



First Record of the Subfamily Figitinae (Hymenoptera: Cynipoidea: Figitidae) from India

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Abstract. The Subfamily Figitinae under the family Figitidae (Hymenoptera: Cynipoidea) is recorded from India for the first time through two African species, *Figites aciculatus* (Benoit, 1956) and *Xyalophora provancheri* Jimenez and Pujade-villar 2008.

Key Words: *Figites aciculatus*, *Xyalophora provancheri*, Figitinae, Cynipoidea, India, Kerala.

Introduction

The family Figitidae (Hymenoptera: Cynipoidea) is a cosmopolitan group, comprising of 1400 species in 132 genera, classified under 12 subfamilies (Paretas-Martinez *et al.* 2011). The subfamilies, Eucoilinae, Charipinae, Figitinae, Aspicerinae and Anacharitinae have worldwide distribution. Figitinae comprising of 170 species under 14 genera (Pujade-Villar & Mandl 2011) stands third in species diversity (Vardal 2004), is a heterogenous and paraphyletic group (Ronquist 1999) and are primary parasitoids of the Schizophoran flies (Buffington *et al.* 2007). They