

40x24-28µm. Several conidia of *Questieriella* form were detached, scattered in the colonies and were germinating. Conidia slightly curved, pale brown, falcate, 3-septate, slightly constricted at the septa, end cells attenuated, 25-32µm long, 9-12µm broad at the middle.

### Remarks

This species was reported from Philippines (Kranz, 1966) and is reported here for the first time from India (Bilgrami *et al.*, 1991; Hosagoudar, 2003).

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NOTE

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## REPLACEMENT NAME FOR *AMAUROBIUS INDICUS* BASTAWADE AND ITS TRANSFER TO FAMILY CORINNIDAE (ARACHNIDA: ARANEAE)

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*Amaurobius indicus* Bastawade was described as a new species under the family Amaurobiidae (Bastawade, 2002). Siliwal *et al.* (2005: see II.a.2) referred to this species as 'misplaced' on the figures and characters given by the author. In his World Catalog of Spiders, Platnick (2006) remarked the species to be 'misplaced' following Siliwal *et al.* (2005). Literature search for the characters

for the placement of this species suggested that this species should be placed under the family Corinnidae. This Note is in keeping with the recommendations by the two sources in standardizing arachnid taxonomy.

The family Corinnidae is represented by 35 known species under nine genera and, out of these, six genera and 25 species are endemic to the Indian mainland (Siliwal *et al.*, 2005). The genus *Oedignatha* Thorell 1881, presently includes 13 species from India. Majumder and Tikader (1991) and Reddy and Patel (1993) had placed the genus *Oedignatha* Thorell, 1881 under the Family Clubionidae but it has now been transferred to the Family Corinnidae (Platnick, 2006).

The studies of diagnostic characters of the Family Corinnidae and of the genus *Oedignatha* suggest that the previously described *Amaurobius indicus* Bastawade should be transferred to family Corinnidae and the genus *Oedignatha*.

This species was described by me (Bastawade, 2002) based on *Amaurobius andamanensis* Tikader, 1977 and had provided a key to distinguish the two. However, Deeelman-Reinhold (2001) transferred *A. andamanensis* to genus *Oedignatha* (IX.g.2 in Siliwal *et al.*, 2005). Since *A. indicus* Bastawade, 2002 meets the characters of genus *Oedignatha* like *O. andamanensis*, I propose the transfer of *A. indicus* to genus *Oedignatha*. Since, *Oedignatha indica* Reddy & Patel, 1993 is preoccupied (see # IX.g.7 in Siliwal *et al.*, 2005), I propose a replacement name *Oedignatha raigadensis* nom. nov., as per Article No. 60 of the ICZN (1999). The proposed name is after the district in which the type locality Khalapur occurs.

The type material are preserved in 70% alcohol and currently deposited at ZSI, WRS, Pune with the following registration numbers: I/1104 (holotype female), I/1105 (paratype male), I/1106a & b (paratype females).

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