

FIVE NEW RECORDS OF THE ORDER RHABDITIDA (NEMATA: RHABDITIDA) FROM PAKISTAN

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Abstract

In a survey of soil nematodes from sugarcane and citrus fields, five nematodes species belonging to the order Rhabditida were recorded for the first time from Pakistan. They represent two families Rhabditidae and Cephalobidae, and five genera and species viz., *Rhabditis producta* (Schneider, 1866) Linstow, 1878; *Rhitis luci* Andrassy, 1982; *Cruznama tripartitum* (Linstow, 1906) Zullini, 1982; *Mesorhabditis minuta* Seven Bostrom, 1991 and *Chiloplacus longiuterus* Rashid & Heyns, 1990. These species are re-described and illustrated herein. Four species of free-living nematodes belong to the family Rhabditidae and one species belongs to the family Cephalobidae.