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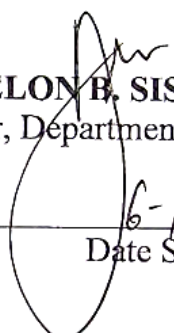

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ABSTRACT

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The study aimed to describe and identify the different rumen amphistomes affecting Philippine buffalo (*Bubalus bubalis*) in Nueva Ecija. Amphistome parasites were collected to different slaughter houses in Nueva Ecija. Collected samples were processed and mounted at Research laboratory at the College of Veterinary Science and Medicine to morphologically characterize the parasites. And further examination were done at Providence Hospital for histological identification. The study was conducted from May 2018 to July 2018. One genus from the family Gastrothylacidae and some unidentified species were recovered from the rumen of water buffalo slaughtered in various slaughter houses in Nueva Ecija. The parasites recovered were identified as *Fischoederius philippinensis* (Eduardo and Javellana, 1988), and the other parasites are undescribed and unidentified species of the superfamily Paramphistomoidea.

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