

**DESCRIPTION OF *MERLINIUS INDICUS* N. SP. AND
OBSERVATIONS ON TWO SPECIES (NEMATODA:
TYLENCHIDA) FROM ORNAMENTAL PLANTS
IN PAKISTAN**

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Abstract

Merlinius indicus n.sp. collected from soil around the roots of *Rosa indica* in Swat, Pakistan is described and illustrated. It can be separated from all the species of the genus *Merlinius* by the presence of round, annulated tail terminus and short stylet length. *Tylenchorhynchus intervallatus* (Tobar Jimenez, 1970) Fortuner & Luc, 1987 and *Scutellonema brachyurus* (Steiner, 1938) Andrassy, 1958 were also collected around the roots of different ornamental plants for the first time in Pakistan. Morphometric data and illustrations are given.