

**DESCRIPTION OF *HELICOTYLENCHUS MELONI* N. SP.  
(NEMATODA: HOPLOLAIMIDAE) WITH A KEY TO  
SPECIES OF PAKISTAN**

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**Abstract**

Specimens of an undescribed species of the genus *Helicotylenchus* viz., *H. lemoni*, n.sp., were collected from soil around the roots of citrus from Bahawalpur, Pakistan and is described and illustrated. *Helicotylenchus lemoni* n. sp., is distinguished from the other species of the genus by its truncated head with 4-5 distinct annules, small stylet, dorsally curved tail with 9-14 annules on ventral side and tail terminus without cuticular annulation. A key to all the *Helicotylenchus* species found in Pakistan is given.