Aedes (*Finlaya*) *alongi* Galliard and Ngu (Diptera: Culicidae: Aedini): description of the female, redescription of the fourth-instar larva, and reassignment to genus *Bothaella* Reinert

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Abstract

The female of *Aedes* (*Finlaya*) *alongi* is described for the first time and the fourth-instar larva is redescribed in detail. The species is reassigned to *Bothaella* and compared to other species of the genus.

Key words: *Bothaella alongi*, mosquito, Diptera, Culicidae, Aedini

Introduction

Galliard & Ngu (1947: 77) described *Aedes* (*Finlaya*) *halongi* as a new species and stated that the larva from Baie d'Along, Tonkin, Indochina, differed from all Oriental species in having stellate setae on the thorax and abdomen (only characters given). These authors later emended the spelling of the name to *alongi* and provided partial illustrations of the larva (Galliard & Ngu 1950: Figs. 1–3). Grothaus *et al.* (1971) reported the species collected as larvae from rockholes in January 1967 from Da Nang, Vietnam. Knight & Stone (1977) noted that the type is nonexistent. These articles include all the information published to date on this species.

Although Galliard & Ngu (1950) did not state that *Aedes alongi* is an emendation of *halongi*, it must be interpreted as the correction of an inadvertent error under article