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Schistosoma

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A genus of trematoda flatworms that are the causative agents of schistosomiasis diseases. The lifecycle of Schistosoma flatworms involves freshwater snails as the intermediate host and humans as the definitive host. They are unique among trematodes, and other flatworms, in that they are dioecious with distinct sexual dimorphism between male and female.