

**DESCRIPTION, EMBRYONIC AND POST EMBRYONIC  
DEVELOPMENT OF *DISTOLABRELLUS PAKISTANENSIS* SP. N.  
(RHABDITIDA: MESORHABDITINAE), A NEW INSECT  
PARASITIC NEMATODE FROM PAKISTAN**

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**Abstract**

Insect parasitic nematode *Distolabrellus pakistanensis* sp. n. was reared in laboratory and is described from Pakistan. It is characterized by having a continuous head, angular cleft between lips not sclerotised, promesostome not diverge, 3 lateral lines, pore-like vulva, L= 1.3-1.8  $\mu\text{m}$ ; b= 6.9-8.4; c'= 2.5-3; body width= 105-130  $\mu\text{m}$ . *D. pakistanensis* n. sp. is amphimictic, completes embryonic development in 14-16 hrs and post embryonic development in 60-80 hrs. Its total duration of life cycle was 3-4 days at room temperature.