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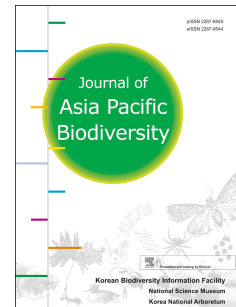
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Abstract

The genus *Trachelas* is well reported from the world with 86 valid species known so far. Of which, only two species have been reported from India. In this paper, we describe a new species *Trachelas chamoli* sp. nov from Uttarakhand, India.

Key words: *Trachelas*, Trachelidae, Western Himalaya, new species.

Introduction

Trachelidae is considered as a monophyletic group traditionally placed with a subfamily rank inside Clubionidae (Gertsch 1942; Chickering 1972) and then within Corinnidae (Bosselaers & Jocqué 2002). Deeleman-Reinhold (2001) for the first time proposed trachelids as a separate family and was then later recognized as a family by Ramírez (2014). Trachelidae can be distinguished from other Corinnids by a strong reduction in the number of normal leg spines, the presence (mostly in males) of blunt

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