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**NUMERICAL THRESHOLD FOR INFECTION OF THE SPIRAL
NEMATODE, *HELICOTYLENCHUS DIHYSTERA* (COBB,
1893) SHER, 1961 ON BRINJAL, TOMATO AND WHEAT**

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Abstract

The spiral nematode, *Helicotylenchus dihyстера* (Cobb, 1893) Sher, 1961 was found pathogenic to brinjal (*Solanum melongena* L) tomato (*Lycopersicon esculentum* Miller) and wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.) with a population of 1,000 nematodes per 250 g soil and produced chlorosis, stunted growth and sparsely developed roots.