NEW RECORD OF *Stilbula tanjorensis* (Mani & Dubey) (Hymenoptera: Eucharitidae) FROM KERALA, INDIA

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The species *Stilbula tanjorensis* (Mani & Dubey) is so far reported from Tamil Nadu (Mani & Dubey, 1974; Heraty, 2002). This short communication is intended to report the extended distribution of this taxon in Kerala state.

*Stilbula tanjorensis* (Mani & Dubey)

(Figs. 1-5)


Type data: India: Tamil Nadu; Tanjore.

Holotype: Female (USNM, Type No. 76244), by original designation.

Description of both sexes illustrated.

*Stilbula tanjorensis* (Mani & Dubey), comb. nov. by Hedqvist, 1978: 247.


Material examined: 25.xi.2003, 4 males, Manjeri, Malappuram district, Kerala, India (11°7’N - 76°3’E), Sheeba M., 10031/H3 (illustration provided), 10032/H3, 10033/H3 and 24.x.2004, 10034/H3; 28.vi.1999, 1 male, Thrissur, Kerala, India (10°31’N - 76°15’E), Priya Menon, 10035/H3; 16.vii.2001, 1 male, Calicut University Campus, Malappuram district, Kerala, India (11°7’N - 75°3’E), Sudheer K., 10036/H3. All specimens are deposited in the Hymenoptera Section, Zoological Survey of India, Kolkata (NZSI).

Diagnosis: This species differs from all other species of *Stilbula* Spinola in the following combination of characters: Posterior process of scutellum with a slender elongated stalk (Fig. 5); stigmal vein distinct; mesopleuron with a large smooth area; gastral petiole with a dark ring medially in female and submedially in male and gastral petiole shorter than remaining part of gaster.

Host: Unknown.

Biology: Unknown.

Distribution: India: Kerala (Calicut University Campus, Manjeri, Thrissur), Tamil Nadu (Tanjore, Coimbatore, Nilgiri Hills).

Remarks: This is the first report of the species from Kerala.

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