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REVISION OF THE NEOTROPICAL WATER SCAVENGER BEETLE GENUS *NOVOCHARES* GIRÓN & SHORT (COLEOPTERA, HYDROPHILIDAE, ACIDOCERINAE)

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Novochores abbreviatus (Fabricius, 1801)

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