

SOME DESCRIPTIVE NOTES ON *CHANGWHANIA CEYLONENSIS* (BAKER)  
(HOMOPTERA : CICADELLIDAE) FROM INDIA

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INTRODUCTION

*Changwhania ceylonensis* (Baker) is known to have a wide range of distribution. Originally it was described and reported from Sri Lanka by Melichar (1903) while Pruthi (1930) recorded it from "Bengal", Central "India" and "Madras". Kwon (1980) and Webb and Hellar (1990) reported it from South East Asia. While working on Indian leafhoppers, the author came across the species from Meghalaya and from Periyar district of Tamil Nadu and the same is reported here. Although this species is well distributed, it has been described by various authors under different taxa causing much difficulty in its identity and therefore it is described here in detail.

***Changwhania ceylonensis* (Baker)**

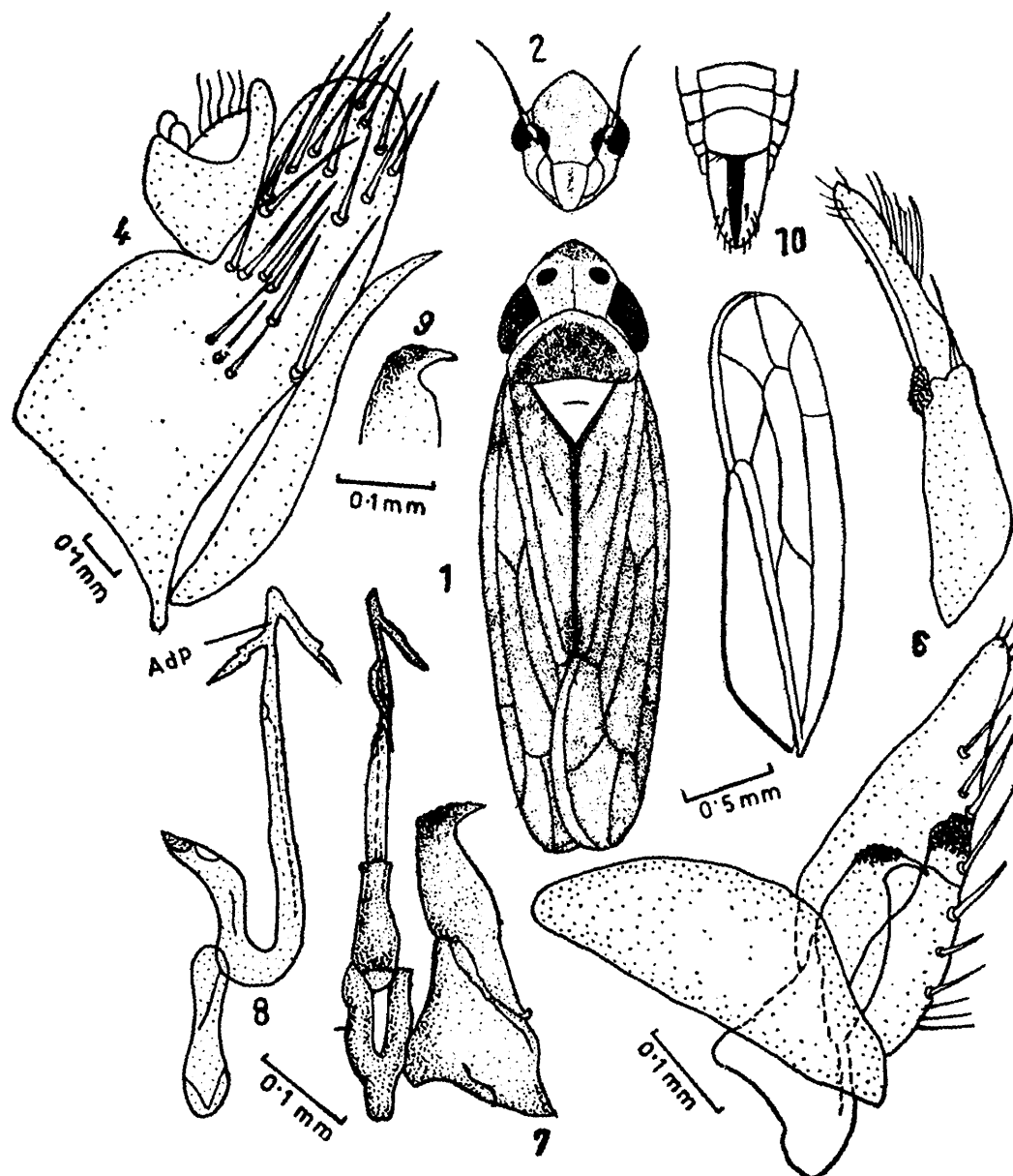
(Figs. 1-10)

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Vertex brightly ochraceous with two large round spots at the anterior margin of eyes. Face longer than broad ochraceous, frontoclypeus below antenna at the lateral margins with oblique piceous spots, lateral frontal sutures extending to ocelli ; lora small narrow, not reaching apex of clypellus ; clypellus long, ochraceous. Eyes grey with irregular dark maculations. Pronotum as long as vertex, anterior margin rounded, posterior margin almost truncate. Scutellum ochraceous, transversely impressed in the middle Forewing hyaline, margin brown, with three apical and two antepical cells. abdomen and legs ochraceous ; posterior femoral spinulation 2+1+1.

**Male genitalia :**

Pygofer dorsoventrally flattened with numerous setae at the dorsocaudal end, each pygofer with a ventral process which is curved ventrally near apex. Male plate long,

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| Fig. 1. Habitus                        | ... Dorsal view  |
| Fig. 2. Face                           | ... Ventral view |
| Fig. 3. Forewing                       | ... Dorsal view  |
| Fig. 4. Pygofer                        | ... Dorsal view  |
| Fig. 5. Valve, Male Plate and Style    | ... Ventral view |
| Fig. 6. Male Plate                     | ... Lateral view |
| Fig. 7. Style, Connective and Aedeagus | ... Dorsal view  |
| Fig. 8. Aedeagus and Connective        | ... Lateral view |
| Fig. 9. Style, apex                    | ... Dorsal view  |
| Fig. 10. Female genitalia              | ... Ventral view |

broad at base and narrowed towards apex with numerous hair-like setae on the lateral margin. Style broad at base, preapical lobe poorly developed apophysis short, its caudal lateral angle produced to form beak-like structure and end of style with fine tooth-like serration and sculphum. Aedaeagus with well developed dorsal apodeme, shaft considerably long with two asymmetrical processes at the ends, the processes notched in the middle on the outer margin.

*Female genitalia :*

Seventh sternum small, ochraceous, posterior margin produced slightly in the middle. Pygofer large with stout setae on lateral and posterior margins ; ovipositor long reaching posterior extremity of abdomen.

*Measurments :*

Males 2.68 to 3.05 mm long and 0.67 to 0.81 mm wide. Females 2.82 to 3.44 mm long and 0.72 to 0.84 mm wide.

*Specimens examined :*

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*Distribution :* India, Sri Lanka, South East Asia,

*Remarks :*

*Changwhania ceylonensis* (Baker) resembles *Changwhania terauchii* (Matsumara) and *Changwhania distanti* (Baker) in having two black round spots on the vertex but differs from the former in the possession of deeply curved pygofer process, asymmetrical aedeagal processes and smaller black spots on the frontoclypeal margins. Besides it differs from the latter species in the absence of a mid longitudinal ridge on the face.

SUMMARY

*Changwhania ceylonensis* (Baker) is described in detail and its occurrence in Meghlaya and Periyar dist. of Tamil Nadu is reported for the first time.

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## ABSTRACT

Detailed description of *Changwhania ceylonensis* (Baker) is given along with a note on its distribution.

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