



On A New Species of the Genus *Senga*, Dollfus, 1934 (Cestoda: Ptychobothridae) From Fresh Water Fish *Mastacembelus armatus* (Lecepede, 1800) at Aurangabad District (M.S.), India.

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ABSTRACT

The present communication deal with the description of a new species of genus *Senga shindei* Sp. Nov. These Cestodes collected from the intestine of a fresh water fish *Mastacembelus armatus* (Lecepede, 1800) from Godavari river at Paithan, District- Aurangabad. The present worm differs from the known species of genus *Senga* in the shape and size of the Scolex, number and arrangement of hooks, shape of mature segment, numbers of testes, position of cirrus pouch and arrangement of vitellaria.

KEYWORDS : Aurangabad, *Mastacembelus armatus*, *Senga shindei*.

INTRODUCTION

The genus *Senga* was established by Dollfus, 1934 with its type species *S. besnardi* from *Betta splendens* at Vincennes, France. *S. ophiocephalina* Tseng, 1933 as *Anchistrocephalus ophiocephalina* from *Ophiocephalus argus* at Taimen, China and identified with a form previously recorded by Southwell, 1913 as *Anchistrocephalus polyptera* (*Anchirocephalus*) Monticelli, 1890 - Syn. *Anchistrocephalus* Luhe, 1899 from *Ophiocephalus striatus* in Bengal, India. *S. pcyonera* Woodland, 1924 as *Bothriocephalus pcyonera* from *Ophiocephalus marulius* at Allahabad, India. *S. lucknowensis*. Johri, 1956 from *Mastacembelus armatus* in India. Fernando and Furtado, 1963 recorded *S. malayana* from *Channa striata*, *S. parva* and *S. filiformis* from *Channa micropeltes* at Malacca. Ramadevi and Hanumantha Rao, 1966 reported the plerocercoid of *Senga* sp. from *Panchax panchax*. Tadros, 1968 synonymised the genus *Senga* with the genus *Polyonchobothrium* and proposed new combinations for the species. Furtado and Chauhan, 1971 reported *S. pahangensis* from *Channa micropeltes* at Tesak Bera. Shinde, 1972 redescribed *S. besnardi* from *Ophiocephalus gachua* in India. Ramadevi and Rao, 1973 reported another species of *S. visakhapatnamensis* India. Ramadevi (1976) described the life cycle of *S. visakhapatnamensis* from *Ophiocephalus punctatus* in a lake at Kondakaria, Andhra Pradesh, India. But they do not agree with Tadros statements. Wardle, McLeod and Radinsky, 1974 put *Senga* as a distinct genus in the family Ptychobothridae. Deshmukh, 1980 reported *S. khami* from *Ophiocephalus marulius*, a

fresh water fish from Kham river at Aurangabad. Jadhav and Shinde, 1980 reported *S. godavari* from *M. armatus* at Nanded, M.S. India. One more species *S. aurangabadensis* was added by Jadhav and Shinde, 1980 from *M. armatus* at Aurangabad M.S. India. A new addition made by Kadam et.al., 1981 as *S. paithaensis* from host *M. armatus*. Majid et. al., 1984 added *S. raoi* and *S. jagannathae* from *Channa punctatus*. Two more new species erected by Jadhav et. al., 1991 as *S. maharashtrii* and *S. gachuae* from the intestine of *M. armatus*. Monzer Hasnain, 1992 added *S. chauhani* from *Channa punctatus*. Tat and Jadhav, 1997 added *S. mohekarai* from the intestine of the *M. armatus*, at Parli, Dist. Beed, M.S. India. Patil and Jadhav added *Senga tappi* from *M. armatus* in 2003. Jadhav, 2005 made the review article of the genus *Senga* from freshwater fishes from Maharashtra state, India. Pande et. al., 2006 added two new species i.e. *S. ayodhensis* from *Amphipneustes cuchia* and *S. baghui* from *Rita rita*. Bhure et.al. 2010 added one new species *S. madhavii*. Lastly Fartade et.al.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Cestode parasites were collected from the intestine of fresh water fish *Mastacembelus armatus* at Paithan, District- Aurangabad (M.S.) India. These Cestodes preserved in hot 4% formalin and stained with Aceto-carmine or Harris haematoxylin, passed through various alcoholic grades, cleared in xylene, mounted in D.P.X. and drawings are made with the aid of camera lucida. All measurements are given in millimeters, otherwise mentioned. The identification is made with the help of Systema Helminthum.

DESCRIPTION

Eight mature specimens were collected from the intestine of a fresh water fish *Mastacembelus armatus* (Lecepede, 1800) from Godavari river at Paithan Tq. Paithan, Dist. Aurangabad.

The worms were considerably long, thin, milky white in colour, with scolex, numerous immature and mature segments.

The scolex is large well developed, broad at base and tapering anteriorly and measures 3.24(3.20-3.28) in length and 1.82(1.71-1.94) in breadth, the anterior part of the scolex ends terminally in a prominent rostellum, armed with 45 hooks arranged in two rows. The scolex bears two bothria oval in shape and measures 2.01(1.90-2.13) in length and 0.72(0.64-0.80) in breadth. Neck is present and measures 1.67(1.64-1.71) in length and 1.12(1.10-1.14) in breadth.

Mature segment is seven time broader than long and measures 1.80(1.71-1.90) in length and 7.09(6.94-7.24) in breadth. The testes are oval to round, of medium size, 185 in numbers, spread in the segment at each lateral side and measures 0.13(0.11-0.15) in length and 0.13(0.11-0.15) in breadth.

The cirrus pouch is oval, medium size, anterior to ovary and measures 0.57 in length and 0.18(0.15-0.22) in breadth. The cirrus is thin tube and measures 0.59(0.57-0.61) in length and 0.03 in breadth.

Ovary is bilobed, each lobe separate, short, and measures 1.78(1.71-1.86) in length and 0.30(0.26-0.34) in breadth situated in the middle of the segment. The vagina is thin tube, starts from genital pore, posterior to cirrus pouch and measures 0.91(0.87-0.65) in length and 0.07 in breadth. Genital pore small, rounded and measures 0.07 in length and 0.07 in breadth. The vitellaria are granular, arranged in two-three rows at each lateral margin of the segment.

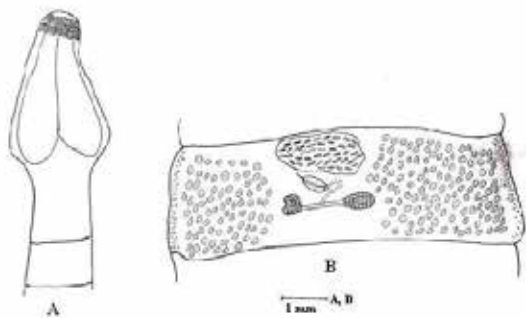


Fig. *Senga shindei* Sp. Nov
A. Scolex B. Mature segment

DISCUSSION

The genus *Senga* was established by Dollfus, 1934 with the type species *Senga besnardi* from *Betta splendens*. The present worm comes closer to all the known species of the genus *Senga* Dollfus, 1934 in general topography of organs. But differs due to some characters from following species.

1. The present worm differs from *S. besnardi* Dollfus, 1934 in the shape of scolex which is triangular, hooks 50 in numbers, testes 160-175 in numbers, ovary compact and reported from *Betta splendens* in France.

2. The present cestode differs from *S. ophioccephalina*, Teseng,1933 in having hooks 47-50 in numbers, testes 50-55 in numbers, ovary bilobed but equatorial in position, vitellaria lobate and reported from *Philocephalus argua argua* in China.

3. The present tapeworm differs from *S. pcynomera*, Woodland, 1924 in having scolex elongated, hooks 68 in numbers, mature segments are indistinct, ovary discontinuous into two groups and reported from *Philocephalus marulius* in India.

4. The present parasites differs from *S. lucknowensis*, Johri,1956 in having hooks 36-48 in numbers, ovary post equatorial, vitellaria lobulate and discontinuous in two groups.

5. The present cestode differs from *S.malayana*, Furnando and Furtado, 1964 in having scolex circular, hooks 60 in numbers, ovary slightly bilobed, post equatorial, vitellaria lobate, discontinuous in two groups and reported from *Channa striata*, in Malacca

6. The present tapeworm differs from *S.parva*, Furnando and Furtado, 1964 in having hooks 38-40 in numbers, testes 150-180 in numbers and reported from *Channa micropeltis*, in Malacca.

7. The present cestode differs from *S. pahangensis*, Furtado et. al., 1971 in having triangular scolex, hooks 52 in numbers, neck short, segmentation clear, testes laterally situated in the proglottids, vitellaria lobulated and reported from *Channa micropeltis*, in Tasek, Bera.

8. The present tapeworm differs from *S. visakhapatanamensis*, Ramadevi et. al., 1973 in having circular scolex, hooks 46-52 in numbers, testes 50-55 in number, vitellaria lobulated and reported from *Ophioccephalus punctatus*, in India.

9. The present worm differs from *S. khami*, Deshmukh and Shinde,1980 having scolex rectangular, oval, shallow bothria, hooks 55-57 in numbers, short neck, testes rounded, 155 in numbers and arranged in two fields, cirrus pouch is elongated, vitellaria follicular and reported from *Ophioccephalus marulius*, in India.

10. The present cestode differs from *S. aurangabadensis*, Jadhav et. al., 1980 in having oval scolex, hooks 50-52 in numbers; in two half rows, overlapping on each other, mature segment broader than long, testes 240-260 in numbers and vitellaria follicular.

11. The present tapeworm differs from *S. godavarii*, Shinde et. al., 1980 in having hooks 40-42 in numbers, arranged in two half rows, testes rounded, 220-230 in numbers, cirrus pouch is oval, situated in anterior half of the segment and vitellaria follicular.

12. The present worm differs from *S. paithanensis*, Kadam et. al., 1981 which shows prominent, large, triangular scolex, hooks 54 in numbers, neck present, testes oval to rounded, 130-135 in numbers, arranged in two lateral groups, vagina posterior to cirrus pouch and vitellaria follicular.

13. The present cestode differs from *S. raoi*, Majid and Shinde,1984 in having hooks 46 in numbers, testes 65-170 in numbers, vagina posterior to cirrus pouch and reported from *Channa punctatus*, in India.

14. The present cestode differs from *S.jagannathae*, Majid and Shinde,1984 in having hooks 44 in numbers, testes 240 - 250 in numbers, ovary compact, vagina anterior to cirrus pouch and reported from *Channa punctatus*, in India.

15. The present parasite differs from *S. gachuae*, Jadhav et. al.,1991 in having hooks 22-25 in numbers, neck present, testes 60-70 in numbers, vitellaria follicular and reported from *Channa gachua*, in India.

16. The present cestode differs from *S. maharashtrii*, Jadhav et. al., 1991 which shows muscular scolex, hooks 45-46 in numbers, large, arranged in two half crowns, testes oval 80-90 in numbers and vitellaria follicular.

17. The present worm differs from *S.chauhani*, Monzer Hasnain,1992 in having scolex oval, hooks 40-44 in numbers and testes 200-210 in numbers, vitellaria non lobate and reported from *Channa punctatus*, in India.

18. The present cestode differs from *S. mohekarae*, Tat and Jadhav,1997 which shows elongated scolex, hooks 151 in numbers, neck short and broad, testes 300-310 in numbers and vitellaria follicular.

19. The present parasite differs fom *S. armatusae*, Hiware,1999 in having scolex triangular, hooks 32-40 in numbers, vagina anterior to cirrus pouch and vitellaria follicular.

20. The present cestode differs from *S. tappi*, Patil et. al., 2003 which is having triangular scolex, hooks 42-44 in numbers, neck is very short and squarish, testes 285-295 in numbers, small, rounded, distributed in 2 fields, vagina anterior to cirrus pouch and vitellaria follicular.

21. The present parasite differs from *S. ayodhensis*, Pande et. al., 2006 in having conical scolex, hooks 29 in numbers, testes numerous, vitellaria follicular and reported from *Amphinuous cuchia*, in India.

22. The present cestode differs from *S. baughi*, Pande et. al., 2006 in having hooks 28 in numbers, neck present, testes 40-50 in numbers, ovary compact, vitellaria follicular and reported from *Rita rita*, in India.

23. The present worm differs from *S. panzarensis*, et.al. 2008, having scolex triangular, no.of hooks 58, neck absent, testes 40-45, ovary compact, vitellaria 4-5 lateral side reported from *Mastacembelus armatus* in India.

24. The present worm differs from *S .madhavii*, Bhure et.al. 2010 having scolex triangular, hooks 40-42 in numbers, testes 200-225 in numbers, vitellaria granular reported from *Mastacembelus armatus* in India.

25. The present worm differs from *S. rupchandensis*, Pardeshi et.al. 2011, having scolex tubular, hooks 42-45 in numbers, testes 350-370 in numbers. Reported from *Channa striatus*.

26. The present worm differs from *S. nandedensis*, Asawari et.al 2014 having solex triangular, hooks 60-62. Mature segment rectangular, genital pore small and rounded, reported from *Mastacembelus armatus* in India.

27. The present worm differs from *S. madhukarii*, Asawari et.al 2015 having scolex cylindrical in shape, hooks 45, Mature segment rectangular, testes 130 in numbers reported from *Mastacembelus armatus* in India.

The above noted characters are valid enough to erect a new species hence the name *S. shindei* Sp.Nov. is proposed in honour of Prof. G.B. Shinde, well known scientist in Helminthology and Ex-Registrar and Ex-Professor, Department of Zoology, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad-431004.

A Key to the species of the genus *Senga* Dollfus, 1934

Neck present	-	1
Neck absent	-	2
1) Scolex circular	-	<i>S. malayana</i> , Furnando and Furtado, 1964.
Scolex rectangular	-	<i>S. khami</i> , Deshmukh and Shinde, 1980.
Scolex triangular	-	3
Scolex pear shaped	-	4

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|------------------------------------|---|--|-----|------------------------------------|---|---|
| Scolex oval | - | 5 | 7) | Vitellaria lobulate | - | 10 |
| 2) Scolex circular | - | <i>S.visakhapatnamensis</i> , Ramadevi et.al.1973. | | Vitellaria follicular | - | <i>S.godavarii</i> , Shinde et.al. 1980. |
| Scolex conical | - | <i>S. ayodhensis</i> , Pande et.al. 2006. | | Vitellaria granular | - | <i>S.raoi</i> , M. A. Majid and Shinde1984 |
| Scolex cylindrical | - | <i>S. madhukarii</i> , Fartade et. al. 2015 | 8) | Testes below 100 | - | <i>S. panzarensis</i> , Kalse. A. T 2009. |
| Scolex tubular | - | <i>S. rupchandensis</i> Pardeshi 2011. | | Testes in bet ⁿ 100-150 | - | <i>S. nandedensis</i> Fartade et al. 2014 |
| Scolex elongated | - | <i>S. pcynomera</i> , Woodland 1924. | | Tetses in bet ⁿ 150-200 | - | <i>S. besnardi</i> , Dollfus, 1934 |
| Scolex oval | - | 6 | | Testes in bet ⁿ 200-250 | - | 11 |
| Scolex pear shaped | - | 7 | 9) | Hooks below 50 | - | <i>S. tappi</i> , D. N. Patil 2003. |
| Scolex triangular | - | 8 | | Hooks above 50 | - | <i>S. paithanensis</i> , Kadam et.al. 1981. |
| 3) Vitellaria follicular | - | 9 | 10) | Hooks below 50 | - | <i>S. luknowensis</i> , Johri, 1956 |
| Vitellaria lobulate | - | <i>S.pahangensis</i> , Furta- | | Hooks above 50 | - | <i>S. ophiocephalina</i> , T seng, 1933 |
| Vitellaria granular | - | S. shindei Sp. Nov | 11) | Vitellaria follicular | - | <i>S. armatusae</i> , C. J. Hiware, 1991 |
| 4) Testes below 50 | - | <i>S.baughi</i> , Pande et.al. 2006 | | Vitellaria granular | - | <i>S. madhavii</i> , Bhure et.al. 2010 |
| Testes above 50 | - | <i>S. gachuae</i> , Jadhav et.al 1999 | | | | |
| Testes in bet ⁿ 100-200 | - | <i>S. parva</i> , Furnando and Furtado, 1964 | | | | |
| Testes in bet ⁿ 200-300 | - | <i>S.jagannathae</i> , M. A. Majid and G. B. Shinde, 1984. | | | | |
| 5) Hooks below 100 | - | <i>S. chauhani</i> , Monzer Hasnain, 1992 | | | | |
| Hooks above 100 | - | <i>S.mohekarae</i> , Tat and Jadhav, 1997 | | | | |
| 6) Testes below 100 | - | <i>S. maharashtrii</i> , Jadhav and Tat 1991 | | | | |
| Testes above 100 | - | <i>S. aurangabadensis</i> , Jadhav et.al1980 | | | | |

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