Enoplolaimus subterraneus Gerlach, 1952 (Fig. 54)

Description. Body length 2.4–3.3 mm. Maximum breadth 62–110 μ m (a = 30-39). Cuticle smooth. Lips with semi-lunar striations. Labial setae very short (7-8 μ m) and stout. Six longer cephalic setae all 1.4 h.d. long, four shorter ones are only one-quarter as long. Male with six short cervical setae. none in female. Mandibles shorter and broader than in other members of the genus. Tail 2.7-3.8 a.b.d., strongly constricted behind the anus. Spicules 38–45 μ m, straight. Supplement 2.1 a.b.d. in front of cloaca. Vulva at 58-64% of body length.

Distribution. Exe estuary (intertidal sand).

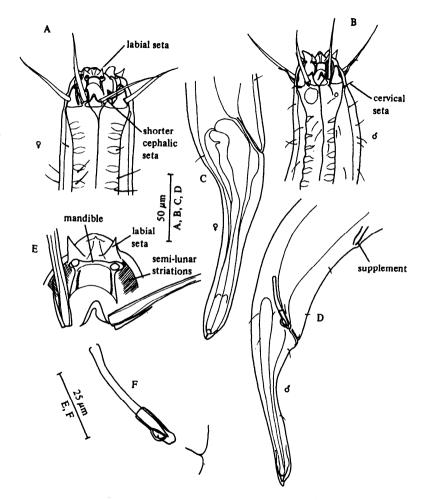


Fig. 54. Enoplolaimus subterraneus. A, Female head; B, Male head; C, Female tail; D, Male tail; E, Detail of lip region; F, Spicules and gubernaculum. Original.