

*Microlaimus* De Man, 1880

syn. *Microlaimioides* Hoeppli, 1926, see Andrassy 1960.

syn. *Paracothonolaimus* Schulz, 1932, see Stekhoven & De Coninck 1932.

*Diagnosis.* Microlaiminae. Cuticle annulate, sometimes ornamented with dots or longitudinal bars. Somatic setae small, porids sometimes present. Amphids circular to transversely or longitudinal oval in outline, with a tendency to spiralize.

Type species: *Microlaimus globiceps* De Man, 1880

*Remarks.* The checklist of Gerlach & Riemann (1973) tabulates 59 species of *Microlaimus*; to these must be added the following species and proposed changes:

1. New descriptions since 1972: *M. acicularis* Lorenzen, 1976; *M. acinaces* Warwick & Platt, 1973; *M. conspicuus* Lorenzen, 1973; *M. cuanensis* Platt, 1973; *M. parallgeni* Vitiello, 1973; *M. ponticus* Sergeeva, 1976; *M. torosus* Lorenzen, 1973.
2. Transferred from *Paramicrolaimus* (Spiriniidae) (p. 167): *M. acinaces* Warwick & Platt, 1973; *M. conothesis* (Lorenzen, 1973); *M. luneatus* (Wieser & Hopper, 1967); *M. papillatus* Gerlach, 1956.
3. Transferred to *Bolbolaimus* (Microlaiminae) (p. 162): *Microlaimus chitwoodi* Gerlach, 1950; *M. crassiceps* Gerlach, 1953; *M. teutonicus* Riemann, 1966; *M. wieseri* Hopper, 1961.
4. Transferred to *Calomicrolaimus* (Microlaiminae) (pp. 163–4): *Microlaimus formosus* Gerlach 1957; *M. honestus* De Man, 1922; *M. microseta* Gerlach, 1953; *M. parahonestus* Gerlach, 1950; *M. pecticauda* Murphy, 1966; *M. spinosus* Gerlach, 1957; *M. spirifer* Warwick, 1970; *M. tenuicollis* Gerlach, 1952.
5. Transferred to *Aponema* (Aponematinae, Molgolaimidae) (p. 165): *Microlaimus torosus* Lorenzen, 1973.
6. Transferred to *Molgolaimus* (Molgolaiminae, Molgolaimidae) (p. 166): *Microlaimus allgeni* Gerlach, 1950; *M. citrus* Gerlach, 1959; *M. cuanensis* Platt, 1973; *M. labradorensis* Allgén, 1957; *M. lazonus* Vitiello, 1973; *M. tenuicaudatus* Allgén, 1959; *M. tenuilaimus* Allgén, 1932; *M. tenuispiculum* De Man, 1922; *M. turgofrons* Lorenzen, 1972.
7. Transferred to *Prodesmodora* (Molgolaiminae, Molgolaimidae) (p. 166): *Microlaimus arcticus* Mulvey, 1969; *M. lepturus* De Cillis, 1917.
8. Regarded as species inquirendae: *Microlaimus problematicus* Allgén, 1932; *M. zosteriae* Allgén, 1930.