

RESEARCH NOTE

VISCERAL SCHISTOSOMIASIS AMONG DOMESTIC RUMINANTS SLAUGHTERED IN WAYANAD, SOUTH INDIA

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Abstract. This short communication reports the prevalence of visceral schistosomiasis by worm counts from the mesentery of domestic ruminants of the hilly district of Wayanad, located in Kerala, one of the states in South India. We found 57.3, 50, and 4.7% of cattle, buffaloes and goats, respectively, had visceral schistosomiasis upon slaughter at a municipal slaughter house in Kalpetta. Our findings show that the prevalence of *Schistosoma spindale* infection is very high in Wayanad in comparison to previous reports from this and neighboring countries.

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