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PLATE 12



Himalmartensus ausobskyi Wang and Zhu, 2008: **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Habitus, lateral view; **D.** Chelicera, ventral view; **E.** Eyes, frontal view; **F.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **G.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 5 mm (A, B, C); 2 mm (D, E); 1 mm (F, G).

PLATE 13



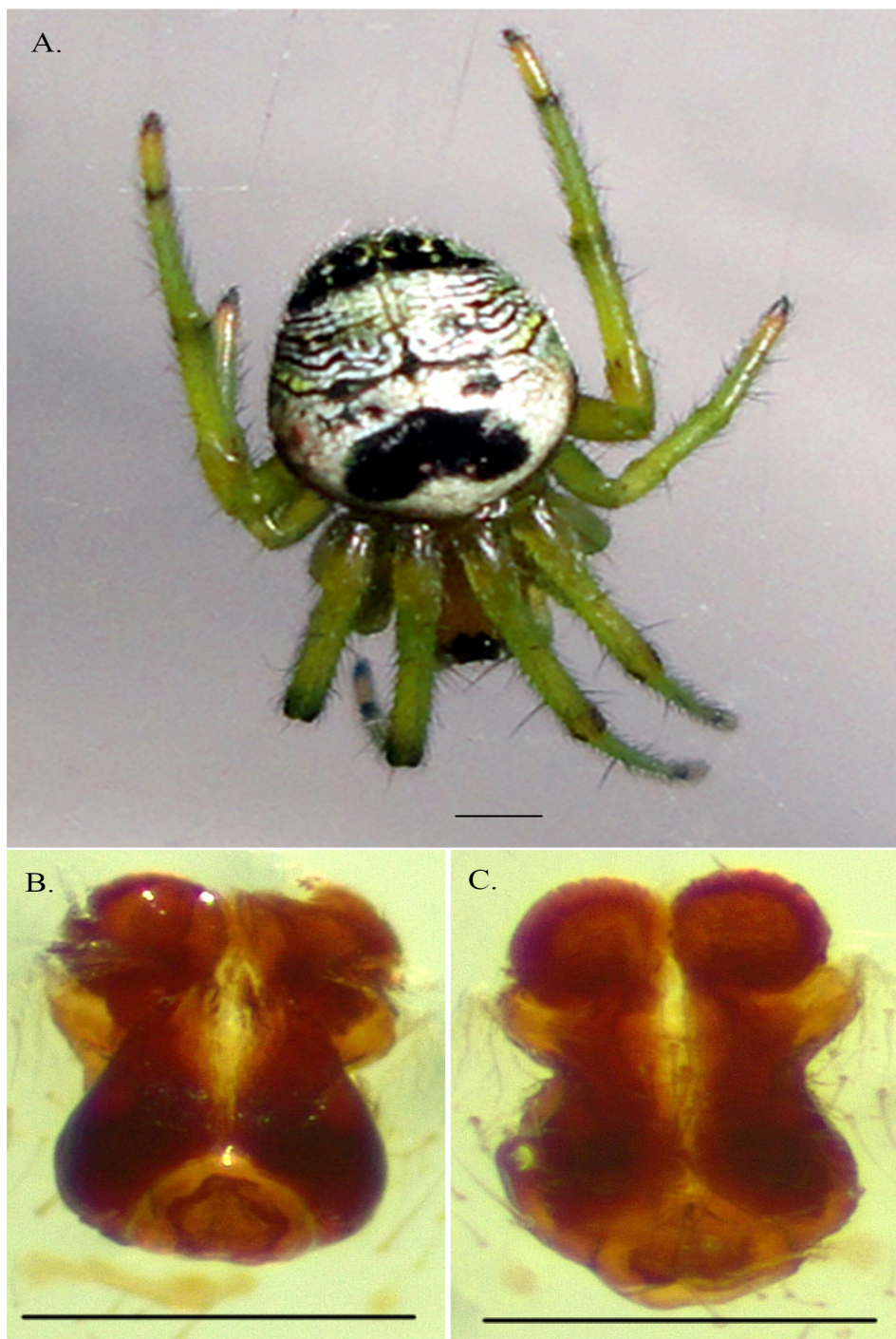
Acusilas coccineus Simon, 1895: **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, lateral view; **C.** Sternum; **D.** Eyes, frontal view; **E.** Epigyne, ventral view; **F.** Epigyne, dorsal view. Scale bars = 1 mm (A, B); 0.5 mm (C, D); 0.2 mm (E, F).

PLATE 14



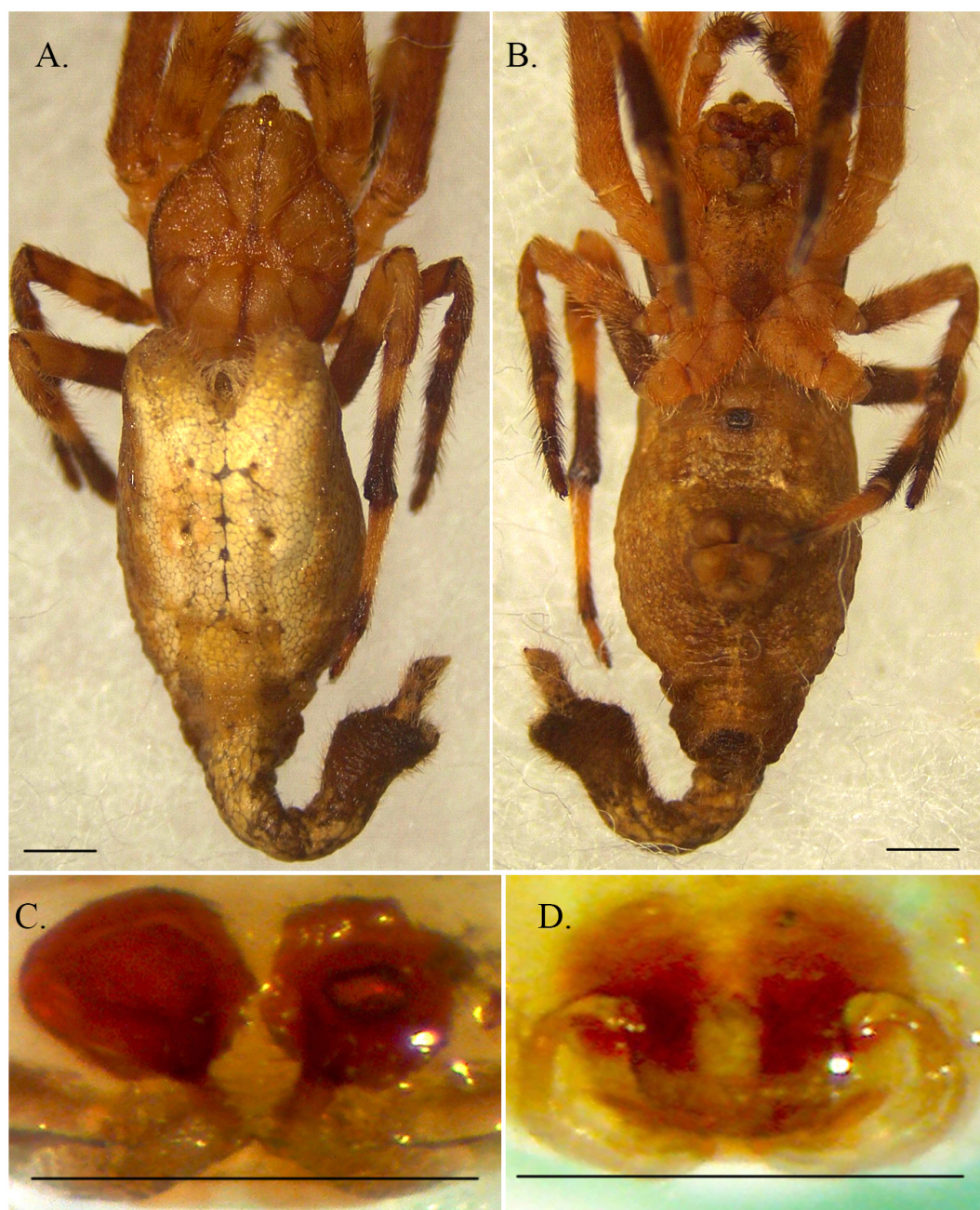
Argiope aemula (Walckenaer, 1841): **A.** Carapace, dorsal view; **B.** Abdomen, ventral view; **C.** Carapace, ventral view; **D.** Abdomen, ventral view; **E.** Chelicerae, ventral view; **F.** Eyes, frontal view; **G.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **H.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A, B, C, D); 1 mm (E, F); 0.5 mm (G, H).

PLATE 15



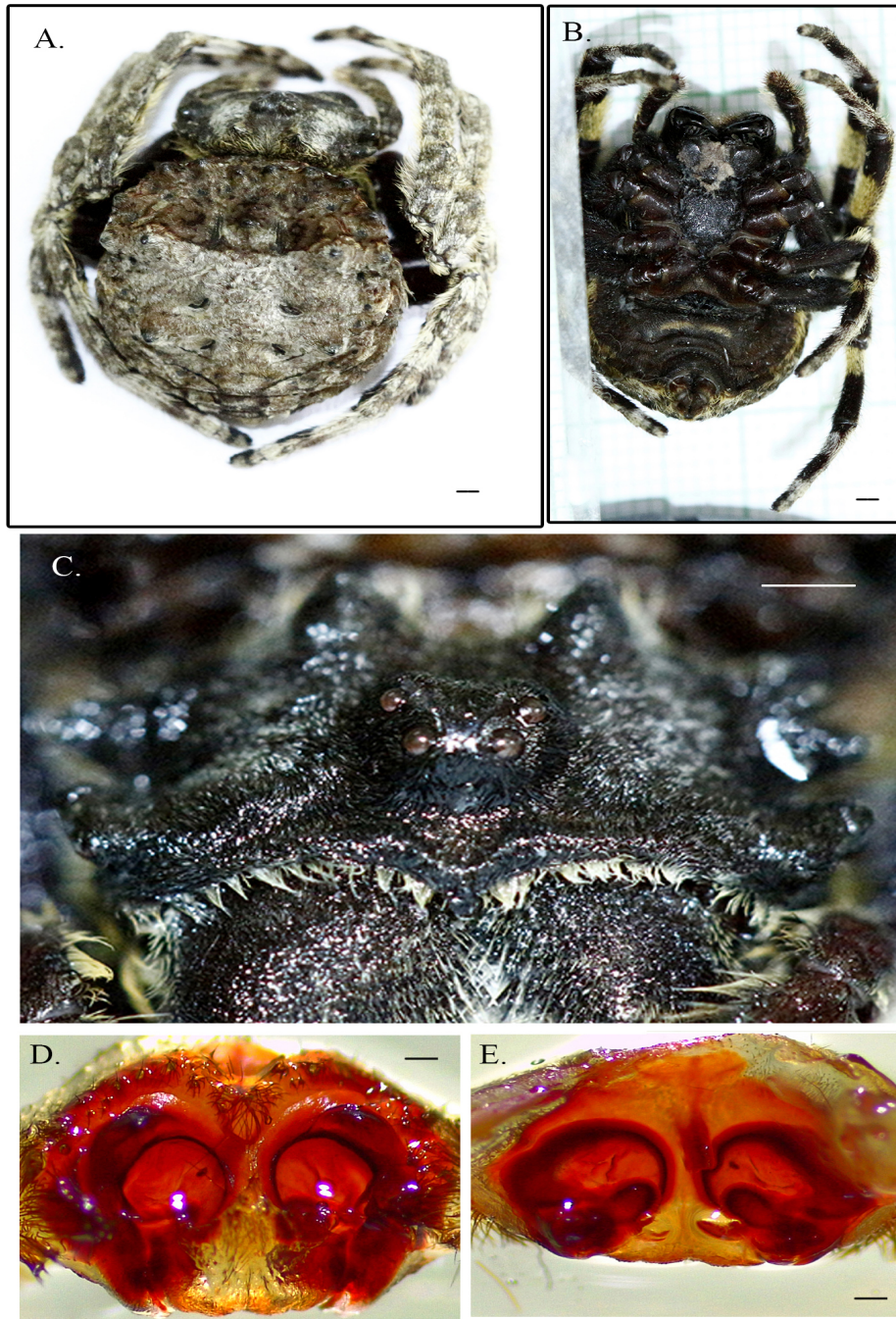
Bijoaraneus mitificus (Simon, 1886): **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **C.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 1 mm (A), 0.5 mm (B, C).

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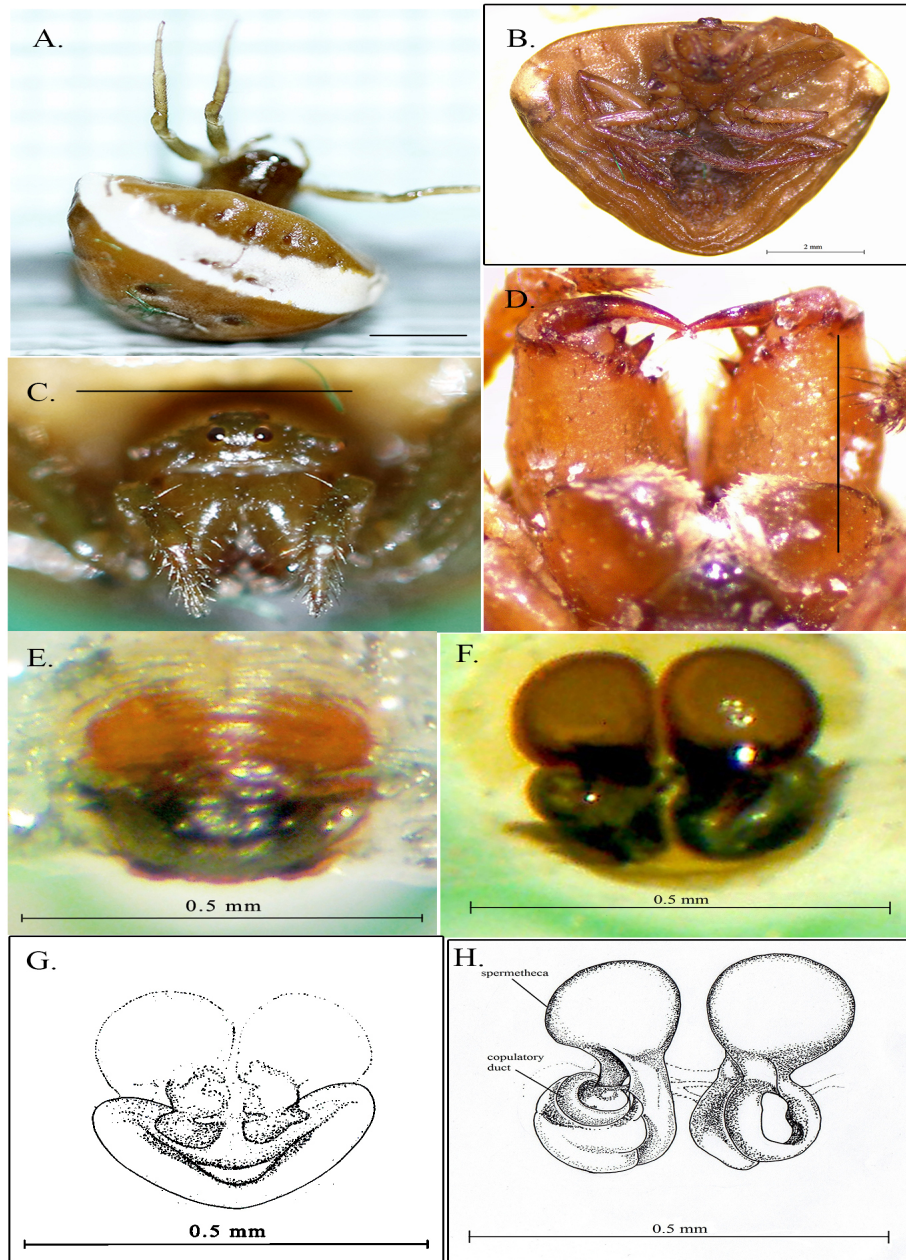
Arachnura angura Tikader, 1970: **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **D.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A, B), 0.5 (C, D).

PLATE 17



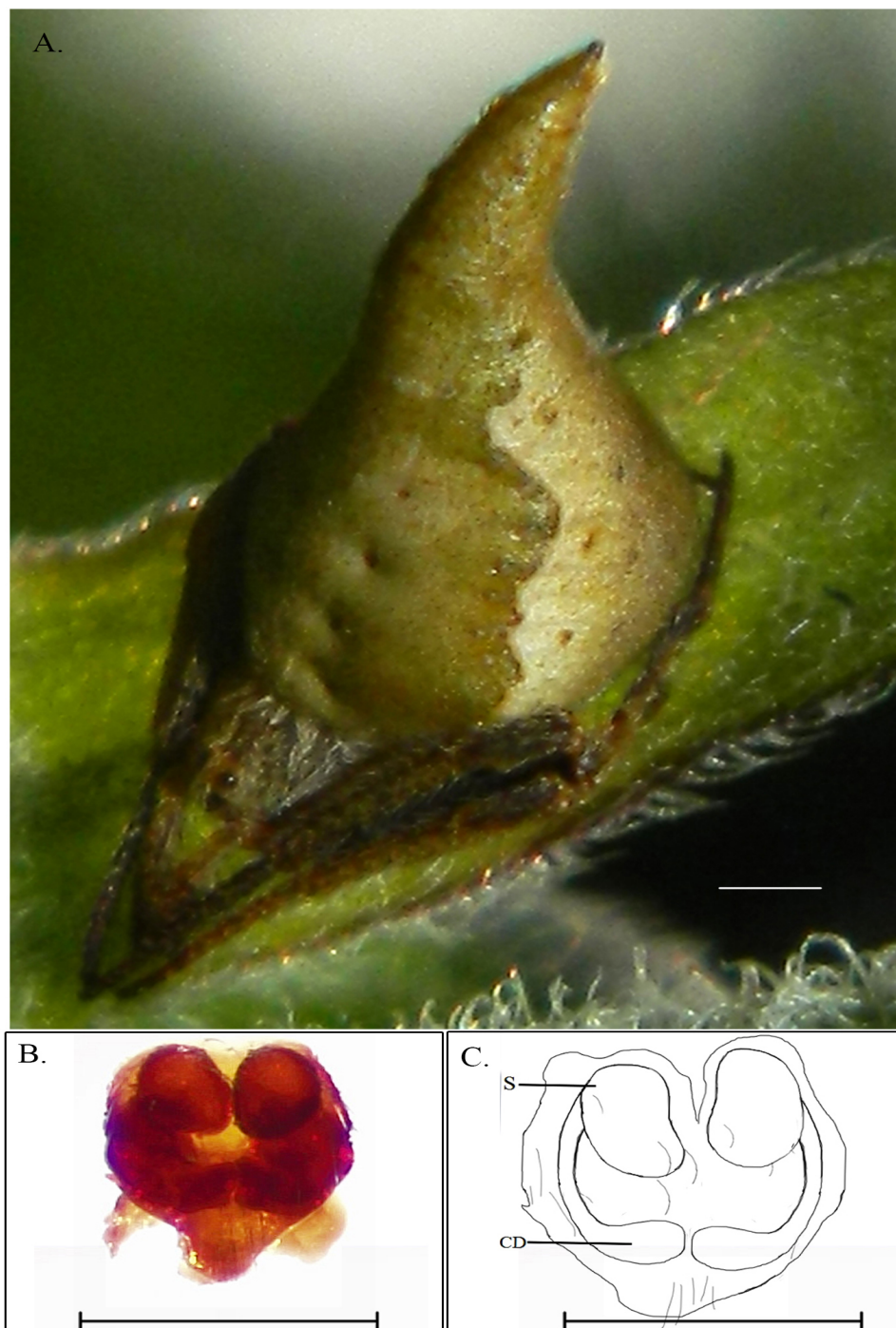
Caerostris sumatrana Strand, 1915: **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Carapace, frontal view; **D.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **E.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 5 mm (A, B), 2 mm (C), 1 mm (D, E).

PLATE 18



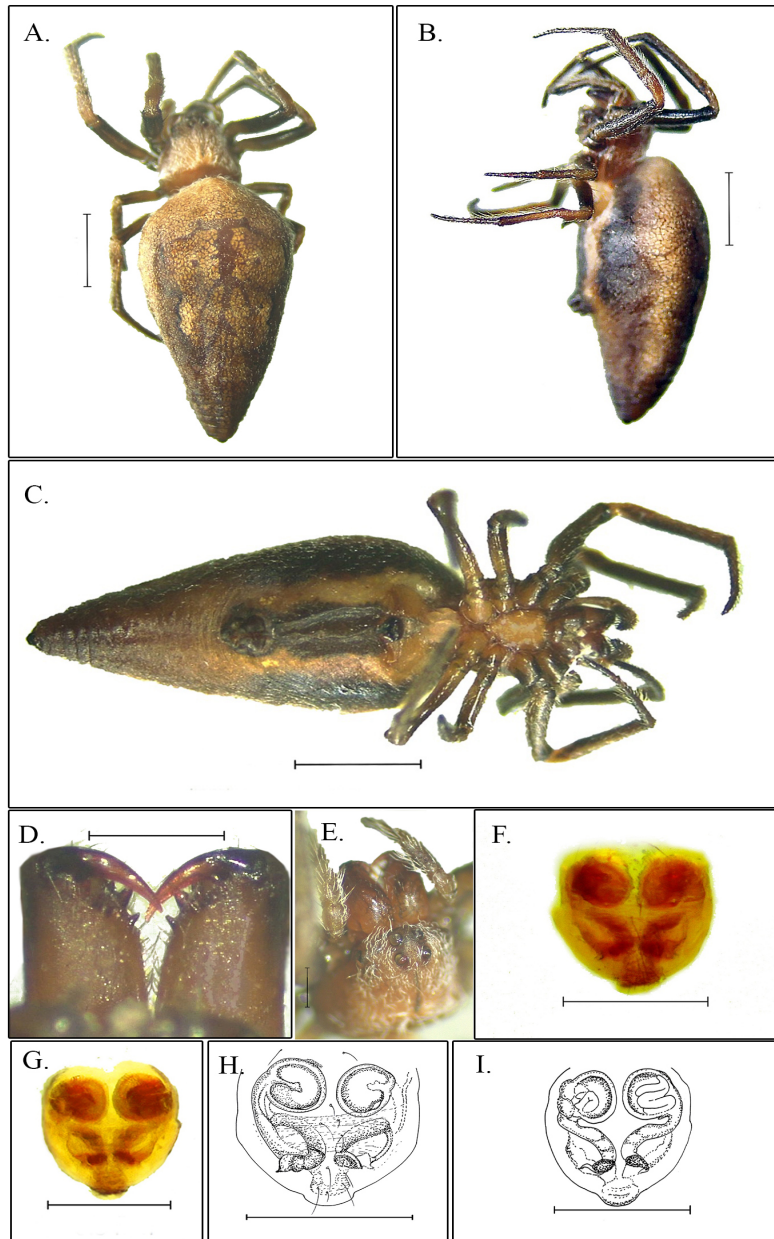
Cyrtarachne nagasakiensis Strand, 1918: **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Carapace, frontal view; **D.** Chelicerae, ventral view; **E.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **F.** Epigyne, ventral view; **G.** Diagrammatic representation of epigyne, dorsal view; **H.** Diagrammatic representation of epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A, B); 1 mm (C, D); 0.5 mm (E, F, G, H).

PLATE 19



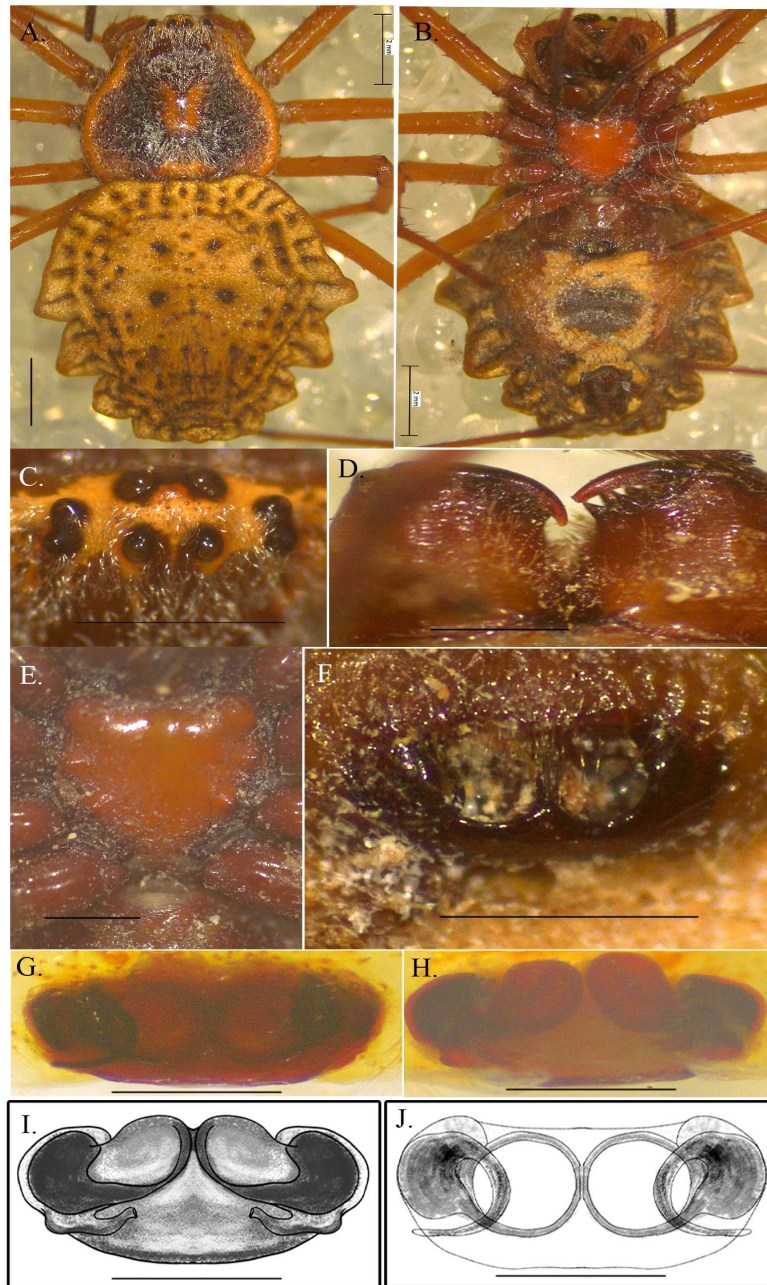
Eriovixia pseudocentrodes (Bösenberg and Strand, 1906): **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Epigyne, ventral view; **C.** Diagrammatic representation of epigyne, ventral view (S – spermathecae, CD – copulatory ducts). Scale bars = 2 mm (A), 0.5 mm (B, C).

PLATE 20



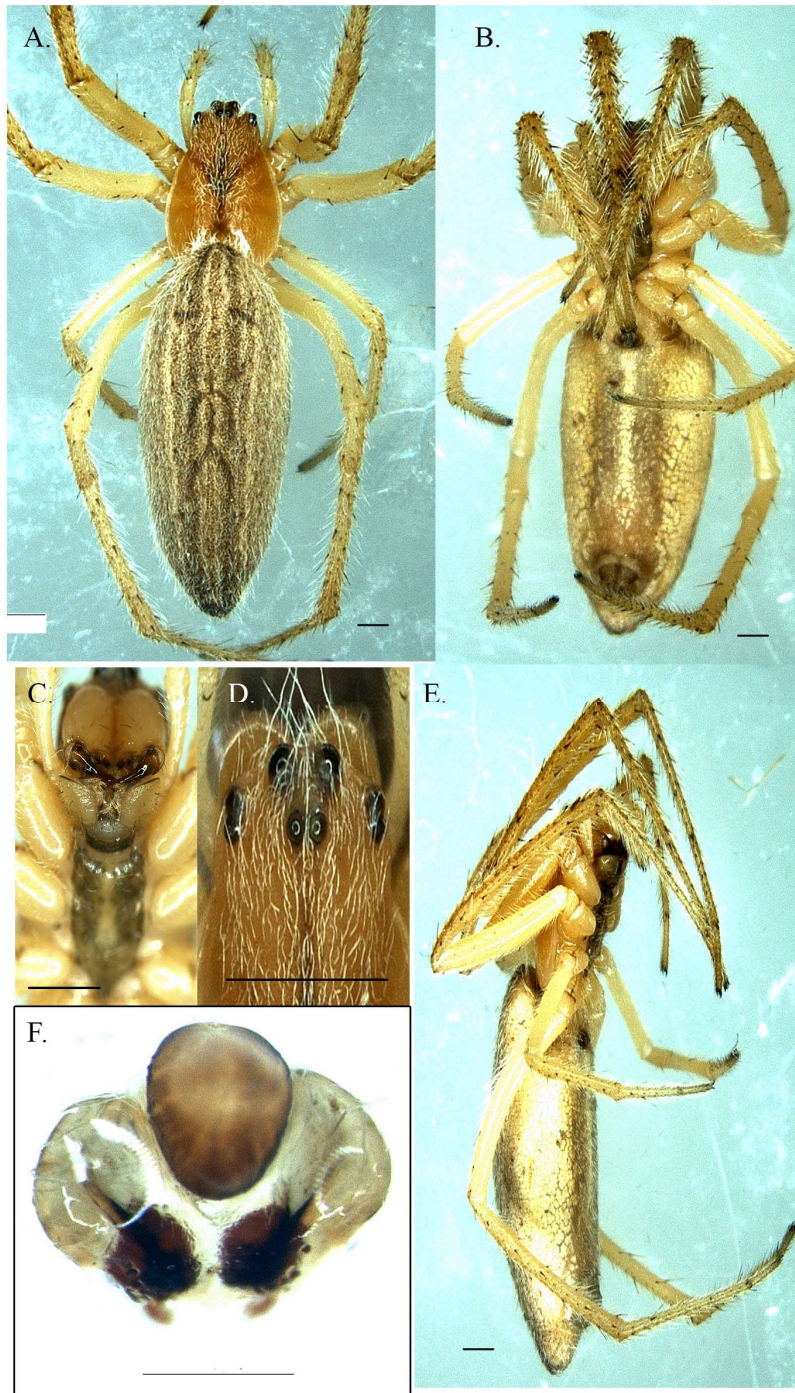
Eriovixia kachugaonensis Basumatary, Chanda, Das, Kalita, Brahma, Basumatary, Basumatary and Daimary, 2019: **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, lateral view; **C.** Habitus, ventral view; **D.** Chelicerae, ventral view; **E.** Carapace, dorsal view; **F.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **G.** Epigyne, ventral view; **H.** Diagrammatic representation of epigyne, dorsal view; **I.** Diagrammatic representation of epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A, B, C), 1 mm (D, E), 0.5 mm (F, G, H, I).

PLATE 21



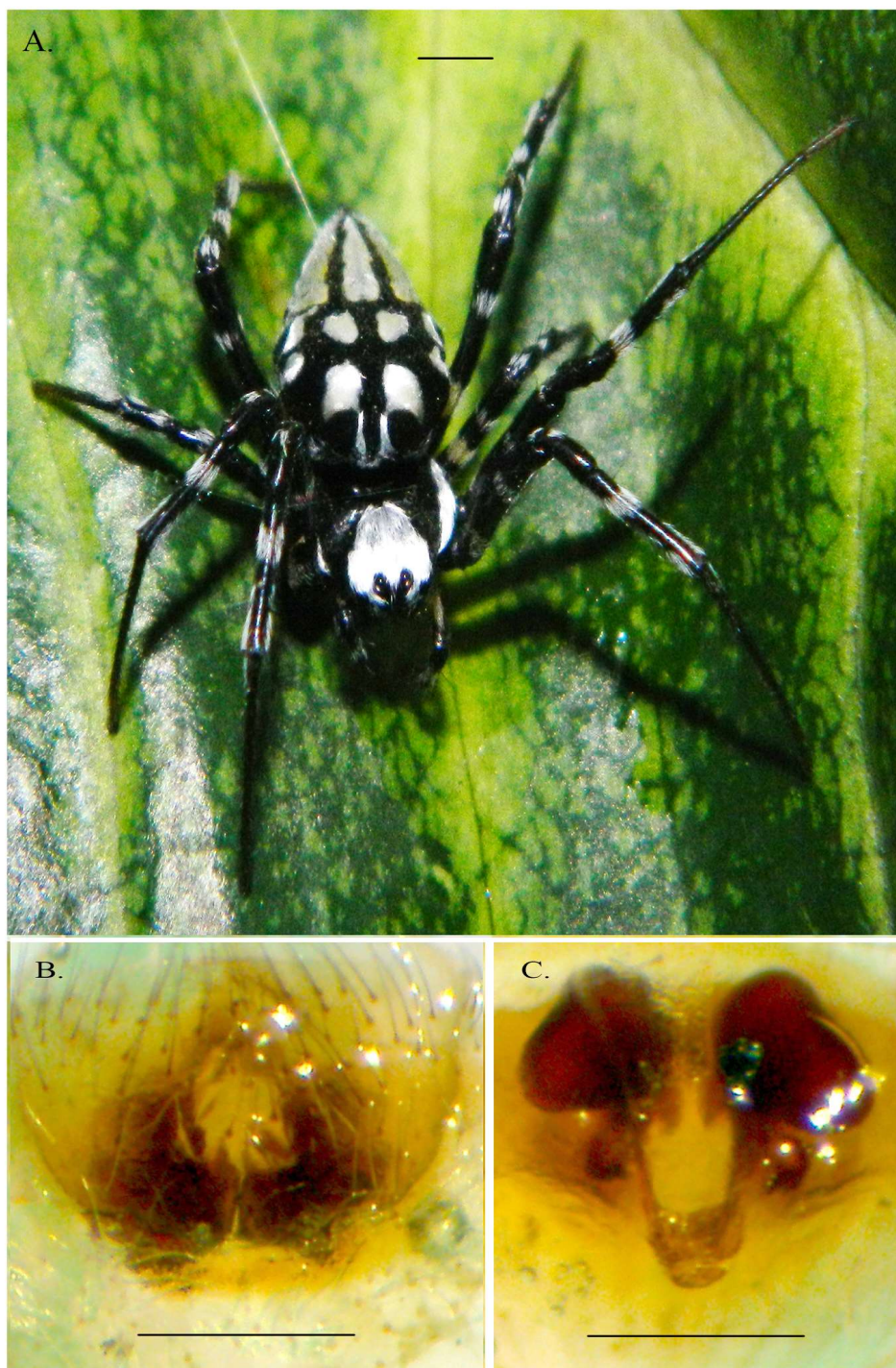
Herennia multipuncta (Doleschall, 1859): **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Eyes, frontal view; **D.** Chelicerae, ventral view; **E.** Sternum; **F.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **G.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **H.** Epigyne, ventral view; **I.** Diagrammatic representation of epigyne, dorsal view; **J.** Diagrammatic representation of epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars: 2 mm (A, B), 1 mm (C, D, E, F), 0.5 mm (G, H, I, J).

PLATE 22



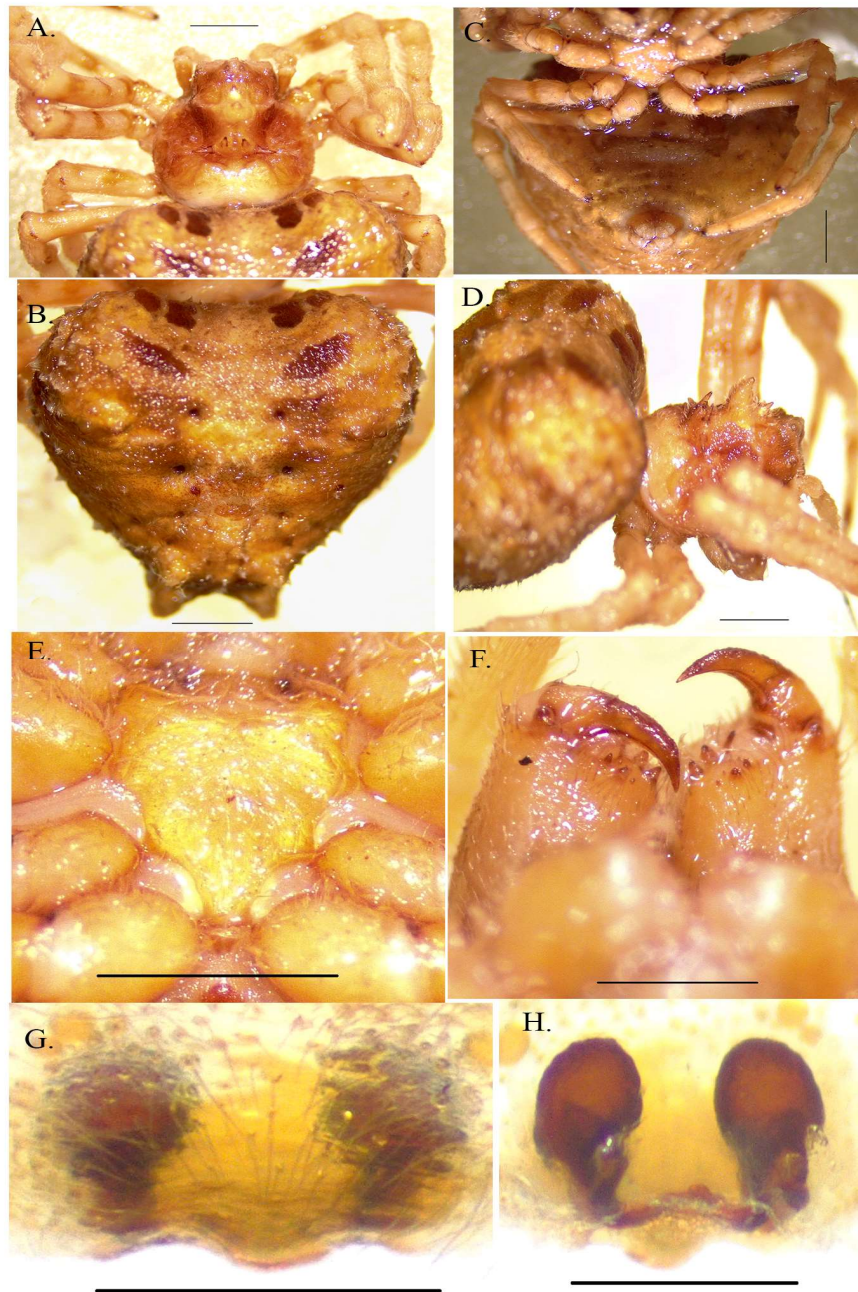
Larinia phthisica (L. Koch, 1871): **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Carapace, ventral view; **D.** Eyes, dorsal view; **E.** Habitus, lateral view; **F.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars: 2 mm (A, B, E), 1 mm (C, D), 0.5 mm (F).

PLATE 23



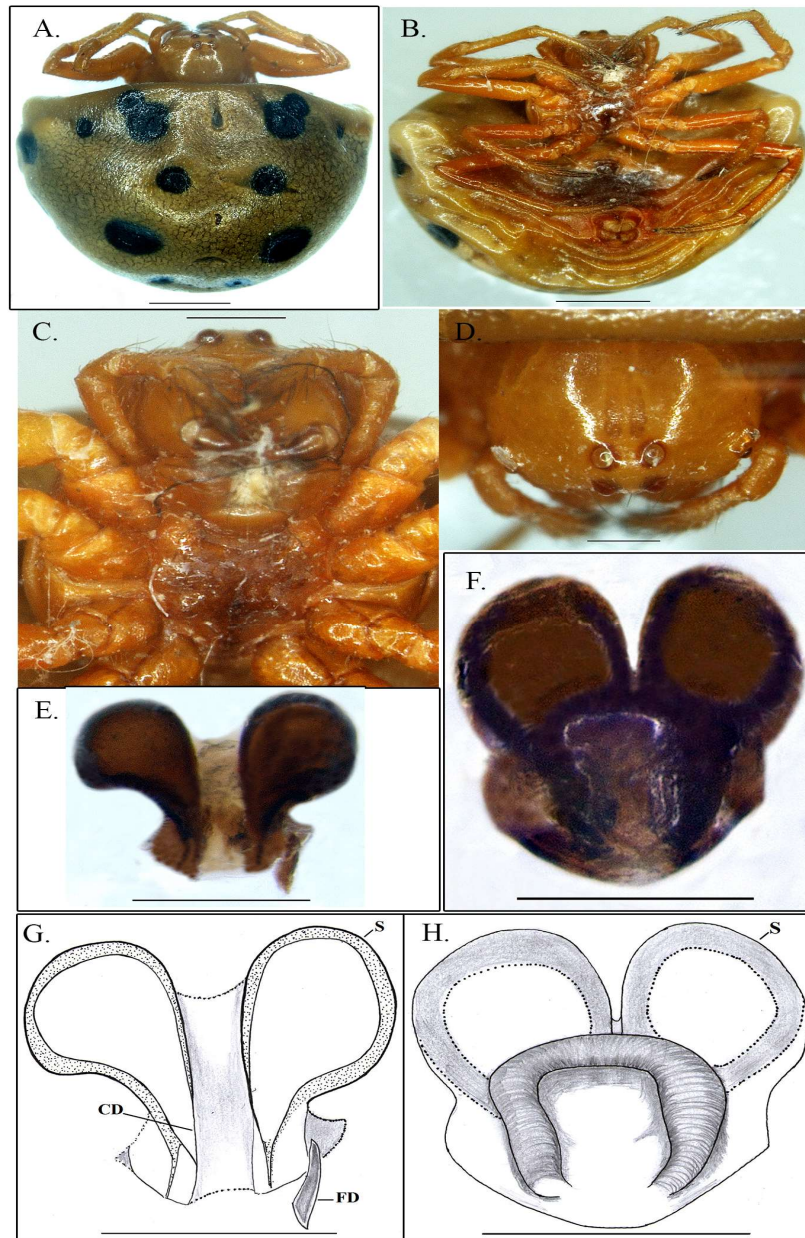
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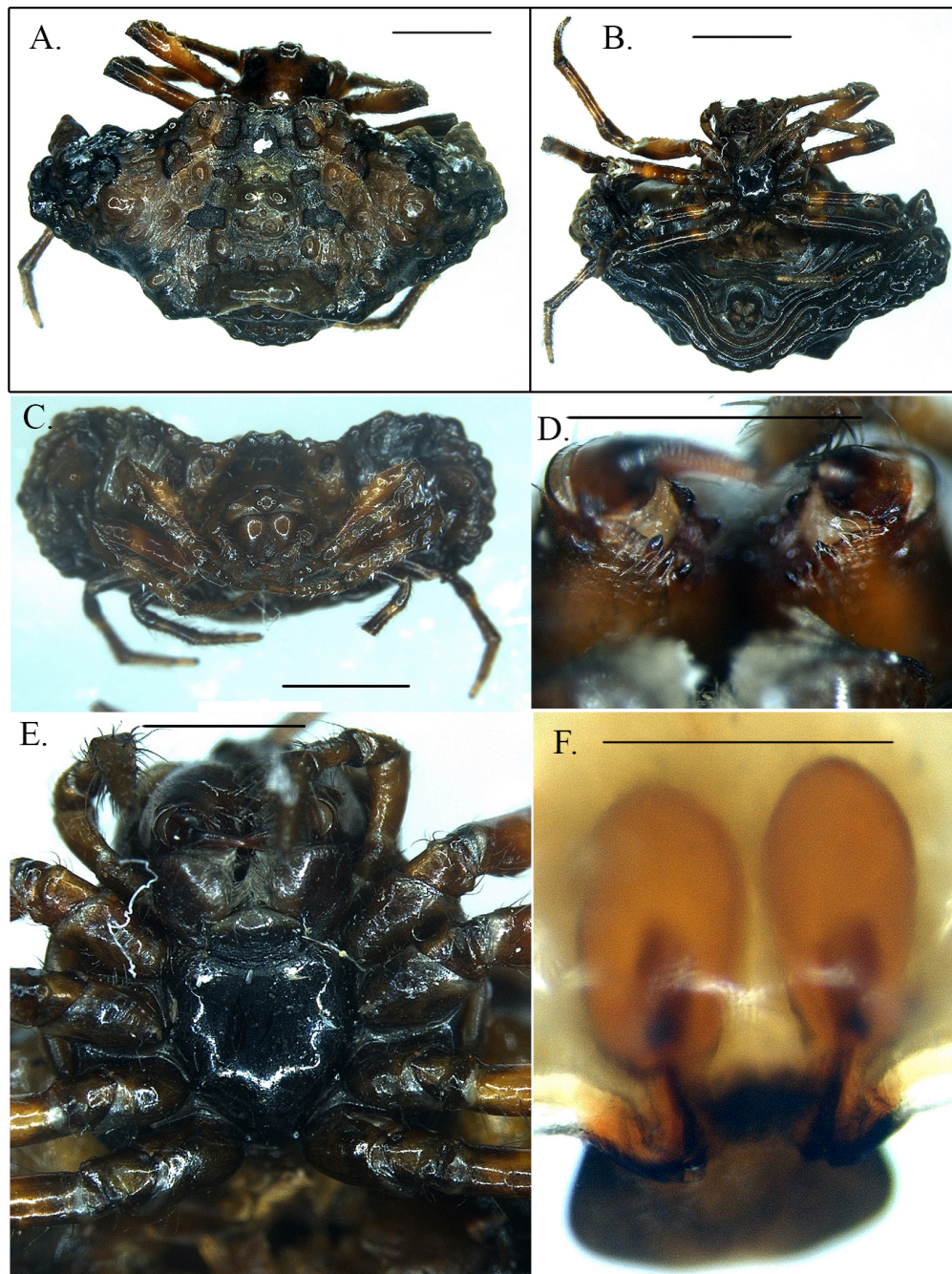
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PLATE 25



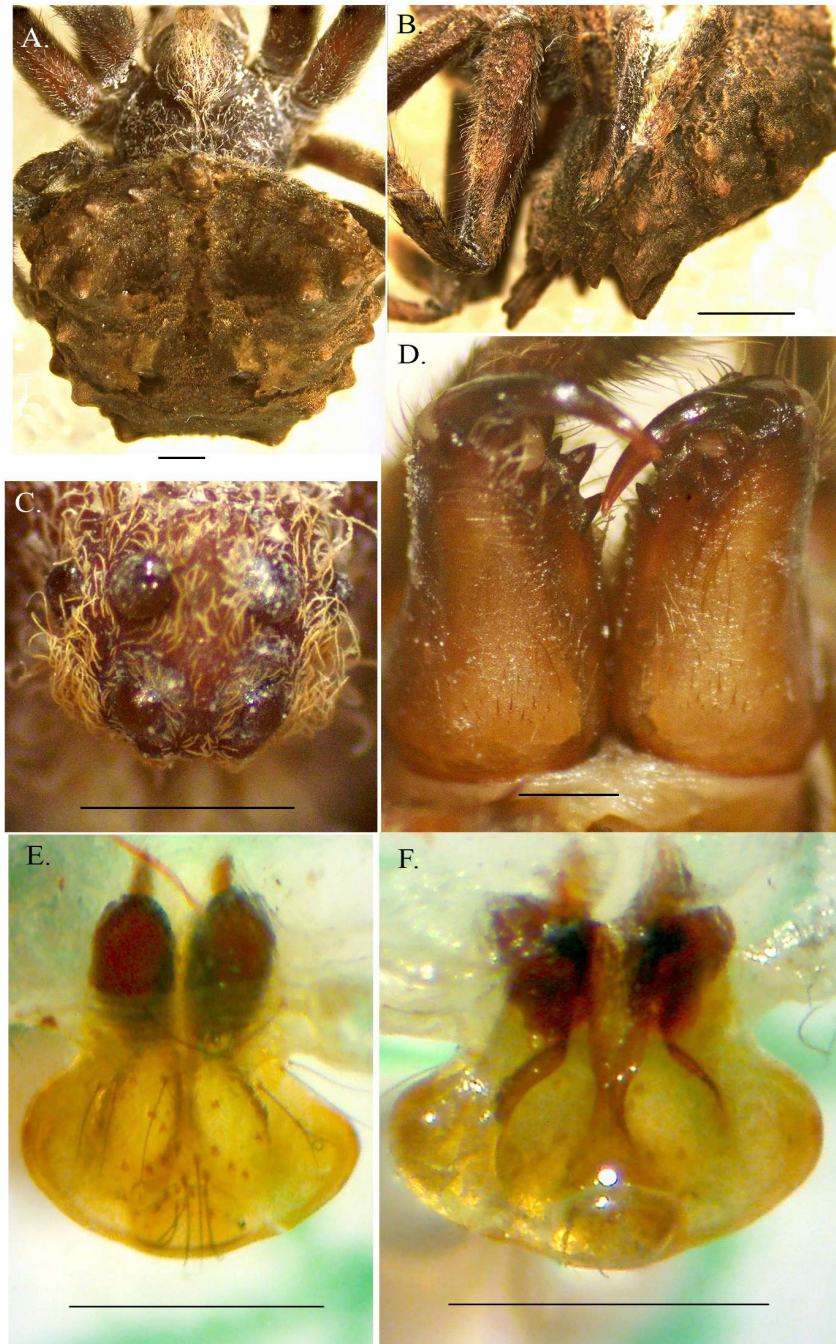
Paraplectana mamoniae Basumatary and Brahma, 2019: **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Carapace, ventral view; **D.** Carapace, dorsal view; **E.** Epigyne, ventral view; **F.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **G.** Diagrammatic representation of epigyne, ventral view; **H.** Diagrammatic representation of epigyne, dorsal view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A, B), 1 mm (C, D), 0.5 mm (E, F, G, H).

PLATE 26



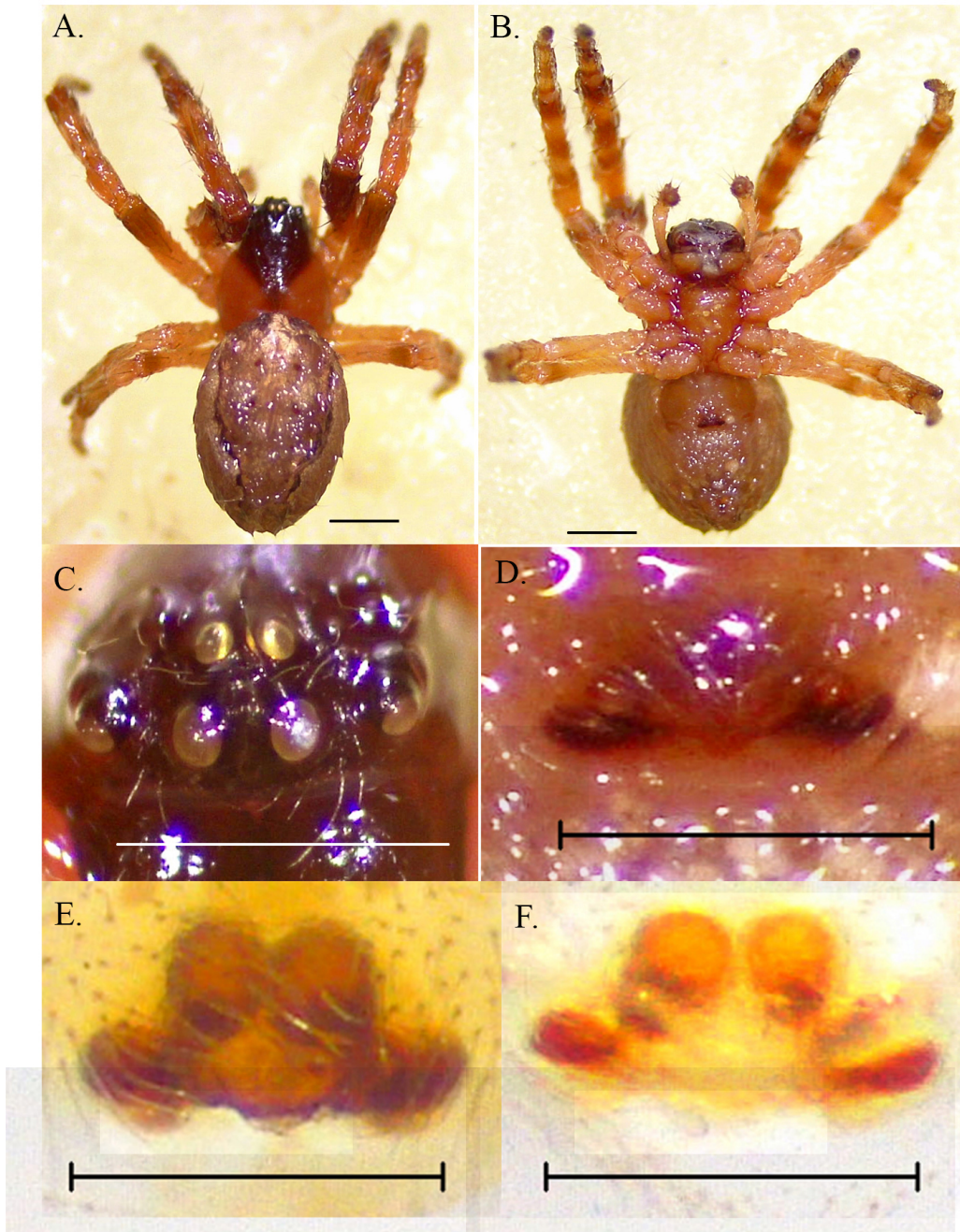
Pasilobus kotigeharus Tikader, 1963: **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Habitus, anterior view; **D.** Chelicerae, anterior view; **E.** Sternum, ventral view; **F.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A, B, C), 1 mm (D, E), 0.5 mm (F).

PLATE 27



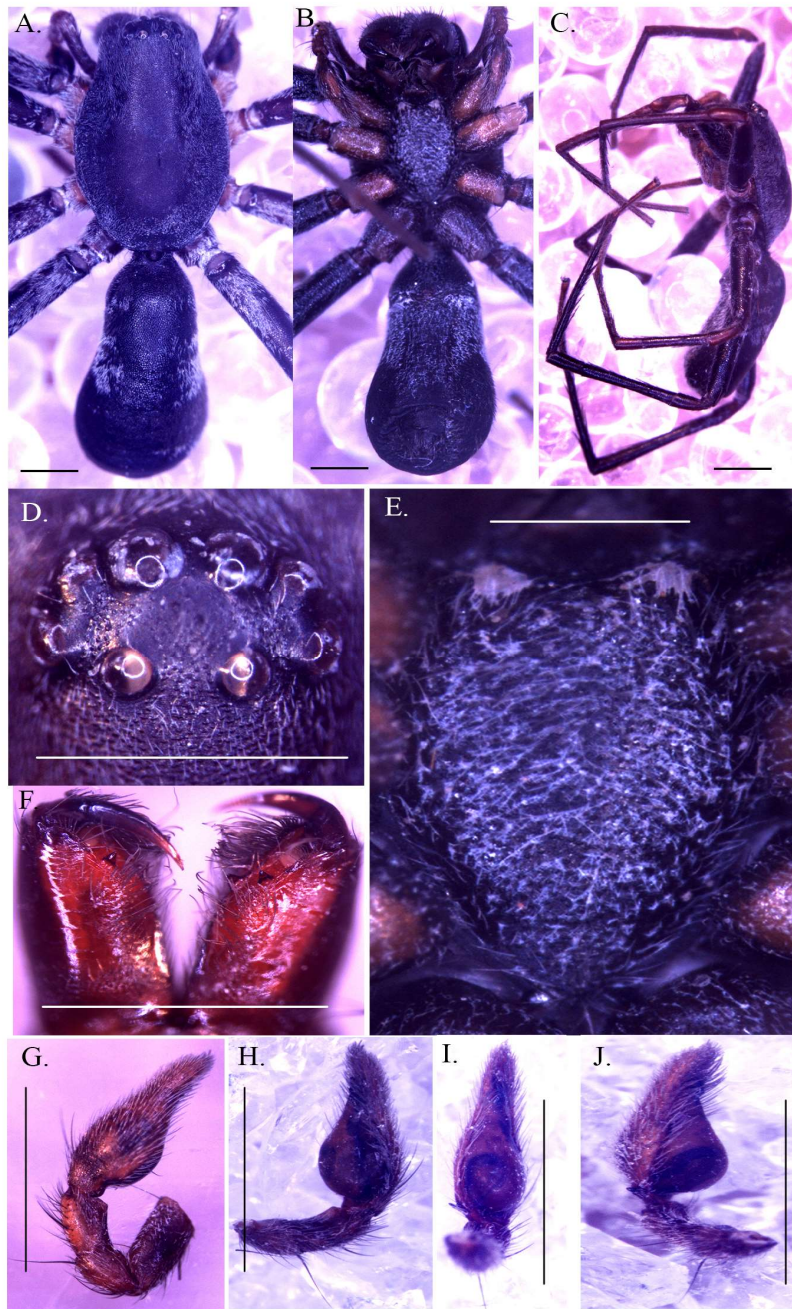
Poltys illepidus C. L. Koch, 1843: **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, lateral view; **C.** Eye, anterior view; **D.** Chelicerae, ventral view; **E.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **F.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A, B), 1 mm (C, D), 0.5 mm (E, F).

PLATE 28



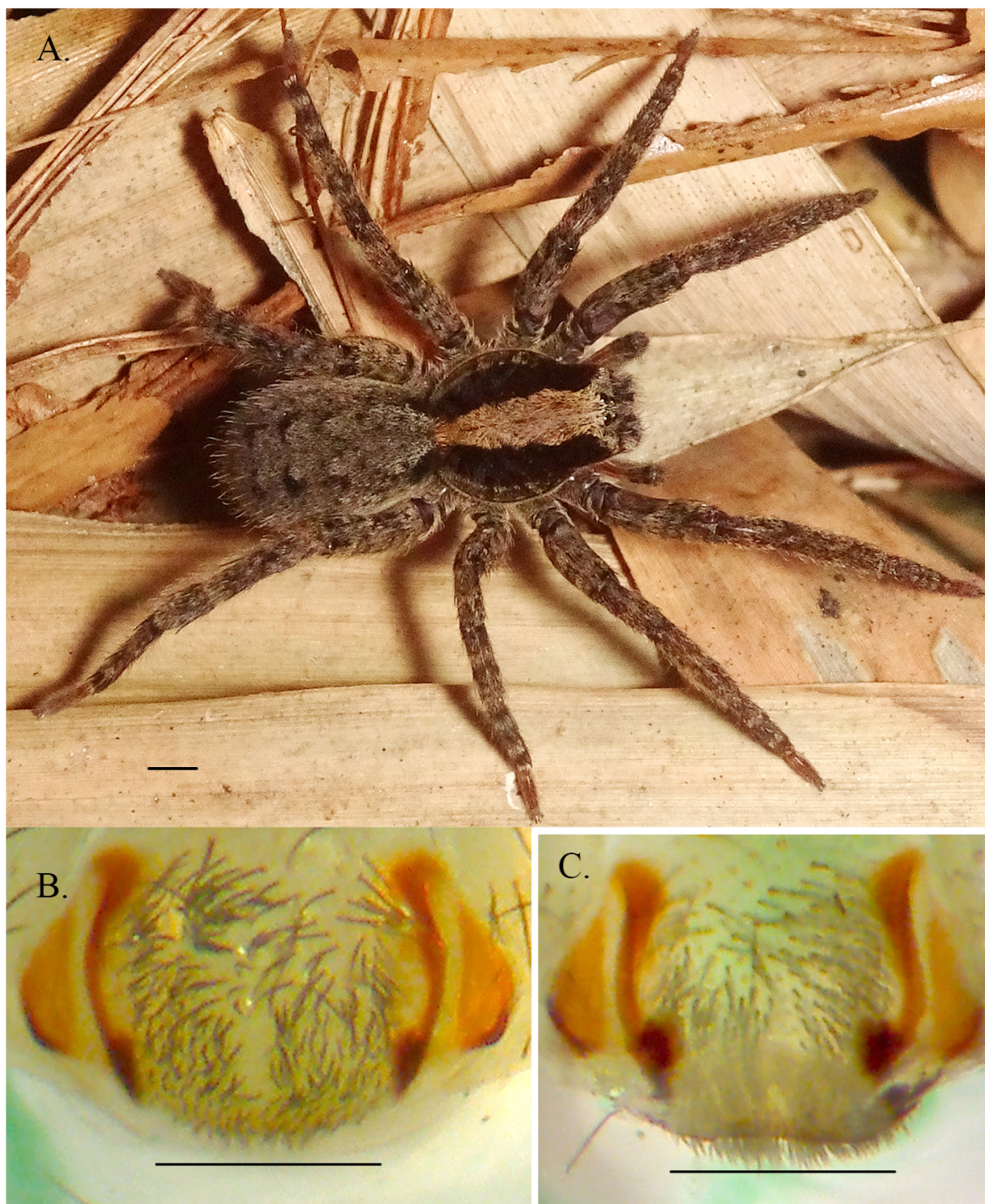
Guizygiella indica (Tikader and Bal, 1980): **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Eyes, frontal view; **D.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **E.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **F.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars: 2 mm (A, B), 1 mm (C), 0.5 mm (D, E).

PLATE 29



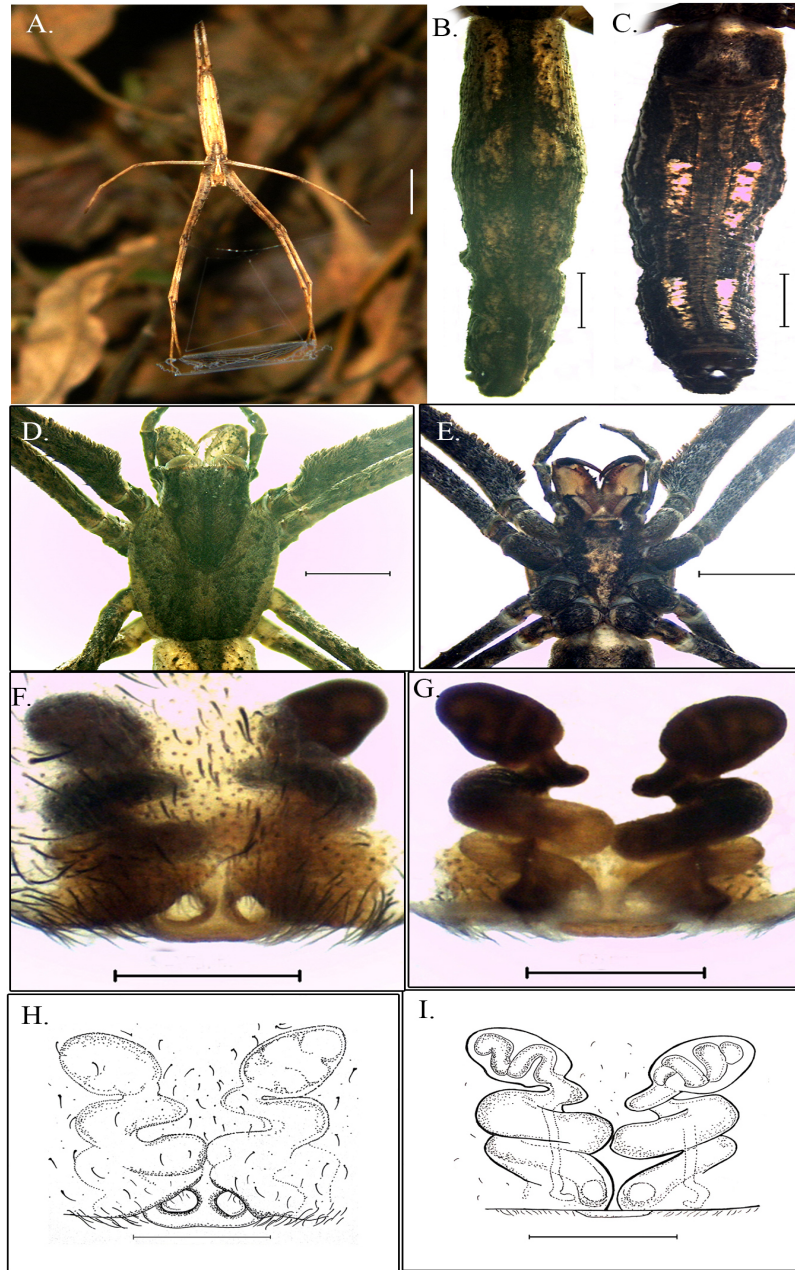
Corinnomma severum (Thorell, 1877): **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Habitus, lateral view; **D.** Eyes, frontal view; **E.** Sternum; **F.** Chelicerae, ventral view; **G.** Palp, dorsal view; **H.** Palp, lateral view; **I.** Palp, ventral view; **J.** Palp, dorsolateral view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A, B, C), 1 mm (D, E, F), 0.5 mm (G, H, I, J).

PLATE 30



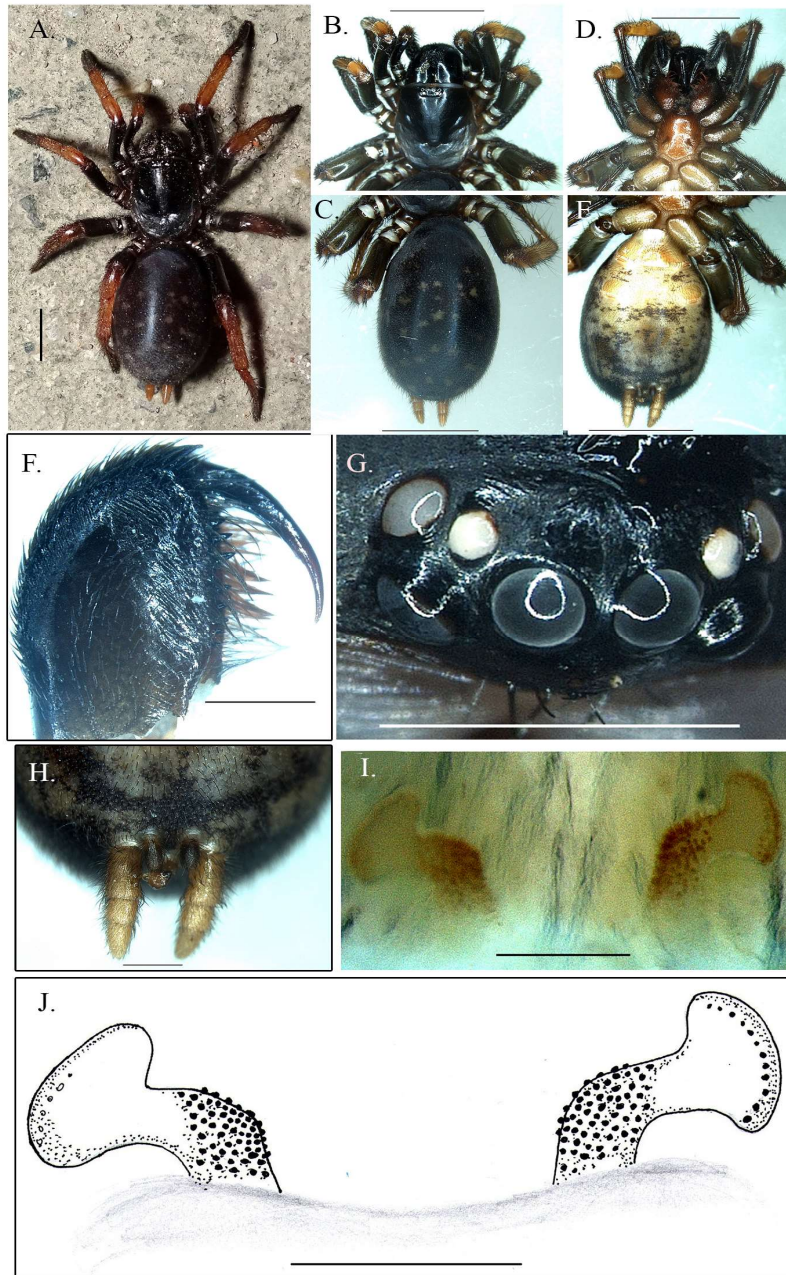
Bowie sikkimensis (Gravely, 1931): **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **C.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars: 2 mm (A), 0.5 mm (B, C).

PLATE 31



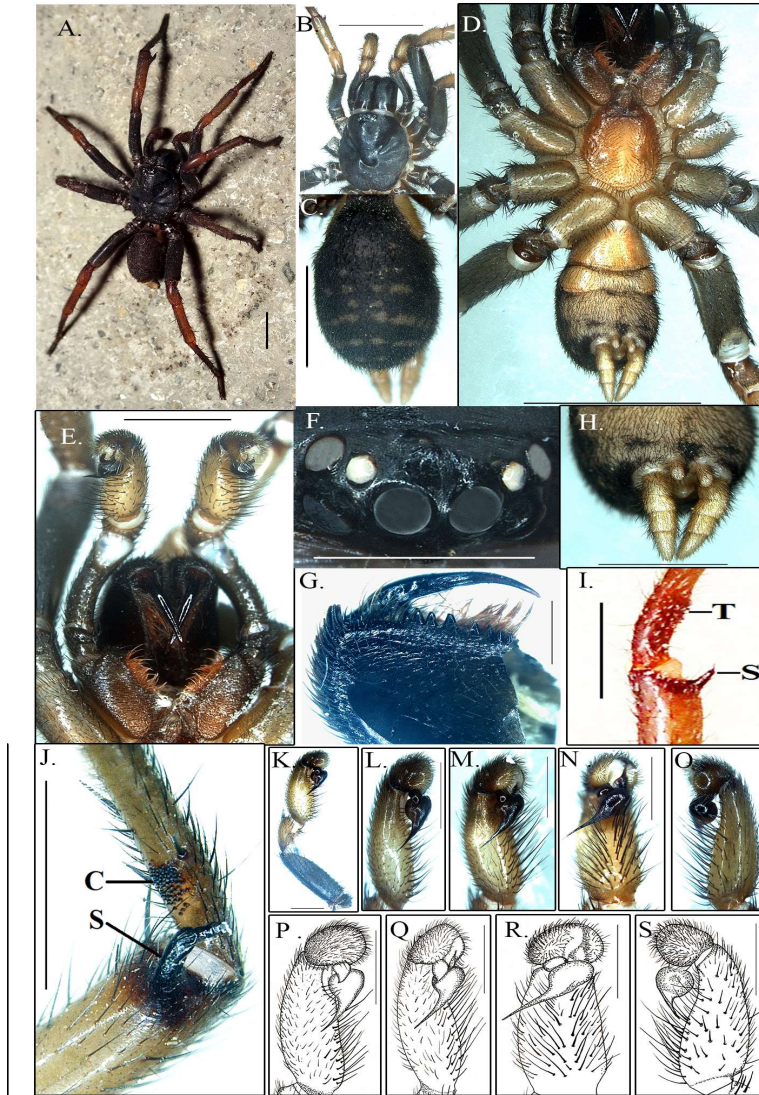
Asianopis goalparaensis (Tikader and Malhotra, 1978): **A.** Habitus, ventral view; **B.** Habitus, dorsal view; **C.** Habitus, ventral view; **D.** Carapace, dorsal view; **E.** Carapace, ventral view; **F.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **G.** Epigyne, ventral view; **H.** Diagrammatic representation of epigyne, dorsal view; **I.** Diagrammatic representation of epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 5 mm (A, B, C), 2 mm (D, E), 1 mm (F, G, H, I).

PLATE 32



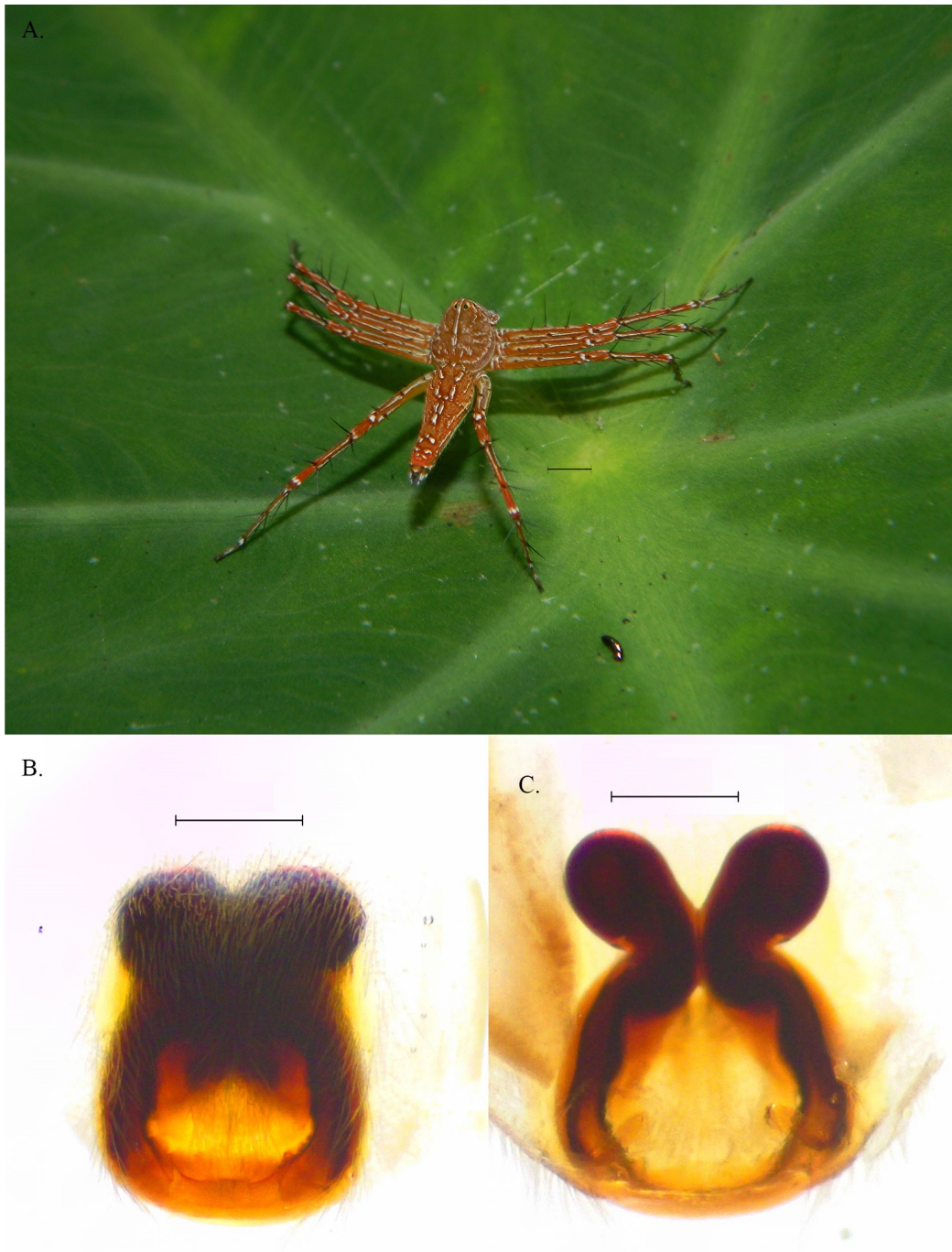
Gravelyia boro Basumatary and Brahma, 2021: **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Carapace, dorsal view; **C.** Abdomen, ventral view; **D.** Carapace, dorsal view; **E.** Carapace, ventral view; **F.** Chelicerae, lateral view; **G.** Eyes, frontal view; **H.** Spinnerets, ventral view; **I.** Epigyne, ventral view; **J.** Diagrammatic representation of epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 5 mm (A, B, C, D, E), 2 mm (G), 1 mm (F, H), 0.2 mm (I, J).

PLATE 33



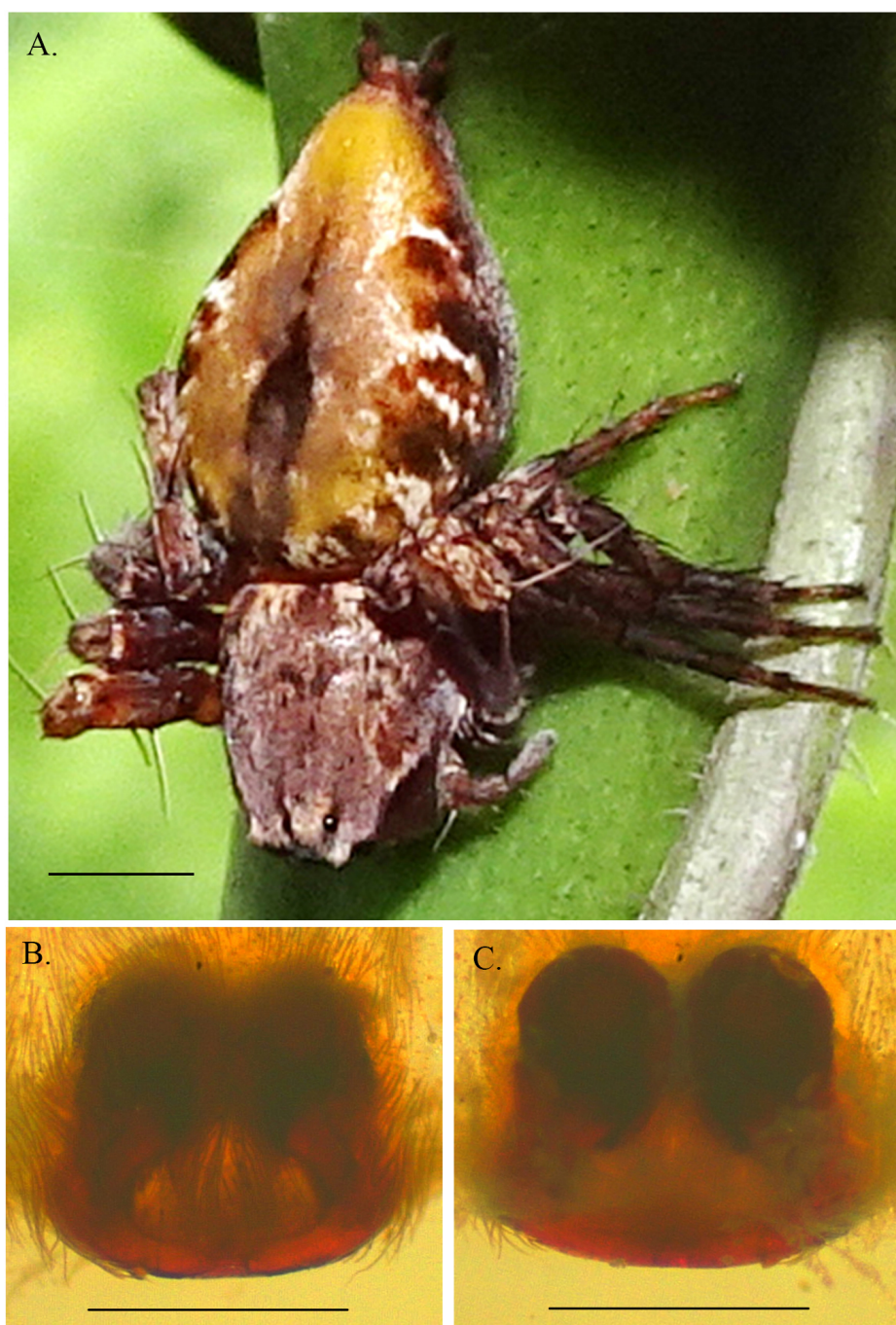
Gravelia boro Basumatary and Brahma, 2021: **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Carapace, dorsal view; **C.** Abdomen, ventral view; **D.** Habitus, ventral view; **E.** Male maxillae, labium and palp, ventral view; **F.** Eyes, frontal view; **G.** Chelicerae, prolateral view; **H.** Spinnerets; **I.** male tibia and metatarsus I, prolateral view, (S – Spur, T – Tubercle); **J.** Male tibia and metatarsus I, prolateral view, (S – Spur, C – Cuspules); **K.** Whole male palp, retrolateral view; **L.** Male palp, ventral view; **M.** Male palp, retrolateral view; **N.** Male palp, prolateral view; **O.** Male palp, dorsal view; **P.** Diagrammatic representation of male palp, dorsal view; **Q.** Diagrammatic representation of male palp, retrolateral view; **R.** Diagrammatic representation of male palp, prolateral view; **S.** Diagrammatic representation of male palp, dorsal view. Scale bars = 5 mm (A, B, C, D), 2 mm (E, F, J, K), 1 mm (L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S).

PLATE 34



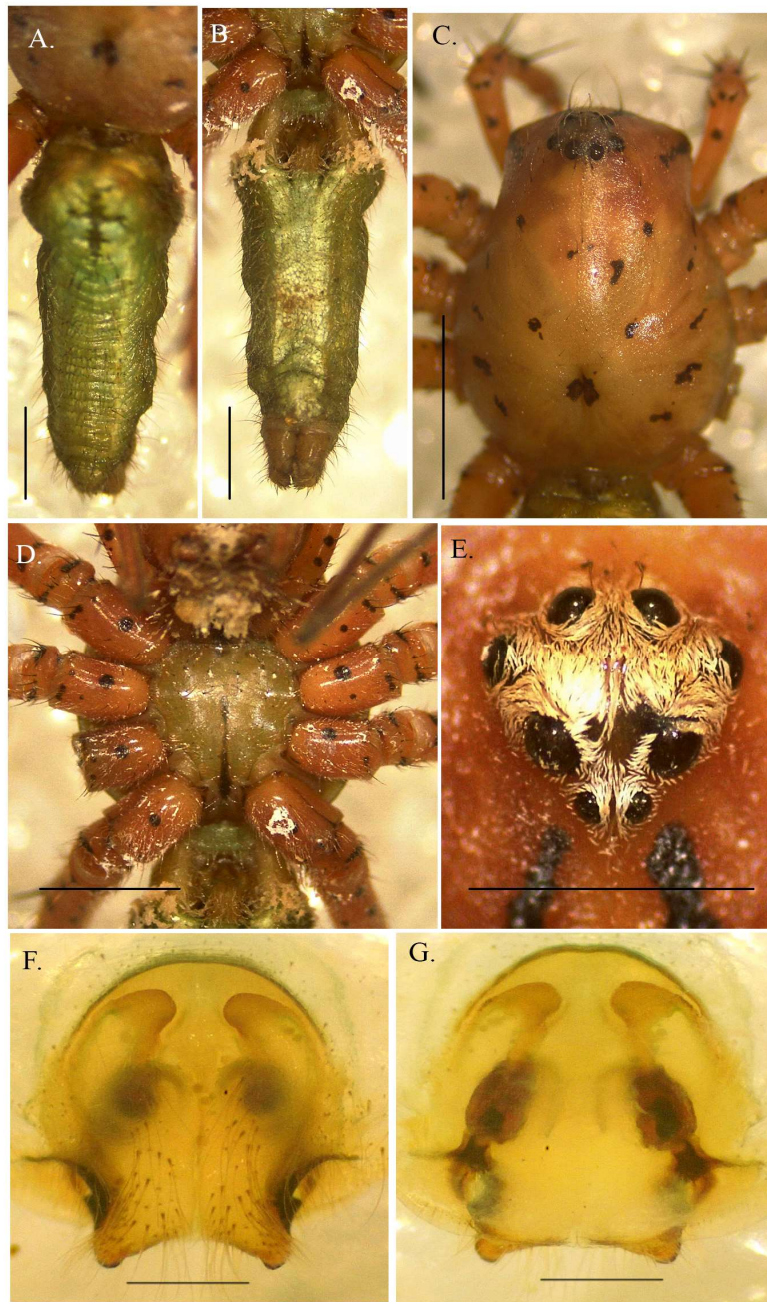
Hamadruas sikkimensis (Tikader, 1970): A. Habitus, dorsal view; B. Epigyne, dorsal view; C. Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A), 0.5 mm (B, C).

PLATE 35



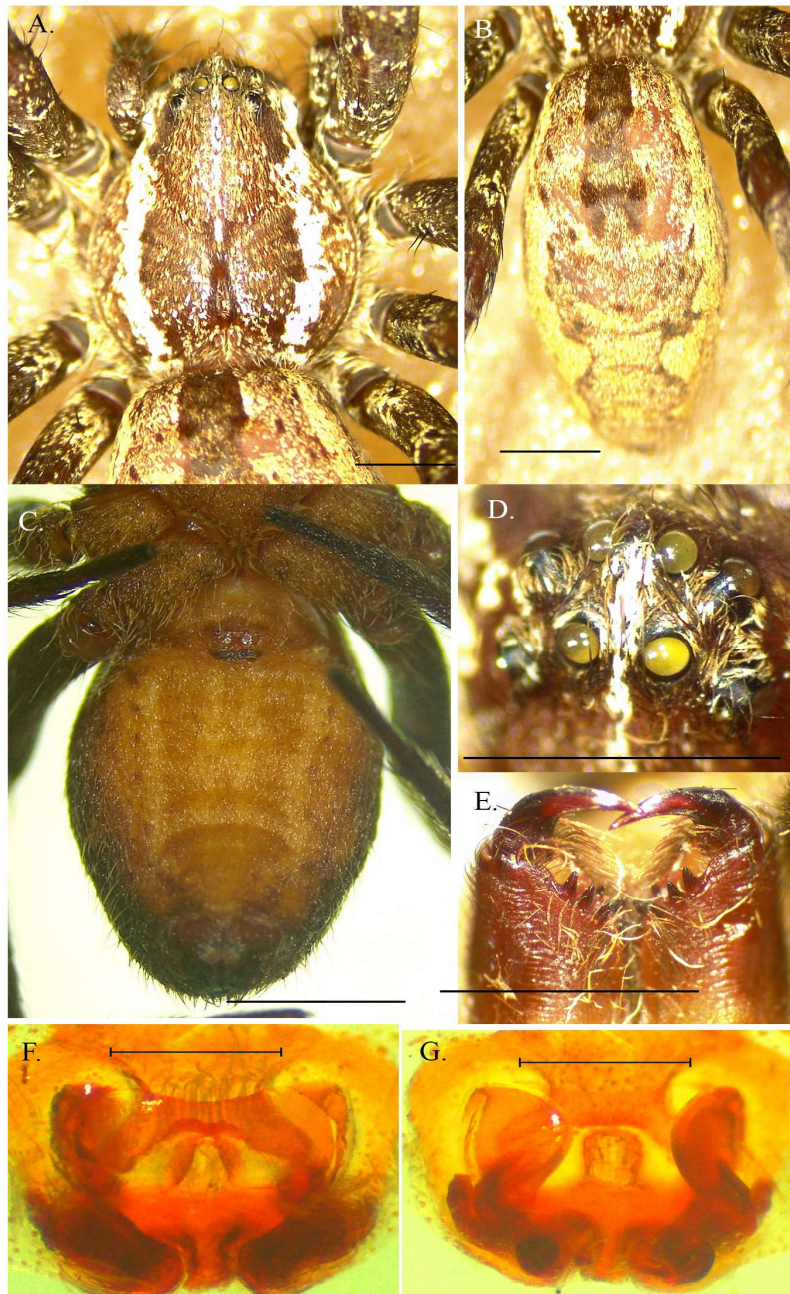
Hamataliwa pentagona Tang and Li, 2012: **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **C.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A), 0.5 mm (B, C).

PLATE 36



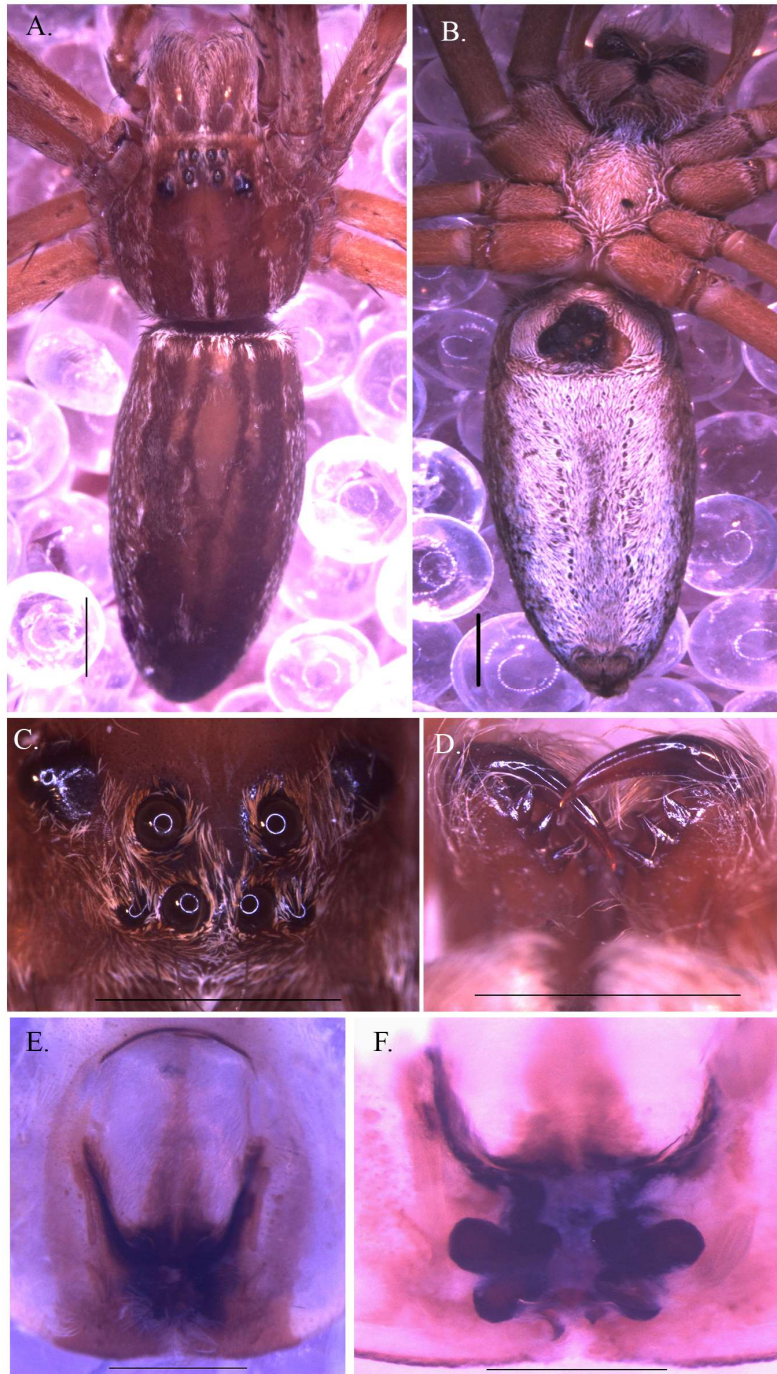
Peuceitia latikae Tikader, 1970: **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Carapace, dorsal view; **D.** Carapace, ventral view; **E.** Eyes, frontal view; **F.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **G.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 5 mm (A, B), 2 mm (C, D), 1 mm (E), 0.5 mm (F, G).

PLATE 37



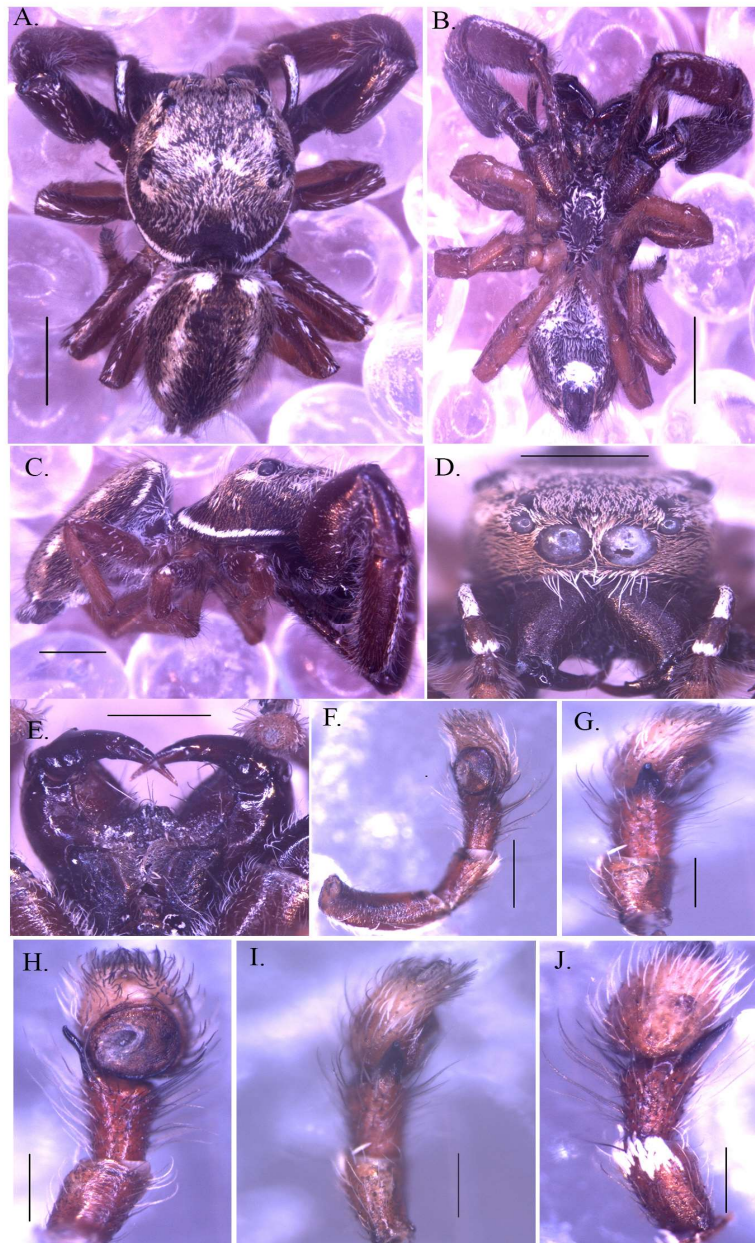
Dendrolycosa songi (Zhang, 2000): **A.** Carapace, dorsal view; **B.** Abdomen, dorsal view; **C.** Abdomen, ventral view; **D.** Eyes, frontal view; **E.** Chelicerae, ventral view; **F.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **G.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 5 mm (A, B, C), 2 mm (D, E), 1 mm (F, G).

PLATE 38



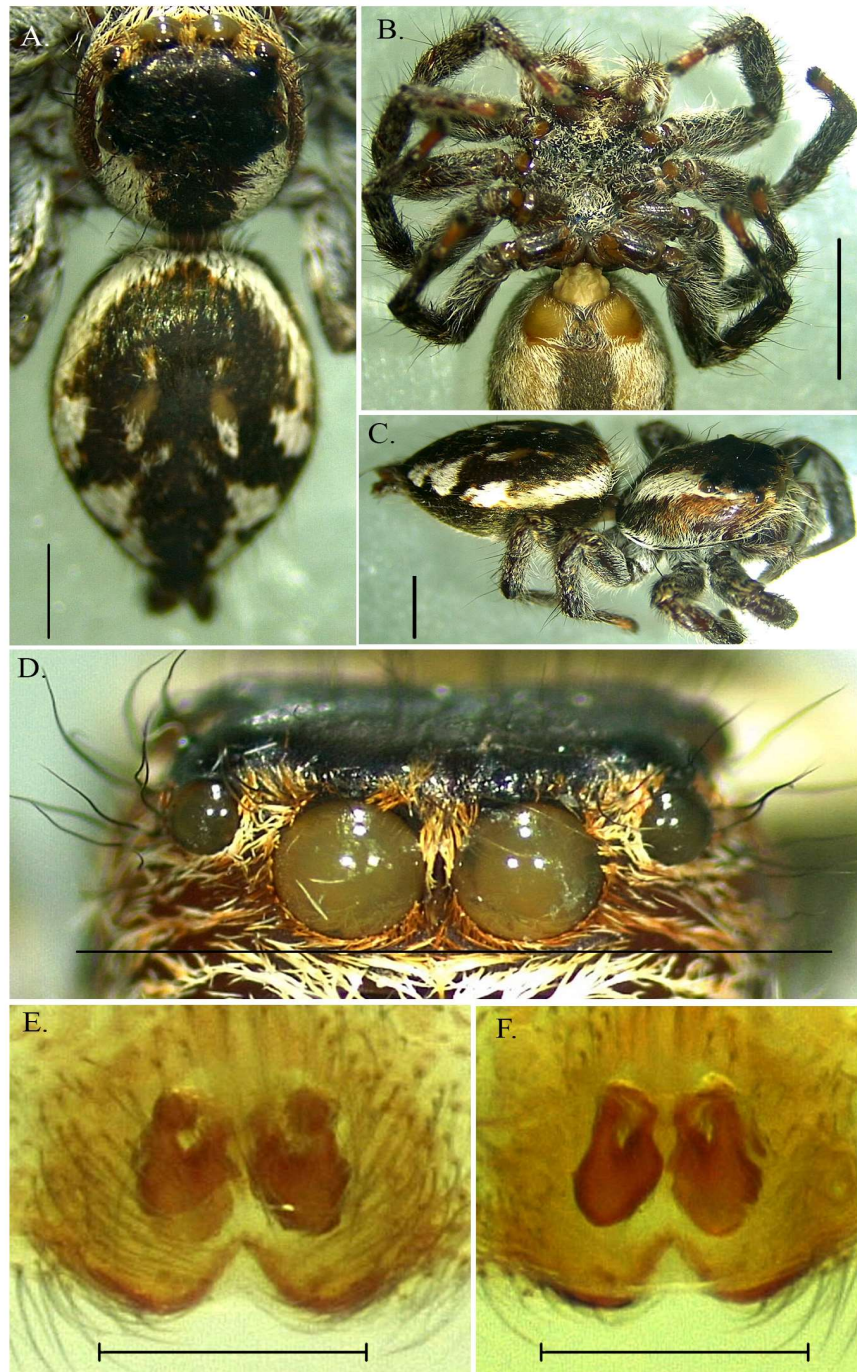
Hygropoda higenaga (Kishida, 1936): **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Eyes, frontal view; **D.** Chelicerae, ventral view; **E.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **F.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 5 mm (A, B), 2 mm (C, D), 1 mm (E, F).

PLATE 39



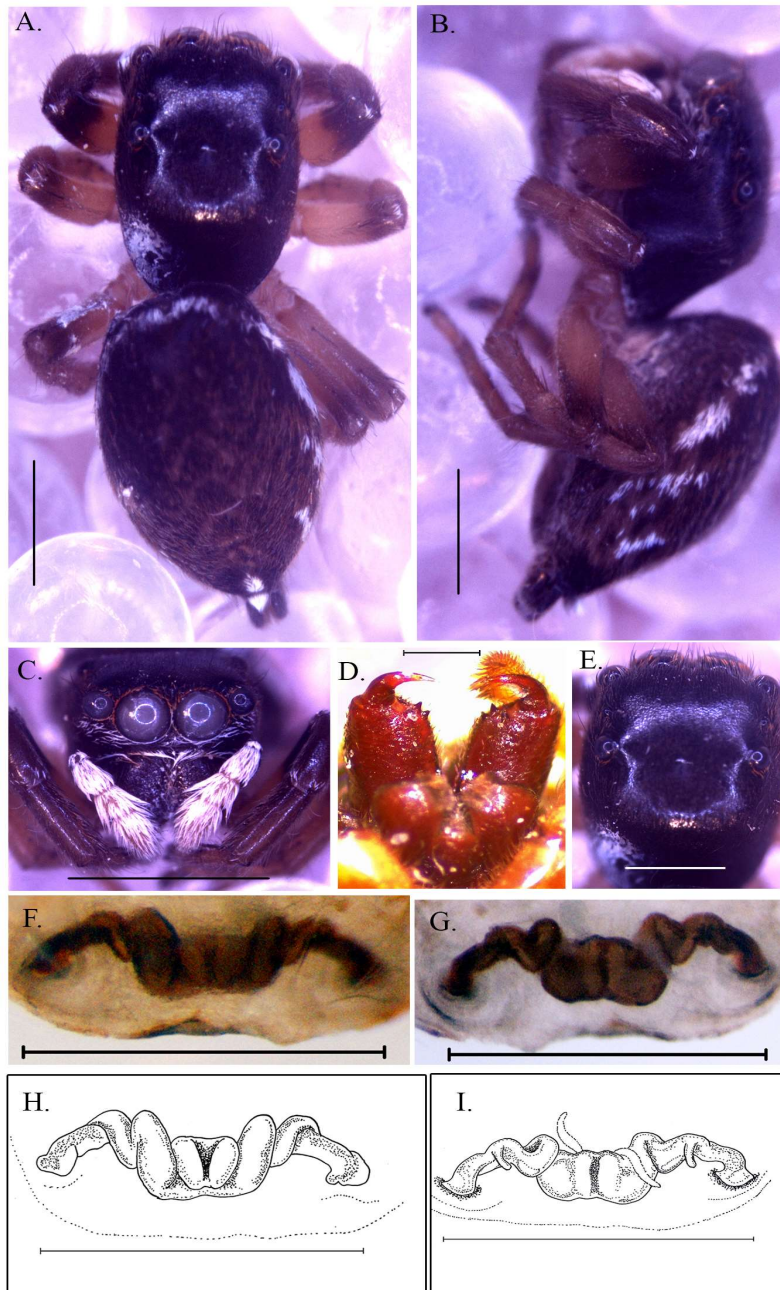
Bianor angulosus (Karsch, 1879): **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Habitus, lateral view; **D.** Eyes, frontal view; **E.** Chelicerae, ventral view; **F.** Femora, patella, tibia of male palp; **G.** Palp, retrolateral view; **H.** Palp, ventral view; **I.** Palp, lateral view; **J.** Palp, dorsal view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A, B, C), 1 mm (D, E, F), 0.5 mm (G, H, I, J).

PLATE 40



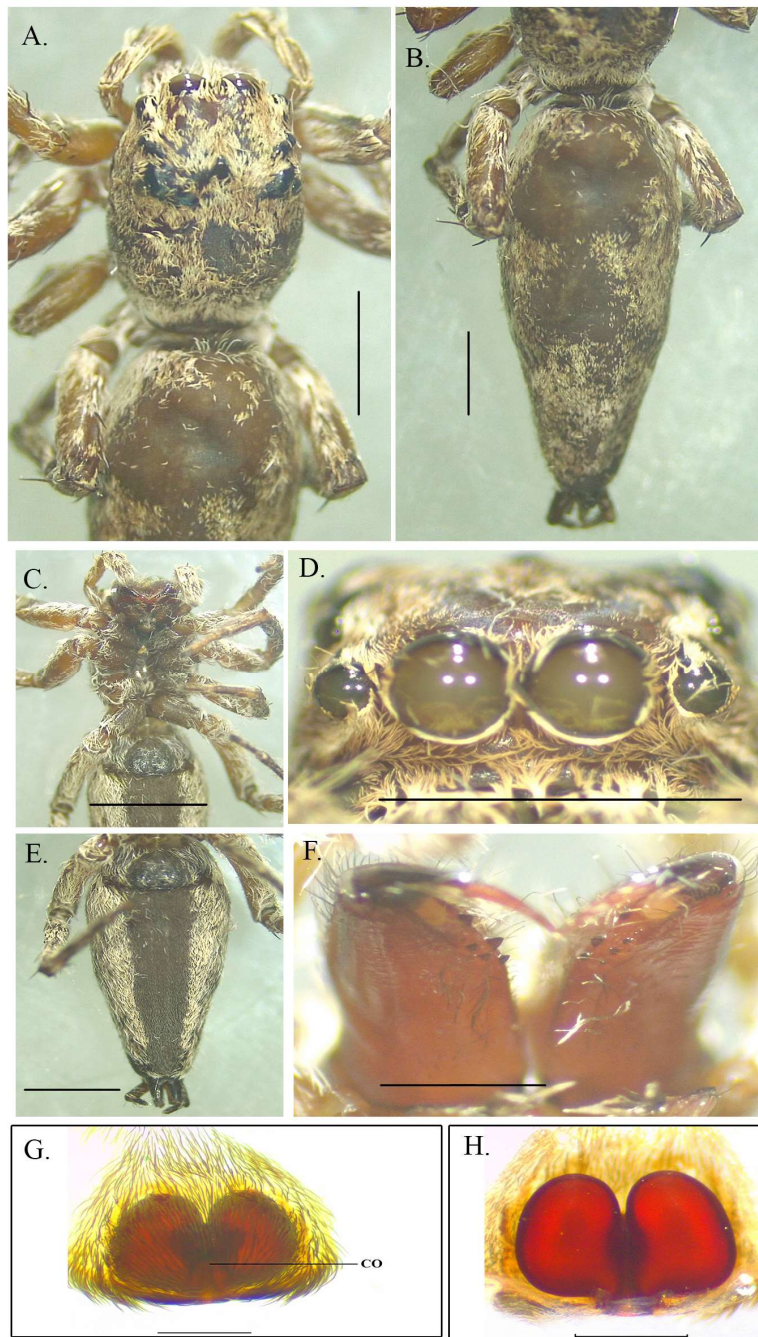
Carrhotus viduus (CL Koch, 1846): **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Habitus, lateral view; **D.** Eyes, frontal view; **E.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **F.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A, B, C), 1 mm (D), 0.5 mm (E, F).

PLATE 41



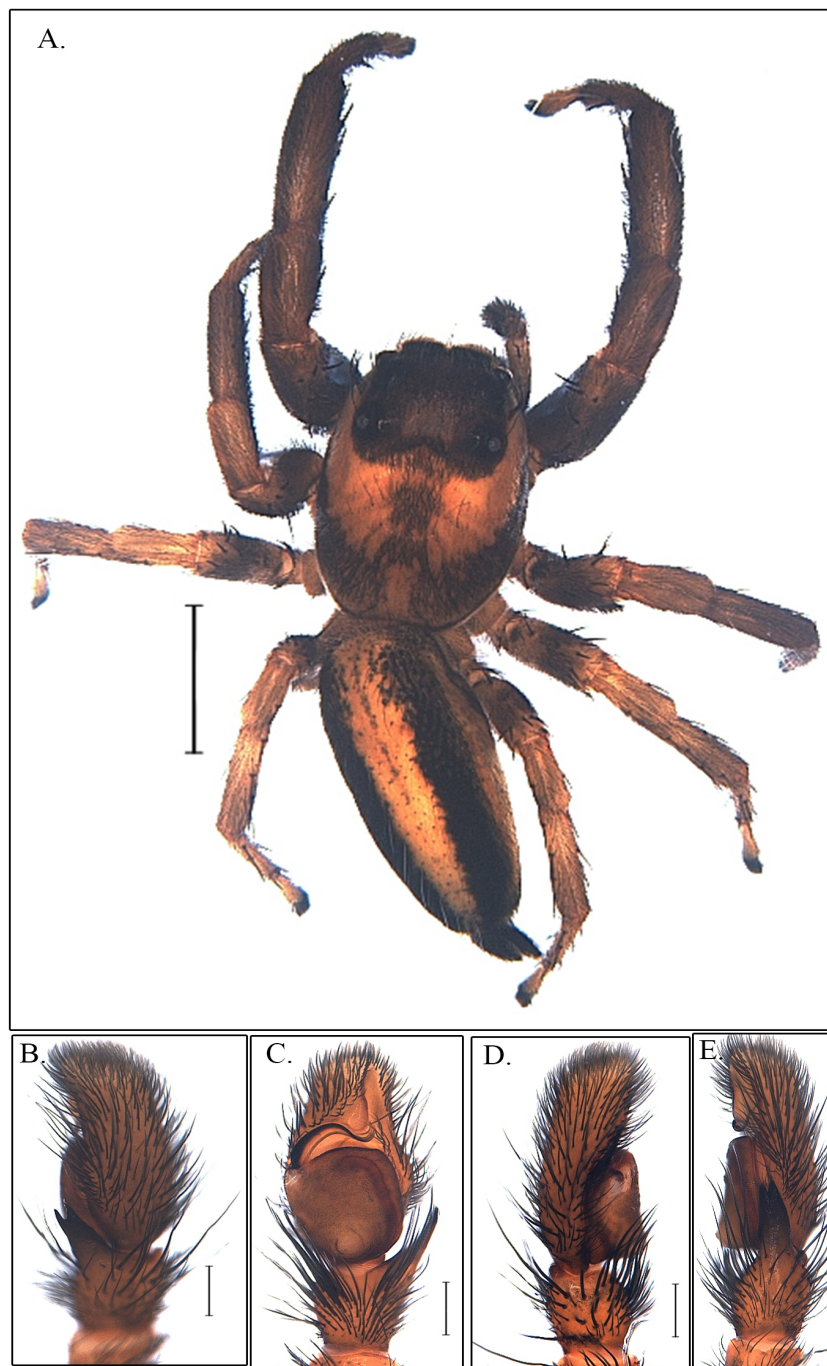
Chinattus prabodhi Basumatary, Das, Caleb and Brahma, 2020: **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, lateral view; **C.** Eye, frontal view; **D.** Chelicerae, ventral view; **E.** Carapace, dorsal view; **F.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **G.** Epigyne, ventral view; **H.** Diagrammatic representation of epigyne, dorsal view; **I.** Diagrammatic representation of epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A, B), 1 mm (C, D, E), 0.5 mm (F, G, H, I).

PLATE 42



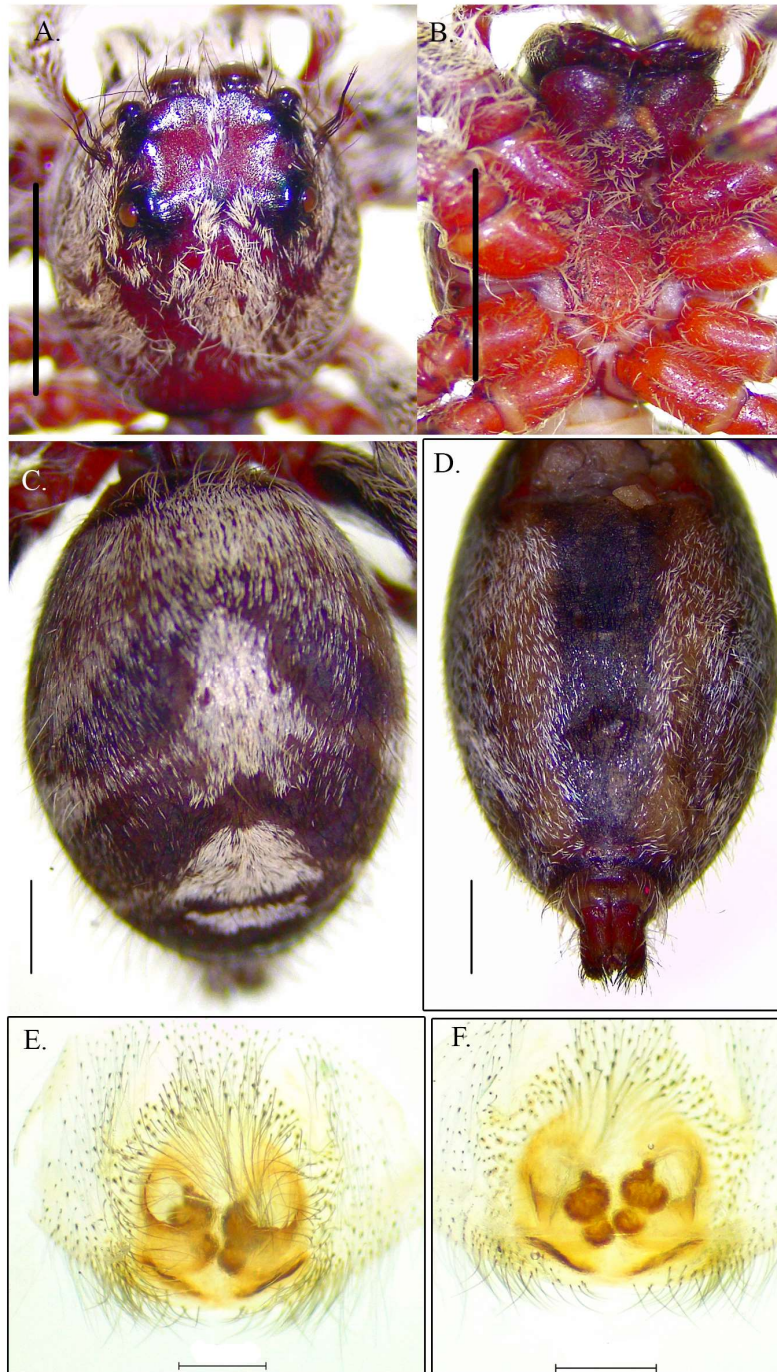
Cocalus murinus Simon, 1899: **A.** Carapace, dorsal view; **B.** Abdomen, dorsal view; **C.** Carapace, ventral view; **D.** Eyes, frontal view; **E.** Abdomen, ventral view; **F.** Chelicerae, ventral view; **G.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **H.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A, B, C, E), 1 mm (D, F), 0.5 mm (G, H).

PLATE 43



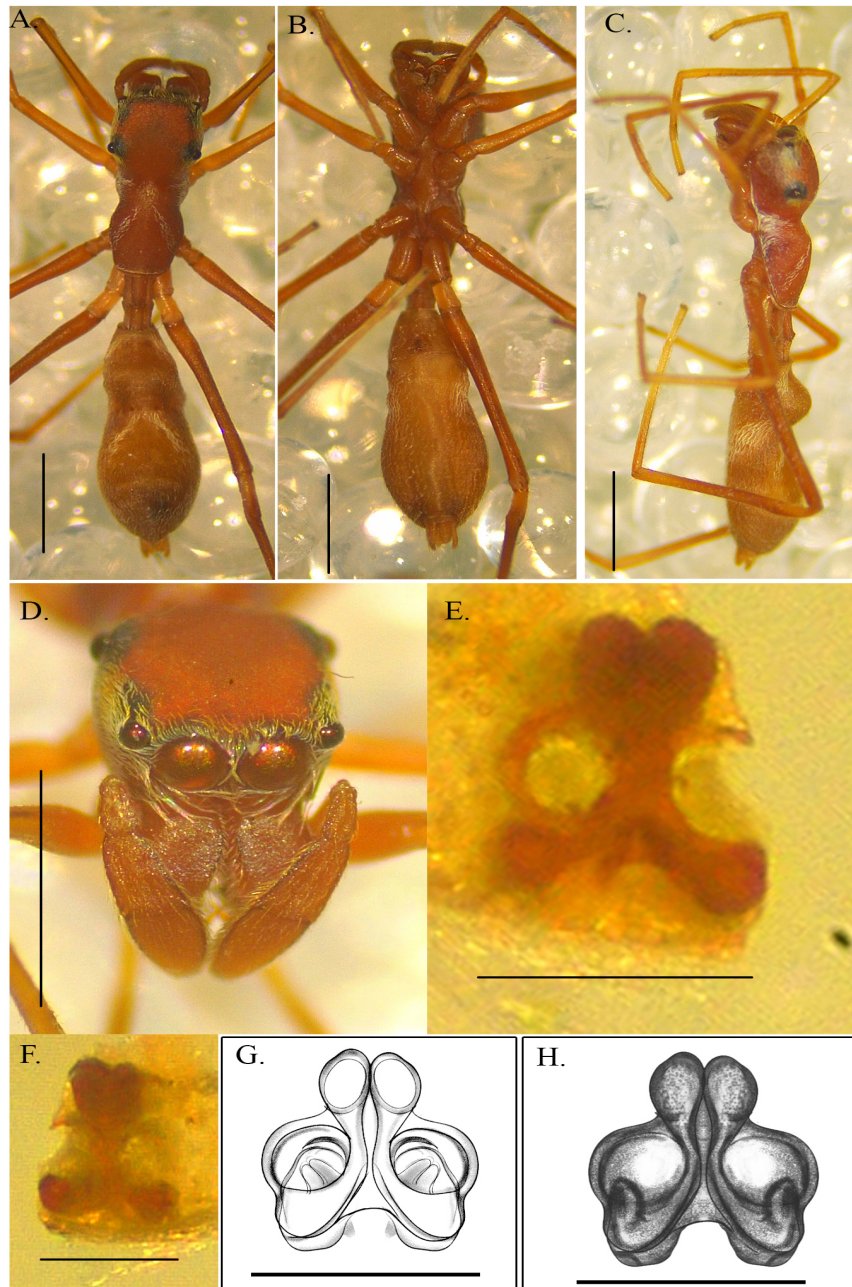
Dexippus kleini Thorell, 1891: **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Palp, dorsal view; **C.** Palp, ventral view; **D.** Palp, prolateral view, **E.** Palp, retrolateral view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A), 0.2 mm (B, C, D, E).

PLATE 44



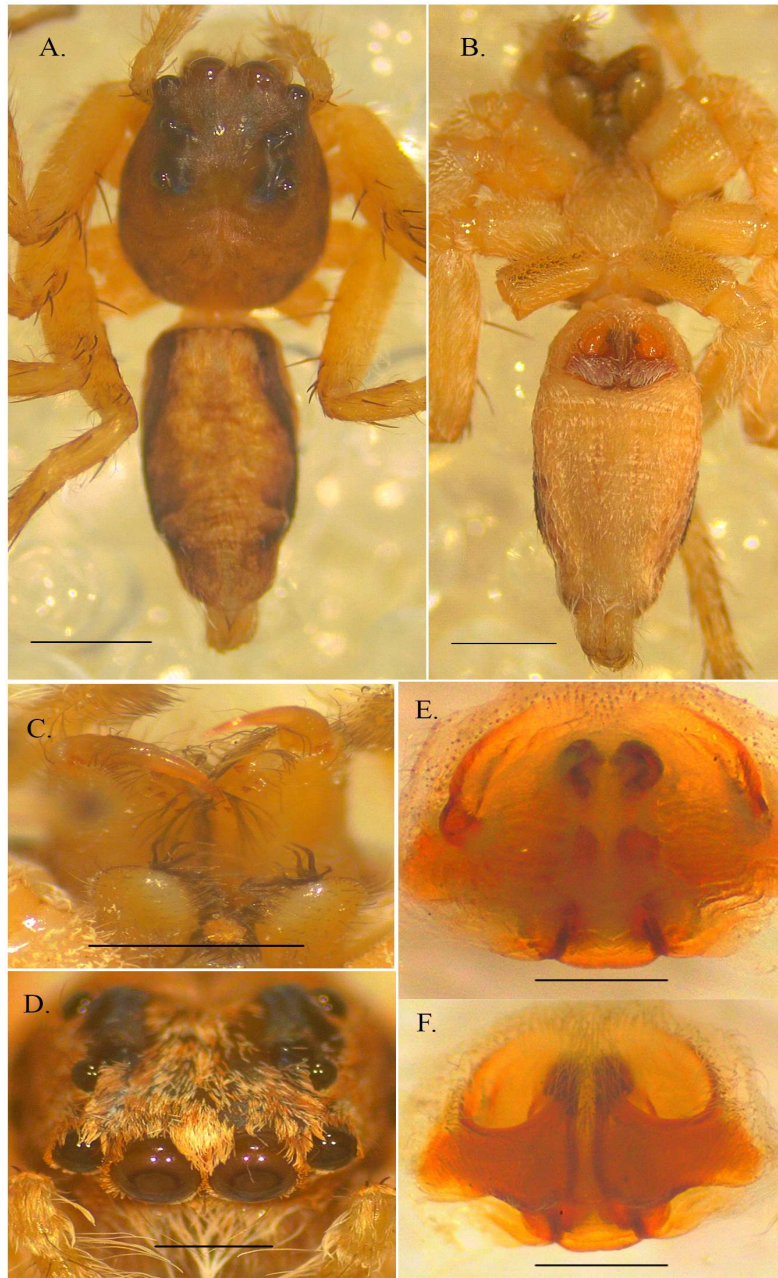
Hyllus diardi (Walckenaer, 1837): **A.** Carapace, dorsal view; **B.** Carapace, ventral view; **C.** Abdomen, dorsal view; **D.** Abdomen, ventral view; **E.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **F.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A, B, C, D), 0.5 mm (E, F).

PLATE 45



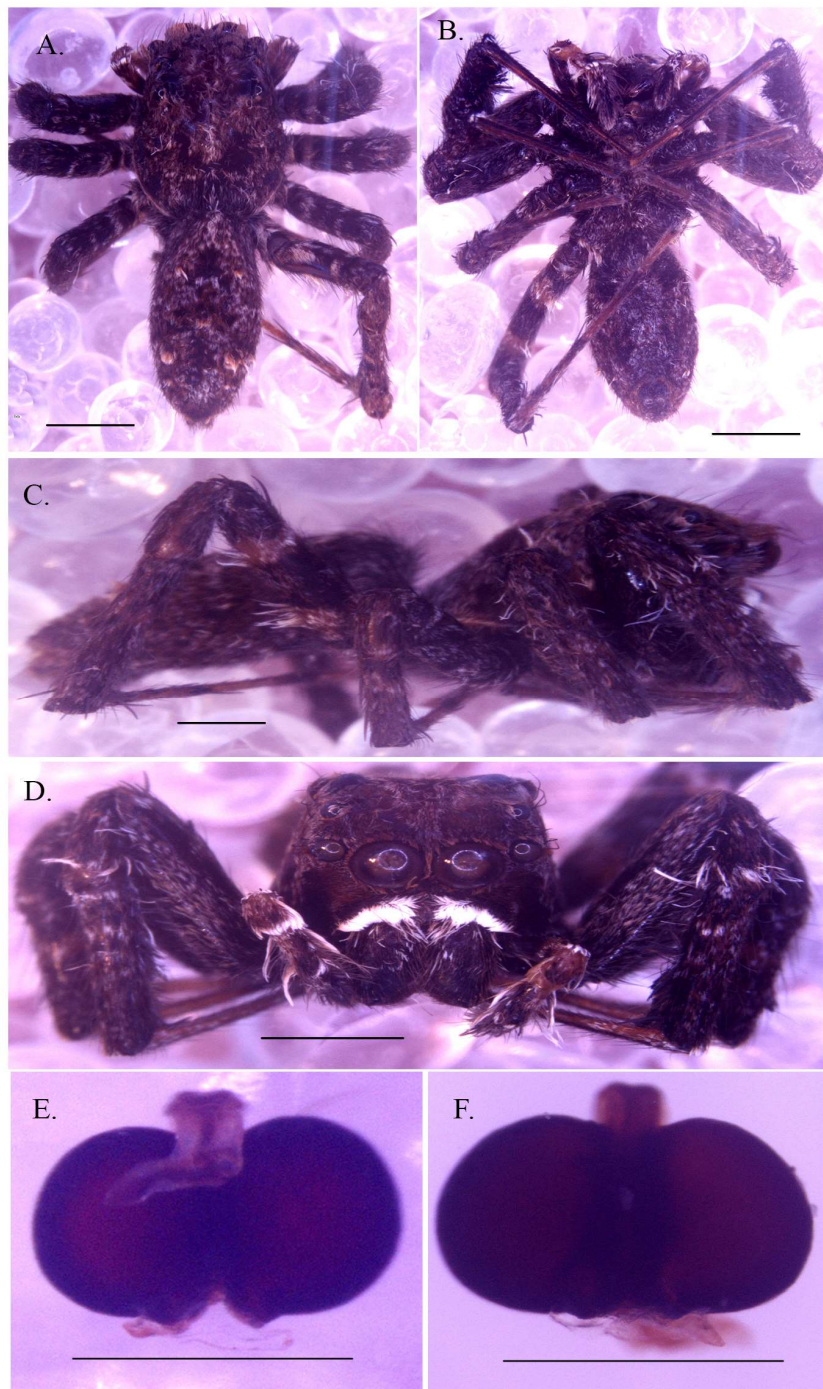
Myrmaplata plataleoides (O. Pickard-Cambridge, 1869): **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Habitus, lateral view; **D.** Eyes, frontal view; **E.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **F.** Epigyne, ventral view; **G.** Diagrammatic representation of epigyne, dorsal view; **H.** Diagrammatic representation of epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 1 mm (A, B, C), 0.5 mm (D), 0.2 mm (E, F, G, H).

PLATE 46



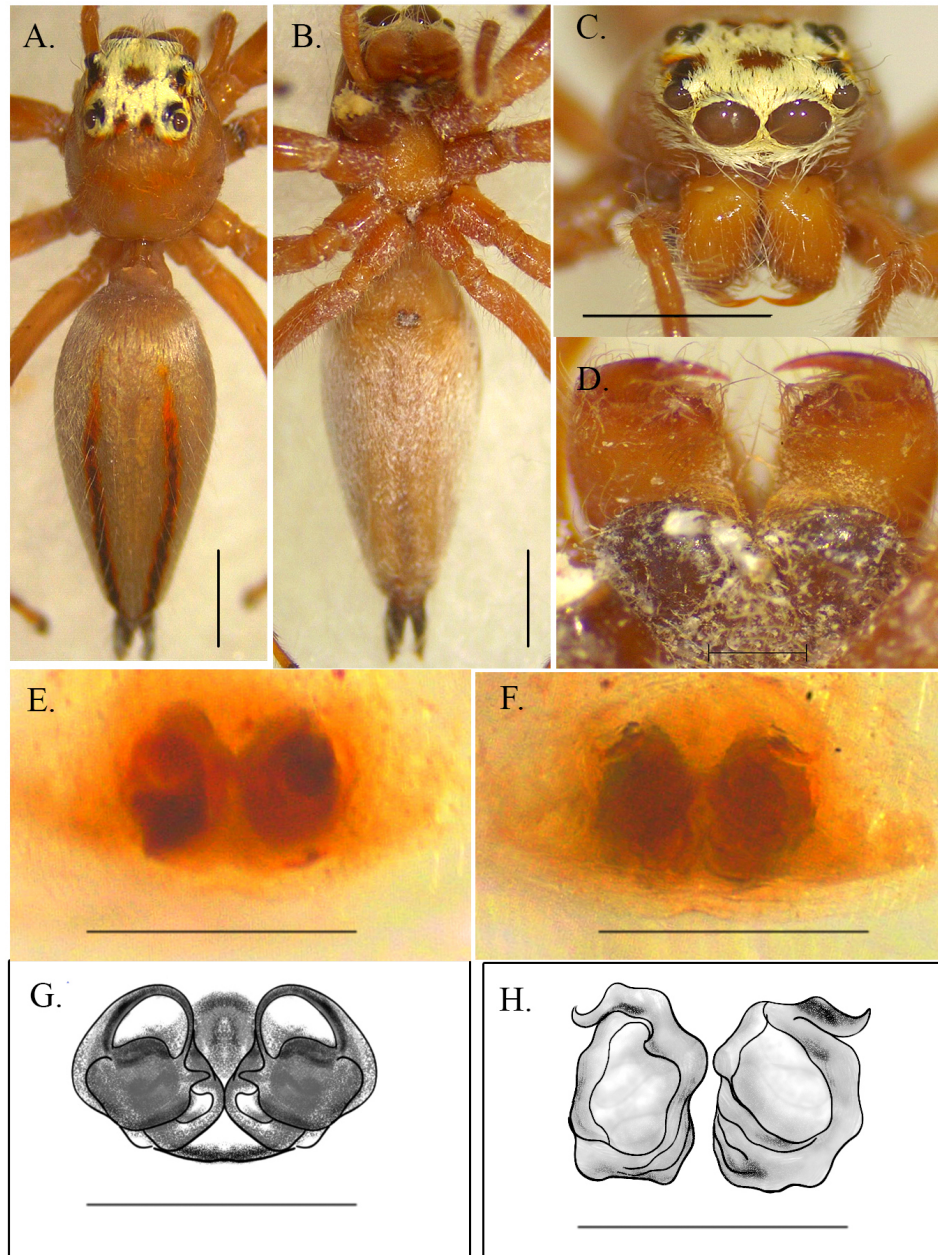
Phaeacius fimbriatus Simon, 1900: **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Chelicerae, ventral view; **D.** Eyes, frontal view; **E.** Epigyne, ventral view; **F.** Epigyne, dorsal view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A, B), 1 mm (C, D), 0.5 mm (E, F).

PLATE 47



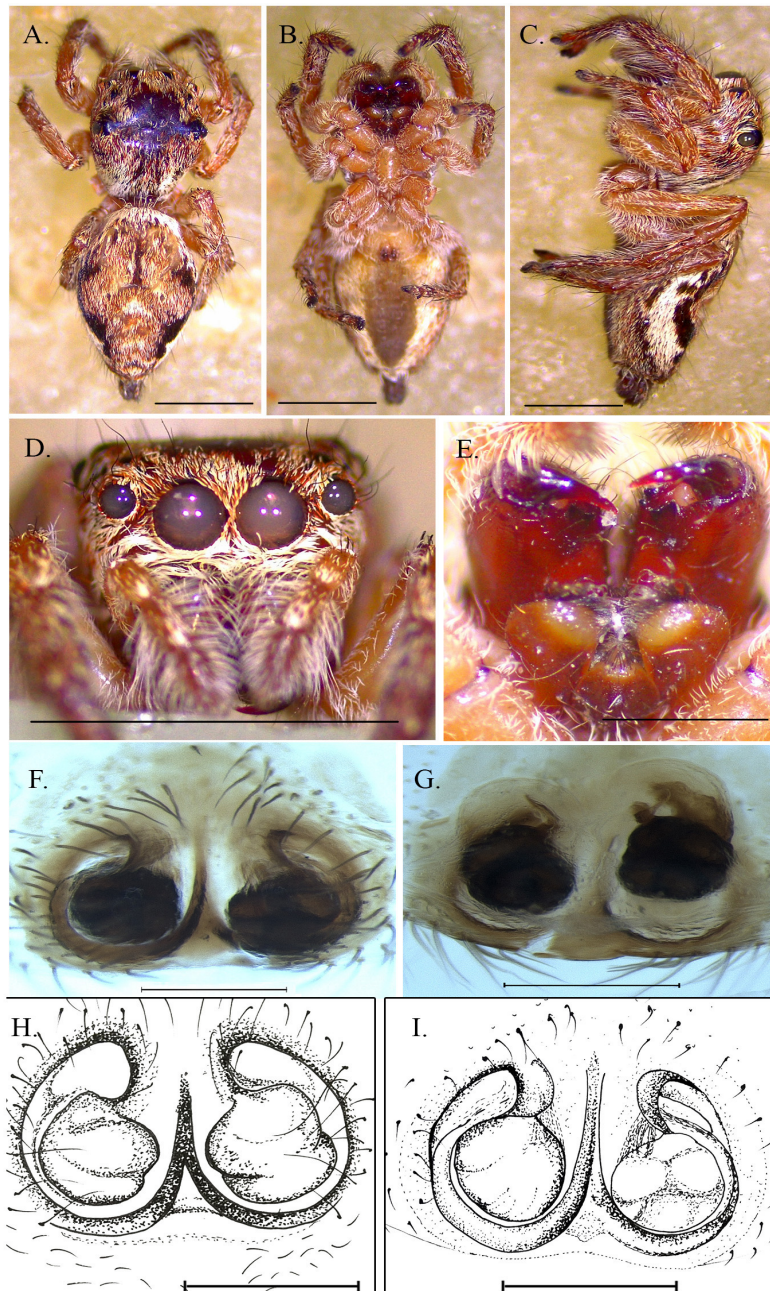
Portia fimbriata (Doleschall, 1859): **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Habitus, lateral view; **D.** Habitus, anterior view; **E.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **F.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A, B, C, D), 0.5 mm (E, F).

PLATE 48



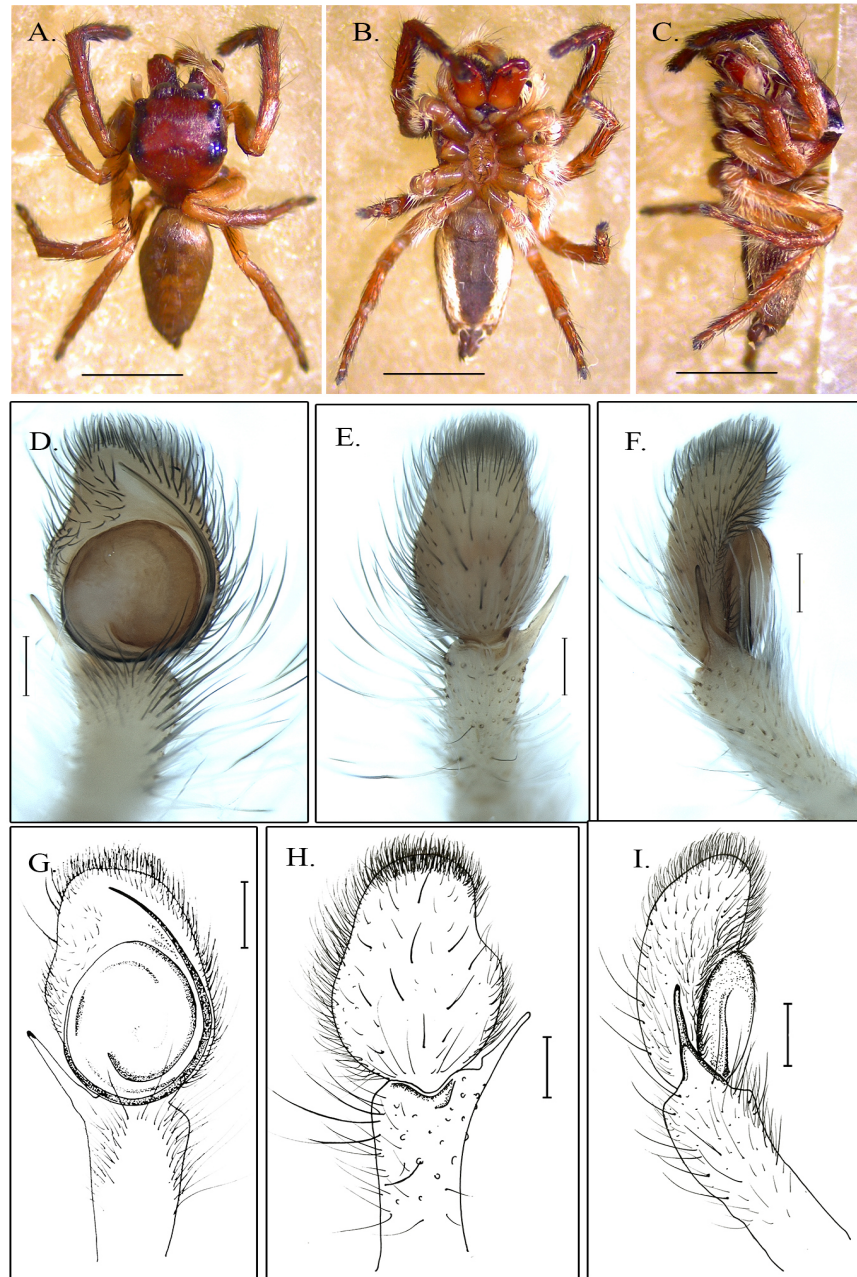
Telamonia dimidiata (Simon, 1899): **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Eyes, frontal view; **D.** Chelicerae, ventral view; **E.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **F.** Epigyne, ventral view; **G.** Diagrammatic representation of epigyne, dorsal view; **H.** Diagrammatic representation of epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A, B), 1 mm (C, D), 0.5 mm (E, F, G, H).

PLATE 49



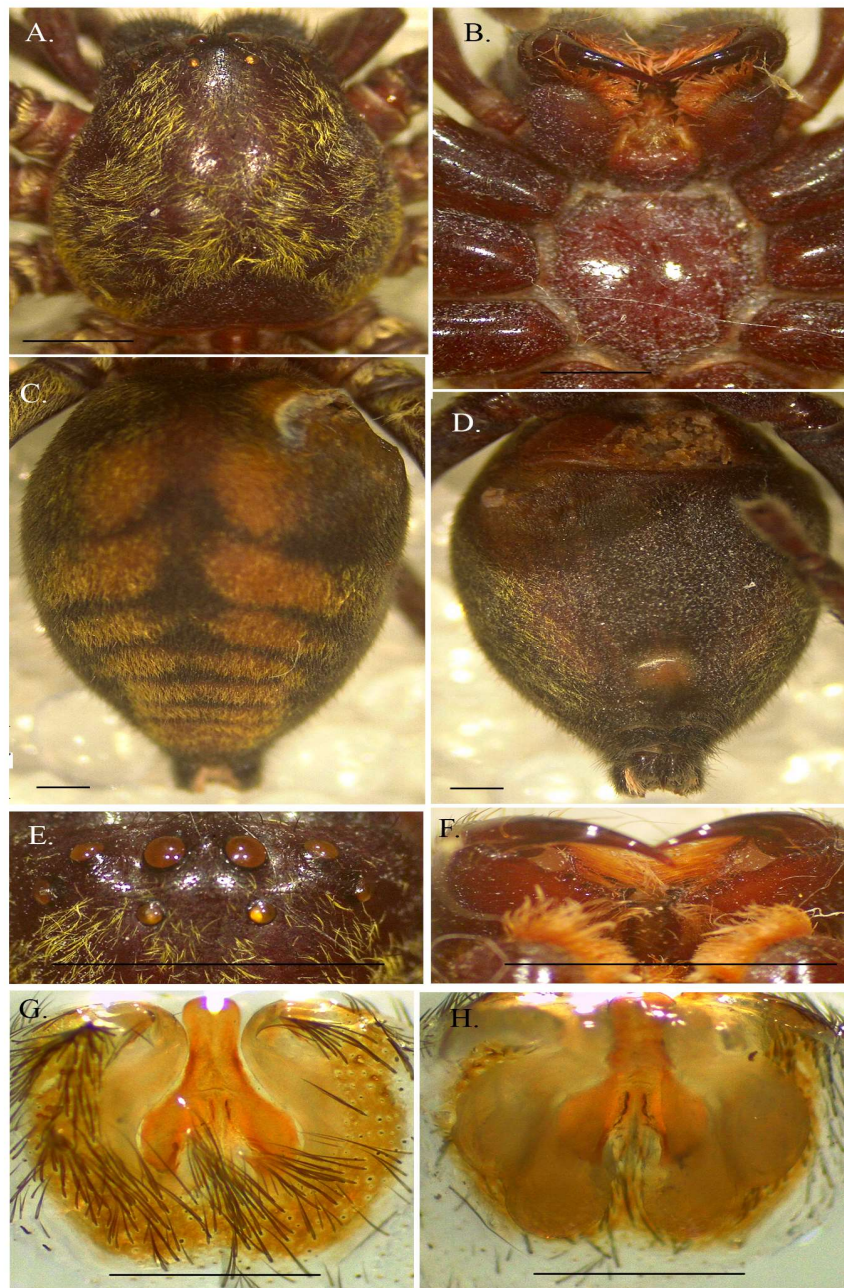
Vailimia jharbari Basumatary, Caleb and Das, 2020: **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Habitus, lateral view; **D.** Eyes, frontal view; **E.** Chelicerae, ventral view; **F.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **G.** Epigyne, ventral view; **H.** Diagrammatic representation of epigyne, dorsal view; **I.** Diagrammatic representation of epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A, B, C), 0.5 mm (D, E), 0.2 mm (F, G, H, I).

PLATE 50



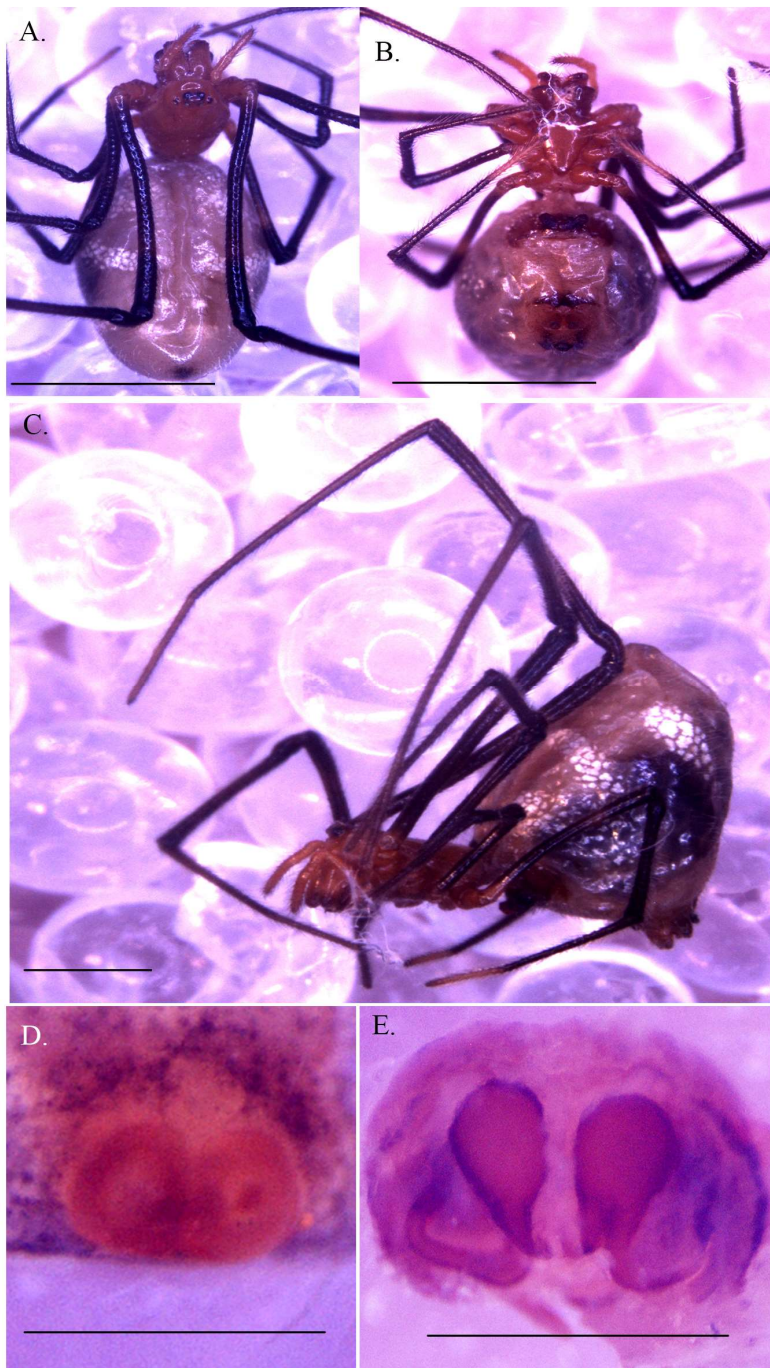
Vailimia jharbari Basumatary, Caleb and Das, 2020: **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Habitus, lateral view; **D.** Palp, ventral view; **E.** Palp, dorsal view; **F.** Palp, retrolateral view; **G.** Diagrammatic representation of palp, ventral view; **H.** Diagrammatic representation of palp, dorsal view; **I.** Diagrammatic representation of palp, retrolateral view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A, B, C), 0.5 mm (D, E, F, G, H, I).

PLATE 51



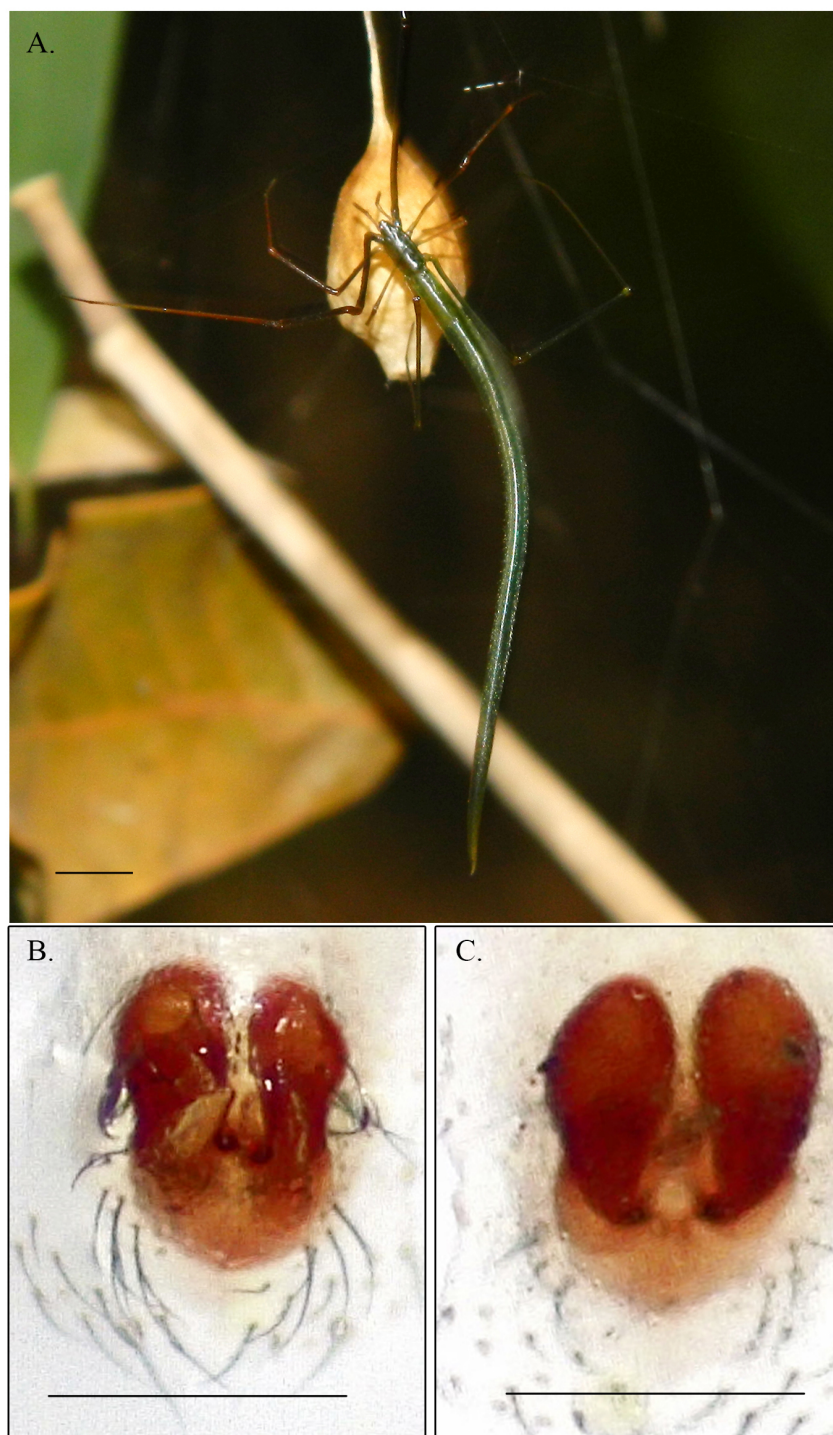
Thelcticopis severa (L. Koch, 1875): **A.** Carapace, dorsal view; **B.** Carapace, ventral view; **C.** Abdomen, dorsal view; **D.** Abdomen, ventral view; **E.** Eye, front view; **F.** Chelicerae, ventral view; **G.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **H.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 5 mm (A, B, C, D), 2 mm (E, F), 1 mm (G, H).

PLATE 52



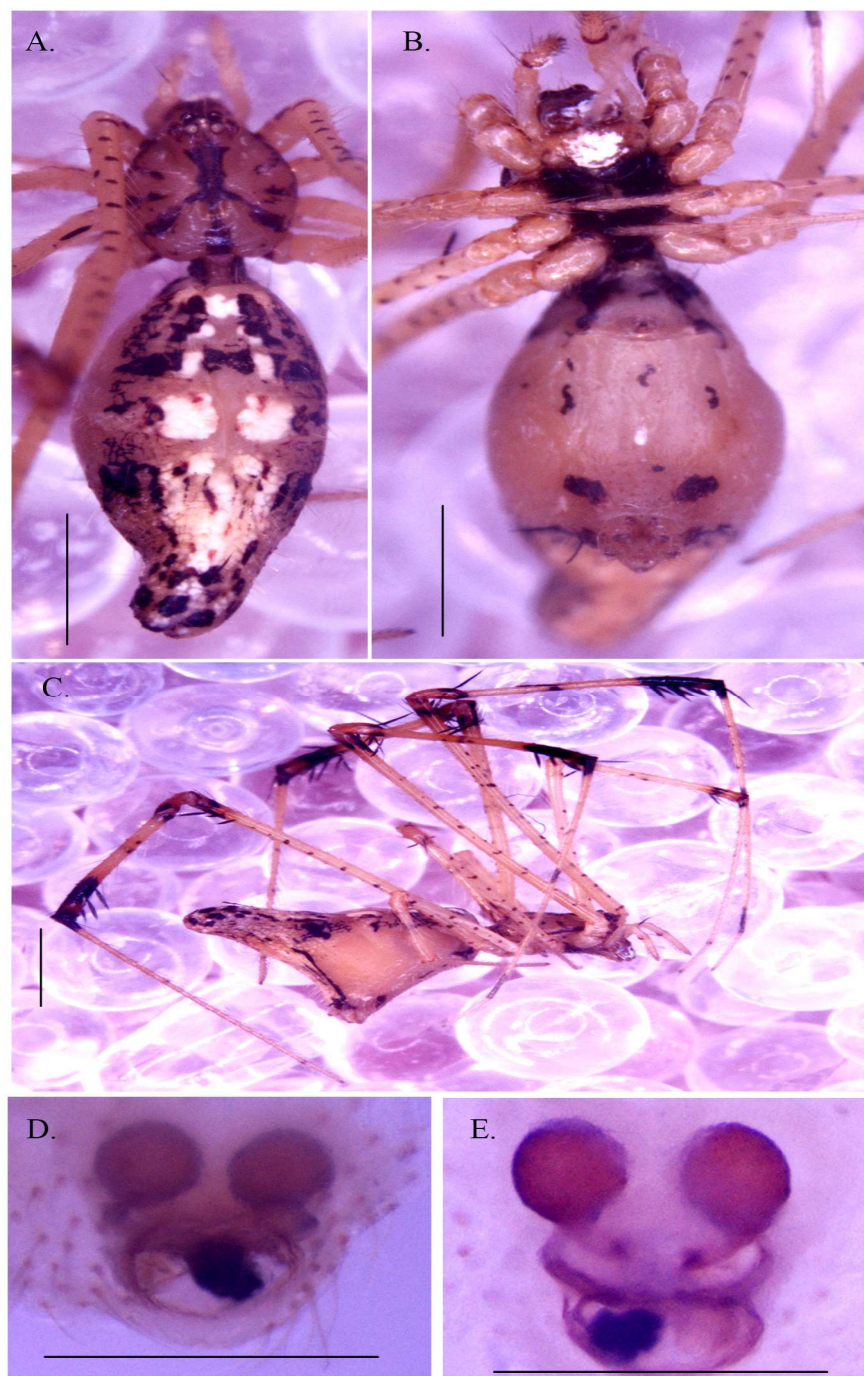
Argyrodes miniaceus (Doleschall, 1857): **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Habitus, lateral view; **D.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **E.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A, B, C), 0.2 mm (D, E, F).

PLATE 53



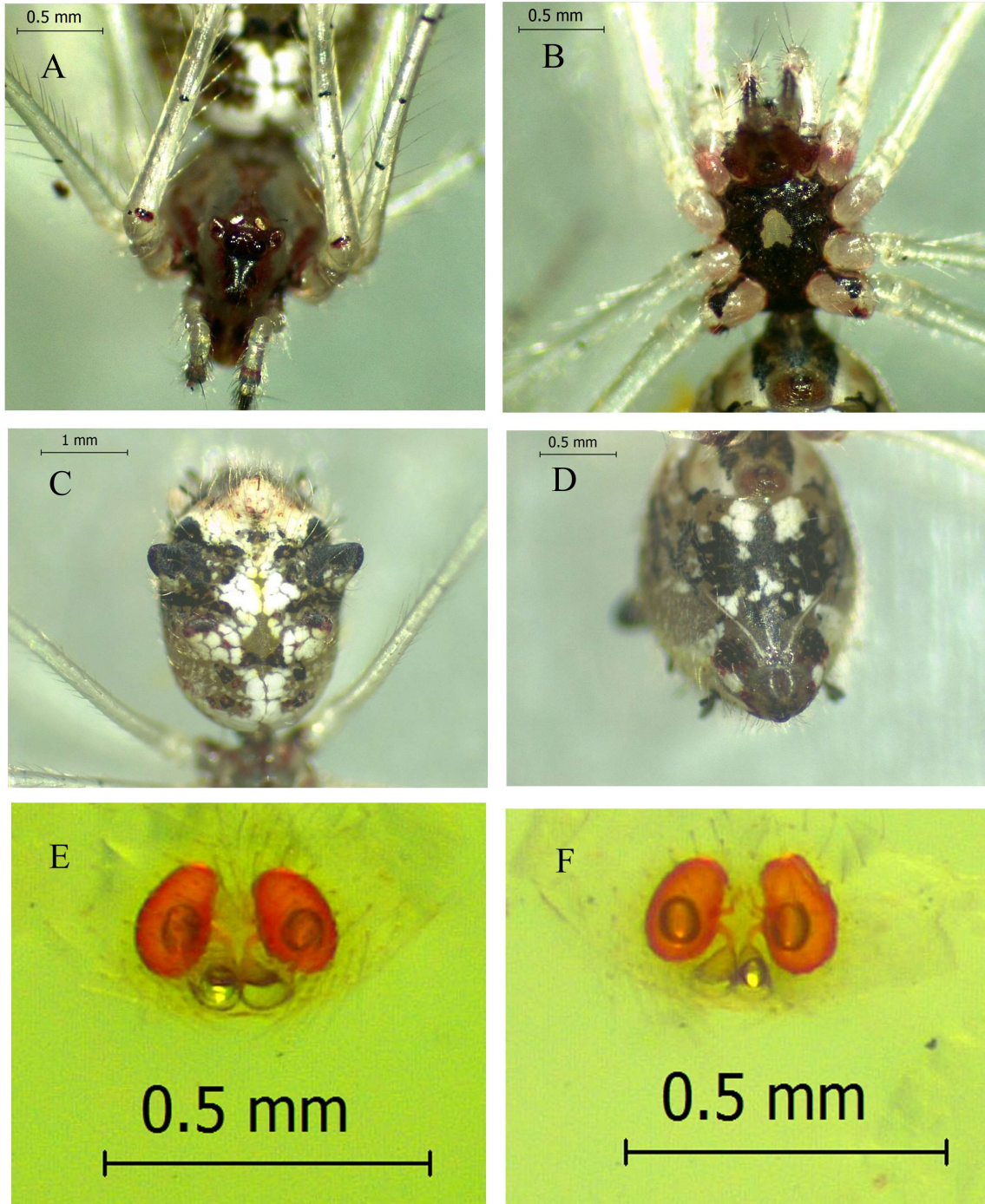
Ariamnes cylindrogaster Simon, 1889: **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **C.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A), 0.2 mm (B, C).

PLATE 54



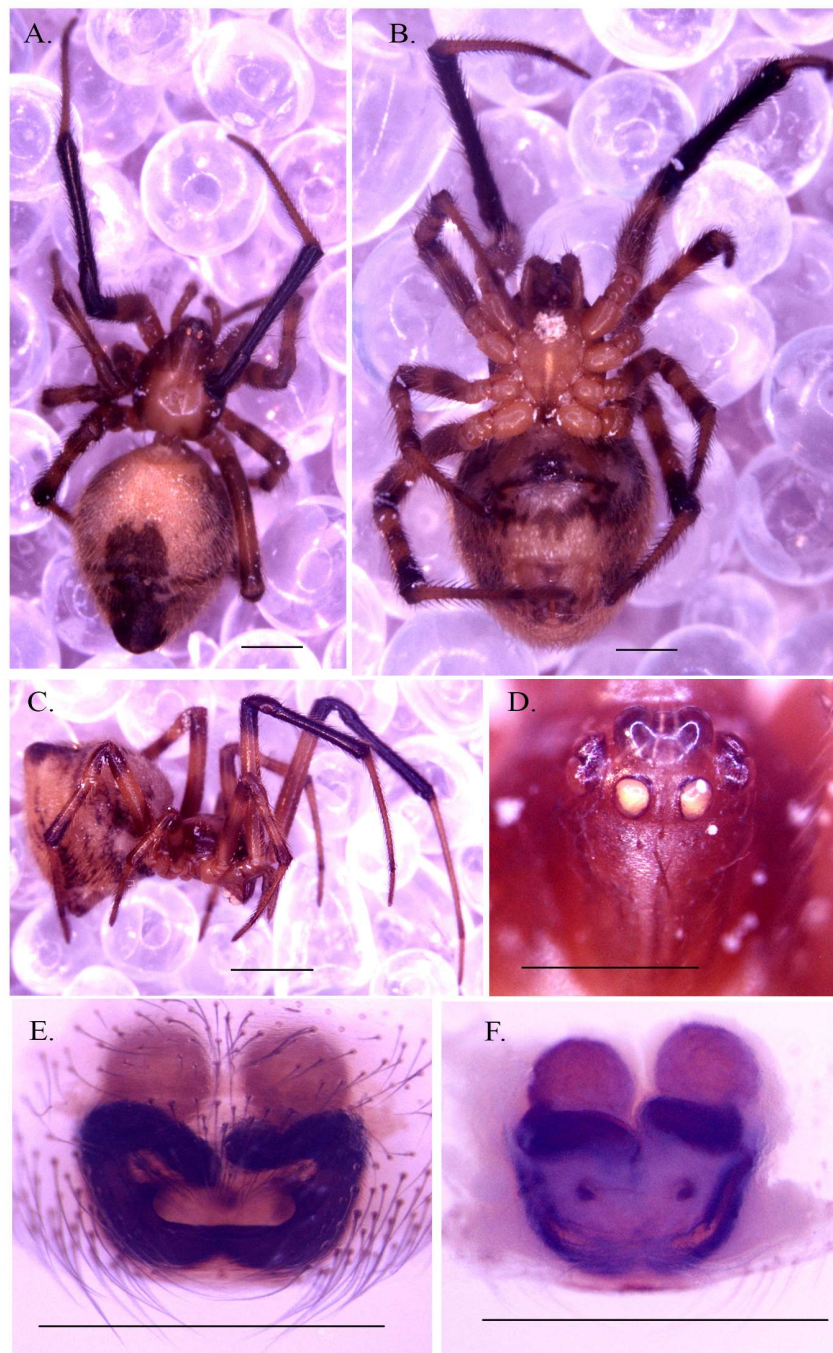
Meotipa picturata Simon, 1895: **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Habitus, lateral view; **D.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **E.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A, B, C), 0.2 mm (D, E).

PLATE 55



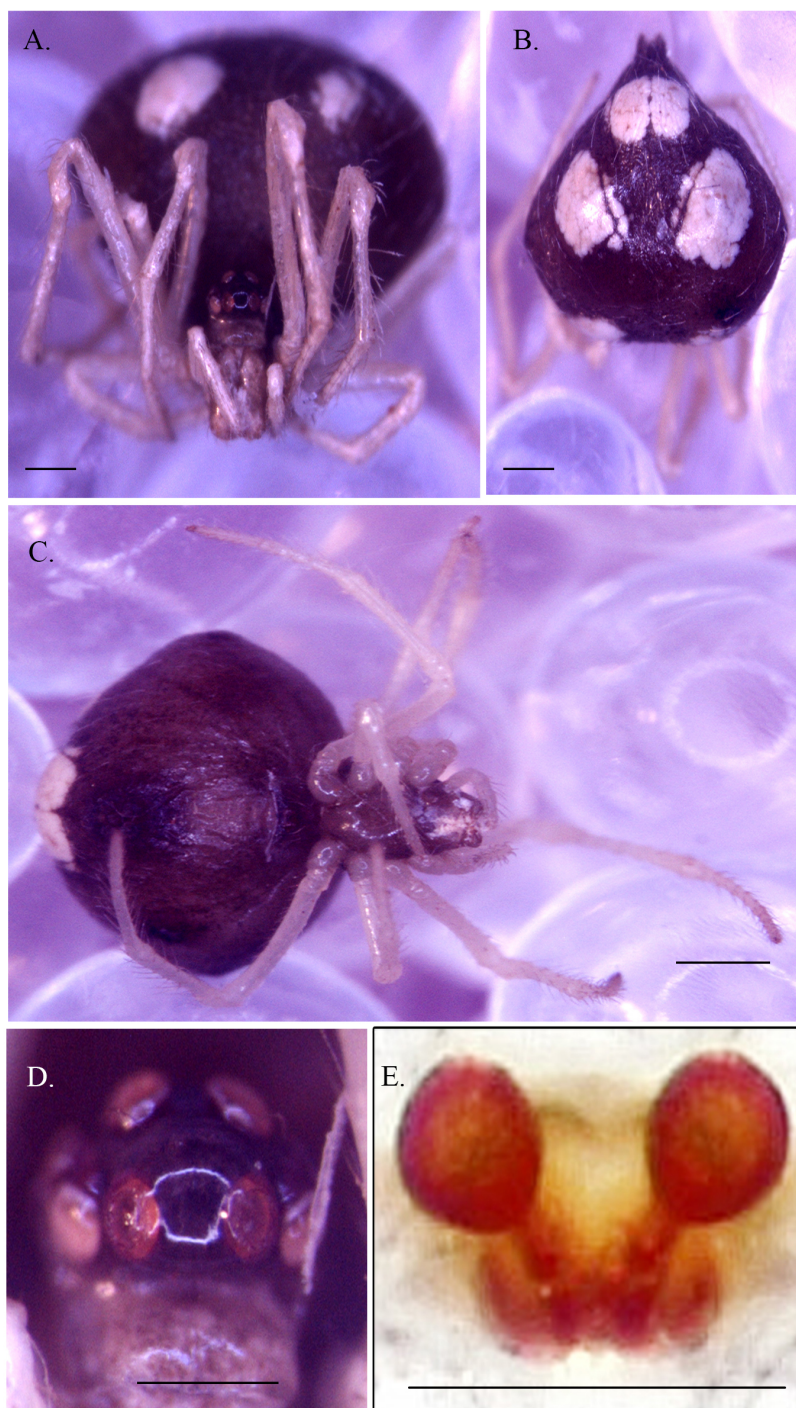
Meotipa ultapani Basumatary and Brahma, 2019: **A.** Carapace, dorsal view; **B.** Carapace, ventral view; **C.** Abdomen, dorsal view; **D.** Abdomen, ventral view; **E.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **F.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 1 mm (C), 0.5 mm (A, B, D, E, F).

PLATE 56



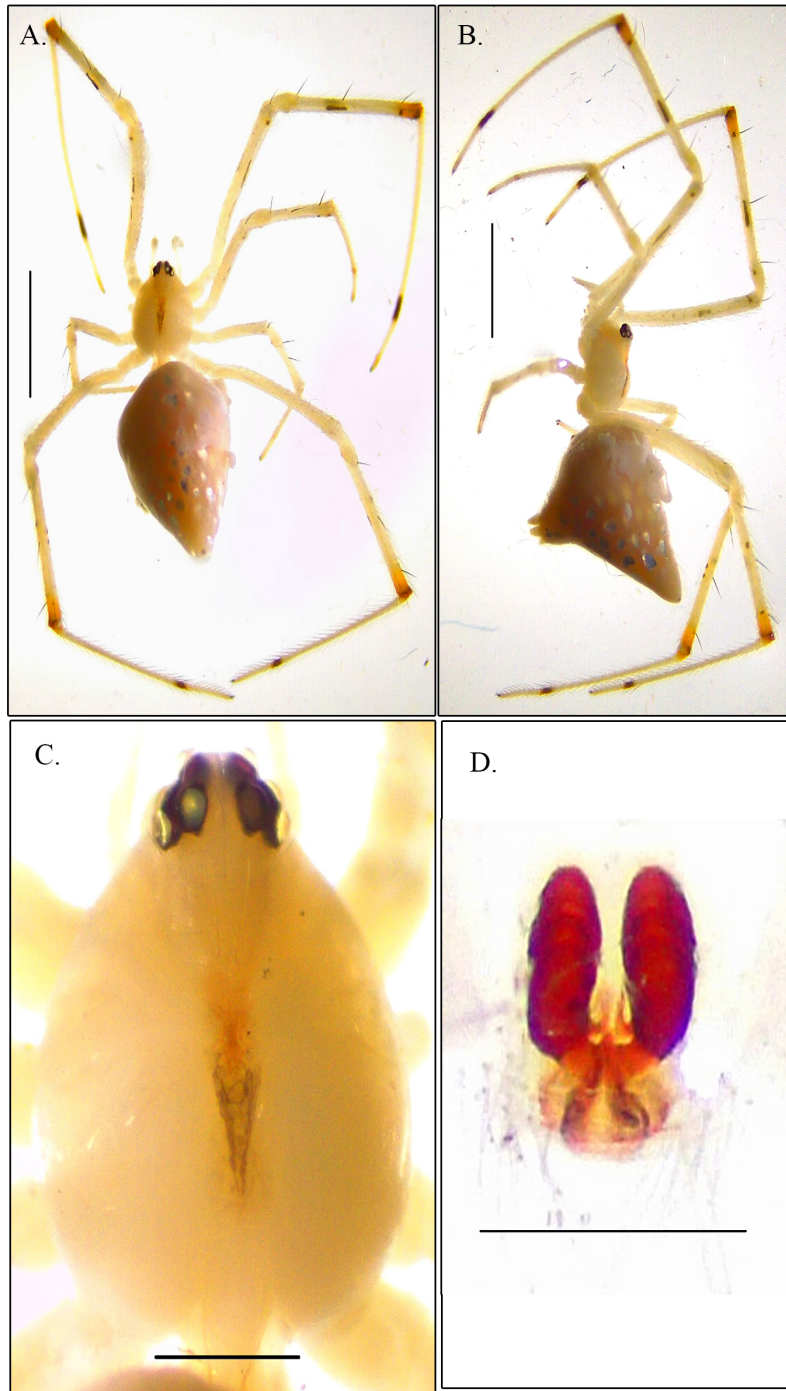
Parasteatoda celsabdomina (Zhu, 1998): **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Habitus, lateral view; **D.** Eyes, frontal view; **E.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **F.** Eyes, ventral view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A, B, C), 1 mm (D), 0.2 mm (E, F).

PLATE 57



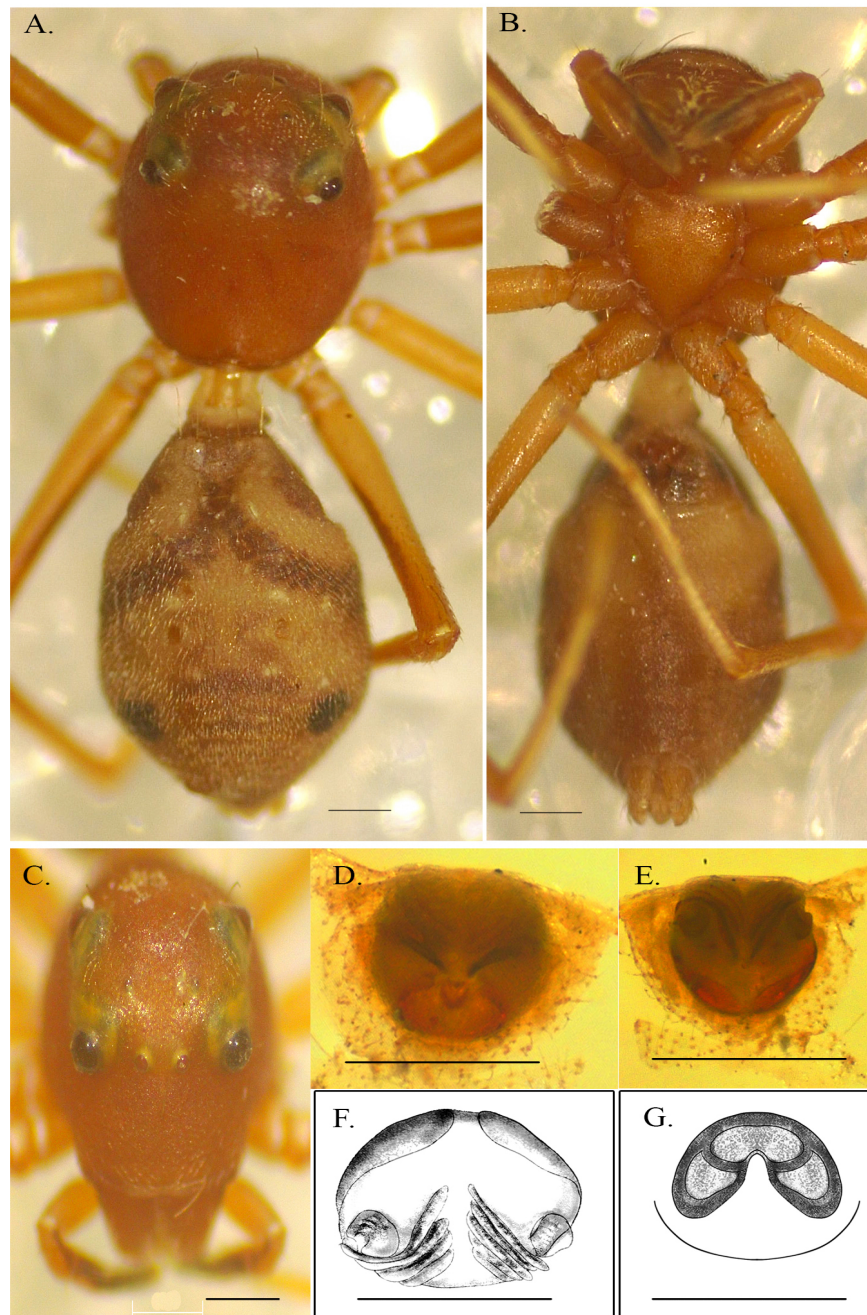
Theridula gonygaster (Simon, 1873): **A.** Habitus, frontal view; **B.** Habitus, dorsal view; **C.** Habitus, ventral view; **D.** Eyes, frontal view; **E.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 1 mm (A, B, C), 0.5 mm (D), 0.2 mm (E).

PLATE 58



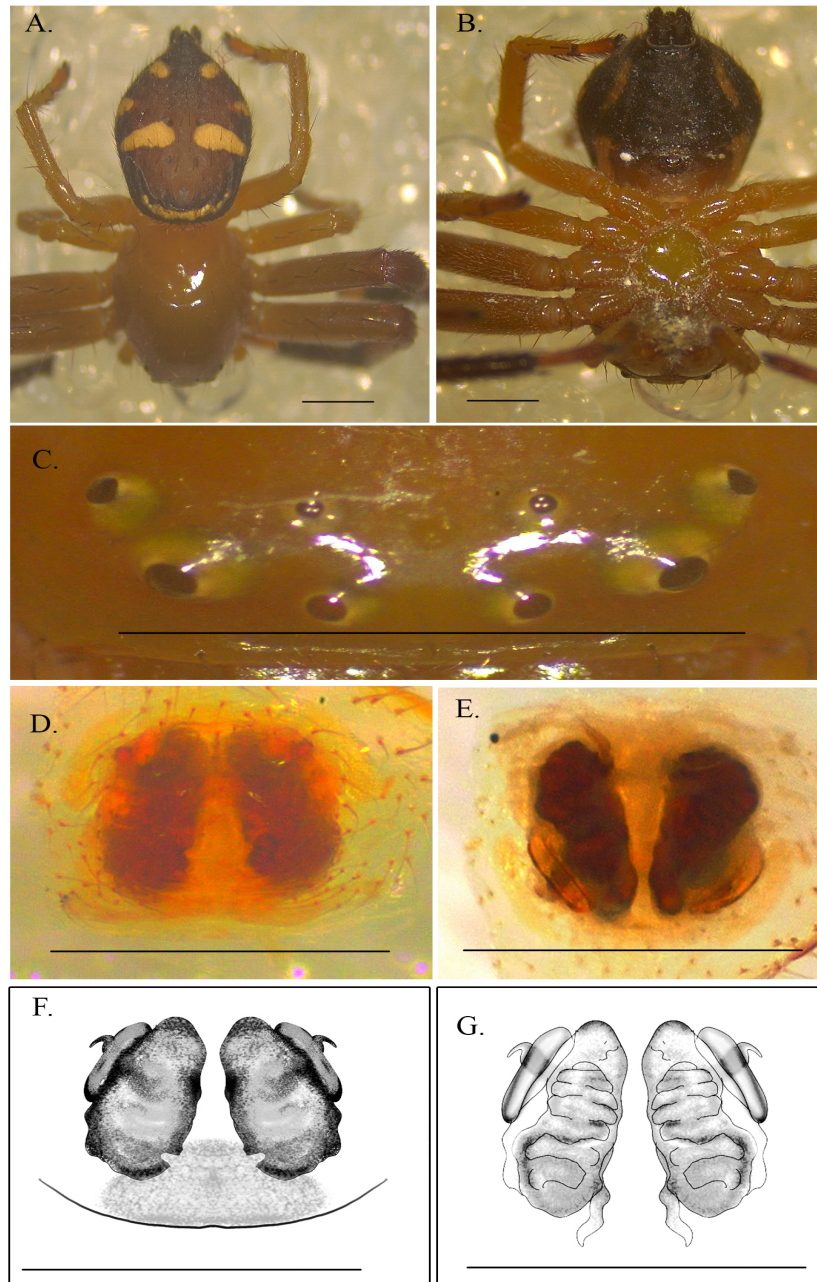
Thwaitesia margaritifera O. Pickard-Cambridge, 1881: **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, lateral view; **C.** Carapace, dorsal view; **D.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A, B), 1 mm (C), 0.2 mm (D).

PLATE 59



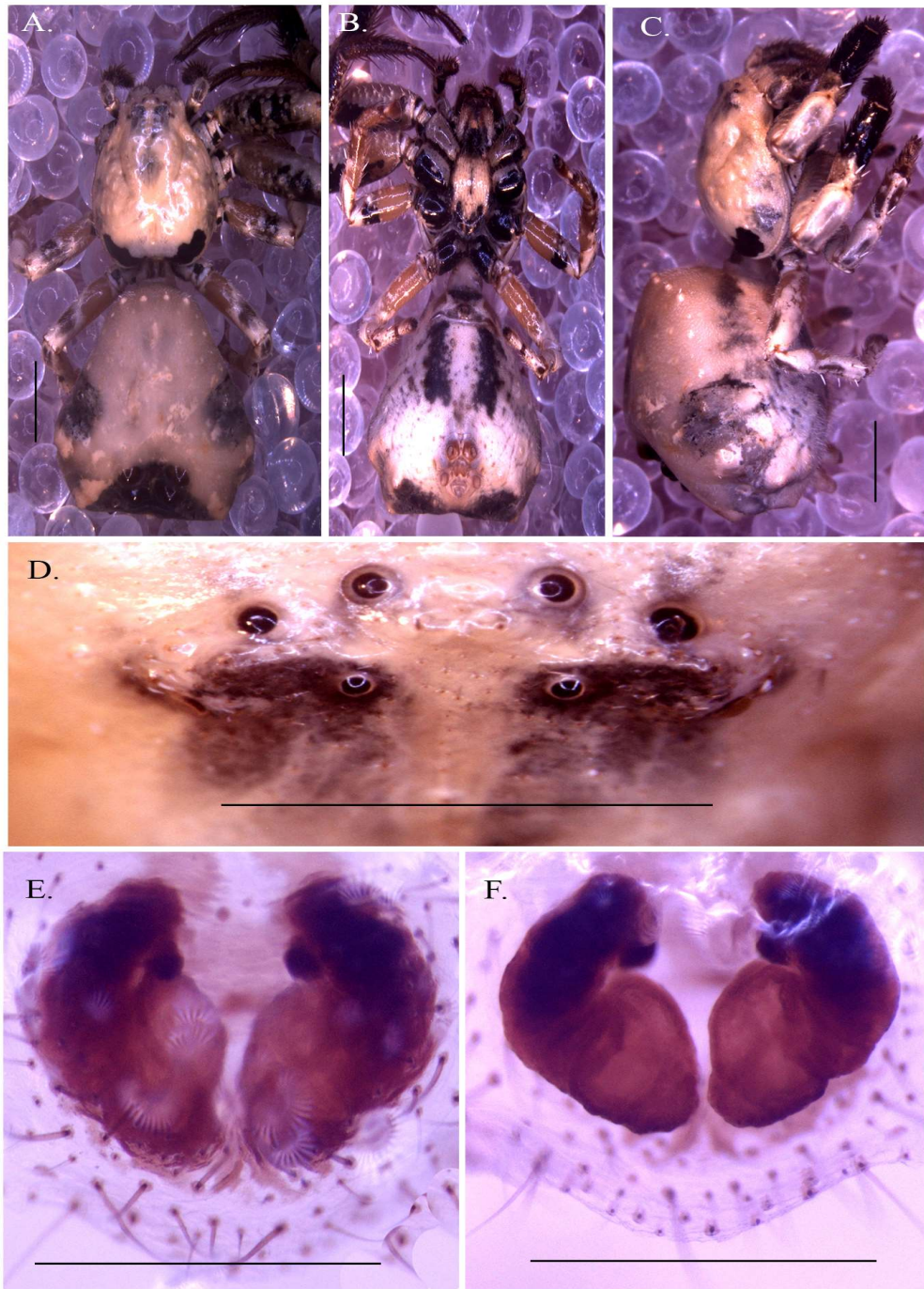
Amyciaea forticeps (O. Pickard-Cambridge, 1873): **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Carapace, frontal view; **D.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **E.** Epigyne, ventral view; **F.** Diagrammatic representation of epigyne, dorsal view; **G.** Diagrammatic representation of epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 1 mm (A, B), 0.5 mm (C), 0.2 mm (D, E, F, G).

PLATE 60



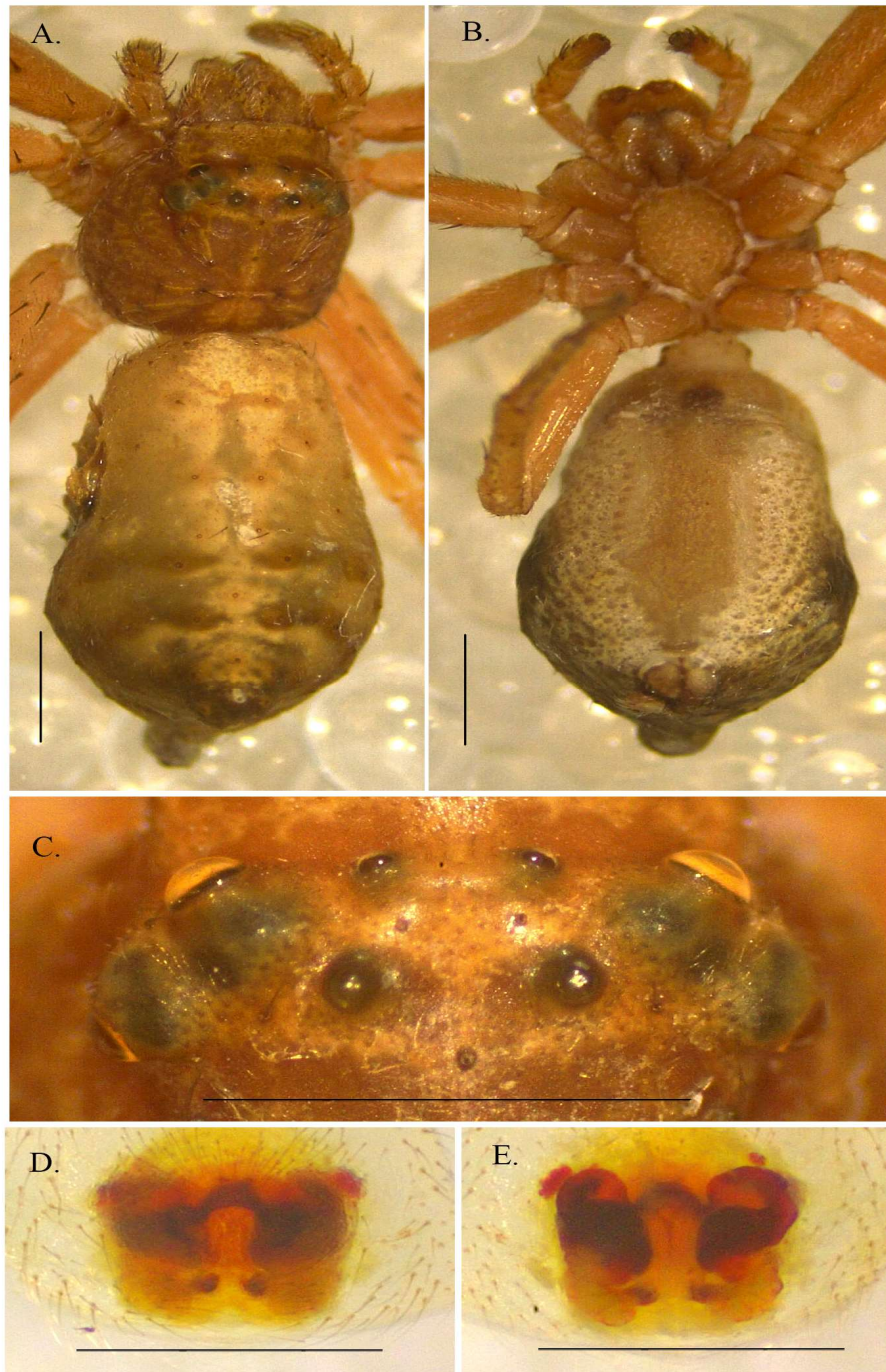
Camaricus khandalaensis Tikader, 1980: **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Eyes, frontal view; **D.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **E.** Epigyne, ventral view; **F.** Diagrammatic representation of epigyne, dorsal view; **G.** Diagrammatic representation of epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 2 mm (A, B), 1 mm (C), 0.5 mm (D, E, F, G).

PLATE 61



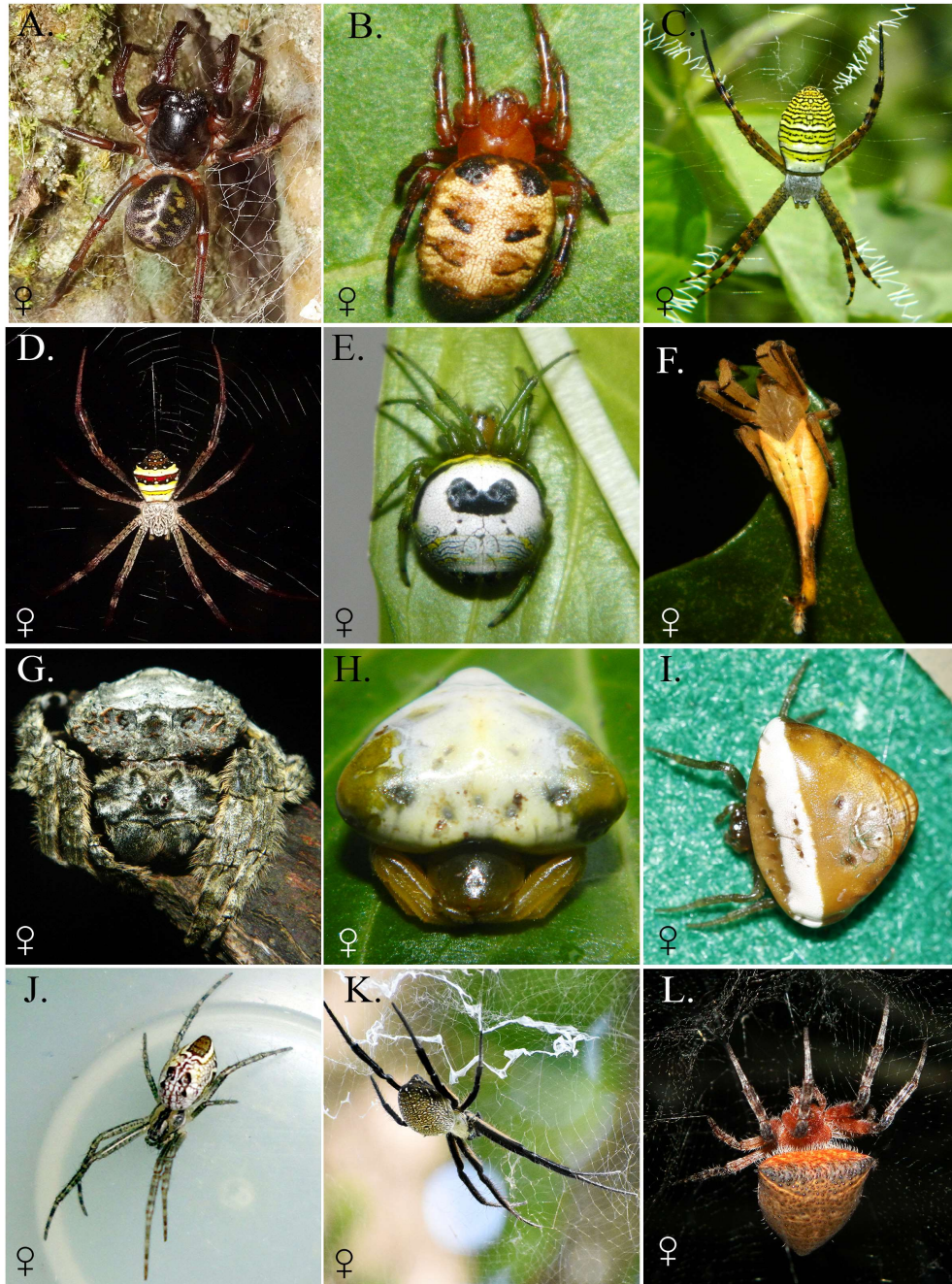
Phrynarachne decipiens (Forbes, 1884): **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Habitus, lateral view; **D.** Eyes, frontal view; **E.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **F.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 5 mm (A, B, C), 2 mm (D), 1 mm (E, F).

PLATE 62



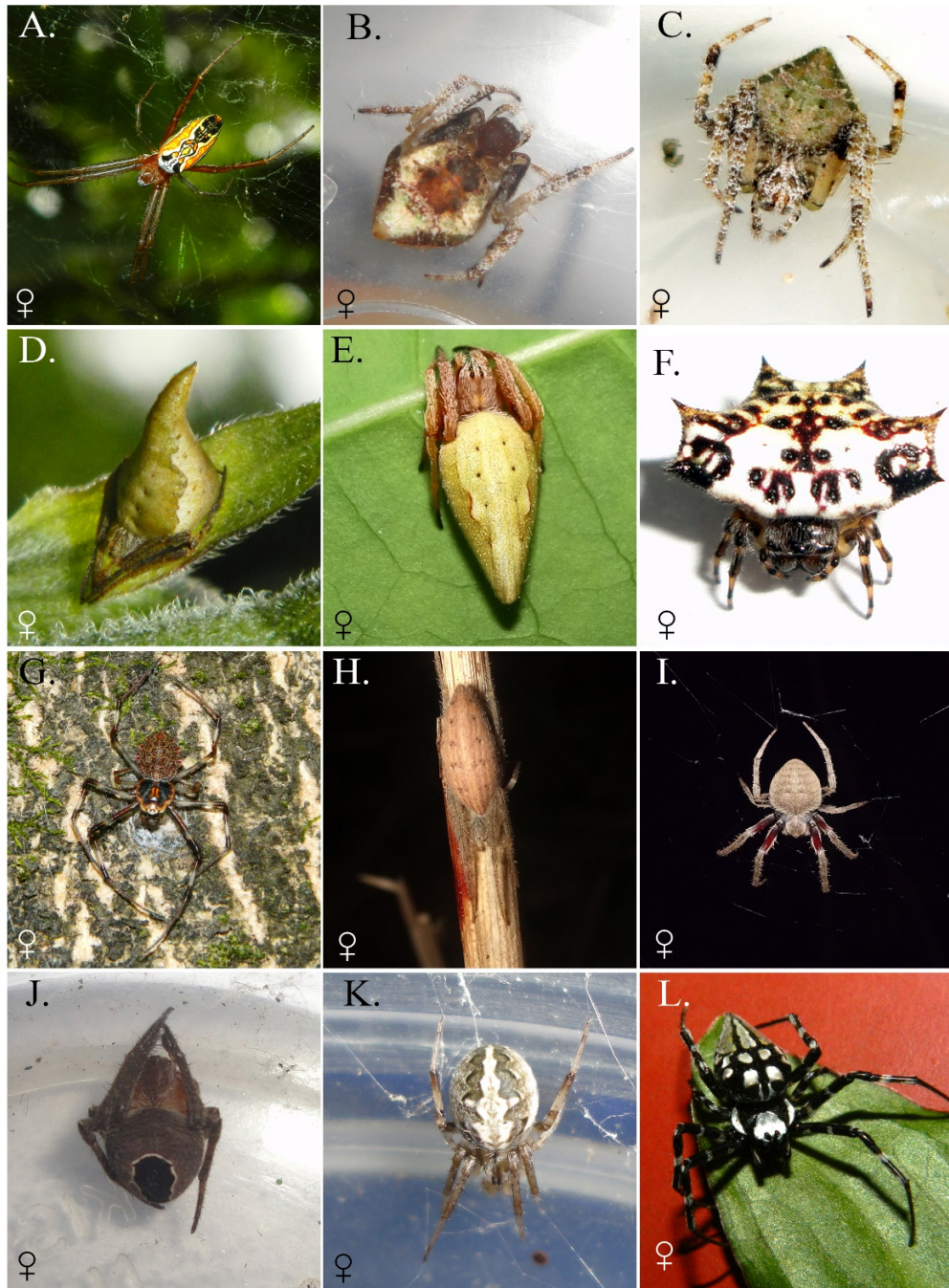
Tmarus jabalpurensis Gajbe and Gajbe, 1999: **A.** Habitus, dorsal view; **B.** Habitus, ventral view; **C.** Eyes, frontal region, **D.** Epigyne, dorsal view; **E.** Epigyne, ventral view. Scale bars = 5 mm (A, B), 2 mm (C), 0.5 mm (D, E).

PLATE 63



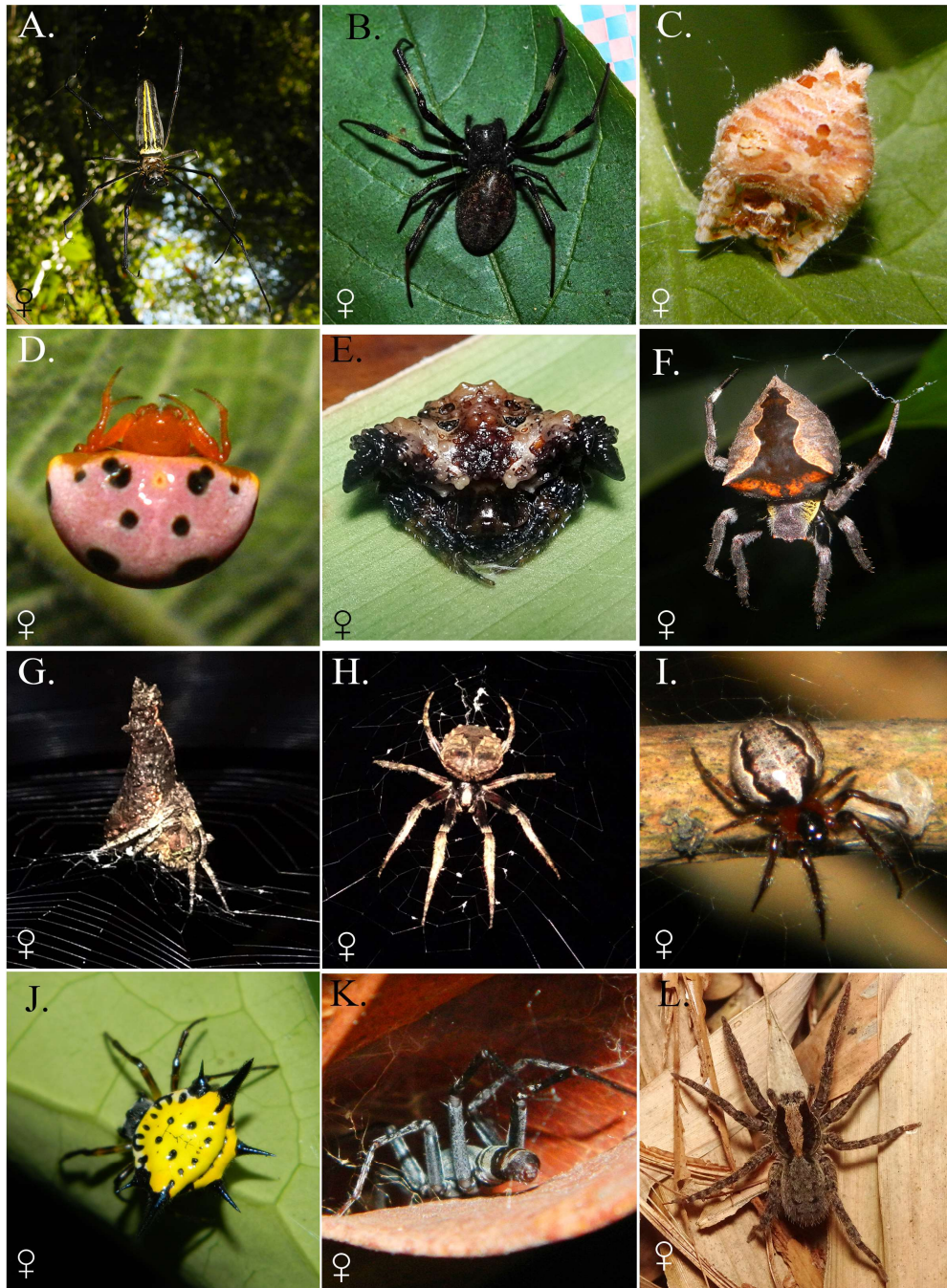
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PLATE 64



A. *Cyrtophora feae*; B. *Eriovixia excelsa*; C. *Eriovixia laglaizei*; D. *Eriovixia pseudocentrodes*; E. *Eriovixia kachugaonensis*; F. *Gasteracantha kuhli*; G. *Herennia multipuncta*; H. *Larinia phthisica*; I. *Neoscona bengalensis*; J. *Neoscona mokerjei*; K. *Neoscona theisi*; L. *Neogea nocticolor*.

PLATE 65



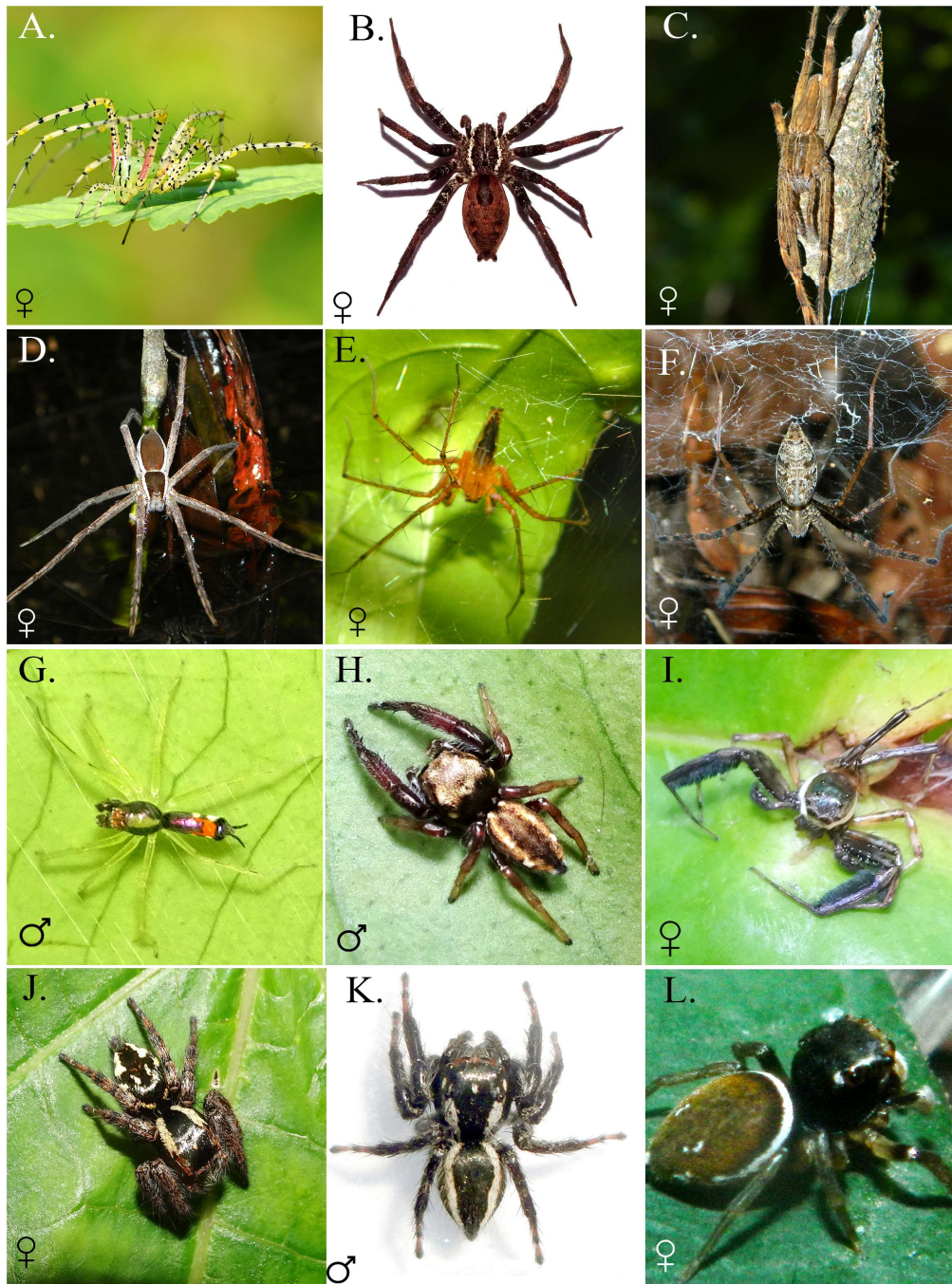
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PLATE 66



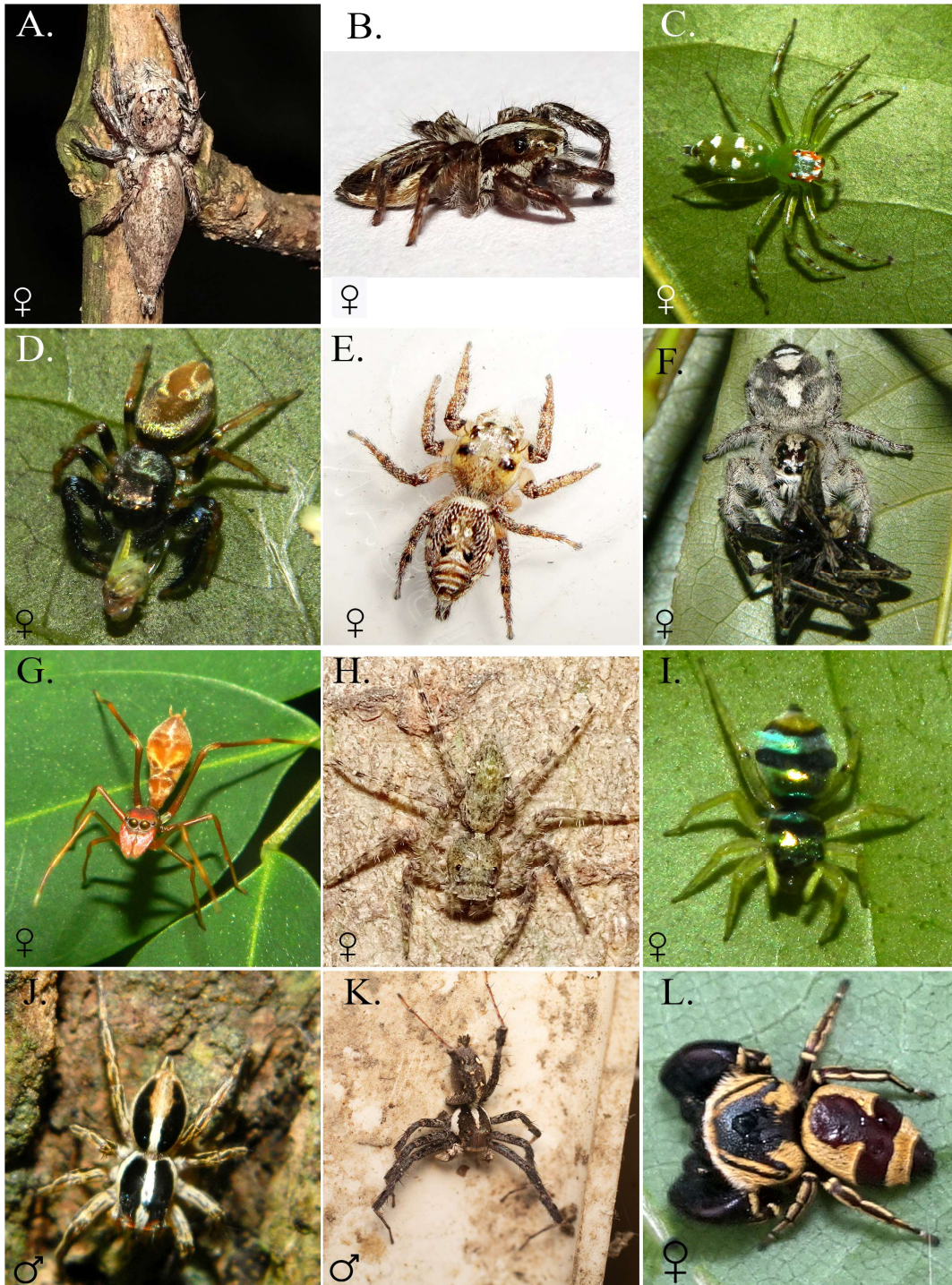
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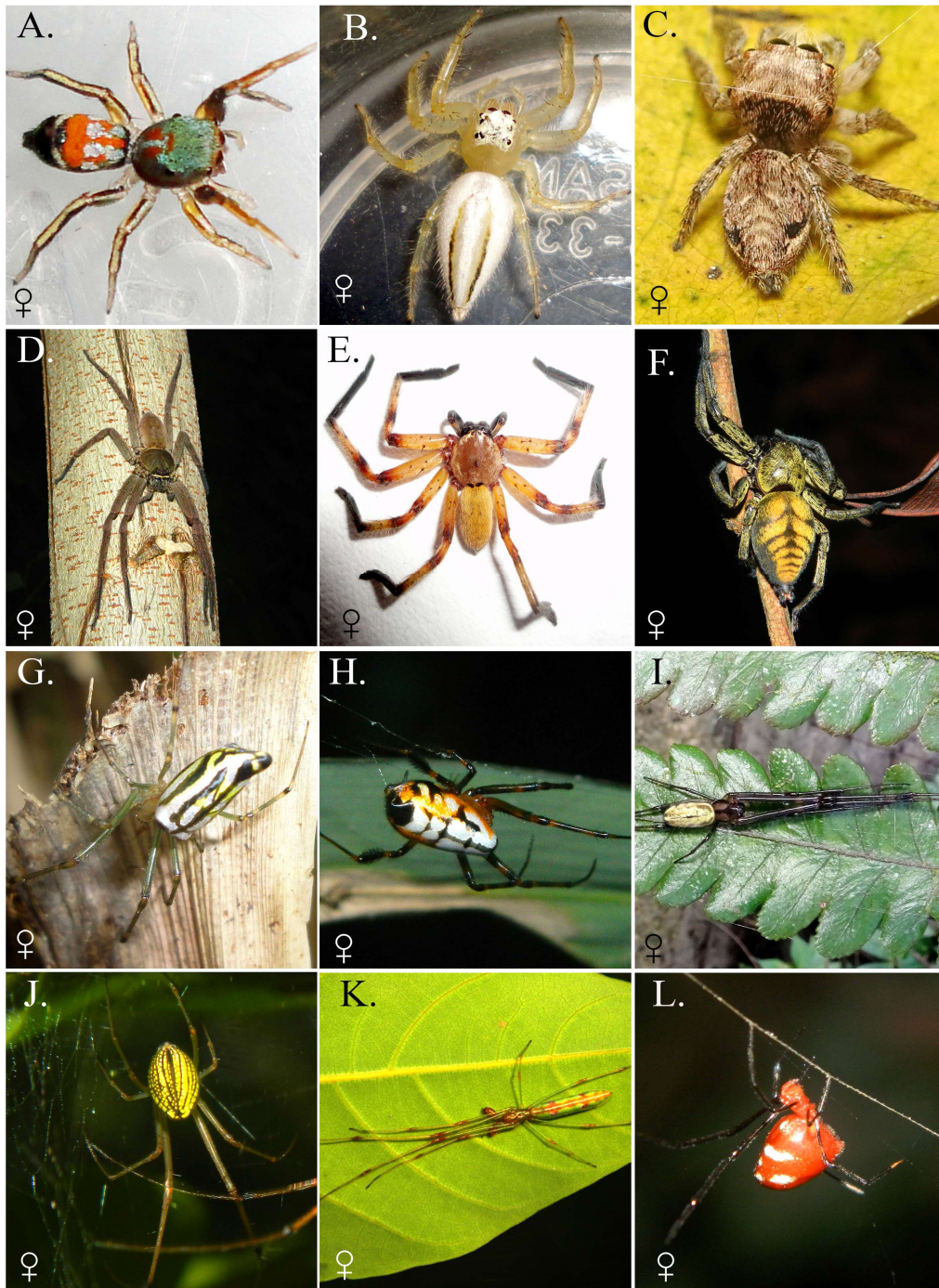
A. *Peucetia latikae*; B. *Dendrolycosa songi*; C. *Hygropoda higenaga*; D. *Nilus albocinctus*; E. *Polyboea vulpina*; F. *Psechrus himalayanus*; G. *Asemonea tenuipes*; H. *Bianor angulosus*; I. *Brettus cingulatus*; J. *Carrhotus viduus*; K. *Carrhotus viduus*; L. *Chinattus prabodhi*.

PLATE 68



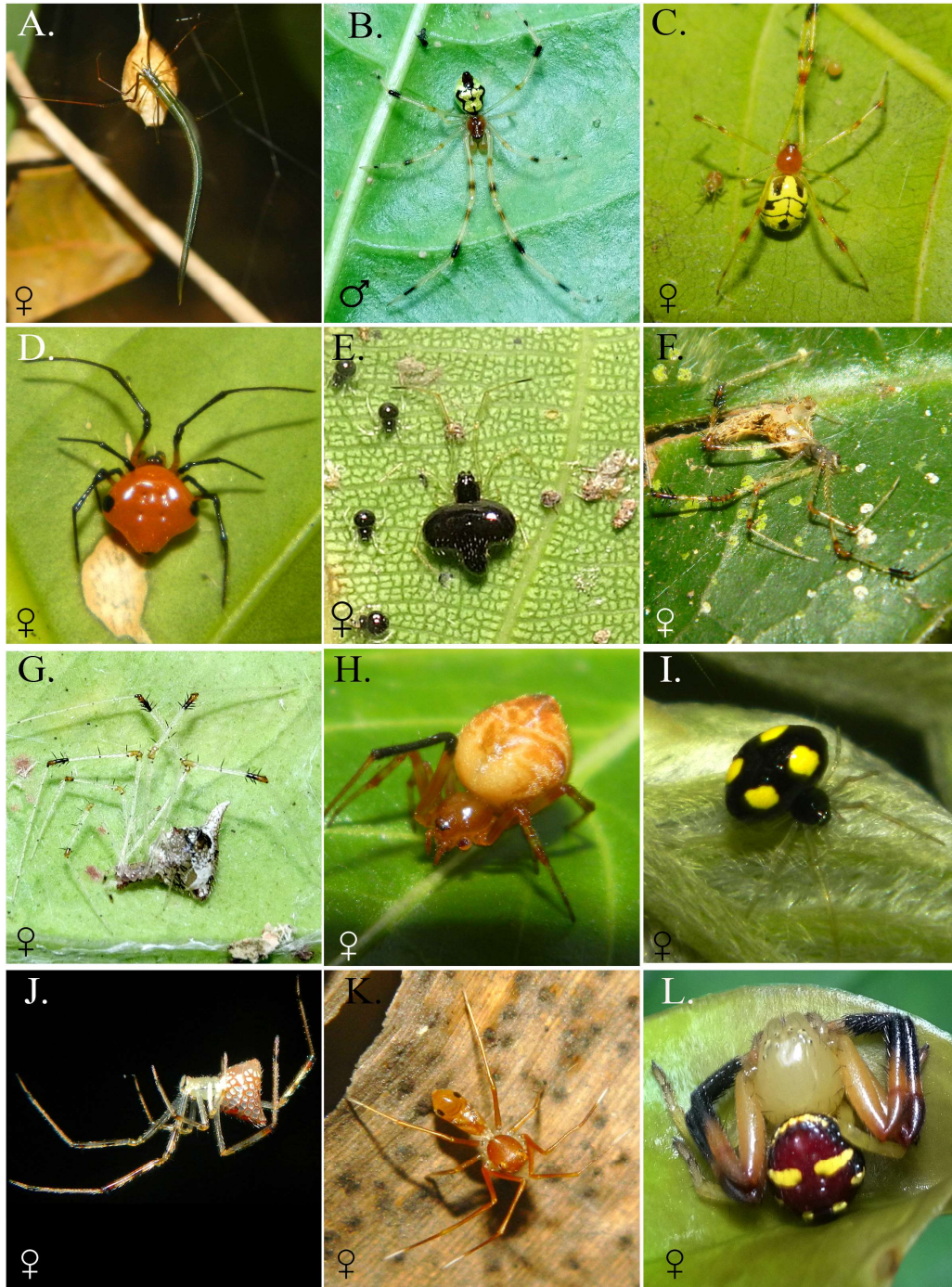
A. *Cocalus murinus*; **B.** *Dexippus kleini*; **C.** *Epeus indicus*; **D.** *Thiania bharnoensis*; **E.** *Hyllus semicupreus*; **F.** *Myrmaplata plataleoides*; **G.** *Phaeacius fimbriatus*; **H.** *Phintella vittata*; **I.** *Plexippus paykulli*; **J.** *Portia fimbriata*; **K.** *Rhene flaviocomans*.

PLATE 69



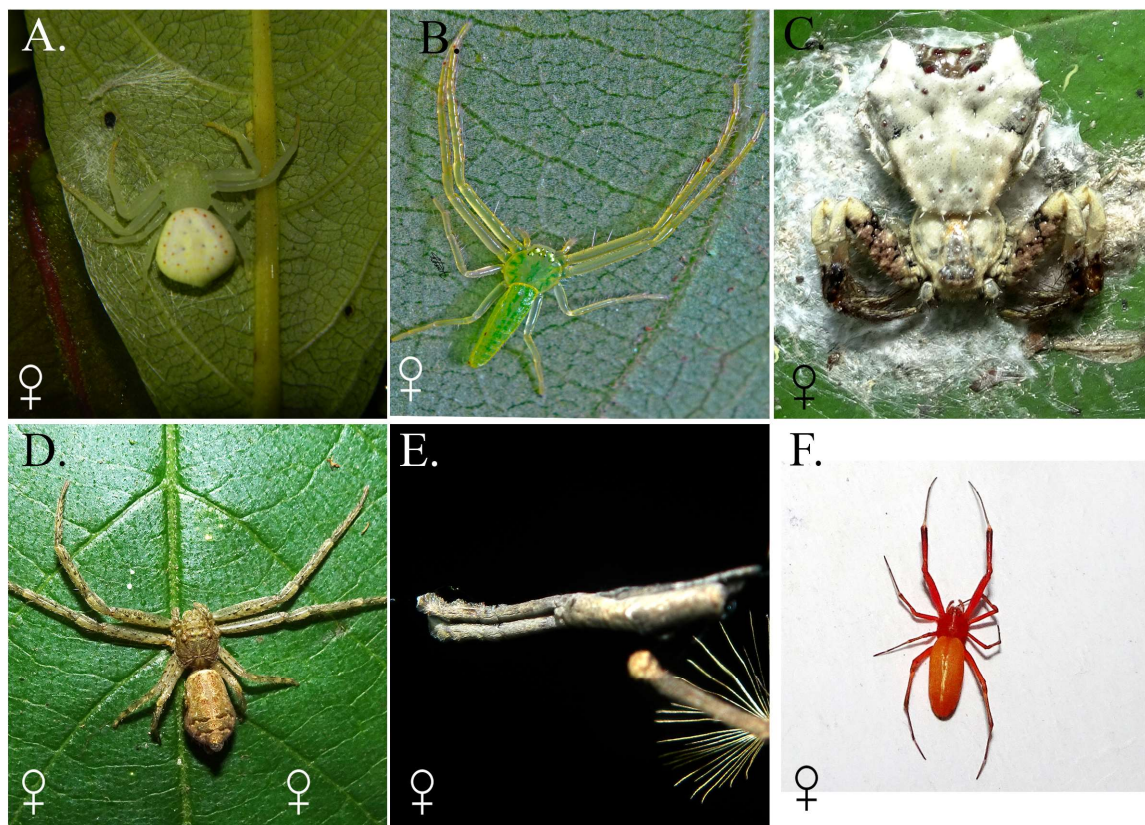
A. *Siler semiglaucus*; B. *Telamonia dimidiata*; C. *Vailimia jharbari*; D. *Heteropoda venatoria*; E. *Olios lamarcki*; F. *Thelcticopis severa*; G. *Leucauge decorata*; H. *Leucauge fastigata*; I. *Tylorida ventralis*; J. *Tylorida striata*; K. *Tetragnatha javana*; L. *Argyrodes miniaceus*.

PLATE 70



A. *Ariamnes cylindrogaster*; **B.** *Chrysso scintillans*; **C.** *Chrysso urbasaе*; **D.** *Chrysso angula*; **E.** *Chikunia nigra*; **F.** *Meotipa picturata*; **G.** *Meotipa ultapani*; **H.** *Parasteatoda celsabdomina*; **I.** *Theridula gonygaster*; **J.** *Thwaitesia margaritifera*; **K.** *Amyciaea forticeps*; **L.** *Camaricus khandalaensis*.

PLATE 71



A. *Thomisus lobosus*; **B.** *Oxytate greenae*; **C.** *Phrynarachne decipiens*; **D.** *Tmarus jabalpurensis*; **E.** *Miagrammopes apostrophus*; **F.** *Philoponella alata*.

ANNEXURE I
LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Sl. No.	ABBREVIATIONS USED	FULL FORM
1	AER	Anterior eye row
2	ALE	Anterior lateral eye
3	AME	Anterior median eye
4	asl	above sea level
5	BTC	Bodoland Territorial Council
6	CD	Copulatory duct
7	CHD	Central head department
9	EFL	Eye field length
10	FD	Fertilization duct
11	PER	Posterior eye region
12	PLE	Posterior lateral eye
13	PME	Posterior median eye
14	PLS	Posterior lateral spinneret
15	PMS	Posterior median spinneret
16	LAS	Leica application suite
17	mt	meta tarsus
18	NZC	National Zoological Collections
19	p	prolateral
20	PCCF	Principal Chief Conservator Forest
21	r	retrolateral
22	RTA	Retrolateral tibial apophysis
23	ti	tibia
24	v	ventral
26	RF	Reserve Forest
27	ZSI	Zoological Survey of India
28	Ha	Hectare

ANNEXURE II
DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY, BODOLAND UNIVERSITY
PEOPLE'S PERCEPTION ON "SPIDER" QUESTIONNAIRE

General information

Date: _____ Datasheet no.: _____

Surveyor's name: _____

Name of surveyed area: _____

Respondent information

Name of respondent: _____

Age _____

Gender: _____

Educational qualification _____

Below 10 HSLC HSSLC Graduate Others

GPS location _____

Occupation: _____

Knowledge on spiders

1. Types of spiders seen: (open-ended)

2. Availability of spiders: (multiple choice)
 - (i) House Indoors (ii) Home-garden (iii) Paddy field (iv) Forest

3. Season of maximum occurrence: (single choice)
 - (i) Winter (ii) Pre-monsoon (iii) Monsoon
 - (iv) Post-monsoon (v) Unaware

Additional information

NAME	AGE	GENDER	FEAR SPIDER (Yes/No)	NO FEAR	KILL SPIDER (Yes/No)	INDIFFERENT

Spider bite incident

NAME	DATE	TIME OF BITE	AGE	GENDER	INFORMED PHC (Y/N)	PREVENTIVE MEASURES TAKEN

People's perception on spiders (open-ended)

APPENDIX 1

PUBLICATIONS

1. Basumatary, P. and Brahma, D. (2021). One new burrow spider of the genus *Gravelyia* Mirza and Mondal 2018 (Araneae: Nemesiidae) from north-east India. *Acta Arachnologica* 70(1): 39-46.
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One new burrow spider of the genus *Gravelyia* Mirza & Mondal 2018 (Araneae: Nemesiidae) from north-east India

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Abstract — *Gravelyia boro* sp. nov. is described based on both sexes from Assam, India in a genus previously known from two species. The palp of the species belonging to the genus is illustrated for the first time, and a distribution map of *G. boro* sp. nov. is also provided.

Key words — Araneae, Asia, Kokrajhar, mygalomorph, male palp

Introduction

The non-monophyletic mygalomorph family Nemesiidae Simon 1889 (Opatova et al. 2020) comprises 184 species belonging to 22 genera worldwide (World Spider Catalog 2020), of which two genera, *Damarchilus* Siliwal et al. 2015 and *Gravelyia* Mirza & Mondal 2018 occur in India (Caleb & Sankaran 2021). The recently described genus *Gravelyia* currently contains two species viz., the type species *G. excavatus* (Gravely 1921) and *G. striatus* Mirza & Mondal 2018, both species are known only from India. Although *G. excavatus* is known by both sexes the details of male palp is neither illustrated nor described in detail and *G. striatus* is only known from the female.

The genus *Gravelyia* Mirza & Mondal 2018 was erected with *G. excavatus* (Gravely 1921) as its type. *G. excavatus* (Gravely 1921) was originally described from Barkuda Island of Odisha in India, and there are no museum records of male of this species apart from some illustrations by Gravely (1921). The male of this genus bears a distinct single tibial spur on tibiae I alongwith metatarsus I bearing a cluster of cuspules ventro-proximally. The present paper describes *Gravelyia boro* sp. nov. from Assam, India.

Materials and Methods

Live individuals were photographed with Sony DSC – HX90V. Specimens were hand collected and preserved in 80% ethanol. Images were made using a Leica M205A stereo microscope equipped with a Leica DFC500 HD camera using a Leica Application Suite (LAS) version 3.8. The spermathecae were dissected and immersed in lactic acid for 24 hours to clear soft tissue. All measurements are in millimeters (mm). Legs measurements are given as total length (femur, patella, tibia, metatarsus and tarsus). Leg spination

pattern follows Mirza & Mondal (2018). The studied specimens are deposited at museum in North Eastern Regional Centre, Zoological Survey of India (NERC – ZSI), Shillong. Abbreviations used: ALE = anterior lateral eye, AME = anterior median eye, PLE = posterior lateral eye, PME = posterior median eye, PLS = posterior lateral spinnerets, PMS = posterior median spinnerets, mt = metatarsus, p = prolateral, r = retrolateral, ti = tibia, v = ventral.

Taxonomy

Family: Nemesiidae Simon 1892

Gravelyia Mirza & Mondal 2018

Type species: *Damarchus excavatus* Gravely 1921 (♀ lectotype in Zoological Survey of India, Kolkata)

Diagnosis: For detailed diagnosis see Mirza & Mondal 2018.

Gravelyia boro sp. nov.

(Figs. 1–37)

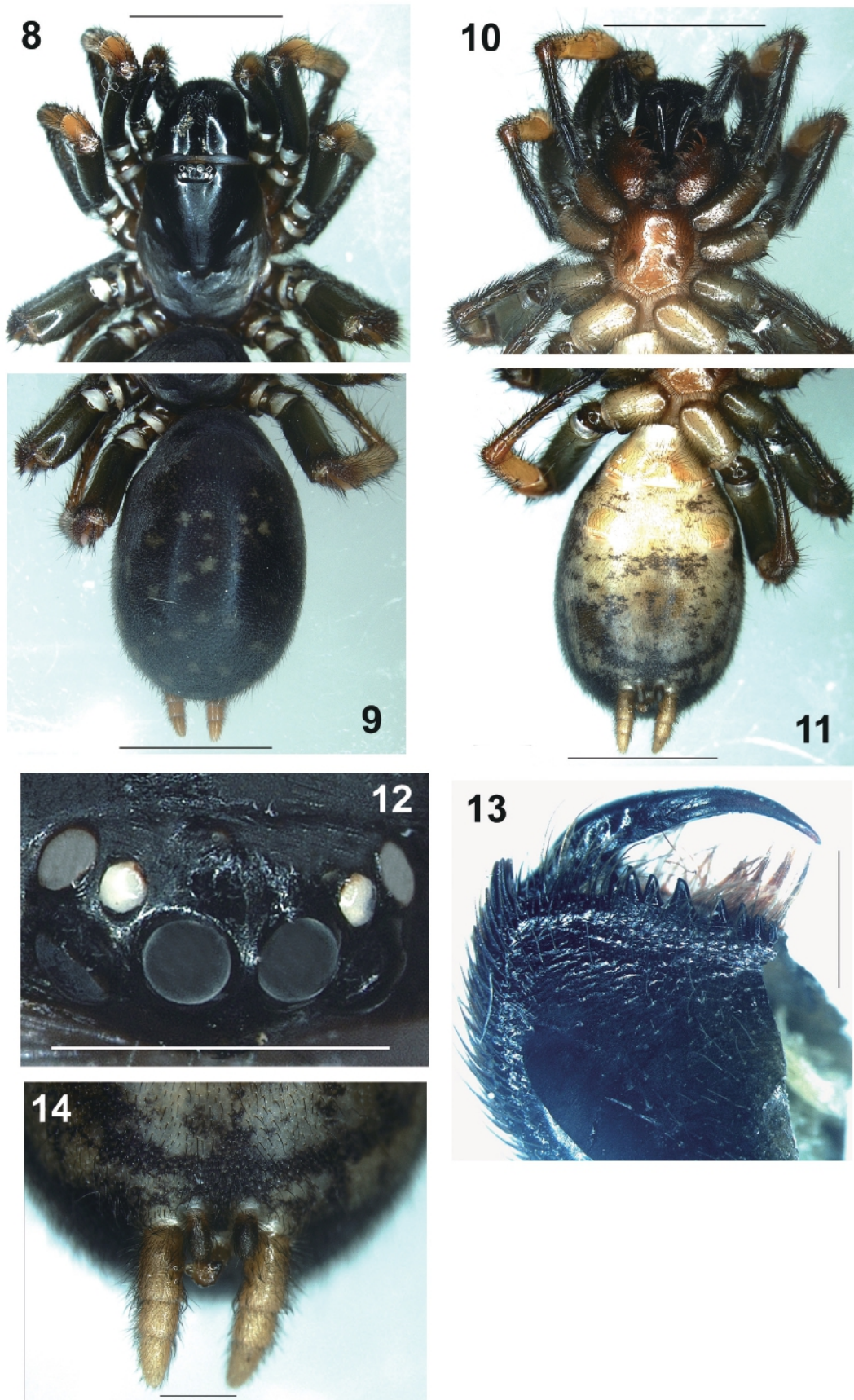
Type series. Holotype: ♀ (IV/ARA/ERS-21): India, Assam, Jharbari Forest Range, Chirang Reserve Forest (N 26°37'23.11", E90°14'48.67"), 81 m, 28.III. 2019 (P. Basumatary). Paratypes: 2♂ (IV/ARA/ERS-28–29) and 1♀ (IV/ARA/ERS-30) same data as in the holotype.

Etymology. The specific name is derived from the Boro tribe, one of the largest ethnolinguistic group in the Assam state of India, and predominantly inhabits the type locality of the new species. The name is used as a noun in apposition.

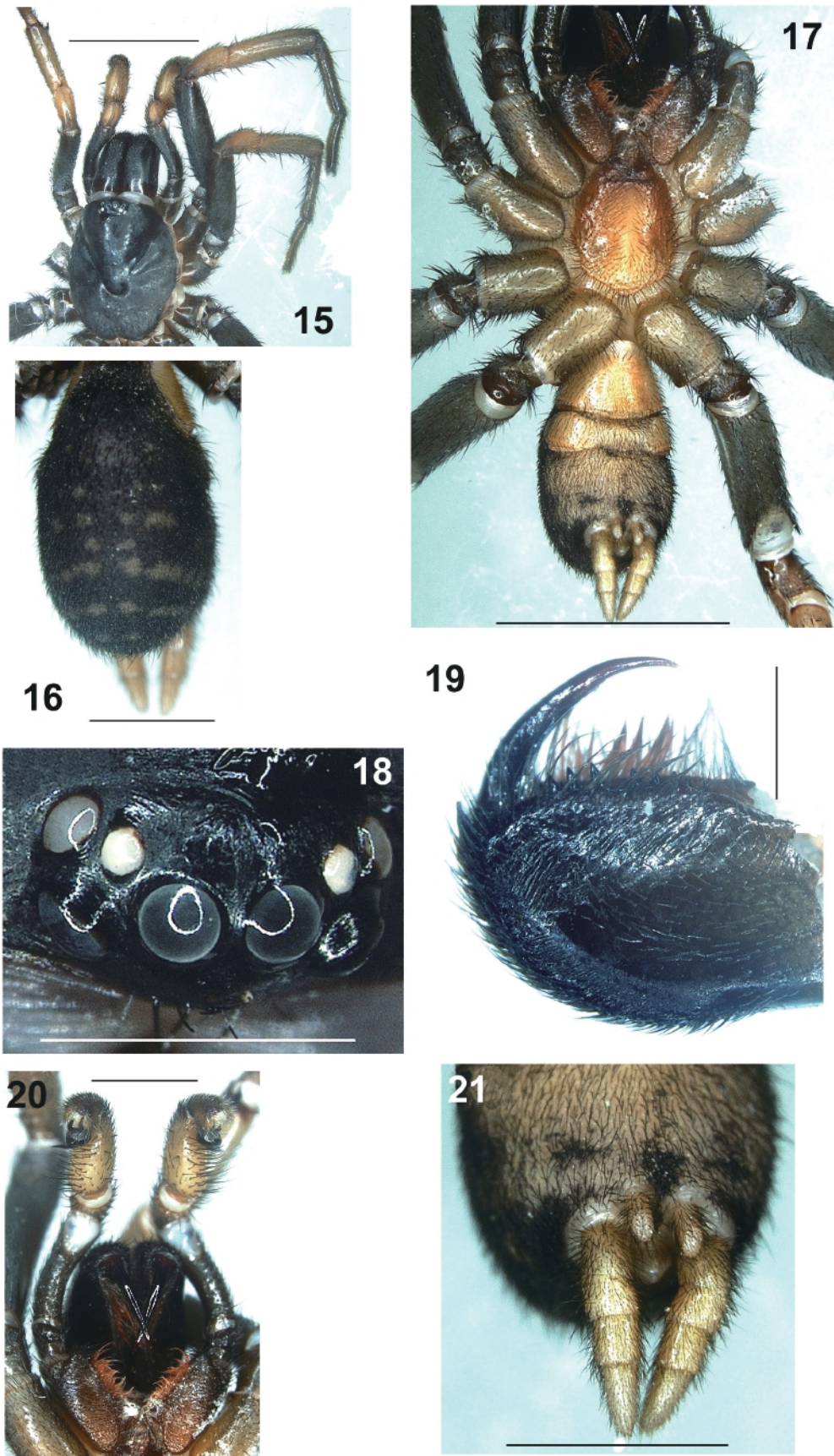
Diagnosis. *Gravelyia boro* sp. nov. is distinguishable from *G. excavatus* and *G. striatus* by the abdominal pattern, *G. boro* sp. nov. has sparse pale brownish dorsal spots (Figs. 2, 9), while *G. excavatus* and *G. striatus* have wide, short chevron stripes, almost covering the abdomen (cf. in figs. 1A & 2A, Mirza & Mondal 2018). Female of *G. boro* sp.



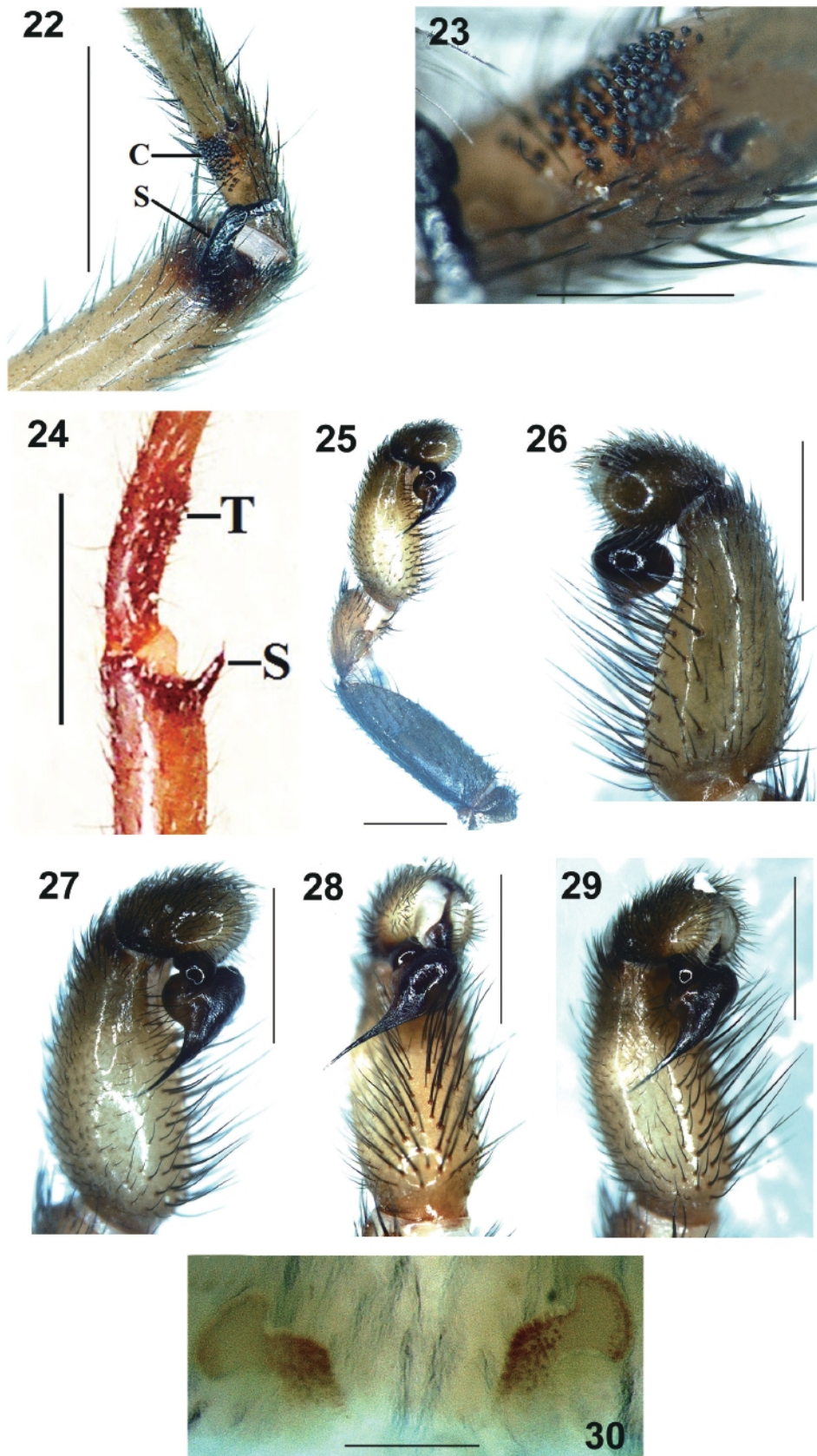
Figs. 1–7. *Gravelia boro* sp. nov.: 1 – live habitus in burrow; 2, 4, 6 – female, live habitus, dorsal, lateral and anterior views; 3, 5, 7 – male, live habitus, dorsal, lateral and anterior views.



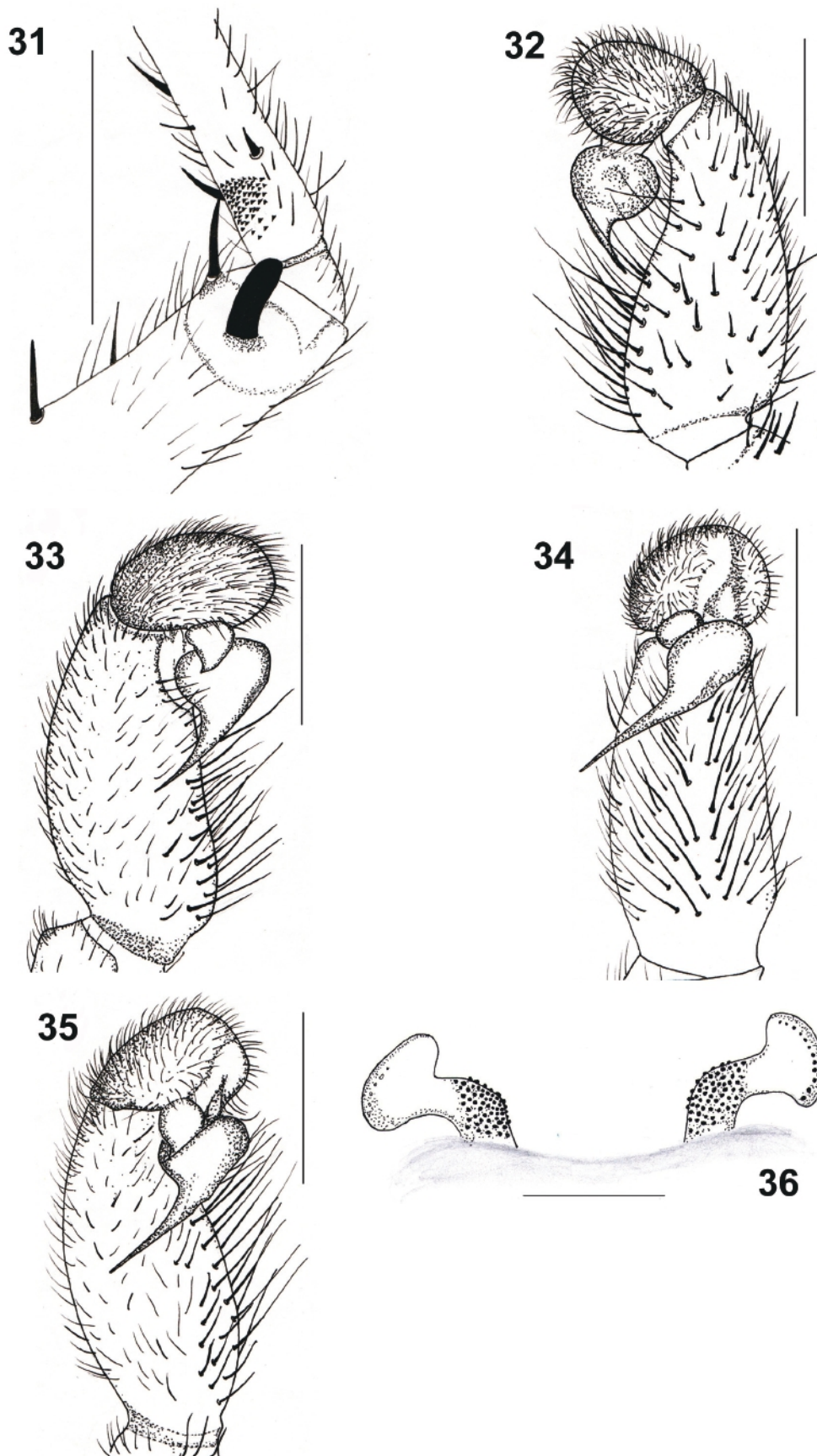
Figs. 8–14. Female of *Gravellyia boro* sp. nov.: 8 – carapace, dorsal view; 9 – abdomen, dorsal view; 10 – carapace, ventral view; 11 – abdomen, ventral view; 12 – eyes, anterior view; 13 – chelicerae, prolateral view; 14 – spinnerets. Scale bars: 5 mm (8–11); 2 mm (12); 1 mm (13–14).



Figs. 15–21. Male of *Gravellyia boro* sp. nov.: 15 – carapace, dorsal view; 16 – abdomen, dorsal view; 17 – habitus, ventral view; 18 – eyes, anterior view; 19 – chelicerae, prolateral view; 20 – male maxillae, labium and palp, ventral view; 21 – spinnerets. Scale bars: 5 mm (15–17); 2 mm (18, 20); 1 mm (19, 21).



Figs. 22–30. *Gravelhia boro* sp. nov.: 22 – male tibia and metatarsus I, prolateral view (S – spur, C – cuspules); 23 – ditto, cluster of cuspules, prolateral view; 24 – male tibia and metatarsus I, prolateral view, (S – spur, T – tubercle); 25 – whole male palp, retrolateral view; 26 – right male palp, dorsal view; 27 – ditto, ventral view; 28 – ditto, prolateral view; 29 – ditto, retrolateral view; 30 – vulva, dorsal view. Scale bars: 2 mm (22, 24, 25); 1 mm (26–29); 0.5 mm (23); 0.2 mm (30).



Figs. 31–36. *Gravellyia boro* sp. nov.: 31 – male tarsus and metatarsus I, prolateral view; 32 – right male palp, dorsal view; 33 – ditto, ventral view; 34 – ditto, prolateral view; 35 – ditto, retrolateral view; 36 – vulva, dorsal view. Scale bars: 2 mm (31); 1 mm (32–35); 0.2 mm (36).

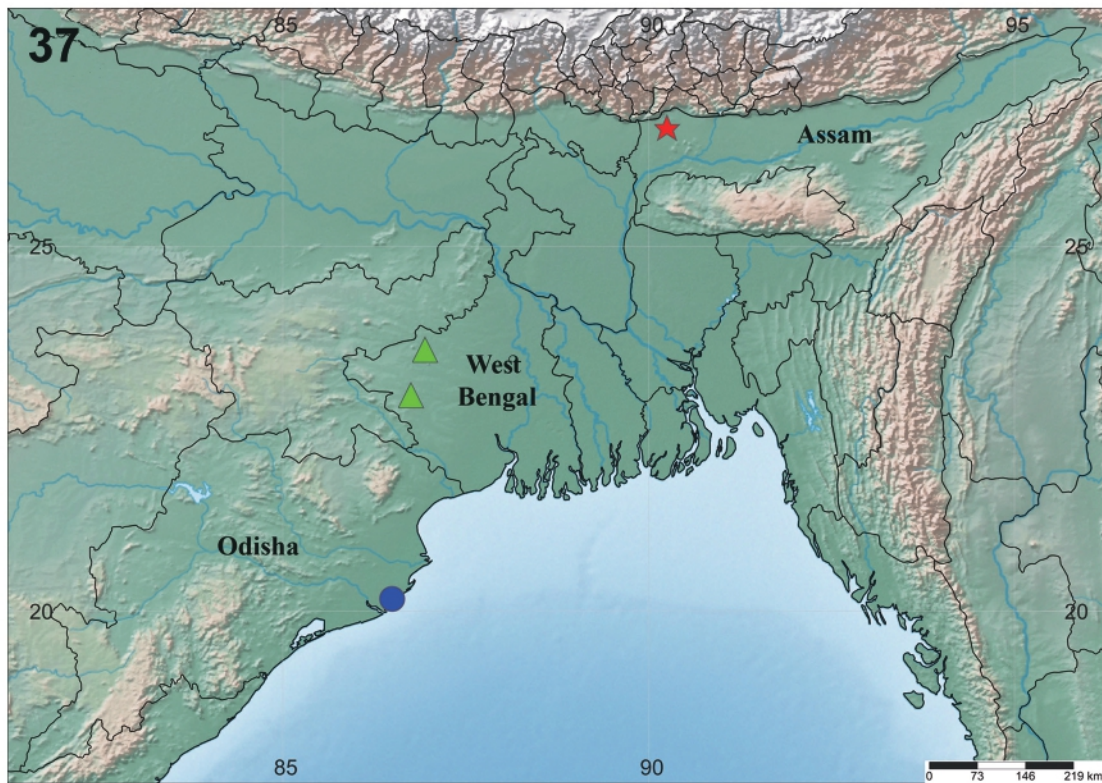


Fig. 37. Distribution records of *Gravelyia boro* sp. nov. (star), *G. striatus* (triangle) and *G. excavatus* (circle).

nov. can be distinguished from those of *G. excavatus* and *G. striatus* by having fungiform receptacles, swollen heads, curved outwards and directed distal (Figs. 30, 36), whereas in *G. excavatus* the receptacles are fully mounds and swollen inwards distally and *G. striatus* having small mounds with bud shaped swellings directed distal upwards in opposite direction (*cf.* in figs. 1D & 2D, Mirza & Mondal 2018). Male of *G. boro* sp. nov. can be differentiated from those of *G. excavatus* by the spur directed outwards distal and flattened anteriorly without any curves, distal end of tibiae I with gentle inward curvature, and metatarsus I with slightly raised tubercle (Fig. 24), whereas in *G. excavatus* the spur is slightly curved and distally bent inwards being stout and bulky anteriorly, tibiae I without inward slope distally and metatarsus I with highly raised tubercle (*cf.* in fig. 1f, Graveley 1921).

Description. Female (holotype). Total length, without chelicera: 15.08. Carapace (Figs. 2, 6, 8): 5.41 long, 4.41 wide. Matte black, raised caput, covered sparsely with blackish setae. Eye sizes and interdistances (Fig. 12): ALE 0.17, AME 0.26, PLE 0.19, PME 0.18, AME-AME 0.09, PME-PLE 0.04, AME-ALE 0.08, PME-PME 0.58, ALE-PLE 0.12. Maxillae (Fig. 10): 1.64 long, 0.95 wide, with 15 cuspules. Reddish brown with tuft of coarse brownish setae on prolateral sides. Labium (Fig. 10): 0.68 long, 0.56

wide. Dark reddish brown, labiosternal junction distinct and well developed. Chelicera (Fig. 13): glossy blackish with 8 promarginal teeth and 16 mesobasal denticles. Rastellum formed by thick setae. Sternum (Fig. 10): 2.65 long, 2.48 wide. Yellowish brown, sub-rectangular, covered sparsely with blackish setae. Sigilla (Fig. 10): anterior and median slight oval, marginal, posterior large, oval-elongated, sub-central. Legs (Figs. 4, 6, 9, 10): I 9.25 (2.97, 1.61, 1.59, 1.75, 1.33); II 8.91 (2.63, 1.49, 1.72, 1.81, 1.26), III 6.55 (1.83, 1.14, 1.2, 1.41, 0.97), IV 11.95 (3.12, 2.01, 2.91, 2.67, 1.24). Leg spination: leg I, mt, v 4; leg II, mt, v 5, ti, v 1; leg III, mt, v 5, p 4, r, 2, ti, v 3; leg IV, mt, v 6, d 2, ti, v 1. Legs covered with numerous blackish setae alongwith blackish spines sparsely; femora, metatarsi and tarsi blackish; patellae and tibiae yellowish brown. Scopulae present on patellae laterally and entire on tarsi and metatarsi I–IV, including patellae and tibiae of palp. Paired claws on all legs with a row of 4–6 teeth. Abdomen (Figs. 2, 4, 9, 11): 9.67 long, 6.3 wide; blackish, pilose; dorsum covered with pale brownish spots distally; venter pale whitish brown at proximal end and pale blackish with sparse blackish patches distad. Spinnerets (Fig. 14): PLS 2.09 long, 0.59 wide, PLS-PLS 0.78; PMS 0.69 long, 0.32 wide, PMS-PMS 0.42. PLS yellowish brown and pilose, with apical segment triangular distally; PMS pilose and blackish brown.

Vulva (Figs. 30, 36): receptacles fungiform with swollen heads, curved outwards laterally, 0.25 long; swollen heads spaced by 3 width, stalks spaced by more than 3.7 diameters, and heads 2 times wider than stalk; pores on receptacle dense on the mesal side of the stalk, and evenly spaced on heads.

Male (paratype IV/ARA/ERS – 28). Total length, without chelicera: 13.26. Carapace (Figs. 3, 7, 16): 5.39 long, 4.19 wide. Matte blackish with raised caput and covered with sparse blackish setae. Eye sizes and interdistances (Fig. 18): ALE 0.2, AME 0.26, PLE 0.11, PME 0.13, AME-AME 0.08, PME-PLA 0.04, AME-ALE 0.1, PME-PME 0.58, ALE-PLA 0.12. Maxillae (Figs. 15, 20): 1.68 long, 0.98 wide, with 15 cuspules. Coloration as in female, covered with numerous short blackish setae ventrally and tuft of coarse reddish brown hairs laterally, anterior maxillary lobe protruded. Labium (Fig. 20): 0.71 long, 0.61 wide. Coloration as in female with well-developed labiosternal junction. Chelicerae (Fig. 19): Glossy blackish with 8 promarginal teeth and 16 mesobasal denticles. Rastellum formed by thick setae. Intercheliceral tumescence absent. Sternum (Fig. 15): 3.5 long, 2.25 wide. Sigilla (Fig. 17): as in female. Leg (Figs. 5, 7, 16, 22–24, 31): I 14.98 (4.02, 2.09, 3.54, 3.15, 2.18), II 12.1 (3.17, 1.84, 2.45, 2.75, 1.89), III 9.18 (2.71, 1.38, 1.52, 2.05, 1.52), IV 14.34 (3.09, 1.99, 3.55, 3.89, 1.82). Leg spination: leg I, mt, v 4, ti, v 2; leg II, mt, r 4, p 2, ti, r 2, v 1; leg III, mt, p 6, r 4, ti, r 2; leg IV, mt, p 8, r 3, ti, v 2. Legs covered with numerous blackish setae and sparsely by spines; tibiae I with an outwardly bent blackish stout spur located distally, and inwardly slope at distal end; metatarsus I with cluster of 60–65 blackish cuspules near proximal end; femora blackish; patellae, tibiae, metatarsi and tarsi of all legs yellowish brown. Scopulae as in female. Paired claws on all legs with a row of 5–6 teeth. Abdomen (Figs. 3, 18): 4.83 long, 2.92 wide. Abdomen as in female except for dorsum covered with broad longitudinal pale brownish spots distally; venter pale whitish brown at proximal end and pale blackish with sparse blackish patches distad. Spinnerets (Fig. 21): PLS 1.98 long, 0.5 wide, PLS-PLS 0.44; PMS 0.47 long, 0.25 wide, PMS-PMS 0.22. PLS: apical segment triangular. Palp (Figs. 20, 25–29, 32–35) femora 2.16 long, blackish with short whitish patch disto-ventrally; patella 1.08 long and 0.7 wide, sparse blackish spines apically; tibia 2.0 long and 0.84 wide, relatively 1/3 femora length; cymbium 0.84 long and 0.48 wide, oval shaped, slightly curved inwards and covered with blackish setae; bulb 1.01 long, oval with several low

ridges (Figs. 27–29); embolus slender, twice as long as tegulum, pointed at the tip and gently curved inwards distally.

Distribution. India (Assam) (Fig. 37).

Natural history. *Gravelyia boro* sp. nov. were found underground sandy loam in the burrow ca. 10–15 cm deep. The burrows were seen with open entrance of 0.8–1 cm wide, but entrances of burrows were not found during winter, which might probably be concealed with soil particles for hibernation (Fig. 1). The burrowing site had some vegetation cover with herbs and shrubs.

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Rediscovery of *Dexippus kleini* Thorell 1891 (Araneae: Salticidae: Plexippini) after 129 years and its first record from India

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Abstract — *Dexippus kleini* Thorell 1891 is recorded for the first time from India based on a sample collected from Assam, northeastern India which is about 2600 km away from its type locality. The species is diagnosed and illustrated in detail along with notes on its natural history, and a distributional map is also provided. The present species is recorded for the first time since its original description 129 years ago.

Key words — Assam, distribution, Indonesia, Jharbari, jumping spider, taxonomy.

Introduction

Dexippus Thorell 1891 is a small Oriental jumping spider genus monotypically erected with *Dexippus kleini* Thorell 1891 as its type species. It comprises only four species: *D. kleini* Thorell 1891 (Indonesia), *D. pengi* Wang & Li 2020 (Yunnan, China), *D. taiwanensis* Peng & Li 2002 (Taiwan) and *D. topali* Prószyński 1992 (India) World Spider Catalog 2021 and all are known from their corresponding type localities only. Maddison (2015) placed *Dexippus* within the subtribe Plexippina under the tribe Plexippini of the subfamily Salticinae.

D. kleini was originally described on the basis of the male sex from Aceh province (formerly known as Atjeh) located on the northern region of Sumatra Island in Indonesia. There are no records of the species since its original description apart from the illustrations of the holotype by Prószyński (1984). The male of this species is larger (7 mm) in comparison to its congeners which measure about 5–6 mm in body length, and possesses a narrower elongated abdomen with distinct whitish silver markings on dorsum bordered by two blackish longitudinal markings that distinguish it from its congeners. This paper aims to report the rediscovery of *D. kleini* after 129 years and its first record from Assam, India, about 2600 km away from its type locality.

Material and Methods

Collected specimens were preserved in 70% ethanol and were later examined under a Leica EZ4 HD stereomicroscope. Detailed photographs were obtained using a Leica M205A stereomicroscope equipped with a Leica DFC500 HD camera,

enabled with a Leica Application Suite (LAS) version 3.8. The species was identified based on illustrations of the type provided by Prószyński (1984) and digital images of the type available from the website of Natural History Museum of Denmark (<http://www.daim.snm.ku.dk/The-digitized-type-collection>). All measurements are in millimeters (mm). The studied specimen is deposited in National Zoological Collections, Zoological Survey of India (NZC-ZSI), Chennai.

Abbreviations used are as follows: AER = anterior eye row, ALE = anterior lateral eye, AME = anterior median eye, EFL = eye field length, PER = posterior eye row, PLE = posterior lateral eye, PME = posterior median eye, RTA = retrolateral tibial apophysis.

Taxonomy

Dexippus Thorell 1891

Type species: *Dexippus kleini* Thorell 1891

Dexippus kleini Thorell 1891

(Figs. 1–6)

D. kleini Thorell 1891: 112 (description of male) (♂ holotype in Zoological Museum, Copenhagen, digital images of the type, examined).

D. kleini Prószyński 1984: 33 (illustrations of the holotype).

Specimen examined. 1♂ from India, Assam, Kokrajhar, Jharbari Forest Range (26.6052°N, 90.2419°E), 72 m a.s.l., 10 July 2018, leg. P. Basumatary.

Diagnosis. The species resembles *D. taiwanensis* in palpal structure but differs by the short embolus which is slightly curved apically (vs. long, widely curved and S-shaped



Figs. 1–5. 1. *Dexippus kleini* from a silken retreat on *Imperata cylindrica*. 2. habitus, dorsal view; 3–5. male left palp, prolateral, ventral and retrolateral views. Scale bars: 2, 2 mm; 3–5, 0.2 mm.

embolus) and short RTA with wide incision at the tip, directed posteriorly with uneven surface (*vs.* RTA with shallow incision at the tip and with even surface directed posteriorly) (*cf.* Figs. 3–5, with figs. 6 in Peng & Li 2002).

Description. Male. Habitus as in Fig. 2. Total length: 7.6 long; carapace: 3.62 long, 2.59 wide; abdomen: 3.98 long, 1.89 wide. Carapace whitish with metallic sheen, lateral sides reddish brown, ocular area reddish brown, fringe areas of AMEs with tuft of hairs (Fig. 2). Eye measurements: AME 0.45, ALE 0.30, PME 0.26, PLE 0.18. AER 1.71, PER 1.52, EFL 1.10. Chelicerae brownish, sternum brownish and covered sparsely with whitish setae; labium and maxillae pale brown. Legs brownish covered with blackish and whitish hairs sparsely (Fig. 2). Abdomen oval with metallic

sheen, covered with blackish hairs, lateral sides reddish brown; venter pale brown with broad mid venter blackish band and a pair of narrow blackish band, merged with each other (Fig. 2). Spinnerets dark.

Palp as in Figs. 3–5; tibiae and tarsus brownish, covered with long blackish setae; RTA short with wide incision at the tip, directed posteriorly; bulb oval shaped, with a conical outward projection posteriorly; embolus long with sturdy base and curved distally forming an S-shaped (Figs. 3–5).

Female. Unknown

Natural history. The species was found on *Imperata cylindrica* (Cogon grass). The studied male was found inside a long and cylindrical cocoon shaped silken retreat on cogon grass flower (Fig. 1).

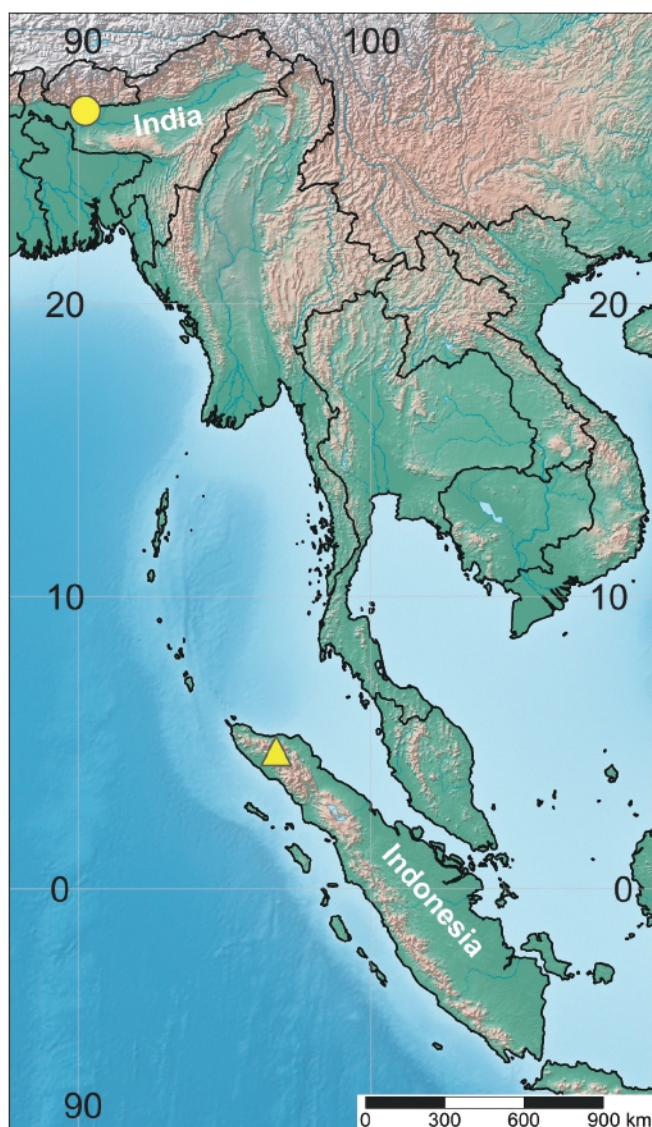


Fig. 6. Distributional records of *Dexippus kleini*. Triangle: Aceh (type locality); Circle: Jharbari, Assam (new locality).

Distribution. *Dexippus kleini* was previously known only from the Sumatran Island (Indonesia), and with the present record its distribution range extends till northeast part of India (Assam) (Fig. 6), which is the northwestern limit of its distribution. The occurrence of this species in Malaysia, Thailand and Myanmar which lie between the two locations is possible.

Discussion. The salticid fauna of India is currently represented by 275 species (Caleb & Sankaran 2021) and the tribe Plexippini from India is represented by 53 species in 20 genera viz., *Brancus* Simon 1902 (1), *Burmattus* Prószyński 1992 (1), *Dexippus* Thorell 1891 (1), *Epeus* Peckham & Peckham 1886 (4), *Evarcha* Simon 1902 (2), *Hyllus* C. L. Koch 1846 (5), *Orientattus* Caleb 2020 (1), *Pancorius* Simon 1902 (6), *Plexippus* C. L. Koch 1846 (6), *Pseudamycus* Simon 1885 (1), *Ptocasius* Simon 1885 (1), *Telamonia* Thorell 1887 (3), *Thyene* Simon 1885 (1), *Vailimia* Kammerer 2006 (2), *Yaginumaella* Prószyński 1979 (1),

Bianor Peckham & Peckham 1886 (8), *Harmochirus* Simon 1885 (4), *Modunda* Simon 1901 (1), *Neaetha* Simon 1884 (1) and *Pellenes* Simon 1876 (3) (Maddison 2015; World Spider Catalog 2021).

Studies on salticids lay far behind in comparison with other countries like Australia, Brazil and China with a representative diversity of over 450 species each (Patoleta & Žabka 2020; Richardson 2020; Galvis 2015; Cao et al. 2015). Studies in the past decade, on the Indian fauna have nevertheless advanced our knowledge substantially (Basumatary et al. 2020a,b; Benjamin 2010; Caleb 2016a,b, 2017; Caleb & Mathai 2014; Caleb et al. 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020; Kulkarni & Joseph 2015; Logunov 2020; Maddison et al. 2020; Malamel et al. 2015, Malamel et al. 2019; Paul et al. 2020; Prajapati 2019; Prajapati et al. 2016, 2018, 2020; Roy et al. 2016; Sanap et al. 2017, 2019; Sankaran et al. 2019, Sudhin et al. 2019a,b).

A few salticids were recently rediscovered in India after more than a century since their first description: *Proszynskia diatrete* (Simon 1902) (after 112 years) (Caleb & Mathai 2014), *Curubis erratica* Simon, 1902 (after 114 years) (Caleb 2016a) and *Piranthus decorus* Thorell 1895 (after 122 years) (Caleb & Sanap 2017). All these findings reflect the underlying inadequately studied diversity of the Indian salticid fauna. The present finding adds one more species to the list of species rediscovered a century later since its original description with no other sightings or reports in between.

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First record of the genus *Chinattus* Logunov 1999 with the description of a new species from India (Araneae: Salticidae: Hasariini)

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Abstract — A new jumping spider species, *Chinattus prabodhi* sp. nov. is described based on female specimens collected from Assam State of India. Females of the new species can be distinguished from other known congeners by the epigyne lacking a distinctive circular median pocket, the long, narrow and arching copulatory ducts, aligned posteriorly at the copulatory openings, and the oblong spermathecae. With the discovery of the new species, the genus *Chinattus* Logunov 1999 is reported for the first time from India.

Key words — Assam, Bhumka, Jharbari, taxonomy.

Introduction

The jumping spider genus *Chinattus* was erected by Logunov (1999) with the type species *Habrocestoides szechwanensis* Prószyński 1992. It comprises of 17 accepted species (World Spider Catalog 2020), and is currently placed within the tribe Hasariini of the subfamily Salticinae (Maddison 2015). The present paper reports the genus for the first time from India with discovery of a new species, *C. prabodhi* sp. nov. from Jharbari Forest Range of Chirang Reserve Forest, Assam.

Materials and Methods

Field photographs were taken with a Sony DSC HX90V camera. The specimens were preserved in 80% ethanol and microphotographs were made under a Leica M205A stereomicroscope equipped with a Leica DFC500 HD camera enabled with a Leica Application Suite (LAS) version 3.8. Measurements are given in millimeters (mm). The types are deposited in the National Zoological Collections, North Eastern Regional Centre, Shillong, Zoological Survey of India (NERC – ZSI). Abbreviations used in the text: ALE = anterior lateral eye; AME = anterior median eye; CD = copulatory duct; FD = fertilization duct; PLE = posterior lateral eye; PME = posterior median eye.

Taxonomic account:

Chinattus Logunov 1999

Type species: *Habrocestoides szechwanensis* Prószyński 1992

Diagnosis: For detailed diagnosis see Logunov (1999).

Chinattus prabodhi sp. nov.

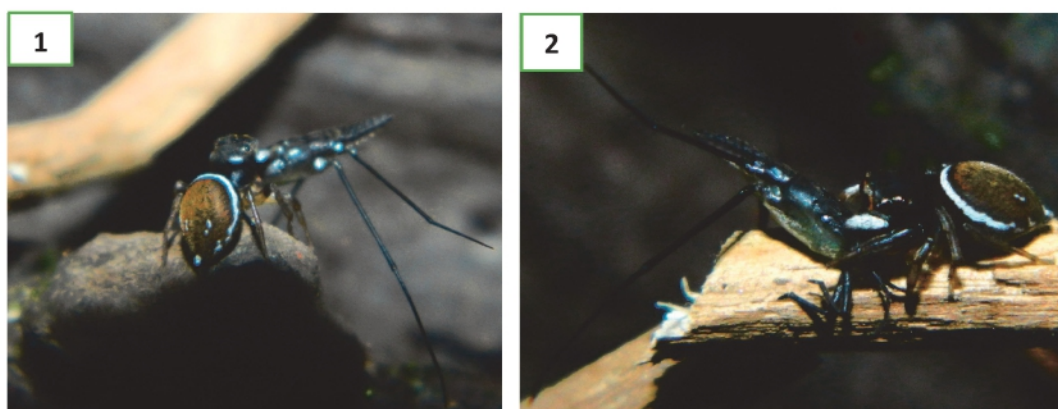
(Figs. 1–11)

Type series. Holotype: ♀ (IV/ARA/ERS–39): Jharbari Forest Range, Bhumkah, Kokrajhar (26.1873 N, 90.1758 E), 74 m a.s.l., 8 August 2019, leg. P. Basumatary. Paratype: 1♀ (IV/ARA/ERS–40), collected along with the holotype.

Etymology. The species is named for Prabodh Kumar Brahma, a forest officer and keen nature lover, in recognition of his support in hosting and encouraging our field research work on spiders.

Diagnosis. The female of *C. prabodhi* sp. nov. resembles *C. szechwanensis* (Prószyński 1992) and *C. undulatus* (Song & Chai 1992) in genital morphology, but is distinguishable by having oblong spermathecae, long and arching CDs pointing posteriorly along the copulatory openings (Figs. 8–11), whereas spermathecae is elongated, CDs short without arching and directed laterally in *C. szechwanensis* (see figs. 27–28 in Peng & Xie 1995) and *C. undulatus* with globular spermathecae, narrow CDs folded medially (see figs. 5B–C in Song & Chai 1992).

Description. Female holotype (IV/ARA/ERS–39). Total length: 5.77 long; carapace: 2.46 long, 1.94 wide; abdomen: 3.31 long, 2.31 wide. Carapace dark brown, covered with greyish hairs (Fig. 3). Anterior and posterior eyes surrounded by reddish-brown orbital setae. Clypeal region dark brown with a row of white hairs below the anterior eyes and margin of the carapace (Fig. 5). Eye measurements: AME 0.26, ALE 0.14, PME 0.09, PLE 0.17, ALE–ALE 0.52, PME–PME 1.01, PLE–PLE 0.91, PME–PLE 0.15. Clypeus height: 0.35. Sternum oval, reddish brown. Chelicerae red-



Figs. 1–2. General morphology of *Chinattus prabodhi* sp. nov.: 1, female feeding on a water strider, live habitus, dorsal; 2, ditto, lateral view.

dish brown with two promarginal and one retromarginal teeth; labium and maxillae reddish brown (Figs. 6–7). Legs yellowish-brown covered with greyish hairs (Fig. 4). Leg measurements: I 3.53 (1.03, 0.68, 0.72, 0.67, 0.43), II 2.79 (0.99, 0.34, 0.47, 0.57, 0.42), III 3.82 (1.13, 0.68, 0.83, 0.72, 0.46), IV 4.27 (1.29, 0.70, 0.86, 0.88, 0.54). Abdomen yellowish-brown, covered with pale brownish hairs; dorsum with three white patches (two along the median region and one at the posterior end of abdomen); anterior region and lateral sides lined with a fringe white hair; venter brownish with pale brownish hairs; spinnerets brownish (Figs. 1–3). Epigyne sclerotized with a pair of copulatory openings placed laterally; spermathecae oblong; CDs long, slightly arching and with a pair of glandular ducts aligned posteriorly; FDs arise anteriorly from the spermathecae (Figs. 8–11).

Male. Unknown.

Natural history. The species was found along moist and damp bank of the perennial Bhumka stream. The bank is mostly covered with leaf litter, under thick canopy cover and the forest type is moist deciduous. They were observed feeding on water striders (Figs. 1–2)

Distribution. India (Assam).

Remarks. Though the species lacks the epigynal rounded pocket present in most congeners, it however, shares other diagnostic characters of the genus having unidentate chelicerae, leg formula 4312, widely separated copulatory openings, transversely arranged copulatory ducts and the presence of glandular ducts. The species, therefore has been placed in *Chinattus*.

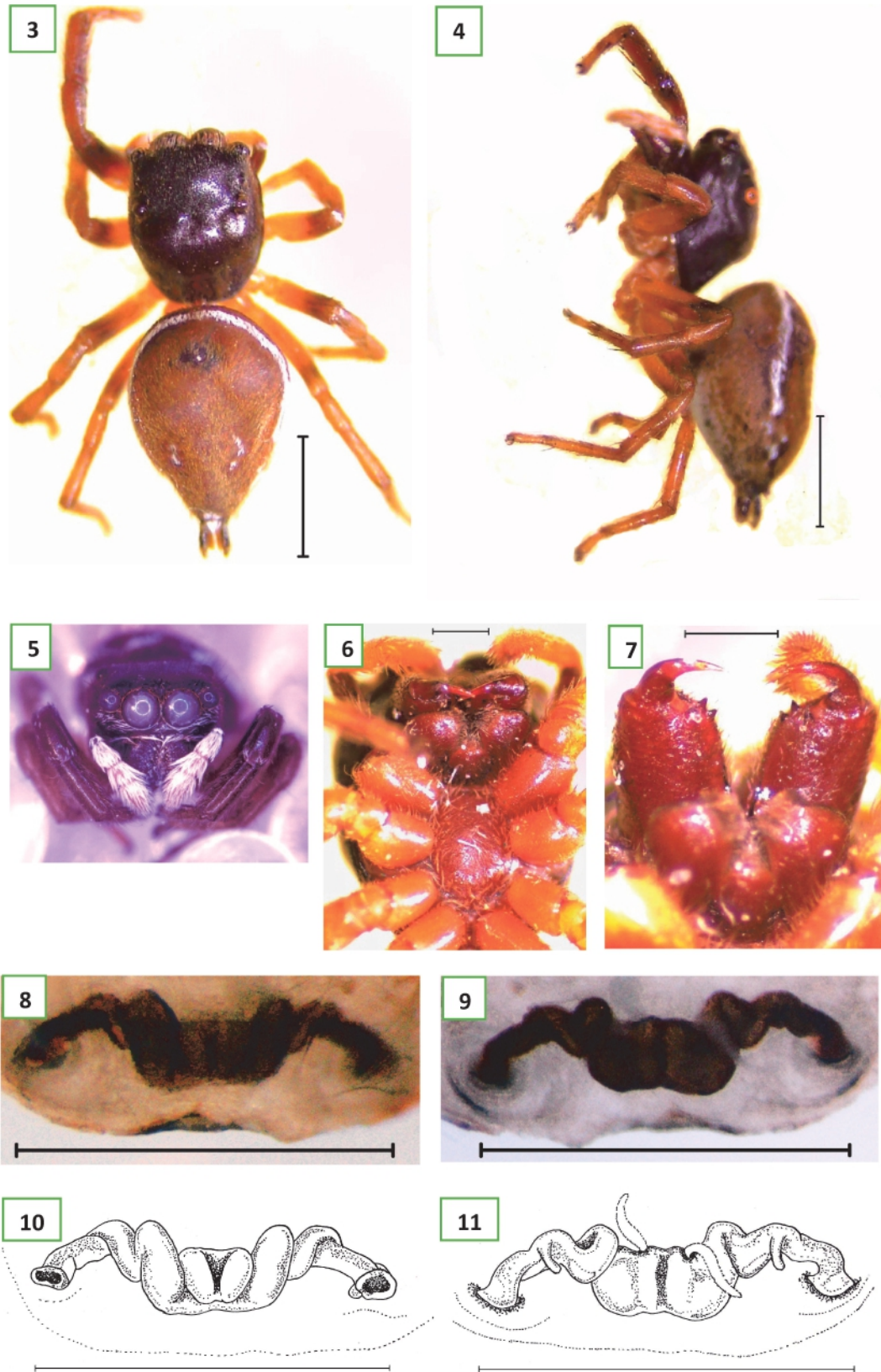
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Figs. 3–11. General morphology and genitalia of *Chinattus prabodhi* sp. nov.: 3, habitus, dorsal; 4, ditto, lateral; 5, head, frontal; 6, sternum, ventral; 7, chelicerae, ventral; 8, epigyne, ventral view; 9, vulva, dorsal; 10, epigyne, ventral; 11, vulva, dorsal. Scale bars: 3–4, 2 mm; 5–11, 0.5 mm.

Redescription of the net-casting spider *Asianopsis goalparaensis*
(Tikader et Malhotra, 1978) comb.n. (Araneae: Deinopidae)
from India

Переописание паука-деинопиды *Asianopsis goalparaensis* (Tikader
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ABSTRACT: *Asianopsis goalparaensis* (Tikader et Malhotra, 1978) comb.n. belonging to the *liukuensis* species group is redescribed on the basis of fresh specimens collected from Assam, India. Detailed illustrations, a distributional map and notes on its natural history are provided.

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РЕЗЮМЕ: Вид *Asianopsis goalparaensis* (Tikader et Malhotra, 1978) comb.n., относящийся к группе видов *liukuensis*, переописан по свежим экземплярам, собранным в Ассаме, Индия. Даны детальные иллюстрации, карта распространения и наблюдения по биологии вида.

Introduction

The Asian deinopid genus *Asianopsis* Lin et Li, 2020 was recently erected, with *A. zhuanghaoyuni* Lin et Li, 2020 as its genotype [Lin et al., 2020]. The genus consists of seven valid species, of which only *Asianopsis liukuensis* (Yin, Griswold et Yan, 2002) is known from India [WSC, 2020]. Two species were earlier described from India: viz., *Deinopsis goalparaensis* Tikader et Malhotra, 1978, which is currently considered *nomen dubium* [Caleb, 2019], and *D. scrubjunglei* Caleb et Mathai, 2014, a junior synonym of *A. liukuensis* [Lin et al., 2020]. The specimens of *D. goalparaensis* collected by Tikader [Tikader, Malhotra,

1978] were from Jamduar, a former part of Goalpara District, Assam. In July 1983, Goalpara was partitioned into Dhubri and Kokrajhar Districts and Jamduar fell under Kokrajhar District. The place is located in the eastern Raimona forest range, being part of the Ripu Reserve Forest under the Manas Biosphere Reserve [Forest Department, 2009]. This place is known for its magnificent scenic landscapes surrounded by Bhutan Hills harbouring diverse flora and fauna.

The genus *Asianopsis* consists of two species groups [Lin et al., 2020]: viz., the *liukuensis*-group and the *zhuanghaoyuni*-group, of which the former includes two nominal species — *A. dumogae* (Merian, 1911) and *A. liukuensis* (Yin, Griswold et Yan, 2002). *D. goalparaensis* belongs to this group, as it shares the following diagnostic characters thereof: proximally enlarged femora I; pear-shaped carapace; female chelicerae having four pro- and seven retromarginal teeth, with numerous denticles between them; epigyne with an anchor-shaped median plate; distinct copulatory openings; insemination ducts with three turns; and oval spermathecae [Lin et al., 2020].

The present paper is aimed at the redescription of *D. goalparaensis* on the basis of newly collected material from the same district where the type locality lies. Detailed illustrations, a distributional map and notes on its natural history are provided.

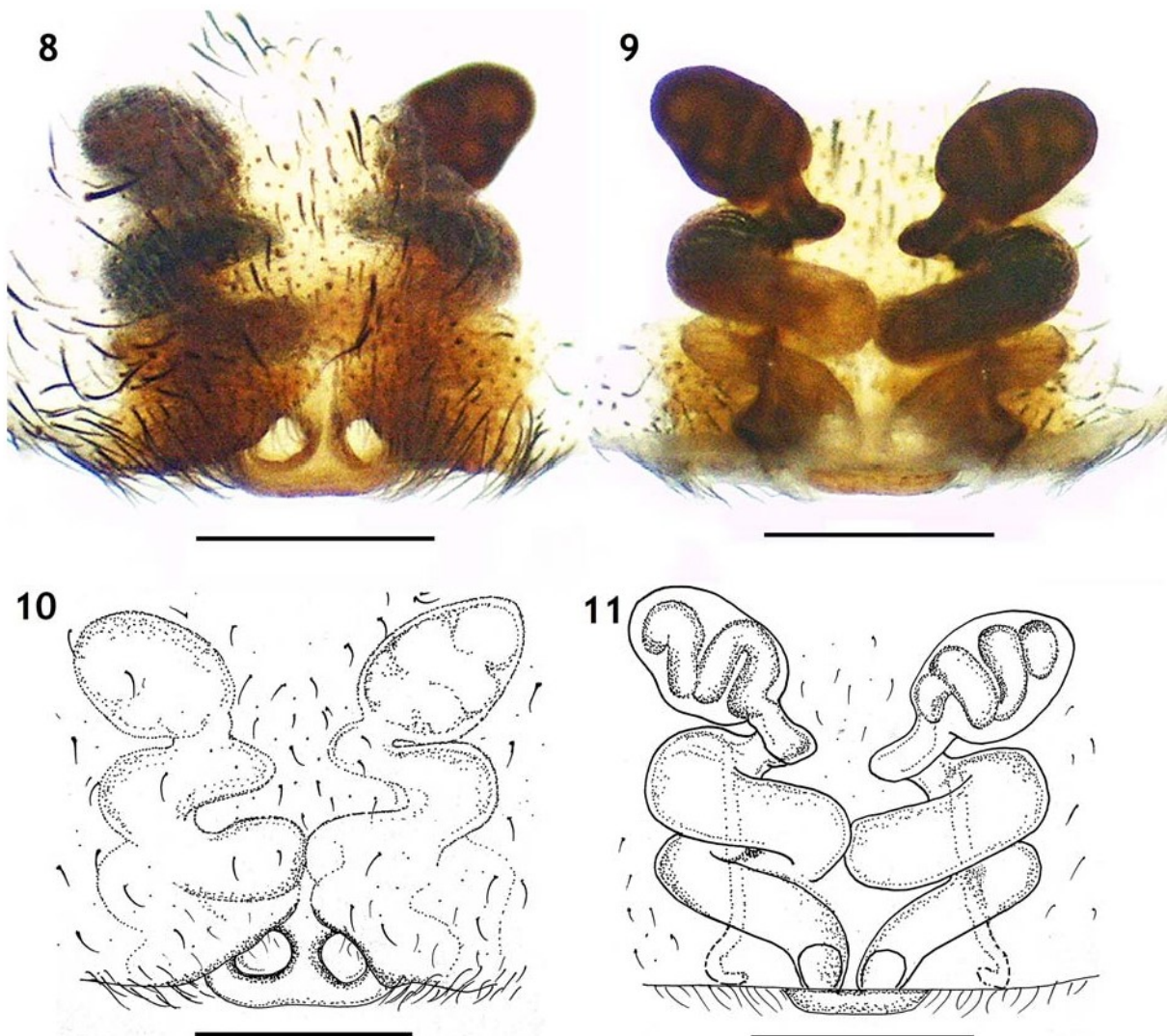
Materials and methods

Specimens were hand collected during a night survey and photographed using a Sony Cyber-shot DSC-HX90V camera. The specimens were observed and photographed under a Leica EZ4 HD stereomicroscope enabled with a



Figs 1–7. Somatic morphology of *Asianopis goalparaensis* (Tikader et Malhotra, 1978) comb.n., female: 1 — general appearance, dorsal view; 2 — ditto, lateral view; 3 — prosoma, dorsal view; 4 — ditto, ventral view; 5 — abdomen, dorsal view; 6 — ditto, ventral view; 7 — chelicerae, ventral view. Scale bars: (3–6) 2 mm, (7) 0.5 mm.

Рис. 1–7. Соматическая морфология *Asianopis goalparaensis* (Tikader et Malhotra, 1978) comb.n., самка: 1 — общий вид сверху; 2 — то же, сбоку; 3 — просома, сверху; 4 — то же, снизу; 5 — брюшко, сверху; 6 — то же, снизу; 7 — хелицеры, снизу. Масштаб: (3–6) 2 мм, (7) 0,5 мм.



Figs 8–11. Female copulatory organs of *Asianopsis goalparaensis* (Tikader et Malhotra, 1978) comb.n.: 8, 10 — epigyne, ventral view; 9, 11 — vulva, dorsal view. Scale bar: (8–11) 0.5 mm.

Рис. 8–11. Копулятивные органы самки *Asianopsis goalparaensis* (Tikader et Malhotra, 1978) comb.n.: 8, 10 — эпигина, снизу; 9, 11 — вульва, сверху. Масштаб: (8–11) 0,5 мм.

Leica Application Suite (LAS EZ), version 3.0. Epigyne was dissected and macerated in 10% KOH to clear soft tissue. The type locality coordinates were approximated by using Google Earth Pro. All measurements are in millimeters (mm). Specimens are deposited in the National Zoological Collections, Zoological Survey of India (NZC-ZSI), Kolkata.

Taxonomy

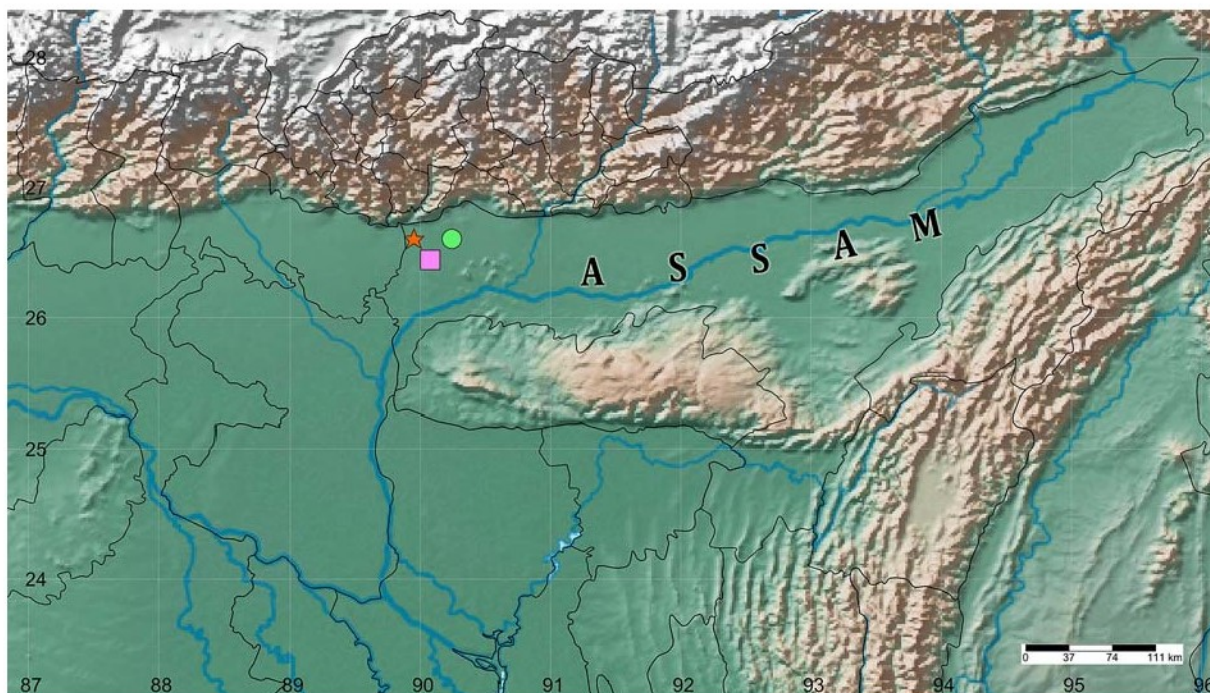
Genus *Asianopsis* Lin et Li, 2020.

Type species: *Asianopsis zhuanghaoyumi* Lin et Li, 2020, by the original designation.

DIAGNOSIS. For detailed diagnosis and description see Lin et al. [2020].

COMMENTS. Lin et al. [2020] described three new *Asianopsis* species and transferred four species from *Deinopsis* MacLeay, 1839 to *Asianopsis*. Yet, they did not consider six other *Deinopsis* species known from SE Asia: viz., *Deino-*

pis aruensis Roewer, 1938 (Indonesia), *D. fasciculigera* Simon, 1909 (Vietnam), *D. gubatmakiling* Barrion-Dupo et Barrion, 2018 (The Philippines), *D. kollari* Doleschall, 1859 (Myanmar and Malaysia), *D. labangan* Barrion-Dupo et Barrion, 2018 (The Philippines) and *D. luzonensis* Barrion-Dupo et Barrion, 2018 (The Philippines), which could also belong to *Asianopsis*. Each of these species has at least one of the diagnostic characters supporting its placement in *Asianopsis*. The female chelicerae with numerous denticles between pro- and retromarginal teeth (in *D. gubatmakiling*, *D. labangan* and *D. luzonensis*; see figs 1B, 5C, 6B in Barrion-Dupo & Barrion [2018]); the prominent setal fringe over PME (in *D. kollari*, *D. gubatmakiling*, *D. labangan*; cf. fig. 7b in Doleschall [1859] and figs 1A, 4A–B in Barrion-Dupo & Barrion [2018] with fig. 2D in Lin et al. [2020], and in *D. fasciculigera*: “*Oculi antici maximi, pilis erectis et obtusis, superne albidis extus fuscis*”, see Simon [1909: 74]). *D. aruensis* has insemination ducts making over eight turns [Roewer, 1938: 19b].



Map. Collecting localities of *Asianopis goalparaensis* (Tikader et Malhotra, 1978) comb.n. in India. Star represents the type locality (Jamdudhar), square (Phipsu) and circle (Jharbari).

Карта. Точки сбора *Asianopis goalparaensis* (Tikader et Malhotra, 1978) comb.n. в Индии. Звезда показывает типовое местообитание (Джамдудхар), квадрат (Фипсу) и кружок (Дхарбарни).

A. liukuensis is the only Oriental species having a wide distribution from South India to Hainan Island in China. *D. fasciculigera* known from northern Vietnam is likely to be a senior synonym of *A. liukuensis*, as its type locality lies within the distributional range of the latter species. Such probability was earlier suggested by Logunov [2018]. Nevertheless, *D. fasciculigera* could be represented by a subadult, as it only measures 10–13 mm in total length [Simon, 1909]. Thus, the assumption that *D. fasciculigera* could be a senior synonym of *A. liukuensis* requires a further justification by reference to the type series of the former species or newly collected topotypes.

Asianopis goalparaensis (Tikader et Malhotra, 1978)
comb.n.
Figs 1–11, Map.

Deinopis goalparaensis Tikader et Malhotra, 1978: 157, figs 1–5 (description of a juvenile, not female)

Deinopis goalparaensis: Caleb, 2019: 148, figs 1–11 (*nomen dubium*).

MATERIAL: INDIA: 1 ♀ (NZC-ZSI), Jharbari Forest Range, Assam (26.6052°N, 90.2419°E), 74 m a.s.l., 10.09.2018, P. Basumatary; 1 ♀ (NZC-ZSI), Phipsu, Assam (26.44384°N, 90.07591°E), 72 m a.s.l., 23.09.2018, P. Basumatary.

DIAGNOSIS. In general morphology, *A. goalparaensis* is similar to *A. liukuensis* from which it can be distinguished by the insemination ducts forming two and a half spirals; the spermathecae directed laterally, opposing each other with a wide V-shaped gap in between (insemination ducts with three spirals and closely placed spermathecae in *A. liukuensis*: cf. Figs 9, 11 with figs 6, 8 in Lin *et al.* [2020]).

COMMENTS. The studied specimens were observed and collected from near the type locality of *D. goalparaensis* in Assam, India (see Map). The morphological characters match those of the type specimens (cf. Figs 3–6 with figs 1–4 in Caleb [2019]), thus leaving no doubt that the studied specimens indeed belong to *D. goalparaensis*.

DESCRIPTION. MALE unknown.

FEMALE. Total length 16.18. Carapace 5.18 long, 3.53 wide; abdomen 11 long, 2.72 wide. Carapace yellowish brown, covered with dense short greyish hairs, with a pale black longitudinal patch medially from the base of posterior median eyes till fovea pointed posteriorly. Short blackish spines on both the lateral sides of thoracic regions; coarse blackish hairs forming a horn-shaped projection, along with small blackish setae over posterior median eyes (Figs 1, 3). Chelicerae yellowish brown, with four pro- and 7–8 retromarginal teeth and many denticles between the pro- and retromarginal teeth. Sternum blackish, with a pale yellow triangular patch medially. Labium and maxillae blackish, with pale yellow margins and tufts of brownish hairs (Figs 4, 7). Legs covered with blackish hairs; femora I–IV with spines retrolaterally, femur I with basal enlargement and tuft of hairs prolaterally, femora I–II blackish distally, patellae I–IV blackish, metatarsi I–IV blackish just above the proximal ends, tip of tarsi I–IV blackish (Figs 2, 4). Abdomen elongated, yellowish brown, with a medial brownish longitudinal patch pointed posteriorly and chevron markings merge with the patch, a pair of slight lateral bumps present in anterior half; ventrally blackish, with two pairs of short pale yellow patches: one at mid-venter and another at posterior end; a broad yellowish brown longitudinal margin runs from epigastric furrow to the cribellum. Spinnerets dark brown (Figs 5, 6). Epigyne with anchor-shaped median plate; a pair of rounded copulatory openings surrounded by plumose hairs; spiral insemination ducts make two and a half spirals, their

anterior portions narrow; spermathecae oval, diverging laterally (Figs 8–11).

NATURAL HISTORY. The species occurs in the mixed shrub vegetation and bamboo patches (Figs 1, 2). Specimens were frequently found at a height of about three feet above the ground level, but at some instances a few individuals were found at about eight feet high. It was also observed that the length and width of the net casting web increased as the individuals grew older: i.e., from a small web measuring one centimeter approximately in juveniles to three centimeters in subadults and finally five to six centimeters in gravid females. The web colour is also changed abruptly from pale white in juveniles to milky white in adults.

DISTRIBUTION. India, Assam (Map).

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First record of the genus *Vailimia* Kammerer, 2006 from India, with the description of two new species (Araneae: Salticidae: Plexippina)

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Abstract

The genus *Vailimia* Kammerer, 2006 is recorded for the first time from India. Two new species, *Vailimia ajmerensis* Caleb & Jangid **sp. nov.** (♂), and *V. jharbari* Basumatary, Caleb & Das **sp. nov.** (♂♀), are described and illustrated in detail. Presently, the genus is known only by the males, which means that the female of *V. jharbari* described herein is the first female known in the genus.

Key words: taxonomy, jumping spider, Assam, Rajasthan

Introduction

The oriental jumping spider genus *Vailimia* was originally erected as *Vailima* by Peckham & Peckham (1907), with *Vailima masinei* Peckham & Peckham, 1907 as its type. Since the generic name was preoccupied, a replacement name was proposed (Kammerer 2006). *Vailimia* was placed within subtribe Plexippina (tribe Plexippini of the Salticinae) by Maddison (2015). It presently comprises four described species, of which three, namely *V. masinei* (Peckham & Peckham, 1907), *V. bakoensis* Prószyński & Deeleman-Reinhold, 2013 and *V. jianyuuae* Prószyński & Deeleman-Reinhold, 2013, are known from Borneo, and one species (*V. longitibia* Guo, Zhang & Zhu, 2011) is known from China (World Spider Catalog 2020). In the present paper we record the genus for the first time in India with the description of two new species, *Vailimia ajmerensis* **sp. nov.**, and *V. jharbari* **sp. nov.**, from Rajasthan and Assam states, respectively.

Materials and methods

Specimens were hand collected and live specimens were photographed in the field with a Nikon COOLPIX L310. Specimens were preserved in 80% ethanol and were later examined under a Leica EZ4 HD stereomicroscope. Detailed microphotographs were obtained using a Leica M205A stereomicroscope attached with Leica DFC500 HD camera enabled with a Leica Application Suite (LAS) version 3.8. Epigyne was dissected and macerated in 10% KOH to clear soft tissue. All measurements are in millimeters. Leg measurements are given as total length (femur,

patella, tibia, metatarsus and tarsus). Type specimens are deposited in National Zoological Collections, Zoological Survey of India (NZC-ZSI), Kolkata.

Abbreviations used are as follows: AER = anterior eye row, ALE = anterior lateral eye, AME = anterior median eye, EFL = eye field length, PER = posterior eye row, PLE = posterior lateral eye, PME = posterior median eye, RTA = retrolateral tibial apophysis.

Taxonomy

Vailimia Kammerer, 2006

Type species: *Vailimia masinei* (Peckham & Peckham, 1907).

Diagnosis. For detailed diagnosis of males, see Prószyński & Deeleman-Reinhold (2013). Epigyne with a pair of oval translucent windows, separated by a narrow septum; anteriorly placed copulatory openings; copulatory ducts less sclerotized, broad, sinuous; spermathecae globular (Figs 24–27).



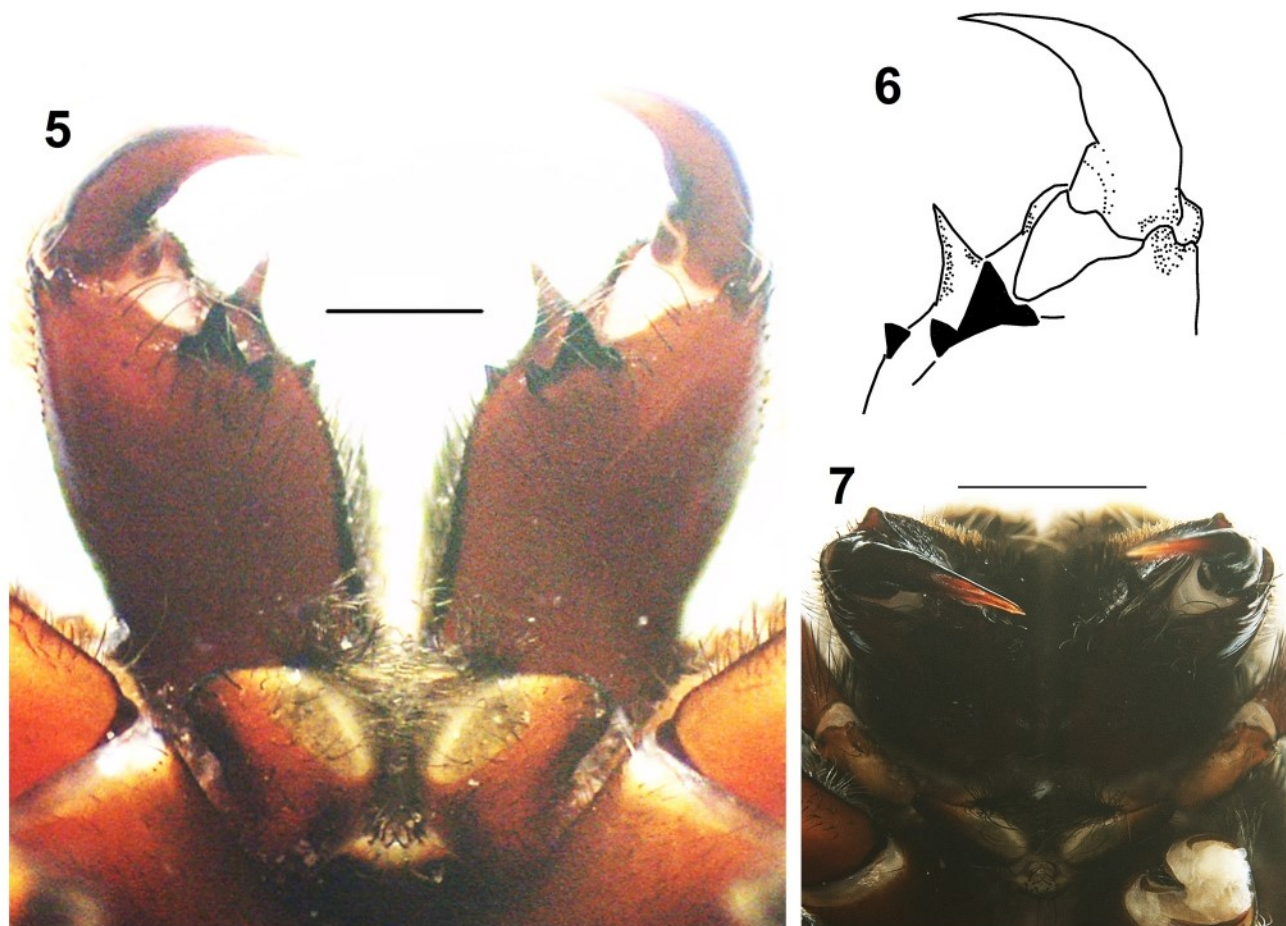
FIGURES 1–4. *Vailimia ajmerensis* sp. nov., male. 1 dorsal view; 2 ventral view; 3 frontal view; 4 lateral view. Scale bars: 2 mm (1–2, 4); 1 mm (3).

Note: This species was misidentified as *Ptocasius strupifer* Simon, 1901 in Kaur et al. (2014: 503, figs 2A–G): ♂ from India, Rajasthan, Keoladeo National Park, Bharatpur, Indraprastha University collection, not examined.

Type material. Holotype: ♂ (NZC-ZSI 6590/18): Ajmer (26.50747°N, 74.68112°E), 490 m a.s.l., Rajasthan, India, 06 June 2017, leg. Ashish K. Jangid.

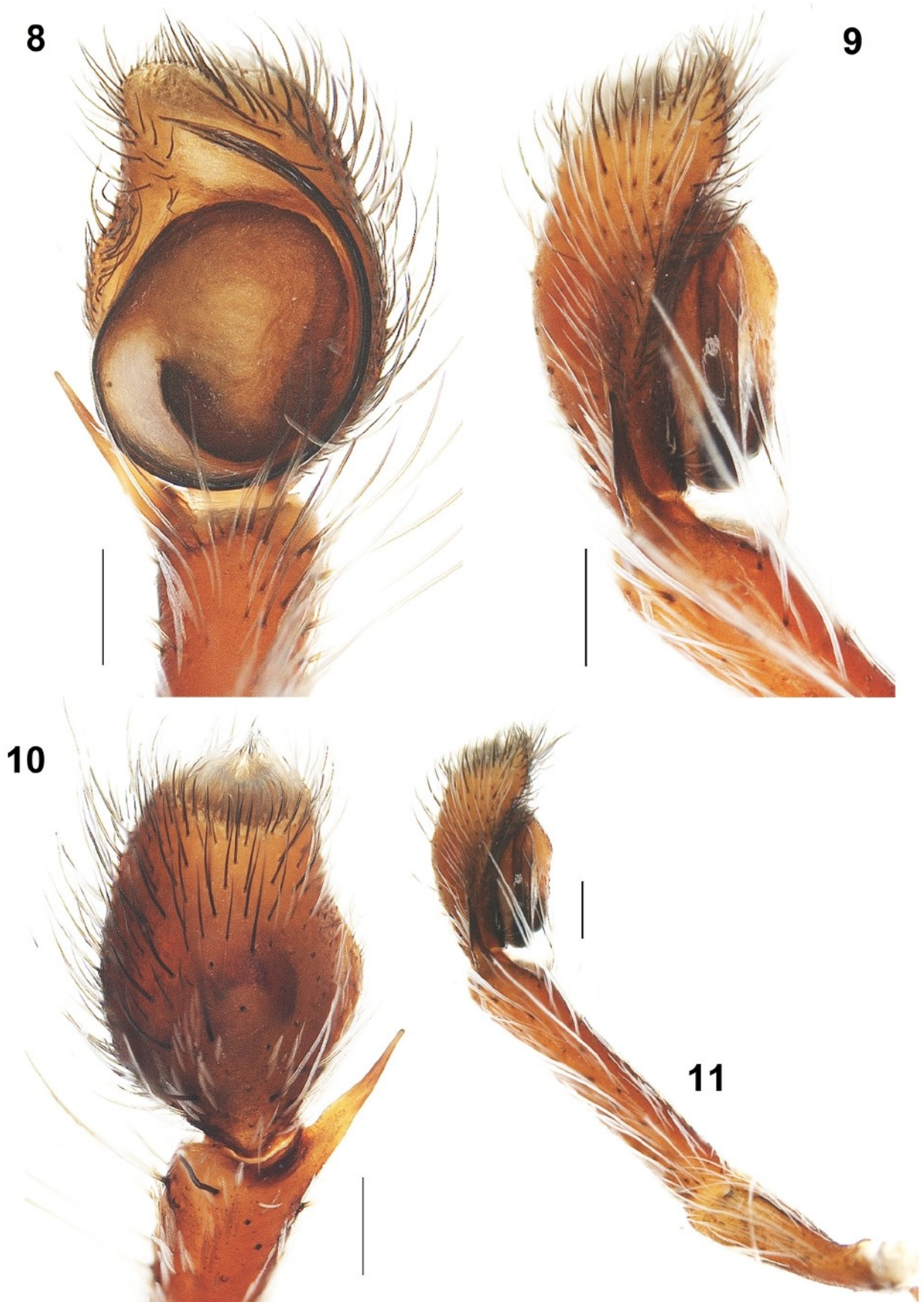
Etymology. The specific name is derived from the type locality (Ajmer, Rajasthan) from where the holotype was collected.

Diagnosis. The species is similar to *Vailimia jianyuae* Prószyński & Deeleman-Reinhold, 2013 in having a long palpal tibia, but can be distinguished by the thicker distal embolic region pointing retrolaterally (tapering uniformly and directed apically in *V. jianyuae*); shorter and wider apical portion of cymbium and the proportionately larger bulb, occupying 3/4 of the cymbium (narrower and longer cymbium; bulb occupying 1/2 the cymbium in *V. jianyuae*) (cf. Fig. 8 herein with Prószyński & Deeleman-Reinhold 2013: fig. 139); RTA with a ridge at the base and gently curving distally (RTA with a small notch at the base, sharply bending and slightly curved at the apex in *V. jianyuae*) (cf. Figs 9–10 herein with Prószyński & Deeleman-Reinhold 2013: fig. 141).



FIGURES 5–7. *Vailimia ajmerensis* sp. nov. 5–6 male chelicerae, retrolateral view; 7 chelicerae and fangs, apical view. Scale bars: 0.5 mm (5); 1 mm (7).

Description. Male (holotype). Total length: 7.06; carapace: 3.56 long, 2.99 wide; abdomen: 3.50 long, 2.18 wide. Carapace dark brown, covered with pale greyish hairs (Fig. 1); two pairs of tubercles present along the margin of the ocular area, a smaller one between the ALEs and PMEs and a larger one near the PLEs (Fig. 4). Anterior eyes surrounded by white setae. Clypeal region brown, covered with long dark brownish setae (Fig. 3). Eye measurements: AME 0.69, ALE 0.37, PME 0.11, PLE 0.36, AER 2.42, PER 3.04, EFL 1.36. Clypeus height 0.16. Sternum oval, brownish. Chelicerae reddish-brown, two teeth (one small and one big) on the promargin and one uneven bifid tooth on the retromargin, with a small ridge at the base (Figs 5–6); labium and maxillae brown with pale margins.



FIGURES 8–11. *Vailimia ajmerensis* **sp. nov.**, right male palp. 8 ventral view; 9 retrolateral view; 10 dorsal view; 11 retrolateral view, with tibia and patella. Scale bars: 0.2 mm.

Legs reddish-brown; leg I & II with fringe of hairs ventrally on patella, tibia and metatarsus. Leg measurements: I 9.61 (2.71, 2.14, 2.31, 1.59, 0.86); II 6.78 (2.07, 1.57, 1.37, 1.10, 0.67); III 7.48 (2.64, 1.45, 1.39, 1.27, 0.73); IV 6.53 (2.10, 1.22, 1.23, 1.39, 0.59). Leg formula: 1324. Abdomen reddish-brown; covered with pale hairs; mid dorsal region lighter with chevron-shaped markings; venter dark brown with lateral yellow-brown longitudinal stripes; spinnerets brown (Figs 1–2). Palps yellow-brown; palpal tibia and patella covered with long white hairs laterally; cymbium with a dorsal scopula and white hairs present at the base; embolus long arising from the retrolateral margin encircling the bulb; RTA strong and long, tapering toward the tip, directed anteriorly (Figs 8–11).

Female. Unknown.

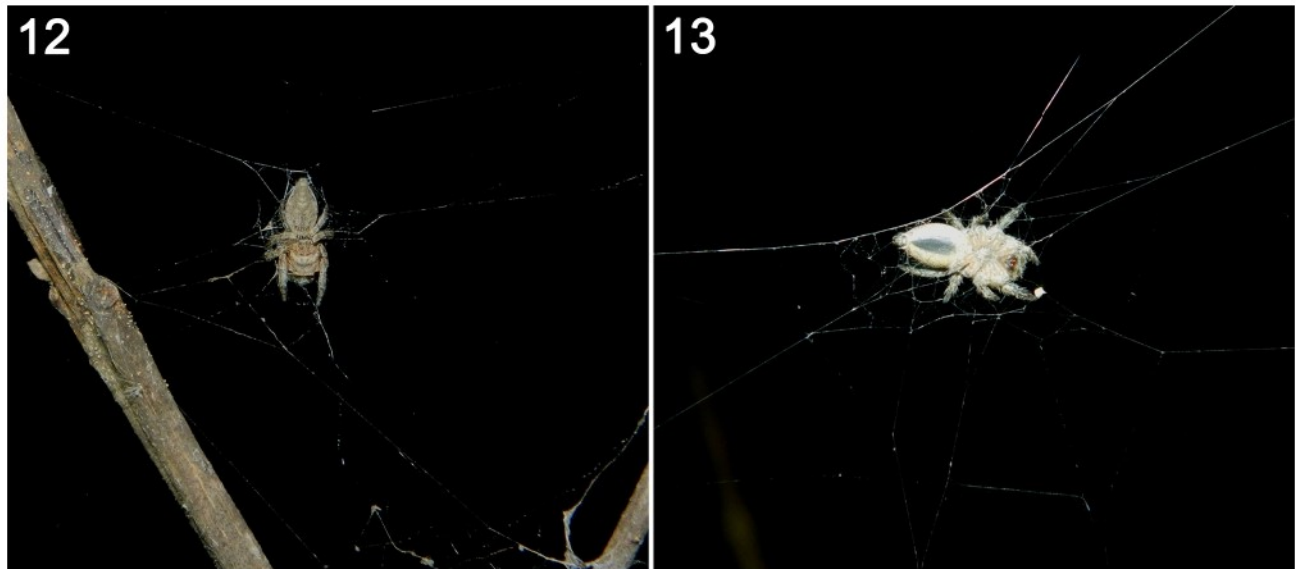
Distribution. Known only from Rajasthan (India).

***Vailimia jharbari* Basumatary, Caleb & Das sp. nov.**

Figs 12–27

Type material. Holotype: ♂ (NZC-ZSI 6591/18) from India, Assam, Kokrajhar, Jharbari Forest Range (26.6052°N, 90.2419°E), 74 m a.s.l., 1 February 2017, leg. P. Basumatary. **Paratypes:** 1 ♂ (NZC-ZSI 6592/18) from Jharbari Forest Range under Chirang Reserve Forest (26.5970°N, 90.2376°E), 72 m a.s.l., 21 December 2017; 2 ♀ (NZC-ZSI 6593/18) and (NZC-ZSI 6594/18) from Jharbari Forest Range under Chirang Reserve Forest (26.6045°N, 90.2378°E), 81 m a.s.l., 11 March 2018, all leg. P. Basumatary.

Etymology. The specific name is derived from Jharbari Forest range, from where the species was collected. The name is used as a noun in apposition.



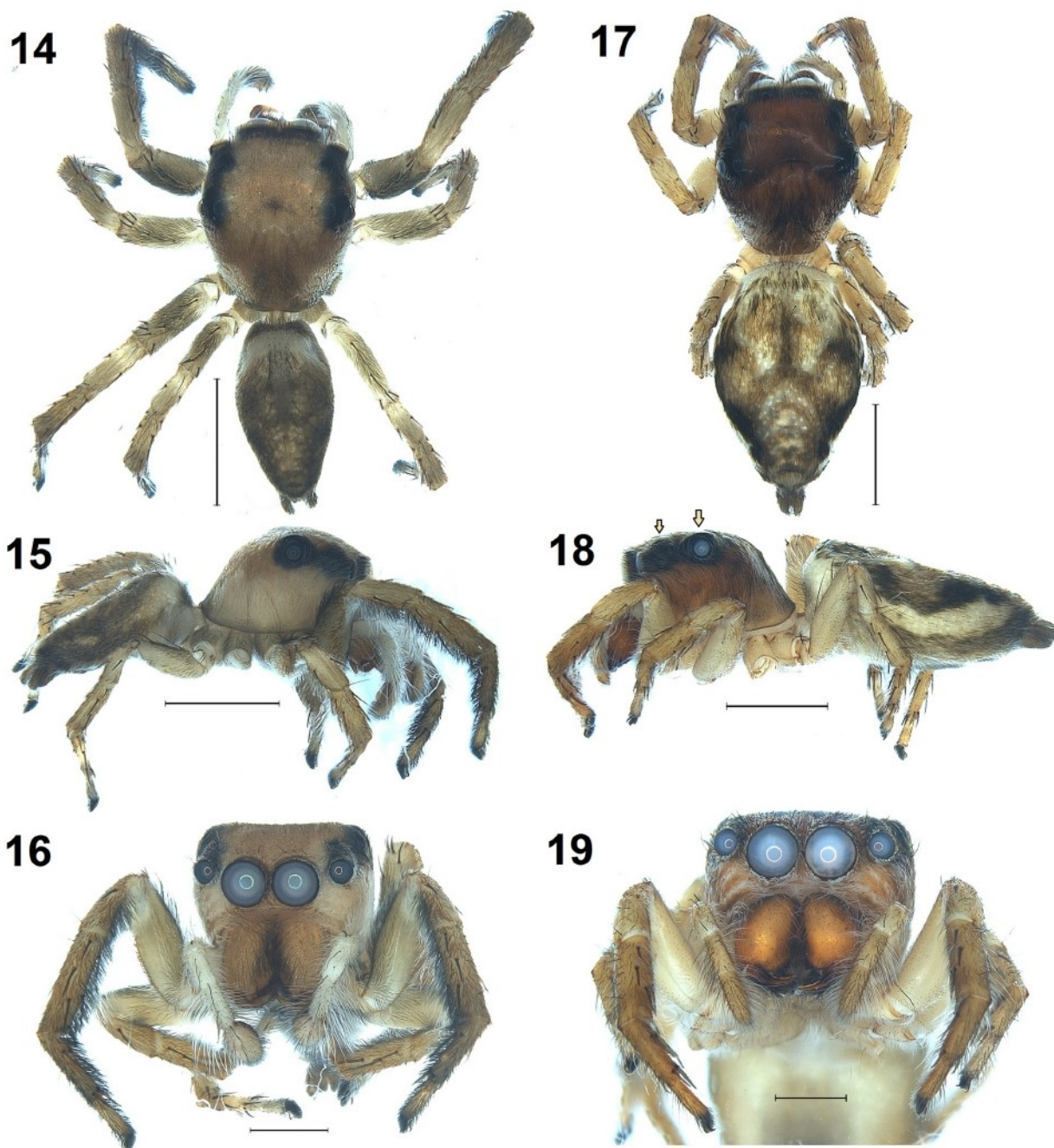
FIGURES 12–13. *Vailimia jharbari* sp. nov. 12 female on web; 13 resting position on web.

Diagnosis. The species closely resembles *Vailimia longitibia* Guo, Zhang & Zhu, 2011 in the habitus and palp (Figs 14–16, 20–22), but differs in having a relatively shorter palpal tibia and broader apical cymbial region; RTA with a broad base without a ridge, narrow, directed distally (with a ridge at the base; curved and directed dorsally in *V. longitibia*) (cf. Figs 20–22 herein with Guo, Zhang & Zhu 2011: figs 4–5).

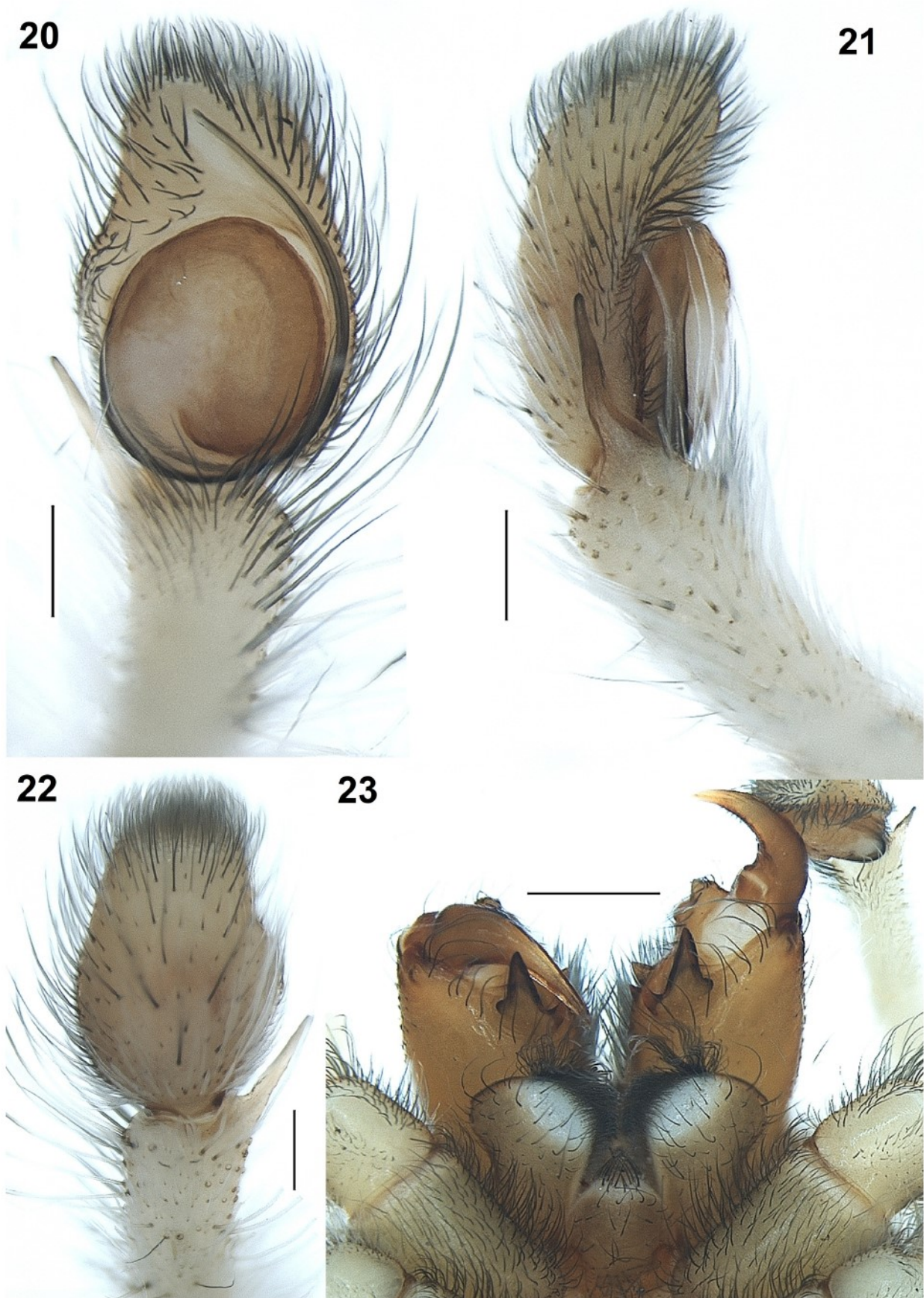
Description. Male (holotype). Total length: 6.63; carapace: 3.12 long, 2.77 wide; abdomen: 3.51 long, 2.23 wide. Carapace brown, covered with greyish and whitish hairs; eyes surrounded by blackish region; broad white band present on lateral margin; two pairs of tubercles present along the margin of the ocular area, one between the ALEs and PMEs another near the PLEs (Fig. 14). Anterior eyes surrounded by white setae, clypeal region light brown covered with long hairs; ‘cheek region’ covered with four thin transverse white stripes (Fig. 16). Eye measurements: AME 0.73, ALE 0.37, PME 0.14, PLE 0.34, AER 2.28, PER 2.54, EFL 1.42. Clypeus height 0.10. Chelicerae light brown with two promarginal teeth and a bifid retromarginal tooth (Fig. 23). Sternum pale brown and oval; labium and maxillae pale brown. Legs yellowish brown; leg I & II covered with dense black hairs on ventral region of patellae, tibiae and metatarsi. Leg measurements: I 7.18 (2.11, 1.51, 1.81, 1.03, 0.72); II 5.04 (1.84,

0.76, 1.22, 0.83, 0.39); III 5.97 (2.58, 0.82, 0.80, 1.29, 0.48); IV 5.99 (2.11, 0.93, 1.21, 1.34, 0.40). Abdomen oval, brownish, covered sparsely with blackish setae, having chevron markings mid-dorsally (Fig. 14); venter brown with yellow longitudinal lateral margins. Spinnerets brownish. Palps light yellow; palpal tibia with blackish long hairs; cymbium with a patch of dorsal scopulae and white hairs present at the base; RTA long and narrow, with a broad base; embolus long and slender (Figs 20–23).

Female (NZC-ZSI 6593/18). Total length: 9.12; carapace: 4.02 long, 3.16 wide; abdomen: 5.10 long, 3.40 wide. Eye measurements: AME 0.71, ALE, 0.38, PME 0.13, PLE 0.36, AER 2.48, PER 2.93, EFL 1.50. Clypeus height 0.21. Leg measurements: I 6.85 (1.98, 1.47, 1.71, 0.86, 0.83); II 6.19 (2.18, 1.17, 1.18, 0.93, 0.73); III 7.71 (2.99, 1.53, 1.41, 1.12, 0.66), IV 6.82 (2.30, 1.16, 1.46, 1.23, 0.67). Coloration pattern as in male, but differs by following: abdomen with black patches on lateral sides and a short dark brown mid-dorsal stripe above the chevron pattern (Fig. 17). Epigyne with a pair of oval translucent windows, separated by a narrow septum; copulatory openings present at the anterior region; copulatory ducts broad, arching anteriorly (Figs 24, 26); spermathecae globular (Figs 25, 27).



FIGURES 14–19. *Vailimia jharbari* sp. nov. 14–16 male (14 dorsal view; 15 lateral view; 16 frontal view). 17–19 female (17 dorsal view; 18 lateral view; 19 frontal view). Scale bars: 2 mm (14–15, 17–18); 1 mm (16, 19).



FIGURES 20–23. *Vailimia jharbari* sp. nov. 20–22 right male palp (20 ventral view; 21 retrolateral view; 22 dorsal view); 23 chelicerae, retrolateral view. Scale bars: 0.2 mm (20–22); 0.5 mm (23).

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A new species of *Paraplectana* Brito Capello, 1867 (Araneae: Araneidae) from north-east India

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Abstract

A new araneid species *Paraplectana mamoniae* sp. nov., with a characteristic glossy pink abdomen in females, is described and illustrated based on morphology of individuals collected from Assam, together with notes on its natural history.

Keywords: diagnosis • Jharbari • Kokrajhar • morphology • taxonomy

Introduction

The genus *Paraplectana*, type species *Paraplectana thorntoni* (Blackwall, 1865), was erected by Brito Capello in 1867 with *P. cabindae* as its type, previously described as *Eurysoma thorntoni* by Blackwall in 1865, which later *E. thorntoni* was given new combination as *P. thorntoni* (Blackwall, 1865) by O. Pickard-Cambridge (1879). It is generally recognizable by its abdomen with glossy, elliptical and blackish markings on the dorsum of females. The Afrotropical and Oriental spider genus *Paraplectana* Brito Capello, 1867 consists of 13 nominal species, of which only two species, *P. graveleyi* (Tikader, 1961) and *P. rajashree* Ahmed *et al.* 2015, are known from India (World Spider Catalog 2019). Recent phylogenetic work on Araneidae by Scharff *et al.* (2019) placed *Paraplectana* in the informal group of cyrtarachnines within the ARA clade. The rarity of male individuals in this genus is well known, as noted by Tanikawa (2011). All described individuals of this genus are females, except for *P. sakaguchii* Uyemura, 1938 and *P. tsushimensis* Yamaguchi, 1960, known by both sexes (World Spider Catalog 2019). The spiders of this genus are known to mimic ladybird beetles. These beetles possess noxious chemicals which wreck havoc on taste buds, leading birds to recognize these unsavoury lunch targets from afar and this is a perfect example of Batesian mimicry, in which a species imitates the warning signals to get the protection with its perceived foul taste (Bay 2017). In this paper, we describe a new species *Paraplectana mamoniae* sp. nov. from India.

Materials and methods

Field photographs were taken with Sony DSC-HX90V. Specimens were hand collected, preserved in 80% ethanol and deposited in North Eastern Regional Centre, Zoological Survey of India (NERC- ZSI), Shillong. The microphotographs were taken using a Leica DFC500 HD camera on a Leica M205A stereo microscope using Leica Application

Suite (LAS) version 3.8. Soft epigynal tissues were treated in 10% KOH. All measurements are in mm. Leg measurements are given as: total length (femur, patella, tibia, metatarsus, tarsus).

Abbreviations: ALE = anterior lateral eye, AME = anterior median eye, ARA = Araneidae, CD = copulatory duct, CHD = Central Head of Department, DFO = Divisional Forest Officer, FD = fertilisation duct, P = promarginal, PCCF = Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, PLE = posterior lateral eye, PME = posterior median eye, R = retro-marginal, S = spermathecae, ZSI = Zoological Survey of India.

Paraplectana Brito Capello, 1867

Type species: *Paraplectana thorntoni* (Blackwall, 1865).

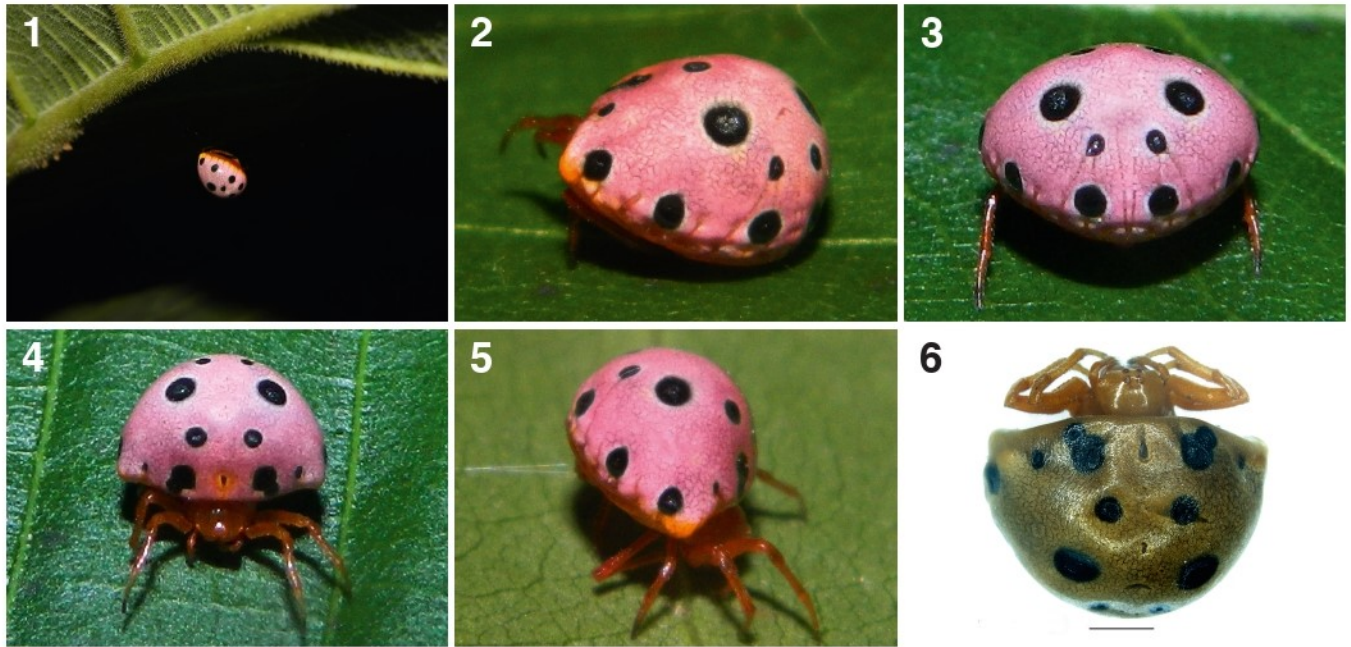
Diagnosis: For detailed diagnosis of males see Tanikawa & Harigae (2010) and Tanikawa (2011), and for females see Ahmed *et al.* (2015).

Paraplectana mamoniae sp. nov. (Figs. 1–16)

Types: Holotype ♀ (IV/ARA/ERS–22), India, Assam, Kokrajhar, Jharbari Forest Range (26°36'22.8"N 90°14'45.3"E), 70 m, 2 October 2018, leg. P. Basumatary. Paratype ♀ (IV/ARA/ERS–31) Jharbari Forest Range (26°36'22.8"N 90°14'45.3"E), 70 m, 2 October 2018, leg. P. Basumatary.

Etymology: The specific name is dedicated in memory of Lt. Mamoni Rava (1990–2019). She was an inspiring woman researcher from the Department of Biotechnology, Bodoland University, and a core research worker for Research and Development in Technology Incubation Centre of the department. The name is used as a noun in apposition.

Diagnosis: The female of *Paraplectana mamoniae* sp. nov. is distinguishable from its known congeners by having a characteristic pinkish white abdomen with 18 blackish spots (Figs. 1–5). In contrast, the abdomen is yellowish with 14 blackish spots and venter reddish in *P. coccinella* (Thorell, 1890), abdomen glossy red with 12 black spots in *P. duodecimmaculata* Simon, 1897, abdomen reddish brown with 17 yellowish markings in *P. sakaguchi*, abdomen reddish brown with 12 blackish spots in *P. tsushimensis*, abdomen greyish yellow with 14 blackish white patches in *P. graveleyi*, abdomen orange red with 14 blackish spots, venter having blackish patch posteriorly in *P. rajashree*. *P. mamoniae* has a distinct genital morphology: spermathecae large, suboval, narrowly spaced (0.1 mm) (Figs. 15–16); atrium sclerotized; short copulatory ducts, uncurved and widely spaced (Figs. 13–14). In contrast, the atrium is slightly sclerotized, spermathecae small and ovoid in *P. sakaguchi* (Lee, Yoo & Kim 2015, fig. 1A–B), spermathecae spherical and large, copulatory ducts thin, narrow and long, arising medially from the posterior end of spermathecae and directed distad in *P. graveleyi* (Tikader 1982, figs. 274–276), spermathecae small and widely

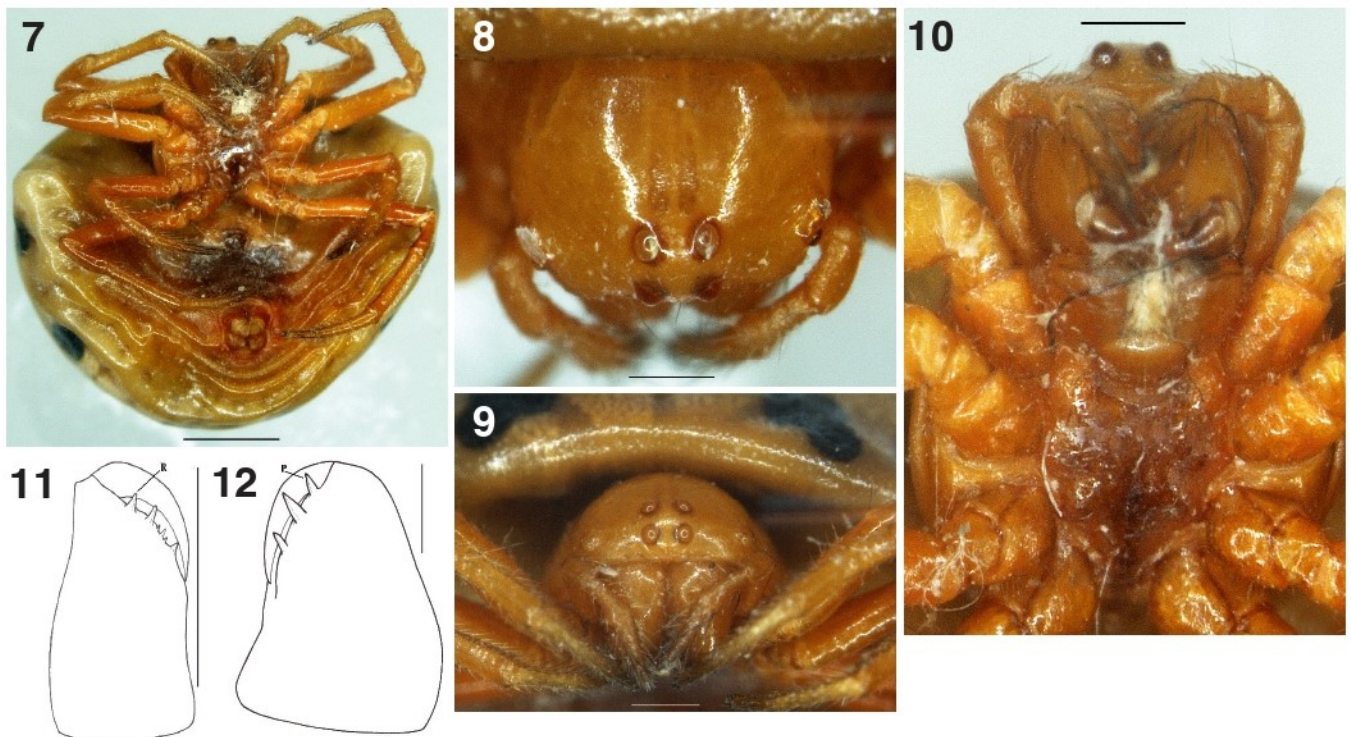


Figs. 1–6: *Paraplectana mamoniae* sp. nov. **1** live habitus, lateral view (on dragline); **2** live habitus, lateral view; **3** same, posterior view; **4** same, frontal view; **5** same, lateral view; **6** preserved habitus, dorsal view. Scale bar = 1 mm.

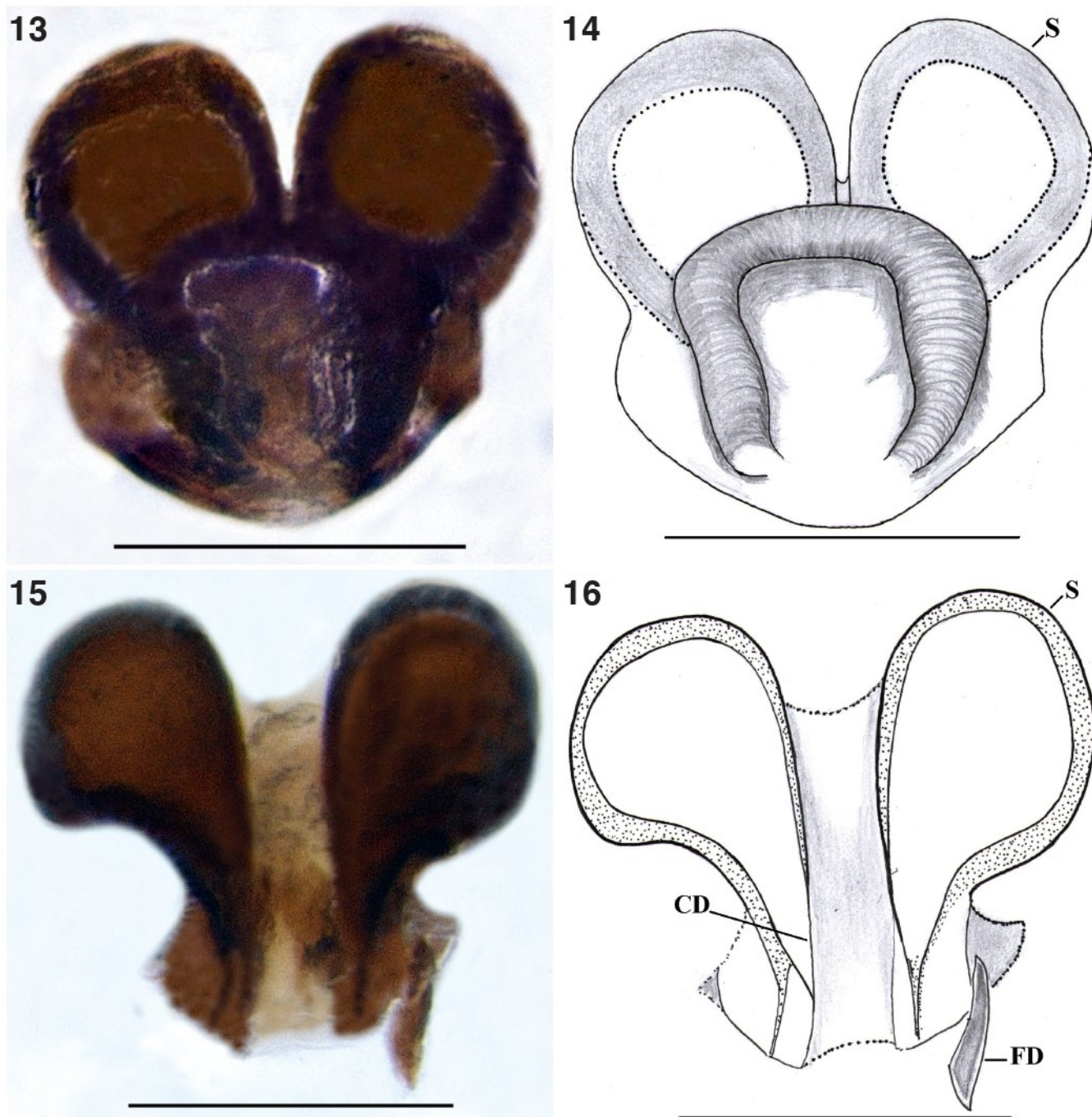
spaced (0.2 mm), copulatory ducts long, narrowing anteriorly and less spaced posteriorly in *P. rajashree* (Ahmed *et al.* 2015, figs. 1, 6–7).

Description of female holotype (IV/ARA/ERS–22): Total length 5.49; carapace 2.35 long, 3.77 wide; abdomen 3.14 long, 4.31 wide. Carapace reddish orange, raised ocular area (Figs. 6, 8–9). AMEs and PMEs surrounded by narrow blackish ring (Figs. 8–9); eye measurements: AME 0.27, ALE 0.13, PME 0.24, PLE 0.1; interdistances between eyes:

AME–AME 0.26, AME–ALE 0.97, AME–PME 0.18, ALE–ALE 3.05, PME–ALE 1.04, PME–PME 0.26, PME–PLE 1.17, PLE–PLE 3.32. Chelicera, labium and maxilla reddish orange (Figs. 9–10). Chelicera with 3 promarginal and 6 retromarginal teeth (Figs. 11–12). Sternum dark reddish orange and sub-triangular (Fig. 10). Legs reddish orange, covered with numerous pale brownish setae, tarsus leg I–IV blackish brown (Fig. 7). Leg measurements: I 3.15 (1.14 + 0.44 + 0.71 + 0.56 + 0.3), II 3.14 (1.19 + 0.5 + 0.68



Figs. 7–12: *Paraplectana mamoniae* sp. nov. **7** habitus, ventral view; **8** cephalothorax, dorsal view; **9** same, anterior view; **10** same, ventral view; **11** diagrammatic representation of chelicera, ventral view; **12** same, ventral view. Scale bars = 0.2 mm (12); 0.5 mm (11); 1 mm (7–10).



Figs. 13–16: *Paraplectana mamoniae* sp. nov. **13** vulva, dorsal view; **14** diagrammatic representation of vulva, dorsal view; **15** vulva, ventral view; **16** diagrammatic representation of vulva, ventral view. Scale bars = 0.2 mm.

+ 0.54 + 0.23), III 2.03 (0.87+0.3+0.4+0.24+0.22), IV 3.22 (1.37+0.36+0.63+0.53+0.33). Abdomen elliptical, wider than long and blunt anteriorly (Figs. 2–6); dorsum pinkish white with 18 blackish spots (8 medially, 2 anteriorly and 8 laterally) (Figs. 2–5); venter brownish orange with short yellowish longitudinal patch along epigastric furrow and pale blackish patch beneath epigastric furrow (Fig. 7). Body colorations faded from glossy pinkish white to dull brown in preserved individuals (Fig. 6). Epigyne sclerotized, slightly elongated posteriorly; spermathecae large, suboval; copulatory ducts short, continuous with spermathecae, arising laterally and directed distad, widely spaced posteriorly; fertilisation duct short and narrow, connected with copulatory duct distally (Figs. 13–16).

Male unknown.

Natural history: The new species was found on the abaxial surface of a fig, *Ficus hispida*, constructing a single dragline at a height of 2 m above the ground (Fig. 1). Adult females were observed to be active at night.

Distribution: Assam, India (Fig. 17).

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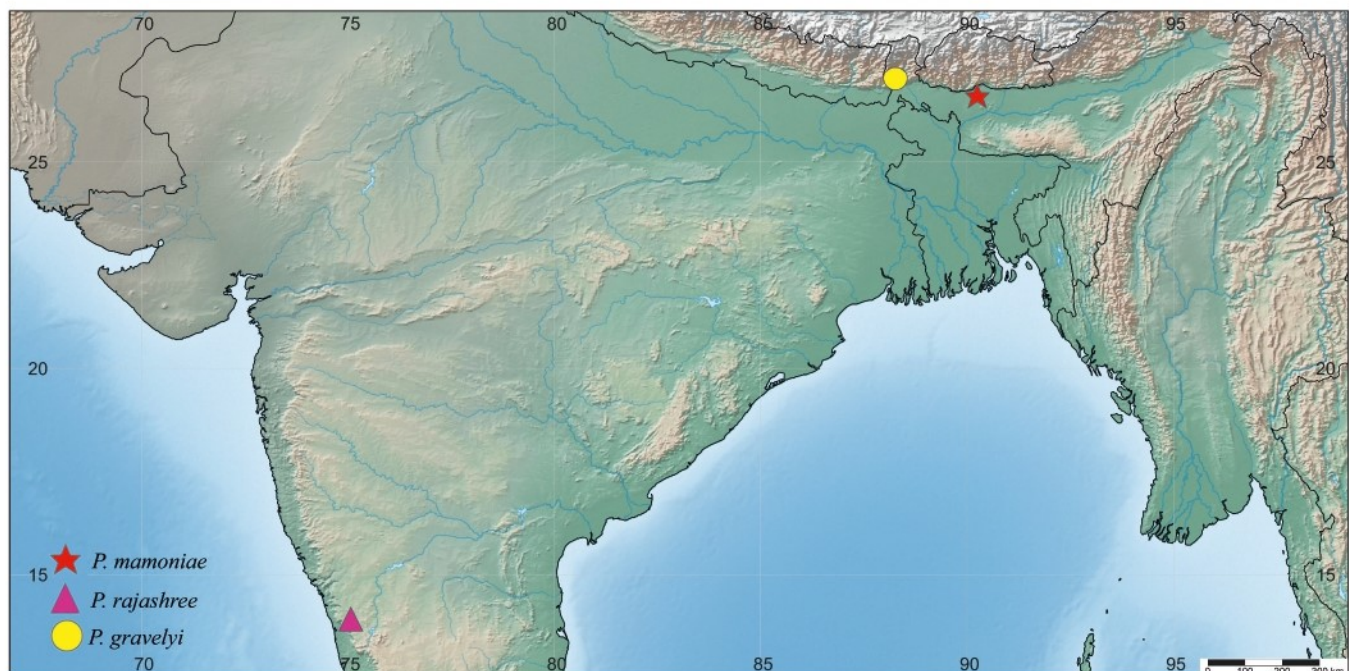


Fig. 17: Type localities of *Paraplectana* species described from India. The type locality of *P. mamoniae* sp. nov. is marked as a red star.

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A new species of the genus *Meotipa* Simon 1895 (Araneae: Theridiidae) from India

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Abstract — A new theridiid species *Meotipa ultapani* sp. nov. is described and illustrated in detail along with notes on its natural history on the basis of specimens collected from Assam, India.

Key words — Taxonomy, diagnosis, Ultapani, Assam

Introduction

The comb-footed spider genus *Meotipa* was first erected by Simon in 1895 with type species *Meotipa picturata* Simon 1895. It consists of 13 accepted species, of which five species, *Meotipa andamanensis* (Tikader 1977), *M. argyrodiformis* (Yaginuma 1952), *M. multuma* Murthappa, Malamel, Prapapati, Sebastian & Venkateshwarlu 2017, *M. picturata* Simon 1895 and *M. sahyadri* Kulkarni, Vartak, Deshpande & Halali 2017 are known from India (World Spider Catalog 2018). In the present paper we describe a new species *Meotipa ultapani* sp. nov. from Assam state of India. This finding is a part of doctoral research work on spiders' diversity at Ripu-Chirang Reserve Forest under Manas Biosphere Reserve.

Materials and Methods

All the specimens are preserved in 80 % ethanol. The specimens were examined, measured and photographed under a Leica EZ4 E stereo microscope. The vulva was treated in 90 % lactic acid for clearing soft tissues before illustration. All measurements are given in millimeters. Leg measurements are given as total length (femur, patella, tibia, metatarsus and tarsus). The type specimens were deposited in BMGU (Biodiversity Museum Gauhati University, North-east Region).

Abbreviations used are as follows: ALE- anterior lateral eye, AME- anterior median eye, PLE- posterior lateral eye, PME- posterior median eye, a.s.l. - above sea level.

Taxonomic account

Genus *Meotipa* Simon 1895

Meotipa ultapani sp. nov.

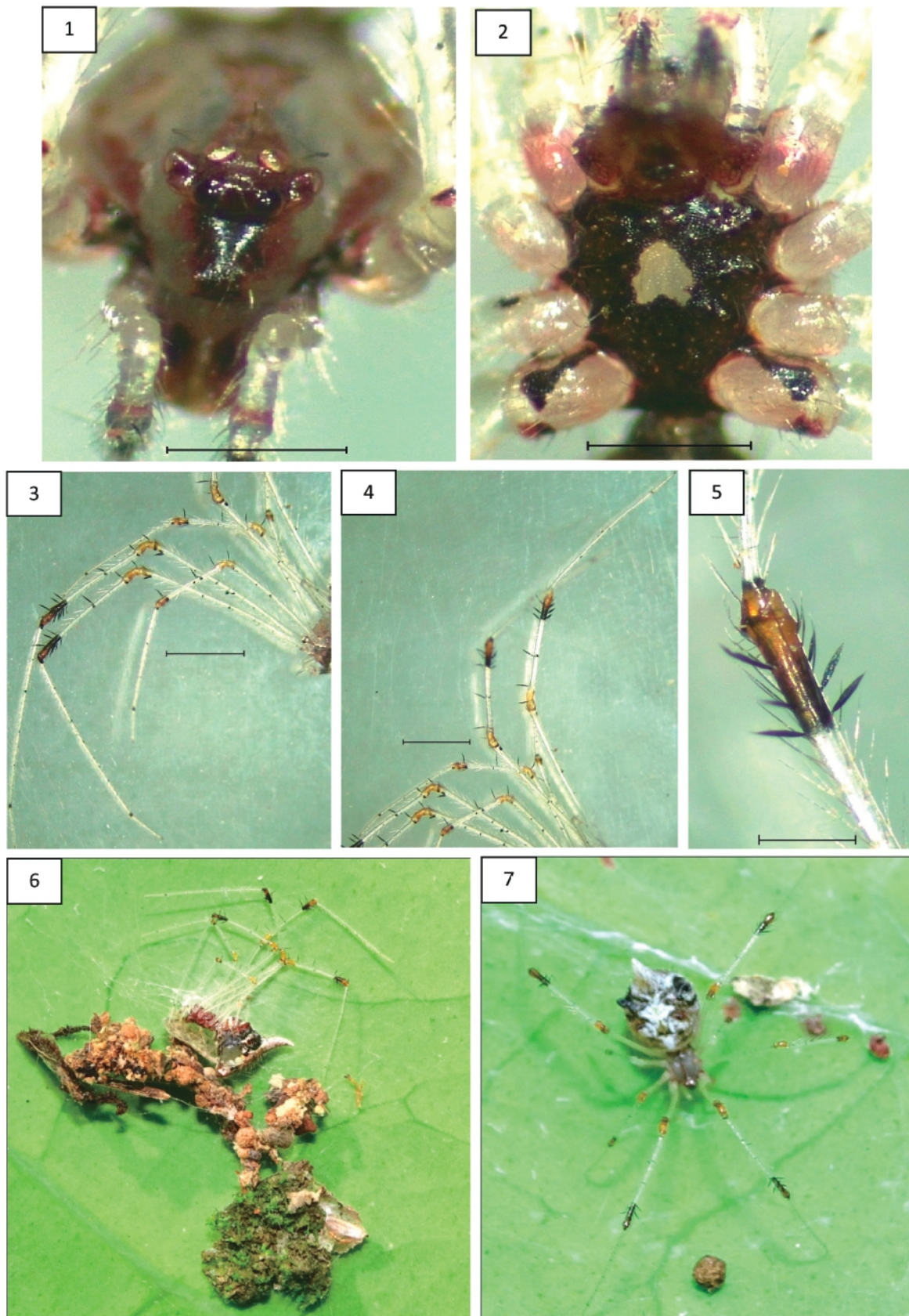
(Figs. 1–15)

Types. Holotype: ♀ (BMGU/A-10/ARA-34), India, Assam, Kokrajhar, Ultapani Forest Range under Chirang Reserve Forest (26° 36' 21.7" N, 90° 14' 44.3" E), a.s.l. 78 m, 21 January 2018, leg. P. Basumatary. Paratypes: 1 ♀ (BMGU/A-10/ARA-35), same locality as the holotype, 4 March 2018, 1 ♀ (BMGU/A-10/ARA-36) Jharbari Forest Range (26° 36' 22.8" N, 90° 14' 45.3" E), a.s.l. 70 m, 4 March 2018, 1 ♀ (BMGU/A-10/ARA-37) Jharbari Forest Range (26° 34' 20.8" N, 90° 12' 40.3" E), a.s.l. 70 m, 12 March 2018, all leg. P. Basumatary.

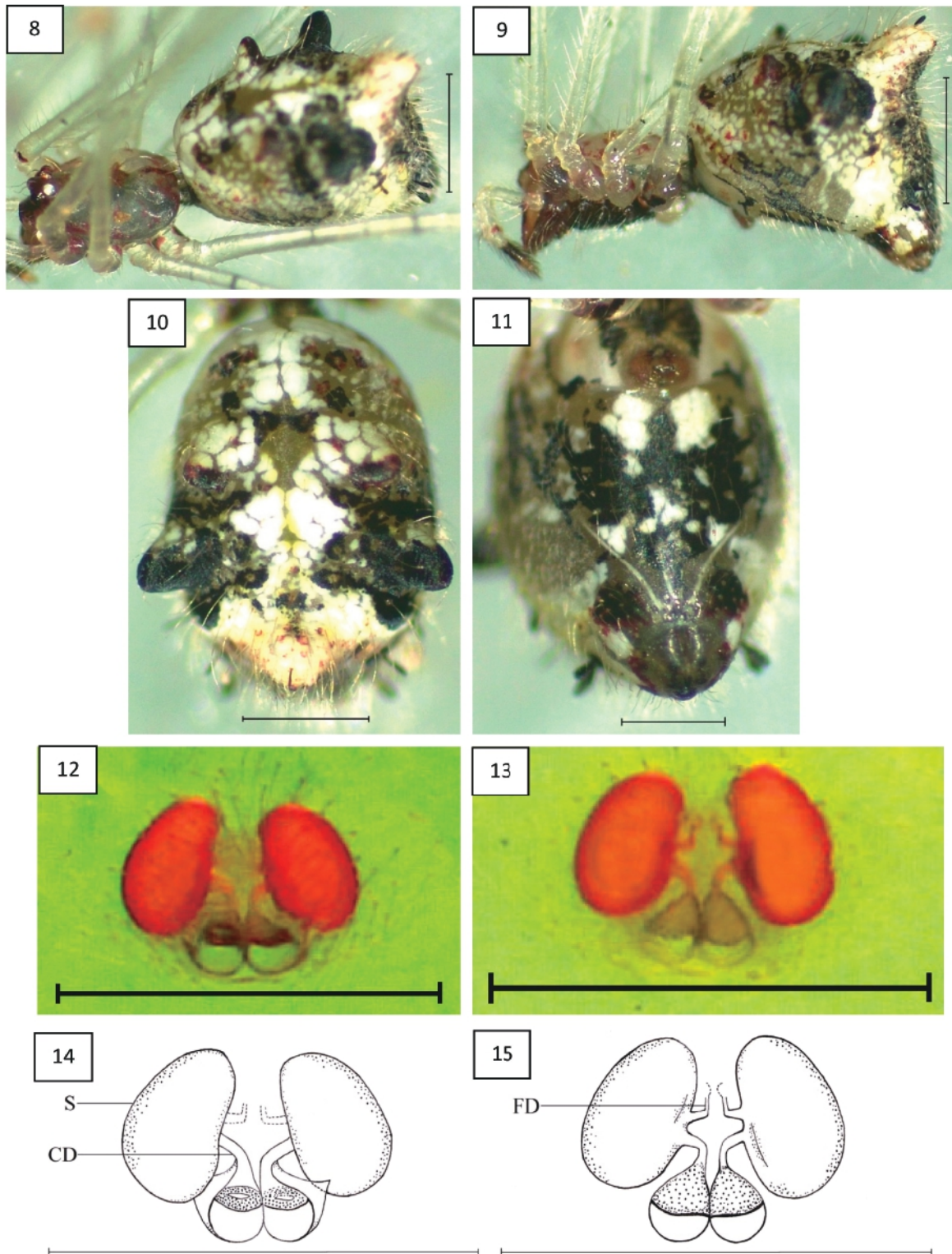
Etymology. The specific name is derived from its type locality. The name is used as a noun in apposition.

Diagnosis. The new species is similar to *Meotipa vesiculosa* Simon 1895 in habitus, but can be distinguished from the latter by the following characters: (1) spermathecae are kidney-shaped and untouched to each other (Figs. 12–15), but roundish and touching to each other in *M. vesiculosa* (Deeleman-Reinhold 2009: figs. 14–16); (2) copulatory ducts are short and connected to lateral sides of spermathecae (Figs. 12–15), but long, forming semicircular shape and connected to spermathecae posteriorly in *M. vesiculosa* (Deeleman-Reinhold 2009, figs. 15–16); (3) fertilization ducts are situated medially (Figs. 13–15), but situated posteriorly in *M. vesiculosa* (Deeleman-Reinhold 2009, figs. 15–16); (4) femora I have one lanceolate spine ventro-distally (Figs. 3–4), but a pair of ventro-distal spines in *M. vesiculosa* (Deeleman-Reinhold 2009, fig. 13).

Description. Female: holotype (BMGU/A-10/ARA-34). Total length 3.1; carapace length 1.25, width 0.94; abdomen length 1.85. Carapace pale grayish white with short median stripes on lateral sides, a pale reddish broad medial stripe from ocular region to fovea and dark broad patch from AMEs to distal end of clypeus (Fig. 1). Eyes raised from slanting clypeus, AMEs reddish black and the other eyes pearly white, surrounded by brown ring (Fig. 1). Eye sizes: AME 0.09, ALE 0.03, PME 0.07, PLE 0.08; interdistances



Figs. 1–7. *Meotipa ultapani* sp. nov. 1, cephalothorax, anterior view; 2, same, ventral view; 3, legs I–II, lateral view; 4, legs IV, lateral view; 5, distal part of tibia IV, dorso-lateral view; 6, live habitus, lateral view (resting position); 7, same, dorsal view. Scales: 2 mm (Figs. 4–5); 0.5 mm (Figs. 1–3).



Figs. 8–15. *Meotipa ultapani* sp. nov. 8, body, dorso-lateral view; 9, same, lateral view; 10, abdomen, dorsal view; 11, same, ventral view; 12, epigyne, ventral view; 13, vulva, dorsal view; 14, diagrammatic representation of vulva, ventral view; 15, same, dorsal view. Abbreviations: CD = copulatory duct; FD = fertilization duct; S = spermatheca. Scales: 1 mm (Figs. 8–11); 0.5 mm (Figs. 12–15).

between eyes: AME-AME 0.07, PME-PME 0.07, PME-PL 0.03, AME-PME 0.05, ALE-ALE 0.32, PLE-PL 0.37. Chelicerae, labium and maxillae reddish brown. Sternum reddish black and sub-triangular with a white triangular spot at centre (Fig. 2). Legs slender, basically whitish yellow and transparent, covered with numerous whitish setae; femora I–IV with distal part yellowish brown, sparse blackish semi-circular annulations and blackish spots ventrally, femora I with one lanceolate spine ventro-distally; patellae I, II & IV yellowish brown each with two lanceolate spines dorsally, patellae III yellowish brown and spines absent; tibiae I & IV with one dorso-medial lanceolate spine, and distal part blackish brown, having a whirl of 6–8 blackish lanceolate spines; tibiae II & III with two dorsal lanceolate spines medially and distally, and distal part yellowish brown; metatarsi and tarsi without any lanceolate spines; tip of metatarsi blackened (Figs. 3 & 5). Leg measurements: I 11.51 ($4.09 + 0.57 + 2.13 + 3.96 + 0.76$); II 7.43 ($2.15 + 0.49 + 1.50 + 2.57 + 0.72$); III 4.59 ($1.66 + 0.43 + 0.97 + 1.03 + 0.50$); IV 10.02 ($3.70 + 0.45 + 2.19 + 2.98 + 0.70$). Abdomen with two pair of humps on dorso-lateral sides, posterior part protruding dorsally; wholly mottled with white, black and red spots, and dorso-lateral parts and posterior side darkened; sparsely covered with long whitish hairs; with one and two pairs of leaf-shaped flattened spines on postero-dorsal projection and on posterior side near spinnerets, respectively. In live individuals ventro-lateral sides somewhat translucent; and posterior projection long and slender but shrunk in preserved specimens (Figs. 6–11). Epigyne with a pair of central deep pits; spermathecae kidney-shaped; copulatory ducts short and uncoiled, connected to lateral side of spermathecae and curved posteriorly; fertilization ducts situated anteriorly to copulatory ducts, short and curved anteriorly (Figs. 12–15).

Natural history. The species was found on underside of broad leaves of fig plants, viz. *Ficus* sp., alongside the forest stream. The spiders were concealed by building a small retreat with debris of the plants (Fig. 6). Adult females with egg sac were observed during the months of October & November.

Male. Unknown.

Distribution. India (Assam).

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On a new species of the orb-weaving spider genus *Eriovixia* (Araneae: Araneidae) from India

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Abstract

A new species *Eriovixia kachugaonensis* sp. nov. with characteristic lanceolate abdomen in females is diagnosed and illustrated in detail based on specimens collected from Assam. We herein describe the female in detail along with digital images and illustrations.

Keywords: Assam • Kachugaon • taxonomy

Introduction

The genus *Eriovixia* was erected by Archer in 1951 with type species *Eriovixia rhinura* (Pocock, 1900). It is recognizable by its pilose carapace which is longer than wide, anterior eye row straighter than the posterior eye

row, female abdomen longer than wide or wider than long, subtriangular, with or without caudal appendages, male abdomen longer than wide, epigynum with stout scape and recurved tip (Archer 1951; Tanikawa 1999). The members of the genus *Eriovixia* are medium sized orb-weaving spiders which range from Africa to Asia (Mi, Peng & Yin 2010) and currently consists of 22 accepted species, of which five, *Eriovixia excelsa* (Simon, 1889), *E. gryffindori* Ahmed, Khalap & Sumukha, 2016, *E. laglaizei* (Simon, 1877), *E. palawanensis* (Barrion & Litsinger, 1995), and *E. poonaensis* (Tikader & Bal, 1981), are known from India (World Spider Catalog 2018). In the present paper, we describe the new species *Eriovixia kachugaonensis* sp. nov. and its natural history from India.

Material and methods

Specimens were collected by handpicking and preserved in 80% ethanol. Photographs were taken by using Leica EZ4 E stereo microscope. Measurements are given in millimetres (mm). Leg measurements are given as femur, patella, tibia, metatarsus and tarsus. The epigynum was treated in lactic acid for clearing soft tissues. Descriptions are given based on fresh specimens. The type specimens are deposited in BMGU (Biodiversity Museum Gauhati University, Northeast Region). Abbreviations: ALE = anterior lateral eye, AME = anterior median eye, PLE = posterior lateral eye, PME = posterior median eye.

Araneidae Clerck, 1757

Eriovixia Archer, 1951

Type species: Eriovixia rhinura (Pocock, 1900)

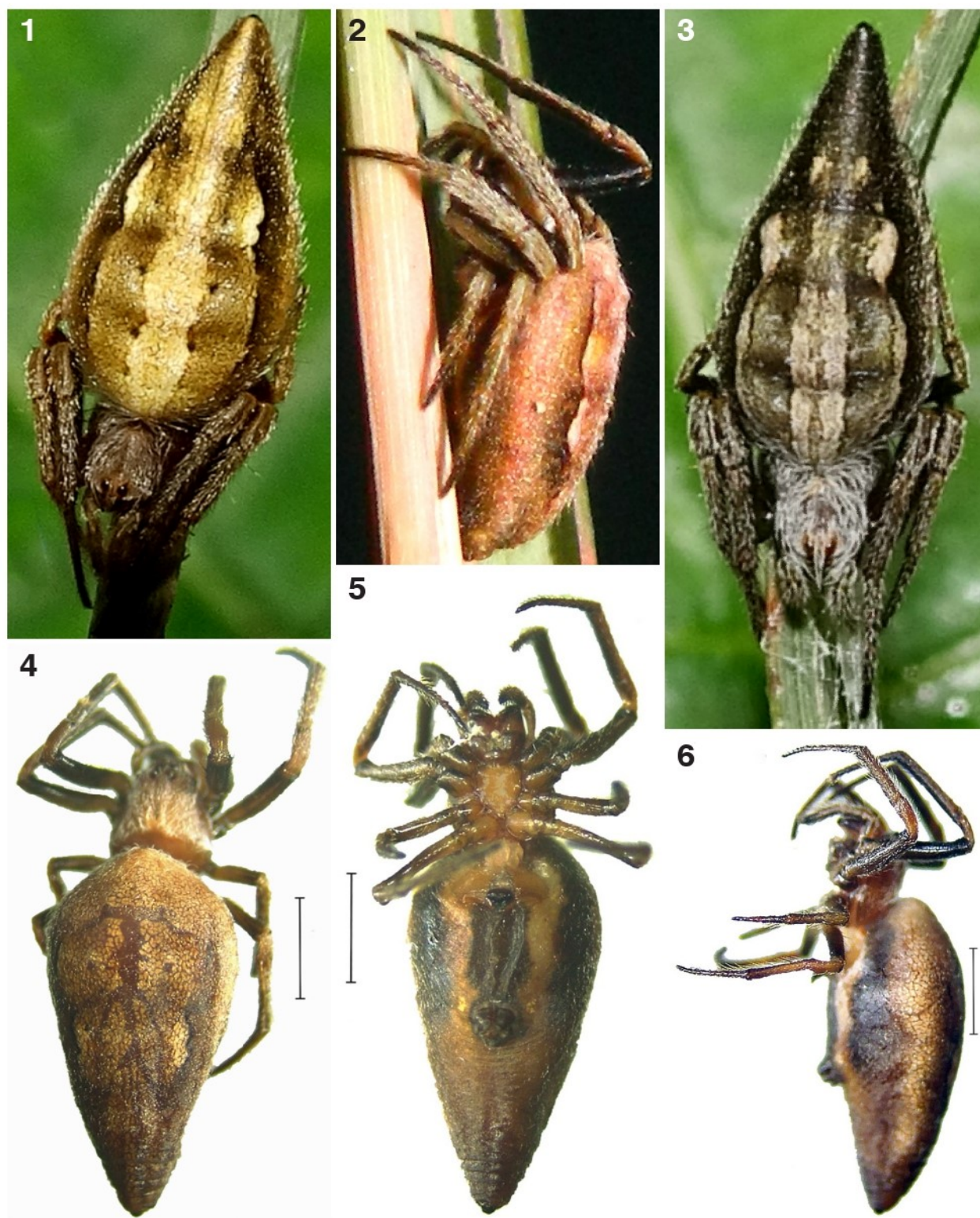
Diagnosis: Male with transverse fovea, abdomen longer than wide with a tubercle at posterior end, palp with large median apophysis, macroseta absent on patella, palp bearing one or two spurs on median apophysis. Female abdomen long, subtriangular, tapering posteriorly, epigyne bearing a scape with recurved tip.

Eriovixia kachugaonensis sp. nov. (Figs. 1–13)

Types: Holotype ♀, BMGU/A-10/ARA-30 from Kachugaon, 26°44'44.1"N 90°08'14.6"E, 81 m a.s.l., 11 July 2018, leg. T. Basumatary. Paratypes: INDIA: 1♀, BMGU/A-10/ARA-31, Kachugaon, 26°44'38.4"N 90°07'59.1"E, 72 m a.s.l., 12 June 2018 and 1♀, BMGU/A-10/ARA-32, Jharbari Forest Range, 26°35'49.3"N 90°14'15.7"E, 72 m a.s.l., 24 July 2018, all leg. P. Basumatary.

Etymology: The species is named after the type locality Kachugaon (noun in apposition).

Diagnosis: The new species resembles *Eriovixia pseudocentrodes* (Bösenberg & Strand, 1906) in habitus, but can be distinguished from the latter by having a flat, elongate abdomen; the abdomen does not tapering posteriorly (Figs. 1–2, 4) (in *E. pseudocentrodes*, the abdomen is in an upright position and tapers posteriorly). The epigyne is oval shaped;

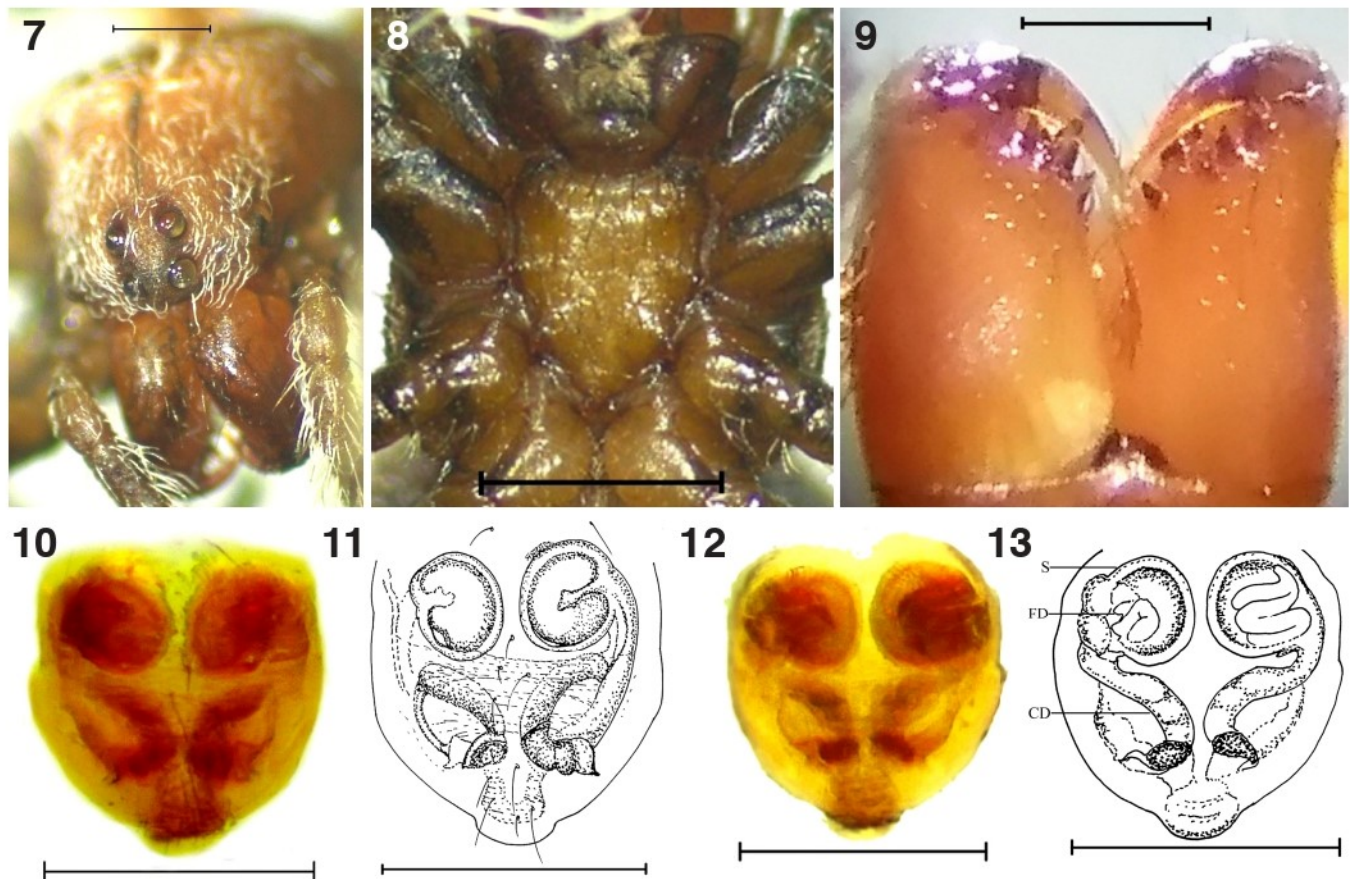


Figs. 1–6: *Eriovixia kachugaonensis* sp. nov., female. **1** live, anterior view; **2** live, lateral view; **3** live (black morph), anterior view; **4** habitus, dorsal view; **5** habitus, ventral view; **6** habitus, lateral view. Scale bars = 2 mm.

globular spermathecae; copulatory ducts long and with a single fold posteriorly, almost touching each other (Figs. 10–13) (in *E. pseudocentredes*, the epigyne is triangular shaped; oval spermathecae; copulatory ducts unfolded, posterior ends facing each other). It is distinguishable from *E. gryffindori* Ahmed, Khalap & Sumukha, 2016 by the absence of a long, pointed, abdomen tapering posteriorly,

short epigynal scape, coiled copulatory ducts and oval-shaped spermathecae.

Description of holotype female: Total length 8.83; carapace 1.56 long, 1.48 wide; opisthosoma 7.27 long, 3.42 wide; sternum 0.94 long, 0.82 wide. Eye measurements: AME 0.11, PME 0.11, ALE 0.06, PLE 0.06, AME–AME 0.14, AME–ALE 0.33, AME–PME 0.09, ALE–PME 0.38,



Figs. 7–13: *Eriovixia kachugaonensis* sp. nov., female. **7** cephalothorax, anterior view; **8** sternum; **9** chelicerae, retrolateral view; **10** internal genitalia, ventral view; **11** explanatory drawing of internal genitalia, ventral view; **12** internal genitalia, dorsal view; **13** explanatory drawing of internal genitalia, dorsal view. Scale bars = 1 mm (8), 0.5 mm (7, 9, 10–13).

PME–PME 0.16, PME–PLE 0.38. Leg measurements: I 5.25 (1.39, 0.66, 1.51, 1.08, 0.61); II 4.48 (1.36, 0.51, 1.12, 1, 0.49); III 2.93 (0.98, 0.42, 0.51, 0.63, 0.39); IV 4.65 (1.24, 0.72, 1.21, 0.96, 0.52). Carapace pear shaped and brownish with a short blackish mid-dorsal stripe to foveal groove; covered with whitish setae; longer than wide; deep cervical groove; ocular region dark brown; anterior eyes recurved and straight posterior eyes (Figs. 4, 7). Chelicera brownish with sparse grayish hairs; three retromarginal and three promarginal teeth (Fig. 9). Sternum yellowish brown and triangular; labium and maxillae dark brown (Fig. 8). Legs blackish brown, covered with short bristle-like hairs (Figs. 5–6). Abdomen elongated, pointed posteriorly, with round muscle markings at posterior end; pale yellowish brown covered sparsely with whitish hairs; dark brown margins on dorsum with three pairs of sigillae; broad blackish markings on lateral sides (Figs. 1–2, 4); venter dark brown; short blackish broad margin from distal end of epigynum to proximal end of spinnerets; blackish brown spinnerets (Fig. 5). Epigyne oval with long scape; globular spermathecae; copulatory ducts long with a single loop (Figs. 10–13)

Natural history: Females were observed resting motionless during the daytime on a specific narrow-lanceolate leaved plant *Saccharum spontaneum* (wild sugarcane) at a height of ~1.2 m above the ground. The females were found ~5 m apart with only one individual per plant. A black colour morph of *Eriovixia kachugaonensis* sp. nov. was also collected; only a single such individual was observed at the locality (Fig. 3).

Distribution: India (Assam).

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New record of *Cyrtarachne nagasakiensis* Strand, 1918 (Araneae: Araneidae) from India

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Abstract

Cyrtarachne nagasakiensis Strand, 1918 (Araneidae) is newly recorded from India on the basis of a specimen collected from Assam. A species description is provided, with figures of the habitus and internal genitalia.

Keywords: Assam • taxonomy

Introduction

Genus *Cyrtarachne* Thorell, 1868 has 55 accepted species worldwide (World Spider Catalog 2018). *Cyrtarachne nagasakiensis* Strand, 1918 was described for the first time from Nagasaki, Japan. Later, it was reported from Korea by Jo (1981) and from China by Hu & Li (1987). This paper describes the tenth *Cyrtarachne* species known from India. *Cyrtarachne nagasakiensis* Strand, 1918 is recorded in India for the first time, from the Jharbari Forest Range of Chirang Reserve Forest, Assam. This is an integral part of the Manas Biosphere Reserve, and is located in western Assam; it harbours a wide variety of flora and fauna. The habitat types in the reserve can be divided into Sal forest, evergreen and semi-evergreen forest, deciduous forest, grassland, and riverine forest. This reserve forest remains largely unexplored in terms of arthropod diversity. The present study is a part of doctoral research work on diversity of spiders in the Chirang Reserve Forest over a period of 4 years, from 7 June 2017 to 9 February 2021.

Materials and methods

The specimen was hand collected and photographed during a nocturnal survey at 10 pm in the Jharbari Forest Range within the Manas Biosphere Reserve, Kokrajhar, Assam, India. The specimen was examined and measured under a Leica EZ4 E stereo microscope. The epigyne was dissected under a Magnus MSZ-Bi, cleared in 10% KOH

overnight, and transferred to 80% ethanol after observation. The dissected specimen and epigyne were stored in glass vials and permanently preserved in Audman's preservative. All measurements were taken in millimetres. Leg measurements are given as total length followed by femur, patella, tibia, metatarsus and tarsus. The specimen is deposited in the Biodiversity Museum of Gauhati University, Northeast Region (BMGU) of India with Museum Accession No. (BMGU/A-10/ARA-23). Abbreviations: ALE = anterior lateral eye, AME = anterior median eye, PLE = posterior lateral eye, PME = posterior median eye. Interdistances of eyes are given by a hyphen (e.g. AME-PME).

Family Araneidae Clerck, 1757

Cyrtarachne Thorell, 1868

Cyrtarachne nagasakiensis Strand, 1918 (Figs. 1–10)

Diagnosis: *Cyrtarachne nagasakiensis* Strand, 1918 can be separated from other congeners by its oval-shaped spermatheca and highly coiled copulatory duct (Figs. 9–10). It is distinguishable from *C. bengalensis* Tikader, 1961 by the absence of small tubercles and complicated spiral ducts.

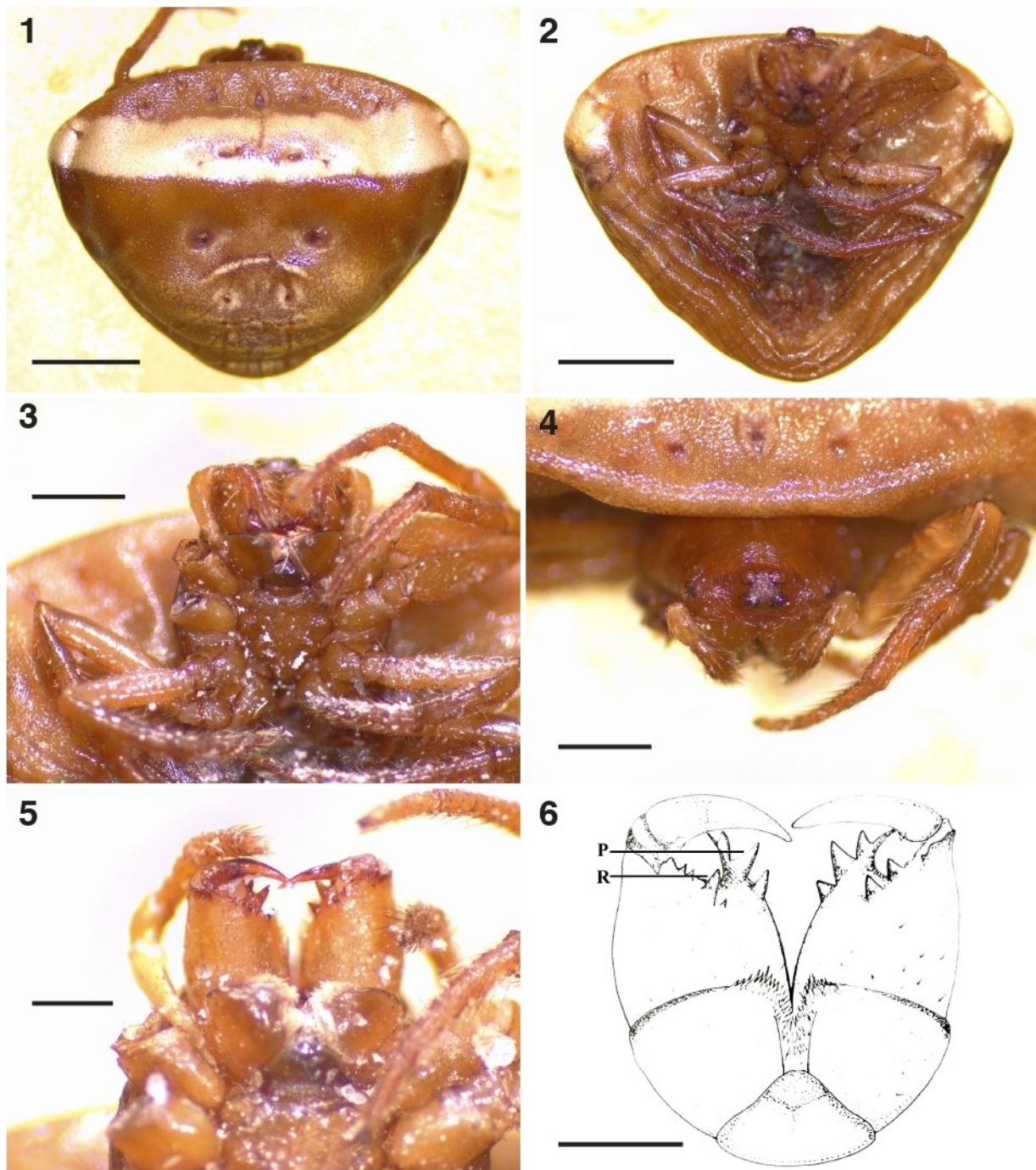
Specimen examined: 1♀, 26°36'22.6"N 90°14'33.1"E, 78 m a.s.l., Assam, India, collected by P. Basumatary on 19 July 2017.

Description of female: Total length 8.14; carapace 2.02 long, 2.38 wide; abdomen 6.12 long, 7.87 wide; stemum length 0.65 long, 1.02 wide; labium 0.28 long, 0.46 wide; maxillae 0.57 long, 0.54 wide (Figs. 1–4). Eyemeasurements: ALE 0.10, AME 0.16, PLE 0.09, PME 0.15, ALE-ALE 1.44, AME-AME 0.21, AME-PME: 0.11, AME-ALE 0.48, PME-PME 0.18, PLE-PLE 1.49, PME-PLE 0.55. Leg measurements: I 5.66 (1.96, 0.70, 1.42, 1.04, 0.54); II 5.61 (1.98, 0.76, 1.31, 0.97, 0.59); III 4.17 (1.44, 0.61, 0.83, 0.97, 0.32) and IV 5.83 (2.05, 0.84, 1.34, 0.93, 0.67). Carapace, chelicera, labium and sternum reddish brown. Chelicera with 3 promarginal and 2–4 retromarginal teeth (Figs. 5–6). Legs yellow brown, without spines. Abdomen elliptical, with broad white transverse band, without tubercles. Dorsum dark grey anteriorly with three pairs of sigilla, middle pair large and distinct (Fig. 1). Internal genitalia: epigyne with sclerotized rim (Figs. 7–8), copulatory ducts spherically coiled, spermathecae oval (Figs. 9–10).

Distribution: China, Korea, Japan and India (New record).

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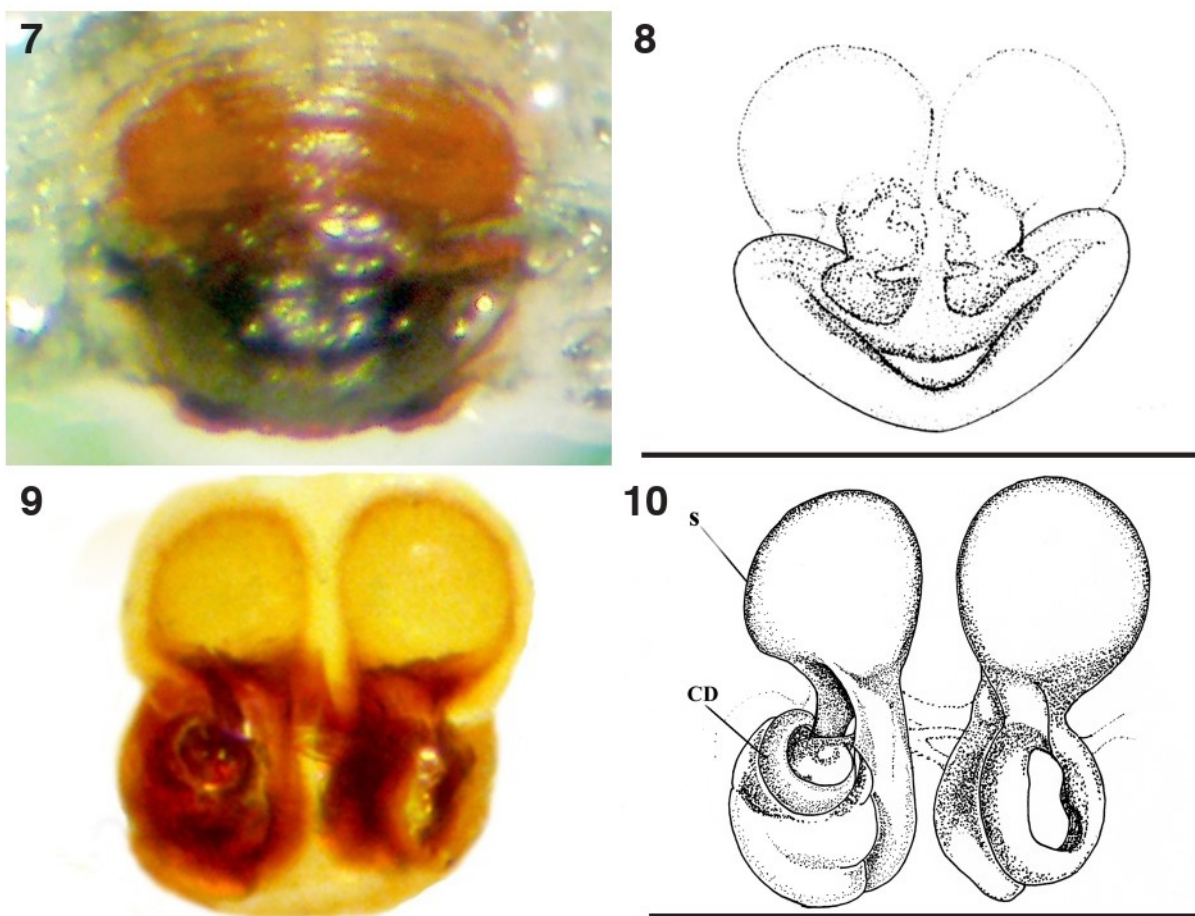


Figs. 1–6: *Cyrtarachne nagasakiensis* Strand, 1918. **1** female habitus, dorsal view; **2** female habitus, ventral view; **3** sternum; **4** prosoma, dorsal view; **5** chelicerae; **6** explanatory drawing of chelicerae, P = promarginal teeth, R = retromarginal teeth. Scale bars = 2 mm (1–2), 1 mm (3–4), 0.5 mm (5–6).

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Figs. 7–10: *Cyrtarachne nagasakiensis* Strand, 1918. **7** epigyne, ventral view; **8** explanatory drawing of epigyne, ventral view; **9** female internal genitalia, dorsal view; **10** explanatory drawing of female internal genitalia, dorsal view, S = spermatheca, CD = copulatory duct. Scale bars = 0.5 mm.

New record of *Hyllus diardi* (Walckenaer 1837) (Araneae: Salticidae) from India

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Abstract — *Hyllus diardi* (Walckenaer 1837) is recorded for the first time from India on the basis of female specimens collected from Assam. Description of the specimen is given with figures of its body and genitalia. This species is distinguished from its congeners by the distinctive large hairy body, unique abdominal patterns and structure of epigyne.

Key words — jumping spider, taxonomy, Assam

Introduction

The genus *Hyllus* C. L. Koch 1846 belonging to the family Salticidae has 71 accepted species according to the World Spider Catalog (2017). From India, four species of this genus are known, i.e. *Hyllus bos* (Sundevall 1833), *H. semicupreus* (Simon 1885), *H. pudicus* Thorell 1895 and *H. manu* Caleb, Christudhas, Laltanpuui & Chitra 2014. After examining the specimens collected from Jharbari forest range of Assam, we found the occurrence of *Hyllus diardi* (Walckenaer 1837) as the fifth addition to Indian fauna. This species has been reported from Myanmar by Thorell (1895); China by Peng and Kim (1998); Vietnam by Żabka (1985), and Java by Doleschall (1857).

Four species described by Koch (1846), i.e. *Plexippus mutillarius*, *P. lacertosus*, *P. janthinus* and *P. succinctus*, are regarded as junior synonyms of *H. diardi*. In this paper, we record this species from India for the first time.

Methods

The specimens were collected during nocturnal survey at 10:00 p.m. in Jharbari forest range of Chirang Reserve Forest under Manas Biosphere Reserve, Kokrajhar, Assam and were preserved in 80% ethanol. The specimens were deposited to Biodiversity Museum Gauhati University, Northeast Region (BMGU) with Museum Accession No. BMGU/A-10/ARA-21. The specimens were dissected under Olympus Magnus stereozoom microscope (MSZ- Bi) and were measured under Leica EZ4 E stereo microscope. Epigyne was dissected, cleared in 96% lactic acid for 24 hours and then again treated with KOH for four to five hours followed by transferring of the epigyne to 80% ethanol. Measurements were taken in millimeters. Abbreviations are used as follows: anterior lateral eye (ALE), anterior median

eye (AME), posterior lateral eye (PLE), posterior median eye (PME). Interdistances of eyes are given by hyphen (e.g. AME-AME). Legs measurements are given as total length followed by femur, patella, tibia, metatarsus and tarsus.

Taxonomic accounts

Hyllus diardi (Walckenaer 1837)
(Figs. 1–5)

Attus diardi Walckenaer 1837, p. 460.

Plexippus mutillarius C. L. Koch 1846, p. 93, figs. 1155–1156. Synonymized by Simon 1886, p. 139.

Plexippus lacertosus C. L. Koch 1846, p. 94, figs. 1157–1158. Synonymized by Xiong et al. 2017, p. 24.

Plexippus janthinus C. L. Koch 1846, p. 97, fig. 1160. Synonymized by Xiong et al. 2017, p. 24.

Plexippus succinctus C. L. Koch 1846, p. 98, fig. 1161. Synonymized with *Plexippus janthinus* by Thorell 1895, p. 376.

Attus succinctus: Doleschall 1857, p. 431.

Phidippa diardi: Simon 1864, p. 327.

Hyllus diardi: Simon 1886, p. 139; Prószyński 1984, p. 62; Żabka 1985, p. 229, figs. 217–220; Żabka 1988, p. 458, figs. 97–98; Peng et al. 1993, p. 96, figs. 310–313; Song et al. 1999, p. 514, figs. 301E, 326L; Xiong et al. 2017, p. 23, fig. 1A–G.

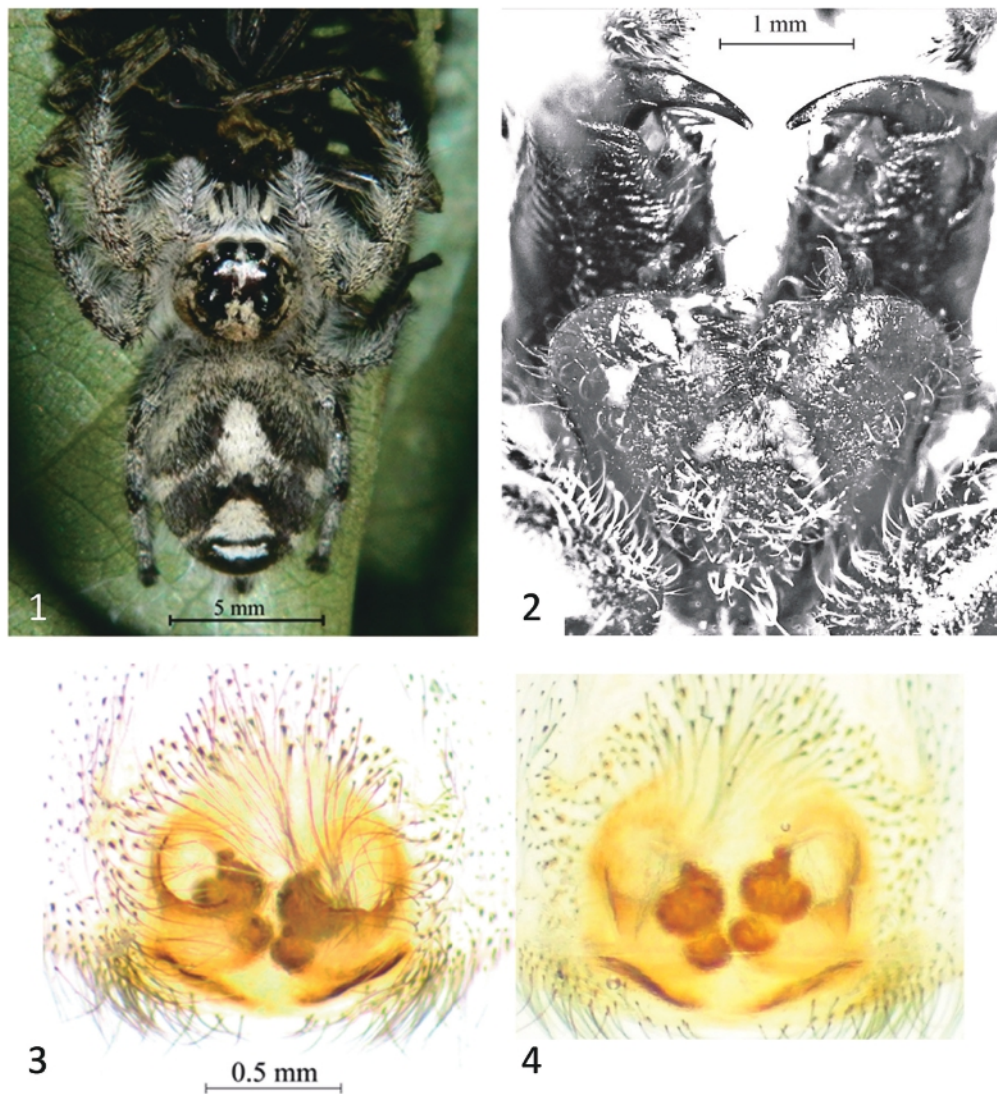
Hyllus mutillarius: Thorell 1892, p. 381.

Hyllus janthinus: Thorell 1895, p. 376; Prószyński 1984, p. 63; Żabka 1988, p. 458, figs. 99–100.

Hyllus lacertosus: Simon 1899, p. 111; Prószyński 1984, p. 63; Żabka 1985, p. 230, figs. 221–226; Peng & Kim 1998, p. 411, fig. 1D–F.

Diagnosis. *H. diardi* is characterized by large body size and distinctive abdominal pattern in females (Fig. 1). It can be distinguished from other Indian congeners by the presence of distinctive two chambered spermatheca in female internal genitalia.

Specimens examined. Two adult ♀, 1 juvenile ♀ (26°37'10.9"N, 90°16'53.8"E, elevation 79 m) from Jharbari



Figs. 1–4. *Hyllus diardi* (Walckenaer 1837). 1, habitus; 2, mouth parts, ventral view; 3, epigyne, ventral view; 4, female internal genitalia, dorsal view.

forest range, Chirang Reserve Forest, Assam, India; collected by P. Basumatary on 26 June 2017.

Description. Based on 1♀ (BMGU/A-10/ARA- 21) from Assam, India.

Measurements. Body length 17.28; carapace length 6.96, width 5.93; opisthosoma length 10.32, width 7.00; sternum length 3.14, width 1.89; chelicera length 2.59, width 1.56; maxilla length 1.86, width 1.10; labium length 1.35, width 1.34. AME 1.02, PME 0.16, ALE 0.48, PLE 0.56, AME-AME 0.13, PME-PME 3.01, AME-ALE 0.22, PME-PLE 0.66, AME-PME 0.44, ALE-ALE 2.47, ALE-PME 0.45, PLE-PLE 3.04. Lengths of legs: I 11.01 (3.37 + 2.33 + 2.80 + 1.41 + 1.10), II 10.67 (3.23 + 2.48 + 2.38 + 1.74 + 0.84), III 10.45 (3.33 + 2.32 + 1.75 + 2.19 + 0.86), IV 10.90 (3.41 + 2.23 + 1.95 + 2.21 + 1.10). Leg formula: I > IV > II > III.

Body shape and coloration. Carapace brown with a black

rim, covered with dense white hairs, narrow anteriorly, cephalic region with very sparsely distributed hairs; distinct long hair tuft horns present near PMEs. Sternum longer than broad. Chelicerae dark brown and covered with long white hairs; promargin of fang furrow with two teeth and retromargin with one tooth (Fig. 2). Pedipalp brown and covered with dense white hairs. Legs brown with white and black hairs and bristles. Opisthosoma oval, tapering posteriorly and broad at mid region, brown with dense patches of white hairs and black hairs; venter brown with a longitudinal black patch arising near epigastric furrow up to the base of spinnerets. Spinnerets dark brown and are covered with hairs.

Epigyne and internal genitalia. A pair of large oval shaped copulatory orifices separated by a median ridge (Fig. 3). Spermatheca divided into two chambers, 0.30 mm long and 0.26 mm wide (Figs. 4–5).

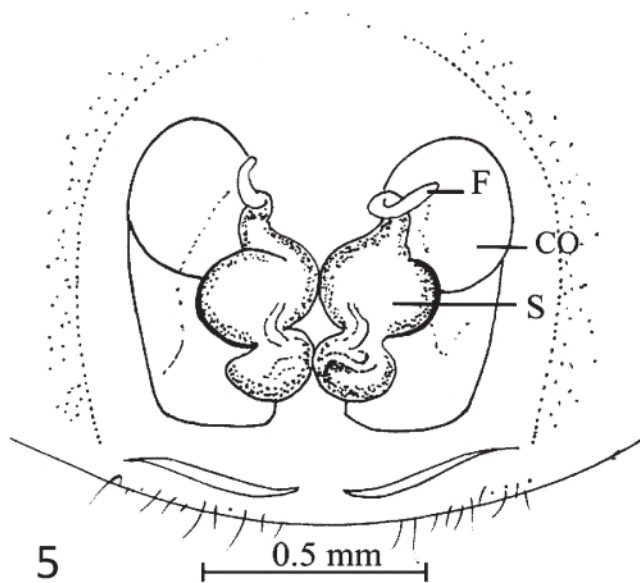


Fig. 5. Female internal genitalia of *Hyllus diardi* (Walckenaer 1837), dorsal view. CO: copulatory opening (opposite side), F: fertilization duct, S: spermatheca.

Distribution. Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, China, Java, and India (new record).

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New record of *Phrynarachne decipiens* (Forbes 1884) (Araneae: Thomisidae) from India

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Abstract — The bird dung crab spider *Phrynarachne decipiens* (Forbes 1884) is redescribed based on female specimens collected from Assam, India. Photographs and illustrations of the female genitalia are provided. This is the first record of *P. decipiens* from India.

Key words — bird-dropping, camouflage, taxonomy, Thomisidae

The genus *Phrynarachne* was erected by Thorell in 1869 with *P. rugosa* (Walckenaer 1805) as its type. It presently consists of 35 accepted species of which only three species have been reported from India: *P. ceylonica* (O. Pickard-Cambridge 1884), *P. peeliana* (Stoliczka 1869) and *P. tuberosa* (Blackwall 1864) (World Spider Catalog 2024).

Phrynarachne decipiens (Forbes 1884) was described based on female sex from Indonesia. The last description of this species was made by Jacobson in 1921 with only sketch of the habitus apart from which there are no detailed illustrations of the species since its original description. Only 10 species have been studied after their original description (Lin et al., 2022). The present paper aims to re-describe *P. decipiens* along with its first report from Assam, India.

Specimens were hand collected from Sonapur locality, Kamrup (Metropolitan) district of Assam (2 females) and Chirang Reserve Forest, Kokrajhar district of Assam (1 female). All the collected specimens were preserved in 80% ethanol, and were studied for their morphological descriptions under Leica EZ4 E stereo microscope. A single studied specimen collected from Chirang Reserve Forest was deposited to the museum of Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Shillong. Dissected epigynum was kept in 96% lactic acid for 24 hours and then treated with 10% KOH for three to four hours followed by preservation in 80% ethanol. Abbreviations used are as follows: ALE: anterior lateral eye, AME: anterior median eye, ARA: Arachnida, ERS: Eastern Regional Centre, PLE: posterior lateral eye, PME: posterior median eye. Legs measurements are given as total length (femur, patella, tibia, metatarsus and tarsus). All measurements were in millimeters (mm).

Genus *Phrynarachne* Thorell 1869

Type species: *Phrynarachne rugosa* (Walckenaer 1805)

Phrynarachne decipiens (Forbes 1884)
(Figs. 1–10)

Thomisus decipiens Forbes 1884: 586; Jacobson 1921: 186.

Ornithoscatooides decipiens O. Pickard-Cambridge 1884: 199.

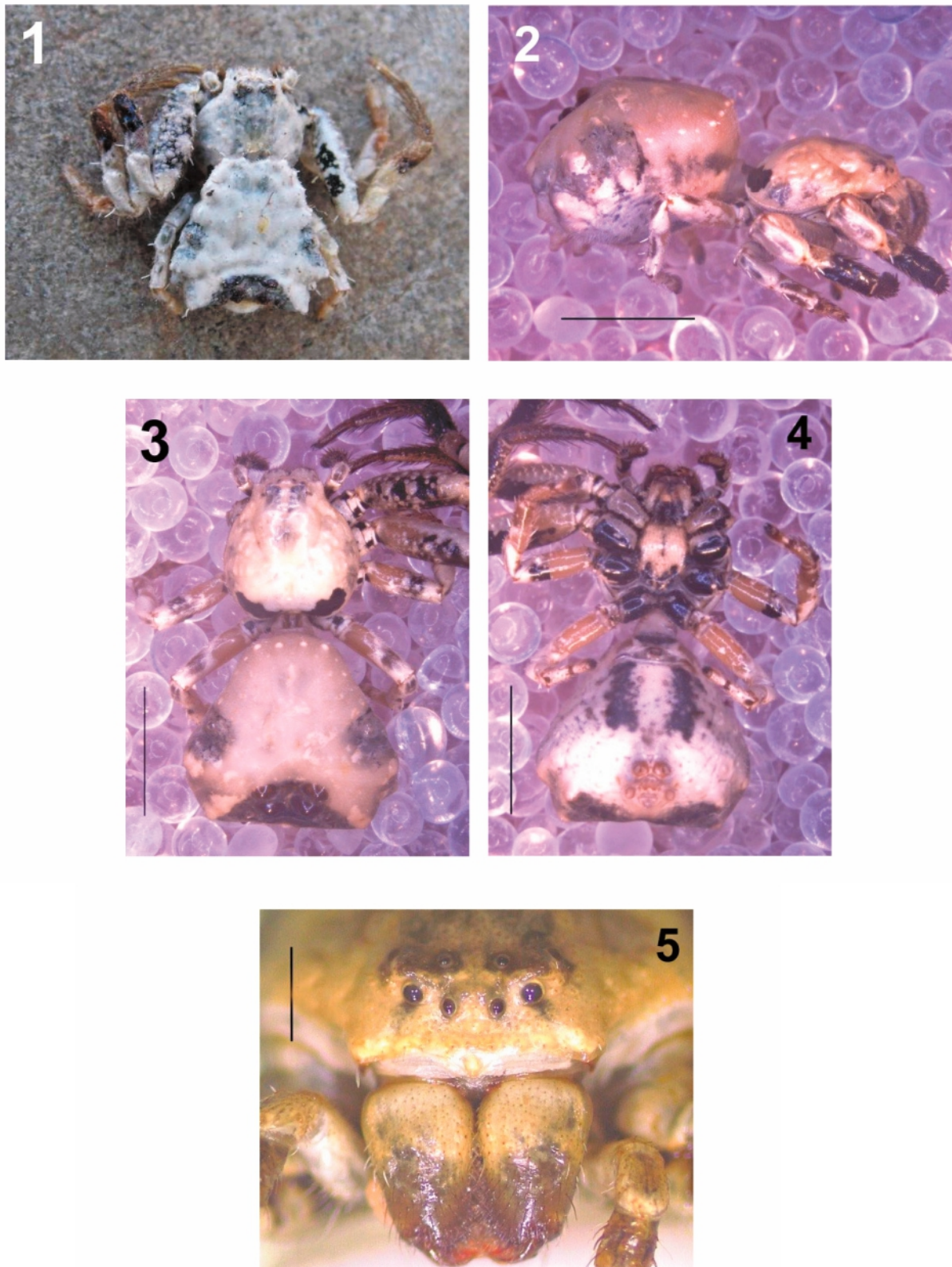
Phrynarachne decipiens Thorell 1890: 63; Workman 1896: 92.

Type material. *Holotype* Collection of Forbes from West Java, specimen deposit location unknown, not examined.

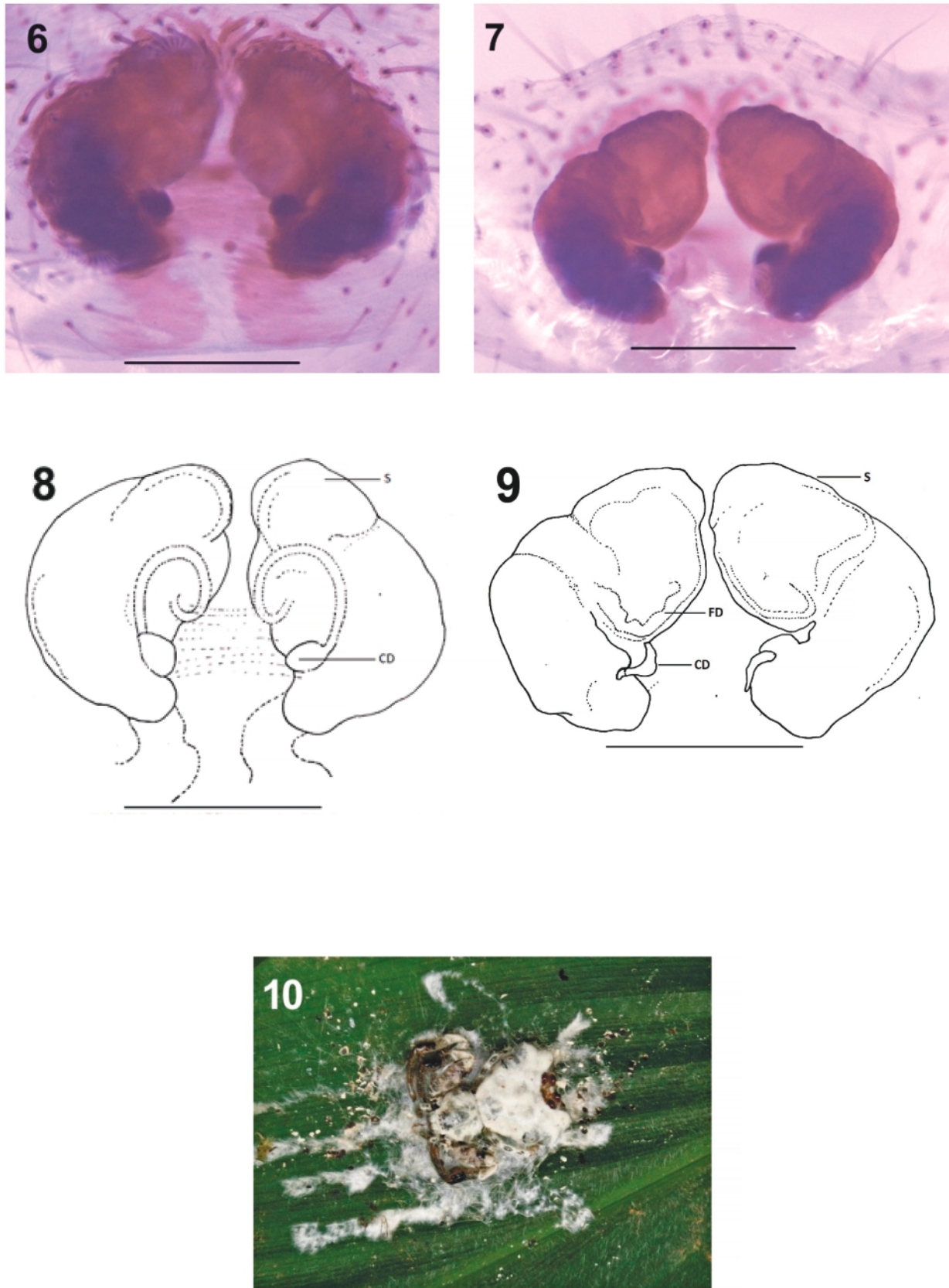
Material examined: 1 adult ♀ (ZSI Accession number: IV/ARA/ERS/44) from India, Assam, Jharbari Reserve Forest, (26.6809 N, 90.2275 E) 90 m a.s.l., 28 July 2018, leg. P. Basumatary, 2 adult ♀ Sonapur locality, Kamrup (Metropolitan) district of Assam (26.13111 N, 91.89694 E) 22 August 2018, leg. S. Das and N. Mahanta.

Diagnosis: The species resembles *P. peeliana* in habitus but can be separated from the later by stout spermathecae with posterior heads almost touching each other (vs. oval shaped spermathecae and widely spaced) and short copulatory ducts with slightly curving outwards laterally (vs. copulatory ducts long and narrow, highly curved forming an arch) (cf. Figs. 6–9, with figs. 11–12 in Roy et al. 2010).

Description. Female. Total length 13.14 long; carapace: 5.24 long, 5.47 wide; abdomen: 7.9 long, 9.38 wide. Carapace chalk white with a pair of prominent lateral black markings at the posterior end, pale blackish markings at ocular region and at cephalothoracic junction anteriorly, cephalothorax with numerous tubercula dorsally, elevated cephalic area with eyes present on tubercles (Figs. 1, 3, 5). Eye measurements: AME 0.192, ALE 0.279, PME 0.168, PLE 0.19, AME–PME 0.30, AME–ALE 0.146, PLE–PME 0.382, ALE–PLE 0.278, AME–AME 0.358, PME–PME 0.40, PLE–PLE 1.39, ALE–ALE 0.92. Chelicerae pale blackish, sternum brownish white with blackish spots pos-



Figs. 1–5. *Phrynarachne decipiens* (Forbes 1884). 1, female habitus; 2, same, lateral view; 3, same, dorsal view; 4, same, ventral view; 5, eyes, anterior view; Scales = Figs. 2–4 (5 mm), 5 (2 mm)



Figs. 6–10. *Phrynarachne decipiens* (Forbes 1884). 6, cleared epigyne, dorsal view; 7, same, ventral view; 8, diagrammatic representation of epigyne, dorsal view; 9, diagrammatic representation of epigyne, ventral view; 10, Resting position with silk deposited on leaf mimicking bird droppings. Scales = Figs. 6–9 (0.5 mm).

teriorly, maxilla dull blackish white and labium blackish. Legs chalk white covered with blackish setae and whitish miniscule spines, legs I and II directed forward in resting position, has dirty brown femur with several tubercles, chalk white patella and the tibia is blackened at the anterior region (Figs. 2, 4). Leg measurements: I: 16.21 (5.11, 2.24, 3.37, 3.71, 1.78); II: 10.07(3.20, 1.09, 2.06, 2.31, 1.41); III: 8.25 (2.86, 1.45, 1.72, 1.25, 0.97); IV: 8.18 (3.04, 1.19, 1.70, 1.15, 1.10). Leg formula: 1243. Abdomen chalk white with dark blackish semicircular patch anteriorly, eight tubercles on the anterior side dorsally, pair of round blackish patches laterally, dorsum with whitish tuberculum laterally and anteriorly, venter chalk white in colour and pleated laterally with two prominent black line running medially from epigastric furrow to the base of spinnerets (Figs. 1, 3, 4). Spinnerets whitish brown (Fig. 4).

Epigynum (Figs. 6–9). Epigynum with an anteriorly situated atrium; epigynal ridges sclerotized, copulatory ducts short and curved anteriorly forming a hood shape, directed outwards anteriorly with heads facing each other; spermathecae stout and curving inwards bilaterally.

Male. Unknown.

Natural history. The spider is usually seen lying motionlessly on upper side of broad leaves (Fig. 10). Chalky white colour of the spider and whitish deposition on leave makes it very difficult to be sighted by mimicking that of bird excreta. It generally lies 1–2 ft above the ground.

Remarks: The identification of the present species was done without examination of the type specimen, however the morphological characters and natural history of the studied specimen match those of the previously described specimens (cf. Figs. 1–3, 5 and 10 with figs a, g in Workman 1896 and figs 1–2 in Jacobson 1921), thus leaving no doubt that the studied specimen indeed belongs to *P. decipiens*.

Distribution. Malaysia, Indonesia (Java, Sumatra) and India (new record).

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APPENDIX 2
PERMISSION

Permission from Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest Cum CHD, BTR for
conducting surveys at Chirang Reserve Forest, Assam, India.



GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS CUM CHD
BODOLAND TERRITORIAL COUNCIL, KOKRAJHAR.

No.FGW/WL/35/Chakrasila/1180,

Dated, Kokrajhar, the 16/10 /2017.

To,

✓ Sri Paris Basumatary,
Bodoland University, Zoology Department,
Kokrajhar.

Sub :- Permission for access to bio-resources (Spider fauna).

Ref :- Your petition dtd.15.9.2017.

The prayer petition submitted by your vide under reference is accepted and you are hereby allowed to access for bio-resources (Spider fauna) in Chirang Reserve Forest in Assam for the period of 4 (four) years i.e. from 07/06/2017 to 09/02/2020 on fulfillment of conditions laid down to the Assam State Biodiversity Board's letter No. ABB/Permission/2012/505, dtd. 7/6/2017.

This is for your information and necessary action.

(A. Swargowari, IFS)

Addl. PCCF & CHD, Forests, BTC, Kokrajhar.

Copy to :-

- (1) The Superintendent of Police, Kokrajhar for favour of information.
- (2) The Divisional Forest Officer, Haltugaon Division, Kokrajhar for information and Take necessary action.
- (3) The Range Officer, Ultapani Range for information.

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(A. Swargowari, IFS)

Addl. PCCF & CHD, Forests, BTC, Kokrajhar.

APPENDIX 3 PERMISSION

Permission from Assam State Biodiversity Board for collection of specimens from Chirang Reserve Forest, Assam, India.



ASSAM STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD
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From: **A. K. Johari**, IFS
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To: Mr. Paris Basumatary
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Sub: Permission for access to bio-resources (Spider fauna) in Chirang RF, Assam.

Ref: Your application dated 17th May, 2017

Dear Mr. Basumatary,

In inviting a reference to the above, this is to convey approval of the Assam State Biodiversity Board on the PhD research study '*Ecology of Spiders at Chirang RF*' Assam. This permission is subject to fulfillment of following conditions:

- i. The permission is for a period of from 07/06/2017 up to 09/02/2020.
- ii. The permission granted is purely for survey purposes and is subject to other clearances from concerned Authorities of Forest Department, Assam.
- iii. Collection of samples, excluding the Scheduled I species, if required, shall be done with due permission & with utmost care so as to cause no/ least harm to the fauna.
- iv. In case of any intended IPR/Commercial use of the research finding, a fresh application shall be made in terms of the provision of the Biological Diversity Act-2002 and Assam Biodiversity Rules-2010.
- v. The outcome of the research study shall be shared with the Board.

In the event of violation of any of the conditions stipulated above, the permission shall be liable to be withdrawn.

Yours faithfully,

(A. K. Johari, IFS)
Member Secretary, ASBB

Copy for information to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife, Assam, Basistha Forest Complex, Guwahati-29.

APPENDIX 4

SPECIMENS DEPOSTIED IN ZOOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA (ZSI)

SHILLONG, NORTH EASTERN REGIONAL CENTRE

A total of 100 individuals of spider specimens are deposited in ZSI, Shillong



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Dated: 30th Sep., 2019

To,

Paris Basumatary

Research Scholar

Department of Zoology

Bodoland University

Assam, 783370

Subject: Deposition of Arachnida specimen & issue of registration number

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, this is to acknowledge the receipt of following Arachnida specimens deposited by you in the National Repository housed in this Regional Centre. As desired the registration number of the said specimen are given below:-

Sl. No	Registration No.	Specimens	Family	Examples
1	IV/ARA/ERS-33	<i>Argyrodes millosus</i>	Theridiidae	1, Female
2	IV/ARA/ERS-34	<i>Bianor sp.</i>	Solticidae	1, Male
3	IV/ARA/ERS-35	<i>Bianor sp.</i>	Solticidae	1, Male
4	IV/ARA/ERS-36	<i>Castianeira sp.</i>	Corinnidae	1, Male
5	IV/ARA/ERS-37	<i>Castianeira sp.</i>	Corinnidae	1, Female
6	IV/ARA/ERS-38	<i>Cocalus sp.</i>	Solticidae	1, Male
7	IV/ARA/ERS-39	<i>Heliophanus sp.</i>	Solticidae	1, Female
8	IV/ARA/ERS-40	<i>Heliophanus sp.</i>	Solticidae	1, Female
9	IV/ARA/ERS-41	<i>Meotipa assamensis</i>	Theridiidae	1, Female

10	IV/ARA/ERS-42	<i>Philoponella alata</i>	Uloboridae	1, Male
11	IV/ARA/ERS-43	<i>Philoponella alata</i>	Uloboridae	1, Male
12	IV/ARA/ERS-44	<i>Phrynarachne lancea</i>	Thomisidae	1, Female
13	IV/ARA/ERS-45		Pisauridae	1, Male
14	IV/ARA/ERS-46		Pisauridae	1, Female
15	IV/ARA/ERS-47	<i>Meotipa assamensis</i>	Theridiidae	1, Female
16	IV/ARA/ERS-48	<i>Meotipa sp.</i>	Theridiidae	1, Female
17	IV/ARA/ERS-49	<i>Orelgorius sexspinosus</i>	Araneidae	1, Female
18	IV/ARA/ERS-50	<i>Philoponella alata</i>	Uloboridae	1, Female
19	IV/ARA/ERS-51	<i>Philoponella alata</i>	Uloboridae	1, Female
20	IV/ARA/ERS-52	<i>Gnothopalystes sp.</i>	Sparassidae	1, Female
21	IV/ARA/ERS-53	<i>Parasteatoda sp.</i>	Theridiidae	1, Female
22	IV/ARA/ERS-54	<i>Parasteatoda sp.</i>	Theridiidae	1, Female
23	IV/ARA/ERS-55	<i>Theridula sp.</i>	Theridiidae	1, Female
24	IV/ARA/ERS-56	<i>Theridula sp.</i>	Theridiidae	1, Female
25	IV/ARA/ERS-57	<i>Theridula sp.</i>	Theridiidae	1, Female
26	IV/ARA/ERS-58		Zodariidae	1, Male
27	IV/ARA/ERS-59		Zodariidae	1, Female

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,

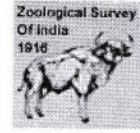


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Dated 9th July, 2024

To,
Paris Basumatary
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Sub: Allotment of registration numbers to the spider specimens deposited at NERC, ZSI, Shillong

Sir,

With reference to your application dated 24/06/2024 regarding deposition of spider specimens and acquiring registration numbers, this is to inform you that this office has registered a total of 140 specimens belonging to 84 species deposited by you with registration number from IV/ARA/ERS/166 to IV/ARA/ERS/249. Please find enclosed herewith the list of species along with the registration number.

Encl: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

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Sl. No.	Species	Exs. Submitted	Family	Registration Number
1	<i>Acusilas coccineus</i> Simon, 1895	1	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/166
2	<i>Argiope aemula</i> (Walckenaer, 1841)	1	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/167
3	<i>Argiope pulchella</i> Thorell, 1881	1	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/168
4	<i>Bijoaraneus mitificus</i> (Simon, 1886)	2	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/169
5	<i>Arachnura angura</i> Tikader, 1970	2	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/170
6	<i>Caerostris sumatrana</i> Strand, 1915	2	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/171
7	<i>Cyrtarachne inaequalis</i> Thorell, 1895	2	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/172
8	<i>Cyrtarachne nagasakiensis</i> Strand, 1898	1	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/173
9	<i>Cyrtophora cicatrosa</i> (Stoliczka, 1869)	1	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/174
10	<i>Cyrtophora moluccensis</i> (Doleschall, 1857)	1	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/175
11	<i>Cyrtophora unicolor</i> (Doleschall, 1857)	1	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/176
12	<i>Cyrtophora feae</i> (Thorell, 1887)	2	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/177
13	<i>Eriovixia excelsa</i> (Simon, 1889)	3	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/178
14	<i>Eriovixia laglaizei</i> (Simon, 1877)	2	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/179
15	<i>Eriovixia pseudocentrodus</i> (Bösenberg & Strand, 1906)	1	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/180
16	<i>Gasteracantha kuhli</i> C. L. Koch, 1837	2	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/181
17	<i>Heremia multipuncta</i> (Doleschall, 1859)	2	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/182
18	<i>Larinia phthisica</i> (L. Koch, 1871)	3	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/183
19	<i>Macracantha hasselti</i> (C. L. Koch, 1837)	1	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/184
20	<i>Neoscona bengalensis</i> Tikader & Bal, 1981	3	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/185
21	<i>Neoscona mukerji</i> Tikader, 1980	1	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/186
22	<i>Neoscona theisi</i> (Walckenaer, 1841)	3	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/187
23	<i>Nephila pilipes</i> (Fabricius, 1793)	1	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/188
24	<i>Nephilengys malabarensis</i> (Walckenaer, 1841)	1	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/189
25	<i>Pasilobus kotigeharus</i> Tikader, 1963	1	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/190
26	<i>Parawixia dehaani</i> (Doleschall, 1859)	2	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/191
27	<i>Poltys columnaris</i> Thorell, 1890	1	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/192
28	<i>Poltys illepidus</i> C. L. Koch, 1843	1	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/193
29	<i>Guizygiella indica</i> (Tikader & Bal, 1980)	3	Araneidae	IV/ARA/ERS/194
30	<i>Bowie sikkimensis</i> (Gravely, 1931)	1	Ctenidae	IV/ARA/ERS/195
31	<i>Clubiona bengalensis</i> Biswas, 1984	1	Clubionidae	IV/ARA/ERS/196
32	<i>Cheiracanthium danieli</i> Tikader, 1975	1	Cheiracanthiidae	IV/ARA/ERS/197
33	<i>Hersilia savignyi</i> Lucas, 1836	1	Hersiliidae	IV/ARA/ERS/198
34	<i>Lycosa mackenziei</i> Gravely, 1924	1	Lycosidae	IV/ARA/ERS/199
35	<i>Pardosa pseudoannulata</i> (Bösenberg & Strand, 1906)	1	Lycosidae	IV/ARA/ERS/200
36	<i>Hamadruas sikkimensis</i> (Tikader, 1970)	3	Oxyopidae	IV/ARA/ERS/201
37	<i>Hamataliwa pentagona</i> Tang & Li, 2012	3	Oxyopidae	IV/ARA/ERS/202
38	<i>Oxyopes shweta</i> Tikader, 1970	1	Oxyopidae	IV/ARA/ERS/203
39	<i>Oxyopes sitae</i> Tikader, 1970	4	Oxyopidae	IV/ARA/ERS/204
40	<i>Peucetia latikae</i> Tikader, 1970	2	Oxyopidae	IV/ARA/ERS/205
41	<i>Dendrolycosa songi</i> (Zhang, 2000)	1	Pisauridae	IV/ARA/ERS/206
42	<i>Hygropoda higenaga</i> (Kishida, 1936)	2	Pisauridae	IV/ARA/ERS/207
43	<i>Nilus albocinctus</i> (Doleschall, 1859)	2	Pisauridae	IV/ARA/ERS/208
44	<i>Psechrus himalayanus</i> Simon, 1906	1	Psechridae	IV/ARA/ERS/209
45	<i>Asemonea tenuipes</i> (O. Pickard-Cambridge, 1869)	2	Salticidae	IV/ARA/ERS/210
46	<i>Bianor angulosus</i> (Karsch, 1879)	2	Salticidae	IV/ARA/ERS/211
47	<i>Brettus cingulatus</i> Thorell, 1895	2	Salticidae	IV/ARA/ERS/212
48	<i>Carrhotus viduus</i> (C. L. Koch, 1846)	3	Salticidae	IV/ARA/ERS/213
49	<i>Epeus indicus</i> Prószyński, 1992	1	Salticidae	IV/ARA/ERS/214
50	<i>Thiania bhamoensis</i> Thorell, 1887	1	Salticidae	IV/ARA/ERS/215
51	<i>Hyllus semicupreus</i> (Simon, 1885)	1	Salticidae	IV/ARA/ERS/216
52	<i>Hyllus diardi</i> (Walckenaer, 1837)	1	Salticidae	IV/ARA/ERS/217
53	<i>Myrmaplata platyleoides</i> (O. Pickard-Cambridge, 1869)	4	Salticidae	IV/ARA/ERS/218
54	<i>Phaeacius fimbriatus</i> Simon, 1900	2	Salticidae	IV/ARA/ERS/219
55	<i>Phintella vittata</i> (C. L. Koch, 1846)	1	Salticidae	IV/ARA/ERS/220
56	<i>Plexippus paykulli</i> (Audouin, 1826)	1	Salticidae	IV/ARA/ERS/221
57	<i>Portia fimbriata</i> (Doleschall, 1859)	2	Salticidae	IV/ARA/ERS/222
58	<i>Rhene albiger</i> (C. L. Koch, 1846)	1	Salticidae	IV/ARA/ERS/223
59	<i>Siler semiglaucus</i> (Simon, 1901)	2	Salticidae	IV/ARA/ERS/224
60	<i>Telamonia dimidiata</i> (Simon, 1899)	2	Salticidae	IV/ARA/ERS/225

61	<i>Va ilimia jharbari</i> Basumatary, Caleb & Das, 2020	1	Salticidae	IV/ARA/ERS/226
62	<i>Heteropoda venatoria</i> (Linnaeus, 1767)	1	Sparassidae	IV/ARA/ERS/227
63	<i>Olios lamarki</i> (Latreille, 1806)	1	Sparassidae	IV/ARA/ERS/228
64	<i>Thelcticopis severa</i> (L. Koch, 1875)	2	Sparassidae	IV/ARA/ERS/229
65	<i>Leucauge decorata</i> (Blackwall, 1864)	1	Tetragnathidae	IV/ARA/ERS/230
66	<i>Leucauge fastigata</i> (Simon, 1877)	2	Tetragnathidae	IV/ARA/ERS/231
67	<i>Tylorida ventralis</i> (Thorell, 1877)	2	Tetragnathidae	IV/ARA/ERS/232
68	<i>Tylorida striata</i> (Thorell, 1877)	1	Tetragnathidae	IV/ARA/ERS/233
69	<i>Tetragnatha javana</i> (Thorell, 1890)	2	Tetragnathidae	IV/ARA/ERS/234
70	<i>Argyrodes miniaceus</i> (Dolleschall, 1857)	2	Theridiidae	IV/ARA/ERS/235
71	<i>Chryso angula</i> (Tikader, 1970)	1	Theridiidae	IV/ARA/ERS/236
72	<i>Chikunia nigra</i> (O. Pickard-Cambridge, 1880)	1	Theridiidae	IV/ARA/ERS/237
73	<i>Meotipa picturata</i> Simon, 1895	2	Theridiidae	IV/ARA/ERS/238
74	<i>Parasteatoda celsabdomina</i> (Zhu, 1998)	2	Theridiidae	IV/ARA/ERS/239
75	<i>Theridula gonygaster</i> (Simon, 1873)	1	Theridiidae	IV/ARA/ERS/240
76	<i>Thwaitesia margaritifera</i> O. Pickard-Cambridge, 1881	2	Theridiidae	IV/ARA/ERS/241
77	<i>Amyciaea forticeps</i> (O. Pickard-Cambridge, 1873)	2	Thomisidae	IV/ARA/ERS/242
78	<i>Camarius khandalaensis</i> Tikader, 1980	2	Thomisidae	IV/ARA/ERS/243
79	<i>Thomisus lobosus</i> Tikader, 1965	4	Thomisidae	IV/ARA/ERS/244
80	<i>Oxytate greenae</i> (Tikader, 1980)	1	Thomisidae	IV/ARA/ERS/245
81	<i>Phrynarachne decipiens</i> (Forbes, 1884)	1	Thomisidae	IV/ARA/ERS/246
82	<i>Tmarus jabalpurensis</i> Gajbe & Gajbe, 1999	2	Thomisidae	IV/ARA/ERS/247
83	<i>Stiphropus soureni</i> Sen, 1964	1	Thomisidae	IV/ARA/ERS/248
84	<i>Miagrammopes apostrophus</i> Sen, Saha & Raychaudhuri, 2013	2	Uloboridae	IV/ARA/ERS/249

APPENDIX 5

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Redescription of Cocalus Murinus Simon 1899, A Lesser Known Salticidae

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Genus Cocalus C.L. Koch, 1846 a lesser known genus of spider has only five accepted species worldwide as per World Spider Catalog 2017. Out of five species, only one species of Cocalus murinus Simon, 1899 has been reported from West Bengal, India. This species is nocturnal and is found on tree twigs at a height of 8ft. It is distinguished from its congeners by the hairy body, distinctive bump at the front ocular region and structure of epigyne. This paper redescribes the spider on the basis of specimen collected from Jharbari Reserve Forest, Assam, India.

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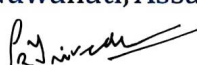
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