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**OBSERVATIONS OF UNUSUAL POSITION OF PHASMIDS
IN *HOPLOLAIMUS INDICUS* SHER, 1963**

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Abstract

The genus *Hoplolaimus* Daday, 1905 is characterized by having shield-like phasmids or scutella. These are generally present on either side of the vulva in the lateral fields. Besides this however, in some species of this genus, like *H. puertoricensis* Ramirez, 1964, both phasmids are prevulval; whereas *H. californicus* Sher, 1963 and *H. tabacum* Firoza, Nasira & Maqbool, 1990 are characterized by having both phasmids posterior to the vulva.