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## A NEW SPECIES OF *CONDYLOSTYLUS* BIGOT, 1859 (DIPTERA: DOLICHOPODIDAE) FROM TANZANIA WITH NOTES ON GENERIC SYNONYMY

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A new species, *Condylostylus danieli* sp. n., is described from Tanzania. New synonymy is established: *Condylostylus* Bigot, 1859 = *Aldabromyia* Meuffels et Grootaert, 2007, **syn. n.** Type species of genus *Aldabromyia* is transferred to *Condylostylus* and new combination is proposed: *Condylostylus plagiochaeta* (Meuffels et Grootaert, 2007), **comb. n.**

KEY WORDS: Diptera, Dolichopodidae, Sciapodinae, *Condylostylus*, new species, new synonymy, Tanzania.

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Из Танзании описан *Condylostylus danieli* sp. n. Установлена новая синонимия: *Condylostylus* Bigot, 1859 = *Aldabromyia* Meuffels et Grootaert, 2007, **syn. n.** Типовой вид рода *Aldabromyia* перенесен в род *Condylostylus* и предложена новая комбинация: *Condylostylus plagiochaeta* (Meuffels et Grootaert, 2007), **comb. n.**

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## INTRODUCTION

The genus *Condylostylus* Bigot, 1859 belongs to the subfamily Sciapodinae and numbers about 300 species, being mainly a Pantropical genus with an extremely high diversity in the Neotropical Region and reaching southern Palaearctic Region in the Far East (Bickel, 1994). Here we describe one peculiar new species from Tanzania, strongly differing from other Afrotropical species in male secondary sexual characters (MSSC). One generic synonym is also proposed for the *Condylostylus*.

## MATERIAL AND METHODS

Morphological terminology follows Robinson and Vockeroth (1981), Stuckenberg (1999), and Sinclair (2000). Body length is measured from the base of the antenna to the tip of abdominal segment 6. Wing length is measured from the base to the wing apex. The relative lengths of the tarsomeres should be regarded as representative ratios and not measurements. Figures showing the male genitalia in lateral view are oriented as they appear on the intact specimen (rotated 180° and lateroflexed to the right), with the morphologically ventral surface of the genitalia facing up, dorsal surface down, anterior end facing right and posterior end facing left.

The following abbreviations are used below: HT – holotype; LT – lectotype; PT – paratype; BMNH – The Natural History Museum, London, United Kingdom; IRSNB – Institut Royal des Sciences Naturelles de Belgique, Brussels, Belgium; MNHN – Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France; NMK – National Museum of Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya; NMN – National Museum of Namibia, Windhoek, Namibia; NMSA – Natal Museum, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa; RMCA – Musée Royal de l'Afrique Centrale, Tervuren, Belgium; TAU – Department of Zoology, Tel Aviv University, Israel.

The holotype and paratypes of the new species described in this paper are deposited in the collection of the Zoological Museum of the University of Copenhagen, Denmark (ZMUC).

## SYSTEMATICS

### Genus *Condylostylus* Bigot, 1859

*Condylostylus* Bigot, 1859: 215. Type species: *Psilopus bituberculatus* Macquart, 1842, by original designation.

*Aldabromyia* Meuffels et Grootaert, 2007: 29, **syn. n.** Type species: *Aldabromyia plagiochaeta* Meuffels et Grootaert, 2007, by original designation.

REMARKS. The diagnosis of the genus *Condylostylus* was provided by Bickel (1994). Afrotropical fauna has been recently studied by Grichanov (1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2003), reaching to 20 species (including new ones and excluding species transferred to *Parentia* Hardy, 1935). They form three distinct species groups that can be diagnosed within the genus as follows.

1. Frons with a strong front vertical bristle arising from hairy mound; fore tibia with 1-2 long apicoventral setae ..... **paricoxa species group** (four species)
  - Frons with a strong front vertical bristle only, with at most one fine hair on small mound; fore tibia without long apicoventral seta ..... 2
2. Wing venation abnormal:  $M_{1+2}$  (fork-handle) strongly curved towards posterior wing margin,  $M_1$  continued nearly in the same line as  $M_{1+2}$  .....
  - ..... **pateraeformis species group** (seven species)
  - Wing with normal female-type venation .... **burgeoni species group** (nine species)

In fact, only *C. paricoxa* species group has all characters typical of generic concept. *C. pateraeformis* species group seems to be confined to Afrotropical Region, while *C. burgeoni* species group is a transitional group between the former two ones (see also discussion in Bickel, 1994). All Afrotropical species of *Condylostylus* have rather similar morphology of hypopygium, but well differing in shape and setation of cercus in combination with leg ornamentation and coloration. Surstyli are greatly reduced in African species (in contrast to American and Oriental species) and have no diagnostic value. When I studied the description of the genus *Aldabromyia* (Meuffels & Grootaert, 2007), I have noted close relation of its generic concept to characters of the *C. burgeoni* species group. I have reexamined a male paratype of *C. skuffini* Grichanov, 1998 (a member of this group, described from Madagascar) and found no differences between this species and description of *Aldabromyia plagiochaeta* (collected from Aldabra Island). I think the two species are possible synonyms. Unfortunately such specific character as small inner pointed lobe on male cercus of *C. skuffini* has not been described and pictured in *A. plagiochaeta*.

Meuffels & Grootaert (2007) have proposed the following combination of characters to distinguish *Aldabromyia* from other sciapodine genera: *tp* (=m-cu) straight; 5 strong *dc*; *acr* short; laterals of scutellum very long; arista (=stylus) dorsal, relatively short, on a small 3rd antennal segment; 2nd antennal segment with only short bristles; cercus of hypopygium bladelike, not lengthened; nearly bristleless legs; on either side of frons only one, weak vertical seta; narrow face; 1st segment of fore tarsus remarkably broadened and flattened.

But all these characters are rather common in Afrotropical *Condylostylus* species. Even such key characters as broad face and hairy frontal mound are described in only four of twenty Afrotropical species. So, I propose here a new generic synonym and a new combination, *Condylostylus plagiochaeta* (Meuffels et Grootaert, 2007), **comb. n.**

***Condylostylus danieli* Grichanov, sp. n.**

Figs. 1–6

TYPE MATERIAL. Holotype – ♂, **Tanzania**: East Usambara, Amani, 1000 m, 30.I 1977 / Zool. Mus., Copenhagen, H. Enghoff, O. Lomholdt, O. Martin [ZMUC]; Paratypes: 1 ♂, 4 ♀, same data, 24-28.I and 6.II 1977 [ZMUC].



Fig. 1. *Condylostylus danieli* sp. n., body, lateral view. Scale bars: 1 mm.

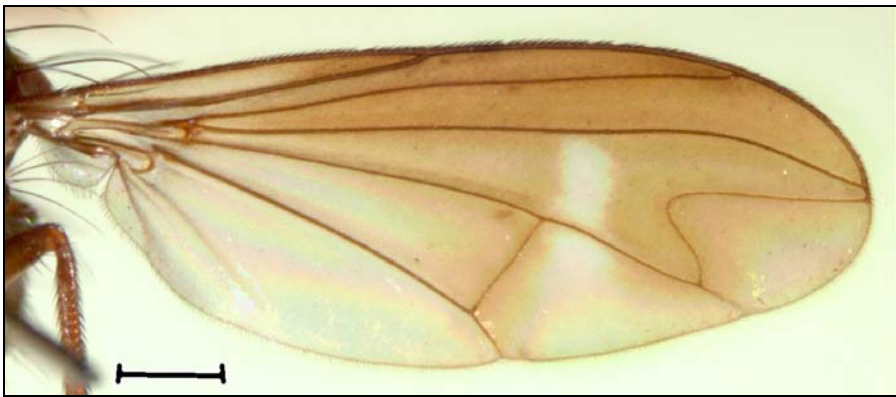


Fig. 2. *Condylostylus danieli* sp. n., wing. Scale bars: 0.5 mm.

DESCRIPTION. MALE. Frons metallic blue-green, shining. A strong front vertical bristle bends forward, arising from mound covered with blackish hairs; postvertical bristle is positioned as a linear continuation of the postocular setal row.

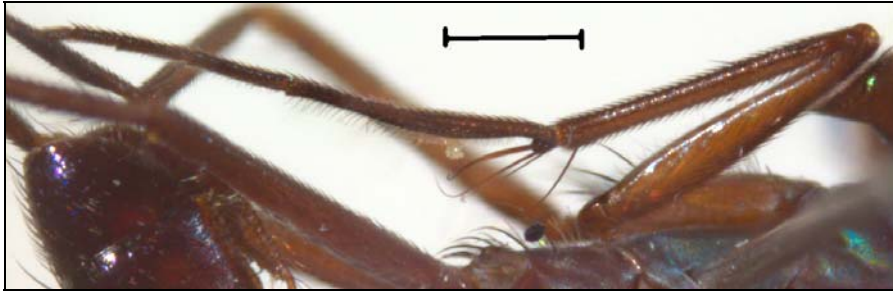


Fig. 3. *Condylostylus danieli* sp. n., fore leg. Scale bars: 0.5 mm.

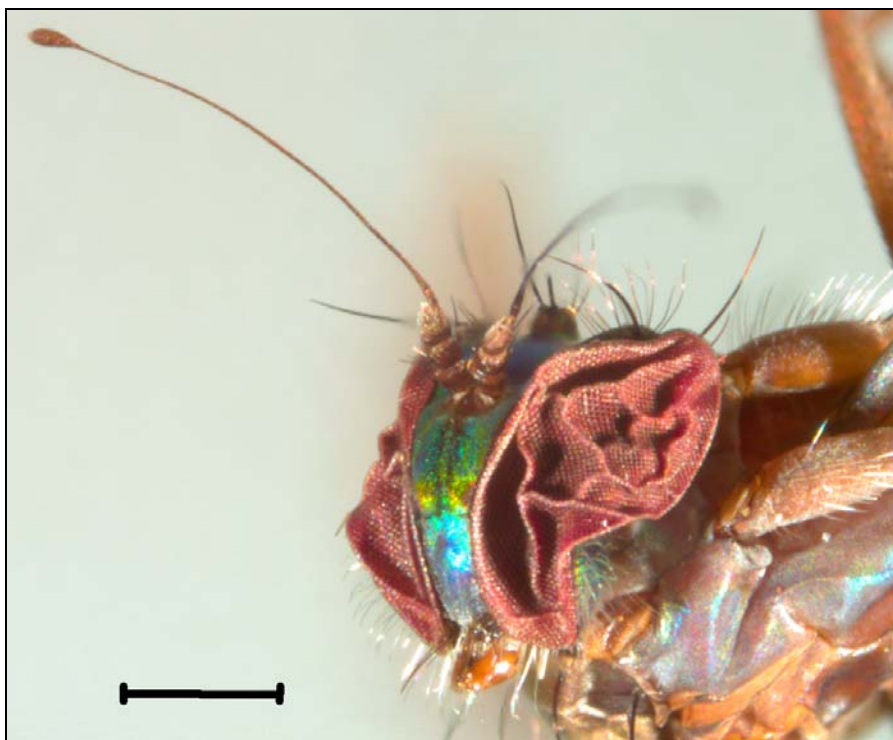


Fig. 4. *Condylostylus danieli* sp. n., head. Scale bars: 0.5 mm.

Ocellar tubercle with a pair of strong setae and pair of hairs. Ventral postcranium covered with irregular white hairs. Face greenish-blue, broad, narrowed apicad, 2 times as high as wide under antennae. Bulging clypeus covered with fine white hairs. Proboscis brown, palpi black, with yellow hairs and black setae. Antennae black. Pedicel with a ring of short bristles, longer on dorsal and ventral sides. Postpedicel subtriangular; stylus dorsoapical, with black oval apical flag as figured.

Mesonotum and scutellum metallic green. Pleura blue-green. Five pairs of dorso-central bristles. Two or three pairs of acrostichals, restricted to anterior 1/2 of mesonotum. Scutellum with two pairs of strong setae.

Legs brown, with blackish brown mid and hind coxae and yellowish brown anterior femur and tibia; last tarsomeres black. Fore coxa from the front with numerous yellow hairs and 3 black subapical setae. Mid coxa anteriorly with light hairs and black cilia. Hind coxa with one black external seta and few light hairs. Femora without strong or long setae; all femora with posteroventral light hairs, about as long as femora diameter, black at apex. Fore tibia with dorsal seta at 1/3 and long fine apicoventral seta. Fore basitarsus slightly swollen in middle half, ventrally flattened along entire length, with one fine and two thick basoventral long setae, half as long as basitarsus. Mid tibia with 2 anterodorsal, 2 posterodorsal and 2-3 apical setae; tarsus simple. Hind leg simple. Fore leg length ratio (from femur to tarsomere 5): 85/85/65/27/20/13/9, mid leg: 100/135/95/27/22/9/7, hind leg: 110/85/41/15/10/6/5.

Wing suboval, widely brown, hyaline along posterior margin, with hyaline transverse stripe behind *m-cu*; veins brown.  $R_{4+5}$  gently curved to  $M_1$  in apical fifth.  $M_{1+2}$  almost straight.  $M_1$  strongly curved basad, forming acute angle with  $M_{1+2}$ .  $M_2$  as a continuation of  $M_{1+2}$ . Ratio of part of costa between  $R_{2+3}$  and  $R_{4+5}$  to that between  $R_{4+5}$  and  $M_1$ , 57/5. Crossvein *m-cu* straight. Ratio of crossvein *m-cu* to apical part of  $M_{1+2}$  (fork-handle) to apical part of  $CuA_1$ , 40/58/18. Anal vein foldlike, anal lobe and alula developed. Anal angle acute. Lower calypter black, with black cilia. Halter (broken in holotype) black; halter stem thin, 2 times longer than knob, with row of setulae in front of knob.

Abdomen thin and long, metallic green-violet, posteriorly entirely violet, with short black hairs and fine setae. First tergite with membranous excavation, longitudinal dorsal furrow and white lateral hairs. 5-6th segments swollen, 7th tergite short. Unmodified segments combined 2 times as long as mesonotum. Hypopygium black, with short black hairs. Cercus brown, long, filiform, slightly swollen at base, covered with numerous fine hairs of equal length along entire length of cercus, and with several stronger basolateral cilia. Cercus 5 times longer than epandrium. Phallosome, surstylus and epandrial lobe small but distinct, typical of the genus.

FEMALE. Similar to male except lacking male secondary sexual characters. Antenna slightly longer than head height, simple; femora with posteroventral hairs, at most half as long as femora diameter; fore tibia with 1-2 dorsal setae in basal half; fore basitarsus with 2-3 short ventral setae; hind tibia with short but distinct dorsal and ventral setae.

Length (mm): male body 4.7; female body 4.3-4.8; antenna 1.7-2.0, postabdomen 2.1; wing 4.1/1.5.

DIAGNOSIS. New species is close to *Condylostylus pseudoparicoxa* Grichanov and *C. paricoxa* Parent as described by Grichanov (1996), but differs from both by entirely black antenna, by almost entirely brown legs, by leg setation, and by hypopygium morphology. Cercus of the new species is remarkably long and thin. Unfortunately, male of *C. paricoxa* was described without postpedicel. Other members of the group have simple antennal stylus. So, at present *C. danieli* is the only Afrotropical species of the genus, having apical flag on antennal stylus.

DISTRIBUTION. Tanzania.

ETYMOLOGY. The species is named for the Australian dipterologist Dr. Daniel Bickel.

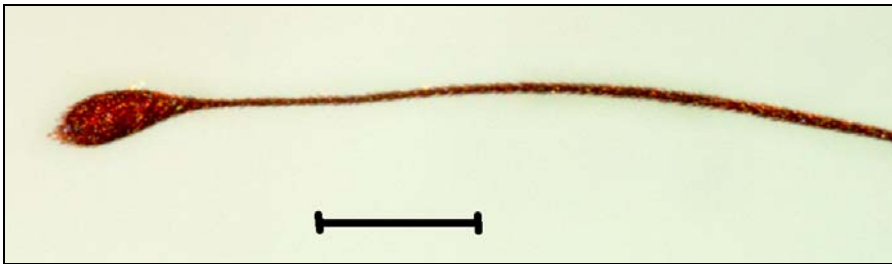


Fig. 5. *Condylostylus danieli* sp. n., apex of antennal stylus. Scale bars: 0.2 mm.



Fig. 6. *Condylostylus danieli* sp. n., apex of abdomen. Scale bars: 0.2 mm.

#### ***Condylostylus pseudoparicoxa* Grichanov, 1999**

MATERIAL. **Tanzania:** 6♂, 3♀, W-USAMBARA Mts., Mazumbai for. res., 1500-1600 m, 25.XI 1996, 3-4.XII 1996 / Exp. O. Biström, M. Nieminen, J. Terhivuo, P. Vilkkamaa [Finnish Museum of Natural History, Helsinki].

### Key to the Afrotropical species of the *paricoxa* species group

1. Fore tibia with 2 long apicoventral setae; fore basitarsus without long basoventral setae ..... 2
  - Fore tibia with 1 long apicoventral setae; fore basitarsus with long basoventral setae ..... 3
2. Fore tibia with a long apicoventral hair in addition to setae; cercus no longer than epandrium; body length 4.2 mm, wing length 4.7 mm ..... ***C. paricoxa* Parent**
  - Fore tibia without additional apicoventral hair; cercus 2 times as long as epandrium; body length 4.4 mm, wing length 4.7 mm ... ***C. sinclairi* Grichanov**
3. Cercus remarkably long and thin, filiform; male antennal stylus with apical flag; legs almost entirely brown; body length 4.3-4.8 mm, wing length 4.1 mm ..... ***C. danieli* sp. n.**
  - Cercus hardly longer than epandrium, biapiculate; antennal stylus simple; legs mostly yellow, with hind tibia brown and hind tarsus black; body length 6.8-6.9 mm, wing length 6.9 mm ..... ***C. pseudoparicoxa* Grichanov**

### List of known Afrotropical species of the genus *Condylostylus*

- basovi*** Grichanov, 1998: 90. HT et 61PT [IRSNB]. Type locality: Madagascar: Tamatave, Morarano-chrome. Distribution: Madagascar.
- beckeri*** Speiser, 1920: 218. Type locality: Cameroon. Distribution: Cameroon.
- burgeoni*** Parent, 1935: 115. HT [RMCA]. Type locality: Congo-Kinshasa: Kivu: Tshibinda. Distribution: Congo-Kinshasa, Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda.
- chaineyi*** Grichanov, 1998: 91. HT et 107PT [IRSNB]. Type locality: Madagascar: Fort Dauphin. Distribution: Madagascar.
- congensis*** Curran, 1927: 263. HT [RMCA]. Type locality: Congo-Brazzaville: Mamybe Lemba. Distribution: Cameroon, Congo-Kinshasa, Congo-Brazzaville, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, Ethiopia, RSA.
- imitans*** (*nec* Curran, 1925): Parent, 1935: 117 (Grichanov, 1998: 81).
- danieli*** Grichanov, **sp. n.** HT et 5PT [ZMUC]. Type locality: Tanzania: East Usambara, Amani. Distribution: Tanzania.
- erroneus*** Grichanov, 2003: 340 (replacement name for *C. imitans* Curran, 1926, *nec* Curran 1925). LT [NMSA]. Type locality: Mozambique: Inhambane. Distribution: Angola, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, RSA, Swaziland, Zimbabwe.
- imitans*** Curran, 1926, *nec* Curran, 1925.
- galinae*** Grichanov, 1996: 218. HT et 3PT [BMNH]. Type locality: Uganda: Ruwenzori Range, Namwamba Valley. Distribution: Uganda, Congo-Kinshasa.
- imitator*** Curran, 1924: 221 (unnecessary replacement for *imitator* Curran) (Grichanov, 1999: 116). HT [NMSA]. Type locality: Zimbabwe: Kandahar. Distribution: Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia, RSA.
- imitans*** Curran, 1925:114 ([unnecessary] new name for *C. imitator* Curran).



- kivuensis* Vanschuytbroeck, 1964:136. HT [RMCA]. Type locality: Congo-Kinshasa: Kamogobe (Sud Masisi). Distribution: Congo-Kinshasa.
- paricoxa* Parent, 1939:267. 1PT [MNHN]. Type locality: Kenya, Rabai. Distribution: Kenya, Zimbabwe, Tanzania.
- pateraeformis* Becker, 1923: 38 (Curran, 1926: 393). Type locality: Uganda. Distribution: Uganda, Cameroon, ?Madagascar, Nigeria, Congo-Kinshasa, RSA, Tanzania, Kenya.
- alter* Becker, 1923: 38. Type locality: South Africa; Uganda.
- plagiochaeta* (Meuffels et Grootaert), 2007: 31 (*Aldabromyia*), **comb. n.** HT, 3PT [IRSNB]. Type locality: Aldabra: Picard. Distribution: Seychelles.
- pseudoparicoxa* Grichanov, 1999: 117. HT et 16PT [RMCA; NMK]. Type locality: Kenya: Taita Hills, Mbololo forest. Distribution: Kenya, Tanzania.
- selectus* Parent, 1931: 43. Type locality: Malawi. Distribution: Malawi, Zimbabwe, Congo-Kinshasa.
- selitskayae* Grichanov, 1998: 94. HT [IRSNB]. Type locality: Congo-Kinshasa: Kasai, Port Francqui. Distribution: Congo-Kinshasa.
- sinclairi* Grichanov, 2000: 401. HT et 36PT [NMN]. Type locality: Namibia: Rundu, Katara Okavango River. Distribution: Namibia.
- skuffjini* Grichanov, 1998: 95. HT et 40PT [IRSNB]. Type locality: Madagascar: Fenerive. Distribution: Madagascar.
- ulrichi* Grichanov, 2000: 403. HT [RMCA]. Type locality: Kenya: Taita Hills, Macha. Distribution: Kenya.
- yaromi* Grichanov, 1999: 119. HT [TAU]. Type locality: Uganda: S.W., Semiliki Forest. Distribution: Uganda.

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## SHORT COMMUNICATION

A. V. Gorochov<sup>1</sup>, S. Yu. Storozhenko<sup>2</sup>. A NEW SPECIES OF THE GENUS *ORTHELIMAEA* KARNY, 1926 (ORTHOPTERA: TETTIGONIIDAE: PHANEROPTERINAE) FROM THAILAND. – *Far Eastern Entomologist*. 2010. N 216: 11-13.

**Summary.** *Orthelimaea bezborodovi* sp. n. is described from Thailand. New species closely related to *O. leeuwenii* (Karny, 1926), but distinguished by the shape of male genital plate and cerci. An additional character separated *Orthelimaea* from genus *Elimaea* is found.

**Key words.** Orthoptera, Tettigoniidae, Phaneropterinae, new species, Thailand.

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**Резюме.** Из Таиланда описан *Orthelimaea bezborodovi* sp. n. Новый вид близок к *O. leeuwenii* (Карны, 1926), но отличается от последнего формой генитальной пластинки и церков самца. Найден дополнительный признак, позволяющий отличать *Orthelimaea* от рода *Elimaea*.

### INTRODUCTION

The genus *Orthelimaea* was described as a subgenus of the genus *Elimaea* Stål, 1874 by Karny (1926). The redescription of *Elimaea leeuwenii* Karny, 1926 from Thailand, a type species of the subgenus *Orthelimaea*, was published by Ingrisch (1998). This redescription allows Gorochov (2009) to treat *Orthelimaea* as a separate genus which differs from *Elimaea* in the straight fore femora and notably larger denticles of ovipositor (in *Elimaea* fore femora S-shaped and ovipositor with small denticles). Both the authors (Ingrisch, 1998; Gorochov, 2009) wrote that the species composition of *Orthelimaea* is in need of serious revision. The discovery of a new species closely related to the *O. leeuwenii* allows us to support the idea about generic status of *Orthelimaea* and to add an additional character in the diagnosis of this genus, i.e. the presence of a small anterodorsal spine at the fore coxae (this spine is absent in majority of representatives of the genus *Elimaea*).

Holotype of a new species is deposited in the Zoological Institute of Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg.

### TAXONOMY

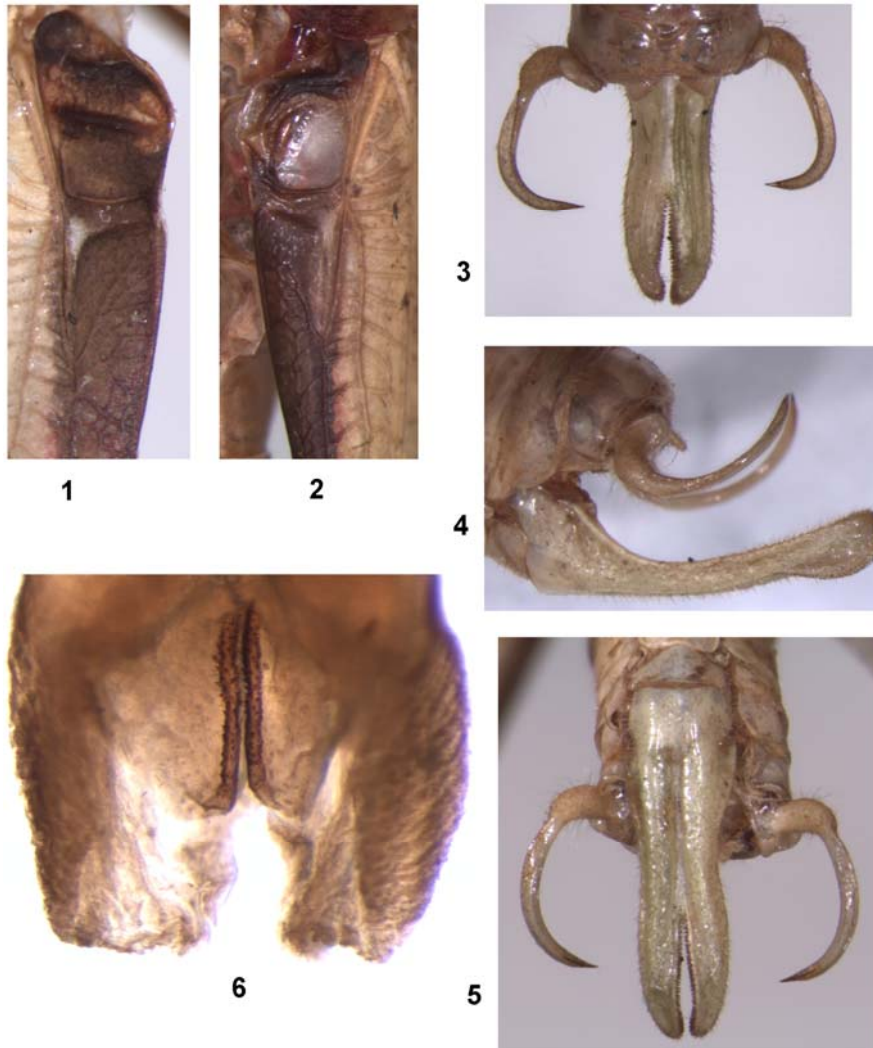
*Orthelimaea bezborodovi* Gorochov et Storozhenko, sp. n.

Figs 1–6

**MATERIAL.** Holotype – ♂, Thailand, Nakhon Savan Prov., 12 km S of Mae Wong, 8-9.VIII 2009, V.G. Bezborodov.

**DESCRIPTION.** Male (holotype). General appearance typical for tribe Elimaecini. Coloration yellowish (possibly greenish in living specimen) with following marks: dorsal surface of head light brown with yellowish lateral ocelli, reddish lines along dorsal half of these ocelli, and three brown stripes behind rostrum (a pair of obliquely longitudinal and one transverse); proximal part of antennae reddish brown with a few yellowish spots and narrow stripes on scape and base of flagellum; pronotum with brown disc and numerous reddish dots on lateral lobes; legs light brown with slightly darker tarsi and hind tibiae; tegmina with brown dorsal field of left tegmen and most part of dorsal field of right tegmen as well as with almost trans-

parent mirror and area near plectrum on latter field. Rostrum of head with narrow median concavity on dorsum and with only dorsal tubercle which narrow, short and directed forwards and slightly upwards; lateral ocelli large, elongate and almost flat. Fore coxae with small anterodorsal spine; all femora with 2 pairs of small apical denticles, several ventral denticles on inner side of fore femora and on outer side of other femora, and one ventral denticle on outer side of fore femora not far from their apex; fore femora straight; fore tibiae with both tympana slit-like; all tibiae with 2 rows of ventral spines, but hind tibiae additionally with 2



Figs 1-6. *Orthelimaea bezborodovi* sp. n., male. 1 – proximal half of dorsal field of left tegmen; 2 – same of right tegmen; 3 – abdominal apex from above; 4 – same from side; 5 – same from below; 6 – genitalia from above.

rows of dorsal spines. Tegmina rather narrow; tegminal *RS* with base in middle part of tegmen and with 4-5 branches; dorsal tegminal fields as in Figs 1, 2. Cerci thin and arcuate, with narrowly acute apex, somewhat thickened basal part and longitudinal concavity on outer side of more distal part; epiproct short, with a pair of posterolateral angular lobes and small hind median projection; genital plate elongate, with moderately deep hind median notch and rather long proximal part before this notch (Figs 3-5). Genitalia with a pair of thin longitudinal sclerites having small (but distinct) denticles (Fig. 6).

FEMALE unknown.

MEASUREMENTS. Length (in mm): body 15.8; body with wings 26.0; pronotum 3.1; fore femora 6.0; tegmina 22.3; hind femora 17.6.

COMPARISON. New species is most similar to *O. leeuwenii* (Karny, 1926), but distinguished by the distinctly longer proximal part of male genital plate before the hind median notch, clearly more strongly curved distal half of male cerci (if to see from above), and more gradually narrowing apical part of male cerci.

ETYMOLOGY. The species is named in honor of its collector.

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## SHORT COMMUNICATION

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**Summary.** *Psorosticha zizyphi* (Lepidoptera: Depressariidae) is found in the south of Iran, Province Hormozgan, near Minab. It is the most northern point of this species widely distributed in South and South-East Asia. The larvae are bred on citrus plant.

KEY WORDS: Lepidoptera, Depressariidae, Iran.

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**Резюме.** На юге Ирана (окрестности Минаба, провинция Хормозган) обнаружен *Psorosticha zizyphi* из семейства плоских молей (Lepidoptera: Depressariidae). Данная находка – самая северная точка ареала этого вида, широко распространенного в Южной и Юго-Восточной Азии. Гусеницы этого вида являются вредителями цитрусовых.

### INTRODUCTION

*Psorosticha zizyphi* (Stainton, 1859) is gelechioid moth from the family Depressariidae. The genus *Psorosticha* Lower, 1901 (type species: *P. acrolopha* Lower, 1901 = *P. zizyphi*) includes 5 species distributed in South-Eastern Asia.

### MATERIAL AND METHODS

Larvae, rolled and damaged leaves of citrus, were collected from Minab, Hormozgan Province of Iran in 2006 by Mrs F. Kamyab. Samples transported to the Department of Entomology, Islamic Azad University, Jahrom branch and reared in plastic cages (24 x 33 x 15 cm) under controlled conditions with 16:8 h (L:D) photoperiod, 27±2 C temperature and 70% relative humidity. The entire of the emerged moths were killed and pinned for identification using. Voucher specimens are deposited in the collection of the Zoological Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences (St. Petersburg), Russia and Department of Entomology, Islamic Azad University, Jahrom branch Fars, Iran.

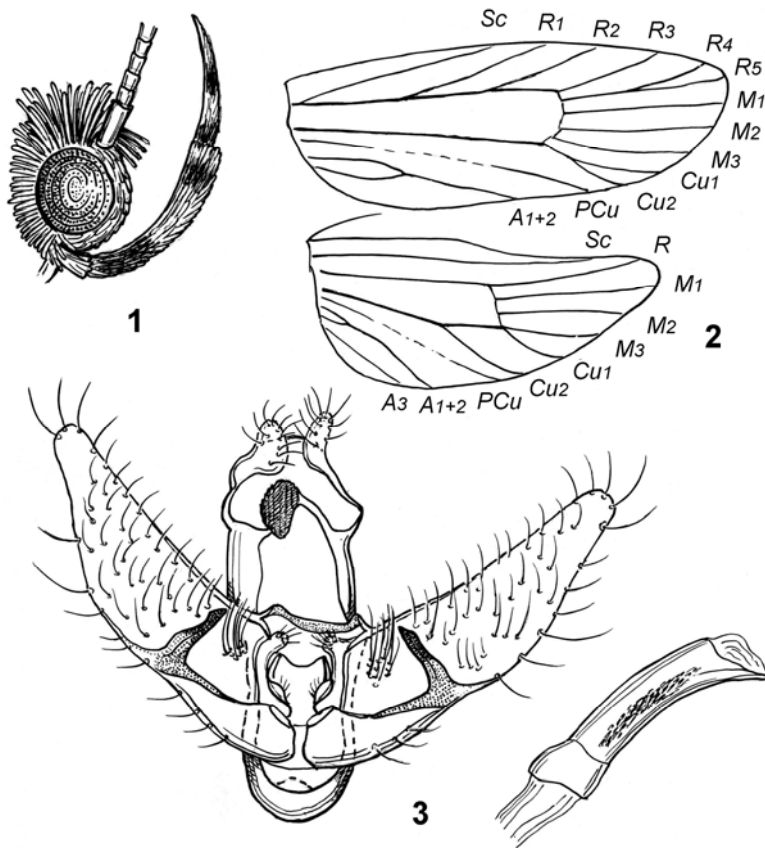
### RESULTS

#### *Psorosticha zizyphi* (Stainton, 1859)

**MATERIAL.** Iran: Hormozgan, Minab, 8-16.IX 2006, 4 ♂ (F. Kamyab leg.).

**GENERAL APPEARANCE.** Forewing length 4,5-5,5 mm, wingspan 10-12 mm. Indian specimens are some larger with wingspan 14-15 mm (Stainton, 1859). Head very pale with faint yellow tint. Labial palpi recurved, very pale with admixture of fuscous scales (Fig. 1). Thorax with mixture of pale yellow and fuscous scales. Forewing ground colour pale yellow with two fuscous points at the discal end of the cell and two another fuscous points in the middle of the cell. Two fuscous points at costal margin. The base of the wing is the same fuscous. Hindwing light grey. Forewing with 13 veins (Fig. 2);  $R_4$  and  $R_5$  stalked,  $R_5$  to the apex.  $Cu_1$  and  $Cu_2$  stalked with short common stem. The loop of  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  is rather long, about one half of the vein. Hindwing with 10 veins;  $R$  and  $M_1$  separate,  $M_3$  and  $Cu_1$  from one point.

MALE GENITALIA (Fig. 3). Socii small, membranous. Gnathos oval knob covered by tiny spines. Valva rather long; sacculus with sclerotized process at distal end. Aedeagus straight, with many small cornuti.



Figs 1–3. *Psorosticha zizyphi*. 1 – head, lateral view; 2 – wings venation; 3 – male genitalia.

**DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS.** *Psorosticha zizyphi* is close to Japanese *P. melanocrepida* Clarke, 1962, but differs from it by the smaller size (wingspan of *P. melanocrepida* is 16-18 mm) and by the absence of small blackish preapical oblique touch on forewing (Clarke, 1962).

**BIOLOGY.** In first description was told “Larva green, with the head dark-brown; feeds on *Zizyphus jujuba*” (Stainton, 1859). Later, the species was known as a pest of citrus. The larvae shelter in longitudinally rolled leaves and damage the young terminal foliage, sometimes seriously (Common, 1990).

**DISTRIBUTION.** *Psorosticha zizyphi* is widely distributed from United Arab Emirates, India, Sri Lanka, China, Vietnam, Philippines, Indonesia, New Guinea and Australia (Meyrick, 1922; Lvovsky, 1988, 2009; Common, 1990, 1996). New record of the species from Iran is the most northern point of its distribution.

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