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## EFFECT OF PREDACEOUS MESOSTIGMATID MITES IN THE CONTROL OF *MELOIDOGYNE JAVANICA* ROOT-KNOT NEMATODE ON KIDNEY BEAN

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## Abstract

Application of predaceous mites viz., *Lasioseius athiasae* Nawar & Nasr and *Protogamasellus discorus* Manson 24, 28 and 96 hours before inoculation of *Meloidogyne javanica* (Treub.) Chitwood on roots of kidney bean plants (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) significantly reduced nematode galls, immature females and the total number of nematodes as compared to control. Highest reduction in total nematodes occurred when the mites were applied 96 h before nematode inoculation.