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| Manuscript Number: | Ms\_UPJOZ\_4719 | | |
| Title of the Manuscript: | First report of a Mermithid nematode parasite on Coccinella transversalis (Fabr.) (Coleoptera: Coccinellidae) from Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh. | | |
| Type of the Article | Short communication | | |
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