



## A checklist of trichodind ciliates (Ciliophora: Peritrichida: Trichodinidae) from India

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### Abstract

A database with all available published accounts on the trichodind species was gathered. They are mainly fish parasites and are also found to infect anuran and molluscs. This information, along with records derived from recently work done in our laboratory that helps to generate a checklist containing all the records, for carrying out the work in this field. This is a must need step to address future questions in the areas of ecology, evolutionary biology and biogeography of these host-parasite interaction. The checklist is a host-parasite based and contains sixty nominal species belonging to five genera of Trichodind family of ciliate parasites.

**Keywords:** Biogeography, Ciliate Parasites, Host-Parasite Interaction

### Introduction

Trichodinids are the most common parasitic ciliates and are widely dispersed in many zoogeographical areas (Lom and Dyakova, 1992). Annandale was the first to report the occurrence of *Trichodina pediculus* Ehrenberg, 1838 from the limnocnid medusa, *Limnecnida indica* in Bombay presidency of British India. They are well classified by mainly two features the morphology of denticles on the adhesive disc and development of adoral ciliary spiral. Species of trichodinds cause a serious disease called trichodiniasis, which is a major concern for aquaculture throughout the world. Corliss (1979) listed seven genera within the trichodinid family. Subsequently later this number increased to nine (Basson and Van As, 1989). Till date than 300 trichodinid species have been reported from skin, fins, gills, urinary bladder of fishes and some other animals from different environment in the world (Tang and Zhao, 2013). Very little and infrequent information on these parasites are available in India out of ten existing genera five namely, *Trichodina* Ehrenberg, 1838; *Paratrichodina* Lom, 1963; *Trichodinella* (Rabbe, 1950) Šramek-Hušek, 1953; *Dipartiella* (Rabbe, 1959) Stein, 1961; *Tripatiella* Lom, 1959 have been established

till date(Hagargi and Amoji 1979; Mukherjee and Haldar 1982; Kalavati *et al.*, 1991; Mishra and Das 1993; Saha *et al.*, 1995; Basu and Haldar 1998; Asmat 2000 a, b; Mitra and Haldar 2004 a, b 2005; Mitra and Bandyopadhyay, 2005, 2006 a, b, 2009; Mitra *et al.*, 2012, a, b; Saha and Bandyopadhyay 2016 a, b and 2017 a, b) in India.

The present paper deals with the current knowledge of the taxonomic study and distribution of trichodinid ectoparasites in India. It is obvious that this checklist will enhance future scope of research in this field. The aim of this study is to provide compact and authentic knowledge of trichodinid family with its description. This study has also been compiled all the available published accounts on the trichodinid ciliates in India, incorporating some new records derived from some recent works done in our laboratory in order to prepare a checklist providing host-parasite records.

### Systematic Position

Class OLIGOHYMENOPHOREA de Puytorac *et al.*, 1974  
Subclass PERITRICHIA Stein, 1859  
Order MOBILIDA Kahl, 1933

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Family TRICHODINIDAE Claus, 1874

Genus *Dipartiella* Stein, 1961

*Hemitrichodina* Basson and Van As, 1989

*Paratrichodina* Lom, 1963

*Semtrichodina* Kazubaski, 1958

*Trichodina* Ehrenberg, 1830

*Trichodinella* Sramek-Husek, 1953

*Tripartiella* Lom, 1959

*Trichodoxa* Sirgel, 1983

*Vauchomia* Mueller, 1938

**Key to the Genera of Trichodinid Family:** (Modified from Xu K. et al., 2000)

1. a) The adoral ciliary spiral makes two and half to three turns(>720°).....*Vauchomia*  
b) The adoral spiral makes a turn of greater than 360°.....2  
c) The adoral spiral makes a turn of less than 360°.....3
2. a) The denticles have well developed rays and blades.....*Trichodina*  
b) The blades of denticles are reduced .....*Hemitrichodina*
3. Haplokinety and polykinety equal length.....4.  
a) Haplokinety half the length of polykinety.....*Trichodoxa*
4. Adoral rows of cilia turn greater than 180°.....5  
a) Adoral rows of cilia turn less than 180° .....*Semtrichodina*
5. Rays absent or inconspicuous.....6  
a) Rays are well oped.....7
6. Rays are very short and curved; blade straight or oblique.....*Trichodinella*  
a) Rays absent; blades are triangular.....*Dipartiella*
7. Blades are attached almost perpendicularly to central part; denticles are interlocked only by their central conical parts.....*Paratrichodina*  
a) Blade extends backwards from central part at oblique angle; denticles interlocked by central parts and by anterior projection of blades fitting into corresponding notches in blades of the proceeding denticles.....*Tripartiella*

## Material and Methods

All the published data of trichodindid parasite from India have been collected in order to make a complete list of all the species of this family. These trichodinid ciliates have been identified following Klein's Silver impregnation technique. Databases such as Zoological records, Biological abstracts and different relevant literature related to trichodind parasites have been consulted. The bibliographic search was undertaken to date. The description of trichodinid parasite host description has been found are incorporated in this communication.

## Results

Genus *Trichodina*

- *Trichodina acuta* Lom, 1961

*Site of infection:* Gills

*Host:* *Mystus gulio* Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822; *Carassius auratus auratus* Linnaeus, 1758.

*Locality:* Ranaghat (23°10'45"N 88°33'42"E), and Haringhata (22°53'N-24°11'N/88°09'E-88°48'E), Nadia, West Bengal, India

*Reference material:* Lectotype: Slide no. GF- TA-15/2014, deposited in the collection of the Parasitology Laboratory, Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani, Kalyani, Nadia, West Bengal, India.

*Description:* Diameter of the body- 42-53(47±4.3)µm. Number of denticles 18-21(19). Radial pins/denticle- 8-9. Adoral ciliary spiral- 380-390°.

- *Trichodina ahmedi* Asmat ,2005

*Site of infection:* Gills.

*Host:* *Chanda nama* Hamilton, 1822.

*Locality:* Kalyani (22°53'N-24°11'N/88°09'E-88°48'E), Nadia, West Bengal, India.

*Reference material:* Holotype, slide CN 1 (06/12/1995); paratype, slide CN 2 (06/12/1995) are in the collection of the Department of Zoology, University of Chittagong, Chittagong 4331, Bangladesh.

*Description:* Diameter of the body- (35-49)µm. Number of denticles 22-30 . Radial pins/denticle-6-7. Adoral ciliary spiral- 400-405°.

• ***Trichodina canicilae*** Asmat, 2001

*Site of infection:* Gills.

*Host:* *Xenentodon canicila* Hamilton, 1822.

*Locality:* Ranaghat ( $23^{\circ}10'45''N$   $88^{\circ}33'42''E$ ), Nadia, (Latitude:  $23^{\circ}17'$ , Longitude:  $88^{\circ}57'$ ), West Bengal, India

*Reference material:* Holotype, slide XC-1 prepared on 4.3.1996; paratypes on the above mentioned slide and other slides prepared on different dates in the collection of the Department of Zoology, University of Chittagong, Chittagong 4331, Bangladesh.

*Description:* Diameter of the body-  $50.0-74.4(61.9\pm 5.4)$   $\mu m$ . Number of denticles  $28-32(29.8\pm 1.2)$  Radial pins/denticle- $28-32$ . Adoral ciliary spiral-  $390-395^{\circ}$ .

• ***Trichodina cannigensis*** Asmat, 2001

*Site of infection:* Gills

*Host:* *Mystus gulio* Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822.

*Locality:* Canning ( $22.31^{\circ}N$ ,  $88.65^{\circ}E$ ), South 24 Parganas, West Bengal, India

*Reference material:* Slides MG-5-8 *Mystus gulio*, prepared on 21/12/1999 are in the collection of Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani, Kalyani 741235, West Bengal.

*Description:* Diameter of the body  $47.0-56.1(51.1\pm 2.8)$ . Number of Denticles -  $22-29(25.4\pm 2.1)$ ; Adoral ciliary spiral could not be detected.

• ***Trichodina centrostrigata*** Basson, Van As and Paperna, 1983

*Site of infection:* Gills

*Host:* *Oreochromis mossambicus* Peters, 1852.

*Locality:* River Churni, Ranaghat ( $23^{\circ}10'45''N$   $88^{\circ}33'42''E$ ), Nadia, West Bengal, India.

*Reference Material:* OM-2/2002 is in the collection of the authors.

*Description:* Diameter of the body:  $31.8-47.0(41.5\pm 4.9, 14)$   $\mu m$ . Number of denticles  $20-25(25, 14)$ . Radial pins/denticles- $5-9(8)$ . Adoral ciliary spiral:  $400-410^{\circ}$ .

• ***Trichodina chittagongensis*** Asmat, 2005

*Site of infection:* Gills

*Host:* *Carassius auratus auratus* Linaeus, 1758.

*Locality:* Haringhata ( $22^{\circ}53'N-24^{\circ}11'N/88^{\circ}09'E-88^{\circ}48'E$ ), Nadia, West Bengal, India.

*Reference material:* Lectotype, slide OF/KU/ZOOL/2015-111 have been deposited in the parasitology laboratory, Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani.

*Description:* Diameter of the body- $35.5-45.59(40.11\pm 1.79)$   $\mu m$ . Number of denticles  $22-24(22.9\pm 0.8)$ . Radial pins/denticle- $5-8$ . Adoral ciliary spiral –  $390-400^{\circ}$ .

• ***Trichoina cyanophlyctis*** Kalavati, Narasimhamurti and Usharani, 1991

*Site of infection:* Rectum

*Host:* *Rana cyanophlyctis* Hamilton, 1822.

*Locality:* Eluru ( $16.7^{\circ}N, 81.1^{\circ}E$ ) Andhra Pradesh, India.

*Reference material:* Not available.

*Description:* Adhesive disc  $28-100 \mu m$  in diameter. Number of denticles -  $28-42$ , Velum incipient. Adoral ciliary spiral -  $360-420^{\circ}$ .

• ***Trichodina diaptomi*** (Dogiel, 1940) Basson and Van As, 1991

*Site of infection:* Gills

*Host:* *Tetraodon cutcutia* Hamilton 1822; *Gagata cenia* Hamilton, 1822.

*Locality:* River Churni, Ranaghat ( $23^{\circ}17'N$ ,  $88^{\circ}57'E$ ), Nadia, West Bengal, India.

*Reference material:* Slide TC-13 (*Tetradon cutcuta* prepared on 06/09/1996) is in the collection of Protozoology laboratory, University of Kalyani, Kalyani, 741235, West Bengal.

*Description:* Diameter of the body -  $40.8-55.5(50.1\pm 3.8, 20)$   $\mu m$ . Number of denticles -  $15-20(18)$ . Radial pins/denticle - $7-11(9)$ . Adoral ciliary spiral - about  $390^{\circ}$ .

• ***Trichodina domerguei*** Wallengren, 1897

*Site of infection:* Gills and skin

*Host:* *Mystus gulio* Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822; *Carassius auratus* Linaeus, 1758.

*Locality:* North 24 Parganas ( $22.6168^{\circ} N$ ,  $88.4029^{\circ} E$ ), West Bengal, India.

*Reference material:* Lectotype: Slide no. GF-TD-8/2014, has been deposited in the collection of the Parasitology Laboratory, Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani, Kalyani, Nadia, West Bengal, India.

*Description:* Diameter of the body-  $57.5-74.2(65.85\pm 5.8)$   $\mu m$ . Number of denticles  $18-22(22.6\pm 1.7)$ . Radial pins/denticle-  $8-10(9\pm 1.4)$ . Adoral ciliary spiral-  $375-390^{\circ}$ .

- ***Trichodina gangetica*** Jamadar, 1979

*Site of infection:* Gills, Labial palps

*Host:* *Modiolus striatus* Hanley, 1843.

*Locality:* Triveni, Hoogly (22.9901° N, 88.3943° E), West Bengal, India.

*Reference material:* Not available.

*Description:* Diameter of the body - 46.51(40.8-52.7)µm. Number of denticles 22 (21-24). Radial pins/denticle-6-8. Adoral ciliary spiral- greater than 360°.

- ***Trichodina glossogobae*** Mitra *et al.*, 2011

*Site of infection:* Gills.

*Host:* *Glossogobius giuris* Hamilton, 1822.

*Locality:* River Churni ( 23°17'N, 88°57'E), Ranaghat, Nadia, West Bengal, India

*Reference material:* Holotype: Slide no. GG-3/2011, deposited in the collection of the Department of Zoology, Ranaghat College, P.O. Ranaghat, Dist. Nadia, West Bengal, India.

*Description:* Diameter of body – 30.6-46.9 (36.2±3.9) µm. Number of denticles -22-24(21.3±4.6) . Radial pins/denticle-6-7. Adoral ciliary spiral-380-390°.

- ***Trichodina giurusi*** Mitra and Haldar, 2005

*Site of infection:* Gills

*Host:* *Glossogobius giuris* Hamilton, 1822

*Locality:* Ranaghat, Nadia (23°17'N, 88°57'E), West Bengal, India.

*Reference material:* Holotype, slide GG-3/2001, and paratype slide GG-2/2002 are in the collection of the Protozoology Laboratory, Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani, Kalyani 741235, West Bengal, India and slide GG-1/2002 bearing some paratype materials in the collection of the Harold W. Manter Laboratory of Parasitology, Lincoln, Nebraska, USA (Accession No. HWML 45700).

*Description:* Diameter of the body – 24.4- 34.8 (29.7±2.7,20)µm. Number of denticles 20-23 (21). Radial pins/denticle – 5-85 (6). Adoral ciliary spiral 390-400°.

- ***Trichodina hafizuddini*** Asmat, 2005

*Site of infection:* Gills.

*Host:* *Amblypharyngodon mola* Hamiolton, 1822.

*Locality:* Hooghly (23°01'20"N– 22° 39'32"N / 88030'15"E– 870 39'32" E), West Bengal, India.

*Reference material:* Lectotype, slide OF/KU/ZOOL/2015-112 have been deposited in the parasitology laboratory, Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani.

*Description:* Broad blade, butter-spoon shaped, presence of argentophobic particles between ray bases.

Morphometric data unavailable.

- ***Trichodina haldari*** Mitra and Bandyopadhyay, 2006

*Site of infection:* Gills

*Host:* *Glossogobius giuris* Hamilton, 1822.

*Locality:* Ranaghat (22°53'N–24°11'N/88°09'E–88°48'E), Nadia, West Bengal, India.

*Reference material:* Reference material: Holotype, slide GG-1/2004, and paratype slides GG-2/2004, GG-4/2004, GG- 5/2004 are deposited in the Museum of the Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani, Kalyani 741235, West Bengal, India.

*Description:* Diameter of the body - 40.0-55.0(51.2+5.3,17) µm. Number of denticles 20-22(21,17). Radial pins/denticle (5-7). Adoral ciliary spiral -390-400°.

- ***Trichodina heterodontata*** Duncan, 1977

*Site of infection:* Gills

*Host:* *Anabas testudiens* Bloch, 1792; *Puntius gelius* Hamiolton, 1822.

*Locality:* Triveni (22.9901° N, 88.3943° E), Hoogly, West Bengal, India

*Reference material:* Slides AT 6-9 (*Anabas testudiens*, prepared on 15/10/1996) are in the collection of Protozoology laboratory, University of Kalyani, Kalyani, 741235, WestBengal.

*Description:* Diameter of the body-46.1-61.2(54.6±3.3,40) µm. Adoral ciliary spiral 395-400°.

- ***Trichodina heterospina*** Asmat, 2005

*Site of infection:* Gills

*Host:* *Sardinella fimbriata* Valenciennes, 1847.

*Locality:* Canning (22.31°N, 88.65°E), South 24 Parganas, West Bengal, India.

*Reference material:* Holotype, slide SF 1 (25/05/1997); paratypes, slide SF 2 (25/05/1997) are in the collection of the Department of Zoology, University of Chittagong, Chittagong 4331, Bangladesh

**Description:** Denticles are broad, rays strong and straight. Morphometric data unavailable.

- ***Trichodina indica*** Tripathi, 1954

**Site of infection:** Gills and skins

**Host:** *Labeo rohita* Hamiolton, 1822; *Labeo calbasu* Hamiolton, 1822; *Cirrhinus mrigala* Hamiolton, 1822; *C. reba* Hamiolton, 1822; *Catla catla* Hamiolton, 1822; *Amblypharyn mola* Hamiolton, 1822; *Salmostoma bacaila* Hamiolton, 1822; *Labeo rohita* Hamiolton, 1822; *Hypothalamichthys molitrix valenciennes*, 1844.

**Locality:** Midnapore (22.4257° N, 87.3199° E), West Bengal, India.

**Reference material:** Not available.

**Description:** Diameter of the body -50-86 µm. Number of denticles- 18-21. Curved denticles with long hooks.

- ***Trichodina indiana*** Saha and Bandyopadhyay, 2017

**Site of infection:** Gills

**Host:** *Carassius auratus auratus* Linnaeus, 1758.

**Locality:** Diamond Harbour (22.1352N, 88.4016E), West Bengal, India

**Reference material:** Holotype, slide GF-TD-02/2014, and paratype slides GF-TD-03/2015, GF-TD-08/2015, GF-TD-12/2015, GF-TD-2/2016, GF-TD-4/2016, GFTD-5/2016, GF-TD-6/2016, GF-TD-8/2016 has been deposited in the collection of the Parasitology Laboratory, Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani, Kalyani 741235, West Bengal, India. Paratype Slide no. GF-TD-04-15 was deposited in Zoological Survey of India, Kolkata under accession no. Pt. 3703.

**Description:** Diameter of the body 38.92-44.2(41.1±2.06) µm. Numbers of denticles 24-26(25). Radial pins/ denticles 6-9.

- ***Trichodina japonica*** Imai, 1991

**Site of infection:** Gills

**Host:** *Lates calcarifer* Worthington, 1929.

**Locality:** Canning (22.31°N, 88.65°E), South 24 Parganas, West Bengal, India.

**Reference material:** Slide PP/85/ZOOL is deposited in the Department of Zoology, Ranaghat College, P.O. Ranaghat, Nadia, 741201, West Bengal, India.

**Description:** Diameter of body-20.9-25.4(22.4±1.2,20) µm, Number of denticles 17-21; 5-7 (6). Adoral ciliary

spiral- 360-390°.

- ***Trichodina jadranica*** Raabe, 1958

**Site of infection:** Gills.

**Host:** *Carassius auratus auratus* Linnaeus, 1758.

**Locality:** Haringhata (22°53'N-24°11'N/88°09'E-88°48'E), Nadia, West Bengal, India

**Reference material:** Slide TJ/ZOOL/KU/34/15 is deposited to Parasitology laboratory, University of Kalyani, Kalyani 741235

**Description:** Diameter of the body 34-43 µm. Number of denticles -17-22(19.4±1.2)µm. Radial pins/ denticle - 6-7. Adoral ciliary spiral- 360°.

- ***Trichodina jialgensis*** Tang and Zhao, 2013

**Site of infection:** Gills.

**Host:** *Carassius auratus auratus* Linnaeus, 1758.

**Locality:** Haringhata (22°53'N-24°11'N/88°09'E-88°48'E), Nadia, West Bengal, India.

**Reference material:** Lectotype, slide OF /KU/ZOOL/2015-114/116/117 have been deposited in the Parasitology laboratory, University of Kalyani, Kalyani 741235.

**Description:** Diameter of the body- 45.5-52.3(47.44±2.34\_) µm; Number of denticles 22-25(23.37±1.30), radial pins/ denticle – 7-8 (7.3+0.48).

- ***Trichodina kapataiensis*** Asmat and Mohammad, 2005

**Site of infection:** Gills

**Host:** *Carassius auratus auratus* Linnaeus, 1758.

**Locality:** Haringhata (22°53'N-24°11'N/88°09'E-88°48'E), West Bengal.

**Reference material:** Lectotype, slide OF/KU/ZOOL/2015-117 have been deposited in the parasitology laboratory, Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani, Kalyani, 741235

**Description:** Diameter of the body: 45.5-49.5(46.7±1.03) µm. Number of denticles- 20-22(21±1.06).

Radial pins/denticle- 8-10 (8.9 + 0.9).

- ***Trichodina manjuae*** Saha and Bandyopadhyay, 2017

**Site of infection:** Gills and Skin.

**Host:** *Carassius auratus auratus* Linnaeus, 1758.

**Locality:** Haringhata (22°53'N-24°11'N/88°09'E-88°48'E), West Bengal, India.

**Reference material:** Holotype, slide GF-TM-09/2015, and paratype slides GF-TM-10/2015, GF-TM-11/2015, GF-TM-12/2015, GF-TM-01/2016, GF-TM-12/2016 has been deposited in the collection of the Parasitology Laboratory, Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani, Kalyani 741235, West Bengal, India. Paratype Slide no. GF-TB-07-2015 was deposited in Zoological Survey of India, Kolkata under accession no. Pt. 3704.

**Description:** Diameter of the body-35.1-42.5(37.58±3.14). Number of denticles 29-33(31). Radial pins/denticle-8-10.

- ***Trichodina martinkae*** Basson and Van As, 1991

**Site of infection:** Gills

**Host:** *Clarias batrachus* Linnaeus, 1758.

**Locality:** Kalyani, (23.3°N, 88.4°E), West Bengal, India

**Reference material:** Slide TN/KU/26/ZOOL is deposited to Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani, Kalyani, 741235, West Bengal.

**Description:** Diameter of the body-51.2(36.5-60.5). Number of denticles 25(23-26). Radial pins/Denticle-10(9-12).

- ***Trichodina molae*** Mitra and Haldar, 2005

**Site of infection:** Gills

**Host:** *Amblypharyngodon mola* Hamilton, 1822.

**Locality:** Ranaghat, (23°17'N, 88°57'E), West Bengal, India.

**Reference material:** Holotype, slide AM-14/2001, and paratype slide AM-12/2001 in the collection of the Protozoology Laboratory, Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani, Kalyani 741235, West Bengal, India and slide AM-2/2001 bearing some paratype materials in the collection of the Harold W. Manter Laboratory of Parasitology, Lincoln, Nebraska, USA (Accession No. HWML 16742)

**Description:** Diameter of the body-35.7-42.8(38.2+3.0,20). Number of denticles -18-20. Radial pins/denticle- 6-7. Adoral ciliary spiral - 400-410°.

- ***Trichodina mossambicus*** Asmat, 2005

**Site of infection:** Gills.

**Host:** *Oreochromis mossambicus* Peters, 1852

**Locality:** Kalyani, (23.3°N, 88.4°E) West Bengal, India.

**Reference material:** Holotype, slide OM 1 (14/08/1996);

paratypes, slide OM 2 (14/08/1996) in the collection of the Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani, Kalyani 741235, Nadia, West Bengal, India.

**Description:** Well developed rays. Ray connection well formed and short. Morphometric data is unavailable.

- ***Trichodina mutabilis*** Kazubski and Migala, 1968

**Site of infection:** Gills

**Host:** *Puntius sophore* Hamilton, 1822; *Xenentodon cancila* Hamilton, 1822; *Salmostoma bacaila* Hamilton, 1822; *Nandus nandus* Hamilton, 1822.

**Locality:** Ranaghat, (23°17'N, 88°57'E), West Bengal, India.

**Reference material:** Lectotype: Slide no. GF-TM-10/2014, deposited in the collection of the Parasitology Laboratory, Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani, Kalyani, Nadia, West Bengal, India.

**Description:** Diameter of the body - 40.1-51.0(46.1+3.4) µm, Number of denticles 28(26-30). Radial pins/denticle - 9-13 (11+0.7). Adoral ciliary spiral-400-410°.

- ***Trichodina mystusi*** Asmat and Haldar, 1998

**Site of infection:** Gills.

**Host:** *Mystus gulio* Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822

**Locality:** Canning

(22.31°N, 88.65°E), West Bengal, India.

**Reference material:** Slide no. TM/KU/ZOOL-20, is submitted to Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani, Kalyani, 741235, West Bengal.

**Description:** Diameter of the body- 27.6-36.8(30.9+ 2.7) µm . Number of denticles 20-24(21.4±1.1). Radial pins/ denticle-5-7, Adoral ciliary spiral- 390-400°

- ***Trichodina nandusi*** Mitra and Bandyopadhyay, 2013

**Site of infection:** Gills

**Host:** *Nandus nandus* Hamilton, 1822.

**Locality:** Banganan (23°01'20"N- 22°39'32"N/88°30'15"E-87°39'32"E), West Bengal, India.

**Reference material:** Holotype: Slide no; NN-3/2011 deposited in the Department of Zoology, Ranaghat College, P.O. Ranaghat, Nadia, 741201, West Bengal, India; Paratype and Other slides NN-14/2011,NN-17/2011,NN-20 deposited to Department of Zoology, Ranaghat College, P.O. Ranaghat, Nadia, 741201, West

Bengal, India.

**Description:** Diameter of the body -42.1-53.0(47.1±3.0) µm; Number of denticles 20-24(22±3.3); radial pins/ denticle – 5-9 (7.0+2.8). Adoral ciliary spiral-370-380°.

- ***Trichodina nigra*** Lom, 1960

**Site of infection:** Gills

**Host:** *Nandus nandus* Hamilton, 1822; *Cirrhinus mrigala* Hamilton, 1822; *Orechromis niloticus* Linnaeus, 1758; *Notpterus notopterus* Pallas, 1769; *Trichogaster fasciatus* Bloch and Schneider, 1801; *Mystus vittatus* Bloch, 1794.

**Locality:** Ranaghat (23°17'N, 88°57'E), Nadia. West Bengal, India.

**Reference material:** Slide is deposited to Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani; Slide no.TN/KU/ZOOL/O5

**Description:** Diameter of the body- 44.4-74.7(55.2)µm. Number of denticles- 20-28(24). Radial pins/denticle- 5-9 (7.0 ±2.8). Adoral ciliary spiral- 375-390°.

- ***Trichodina ngoma*** Van and Basson, 1992

**Site of infection:** Gills

**Host:** *Carassius auratus auratus* Linnaeus, 1758.

**Locality:** Haringhata (22°53'N-24°11'N/88°09'E-88°48'E), Nadia, West Bengal, India.

**Reference material:** Lectotype: Slide no. GF-TN-11/2014, deposited in the collection of the Parasitology Laboratory, Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani, Kalyani, Nadia, West Bengal, India.

**Description:** Diameter of the body-52.5-59.6(56.05±5.0,8) µm. Numbers of denticles -25-31(28±4.24). Radial pins/ denticle- 8-10 (9±1.4). Adoral ciliary spiral- 408°.

- ***Trichodina oligocotti*** Lom, 1970

**Site of infection:** Gills.

**Host:** *Chanda nama* Hamilton, 1822.

**Locality:** Triveni, Hooghly, (22.9°N,88.40°E) West Bengal, India.

**Reference material:** Slide CN-1 (*Chanda nama*, prepared on 12/12/95) in the collection of Protozoology laboratory, University of Kalyani, Kalyani, 741235, West Bengal.

**Description:** Diameter of the body -48.0-58.1(52.30±3.7) µm, Number of denticles – 22-25 (23.1±1.04). Radial pns/

denticle - 9-12 (11.0±1.00).

- ***Trichodina pangasi*** Mitra and Bandyopadhyay, 2013

**Site of infection:** Gills

**Host:** *Pangasius pangasius* Hamilton, 1822.

**Locality:** Berhampore, Murshidabad, West Bengal, India.

**Reference material:** Holotype: One slide no. PP7/2011 obtained from the gills of *Pangasius pangasius* is deposited in the Department of Zoology, Ranaghat College, P.O. Ranaghat, Nadia, 741201, West Bengal, India.

**Paratype:** On the above numbered slide as well as other slides P27/2011, PP4/2011, PP14/2011 are deposited to Department of Zoology, Ranaghat College, P.O. Ranaghat, Nadia, 741201, West Bengal, India.

**Description:** Diameter of the body (38.9-54.1)µm. Number of denticles – 24-26(25.4±1.3). Radial pins/ denticle - 4-8 (5.1±0.6). Adoral ciliary spiral- 390-400°.

- ***Trichodina pediculus*** Ehrenberg, 1838

**Site of infection:** Gills.

**Host:** *Barbus chola* Hamilton, 1822; *Lymnecnida indica* Gunther, 1893

**Locality:** Karnataka (15.3173° N, 75.7139° E), India.

**Reference material:** Not available.

**Description:** Morphometric data unavailable.

- ***Trichodina porocephalus*** Asmat, 2001

**Site of infection:** Gills

**Host:** *Ophiocara porocephalus* Valenciennes, 1837.

**Locality:** Hooghly River (21°55'N 88°05'E / 21.917°N 88.083°E) of Hooghly District, West Bengal, India.

**Reference material:** Holotype, slide OP-1 prepared on 05-10-1996; paratypes, slide OP-2 prepared on 05-10-1996 and slide OP-3 prepared on 15-1-1997 are in the collection of the Department of Zoology, University of Chittagong, Chittagong 4331, Bangladesh.

**Description:** Diameter of the body-32.5-50.5(42.3+ 5.2,20) µm. Number of denticles-20-27(24.3±1.5). Radial pins/ denticle – 6-9 (7.4±1.0). Adoral ciliary spiral -380-390°.

- ***Trichodina pseudominta*** Tang and Zhao, 2013

**Site of infection:** Gills

**Host:** *Carassius auratus auratus* Linnaeus, 1758.

*Locality:* Howrah (22°35'N, 88°19'E), West Bengal, India.

*Reference material:* Lectotype, slide OF/KU/ZOOL/2015-112 have been deposited in the parasitology laboratory, Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani.

*Description:* Diameter of the body 45.1-52.5(48.76±2.93) µm. Number of denticles - 20-23(20.71±1.25). Radial pins/denticle -7-8 (7.53±0.51).

- ***Trichodina reticulata*** Hirschman and Partsch, 1935

*Site of infection:* Gills

*Host:* *Catla catla* Hamilton, 1822; *Carassius auratus auratus* Linnaeus, 1758.

*Locality:* Haringhata (22°53'N-24°11'N/88°09'E-88°48'E), Nadia, West Bengal, India.

*Reference material:* Lectotype: Slide no. GF-TR-11/2014, deposited in the collection of the Parasitology Laboratory, Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani.

*Description:* Diameter of the body 50.0-74.5(62.25±7.32) µm. Number of denticles - 25-31 (28±4.2). Radial pins/denticle - 8-10 (9±1.4). Adoral ciliary spiral-370-380°.

- ***Trichodina silondiata*** Mitra and Bandyopadhyay, 2013

*Site of infection:* Gills.

*Host:* *Silonia silondiata* Hamilton, 1822.

*Locality:* River Ganges (24.16912N and 88.32502E), Berhampore, Murshidabad, West Bengal, India.

*Reference material:* Holotype: One slide no. CP1/2011 obtained from the gills of *Silonia silondia* (Hamilton, 1822) collected at Berhampore of Murshidabad, West Bengal, India is deposited in the Department of Zoology, Ranaghat College, P.O. Ranaghat, Nadia, 741201, West Bengal, India; Paratype: On the above numbered slide as well as on other slides (CP4/2011, CP/2011, CP16/2011) are deposited in the Department of Zoology, Ranaghat College, P.O. Ranaghat, Nadia, 741201, West Bengal, India.

*Description:* Diameter of the body - 32.7-60.6(46.4±6.3) µm. Radial pins/ denticles - 6-8 (7.1±0.8). Adoral ciliary spiral-390°.

- ***Trichodina siluri*** (Lom, 1970) Arthur, 1989

*Site of infection:* Gills

*Host:* *Ctenopharyngodon idella* Valenciennes, 1844.

*Locality:* Gajodoba (26.6887° N, 88.4118° E), Jalpaiguri, West Bengal, India.

*Reference material:* Not available.

*Description:* Diameter of the body - (42.4-58.7)µm . Number of denticles 23-24. Radial pins/denticle-9-10. Adoral ciliary spiral-380°.

- ***Trichodina tenuidons*** Lom and Stein, 1966

*Site of infection:* Gills.

*Host:* *Liza parsia* Hamilton, 1822.

*Locality:* River Churni, Ranaghat (23°10'45"N 88°33'42"E),

*Reference material:* Not available.

*Descriptrtion:* Diameter of the body 45-69 µm. Number of denticles 28(25-33). Radial pins/denticle- 8-9.

- ***Trichodina vinodi*** Saha and Bandyopadhyay, 2017

*Site of infection:* Gills

*Host:* *Carassius auratus auratus* Linnaeus, 1758.

*Locality:* Haringhata (22°53'N-24°11'N/88°09'E-88°48'E), Nadia, West Bengal, India.

*Reference material:* Holotype, slide GF-TV-01/2016, and paratype slides GF-TV-12/2015, GF-TV-18/2015, GF-TV-19/2015, GF-TV-08/2016, GF-TV-13/2016 has been deposited in the collection of the Parasitology Laboratory, Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani, Kalyani 741235, West Bengal, India. Paratype Slide no. GF-TM-7-2016 was deposited in Zoological Survey of India, Kolkata under accession no. Pt. 370.

*Description:* Diameter of the body – 26.6-40.9(33.75±6.07) µm. Number of denticles 28. Radial pins/denticle 7-9(8).

- ***Trichodina waltairensis*** Kalavati, Narasimhamurti and Usharani, 1991

*Site of infection:* Urinary bladder

*Host:* *Rana breviceps* Schneider, 1799 and *Rana cyanopelyctis* Schneider, 1799.

*Locality:* Eluru (16.7°N,81.1°E) Andhra Pradesh, India.

*Reference material:* Not available.

*Description:* Adhesive disc 56-80µm.Number of Denticles -48-52. Adoral ciliary spiral 390-450°. Velum distinct with marginal cilia

Genus *Tripartiella*

- *Tripartiella bulbosa* Davis, 1947

Site of infection: Gills

Host: *Labeo bata* Hamilton, 1822; *Labeo rohita* Hamilton, 1822; *Catla catla* Hamilton, 1822; *Carassius auratus auratus* Linnaeus, 1758.

Locality: Nambol (24.312°N: 93.669°E), Manipur, Imphal and Haringhata (22°53'N-24°11'N/88°09'E-88°48'E West Bengal, India.

Reference material: Lectotype: Slide No. CC-30 prepared on 14/03/2011 in the collection of the Department of Zoology, Ranaghat College, P.O. Ranaghat, Dist. Nadia, Pin- 741201, West Bengal, India.

Description: Body disc shaped. Diameter of the body- 18.0-23.4(20.8+2.1)µm. Adhesive disc-13.2-18.7(16.7±3.8)µm. Denticles are uniquely shaped. Distal margins almost round. Rays are short and stumpy. Number of denticles 22-24 (22.75±1.4). Radial pins per denticle -5-6(5.6±0.7). Adoral ciliary spiral-180-200°,

- *Tripartiella bursiformis* Davis, 1947

Site of infection: Gills

Host: *Xenentodon cancila* Hamilton, 1822.

Locality: Bethuadahari (23.5989° N, 88.3973° E), Nadia, West Bengal, India.

Reference material: Not available.

Description: Diameter of the body- 38-44µm. Number of denticles- 26-32. Denticles are slender and having long blade. Adoral ciliary spiral – 250-290°.

- *Tripartiella copiosa* Lom, 1959

Site of infection: Gills

Host: *Labeo rohita* Hamilton, 1822; *Cyprinus carpio* Linnaeus, 1758; *Labio bata* Hamilton, 1822; *Labio gonius* Hamilton, 1822; *Catla catla* Hamilton, 1822; *Cirrhinus mrigala* Hamilton, 1822; *Labeo bata* Hamilton, 1822; *Carassius auratus auratus* Linnaeus, 1758.

Locality: Pumlen Pat (24.538°N: 93.960°E), Khoidum pat (24.540°N: 93.886°E), Waithou pat (24.668°N: 93.962°E), Lamphel pat (24.825°N: 93.908°E), Khongham pat (24.895°N: 93.890°E), Kongba (24.797°N: 93.963°E), Nambol (24.312°N: 93.669°E) Imphal, Manipur; Haringhata (22°53'N-24°11'N/88°09'E-88°48'E), West Bengal, India.

Reference material: Lectotype: One slide no. LB-1 prepared on 19/02/2011 is in the collection of the Department of Zoology, P.O. Ranaghat, Dist. Nadia, Pin- 741201, West Bengal, India.

Description: Body disc shaped, Diameter of the body- 18.4-25.2(21.8±4.8)µm, Denticles are small in size with broad blade. Number of denticles 20-24 (22±2.8), Thin rays are directed posteriorly. There is special hook like structure developed in denticles. Radial pins /denticle-3-4(3.5±0.7). Adoral ciliary spiral -180-240°.

- *Tripartiella kashkovskyi* Lom and Haldar, 1974

Site of infection: Gills

Host: *Pangasius pangasius* Hamilton, 1822.

Locality: Nadia, West Bengal, India.

Reference material: Not available.

Description: Diameter of the body- 24(20-27)µm. Number of denticles 11(8-12). Radial pins /denticle-4-5. Adoral ciliary spiral- 140-180°

- *Tripartiella leucisci* Suzuki, 1950

Site of infection: Gills.

Host: *Catla catla* Hamilton, 1822, *Cirrhinus mrigala* Hamilton, 1822.

Locality: West Bengal, India.

Reference material: Not available.

Description: Morphometric data not available

- *Tripartiella obtusa* Ergens and Lom, 1970

Site of infection: Gills

Host: *Ctenopharyngodon idella* Valenciennes, 1844 ; *Gadusia chapra* Hamilton, 1822; *Labeo rohita* Hamilton, 1822; *Catla catla* Hamilton, 1822; *Carassius auratus auratus* Linnaeus, 1758.

Locality: Pumlen Pat (24.538°N: 93.960°E), Khoidum pat (24.540°N: 93.886°E), Waithou pat (24.668°N: 93.962°E), Lamphel pat (24.825°N: 93.908°E), Khongham pat (24.895°N: 93.890°E), Kongba (24.797°N: 93.963°E), Nambol (24.312°N: 93.669°E) Imphal, Manipur; Haringhata (22°53'N-24°11'N/88°09'E-88°48'E), West Bengal, India

Reference material: Slide no TM-45 is deposited 2011 in the collection of the Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani, P.O. Kalyani, Dist. Nadia, Pin- 741235, West Bengal, India.

**Description:** Very small in size. Diameter of the body- 12.0-24.5(18.25+8.8)µm. Club-shaped blades directed backwardly. Central part appears round. Stout rays directed anteriorly. Radial pins per denticle 3-5(4.0±1.4). Number of denticles- 17-20(18.5±2.1).

#### Genus *Trichodinella*

- ***Trichodinella bengalensis*** Saha and Bandyopadhyay, 2017

**Site of infection:** Gills.

**Host:** *Carassius auratus* Linnaeus, 1758.

**Locality:** Howrah (22.5958N, 88.2636E), West Bengal

**Reference material:** Holotype, slide GF-TC-02/2015, and paratype slides GF-TC-05/2015, GF-TC-10/2015, GF-TC13/2015, GF-TC-08/2016, GF-TC-19/2016 has been deposited in the collection of the Parasitology Laboratory, Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani, Kalyani

**Description:** Diameter of the body- 13.1-19.7(16.4+ 2.7) µm. Number of denticles- 20-21(20.33+ 0.5). Radial pins/ denticle- 4-5.

- ***Trichodinella epizootica*** (Raabe,1950) Šramek-Hušek, 1953

**Site of infection:** Gills

**Host:** *Puntius gelius* Hamilton,1822; *Carassius auratus auratus* Linnaeus, 1758.

**Locality:** Ranaghat (23°10'45"N 88°33'42"E), Nadia, West Bengal, India.

**Reference material:** PG/3/11-2001 in the collection of authors.

**Description:** Diameter of the body- 23.0-50.0µm. Number of denticles 16-28. Adoral ciliary spiral-180°.

- ***Trichodinella rectangulata*** Saha and Bandyopadhyay, 2017

**Site of infection:** Gills.

**Host:** *Carassius auratus* Linnaeus, 1758.

**Locality:** Diamond Harbour (22.1352N, 88.4016E), South 24 Parganas, West Bengal, India.

**Reference material:** Holotype, slide GF-TB-09/2014, and paratype slides GF-TB-07/2015, GF-TB-08/2015, GF-TB18/2015, GF-TB-3/2016, GF-TB-4/2016, GF-TB-5/2016, GF-TB-6/2016, GF-TB-8/2016 has been deposited in the collection of the Parasitology.

**Description:** Diameter of the body- 33.15-58.7(45.92±6.96) µm. Number of denticles 20-24(22±0.7). Radialpins/ denticle-3-4.

- ***Trichodinella sunderbanensis*** Mitra and Bandyopadhyay, 2012

**Site of infection:** Gills

**Host:** *Mystus gulio* Hamilton – Buchanan, 1822.

**Locality:** Jharkhali (22.0306° N, 88.7013° E) Sunderbans, South 24 Parganas, West Bengal, India

**Reference material:** Holotype: slide no. MG- 02/2011 is deposited to Department of Zoology, Ranaghat College, P.O.Ranaghat,Nadia,741201,WestBengal,India;Paratype: Other slides MG- 9/2011,MG-12/2011,MG-17/2011 are deposited to Department of Zoology, Ranaghat College, P.O. Ranaghat, Nadia, 741201, West Bengal, India.

**Description:** Diameter of the body- 15.2-22.4(19.7±1.9) µm. Number of denticles 19-22(21±1.1). Radial pins/ denticle- 3-4. Adoral ciliary spiral-270°.

#### Genus *Paratrichodina*

- ***Paratrichodina africana*** Kazubski and El-Tantawy, 1986

**Site of Infection:** Gills

**Host:** *Oreochromis mossambicus* Peter,1852

**Locality:** River Churni, Ranaghat (23°10'45"N 88°33'42"E), Nadia, West Bengal, India.

**Reference material:** OM-1/2002 in the collection of the authors.

**Description:** Diameter of the body -15.4-24.8(20.1±1.3, 29)µm. Number of denticles - 17-22(20). Radial pins/ denticle- 3-6(4). Adoral ciliary spiral - 260-270°.

- ***Paratrichodina bassonae*** Mitra and Bandyopadhyay, 2006

**Site of infection:** Gills

**Host:** *Mystus cavasius* Hamilton, 1822.**Locality:** North 24 Parganas (22.1°N, 89.5°E), West Bengal, India.

**Reference material:** Holotype, slide MC-6/2003, and paratype slide MC-2/2003, MC-5/2003, MC-8/2003 are deposited in the Museum of the Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani, Kalyani 741235, West Bengal, India

**Description:** Diameter of the body-14.8-19.3(17.1±1.2,30) µm, Number of denticles 18-21(20), radial pins/

denticle-3-5. Adoral ciliary spiral-170-230°.

- **Paratrichodina indica** Saha and Haldar, 1996

*Site of infection:* Gills

*Host:* *Heteropnustus fossilis* Bloch, 1794; *Liza persia* Hamilton, 1822.

*Type locality:* Not available.

*Reference material:* Not available.

*Description:* Diameter of Body-38-58(43±4.78)µm. Number of denticles - 21-22 (21.9±0.22). Radial pins/denticle – 6-7 (6.7±0.46). Adoral ciliary spiral-180- 270°.

- **Paratrichodina lizae** Asmat, 2002

*Site of infection:* Gills

*Host:* *Liza persia* Hamilton, 1822. *Locality:* Canning (22.3104° N, 88.6579° E), South 24 Parganas, West Bengal, India.

*Reference material:* Slide no. PC/ZOOL/12 is in the collection of Protozoology Laboratory, University of Kalyani, 741235, West Bengal.

*Description:* Diameter of the body-17.2-24.4(22.1±1.7) µm. Number of denticles 18-21, Radial pins/denticle-3-5. Adoral ciliary spiral-240°

- **Paratrichodina notopteri** Saha, Bandyopadhyay and Haldar, 1995

*Site of infection:* Gills

*Host:* *Notopterus notopterus* Pallas, 1769

*Locality:* Not available

*Reference material:* Not available

*Description:* Morphometric data not available.

#### Genus *Dipertiella*

- **Dipertiella carassii** Saha and Bandyopadhyay, 2017

*Site of infection:* Gills

*Host:* *Carassius auratus* Linnaeus, 1758.

*Locality:* Haringhata (22°53'N-24°11'N/88°09'E-88°48'E), Nadia, West Bengal, India

*Reference Material:* Holotype, slide no. GF-DSII-1/2015, and -DSII-8/2016, GF-DSII-16/2016 have been deposited in the collection of the Parasitology Laboratory, Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani, Kalyani 741235, West Bengal, India

*Description:* Diameter of the body- 18.4-24.1(20.86±2.1)

µm. Number of denticles-20. Radial pins/ denticle -3-5 (4. ±0.9).

- **Dipartiella indiana** Saha and Bandyopadhyay, 2017

*Site of infection:* Gills

*Host:* *Carassius auratus* Linnaeus, 1758.

*Locality:* Haringhata, (22°53'N-24°11'N/88°09'E-88°48'E) Nadia, West Bengal, India.

*Reference material:* Holotype, slide no. GF-DSI-7/ 2015, and paratype slides no. GF-DSI-13/2015, GF-DSI14/2015, GF-DSI-18/2015, GF-DSI-1/2016, GF-DSI-7/ 2016, GF-DSI-9/2016 have been deposited in the collection of the Parasitology Laboratory, Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani, Kalyani 741235, West Bengal, India.

*Description:* Diameter of the body- 30.5-39.1(34.8±3.6) µm. Number of denticles- 20-21. Radial pins/denticle -3-6 (4.5±1.2).

- **Dipartiella kazubski** Mitra and Bandyopadhyay, 2009

*Site of infection:* Gills

*Host:* *Batasio batasio* Hamilton-Buchanan; *Wallago attu* Bloch and Schneider, 1801

*Locality:* Gajoldoba, Jalpaiguri (26.6887° N, 88.4118° E) and Ranaghat (23°10'45"N 88°33'42"E). Nadia, West Bengal, India.

*Reference material:* Holotype, slide BB2, and paratype slides BB1, BB3, BB5, WA1, WA2, WA7, WA10 in the collection of the Parasitology Laboratory, Department of Zoology, University of Kalyani, Kalyani 741235, West Bengal, India

*Description:* Diameter of the body-15.5-20.7(18.2±1.7,40) µm, Number of denticles 23-33(31), radial pins per denticle-3-5(4). Adoral ciliary spiral-150-170°.

## Discussion

Considering all the data it can be concluded that the present study gives us a clear knowledge on trichodind diversity in India. The taxonomic list includes fourty-two species of *Trichodina*, four species of *Trichodinella* six species of *Tripartiella*, five species of *Paratrichodina* and three species of *Dipertiella*. Many species of these have been newly discovered and few are redescribed by different researchers. This study revealed the knowledge

of new host with some new parasites and locality. Lastly, it can be commented that there are many areas in India where studies on trichodinid ciliates have not been given much importance. So the paper will throw some light on the topic and increase the interest of future researchers who will work on this line in near future.

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