

### 3- Flagellates of the blood stream and tissues of the body.

**Kingdom: Protista**

**Phylum: Protozoa**

**Subphylum: Sarcomastigophora**

**Class: Mastigophora**

**Sub Class: Zoomastigophorea**

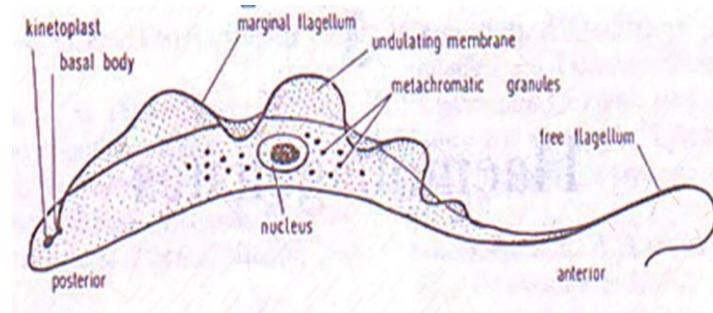
**Order: Kinetoplastida**

**Family: Trypanosomatidae**

***Trypanosoma cruzi***

***Trypanosoma brucei gambiense***

***Trypanosoma brucei rhodesiense***



### Morphology

spindle shaped elongated body; polymorphic; nucleus centrally located with karyosome; kinetoplast found at the posterior end of the body; undulating membrane originating from the blepharoplast and Anterior flagellum runs along the edge of undulating membrane.

**Habitat:** extracellular in blood & tissues

**Final host:** man

**Infective stage:** Metacyclic trypomastigote

**Intermediate host:** *Triatoma* sp. (Triatomid bug) for *T. cruzi*

*Glossina* sp. (tsetse fly) for *Trypanosoma gambiense* and *Trypanosoma rhodesiense*



*Tritoma* sp.



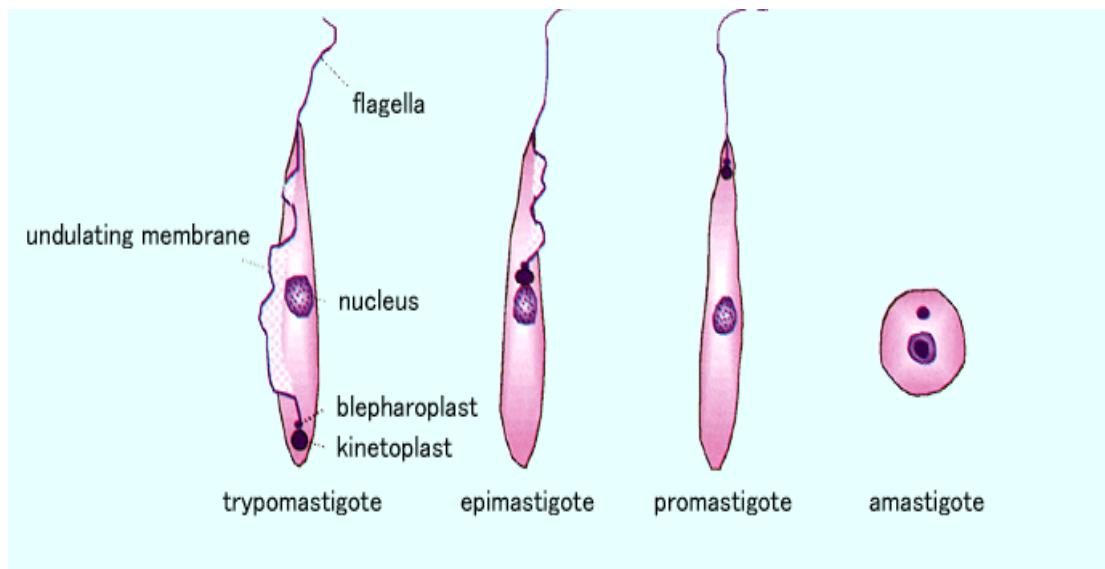
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### Laboratory diagnosis:

1. Microscopic demonstration of parasite stained blood smear or lymph node aspirate.
2. Serological test

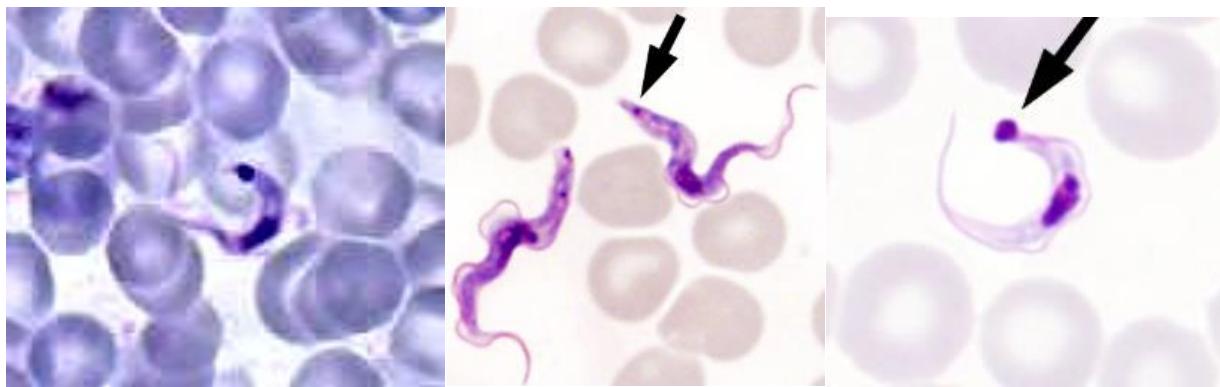
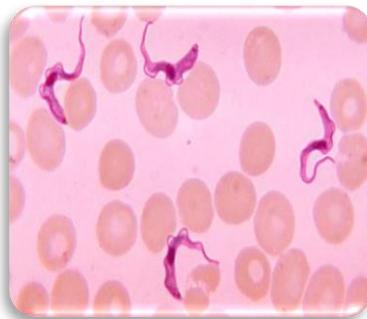
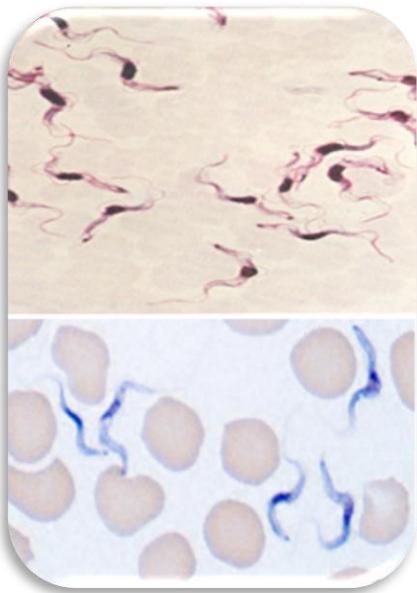
The species of the *Trypanosoma* may have 4 stages (forms) in their life cycle:

- a- **Leishmanion stage** (amastigote)
- b- **Leptomonad stage** (promastigote)
- c- **Crithidial stage** (epimastigote)
- d- **Trypanosomal form** (trypomastigote)



Two distinct forms occur in humans

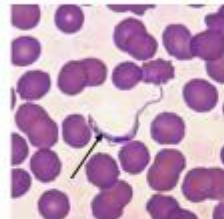
|    | <i>Trypanosoma cruzi</i>                             | <i>Trypanosoma gambiense</i><br><i>Trypanosoma rhodesiense</i>                       |
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| 1. | causes Chagas's disease or American trypanosomiasis. | 1.larger than <i>T. cruzi</i> ; causes sleeping sickness or African trypanosomiasis. |
| 2. | It is (C) shape                                      | 2- S- shape  |
| 3. | large kintoplast near the pointed posterior end      | 3- Have small kintoplast near posterior end.   |
| 4. | vector: Triatomid bug ( <i>Traiatoma</i> spp)        | 4- vector: Tsetse fly ( <i>Glossina</i> spp.)  |



### Trypanosoma brucei causing Sleeping Sickness

West Africa

*T. brucei gambiense*



Reservoir host:  
goats, cattle & pigs

East Africa

*T. brucei rhodesiense*



Reservoir host:  
wild game animals