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trypanosome

(trĭ-păn'ə-sōm')

Single-celled parasite that causes diseases like African sleeping sickness and Chagas disease. Mechanism by which trypanosomes disguise themselves from the human immune system currently being studied at Rockefeller.

A microscopic image showing a blood smear with numerous red blood cells. Several trypanosomes are visible, appearing as elongated, wavy, purple-stained organisms with multiple flagella. They are scattered throughout the field of view, some near the red blood cells and others in the plasma space.

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