

Centennial, but still current

Centenário, mas ainda atual

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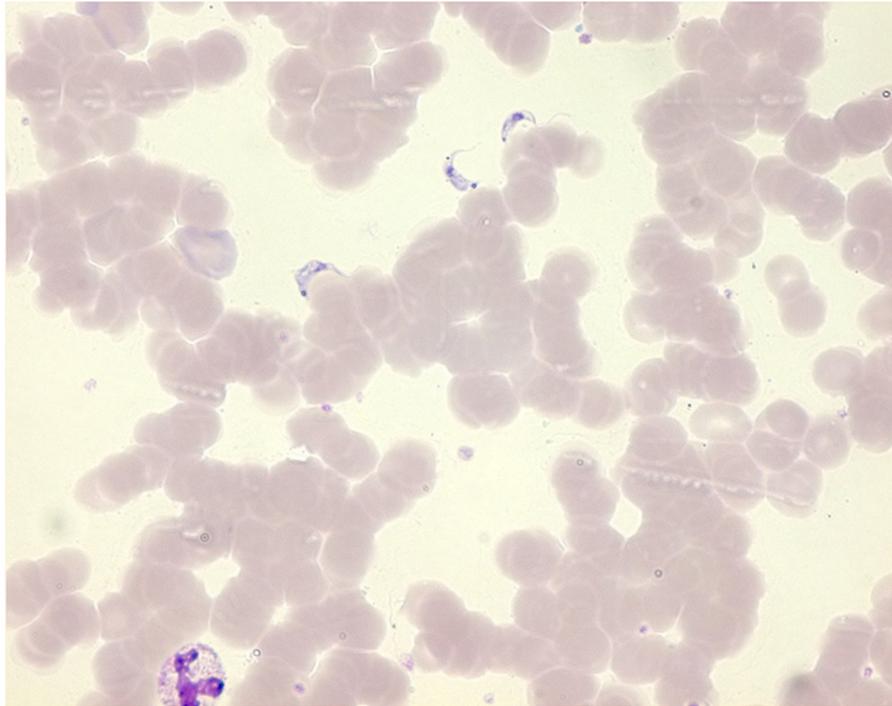


Figure 1. *Trypanosoma cruzi* in peripheral blood (Leishman x 1000)

In the centennial anniversary of the discovery of the etiologic agent of Chagas disease (Carlos Chagas discovered the disease, vector and etiologic agent all at once!), the subject is not only current, but the acute disease stills occurs. The vector-transmitted disease is already under control in Brazil, but the congenital and transfusional forms, and those by non-usual transmission, are still observed. Recently, an individual

from the State of Santa Catarina went to the beach and drank *garapa* (sugar cane juice). The sugar cane was probably ground with triatomide and he developed severe acute myocarditis and acute Chagas disease. Similar cases were described in the State of Pará after ingestion of *in natura açaí* palm fruit pulp. The finding of *Trypanosoma cruzi* in peripheral blood confirmed the diagnosis (Figure 1).

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