

Aponema torosa (Lorenzen, 1973a)
(Fig. 175)

Description. Body length 0.7–0.8 mm. Maximum diameter 27–41 μm ($a = 17\text{--}27$). Six minute anterior and four 2–3 μm (0.3 h.d.) posterior cephalic setae. Amphids 4 μm (0.4–0.5 c.d.) wide, 1.0–1.5 h.d. posterior. Buccal cavity weakly cuticularised, narrow. Posterior oesophageal bulb 19–25 μm long, 20–26 μm wide, often with an angular appearance. Tail 4–5 a.b.d., with distal 15% cylindrical and a slightly swollen tip.

Spicules 35–37 μm (1.6–1.9 a.b.d.) as curve, angular in appearance with two sharp flexures. Gubernaculum with a caudally directed 9–13 μm apophysis which is more thickly cuticularised along its dorsal edge. Supplements absent.

Distribution. Exe estuary, South West England; Tamar estuary, South West England (intertidal mud).

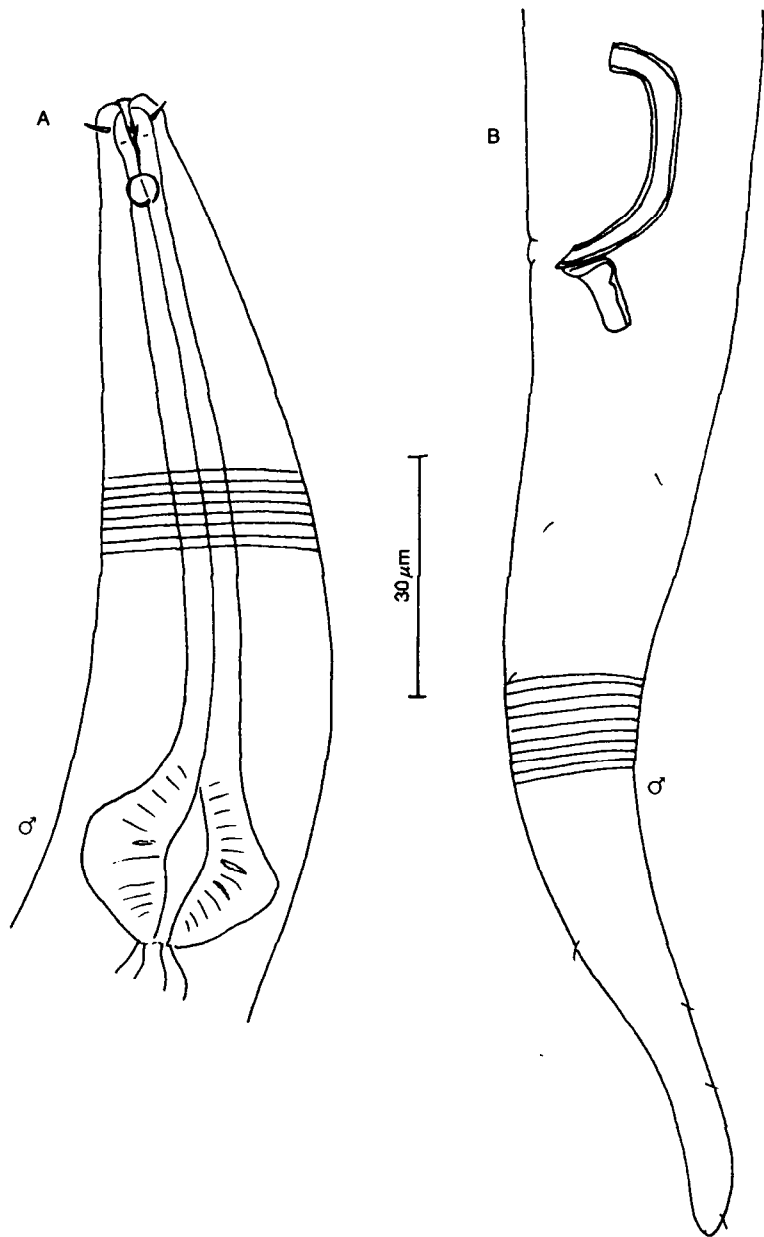


Fig. 175. *Aponema torosa*. A, Anterior end of male; B, Male tail. Original.