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A new species of the genus *Compsidolon* Rt. from Iran  
(Het. Miridae)

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In a material of Hemiptera from Iran, sent for examination by Mr. FR. HELLER of Stuttgart, a new species of the genus *Compsidolon* Rt. was detected. The new species belongs to the subgenus *Apsinthophylus* Wgn. and can be distinguished from its relatives as follows:

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| 1  | (2)  | 1 <sup>st</sup> antennal joint pale, with 1 or 2 black dots on inner surface . . . . .  | <i>absinthii</i> (Sc.) Holomediterranean)        |    |
| 2  | (1)  | 1 <sup>st</sup> antennal joint black . . . . .  |  | 3  |
| 3  | (4)  | Head, excluding base of vertex, and anterior part of pronotum blackish or dark brown. Semierect hairs of upper surface mainly dark . . . . .  | <i>scutellare</i> (Rt.) (Morocco, Algeria)       |    |
| 4  | (3)  | Semierect hairs of upper surface pale. Colouring different . . . . .  |  | 5  |
| 5  | (6)  | Large pale greyish species, length 4.25 mm. (♂). Cuneus pale reddish. Eyes large, ocular index 1.43 . . . . .   | <i>alcmenae</i> n. sp.                           |    |
| 6  | (5)  | Usually smaller species. If cuneus reddish, then eyes much smaller . . . . .  |  | 7  |
| 7  | (8)  | Very small species, length 2.5 mm. (♂). Colouring whitish yellow, only elytra with very indistinct dark irroration. Ocular index 1.63. 2 <sup>nd</sup> antennal joint 0.8 × as long as basal width of pronotum. 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> joints of hind tarsi of equal length . . . . .  | <i>beduinum</i> Lv. (Egypt, Sinai)               |    |
| 8  | (7)  | Colouring not pale yellowish. More robust species . . . . .   |  | 9  |
| 9  | (10) | Small species, length 2.85–3.3 mm. (♂), 2.3–2.5 mm. (♀) (according to WAGNER & WEBER 1964, 491 ♂ 2.3–2.8 mm., ♀ 2.3–2.7 mm.). Colouring whitish grey, dark dotting scanty. Membrane milky, with indistinct brownish markings. 2 <sup>nd</sup> antennal joint 0.70–0.83 × as long as basal width of pronotum. 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> joints of hind tarsi of equal length . . . . . | <i>pumilum</i> (Jak.) (Holomediterranean)        |    |
| 10 | (9)  | Larger species. Membrane largely brownish smoky. 2 <sup>nd</sup> antennal joint longer . . . . .  |  | 11 |
| 11 | (12) | Length 3.2–3.5 mm. (f. macr.), 2.5–2.75 mm. (f. brach. ♀). Colouring often pale, dark dotting usually scanty. 3 <sup>rd</sup> joint of hind tarsi distinctly shorter than 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Vesica (Fig. 2 d–e) more slender, with apical part straighter . . . . .   | <i>balachowskyi</i> (Wgn.) (North Africa, Spain) |    |

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- 12 (11) Length ♂ 3.75–4.25 mm., ♀ f. brach. 2.75 mm. (according to WAGNER & WEBER op. cit. ♂ 3.3–3.4 mm.). Darker species, with dense dark dotting. 3<sup>rd</sup> joint of hind tarsi only slightly shorter than 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vesica (Fig. 3 a–b) broader and more strongly curved apically . . . . .  
 . . . . . *atomosum* (Rt.) (Pontomediterranean)

*Compsidolon alcmene* n. sp. (Fig. 1)

Length 4.25 mm. Pale greyish ochraceous. Head pale yellow-brown, tylus and the adjacent parts of genae somewhat embrowned. Frons with traces of pale brownish lateral arcs, vertex with a triangular fuscous spot at median margins of eyes on either side. Eyes dark brown. 1<sup>st</sup> antennal joints blackish, other joints yellow-brown. Anterior part of pronotum yellow-brownish, basal part pale greyish, with faint and sparse dark brown dots. Scutellum pale yellow-brown, base tinged with orange, apical part with faint small brown spots. Elytra pale greyish, with rather dense and uniform dark brown dotting; cuneus with pale reddish tinge, base whitish and immaculate; membrane smoky, a hyaline spot at apex of cuneus, a transverse darker spot in lateral margin, also cells more distinctly infumed apically, veins pale. Thorax medially and basally embrowned. Femora yellow-brown, with dense dark irroration. Tibiae pale ochraceous, with distinct black spots, spines brownish. Tarsi basally yellowish brown, apically darker.

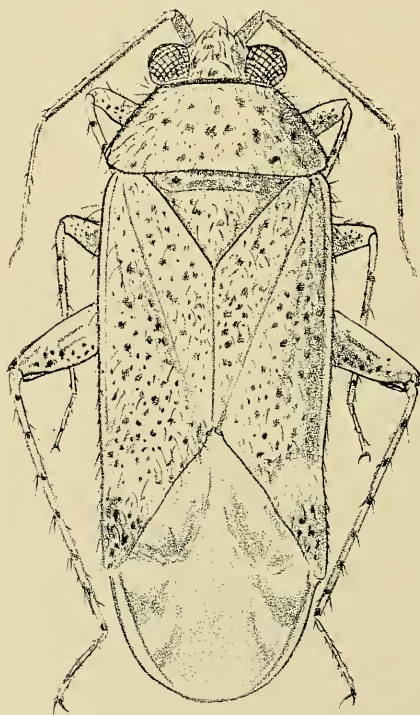


Fig. 1: *Compsidolon alcmene* n. sp. — Drawn by FR. HELLER.

Body large. Upper surface with smooth silvery hairs and longish pale yellowish semidecumbent hairs. Head short and broad, in apical view 1.5 x as broad as high, eyes relatively large, ocular index 1.43. Antennae rather gracile, proportions between joints 5:26:13:12, 2<sup>nd</sup> joint 1.33 x as long as diatone, 0.87 x as long as basal width of pronotum. Rostrum to hind coxae. Pronotum more than twice as broad as long, basally about 1.6 x as broad as head. Elytra extending well beyond abdomen. 3<sup>rd</sup> joint of hind tarsi shorter than 2<sup>nd</sup>, proportions between joints 8:15:13. Male genitalia in Fig. 2.

Material studied: Iran, Khuzistan, Shadegan, 1 ♂, type (Mus. Stuttgart), 24.—29. II. 1956, RICHTER leg.

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Fig. 2: *Compsidolon alcmena* n. sp.: a left stylus from side; b same from above; c right stylus, broad aspect; d theca; e—f vesica.

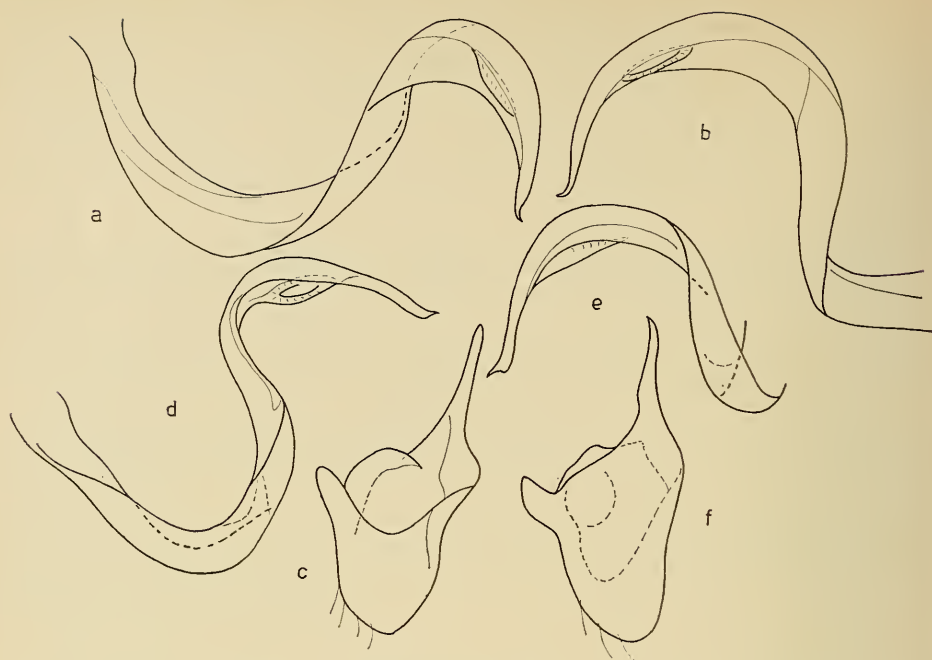


Fig. 3: *Compsidolon atomosum* (RT.): a—b vesica; c left stylus from above. — *C. balachowskyi* (WGN.): d—f same.

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