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Chromosomes in a lady bird beetle *Menochilus sexmaculatus* Fab. (Coleoptera: Coccinellidae)

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ABSTRACT..... A lady bird beetle, *Menochilus sexmaculatus* Fab. (Coleoptera:Coccinellidae) is biocontrol agent of several homopterous insect pests. Therefore, karyological investigations were carried out in adult male of *M. sexmaculatus*. The diploid number of 12 chromosomes was depicted by the spermatogonial metaphase. The karyotypes comprised of 10 pair of autosomes and X and Y sex chromosomes.

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