

*Thalassoalaimus* DE MAN 1893

A. Tail short, rounded; no caudal capsule.

1. Cephalic setae of equal length:

*T. egregius* STEINER 1916a: Cephalic setae more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  head diameter long.  
Length of body=3,5 mm.

*T. montemari* n.sp. Cephalic setae less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  head diameter long. Length of body=1,6 mm.

2. Cephalic setae unequal in length:

*T. rotundicaudatus* FILIPJEV 1925b

B. Tail short, pointed.

1. No caudal capsule:

*T. tardus* DE MAN 1893. L=1,5—2,5 mm; tail 2 anal diameters long.  
(The variety *tenuis* ALLGÉN 1947d is a nomen nudum!)

*T. oxycauda* FILIPJEV 1925b: L=5,5 mm; tail 2 anal diameters long.

2. Provided with caudal capsule:

(The following three species are very closely related but cannot be identified with each other. The key is based on males only):

*T. septentrionalis* FILIPJEV 1925b, ALLGÉN 1928: Cervical setae about the same length as cephalic setae, 3 head diameters behind anterior end. Excretory pore  $65 \mu$ =17% of length of esophagus behind anterior end. Ventral plate of caudal capsule about 50% of length of tail. Distance between the two preanal papillae=twice the distance between posterior papilla and anus.

*T. spissus* (ALLGÉN 1932b)=*T. septentrionalis* var. *spissus*. Cervical setae about the same length as cephalic setae, 2 head diameters behind anterior end. Ventral plate of caudal capsule even a little longer and stronger than in *septentrionalis*. Distance between the two preanal papillae the same as between posterior papilla and anus.

*T. macrosmaticus* n.sp.: Cervical setae twice the length of the cephalic setae, 3 head diameters behind anterior end. Excretory pore  $145 \mu$ =45% of length of esophagus behind anterior end. Ventral plate of caudal capsule about 25% of length of tail. Distance between the two papillae=three times the distance between posterior papilla and anus.

C. Tail long, attenuated and cylindrical posteriorly, without caudal capsule (both species insufficiently known):

*T. filiformis* ALLGÉN 1933b. Neither cephalic nor cervical setae (?)

*T. tenuis* ALLGÉN 1935a (nec *T. tardus* var. *tenuis*). Provided with setae.