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This image shows the scanning electron micrograph of Blastocystis sp. isolated from Malaysian quail birds. Blastocystis is a ubiquitous intestinal unicellular protist of human and several other animals. This isolate is spherical, with a dimpled and fibrous spongy cell surface. Bacteria colonies are seen attached to the cell surface. The speciation of Blastocystis and its role in host gut health and disease is still unclear. Understanding the ultrastructure of Blastocystis may aid in the deciphering of Blastocystis biology.

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