

Short communication

## A new record of *Thyreocoris pakistanensis* Ahmad and Moizuddin, 1982 (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Thyreocoridae) from Pakistan

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**Abstract.** *Thyreocoris pakistanensis* Ahmad and Moizuddin, 1982 (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Thyreocoridae), known only by the type material collected in Karachi (South Pakistan) is recorded from a vicinity of Rawalpindi (North Pakistan). It is the second known locality of this endemic species.

**Key words:** Hemiptera, Heteroptera, *Thyreocoris pakistanensis*, faunistics, new record, Pakistan, Oriental Region.

*Thyreocoris pakistanensis* Ahmad and Moizuddin, 1982 was described from Karachi on the basis of three specimens collected at light in 1977 and 1979 (Ahmad & Moizuddin 1982). However, this species was already mentioned three years earlier as *Thyreocoris pakistanensis* (MS) (Ahmad 1979), and was based on the same specimens.

The species is closely allied to the Palaearctic *T. scarabaeoides* (L.), but it can be separated from it by several important characters provided in Ahmad & Moizuddin (1982).

Since that time no other specimens of this species have been identified (Lis 2006).

When we were looking for the museum material suitable for our molecular study in Pentatomoidea (Lis et al. 2011) we found a specimen of *Thyreocoris pakistanensis* among the material borrowed from the Zoological Museum, Munich, Germany (Zoologische Staatssammlung München).

Because no detailed collection data for this specimen were presented in our molecular papers (Lis et al. 2011) we provide them hereby (*Material examined*: West Pakistan, Rawalpindi Umg., Basal, 4.-7. 1. 56, Kalachitta Range, Chr. Lindemann leg.).

Kala Chitta (= Kalachitta) Range, where the specimen was collected, is a mountain range located in the Attock District of Punjab in northern Pakistan. This new locality expands the distribution range of this species by about 1500 km to the north (Map).



**Map.** The only two presently known localities of *Thyreocoris pakistanensis* (literature data: southern Pakistan, Sindh province, Karachi – black star; a new record: northern Pakistan, Punjab province, environ of Rawalpindi, Kalachitta Range – red star).

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