

*Paracanthonchus multitubifer* Timm, 1961  
(Fig. 122)

**Description.** Body length 1.2 mm. Maximum diameter  $73\ \mu\text{m}$  ( $a = 17$ ). Cuticle with transverse rows of small widely spaced dots; without lateral differentiation; two lateral files of pores. Labial setae short and conical. Four  $4.5\ \mu\text{m}$  and six  $7\ \mu\text{m}$  (0.3 h.d.) cephalic setae. Amphids of 3.5 turns,  $9\ \mu\text{m}$  (0.3 c.d.) wide. Buccal cavity with short broad dorsal tooth opposed by a rounded cuticular elevation but additional teeth absent. Tail 2.0 a.b.d., anterior third strongly tapered and posterior two-thirds filiform (Fig. 122A).

Spicules  $46\ \mu\text{m}$  (1.2 a.b.d.), straight and slender. Gubernaculum  $29\ \mu\text{m}$ , distal end dilated bearing five teeth, four of which point laterally and the other points inwards towards the mid-line (Fig. 122C). 24 S-shaped tubular precloacal supplements, more or less evenly spaced except for the posterior five which are slightly closer together.

**Distribution.** Exe estuary, South West England, single male (intertidal muddy sand).

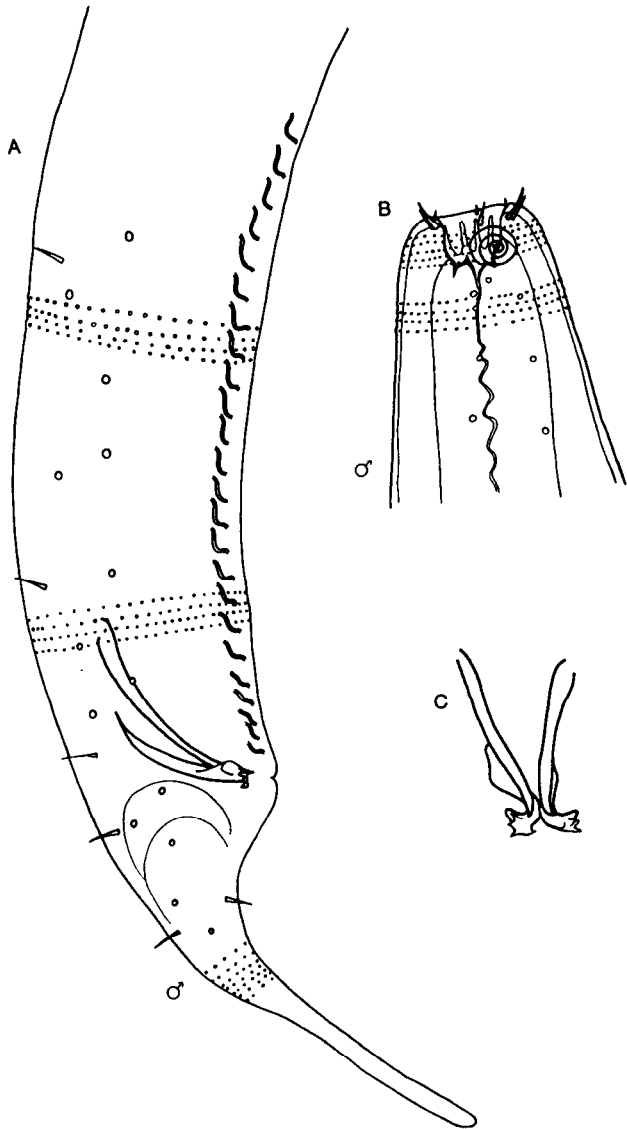


Fig. 122. *Paracanthonchus multitubifer*. A, Male tail; B, Male head; C, Ventral view of spicules and gubernaculum. Original.