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**OCCURRENCE OF *HETERODERA FICI* KIRJANOVA, 1954
ON *FICUS ELASTICA* ROXB, IN PAKISTAN**

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Abstract

In April 1987, *Ficus elastica* (Roxb) growing in pots, at Karachi University Botany Department showed stunted growth. The soil samples from the infested pots yielded 30-35 light brown, lemon shaped cysts/100 gm of soil on a 100 mesh screen. Attachment of cysts on roots was also observed. Cyst cones prepared by the method suggested by Golden (1978) and observed under Stereoscopic microscope were ambifenestrate with small scattered bullae and weakly developed under bridge. The morphological characters of the top cone and measurement of the second stage larvae was similar to *heterodera fici* Kirjanova, 1954 earlier described from USSR on *Ficus elastica* Roxb.