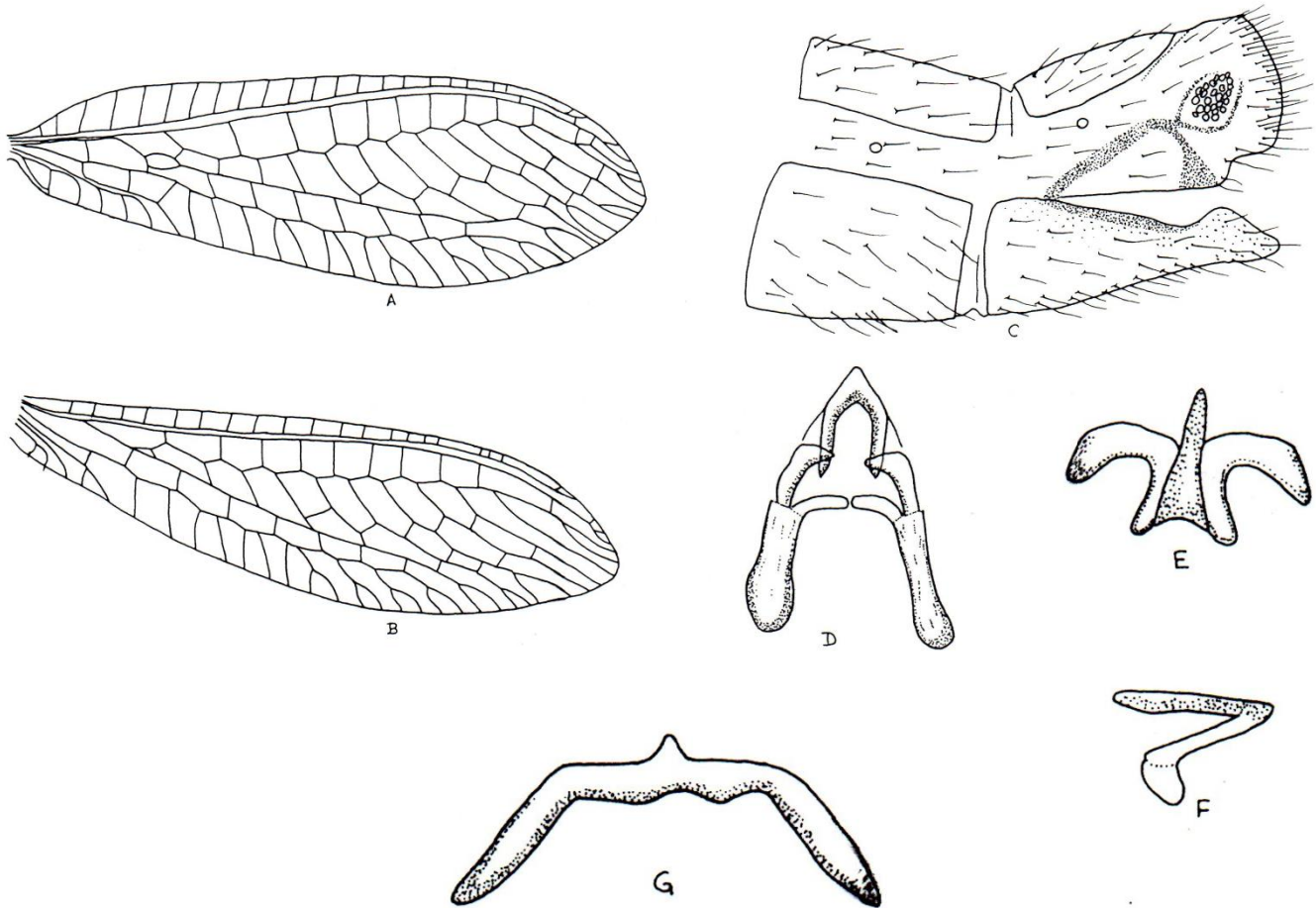


MALLADA OBVIA HOLZEL

Distribution: India (West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh), Nepal.

DIAGNOSTIC CHARACTERS (Taxonomic) :



Characters :Medium size lacewing; ground colour pale green.

Head: Yellow coloured; vertex dark brown; frons with deep red bands on lateral sides; gena has zigzag black markings on lateral sides; mandibles dark brown; galea blackish; maxillary palpi brown; labial palpi brown. Antenna as long as fore wing; brownish in colour; scape yellow with lateral side dark brown; flagellum brownish with dark brown distal ends.

Thorax: Green in colour with a bright yellow mid dorsal line; pronotum longer than broad; covered with small, light brown hairs. Legs yellowish green; hairs small, yellowish; tarsi brown; claws basally dilated, brown in colour.

Fore wing (Fig. A): Elongated in shape; membrane transparent; pterostigma brownish; black crossveins in between Sc and R below pterostigma; crossveins have both ends dark; crossveins between Cu1 and Cu2 black.

Hind wing (Fig. B): Membrane transparent; gradate veins are black in colour.

Abdomen (Fig. C): Light brown in colour with yellowish mid dorsal line; covered with yellowish hairs; sternite 8 and 9 fused.

Genitalia ♂ (Figs. D - G): Gonarcus arch shaped; elongated, dorso-internally curved entoprocessus; arcessus weakly sclerotized, distal ends curved ventrally; three pronged gonapsis with lateral branches hanging outward; tignum curved ventrally with a dorso-median protrusion.

Measurements: ♂: Length of fore wing 10.89 mm; length of hind wing 9.91 mm.

Material examined: 1 ♂ : India, West Bengal, Kalimpong, 16. IV. 2018. Coll. S. R. Dey.

Remarks: Hölzel (1973) described this species from Nepal as a member of the genus *Anisochrysa*. With the erection of genus *Mallada* from *Anisochrysa*, this species was included under genus *Mallada*. Debnath (1988) only reported this species as an aphid predator from Western Himalaya. A detailed description of this species based on Indian material is given for the first time.