

Micromorphology of the ovijector of female *Haemonchus contortus* (Nematoda, Trichostrongylidae)

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ABSTRACT : In *Haemonchus contortus*, the ovijector is a muscular organ having thick ruffled epithelial lining. The ovijectors from both the uteri unite to form a common vagina. Large elongated muscle cells act as constrictors to regulate the passage of fertilized ova to the vagina. The vagina has a tetra-lobed lumen to receive ova from both the ovijectors. A pair of large elongated cells constitute the wall of vagina uterina, while the wall of vagina vera is heavily muscularized.

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