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A New Species Of Genus *Forcipula* Bolivar (Labiduridae: Dermaptera) From Sindh Pakistan

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Abstract: *Forcipula akbari* is described as a new species from Sindh Pakistan.

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1. INTRODUCTION

According to Steinmann (1973) fourteen species of *Forcipula* occur in oriented region. Presently one new species namely *Forcipula akbari* is added.

Forcipula akbari n. sp. **Fig. 1and 2**

Diagnosis:

This species is very closely related to *F.quadrispinosa*. About 3mm smaller, but it differs from it in size of body length and length of forceps. It also differs in the arrangement of teeth on abdominal segments.

Description of the Male Holotype:

Antennae have more than 14nth segments. 1st segment is conical, broad and long, 2nd is minute, 3rd is long as 1st segment and slender. 4th, 5th and 6th segments are short and other segments are gradually large. Color of antennae is brown and basal segments are light yellowish brown in color. Mouth parts are brown in color. Head is hairy black in color. Eyes are large black. Pronotum is square, broad, long with black in color and sides are yellow. Legs are long yellowish brown color. Light black spots are present on femur and tarsus. Elytra are large, black, granulose and keeled. Wings are same as elytra, tips are yellow. Abdomen have eleven segments which are milled together with the color is dark black and red. On 2nd-5th abdominal segments large spines on each sides present. Abdomen is granulose. Last dorsal segment is broad, granulose and dark red in color and median depressed line is present. Forceps are long, very broad, crenulated and curved. Pygidium is present.

Measurements in millimeter (mm)

	Male (n=01)
Length of head	3.0
Length of pronotum	2.4
Length of hind femur	3.5
Length of hind tibia	3.0
Length of forceps	7.7
Total body length	14.1

2. MATERIAL AND EXAMINED

Sindh. Jamshoro. 1 male Holotype. (10.viii.2004). (M. S. Wagan)

Etymology:

This new species has been named in the honor of Professor Dr. S. S.Akbar former Professor and Chairman of Department of zoology, University of Sindh for his countless contribution in this field of taxonomy.

Repository:

The type has been deposited in the museum of zoology department, University of Sindh.

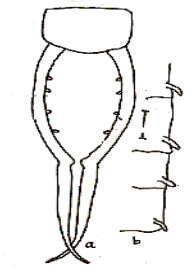


Fig 1 *Forcipula akbari* n.sp.

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Fig. 2 *Forcipula akbari* n.sp. (a) Forceps (b) Abdominal spines. Scale =1mm

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