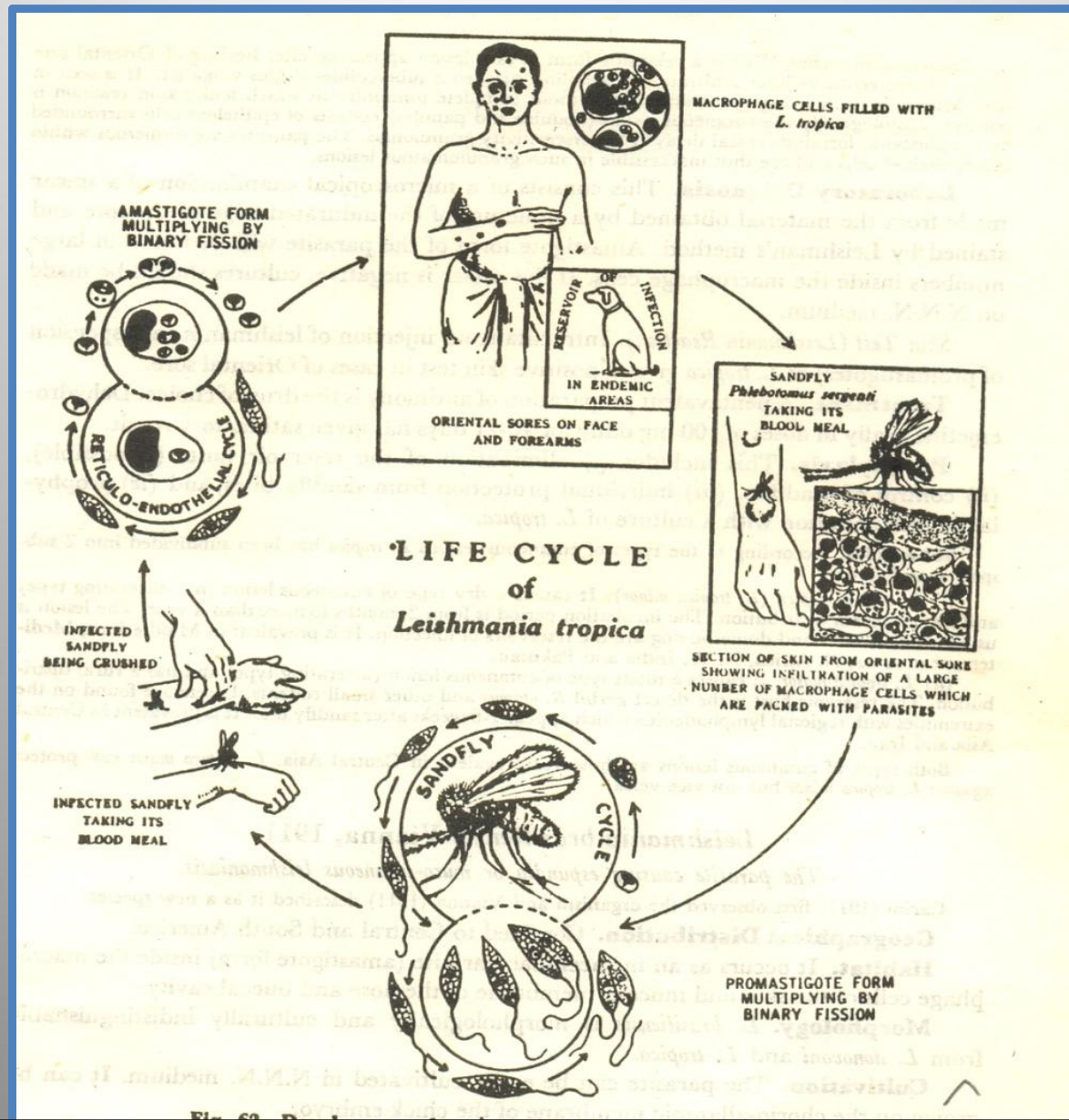
MORPHOLOGY

Same as that of *Leishmania donovani*.

LIFE CYCLE

- Vertebrate host; man.
- Invertebrate host; *P. sergenti*.
- Life cycle as that of *Leishmania donovani* except that amastigote forms reside in reticulo endothelial cells of skin and not in the viscera.

LIFE CYCLE OF LEISHMANIA TROPICA



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- ❑ Incubation period; A few weeks to six months.
- ❑ *Leishmania tropica* causes urban orthoponotic cutaneous leishmaniasis or oriental sore or Delhi boil.
- ❑ At the site of Inoculation promastigotes are phagocytosed by RE cells of skin and are transformed into amastigotes → leishmanioma develops → delayed hypersensitivity.

CLINICAL FEATURES

- ❑ A raised papule is formed, it ulcerates and heals in about six months leaving a depressed scar.
- ❑ The sores are distributed on the exposed parts of body.
- ❑ It causes dry lesions.

LABORATORY DIAGNOSIS

- Microscopic examination shows amastigote forms of parasites.
- Biopsy
- Promastigotes may be isolated in NNN culture medium and Hockmeyer's medium.
- Leishmanin skin test is positive.

TREATMENT

Pentavalent antimonials;

- Sodium stibogluconate
- Meglumine antimoniate

Aromatic diamidines

- Pentamidine

Others

- Monomycin
- Paromomycin
- Aminosidine
- Amphotericin B
- Allopurinol

LEISHMANIA INFANTUM

- Main vertebrate host –domestic dog which may develop acute /chronic disease.
- Dog carries abundant parasites in the skin.
- Infantile visceral leishmaniasis.
- Age of child <2 years.
- May also infect adults with HIV .

LEISHMANIA AETHIOPICA

- ❑ Mammalian hosts are rock hyraxes.
- ❑ Sand fly host is *P. longipes*.
- ❑ In man may cause cutaneous leishmaniasis & DCL.
- ❑ Lesions are more swollen & less necrotic than those of *L. tropica*.
- ❑ Gradual scaling / exfoliation of dermis at the center of lesion.
- ❑ Because of appearance of lesions they resemble lepromatous leprosy.
- ❑ This condition is difficult to treat and may last for the rest of life .

LEISHMANIA MAJOR

- Mammalian host –great gerbil & fat sand rat.
- Sand fly vector –*P. papatasi* & *P. salehi*.
- This infection occurs in epidemics in people inhabited in zoonotic foci.
- It causes rural zoonotic cutaneous leishmaniasis or oriental sore.
- Wet lesions > 100 in number.
- Produces delayed type of hypersensitivity response.
- Diagnostic methods are same as that of *L. tropica*.

PROPHYLAXIS

- Active case detection & treatment.
- Elimination of sand flies by spraying of insecticides.
- Insect repellents applied to exposed parts of skin.
- Use of fine mesh bed nets.
- Sleeping at night on the roof.
- Destruction of desert rodents.
- Elimination of dogs .
- To prevent transmission to other persons cover the lesions /ulcers with gauze pieces.
- Avoidance of visit to areas of high risk.

NEW WORLD LEISHMANIASIS

- LEISHMANIA BRAZILLIENSIS
COMPLEX
- LEISHMANIA MEXICANA COMPLEX

- HABITAT

- Occurs as intracellular parasite (amastigote form) inside macrophages of skin and mucous membranes of nose & buccal cavity.

MORPHOLOGY

- *Same as that of other species.*



LIFE CYCLE

- It is same as that of other species of *Leishmania* except that ;
 - i. Amastigote form occurs inside macrophages of skin and mucous membranes of nose & buccal cavity.
 - ii. Vector is sand fly of genus *Lutzomyia* & *Psychodopygus*.

PATHOGENICITY

- ❑ Both cause zoonotic disease.
- ❑ *L. braziliensis* complex causes mucocutaneous or espondia ulcers.
- ❑ Initial lesion enlarges radially forming a weeping ulcer with a clean cut margin.
- ❑ *L. braziliensis* sub species form metastatic lesions in nasal , pharyngeal & laryngeal mucosa.
- ❑ Papulo pustular swellings → cause destructive and mutilating erosions which heal by scarring → producing camel nose.

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- ❑ In *L. mexicana* complex parasite provokes an intense reaction at the site of bite.
- ❑ After 7-10 days a tiny papule appears which produces a crater-like lesion with inflamed borders
- ❑ Chiclero's ulcer.
- ❑ It produces secondary lesions.

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- Metastatic lesions in nasal, laryngeal and pharyngeal mucosae.

LEISHMANIASIS

Disseminated Cutaneous Leishmaniasis: A Patient with 749 Lesions



LABORATORY DIAGNOSIS

- ❑ Amastigote forms in punctured material from nodule or edge of an ulcer.
- ❑ NNN culture medias are used.
- ❑ IFA in 89% - 95% is positive.
- ❑ ELISA is also positive in 85% cases.
- ❑ Montenegro skin test is positive.

TREATMENT

- Treatment and prophylaxis of new world leishmaniasis is same as that of old world leishmaniasis.