Echinostoma macrorchis (Digenea: Echinostomatidae): Metacercariae in Cipangopaludina chinensis malleata Snails and Adults from Experimental Rats in Korea

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Abstract: A survey was performed to know the infection status of echinostome metacercariae in Cipangopaludina chinensis malleata snails from Korea. Total 75 snails collected in 5 localities, i.e., Imsil-gun, Jeollabuk-do, Hwasun-gun and Shinan-gun (Aphae and Jido), Jeollanam-do, and Jinju-si, Gyeongsangnam-do, were examined for metacercariae by the artificial digestion method. Infection rates of metacercariae were 80.0%, 66.7%, 100%, 60.0%, and 73.3%, and their densities were 39, 32, 183, 19, and 30 per snail infected, respectively. The metacercariae were round, 105-118×105-118 μm in size, with a thin cyst wall, collar spines on the head collar, and excretory granules in 2 canals of excretory tube. Adult flukes were elongated, ventrally curved, and 5,167×939 μm in average size. Head collar distinct, bearing 45 collar spines with 5 end groups on each side. Oral sucker subterminal, pharynx well developed, and esophagus somewhat short. Cirrus sac well developed, with a saccular seminal vesicle, and ventral sucker very large. Ovary elliptical and on the median line of the body. Testes tandem and slightly lobed. Eggs operculated, elliptical, and 90-103×55-60 μm in size. By scanning electron microscopy, the head collar was prominent with 45 collar spines resembling horns of younger stags. Scale-like tegumental spines were densely distributed on the body surface between the head collar and ventral sucker. Conclusively, it has been first confirmed that the life cycle of E. macrorchis is indigenously maintained in Korea, and C. chinensis malleata snails are popularly infected with the metacercariae of this echinostome.

Key words: Echinostoma macrorchis, Cipangopaludina chinensis malleata, metacercaria, adult, Korea

INTRODUCTION

Echinostomes (fluke members of the family Echinostomatidae) are medically important because they can cause severe epigastric or abdominal pain accompanied by diarrhea, malnutrition, and fatigue. A total of 20 species belonging to 8 genera, i.e., Echinostoma, Echinochasmus, Acanthoparyphium, Artystechinostomum, Episthmium, Himasthla, Hypoderaeum, and Isthmiophora, are known to infect humans worldwide. Among these 8 genera, Echinostoma is the type genus and the largest group. More than 6 species, i.e., Echinostoma angustitestis, E. cinetorchis, E. echinatum, E. ilocanum, E. macrorchis, and E. revolutum are known to infect humans [1,2]. E. macrorchis was originally described from naturally infected house rats in Japan [3].

After then, this echinostome has been found in humans, birds, and other rodent species in Japan [4-8]. In Taiwan and Lao PDR, the presence of this fluke species was also confirmed by the detection of adults and larval stages [9-12].

In the Republic of Korea (= Korea), total 21 echinostome species in 14 genera, i.e., Acanthoparyphium marilae, A. tyosenense, Chaunocephalus ferox, Echinochasmus japonicus, E. perfoliatus, Echinoparyphium recurvatum, Echinostoma cinetorchis, E. gotoi, E. miyagawai, E. revolutum, Euparyphium murinum, Himasthla alincia H. kusasigi, H. megacotyle, Isthmiophora hortensis, Nephrostomum ramosum, Patagifer bilobus, Pegosomum bubulcum, Petasiger neocomense, Saakotrema metatestis, and Stephanoprora sp., have been reported in the literature [1,13-16]. Only 4 of these species, i.e., A. tyosenense, E. japonicus, E. cinetorchis, and I. hortensis, are known to be the causative agents of human echinostomiasis in Korea [1]. Especially, I. hortensis has been reported as the dominant species with several endemic foci [17-20], and clinical cases which have been sporadically diagnosed by recovery of adult worms in gastroduodenal endoscopy [21-25]. Meanwhile, the presence of E. macrorchis had not been re-
ported in Korea. Therefore, we seriously needed to describe the infection status of metacercariae of this species in snail second intermediate hosts as well as the morphological characteristics of adults recovered from experimental rats to support its taxonomic validity in the faunistic viewpoint.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

We collected Cipangopaludina chinensis malleata snails (Fig. 1) in irrigation ditches, ponds, and paddies in 5 localities, i.e., Imsil-gun (gun = county), Jeollabuk-do (do = province), Hwasun-gun and Shinan-gun (Aphae-myeon and Jido-myeon) (myeon = township), Jeollanam-do, and Jinju-si (si = city), Gyeongsangnam-do, Korea. They were transferred to our laboratory with ice, and digested with pepsin-HCl solution at 36˚C for 2 hr after crushing their shells with a mortar. The digested material was filtered with 1 × 1 mm of mesh, and washed with 0.85% saline until the supernatant is clear. The sediment was carefully examined under a stereomicroscope. The echinostome metacercariae were identified by the general morphological features, and they were counted to get hold of infection rates (%) and densities (no. of metacercariae per snail infected) by the surveyed areas. Collected metacercariae by the surveyed areas were morphologically observed and measured under a light microscope equipped with a micrometer (OSM-4, Olympus, Tokyo, Japan), and they were orally infected to rats to obtain the adult worms. Adult worms were recovered from the small intestines of rats at 15-30 days after the infection. In animal experiments, the guidelines of animal experiments from Gyeongsang National University School of Medicine were followed.

Recovered adults were fixed with 10% neutral buffered formalin under the cover glass pressure, stained with Semichon’s acetocarmine, and observed under a light microscope. To observe the surface ultrastructure, some of them were washed several times with 0.2 M cacodylate buffer (pH 7.2) and fixed with 2.5% glutaraldehyde at 4˚C. After washing 3 times with the buffer, they were dehydrated through a graded alcohol series (50, 70, 80, 90, 95%, and absolute), dried with hexamethyldisilazane, coated (JFC-1 100E ion sputtering device, Tokyo, Japan) with gold, and observed with a scanning electron microscope (Philips XL-30S, Eindhoven, the Netherlands) at a 15 kV accelerating voltage.

To observe morphological characteristics and differential indices by the ages of worms, each of 10 E. macrorchis specimens recovered from experimental rats at 15, 20, 25, and 30 days after infection were analyzed in this study. We basically measured the body length (BL) and width (BW), the size of oral (OS) and ventral suckers (VS), pharynx, esophagus, head collar, cirrus sac, ovary, and 2 testes, and additionally the forebody length (FBL: from the anterior end to the anterior margin of the ventral sucker), hindbody length (HBL: from the posterior margin of the posterior testis to the posterior end) and

Table 1. Infection status of Echinostoma macrorchis metacercariae in Cipangopaludina chinensis malleata collected from 5 localities of Korea

| Locality examined      | No. of snails examined | No. (%) of snails infected | No. of metacercariae detected |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
|                        |                        | Total | Range | Average |
| Jeollabuk-do           |                        |       |       |         |
| Imsil-gun              | 15                     | 12 (80.0) | 464 | 8-86   | 39    |
| Jeollanam-do           |                        |       |       |         |
| Hwasun-gun             | 15                     | 10 (66.0) | 322 | 5-107  | 32    |
| Shinan-gun (Aphae)     | 15                     | 15 (100) | 2,741 | 38-412 | 183   |
| Shinan-gun (Jido)      | 15                     | 9 (60.0) | 14 | 2-48   | 19    |
| Gyeongsangnam-do       |                        |       |       |         |
| Jinju-si               | 15                     | 11 (73.3) | 325 | 10-115 | 30    |

Fig. 1. Two Cipangopaludina chinensis malleata snails, the second intermediate host of Echinostoma macrorchis, collected from a pond in Jinju-si, Gyeongsangnam-do, Korea.
uterus length (UL: from the posterior margin of the ventral sucker to the anterior margin of the ovary). Then, we also calculated the ratios of BL/BW, VS/OS, the length/width in ovary and 2 testes, and percentage (%) of FBL/BL, HBL/BL, and UL/BL as the differential indices of this fluke. Measurements and scales are in micrometres (μm).

RESULTS

Infection status with metacercariae in *Cipangopaludina chinensis malleata*

The metacercariae of *E. macrorchis* were detected in 80.0, 66.7, 100, 60.0, and 73.3% of *Cipangopaludina chinensis malleata* snails collected from Imsil-gun, Hwasun-gun, Shinan-gun (Aphae and Jido), and Jinju-si, and their densities were 39, 32, 183, 19, and 30 per snail infected, respectively (Table 1).

Morphology of metacercariae (Fig. 2)

The metacercariae (n = 20) were round, 105-118 (110) × 105-118 (108) in size, with a thin cyst wall, collar spines distributed in the head collar and excretory granules in 2 descending canals of the main excretory tube.

![Fig. 2. A metacercaria of *Echinostoma macrorchis* detected in a snail from Jinju-si, Gyeongsangnam-do, Korea. Scale bar = 30 μm.](image)

![Fig. 3. Adult worm of *E. macrorchis* (ventral view: fresh unstained and dorsal view: Semichon’s acetocarmine stained) recovered from an experimental rat at 18 days after infection (A). Scale bar = 1,000 μm. Head collar with 45 collar spines, including 5 end groups on each side (B). Scale bar = 100 μm. An egg discharged in the feces of a rat experimentally infected with metacercariae (C). Scale bar = 30 μm.](image)
Morphological characteristics of adult worms (Fig. 3)

Total 40 adults recovered from rats experimentally infected with the metacercariae from snails in Imsil-gun, Hwasun-gun, Shinan-gun (Aphae), Jinju-si, were measured and morphologically observed (Table 2). They were elongated, ventrally curved, 3,950-6,000 (5,167) long and 700-1,175 (939) wide. Head collar distinct, 300-375 (334) in width, bearing 45 collar spines with 5 end group ones on each side. Oral sucker subterminal, 105-150 (123) × 150-185 (167) in size. Pharynx very short. Pharynx well developed, 130-165 (150) × 95-130 (115) in size. Esophagus relatively short, 95-175 (135) long. Cirrus sac well developed, with a saccular seminal vesicle, 220-550 (410) × 85-225 (163) in size. Ventral sucker very large, 395-490 (441) × 405-490 (447) in size. Ovary elliptical, 150-290 (227)

Table 2. Dimensions of *Echinostoma macrorchis* adults recovered from rats experimentally infected with metacercariae from Cipangopaludina snails from 4 localities of Korea

| Organs            | Imsil-gun, Jeollabuk-do | Hwasun-gun, Jeollanam-do | Shinan-gun, Jeollanam-do | Jinju-si, Gyeongsangnam-do | Total               |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Body (L) (W)      | 4,075-5,700 (4,718)     | 3,950-5,750 (5,178)      | 4,550-6,000 (5,363)      | 4,850-6,950 (5,408)       | 3,950-6,600 (5,167)  |
| Oral sucker (L) (W) | 105-135 (121)          | 110-135 (123)            | 105-135 (121)            | 115-150 (125)            | 105-150 (123)       |
| Head crown (W)    | 300-355 (321)           | 300-355 (333)            | 315-375 (343)            | 315-355 (337)            | 300-375 (334)       |
| Pharynx (L) (W)   | 135-150 (142)           | 130-165 (154)            | 135-160 (151)            | 145-165 (154)            | 130-165 (150)       |
| Esophagus (L) (W) | 100-125 (113)           | 95-130 (117)             | 105-115 (112)            | 105-130 (117)            | 95-130 (115)        |
| Ventralsucker (L) (W) | 395-485 (438)         | 400-490 (458)            | 410-460 (433)            | 425-440 (434)            | 395-490 (441)       |
| Cirrus sac (L) (W) | 220-275 (294)           | 330-475 (412)            | 410-525 (462)            | 425-450 (445)            | 220-550 (401)       |
| Ovary (L) (W)     | 150-250 (188)           | 180-275 (223)            | 200-275 (231)            | 225-260 (254)            | 150-290 (227)       |
| Anterior testis (L) (W) | 400-455 (433)      | 425-490 (455)            | 425-485 (455)            | 425-470 (445)            | 405-490 (447)       |
| Posterior testis (L) (W) | 550-950 (715)      | 640-1,080 (917)          | 760-1,000 (826)          | 700-900 (826)            | 550-1,080 (821)     |

* *(L): length; (W): width; unit is μm.

Table 3. Dimensions of *Echinostoma macrorchis* adults recovered from rats experimentally infected with metacercariae from Cipangopaludina snails of Shinan-gun, Jeollanam-do

| Organs            | 15-day-old (n = 10) | 20-day-old (n = 10) | 25-day-old (n = 10) | 30-day-old (n = 10) |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Body (L) (W)      | 4,300-4,775 (4,495) | 4,550-6,600 (5,363) | 4,400-6,325 (5,303) | 5,600-6,800 (6,265) |
| Oral sucker (L) (W) | 100-125 (113)       | 105-135 (121)       | 110-135 (119)       | 120-140 (132)       |
| Head crown (W)    | 285-325 (311)       | 315-375 (343)       | 315-360 (348)       | 325-400 (354)       |
| Pharynx (L) (W)   | 125-150 (141)       | 135-160 (151)       | 150-160 (154)       | 150-170 (162)       |
| Esophagus (L) (W) | 105-115 (99)        | 105-115 (112)       | 105-125 (119)       | 105-145 (126)       |
| Ventralsucker (L) (W) | 380-420 (399)     | 400-460 (433)       | 345-470 (449)       | 455-525 (482)       |
| Cirrus sac (L) (W) | 350-465 (407)       | 410-525 (462)       | 325-525 (458)       | 450-550 (508)       |
| Ovary (L) (W)     | 150-225 (199)       | 200-275 (231)       | 190-325 (233)       | 210-325 (273)       |
| Anterior testis (L) (W) | 480-660 (560)      | 630-900 (740)       | 600-750 (864)       | 700-1,060 (893)     |
| Posterior testis (L) (W) | 550-690 (653)     | 760-1,000 (826)     | 670-970 (748)       | 860-1,120 (964)     |

* *(L): length; (W): width; unit is μm.*
Fig. 4. Scanning electron microscopic (SEM) view of *E. macrorchis* adults. Whole ventral view of the worms originated from Hwasun-gun (A) and Jinju-si (B). Dorsal views of the head collar with collar spines alternatively arranged (C). Tegument with numerous scale-like spines on the ventro-anterior surface, just behind the ventral sucker (D), and dorso-anterior body surface (F), with spines sparsely distributed on the ventro-middle surface (E), and no spines on the dorso-middle body surface (G).
Table 4. Differential indices of *Echinostoma macrorchis* adults recovered from rats experimentally infected with metacercariae from *Cipangopaludina* snails of Shinan-gun, Jeollanam-do

| Organs                          | 15-day-old | 20-day-old | 25-day-old | 30-day-old | Range         |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Body (L)/(W)                   | 5.30       | 5.66       | 5.76       | 5.52       | 5.30-5.76 (5.56) |
| Vental sucker/Oral sucker     | 3.03       | 3.03       | 3.18       | 3.15       | 3.03-3.18 (3.10) |
| Ovary (L)/(W)                  | 0.93       | 0.97       | 0.94       | 0.97       | 0.93-0.97 (0.95) |
| Anterior testis (L)/(W)        | 1.57       | 1.67       | 1.72       | 1.89       | 1.57-1.89 (1.71) |
| Posterior testis (L)/(W)       | 1.88       | 1.97       | 1.98       | 2.11       | 1.88-2.11 (1.99) |
| FBL/BL × 100                   | 13.40%     | 12.70%     | 12.50%     | 11.30%     | 11.3-13.4 (12.5)% |
| HBL/BL × 100                   | 20.40%     | 21.90%     | 21.00%     | 18.90%     | 18.9-21.9 (20.6)% |
| UL/BL × 100                    | 27.50%     | 25.40%     | 28.30%     | 31.50%     | 25.4-31.5 (28.2)% |

*a*Forebody length/Body length; *b*Hindbody length/Body length; *c*Uterus length/Body length.

×160-335 (250) in size, and on the median line of the body. Testes tandem slightly lobed, 460-990 (701) × 270-630 (427) (anterior testis) and 550-1,080 (821) × 280-550 (401) (posterior testis). Vitelline follicles bilaterally distributed from the anterior 1/3 level of uterine field to the posterior end. Numerous eggs contained in the uterus located between the posterior margin of ventral sucker and ovary. Eggs operculated, elliptical and 93-105 (99) × 53-64 (58) in size. Dimensions of *E. macrorchis* by the age of worms are revealed in Table 3.

**DISCUSSION**

By the present study, it has been confirmed for the first time that the life cycle of *E. macrorchis* is indigenously maintained in Korea. Thus, this echinostome species is added among the list of Korean echinostome fauna.

Various species of molluscs, including *Assiminea, Biomphalaria, Bulinus, Cipangopaludina, Corbicula, Gyraulus, Hippeutis, Lymnaea, Physa, Segmentina,* and *Thiara,* and amphibians, such as frogs (*Rana* spp.) and salamanders (*Hynobius* sp.), have been reported as the second intermediate hosts of *E. macrorchis* in Japan and Taiwan [11,26-29]. Recently, *Cipangopaludina* sp. snails from Vientiane Municipality, Lao PDR, was also confirmed to be the second intermediate host of *E. macrorchis* [12]. In the present study, it was revealed that *C. chinensis malleata* are popularly infected with the metacercariae of this echinostome in Korea. Accordingly, *Cipangopaludina* spp. snails are regarded as a suitable second intermediate host of *E. macrorchis* in Japan, Taiwan, Lao PDR, and Korea. On the other hand, 2 species of freshwater snails, i.e., *Segmentina hemisphaerula* and *Gyraulus chinensis,* are known to be the first intermediate host of *E. macrorchis* in Japan and Taiwan [11,29]. To complete the life history of this echinostome in Korea, studies on the first intermediate hosts should be accomplished in near future.

Adults of *E. macrorchis* have been collected naturally in the rodent definitive hosts (*Apodemus* spp., *Microtus montebelli,* *Mogera* spp., and *Rattus* spp.), avian host (*Capella gallinago gallinago*), and even in humans [3-10]. They were also recovered experimentally in rats, mice, and cats infected with the metacercariae [12,26,30-32]. In the present study, we used albino rats of Sprague-Dawley strain as the experimental definitive host. The recovered worms were well developed in the small intestines of these rats. Therefore, albino rats are considered a
suitable experimental animal model for *E. macrorchis* infection. In addition, it is seriously needed to trace the presence of human infections and natural definitive hosts through further studies in Korea.

The metacercariae of *E. macrorchis* were 105-118 (110) × 105-118 (108) in size in the present study. They were smaller than those from other countries, i.e., Taiwan (122 × 118), Lao PDR (121 × 120), and Japan (139-159 × 99-120). The metacercariae from Taiwan were almost the same in size as those from Lao PDR. Then, the metacercariae from 3 countries were nearly round shape, whereas those from Japan were elliptical in shape [11,12,33]. Whether these differences were originated from the geographical variation and whether they are of taxonomical significance should be analyzed through further studies, including comparative morphological and molecular genetic ones with each isolate from 4 countries.

Total 40 adult worms recovered from the small intestines of rats infected with the metacercariae from 4 surveyed areas were more or less elongated body, and 3.95-6.0 (5.17) × 0.70-1.18 (0.94) mm in size. They had a well-developed head collar with 45 collar spines, including 5 end groups on each side, and their uterine tubules are long with numerous eggs. The ratio of BL/BW was about 5.50. The morphological characteristics of our specimens were almost similar with those of Sohn et al. [12]: 3,900-6,300 (5,100) × 730-1,050 (900) in size, the ratio of BL/BW about 5.67, and the number of collar spines. However, the size of eggs was more or less larger in our specimens (93-105 × 53-64) than in Sohn et al. [12] (88-98 × 55-61). However, we were able to assign our specimens to *E. macrorchis* among the members of *Echinostoma* with 43-45 collar spines, i.e., *E. academica*, *E. aegyptiaca*, *E. attenuatum*, *E. australasianum*, *E. azerbaidjanicum*, *E. coromandum*, *E. coronale*, *E. dietzi*, *E. gotoi*, *E. macrorchis*, and *E. phasianina* [34-40].

On the basis of data from 40 worms, which were recovered from experimental rats at 15, 20, 25, and 30 days after infection in the present study, the following diagnostic features are considered as the differential indices for *E. macrorchis*. The worm body is long and slender (the ratio of BL/BW: 5.30-5.76); the ventral sucker is larger about 3 times than the oral sucker (the ratio of VS/OS: 3.03-3.18); the ovary is transversely elliptical (the ratio of L/W in the ovary: 0.93-0.97); the anterior testis has a long vertical axis (the ratio of L/W in the anterior testis: 1.57-1.89); the posterior testis has a more longer vertical axis than anterior one (the ratio of L/W in the posterior testis: 1.88-2.11); short forebody (% of FBL/BL: 11.3-13.4); short hindbody (% of HBL/BL: 18.9-21.9); long uterine field (% of UL/BL: 25.4-31.5); the head collar with 45 collar spines, including 5 end groups on each side.

Conclusively, through the present study, the presence of *E. macrorchis* has been confirmed for the first time in Korea, and it has also been confirmed that *C. chinensis mullata* snails are popularly infected with the metacercariae of this echinostome as a suitable second intermediate host. Additionally, the morphological characteristics with differential indices derived from numerous age-controlled worm samples were described to support the taxonomic validity of *E. macrorchis*.

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The authors have no conflicts of interest concerning the work reported in this paper.

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