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Two new species of the genus *Milnesium* Doyère, 1840 (Tardigrada, Apochela, Milnesiidae) from Madagascar

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Abstract

The knowledge of the diversity and distribution of tardigrades on Madagascar is rather poor. To date, only 13 tardigrade taxa have been reported from this region (including one *Milnesium* species). We examined 46 specimens belonging to two new-to-science species of the genus Milnesium described herein using an integrative approach, including classical morphology and molecular marker (COI, ITS-2 and 28S rRNA) analysis. The species were found in two moss and lichen samples collected in the Ivohibory forest in Fianarantsoa Province. Milnesium matheusi sp. nov., with claw configuration [3-3]-[3-3] and rather wide buccal tube, morphologically is most similar to: Mil. beatae Roszkowska, Ostrowska & Kaczmarek, 2015, Mil. bohleberi Bartels, Nelson, Kaczmarek & Michalczyk, 2014, Mil. eurystomum Maucci, 1991, Mil. shilohae Meyer, 2015 and Mil. tumanovi Pilato, Sabella & Lisi, 2016; however, it differs from these by morphometric characteristics. *Milnesium wrightae* **sp. nov.**, by the presence of four points on secondary branches of claws IV, is most similar to Mil. quadrifidum Nederström, 1919. However, Mil. wrightae sp. nov. differs from Mil. quadrifidum by claw configuration ([4-4]-[4-4] in Mil. quadrifidum vs. [3-3]-[4-4] in *Mil. wrightae* **sp. nov.**), but also by the position of the fourth points on secondary branches of claws IV, which are located near the base of the claw in the new species and near the top of the claw in Mil. quadrifidum. Genotypic analysis showed that Mil. matheusi sp. nov. is most similar to Milnesium sp. (28S rRNA), Mil. variefidum (COI) and Mil. t. tardigradum (ITS-2) while Mil. wrightae sp. nov. is most similar to Milnesium sp. (28S rRNA), Mil. variefidum (COI) and Mil. matheusi (ITS-2). Five Milnesium taxa are recorded from the African region, including the two new species from Madagascar reported in this study.

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Keywords

integrative taxonomy, Milnesiidae, Milnesium matheusi sp. nov., Milnesium wrightae sp. nov., tropical region

Introduction

Madagascar stretches from -12° to -26°S latitude on the Indian Ocean, more than 400 km east of Africa. With an area of ca. 590,000 km², Madagascar is the world's fourth largest island; however, it is sometimes considered a microcontinent due to its geological and biological history. First, it separated from Gondwana as part of East Gondwana, comprising the Antarctic, Madagascar, Indian, and Australian plates. After several subsequent breakups, it finally separated from the Seychelles and India ca. 66-90 My ago (de Witt 2003, Kusky et al. 2007). Madagascar is characterised by high biological endemism, estimated at >90% for terrestrial vertebrates and >80% for vascular plants (Goodman and Benstead 2003, Callmander et al. 2011). A great number of species occurring in Madagascar have restricted geographical ranges and are reported from only one or several localities (Wilmé et al. 2006). Several present taxa are assumed to be Gondwanan relicts. Most of the biota is believed to be derived from African and Asian colonizers (Yoder and Nowak 2006, Warren et al. 2010, Buerki et al. 2013; Hong-Wa and Besnard 2013). Madagascar has a tropical climate with two main climatic and biogeographic zones characterised by a substantially different vegetation cover, i.e., evergreen humid forests and deciduous forests divided by a mountain range that extends from north to south in eastern-central Madagascar (Du Puy and Moat 1996). Both zones are divided into several regions, each of which has distinctive climatic features and a set of unique habitats.

The area studied is located in south-central Madagascar (approximately 22.598830S, 46.720841E Ivohibe District, Fianarantsoa Province) on the eastern slopes of a hill located on the dry side of the main mountain range. The Ivohibory forest – which is a humid rainforest with some patches of grassy clearings – covers an area of approximately 1400 ha with an elevation gradient stretching from 900 to 1500 m asl, surrounded by human-created savannah, with a few lasting micro-patches of dry forest. It is situated on quartzite deposits, which is unique for this region (Wright and Houlihan 2017). This unusual geology strongly influences the species composition of the existing vegetation (Du Puy and Moat 1996).

The phylum Tardigrada currently consists of ca. 1200 species (Guidetti and Bertolani 2005; Degma and Guidetti 2007; Degma et al. 2009–2018; Vicente and Bertolani 2013) that inhabit terrestrial and aquatic (freshwater and marine) environments throughout the world (Ramazzotti and Maucci 1983; Nelson et al. 2015). Our knowledge of the diversity and distribution of terrestrial tardigrades on Madagascar is very poor. To date, only 13 species (*Bryodelphax parvulus* Thulin, 1928, *Calcarobiotus* (*Discrepunguis*) polygonatus (Binda & Guglielmino, 1991), *Cornechiniscus madagascariensis* Maucci, 1993, *Doryphoribius flavus* (Iharos, 1966), *Echiniscus perarmatus* Murray, 1907a, *Ech. walteri* Pilato & Lisi, 2003, *Macrobiotus hufelandi hufelandi* C.A.S. Schultze, 1834, *Mac. madegassus* Maucci, 1993, *Mesobiotus harmsworthi harmsworthi* (Murray, 1907b), *Mil. tardigradum tardigradum* Doyère, 1840, *Minibiotus intermedius* (Plate, 1888), *Paramacrobiotus (Paramacrobiotus) richtersi* (Murray, 1911) and *Pseude-chiniscus suillus* (Ehrenberg, 1853)) have been reported from this region (Maucci 1993; Pilato and Lisi 2003).

Species of the genus Milnesium Dovère, 1840 are large and carnivorous, feeding mainly on rotifers, nematodes and other tardigrades, but single reports show that they can also feed on amoebas (Miller and Williams 2012; Roszkowska et al. 2015, 2016). Species in this genus reproduce parthogenetically and/or bisexually, and are characterised by sexual dimorphism (e.g., Suzuki 2003; Ciobanu et al. 2015). Thirty-eight species of the genus *Milnesium* have been reported mostly from mosses and lichens from many localities, ranging from the Antarctic through tropical and temperate to Arctic regions. Most have been described in recent years (Degma et al. 2009–2018; Kaczmarek et al. 2014, 2015, 2016; McInnes et al. 2017). According to its unique morphology (and based on molecular data) the genus Milnesium is classified in the class Apotardigrada (Schuster, Nelson, Grigarick & Christenberry, 1980) (Guil et al. 2019). Until now, only three Milnesium species (Mil. dornensis Ciobanu, Roszkowska & Kaczmarek, 2015, Mil. t. tardigradum and Mil. tetralamellatum Pilato & Binda, 1991) have been reported in the so-called African region (McInnes et al. 2017), in which Madagascar is placed. This paper describes two new species from Madagascar using integrative taxonomy.

Material and methods

Sample processing

Two moss and lichen samples from tree and rocks were collected in the Ivohibory forest on June 4, 2017 (permits No 122/17/MEEF/SG/DGF/DSAP/SCB.Re and 150N-EV06/MG17). The samples were packed in paper envelopes, dried at a temperature of ca. 30 °C and delivered to the laboratory at the Faculty of Biology, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland. Tardigrades were extracted from the samples and studied following the protocol of Stec et al. (2015).

Microscopy and imaging

Specimens for light microscopy were mounted on microscope slides in a small drop of Hoyer's medium, prepared according to Ramazzotti and Maucci (1983) as in the English translation by Beasley (1995), and secured with a cover slip. The slides were then placed in an incubator and dried for two days at ca. 60 °C. Dried slides were sealed with a transparent nail polish and examined under an Olympus BX41 phase contrast light microscope (PCM) associated with an ARTCAM–300Mi digital camera (Olympus Corporation, Shinjuku-ku, Japan).

All figures were assembled in Corel Photo-Paint 2017. For deep structures that could not be fully focused in a single photograph, a series of 2-10 images were taken every ca. 0.5 μ m and then manually assembled into a single deep-focus image in Corel Photo-Paint 2017.

Morphometrics and morphological nomenclature

All measurements are given in micrometres [μ m]. Structures were measured only if their orientation was suitable. Body length was measured from the anterior extremity to the end of the body, excluding the hind legs. All measurements (except buccal tube width) followed protocols in Tumanov (2006). Buccal tube width was measured at three points as suggested by Michalczyk et al. (2012). The *pt* ratio is the ratio of the length of a given structure to the length of the buccal tube, expressed as a percentage (Pilato 1981). The *pt* values are always provided in [square brackets and in italics]. Configuration of the number of claw points on the secondary branches ("claw configuration") is given according to Michalczyk et al. (2012).

Morphometric data were handled using the "Apochela" ver. 1.1 template available from the Tardigrada Register (Michalczyk and Kaczmarek 2013). Tardigrade taxonomy follows Bertolani et al. (2014) and Guil et al. (2019). Genus abbreviations follow Perry et al. (2019).

Comparative material

Species were identified using the key in Morek et al. (2016) and other original descriptions/re-descriptions (Nederström 1919; Maucci 1991; Bartels et al. 2014; Meyer 2015; Roszkowska et al. 2015; Pilato et al. 2016), or based on direct examination of fixed specimens (holotype and paratypes of *Mil. bohleberi* and specimens of *Mil. eurystomum* from Spitsbergen, Department of Animal Taxonomy and Ecology, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland). Tardigrade taxonomy follows Marley et al. (2011).

Genotyping

All specimens were preliminarily identified using light microscopy (LM) before DNA extraction. Later, each specimen was placed individually in a 1.5 ml Eppendorf microcentrifuge tube in 20 μ l of sterile MQ H₂O and kept frozen at -80 °C until DNA isolation. DNA was extracted from individual animals following a modified Chelex100 resin (Bio-Rad) extraction method (Casquet et al. 2012), modified in order to obtain tardigrade exoskeletons, according to Zawierucha et al. (2016). DNA was extracted by incubating each specimen in 40 μ l of 10% Chelex100 resin solution in sterile MQ H₂O with the addition of 0.02 mg of Proteinase K (Genoplast) at 55 °C for 5h with shaking (500 RPM, Eppendorf Thermomixer 5436) and occasionally centrifuged. In

DNA fragment	Direction	Code	Sequence (5'-3')	Reference
COI	Forvard	bcdF01	CATTTTCHACTAAYCATAARGATATTGG	Dabert et al. 2010
	Reverse	bcdR04	TATAAACYTCDGGATGNCCAAAAAA	Dabert et al. 2008
ITS-2	Forvard	ITS2_Eutar_Ff	CGTAACGTGAATTGCAGGAC	Stec et al. 2018
	Reverse	ITS2_Eutar_Rr	TGATATGCTTAAGTTCAGCGG	
28S rRNA	Forvard	28SF0001	ACCCVCYNAATTTAAGCATAT	Mironov et al. 2012
	Reverse	28SR0990	CCTTGGTCCGTGTTTCAAGAC	

Table 1. Primers used for amplification and sequencing of DNA fragments.

Table 2. PCR cocktails used for the amplification of DNA fragments.

Component	Concentration	Additional note					
H,O	_	sterile MQ					
buffer	1×	5X Phusion HF Buffer; Thermo Scientific					
dNTPs	200 µM	dNTP Mix; Thermo Scientific					
forward primer	0.5 μΜ	_					
reverse primer	0.5 μΜ	_					
polymerase	0.02 U/µl	Phusion High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase; Thermo Scientific					
DNA	-	-					

Table 3. PCR programmes used for the amplification of COI, ITS-2 and 28S rRNA.

Step		COI		ITS-2 and 28S rRNA			
	Cycles	Time [min.:sec.]	Temp. [°C]	Cycles	Time [min:sec]	Temp. [°C]	
initial denaturation	-	05:00	98	-	05:00	98	
denaturation	5	00:30	98	-	-	-	
annealing		00:30	45	-	-	-	
extension		01:00	72	-	-	-	
denaturation	30	00:30	98	35	00:30	98	
annealing		00:30	50		00:30	50	
extension		01:00	72		01:00	72	
final extension	-	07:00	72	-	07:00	72	

the next step, Proteinase K was inactivated by incubating at 70 °C for 15 min. Subsequently, 20 µl of sterile MQ H₂O was added to the tube and centrifuged for 2 min at 8000 G. For further analysis, ca. 40 µl of DNA extract (to the level of remaining Chelex beads at the bottom) was carefully transferred from each tube to a new 1.5 ml Eppendorf microcentrifuge tube. The tardigrade exoskeleton, present in a pellet after centrifugation, containing Chelex beads on the bottom of each tube, was extracted under stereomicroscope and then mounted in Hoyer's medium for further morphological analysis. Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) amplifications were carried out for three DNA fragments differing in mutation rates: mitochondrial cytochrome oxidase subunit I (COI), nuclear internal transcribed spacer 2 (ITS-2) and cytoplasmic ribosome large subunit component (28S rRNA) in a total volume of 15-50 µl (see Table 1 for primers, Table 2 for PCR cocktail recipes and Table 3 for PCR programmes). PCR products were verified by agarose gel electrophoresis (1-1.2% agarose) with ethidium bromide. Prior to sequencing, PCR products were purified with thermosensitive Exonuclease I and FastAP Alkaline Phosphatase (Fermentas, Thermo Scientific) to improve their quality. Properly prepared PCR products were sequenced bidirectionally with BigDye Terminator v3.1 on an ABI Prism 3130XL Analyzer (Applied Biosystems,

Foster City, CA, USA), according to the manufacturer's protocol. The sequences were edited and manually checked against non-conservative alignments using BioEdit, version 7.0.5 (Hall 1999), and submitted to GenBank (see Results section).

Comparative molecular analysis

In the first step, the sequences of *Mil. wrightae* sp. nov. and *Mil. matheusi* sp. nov. were analysed by Standard Nucleotide BLAST to confirm their uniqueness. Then, a comparison was performed with COI, ITS-2 and 28S rRNA sequences of the genus *Milnesium*, deposited in GenBank, using only the sequences of good quality and length. All sequences were aligned with the ClustalW Multiple Alignment tool (Thompson et al. 1994) implemented in BioEdit and trimmed to 510 (COI), 184 (ITS-2), 625 (28S rRNA) bp, respectively. Based on the recommendation of Srivathsan and Meier (2012), pairwise distances were calculated using MEGA7 in preference to the genetic distances corrected by the Kimura 2 parametric model (K2P). All positions with less than 95% site coverage were eliminated.

Results

Taxonomic account Phylum Tardigrada Doyère, 1840 Class Apotardigrada (Schuster, Nelson, Grigarick & Christenberry, 1980) Order Apochela Schuster, Nelson, Grigarick & Christenberry, 1980 Family Milnesiidae Ramazzotti, 1962 Genus *Milnesium* Doyère, 1840

Milnesium matheusi sp. nov.

http://zoobank.org/3EB072A7-1C84-4EF6-B6D2-D9486BBF6C4F Figures 1–5, Tables 4, 5

Material examined. Holotype and 18 paratypes, all from sample No 139: Ivohibory forest, Madagascar, lichen sample from quartz rocks, coll. Marta Kepel and Andrzej Kepel.

Description. *Adult females* (Fig. 1, Table 4) with no modified claws I. Body light yellow before fixation and transparent afterwards, eyes present (in 89% of measured specimens). Dorsal cuticle sculptured with pseudopores, not arranged in bands, sparsely distributed and not forming a reticular design (Fig. 2). Six peribuccal papillae and six peribuccal lamellae present around the mouth opening. Two cephalic papillae positioned laterally. Peribuccal papillae slightly longer than lateral papillae.

The buccal apparatus of the *Milnesium* type (Figs 1, 3). The buccal tube wide and short (standard width, on average 46% of its length), and slightly funnel-shaped, wider



Figures 1–3. *Milnesium matheusi* sp. nov. I Habitus (ventral view) (holotype) 2 dorsal cuticle with pseudopores (holotype) 3 buccal tube (holotype). All in PCM.



Figures 4, 5. *Milnesium matheusi* sp. nov. **4** Claws II (paratype), arrow indicates bar under claw **5** claws IV (holotype), arrowhead indicates small accessory point. All in PCM.

anteriorly (posterior diameter on average 89% of the anterior diameter) (Table 4). The pharyngeal bulb elongated, pear-shaped and without placoids or septulum.

Claws of the *Milnesium* type, slender (Figs 4, 5). Primary branches on all legs with small, but distinct accessory points detaching from the branch at its greatest curvature (Fig. 5, arrowhead). Secondary branches with rounded basal thickenings (Figs 4, 5).

Table 4. Measurements and *pt* values of selected morphological structures of adult females of *Milnesium matheusi* **sp. nov**. mounted in Hoyer's medium (N – number of specimens/structures measured, RANGE refers to the smallest and the largest structure among all measured specimens; SD – standard deviation, pt – ratio of the length of a given structure to the length of the buccal tube expressed as a percentage).

Character	N			Ra	nge			Me	ean	S	D	Holo	type
			μm			pt		μm	pt	μm	pt	μm	pt
Body length	6	630	-	766	-	-	-	691	-	45	-	766	-
Peribuccal papillae length	5	10.0	-	12.0	18.6	-	22.1	11.0	19.9	0.8	1.5	11.8	18.9
Lateral papillae length	7	9.4	-	10.7	16.5	-	19.7	10.0	18.1	0.4	1.2	10.3	16.5
Buccal tube													
Length	9	51.3	-	62.5	-	-	-	56.6	-	3.8	-	62.5	-
Stylet support insertion point	9	34.5	-	42.3	66.1	-	69.4	38.4	67.8	2.4	1.3	41.5	66.4
Anterior width	9	25.2	-	35.9	47.6	-	57.9	28.9	51.0	3.2	3.1	31.4	50.2
Standard width	9	23.1	-	31.1	42.4	-	50.8	26.3	46.5	2.7	3.0	29.4	47.0
Posterior width	9	23.0	-	30.2	41.1	-	50.3	25.7	45.3	2.6	3.1	28.9	46.2
Standard width/length ratio	9	42%	-	51%	-	-	-	46%	-	3%	-	47%	-
Posterior/anterior width ratio	9	84%	-	94%	-	-	-	89%	-	4%	-	92%	-
Claw 1 lengths													
External primary branch	9	17.2	-	21.8	30.2	-	35.2	18.9	33.3	1.5	1.6	21.8	34.9
External base + secondary branch	9	13.3	-	16.7	23.5	-	27.9	15.0	26.5	1.2	1.5	16.6	26.6
External spur	7	3.5	-	5.3	6.4	-	9.6	4.4	7.8	0.7	1.3	?	?
External branches length ratio	9	76%	-	82%	-	-	-	80%	-	2%	-	76%	-
Internal primary branch	9	16.0	-	21.1	30.2	-	34.5	18.3	32.3	1.6	1.6	21.1	33.8
Internal base + secondary branch	9	13.3	-	16.6	24.5	-	27.3	14.8	26.2	1.1	1.0	16.3	26.1
Internal spur	9	3.3	-	5.5	6.1	-	10.5	4.4	7.7	0.8	1.4	5.5	8.8
Internal branches length ratio	9	77%	-	88%	-	-	-	81%	-	4%	-	77%	-
Claw 2 lengths													
External primary branch	8	17.4	-	21.2	32.9	-	36.5	19.5	34.9	1.4	1.4	21.2	33.9
External base + secondary branch	7	13.7	-	17.0	24.5	-	27.5	15.0	26.7	1.1	1.2	17.0	27.2
External spur	3	3.9	-	4.9	7.2	-	7.8	4.4	7.6	0.5	0.4	4.9	7.8
External branches length ratio	7	72%	-	81%	-	-	-	77%	-	3%	-	80%	-
Internal primary branch	8	16.8	-	20.5	31.1	-	35.7	18.7	33.3	1.3	1.5	20.2	32.3
Internal base + secondary branch	9	13.0	-	16.3	25.0	-	27.9	14.7	26.0	1.1	0.9	16.3	26.1
Internal spur	9	3.4	_	5.8	6.1	_	10.3	4.4	7.8	0.8	1.5	4.7	7.5
Internal branches length ratio	8	74%	-	81%	_	_	-	78%	-	3%	-	81%	_
Claw 3 lengths													
External primary branch	5	19.7	-	21.0	32.3	-	38.3	20.5	35.7	0.6	2.5	?	?
External base + secondary branch	6	14.2	-	16.3	24.5	-	28.4	15.4	27.1	0.7	1.5	?	?
External spur	5	3.5	-	5.2	6.4	-	9.3	4.4	7.7	0.7	1.1	?	?
External branches length ratio	5	72%	-	82%	-	-	-	75%	-	4%	-	?	-
Internal primary branch	5	18.9	-	20.4	31.3	-	36.5	19.7	34.3	0.6	2.0	?	?
Internal base + secondary branch	6	13.7	-	16.0	23.7	-	28.2	14.9	26.2	0.8	1.9	?	?
Internal spur	5	3.8	-	5.6	7.0	-	9.7	4.8	8.3	0.7	1.1	?	?
Internal branches length ratio	5	70%	-	79%	-	-	-	75%	-	4%	-	?	-
Claw 4 lengths													
Anterior primary branch	7	19.6	-	23.0	35.1	-	39.8	20.9	37.2	1.3	1.5	23.0	36.8
Anterior base + secondary branch	7	14.6	-	17.2	26.3	-	29.4	15.8	28.2	0.9	1.1	17.2	27.5
Anterior spur	6	4.1	-	6.3	7.5	-	11.5	5.4	9.7	0.9	1.6	6.0	9.6
Anterior branches length ratio	7	71%	-	80%	-	-	-	76%	-	4%	-	75%	-
Posterior primary branch	7	20.5	-	24.0	38.1	-	41.3	21.8	38.9	1.1	1.1	24.0	38.4
Posterior base + secondary branch	7	15.2	-	17.7	26.9	-	29.6	16.1	28.6	0.8	1.0	17.7	28.3
Posterior spur	7	4.4	-	5.8	7.6	-	10.3	5.2	9.3	0.6	1.1	5.5	8.8
Posterior branches length ratio	7	70%	-	76%	-	-	-	74%	-	2%	-	74%	-

Table 5. Measurements and *pt* values of selected morphological structures of adult males (with modified claws I) of *Milnesium matheusi* sp. nov. mounted in Hoyer's medium (N – number of specimens/structures measured, RANGE refers to the smallest and the largest structure among all measured specimens; SD – standard deviation, pt – ratio of the length of a given structure to the length of the buccal tube expressed as a percentage).

Character	Ν			Range			Mean		SD		
			μm			pt		μm	pt	μm	pt
Body length	2	409	-	428	-	-	-	419	-	13	-
Peribuccal papillae length	3	3.0	-	3.9	<i>8.9</i>	-	11.3	3.5	10.2	0.5	1.2
Lateral papillae length	3	5.6	_	6.0	16.2	_	17.8	5.9	17.1	0.2	0.8
Buccal tube											
Length	3	33.8	_	34.5	-	_	-	34.2	-	0.4	_
Stylet support insertion point	2	21.2	_	22.3	62.7	_	64.6	21.8	63.7	0.8	1.4
Anterior width	3	9.4	-	11.2	27.8	-	32.6	10.5	30.8	1.0	2.6
Standard width	3	9.1	_	9.8	26.9	_	28.5	9.5	27.8	0.4	0.8
Posterior width	3	9.4	_	10.2	27.8	_	29.6	9.8	28.7	0.4	0.9
Standard width/length ratio	3	27%	-	28%	-	-	-	28%	-	1%	-
Posterior/anterior width ratio	3	88%	-	100%	-	-	-	94%	-	6%	-
Claw 1 lengths											
External primary branch	2	15.8	_	16.3	45.9	_	48.2	16.1	47.1	0.4	1.6
External base + secondary branch	3	14.1	_	15.0	41.7	_	43.5	14.6	42.7	0.5	0.9
External spur	2	3.2	_	3.4	9.3	_	9.9	3.3	9.6	0.1	0.4
External branches length ratio	2	87%	_	94%	-	_	_	90%	_	5%	_
Internal primary branch	3	14.9	_	15.7	43.2	_	46.4	15.4	45.1	0.5	1.7
Internal base + secondary branch	3	14.0	_	14.5	40.6	_	42.9	14.2	41.4	0.3	1.3
Internal spur	3	3.0	_	3.7	8.9	_	10.7	3.4	9.9	0.4	0.9
Internal branches length ratio	3	89%	-	94%	-	-	-	92%	-	2%	-
Claw 2 lengths											
External primary branch	2	16.9	-	17.9	49.0	-	53.0	17.4	51.0	0.7	2.8
External base + secondary branch	1	13.2	-	13.2	39.1	-	39.1	13.2	39.1	?	?
External spur	1	3.5	-	3.5	10.4	-	10.4	3.5	10.4	?	?
External branches length ratio	1	74%	-	74%	-	-	-	74%	-	?	-
Internal primary branch	3	16.4	_	16.9	47.5	_	50.0	16.7	48.8	0.3	1.2
Internal base + secondary branch	2	12.7	-	12.8	37.2	-	37.6	12.8	37.4	0.1	0.3
Internal spur	2	3.5	-	5.0	10.4	-	14.5	4.3	12.4	1.1	3.0
Internal branches length ratio	2	75%	-	76%	-	-	-	76%	-	1%	_
Claw 3 lengths											
External primary branch	3	16.2	-	17.4	47.1	-	51.5	16.8	49.0	0.6	2.3
External base + secondary branch	2	12.1	-	12.8	35.2	-	37.9	12.5	36.5	0.5	1.9
External spur	1	3.9	-	3.9	11.3	-	11.3	3.9	11.3	?	?
External branches length ratio	2	74%	-	75%	-	-	_	74%	-	1%	-
Internal primary branch	3	14.8	-	17.0	43.0	-	50.3	16.0	46.7	1.1	3.6
Internal base + secondary branch	2	12.7	-	13.0	37.6	-	37.8	12.9	37.7	0.2	0.2
Internal spur	2	2.9	-	4.0	8.4	_	11.8	3.5	10.1	0.8	2.4
Internal branches length ratio	2	75%	-	88%	-	-	-	81%	-	9%	-
Claw 4 lengths											
Anterior primary branch	3	16.3	-	17.0	47.4	-	49.3	16.6	48.5	0.4	1.0
Anterior base + secondary branch	2	12.4	-	12.9	36.7	-	37.5	12.7	37.1	0.4	0.6
Anterior spur	1	3.8	-	3.8	11.0	-	11.0	3.8	11.0	?	?
Anterior branches length ratio	2	75%	-	79%	-	-	-	77%	-	3%	-
Posterior primary branch	3	17.7	-	18.8	51.3	-	54.7	18.3	53.4	0.6	1.8
Posterior base + secondary branch	3	12.7	-	13.7	37.1	-	<i>39.8</i>	13.1	38.2	0.6	1.5
Posterior spur	2	3.0	-	4.1	8.7	-	11.9	3.6	10.3	0.8	2.3
Posterior branches length ratio	3	69%	-	73%	-	-	-	72%	-	2%	-

All secondary branches on all legs with three points (claw configuration: [3-3]–[3-3]). Single, long transverse, cuticular bars present under claws I–III (Fig. 4, arrow).

Adult males (Table 5) with modified claws I. Similar to females but clearly smaller, with secondary branches of claws I modified into strong hooks and with a different proportion of peribuccal and lateral papillae length (peribuccal papillae clearly shorter than lateral), eyes present only in 33% of measured specimens.

Eggs oval, smooth and deposited in the exuvium as in all other known *Milne-sium* species.

DNA sequences. We obtained good quality sequences for the applied molecular markers: 28S rRNA sequence (GenBank: MN191503), 756 bp long; COI sequence (GenBank: MN187056), 628 bp long; ITS-2 sequence (GenBank: MN239906), 218 bp long.

Type locality. Madagascar, 22°37'07.7"S, 46°43'14.5"E, ca. 1187 m asl, Fianarantsoa Province, Ivohibory forest.

Etymology. The second author with great pleasure dedicates this species to her fiance – Mateusz Wojciechowski.

Type depositories. The holotype and 13 paratypes (slides: MAD139/14, MAD139/16, MAD139/18, MAD139/19, MAD139/34, MAD139/35, MAD139/42, MAD139/56, MAD139/72) are deposited at the Department of Animal Taxonomy and Ecology, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Uniwersytetu Poznańskiego 6, Poznań, Poland; five paratypes (slides: MAD139/12, MAD139/13, MAD139/15) are deposited at the Natural History Museum, University of Copenhagen, Universitet-sparken 15, DK-2100 Copenhagen, Denmark.

Morphological differential diagnosis. The new species with three points on the secondary branches of all claws (claw configuration [3-3]–[3-3]) and a rather wide buccal tube, in relation to its length, is most similar to: *Mil. beatae* Roszkowska, Ostrowska & Kaczmarek, 2015, *Mil. bohleberi* Bartels, Nelson, Kaczmarek & Michalczyk, 2014, *Mil. eurystomum* Maucci, 1991, *Mil. shilohae* Meyer, 2015 and *Mil. tumanovi* Pilato, Sabella & Lisi, 2016, but it differs from:

- Milnesium beatae, only reported from Argentina and USA (Roszkowska et al. 2015; Tibbs et al. 2016) by: narrower buccal tube (25.2–35.9 [47.6–57.9] and 23.1–31.1 [42.4–50.8] anterior and standard width, respectively, in the new species vs. 37.0–53.5 [70.3–78.9] and 32.0–42.5 [58.1–65.6] anterior and standard width respectively in Mil. beatae), smaller standard width/length ratio of the buccal tube (42%–51% in new species vs. 58%–66% in Mil. beatae) and larger posterior/anterior width ratio (84%–94% in new species vs. 69%–76% in Mil. beatae).
- Milnesium bohleberi, only recorded from North Carolina and Tennessee (USA) (Bartels et al. 2014) by: presence of pseudopores on dorsal cuticle, shorter peribuccal papillae (10.0–12.0 [18.6–22.1] in new species vs. 15.5–20.3 [27.2–32.3] in Mil. bohleberi), smaller pt values of anterior, standard and posterior widths of the buccal tube (47.6–57.9, 42.4–50.8, 41.1–50.3, respectively, in new species vs. 63.4–74.7, 54.5–64.0, 52.4–62.0, respectively, in Mil. bohleberi), smaller standard

width/length ratio of the buccal tube (42%–51% in new species vs. 54%–64% in *Mil. bohleberi*) and slightly shorter claws (see Table 4 below and Bartels et al. (2014: Table 1) for the exact differences in claw dimensions).

- Milnesium eurystomum reported from a few localities in Argentina, Chile, Greenland, Mongolia and USA (see review by Kaczmarek et al. 2016) by: shorter buccal tube (51.3–62.5 in new species vs. 70.8–77.5 in Mil. eurystomum), stylet supports inserted in a more posterior position (pt = 66.1–69.4 in new species vs. ca. pt = 60.0–60.3 in Mil. eurystomum), narrower buccal tube (25.2–35.9 [47.6–57.9], 23.1–31.1 [42.4–50.8] and 23.0–30.2 [41.1–50.3] anterior, standard and posterior width, respectively, in new species vs. 53.7–55.9 [72.1–75.8], 45.9–47.9 [61.8–64.8] and 33.9–41.0 [43.7–57.9] anterior, standard and posterior width, respectively, in Mil. eurystomum), smaller standard width/length ratio of the buccal tube (42%–51% in new species vs. 62%–65% in Mil. eurystomum) and larger posterior/ anterior width ratio (84%–94% in new species vs. 61%–76% in Mil. eurystomum).
- 4. *Milnesium shilohae*, only reported from the type locality in Hawaii (USA) (Meyer 2015) by: presence of pseudopores on dorsal cuticle, presence of similar in length spurs on internal and external claws (internal and posterior spurs larger than external and anterior spurs in *Mil. shilohae*), slightly longer lateral papillae (9.4–10.7 in new species *vs.* 5.0–9.0 in *Mil. shilohae*), slightly longer buccal tube (51.3–62.5 in new species vs. 38.4–50.3 in *Mil. shilohae*), stylet supports inserted in a more anterior position (pt = 66.1-69.4 in new species vs. pt = 75.5-77.5 in *Mil. shilohae*) and larger spurs on some external and anterior claws (see Table 4 below and Table 3 in Meyer (2015) for the exact differences in claw dimensions).
- 5. Milnesium tumanovi, only recorded from the type locality in the Crimea (Ukraine) (Pilato et al. 2016) by: presence of pseudopores on dorsal cuticle, funnel-shaped buccal tube (cylindrical in *Mil. tumanovi*) and stylet supports inserted in a more posterior position (*pt* = 66.1–69.4 in new species vs. ca. *pt* = 52–54 in *Mil. tumanovi*).

Genotypic differential diagnosis. The ranges of uncorrected genetic p-distances between *Mil. matheusi* sp. nov. and species of the genus *Milnesium*, for which molecular marker sequences are available from GenBank (see Table 6 for details), are as follows:

- 28S rRNA: 4.5–6.7% (5.4% on average), with the most similar being *Milnesium* sp. from North America (JX888585.1, JX888586.1, JX888587.1) (unpublished) and the least similar being *Mil. wrightae* sp. nov. (MN191504.1) (present studies);
- COI: 20.1–38.8% (23.3% on average), with the most similar being *Mil. variefidum* Morek, Gąsiorek, Stec, Blagden & Michalczyk, 2016 from UK (KT951663.1) (Morek et al. 2016) and the least similar being *Mil. t. tardigradum* from Spain (FJ435810.1) (Guil and Giribet 2012);
- ITS-2: 17.8–31.1% (23.7% on average), with the most similar being *Mil. t. tardigradum* from Germany (JF951049.1) (Michalczyk et al. 2012) and the least similar being *Mil.* cf. *granulatum* from USA (MK681879.1) (Jackson and Meyer 2019).

Table 6. Sequences of 28S rRNA, COI and ITS-2 of *Milnesium* taxa available in GenBank and used in differential diagnosis.

DNA marker	Taxon	Accession number	Source
28S rRNA	Milnesium sp.	JX888585.1	Adams et. al. unpublished
	1	JX888586.1	Adams et. al. unpublished
		IX888587.1	Adams et. al. unpublished
	Milnesium tardigradum	IX888541.1	Adams et. al. unpublished
		IX888540.1	Adams et. al. unpublished
	-	KC138808 1	Zawierucha unpublished
		KC138809.1	Zawierucha unpublished
-	Milmacium co	AV210826 1	Mallatt et al. 2004
-	Milussium sp.	EI/25780 1	Cuil and Ciribat 2012
	winnesium unuigrauum	EI/25770 1	Cuil and Ciribet 2012
	Milessian hadada	FJ455/75.1	Marshart al. 2016
	Milanian vening dama	K1931001.1	Marshart al. 2016
COL	Milnesium variepaum	K1931003.1	
COI	Millinesium sp.	EU2///02.1	Fox et al. unpublished
	Milnesium taraigraaum	EU244603.1	Schill unpublished
		EU244604	Schill unpublished
		FJ435810.1	Guil and Giribet 2012
	Milnesium t. tardigradum	JN664950.1	Michalczyk et al. 2012
	Milnesium ct. tardigradum	JX683824.1	Vicente et al. 2013
	_	JX683823.1	Vicente et al. 2013
		JX683822.1	Vicente et al. 2013
	Milnesium sp.	KJ857002.1	Velasco-Castrillón et al. 2015
		KJ857001.1	Velasco-Castrillón et al. 2015
	Milnesium cf. alpigenum	KU513422.1	Kosztyła et al. 2016
	Milnesium variefidum	KT951663.1	Morek et al. 2016
	Milnesium berladnicorum	KT951659.1	Morek et al. 2016
	Milnesium sp.	EF632553.1	Sands et. al unpublished
	Milnesium cf. granulatum	MH751517.1	Jackson and Meyer 2019
	Milnesium lagniappe	MH751518.1	Jackson and Meyer 2019
	Milnesium tardigradum	MG923558.1	Morek et al. 2019
		MG923559.1	Morek et al. 2019
	F	MG923560.1	Morek et al. 2019
		MG923561.1	Morek et al. 2019
		MG923562.1	Morek et al. 2019
		MG923563.1	Morek et al. 2019
		MG923564.1	Morek et al. 2019
	-	MG923565.1	Morek et al. 2019
-	Milnesium dornensis	MG923566.1	Morek et al. 2019
ITS-2	Milnesium alpigenum	MH000382 1	Morek et al. unpublished
110 2	Milnesium sp	MH000386 1	Morek et al. unpublished
	interestant sp.	MH000387.1	Morek et al. unpublished
	Milnesium tardiaradum	HM150648 2	Webpicz et al. 2010
		CO/03682 1	Schill et al. 2010
	-	CO403681.1	Schill et al. 2010
-	Milassium t. taudiana dum	UE05081.1	Mighalawyk at al. 2010
	Mileonium vaniofidum	VT051667.1	Marak at al 2012
	winnesium vuriejiaum	K193100/.1	
		K1951666.1	Morek et. al. 2016
	Milnesium berläänicorum	K1951662.1	Morek et. al. 2016
	Milnesium ct. granulatum	MK6818/5.1	Jackson and Meyer 2019
		MK6818/6.1	Jackson and Meyer 2019
	_	MK6818/7.1	Jackson and Meyer 2019
	Ļ	MK681878.1	Jackson and Meyer 2019
		MK681879.1	Jackson and Meyer 2019
		MK681880.1	Jackson and Meyer 2019
		MK681881.1	Jackson and Meyer 2019
		MK681882.1	Jackson and Meyer 2019
		MK681883.1	Jackson and Meyer 2019
		MK681884.1	Jackson and Meyer 2019
		MK681885.1	Jackson and Meyer 2019
		MK681886.1	Jackson and Meyer 2019

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Figures 6–11, Table 7
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Material examined. Holotype and 28 paratypes, all from sample No 109: Ivohibory forest, Madagascar, moss sample from tree, coll. Marta Kepel and Andrzej Kepel.

Description. *Adult females* (Fig. 6, Table 7) with no modified claws I. Body light yellow before fixation and transparent afterwards, eyes present only in 39% of measured specimens. Dorsal cuticle sculptured with pseudopores not arranged in bands, sparsely distributed and not forming reticular design (Fig. 7). Six peribuccal papillae and six peribuccal lamellae present around the mouth opening. Two cephalic papillae positioned laterally. Peribuccal papillae slightly longer than lateral papillae.

The buccal apparatus of the *Milnesium* type (Figs 6, 8). The buccal tube with standard width on average 62% of its length, and funnel-shaped, wider anteriorly (posterior diameter on average 91% of the anterior diameter) (Table 7). The pharyngeal bulb elongated, pear-shaped and without placoids or septulum.

Claws of the *Milnesium* type, stout (Figs 8–11). Primary branches on all legs with small, but distinct accessory points detaching from the branch at its greatest curvature (Fig. 10, empty arrowhead). Secondary branches of claws similar in length to primary branches and sometimes even longer. Secondary branches with rounded basal thickenings (Figs 9–11). Secondary branches on legs I–III with three points, secondary claws of anterior and posterior claws IV with four points (claw configuration: [3-3]–[4-4]). The fourth point on secondary branches is always very small and located near the base of the claw (Figs 10–11, arrowheads). Single, long transverse, cuticular bars present under claws I–III (Fig. 9, arrow).

Males unknown.

Eggs oval, smooth and deposited in the exuvium as in all other known *Milne-sium* species.

DNA sequences. We obtained good quality sequences for the applied molecular markers: 28S rRNA sequence (GenBank: MN191504), 638 bp long; COI sequence (GenBank: MN187057), 638 bp long; ITS-2 sequence (GenBank: MN239907), 392 bp long.

Remarks. The fourth points on secondary branches of posterior claws can be barely visible or not visible at all in some positions of the specimens.

Type locality. Madagascar, 22°37'04.5"S, 46°43'14.1"E, ca. 1198 m asl, Fianarantsoa Province, Ivohibory forest.

Etymology. This species is named after Patricia Chapple Wright, an American primatologist and conservationist, best known for her studies on lemurs. She contributed to the establishment of the Ranomafana National Park in Madagascar. She also organized and led the expedition to the Ivohibory forest, during which several new species of tardigrades were found, including this species.

Type depositories. The holotype and 23 paratypes (slides: MAD109/1, MAD109/3, MAD109/4, MAD109/5, MAD109/7) are deposited at the Department



Figures 6–8. *Milnesium wrightae* sp. nov. **6** Habitus (ventral view) (holotype) **7** dorsal cuticle with pseudopores (holotype) **8** buccal tube (paratype). All in PCM.



Figures 9–11. *Milnesium wrightae* sp. nov. **9** Claws I (paratype), arrow indicates bar under claw **10** claws IV (holotype), empty arrowhead indicates small accessory point, filled arrowheads indicate the fourth points on secondary branches near the base of the claw **11** focus on the fourth points on secondary branches near the base of the claw **11** focus on the fourth points on secondary branches near the base of the claw IV (holotype, filled arrowheads). All in PCM.

of Animal Taxonomy and Ecology, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Uniwersytetu Poznańskiego 6, Poznań, Poland, five paratypes (slides: MAD109/2) are deposited at the Institute of Zoology and Biomedical Research, Jagiellonian University, Gronostajowa 9,30-387, Kraków, Poland.

Morphological differential diagnosis. The new species, by the presence of four points on secondary branches of claws IV, is most similar to *Mil. quadrifidum* Nederström, 1919, which is the only valid *Milnesium* species with four points on secondary branches of all claws. However, *Mil. wrightae* sp. nov. differs from *Mil. quadrifidum*

Table 7. Measurements and *pt* values of selected morphological structures of females of *Milnesium wrightae* sp. nov. mounted in Hoyer's medium (N – number of specimens/structures measured, RANGE refers to the smallest and the largest structure among all measured specimens; SD – standard deviation, *pt* – ratio of the length of a given structure to the length of the buccal tube expressed as a percentage).

Character	N			Rai	ıge			Me	ean	S	D	Holo	type
			μm			pt		μm	pt	μm	pt	μm	pt
Body length	17	329	-	553	-	-	-	448	-	60	-	515	-
Peribuccal papillae length	12	6.8	-	10.4	13.2	-	16.6	9.0	14.9	1.1	1.0	9.3	15.3
Lateral papillae length	8	5.1	-	8.4	10.0	-	13.0	6.7	11.3	1.0	0.9	6.1	10.0
Buccal tube													
Length	17	44.8	-	65.6	-	-	-	58.4	-	6.5	-	60.9	-
Stylet support insertion point	15	31.2	-	45.8	69.3	-	73.2	40.8	70.6	4.7	1.1	43.9	72.1
Anterior width	16	14.0	-	23.0	29.5	-	37.9	19.0	32.7	2.5	2.4	20.1	33.0
Standard width	14	13.0	-	20.7	27.5	-	36.4	17.7	31.0	2.3	2.6	19.8	32.5
Posterior width	14	12.7	-	20.1	26.6	-	33.5	16.9	29.6	2.2	2.3	18.9	31.0
Standard width/length ratio	14	28%	-	36%	-	-	-	31%	-	3%	-	33%	-
Posterior/anterior width ratio	14	88%	-	97%	-	-	-	91%	-	3%	-	94%	-
Claw 1 lengths													
External primary branch	16	11.0	-	15.2	19.5	-	24.6	13.0	21.9	1.2	1.6	13.8	22.7
External base + secondary branch	15	9.6	-	14.9	19.5	-	23.4	12.6	21.2	1.4	1.0	13.8	22.7
External spur	7	2.8	-	3.7	4.7	-	5.6	3.2	5.2	0.3	0.3	?	?
External branches length ratio	14	87%	-	103%	-	-	-	97%	-	5%	-	100%	-
Internal primary branch	16	10.9	-	14.0	19.4	-	24.6	12.4	20.9	0.9	1.4	12.7	20.9
Internal base + secondary branch	16	9.0	-	14.0	18.9	-	21.7	12.1	20.4	1.4	0.8	12.8	21.0
Internal spur	13	2.8	-	3.6	4.7	-	6.5	3.1	5.2	0.3	0.5	3.2	5.3
Internal branches length ratio	15	83%	-	103%	-	-	-	98%	-	7%	-	101%	-
Claw 2 lengths													
External primary branch	15	10.6	-	15.3	20.5	-	26.0	13.3	22.4	1.2	1.5	14.6	24.0
External base + secondary branch	14	9.3	-	13.7	18.8	-	21.5	12.2	20.5	1.4	0.7	12.5	20.5
External spur	8	3.1	-	4.1	4.9	-	6.7	3.4	5.5	0.3	0.6	4.1	6.7
External branches length ratio	13	78%	-	103%	-	-	-	92%	-	7%	-	86%	-
Internal primary branch	14	10.9	-	15.0	19.2	-	24.3	12.5	21.3	1.1	1.7	13.5	22.2
Internal base + secondary branch	15	9.0	-	14.2	18.0	-	22.3	12.1	20.2	1.5	1.0	12.9	21.2
Internal spur	12	2.6	-	4.6	4.3	-	6.9	3.4	5.7	0.6	0.7	3.7	6.1
Internal branches length ratio	13	82%	-	103%	-	-	-	95%	-	8%	-	96%	-
Claw 3 lengths													
External primary branch	17	10.8	-	15.2	19.0	-	26.5	13.2	22.6	1.4	1.7	?	?
External base + secondary branch	16	9.5	-	15.7	19.1	-	24.7	12.0	20.7	1.6	1.4	?	?
External spur	7	3.0	-	4.0	4.9	-	6.8	3.3	5.5	0.4	0.7	?	?
External branches length ratio	16	79%	-	103%	-	-	-	92%	-	6%	-	?	-
Internal primary branch	17	10.7	-	14.1	19.2	-	25.0	12.4	21.3	1.1	1.7	?	?
Internal base + secondary branch	16	9.0	-	14.1	17.8	-	21.8	11.5	19.7	1.5	1.1	?	?
Internal spur	10	2.4	-	4.0	4.1	-	6.8	3.3	5.7	0.5	0.9	?	?
Internal branches length ratio	16	80%	-	102%	-	-	-	93%	-	7%	-	?	-
Claw 4 lengths													
Anterior primary branch	12	12.6	-	18.4	23.7	-	28.9	15.2	25.8	1.6	1.9	15.8	25.9
Anterior base + secondary branch	12	11.2	-	17.4	22.6	-	27.5	14.7	25.0	1.8	1.6	16.5	27.1
Anterior spur	7	2.7	-	5.2	5.6	-	8.2	3.7	6.3	0.8	0.9	4.2	6.9
Anterior branches length ratio	11	85%	-	104%	-	-	-	97%	-	6%	-	104%	-
Posterior primary branch	12	11.7	-	20.0	23.7	-	31.4	16.0	27.3	2.2	2.0	17.5	28.7
Posterior base + secondary branch	11	12.1	-	18.5	24.0	-	28.9	15.6	26.5	2.2	1.8	17.5	28.7
Posterior spur	7	2.9	-	5.2	5.3	-	8.2	3.8	6.7	0.9	1.0	4.4	7.2
Posterior branches length ratio	10	92%	-	103%	-	-	-	98%	-	4%	-	100%	-

not only by claw configuration ([4-4]–[4-4] in *Mil. quadrifidum* vs. [3-3]–[4-4] in *Mil. wrightae* sp. nov.), but also by the position of fourth points on secondary branches of claws IV (located near the base of the claw in the new species *vs.* near the top of the claw in *Mil. quadrifidum*). Additionally, all secondary branch points have similar length in *Mil. quadrifidum*, whereas the fourth points are very clearly smaller than the others in *Mil. wrightae* sp. nov.

Genotypic differential diagnosis. The ranges of uncorrected genetic p-distances between the *Mil. wrightae* sp. nov. and species of the genus *Milnesium*, for which molecular marker sequences are available from GenBank (see Table 6 for details), are as follows:

- 1. 28S rRNA: 5.7–8.0% (6.7% on average), with the most similar being *Milnesium* sp. from North America (JX888585.1, JX888586.1, JX888587.1) (unpublished) and the least similar being *Mil. t. tardigradum* from Poland (KC138808.1 and KC138809.1) (unpublished);
- COI: 17.7–38.4% (22.0 % on average), with the most similar being *Mil. variefidum* from UK (KT951663.1) (Morek et al. 2016) and the least similar being *Mil. t. tardigradum* from Spain (FJ435810.1) (Guil and Giribet 2012);
- ITS-2: 25.6–36.3% (31.5% on average), with the most similar being *Mil. matheusi* sp. nov. (present studies) and the least similar being *Mil.* cf. granulatum from USA (MK681879.1) (Jackson and Meyer 2019).

Conclusions

Milnesium matheusi sp. nov. and *Mil. wrightae* sp. nov. are new for science taxa, based on morphological as well as molecular characteristics. Until now, five *Milnesium* taxa have been reported from the African region, including Madagascar (i.e. *Mil. dornensis, Mil. matheusi* sp. nov. *Mil. tardigradum* s.s., *Mil. tetralamellatum* and *Mil. wrightae* sp. nov.). The presence of *Mil. tardigradum* s.s. in Madagascar needs confirmation and currently this record should be considered dubious.

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Three new species and one subspecies of the Amynthas corticis-group from Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China (Oligochaeta, Megascolecidae)

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Abstract

Three new species and one subspecies of the genus *Amynthas* are described from Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China: The new species are: *Amynthas maximus* Qiu & Dong, **sp. nov**. and *Amynthas tortuosus* Qiu & Dong, **sp. nov.**, and *Amynthas shengtangmontis* Dong & Jiang, **sp. nov**. the subspecies is *Amynthas shengtangmontis minusculus* **subsp. nov.** All have four pairs of spermathecal pores in 5/6–8/9, which indicates that they should belong to the *corticis*-group. Their morphological characteristics are compared to other similar species in the *corticis*-group from China and other Asian countries, such as *Amynthas pulvinus* Sun & Jiang, 2013, *Amynthas homosetus* (Chen, 1938), *Amynthas corticis* (Kinberg, 1867), *Amynthas dorsualis* Sun & Qiu, 2013, and *Amynthas carnosus* (Goto & Hatai, 1899). In addition, the results presented are confirmed by the pairwise comparison of COI barcode sequences. The pairwise distances between each new species and the other eighteen *corticis*-group species are greater than 14.7% on average. Furthermore, the pairwise distance between *A. shengtangmontis shengtangmontis* and *A. shengtangmontis minusculus* is 10.7–11.4%.

Keywords

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Introduction

The genus *Amynthas* Sims & Easton, 1972 is the dominant genus of Megascolecidae in China (Jiang 2016, Zhao 2015) and the *Amynthas corticis*-group consists of a large number of species. Before 1972, only 99 species names had been recorded in the group (Sims and Easton 1972). *Amynthas diffringens* (Baird, 1869), *Amynthas divergens divergens* (Michaelsen, 1892), *Amynthas yunnanensis* (Stephenson, 1912), and *Amynthas heterochaetus* (Michaelsen, 1891) are synonyms of *Amynthas corticis* (Kinberg, 1867) (Blakemore 2004). Since then, 22 more species were reported: two species were described from mainland China (Chen et al. 1975, Chen and Xu 1977), seven species from Hainan Island in China (Sun et al. 2012, 2013), eight species from Taiwan Island (James et al. 2005, Tsai et al. 2001, 2007, 2010, Wang and Shih 2010), and five species from Korea (Hong and James 2001, Hong and Kim 2002).

Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region is located in the southeast edge of Yunnan-Guizhou plateau, and west of Guangzhou-Guangxi hilly land. The landforms in Guangxi include mountains, hills and plains. Guangxi has a subtropical monsoon climate and the Pearl River, the Yangtze River, the Red River, and the coastal water systems flow through it. Guangxi has an average annual temperature between 16.5–23.1 °C, which is suited to the survival and dispersal of earthworms. In order to investigate the diversity of earthworms in China, we conducted a field survey in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region in 2013 and have found both a number of described species and also species that are new to science. The previously described species are Amynthas dissimilis Qiu & Jiang, 2018 (Jiang et al. 2018), Amynthas anteporus Jiang & Dong, 2018 (Jiang et al. 2018), Amynthas marsupiformis Jiang & Yuan, 2018 (Jiang et al. 2018), Amynthas crassitubus Qiu & Dong, 2018 (Dong et al. 2018), and Amynthas stabilis Dong & Jiang, 2018 (Dong et al. 2018). In this paper, we describe three new species and a subspecies of Amynthas which were collected from the Shiwan Mountain National Nature Reserve (22.6750°-22.07167°N, 107.49972°-108.21972°E) and the Dayao Mountain National Nature Reserve (25.11667°-25.23334°N, 113.18333°-113.26667°E) in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China. Distributions of known species in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and sampling points for this paper are shown in Figure 1.

All of the newly described species and subspecies have four pairs of spermathecal pores in 5/6-8/9; hence, they belong to the *Amynthas corticis*-group.

Materials and methods

The earthworms were collected in 2013, anaesthetized in 10% ethanol solution, and preserved in 99% ethanol solution. DNA was extracted from several specimens of *A. maximus*, *A. tortuosus*, *A. shengtangmontis shengtangmontis*, and *A. shengtangmontis minusculus* using the EZNA Mollusk DNA Kit (Omega Bio-tek, Norcross, GA, USA). The gene cytochrome oxidase subunit I (COI) was amplified. The PCR was carried out as follows:



Figure 1. Distribution of known species in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and sampling points of this paper.

5 min at 94 °C followed by 32 cycles 94 °C for 30 s, 50 °C for 30 s and 72 °C for 1 min, with an extension of 10 min at 72 °C. Primers used in the research were: 5'-GGT-CAACAAATCATAAAGATATTGG-3'and 5'-TAAACTTCAGGGTGACCAAAAAATCA-3' (Folmer et al. 1994), or 5'-GGTCAACAAATCATAAAGATATTGG-3' and 5'-TATACTTCTGGGTGTCCCGAAGAATCA-3' (Bely and Wray 2004). Sequencing was performed in the Beijing Genomics Institute (Shanghai, China). Sequencing was submitted to NCBI GenBank and accession numbers were shown in Table 1. All holotypes and paratypes are deposited in the Shanghai Natural History Museum.

Sequences were aligned with ClustalX (Thompson 1997), and then pairwise distances between these species were calculated using Kimura two-parameter model of DNA evolution with MEGA 5 (Tamura et al. 2011). Images were produced using the Affinity Photo and SketchBook software.

Taxonomy

Amynthas maximus Qiu & Dong, sp. nov. http://zoobank.org/E84CFBE5-4FF8-4F53-B49A-233EC5D04298 Figure 2, Table 2

Material. *Holotype*:1 clitellate (C-GX201304-01A): China, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Shiwan Mountain Nature Reserve (21.50299°N, 107.3035°E), 449 m asl, black sandy soil under bryophytes in a subtropical evergreen forest, 12 May 2013, JP Qiu, Y Hong, JB Jiang, LL Zhang, Y Dong legit. *Paratypes*: 8 clitellates (C-GX201304-01B): same date as for holotype.

Species	Species No.	Locality	Reference	GenBank Acc. No
Amynthas maximus sp. n. (HT)	C-GX201304-01A	China: Guangxi	This paper	MG450707
Amynthas tortuosus sp. n. (HT)	C-GX201306-06A	China: Guangxi	This paper	MG450708
Amynthas tortuosus sp. n. (PT)	C-GX201301-09	China: Guangxi	This paper	MK606425
Amynthas tortuosus sp. n. (PT)	C-GX201305-07	China: Guangxi	This paper	MK606426
Amynthas shengtangmontis shengtangmontis sp. n. (HT)	C-GX201312-03A	China: Guangxi	This paper	MG450709
Amynthas shengtangmontis minusculus subsp. n. (HT)	C-GX201316-02A	China: Guangxi	This paper	MG450710
Amynthas shengtangmontis minusculus subsp. n. (PT)	C-GX201316-02B	China: Guangxi	This paper	MK606427
Amynthas fuscatus (Goto & Hatai, 1898)		Japan: Tokyo	Minamiya, submitted to GenBank in 2010	AB542475
Amynthas pulvinus Sun & Jiang, 2013	C-HN201115-08	China: Hainan	Sun et al. 2014	JQ905266
Amynthas robustus (Chen, 1936)	C-SC201009-01	China: Sichuan	Sun 2013, in Chinese	KF179573
Amynthas corticis (Kingberg, 1867)	C-HN201035-02	China: Hainan	Sun 2013, in Chinese	KF205966
Amynthas carnosus (Goto & Hatai, 1899)	C-HN201002-01	China: Hainan	Sun 2013, in Chinese	KF205962
Amynthas mirifius Sun & Zhao, 2013	C-HN201103-02	China: Hainan	Sun et al. 2013	JQ905265
Amynthas micronarius (Goto & Hatai, 1898)		Japan: Tokyo	Minamiya, submitted to GenBank in 2010	AB542498
Amvnthas alexandri (Beddard, 1900)		Thailand	Jeratthitikul et al. 2017	KU565178
Amynthas andersoni (Michaelsen, 1907)		Thailand	Jeratthitikul et al. 2017	KU565179
Amynthas comptus (Gates, 1932)		Thailand	Jeratthitikul et al. 2017	KU565187
Amynthas exiguus (Gates, 1930)		Thailand	Jeratthitikul et al. 2017	KU565189
Amynthas formosae (Michaelsen, 1922)		India	Farooqui, submitted to GenBank in 2019	LC458750
Amynthas longicauliculatus (Gates, 1931)		Thailand	Jeratthitikul et al. 2017	KU565195
Amynthas szechuanensis vallatus (Chen, 1946)	C-SC201102-05	China: Sichuan	Sun 2013, in Chinese	KF205477
Amynthas mediocus (Chen et al., 1975)	C-GD201108-02	China: Guangdong	Sun 2013, in Chinese	KF205405
Amynthas wulinensis Tsai et al., 2001		Taiwan island	Chang et al. 2007	DQ224182
Amynthas yunlongensis (Chen, 1977)	C-GZ201101-06	China: Guizhou	Sun 2013, in Chinese	KF179581
Amvnthas stricosus Oiu & Sun, 2012	C-HN201104-04	China: Sichuan	Sun 2013, in Chinese	IX315345

Table 1. Species with molecular data used in this study. Abbreviations: HT holotype, PT paratype.

Diagnosis. Dimensions 145–170 mm by 5.8–6.2 mm at clitellum, clitellum taupe in 2/5 XIV–XVI, 78–101 segments. First dorsal pore in 13/14. Setae numbering 33–38 at III, 32–36 at V, 29–33 at VIII, 18–22 at XX, 50–65 at XXV; 9–13 between male pores; setae between spermathecal pores numbering 14–16 at VI, 10–14 at VII, and 18–22 at VIII. Four pairs of spermathecal pores ventrally in 5/6–8/9. Seven or eight (three specimens have seven papillae, and four specimens have eight papillae) postsetal genital papillae arranged in two rows in VI–IX, 0.33 circumference ventrally apart from each other. One pair of male pores in XVIII, each on the top of a central, round porophore surrounded by three or four circular ridges, with one presetal indented-topped genital papilla medial of each porophore. Ampulla elongate oval, stout duct as



Figure 2. A Ventral view showing spermathecal pores, female pores and male pores of *Amynthas maximus* sp. nov. **B** spermathecae of *Amynthas maximus* sp. nov. **C** illustration of the details of the male pore region.

long as 3/5 ampulla. Diverticulum slightly shorter than main pouch, a little twist in the middle, terminal 2/5 dilated into a swollen, club-shaped seminal chamber. Prostate glands well developed.

Description. *External characters*: Light purple-brown pigment on pre-clitellum dorsum, no pigment on ventrum. Pigment from light purple-brown to brown on postclitellum dorsum, light yellowish on ventrum. Clitellum taupe in 2/5 XIV–XVI. Dimensions 160 mm by 6.0 mm at clitellum, 92 segments. Prostomium ¹/₂ epilobous. First dorsal pore in 13/14. Setae numbering 36 at III, 34 at V, 31 at VIII, 20 at XX, 60 at XXV; 12 between male pores; Setae numbering 15 at VI, 12 at VII, 20 at VIII between spermathecal pores. Setae formula: AA = 1.1-1.4AB, ZZ = 1.2-2.0ZY. Clitellum annular, yellowish, in 2/5 XIV–XVI, setae not visible externally. Four pairs of spermathecal pores in 5/6–8/9, ventral, eye-like, 0.4 circumference ventrally apart from each other. Seven or eight (three specimens have seven papillae, and four specimens have eight papillae) postsetal genital papillae arranged in two rows in VI–X, 0.33 circumference ventrally apart from each other. One pair of male pores in XVIII, 0.4 circumference apart ventrally, each on the top of a central, round porophore surrounded by three or four circular ridges, with one presetal indented-topped genital papilla medial of each porophore (Figure 1A). Single female pore in XIV, ovoid. Internal characters. Septa 5/6–7/8, 10/11–13/14 thick and muscular, 8/9–9/10 absent. Gizzard bucket-shaped, in VIII–X. Intestine enlarged distinctly from XV onwards. Intestinal caeca paired in XXVII, extending anteriorly to XXII, transition state, ventral margin smooth, four pointed saccules in dorsal margin. Four pairs of esophageal hearts in X–XIII, developed. Ovaries in XIII. Four pairs of spermathecae in VI–IX, short, approx. 1.6 mm long, ampulla elongate-oval; duct as long as 3/5 ampulla. Diverticulum slightly shorter than main pouch (ampulla and duct), a little twist in middle, terminal 2/5 dilated into a swollen, club-shaped seminal chamber (Figure 1B). One or two stalked accessory glands observed near ventral median line in VI–IX. Holandric: two pairs of testis sacs in X and XI, separated from each other, well developed. Two pairs of seminal vesicles in XI and XII, developed. Prostate glands undeveloped, inserting in XVIII and extending from XVII–XIX, coarsely lobate, prostatic duct I-shaped, of uniform thickness. No accessory glands observed in male pore region.

Etymology. The species is named after its large accessory glands observed in the spermathecal area.

Remarks. Amynthas maximus sp. nov. keys to the corticis-group in Sims and Easton (1972) with four pairs of spermathecal pores intersegmentally in 5/6–8/9. Amynthas maximus sp. nov. is similar to Amynthas carnosus (Goto & Hatai, 1899) as re-described by Chang et al. (2016) with respect to body size, the distance between spermathecal pores and male pores, shorter diverticulum than main spermathecal axis, and no accessary glands near prostates. In contrast, the pigment on its ventrum is lighter than A. carnosus and other differences include the first dorsal pore, clitellum location, spermathecal pores, and male pores characters. The first dorsal pore in A. maximus sp. nov. is located in 13/14, versus 12/13 in A. carnosus; the clitellum occupies less than three segments; four pairs of spermathecal pores while sometimes three pairs in A. carnosus; the porophore is surrounded by three or four circular ridges, but no ridges are present in A. carnosus; several accessory glands observed in the spermathecal region in the new species but none in A. carnosus.

We also compare the new species with *Amynthas corticis* (Kinberg, 1867) which has been recognized as the typical species in the *corticis*-group. They share several common characters such as body size, pigment, clitellum extent, setal number, and both have stalked accessory glands. Other than that, the first dorsal pore in the new species is in 13/14, but in 10/11 or 12/13, usually in 11/12 in *A. corticis*. The diverticulum of *A. maximus* sp. nov. has a small twist in the middle compared with *A. corticis*, which has a long stalk. Moreover, *A. maximus* sp. nov. always exhibits genital markings in the male pore region, whereas in *A. corticis*, these markings are occasionally absent.

We further compare the new species with another species *Amynthas dorsualis* Sun & Qiu, 2013 described from Hainan, China, and its clitellum also occupies fewer than three segments. In our results, we find the two species share several common characters, including the first dorsal pore location, setal formula, male pore characters, and in the diverticulum being shorter than the main pouch. However, the morphological dissimilarity of the two species is substantial. For instance, the locations of spermathecal pores are different between *A. dorsualis* and *A. maximus* sp. nov. In *A. dorsualis*, the spermathecal pores are located on the dorsum, while the pores are located on the ven-

Characteristics	A. maximus sp. nov.	A. dorsualis	A. carnosus	A. corticis	A. wulinensis
Body length (mm)	145–170	121-?	110–340	45-170	128–174
Body width (mm)	5.8–6.2	2.7-?	4.0–9.0	3.0-6.0	5.6-6.1
Pigment					
dorsum	Light purple brown before clitellum, from light purple brown to brown after	Dark grey before clitellum, dark brown after	Dark brown or purple	Greenish brown	Whitish purple
ventrum	No pigment before clitellum, yellowish after	Light grey before VII, no pigment after	Dark brown or purple	No	Whitish gray
First dorsal pore	13/14	13/14	12/13	10/11 or 12/13, usually at 11/12	11/12
Clitellum locality	2/5XIV–XVI	1/10XIV-7/10XVI	XIV–XVI	XIV–XVI, occasionally shorter	XIV–XVI
Spermathecal pores	4 pairs, in 5/6–8/9, 0.33C	4 pairs, in 5/6–8/9, dorsally, 0.6C	4 pairs in 5/6–8/9 or 3 pairs in 6/7–8/9, 0.33C	4 pairs, 5/6–8/9, 0.33C	4 pairs, 5/6–8/9, ventral, 0.29C
Male pores	Middle, round, surrounded by 3–4 circular ridges, 0.4C	Slightly raised, glandular, surrounded by 5–6 elliptic circular folds, 0.33C	Round or elliptic	Small, circular to transverse elliptical disc, 0.24–0.30C	Round or oval- shaped on setal line with depressed center, 2–3 circular folds, 0.24–0.28C
Papillae preclitellum	7–8 post-setal indented-topped genital papillae arranged in two rows in VI–IX	Invisible	8 papillae just overhead 8 spermathecal pores, 2 pairs preclitellar arranged on VIII and IX	Paired presetal and/or postsetal in some or all, near spermathecal pores	Absent
Papillae postclitellum	2 presetal indented- topped genital papillae medial of porophore	Invisible	2 paired presetal genital on XVIII and IX, 1 pair postsetal genital on XVIII	Present or absent, occasionally one or more near male pore	Oval-shaped, medial to male pore in each of XVII and XIX, occasionally XX
Prostate glands	XVII–XIX	XVI–XX	Well developed	XVII–XX, rudimentary or absent	XV–XX, racemose, follicular
Spermathecae	About 1.6 mm long, ampulla long-oval; duct as long as 3/5 ampulla	About 2.2 mm long, ampulla heart-shaped; duct as long as 2/5 ampulla	Ampulla oval or pear- shaped, duct equal to or slightly shorter than ampulla	Ampulla ovoid	Very short and stout stalk
Diverticulum	Shorter, lightly twist in middle, terminal 2/5, swollen, club-shaped seminal chamber	Shorter, terminal 1/5, ovoid plump seminal chamber	One-third to half of ampulla, slender stalk and a wider seminal chamber	Blunt ovioid, straight stalk	Oval, shining white seminal chamber, a slender and straight stalk
Accessory glands	1 or 2 stalked accessory glands observed near ventral median line in VI, VII, VIII, IX	Invisible	-	Stalked, coelomic, bound down to parietes or retained within body wall	Paired in XVII and XIX, sessile, flowery

Table 2. A comparison of characters of *A. maximus* sp. nov., *A. dorsualis*, 2013, *A. carnosus*, *A. corticis* and *A. wulinensis*.

trum in *A. maximus* sp. nov. The distance between male pore is shorter on the ventral side in *A. dorsualis* than *Amynthas maximus* sp. nov. In addition, *A. dorsualis* has no genital markings and no accessory glands, whereas *A. maximus* sp. nov. exhibits genital markings near the spermathecal pores and the male pores region, and stalked accessory glands are present in spermathecal pores region.

The body size of *A. maximus* sp. nov. is similar to *A. wulinensis* described from Taiwan Island. But the other characters of *A. maximus* sp. nov. differ from *A. wulinensis*. *Amynthas maximus* sp. nov. has no pigment before clitellum, yellowish after clitellum on dorsum, first dorsal pore in 13/14, 0.33C between spermathecal pores, seven or eight indented-topped genital papillae in VI–IX and accessory glands in spermathecal pores region. In contrast, *A. wulinensis* has whitish gray on dorsum, first dorsal pore in 11/12, 0.29C between spermathecal pores, no genital papillae observed in spermathecal pores region, and accessory glands observed in male pores region. Table 2 shows the comparison of characters of *A. maximus* sp. nov. with *A. dorsualis*, *A. carnosus*, *A. corticis* and *A. wulinensis*.

Amynthas tortuosus Qiu & Dong, sp. nov.

http://zoobank.org/898F2A2C-68E7-415D-B5BE-95876D8C672E Figure 3, Table 3

Material. Holotype: 1 clitellate (C-GX201306-06A): China, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Shiwan Mountain Nature Reserve (21.84739°N, 107.88989°E), 553 m asl, black soil besides road, 13 May 2013, JP Qiu, Y Hong, JB Jiang, LL Zhang, Y Dong legit. **Paratypes:** 7 clitellates: 2 clitellates (C-GX201306-06B): same data as for holotype. 1 clitellate (C-GX201301-09): China, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Shiwan Mountain Nature Reserve (21.48588°N, 107.57018°E), 130 m asl, black sandy soil at riverside, 11 May 2013, JP Qiu, Y Hong, JB Jiang, LL Zhang, Y Dong legit. 4 clitellates (C-GX201305-07): China, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Shiwan Mountain Nature Reserve (21.50396°N, 107.53350°E), 494 m asl, black sandy soil besides road, 13 May 2013, JP Qiu, Y Hong, JB Jiang, LL Zhang, Y Dong legit.

Diagnosis. Dimensions 55–86 mm by 2.5–2.8 mm at clitellum, 55–83 segments. First dorsal pore in 13/14. Setae numbering 24–26 at III, 34–36 at V, 34–36 at VIII, 32–36 at XX, 36–40 at XXV; 8–9 between male pores; setae between spermathecal pores numbering 9–12 at VI, 10–12 at VII, 12–13 at VIII. Four pairs of spermathecal pores in 5/6–8/9, eye-like. Four pairs of postsetal genital papillae in VI–IX, 0.20 circumference ventrally apart from each other. One pair of male pores in XVIII, each on the top of a central, round porophore surrounded by three or four rhombic ridges, with one presetal crescent indented-topped genital papilla medial of each male pore. Ampulla slender, heart-shaped; duct short. Diverticulum shorter than main pouch, terminal 4/5 slightly dilated into a swollen, S-shaped twisted seminal chamber. Prostate glands well developed.

Description. External characters: Pre-clitellum, purple-brown pigment on dorsum, light purple-brown on ventrum. Post-clitellum, light purple-brown on dorsum, no pigment on ventrum. Clitellum taupe. Dimensions 76 mm by 27 mm at clitellum. 75 segments. Prostomium ¹/₂ epilobous. First dorsal pore in 13/14. Setae numbering 24 at III, 34 at V, 36 at VIII, 36 at XX, 40 at XXV; 8 between male pores; Setae between spermathecal pores numbering 11 at VI, 10 at VIII, 13 at VIII. Setae formula AA = 1.2-2.0AB,



Figure 3. A Ventral view showing spermathecal pores, female pores and male pores of *Amynthas tortuosus* sp. nov. **B** spermathecae of *Amynthas tortuosus* sp. nov. **C** illustration of the details of the male pore region.

ZZ = 1.4-2.0ZY. Clitellum annular, pale taupe, in XIV–XVI, setae not visible externally. Four pairs of spermathecal pores in 5/6–8/9, eye-like, 0.25 circumference ventrally apart from each other. Four pairs of postsetal genital papillae in VI–IX, 0.20 circumference ventrally apart from each other. One pair of male pores in XVIII, 0.25 circumference apart ventrally, each on the top of a central, round porophore surrounded by three or four rhombic ridges, with one presetal crescent indented-topped genital papilla in the center of each male pore region (Figure 2A). Single female pore in XIV.

Internal characters. Septa 5/6–7/8 thick and muscular, 10/11–12/13 slightly thickened, 8/9–9/10 absent. Gizzard ball-shaped, in VIII–X. Intestine enlarged distinctly from XVI onwards. Intestinal caeca paired in XXVII, simple, smooth, extending anteriorly to XXIV. Four pairs of esophageal hearts in X–XIII, the first pair very thin, the last three pairs developed. Ovaries in XIII. Four pairs of spermathecae in VI–IX, small, 2.4 mm long. Ampulla slender, heart-shaped; duct short. Diverticulum 2.0 mm long, slightly shorter than main pouch, terminal 4/5 slightly dilated into a swollen, S-shaped twisted seminal chamber (Figure 2B). One stalked accessory gland observed medial to each spermathecal duct. Holandric: two pairs of testis sacs in X–XII, separated from each other, developed. Two pairs of seminal vesicles in XI–XII, well developed. Prostate

Characteristics	A. tortuosus sp. nov.	A. carnosus	A. corticis	A. homosetus	A. exiguus aquilonius	A. stricosus
Body length (mm)	55–86	110–340	45-170	116	39–63	72–97
Body width (mm)	2.5–2.8	4.0–9.0	3.0-6.0	5.2	1.9–2.6	2–2.8
Pigment						
dorsum	Purple brown before clitellum, light purple brown after	Dark brown or purple	Greenish brown	Dark chocolate on anterior, grey on other parts	Dark reddish brown	No pigment
ventrum	Light purple brown before clitellum, no after	Dark brown or purple	No	Grey	Light gray on ventrum	No pogment
First dorsal pore	13/14	12/13	10/11 or 12/13, usually at 11/12	12/13	6/7	11/12 or 12/13
Clitellum locality	XIV–XVI	XIV–XVI	XIV–XVI, occasionally shorter	XIV–XVI	XIV–XVI	XIV–XVI
Setal formula	AA=1.2-2.0AB, ZZ=1.4-2.0ZY		-			
Spermathecal pores	4 pairs, in 5/6–8/9, 0.25C	4 pairs in 5/6–8/9 or 3 pairs in 6/7–8/9, 0.33C	4 pairs, 5/6–8/9, 0.33C	4 pairs, in 5/6–8/9, 0.25C	4 pairs, 5/6–8/9, ventral, 0.45C	4 pairs, 5/6– 8/9, 0.40C
Male pores	Middle, round, surrounded by 3–4 rhombic ridges, 0.25C	Round or elliptic	Small, circular to transverse elliptical di sc,0.24–0.30C	Roundish glandular area, about 1.5mm in diameter, 0.25C	Round, smooth, slightly elevated with a male aperture inconspicuous on lateral concave area, 0.23–0.30C	on a coniform glandular disc surrounded by a round pad, 0.33C
Papillae preclitellum	Four pairs of postsetal genital papillae in VI–IX	8 papillae just overhead 8 spermathecal pores, 2 pairs preclitellar arranged on VIII and IX	Paired presetal and/or postsetal in some or all, near spermathecal pores	Invisible	presetal and postsetal, widely paired in 7, 8 and 9, number highly variable	Invisible
Papillae postclitellum	2 presetal crescent indented-topped genital papilla medial of male pores	2 paired presetal genital on XVIII and IX, 1 pair postsetal genital on XVIII	Present or absent, occasionally one or more near male pore	Invisible	presetal and postsetal, widely paired in XVII, XVIII and XIX, number highly variable	postsetal, single or paired in XVII, XIX and XX
Prostate glands	XVII–XXII	Well developed	XVII–XX, rudimentary or absent	XVI–XXI	XVI–XX, wrinkled	XVI–XX, coarsely lobate
Spermathecae	About 2.4mm long, ampulla slender heart-shaped; duct short	Ampulla oval or pear-shaped, duct equal to or slightly shorter than ampulla	Ampulla ovoid	_	Ampulla peach-shaped, stalk straight, much shorter than ampulla	About 1.6mm long; ampulla heart-shaped, gradually slender duct as long as ampulla
Diverticulum	About 2.0mm long, terminal 4/5, swollen, S-shaped twisted seminal chamber	One-third to half of ampulla, slender stalk and a wider seminal chamber	Blunt ovioid, straight stalk	Shorter, seminal chamber ovoid and whitish	Shorter, seminal chamber rudimentary or absent, straight or slightly bent	As long as main spermathecal axis, slender, terminal 0.4 dilated into a band shaped chamber
Accessory glands	1 stalked accessory gland observed near the ental part of each spermatheca	-	Stalked, coelomic, bound down to parietes or retained within body wall	Invisible	round, stalked observed in spermathecal pores and male pores region	Invisible

Table 3. A comparison of characters of *A. tortuosus* sp. nov., *A. carnosus*, *A. corticis*, *A. homosetus*, *A. exiguus aquilonius*, and *A. stricosus*.

glands well developed, inserting in XVIII and extending from XVII–XXII, coarsely lobate, prostatic duct C-shaped, uniform thickness. No accessory glands observed.

Etymology. The species is named after the crooked shape of its diverticulum.

Remarks. Amynthas tortuosus sp. nov. is a comparatively small earthworm and shares some similarities to *A. carnosus* and *A. corticis*. All of them have genital markings both on the spermathecal and the male pore regions and share similar setal numbers. However, the body size of *A. tortuosus* sp. nov. is very distinct from others. The new species has roughly half the body size of *A. carnosus* and *A. corticis*, both in length and width. The first dorsal pore is in 13/14 and the distance between the spermathecal pores and male pores is less than those of *A. carnosus* and *A. corticis*. Moreover, *A. tortuosus* sp. nov. has long diverticulum with an S-shaped twisted seminal chamber and eight stalked accessory glands observed near the spermathecal duct, rather than a straight or slender stalk and an absence of accessory glands in *A. carnosus*.

We also compare the new species with *Amynthas homosetus* (Chen 1938) described from Hainan Island, which has a very similar distance between the male pores and spermathecal pores, and similar setal numbers. The differences between the two species are as follows: the body size of *A. tortuosus* is much smaller than *A. homosetus*; the size of prostate glands is larger in *A. tortuosus*; the shape of the seminal chamber is S-shaped twisted in *A. tortuosus*, while it is ovoid in *A. homosetus*; and several genital markings are present in the spermathecal pore region and male pore region in *A. tortuosus* sp. nov., while these markings are absent in *A. homosetus*.

The body size of *A. tortuosus* sp. nov. is similar to *Amynthas exiguus aquilonius* Tsai et al., 2001 described from Taiwan Island and *Amynthas stricosus* Qiu & Sun, 2012 described from Hainan Island. The first dorsal pore of the new species is in 13/14, but in 6/7 in *A. exiguus aquilonius*, and in 11/12 or 12/13 in *A. stricosus*. The new species has more closely spaced spermathecal pores than *A. exiguus aquilonius* and *A. stricosus*. Additionally, *A. exiguus aquilonius* has more genital papillae observed in spermathecal pores region than the new species. Accessory glands are observed in spermathecal pores region in *A. exiguus aquilonius*, but in the new species, accessory glands are only observed in spermathecal pores region. Furthermore, *A. stricosus* has a band shaped chamber, no genital papillae near spermathecal pores region, no accessory glands, and papillae observed in XVII, XIX and XX, but the new species has a S-shaped twisted seminal chamber, four pairs of genital papillae in spermathecal pores region, accessory glands near spermathecal duct, and no genital papillae observed in table 3.

Amynthas shengtangmontis Dong & Jiang, sp. nov. http://zoobank.org/6831C1EE-6B6B-4B4C-8C9F-4A9B903EBCB6 Figure 4, Table 4

Material. Holotype: 1 clitellate (C-GX201312-03A): China, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Dayao Mountain National Nature Reserve (23.97299°N, 110.11106°E), 1210 m asl, black sandy soil in bamboo forest, 15 May 2013, JP Qiu,

Y Hong, JB Jiang, LL Zhang, Y Dong legit. **Paratypes:** 4 clitellates (C-GX201312-03A): same data as for holotype.

Diagnosis. Dimension 100–134 mm by 4.2–5.1 mm at clitellum, 116–138 segments. First dorsal pore in 12/13. Setae numbering 26–28 at III, 24–32 at V, 26–32 at VIII, 33–40 at XX, 35–42 at XXV; 8–11 between male pores. Setae between spermathecal pores numbering 11–15 at VI, 10–13 at VII, 12–16 at VIII. Four pairs of spermathecal pores in 5/6–8/9. Four pairs of postsetal genital papillae arranged in VI–IX, 0.25 circumference ventrally apart from each other. One pair of male pores in XVIII, each on the top of a large raised, round porophore, surrounded by two circular ridges, with one presetal indented-topped genital papilla medial of each porophore. First ampulla of the three pairs is heart-shaped, duct stalked, diverticulum as long as main chain, U-shaped twist in the middle, terminal 4/5 dilated into a club-shaped seminal chamber. Ampulla of the fourth pair elongate-oval, duct as long as 1/6 ampulla, diverticulum as long as main chain, U-shaped seminal chamber. One round, semitransparent accessory gland presents near the medial area of each spermatheca. The prostate glands are developed.

Description. External characters: Pigment from brown to no pigment on dorsum, from light brown to no pigment on ventrum. Dimensions 102 mm by 4.5 mm at clitellum, 117 segments. Prostomium ½ epilobous. First dorsal pore in segments 12/13. Setae numbering 26 at III, 26 at V, 29 at VIII, 36 at XX, 37 at XXV; 9 between male pores. Setae between spermathecal pores numbering 13 at VI, 12 at VII, 14 at VIII. Setal formula: AA = 1.0-1.4AB, ZZ = 2.0-2.2ZY. Clitellum annular, in XIV– XVI, setae not visible externally. Four pairs of spermathecal pores in 5/6–8/9, 0.40 circumference apart ventrally. Four pairs of genital papillae on VI–IX, 0.25 circumference ventrally apart from each other. One pair of male pores in XVIII, 0.40 circumference ventrally apart from each other, each on the top of a larger raised, round porophore, surrounded by two circular ridges, with one presetal indented-topped genital papilla medial of each porophore (Figure 3A). Singled female pore in XIV, pale grey.

Internal characters. Septa 5/6–7/8 thick and muscular, 10/11–11/12 slightly thickened, 8/9–9/10 absent. Gizzard bucket-shaped, wider below than above, in VIII–X. Intestine enlarged distinctly from XV. Intestinal caeca paired in XXVII, simple, smooth, extending anteriorly to XXI. Esophageal hearts in X–XIII. Ovaries in XIII, four pairs of spermathecae in VI–IX, 2.2–3.0 mm long. Spermathecae of two shapes: ampulla of the first three pairs heart-shaped, duct stalked, diverticulum as long as main chain, U-shaped twist in the middle, terminal 4/5 dilated into a club-shaped seminal chamber. The ampulla of the fourth pair elongate-oval, duct as long as 1/6 ampulla (Figure 3C), and diverticulum as long as main chain, U-shaped twisted into a chili-shaped seminal chamber (Figure 3B). One round semitransparent accessory gland presents near the medial area of each spermatheca. Holandric: two pairs of testis sacs in X–XI, separated from each other, well developed. Two pairs of seminal vesicles, in XI–XII, well developed. Prostate glands developed, thick, inserting in XVIII and extending from XV to XXII, coarsely lobate, prostatic



Figure 4. A Ventral view showing spermathecal pores, female pores and male pores of *Amynthas sheng-tangmontis* sp. nov. **B**, **C** spermathecae of *Amynthas shengtangmontis* sp. nov. **D** illustration of the details of the male pore region.

duct U-curved, slightly thicker at the ental part. Two stalked accessory glands near the medial area of the distal part of the prostatic duct.

Etymology. The species is named after the name of the collection site Shengtang Mountain, a famous peak of the Dayao Mountain National Nature Reserve.

Remarks. Amynthas shengtangmontis sp. nov. keys to the corticis-group in Sims and Easton (1972). In terms of morphology, it is closely related to *A. carnosus*, *A. corticis*, and *Amynthas pulvinus* Sun & Jiang, 2013 (described from Hainan Island). Body size, body pigment, setal numbers, the first dorsal pore location, and simple intestinal caeca are similar among the four species.

In contrast, distance between the spermathecal pores and the male pores of the new species is 0.40C body circumference compared with 0.33C in *A. carnosus*, *A. corticis*, and *A. pulvinus*. In addition, there are eight postsetal genital markings on VI–IX in the new species, but the markings are present on V–VIII in *A. carnosus*, and there are more than two pairs of markings on VIII and IX in *A. carnosus*. The porophore of the new species is large, raised, round, and surrounded by two circular ridges, whereas the porophore is small in *A. corticis* and no genital markings apparent on the spermathecal pore region in *A. pulvinus*. Moreover, the new species has two different shapes of spermathecae, heart-shaped ampulla and diverticulum with club-shaped seminal chamber; and long-oval ampulla and diverticulum with chili-shaped seminal chamber, which are very different from those in the other species (Table 4).

Characteristics	A. shengtangmontis shengtangmontis	A. shengtangmontis minusculus	A. carnosus (Goto & Hatai, 1899)	A. corticis (Kinberg, 1867)	<i>A. pulvinus</i> Sun & Qiu, 2013
Body length (mm)	100–134	75–83	110-340	45-170	93.5
Body width (mm) Pigment	4.2–5.1	3.0–3.2	4.0–9.0	3.0-6.0	3.4
dorsum	From brown to no	Purple brown	Dark brown or purple	Greenish brown	Buff
ventrum	From brown to no	No	Dark brown or purple	No	No
First dorsal pore	12/13	11/12	12/13	10/11 or 12/13, usually at 11/12	12/13
Clitellum locality	XIV–XVI	XIV–XVI	XIV–XVI	XIV–XVI, occasionally shorter	XIV–XVI
Spermathecal pores	4 pairs, in 5/6–8/9, 0.40C	4 pairs, in 5/6–8/9, 0.40C	4 pairs in 5/6–8/9 or 3 pairs in 6/7–8/9, 0.33C	4 pairs, 5/6–8/9, 0.33C	4 pairs, in 5/6–8/9, 0.33C
Male pores	Large raised, round, surrounded by 2 circular ridges, 0.44C	Raised, elliptic, surrounded by 6 circular ridges, 0.40C	Round or elliptic	Small, circular to transverse elliptical disc, 0.24–0.30C	Slightly elevated round, 0.33C
Papillae preclitellum	Four pairs of postsetal genital papillae arranged in VI–IX	Three pairs of postsetal genital papillae arranged in VI–VIII	8 papillae just overhead 8 spermathecal pores, 2 pairs preclitellar arranged on VIII and IX	Paired presetal and/or postsetal in some or all, near spermathecal pores	Invisible
Papillae postclitellum	2 presetal indented-topped genital medial of porophore	2 small indented- topped genital papillae medial of male pore	2 paired presetal genital on XVIII and IX, 1 pair postsetal genital on XVIII	Present or absent, occasionally one or more near male pore	Rectangle- shaped, on 17/18–18/19
Prostate glands	XV–XXII	XVI–XXI	Well developed	XVII–XX, rudimentary or absent	XVII–XX
Spermathecae	About 2.2–3.0mm long, ampulla of the first three pairs heart- shaped, duct stalk. Ampulla of the forth pair long-oval, duct as long as 1/6 ampulla	About 2.2–2.7mm long, duct as long as 1/2 ampulla	Ampulla oval or pear- shaped, duct equal to or slightly shorter than ampulla	Ampulla ovoid	About 2.4mm long, ampulla slender heart- shaped; duct short
Diverticulum	As long as main chain, U-shaped twisted in middle, terminal 4/5, club-shaped seminal chamber of the first three pairs and terminal 1/3 dilated into a chilli-shaped seminal chamber of the forth pair	As long as main chain, terminal 1/2, long club-shaped seminal chamber	One-third to half of ampulla, slender stalk and a wider seminal chamber	Blunt ovioid, straight stalk	Shorter, terminal 1/5, small ovoid plump seminal chamber
Accessory glands	1 round semitransparent accessory gland present near the medial area of each spermatheca, 2 stalk accessory glands observed near the medial of the distal part of the prostatic duct	6 semitransparent elliptic accessory glands observed near the distal part of the last three pairs spermathecae	_	Stalked, coelomic, bound down to parietes or retained within body wall	A pair, cling to body wall, irregular in shape, and extended from XVII–XIX

Table 4. A comparison of characters of *A. shengtangmontis shengtangmontis*, *A. shengtangmontis minusculus*, *A. carnosus*, *A. corticis*. and *A. pulvinus*.

Amynthas shengtangmontis minusculus **Dong & Law, subsp. nov.** http://zoobank.org/AE048B96-5A37-4C48-A734-22EA11119010 Figure 5, Table 4

Material. Holotype: 1 clitellate (C-GX201316-02A): China, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Dayao Mountain Nature Reserve (24.16658°N, 110.24313°E), 1285 m asl, black sandy soil under bryophytes beside road, 16 May 2013, JP Qiu, Y


Figure 5. A Ventral view showing spermathecal pores, female pores and male pores of *Amynthas sheng-tangmontis minusculus* subsp. nov. **B** spermathecae of *Amynthas shengtangmontis minusculus* subsp. nov. **C** illustration of the details of the male pore region.

Hong, JB Jiang, LL Zhang, and Y Dong legit. **Paratypes:** 6 clitellate (C-GX201316-02B): same date as for holotype.

Diagnosis. Dimensions 75–83 mm by 3.0–3.2 mm at clitellum, 75–87 segments. First dorsal pore in 11/12. Setae numbering 21–26 at III, 18–21 at V, 27–32 at VIII, 29–34 at XX, 36–40 at XXV; 5–7 between male pores; Setae between spermathecal pores numbering 9–11 at VI, 10–12 at VII, 10–12 at VIII. Four pairs of spermathecal pores in 5/6–8/9. Three pairs of postsetal genital papillae arranged in VI–VIII, 0.13 circumference apart ventrally. One pair of male pores in XVIII, each on the top of a raised, elliptic porophore surrounded by six circular ridges, with one small indented-topped genital papilla medial of each male pore. Ampulla heart-shaped; stout duct as long as 1/2 ampulla. Diverticulum as long as main pouch, terminal 1/2 dilated into a long club-shaped seminal chamber. Prostate glands developed.

Description. External characters: Purple brown pigment on dorsum, no pigment on ventrum. Dimensions 83 mm by 3.2 mm at clitellum, 87 segments. Prostomium ¹/₂ epilobous. First dorsal pore in 11/12. Setae numbering 26 at III, 21 at V, 32 at VIII, 34 at XX, 38 at XXV; 6 between male pores; setae between spermathecal pores numbering

10 at VI, 11 at VII, 12 at VIII. Setal formula AA = 1.2-1.4AB, ZZ = 1.4-1.8ZY. Clitellum annular in XIV–XVI, setae not visible externally. Four pairs of spermathecal pores in 5/6–8/9, 0.40 circumference ventrally apart from each other. Three pairs of postsetal genital papillae arranged in VI–VIII. One pair of male pores in XVIII, 0.40 circumference apart ventrally, each on the top of a raised, elliptic porophore surrounded by six circular ridges, with one small indented-topped genital papilla in the center of each male pore (Figure 4A). Single female pore in XIIV.

Internal characters. Septa 5/6–7/8, thick and muscular, 10/11–11/12 slightly thickened, 8/9–9/10 absent. Gizzard bucket-shaped, wider below than above, in IX–X. Intestine enlarged distinctly from XV. Intestinal caeca paired in XXVII, simple, smooth, extending anteriorly to 1/2 XXIV. Esophageal hearts in X–XIII. Ovaries in XIII, four pairs of spermathecae in VI–IX, heart-shaped, 2.2–2.7mm long, duct as long as 1/2 ampulla. Diverticulum as long as main pouch, terminal 1/2 dilated into a long club-shaped seminal chamber. Six semitransparent elliptical accessory glands observed near the ental part of the last three pairs spermathecae (Figure 4B). Holandric: two pairs of testis sacs, separated from each other, in X–XI, oval, the first pair extremely developed. Two pairs of seminal vesicles, in XI–XII, developed. Prostate glands, thick, inserting in XVIII and extending from XVI to XXI, developed, coarsely lobate; prostatic duct U-curved, long, slightly thicker at the ental part.

Remarks. We compare *A. shengtangmontis minusculus* subsp. nov. with *A. shengtangmontis shengtangmontis* and find that they share similar characters of spermathecal pores, male pores, intestinal caeca, and prostate glands. However, there is a level of difference between them. For instance, *A. shengtangmontis minusculus* subsp. nov. has a smaller body size, fewer and more closely spaced genital papillae, longer spermathecal duct, accessory glands only observed in the spermathecal area. On the other hand, the first dorsal pore of *A. shengtangmontis minusculus* subsp. nov. is located in 11/12 compared to in 12/13 in *A. shengtangmontis shengtangmontis*. The pairwise distance of COI between *A. shengtangmontis shengtangmontis* and *A. shengtangmontis minusculus* subsp. nov. is 10.7%-11.4%, which is acceptable to differentiate subspecies.

Etymology. The subspecies is named after its small body size, compared to the nominate species.

Molecular results

In addition to the morphological comparison between the species, we also compared the COI gene sequences of the three proposed new species and one subspecies and the results of the pairwise distances of COI, ranging from 10.7%-25.2%% are shown in Table 5. Studies show that pairwise distances of COI of interspecies in the same genus are 17–23% (Sun 2013), 16–23% (Huang et al. 2007), 15–16% (Admassu et al. 2006), 16–22% (Novo et al. 2009), and 15–28% (Chang et al. 2008). In general, pairwise distances between three new species and the other eighteen *corticis*-group species are greater than 14.7%. Together with the different morpho-

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S2 PT	19.2%	0.0%	0.0%																				
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S4 HT	16.7%	14.7%	14.7%	14.7%	10.7%																		
S4 PT	16.9%	15.4%	15.4%	15.4%	11.4%	0.2%																	
A. fuscatus	15.9%	17.4%	17.4%	17.4%	20.4%	17.4%	17.0%																
A. pulvinus	20.0%	18.2%	18.2%	18.2%	19.7%	18.4%	18.8%	18.6%															
A. robustus	18.9%	16.9%	16.9%	16.9%	17.8%	18.0%	18.0%	17.1%	22.7%														
A. corticis	15.6%	18.0%	18.0%	18.0%	18.2%	18.7%	18.8%	18.0%	16.3% 1	8.0%													
A. carnosus	19.8%	17.4%	17.4%	17.4%	20.2%	20.0%	19.9%	18.3%	18.7% 1	6.7% 1	6.7%												
A. micronarius	20.7%	19.8%	19.8%	19.8%	19.9%	19.5%	20.1%	21.0%	19.1% 2	0.9% 1	7.5% 2	1.2%											
A.alexandri	24.3%	21.3%	21.3%	21.3%	23.7%	22.4%	22.0%	21.3%	21.5% 2	0.7% 2	1.5% 2	0.8% 22	2.6%										
A.andersoni	23.2%	20.1%	20.1%	20.1%	23.0%	21.0%	20.9%	18.9%	21.2% 1	9.6% 1	7.3% 1	3.4% 20	0.9% 23	.6%									
A.comptus	21.9%	19.2%	19.2%	19.2%	20.7%	19.4%	20.2%	19.1%	21.2% 1	9.6% 1	8.5% 21	0.0% 20	0.5% 23	.5% 19.	2%								
A.exiguus	18.2%	18.0%	18.0%	18.0%	18.1%	18.5%	18.7%	18.2%	8.6% 1	8.7% 1	8.5% 19	.1% 18	8.3% 24	.2% 21.	3% 22.	1%							
A.formosae	21.4%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	19.3%	21.9%	22.0%	23.2%	9.8% 2	2.7% 2	0.3% 2	2.7% 20	0.8% 20	.5% 24.	4% 24.	1% 23.	5%						
A. longicauliculatus	20.2%	19.5%	19.5%	19.5%	21.6%	21.8%	22.1%	19.6% 2	21.5% 2	1.3% 1	9.8% 2	2.6% 2]	1.7% 22	.9% 18.	3% 18.	1% 20.	2% 23.9%	%					
A. mirifius	17.6%	16.6%	16.6%	16.6%	18.7%	17.1%	17.1%	16.1%	16.7% 1	7.9% 1	5.3% 17	.4% 2(0.5% 19	.2% 20.	7% 19.	8% 18.	9% 21.30	% 19.7%					
A. szechuanensis	22.5%	20.4%	20.4%	20.4%	22.6%	20.4%	20.5%	19.3% 2	2.4% 2	1.8% 1	8.2% 19	.8% 2]	1.5% 24	.7% 19.	3% 18.	9% 20.(9% 24.0%	% 18.3%	21.4%				
A. mediocus	19.4%	19.4%	19.4%	19.4%	19.4%	23.8%	23.6%	18.0%	9.8% 1	9.1% 1	8.5% 20	.5% 21	1.4% 25	.2% 22.	5% 18.	7% 18.2	2% 24.29	% 20.9%	18.8%	22.5%	-		
A.wulinensis	20.2%	18.3%	18.3%	18.3%	21.8%	18.4%	18.4%	19.4% 2	20.9% 2	0.2% 1	7.8% 19	.7% 18	3.2% 25	.1% 20.	7% 21.	5% 20.4	1% 23.09	% 23.2%	19.9%	19.2%	19.7%		
A.yunlongensis	19.7%	18.6%	18.6%	18.6%	18.4%	16.8%	17.3%	19.2%	8.0% 1	7.4% 1	7.8% 15	7.9% 20	.3% 21	.3% 22.	2% 19.	8% 17.	1% 21.09	% 20.0%	17.0%	16.2%	20.3%	20.5%	
A.stricosus	16.3%	15.0%	15.0% i	15.0%	18.2%	16.6%	16.4%	13.1% 1	8.4% 1	7.1% 10	6.1% 17	7.2% 20	.8% 18	.4% 17.	3% 17.	6% 21.	7% 18.89	% 18.4%	19.5%	20.8%	18.1%	16.5%	21.1%
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Table 5. Percentage of pairwise distances obtained for the sequences of COI genes in *Amynthus* species.

logical characters of each, we could conclude that *A. maximus*, *A. tortuosus*, *A. sheng-tangmontis shengtangmontis*, and *A. shengtangmontis minusculus* are different from the previously described species and each other. Since the pairwise distance between *A. shengtangmontis shengtangmontis* and *A. shengtangmontis minusculus* is 10.7%-11.4%, which is more than 1% and less than 15%, by definition we conclude that both subspecies are valid.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE



Tryphactothripini of India (Thysanoptera, Thripidae, Panchaetothripinae), with identification keys and a new record of Opimothrips

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Abstract

An identification key is provided to the four genera of Panchaetothripinae from India that are members of the Tribe Tryphactothripini, together with a key to identify all the known six Indian species of *Astrothrips*. Furthermore, the genus *Opimothrips* is newly reported from India.

Keywords

Astrothrips, Opimothrips tubulatus

Introduction

The Thripidae subfamily Panchaetothripinae currently comprises approximately 145 species in 42 genera (ThripsWiki 2019). These species breed on the leaves of a wide range of plants in tropical countries, and include the widespread pest, the Greenhouse Thrips, *Heliothrips haemorrhoidalis* (Bouché) (Xie et al. 2019). Within this subfamily is a tribe, Tryphactothripini, that comprises species in which the second abdominal tergite is sharply constricted anteriorly and bears complex sculpture anterolaterally. This sculpture is in the form of closely spaced, small ridges that often give the optical impression of

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being stout, sharply recurved, microtrichia. Twenty species in nine genera are currently placed in this tribe, and four of these genera, with nine species, are recorded from India.

Members of this tribe are restricted to the tropics, with a few *Astrothrips* species also found in subtropical areas. Despite being leaf feeders, a few adults have also been taken from grass. Recently, an additional genus of Tryphactothripini was found in India, *Opimothrips*. This monotypic genus was described from Thailand and also recently reported from China (Nonaka and Okajima 1992; Xie et al. 2019). The objective here is to give an account of the tribe Tryphactothripini in India and to report a new record of genus *Opimothrips* with a note on *O. tubulatus*.

Taxonomy

Key to genera of Tryphactothripini from India

1	Fore wing distal half with costal setae longer than fringe cilia Noathrips
_	Fore wing distal half with costal setae shorter than fringe cilia2
2	Genae without protruding fringe of pale sculpture; fore wing uniformly shad-
	ed with apex sharply paler Opimothrips
_	Genae with protruding fringe of pale sculpture, fore wing with dark and light
	bands
3	Abdominal tergites III-VII with paired clusters of round sculptured areolae,
	striated across anterior third, bearing sigmoidal setae Tryphactothrips*
_	Abdominal tergites III-VII without paired clusters of round sculptured are-
	olae; reticulated across anterior third, sigmoidal setae present or absent
	Astrothrips

Astrothrips Karny, 1921

Astrothrips Karny, 1921: 239. Type species Heliothrips globiceps Karny, 1913.

Notes. This genus was based originally on a single species that had been described from a single female collected in New Guinea, but four generic synonyms are listed in ThripsWiki (2019).

It is an Old World genus that is restricted to tropical countries, with two species from Africa and 10 distributed between Pakistan and New Guinea (ThripsWiki 2019). These are leaf-feeding thrips, with the occasional adult found in flowers, and although adults have been taken from a wide variety of plants, suggesting the possibility of polyphagy, larvae remain unknown for most of the described species. The many published host-plant associations (Table 1) involve more than 30 plant families, with little indication of any specificity. These records are based on the collection of one or more adults

^{*} From original description

Species	No. of antennal	Distribution	Host associations	Larvae found
	segments			
A. asiaticus	8	India	Colocasia; Lantana; Ricinus;Wedelia; "weeds"	No
A. aucubae	7	China; Japan; Philippines	Aucuba; Thalictrum	No
A. aureolus	5	Malaysia; Australia	Hymenocallis	No
A. bhattii	5	Nigeria	<i>Citrus</i> ; <i>Colocasia</i> ; <i>Cucurbita</i> ; "palm"	On Citrus grandis
A. chisinliaoensis	6	Malaysia; China; Taiwan	Canthium; Carallia; Morus; Rhus	No
A. globiceps	6	India; Myanmar; Malaya; Thailand; Philippines; New Britain; New Guinea; Japan	Angiopteris; Calopogonium; Centrosema; Colocasia; Crinum; Dysoxylum; Hyptis; Lantana; Microdesmis; Pleocnemia; Plumeria; Portulaca; "bamboo"	No
A. lantana	7	India; Nepal	Lantana; Quercus; "evergreen tree"	No
A. parvilimbus	6	India	Antirrhinum; Boerhavia; Crinum; Erythrina; Ipomoea; Musa; Ricinus; Sida; "fern"	No
A. roboris	5	Nigeria; Ghana; Sudan	Colocasia; Cucurbita; Musa; Nicotiana; Phaseolus; Piper; Thunbergia; "climbing legume" "palm"	On Colocasia esculenta
A. stannardi	7	India; Pakistan	Celosia; Ipomoea; Lantana; Mirabilis; Verbascum	No
A. strasseni	8	Myanmar; China	"bamboo" No	
A. tumiceps	7	India, Pakistan; Sri Lanka; Malaysia; Myanmar; Indonesia; Philippines; Thailand; Japan; Australia	Artocarpus; Canna; Centrosema; Dysoxylum; Dolichos; Eleusine; Erythrina; Glycine; Gossypium; Lantana; Mallotus; Phaseolus; Ricinus; "fern"	No

Table 1. *Astrothrips* distributions and host-associations of adults. Data from: Akram (2000); Kudô (1979, 1995); Mirab-balou et al. 2011; Reyes (1994); Saeed and Yousuf (1994); Tillekaratne et al. (2011).

from any given plant, and thus may involve a flying adult simply resting on a plant surface without feeding. Possibly these records are more of a measure of the dispersive behavior of adults, rather than an indication of the plants on which they might breed. Moreover, most of the species are known from few specimens. This combination of small sample size and lack of biological information leads to a lack of confidence in the relatively trivial structural differences that have been used to distinguish some of the species. The species of *Astrothrips* from India were reviewed by Bhatti (1967), with many clear illustrations in the form of line drawings, and Ananthakrishnan and Sen (1980) provided a further key to the species from India but without illustrations.

Diagnosis. Small, dark brown, strongly reticulate Panchaetothripinae usually with banded fore wings bearing stout veinal setae. Antennae with 5–8 segments, sense cones on III and IV forked or simple. Head with conspicuous raised reticulate sculpture, setae all small, ocellar area sometimes elevated; maxillary palps bi-segmented. Pronotum transverse, strongly sculptured with some raised reticulation. Mesoscutum usually deeply notched;

metascutum with prominent triangle. Tarsi 1-segmented. Fore wing slender, both longitudinal veins with prominent setae; costal setae shorter than costal cilia; posteromarginal cilia wavy. Tergite II of abdomen with anterior margin strongly constricted, and anterolaterally with a group of prominent strongly recurved microtrichia; tergites III–VII with transverse reticulation on anterior half; VIII with no posteromarginal comb; X divided longitudinally. Male smaller, sternites with or without slender, deeply curved, pore plates.

Antennal segmentation. The 8-segmented condition of antennae is considered plesiotypic for the family Thripidae (Zhang et al. 2019). However, among some Panchaetothripinae genera, including *Astrothrips*, there are species with the distal segments fused in different combinations, such as segments VI+VII or VII+VIII, or sometimes VI–VIII or even V–VIII forming a terminal group. As a result of this fusion the number of apparent segments is reduced to seven, six, or even five. It is important to recognise that reduction in the number of segments is not necessarily a shared apomorphy, because the 7-segmented condition could arise by fusion of either VII+VIII or by VI+VII (Zhang et al. 2019).

Species recognition. Species level taxonomy in this genus is based on some relatively trivial character states, each of which may have been observed on very few specimens. Stannard and Mitri (1962) described aureolus from only two females and distinguished this new species from *globiceps* and *parvilimbus*. The three diagnostic characters selected by the authors (shape of antennal segment III, colour of costal setae, body colour) are now considered to be variable among more recently collected specimens. Some other character states used by authors to distinguish species in this genus have been found to be more variable with the discovery of more specimens. Bhatti (1967) described stannardi as having the major sense cone on antennal segment VI surpassing the apex of the antenna, but this has been found to be untrue on various specimens of the species collected from South India and Thailand. Wilson (1975) in his key to species treated stannardi in the group with five or six antennal segments, but in the main text under that species, he states that there are seven segments; this confusion is repeated by Ananthakrishnan and Sen (1980). Subsequent identifications that are based solely on such original descriptions may not be reliable. The male of *aureolus* has been unknown, but a male identified as this species from Timor Leste (in ANIC) has U-shaped pore plates on sternites IV-VII as in stannardi. Similar problems are involved in host-plant associations. For example, Bhatti (1967) described lantana from two females, but Wilson (1975) mentions weekly collections from Lantana camara near the type locality without finding this thrips. In contrast, Kudô (1995) identified three females from Nepal as lantana that were taken from a species of Quercus and an unidentified tree.

Key to Indian species of Astrothrips

1	Antennae 8 segmented; segments separated by clear suturesA. asiaticus
_	Antennae with 5 to 7 segments
2	Pronotum posterior margin without a sub-marginal transverse apodeme
	[male with no sternal pore plates]
_	Pronotum posterior margin with distinct transverse sub-marginal apodeme

3	Pronotal sub-marginal transverse apodeme weak, present only on median
	third (Fig. 7); posterolateral angles of pronotum with raised sculpture
	A. globiceps
_	Pronotal sub-marginal transverse apodeme strong, extending fully across pro-
	notum (Fig. 8); no raised sculpture on pronotal posterolateral angles4
4	Antennae 6-segmented; mesoscutal anterior notch shorter than median intact
	part [male with pore plates on sternites V-VII]
_	Antennae 7-segmented
5	Antennal segments V–VII separated by clear sutures; male not known
_	Antennal segments V-VII not separated by clear sutures; male with pore
	plates on sternites IV-VII

Noathrips Bhatti, 1967

Noathrips Bhatti, 1967: 9. Type species Noathrips prakashi Bhatti, 1967 by monotypy.

Notes. The genus was erected with the type species *prakashi*, collected on herbage and *Lantana* leaves from Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh (Bhatti 1967). Later, this species was collected in Sri Lanka and China (Kudô 1979; Xie et al. 2019).

Diagnosis. Antennae 8-segmented, III and IV with forked sense cones. Head without conspicuous raised structure, postocular seta 4 strongly developed, ocellar hump small; maxillary palps bi-segmented. Pronotum with weakly raised sculpture. Mesoscutum not notched anteriorly; metascutum with prominent reticulate triangle. Tarsi 1-segmented. Fore wing with slender pointed setae; costal setae longer than fringe cilia; posteromarginal setae wavy. Abdominal tergite I with a postmarginal flange; II anterior margin constricted, with narrow plate like cuticular processes laterally; III–VII with transverse reticulations on anterior half, posterior half smooth; X asymmetrical, divided longitudinally. Males smaller; sternites IV–VII each with transversely elongated anteriorly concave pore plates.

Opimothrips Nonaka & Okajima, 1992

Opimothrips Nonaka and Okajima 1992: 106. Type species: *Opimothrips tubulatus* Nonaka & Okajima, 1992 by monotypy.

Notes. The reports of *O. tubulatus* from Thailand and China are from grass, and hence Xie et al. (2019) reported the species as being associated with grasses. However, the present specimens have been collected from an unidentified weed.

^{*} from original description

Diagnosis. Antennae 8-segmented, III and IV with thin, Y-shaped sense cones with the arms curving around the segment. Head polygonally reticulate, cheeks constricted at base; maxillary palps bi-segmented. Pronotum uniformly reticulate, two pairs of campaniform sensilla, one pair of long setae. Mesoscutum entire; metascutum with reticulate triangle. Tarsi 1-segmented. Fore wing with prominent veins, costal setae shorter than fringe cilia; posteromarginal setae wavy. Abdominal tergite I reticulate, median pair of setae minute; II strongly constricted, wart-like tubercles laterally; III–VII with thick antecostal line; X asymmetrical, divided longitudinally.

Opimothrips tubulatus Nonaka & Okajima, 1992

Figures 1-6

Material studied. Three females, Chitradurga, Karnataka, India, on unidentified weed, 04 December 2017, Rachana R.R. leg. Two females deposited in the Insect Museum, National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources (ICAR-NBAIR), Bengaluru, India. One female deposited in ANIC – Australian National Insect Collection, CSIRO, Canberra.

Female macroptera. Body yellowish brown (Fig. 1), fore legs yellow, tarsi yellow, tibiae brown, yellow in apical half and basally, femora brown in basal half, rest yellow; antennal segments I-III golden yellow, IV-V yellow with shaded brown distally, VI–VIII dark brown; fore wing uniformly shaded with apex pale, clavus brown; first vein with 11 setae, not uniformly arranged; second vein with 6 setae. Antennae 8-segmented; sutures complete and distinct between all segments; III–IV with thin, Yshaped sense cones, the arms unusually thin and curving around the segment, narrow apex on IV shorter, wider, more abruptly constricted than III; outer sense cone on VI extending to midpoint of VIII (Fig. 3). Head wider than long; ocellar hump weakly developed, ocelli visible; major setae rudimentary; eyes not bulged, covering lateral side almost completely; genae much reduced, without protruding transparent fringe (Fig. 2). Pronotum reticulate, raised sculpture on lateral margins; median area with transverse reticulations (Fig. 2). Mesonotum anterior margin shallowly notched, not reaching beyond anterior one third; 2 pairs of small setae, the inner pair anterior to the outer pair (Fig. 4). Metanotal median triangle weakly indicated; polygonally reticulate, extending beyond posterior margin, median setae anterior to campaniform sensilla (Fig. 4). Fore wing base humped, costal setae shorter than fringe; first vein with 7 basal setae, 2 at middle and 2 distally, thin and pointed; second vein with 6 setae, curved except last three; clavus with 4 veinal setae but no discal seta; posteromarginal cilia wavy (Fig. 6). Fore tibia with a spine at apex; hind tibia with a row of 11 conspicuous spines on inner side and two stout ones at apex; hind tarsi with a spine at median on inner side and two short, stout ones at apex. Abdominal tergite I reticulations extending beyond margin; median area of II with weak reticulations, laterally with wartlike tubercles; thick sublateral antecostal line on III-VII, laterally forming a posterior directed notch; VIII with complete posteromarginal comb of minute teeth; IX with campaniform sensilla; X asymmetric, median split complete, terminal setae almost half



Figures 1–6. *Opimothrips tubulatus* I female **2** head and prothorax **3** antenna **4** pterothorax and female abdominal tergite I **5** female abdominal tergites IX–X **6** fore wing.

as long as the segment (Fig. 5). Sternites II–VII with 2 pairs of marginal setae on broad craspedum; antecostal lines on III–VII with median concave invagination. Ovipositor long, well developed, exceeding abdominal apex.



Figures 7, 8. *Astrothrips* species, head and pronotum **7** *globiceps*; female from Java, compared to holotype and identified by J.S. Bhatti **8** *parvilimbus*; female from Madras on *Erythrina*, identified by T.N. Ananthakrishnan. [images by Manfred Ulitzka].

Tryphactothrips Bagnall

Tryphactothrips Bagnall, 1919: 256. Type species *Dinurothrips rutherfordi* Bagnall, 1915, by original designation.

Notes. Various workers on Thysanoptera [Bagnall (1919); Ramakrishna and Margabandhu (1931, 1940); Shumsher (1947); Patel and Patel (1953); Ananthakrishnan (1954); Wilson (1975)] reported *T. rutherfordi* from India. However, Bhatti (1967 and 1990) clarified the report of Ramakrishna and Margabandhu (1931) as *Astrothrips tumiceps* and of Patel and Patel (1953) from Pune as a species of *Astrothrips*. The records by Shumsher (1947) and Ananthakrishnan (1954) have never been validated, but Wilson (1975) collected three females from a forest tree in Tamil Nadu and compared these with the female holotype of *T. rutherfordi* in London. This is the only authenticated report of *rutherfordi* from India, and is only the second reliable report since the original description of the species from Ceylon.

Diagnosis. Antennae with six segments, terminal segments fused into an elongate unit. Head with raised sculpture covering cheeks and vertex; maxillary palps bi-segmented. Pronotum with raised sculpture anteriorly and on anterolateral angles. Mesoscutum slightly notched. Tarsi 1-segmented. Fore wing with anterior vein fused to costa at fork of veins; costal setae shorter than costal cilia; posteromarginal cilia wavy. Abdominal tergite II sharply constricted, laterally with double based rod like processes; III–VII with paired clusters of round sculptured areolae, striated across anterior third, bearing pair of sigmoidal setae laterally; VIII with no posteromarginal comb; X asymmetric, divided longitudinally.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE



Dealing with a hairy beast-larval morphology and chaetotaxy of the Australian endemic diving beetle genus Spencerhydrus (Coleoptera, Dytiscidae, Cybistrini)

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Abstract

In this contribution, the larval morphology of *Spencerhydrus* Sharp, 1882 was studied, an Australian endemic genus in the diving beetle tribe Cybistrini. All instars of the only two species included in the genus (*S. latecinctus* Sharp, 1882 and *S. pulchellus* Sharp, 1882) are described and illustrated with the exception of the third instar of *S. latecinctus*. Detailed morphometric and primary chaetotaxic analyses were performed to discover useful characters for generic diagnosis and species distinction. *Spencerhydrus* can be distinguished from other Cybistrini genera by the medial projection of frontoclypeus slightly indented apically, with lamellae clypeales directed forward in a characteristic V-shaped pattern, the median process of prementum strongly developed, the presence of a single ventral sclerite on prothorax, the presence of basoventral spinulae on claws, and the reduced sclerotization of the abdominal segment VII which covers only the anterior half. Larvae of the two species of *Spencerhydrus* can readily be distinguished by the shape of the median process of prementum, which is visibly broader in *S. pulchellus* than in *S. latecinctus*.

Keywords

Water beetle, sensilla, larva, morphometry

Introduction

Spencerhydrus Sharp, 1882 is a small, Australian endemic genus of large diving beetles (adult length 17–18 mm) included in the tribe Cybistrini. It is made up of two species restricted to southern Australia and with clearly separated distributions, *S. latecinctus* Sharp, 1882 in the south-east, and *S. pulchellus* Sharp, 1882 in the south-west (Watts 1978). Biological information for the genus is scarce; adults are rarely collected, mainly in lentic habitats with considerable emergent vegetation (Miller and Bergsten 2016). Recent studies based mainly on adult and molecular characters placed *Spencerhydrus* in a clade of Australian cybistrines together with *Austrodytes* Watts, 1978, *Onychohydrus* Schaum & White, 1847, and *Sternhydrus* Brinck, 1945 (Miller et al. 2007; Miller and Bergsten 2014). Studies of larval characters (Michat et al. 2015, 2017) supported this placement, although *Austrodytes* was not included because its larva is unknown. Even though larval characters of *Spencerhydrus* were included in these phylogenetic analyses, larvae were not described or illustrated, and therefore morphology of members of this genus remains little known.

The only treatment of larvae of *Spencerhydrus* found in the literature is Watts (2002), in which the genus was included in a key to larvae of Australian Dytiscidae and illustrated with a photograph of the head and a drawing of the last two abdominal segments. A thorough morphometric and chaetotaxic treatment of dytiscid larvae, as that developed in the past three decades to complement the more traditional morphological study (see Alarie and Michat 2014 for a review), allows the discovery of useful characters at various taxonomic levels both for the diagnosis of taxa and for phylogenetic studies. In this context, we provide detailed descriptions and illustrations of the two species of *Spencerhydrus* with an emphasis on morphometry and chaetotaxy. With this treatment, we aim to recognize suitable characters to distinguish larvae of this genus from those of other cybistrine genera, and also to differentiate the larvae of its two known species, i.e., *S. latecinctus* and *S. pulchellus*.

Materials and methods

Larvae were first cleared by submerging them for several days in lactic acid, then dissected in the standard way and mounted on slides with polyvinyl-lacto-glycerol as the medium. Examination (at magnifications up to 1,000×) and drawings were made using an Olympus CX31 (Olympus Corporation, Japan) compound microscope equipped with a camera lucida. Drawings were scanned and digitally inked using a Genius Pen-Sketch tablet (KYE Corporation, Taiwan). After study, the material will be held in the collection of the South Australian Museum.

The methods and terms used herein follow those employed in Michat (2006, 2010), Alarie et al. (2011), and Michat et al. (2015). The reader is referred to those papers for a complete list and additional explanations of the terms used here. The criterion of similarity of position (Wiley 1981) was primarily used to propose homology hypotheses. It is worth mentioning, however, that larvae of Cybistrini (and of *Spencerhydrus* in particular) bear numerous additional sensilla (i.e., those evolved secondarily in the first instar) that obscure the establishment of positional homologies with the ancestral systems of other Dytiscidae. Alarie et al. (2011) showed that first instars of Cybistrini are characterized by the presence of multifid setae (i.e., setae that are split into two or more branches beyond the base), which are distributed similarly to the ancestral pattern of primary setae depicted for the subfamily Dytiscinae. The presence of a multifid seta was therefore considered as an additional argument for homology when more than one seta of *Spencerhydrus* larvae was potentially homologous with a given seta of other dytiscine genera. The ancestral chaetotaxy pattern thus established for *Spencerhydrus* is in good agreement with that observed in other genera (Alarie et al. 2011).

Results

Description of the larvae of Spencerhydrus Sharp, 1882

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Diagnosis. Larvae of *Spencerhydrus* can be distinguished from those of other Cybistrini genera by the following combination of characters: medial projection of frontoclypeus slightly indented apically, with lamellae clypeales directed forward in a characteristic V-shaped pattern (Figs 1, 2, 31, 32); lateral projections of frontoclypeus entire, with lamellae clypeales directed forward (Figs 1, 2, 31, 32); notches separating medial and lateral projections of frontoclypeus wide (Figs 1, 2, 31, 32); antennomere 1 with two or three additional pores proximally (Figs 5–7); mandible lacking crown of multifid setae on distal fourth (Figs 9, 10); maxillary palpomere 1 subdivided into two articles (Figs 11–14); median process of prementum strongly developed (Figs 15–18); prothorax with a single ventral sclerite; seta TI7 short, spine-like (Figs 20, 22); ventral row of setae on tibia and tarsus formed by setae of different lengths (Figs 19, 21); claws with basoventral spinulae (Figs 19–22); urogomphi very small but still longer than broad, included together with anus in the membranous ventrodistal area of abdominal segment VIII (Figs 25, 26); urogomphus bearing a single additional pore (Figs 27, 29).

Instar I (Figs 1–30). *Color.* Cephalic capsule pale yellow with small, irregular, light brown maculae on central portion of FR, on posterior half of PA dorsally, and few on central portion of PA ventrally (maculae weakly marked in some specimens); a light brown ring-like band present on neck region contiguous to occipital suture; AN, MX, and LA either completely pale yellow or with A4 and apices of A3 and MP3 light brown; MN with distal region light brown; thoracic tergites pale yellow, protergite with some small light brown maculae, meso- and metatergite each with four small light brown maculae marginally; tergite VII pale yellow; sclerite of segment VIII uniformly pale yellow to light brown; urogomphus light brown.

Body. Elongate, subcylindrical. Measurements and ratios that characterize the body shape are shown in Table 1.

Measure	S. late	cinctus		S. pulchellus	
	Instar I (N = 4)	Instar II (N = 1)	Instar I (N = 3)	Instar II (N = 4)	Instar III (N = 4)
HL (mm)	2.55-2.63	3.73	2.14-2.28	2.93-3.14	3.94-4.40
HW (mm)	1.86-1.98	2.93	1.75-1.89	2.38-2.63	3.20-3.51
FRL (mm)	1.08-1.10	1.44	0.94-0.98	1.11-1.19	1.51-1.58
OCW (mm)	0.71-0.83	1.19	0.60-0.64	0.86-0.99	1.33-1.55
HL/HW	1.32-1.38	1.27	1.21-1.22	1.19-1.26	1.20-1.27
HW/OCW	2.33-2.70	2.46	2.92-2.96	2.47-2.84	2.27-2.42
COL/HL	0.57-0.59	0.61	0.56-0.57	0.62-0.63	0.62-0.65
FRL/HL	0.41-0.43	0.39	0.43-0.44	0.37-0.38	0.35-0.38
A/HW	1.07-1.13	0.97	1.08-1.16	0.93-1.06	0.84-0.92
A2/A1	0.63-0.69	0.58	0.58-0.60	0.56-0.60	0.52-0.59
A3/A1	0.34-0.37	0.28	0.32-0.34	0.31-0.32	0.28-0.31
A4/A3	0.18-0.22	0.15	0.23-0.24	0.15-0.17	0.13-0.14
A3'/A4	0.75-1.00	0.77	0.76-0.88	0.67-0.86	0.69-0.85
MNL/MNW	3.40-3.59	3.73	3.28-3.41	3.23-3.50	3.31-3.95
MNL/HL	0.48-0.50	0.51	0.54-0.55	0.51-0.54	0.50-0.52
A/MP	1.44-1.47	1.56	1.40 - 1.48	1.52-1.56	1.51-1.61
PPF/MP1	0.49-0.54	0.58	0.56-0.60	0.53-0.60	0.57-0.63
MP1/MP2	2.09-2.17	2.22	2.17-2.19	2.08-2.16	2.13-2.30
MP3/MP2	1.50-1.60	1.27	1.48-1.53	1.27-1.32	1.14-1.18
MP/LP	2.62-2.92	2.63	2.71-2.81	2.72-2.89	2.51-2.71
LP2/LP1	1.00 - 1.04	0.75	1.00 - 1.04	0.81-0.97	0.74-0.80
L3 (mm)	5.50-6.06	7.84	5.01-5.28	6.46-6.72	8.14-8.46
L3/L1	1.21-1.24	1.21	1.20-1.23	1.20-1.23	1.20-1.23
L3/L2	1.10-1.13	1.12	1.09-1.12	1.10-1.12	1.10-1.12
L3/HW	2.95-3.07	2.68	2.80-2.87	2.56-2.73	2.40-2.54
L3 (CO/FE)	1.04-1.15	1.11	1.00-1.05	1.04-1.07	1.04-1.10
L3 (TI/FE)	0.64-0.68	0.65	0.65-0.67	0.62-0.63	0.60-0.62
L3 (TA/FE)	0.75-0.78	0.65	0.77-0.80	0.67-0.72	0.60-0.64
L3 (CL/TA)	0.44-0.53	0.45	0.44-0.47	0.40-0.48	0.37-0.45
LAS (mm)	3.45-3.58	5.09	3.00-3.23	3.99-4.04	5.38-5.70
LAS/HW	1.79-1.88	1.74	1.69-1.73	1.54-1.68	1.54-1.68
U (mm)	0.09-0.10	0.12	0.11-0.12	0.08-0.10	0.10-0.11

Table 1. Measurements and ratios for the larvae of Spencerhydrus.

Head. Cephalic capsule (Figs 1–4). Flattened, subtriangular, longer than broad; maximum width at level of stemmata, constricted at level of occipital region; occipital suture present; ecdysial suture well marked, coronal line long; occipital foramen deeply emarginate ventrally; posterior tentorial pits close to well visible ventral midline; FR subtriangular, anterior margin divided into three well developed projections: medial projection broad, well projected forward, slightly indented apically; lateral projected beyond anterior margin; egg bursters large, rounded to somewhat pointed, located laterally close to ecdysial line; four stemmata on upper side of head and two on underside, arranged in two vertical series. *Antenna* (Figs 5–8). Elongate, slender, somewhat longer than HW, composed of four antennomeres; A1 longest, subdivided into two articles, distal one somewhat less than twice longer than basal one; A2 shorter than A1, subdivided into three articles, basal one shortest, distal one longest, bearing a



Figures 1–4. Cephalic capsule of *Spencerhydrus* species, instar I I *S. latecinctus*, dorsal aspect **2** *S. pulchellus*, dorsal aspect **3** *S. latecinctus*, ventral aspect **4** *S. pulchellus*, ventral aspect. Numbers and lowercase letters indicate primary setae and pores, respectively. Additional setae not labelled. Color patterns not represented. Abbreviations: EB: egg burster; FR: frontoclypeus; PA: parietal; LC: lamellae clypeales; TP: tentorial pit. Scale bar: 0.70 mm.

ventroapical spinula; apical lateroventral process of A3 slender, elongate; A4 shortest, with a small lateroventral process on distal third. *Mandible* (Figs 9, 10). Strong, falciform, broad at base, narrowing to acute apex, more abruptly narrowed on distal fourth; mandibular channel present. *Maxilla* (Figs 11–14). Premaxillary lobes well developed; cardo sub-ovate to subtriangular; stipes elongate, slender, subcylindrical; galea absent; PPF elongate, palpomere-like; MP elongate, slender, shorter than antenna, composed of three palpomeres, MP1 longest, MP2 shortest; MP1 and MP2 subdivided into two articles, distal one longer than basal one; MP3 subdivided into three articles, basal one



Figures 5–14. Head appendages of *Spencerhydrus* species, instar I 5 *S. latecinctus*, right antenna, dorsal aspect 6 *S. latecinctus*, left antenna, ventral aspect 7 *S. pulchellus*, right antenna, dorsal aspect 8 *S. pulchellus*, left antenna, ventral aspect 9 *S. latecinctus*, right mandible, dorsal aspect 10 *S. pulchellus*, right mandible, dorsal aspect 11 *S. latecinctus*, right maxilla, dorsal aspect 12 *S. latecinctus*, left maxilla, ventral aspect 13 *S. pulchellus*, right maxilla, dorsal aspect 14 *S. pulchellus*, left maxilla, ventral aspect 13 *S. pulchellus*, right maxilla, dorsal aspect 14 *S. pulchellus*, left maxilla, ventral aspect 13 *S. pulchellus*, right maxilla, dorsal aspect 14 *S. pulchellus*, left maxilla, ventral aspect 13 *S. pulchellus*, right maxilla, dorsal aspect 14 *S. pulchellus*, left maxilla, ventral aspect 13 *S. pulchellus*, right maxilla, dorsal aspect 14 *S. pulchellus*, left maxilla, ventral aspect 13 *S. pulchellus*, right maxilla, dorsal aspect 14 *S. pulchellus*, left maxilla, ventral aspect 13 *S. pulchellus*, right maxilla, dorsal aspect 14 *S. pulchellus*, left maxilla, ventral aspect 13 *S. pulchellus*, right maxilla, dorsal aspect 14 *S. pulchellus*, left maxilla, ventral aspect 13 *S. pulchellus*, right maxilla, dorsal aspect 14 *S. pulchellus*, right maxilla, ventral aspect 13 *S. pulchellus*, right maxilla, dorsal aspect 14 *S. pulchellus*, right maxilla, ventral aspect 13 *S. pulchellus*, right maxilla, dorsal aspect 14 *S. pulchellus*, right maxilla, ventral aspect 13 *S. pulchellus*, right maxilla, dorsal aspect 14 *S. pulchellus*, right maxilla, dorsal aspect 14 *S. pulchellus*, right maxilla, ventral aspect 14 *S.*



Figures 15–18. Labium of *Spencerhydrus* species, instar I 15 *S. latecinctus*, dorsal aspect 16 *S. latecinctus*, ventral aspect 17 *S. pulchellus*, dorsal aspect 18 *S. pulchellus*, ventral aspect. Numbers and lowercase letters indicate primary setae and pores, respectively. Additional setae and pores not labelled. Abbreviations: LA: labium; LP1–2: labial palpomeres 1–2. Scale bar: 0.15 mm.

shortest, distal one longest. *Labium* (Figs 15–18). Prementum broader than long, anterodorsal margin projected forward into strongly developed, apically rounded median process; LP much shorter than MP, composed of two palpomeres subequal in length; LP1 more or less weakly subdivided into two articles, distal one somewhat longer than basal one; LP2 subdivided into two articles, distal one much longer than basal one.

Thorax. Terga convex, pronotum shorter than subequal meso- and metanotum combined; protergite subrectangular, margins somewhat truncate, much more developed than meso- and metatergite; meso- and metatergite small, subrectangular to sub-trapezoidal with posterior margin indented; all three tergites with sagittal line, lacking anterotransverse carina; sterna membranous except for a single sclerite on anterior portion of prothorax; spiracles absent. *Legs* (Figs 19–22). Long, composed of six articles,



Figures 19–22. Left metathoracic leg of *Spencerhydrus* species, instar I **19** *S. latecinctus*, anterior aspect **20** *S. latecinctus*, posterior aspect **21** *S. pulchellus*, anterior aspect **22** *S. pulchellus*, posterior aspect. Numbers and lowercase letters indicate primary setae and pores, respectively. Additional setae and pores not labelled. Abbreviations: CO: coxa; FE: femur; PT: pretarsus; TA: tarsus; TI: tibia; TR: trochanter. Scale bar: 0.20 mm.



Figures 23–26. Abdominal segment VIII of *Spencerhydrus* species, instar I 23 *S. latecinctus*, dorsal aspect 24 *S. pulchellus*, dorsal aspect 25 *S. latecinctus*, ventral aspect 26 *S. pulchellus*, ventral aspect. Numbers and lowercase letters indicate primary setae and pores, respectively. Additional setae and pores not labelled. Abbreviation: AB: abdominal segment VIII. Scale bar: 0.50 mm.



Figures 27–30. Urogomphus of *Spencerhydrus* species, instar I 27 *S. latecinctus*, right urogomphus, dorsal aspect 28 *S. latecinctus*, left urogomphus, ventral aspect 29 *S. pulchellus*, right urogomphus, dorsal aspect 30 *S. pulchellus*, left urogomphus, ventral aspect. Numbers and lowercase letters indicate primary setae and pores, respectively. UR: urogomphus. Scale bar: 0.05 mm.

L1 shortest, L3 longest; CO elongate, subcylindrical, TR divided into two parts by an annulus, FE, TI and TA slender, subcylindrical, PT with two long, slender, slightly curved claws, anterior claw slightly longer than posterior claw on L1 and L2, claws subequal in length on L3; proTA with a row of well-developed, bifid, ventral spinulae, those on basal third shorter, multifid, forming a dense patch (cleaning device); claws with elongate ventral spinulae on basal 1/2 to basal 2/3.

Abdomen. Eight-segmented; segments I–VI subequal, membranous except for a small anterodorsal sclerite and a minute sclerite on each lateral; tergites I–VI subrectangular, lacking anterotransverse carina, sagittal line visible, posterior half covered with short spinulae; segment VII narrower, main sclerite covering about anterior half of dorsal surface, lacking anterotransverse carina, covered with short spinulae, sagittal line not found; segments I–VII with a minute lateral sclerite, lacking spiracles; segment VIII (= LAS, Figs 23–26) longest and narrowest, completely sclerotized except ventrodistally around anus and urogomphi, lacking anterotransverse carina and sagittal line, basal half covered with short spinulae; siphon short. *Urogomphus* (Figs 27–30). Strongly reduced, approximately two or three times longer than broad, composed of one urogomphomere.



Figures 31–32. Head of *Spencerhydrus* species 31 *S. latecinctus*, instar II, dorsal aspect 32 *S. pulchellus*, instar III, dorsal aspect. Scale bar: 1.00 mm.

Chaetotaxy (Figs 1–30). Similar to that of generalized Cybistrini larva (Alarie et al. 2011) with the following remarks: FR with numerous lamellae clypeales distributed on the apices of the anterior projections, those on medial projection longer than the others, arranged in a characteristic V-shaped pattern; A1 with some additional multifid setae distally and two or three additional pores proximally; crown of elongate additional (usually multifid) setae on distal fourth of MN absent; seta LA8 present; ventral row of setae on TI and TA formed by setae of different lengths; setae CO7, TR2, TR3, FE8, FE9, FE10, and pore ABa most likely present but obscured by the presence of additional sensilla; seta AB4 bifid or multifid; U bearing all ancestral setae and one pore; several short additional setae present on membranous area of abdominal segment VIII, near urogomphal base.

Instar II (Fig. 31). As instar I except for the following features:

Color. Light brown maculae on cephalic capsule more numerous; thoracic tergites with some light brown maculae on disc; maculae on abdominal tergites I–VI more extended; sclerite of segment VII with some small light brown maculae.

Body. Measurements and ratios that characterize the body shape are shown in Table 1.

Head (Fig. 31). Egg bursters absent; A subequal in length to HW; LP1 somewhat longer than LP2.

Thorax. Anterotransverse carina present on metatergite, present or absent on mesotergite; spinulae of claws restricted to middle region.

Abdomen. Tergites I–VI with anterotransverse carina, sometimes weakly marked; sclerites I–VIII lacking spinulae.

Chaetotaxy. Secondary setae most likely present on different body parts, although difficult to evaluate due to large number of additional setae.

Instar III (Fig. 32). As instar II except for the following features:

Color. Somewhat darker in general; abdominal tergites I–VII predominantly light brown with longitudinal creamy white area centrally.

Body. Measurements and ratios that characterize the body shape are shown in Table 1.

Head (Fig. 32). Somewhat more robust and parallel sided. Antenna shorter than HW.

Thorax. Meso- and metatergite covering most of dorsal surface; well-developed spiracles present on mesothorax.

Abdomen. Well-developed spiracles present on segments I-VII.

Spencerhydrus latecinctus Sharp, 1882

Source of material. The descriptions of this species are based on nine specimens of instar I and one of instar II (no instar III was available). Larvae were collected in Australia at the following localities: 1) SW Victoria, Kinhil, 14.x.1983 and 9.xi.1983; 2) SA, Watervalley SE 8 km N Mt. Rough, 15.x.2000; 3) SA, 6 km W Penola, 30.x.2001. The association is firm as *S. latecinctus* is the only species of *Spencerhydrus* in south-east Australia, and the larvae of the other Cybistrini genera potentially present in the area (*Cybister* Curtis, 1827, *Onychohydrus* and *Sternhydrus*) clearly differ morphologically from the studied material (Alarie et al. 2011; Michat et al. 2015).

Differs from *S. pulchellus* **as follows.** Larger size (Table 1); median process of prementum relatively slender (Figs 15, 16); anterior margin of prementum with one additional seta (Fig. 16); setae LA2 and LA11 unified (Fig. 16); additional setae on ventral margin of meso- and metatibia more robust, dissimilar in length but not much so (Fig. 19); ratio LAS/HW (Table 1).

Spencerhydrus pulchellus Sharp, 1882

Source of material. The descriptions of this species are based on nine specimens of instar I, four of instar II, and four of instar III. Larvae were collected in Australia at the following localities: 1) WA, Ellenbrook Nat. Res., 14.ix.2000; 2) WA, 6 km S Pinjarra, 23.x.1996, 23.ix.2000, and 3.x.2003. The association is firm as *S. pulchellus* is the only species of *Spencerhydrus* in south-west Australia, and the larvae of the other Cybistrini genera potentially present in the area (*Cybister* and *Onychohydrus*) clearly differ morphologically from the studied material (Alarie et al. 2011).

Differs from *S. latecinctus* **as follows.** Smaller size (Table 1); median process of prementum relatively broader (Figs 17, 18); anterior margin of prementum lacking additional setae (Fig. 18); setae LA2 and LA11 bifid (Fig. 18); additional setae on ventral margin of meso- and metatibia less robust and highly dissimilar in length (Fig. 21); ratio LAS/HW (Table 1).

Discussion

Similarly to all other members of the tribe Cybistrini known with sufficient chaetotaxic detail (Michat 2006, 2010; Alarie et al. 2011; Michat et al. 2015), larvae of *Spencerhy-drus* are characterized by bearing a large number of additional setae on almost all body regions. This particularly high number of additional setae (with many of them multifid or variously modified) distinguishes members of this tribe from all other known diving beetles, and summed to the very large size of cybistrine larvae somewhat justifies the title's opening statement. An exception to this pattern, however, is seen in the urogomphi. The miniaturization of this structure within Cybistrini, although showing a different degree of reduction among genera (see Alarie et al. 2011), may have prevented the development of additional sensilla, to the point that they bear the same number of (or even less) setae than in other dytiscids, and a highly reduced number of pores.

As mentioned above (see Introduction) the genus Spencerhydrus was included in recent phylogenetic analyses of the Cybistrini (Michat et al. 2015) and Dytiscidae (Michat et al. 2017) based on larval morphology. Most of the characters supporting monophyly and relationships of this genus are corroborated in our study, and therefore we find worth mentioning them. Spencerhydrus was resolved as part of a clade of Australian Cybistrini together with Onychohydrus and Sternhydrus, and within this clade, it is sister to the clade formed by the other two genera. Synapomorphies in support of a clade Spencerhydrus + Onychohydrus + Sternhydrus are the presence of additional pores on antennomere 1, the subdivision of the maxillary palpomere 1 into two articles, the short and spine-like aspect of the tibial seta TI7, the presence of very small urogomphi, although still longer than broad, included together with anus in the non-sclerotized ventrodistal area of abdominal segment VIII, and the absence of a crown of multifid setae on the distal fourth of mandible (this last character shared with members of the subgenus Trifurcitus Brinck, 1945 of Megadytes Sharp, 1882). On the other hand, the following autapomorphies characterize the genus Spencerhydrus within Cybistrini: medial projection of frontoclypeus slightly indented apically, with lamellae clypeales directed forward in a characteristic V-shaped pattern (Figs 1, 2); median process of prementum strongly developed (Figs 15–18); presence of a single ventral sclerite on prothorax; and presence of basoventral spinulae on claws (Figs 19-22). Watts (2002), in his key to larvae of the Australian genera of Dytiscidae, gives the reduced sclerotization (covering only anterior half) of the abdominal segment VII as diagnostic for Spencerhydrus. This is another good character to separate the genus from the other Cybistrini because, given the large size of the larvae, it is easily visible under low magnifications.

Although very similar morphologically, we were able to find some characters to confidently separate larvae of the two species of *Spencerhydrus* (see earlier). The most conspicuous of these characters is the shape of the median process of prementum, which is visibly broader in *S. pulchellus* than in *S. latecinctus* (compare Figs 15 and 16 with Figs 17 and 18). This difference seems to be constant between larval instars, as the comparison of the second instar of both species offers the same picture. Unfortunately, the third instar of *S. latecinctus* was not available for comparison, but we estimate that this difference most likely remains the same in this stage.

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A new Peruvian species of Scybalocanthon Martínez, 1948 (Coleoptera, Scarabaeidae, Scarabaeinae, Deltochilini) and some remarkable intrapopulational variation in the endophallus of S. pinopterus (Kirsch, 1873)

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Abstract

Scybalocanthon ashei **sp. nov.** from Madre de Dios, Peru, is described based on differences in external and male genital morphology. Its diagnostic characters and an updated identification key to the species of the genus are provided as well as new distributional data for the following species: *S. acrianus* Silva & Valois, 2019, *S. aereus* (Schmidt, 1922), *S. kaestneri* (Balthasar, 1939) and *S. pinopterus* (Kirsch, 1873).

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Introduction

The genus *Scybalocanthon* Martínez, 1948 comprises species distributed from Costa Rica to northern Argentina (Pereira and Martínez 1956; Silva and Valois 2019). The genus was recently revised by Silva and Valois (2019), who recognized 23 valid spe-

cies: S. acrianus Silva & Valois, 2019; S. adisi Silva & Valois, 2019; S. aereus (Schmidt, 1922); S. arnaudi Silva & Valois, 2019; S. batesi Vaz-de-Mello & Silva, 2017; S. chamorroi Silva & Valois, 2019; S. cyanocephalus (Harold, 1868); S. darlingtoni (Paulian, 1939); S. federicoescobari Silva & Valois, 2019; S. haroldi Silva & Valois, 2019; S. kaestneri (Balthasar, 1939); S. kelleri Pereira & Martínez, 1956; S. korasakiae Silva, 2011; S. maculatus (Schmidt, 1920); S. martinezi Silva & Valois, 2019; S. moniliatus (Bates, 1887); S. nigriceps (Harold, 1868); S. papaxibe Silva & Valois, 2019; S. pinopterus (Kirsch, 1873); S. pygidialis (Schmidt, 1922); S. sexspilotus (Guérin-Méneville, 1855); S. trimaculatus (Schmidt, 1922); and S. uniplagiatus (Schmidt, 1922) (see Silva and Valois 2019 for taxonomic background).

According to the current definition of the genus, *Scybalocanthon* is characterized by the first meso- and metatarsomeres with external margin with one-half the length of the second tarsomeres, and with apex obliquely truncated; lateral borders of tarsomeres parallel, forming a continuous border for all tarsomeres; overall shape of tarsomeres 2–4 square to rectangular; and dorsal surface of mesotibiae with dense, randomly distributed setae (Silva and Valois 2019).

Examination of the collection at the Canadian Museum of Nature (CMNC), Ottawa, has revealed a new species. In this paper, we describe this newly discovered species and provide an updated key to the species of *Scybalocanthon*. Besides, we also present new distributional data for *S. acrianus*, *S. aereus*, *S. kaestneri* and *S. pinopterus*. The results also show remarkable intrapopulational variations in the endophallus of *S. pinopterus*.

Materials and methods

The material studied was deposited in the following collections: **CEMT/UFMT** (Seção de Entomologia da Coleção Zoológica, Cuiabá, curator Fernando Vaz-de-Mello); **CMNC** (Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa, Canada, curator François Génier); **MZUFPA** (Coleção de Scarabaeinae do Museu de Zoologia, Instituto de Ciências Biológicas, Universidade Federal do Pará, Belém, Brazil, curator Fernando A. B. Silva).

Examination of the aedeagus and endophallic sclerites allowed clarifying the differences between species. In describing these structures, we followed Tarasov and Solodovnikov (2011) and Tarasov and Génier (2015). The endophallus was removed from the aedeagus through the basal foramen of the phallobase, and its sclerites were illustrated in ventral view, except for the superior right peripheral sclerite (**SRP**), which was illustrated from the right side of the aedeagus. The following sclerites were found to be taxonomically useful: Superior Right Peripheral Sclerite (**SRP**) and Fronto-Lateral Peripheral Sclerite (**FLP**).

Images of specimens and key characters were taken with Leica stereomicroscope M205A, using image stacking software (Leica Application Suite, version 3.7.0), and they were edited using Adobe Photoshop CS4.

Results

Taxonomy

Scybalocanthon ashei sp. nov.

http://zoobank.org/9E58A29A-B2F0-4893-8AF4-5EAA15821193 Figs 1A–G, 5C

Material studied. Holotype. PERU: MADRE DE DIOS, Reserva Cuzco Amazonica, 15 km NE Puerto Maldonado, 69°03'W, 12°33'S, 200m, 4.VII.1989, Ashe and Leschen legs (1 $^{\circ}$ CMNC). *Paratypes* [5 $^{\circ}$ and 7 $^{\circ}$]. PERU: MADRE DE DIOS, Reserva Cuzco Amazonica, 15 km NE Puerto Maldonado, 69°03'W, 12°33'S, 200m, 7.VII.1989, Ashe and Leschen legs (1^Q CMNC); Reserva Cuzco Amazonica, 15 km NE Puerto Maldonado, 69°03'W, 12°33'S, 200m, 13.VII.1989, Ashe and Leschen legs (1[♀] CMNC); Reserva Cuzco Amazonica, 15 km NE Puerto Maldonado, 69°03'W, 12°33'S, 200m, 17.VI.1989, Ashe and Leschen legs (1^Q CMNC); Reserva Cuzco Amazonica, 15 km NE Puerto Maldonado, 69°03'W, 12°33'S, 200m, 24.VI.1989, Ashe and Leschen legs (1º CMNC); Reserva Cuzco Amazonica, 15 km NE Puerto Maldonado, 69°03'W, 12°33'S, 200m, 26.VI.1989, Ashe and Leschen legs (1 CMNC, 13 MZUFPA, 13 CEMT); Reserva Cuzco Amazonica, 15 km NE Puerto Maldonado, 69°03'W, 12°33'S, 200m, 20.VI.1989, Ashe and Leschen legs (1⁽²⁾ CMNC); Reserva Cuzco Amazonica, 15 km NE Puerto Maldonado, 69°03'W, 12°33'S, 200m, 30.VI.1989, Ashe and Leschen legs (1♀ CMNC); Parque Nacional del Manú, 15–30. VIII.1986, A. Forsyth leg. (1 \bigcirc and 1 \bigcirc CMNC, 1 \bigcirc MZUFPA).

Diagnosis. Specimens of Scybalocanthon ashei sp. nov. (Fig. 1A) are similar to those of S. arnaudi (Fig. 2D), S. federicoescobari (Fig. 2F), S. martinezi (Fig. 2I), S. papaxibe (Fig. 2J), S. pinopterus (Fig. 2K-M), and S. uniplagiatus (Fig. 2O) in having the pronotum uniformly colored, or with one elliptical spot on the central portion; femora almost completely yellow or brown, with black spots only on the tips (Fig. 1B); eighth elytral stria with thin carina anteriorly (see Silva and Valois 2019, fig. 3D); endophallus with bristles right beside the FLP sclerite (Fig. 1E); and additional sclerite (AS) absent. They can be distinguished from those of S. arnaudi and S. pinopterus, however, by the strongly asymmetrical parameres; left paramere with acute projection on dorsal margin and bilobate excavation on ventral margin (Fig. 1C, D) (other species with slightly asymmetrical parameres, lacking acute projection and bilobate excavation on dorsal and ventral margins (Fig. 3D, K-N); from those of S. federicoescobari, S. martinezi, S. papaxibe, and S. uniplagiatus by the bilobate excavation of the ventral margin of the left paramere wider, extending along two-third of the paramere margin (Fig. 1D) (in S. federicoescobari (Fig. 3F) and S. papaxibe (Fig. 3J) the excavation extending along one-fourth of the paramere margin; in S. uniplagiatus (Fig. 3P) the excavation extending along one-third of the paramere margin; in S. martinezi (Fig. 3I) the excavation is deeper, extending about one-half of the paramere margin).



Figure 1. *Scybalocanthon ashei* sp. nov. **A** Holotype (CMNC), dorsal view **B** holotype (CMNC), ventral view **C** aedeagus (right side) **D** aedeagus (left side) **E** set of bristles **F** fronto-lateral peripheral (FLP) sclerite (left), and Complex of axial and subaxial (A+SA) sclerites (right) **G** Superior right peripheral (SRP) sclerite.

Description. *Body:* Oval-elongated (Fig. 1A). General surface opaque, completely microgranulated. Pronotum with silky sheen. *Color:* Most of pronotum, hypomera (except internal and posterior margins), metaventrite, metepisterna, abdominal ven-


Figure 2. Species of Scybalocanthon, dorsal views. A S. acrianus B S. adisi C S. aereus D S. arnaudi
E S. chamorroi F S. federicoescobari G S. kaestneri (specimen from Pastaza, Ecuador) H S. kaestneri (specimen from Napo, Ecuador) I S. martinezi J S. papaxibe K S. pinopterus (specimen from Madre de Dios, Peru) L S. pinopterus (specimen from Tingo Maria, Huanuco, Peru) M S. pinopterus (specimen from Orellana, Ecuador) N S. pygidialis O S. uniplagiatus, Scale bars: 2 mm.

trites, pygidium, and middle of femora yellow or light brown. Head, internal and posterior margins of hypomera, prosternum, mesoventrite, mesepisterna, elytra, trochanters, proximal and distal portions of femora, tibiae and tarsomeres dark brown. Length: 8.8–11.5 mm. Head: Dorsal surface with fine microgranulation. Clypeal margin with two small, triangular central teeth. Eye comma-shaped in dorsal view. Thorax: Pronotum twice as wide as long, anterior angles acute, directed forward. Pronotum usually with one brown rounded spot at the anterocentral portion; in some specimens, spot absent. Anterior angles of pronotum approximately 80°. Lateral margin strongly curved outward. Elytra: Striae thin and shiny, punctures conspicuous. Eighth stria with a thin carina anteriorly. Legs: Protibiae with three lateral teeth. Anterior and posterior edge of meso- and metafemora not margined. Mesotibiae smoothly arched toward body. Metatibiae almost straight. First meso- and metatarsomeres short, external margin half the length of second tarsomere, and obliquely truncated apically. Lateral margins of tarsomeres parallel, forming even margin along length of tarsus. Overall shape of meso- and metatarsomeres 2-4 varying from quadrate to rectangular. Dorsal (internal) surface of mesotibiae with dense setae, randomly distributed. Secondary



Figure 3. Aedeagus, detail of parameres in left and right view. A S. acrianus B S. adisi C S. aereus D S. arnaudi E S. chamorroi F S. federicoescobari G S. kaestneri (specimen from Pastaza, Ecuador) H S. kaestneri (specimen from Napo, Ecuador) I S. martinezi J S. papaxibe K S. pinopterus (specimen from Madre de Dios, Peru) L S. pinopterus (specimen from Tingo Maria, Huanuco, Peru) M S. pinopterus (specimen from Tingo Maria, Huanuco, Peru) N S. pinopterus (specimen from Orellana, Ecuador) O S. pygidialis P S. uniplagiatus, Scale bars: 0.5 mm.

sexual characters: Females can be distinguished from males by the sixth abdominal ventrite longer than in males, and the anterocentral portion of sixth abdominal ventrite more swollen than the posterocentral portion in lateral view (males have, in general, the posterocentral portion more swollen). *Genital capsule:* Parameres strongly asymmetrical (Fig. 1C, D). Dorsal margin of right paramere curved inward, apex obliquely truncated. Ventral margin of right paramere with a rounded excavation at the basal portion (Fig. 1C). Dorsal margin of left paramere curved inward from basal to medial portions, medial portion with a short and pointed projection, apex obliquely truncated (Fig. 1D). Ventral margin of left paramere with a bilobate excavation extending along two-third of the paramere margin; apical third obliquely truncated (Fig. 1D). *Endophallus:* SRP circular, with rounded handle-shaped extension (Fig. 1E) right beside it. A+SA with two superposed and elongate sclerites (Fig. 1F, right).



Figure 4. Set of bristles and microbristles of endophallus. A S. pygidialis (specimen from Amazonas, Brazil) B S. pygidialis (specimen from Cayenne, French Guiana) C S. pinopterus (specimen from Madre de Dios, Peru) D S. pinopterus (specimen from Tingo Maria, Huanuco, Peru) E S. pinopterus (specimen from Tingo Maria, Huanuco, Peru) F S. pinopterus (specimen from Orellana, Ecuador) G S. kaestneri (specimen from Napo, Ecuador).

Etymology. Named in honor of the late James S. Ashe, collector of most of the known specimens.

Habitat. Amazon rainforest. Known from Peru (Fig. 5C). Endemism areas: Brazilian sub-region: South Brazilian dominion: Rondônia province (see Morrone 2014; fig. 12).

Remarks. According to aedeagus characters, *S. ashei* sp. nov. (Fig. 1C, D) is closely related to *S. federicoescobari* (Fig. 3F), *S. martinezi* (Fig. 3I), *S. papaxibe* (Fig. 3J), *S. pygidialis* (Fig. 3O), and *S. uniplagiatus* (Fig. 3P) by having the parameres strongly asymmetric, with different shape and length (dorsal margin of left paramere with projection; ventral margin of left paramere with bilobate excavation; ventral margin of right paramere with rounded excavation), and FLP sclerite short (Fig. 1F, left), with three sets of bristles right beside it (Fig. 1E).

Updated key to males of species of *Scybalocanthon* Martínez, 1948 (based on Silva and Valois 2019)

1	Femora completely black. (Scybalocanthon aereus (Schmidt, 1922) (in part),
	Scybalocanthon maculatus (Schmidt, 1920), and Scybalocanthon kelleri Pereira
	& Martínez, 1956)See Silva and Valois (2019): 307 for these species.
_	Femora bicolored, central portion pale yellow, with dark spots at least on the
	tips (Fig. 1B)

2 (1)	Pronotum with a longitudinal dark band on midline
_	Pronotum uniformly colored or, if bicolored, lacking longitudinal dark band
3 (2)	Black spots on the tips of femora covering approximately 1/15 length of fem-
_	ora
	1922), and <i>Scybalocanthon moniliatus</i> (Bates, 1887))
4 (3)	Pronotum with four black spots, two central spots with triangular shape, and one rounded spot on each side (Fig. 2G). In some individuals, one central spots on backspot (Fig. 2H). Equador (Fig. 5B)
	Scybalocanthon kaestneri (Balthasar, 1939)
_	Pronotum uniformly colored, lacking spots, or with one elliptical spot on the central portion
5 (4)	Eighth elytral stria lacking carina at the anterior portion
_	Eighth elytral stria with very fine and sharp carina at the anterior portion6
6 (5)	Left paramere lacking acute projection on dorsal margin and lacking bilobate excavation on ventral margin (Fig. 3D, K)
_	Left paramere with acute projection on dorsal margin and bilobate excavation on ventral margin (Fig. 3F, I, J, O, P)
7 (6)	Bilobate excavation of ventral margin of left paramere wide and deep, extending at least one-half of the paramere margin in the lateral view (Figs 1D, 3I)8
_	Bilobate excavation of ventral margin of left paramere short, not reaching one-half of paramere margin in the lateral view (Fig. 3F, J, P)
8 (7)	Bilobate excavation of ventral margin of left paramere extending about one- half of the paramere margin in the lateral view (Fig. 3I). Ecuador and Colom- bia (Fig. 5C)
_	Bilobate excavation of ventral margin of left paramere extending along two- third of the paramere margin (Fig. 1D). Peru (Fig. 5C)
	Scybalocanthon ashei sp. nov.

New distributional data for species of Scybalocanthon

S. acrianus Silva & Valois, 2019

New material examined. In addition to those mentioned by Silva and Valois 2019.

Non-type material. PERU: MADRE DE DÍOS, 15km N.E. Puerto Maldonado, Reserva Cuzco Amazonica, 12°33'S, 69°03'W, 20.VI.1989, 200m, Ashe and Leschen leg. (1 CMNC); Manu National Park, 15–30.VIII.1986, A. Forsyth leg. (1 CMNC).

Distribution. Known from Brazil (Acre), Bolivia and Peru (Fig. 5B). **Endemism** areas: Brazilian subregion: South Brazilian dominion: Rondônia province (see Morrone 2014; fig. 12).

S. aereus (Schmidt, 1922)

New material examined. In addition to those mentioned by Silva and Valois 2019. **Non-type material.** BRAZIL: AMAZONAS, Vila Nova (1° CMNC)

Distribution. Known from Brazil (Acre, Amazonas, Mato Grosso), Bolivia, and Peru (Fig. 5A). **Endemism areas: Brazilian sub-region**: South Brazilian dominion: Madeira, Ucayale, Yungas, and Rondônia provinces (see Morrone 2014; fig. 12).

S. kaestneri (Balthasar, 1939)

New material examined. In addition to those mentioned by Silva and Valois 2019.
Non-type material. ECUADOR: NAPO, P. Misahualli, 18–22.II.1983, 350m,
M. Sharkey leg. (1♂ CMNC); 20km S Tena, 9–11.VII.1976, 600m, S. Peck leg. (2♀ CMNC).

Distribution. Known from Ecuador (Fig. 5B). **Endemism areas**: **Brazilian subregion**: Boreal Brazilian dominion: Napo province (see Morrone 2014; fig. 12).



Figure 5. Known distributions of species of *Scybalocanthon*. **A** *S. adisi* and *S. aereus* **B** *S. acrianus*, *S. arnaudi*, *S. chamorroi*, *S. kaestneri* and *S. pinopterus* **C** *S. ashei* sp. nov., *S. federicoescobari*, *S. martinezi*, *S. papaxibe*, *S. pygidialis*, and *S. uniplagiatus*.

S. pinopterus (Kirsch, 1873)

New material examined. In addition to those mentioned by Silva and Valois 2019.

Non-type material. ECUADOR: ORELLANA, Limoncocha, 10–15.III.1975, J.M. Campbell leg. (1 \bigcirc and 1 \bigcirc CMNC); Limoncocha, 13III.1976, J.M. Campbell leg. (1 \bigcirc CMNC); Limoncocha, 18–24.VI.1976, 250m, S. Peck leg. (8 \bigcirc and 8 \bigcirc CMNC); Lago Agrio, VI.1976, 250m, Martínez leg. (2 \bigcirc CMNC); PERU: HUANUCO, Tingo Maria, Universidad, XII.1974, Martínez leg. (7 \bigcirc and 16 \bigcirc CMNC); Tingo Maria, Universidad, VII.1974, Martínez leg. (2 \bigcirc CMNC); Tingo Maria, VII.1974, Mortínez leg. (2 \bigcirc CMNC); Tingo Maria, VII.1974, 700m, Bordón leg. (2 \bigcirc and 4 \bigcirc CMNC); Cucharas, Valley Huallaga, VI.1954, Felix Woytkowski leg. (1 \bigcirc CMNC); Huallaga, n.r. Tocache, 17.X.1976, 500m, J. Schunke leg. (1 \bigcirc CMNC).

Distribution. Known from Ecuador and Peru (Fig. 5B). **Endemism areas: Brazilian sub-region**: Boreal Brazilian dominion: Napo province; South Brazilian dominion: Rondônia and Yungas provinces (see Morrone 2014; fig. 12).

Discussion

Scybalocanthon now includes 24 valid species. Based on the aedeagus morphology, including endophallic sclerites, two major patterns within the genus are found: slight paramere asymmetry, namely, parameres with similar shape, but slightly different lengths; and parameres strongly asymmetric, with shapes and lengths conspicuously different. The species which have the second pattern also present the dorsal margin of left paramere with a projection (Figs 1D, 3F, I, J, O, P); ventral margin of left paramere with bilobate excavation (Figs 1D, 3F, I, J, O, P); ventral margin of right paramere with rounded excavation (Figs 1C, 3F, I, J, O, P); and FLP sclerite short, with three sets of bristles right beside it (Fig. 1E, F). Heretofore, only *S. federicoescobari*, *S. martinezi*, *S. papaxibe*, *S. pygidialis*, and *S. uniplagiatus* were known having this shape of aedeagus. We described here a new species, *S. ashei* sp. nov., which have the same characteristics mentioned above (Fig. 1C–F). However, it can be distinguished from those species by the wider bilobate excavation of the ventral margin of the left paramere, extending along two-third of the paramere margin (Fig. 1D).

Some of those species mentioned above have similar external morphology, including similarities with other species with slightly asymmetrical parameres. Characters of external morphology can also vary within the same species, such as body coloration and patterns of spots. Besides, some of these species overlap in their geographical distribution, which makes them difficult to tell apart without examining the male genitalia. According to the general external morphology and close geographical distribution, specimens of *S. ashei* sp. nov., *S. acrianus, S. adisi, S. aereus, S. arnaudi, S. chamorroi, S. federicoescobari, S. martinezi, S. pinopterus*, and *S. uniplagiatus* can be mistaken at first glance. All these species have distributional records in the western/central Amazon (Fig. 5A–C) and, in general, they have the pronotum and elytra uniformly colored, or with a small median spot anteriorly on pronotum (Figs 1A, 2A–F, I, K-M, O). However, *S. ashei* sp. nov. can be easily distinguished from *S. aereus*, *S. adisi*, *S. acrianus*, *S. chamorroi*, *S. arnaudi*, and *S. pinopterus* by the strongly asymmetrical parameres (Fig. 1C, D). From *S. federicoescobari*, *S. martinezi*, and *S. uniplagiatus* the genital differences have already been stated above.

Silva and Valois (2019) described variations in the patterns of bristles and microbristles in endophallus of S. pygidialis, as follows: specimens from eastern Amazon (French Guiana and Amapá) had two sets of bristles and one set of microbristles right beside the FLP sclerite (Fig. 4B), while specimens from western Amazon (Amazonas and Roraima) had instead three sets of bristles right beside the FLP sclerite (Fig. 4A). An intraspecific variation in number of bristles and microbristles also occur at least in other species of the genus. According to Silva and Valois (2019), based on the examination of 17 males from Huánuco and Madre de Dios, Peru, S. pinopterus would have endophallus with three sets of bristles and one set of microbristles right beside the FLP sclerite (Fig. 4C). Four newly examined males from Tingo Maria, Huánuco, Peru, however, have four sets of bristles and a set of microbristles right beside the FLP sclerite (Fig. 4D). The parametes in these specimens (Fig. 3L) are slightly thinner and longer than those of S. pinopterus examined by Silva and Valois (2019) (Fig. 3K), but they have the same shape. The other five males from Tingo Maria, Huánuco, Peru, have two sets of bristles and a set of microbristles (Fig. 4E). However, there are no differences in the shape and length of parameres between these specimens (Fig. 3M) and those examined by Silva and Valois (2019) (Fig. 3K). Finally, thirteen males from Orellana, Ecuador, have only a short set of bristles and a set of microbristles (Fig. 4F), but no differences have been verified in the shape of aedeagus between these specimens (Fig. 3N) and those examined by Silva and Valois (2019) (Fig. 3K).

These observations are in agreement with the hypothesis raised by Silva and Valois (2019: 333) that the apparent allopatric distribution between populations may be artificial due to a lack of collections. Therefore, the apparent discrete differences in the sets of bristles may turn out to be an artefact and will be continuous if more specimens are examined along the geographical distribution of the species, that is, one form may intergrade into the other across this putative chain of populations, or if the forms themselves end up being indeed discrete, the frequency between them may vary among these populations.

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Taxonomic review of the Themus (Telephorops) nepalensis species-group (Coleoptera, Cantharidae)

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Abstract

The diagnosis of the *Themus (Telephorops) nepalensis* species-group is summarized. A catalogue, a key and a distribution map of all world species are provided. Two synonymies are proposed: *Themus (Telephorops) subcaeruleiformis* Wittmer, 1983, **syn. nov.** = *T. (Telephorops) crassimargo* Champion, 1926; *T. (Telephorops) separandus* Wittmer, 1975, **syn. nov.** = *T. (Telephorops) laboissierei* (Pic, 1929). The female internal genitalia are photographed and described in this species-group for the first time, the aedeagi of *T. (Telephorops) crassipes* Pic, 1929 and *T. (Telephorops) impressipennis* (Fairmaire, 1886) are illustrated and described for the first time, and some additional distribution information is provided for the species. *Themus (Telephorops) cavipennis* (Fairmaire, 1897) is a new record for the Chinese fauna.

Keywords

female internal genitalia, new faunistic record, new synonym, soldier beetles, taxonomy

Introduction

Themus Motschulsky, 1858 is one of the largest cantharid genera and comprises about 250 species in total (Yang et al. 2014; Kopetz 2016). It consists of four subgenera (Wittmer 1973, 1997), which were redefined by Švihla (2008) on the basis of the shapes and color of the pronotum and elytra.

The subgenus *Telephorops* Fairmaire, 1886 for *T. impressipennis* (by original and monotypic designation) was subdivided into two species groups, which however were

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not given names (Švihla 2008). According to the Principle of Priority (ICZN 1999, Articles 23.1 and 23.3.3), the valid name of a taxon is the oldest available name applied to it, so the earliest-named member of an aggregate of vicarious species will be the species-group name. They have been named the *davidis* species-group (Yang et al. 2019) and the *nepalensis* species-group (including the type species for the genus) respectively. The latter was characterized by the reduced and shortened laterophyses of the aedeagus and the enlarged elytra with depressions (Švihla 2008).

Most species of the *nepalensis* species-group were described by early taxonomists, such as Fairmaire (1886, 1897), Hope (1831), Pic (1911, 1912, 1926, 1929a,b), Gorham (1889) and Champion (1926). Recently, those species were revised and more species were added by Wittmer (1954, 1975, 1983a, b, 1997). A few more species and additional morphological or distributional information were added by Okushima (1999, 2003), Kopetz (2004, 2010, 2016) and Yang et al. (2013).

Up to now, 15 species were included in the *nepalensis* species-group. This group has not previously been reviewed globally, and some sibling species remain difficult to diagnose from others due to there being few characters known for the females when males are unavailable. Furthermore, attribution of species to the groups is difficult because species diagnoses are often imprecise. For example, *T. minor* Wittmer, 1997, *T. subcaeruleus* (Pic, 1911) and *T. crassimargo* Champion, 1926, whose elytra are enlarged and laterophyses well developed, give contradictory information about their placement in the species-group defined by Švihla (2008). Thus, in the present study, all known species are reviewed to evaluate morphological evidence supporting species groups, and both are redefined where necessary.

Material and methods

The material is deposited in the following collections:

BMNH	British Museum of Natural History, London, UK;
CAUB	Chinese Agriculture University, Beijing, China;
IZAS	Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China;
MHBU	Museum of Hebei University, Baoding, China;
MNHN	Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, Paris, France;
NHMB	Naturhistorisches Museum Basel, Switzerland.

Genitalia of both sexes and abdominal sternites VIII of females were dissected and cleared in 10% KOH solution, and female genitalia were stained with hematoxylin. The female internal genitalia is attached to the ventral side of abdominal tergite IX and the vulva opens between the coxites. The dorsal or ventral side of vagina is established according to the tergite IX. The situation of median oviduct opening is on the opposite side of tergite IX and established as the ventral side of vagina. The diverticulum and spermatheca arise from apex of vagina.

Habitus photos were taken using a Leica M205 A stereomicroscope, multiple image layers were stacked using Combine ZM (Helicon Focus 5.3). Line drawings were made using a camera lucida attached to a Nikon SMZ1500 stereomicroscope, then edited in CorelDRAW 12 and Adobe Photoshop 8.0.1. Body length was measured from the anterior edge of the clypeus to the elytral apex and body width across the humeri of elytra. Morphological terminology of female genitalia followed Brancucci (1980). The key to the species was prepared mainly based on the characters of the aedeagus. If the aedeagi of different species were too similar to be described, the female abdominal sternite VIII and internal genitalia were compared; body size and coloration was also referred to when necessary.

In the checklist, valid scientific names and original sources, synonyms and publications for the taxonomical changes, type localities and depositories, additional material information and all distributions were included, as well as additional description or remarks were added if necessary. Complete label data were cited for type specimens, using square brackets "[]" for our remarks and comments, [p] indicating that the following data were machine printed and [h] that they were handwritten, quotation marks to separate data from different labels. A distribution map was prepared using the geographic information system software ArcGIS (ver. 10.2), based literature records and the author's databases of specimens examined for this study.

The specimens were identified based on examination of types if available and original literature. In practice, species were determined mainly by the aedeagus of male, and the females were associated with males based on evidence that they were collected at the same locality and date. Also, the female could be identified by the structure of abdominal sternite VIII, which was useful in species' recognition and illustrated in the literature by cantharid specialists. For each species, compared with males, the females have smaller eyes, shorter and narrower antennae, simple middle antennomeres, without smooth narrow impressions along the outer edges, wider pronotum and elytra, and only seven abdominal ventrites.

Taxonomy

Themus (Telephorops) nepalensis species-group

Diagnosis. Elytra enlarged posteriorly and widest near apical third. Aedeagus: conjoint dorsal plate of parameres narrowed apically in dorsal view, emarginate at middle of apical edge; laterophyses flattened dorsoventrally, reduced and not reaching apices of conjoint dorsal plate except in a few species. Female internal genitalia: diverticulum situated at end of vagina, presenting with a sclerotized ring around at base, confluent in middle and extending to median oviduct; spermatheca arising from middle of the sclerotized ring.

Distribution. Most species are restricted in their distribution (Figs 1, 2), except *T. impressipennis* (Fairmaire, 1886) and *T. coelestis* (Gorham, 1889), which are widely distributed in China.



Figure 1. Distribution map of Themus (Telephorops) nepalensis species-group (part I).

Remarks. The diagnosis is developed from the definition of the species-group by Švihla (2008). Characters of the elytra and aedeagus, the female internal genitalia are supplemented in the present study. This differs from the *davidis* species-group in the female genitalia having a sclerotized ring around the base of the diverticulum, delimit-



Figure 2. Distribution map of Themus (Telephorops) nepalensis species-group (part II).

ing it from the vagina; and spermatheca opening on the opposite side to the median oviduct. While in the *davidis* species-group, there are only a pair of short conjoint sclerotized ridges below the diverticulum, hardly delimitated from the vagina; and spermatheca opening on the same side as the median oviduct (Yang et al. 2019).

Key to species (adults) of *Themus (Telephorops) nepalensis* species-group

(characters based on illustrations in the present study or those from Wittmer (1983a, b, 1997)).

1	Aedeagus: laterophyses reaching apices of conjoint dorsal plate of parameres2
_	Aedeagus: laterophyses reduced, not reaching apices of conjoint dorsal plate
	of parameres
2	Antennae, mid and hind legs uniformly black; aedeagus (Wittmer 1997:
	fig. 104): laterophyses without processes on both sides
_	Antennae and legs mixed yellow and black; aedeagus: laterophyses with a nar-
	row process each side
3	Aedeagus (Wittmer 1983b: fig. 2): conjoint dorsal plate of parameres trian-
	gularly emarginate in middle of apical edge in dorsal view; female abdominal
	sternite VIII (Wittmer 1983b: fig. 62) with lateral protuberances of posterior
	edge nearly as wide as distance between them <i>T. subcaeruleus</i> (Pic, 1911)
	Aedeagus (Wittmer 1983b: fig. 3a): conjoint dorsal plate of parameres rec-
	tangularly emarginate in middle of apical edge in dorsal view; female ab-
	dominal sternite VIII (Fig. 9D) with lateral protuberances of posterior edge
	about half as wide as distance between them
6	<i>I. crassimargo</i> Champion, 1926
4	Addeagus: ventral process of each paramere hooked at apex in lateral view
_	Acdeagus: ventral process of each paramere not hooked at apex
)	Acceleration of the second se
	dorsally at apex (e.g. Fig. 5C)
_	Actually at apox
6	Elytra dark group or blue, strongly metallic, <i>T art glancia</i> (Hono 1921)
0	Elytra nurple black, weakly metallic
7	Body longer than 16.0 mm; female internal genitalia (Fig. 6D) with diver-
/	ticulum narrowed anically <i>T crassings</i> Pic 1929
_	Body 13 0–15 0 mm in length: female internal genitalia (Fig. 7C) with diver-
	ticulum expanded apically
8	Aedeagus (Fig. 6B): ventral process of each paramere triangularly protuberant
	apicolaterally in dorsal view; female abdominal sternite VIII (Fig. 9B) with
	each protuberance narrower than the distance between it and apicolateral
	angle
_	Aedeagus (Wittmer 1983b: fig. 5): ventral process of each paramere normal,
	not protuberant in dorsal view; female abdominal sternite VIII (Fig. 9J) with
	each protuberance wider than the distance between it and apicolateral angle

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Elytra no more than 1.5 times as long as maximal width; aedeagus (Wittmer 1983b: fig. 4): ventral process of each paramere with apex slightly bent in- wards in ventral view, nearly as long as conjoint dorsal plate in lateral view
Elytra about twice as long as maximal width; aedeagus: ventral process of
each paramere with apex unlike above, not bent inwards in ventral view,
longer than conjoint dorsal plate in lateral view
Aedeagus (Wittmer 1983a: fig. 47): ventral process of each paramere abrupt-
ly narrowed at apex in ventral view; female abdominal sternite VIII (Fig. 9I)
with acute apicolateral angles
Aedeagus (Fig. 6C): ventral process of each paramere expanded at apex
in ventral view; female abdominal sternite VIII with rounded apicolateral
angles
Tibiae mixed vellow and black: aedeagus (Wittmer 1983b: fig. 1): ventral
process of each paramere narrowed apically in ventral view, conjoint dorsal
plate widely emarginate medially at apical edge in dorsal view
T coelestis (Gorham, 1889)
Tibiaa uniformly black or vallow addagua vantral process of each parameter
Tiblae uniformity black of yenow, aedeagus: ventral process of each parameter
almost even in width in ventral view, conjoint dorsal plate narrowly emargin-
ate medially at apical edge in dorsal view12

Themus (Telephorops) bicoloricornis Wittmer, 1983 Figs 6A, 9A

*Themus (Telephorops) bicoloricornis*Wittmer, 1983a: 153, figs 48 (aedeagus illustration), 51 (female abdominal sternite VIII illustration).

Type material examined. 1♂ (**paratype**, NHMB), [h] "Idabon \ Musha \ 23.7.1928", [p] "PARATYPUS", [h] "Themus (Tryblius) \ bicoloricornis \ Wittm. \ det. W. Wittmer", [p] "Naturhist. \ Museum Basel \ coll. W. Wittmer", [p] "CANTHARIDAE \ CANTH00002241".

Other material examined. 13, 1 (IZAS), Taiwan, Nantou, Tzuei-feng, 1997. VII.9, leg. K. Mizota.

Supplementary description. Female. Like male, but antennomeres V-X without impressions along outer edges (while present with smooth narrow longitudinal or oblong impressions in male), terminal abdominal ventrite wide (while narrow and triangular in male) (Fig. 9A) with posterior edge narrowly and triangularly emarginate medially and paired rounded middle protuberances, which are wider than the distance between protuberance and apicolateral angle and exceeding apex of the latter. Internal genitalia (Fig. 6A): diverticulum hardly narrowed apically and rounded at apex, about 2.5 times as long as its maximal width; spermatheca expanded apically.

Distribution. Taiwan.

Themus (Telephorops) cavipennis (Fairmaire, 1897)

Figs 3A, 6B, 9B

Tryblius cavipennis Fairmaire, 1897: 228.

Themus ancoralis Champion, 1926: 128. Synonymized by Wittmer 1975: 251.

- *Themus (Tryblius) cavipennis*: Pic 1929a: 195; Wittmer 1975: 251, fig. 1 (aedeagus illustration).
- *Themus (Telephorops) cavipennis*: Wittmer 1983b: 197; Okushima 1999: 59, figs 10 (habitus photo), 34 (female abdominal sternite VIII illustration).



Figure 3. Male habitus, dorsal view A *Themus cavipennis* Champion, 1926 (the specimen of Xizang)B *T. crassimargo* Champion, 1926 (the specimen of Sichuan). Scale bars: 5.0 mm.

Type material examined. 1 (holotype, MNHN), [p]"Himalaya \ Sikkim", [h]" *Tryblius* \ *cavipennis* \ Fairm., Sikkim", [p]"HOLOTYPUS", [h]" *Themus* \ (*Tryblius*) \ *cavipennis* \ Fairm. \ det. W. Wittmer".

Other material examined. CHINA: Xizang: 1, 1, 1, 1, (IZAS), Bomi, Tangmai, 2300m, 2005.VIII.31, leg. X.J. Wang; 1, (IZAS), Nyingchi, Pêlong, 2100 m, 2005. IX.2, leg. X.L. Chen; 1, (IZAS), same data, 2005.IX.1; 1, (IZAS), same locality and date, 2115 m, leg. X.J. Wang; 1, (IZAS), Nyingchi, Zayü, Shang Zayü, 1960m, 2005. VIII.23, leg. X.L. Chen; 1, (IZAS), Zayü, Zhowagoin, Xungjug, 1938 m, 28.6067N, 97.2816E, 2014.VIII.29, leg. H. Liu; 1, (MHBU), Shang Zayü, 2005.VIII.14, leg. A.M. Shi; 1, (MHBU), Nyingchi, Pêlong, 2007.IX.23.–28, leg. F.M. Shi.

Supplementary description. Male (Fig. 3A). Female. Like male, but antennomeres IV–X without impressions along outer edges (while present with smooth narrow longitudinal or oblong impressions in male), terminal abdominal ventrite wide (while narrow and triangular in male) (Fig. 9B) with posterior edge narrowly and triangularly emarginate medially between paired rounded middle protuberances, each protuberance narrower than the distance between it and apicolateral angle and exceeding apex of apicolateral angle. Internal genitalia (Fig. 6B): diverticulum narrowed apically and nearly pointed at apex, about twice as long as its maximal width; spermatheca abruptly expanded apically.

Distribution. China (new record: Xizang), Bhutan, Nepal, northern India.

Themus (Telephorops) coelestis (Gorham, 1889)

Figs 6C, 9C

Telephorus coelestis Gorham, 1889: 104, t.10, fig. 7.

Themus (Telephorops) coelestis: Wittmer 1983b: 197, figs 1 (aedeagus illustration), 59 (female abdominal sternite VIII illustration).

Themus rugosus Pic, 1929b: 8. Synonymized by Wittmer 1983b: 197.

Themus violetipennis Wang & Yang, 1992: 265, fig. 2 (habitus illustration). Synonymized by Yang et al. 2013: 3.

Type material examined. 1 \Diamond (NHMB, **lectotype** of *Telephorus coelestis*): without locality information, [h]"coelestis \Diamond ", [h]" \Diamond ", [h]"Themus \ (Telephorops) \ coelestis \ (Gorh.) \ det. W. Wittmer", [h] "Type", [p] "LECTOTYPUS", [p]"Naturhist. \ Museum Basel \ coll. W. Wittmer", [p]"CANTHARIDAE \ CANTH00001277". The lectotype was designated by Wittmer (1983b).

1♀ (MNHN, **holotype** of *Themus rugosus*), [h]"Fokien" (China, Fujian), [h]"Themus \ rugosus \ n. sp.", [h]"Themus \ (Telephorops) \ coelestis \ (Gorh.) \ det. W. Wittmer", [h]"type", [p]"TYPE". The holotype is damaged, lacking antennae and right meta-leg.

1 (IZAS, **neotype** of *Themus violetipennis*), [p] "Hunan, Yongshun, Shanmuhe forestry station \ 600m", [p] "4.VIII.1988 \ leg. Shu-Yong Wang". The neotype was designated by Yang et al. (2013).

Other material examined. CHINA, Shaanxi: 28 (MHBU), Chushui, Niubeiliang, 1056 m, 2011.VIII.22–29, leg. X.C. Zhu & Y. Zhao. Hubei: 19 (MHBU), Badong, Lvcongpo, 1700 m, 2006.VII.14, leg. M. Li; 1♀ (MHBU), same data, leg. J. H. Wan; 1^(MHBU), Yuan'an, Hehua, 2009.VII.12, leg. X.M. Sun; 1^(MHBU), same data, leg. Y. Dong; 1♀ (MHBU), Yichang, Xianrenxi, 2009.VI.25, leg. G.L. Xie; 1♀ (MHBU), Yichang, Dalaoling Forestry, 2009.VI.26, leg. Y. Tian; 1° (MHBU), Yidu, Niejiahe, 2008.VI.16, leg. G. L. Xie; 12 (MHBU), Yichang, Hejiaping, Qinggangping, 2013.VII–XI, leg. T.H. Du; 1º (MHBU), Changyang, Langping, Changfeng, 900 m, 2013.VII.11, leg. Y.Q. Wu; 1 (MHBU), Jingshan, Huzhuashan Forestry, 2007.VII.15, leg. G.L. Xie; 1 (MHBU), Wufeng, Houhe, 2002.VII.16, leg. F.Y. Wang; 1^{\uparrow}_{\circ} (MHBU), same locality, 2002.VII.21, C.H. Shi. **Guangxi**: 1°_{\circ} (MHBU), Luocheng, Pingying, 2004.V.29, leg. J.M. Zhang. Guangdong: 1^Q (MHBU), Nanling, 2010.VIII.8–18, leg. H.Y. Liu; 1° (MHBU), same locality and collector, 2010. VIII.17; 19 (MHBU), same locality and collector, 2010.VIII.8–11. Hebei: 13(MHBU), Changli, Huangjin seaside, 1999.VIII.18, leg. H.Z. Liang; 13 (MHBU), same data, leg. Z.J. Ma; 1∂(MHBU), Zushan, 1998.VII.14, leg. X.J. Li. Zhejiang: 1° (MHBU), Longquan, Fengyangshan, 2007.VII.25, leg. L.K. Tan; 1° (MHBU), same locality and collector, 2007.VII.30; 12 (MHBU), same locality, 2007.VII.26, leg. G.L. Xie; 1 \bigcirc (MHBU), same locality and collector, 2007.VII.27; 1 \bigcirc (MHBU), same locality and collector, 2007.VII.31; 3Å, 1Q (MHBU), same locality, 2007. VII.25–VIII.1, leg. H.Y. Liu & Z.H. Gao; 1 (MHBU), same locality, 2012.VII.18, leg. G.L. Xie & J. Jiao; 2^Q (MHBU), Lin'an, Tianmushan, 2013.VI.26–VII.2, leg. J.Y. Su; 2° (MHBU), Hangzhou, Lin'an, Dajingwu, 2012.VI.10, leg. H. Xu; 1° (MHBU), Qingyuan, Baishanzu, 2012.VII.24, G.L. Xie & X. Wang. Yunnan: 23 (MHBU), Dali, 2008.VIII.18, leg. G. L. Xie.

Supplementary description. Female. Like male, but antennomeres IV–X without impressions along outer edges (while present with smooth narrow longitudinal or oblong impressions in male), terminal abdominal ventrite wide (while narrow and triangular in male) (Fig. 9C) with posterior edge triangularly emarginate medially and largely and triangularly emarginate on both sides, lateral emargination about twice as deep as middle one, the protuberances between middle and lateral emarginations acute, exceeding the rounded apices of apicolateral angles. Internal genitalia (Fig. 6C): diverticulum hardly narrowed apically and rounded at apex, about twice as long as its maximal width; spermatheca expanded apically.

Distribution. China (Shaanxi, Gansu, Henan, Anhui, Zhejiang, Hubei, Jiangxi, Hunan, Fujian, Hainan, Guangxi, Sichuan, Guizhou).

Themus (*Telephorops*) *crassimargo* Champion, 1926 Figs 3B, 4A, B, 9D

Themus crassimargo Champion, 1926: 127. *Themus (Tryblius) crassimargo*: Wittmer 1975: 251, fig. 2 (aedeagus illustration).





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Figure 4. Habitus, dorsal view **A** *Themus crassimargo* Champion, 1926 (lectotype) **B** *Themus (Telephorops) subcaeruleiformis* Wittmer, 1983 (holotype) **C** *Triblius laboissierei* Pic, 1929 (lectotype) **D** *Themus (Tryblius) separandus* Wittmer, 1975 (holotype).

- Themus (Telephorops) subcaeruleiformis Wittmer, 1983b: 199, fig. 3, 3a (aedeagus illustration), syn. nov.
- *Themus (Telephorops) crassimargo*: Okushima 1999: 59, figs 11 (habitus photo), 35 (female abdominal sternite VIII illustration).

Type material examined. 1♂ (BMNH, **lectotype** of *Themus crassimargo*), [p]"Gopaldhara, Sikkim, vii.1924, H. Stevens", [p] "LECTOTYPUS", [p] "Themus \ crassimargo \ Champ.". The lectotype was designated by Wittmer (1975).

1Å (NHMB, holotype of *Themus (Telephorops) subcaeruleiformis*), [h] "Kuanshien (Guanxian, now is Dujiangyan) \ Umg. VIII.1934", "600–1300m \ Szechwan (Sichuan), China", [p] "HOLOTYPUS", [h] "T. (Telephorops) subcaerulei- \ formis Wittm. \ det. W. Wittmer", [p] "Naturhist. \ Museum Basel \ coll. W. Wittmer", [p] "CANTHARIDAE \ CANTH00001233".

Other material examined. CHINA, Xizang: 1♂ (CAUB), Zayü, Shajiong, 1700 m, 1978.VI.26, leg. F.S. Li. **Sichuan**: 1♀ (IZAS), 70 km West Chengdu, Qingcheng, Hou Shan mts., 1360 m, 30°44'N, 103°08'E, 2004.VIII.28, S. Murzin.

Distribution. China (Xizang, Sichuan), N. India, Bhutan, Nepal.

Supplementary description. Female (Fig. 3B). Like male, but antennomeres V–XI without impressions along outer edges (while present with smooth narrow longitudinal or oblong impressions in male), terminal abdominal ventrite wide (while narrow and triangular in male) (Fig. 9D) with posterior edge triangularly protuberant on each side, space between lateral protuberances about twice as wide as each width.

Remarks. Themus (T.) subcaeruleiformis Wittmer, 1983 was originally described based on a single male type, from China, Szechwan, Kuanshien Umg. (now in Sichuan, Dujiangyan). Here a female (Fig. 3B) collected from Qingcheng, which is near the type locality, is discovered for the first time. The structure of its abdominal sternite VIII (Fig. 9D) is like that of *T. crassimargo* Champion, 1926, illustrated by Okushima (1999: fig. 35). Furthermore, *T. subcaeruleiformis* was only compared with *T. subcaeruleus* located in Yunnan, China in the original publication (Wittmer 1983b), but not with species from the Himalayas (Wittmer 1975).Moreover, the types of *T. subcaeruleiformis* and *T. crassimargo* were compared, but no differences between them were found in external morphology (Fig. 4A, B) and aedeagi illustrated by Wittmer (1975: fig. 2; 1983b: fig. 3, 3a).Therefore, *T. subcaeruleiformis* is proposed here to be junior synonym of *T. crassimargo*, according to the Principle of Priority (ICZN 1999, Article 23.1).

Themus (Telephorops)crassipes Pic, 1929

Figs 5A-C, 6D, 9E

Themus crassipes Pic, 1929b: 8.

Themus (Telephorops) crassipes: Wittmer 1983b: 191, 200, fig. 64 (female abdominal sternite VIII illustration).



Figure 5. Aedeagus (**A**, **D** ventral view **B**, **E** dorsal view **C**, **F** lateral view) **A**–**C** *Themus crassipes* Pic, 1929 **D**–**F** *T. impressipennis* (Fairmaire, 1886). Scale bar: 1.0 mm. (vp: ventral process of each paramere; dp: conjoint dorsal plate of parameres; lp: laterophyse; bp: basal piece).

Type material examined. 1 (MNHN, holotype), [p]"CHAPG. prov. De \Laokay. Ht.-Tonkin", [h]" *Themus*\ *crassipes* \ n. sp.", [h]"type", [p]"HOLOTYPUS", [h]" *Themus* \ (*Telephorops*)*crassipes* \ Pic\ det. W. Wittmer".

Other material examined. CHINA, Guangxi: 13, 19 (IZAS), Leye, Yachang Forestry, Nanchao, 1130 m, 2004.VII.26, leg. X. Yu; 19 (MHBU), Tianlin, Cenwanglaoshan, 2014.VIII.16, leg. J.H. Huang; 13 (IZAS), Jinxiu, Rd. Jinzhong, 1100 m, 1999.V.12, leg. X.K. Yang; 29 (IZAS), same locality, 1000 m, leg. X. Z. Zhang.



Figure 6. Female internal genitalia, lateral view **A** *Themusbicoloricornis* Wittmer, 1983 **B** *T. cavipennis* Champion, 1926 **C** *T. coelestis* (Gorham, 1889) **D** *T. crassipes* Pic, 1929. Scale bars: 1.0 mm.

Supplementary description. Male. Aedeagus (Fig. 5A–C): ventral process of each paramere about 4 times as long as wide in ventral view, expanded and nearly globose at apex in lateral view; conjoint dorsal plate of parameres not reaching apices of ventral processes, depth of middle emargination about two-fifths of entire length.

Female. Like male, but antennomeres V–X without impressions along outer edges (while present with smooth narrow longitudinal or oblong impressions in male), terminal abdominal ventrite wide (while narrow and triangular in male) (Fig. 9E) with posterior edge narrowly and triangularly emarginate medially between paired rounded protuberances, each protuberance nearly as wide as space between it and apicolateral angle and hardly exceeding apex of apicolateral angle. Internal genitalia (Fig. 6D): diverticulum hardly narrowed apically and rounded at apex, about 2.5 times as long as its maximal width; spermatheca expanded apically.

Distribution. China (Guangxi, Yunnan); Vietnam.

Themus (Telephorops) impressipennis (Fairmaire, 1886) Figs 5D–F, 7A, 9F

Telephorops impressipennis Fairmaire, 1886: 339.

Telephorops violaceipennis Gorham, 1889: 105. Synonymized by Wittmer 1983b: 199. *Themus (Telephorops) impressipennis*: Wittmer 1983b: 199, fig. 60 (female abdominal sternite VIII illustration); 1983a: 153, fig. 51a (female abdominal sternite VIII illustration).

Type material examined. 1♂ (MNHN, **holotype** of *Telephorops impressipennis*), [h]"KouyTcheou (China, **Guizhou**)", [h]"*Telephorops* \ *impressipennis* \ Fairm.", [p]"HOLOTYPUS", [h] "*Themus* \ (*Telephorops*) \ *impressipennis* \ (Fairm.) \ det. W. Wittmer".

1 \bigcirc (MNHN, **holotype** of *Telephorops violaceipennis*), [p]"Kiukiang (China, **Jiangxi**) \ June 1887\ A.E. Pratt", [h]"Type", [h]"*violaceipennis*", [h]"*Themus* \ (*Telephorops*) \ *impressipennis* \ (Fairm.) \ det. W. Wittmer".

Other material examined. CHINA, Guizhou: 2^o/₊ (MHBU), Daozhen, Xiannvhe, 2004.VIII.24–26, leg. X.J. Yang & H.R. Hua; 1^Q (MHBU), Suiyang, Baishaogou, 2010.VIII.14, leg. L.Y. Guo; 1 (IZAS), Fanjingshan, Huguosi, 1350 m, 2001. VIII.3, leg. Q.Z. Song; 1⁽¹⁾/₊ (IZAS), Fanjingshan, Heihaihe, 500 m, 2001.VII.27, leg. Q.Z. Song; 1∂, 2♀ (NHMB), Dakua, 35 km NE Leishan, 1994.VI.20.–24, lgt. Bolm; 1∂, 1♀ (NHMB), Leigongshan, Xijiang, 1200–1900 m,1997.V.29–VI.2, lgt. Bolm. Sichuan: 1♂ (IZAS), Nanyang, 1200 m, 1987.VII. 17, leg. L.L. Yang; 1♀ (IZAS), Emei Shan, Xixiangchi, 550–750 m, 1957.VI.8, leg. F.X. Zhu; 1♀ (NHMB), Kwanhsien, 1928.VII.18,collector unknown; 1∂, 1♀ (NHMB), Chuanxian, 600 m, 1996.VII.12.–14, L. M. Bocák; 1∂, 2♀ (NHMB), Mt. Omei, 6000 ft, 1925.VIII.6.– 15, coll. D. C. Graham; 1^Q (NHMB), Guanxian, Dujiangyan Park, 1996.VIII.2, A. Zamotajiov & A. Mirostrikov; 12 (NHMB), Guanxian, 1992.VII.8, lgt. R. Dunda; 1º (NHMB), Gonggashan, Moxi, 1300 m, 29°13'N, 102°10'E, 1996.VII.10.–11, J. Farkač, P. Kabátek&Smetana; 1d (NHMB), Emei Shan, 2500–1800 m, 1992. VII. **Yunnan**: 1 (NHMB), Vallis flumin, Soling-ho., coll. R. Hicker. **Hubei**: 1 3, 3 \bigcirc (MHBU), Dabieshan, Taohuachong, 2014.VI.23–27, leg. X.R. Li; 13, 22 (MHBU), Dabieshan, Wujiashan, 2014.VI.28–30, leg. X.R. Li; 2^Q (MHBU), Wufeng, Houhe,



Figure 7. Female internal genitalia, lateral view **A** *Themus impressipennis* (Fairmaire, 1886) **B** *T. labois-sierei* (Pic, 1921) **C** *T. masatakai* Okushima, 2003. Scale bars: 1.0 mm (sp: spermatheca; sr: sclerotized ring; va: vagina; di: diverticulum; ov: median oviduct; ag: accessory gland).

2002.VII.15, leg. S.X. Zhou; 1 \bigcirc (MHBU), same data, leg. Z.L. Xiang; 1 \bigcirc (MHBU), same locality, 2002.VII.16, leg. H.M. Zhang; 1 \bigcirc (MHBU), same locality, 2002.VII.16, leg. F.Y. Wang; 1 \bigcirc (MHBU), same locality, 2002.VII.16, leg. J. Guo; 1 \bigcirc (MHBU), same locality, 2002.VII.17, leg. L. Wang; 2 \bigcirc (MHBU), same locality, 2002.VII.18,

leg. Y. Liu; 1 (MHBU), same data, leg. F. P. Fu; 1 (MHBU), same locality and collector, 2002.VII.19; 1^Q (MHBU), same data, leg. M. Wang; 2^Q (MHBU), same data, J.B. Yan; 12 (MHBU), same locality, 2002.VII.10, S.H. Yu; 12 (MHBU), same locality, 2002.VII.20, leg. P.B. Luo; 1♀ (MHBU), same data, leg. H.M. Zhang; 1♀ (MHBU), same data, leg. J.R. Zheng; 1 (MHBU), same data, leg. C.H. Shi; 1 (MHBU), same data, leg. H.F. Li; 1♀ (MHBU), same locality, 2002.VII.26, leg. P. Shen; 1° , 1° (MHBU), same locality, 2002.VII.14, leg. S.X. Zhou; 1° (MHBU), same data, leg. H.F. Li; 1 (MHBU), same data, leg. C.H. Shi; 1 (MHBU), same locality, 2002.VII.15, leg. X.Q. Yu; 1 (MHBU), same locality, 2002.VII.19, leg. F.P. Fu; 1^Q (MHBU), Wufeng, Changleping, 2008.VII.17, leg. H.P. Zhang; 1^Q (MHBU), Xingshan, Gaolan, 1000 m, 2004.VIII.11, leg. P. Jia; 1^Q (MHBU), same data, leg. J. Xu; 1^Q (MHBU), Xingshan, Huangliang, 1000 m, 2004.VII.12, leg. X.G. Zhou; 1^Q (MHBU), same locality, 2004.VII.13, leg. H. Pan; 1^Q (MHBU), same locality, 2004. VII.16, leg. D.W. Chen; 1° (MHBU), same locality, 2004.VII.13, leg. Y.P. Zou; 1° (MHBU), Xingshan, Nanyang, 1000 m, 2004.VII.13, P.P. Wang; 1^Q (MHBU), same locality, 2004.VII.14, leg. D.X. Tan; 2^Q (MHBU), Shennongjia, Jiuhuping, 1900 m, 2006.VII.29, leg. L.K. Tan; 1♀ (MHBU), Shennongjia, Muyu, 900 m, 2004.VIII.12, leg. Z.X. Liu; 1 \bigcirc (MHBU), same data, leg. R.L. Han; 1 \bigcirc (MHBU), same locality, 1200 m, 2004.VIII.12, leg. D.Y. Pan; 1♀ (MHBU), Changyang, Tianzhushan, 2005. VII.13, leg. X. Ming; 1° (MHBU), same locality, 2005.VII.12, leg. Q. W. Wang; 1° (MHBU), Changyang, Langping, Changfeng, 900 m, 2012.VII.4, leg. H. Zheng; 1 (MHBU), Badong, Lvcongpo, 1700 m, 2006.VII.14, leg. H.Y. Bao; 1^Q (MHBU), Badong, Tiansanping, 1500 m, 2006.VII.14, leg. Y.L. Chen; 1 (MHBU), same data, leg. F. Xia; 1° (MHBU), same data, leg. F. Yang; 1° (MHBU), Yichang, Xiabaoping, 1000 m, 2004.VIII.11, leg. Q. Xie; 19 (MHBU), same data, 2004.VIII.11, leg. W. M. Li; 1♀ (MHBU), same locality, 2004.VIII.13, leg. S.J. Huang; 1♂ (MHBU), same data, leg. J. Li; 13° (MHBU), same data, leg. H.Y. Lei; 19° (MHBU), same locality, 2004. VIII.14, leg. B.J. Yu; 1^Q (MHBU), Yichang, Dalaoling Forestry, 2010.VI.24, leg. W. Li; 19 (MHBU), Yichang, Xianrenxi, 2009.IX.12, leg. G.L. Xie; 13 (MHBU), same locality and collector, 2009.VI.25; 1 (IZAS), Xingshan, Longmenhe, 1350 m, 1993. VII.18, leg. B.W. Sun; 1♀ (IZAS), same data, 1993.VII.14; 1♂ (NHMB), Lichuan, Shaoho, 1948.VIII.13, coll. Gressitt & Djou; 1 (NHMB), same data, 1948.VIII.12; 1∂ (NHMB), same data, 1948.VIII.24; 1∂ (NHMB), same data, 1948.VIII.26. Shaanxi: 1♀(MHBU), Meixian, Songping, 2012.VII.12,leg. G.D. Ren; 1♂(MHBU), Nanzheng, Beiba, 2005.VI.19–22, leg. Y.B. Ba; 19 (MHBU), Chushui, Niubeiliang, 2011.VIII.22–29, leg. X.C. Zhu & Y.C. Zhao; 1∂, 1♀ (IZAS), Ningshan, Huoditang, 1580–1650 m, 1999.VI.27, leg. D. C. Yuan. Gansu: 1 (IZAS), Kangxian, Qinghelinchang, 1400 m, 1998.VII.8, leg. J. Yao; 1^Q (IZAS), Kangxian, Douba, 1050m, 1999. VII.6, leg. H. J. Wang. Henan: 1 (IZAS), Songxian, Baiyunshan, 1600 m, 2002. VII.19, leg. W.Z. Li; 1^Q (IZAS), Lushixian, Jihelinchang, 1200 m, 2001.VII.20, leg. K.Z. Dong. Hunan: 19 (MHBU), Changsha Agriculture University, 2012.VII.23, leg. H. Xu; 1∂ (IZAS), Yongshun, Shanmuhe Forestry, 600–820 m, 1988.VIII.7, leg. S.Y. Wang; 1♀ (IZAS), Sangzhi, Tianpingshan, 1370–1570 m, 1988.VIII.13, leg. S.Y. Wang; 1º (NHMB), Wulingshan, Tianzishan Nat. Res., 800 m, 1997.VI.16.–18, lgt.

Bolm; 1 (NHMB), Kiang Jia Jie, 1200–1600 m, 1992.VII. **Zhejiang**: 1(MHBU), Hangzhou, Lin'an, Dajingwu, 2012.V.10, leg. H. Xu; 4Å, 1^Q(MHBU), Lin'an, Qingliangfeng, Shunxi, 2012.VI.25, leg. H. Xu; 13, 19 (MHBU), Longquan, Fengyangshan, 2007.VII.29, leg. L.K. Tan; 1♀(MHBU), same locality, 2007.VII.27, leg. G.L. Xie; 1♀ (MHBU), same locality and collector, 2007.VII.26; 13° (IZAS), Tienmushan, 1935. VII.15, collector unknown; 1° (IZAS), same data, 1935.VIII.4. **Jiangxi**: 2°_{\circ} (NHMB), Kuling, 1934.IX.4, coll. O. Piel. **Taiwan**: 1 (NHMB), Formosa, T. Kano. **Fujian**: 1(MHBU), Wuyishan, Tongmu, Tongmuguan-Sangang, 740-1160 m, 2004.VIII.20, leg. D.K. Zhou; 1^Q (IZAS), Dehua, Lishan, 900–1200 m, 1960.VI.12, leg. F.J. Pu; 1^Q (IZAS), Jiangle, Longqishan, 1991.V.25, leg. Y. S. Shi; 2d (NHMB), Kuatun, 1946. IX.18. **Anhui**: 6° , 4° (MHBU), Shexian, Qingliangfeng, 2013.VI.5–9, leg. J.S. Xu & C.X. Yuan; 23 (NHMB), Kiuhua Shan, 1932.IX, G. Liu Fukien; 13, 22 (NHMB), Yuexi, Miaodaoshan mts., 600–1300 m, 30°48'N, 116°05'E, 1995.VII.18.–20, lgt. L. R. Businský, Guangdong: 19 (MHBU), Nanling, 2010.VIII.10, leg. H.Y. Liu. Guangxi: 1 \bigcirc (MHBU), Jiuwandashan, Jiuren Reserve Station, 2003.VIII.3, leg. L.L. Zhang; 1 \bigcirc , 1♀ (IZAS), Longsheng, Tianpingshan, 740 m, 1963.VI.17, leg. S.Y. Wang.

Supplementary description. Male. Aedeagus (Figs 5D–F): ventral process of each paramere about 3 times as long as wide in ventral view, expanded and nearly globose at apex in lateral view; conjoint dorsal plate of parameres hardly shorter than ventral processes, depth of middle emargination about one-third of entire length.

Female. Like male, but antennomeres V–X without impressions along outer edges(while present with smooth narrow longitudinal or oblong impressions in male), terminal abdominal ventrite wide (while narrow and triangular in male) (Fig. 9F) with posterior edge narrowly and triangularly emarginate medially and paired rounded protuberances, each nearly as wide as the distance between it and apicolateral angle and not reaching apex of the latter. Internal genitalia (Fig. 7A): diverticulum little thinned apically and rounded at apex, about 2.5 times as long as its maximal width; spermatheca expanded apically.

Distribution. China (Gansu, Shaanxi, Henan, Jiangsu, Anhui, Zhejiang, Hubei, Jiangxi, Hunan, Fujian, Taiwan, Guangxi, Sichuan, Guizhou, Yunnan).

Themus (Telephorops) laboissierei (Pic, 1929)

Figs 4C–D, 7B, 9G

Triblius laboissierei Pic, 1929a: 195, 196.

Themus (Tryblius) separandus Wittmer, 1975: 252, fig. 3 (aedeagus illustration). **syn. n.** *Themus (Telephorops) laboissierei*: Wittmer 1983b: 200, figs 4 (aedeagus illustration), 65 (female abdominal sternite VIII illustration).

Themus (Telephorops) separandus: Kazantsev and Brancucci 2007: 271 (distributional data).

Type material examined. 1 \bigcirc (MNHN, **lectotype** of *Triblius laboissierei*), [p-h]"TONKIN \ Chapa \ 3.VII.1917 \ JEANVOINE", [h]"*Tryblius \ laboissierei* \ n.

sp.", [h] "type", [p]"LECTOTYPUS", [h]"Themus \ (Telephorops) \ laboissierei \ Pic \ det. W. Wittmer". The lectotype was designated by Wittmer (1983b).

13 (BMNH, **holotype** of *Themus* (*Telephorops*) *separandus*), [p] "Gopaldhara, Darjeeling, 25.VII.1914, 3440–4720', leg. H. Stevens", [p] "HOLOTYPUS", [h] "Themus \ (Tryblius) \ separandus \ Wittm. \ det. W. Wittmer".

Other material examined. CHINA, Yunnan: 13 (IZAS), Jinping, Hetouzhai, 1700m, 1956.V.9, leg. K.R. Huang; same data, 1500–1700 m, 1956.V.11; 13, 12 (IZAS), Xishuangbanna, Menghai, 1200–1600 m, 1958.VII.18, leg. S.Y. Wang; 13 (IZAS), same locality, 1958.VII.21, leg. F.J. Pu;13 (MHBU), Qushi, Jiangmu, 2011. VII.16, leg. H.Y. Liu. **Guangxi:** 13, 32 (MHBU), Tianlin, Cengwanglaoshan, 2014. VIII.16, leg. J.H. Huang; 12 (MHBU), same locality, 1300–1400 m, 2009.V.16–19, collector unknown.

Supplementary description. Female. Like male, but antennomeres V–X without impressions along outer edges (while present with smooth narrow longitudinal or oblong impressions in male), terminal abdominal ventrite wide (narrower and triangular in male) (Fig. 9G) with posterior edge narrowly and triangularly emarginate medially between paired obtuse protuberances, each protuberance nearly as wide as the distance between it and apicolateral angle and not reaching apex of the latter. Internal genitalia (Fig. 7B): diverticulum hardly narrowed apically and rounded at apex, about three times as long as its maximal width; spermatheca expanded apically.

Distribution. China (Yunnan, Guangxi); northern Laos, northern Vietnam, northern India.

Remarks. *Themus (Tryblius) separandus* was described based on a single male type and its aedeagus was illustrated by Wittmer (1975). Except the original publication, no additional information was available. The type locality is "Gopaldhara, Darjeeling" (N. India), not Bhutan as that listed by Kazantsev and Brancucci (2007).

Wittmer (1975) noted that the single specimen designated as holotype of *T. sepa-randus* was separated from the collection of *T. crassimargo* in BMNH. Wittmer differentiated *T. separandus* from *T. crassimargo* by the structure of aedeagus, also from *T. cavipennis* and *T. nepalensis* in the body coloration and aedeagus. He made no comparison with other species.

In the present study, the habitus (Fig. 4C–D) and aedeagi of *T. separandus* and *T. laboissierei* were compared (Wittmer 1975: fig. 2; Wittmer 1983b: 4), but no differences found. Thus we recommend *T. separandus* Wittmer, 1975 to be junior synonym of *T. laboissierei*, according to the Principle of Priority (ICZN 1999, Article 23.1).

Themus (*Telephorops*) *masatakai* Okushima, 2003 Figs 7C, 9H

Themus (Telephorops) masatakai Okushima, 2003: 280, figs 1–4 (habitus photo, aedeagus illustrations); Kopetz 2010: 185 (distributional data), fig. 4 (aedeagus illustration); Kopetz 2016: 255, figs 15 (habitus photo), 44 (female abdominal sternite VIII photo).

Material examined. LAOS: 1∂, 1♀ (NHMB), Oudomxai, 17 km NEE, 1100 m, 20°45'N, 102°09'E, 2002.V.1.–9, leg. Vit Kubáň; 1∂ (NHMB), Phongsaly, Ban Sano Mai, 1150m, 21°21'N, 102°03'E, 2004.V.19.–26, M. Brancucci; 1∂ (NHMB), Phongsaly, 1500 m, 21°41'N, 102°06'E, 2004.V.6.–17, M. Brancucci; 1∂ (NHMB), 20 km NW Louang Namtha, 900–1000 m, 21°09.2'N, 101°18.7'E, 1997.V.5.–30, C. Holzschuh.

CHINA, Yunnan: 1♂ (IZAS), Xishuangbanna, Meng'a, 1050–1080 m, 1958.V.13, leg. F.J. Pu; 1♂ (IZAS), same data, leg. S.Y. Wang; 1♀ (IZAS), same locality and collector, 1958.VIII.10; 1♂ (IZAS), Simao, Rd. Kunluo 591 km, 1350 m, 1957.V.11, leg. F.J. Pu; 1♀ (IZAS), Simao, 1957.V.23, leg. A. Мэнцяский; 1♀ (IZAS), Simao, 1200 m, 1957.V.11, leg. S.Y. Wang.

Supplementary description. Female. Like male, but antennomeres VII–XI without impressions along outer edges (while present with smooth narrow longitudinal or oblong impressions in male), terminal abdominal ventrite wide (while narrow and triangular in male) (Fig. 9H) with posterior edge narrowly and triangularly emarginate medially between paired rounded protuberances, each protuberance nearly as wide as the distance between it and apicolateral angle and exceeding apex of the latter. Internal genitalia (Fig. 7C): diverticulum expanded apically and rounded at apex, about twice as long as its maximal width; spermatheca expanded apically.

Distribution. China (Yunnan, Guangxi); Laos, northernVietnam.

Themus (Telephorops) minor Wittmer, 1997

Themus (Telephorops) minor Wittmer, 1997: 272, fig. 104 (aedeagus illustration); Kopetz 2010: 185, fig. 44 (female abdominal sternite VIII illustration).

Type specimens examined. 1 δ (holotype, NHMB), [p] "YUNNAN, 23.-24.JUN \land YULONG Mts., 1993 \land 27.00N 100.12E \land Bolm lgt. 3200m", [p] "HOLOTY-PUS", [h] "Th. (Tryblius) \land minor Wittm. \land det. W. Wittmer", [p] "CANTHARIDAE \land CANTH00001283".

Distribution. China (Yunnan).

Themus (Telephorops) nepalensis (Hope, 1831)

Telephorus nepalensis Hope, 1831: 26.
Themus (Tryblius) nepalensis: Wittmer 1975: 252.
Themus (Telephorops) nepalensis: Okushima 1999: 58 (distributional data), figs 9 (habitus photo), 31–33 (aedeagus and female abdominal sternite VIII illustrations).

Distribution. Northern India, Nepal.

Themus (Telephorops) sauteri (Pic, 1912)

Figs 8A, 9I

Cantharis sauteri Pic, 1912: 46. Themus sauteri: Wittmer 1954: 276. Themus (Telephorops) sauteri: Wittmer 1983a: 197, figs 47 (aedeagus illustration), 50 (female abdominal sternite VIII illustration).

Material examined. Taiwan: 1 \checkmark (NHMB), Nanshanchi, 1978.VI.18, H. Akiyama; 1 \checkmark , 1 \updownarrow (NHMB), Formosa, T. Kano; 1 \updownarrow (NHMB), Wushe, 1975.VI.9, K. Akiyama; 1 \circlearrowright (NHMB), Taichung Hsien, Kukuan, 1996.VII.12, leg. C. Lou; 1 \circlearrowright (NHMB), same data, 1994.VI.20; 1 \circlearrowright (NHMB), Nantou Hsien, Sungkang, 1995.VII.17, leg. C. Lou; 1 \circlearrowright (NHMB), Nantou Hsien, Shintzetou, 1994.VII.14, leg. C. Lou; 1 \circlearrowright , 2 \circlearrowright (IZAS), Taichung Hsien, Kukuan,1996.VII.12, leg. C. Lou; 1 \circlearrowright (IZAS), Mt. Nantou Hsien, Hohwangshan, 1997.VIII. 27, leg. C. Lou.

Supplementary description. Female. Like male, but antennomeres VI–X without impressions along outer edges (while present with smooth narrow longitudinal or oblong impressions in male), terminal abdominal ventrite wide (while narrow and triangular in male) (Fig. 9I) with posterior edge triangularly emarginate medially and largely and triangularly emarginate on both sides, lateral emargination about 3 times as deep as middle one, the protuberances between middle and lateral emarginations acute, exceeding the acute apices of apicolateral angles. Internal genitalia (Fig. 8A): diverticulum hardly narrowed apically and rounded at apex, about twice as long as its maximal width; spermatheca expanded apically.

Distribution. Taiwan.

Themus (Telephorops) subcaeruleus (Pic, 1911)

Tryblius cavipennis var. subcaeruleus Pic, 1911: 132.
Themus (Tryblius) subcaeruleus: Pic 1929a: 195.
Themus (Telephorops) subcaeruleus: Wittmer 1983b: 199, figs 2 (aedeagus illustration), 62 (female abdominal sternite VIII illustration).

Type material examined. 1 (MNHN, **lectotype**), [p]"Yünan \ China", [h]"type", [h]"*Tryblius* \ *subcaeruleus* \ Pic", [p]"LECTOTYPUS", [h]"*Themus* \ (*Telephorops*) \ *subcaeruleus* \ Pic\ det. W. Wittmer". The lectotype was designated by Wittmer (1983b).

Other material examined. CHINA: 1^{\bigcirc} (NHMB), Yunnan; 1^{\bigcirc} (NHMB), Pe Yen Tsing; 1^{\bigcirc} (NHMB), Tche-Ping-Tcheou.

Distribution. China (Yunnan), northern Vietnam.



Figure 8. Female internal genitalia, lateral view **A** *Themus sauteri* (Pic, 1912) **B** *T. uncinatus* Wittmer, 1983. Scale bars: 1.0 mm.

Themus (Telephorops) uncinatus Wittmer, 1983 Figs 8B, 9J

Themus (Telephorops) uncinatus Wittmer, 1983b: 200, figs 5 (aedeagus illustration), 66 (female abdominal sternite VIII illustration).

Type material examined. 1d (holotype, MNHN), [p] "MUSEUM PARIS \ SE-TSCHOUEN (China, SE. Sichuan)\ ENV DE TA_TSIEN-LOU (Dajianlu, now is Kangding) \ MO-SY-MIEN \ Père AUBERT 1902", [p] "HOLOTYPUS", [h] "Themus (Telephorops) \ uncinatus \ Wittm. \ det. W. Wittmer".

Other material examined. CHINA, Sichuan: 1° (NHMB), Jinfo Shan, 1700–1950m, 29°01'N, 107°14'E, 1998.VI.24.–29, D. Král; 1 $^{\circ}$ (NHMB), Chadiping, 1200–1500m, 1996.VIII.5.–7, A. Miroshnikov & A. Zamatajiov; 1°_{\circ} , 1°_{\circ} (IZAS), Luding, Moxi, 1500 m, 1983.VI.17, leg. S.Y. Wang; 1°_{\circ} (IZAS), Emei Shan, Jiulaodong, 1800–1900 m, 1957.VII.28, leg. K.R. Huang. **Yunnan**: 4°_{\circ} , 1°_{\circ} (MHBU),



Figure 9. Female abdominal sternite VIII, ventral view A *Themus bicoloricornis* Wittmer, 1983 B *T. cavipennis* Champion, 1926 C *T. coelestis* (Gorham, 1889) D *T. crassimargo* Champion, 1926 E *T. crassipes* Pic, 1929 F *T. impressipennis* (Fairmaire, 1886) G *T. laboissierei* (Pic, 1921) H *T. masatakai* Okushima, 2003 I *T. sauteri* (Pic, 1912) J *T. uncinatus* Wittmer, 1983. Scale bars: 1.0 mm.

Lushui, Laowo, 1500 m, 2008.VII.26.–28, leg. J.S. Xu & Z.H. Gao; 1♂, 2♀ (MHBU), Lushui, Pianma, 2005.VII.22.–23, leg. B.Y. Mao & J.S. Xu; 1♀(MHBU), Longling, Longxin, Heishan, 2008.XII.22.–23, leg. J.S. Xu & Z.H. Gao.

Supplementary description. Female. Like male, but antennomeres V–X without impressions along outer edges (while present with smooth narrow longitudinal or oblong impressions in male), terminal abdominal ventrite wide (while narrow and triangular in male) (Fig. 9J) with posterior edge narrowly and triangularly emarginate medially between paired protuberances, each protuberance wider than the distance between it and apicolateral angle and hardly exceeding apex of the latter. Internal genitalia (Fig. 8B): diverticulum narrowed apically and pointed at apex, about twice as long as its maximal width; spermatheca moderately expanded apically.

Distribution. China (Sichuan, Yunnan), northern Vietnam.

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Abstract

The genus *Enderleiniella* Becker, 1912 is revised. The genus is distinguished on the basis of a somewhat flattened head with the inner vertical setae located anteromedially to the outer vertical setae, three lightly incised lines on the scutum, trapezoidal or rectangular scutellum with marginal setae borne on tubercles, reduced alula and anal angle of the wing, and the structure of the male genitalia. The genus contains eleven species in the northern Neotropical and southern Nearctic Regions: *E. caerulea* **sp. nov.** (type locality: Blue Creek, Belize); *E. cryptica* **sp. nov.** (type locality: 24 km W Piedras Blancas, Costa Rica); *E. flavida* **sp. nov.** (type locality: Emerald Pool, Dominica); *E. longiventris* (Enderlein, 1911) (type species; type locality: Costa Rica); *E. maculata* **sp. nov.** (type locality: Xilitla, San Luis Potosi, Mexico); *E. marshalli* **sp. nov.** (type locality: Potrerillo, Bolivia); *E. tripunctata* (Becker, 1916) (type locality: San Mateo, Costa Rica); *E. tumescens* **sp. nov.** (type locality: San Esteban, Venezuela); and *E. wheeleri* **sp. nov.** (type locality: Turrialba, Costa Rica).

Keywords

Grass fly, frit fly, Neotropic, Nearctic, Central America, taxonomy

Introduction

The genus *Enderleiniella* was proposed by Becker (1912) for the single species *Tricimba longiventris* Enderlein, 1911. Subsequently, Becker (1916) proposed a second genus, *Anoscinella* Becker, 1916, for the new species *Anoscinella tripunctata* Becker, 1916. Duda (1930) considered the two species congeneric and synonymised *Anoscinella* under *Enderleiniella*. That synonymy was accepted by subsequent authors (e.g., Sabrosky

and Paganelli 1984) and there has been no published taxonomic research on the genus since. As part of an inventory of Costa Rican Chloropidae and the chloropid chapter in the Central American Manual of Diptera (Wheeler 2010), several undescribed species of *Enderleiniella* were identified in the northern Neotropical and extreme southern Nearctic regions. The validity of the genus has recently been questioned because certain characters of *Enderleiniella* seem to fit into the definition of *Tricimba* Lioy, 1864 (M von Tschinrhaus and JW Ismay pers. comm.).

The purpose of this paper is to revise the genus *Enderleiniella*, provide descriptions of those new species, present a morphological key to species, and discuss the validity of *Enderleiniella* as a genus.

Materials and methods

Specimens studied are housed in the Canadian National Collection of Insects, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (**CNC**); University of Guelph Insect Collection, Guelph, Ontario, Canada (**DEBU**); Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad, Santo Domingo de Heredia, Costa Rica (**INBio**); Lyman Entomological Museum, McGill University, Sainte-Annede-Bellevue, Quebec, Canada (**LEM**); National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, USA (**USNM**).

For examination of genitalia, the abdomen was removed (older air-dried specimens were relaxed in a humidity chamber prior to dissection) and cleared in 85% lactic acid heated in a microwave oven for two periods of 10 seconds, separated by a one-minute cooling period. The cleared abdomen was then placed in glycerine for further dissection and examination. The dissected abdomen was stored in glycerine in a plastic microvial pinned beneath the source specimen. Morphological observations were done on a Leica M165C microscope, genitalic observations were done on a Leica DM6C microscope. The specimens were photographed with a Leica DFC 450 camera mounted on the microscope. Morphological terminology follows Cumming and Wood (2009). I sent specimens for sequencing of the insect barcode fragment of the Cytochrome c Oxidase one (CO1) to the Centre of Biodiversity Genomics, Biodiversity Institute of Ontario. Because most specimens are old, only eight individuals were successfully sequenced with the complete 658 bp fragment representing four species (GenBank: MK919190, MK919191, MK919192, MK919194, MK919195, and MK919196). To determine whether *Enderleiniella* should be synonymised with *Tricimba*, I chose seven species as outgroups in the subfamily Oscinellinae. These seven species were chosen based on the availability from the public records on BOLD and that they represent different groups within the subfamily Oscinellinae. To determine whether Enderleiniella should be synonymised with Tricimba, I chose the type species of Tricimba and two others from other biogeographical realms: Tricimba linealla (BOLD:AAH4184), Tricimba trisulcata (GenBank: JF867146, BOLD:AAN5667), and a specimen of Tricimba sp. (from the Neotropics; GenBank: MK919193). Sequences of Oscinella frit (GenBank: OPPFO330, BOLD:AAN5659), Aphanotrigonum scabrum (GenBank: JF874104, BOLD:AAQ0868), Eribolus nana (GenBank: JF873115, BOLD:AAH4175), and Ela-
chiptera nigriceps (BOLD:AAP5169) were also analysed as representatives of other tribes in the subfamily Oscinellinae.

The 658 bp cytochrome oxidase one barcode sequences were aligned in MUSCLE (Edgar 2004). A Maximum Likelihood (ML) tree using GTR+G+I evolution model (the best fit for the sequences; AICc = 3788.63; BIC = 4053.86) to determine whether there is molecular support to validity of *Enderleiniella* as a genus. Bootstrap value branch support was determined by replicating the analyses 1000 times (Felsenstein 1985). Evolutionary analyses and ML tree were conducted in MEGA 7 (Kumar et al. 2016).

Taxonomy

Enderleiniella Becker, 1912

- *Enderleiniella* Becker, 1912: 192. Type species: *Tricimba longiventris* Enderlein (original description).
- Anoscinella Becker, 1916: 448. Type species: Anoscinella tripunctata Becker (monotypy); Duda 1930: 70 (synonymy).

Diagnosis. Small to medium Oscinellinae with head as wide as or slightly wider than scutum in dorsal view, occiput posteriorly convex in dorsal view, eye usually hairy, gena thin always parallel with ventral portion of eye, scutum elongate, with three parallel lines of shallow incised punctures, wing long and slender, broadest in distal half, with reduced alula and anal angle, legs long and slender, abdomen long and narrow, male genitalia with sternite 6 present, in some species epandrium enlarged and cercus elongate.

Description. (Figs 1-4): Chloropidae, Oscinellinae. Head. Frontal triangle glossy or microtomentose, occiput convex; frons with many interfrontal setulae; cephalic setae short, 6-12 reclinate fronto-orbitals with most dorsal seta proclinate; ocellars and postocellars erect, convergent, vertical setae stronger than other cephalic setae, inner vertical setae as long as outer vertical setae, in line with posterior ocelli; ocelli in most species large; eye large, oval, usually densely haired; postgena clearly visible; gena linear, densely pruinose, very pale except for brown ventral margin; vibrissal angle not projecting, vibrissa present but small; face flat, narrow, pruinose, very pale, facial carina short and small; antenna with scape and pedicel short, first flagellomere large, subquadrate; arista sparsely pubescent, aristal setulae usually longer than width of arista at base; proboscis variable from small to geniculate, but never long, palpus short. Scutum. Pronotum elongate and visible in dorsal view, sulcus between postpronotum and scutum deep and well defined; scutum usually glossy, rarely pruinose, with three parallel lines of finely incised punctures (treated as grooves by Ismay (1993)), less distinct in some species, with one anterior and either one (Enderleiniella flavida) or two posterior notopleural setae, one longer outer postalar bristle and one weak inner postalar setae, one postsutural dorsocentral bristle, all dark; postpronotal seta and other scutal setae weak; scutal setulae short, weak, evenly arranged in three distinct rows; in certain species scattered setulae present between and outside the three distinct rows; scutellum flattened, trapezoidal or rectangular dorsally, with two small marginal projections,



Figures 1–4. I Enderleiniella longiventris, head lateral view. 2 Enderleiniella longiventris, scutum and scutellum 3 Enderleiniella flavida, scutum and scutellum 4 Enderleiniella maculata, wing. Scale bars: 0.5 mm.

bearing one strong bristle, lateral marginal scutellar setae present; Thoracic pleurites bare. *Wing.* Hyaline (a darkened spot in *Enderleiniella maculata*), long and slender, broadest in distal half, alula and anal angle reduced, cell c normal, second costal sector longer than third; cell r_1 normal and long, R_{2+3} and R_{4+5} divergent at base, cell br narrow, crossvein r-m near middle of cell dm, crossvein dm-cu fused with M4 in a right angle. *Legs.* Slender without outstanding setae or spurs; femoral organ present as a row or small patch of three or four sensillae, tibial organ long oval, velvety, with single longitudinal row of setulae along midline. *Abdomen.* Narrow, cylindrical; syntergites 1+2 elongate; tergites broad; sternites small and narrow; spiracles 3–5 in abdominal membrane ventral to lateral margins of tergites;

Male specific characters. Sternite 6 present; dorsal pregenital sclerite symmetrical, left and right spiracles 6 and 7 within sclerite close to lateral margin; epandrium variable from small and simple to enlarged and inflated. Surstylus simple, straight, elongate; hypandrium open posteriorly; pregonite and postgonite simple, round and elongate; cercus variable from simple and elongate to multiple lobed; subepandrial sclerite usually small.

Female specific characters. Terminalia unmodified, typical of Oscinellinae.

Comments. The type species, *Enderleiniella longiventris*, is atypical in having a densely pruinose scutum and a long, rectangular scutellum.

Key to described species of Enderleiniella

1	Scutellum pale yellow (Fig.16), contrasting strongly with dark scutum; oc- ciput with single strong bristle behind eye; one anterior and one posterior
	notopleural bristle
_	Scutellum brown or grey, not contrasting strongly with scutum; occiput without outstanding bristle behind eye; one anterior and two posterior noto- pleural setae
2	Scutum and frontal triangle densely pollinose (dull) (Figs 26, 33)
_	Scutum and frontal triangle glossy or sparsely pollinose (Figs 21, 53, 59) 4
3	Wing hvaline; male epandrium expanded, broader and tall than pre-epandri-
	um; large species, body length 2.7–3.6mm <i>E. longiventris</i> (Enderlein)
_	Wing with a dark apical spot (Fig. 33); male epandrium smaller, not exces-
	sively higher than pre-epandrium; smaller species, body length 2.4–2.9mm
	<i>E. maculata</i> sp. nov.
4	Occiput with dorsolateral pubescent swelling just behind outer vertical bristle (in males because females currently unknown); mouthparts not geniculate (the only engine from Venezuele)
	Occiput not modified swelling absent: mouthparts geniculate or not (species
_	not known from Venezuela)
5	Scutum 1.2 times as long as wide; Abdominal tergite 3 with setae arising from enlarged punctate sockets (in males because females currently unknown)
	<i>E. punctata</i> sp. nov.
_	Scutum at least 1.5 times as long as wide. Abdominal tergite 3 unmodified6
6	Scutellum rectangular; apical scutellar tubercles long at least 1/5 the length of
	the scutellum <i>E. maya</i> sp. nov.
_	Scutellum trapezoidal; apical scutellar tubercles short or long at most 1/8 the length of scutellum
7	Scutum sparsely pollinose
_	Scutum polished
8	Mouthparts geniculate9
-	Mouthparts not geniculate or elongate10
9	Scutellum 0.8 times as wide as long, with distinct tubercles, Male epandrium
	large, surstylus parallel sided with round tip E. cryptica sp. nov.
_	Scutellum 0.6 times as long as wide, with very small tubercles; Male genitalia small, surstylus triangular with pointed tip <i>E. wheeleri</i> sp. nov.
10	Hairs on scutum in well-defined rows between punctate dorsocentral rows (grooves). In male, epandrium very wide compared to high, cerci in lateral
	view directed posteroventrally <i>E. caerulea</i> sp. nov.
_	Hairs on scutum scattered between punctate rows. In male, epandrium square, cerci in lateral view directed ventrally

Enderleiniella caerulea sp. nov.

http://zoobank.org/0998D876-29F8-4195-AA88-3A04701C6EA5 Figs 5–9

Diagnosis. Medium Oscinellinae with a shiny frontal triangle and thorax. Hairs on scutum placed in well-defined rows between punctate dorsocentral rows (grooves). Scutellum small and trapezoidal with small tubercles. Male postabdomen large and bulbous.

Description. Total length 2.3–2.7 mm. Overall colour black. *Head.* Frontal triangle black, shiny, microtomentose, 0.6–0.7 times length of frons; ocellar tubercle black, shiny, microtomentose; frons brown to black, paler medially; cephalic setae dark, 10–12 fronto-orbital setue well-developed, interfrontal setulae inside margin of frontal triangle and fronto-orbital setulae sparse, eight or nine post-ocellar setulae small; gena yellow, microtomentose, 0.06–0.08 times eye height; face yellow; scape and pedicel yellow, first flagellomere yellow basally and ventrally, black dorsally and distally, first flagellomere round, arista brown, thin at base, pubescence sparse and short; palpus yellow in male, brown in female, proboscis and clypeus brown. *Scutum.* Black, shiny, acrostichal and dorsocentral setae in three punctuate rows, scutum longer than wide; scutellum black, slightly paler than thorax, trapezoidal, 1.4–1.5 times wider than long, microtomentose; apical scutellar setae strong, on small tubercles on dorsal margin of scutellum, lateral scutellar setae much weaker than apical setae but longer and darker



Figures 5–9. *Enderleiniella caerulea.* **5** Lateral habitus **6** dorsal habitus **7** male genitalia (lateral) **8** male genitalia (posterior) **9** geographic distribution. Abbreviations: cer – cercus; epd – epandrium; hyp – hyp-andrium; phal – phallus; phap – phallapodeme; pog – postgonite.

than surrounding setae. *Legs.* Yellow, hind femur basally and tibia brown; femoral organ present as a very small patch of three sensillae, tibial organ oval, dark, occupying middle half of hind tibia. Wing hyaline, brown tint dorsally from M1; veins brown; ratio of costal sectors C1: C2: C3: C4 – 1 1.7: 1.25: 0.5; haltere yellow. *Abdomen.* Paler than thorax, sparsely microtomentose; syntergites 1+2 membranous under scutellum, marginally longer than other tergites. *Male postabdomen* (Figs 7, 8). Epandrium large, bulbous, higher than long in lateral view, much wider than high in posterior view, flattened dorsally, with several setae; surstylus 0.6 times as high as epandrium, triangular with a slight anterior curve along length, with broadly rounded apex, surstylus with three or four anterior setae near base and short setae elsewhere; cercus elongate, straight with a narrow ventral projection, extending postero-ventrally, with sparse setae, three setae at tip of cercus longer than others; distiphallus weakly sclerotised.

Type material. Holotype ♂: BELIZE: Toledo District, Blue Creek (16°12'N, 89°3'W), 23.i.1982, A.T. Finamore, sweeping (LEM). **Paratypes**: same as holotype except 17.i.1982 (1♀, LEM); ECUADOR: Guare Los Rios, vii.1955, Levi-Castillo (1♂, USNM; USNMENT01476001); Manabi Camarones 9.viii.1955, Levi-Castillo (1♂, USNM; USNMENT01476000).

Etymology. The species name is from the Latin *caeruleus* (sky-blue), referring to the type locality.

Enderleiniella cryptica sp. nov.

http://zoobank.org/59B9BAAD-E4BE-42F3-9D19-6D80741455DE Figs 10–14

Diagnosis. Medium Oscinellinae with a shiny frontal triangle and thorax. Mouthparts geniculate. Scutellum with distinct tubercles. Male postabdomen large with parallel sided surstylus.

Description. Total length 2.2–2.5 mm. Overall colour black. *Head.* Frontal triangle black, shiny, microtomentose, 0.6–0.65 times length of frons; ocellar tubercle black, shiny, microtomentose; frons brown to black, paler antero-medially; cephalic setae dark, 11–17 fronto-orbital setae well-developed, interfrontal setulae on margin of frontal triangle and fronto-orbital setulae conspicuous, six or seven post-ocellar setulae small; gena yellow, microtomentose, 0.08–0.1 times eye height; face yellow; scape and pedicel yellow, first flagellomere yellow basally and ventrally, darker dorsally and distally, first flagellomere round, arista brown, thin at base, pubescence sparse and short; palpus and clypeus yellow in males; proboscis brown, geniculate. *Scutum.* Black, shiny, acrostichal and dorsocentral setae in three punctuate rows, scutum longer than wide; scutellum black, trapezoidal, 1.3–1.5 times wider than long, microtomentose; apical scutellar setae strong, on small tubercles on upper margin of scutellum, lateral scutellar setae much weaker than apical setae but longer and darker than surrounding setae. *Legs.* Yellow, hind femur and tibia brown; femoral organ present as row of three or four sensillae, tibial organ oval, dark, occupying middle third of hind tibia. *Wing.* Hyaline;



Figures 10–14. *Enderleiniella cryptica*. 10 Lateral habitus 11 dorsal habitus 12 male genitalia (lateral) 13 male genitalia (posterior) 14 geographic distribution.

veins brown; ratio of costal sectors C1: C2: C3: C4 – 1: 1.7: 1.1: 0.6; haltere yellow. *Abdomen.* Paler than thorax, sparsely microtomentose; syntergites 1+2 membranous under scutellum, marginally longer than other tergites. *Male postabdomen* (Figs 12, 13). Epandrium large, bulbous, higher than long in lateral view, wider than high in posterior view, with several setae, rounded dorsally; surstylus 0.6 times as high as epandrium, straight, spoon shaped, surstylus with five anterior setae near base and short setae elsewhere; cercus straight with a narrow ventral projection, extending ventrally, cercus with sparse setae, five setae longer than others; distiphallus weakly sclerotised, straight, projecting posteriorly.

Molecular data. Accession numbers MK919190, MK919192, and MK919196.

Type material. Holotype 3: COSTA RICA: Prov Cartago, Cartago, P.N. Barbilla, Camino a Valle Escondido, Rio Dantas, 400–500m, 17.ix.2001, E. Rojas, F. Umaña, Libre, L_N_218000_594300 #64657 (INBio). **Paratypes**: same as holotype (13, 19, INBio); Higuito, San Mateo, Pablo Schild Coll (13, USNM; USNMENT01476002); Prov Alajuela, C.B. Guanacaste-Rincón de la Vieja, Estac. San Gerardo, Send al Perdido, 600m, 16–18.x.2002. D. Briceño, Red. L.N. 317994 384374 #68995 (19, IN-Bio); Prov Cartago, P.N. Barbilla, Send. Principal antes de Río Dantas, 200–300m 16.ix.2000 E Rojas, Red de Barrido, L.N. 217400 596700 #58440 (43, 29, INBio); Prov Cartago, P.N. Barbilla, Send. Principal Río Dantas, 370m, 8.xii.2002, E. Rojas, Red de Golpe, L.N.217250 596250 #70369 (23, INBio); Prov Cartago, R.F. Río Pacuara, Turrialba, P.N. Barbilla, Send. Quebrada, 400m 11.x.2001, E. Rojas, Red de Golpe, L.N. 217500 596893 #63565 (19, INBio); Prov. Cartago, R.F. Río Pacuare, P.N. Barbilla, Send. Principal a Río Dantas, 370m 22.ix.2001, E. Rojas. W. Arana, R. Madigal, Golpe, L.N. 217500 596893 #64659 (1♀, INBio); Prov Guanacaste, Nandayure, Cerro Azul 1018m, 5.ii.2003, Y. Cardenas. Red de Golpe, L.N. 214769 397000 #7288 (1♀ INBio); Prov. Límon, P.N. Barbilla, Camino a Valle Escondido, Orilla Río Dantas, 400m, 11.x.2001, E. Rojas, Red de Golpe, L.N. 218800 594300 #64954 (13), 2° , INBio); Prov Límon, P.N. Cahuita, Sector Puerto Vargas, Orilla de la playa, Om, 16–17.i.2003, E Rojas, Red de Golpe, L.N.190500 666200 #72723 (1Å, INBio); Prov Límon, P.N. Cahuita, Sector Puerto Vargas, Orilla de la playa, Om, 15.i.2003 E Rojas, Red de Golpe, L.N.190500 666200 #72722 (1^Q, INBio); Prov Límon, PN. Barbilla, Sector Casa Negra, 1.5km NO dela Estación, 300m, 13.xii.2002, E. Rojas, Libre, L.N. 219900 598400 #70494 (1^Q, INBio); Prov. Punta, Albergue Cerro de Oro, 200m, 4–14.v.1995, E. Alfaro, L.S. 280450 517500 #5919 (11♂, 8♀, INBio); Prov. Punta, Albergue Cerro de Oro, 200m, 5-12.v.1995, M.A. Zumbado, L.S. 279660 518450 #6028 (1^Q, INBio); Prov. Punta, Albergue Cerro de Oro, 200m, 5–9.v.1995, B. Gamboa, L.N. 279650 518450 #4745 (1&, INBio); Prov. Puntarenas, Golfito. P.N. Corcovado, Salida de la Estac. a Río Rincón, 75m 16.x.2002. K. Caballero. Libre, L.S.281050 516800 #71799 (1♀, INBio); Prov Puntarenas, Est. Agujas, Río Agujas,300m, 19–24. iii.1997. A. Azofeifa, L.S. 276750 526550 #46258 (1♀, INBio); Prov. Puntarenas, Est, Río Bonito, 2.3km al O. del Cerro al Gamba, 110m, 17-21.iii.1997. E. Fletes, L.S. 293900 547075 #45597 (13, INBio) Prov. Puntarenas R.F. Golfo Dulce, 24km W Piedras Biancas, 200m, xii.1990. P. Hanson (1∂, LEM); Prov Puntarenas, R. Priv. Karen Mogensen. Send. Quebrada Pérez, 315m, 24.ix.2003. W. Porras, Red de Golpe, L.N. 205300 419750 #75433 (9 ♂, 3♀, INBio); Prov Puntarenas, Lepanto, R. Priv. Karen Mogensen. Send. Quebrada Pérez, 315m, 22-23.xi.2003. D. Briceño, Libre, L.N. 205300_419750#74568 (3⁽²⁾, 2⁽²⁾, INBio); Prov Puntarenas, Sendero Tres Ríos, 300m, 9.xii.2003. M.A. Zimbado. W. Porras Vega Libre, L.N. 205164 419993 #74577 (7∂, 3♀, INBio); Prov Puntarenas, R. Priv. Karen Mogensen. Send. El Viejo Nisper, 300-500m, 23.xi.2003. Y. Cardenas, Red con Aguamiel, 205600 420300 #74531 (1°) , INBio); ECUADOR: Rio Mulaute, 15km N.E. Sto. Domingo de Colorados, 2.iii.1973, M. & N. Deyrup (1∂, USNM; USNMENT01476003).

Etymology. The species name is from the Latin *crypticus* (hidden), referring to the external similarity of this species to *E. tripunctata*.

Enderleiniella flavida sp. nov.

http://zoobank.org/41D4A122-BC45-4255-9EA7-F42537546EAD Figs 3, 15–19

Diagnosis. Medium Oscinellinae with a shiny frontal triangle and thorax. occiput with single strong bristle behind eye; one anterior and one posterior notopleural bristle Scutellum pale yellow, contrasting in colour with the dark scutum.

Description. Total length 2.2–2.5 mm. Overall colour black. *Head.* Frontal triangle black, shiny, 0.6–0.75 times length of frons; ocellar tubercle black, shiny; frons



Figures 15–19. *Enderleiniella flavida*. 15 Lateral habitus 16 dorsal habitus 17 male genitalia (lateral) 18 male genitalia (posterior) 19 geographic distribution.

brown to black, paler antero-medially; cephalic setae pale, 7-10 fronto-orbital setae well-developed, interfrontal setulae on margin of frontal triangle and fronto-orbital setulae sparse and small, 4-6 post-ocellar setulae small; gena yellow, microtomentose, 0.08–0.1 times eye height; eye bare; occiput with a strong and stout seta projecting from a short tubercle just dorsal to posterior midpoint of eye; face yellow; scape, pedicel and first flagellomere yellow, first flagellomere round, arista brown, thin at base, pubescence sparse and short; palpus, clypeus and proboscis yellow; proboscis geniculate. Scutum. Black, shiny, acrostichal and dorsocentral setae in three punctuate rows, notopleural bristle one anterior and one posterior relatively thick and long; outer postalar setae very short, gold, cryptic and fine; dorsocentral setae weak, scutum as long as wide; scutellum yellow, trapezoidal, 1.4-1.6 times wider than long, microtomentose; apical scutellar setae strong, on small tubercles on upper margin of scutellum, lateral scutellar setae as strong as apical setae (Fig. 3). Legs. Yellow; femoral organ small row of two or three tubercles, tibial organ oval, pale, occupying middle third of hind tibia. Wing. Hyaline; veins brown; ratio of costal sectors C1: C2: C3: C4 – 1: 2.1: 1.4: 0.6; haltere yellow. Abdomen. paler than thorax, sparsely microtomentose; syntergites 1+2 membranous under scutellum, marginally longer than other tergites. *Male postabdomen* (Figs 17, 18). Epandrium small, higher than long in lateral view, wider than high in posterior view, with several setae; surstylus 0.7 times as high as epandrium, with a slight curve at the base, parallel-sided, apex rounded, surstylus with short setae; cercus broad with three narrow ventral projection, extending ventrally laterally, cercus separated by very

narrow anal membrane posteriorly, cercus with sparse setae, one setae longer than others; distiphallus weakly sclerotised.

Type material. Holotype 3: DOMINICA: S. Chiltern Est, 20.ii.1965, W.W. Wirth (USNM; USNMENT01476004). **Paratypes**: same data as holotype (23, 42, USNM; USNMENT1476005-USNMENT01476009); DOMINICA: W.I. 2mi E. Ponte Casse, 5.x.1966, R.J. Gagne. Bredin-Archibol-SmithsonianBio.Surv.Dominica (12, USNM; USNMENT01476010); DOMINICA: W.I. d'LeauGommier, 16.iii.1965, W.W. Wirth (13, USNM; USNMENT01476011) DOMINICA: St. David: Emerald Pool, rainforest, 20.xi.1994, L. Masner (22, LEM).

Etymology. The species name is from the Latin *flavida* (yellow), referring to the colour of the scutellum.

Remarks. It is the first time that a strong and stout seta projecting from a short tubercle just dorsal to posterior midpoint of eye on occiput has been described in the Chloropidae. It could be that this seta has the same evolutionary origin as those found on many other Chloropidae species that possess a long (but not stout) seta on the postgena.

Enderleiniella longiventris (Enderlein, 1912)

Figs 1, 2, 20-27

Tricimba longiventris Enderlein, 1911: 207 (type locality: Costa Rica). *Enderleiniella longiventris*: Becker 1912: 192.

Description. Total length 2.5–3.0 mm. Overall colour black. Head Frontal triangle black, shiny, microtomentose, 0.55–0.6 times length of frons; ocellar tubercle black, shiny, microtomentose; frons brown to black, paler antero-medially; cephalic setae dark, 12-15 fronto-orbital setae well-developed, interfrontal setulae on margin of frontal triangle and, seven or eight post-ocellar setulae small, posterior setulae proclinate; gena vellow, microtomentose, 0.08-0.09 times eye height; face yellow; scape and pedicel yellow, first flagellomere yellow apico-dorsally darker, first flagellomere round, arista brown, thin at base, pubescence sparse and short; palpus yellow clypeus and proboscis brown, proboscis geniculate and thin (Fig. 1). Scutum. Black, pruinose, acrostichal, and dorsocentral setae in three punctuate rows, scutum longer than wide; outer postalar bristle very robust and long, scutellum black, trapezoidal, 1.2 times wider than long, microtomentose, rugose; apical scutellar setae strong, on tubercles on upper margin of scutellum, lateral scutellar setae much weaker than apical setae, on tubercles, longer than surrounding setae (Fig. 2). Legs. Yellow, hind femur and hind tibia brown; femoral organ arranged in one line of three strong sensillae, tibial organ oval, pale, occupying middle third of hind tibia. Wing. Hyaline; veins brown; ratio of costal sectors C1: C2: C3: C4 – 1: 1.3: 1: 0.4; haltere yellow. *Abdomen.* As dark as thorax, sparsely microtomentose; syntergites 1+2 membranous under scutellum, slightly longer than other tergites. *Male postabdomen* (Figs 23–27). Remnant of sternite 6 present; Epandrium large, bulbous, higher than long in lateral view, wider than high in posterior view, with several setae; surstylus half the height of epandrium, straight, parallel-sided, blunt-



Figures 20–22. Enderleiniella longiventris. 20 Lateral habitus 21 dorsal habitus 22 geographic distribution.

ended, surstylus with one or two anterior setae near base and short setae elsewhere; cercus elongate, straight with a narrow ventral projection, extending ventrally, cercus with sparse setae, one or two setae longer than others; distiphallus weakly sclerotised, straight, blunt ended.

Molecular data. Accession number MK919191.

Type material. Holotype ♂: COSTA RICA, H. Schmidt (Warsaw).

Other material examined. COSTA RICA: Cartago: Rio Grande de Orosi nr Tapanti Natl. Pk. 1100–1150m, floodplain and forest, 9.x.1999, S. Marshall & M. Buck. (1 3° , DEBU; DEBU00103967). MEXICO: Chiapas: 7 km N Cacahoatan, 22.iv.1983, W.N. Mathis (2 3° , USNM; USNMENT01476013-USNMENT01476014, USNMENT01476026); Chiapas: Finca Prusia, 33 km S Jaltenango, 1000m, 10–12.v.1985, W.N. Mathis (3 3° , 1 \mathcal{Q} , USNM; USNMENT01476015-USNMENT01476018); Chiapas: 9 km S Union Juaréz, 23.iv,1983, W.N. Mathis (1 3° , USNM; USNMENT01476015-USNMENT01476019); Chiapas, 20–25 mi. N Huixtla 3000', 4.vi.1969, B.V. Peterson (6 3° , 1 \mathcal{Q} , CNC); Colima: 7mi NE Colima, 3.xii.1948 (1 \mathcal{Q} , USNM; USNMENT01476020); Tamaulipas: Liera, 10–6-1956, reared ex *Colocasia* sp. probably *antiquorom* (1 3° , 2 \mathcal{Q} , USNM; USNMENT01476021-USNMENT01476023); San Luis Potosi: Naranjo, xii.1960, A. Fabergé, reared ex aroid flower (1 \mathcal{Q} , USNM; USNM; USNM; USNM; USNM; USNM; Naranjo, xii.1960, A. Fabergé, reared ex aroid flower (1 \mathcal{Q} , USNM; USNM; USNM; USNM; Naranjo, xii.1960, A. Fabergé, reared ex aroid flower (1 \mathcal{Q} , USNM; USNM; USNM; USNM; USNM; Naranjo, xii.1960, A. Fabergé, reared ex aroid flower (1 \mathcal{Q} , USNM; USNM; USNM; USNM; USNM; USNM; Naranjo, xii.1960, A. Fabergé, reared ex aroid flower (1 \mathcal{Q} , USNM; USNM; USNM; USNM; USNM; Naranjo, xii.1960, A. Fabergé, reared ex aroid flower (1 \mathcal{Q} , USNM; USNM; USNM; USNM; USNM; Naranjo, xii.1960, A. Fabergé, reared ex aroid flower (1 \mathcal{Q} , USNM; USNM; USNM; USNM; Naranjo, xii.1960, A. Fabergé, reared ex aroid flower (1 \mathcal{Q} , USNM; USNM;



Figures 23–27. *Enderleiniella longiventris.* **23** Male abdomen (lateral) **24** male genitalia (lateral) **25** male genitalia (posterior) **26** male genitalia (ventral) **27** male genitalia (posteroventral). Abbreviations: cer – cercus; hyp – hypandrium; phal – phallus; phap – phallapodeme; pog – postgonite; S_6 – remnant sternite 6; T_{7+8} – tergite 7+8.

NMENT01476024); Veracruz: Fortin de las Flores, 952m, 02.v.1985, W.N. Mathis (1³, USNM; USNMENT01476025).

Remarks. Although the holotype was collected in Costa Rica, most examined specimens of *E. longiventris* for this study are from Mexico. This is one of two species of *Enderleiniella* (the other is *E. maculata*) whose known range extends into the Nearctic Region, with specimens recorded in the Mexican states of San Luis Potosi and Tamaulipas.

Enderleiniella maculata sp. nov.

http://zoobank.org/CE01F49F-CDF5-43A7-91D2-83D89AE7BC08 Figs 4, 28–34

Diagnosis. Medium Oscinellinae with a pruinose frontal triangle and thorax. Wing with a dark apical spot. Male postabdomen small, not excessively higher than pre-epandrium.

Description. Total length 2.4–2.9 mm. Overall colour black. *Head.* Frontal triangle black, pruinose, 0.5 times length of frons; ocellar tubercle black, microtomentose; frons yellow, heavily microtomentose; cephalic setae pale, eleven fronto-orbital setae weak-developed, interfrontal setulae on margin of frontal triangle, eight post-



Figures 28–30. Enderleiniella maculata. 28 Lateral habitus 29 dorsal habitus 30 geographic distribution.

ocellar setulae small, posterior ocellar setae proclinate; gena white anteriorly, black posteriorly, microtomentose, 0.08 times eye height; eye hairy; face yellow; scape, pedicel brown, first flagellomere brown, yellow basoventrally, arista black, thin at base, pubescence sparse and short; palpus yellow in male, brown in female, proboscis and clypeus brown.

Scutum. Black, pollinose, acrostichal, and dorsocentral lines pruinosity with setae in 3 faint punctuate rows, notopleural bristle one anterior and two posterior relatively thick; outer postalar setae strong, black; dorsocentral setae strong, scutum 1.2 times longer than wide; scutellum brown, trapezoidal, 1.35–1.50 times wider than long, microtomentose, rugose; apical scutellar setae strong, on small tubercles on upper margin of scutellum, lateral scutellar setae small, barely longer than other dorsal setae. *Legs.* Yellow, mid femur, hind femur and hind tibia black; femoral organ small patch on baso-anterior part of mid femur, tibial organ linear, pale, occupying middle quarter of hind tibia. *Wing.* Hyaline with distinct apical brown spot (Fig. 4); veins brown; ratio of costal sectors C1: C2: C3: C4 – 1: 1.7: 1.1: 0.6; haltere white. *Abdomen.* Paler than thorax, sparsely microtomentose; Abdominal syntergites 1+2 slightly longer than other tergites. *Male postabdomen* (Figs 31–34). Epandrium small, higher than long in lateral view, wider than high in posterior view, with many setae; surstylus 0.7 height of epandrium, straight, parallel-sided; cercus narrow with long ventral projection, cercus with sparse setae; Distiphallus weakly sclerotised.



Figures 31–34. *Enderleiniella maculata.* **31** Male genitalia (lateral) **32** male genitalia (posterior) **33** male genitalia (ventral) **34** male genitalia (posteroventral).

Type material. Holotype \mathcal{F} : MEXICO: San Luis Potosi: Xilitla, 1800', 24.vii.1954, J.G. Chillcott (CNC); Paratypes: same data as holotype (5 \mathcal{F} , 7 \mathcal{P} , CNC); Guerrero, Taxco, 8mi NE, 5154', 8.viii.1954, J.G. Chillcott (1 \mathcal{P} , CNC).

Etymology. The species name is from the Latin *maculatus* (spotted), referring to the wing pattern.

Enderleiniella marshalli sp. nov.

http://zoobank.org/6DBF3CF0-A1A4-49C1-B11B-0C9D38853E0F Figs 35-41

Diagnosis. Small Oscinellinae with a shiny frontal triangle and sparsely pruinose thorax. Scutellum trapezoidal. Male postabdomen small with parallel sided surstylus.

Description. Total length 2.0–2.5 mm. Overall colour black. *Head.* Frontal triangle black, shiny, microtomentose, 0.7–0.8 times length of frons; ocellar tubercle black, shiny, microtomentose; frons black, paler antero-medially; cephalic setae dark, 6–8 fronto-orbital setae weak-developed, interfrontal setulae on margin of frontal triangle and fronto-orbital setulae sparse and small, five or six post-ocellar setulae small; gena white, margin of gena black, microtomentose, 0.08–0.1 times eye height; eye hairy; face yellow; scape yellow, pedicel yellow to brown, first flagellomere black, reniform, arista yellow distally darkening brown, thin at base, pubescence sparse and short; palpus, clypeus and proboscis brown to black in male; proboscis regular. *Scutum.* Black, pruinose, acrostichal and dorsocentral setae in three punctuate



Figures 35–37. Enderleiniella marshalli. 35 Lateral habitus 36 dorsal habitus 37 geographic distribution.

rows, notopleural bristle one anterior and one posterior relatively thick and long; outer postalar setae strong, black; dorsocentral setae strong, scutum as long as wide or marginally longer than wide; scutellum black, trapezoidal, 1.4–1.5 times wider than long, microtomentose, rugose; apical scutellar setae strong, on small tubercles on upper margin of scutellum, lateral scutellar setae as small, marginally larger than other dorsal setae. *Legs.* Yellow, fore-tarsi, mid and hind femur and tibia dark distally; femoral organ present as a row of three sensillae, tibial organ linear, brown, paler than leg, occupying middle quarter of hind tibia. *Wing.* Hyaline; veins brown; ratio of costal sectors C1: C2: C3: C4 – 1: 1.6: 1.2: 0.6; haltere, white. *Abdomen.* paler than thorax, sparsely microtomentose; syntergites 1+2 membranous under scutellum, marginally longer than other tergites. *Male postab-domen* (Figs 38–40). Epandrium small, higher than long in lateral view, wider than high in posterior view, with many setae; surstylus 0.7 height of epandrium, with slight curve basally, parallel-sided, with short setae elsewhere; cercus small, extending ventrally, with sparse setae, one seta longer than others; hypandrium open; distiphallus weakly sclerotised.



Figures 38–41. *Enderleiniella marshalli.* **38** Male genitalia (lateral) **39** male genitalia (posterior) **40** male genitalia (ventral) **41** male genitalia (posteroventral).

Type material. Holotype 3: COSTA RICA: Guanacaste: Cacao Field Stn., carrion traps, 700m, 13–15.ii.1996, S. A. Marshall (DEBU). **Paratypes**: same data as holotype (4° , DEBU); Guanacaste: Estacion Santa Rosa, 300m,16.ii.1996, S. Marshall, Borde del Rio, L_N_313000_359800 #6920, INBIO CRI002239665 (1° , INBio). 3° : COSTA RICA: Prov Guanacaste, Cañas, Palmira, Sector Rio Corobici. 224m, 10–15.x.2002, J.D. Gutiérrez, Libre, L_N_281200_416500 #71957 (INBio). Paratypes: Prov Guanacaste, Bagaces, Fortuna, Z.P. Miravalles, Send. Cabro Muco, 980m, 1–15.viii.2002. J.D. Gutiérrez, Red de Golpe L_N_299151_410000 #64536 (1°_{\circ} , INBio); same data as except 12.iv.2002, L_N_299151_410000 #67730 (1°_{\circ} , INBio); Prov Cartago, Cartago, P.N. Barbilla, Camino a Valle Escondido, Rio Dantes, 400–500m, 17.ix.2001, F. Rojas, f. Umaña, Libre, L_N_281200_594300 #64657 (1°_{\circ} , INBio).

Etymology. This species is named in honour of Steve Marshall, collector of the type series, in recognition of his contributions to our knowledge of Central American acalyptrate Diptera.

Enderleiniella maya sp. nov.

http://zoobank.org/74FBCE7B-165B-4BF5-BFA8-AA98D3018169 Figs 42–46

Diagnosis. Small Oscinellinae with a shiny frontal triangle and thorax. Scutellum rectangular with distinct apical scutellar bristles. Male postabdomen large with parallel sided surstylus with broadly rounded apex.

Description. Total length 2.4–2.6 mm. Overall colour black. *Head.* Frontal triangle black, shiny, microtomentose, 0.7 times length of frons; ocellar tubercle black, shiny, microtomentose; frons brown to black; cephalic setae dark, eight or nine fronto-orbital setae well-developed, interfrontal setulae on margin of frontal triangle and fronto-orbital setulae sparse, five orbital setulae small, posterior orbital setae proclinate, proclinate bristle on vertex between postocellar and inner vertical; gena yellow, microtomentose, 0.09–0.1 times eye height; face yellow; scape and pedicel yellow, first flagellomere yellow, black dorsally and distally, first flagellomere round, arista brown, thin at base, pubescence sparse and short; palpus yellow, proboscis and clypeus brown, proboscis geniculate. *Scutum.* Black, pruinose, acrostichal and dorsocentral setae in three punctuate rows, scutum longer than wide; scutellum black, rectangular, 1–1.1 times wider than long, microtomentose, rugose; apical scutellar setae strong, on tu-



Figures 42–46. *Enderleiniella maya*. 42 Lateral habitus 43 dorsal habitus 44 male genitalia (lateral) 45 male genitalia (posterior) 46 geographic distribution.

bercles 0.2 times as long as length of scutellum, on upper margin of scutellum, lateral scutellar setae much weaker than apical setae but longer and darker than surrounding setae, on small tubercles. *Legs.* Yellow, mid and hind femurs basally and tibia brown; femoral organ present as a small patch of three sensillae, tibial organ linear, dark, occupying middle third of hind tibia. *Wing.* Hyaline; veins brown; ratio of costal sectors C1: C2: C3: C4 – 1: 1.5: 1: 0.5; haltere yellow. *Abdomen.* Same colour as abdomen, sparsely microtomentose; syntergites 1+2 membranous under scutellum, marginally as long as tergites 3 and 4 together. *Male postabdomen* (Figs 44, 45). Epandrium large, bulbous, higher than long in lateral view, wider than high in posterior view, with several setae; surstylus 0.6 times height of epandrium, parallel-sided straight with broadly rounded apex, surstylus with short setae; cercus elongate, straight with a narrow ventral projection, extending postero-ventrally cercus with sparse setae, one seta longer than others; distiphallus weakly sclerotised.

Type material. Holotype ♂: GUATEMALA: Departamento Izabal: Las Escobas, 15.vii.1986, L. Lesage (CNC). **Paratypes**: Same as holotype (1♂), MEXICO: Chiapas, Rio Izapa, 21.iv.1983, W.N. Mathis (1♀, USNM; USNMENT01476012).

Etymology. The species name, to be treated as a noun in apposition, refers to the Maya people whose culture has been dominant in this region for more than 1000 years.

Enderleiniella punctata sp. nov.

http://zoobank.org/57607AE9-E81F-4342-9825-2F346703C2BA Figs 47–52

Diagnosis. Small Oscinellinae with a shiny frontal triangle and thorax. Scutellum trapezoidal with very small apical tubercles bristles. Tergite 3 with medial setulae arising from large distinct punctate sockets. Male postabdomen small with parallel sided surstylus.

Description. Total length 2.1 mm. Overall colour black. *Head.* Frontal triangle black, pollinose, shiny posteriorly, 0.6 times length of frons; ocellar tubercle black, microtomentose; occiput black, shiny; frons brown, yellow antero-medially, heavily microtomentose; cephalic setae dark, eight fronto-orbital setae weak-developed, interfrontal setulae on margin of frontal triangle, six post-ocellar setulae small; gena white, margin of gena black, microtomentose, 0.1 times eye height; eye hairy; face yellow; scape pedicel yellow, first flagellomere yellow, black anterodorsally, large, quadrate, arista yellow basally darkening distally, thin at base, pubescence sparse and short; palpus and clypeus yellow, proboscis brown, geniculate. Scutum. Black, shiny, acrostichal and dorsocentral setae in 3 faint punctuate rows, notopleural bristle one anterior and two posterior relatively thick; outer postalar setae strong, black; dorsocentral setae strong, scutum 1.1 times longer than wide; scutellum black, trapezoidal, 1.7 times wider than long, microtomentose, smooth; apical scutellar setae strong, on small tubercles on upper margin of scutellum, lateral scutellar setae as large, twice as long as other dorsal setae. Legs. Yellow, all tarsi, mid and hind femur and tibia dark distally; femoral organ present as a small patch of three sensillae, tibial organ



Figures 47–52. *Enderleiniella punctata.* **47** Lateral habitus **48** dorsal habitus **49** male abdomen (dorsal) **50** male genitalia (lateral) **51** male genitalia (posterior) **52** geographic distribution. Abbreviations: Epd – epandrium; T_{1+2} – tergites 1+2.

linear, brown, paler than leg, occupying middle quarter of hind tibia. *Wing.* Hyaline; veins brown; ratio of costal sectors C1: C2: C3: C4 – 1: 1.2: 1.4: 0.6; haltere white. *Abdomen.* Paler than thorax, sparsely microtomentose; Abdominal syntergites 1+2 elongate, tergite 3 with medial setulae arising from large distinct punctate sockets (Fig. 49). *Male postabdomen* (Figs 49–51). Epandrium small, higher than long in lateral view, wider than high in posterior view, with many setae; surstylus 0.7 height of epandrium, straight, parallel-sided, surstylus with one anterior setae near base and short setae elsewhere; cercus elongate with narrow, long ventral projection, cercus with sparse setae, one seta longer than others; hypandrium open; distiphallus weakly sclerotised, straight, blunt ended.

Type material. Holotype \mathcal{E} : BOLIVIA: Santa Cruz: Andres Ibanez, Potrerillo (17°40'S, 63°27'W), 438m, yellow pan trap B-17, 13–16.v.1997, L. Masner (CNC).

Etymology. The species name is from the Latin *punctatus* (punctured), referring to the structure of the third abdominal tergite.

Enderleiniella tripunctata (Becker, 1916)

Figs 53-57

Anoscinella tripunctata Becker, 1916: 448 (type locality: Costa Rica: Higuito, San Mateo). *Enderleiniella tripunctata*: Duda 1930: 77.

Description. Total length 1.9–2.6 mm. Overall colour black. Head. Frontal triangle black, shiny, microtomentose, 0.6-0.7 times length of frons; ocellar tubercle black, shiny, microtomentose; frons brown to black, paler medially; cephalic setae dark, eight or nine fronto-orbital setae well-developed, interfrontal setulae on margin of frontal triangle and fronto-orbital setulae sparse, 5–7 orbital setulae small, posterior setae proclinate; gena yellow, microtomentose, 0.09-0.1 times eye height; face yellow; scape and pedicel yellow, first flagellomere yellow basally and ventrally, black dorsally and distally, first flagellomere quadrate, arista brown, thin at base, pubescence sparse and short; palpus yellow in male, brown in female, proboscis and clypeus brown. Scutum. Black, shiny, acrostichal and dorsocentral setae in three punctuate rows, scutum longer than wide; scutellum black, trapezoidal, 1.2-1.3 times wider than long, microtomentose; apical scutellar setae strong, on small tubercles on upper margin of scutellum, lateral scutellar setae much weaker than apical setae but longer and darker than surrounding setae. Legs. Yellow, mid and hind femora basally and tibia brown; femoral organ present as a small patch of four sensillae, tibial organ linear, dark, occupying middle quarter of hind tibia. Wing. Hyaline, brown tint dorsally from M1+2; veins brown; ratio of costal sectors C1: C2: C3: C4 - 1: 1.9: 1.4: 0.5; haltere yellow. Abdomen. Slightly paler than abdomen, sparsely microtomentose; syntergites 1+2 membranous under scutellum, marginally longer than other tergites. *Male postabdomen* (Figs 55, 56). Epandrium large, bulbous, higher than long in lateral view, wider than high in posterior view, with several setae; surstylus half the height of epandrium, clavate with a slight anterior curve along length, with broadly rounded apex, surstylus with three or four anterior setae near base and short setae elsewhere; cercus elongate, straight with a narrow ventral projection, extending postero-ventrally cercus with sparse setae, three or four setae longer than others; distiphallus weakly sclerotised, straight, blunt ended.

Molecular data. Accession number MK919194

Type material. Holotype ♂: COSTA RICA: [Provincia de San José, about 9°56'N, 84°32'W, 200m asl], Higuito: San Mateo, 1914, P. Schild (Budapest).

Other material examined. BELIZE: BARC, near San Pedro Colombia (16°17'N, 88°58'W), Malaise trap and yellow pans, 10–12.iii.2002, J. Skevington (1 $^{\circ}$, LEM); Stan Creek District: Silk Grass Creek (16°54'N, 88°26'W), 3.iv.1993, W.N. Mathis (1 $^{\circ}$, USNM; USNMENT01476027); Toledo District: Blue Creek (16°12'N, 89°3'W), sweeping, 17.i.1982, A.T. Finnamore (1 $^{\circ}$, LEM); COSTA RICA: Puntarenas: 24 km W Piedras Blancas (8°47'N, 83°15'W), 200m, Malaise trap, xi.1990, P. Hanson (1 $^{\circ}$, USNM; USNMENT01476028); Puntarenas: 3 km SW Rincon (9°55'N, 84°13'W), 10m, Malaise trap, x–xii.1990, P. Hanson (1 $^{\circ}$, USNM; USNMENT01476029); Higuito: San Mateo, P. Schild (1 $^{\circ}$, 2 $^{\circ}$, USNM; USNMENT01476030-USNMENT01476032); Heredia: 3



Figures 53–57. *Enderleiniella tripunctata*. 53 Lateral habitus 54 dorsal habitus 55 male genitalia (lateral) 56 male genitalia (posterior) 57 geographic distribution.

km S Puerto Viejo OTS-La Selva, 100m, Malaise traps, xi.1992, P. Hanson (1, LEM); ECUADOR: Manabi, La Palma, viii.1955, Levi-Castillo (19, USNM); Manabi, Camarones, 9.ix.1955, Levi-Castillo (13, USNM; USNMENT01476033); Rio Mulaute, 15 km NE Santo Domingo de los Colorados, 2.iii.1973, M. & N. Deyrup (1♂, 3♀, USNM; USNMENT01476034-USNMENT01476036, USNMENT01476041); Domingo de los Colorados, 5.iii.1973, M. & N. Devrup (13, USNM, USNMENT01476066); Napo: Napo-Pastaza, Levi-Castillo (1, USNM; USNMENT01476037); Balao Guayas, xii.1955, Levi-Castillo (3², USNM; USNMENT01476038-USNMENT01476040); Guayas: Naranjal, xii.1955, Levi-Castillo (1♀, USNM; USNMENT01476042); Guare: Los Rios,viii.1955. Levi-Castillo (1², USNM; USNMENT01476043); Guayas: Taura, xii.1955, Levi-Castillo (3° , USNM; USNMENT01476044-USNMENT01476046); Pichincha Manabi, viii.1955, Levi-Castillo (32, USNM; USNMENT01476047-USN-MENT01476049); EL SALVADOR: San Salvador, x.1965, N.L.H. Krauss (1 \bigcirc , USNM; USNMENT01476050); GUATEMALA: Departamento Izabal: Las Escobas, 15.vii.1986, L. LeSage (1³, CNC); MEXICO: Chiapas: 7 km N Cacahoatan, 22.iv.1983, W.N. Mathis (13, 19, USNM; USNMENT01476051-USNMENT01476052); Chiapas: Rio Izapa, 21.iv.1983, W.N. Mathis (1, USNM; USNMENT01476055); Chiapas: Puenta Macalapa, light trap, 22.v.1964, F.S. Blanton (1° , USNM; USNMENT01476056); Vera Cruz: Cordoba, vii.1965, N.L.H. Krauss (19, USNM; USNMENT01476057); PAN-AMA: Gamboa: Pipeline Road, Malaise traps, vii.1967, W.W. Wirth (1∂, 1♀, USNM; USNMENT01476058-USNMENT01476059); Gamboa: Rio Agua Salud, vii.1967,

W.W. Wirth $(1^{\bigcirc}, USNM; USNMENT01476060)$; Summit, ix.1946, N.H.L. Krauss $(1^{\bigcirc}, USNM; USNMENT01476061)$; Tabogal, 26.ii.1912, A. Busck $(1^{\bigcirc}, USNM; USNMENT01476062)$; PERU: Canet, 17.v.1941, P.A. Berry $(2^{\bigcirc}, USNM; USNMENT01476063$ -USNMENT01476064); VENEZUELA: Zulia: El Tucuco, 45 km SW Machiques, 5–6.vi.1976, A.S. Menke & D. Vincent $(1^{\bigcirc}, USNM; USNMENT01476065)$.

Enderleiniella tumescens sp. nov.

http://zoobank.org/E8291025-CEAB-4EA9-A6D9-586CE6869F89 Figs 58–63

Diagnosis. Small Oscinellinae with a shiny frontal triangle and sparsely pruinose thorax. Occiput with dorsolateral pubescent swelling just behind outer vertical bristle. Scutellum trapezoidal with very small apical tubercles bristles. Male postabdomen small with parallel sided surstylus.

Description. Total length 2.3-2.5 mm. Overall colour black. Head. Frontal triangle black, pruinose, 0.7 times length of frons; ocellar tubercle black, microtomentose; occiput with distinct pubescent swelling (Fig. 33); frons brown, yellow antero-medially, heavily microtomentose; cephalic setae dark, eleven fronto-orbital setae weak-developed, interfrontal setulae on margin of frontal triangle, six post-ocellar setulae small; gena white, microtomentose, 0.09 times eye height; eye hairy; face yellow; scape, pedicel yellow, first flagellomere and arista missing in both type specimens; palpus yellow, proboscis and clypeus brown. Scutum. Black, shiny, acrostichal and dorsocentral lines pruinose with setae in three faint punctuate rows, notopleural bristle one anterior and two posterior relatively thick; intra-alar setae strong, black; dorsocentral setae strong, scutum 1.2 times longer than wide; scutellum brown, trapezoidal, 1.7 times wider than long, microtomentose, smooth; apical scutellar setae strong, on small tubercles on upper margin of scutellum, lateral scutellar setae as large, twice as long as other dorsal setae. Legs. Yellow, hind tibia darker; femoral organ present as a small patch of three sensillae, tibial organ oval, pale, occupying middle third of hind tibia. Wing. Hyaline; veins brown; ratio of costal sectors C1: C2: C3: C4 - 1: 1.9: 1.2: 0.5; haltere white. Abdo*men.* Paler than thorax, sparsely microtomentose; abdominal syntergites 1+2 elongate. Male postabdomen (Figs 61, 62). Epandrium small, higher than long in lateral view, wider than high in posterior view, with many setae; surstylus 0.8 height of epandrium, straight, parallel-sided; cercus elongate, narrow with long ventral projection, cercus with sparse setae, one seta near apex long; hypandrium open; distiphallus weakly sclerotised, blunt-ended.

Female unknown.

Molecular data. Accession number MK919195

Type material. Holotype ♂: VENEZUELA: San Esteban, xii.1939, P. J. Anduze (USNM; USNMENT01476067). **Paratype**: same data as holotype (1♂, USNM; USNMENT01476068).

Etymology. The species name is from the Latin *tumescens* (swollen), referring to the distinctive structure of the occiput.



Figures 58–63. *Enderleiniella tumescens*. 58 Lateral habitus 59 dorsal habitus 60 head (dorsal) 61 male genitalia (lateral) 62 male genitalia (posterior) 63 geographic distribution.

Enderleiniella wheeleri sp. nov.

http://zoobank.org/059F617B-9B40-43C1-B7B7-33E61C86E6F3 Figs 64–68

Diagnosis. Small Oscinellinae with a shiny frontal triangle and thorax. Mouthparts geniculate. Scutellum trapezoidal with very small apical tubercles bristles. Male post-abdomen small with a triangular surstylus.

Description. Total length 1.9–2.0 mm. Overall colour black. *Head.* Frontal triangle black, pruinose, 0.7 times length of frons; ocellar tubercle black, microtomentose; frons brown, yellow antero-medially, microtomentose; cephalic setae dark, six or seven fronto-orbital setae weak-developed, interfrontal setulae on margin of frontal triangle, six or seven ocellar setulae small, posterior setae proclinate; gena white, microtomentose, 0.07–0.08 times eye height; eye hairy; face yellow; scape, pedicel, first flagellomere brown to black, first flagellomere subquadrate, arista black, thin at base, pubescence sparse; palpus yellow, clypeus and proboscis black in males. *Scutum.* Black, shiny, acrostichal and dorsocentral setae in three faint punctuate rows, notopleural bristle one anterior and two posterior relatively thick; outer postalar setae strong, black; dorsocentral setae strong, scu-



Figures 64–68. *Enderleiniella wheeleri*. 64 Lateral habitus 65 dorsal habitus 66 male genitalia (lateral) 67 male genitalia (posterior) 68 geographic distribution.

tum 1.2 times longer than wide; scutellum black, trapezoidal, 1.6 times wider than long, microtomentose, smooth; apical scutellar setae strong, on very small tubercles on dorsal margin of scutellum, lateral scutellar setae as large, twice as long as other dorsal setae. *Legs.* Yellow, mid and hind femur and tibia dark distally; femoral organ a line of three sensillae, tibial organ linear, brown, paler than leg, occupying middle third of hind tibia. *Wing.* Hyaline; veins brown; ratio of costal sectors C1: C2: C3: C4 – 1: 1.7: 1.2: 0.6; haltere white. *Abdomen.* Paler than thorax, sparsely microtomentose; abdominal syntergites 1+2 slightly longer than other tergites. *Male postabdomen* (Figs 66, 67). Epandrium higher than long in lateral view, wider than high in posterior view, with many setae; surstylus 0.5 height of epandrium, triangular, with a slight posterior curve, surstylus with one anterior seta near base and short setae elsewhere; cercus narrow with long ventral projection, cercus with sparse setae, one seta longer than others; distiphallus weakly sclerotised, straight, blunt-ended.

Female unknown.

Type material. Holotype ♂: COSTA RICA: Prov. Cartago, Turrialba, P.N. Barbilla, 2km S. de Est. por la Quebrada, 200–300m, 25.ix.2000, E. Rojas, Red Barrido, L.N. 217500 596893 #58442 (INBio; INBIO0003466073). **Paratype**: same as holotype (1♂, INBio; INBIO0003466202).

Etymology. This species is named in honour of Terry Wheeler, in recognition of his contributions to our knowledge of New World Chloropidae.

Discussion

Enderleiniella was distinguished by previous authors (Becker 1912, Duda 1930) on the basis of the incised lines on the scutum, the absence of the alula, and the reduced anal angle of the wing. The scutal character is consistent, although variable in known species, where the incised lines are much clearer in certain species such as *E. longiventris* but much more subtle in in species like *E. tumescens*. The alula is present, but small, in most species of *Enderleiniella* and the anal angle varies but it is not as pronounced as in many oscinelline genera (Fig. 4). As with many oscinelline genera, the phylogenetic relationships of *Enderleiniella* within the subfamily are unclear. The incised lines on the scutum are shared with the species-rich and cosmopolitan genus Tricimba Lioy, but the well-developed pronotal carina because of the rounded shape of the back of the head and the distinct postpronotal sulcus of Enderleiniella are absent in species of Neotropical and Nearctic Tricimba that have been examined. There are also some male genitalic differences between the two genera such as the overall size of the epandrium compared with the abdomen and the presence of the remnant of sternite 6 in several species. These pronotal and postpronotal characters are shared with other Neotropical oscinelline genera and may be indicative of close relationship but it would be premature to speculate without a broader and more comprehensive phylogenetic analysis. Some characters (linear gena, anteromedial-posterolateral placement of vertical setae, stout, tuberculate scutellar setae, large male epandrium) are shared with the Neotropical genus Agrophaspidium Wheeler & Mlynarek, and the two may be related (Wheeler and Mlynarek 2008). Enderleiniella flavida has 1+1 notopleural setae, as in Agrophaspidium, and the structure of the scutellum in that species is intermediate between the two genera. It would be difficult to construct a cladogram of species-level relationships within *Enderleiniella* based on morphological characters because most of the known species are defined on autapomorphies, with few synapomorphic character states uniting species within the genus.

The molecular barcode data also supports *Enderleiniella* as a valid genus distinct from *Tricimba*. All the sequences from *Enderleiniella* cluster together in 91% of the bootstrap replicates whereas fewer than 50% of the bootstrap replicates supported *Tricimba* as sister to *Enderleiniella*. If the clades with < 50% support are collapsed (Fig. 69), there remains only support to maintain *Enderleiniella* with completely unresolved relationships with all the other outgroup species. I must emphasise that this should not be considered a true phylogenetic analysis of *Enderleiniella*. Enderleiniella is a valid genus based on morphological and molecular (COI barcode fragment) support. This revision also demonstrates the need for revision and redefinition of the limits of *Tricimba* and Chloropidae using an integrated taxonomic approach.

Four of the eleven described species of *Enderleiniella* are known from only one or two specimens and mostly from single localities in an area extending from Mexico to Bolivia. This suggests that additional sampling effort in the Neotropical Region will result in discovery of more undescribed species.



Figure 69. Maximum likelihood tree based on Cytochrome oxidase I barcode fragment using GTR+G+I evolutionary model. Bootstrap values above the branches are based on 1000 replicates of the analysis. Branches with less than 50% support are collapsed. Accession numbers in parentheses.

The biology of *Enderleiniella* was unknown prior to this study. Even now, there is limited ecological information on the species assigned to the genus. Four specimens of *E. longiventris* were reared from plants of *Colocasia* (Araceae) and flowers of an unidentified aroid plant in Mexico, although there is no indication as to whether the larvae were phytophagous in live plants or secondary invaders of dead or damaged plant tissues. Other specimens examined in this study were collected in a broad range of localities and habitats, from primary rainforest to disturbed dry areas.

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A new species of *Caecilia* (Gymnophiona, Caeciliidae) from the Magdalena valley region of Colombia

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Abstract

A new species of the genus *Caecilia* (Caeciliidae) from the western foothills of the Serranía de los Yariguíes in Colombia is described. *Caecilia pulchraserrana* **sp. nov.** is similar to *C. degenerata* and *C. corpulenta* but differs from these species in having fewer primary annular grooves and a shorter body length. With this new species, the currently recognized species in the genus are increased to 35. Mitochondrial DNA sequences, including newly sequenced terminals representing two additional, previously unanalyzed species, corroborate the phylogenetic position of the new species within *Caecilia* and the monophyly of the genus. This analysis also included newly sequenced terminals of *Epicrionops* aff. *parkeri* (Rhinatrematidae) and trans-Andean *Microcaecilia nicefori* (Siphonopidae). Evidence was found for the non-monophyly of the family Siphonopidae and the siphonopid genera *Microcaecilia* and *Siphonops*. The implications of these results for caecilian systematics are discussed and the status of the trans-Andean populations of *Caecilia degenerata* is commented upon.

Keywords

Amphibia, *Caecilia degenerata, Epicrionops, Microcaecilia*, paraphyly, phylogeny, Siphonopidae, South America, taxonomy, tropical humid forest

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Introduction

The Neotropical caecilian amphibian genus Caecilia Linnaeus, 1758 (Gymnophiona: Caeciliidae) currently comprises 34 nominal species (Wilkinson et al. 2011; Frost 2018; Maciel and Hoogmoed 2018), 18 of which occur in Colombia, with eight being endemic to this country. Seven species occur in the Magdalena valley region of Colombia (Dunn 1942; Lynch 1999) and external morphology segregates them into two groups. A first group comprises four species that lack secondary annular grooves: C. caribea Dunn, 1942, endemic to Colombia, from the eastern slope of the Cordillera Central, Caldas Department, between 10-1700 m above sea level (a.s.l); C. corpulenta Taylor, 1968, from the type locality in Peru, with a Colombian record from the Andean forests on the 1750 m a.s.l., Santander Department; C. subdermalis Taylor, 1968, from northern Ecuador and eastern slopes of the Cordillera Central, Huila and Caldas Departments in Colombia, between 850-2320 m a.s.l.; and C. degenerata Dunn, 1942, endemic to Colombia, from both flanks of the Cordillera Oriental, between 800-2100 m a.s.l., Boyacá, Cundinamarca, and Santander Departments (Dunn 1942; Taylor 1968; Ruiz-Carranza et al. 1996; Lynch 1999; Acosta-Galvis 2000; Rivera-Correa 2006; Castro-Herrera et al. 2007; Frost 2018; Appendix 1).

A second group includes three species that have secondary annular grooves: *C. guntheri* Dunn, 1942, with a wide distribution from northern Ecuador to Colombia, where the records are discontinuous and include the sub-Andean forests of the Cordillera Occidental and the region of Muzo at Quípama Municipality, Boyacá Department, western slope of the Cordillera Oriental, 1000 m a.s.l.; *C. subnigricans* Dunn, 1942, from northern Venezuela and lowlands of the Caribbean and Magdalena Valley regions of Colombia, with a record from Mariquita Municipality, Tolima Department; and *C. thompsoni* Boulenger, 1902b, endemic to the middle Magdalena valley in Colombia, 240–1571 m a.s.l. (Dunn 1942; Taylor 1968; Ruiz-Carranza et al. 1996; Lynch 1999; Acosta-Galvis 2000; Bernal et al. 2005 Acosta-Galvis et al. 2006; Lynch and Romero 2012; Mueses-Cisneros and Moreno-Quintero 2012; Paternina-H et al. 2013; Acevedo-Rincón et al. 2014; Angarita-M et al. 2015; Restrepo et al. 2017; Frost 2018; Appendix 1).

During a recent herpetological survey in wet tropical forests of the Serranía de los Yariguíes, in the Department of Santander, Colombia (Fig. 1), we collected several specimens of a small *Caecilia* that lack secondary annular grooves and dermal scale pockets, suggesting that they correspond to either *C. degenerata* or *C. corpulenta*. However, a low number of primary annular grooves and a combination of morphometric characters indicate instead that these specimens belong to a new species, which we describe herein. To test the generic placement of the new species and to explore the relationships of other Neotropical caecilians, we perform a phylogenetic analysis of DNA sequences. We discuss the implications of our results for caecilian systematics and comment on the status of the trans-Andean populations of *C. degenerata*.

Materials and methods

Fieldwork and reference collections

The new species was collected during fieldwork carried out in the Serranía de los Yariguíes, vereda La Belleza, municipality of El Carmen de Chucurí, Santander Department, Colombia (06°34'N, 73°34'W, 731–789 m a.s.l.; Fig. 1), from 17 February to 1 May 2018, during the dry season. Specimens were found in two separate humid spots near the Río Cascajales, which drains Tropical moist broadleaf forests, within the ecoregion of the Magdalena valley montane forests, in the foothills of the Cordillera Oriental, Colombia (Dinerstein et al. 1995; Olson and Dinerstein 2002).

Previous fieldwork conducted between 1998–1999 by John Lynch in collaboration with the first author, successfully allowed the detection of microhabitats and several specimens of *Microcaecilia nicefori* (Lynch 1999); subsequently, between 2000 to date, fieldwork with caecilians such as *Oscaecilia polyzona* (Lynch and Acosta 2004), *Caecilia* sp., *C. thompsoni*, and *C. isthmica* (unpublished data) allowed successful detection of microhabitats and multiple specimens.

The collecting technique, which was used to obtain specimens of the new species, consists of first asking local people about the locations where they have spotted caecilians using the common names of "blind snakes", or "captain worms" ("lombrices capitanas"), or "motolas" (this common name is specific for the Department of Santander). Subsequently, the reported sites are visited and inspected to select sites under the shade of vegetation, and where the soil is not compact and very humid (usually associated with water springs that form a mosaic of marshy and dry areas). Collecting efforts are focused in the selected damp microhabitats, digging with a hoe to a depth of approximately 20 cm (approximate sampling effort of 2-person-hour to collect five specimens). Coordinates and elevations were obtained with a Garmin GPSMAP 64SC (map datum WGS 84). Collected specimens were euthanized using 20% benzocaine (Chen and Combs 1999), fixed in 10% formalin, and preserved in 70% ethanol. Tissue samples from two individuals were obtained immediately after euthanasia and preserved in 96% ethanol. Specimens were deposited at the Biological Collections of the Instituto de Investigación de Recursos Biológicos Alexander von Humboldt, Villa de Leyva, Boyacá, Colombia (IAvH-Am and IAvH-CT) and the Amphibian Collection of the Universidad Industrial de Santander, Bucaramanga, Santander, Colombia (UIS-MHN-A).

Phylogenetic analysis

To test the generic assignment of the new species and to explore the relationships of other endemic caecilians from Colombia, available mitochondrial DNA sequences of the genes 16S and CO1 from members of all Neotropical caecilian families (Caeciliidae, Typhlonectidae, Siphonopidae, Dermophiidae, and Rhinatrematidae) were analyzed



Figure 1. A Map of Colombia showing the known localities of the species of *Caecilia* that occur in the Magdalena valley region. Key: *C. caribea* (blue triangle), *C. corpulenta* (black dot), *C. degenerata* (black cross), *C. guntheri* (violet asterisk), *C. subnigricans* (yellow triangle), *C. subdermalis* (green star), *C. thompsoni* (black star), *Caecilia pulchraserrana* sp. nov. (red triangle) **B** Type locality of *Caecilia pulchraserrana* sp. nov. (red triangle) at Serranía de los Yariguíes, Santander Department, Colombia.

(Table 1). The analysis included a fragment of COI (ca. 651 bp) and a fragment of 16S (ca. 510 bp). Sequences for most terminals were obtained from GenBank (Table 1). We added new sequences for eight Colombian terminals representing the new species, Caecilia thompsoni, C. isthmica, Typhlonectes natans, Epicrionops aff. parkeri, and Microcaecilia nicefori (Appendix 1). The cryptobranchid Cryptobranchus alleganiensis was used to root the tree. Laboratory protocols and primers are those of Palumbi (1996), Ivanova et al. (2006), and Carr et al.(2011). Bidirectional PCR products were used for Sanger sequencing at the Instituto de Genética of the Universidad Nacional de Colombia. Resulting sequences were visualized, assembled, checked for stop codons (COI), and edited in Geneious Pro v 10.2.3 (Kearse et al. 2012). All sequences were deposited in the Barcode of Life Data System (BOLD; Ratnasingham and Hebert 2007) and GenBank (Table 1). Sequences of each gene were aligned independently using the MAFFT plugin v7.388 within Geneious, considering the secondary structure of RNA in 16S and implementing the G-INS-I algorithm. Subsequently, sequences of both genes were concatenated in a single dataset using Geneious, which was used to construct a Maximum Likelihood phylogeny using IQ-TREE (Nguyen et al. 2015), performing a partitioned analysis based on four partitions (16S, COI first codon position, COI second codon position, COI third codon position) using the partition finder algorithm (-m option TESTMERGE; Lanfear et al. 2012) in IQ-TREE and

Species	Family	Tissue code	16S GenBank;	CO1 GenBank;	Source
			BOLD number	BOLD number	
Caecilia gracilis	Caeciliidae		KX757086	NC_023508	Maciel et al. 2017, San Mauro
					et al. 2014
Caecilia isthmica	Caeciliidae	IAvH-CT-22982	MN555719;	MN555727;	This study
			SABIO393-19	SABIO393-19	
Caecilia pulchraserrana	Caeciliidae	IAvH-CT-227334	MN555715;	MN555723;	This study
sp. nov			SABIO005-18	SABIO005-18	
	Caeciliidae	IAvH-CT-22733	MN555718;	MN555726;	This study
			SABIO002-18	SABIO002-18	
Caecilia tentaculata	Caeciliidae		NC_023507	NC_023507	San Mauro et al. 2014
Caecilia thompsoni	Caeciliidae	IAvH-CT-22986	MN555717;	MN555725;	This study
			SABIO392-19	SABIO392-19	
Caecilia volcani	Caeciliidae		FJ784371	NC_020137	Crawford et al. 2010, Zhang and
					Wake 2009
Oscaecilia ochrocephala	Caeciliidae		GQ244474	GQ244474	Zhang and Wake 2009
Dermophis mexicanus	Dermophiidae		-	NC_020138	Zhang and Wake 2009
Epicrionops cf. marmoratus	Rhinatrematidae		KF540151	KF540151	San Mauro et al. 2014
Rhinatrema nigrum	Rhinatrematidae		GQ244468	GQ244468	Zhang and Wake 2009
Epicrionops aff. parkeri	Rhinatrematidae	IAvH-CT-21477	MN555716;	MN555724;	This study
			CBIHA031-17	CBIHA031-17	
Microcaecilia dermatophaga	Siphonopidae		NC_023514	NC_023514	San Mauro et al. 2014
Microcaecilia sp.	Siphonopidae		GQ244473	GQ244473	Zhang and Wake 2009
Microcaecilia unicolor	Siphonopidae		NC_023515	NC_023515	San Mauro et al. 2014
Microcaecilia nicefori	Siphonopidae	IAvH-CT-22985	MN555722;	MN555729;	This study
			CAECI002-19	CAECI002-19	
Siphonops annulatus	Siphonopidae		KU495581	KU495581	Lyra et al. 2017
Siphonops hardyii	Siphonopidae		KU495582	KU494789	Lyra et al. 2017
Siphonops insulanus	Siphonopidae		KU495583	KU494790	Lyra et al. 2017
Siphonops paulensis	Siphonopidae		KU495584	KU494791	Lyra et al. 2017
Potomotyphlus kaupii	Typhlonectidae		NC_023516	NC_023516	San Mauro et al. 2014
Typhlonectes compressicauda	Typhlonectidae		KU495605	KU494812	Lyra et al. 2017.
Typhlonectes natans	Typhlonectidae		AF154051	AF154051	Zardoya and Meyer 2000.
	Typhlonectidae	IAvH-CT-22983	MN555720;	MN555728;	This study
	_		SABIO394-19	SABIO394-19	
	Typhlonectidae	IAvH-CT-22984	MN555721;	-	This study
			CAECI001-19		

Table 1. List of species examined and GenBank or Barcode of life Data Systems (**BOLD**) accession numbers for each gene analyzed in this study. See Appendix 1 for locality details.

best fitting models for each partition selected by the same program (Chernomor et al. 2016; Kalyaanamoorthy et al. 2017). Each partition was allowed to have its own set of branch lengths (-sp option). Branch support analysis was performed with 1000 ultrafast bootstrap replicates (Hoang and Chernomor 2017).

Morphology

Criteria and terminology for morphological descriptions, diagnostic characters, and data for other species of *Caecilia* follow Lynch (1999), Gower and Wilkinson (2002), Maciel et al. (2009), Maciel and Hoogmoed (2011), Kamei et al. (2009), Wilkin-

son and Kok (2010), Donnelly and Wake (2013), and Wilkinson et al. (2009, 2013, 2015). For comparative purposes, specimens of *C. guntheri*, *C. isthmica*, *C. thompsoni*, and *C. subdermalis* were examined (Appendix 1). Morphological observations were made using a stereoscope Nikon optical device SMZ-1B, with High Intensity Illuminator NI-150 Nikon and App Scope 3xSRA41. Measurements were taken using a Mitutoyo precision digital caliper to \pm 0.1 mm; and using the following abbreviations for anatomical features and ratios of measurements:

ADD	anal disc diameter;	PA	primary annulus;			
AM	anteromedial limit of the	PAG	primary annular groove;			
	mouth on the upper jaw;	PM	premaxillary-maxillary tooth;			
BH	body height at midbody;	ST	snout tip;			
C1	first collar length;	STD	distance between snou			
C2	second collar length;		tip and anterior margin of			
СМ	corner of the mouth;		mouth;			
CMB	circumference at midbody;	STND	distance between ST and naris;			
D	diameter at midbody;	STLPD	distance between ST and lip;			
ED	eye diameter;	STOD	distance between ST and eye			
END	distance between eye and naris;	TA	tentacular aperture;			
HH	head height at level with CM;	INTA	distance between TAs;			
HL	head length;	TAOD	distance between TA and eye;			
HW	head width at CM;	TALPD	distance between TA and lip;			
HWNG1	head width at NG1;	TANRD	distance between TA and naris;			
IND	distance between nares;	TASTD	distance between TA and ST;			
IOD	interorbital distance;	VP	vomeropalatine tooth;			
TL	total length;	WC2	width at second collar;			
TL/D	TL divided by diameter at	WCH	width of choanae;			
	midbody (ratio of length/di-	WBV	width of body at vent level;			
	ameter);	WMB	width at midbody;			
LPOD	distance between eye and lip;	TL/HL	TL divided by HL;			
ND	naris diameter;	TL/WMB	TL divided by WMB;			
NG1	first nuchal groove;	TL/HW	TL divided by HW;			
NG2	second nuchal groove;	HL/HW	HL divided by HW.			
NG3	third nuchal groove;					

Dermal scale pockets and subdermal scales were searched using the criteria proposed by Wilkinson et al. (2013) and sex and maturity were determined by examination of gonads. Live specimens were photographed with a digital camera model Canon EOS 70D and preserved specimens with a digital camera Canon EOS 5D Mark II.

Results

Phylogenetic analysis

The final concatenated molecular dataset consisted of a matrix of 1273 bp, 567 sites were parsimony-informative, 111 were singletons, and 595 were constant sites. The best fitting substitution model for both CO1 and 16S was TIM2+F+I+G4 after testing the large selection of models in IQ-TREE. The ML tree is shown in Fig. 2 (LnL: –15725.921). Our phylogenetic analysis recovered the new species nested within a moderately well-supported (84%) monophyletic *Caecilia*, in a maximally supported monophyletic Caeciliidae. The new species appears most closely related, of the sampled species, to *C. volcani* but support for this relationship is not strong (58%). *Rhinatrema nigrum* and *R. bivittatum* were recovered as monophyletic with the sister group *Epicrionops*. *Siphonops* was inferred to be paraphyletic with respect to *Luetkenotyphlus* (Siphonopidae), and *Microcaecilia nicefori* was recovered as the sister group of Dermophidae + Siphonophidae, the latter including the remaining *Microcaecilia* (with *Brasilotyphlus guarantanus* nested within it) and the paraphyletic *Siphonops*.

Description of new species

Generic assignment. The new species is assignable to the genus *Caecilia* because its eyes are not covered by bone and it has tentacles below the nostrils (Type D sensu Lynch, 1999, Fig. 3 D–E). In addition, the new species is nested within the *Caecilia* clade (Fig. 2) in our Maximum Likelihood phylogenetic analysis.

Caecilia pulchraserrana sp. nov.

http://zoobank.org/03F213A5-2148-4255-91BB-37719EF0E7B7 Figs 3–5; Tables 2–4

Holotype. IAvH-Am-15487 (field number ARA 7872; Figs 3, 4C), an adult female collected 25 February 2018 by A. R. Acosta-Galvis, Miguel Torres, and Daniela García.

Type Locality. (Fig. 1) Colombia, Santander Department, El Carmen de Chucurí Municipality, vereda La Belleza, Cascajales River, 06°34'8.9"N, 73°34'20.2"W, 789 m a.s.l.

Paratypes. Four specimens (Fig. 4), IAvH-Am-15488 (field number ARA 7871) and UIS-MHN-A-6575 (field number ARA 7689), adult females, collected with holotype, and IAvH-Am-15489–90 (field numbers ARA 7690–1, respectively), adult males (exhibiting phallus, Fig. 5 A–C), 06°34'41.1"N, 73°34'28.9"W, 731 m a.s.l., collected 19 February 2018 by A. R. Acosta-Galvis and Miguel Torres.

Referred specimens. UIS-MHN-A-6576–7 (field numbers ARA 7692–3, respectively), juveniles, 06°34'41.1"N, 73°34'28.9"W, 731 m a.s.l., collected 19 February



Figure 2. Maximum Likelihood tree inferred from the analysis of a concatenated dataset comprising partial sequences of two mitochondrial genes. Numbers above branches indicate bootstrap support values (percent) (* = 100% bootstrap). Scale bar indicates nucleotide substitutions per site. The phylogenetic position of *Caecilia pulchraserrana* sp. nov. is shown in bold.

Table 2. Morphological data of the Colombian species of *Caecilia* that lack secondary annular grooves and possess incomplete primary annular grooves. Abbreviations are given in Material and methods.

Species	PAG	TL (mm)	TL/D	Dermal scale	Sample size	Source
				pockets		
C. caribea	142-152	390–585	53–55	Absent	4	Dunn 1942, Lynch 1999
C. corpulenta	129–132	152-441	19–35	Absent	6	Taylor 1968, Lynch 1999
C. degenerata	123-137	390-1050	38–58	Absent	9	Lynch 1999
C. orientalis	114-124	231-673	29–55	Present	8	Lynch 1999
C. subdermalis	116–138	131-680	28–54	Present	32	Lynch 1999
C. pulchraserrana sp. nov.	100-104	195-232	9-12	Absent	7	This study

	IAvH-Am-15487	IAvH-Am-15490	IAvH-Am-15489	IAvH-Am-15488	UIS-MHN-A-6575
	Holotype	Paratype	Paratype	Paratype	Paratype
Sex	F	М	М	F	F
PAG	104	100	101	103	100
TL	206	214	200	232	195
HW	5.4	5.3	5.0	4.8	4.3
HWNG1	5.2	4.2	4.4	4.9	4.3
WC2	5.8	4.6	4.0	5.2	4.8
WMB	8.5	6.2	5.5	8.1	6.2
CMB	22	18	17	23	18
WBV	5.2	3.7	4.0	4.4	3.5
HL	7.4	5.8	6.4	6.0	5.1
HH	5.1	4.8	4.0	4.4	3.8
IND	1.7	1.6	1.5	2.0	1.2
IOD	2.9	2.6	2.3	2.8	2.5
ED	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4
ND	0.18	0.18	0.16	0.16	0.15
END	2.3	2.3	1.6	2.5	2.1
STD	6.9	5.6	5.7	6.0	5.2
STND	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.7
STLPD	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.8
STOD	3.3	2.7	2.5	3.4	2.9
TA	0.27	0.19	0.30	0.26	0.33
INTA	2.3	2.2	1.8	2.3	1.9
TAOD	2.5	2.1	1.9	2.6	2.1
TALPD	1.0	1.3	0.6	1.4	0.99
TANRD	0.99	0.67	0.69	0.75	0.7
TASTD	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.7
LPOD	1.0	1.2	0.9	1.0	0.7
WCH	0.16	0.11	0.09	0.11	0.14
C1	1.6	1.2	1.6	1.1	0.9
C2	1.7	1.5	2.4	1.5	1.1
BH	7.0	4.4	4.1	6.5	5.1
ADD	2.9	2.6	2.9	2.7	2.6
VP	11	9	10	9	11
Premaxillary-	13	11	14	14	12
maxillary teeth					
Dentary teeth	12	13	10	11	12

Table 3. Morphometric (in mm) and meristic data of the type series of *Caecilia pulchraserrana* sp. nov. Abbreviations are given in Materials and methods.

2018 by A. R. Acosta-Galvis and Miguel Torres. Tissues for molecular analysis (IAvH-CT-22733–4) were extracted from these specimens.

Diagnosis. *Caecilia pulchraserrana* sp. nov. differs from its congeners by the combination of having 100–104 dorsally incomplete primary annular grooves, a small size

(195–232 mm), lips and ventral margin of upper jaw with a pink-orange (salmon) color (Fig. 4), and lacking secondary annular grooves and dermal scale pockets.

Species comparisons. Regarding the species of the genus *Caecilia*, the absence of secondary annular grooves distinguishes *C. pulchraserrana* sp. nov. from *C. abitaguae* Dunn, 1942, *C. albiventris* Daudin, 1803, *C. armata* Dunn, 1942, *C. antioquiaensis* Taylor, 1968, *C. bokermanni* Taylor, 1968, *C. dunni* Hershkovitz, 1938, *C. flavopunctata* Roze & Solano, 1963, *C. gracilis* Shaw, 1802, *C. guntheri* Dunn, 1942, *C. isthmica* Cope, 1878, *C. leucocephala* Taylor, 1968, *C. marcusi* Wake, 1985, *C. mertensi* Taylor, 1973, *C. museugoeldi* Maciel & Hoogmoed, 2018, *C. nigricans* Boulenger, 1902, *C. occidentalis* Taylor, 1968, *C. pressula* Taylor, 1968, *C. tentaculata* Linnaeus, 1758, *C. tenuissima* (Taylor, 1973), *C. thompsoni* Boulenger, 1902, and *C. volcani* Taylor, 1969.

Caecilia pulchraserrana sp. nov. shares with *C. attenuata* Taylor, 1968, *C. caribea* Dunn, 1942, *C. corpulenta* Taylor, 1968, *C. crassisquama* Taylor, 1968, *C. degenerata* Dunn, 1942, *C. inca* Taylor, 1973, *C. orientalis* Taylor, 1968, *C. pachynema* Günther, 1859, and *C. subdermalis* Taylor, 1968 the absence of secondary annular grooves and the presence of incomplete primary annular grooves. However, the new species can be distinguished from these nine species by having a lower number of primary annular grooves (100–104 vs. 114–199). *Caecilia pulchraserrana* sp. nov. most closely resembles *C. degenerata*, which also lacks subdermal scales, but differs from it in having fewer primary annuli.

Description of holotype. An adult female (Fig. 3). Head dorsoventrally flattened and slightly narrower than body; head width at CM 63% of width at midbody, head width at CM 72% of head length; head length 3.5% of total length; interorbital distance 40% of head width. Snout projects 1.6 mm beyond mouth; tip of snout rounded in dorsal and lateral view (Fig. 3); area between the eye and naris flattened. Eyes visible but small, eye diameter 4% of head length and 13.5% of eye-nostril distance; nares small, margins slightly protuberant, directed posterodorsally, visible from above. Tentacular openings circular and small, slightly raised above skin, laterally positioned near margin of mouth (Type D sensu Lynch 1999, Fig. 3D, E), slightly closer to corner of mouth than to nostrils. Tongue anteriorly attached, surface smooth with some longitudinally oriented grooves. Teeth pointed, recurved, with size decreasing posteriorly; premaxillary-maxillary and dentary teeth monocuspid and visible externally. Premaxillary-maxillary teeth 13, posterior maxillary teeth smaller. Premaxillary-maxillary series extending behind level of choanae. Vomeropalatine teeth 10, monocuspid, relatively uniform, moderately recurved, not visible externally, similar in size. Dentary teeth 12, moderately recurved, faintly larger than premaxillary-maxillary teeth. Choanae subovoid; narial plugs visible (Fig. 3F). Nuchal grooves indistinct dorsally and ventrally, incompletely encircling body with transverse grooves on the collars, in ventral surfaces. First collar shorter than second. Body subcylindrical, slightly deeper than wide (Fig. 3A, B); body width at midbody 4% of total length. Width along body varies slightly, narrower at terminal region. Primary annuli 104 incomplete dorsally and ventrally. Primary annular


Figure 3. Holotype of *Caecilia pulchraserrana* sp. nov. Adult female, IAvH-Am-1548. **A, B** Lateral views of body **C** dorsal **D** ventral **E** lateral views of head **F** Frontal view of cephalic region, the arrow indicates the narial plug **G** dorsal and **H** lateral views of caudal region **I** ventral view of vent.



Figure 4. *Caecilia pulchraserrana* sp. nov. in life. **A** Adult female, paratype, IAvH-Am-15488, TL= 232 mm **B** adult female, paratype, IAvH-Am-15488, TL= 232 mm **C** adult female, holotype, IAvH-Am-15487, TL= 206 mm **D–E** adult female. paratype, UIS-MHN-A-6575, TL= 195 mm.

grooves completely encircling the body. Secondary grooves absent (Fig. 3G–I). Dermal scale pockets absent. Vent circular; disc around vent conspicuous enlarged (Fig. 3I) with seven denticulations anterior, seven nearly equal posterior denticulatios (Fig. 3I); anal papillae absent, and unsegmented terminal shield of 4.9 mm length.

Color in life (Fig. 4): Jaw margins, area between the eye and naris, and tentacular regions pink-orange (salmon); eyeballs completely violet blue (Fig 4b); periorbital region salmon; body dark brownish with thin salmon-colored chromatophores; ventral surface of body slightly paler than dorsum; annular grooves on sides of body slightly darker than general body color.

	IAvH-Am-15490	IAvH-Am-15489	IAvH-Am-15488	IAvH-Am-15487	UIS-MHN-A-6575
	Paratype	Paratype	Paratype	Holotype	Paratype
Sex	М	М	F	F	F
C1/C2	75.9	66.1	70.5	96.4	82.7
TL/D	11.8	11.7	10.0	9.3	10.8
TL/HL	39.9	40.0	48.2	38.1	44.5
TL/ WMB	34.1	35.9	28.3	24.1	31.5
L/HW	36.7	30.8	38.2	27.7	37.8
HL/HW	92.0	77.0	79.2	72.9	85.0

Table 4. Ratios and percentages of measurements of the type series of *Caecilia pulchraserrana* sp. nov. Abbreviations are given in Materials and methods.

Color in preservative (ethanol 70%; Fig. 3): Body dark slate gray dorsally with diffuse khaki chromatophores; jaw margins, rostral and periocular regions yellowish; ventral and lateral surfaces slightly paler than dorsum; vent disk jaw margins and area between the eye and naris yellowish.

Variation of type series (Tables 3, 4). There is little variation among type specimens. Head flattened and slightly narrower than body, head width at CM 58–97% of width at midbody; head width at CM 72–92% of head length; head length 2–4% of total length; interorbital distance 36–50% of head width. Eye diameter 4–8% of the head length and 10–19% of eye-nostril distance. Nares small, slightly protuberant, directed posterodorsally, and visible from above. Premaxillary-maxillary teeth 11–13. Vomeropalatine teeth 9–12. Dentary teeth 10–13. First collar 66–96% of second collar. Body width at midbody 2–4% of total length. Primary annuli incomplete dorsally and ventrally. Secondary grooves and dermal scales absent. Vent circular; disc around with 12–15 anal denticulations. Denticulations usually seven-eight anteriorly, and seven posteriorly, nearly equal in size (Fig. 3I).

Distribution and natural history. *Caecilia pulchraserrana* sp. nov. is currently known from two adjacent, relictual tropical wet forest localities on the western slope of the Cordillera Oriental of Colombia (Serranía de los Yariquíes; Fig. 1) at elevations between 731–789 m a.s.l. The Serrania of the Yariguies corresponds to an isolated mountain range that is part of the western slope of the Cordillera Oriental of Colombia (Fig. 1). Caecilia pulchraserrana sp. nov. is a fossorial species associated with marshy areas surrounded by secondary vegetation at the forest edge (Fig. 6). The specimens were collected during the dry season in very wet soils lacking rocks (i.e., bogs; Fig. 6), in a slightly inclined area (nearly 5° of slope) covered with vegetation of the family Heliconiaceae (*Heliconia* spp., Fig. 6).

Caecilia pulchraserrana sp. nov. was obtained during the initial 10 minutes of removal with a hoe.We extracted the first specimen in intermediate substrates between marshy and dry areas; after 40 minutes of excavation in these selected areas, we obtained four additional specimens. Using these same criteria, when moving two kilometers above the original point, an area with similar characteristics was located and within 20 minutes we collected two additional specimens. *Caecilia pulchraserrana* sp. nov. was collected on black sandy soils with high organic matter content. These caecilians move



Figure 5. Phallus (everted cloaca) of adult males *Caecilia pulchraserrana* sp. nov. **A** Ventro-lateral view (IAvH-Am-15489) **B** Ventro-lateral view of vent and **C** dorsal surface of the phallus (IAvH-Am-15490).



Figure 6. Habitat of *Caecilia pulchraserrana* sp. nov. in the Serranía de los Yariguíes in Santander Department, El Carmen de Chucurí Municipality, vereda La Belleza, Cascajales River, 06°34'8.9"N, 73°34'20.2"W, 789 m a.s.l.. **A** View showing standing water in marshy area **B** Transitional change of wetter (right) to drier (left) microhabitat.

quickly under the substrate, so once the first specimen is detected it is important to quickly create channels to surround and block them from escaping.

Etymology. The specific epithet is formed from the Latin *pulchra* (nominative feminine singular of *pulcher*), meaning beauty, and the Spanish adjective *serrana* (feminine singular of *serrano*), from the sierra or serranía. This specific name refers to the type locality of the species: vereda La Belleza (beauty in English) in the western foothills of the Serranía de Los Yariguíes. The specific name was chosen using a citizen science approach. First, scientists and inhabitants of the El Carmen de Chucurí municipality gathered a list of possible names for the new species. Then, the list of potential names and their meanings was shared with the local people, who voted to choose their preferred name.

Discussion

Phylogenetic relationships

Our description of *Caecilia pulchraserrana* sp. nov. brings the number of known species of *Caecilia* to 35 (Frost 2018). Molecular data are currently available for only six of these species (including the three newly sequenced species analyzed here), which precludes a thorough analysis of the relationships within the genus. Consequently, our phylogenetic analysis (Fig. 2) was designed mainly to test the generic placement of *C. pulchraserrana* sp. nov. in addition to exploring the relationships of *C. isthmica* and *C. thompsoni* (two other species that are endemic to Colombia). Our results recovered *C. pulchraserrana* sp. nov., *C. isthmica*, and *C. thompsoni* within *Caecilia* (Fig. 2), corroborating the generic placement of the new species and the monophyly of the genus, as previously hypothesized by Wilkinson et al. (2011). Our analysis recovered *Oscaecilia* as the sister group of *Caecilia*, which agrees with the results of San Mauro et al. (2014) but disagrees with those of Pyron and Wiens (2011), who instead recovered *Caecilia* as paraphyletic with respect to *Oscaecilia*.

Our phylogenetic analysis only included two mitochondrial loci and a small number of species and should not be considered as a robust resolution of caecilian relationships. Nevertheless, our results highlight several potential cases of non-monophyletic taxa and suggest that a taxonomic revision, including a major generic rearrangement, is warranted. Our study includes, for the first time, the Colombian endemics *Epicrionops* aff. *parkeri* (Rhinatrematidae) and *Microcaecilia nicefori* in molecular phylogenetic analyses. On one hand, recent contributions (Maciel et al. 2018) have allowed taxonomic rearrangements within Rhinatrematidae, with *Rhinatrema nigrum* and *R. bivittatum* being recovered as monophyletic, supporting previous claims (Wilkinson and Gower 2010; Wilkinson et al. 2011; Pyron and Wiens 2011; San Mauro et al. 2014) that *Epicrionops* could be transferred to *Rhinatrema*. Our analysis recovers *Epicrionops* aff. *parkeri* nested within a monophyletic *Epicrionops* (*E. marmoratus*+ *E.* aff. *parkeri* with 89%), which was sister to *Rhinatrema* (Fig. 2), corroborating the results obtained by Maciel et al. (2018).

On the other hand, *Microcaecilia nicefori* was recovered as the sister taxon to a clade formed by the dermophilds *Gymnophis multiplicata* + *Dermophis mexicanus* and the remaining siphonopids, including *Microcaecilia*, *Brasilotyphlus guarantanus*, *Siphonops*, and *Luetkenotyphlus*. In addition, *Microcaecilia* and *Siphonops* were recovered as paraphyletic with respect to *Brasilotyphlus guarantanus* and *Luetkenotyphlus brasiliensis*, respectively (Fig. 2). Recently, Correia et al. (2018) also presented evidence that *Microcaecilia* is paraphyletic with respect to *Brasilotyphlus*. The placement of *Luetkenotyphlus brasiliensis* within *Siphonops* contrasts with results of Pyron and Wiens' (2011) and Maciel et al.'s (2019) analyses that found *Luetkenotyphlus* and *Siphonops* to be sister taxa. Although analyses by San Mauro et al. (2006), San Mauro et al. (2014) and Correia et al. (2018) also recovered *Luetkenotyphlus* and *Siphonops* as sister groups, these studies only included one species of *Siphonops* (*S. annulatus*). Therefore, additional molecular data are needed to clarify the delimitation of these clades.

Consistent with previous findings (i.e., Correia et al. 2018), our phylogenetic analysis recovers Microcaecilia as non-monophyletic. Previously, based on evidence from dentition (relationship between VPs and rows of PM) and orbit (open versus closed orbit), Wilkinson et al. (2013) suggested that some Microcaecilia, including the type species of the genus (Dermophis albiceps Boulenger, 1882; not included herein), are more closely related to *M. nicefori* (*Gymnophis nicefori* Barbour, 1925, the type species of Parvicaecilia, currently in the synonymy of Microcaecilia; analyzed here for the first time) than to other species of Microcaecilia. That is, the position of trans-Andean Microcaecilia nicefori compared to other cis-Andean members of the genus suggests the revalidation of the genus Parvicaecilia. However, our analysis does not represent solid evidence due to several aspects, such as the low number of genes used, the low support values (a bootstrap value of only 45%), and the absence of key terminals, such as the type species of the Amazonian Microcaecilia (M. albiceps (Boulenger, 1882). Thus, inclusion of relevant taxa, such as *M. albiceps*, in future phylogenetic analyses is key to guiding taxonomic changes. At the interfamilial level, our results provide evidence for the first time that Shiphonopidae is paraphyletic with respect to Dermophiidae due to the placement of *M. nicefori* (Fig. 2). Additional, large scale phylogenetic studies are required to rigorously test this finding.

Status of the trans-Andean populations of Caecilia degenerata

Lynch (1999) suggested that Caecilia degenerata is restricted to the Cordillera Oriental of Colombia (Departments of Boyacá, Cundinamarca and Santander). However, morphological and biogeographical evidence suggests that the cis- and trans-Andean populations are not conspecific. The type series was collected at two cis-Andean localities: Garagoa (Boyacá Department), the type locality, and Choachí (Cundinamarca Department), ca. 90 km southwest of the type locality (Dunn 1942). Later, Ruiz-Carranza et al. (1996) and Lynch (1999) examined a series of trans-Andean specimens collected at Muzo (Boyacá Department), Tena and Sasaima (Cundinamarca Department), and Charalá (Santander Department), and referred them to C. degenerata, based on morphological similarity and (presumably) relative geographical proximity. Although the absence of secondary annular grooves, the number of primary annular grooves (127-138 in the cis-Andean populations vs. 123-137 in the trans-Andean populations), and the ratio of length/diameter (32-60 in the cis-Andean populations vs 48-58 in the trans-Andean populations; Ruiz-Carranza et al. 1996, Lynch 1999) are consistent with the hypothesis of conspecific populations. The cis- and trans-Andean populations are isolated by biogeographic barriers that includes high and steep mountains, xerophytic areas, and rainy environments, factors that usually play a fundamental role in the speciation of Andean amphibians (Lynch et al. 1997). To test the conspecificity of the populations of C. degenerata, a more extensive sampling of specimens, populations, and additional

molecular data are required. Finally, although Taylor (1968) recorded specimens of *C. degenerata* in Tomaque (probably in Colombia or Peru) and Río Pache (probably in Peru), we agree with Lynch (1999) that *C. degenerata* is restricted to the (eastern) Cordillera Oriental of Colombia.

Conclusions

Caecilia pulchraserrana sp. nov. is described as an endemic species from the Serranía de los Yariguies. The species is similar to *C. degenerata*, from which it can be distinguished using morphological characters. According to their morphology, we hypothesize there is a group of closely related species that comprises *C. caribea*, *C. corpulenta*, *C. degenerata*, *C. orientalis*, and *C. subdermalis*. The trans-Andean Microcaecilia nicefori is an endemic and poorly known species from Colombia. We provide here the first analysis of molecular data that tests its phylogenetic position. Our results address the need to evaluate with more evidence the status of the genus *Parvicaecilia* Taylor, 1968 (currently under the synonymy of *Microcaecilia*), and the potential non-monophyly of the family Siphonopidae. Further analyses sampling additional taxa and molecular markers are required to establish a more robust classification for Gymnophiona.

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Appendix I

Additional specimens examined in this study. Number of specimens examined of each species in parenthesis.

- Caecilia guntheri (2): COLOMBIA: NARIÑO: La Planada Natural Reserve, 7 km South of Chucunes, 1780 m above sea level; IAvH-Am-1396; RISARALDA: Pueblo Rico Municipality, Vereda Montebello, Montezuma Reserve, 4°33'40.5"N, 74°21'4.9"W, 1650 m above sea level, IAvH-Am-8872.
- *Caecilia isthmica* (1): COLOMBIA: SUCRE: San Benito Abad Municipality, Vereda La Caimanera, site La Caimanera, 9°2'33.7"N, 74°54'17.6"W, 26 m above sea level, IAvH-Am-8246 (tissue IAvH-CT-22982).
- Caecilia subdermalis (10): COLOMBIA: CALDAS: Norcasia Municipality, Hidromiel camp, 5°34'16.4"N, 74°53'24.8"W, 850 m above sea level. IAvH-Am-9663; HUILA, Acevedo Municipality, Cueva de los Guácharos National Natural Park,

1820 m above sea level. IAvH-Am-0687, IAvH-Am-3541, IAvH-Am-3549, IAvH-Am-4316-7, IAvH-Am-4322-23, IAvH-Am-4708, IAvH-Am-5388.

- *Caecilia thompsoni* (1): COLOMBIA: CUNDINAMARCA: La Mesa Municipality, site Payacal, La Gran Via, Tacarcuna Farm, 04°39'6,77"N, 74°25'1.0"W; 1100 m above sea level, MUJ 3713 (tissue IAvH-CT-22986).
- *Epicrionops* aff. *parkeri* (2): COLOMBIA: ANTIOQUIA: municipality of El Carmen de Viboral, vereda El Porvenir, creek afferent to the Melcocho River, 5°54'7.9"N, 75°10'25.6"W, 898 m above sea level, IAvH-Am-14608, IAvH-Am-14609 (tissue IAvH-CT-21477).
- *Microcaecilia nicefori* (1): COLOMBIA: TOLIMA: municipality of Coello, El Neme farm (outside of town), 4°7'12.50"N, 74°55'21.10"W, 327 m above sea level, IAvH-Am-14879 (tissue IAvH-CT-22985).
- *Typhlonectes natans* (2): COLOMBIA: SUCRE: San Benito Abad Municipality, Vereda La Caimanera, site La Caimanera, 9°27'1"N, 74°54'26.7"W, 25 m above sea level, IAvH-Am-8275 (tissue IAvH-CT-22983). NORTE DE SANTANDER: San José de Cúcuta Municipality, Aguasal Creek, Footbridge about 1.2 km northeast of the community of Aguasal, 08°13'05"N, 072°32'31.2"W, 62 m above sea level, IAvH-Am-14559 (tissue IAvH-CT-22984).