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**GRACILACUS MUSAE N. SP., (NEMATODA: PARATYLENCHINAE)  
FROM BANANA FIELD IN SINDH, PAKISTAN**

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**Abstract**

*Gracilacus musae* n. sp., is described and illustrated from soil around the roots of banana (*Musaparadisiaca* L.) from Sindh, Pakistan. This new species can be distinguished from all other species of the genus *Gracilacus* on the basis of a combination of characteristics, lateral field with three incisures, absence of lateral vulval flaps and stylet under 45 µm. However, it comes close to *G. acicula*, *G. aculenta*, *G. costata*, *G. latescens* and *G. solivaga*, but differs from all these five species by having greater 'c' value, more posteriorly located vulva and smaller stylet.