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# Schistosoma intercalatum

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A species of flatworms in the family Schistosomatidae. *S. intercalatum* is characterized by eggs that have a terminal spine and are intermediate in size between the smaller *S. haematobium* and larger *S. bovis*. These eggs are unique because they will stain red when exposed to the Ziehl-Neelsen staining technique. *S. intercalatum* has two major strains, each with its own preferred snail host: the Zaire strain uses *Bulinus africanus* as its intermediate host, while the Lower Guinea strain uses *B. forskalii*. Within the human body infestation is most often seen in the inferior mesenteric vein.