

The first report of a genus and species of platygastrid wasps (Hymenoptera: Platygastridae) from Iran. Dr. Ebrahim Ebrahimi. Insect Taxonomy Research Department, Iranian Research Institute of Plant Protection, P. O. Box 1454, Tehran 19395, Iran, Ebrahimi@ppdri.ac.ir.

The Platygastridae is a relatively small hymenopteran family with an estimated 1100 species. Although platygastrids are mainly parasitoids of whiteflies, mealybugs and cecidomyids, some species are egg parasitoids of beetles and hemipteran bugs. This family has been poorly represented in Iran, with only one species, *Amitus spiniferus*, known as a parasitoid of the whitefly *Aleyrodes rosae* from the central province of Isfahan (Ghahari and Hatami, 2000. Journal of Entomological Society of Iran, 20(1): 1-24).

Here, the species *Synopeas tarsa* (Walker, 1835) is newly recorded from the city of Roudan in the Persian Gulf province of Hormozgan. The specimens were collected by A. Bagheri in a citrus orchard on May 4, 2004 along with parasitoid wasps of Citrus Leafminer (CLM). However the parasitic relationship of *S. tarsa* to CLM appears to be questionable.

The host of *S. tarsa* remain unknown although gall midges in the family Cecidomyiidae are parasitized by three other species of the genus *Synopeas* (Vlug, 1985, Keys to species, redescriptions, synonymy. Tijdschrift voor Entomologie 127: 179-224.; Kozlov, 1988. Keys to the Insects of the European Part of the USSR, Vol. III, Hymenoptera, part 2, Leiden, 1341pp.).