

**DESCRIPTION OF TWO NEW AND DATA ON THREE KNOWN
SPECIES OF THE GENUS *TYLENCHUS* BASTIAN, 1865
(NEMATODA: TYLENCHIDAE) FROM PAKISTAN WITH
A KEY TO THE SPECIES OF *TYLENCHUS***

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Abstract

Tylenchus skarduensis n. sp. collected from soil around roots of mulberry tree from the mountainous areas of Skardu is the second species in the *Tylenchus* group by having spiral shaped body, with outer bands of lateral fields areolated on entire body and very stout tail with rounded terminus. It closely resembles *T. safroni* but can be separated by having longer stylet, shorter stout tail, smaller spicules, gubernaculum and bursa. Specimens of *T. bhitai* n. sp. collected from a wheat field of Sind area can be differentiated from all the species of the genus *Tylenchus* by having less than 11 μm stylet length, smaller tail with longer body. *T. butteus*, *T. hamatus* and *T. sandneri* are reported for the first time from Pakistan. A key to the species of *Tylenchus* is presented.