DESCRIPTION OF *MICROLAIMUS SONMIANENSIS* N. SP. WITH OBSERVATION ON *MICROLAIMUS ARENICOLA* SCHULZ, 1938 AND *CALOMICROLAIMUS ARENARIUS* BLOME, 1982 (CHROMADORIDA: MICROLAIMIDAE) FROM ARABIAN SEA OF PAKISTAN

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Abstract

Microlaimus sonmianensis n. sp. collected from the Arabian Sea coast of Pakistan belongs to the group of small microlaimids (body length shorter than 0.4 mm) characterized by the presence of small spicules, minute teeth (dorsal tooth about 0.4 μ m long) and long, slender tail. *Microlaimus arenicola* Schulz, 1938 and *Calomicrolaimus arenarius* Blome, 1982 are also reported for the first time from Pakistan.