Tarvaia angusta Gerlach, 1953 (Fig. 212)

Description (from Lambshead, 1981). Body length 0.9 mm. Maximum diameter 15 μ m (a = 61). The change in width of the cuticle annules occurs abruptly at the base of the oesophagus. Four 13 μ m (2 h.d.) cephalic setae. Small papillae irregularly distributed throughout body length and several short setae on the male tail. Amphids 46 μ m long, 12 μ m wide, a large elongated loop of 1.25 turns, not supported on a cuticular shield. Tail about 7 a.b.d.

Spicules 31 μ m (2 a.b.d.) as curve, arcuate, enlarged proximally. Gubernaculumn with paired dorso-caudally directed apophyses.

Distribution. Firth of Clyde, West Scotland, singe male (intertidal sand).

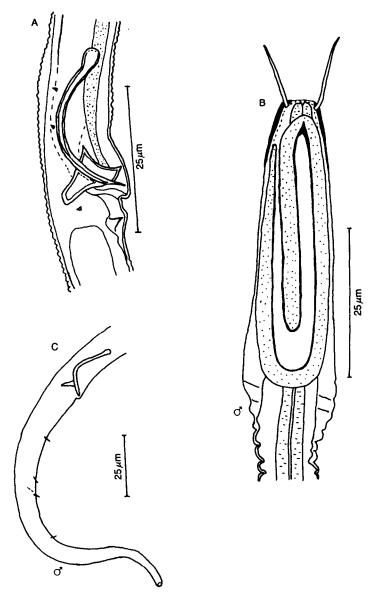


Fig. 212. Tarvaia angusta. A, Cloacal region; B, Male head; C, Male tail. From Lambshead (1981).