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Supplementary Figure 1: Variations of fluorescence pattern within a gamont cluster. 671 A: The YFP fluorescence shows four parasite stages side by side. Only the exterior 672 stages are showing a strong nuclear signal. The both internal stages do not show 673 such a nuclear signal. B: The TDT fluorescence pattern indicates the exterior stages 674 675 as macrogamonts by the gam56 promotor driven specific TDT expression. The 676 internal stages do not show TDT expression. C: Overlay of A and B. D: Overlay of C 677 and a transmitted light micrograph shown in E. Through the absence of TDT 678 fluorescence and as well as nuclear signals, the internal stages can be interpreted 679 either as young macrogamonts still without gam56 expression, or untypical schizonts 680 without accentuated nuclear YFP signals, or even microgamonts. Shi et al. (2008) 681 described the nuclei of microgametes in immature microgamonts as not clear.

Finally the status of the shown internal stages between the exterior macrogamontsremains unclear. Bar: 20 µm.

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Supplementary Figure 2: DAPI fluorescence signal corresponding to Figure 3 H
shows nuclei of host cells and parasitic stages at 144 h p.i. Bar 50 µm.



Supplementary Figure 3: Image sequence of 31 (11 shown) micrographs illustrate the movement of a third generation merozoite in a small bowel tissue smear (148 h p.i.) The long, straight merozoites moved forward about two times of its own length and then backward about 3 times of its own length. Bar: $25 \mu m$.