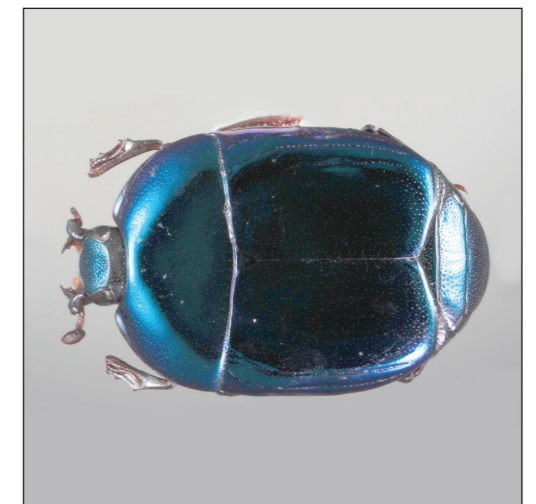




A SYSTEMATIC REVISION OF *BACONIA* LEWIS (COLEOPTERA, HISTERIDAE, EXOSTERNINI)

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