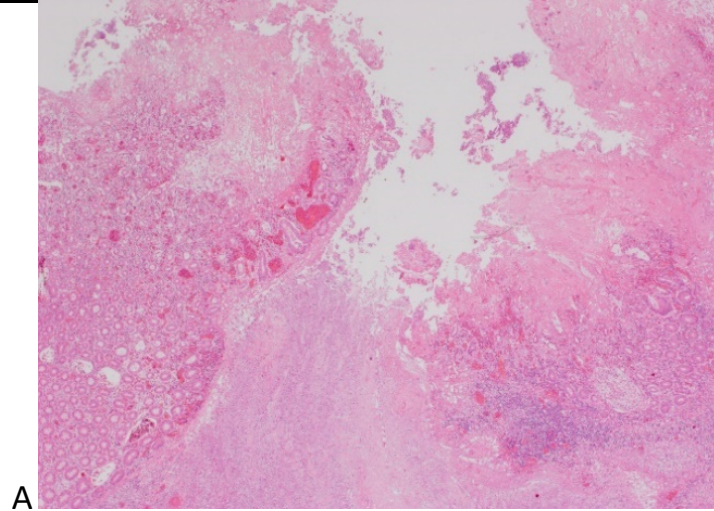
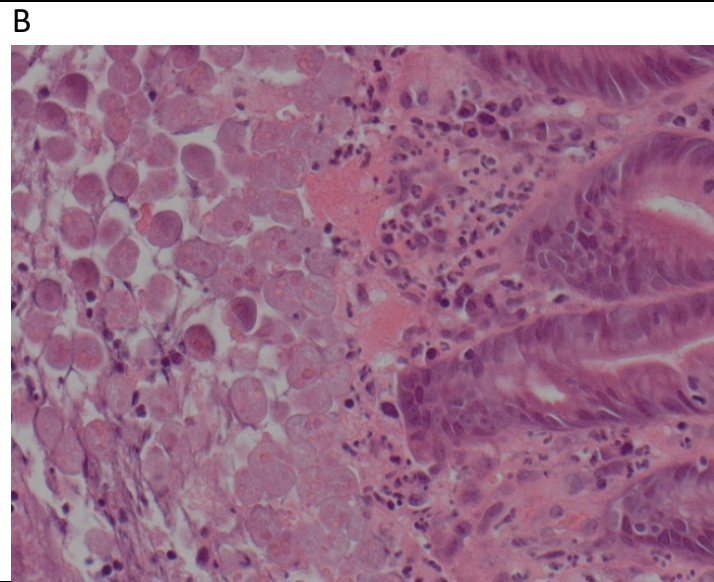


Figure 3: Histopathological findings in amoebic colitis



A

Low magnification photomicrograph shows the edge of a typical flask-shaped, undermining ulcer in a colectomy specimen. In biopsies the main pitfall is misdiagnosis as IBD, particularly Crohn's disease, because the ulceration may be patchy and features of chronicity, such as crypt architectural distortion and fibrosis, may be present. (Haematoxylin & Eosin x 12)



B

High magnification photomicrograph showing *E. histolytica* trophozoites in ulcer slough on the surface of a colonic biopsy; the erythrophagocytosis is evident. The trophozoites may be mistaken for macrophages or sloughed enterocytes by the inexperienced. (Haematoxylin & Eosin x 200)

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