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THE GENUS SCHOUTEDENICHI A IN S.E. ASIA  
(ACARINA, TROMBICULIDAE)  

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SUMMARY  

Schoutedenichia bisetosa n. sp. is described and figured from Rattus mülleri and R. saba­nnus from Malaya. New records and figures are given for S. centalkwangtungu from South Vietnam. A key to the five Asian species of Schoutedenichia is provided. New synonymy: Schoutedenichia alongensis Schluger, 1960 = Schoutedenichia centalkwangtungu (Mo et al., 1959).  

The trombiculine genus Schoutedenichia Jadin and Vercammen-Grandjean is essentially African, but three species were recognized from Asia by Audy (1956). Two of these (S. jubbulporensis and S. nausheraensis) were described from India by Womersley (1952) while only S. vercammeni Audy is from S. E. Asia (Malaya). A second S. E. Asian species has since been described independently from the Chinese province of Kwang-tung and the adjoining North Vietnam by Chinese and Russian workers (Mo et al., 1959; Schluger, in Schluger et al., 1960).  

It is the purpose of this note to describe a third new S. E. Asian species since taken on two species of Rattus in Malaya, and to present new records and figures for S. centalkwangtungu Mo et al. An excellent description and figures of S. vercammeni already exist (Audy, 1956), and Vercamen-Grandjean (1958) has also figured in detail the three species discussed by Audy. Diagnoses are given for all five Asian species in the form of a short key, extended from that of Audy. For the present, I follow Vercamen-Grandjean (1960) in accepting Schoutedenichia as a full genus among the trombiculines, but note that the tarsal "stumps" of the nymphs are also typical of the Gahrliepiidae.  

KEY TO ASIAN SPECIES OF Schoutedenichia.  

1. Coxa III with only one seta.  2  
Coxa III with more than one seta.  4  

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Figs. 1-10. — Schoutedenichia centralkwangtunga (Mo et al.).

2. Setae on palpal femur and genu both branched; DS 38 in number... *jubulporensis*.
   Setae on palpal femur and genu both nude; DS 48 or more... 3.
3. DS 48-60; scutum small, with PW 53-65 μ. *centralkwangtunga*.
   DS 72; scutum large, with PW 80 μ. *vercammeni*.
4. Coxa III with two setae... *bisetosa*.
   Coxa III with three setae... *nausheraensis*.

**Schoutedenichia centralkwangtunga** (Mo, Chen, Ho and Li, 1959), n. comb.
Figs. 1-10.

Figs. 17-24. From *Suncus murinus*.

Fig. 12. New synonymy. From *Rattus edwardsii*.

I had already had this species figured as distinct from the other S. E. Asian species before seeing the papers of Mo et al. and Schluger et al. The text is therefore now confined to some supplementary illustrations and detailed standard data.

**Standard data in micra of larval scutum of *S. centralkwangtunga* Mo et al.**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AW | PW | SB | ASB | PSB | SD | AP | AM | AL | PL |
| 49 | 65 | 38 | 22 | 19 | 38 | 24 | 19 | 27 |
| 47 | 64 | 36 | 19 | 17 | 36 | 32 | 23 | 18 | 25 |

**Material examined.** — Two larvae from the type host, a shrew, *Suncus murinus* (Soricidae), Saigon, South Vietnam, 27-V-1960, L. W. Quate. Thus all known records are from Vietnam and the bordering Chinese province of Kwang-tung.

**Schoutedenichia vercammeni** Audy.

**Schoutedenichia vercammeni** Audy, 1956, *Bull. Raffles Mus.*, 28: 82. Fig. 1.


**Notes.** — This species was described from a single specimen (which I have not seen) from *Rattus sabanus*, Bukit Lagong, Kepong, Selangor, Malaya.

**Schoutedenichia bisetosa** n. sp. Figs. 11-19.


**Type material.** — Holotype larva and ten paratype larvae from *Rattus mülleri* R19635, Ulu Langat, Selangor, Malaya, 5-VIII-1952; one paratype larva from *R. sabanus* R16281, Kepong, Selangor, 19-X-1951. Holotype in British Museum.
Larva. — A small species with idiosoma in mounted semi-engorged specimens 275-319 μ long by 220-275 μ wide.


Scutum transverse, with anterior margin slightly concave, but lateral and posterior margins shallowly convex. Surface punctate. Scutal setae short, particularly AL, and slightly barbed along shaft. PL>AM>AL. Sensillary bases fairly

Figs. 11-19. — Schoutedenischia bisetosa n. sp.

wide apart, slightly nearer to level of PL than that of AL. Eyes not clear, but possibly i+i.

Gnathosoma. — Galeal setae nude. Chelicerae with usual tricuspid cap, but apparently without any other armature. Apart from the tarsala, the palpal formula is b.n.bnb.4b. Genual seta very short. Subterminala absent. Palpal claw 3-pronged.

Legs all 7-segmented. Coxal formula r.r.z. Specialized setation as follows.

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