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A NEW VARIETY OF *BULBOPHYLLUM REPTANS* (LINDL.) LINDL. FROM GORI VALLEY

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During the study of orchids of Gori Valley in the herbarium of the Botanical Survey of India, Northern Circle, Dehra Dun, the authors came across an interesting specimen of *Bulbophyllum reptans* (Lindl.) Lindl. wrongly identified earlier with *B. reptans* var. *subracemosa* Hook. f. [cf. Griffith, *Ic. Pl. Asiat.* Part III, t 294, f. 1 (1851)]. But in possessing ovate-lanceolate bracts which are acute and longer than the stalked ovary, it differs from both var. *reptans* and var. *subracemosa* as set out in the key below :

1a. Ovary sessile .. var. *reptans*
1b. Ovary stalked :
  2a. Bracts shorter than the ovary, obtuse .. var. *subracemosa*
  2b. Bracts longer than the ovary, acute .. var. *nov.*

We, therefore, describe below the third element as a new variety (*var. nov.*).

Bulbophyllum reptans (Lindl.) Lindl. var. **acuta** Malhotra et Balodi var. *nov.* a varietate typica differt bracteis floralibus 6 mm longis, ovariis longioribus, lanceolato-ovatis acutisque, ovario stipitato, 35 mm longo.

Holotypus lectus ad locum Gorpatta, Gori Valley, Pithoragarh, alt. 1500 m, die 10.3.1965, *M. A. Rau*, sub numero 35340, et positus in herbario CAL.

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Floral bracts 6 mm long, lanceolate-ovate, acute ovary with stalk 35 mm long, shorter than the floral bracts.

Epiphytic over *Rhododendron arboreum* Sm.

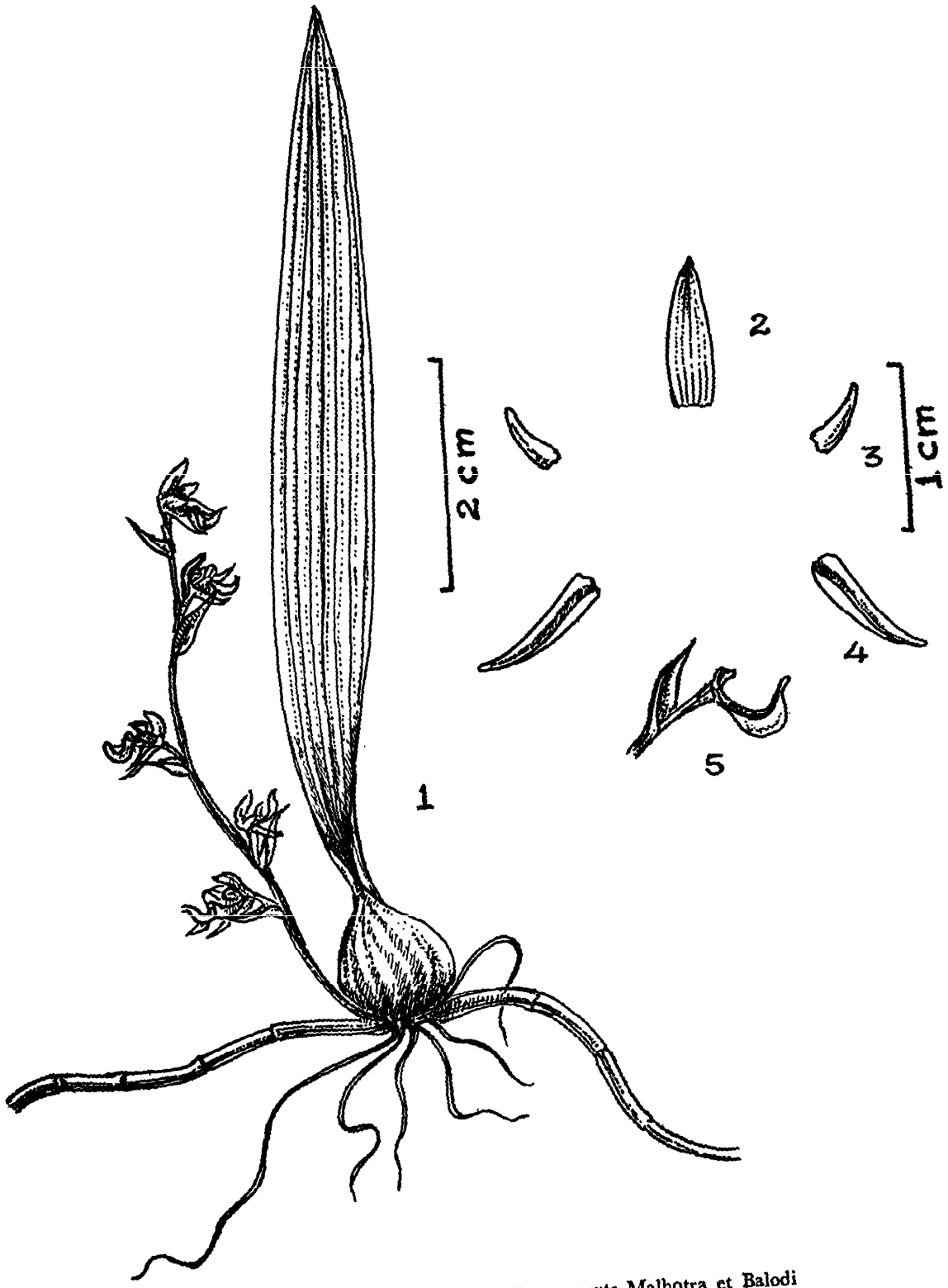
Holotype : *M. A. Rau* 35340, Gorpatta, (Gori Valley), Pithoragarh, INDIA. 1500 m, March 10, 1965 (CAL).

Paratype : *C. M. Arora* 53279—A, Dafia top (Gori Valley), Pithoragarh, INDIA. September 3, 1973 (BSD).

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Figs. 1-5 : 1. Habit. 2. Dorsal sepal. 3. Petal. 4. Lateral sepal. 5. Lip.