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Color Variation of *Metallidascillus wakaharai* (Coleoptera, Dascillidae)

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*Metallidascillus wakaharai* SATÔ has been recorded from Laos, Thailand and Vietnam (SATÔ,
2003, 2005; Sato et al., 2007). The type series and the additional specimens have all their elytra unicolored ("unicolored form" in this paper). Recently I had the opportunity to examine the "bicolored form" (BF) of this species collected from Central Laos. I thank Mr. Hiroyuki Wakahara, Dr. Nobuo Ohbayashi, and Dr. Tatsuya Niisato for their kindness in offering me invaluable specimens used in this study.

Specimens examined. 2♂♂♂, 4 ♀♀ (1 ♀ BF), Phou Samsoun, 2,000 m, Xiengkhouang Prov., C. Laos, 13–IV–2008, H. Wakahara leg.; 3♂♂♂ (1♂ BF), same locality and collector, 18–IV–2008 (figs. 1–2); 1♂, 4♀♀ (1♂ BF), Phou Tonmon, 1,950 m, Xiengkhouang Prov., C. Laos, 12–IV–2008, H. Wakahara leg.; 1♀, same locality and collector, 16–IV–2008.

Remarks. BF has the proximal third of elytra (including scutellum) black, but it agrees with the unicolored form by all other characters (including male genitalia).

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