

Table 1 Morphometric and meristic characters of *Plectorhinchus playfairi* collected from Jubail, Saudi Arabia, Arabian Gulf (TL, total; HL, head length; SL standard length)

Morphometric/ meristic characters	
Total length	270
Standard length (% in TL)	230(85.2)
Head length (% in SL)	60(26.1)
Eye diameter (% in HL)	10(16.6)
Snout length (% in HL)	20(33.3)
Postorbital length (% in HL)	30(50)
Predorsal fin length (% in SL)	80(34.8)
Postdorsal fin length (% in SL)	70(30.4)
Prepectoral fin length (% in SL)	90(39.1)
Preanus length (% in SL)	130(56.5)
Postanal fin length (% in SL)	70(30.4)
Maximum body depth (% in SL)	110(47.8)
Caudal peduncle depth (% in SL)	54(23.3)
Pectoral fin length (% in SL)	50(21.7)
Meristic characters	
Number of gill rakers	21
Number of lateral line scales	56
Dorsal fin spines	12
Dorsal fin rays	19
Anal fin spines	3
Anal fin rays	7
Pectoral fin rays	15