

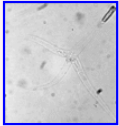
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*[Myxobolus cerebralis](#)* is a [myxosporean parasite](#) of [salmonids](#) ([salmon](#), [trout](#), and their allies) that causes whirling disease, an important condition in both [salmon](#) and [trout farming](#) and [wild fish populations](#). It was first described from [rainbow trout](#) in [Germany](#) a century ago, but its range has spread, and it has now been reported from most of [Europe](#) (including [Russia](#)), the [United States](#), [South Africa](#) and other countries. In the [1980s](#), it was discovered that *M. cerebralis* needs to infect a [tubificid oligochaete](#) (a kind of [segmented worm](#)) to complete its life-cycle. The parasite infects its hosts by injecting them with some of its cells after piercing them with [polar filaments](#) ejected from [nematocyst](#)-like capsules. Though not

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transmissible to humans, it is one of the most economically important myxozoans in fish as well as one of the most pathogenic. It was the first myxosporean whose pathology and symptoms were described scientifically.

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