THE GENUS HERVIELLA AND A NEW SPECIES, H. AFFINIS, FROM JAPAN (NUDIBRANCHIA-EOLIDACEA)

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With 1 Text-figure

The genus *Herviella* (fam. Facelinidae) was established by BABA in 1949 (pp. 107, 180) with the type species:

Herviella yatsui (Baba, 1930) = Cratena yatsui Baba, 1930 Yatsu-minoumiushi Loc.: Sagami Bay; Suruga Bay; Kii; Osaka Bay; Amakusa; Sado I.; Toyama Bay; Tsuruga Bay.

The second species of the genus is recorded below.

Herviella affinis BABA, n. sp.

Gomahu-minoumiushi (n. n.)

(Fig. 1, A-E)

The general body-form is as in *H. yatsui* (Baba). Total length of animal 6-15 mm. Cephalic tentacles long, rhinophores also long and simple, foot-corners rounded. Branchial papillae slender, fusiform, are arranged in 5-6 simple oblique rows on each side, about 4 in the 1st, 5 in the 2nd, 4 in the 3rd, 3-1 in the next rows, each papilla containing an apical cnidosac as usual. Cleioproctic anus closely behind the 1st right row of the posterior liver, genital orifice below the 1st row (=anterior liver) on the right body-side, nephroproct not determined. Ground-colour of body yellowish white. Above it is thickly black-spotted as in yatsui, but in affinis the upper half of the rhinophores is chrome-yellow and the branchial papillae have each a marked orange ring down the tip. Liver-veins of the branchial papillae faintly yellowish. The jaws and radula do not differ markedly from those of yatsui. A series of about 12 denticles on the jaw-edge. Radula formula 14×0.1.0. Central tooth with a produced median cusp and 3-4 flanking denticles.

Loc.: Kada, Osaka Bay, on shore (July 1958 and Oct. 1959, 3 sps., coll. by Mr. Hamatani and the author); Abugashima, Toyama Bay, in shallow water

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(Aug. 1955, 1 sp., coll. by Mr. Abe); Ogi, Toyama Bay, in shallow water (Aug. 1960, 1 sp., coll. by Mr. Abe).

The two species, yatsui and affinis, may be distinguished from each other by the following table.

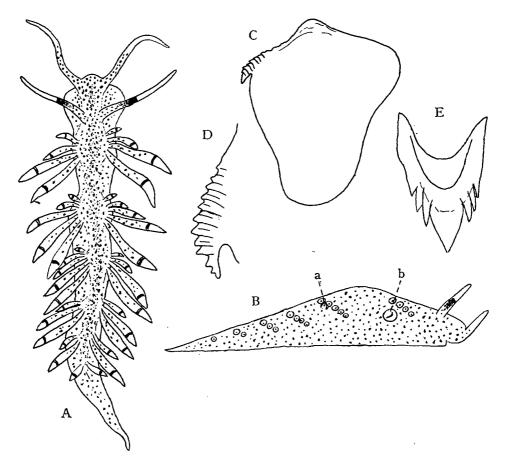


Fig. 1. Herviella affinis. A. Animal from Kada, Osaka Bay (July 20, 1958, length 10 mm);
B. Right side of the same animal, a. anus, b. genital orifice; C. A jaw-plate (×50);
D. Jaw-edge (×150); E. Radula tooth (×170).

H. yatsui

- 1. Cephalic tentacles black below, the black colour continued down to form a U-letter on the head.
- 2. Rhinophores black in the middle, opaque white above.
- 3. Branchial papillae with a subapical black band.

H. affinis

- 1. Cephalic tentacles not black below.
- 2. Rhinophores black in the middle, chrome yellow above.
- 3. Branchial papillae with a subapical orange band.

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