

Microlaimus zosterae Allgén, 1930
(Fig. 187)

Description. Body length 0.7–0.8 mm. Maximum diameter 21–24 μm ($a = 28$ –39). Body characteristically reddish. Six cephalic setae difficult to distinguish; four short 1.5–2 μm (0.25 h.d.) cephalic setae. Somatic setae absent. Amphids 5–6 μm (0.5 c.d.) wide, 1.5–1.6 h.d. posterior. Buccal cavity lightly cuticularised, teeth only slight projections. Tail 2.8–4.6 a.b.d.

Spicules 22–23 μm (1.1–1.2 a.b.d.), arcuate. Gubernaculum 12–14 μm , curved proximally and free from spicules. Supplements absent.

Vulva at 53% of body length.

Distribution. Strangford Lough, North East Ireland (intertidal sand).

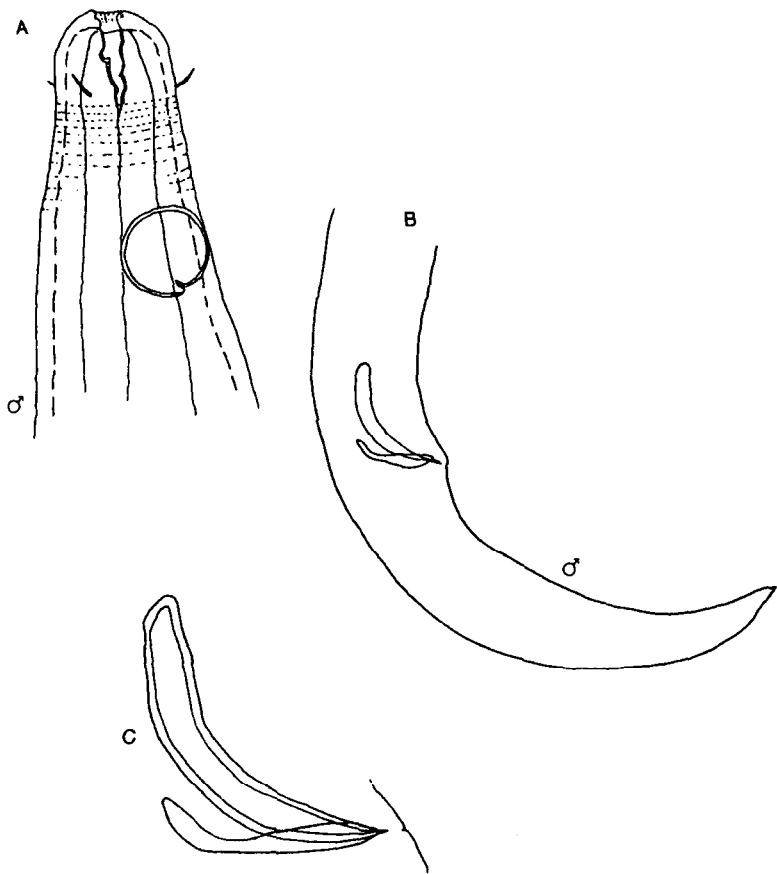


Fig. 187. *Microlaimus zosterae*. A, Male head; B, Male tail; C, Spicules and gubernaculum. Original.