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> O essencial é saber ver, Saber ver sem estar a pensar, Saber ver quando se vê, E nem pensar quando se vê, Nem ver quando se pensa."

> > (Alberto Caeiro)

"The need to document nature, the need to understand its underlaying regularities, and the need to construct an overall picture remain as today as they every were. Naturalists have a vast catalog to complete and a broad tableau to envision: one that includes and has considerable relevance for that uniquely reflective species, *Homo sapiens*."

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Abstract

The monophyly of Pentatomidae was already highly confirmed. However, the infra-family relationships still need to be clarified. For example, one of the largest taxa of the family, the sub-family Pentatominae is not recognized as a monophyletic group. To solve these problems is necessary to know the diversity of the group as well as to perform cladistics studies at the level of genera and species. In this thesis, five new species of the genus Chloropepla (Pentatominae) are described: C. paveli, C. stysi, Chloropepla sp. nov. 1, Chloropepla sp. nov. 2 and Chloropepla sp. nov. 3. The species are mainly characterized by features of male and female genitalia. An extended key to identification of the species of the genus is provided. The northern distribution of the group is expanded from Venezuela to Costa Rica. A synopsis of Chloropepla is also presented, with an extended description of the genus and diagnosis for the species, both based in a parsimonious analysis of the 12 know species. This cladistics analysis confirmed the monophyly of the group, based on ostiolar ruga long and evanescent, wide hypandrium, with dorsal projections flanking the segment X, parameres cylindrical, dorsally directed, membranous conjunctiva reduced, almost entirely obscured by the phallotheca. The resultant phylogenetic relationship of *Chloropepla* species were submitted to a BPA with the sub-regions and provinces of Neotropical region as terminals. This analysis showed a near relation among the Amazonian areas and indicated a hybrid nature of the Chacoan subregion. Finally, the relationship of eight Pentatominae genera is investigated: Arvelius, Chlorocoris, Chloropepla, Eludocoris, Fecelia, Loxa, Mayrinia and Rhyncholepta. Two parsimony analyses were performed: one based solely on morphological characters and other based on morphological plus ribosomal DNA sequences (total evidence). One fragment of 16S mitochondrial and two of 28S nuclear rDNA were sequenced and analyzed using the direct optimization method. The results of both analysis differed in the

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relationships of the genera. However, some relations are recovered in both cladograms: *Loxa* + *Mayrinia* + *Chlorocoris* (*Monochrocerus*), *Arvelius* + *E. humeralis* + *R. humeralis* and *Chlorochoris* (*Chlorocoris*) + *Fecelia* + *Chlorochoris* (*Arawacoris*). The results here obtained emphasize the necessity of further studies on the use of molecular data in analyses on genera and species levels in Pentatominae. Besides, the homologies also need to be better investigated and tested within Pentatomidae, Pentatominae and tribes levels, based on

Key words: Pentatominae, parsimony, Netropical region, BPA, molecular data.

cladistics studies.

Resumo

Apesar da monofilia de Pentatomidae ter sido amplamente demonstrada, as relações infrafamiliares precisam ser esclarecidas. Por exemplo, um dos maiores táxons da família, a subfamília Pentatominae, ainda não é reconhecido como um grupo monofilético. Para resolver estes problemas é necessário, além de conhecer a diversidade do grupo, realizar estudos cladísticos nos níveis genéricos e cladísticos. Na presente Tese são descritas cinco novas espécies do gênero Chloropepla (Pentatominae): C. paveli, C. stysi, Chloropepla sp. nov. 1, Chloropepla sp. nov. 2 e Chloropepla sp. nov. 3. As espécies são caracterizadas, principalmente, por atributos da genitália de machos e fêmeas. Uma chave ampliada para a identificação das espécies do gênero é fornecida. A distribuição setentrional do grupo é expandida da Venezuela para a Costa Rica. Uma sinopse de Chloropepla também é apresentada, com uma descrição ampliada do gênero e diagnose das espécies, ambas baseadas em análise de parcimônia das 12 espécies conhecidas. Esta análise cladística confirmou a monofilia do grupo, baseada no peritrema ostiolar longo e evanescente, hypandrium amplo com projeções dorsais atingindo o X segmento, parâmeros cilíndricos, dirigidos dorsalmente, conjuntiva membranosa reduzida, quase que inteiramente obscurecida pela phallotheca. A relação filogenética resultante entre as espécies de Chloropepla foi submetida à BPA com as subregiões e províncias da região Neotropical como terminais. Esta análise demonstrou uma relação próxima entre as áreas amazônicas e indicou uma natureza híbrida da sub-região chaquenha. Finalmente, a relação entre oito gêneros de Pentatominae é investigada: Arvelius, Chlorocoris, Chloropepla, Eludocoris, Fecelia, Loxa, Mayrinia e Rhyncholepta. Duas análises de parcimônia foram realizadas: uma baseada somente em caracteres morfológicos e outra baseada em morfologia e em sequências ribossomais (evidencia total). Um fragmento de rDNA mitocondrial 16S e dois de rDNA nuclear 28S foram sequenciados e analisados utilindo-se o método de optimização direta. As análises apresentaram diferentes relações

entre os gêneros. Contudo, algumas relações se mantêm em ambos os cladogramas: *Loxa* + *Mayrinia* + *Chlorocoris* (*Monochrocerus*), *Arvelius* + *E. humeralis* + *R. humeralis* and *Chlorochoris* (*Chlorocoris*) + *Fecelia* + *Chlorochoris* (*Arawacoris*). Os resultados obtidos enfatizam a necessidade de estudos futures sobre o uso de dados moleculares em análises genéricas e específicas em Pentatominae. Além disto, as homologias também precisam ser melhor investigas e testadas, com base em estudos cladísticos, dentro de Pentatomidae, Pentatominae e tribos.

Palavras-chave: Pentatominae, parcimônia, BPA, região Neotropical, dados moleculares.

Introdução

Classificações biológicas devem constituir sistemas de organização do conhecimento a respeito da biodiversidade, servindo de referência para estudos nas diversas áreas da biologia. Neste sentido devem ser estáveis, fornecer condições para previsão da distribuição de caracteres ainda não estudados e reunir a maior quantidade de informação possível a respeito dos grupos a que se referem (Schuh 1986; Amorim 2002; Schuh & Brower 2009), requisitos fortemente atendidos por sistemas filogenéticos de classificação.

A sistemática filogenética tem como objetivo estabelecer um sistema de classificação biológica baseado na relação de parentesco entre os organismos e expressar esses resultados de uma forma clara e acessível (Hennig 1968). Tal sistema, além de gerar classificações, é importante para elucidação de problemas e formulação de hipóteses em diversos campos das ciências biológicas, como estudos da evolução das espécies, estimativas de diversidade, análises de padrões biogeográficos (Amorim 2002; Sigrist & de Carvalho 2009).

Neste sentido, estudos das relações filogenéticas entre diversos grupos têm avançado em relação ao desenvolvimento de metodologias de análise, com destaque para a metodologia cladística, e de novas tecnologias que permitem o acesso a uma ampla gama de caracteres filogeneticamente informativos, entre eles dados moleculares (Mishler 1994; Hillis & Wiens 2000; Wheeler 2005). O uso de dados moleculares em estudos cladísticos possibilitou o acesso a grandes quantidades de caracteres, principalmente em grupos com morfologia muito simples, e facilitou o estabelecimento de homologias entre níveis taxonômicos elevados, pelo menos para genes conservados (Hillis 1987; Mishler 1994; Nei & Kumar 2000). O acesso a esses dados é, porém, limitado pela indisponibilidade de material molecular em espécimes fósseis ou por grupos com pouca disponibilidade de espécimes, como por exemplo, espécies conhecidas apenas a partir de material tipo (Hillis 1987; Hillis & Wiens 2000; Wiens 2004).

Dessa forma, o acesso a uma amostra taxonômica mais completa, que inclua caracteres de fósseis ou de espécies raras, fica condicionado a estudos morfológicos (Hillis 1987; Hillis & Wiens 2000). Além disso, a grande disponibilidade de dados morfológicos já produzidos ao longo de décadas de estudos e o fato de que os grupos são ainda descritos e identificados a partir da sua morfologia, tornam indispensável a utilização e descoberta de caracteres morfológicos em pesquisas sobre evolução e relações filogenéticas (Hillis 1987; Hillis & Wiens 2000; Wiens 2004; Wheeler 2008).

Entretanto, diversos estudos têm evidenciado que as hipóteses de relações filogenéticas mais robustas e bem fundamentadas são aquelas produzidas com o uso de toda a informação disponível (Kluge 1989; Ernisse & Kluge 1993; Kluge & Wolf 1993; Whiting et al. 1997; Kluge 1998; Murrell et al. 2001; Kluge 2004; Mishler 2005). Os principais argumentos a favor dessa abordagem dizem respeito à falta de critérios objetivos no estabelecimento de grupos de caracteres (= partições), o que resultaria em categorias artificiais e a necessidade do estabelecimento de hipóteses que justifiquem os supostos limites atribuídos às partições (Kluge 1989; Ernisse & Kluge 1993; Kluge 1998). A análise de congruência de caracteres pelo princípio da parcimônia, no entanto, dispensa o uso de hipóteses extras (Kluge 1998; Kluge & Grant 2006), sendo que os possíveis ruídos na reconstrução filogenética causados por grupos diferentes de caracteres são minimizados pela análise combinada de todos os caracteres de forma simultânea (Kluge 1989; Mishler 2005). Além disso, a parcimônia é um método robusto, baseado em poucas premissas, facilmente interpretável e aplicável de forma geral e irrestrita a qualquer tipo e quantidade de dados, permitindo evidenciar padrões e elaborar hipóteses em sistemática filogenética com a maior quantidade de informações possível a respeito dos organismos estudados (Ernisse & Kluge 1993; Mishler 1994; 2005; Kluge & Grant 2006).

A superfamília Pentatomoidea e o grupo Chlorocoris

A superfamília Pentatomoidea é representada pelos insetos popularmente conhecidos como percevejos-do-mato. Sua monofilia é amplamente confirmada através de estudos com enfoque cladístico que utilizam dados morfológicos (Gapud 1991; Henry 1997) e moleculares (Li *et al.* 2005). Grazia *et al.* (2008a) reconheceram 15 famílias e corroboraram a monofilia de Pentatomoidea e as relações filogenéticas entre elas com base em dados morfológicos e moleculares; no mesmo trabalho, o monofiletismo de Pentatomidae é definido, porém as relações infra-familiares não são esclarecidas. Resultados semelhantes foram obtidos por outros trabalhos baseados apenas em dados morfológicos (Gapud 1991; Hasan & Kitching 1993).

Pentatomidae é uma das quatro maiores famílias de Heteroptera, com aproximadamente 760 gêneros e 4100 espécies (Schuh & Slater 1995), das quais, a maioria está incluída em Pentatominae (Gapud 1991). Evidências indicam que tanto Pentatominae quanto Pentatomini, a tribo mais diversa dessa subfamília, constituem grupos não monofiléticos (Gapud 1991; Campos & Grazia 2006).

Os problemas de classificação nos níveis infra-familiares podem ser devidos a grande diversidade dos táxons, falta de catálogos modernos e falta de integração entre trabalhos de regiões diferentes do mundo (Schuh 1986; Gapud 1991). Da mesma forma, uma melhor compreensão das relações entre os componentes da subfamília Pentatominae e da tribo Pentatomini, é imprescindível para a definição das relações entre as subfamílias de Pentatomidae.

Trabalhos com ênfase na metodologia cladística, em nível de gênero e tribo, para grupos de Pentatomidae vêm contribuindo para a reunião de elementos que irão auxiliar na resolução dos problemas taxonômicos relativos a este grupo (Grazia 1997; Barcellos & Grazia 2003; Campos & Grazia 2006; Bernardes *et al.* 2009; Ferrari *et al.* 2010).

Rider (2008), em uma proposta não publicada, distribuiu gêneros até então inclusos em Pentatomini em 36 táxons - tribos já nomeadas ou grupos de gêneros que ainda carecem de estudos que confirmem sua monofilia. Entre estes, encontra-se o grupo *Chlorocoris*, composto por oito gêneros: *Arvelius* Spinola, 1837; *Chlorocoris* Spinola, 1837; *Chloropepla* Stål, 1867; *Eludocoris* Thomas, 1992; *Fecelia* Stål, 1872; *Loxa* Amyot & Serville, 1843; *Mayrinia* Horvath, 1925 e *Rhyncholepta* Bergroth, 1911.

Diversos autores indicaram semelhanças entre os gêneros *Chlorocoris*, *Chloropepla*, *Eludocoris*, *Fecelia*, *Loxa*, *Mayrinia* e *Rhyncolepta* (Grazia 1968; Becker & Grazia-Vieira 1971; Grazia-Vieira 1972b; Grazia 1976; Eger 1978; Thomas 1992; 1998) pelo fato de todos, em geral, serem representados por indivíduos de tamanho grande, de coloração verde ou esverdeada, de forma achatada e alongada (Thomas 1992), e por apresentarem espinho dorsal no ápice do fêmur e ângulos umerais prolongados em espinhos (Becker & Grazia-Vieira 1971). Representantes de *Arvelius* também apresentam a morfologia externa geral semelhante aos referidos gêneros, bem como apresentam o espinho dorsal no ápice do fêmur (Brailovsky 1981), sendo referidos por Rider (2008) como proximamente relacionado aos gêneros mencionados.

Além disso, Thomas (1998) sugere que possa haver homologia entre os apêndices (chamados de *hypandria*, *hypandrium* ou apêndices do pigóforo) presentes no bordo ventral do pigóforo em *Chlorocoris*, *Mayrinia*, *Chloropepla*, *Loxa* e *Fecelia*. Tal estrutura é descrita também para *Rhyncholepta* (Becker & Grazia-Vieira 1971).

Arvelius conta com 17 espécies, sendo onze descritas por Brailovsky (1981) por ocasião da revisão do gênero. Destas destaca-se *A. albopunctatus* (De Geer 1773), espécie hóspede de solanáceas, diversas com importância econômica (Bertels 1961, 1962; Bertels & Bauke 1966, Grazia *et al.* 1984, Link & Grazia 1987, Panizzi *et al.* 2000). Além disso, ocorre em soja (*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.) (Panizzi & Slansky 1985). *Arvelius diluticornis* Breddin,

1909 também ocorre em solanáceas e em girassol (Grazia 1977). O gênero foi descrito por Spinola (1837) para a espécie americana *Cimex gladiator* Fabricius, 1775, que foi sinonimizada a *Cimex albopunctatus* De Geer, 1773 por Amyot & Serville (1843), a qual constitui a espécie-tipo do gênero. Brailovsky (1981) dividiu o gênero em dois grupos, baseando-se em caracteres do pigóforo. Recentemente uma nova espécie foi adicionada ao gênero: *A. thomasi* Ortega-Leon & Chavez-Bermeo (2008).

As espécies de *Arvelius* têm distribuição Neártica (sul dos Estados Unidos e México) e Neotropical (com ampla distribuição no continente e nas ilhas do Caribe) (Brailovsky 1981). *A. albopunctatus* é a espécie mais amplamente distribuída (Froeschner 1988).

Chlorocoris possui distribuição Neártica (sul dos Estados Unidos e México) e Neotropical (Thomas 1985). O gênero conta atualmente com 24 espécies, divididas em três subgêneros: Chlorocoris Spinola, 1837, Monochrocerus Stål, 1872 e Arawacoris Thomas, 1998 (Thomas 1985; 1998), sendo que o último foi descrito para uma espécie jamaicana, Chlorocoris tarsalis Thomas, 1998. Chlorocoris complanatus (Guérin, 1831) é citada como ocorrendo sobre magnólia e guanxuma branca (Helicteres sp.) (Grazia 1977), e C. tau Spinola, 1837 ocorre em diversas plantas cultivadas, como feijão, soja e fumo (Link & Grazia 1987).

Chloropepla foi descrito por Stål (1867) para Loxa vigens Stål, 1860. Em 1968, Grazia descreveu a segunda espécie do grupo, C. lenti, com base em espécimes venezuelanos. Com isso, a distribuição do gênero, que tinha registro apenas para o Brasil, foi ampliada. A terceira espécie descrita foi C. nigrispina Grazia, 1969. Esta espécie foi mais tarde sinonimizada a Chlorocoris aurea Pirán, 1963, a qual foi transferida para o gênero Chloropepla (Grazia-Vieira 1971). No mesmo trabalho foi descrita C. pirani Grazia-Vieira, 1971. Novas descrições de espécies e contribuições ao grupo foram dadas posteriormente por Grazia-Vieira (1972a), Grazia-Vieira (1973a), Grazia & Teradaira (1980) e Grazia (1987).

Mais recentemente cincos novas espécies foram descritas, para as regiões Norte, Nordeste e Centro-Oeste do Brasil, Venezuela e Costa Rica (Grazia *et al.* 2008b; Greve *et al.* submited). Atualmente *Chloropepla* possui doze espécies descritas, com distribuição Neotropical (América do Sul).

Eludocoris é um gênero monotípico (E. grandis), descrito com base em espécimes da Costa Rica, por Thomas (1992).

Fecelia foi eregido para abrigar Loxa minor Vollenhoven, 1868 (Grazia 1976), Atualmente, o grupo possui quatro espécies, com distribuição registrada para Haiti, República Dominicana, Porto Rico, Trinidad, Santo Domingo e Maraval (Grazia 1976; Eger 1980; Grazia 1980).

Loxa, descrito para Cimex flavicollis Drury, 1773, reúne 10 espécies, com distribuição registrada desde o sul do Texas e da Flórida, até o Uruguai, Argentina e sul do Brasil (Eger 1978). Diversas espécies podem ser pragas primárias ou secundárias de diferentes culturas. Destaca-se L. deducta Walker, 1867, como hóspede de leguminosas, como pata-de-vaca (Bauhinia candicans Benth.) (Link & Grazia 1987), soja (Glycine max) (Panizzi & Slansky 1985) e leucena (Leucaena leucocephala (Lam.) de Wit) (Panizzi & Rossi 1991). Além disso, sua ocorrência é registrada em bergamoteira (Citrus reticulata L.) (Panizzi & Rossi 1991) e ligustro (Ligustrum lucidum W. T. Aiton) (Panizzi et al. 1998; Grazia & Frey-Da-Silva 2001). Loxa flavicolis também tem ocorrência registrada para G. max (Panizzi & Slansky 1985) e tomateiro (Grazia 1977). Loxa picticornis foi registrada ocorrendo sobre algodoeiro (Grazia 1977). Trabalhos referentes à morfologia de imaturos e biologia de espécies de L. deducta, L. virescens, L. viridis e L. flavicollis já foram realizados (Panizzi & Rossi 1991; Brailovsky et al. 1992; Grazia & Frey-Da-Silva 2001).

Mayrinia Horvath foi descrito para reunir quatro espécies de Loxa, sendo a espécie tipo L. curvidens Mayr, 1864. Grazia-Vieira (1972b) revisou o gênero, sinonimizando M.

bartletii (Distant, 1911) (descrita com base em um único exemplar de fêmea) e *M. variegata* (Distant, 1880) (descrita com base em um exemplar macho e outro não-identificado). O gênero conta hoje com apenas quatro espécies e tem distribuição registrada desde a Nicarágua até a Argentina (Grazia-Vieira 1972b; 1973b). Algumas espécies de *Mayrinia* ocorrem sobre plantas cultivadas, como trigo (Grazia, comunicação pessoal). *Mayrinia curvidens* tem ocorrência registrada sobre soja e arroz (Panizzi & Slansky 1985; Link & Grazia 1987) e solanáceas (Grazia 1977).

Rhyncholepta Bergroth tem ocorrência pouco frequente, sendo conhecidas duas espécies com distribuição registrada para Panamá, Venezuela, Guiana Francesa, Brasil e Bolívia (Becker & Grazia-Vieira 1971).

O presente trabalho de tese foi estruturado na forma de capítulos, cada qual correspondendo a um artigo elaborado dentro de regras específicas de periódicos a que foram ou serão submetidos. Os dois primeiros artigos apresentam a descrição de cinco novas espécies de *Chloropepla* e ambos apresentam chaves de identificação para as espécies.

O terceiro capítulo consiste da sinopse do gênero *Chloropepla*. A análise cladística das espécies é apresentada, bem como uma descrição ampliada do gênero e diagnoses das espécies. Ainda, os dados de distribuição associados à filogenia de *Chloropepla* foram submetidos a uma análise de parcimônia de Brooks (BPA), para discussão dos padrões de distribuição do gênero associados à história evolutiva da região Neotropical.

O quarto capítulo traz a análise cladística de gêneros do grupo *Chlorochoris*, utilizando-se caracteres morfológicos e moleculares. São apresentados dois cladogramas: um resultante da análise apenas com dados morfológicos e outro resultante da análise da evidência total. As análises apresentaram diferentes relações entre os gêneros. Contudo, algumas se mantêm em ambos os cladogramas: *Loxa* + *Mayrinia* + *Chlorocoris* (*Monochrocerus*), *Arvelius* + *E. humeralis* + *R. humeralis* and *Chlorochoris* (*Chlorocoris*) + *Fecelia* + *Chlorochoris*

(*Arawacoris*). Os resultados obtidos enfatizam a necessidade de estudos futures sobre o uso de dados moleculares em análises genéricas e específicas em Pentatominae. Além disto, as homologias também precisam ser melhor investigas e testadas, com base em estudos cladísticos, dentro de Pentatomidae, Pentatominae e tribos.

Material e Métodos

A descrição das espécies novas foi realizada a partir de espécimes depositados nas seguintes coleções: American Museum of Natural History, New York, New York, United States of America (AMNH), Coleção Zoológica Prof. Paulo Bürnheim, Fundação Universidade do Amazonas, Manaus, Amazonas, Brasil (CZPB), Fundação Instituto Oswaldo Cruz, Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil (FIOC), Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad, Santo Domingo de Heredia, Costa Rica (INBC), Museu de Ciências Naturais, Fundação Zoobotânica do Rio Grande Sul, Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil (MCNZ), Museu Paraense Emilio Goeldi, Belém, Pará, Brasil (MPEG), National Museum of Natural History, Washington D.C., United States of America (NMNH), Departamento de Zoologia, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil (UFRG).

Realizou-se a descrição da morfologia geral e de genitália interna e externa de ambos os sexos, quando espécimes suficientes eram disponíveis. Para as dissecções utilizou-se solução de KOH 10% ou supersaturada, com posterior coloração com vermelho congo e/ou clorazol black, quando necessário. Ilustrações foram confeccionadas com uso de câmara clara acoplada ao estereomicroscópio e posteriormente editadas no Adobe Photoshop® CS2. Tais procedimentos foram empregados também nos dois últimos capítulos. Adicionalmente, para estes trabalhos foram obtidas eletromicrografias de varredura (Centro de Microscopia da Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul) e imagens digitais em diversos planos

produzidas com câmera digital acoplada ao esteromicroscópio, posteriormente compostas com o programa Helicon Focus[®]

As análises cladísticas foram baseadas no princípio da parcimônia, utilizando-se sempre o método de comparação com o grupo externo (Nixon & Carpenter 1993) para construção dos cladogramas. A construção das matrizes de caracteres morfológicos, bem como a edição dos cladogramas foram realizadas com utilização do programa Winclada (Nixon 2002). As análises numéricas de caracteres morfológicos foram feitas com o uso do programa TNT (Goloboff *et al.* 2008), com as opções de busca "implicit enumeration" (terceiro capítulo) e "tradicional search" (quarto capítulo).

No terceiro capítulo (Sinopse de *Chloropepla*), dados de distribuição das espécies de *Chloropepla* foram obtidos a partir de espécimes analisados e da literatura. Coordenadas das localidades foram buscadas em bases de dados disponíveis on-line, como Global Gazetteer (Falling Rain Genomics 2009), World Gazetter (2009), Gazetteer of Costa Rican Plant-Collecting Locales (MOBOT 2007). Esses dados submetidos a uma Análise de Parcimônia de Brooks (Brooks *et al.* 2001), utilizando as áreas propostas por Morrone (2006) para a região Neotropical, modificadas por Nihei & de Carvalho (2007) como terminais. Para tanto, as matrizes foram construídas e os cladogramas editados utilizando-se o Winclada. A análise de parcimônia foi realizada com o TNT, com o algoritmo "implicit enumeration".

No quarto capítulo, sequências de três fragmentos de rDNA foram utilizadas: um da subunidade 16S de rDNA mitocondrial, e dois da sub-unidade 28S de rDNA nuclear. Estes foram obtidos através de extrações não destrutivas a partir de partes do corpo dos insetos (pernas preservadas em álcool) ou a partir de espécimes inteiros preservados a seco, provenientes de coleções. As extrações a partir das pernas foi feita com QIAGEN DNeasy Blood & Tissue Kit[®], enquanto as extrações de espécime inteiro seguiram a metodologia proposta por Gilbert *et al.* (2007). Procedimentos padrão de amplificação dos fragmentos

extraídos foram adotados (PCR) e sequências foram obtidas junto ao Laboratório de Seqüenciamento da University of North Dakota, em Grand Forks, Estados Unidos.

A análise da evidência total foi realizada utilizando-se o programa POY 4.1.2 (Varón *et al.* 2010), com a seguinte linha de comando: build (500) swap () fuse (iterations: 50, swap (trees: 20)) select ().

Resultados e Considerações Finais

A partir do presente trabalho, cinco novas espécies foram adicionadas ao gênero *Chloropepla*. Com isso, a distribuição norte do grupo foi ampliada da Venezuela para a Costa Rica.

Chloropepla constitui um grupo monofilético, suportado por peritrema ostiolar longo e evanescente; hypandrium típico bem desenvolvido, com projeções dorsais ladeando o segmento X, parâmeros cilíndricos e conjuntiva reduzida e membranosa. O BPA indicou uma relação próxima entre as áreas Amazônicas e a natureza híbrida da sub-região Chaquenha.

A monofilia do grupo *Chlorocoris* não foi confirmada. No entanto, a proximidade de três grupos foi estabelecida, já que os mesmos foram recuperados tanto na análise morfológica quanto na de evidência total: a) *Loxa* + *Mayrinia* + *Chlorocoris* (*Monochrocerus*), b) *Chlorocoris* (*Chlorocoris*) + *Chlorocoris* (*Arawacoris*) + *Fecelia*, e c) *Arvelius* + *E. humeralis* + *R. humeralis*. Na definição dos dois primeiros grupos destaca-se a importância dos caracteres de genitália de macho como forma do hypandrium, forma do parâmero e ausência de conjuntiva. No terceiro grupo (*Arvelius* ++), os caracteres mais importantes na formação do grupo foram carena do metasterno elevada, ventre abdominal com quilha longitudinal e vesica curta.

Tanto a análise baseada em caracteres morfológicos quanto a baseada em evidência total suportam a remoção de *Chlorocoris* (*Arawacoris*) tarsalis do gênero *Chlorocoris*. A partir dos dados aqui apresentados, uma nova classificação deverá ser proposta.

Estudos adicionais são necessários para esclarecer a utilidade de caracteres moleculares em análises cladísticas de Pentatomidae e Pentatominae nos níveis de gênero e espécie.

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Two new species of the genus *Chloropepla* (Hemiptera: Pentatomidae: Pentatominae) from Brazil*)

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Abstract. Chloropepla paveli sp. nov. and C. stysi sp. nov., from Brazil are described, based on the morphology of genitalia for both sexes. Prior to this study, the genus was represented in Amazon region as well as in southern and southeastern Brazil. The addition of the two species described in this paper extends the known geographical distribution to northeastern and central areas of Brazil. A key to the species of Chloropepla is presented.

Key words. Heteroptera, Pentatomidae, *Chloropepla*, morphology of genitalia, taxonomy, new species, Neotropical region, Brazil

Introduction

Chloropepla was described by Stal (1867) to include Loxa vigens Stål, 1860, based on the long and evanescent ostiolar rugae (short and truncated in Loxa Amyot & Serville, 1843) and, on the obsolete or absent dorsal sulcus towards the apex of tibiae (dorsaly sulcated in Loxa). Six new species were added to the genus as follows: Grazia (1968) described C. lenti from Venezuela; Grazia-Vieira (1969) described C. nigrispina from Bolivia and Peru, later synonymized to C. aurea (Pirán, 1963) (Grazia-Vieira 1971); Grazia-Vieira (1971) described C. pirani from Bolivia; Grazia-Vieira (1973) described C. rolstoni from French Guiana; Grazia & Teradaira (1980) described C. tucuruiensis from northern Brazil; Grazia (1987) described C. dollingi from Guyana and northern Brazil. The species color varies from reddish-brown to yellowish in dry preserved specimens; probably green in life. The general shape is oval and the size ranges from 10 mm to 16 mm, approximately; triangular head, with

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juga surpassing tylus, slightly juxtaposed at apex, rounded; humeral angles produced or not into spines. Diagnostic characters for the genus are of male genitalia: all the species present a well developed hypandrium; the conjunctiva is membranous and reduced (completely obscured by the phallotheca); a collar-like process at the base of the vesica is always present. The last two features seem to be unique for the genus.

Chloropepla is considered close related to Loxa, Chlorocoris Spinola, 1837, Fecelia Stål, 1872, Mayrinia Hováth, 1925, Eludocoris Thomas, 1992, and Rhyncholepta Bergroth, 1911 for characteristics of general morphology (Grazia 1968, 1976; Becker & Grazia-Vieira 1971; Grazia-Vieira 1972; Eger 1978; Thomas 1992, 1998). The phyllogenetic analyses of this group of genera, as well as a synopsis of the genus Chloropepla, are in preparation.

In this paper, two new species are described from Brazil (Amazonas, Rio Grande do Norte, Tocantins and Minas Gerais states). A key to the species, complementing the one included in Grazia & Teradaira (1980) is offered.

Material and methods

The description was based on nine specimens, six males and three females, which belong to the following collections:

- CZPB Coleção Zoológica Prof. Paulo Bürnheim, Fundação Universidade do Amazonas, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil:
- FIOC Fundação Instituto Oswaldo Cruz, Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil;
- MCNZ Museu de Ciências Naturais, Fundação Zoobotânica do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil;
- UFRG Departamento de Zoologia, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.

General and genitalic morphology were illustrated using stereomicroscope and drawing tube; genitalia were cleared with 10% KOH and stained with Congo Red. Genitalic terminology followed Grazia (1968), Dupuis (1970) and Schaefer (1977). Morphometric parameters measured: total length, abdominal width, head length, head width, interocular distance, lengths of antennal segments I to V, lengths of rostral segments I to IV, pronotal length, pronotal width, scutellum length, scutellum width. Measurements (mean ± standard deviation, when available) are given in millimeters; size proportion of both species were defined by comparison with other species of *Chloropepla*.

Key to the species of Chloropepla

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Figs. 1-2. $1 - Chloropepla\ paveli\ sp.\ nov.\ (male\ holotype).\ 2 - C.\ stysi\ sp.\ nov.\ (male\ holotype).\ Scale\ bars = 2\ mm.$

3,	Humeral angles acute, not produced into spines (Grazia 1968: 197, Fig. 1)
4	Apices of femora with a slightly produced spine
4'	Apices of femora inconspicuously produced
5	Ventral rim of pygophore excavated in 'V' mesially; marginal process of dorsal rim of pygophore laminar, laterotergites 8 with acute apex
5°	Ventral rim of pygophore excavated in 'U' mesially; marginal process of dorsal rim of pygophore digitiform; laterotergites 8 rounded at apex
6	Anterior tooth of bucculae absent
6'	Anterior tooth of bucculae present
7	Humeral angles bordered by black (Grazia-Vieira 1973: 14, Fig. 1).
7°	Humeral angles not bordered by black
8	Ventral process of hypandrium bilobate (Fig. 6); posterior margins of gonocoxites 8 slightly convex (Fig. 16)
8,	Ventral process of hypandrium digitiform (Grazia 1987: 474, Fig. 3); posterior margins of gonocoxites 8 concave (Grazia 1987: 474, Fig. 8)

Taxonomy

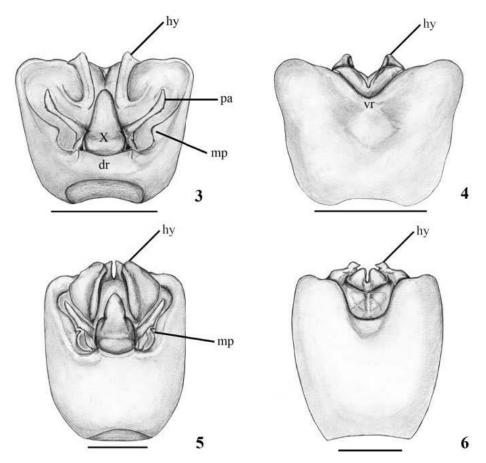
Chloropepla paveli sp. nov.

(Figs. 1, 3-4, 7-10, 15)

Type locality. Brazil, Tocantins: Palmas, Sa do Lageado, Fazenda Céu.

Type material. HOLOTYPE: ?, BRAZIL: 'Tocantins, Palmas, S' do Lageado, Fazenda Céu, xi.1992, Exp. MCN-MZSP' (MCNZ 6-96). Paratypes: BRAZIL: 2 ??, 'Rio Grande do Norte, Natal, iii.1952, M. Alvarenga' (FIOC); 1 \$\frac{1}{2}\$, 'Minas Gerais, B[elo] H[orizonte] / Campus UFMG / 3.viii.1978 / Edelberto Dias col.' (UFRG).

Diagnosis. Small size (10-12 mm), general color yellowish in dry preserved specimens; body punctures concolorous. Humeral angles acute, but never produced into spines. Pygophore trapezoidal, dorsal rim strongly concave; marginal processes of dorsal rim subtriangular, rounded



Figs. 3-6. Male external genitalia. 3-4 – *Chloropepla paveli* sp. nov., pygophore. 3 – dorsal view; 4 – ventral view. 5-6 – *C. stysi* sp. nov., pygophore. 5 – dorsal view; 6 – ventral view. Scale bars = 1 mm (dr – dorsal rim; hy – hypandrium; mp – marginal process of dorsal rim; pa – paramere; vr – ventral rim; X – segment X).

at apex. Hypandrium with an apical process ventrally produced; lateral margins of hypandrium dorsally produced and slightly extended posteriorly. Paramere cylindrical, elongated, apex slightly spatulated; apical and medial spines present, close to each other at apical third of the outer surface. Segment X ogival, surface of basal two thirds strongly concave. Phallotheca without process. Vesica tubular and narrow. Gonocoxites 8 quadrangular, surface convex; posterior margin slightly convex, apical third of sutural margins divergent. Laterotergites 8 and 9 with apical angles rounded; laterotergites 9 not surpassing laterotergites 8.

Description. General body shape oval (Fig. 1), small in size (male length: 10.4 ± 0.5 , width 5.8 ± 0.2 ; female length: 11.3; width: 6.1).

<u>Coloration</u>. Dry preserved specimens yellowish, probably green in life, punctures concolorous.

Head. Triangular in shape, 0.5 times longer than wide (males head length: 2.1 ± 0.2 ; female: 2.1 – males head width: 1.7; female: 1.8 – males interocular distance of: 1.5 ± 0.1 ; female: 1.6). Juga surpassing clypeus, slightly juxtaposed at apex, rounded; lateral margins sinuate. Proportion of antennal segments: I < II < III < IV ≈ V (males antennal segments length: $I = 1.0\pm0.1$; $II = 1.3\pm0.1$; $III = 1.7\pm0.3$; $IV = 2.2\pm0.2$; V = 2.1; females: I = 1; II = 0.88; III = 2.08; IV = 2.04). Bucculae evanescent at base of head; anterior angle rounded; first rostral segment slightly surpassing bucculae. Rostrum surpassing metacoxae; proportion of rostral segments: I < II > III > IV (males rostral segments length: $I = 1.0\pm0.1$; III = 1.5; $III = 1.3\pm0.1$; III = 1.5; III = 1.8; III = 1.4; IIV = 1.1).

<u>Pronotum</u>. Trapezoidal, anterior half slightly declivent, punctures denser; cicatrices immaculate. Basal two thirds of anterolateral margins crenulated. Anterior margin concave, behind the eyes truncated. Humeral angles acute, but not produced into spines. Pronotum length: males 1.9 ± 0.1 ; females 2.0; pronotum width: males 5.9 ± 0.2 ; females 5.8.

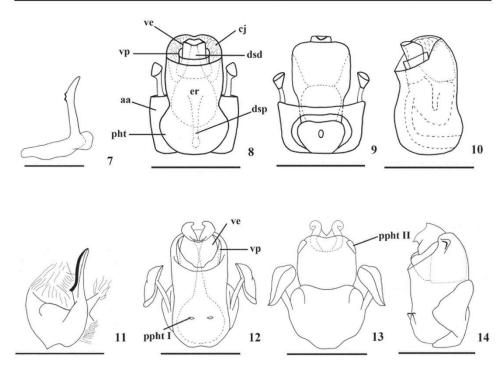
<u>Scutellum</u>. Apex rounded; punctures uniformly distributed. Scutellum length: males 3.7 ± 0.2 ; female: 3.9; scutellum width: males 3.3 ± 0.1 ; females: 3.4.

Hemelytra. Wide, almost covering connexiva completely. Corium uniformly punctured; apical angle of corium rounded, reaching apex of connexivum VII; yellowish callus at apex of radial vein present.

<u>Thoracic venter</u>. Ostiolar rugae attaining nearly ³/₄ of metapleura, ostiolar orifice elliptical. Distal spine of dorsal face of femur slightly produced; at least distal ¹/₂ of tibiae dorsally sulcated.

<u>Abdominal venter</u>. Slightly convex; anterior margins of spiracles surrounded by yellowish callus.

Male genitalia (Figs. 3-4, 7-14). Pygophore trapezoidal, dorsal rim strongly concave dorsally (Fig. 3; dr), dorsal wall reduced, more or less ¼ the total length of pygophore. Marginal processes of dorsal rim subtriangular (Fig. 3; mp), rounded at apex. Median excavation of ventral rim V-shaped in ventral view (Fig. 4; vr). Hypandrium more or less quadrangular, with an apical process ventrally produced; lateral margins of hypandrium dorsally produced and slightly extended posteriorly (Figs. 3-4; hy). Paramere cylindrical, elongated, apex slightly spatulated; apical and medial spines present, close to each other at apical third of the outer surface (Fig. 7). Segment X ogival; surface of basal two thirds strongly concave and with lateral margins carinated (Fig. 3; X).



Figs. 7-14. Male external and internal genitalia. 7-10 – *Chloropepla paveli* sp. nov. 7 – right paramere, dorsal view; 8 – phallus, dorsal view; 9 – phallus, ventral view; 10 – phallus, lateral view. Scale bars = 0.5 mm. 11-14 – *C. stysi* sp. nov. 11 – right paramere, dorsal view; 12 – phallus, dorsal view; 13 – phallus, ventral view; 14 – phallus, lateral view. Scale bars = 1 mm (aa – articulatory apparatus; cj – conjuntiva; dsd – ductus seminis distalis; dsp – ductus seminis proximalis; pht – phallotheca; ppht I – processus phallothecae I; ppht II – processus phallothecae II; ve – vesica; vp – vesica collar process).

Articulatory apparatus about half the length of phallotheca (Figs. 8-9; aa). Phallotheca subcylindrical, wide opened dorsally; without process (Fig. 8). Conjuntiva reduced, completely obscured by phallotheca (Figs. 8-10; cj). Vesica tubular, narrow; basal portion surrounded by a collar-like process (Figs. 8-10; ve, vp).

<u>Female genitalia</u> (Fig. 15). Gonocoxites 8 quadrangular and convex; posterior margin slightly convex, apical third of sutural margins divergent (Fig. 15; gc8). Apical angles of laterotergites 8 and 9 rounded (Fig. 15; la8, la9); laterotergites 9 not surpassing laterotergites 8. Gonocoxites 9 trapezoidal, posterior margins concave (Fig. 15; gc9). Female not dissected. **Differential diagnosis.** This species can be distinguished from other species of *Chloropepla* by characters of male and female genitalia. In males the parameres have the apex slightly spatulated; apical and medial spines present, close to each other at apical third of the outer surface (Fig. 7) and hypandrium is more or less quadrangular, with an apical process ventrally produced; lateral margins of hypandrium dorsally produced and slightly extended posteriorly (Figs. 3-4). The shape of gonocoxites 8 and apex of laterotergites 8 not produced into spines (Fig. 15) separate the female of *C. paveli* sp. nov. from the remaining species.

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Etymology. This species is dedicated to Prof. Pavel Štys for his great contribution to the knowledge of the heteropterous insects.

Bionomics. Unknown.

Distribution. Chloropepla paveli sp. nov. is distributed in the north, northeastern and southeastern Brazil, occurring in Tocantins, Rio Grande do Norte and Minas Gerais states (Fig. 18).

Chloropepla stysi sp. nov. (Fig. 2, 5-6, 11-14, 16-17)

Type locality. Brazil, Amazonas: Coari, Rio Urucu.

Type material. Holotype: ♂, BRAZIL: 'Amazonas, Coari, Rio Urucu, Ig. Marta-3, 4°50′0.73″ S 65°02′37″ W 14-25.viii.1993, P.F. Bührnheim et al. col., à luz mista de mercúrio' (CZPB). Paratypes: ♀, same label data as holotype (CZPB); BRAZIL: ♂, 'Amazonas, Rio Urubu, 2°10′S 59°49′W, 08-09.v.1983, P. Buhrnheim, N. Otaviano & F. Peralta col.' (CZPB); ♂, 'BRAZIL, Amazonas, Coari, Rio Urucu, LOC − 09°, 4°51′56″ S 65°04′56″ W, 25.i.-10.ii.1995, P.F. Bührnheim et al. col. // à luz mista de mercúrio' (UFRG); ♀, 'BRAZIL, Amazonas, Juruá, Mineruazinho, 03°34′85″ S 66°59′15″ W, 13-25.i.1996 P. Bührnheim, N.O. Aguiar et al. col. // à luz mista de mercúrio' (UFRG).

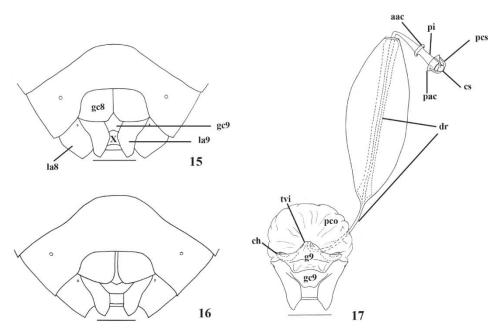
Diagnosis. Medium size (12-15 mm), general color yellowish in dry preserved specimens; body punctures ferrugineous. Antennae with dark ornamentation. Humeral angles acute, not produced into spines. Pygophore rectangular, lateral third of dorsal rim folded toward the genital chamber; marginal process digitiform. Hypandrium with a broad laminar-like expansion dorsally; ventrally, with a bilobate process and 1+1 tumescent areas. Parameres apex elongated; apical spine present, medial spine absent. Phallotheca with two pairs of processes. Vesica obovate. Gonocoxites 8 quadrangular, posterior margin slightly convex; sutural margins divergent. Apical angles of laterotergites 8 and 9 acute, black in color; laterotergites 9 not surpassing laterotergites 8.

Description. General body shape oval (Fig. 2), medium in size. Males total length of: 12.6 \pm 0.1; females: 14.3 \pm 0.23; males abdominal width: 7.2 \pm 0.2; females: 7.6.

<u>Coloration</u>. Dry preserved specimens yellowish, probably green in life; punctures ferrugineous. In black: a longitudinal line in the outer surface of antennal segments I to III, apex of segment II, apical half of segment III, and apical three-fourths of segments IV and V; dorsal punctures on lateral margins of tibia; apical portion of tibia; all first and second tarsi segments and basal half of third. Reddish to grayish spots present on hemelytral membrane.

Head. Triangular, 0.5 times longer than wide (males head length: 2.6 ± 0.1 ; females: 2.6; males head width: 2.0; female: 2.2; males interocular distance: 1.6; females: 1.8 ± 0.06). Juga surpassing clypeus, slightly juxtaposed at apex; external margins convex. Proportion of antennal segments: $I > III > III \approx IV \approx V$ (male antennal segments length: I = 1.3; $II = 1.7 \pm 0.11$; $III = 2.1 \pm 0.11$; $IV = 2.1 \pm 0.06$; females: I = 1.3; $II = 1.7 \pm 0.11$; III = 2.1, $IV = 2.3 \pm 0.11$; V = 2.3. Bucculae evanescent at base; anterior angle truncated. Rostrum reaching metacoxae, first rostral segment slightly surpassing bucculae; proportion of rostral segments: I < II > III ≈ IV (males rostral segments length: $I = 1.3 \pm 0.06$; $II = 2.0 \pm 0.08$; $III = 1.5 \pm 0.05$; $IV = 1.3 \pm 0.04$; females: $I = 1.5 \pm 0.14$; $II = 2.0 \pm 0.03$; $III = 1.8 \pm 0.06$; $IV = 1.3 \pm 0.11$).

<u>Pronotum</u>. Trapezoidal, punctures denser on posterior half; cicatrices immaculate. Anterior third of anterolateral margins slightly crenulated. Humeral angles acute, but not produced into spines (males pronotum length: 2.7 ± 0.05 ; females: 2.8; males pronotum width: 7.5 ± 0.25 ; females: 8.2 ± 0.11).



Figs. 15-17. Female genitalia. 15 – *Chloropepla paveli* sp. nov., genital plates. 16-17 – *C. stysi* sp. nov., female genitalia. 16 – genital plates; 17 – gonocoxites and gonapophyses of ninth segment and ectodermal genital ducts. Scale bars = 1 mm (aac – anterior annular crest; cs – capsula seminalis; ch – chitinellipsen; g9 – gonapophyses 9; gc8 – gonocoxites 8; gc9 – gonocoxites 9; la8 – laterotergites 8; la9 – laterotergites 9; pac – posterior annular crest; pco – pars communis; pi – pars intermedialis; tvi – thickening of vaginal intima; X – segment X).

<u>Scutellum</u>. Apex rounded, punctures uniformly distributed. Scutellum length: males 4.7 ± 0.2 ; females 4.9 ± 0.06 ; scutellum width: males 4.5 ± 0.2 ; females 4.3.

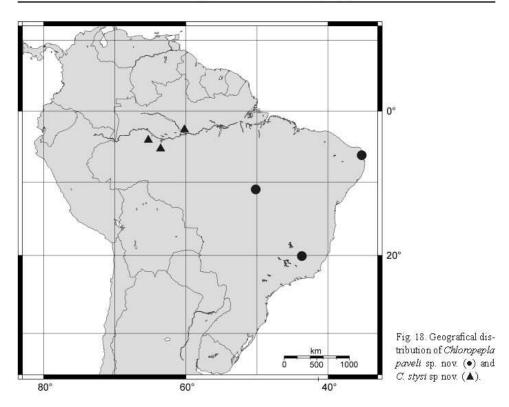
<u>Hemelytra</u>. Wide, almost completely covering connexival segments. Corium uniformly punctured, apical angle rounded and surpassing posterior half of conexivum VII; yellowish callus at apex of radial vein present.

<u>Thoracic venter</u>. Ostiolar rugae attaining nearly ¾ of metapleura width, ostiolar orifice elliptical. Dorsal surface of femur with inconspicuous projection at apex; tibiae dorsally sulcated.

<u>Abdominal venter</u>. Strongly convex; anterior margins of spiracles surrounded by yellowish callus.

Male genitalia (Figs. 4-5, 11-14). Pygophore rectangular, 0.1 times longer than wide (Fig. 5-6); dorsal wall with half the length of pygophore. Dorsal rim emarginated medially; lateral third of dorsal rim folded toward the genital chamber; marginal process digitiform (Fig. 5; mp). Posterolateral angles slightly produced. Median excavation of ventral rim U-shaped in ventral view (Fig. 6); infolding of ventral rim with 1+1 darkish process dorsally produced, on the sides of the excavation.

Hypandrium longer than ventral rim, in a broad laminar-like expansion dorsally; ventrally, with a bilobate process and 1+1 tumescent areas (Figs. 5-6). Apex of parameres elongated and



flat at inner surface; apical spine present, medial spine absent (Fig. 11). Segment X constricted medially; basal surface convex, apex ogival (Fig. 5).

Articulatory apparatus about half the length of phallotheca (Figs. 12-13). Phallotheca cylindrical, opening dorso-posteriorly, with two pairs of processes: 1+1 elliptical at base of dorsal wall (= processus phallothecae I) (Fig. 12; ppht I); 1+1 ear-like at postero-lateral angles of ventral wall (= processus phallothecae II) (Fig. 13; ppht II). Conjunctiva reduced, completely obscured by phallotheca. Vesica obovate; basal portion surrounded by a collar-like process (Fig. 12; ve).

Female genitalia (Figs. 16-17). Genital plates hairy. Gonocoxites 8 quadrangular and flat; posterior margin slightly convex; sutural margins divergent at posterior forth (Fig. 16). Apical angles of laterotergites 8 and 9 acute, black in color; laterotergites 9 not surpassing laterotergites 8 in length (Fig. 16). Gonocoxites 9 trapezoidal, posterior margins subrectilinear (Fig. 16). Capsula seminalis subcylindrical (Fig. 17; cs), with three processes variable in length (Fig. 17; pcs): two reaching the free margin of the annular crest, and one surpassing the margin. Differential diagnosis. This species can be distinguished from other species of *Chloropepla* by characters of male and female genitalia. In males the parameres with apex elongated; apical spine present, medial spine absent (Fig. 11) and hypandrium with a broad laminar-like expansion dorsally; ventrally, with a bilobate process and 1+1 tumescent areas (Figs. 5-6).

The shape of gonocoxites 8 and apex of laterotergites 8 acute (Fig. 16) separate the female of *C. stysi* sp. nov. from the remaining species.

Etymology. This species is dedicated to Prof. Pavel Štys for his great contribution to the knowledge of the heteropterous insects.

Bionomics. Unknown.

Distribution. Chloropepla stysi sp. nov. is distributed in northern Brazil, in Amazonas state, Coari and Juruá localities.

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Capítulo 2

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Three new species of *Chloropepla* Stål (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Pentatomidae)

Abstract. Three new species of the Neotropical genus Chloropepla are described. They are

distributed in Costa Rica, Venezuela and Brazil. The present paper extends the northern

distribution of the genus to Costa Rica registering the presence of Chloropepla in Central

America. An extended key to the species is presented.

Key words: Hemiptera, new taxa, Neotropical region.

Introduction

Chloropepla is a Neotropical genus with nine known species. The genus was described by

Stål (1867) to include *Loxa vigens* Stål, 1860 based on the long and evanescent ostiolar rugae

(short and truncated in Loxa Amyot & Serville, 1843) and on the obsolete or absent dorsal

sulcus towards the apex of tibiae (dorsally sulcated in Loxa). The species are also

characterized by pale yellow color in dry specimens (probably green in life), triangular head,

juga surpassing clypeus and a large process in the ventral wall of the pygophore, the

hypandrium, which always present dorsal expansions flanking the segment X. These

expansions vary in shape and size, according to the species. Also, all the species show a

reduced conjunctiva and a collar-like process around the base of vesica, which is short. Of the

ten known species, two was recently described by Grazia et al. (2008).

Traditionally Chloropepla was approximated to Loxa, Chlorocoris Spinola, 1837,

Fecelia Stål, 1872, Mayrinia Hováth, 1925, Eludocoris Thomas, 1992, and Rhyncholepta

Bergroth, 1911 by characteristics of general and genitalia morphology (Grazia 1968, 1976;

Becker & Grazia-Vieira 1971; Grazia-Vieira 1972; Eger 1978; Thomas 1992, 1998). A study

of the relationships among these genera is under preparation. Also, the relationships among

the Chloropepla species, using cladistics, were investigated by Greve et al. (submited).

In this paper, three new species are described from Costa Rica, Venezuela, north and central Brazil. In this way, the genus *Chloropepla* has the northern distribution extended to Central America (Costa Rica). An extended key, from that included in Grazia et al. (2008) containing the new taxa, is here provided.

Material and Methods

The descriptions were based in 30 specimens, 21 females and 9 males from the following collections (curator in parenthesis): AMNH - American Museum of Natural History, New York, United States of America (R. T. Schuh), INBC - Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad, Santo Domingo de Heredia, Costa Rica (J. Lewis), MPEG - Museu Paraense Emilio Goeldi, Belém, Pará, Brazil (O. T. Silveira), NMNH - National Museum of Natural History, Washington D.C., United States of America (T. J. Henry).

The general and genitalia morphology was observed and described using stereomicroscope. The genitalia was dissected and cleared with 10% KOH and stained with Congo red. The illustrations were made with drawing tube. The terminology followed Dupuis (1970), Schaffer (1977) and Grazia et al. (2008). The morphometric parameters measured were the same as in Grazia et al. (2008). Measurements (mean \pm standard deviation, when available) are given in millimeters and are presented in table 1; size proportion of species was defined by comparison with other species of *Chloropepla*.

Key to Chloropepla species

1. Humeral angles produced into spines	2
1'. Humeral angles acute but not produced into spines	4
2. Humeral angles lined by black	3
2'. Humeral angles not lined by black	
3. Lateral margins of juga uniformly curving towards tip, bordered by	black; dorsum of tibia
lined by black	C. aurea (Pirán, 1963)
3'. Lateral margins of juga sinuous, not bordered by black; dorsum of t	ibia not lined by black
	pirani Grazia-Vieira, 1971
4 Apices of femora with conspicuous spine	5
4' Apices of femora inconspicuously produced	6

5 Hypandrium with 1+1 broad expansions flanking segment X, each expansion bearing an
elongated outgrowth on dorsal surface; posterior margin of gonocoxites 9 straight
5' Hypandrium with 1+1 narrow expansions flanking segment X, without outgrowth on
dorsal surface; posterior margin of gonocoxites 9 convex
6 Ventral rim of pygophore mesially excavated in "V"; marginal process of dorsal rim of
pygophore triangular; gonocoxites 9 strongly convex, with lateral margins nearly parallel 7
6' Ventral rim of pygophore mesially excavated in "U"; marginal process of dorsal rim of
pygophore digitiform, gonocoxites 9 slightly convex, with lateral margins divergent 8
7 Apex of hypandrium rounded, without process; apex of laterotergites 8 and 9 acute
7'Apex of hypandrium with 1+1 narrow, rectangular process; apex of laterotergites 8 and 9
rounded
8 Humeral angles lined by black
8' Humeral angles not lined by black
9 Dorsal expansions of hypandrium broad, with 1+1 laminar processes with quadrangular
form along dorsal surface, near apex
9' Dorsal expansion of hypandrium narrow. Without process in dorsal surface
10 Ventral process of hypandrium digitiform
10' Ventral process of hypandrium bilobate
11 Ventral surface of hypandrium mesially bearing 1+1 laminar process, oblique to the
longitudinal axes of the hypandrium; parameres short, not reaching the margin of pygophore;
posterior margin of gonocoxites 8 strongly angulate C. tucuruiensis Grazia & Teradaira, 1980
11 Ventral surface of hypandrium without process; parameres long, almost surpassing the
margin of pygophore; posterior margin of gonocoxites 8 slightly convex

Chloropepla sp. nov. 1

Holotype. Brazil, Bahia: ♂, labelled BRAZIL, Bahia, Encruzilhada, 960 m, nov. 1972, M. Alvarenga col.' (AMNH)

Paratypes. Brazil, Bahia: 6 and 4 labelled as holotype (AMNH; 1 and 1 UFRG). Minas Gerais: 2 and 3 'BRAZIL, Minhas Geraes [sic], Pedra Azul, 900m, November, 1972, M. Alvarenga col.' (AMNH)

Description.

Dry preserved specimens pale yellow, probably green in life, punctures concolor. General body shape oval (Fig. 1), small sized. Head triangular. Juga surpassing clypeus, juxtaposed at the apex. Proportion of antennal segments: $I < II < III \le IV \le V$. Bucculae evanescent at base. First rostral segment slightly surpassing bucculae. Proportion of rostral segments: I < II > III $\ge IV$.

Pronotum trapezoidal, anterior half slightly declivous; punctures uniformly distributed, cicatrices immaculate. Basal two thirds of anterolateral margins crenulated. Anterior margin concave, behind the eyes truncated. Humeral angles acute, but not produced into spines. Apex of scutellum rounded; punctures uniformly distributed. Hemelytra wide, almost obscuring connexiva completely. Corium uniformly punctured; apical angle of corium rounded, reaching base of connexivum VII; yellow callus at apex of radial vein present. Ostiolar ruga attaining nearly ¾ of metapleura, ostiolar orifice elliptical. Distal spine of dorsal surface of femur distinct; at least distal half of tibiae dorsally sulcated. Abdominal venter slightly convex; anterior margins of spiracles surrounded by yellow callus.

Male genitalia (Figs 4-9). Pygophore rectangular (Figs 4, 5), approximately 0.2 times longer than wide. Median region of dorsal rim (Fig. 4, dr) with two rounded projections backward directed; lateral third of dorsal rim slightly folded toward the genital chamber; marginal processes of dorsal rim triangular (Fig. 4, mp), closely related to the parameres (Fig. 4, pa). Median excavation of ventral rim U-shaped (Fig. 5, vr). Hypandrium (Figs 4, 5, hy) surpassing ventral rim; with 1+1 broad laminar-like expansions flanking the segment X dorsally, bearing an elongated process (Fig. 4, epr), extending from the base to almost the apex of the expansion; ventral wall of hypandrium shorter than dorsal, flat, without processes (Fig. 5, vwhy). Paramere club-shaped (Fig. 6), apical and medial spines present. Segment X ogival (Fig. 4, X), with 1+1 lateral carina at base. Phallus (Figs 7-9). Articulatory apparatus (Figs 7-9, aa) about half the length of phallotheca (Figs 7-9, ph). Phallotheca cylindrical, with

two pairs of processes: 1+1 elliptical at base of the posterior wall (= processus phallothecae I) (Fig. 7, prphI); 1+1 ear-like at postero-lateral angles of the anterior wall (= processus phallothecae II) (Fig. 9, prphII). Conjunctiva reduced (Fig. 7, cj), completely obscured by phallotheca. Vesica short (Figs 7,8, ve), cylindrical and much wider than the final portion of the ductus ejaculatory; basal portion surrounded by a collarlike process (Fig. 7, vp)

Female genitalia (Figs 10, 11). Gonocoxites 8 rectangular (Fig. 10, gc8), posterior margin convex, apical third of sutural margins divergent. Apical angle of laterotergites 8 acute (Fig. 10, la8); rounded in laterotergites 9 (Fig. 10, la9). Laterotergites 9 slightly shorter than laterotergites 8. Gonocoxites 9 trapezoidal (Fig. 10, gc9), posterior margin straight. Gonapophyses 9 with 1+1 triangular sclerotized regions (Fig. 11, g9). Anterior thickening of vaginal intima tube shaped (Fig. 11, tvi), nearly as long as the gonapophyses 9. Base of internal rod of ductus receptaculi bulbous-shaped. Capsula seminalis subcylindrical (Fig. 11, cs), with three processes variable in length (Fig. 11, pcs): two surpassing the posterior annular flange (Fig. 11, paf) in almost the half of their length and the third nearly reaching the anterior annular flange (Fig. 11, aaf).

Distribution. Brazil: Bahia and Minas Gerais.

Differential diagnosis. Chloropepla sp. nov. 1 differs from the remaining species of Chloropepla by the shape of the hypandrium which is unique, with the broad dorsal expansions bearing elongated processes. Also, in the female internal genitalia the well developed thickening of vaginal intima and the long processes of the capsula seminalis are distinct in this species.

Chloropepla sp. nov. 2

Holotype. Brazil, Pará: &, labelled 'Flona Caxiuanã- Melgaço, Pará, Brasil, XI-2003 Fernandes, J.A.M.', 'Base da Estação Científica Ferreira Penna, coleta manual noturna sob luz branca' (MPEG)

Paratypes. Brazil, Pará: ♀ labelled as holotype (UFRG). Venezuela, Amazonas: 1♂ and 3♀ 'VENEZUELA, Exp. Territorio Amazonas, Mount Marahuaca, N. Slopes, Benitez Camp, May 1-25, 1950, J. Maldonado Caprilles col., Drake Colln.' (USNM)

Description

Dry preserved specimens pale yellow, probably green in life, punctures concolor. Anterior margin of the pronotum with sparse dark punctuations.

Anterior margin of humeral angles with a dark line. Dark line in the apical half of lateral surface of antennal segment I, and along the lateral surface of antennal segment II. Apical third of antennal segment III dark, segment IV and V with at least the apical ¾ dark. Apex of tibiae and tarsal segments I and II bordered by black; base of tarsal segment III bordered by black. Postero-lateral angles of connexiva with tiny dark acute process.

General body shape oval (Fig. 2), medium size. Head triangular in shape Juga surpassing clypeus, slightly juxtaposed at apex, rounded. Lateral margins sinuate. Proportion of antennal segments: I<II<IV=V. Bucculae evanescent at base of head; anterior angle with an acute process (denticle); first rostral segment slightly surpassing bucculae. Rostrum reaching the third abdominal segment; proportion of rostral segments: I<II>III≥IV. Pronotum trapezoidal, anterior half slightly declivous; cicatrices immaculate. Basal two thirds of anterolateral margins crenulated. Anterior margin concave, behind the eyes truncated. Humeral angles acute, but not produced into spines. Apex of scutellum rounded; punctures uniformly distributed. Hemelytra wide, almost obscuring connexiva completely. Corium uniformly punctured; apical angle of corium rounded, reaching half of connexivum VII; yellow callus at apex of radial vein present. Ostiolar ruga attaining nearly ¾ of metapleura, ostiolar orifice elliptical. Distal spine of dorsal surface of femur inconspicuously produced; at least distal half of tibiae dorsally sulcated. Abdominal venter slightly convex; anterior margins of spiracles surrounded by yellow callus.

Male genitalia (Figs 12-17). Pygophore quadrangular (Figs 12, 13), almost as long as wide. Median region of dorsal rim (Fig. 12, dr) posteriorly projected into two acute processes; lateral third of dorsal rim folded toward the genital chamber; marginal processes of dorsal rim digitiform (Fig. 12, mp), closely related to the parameres (Fig. 12, pa). Median excavation of ventral rim U-shaped in ventral view (Fig. 13, vr); infolding of ventral rim with 1+1 darkish process dorsally produced, on the sides of the excavation. Hypandrium surpassing ventral rim (Figs 12,13, hy); with 1+1 broad laminar-like expansions flanking the segment X, dorsally bearing a laminar process near the apex (Fig. 12, lpr); ventral wall of hypandrium almost as long as dorsal wall, projected posteriorly in a gutter-like process and medially projected in 1+1 triangular flaps (Fig. 13, vpr). Paremere cylindrical at the base and spatulated at the apex (Fig. 14), only apical spine present; lateral surface, near the apex, with granular texture. Apex of segment X ogival (Fig. 12, X), with 1+1 lateral tubercle at base. Phallus (Figs 15-17). Articulatory apparatus (Figs 15, aa) about half the length of phallotheca (Figs 15, ph). Phallotheca cylindrical, with two pairs of processes: 1+1 elongated at the base of posterior wall (=processus phallothecae I) (Fig. 15, prphI) and 1+1 ear-like at postero-

lateral angles of anterior wall (=processus phallothecae II) (Fig. 17, prphII). Conjunctiva reduced (Fig. 15, cj), completely obscured by phallotheca. Vesica short (Fig. 15, ve), bulbous; basal portion surrounded by a collar-like process (Fig. 15, vp).

Female genitalia (Figs 18, 19). Gonocoxites 8 quadrangular (Fig. 18, gc8); posterior margin slightly convex; apical forth of sutural margins divergent. Laterotergites 8 and 9 equal in length (Fig. 18, la8, la9); both with apical angle triangular (nearly acute). Gonocoxites 9 trapezoidal (Fig. 18, gc9). Gonapophyses 9 with 1+1 triangular sclerotized regions (Fig. 19, g9). Anterior thickening of vaginal intima reduced, hood-shaped (Fig. 19, tvi). Base of internal rod of ductus receptaculi bulbous-shaped. Capsula seminalis subcylindrical (Fig. 19, cs), with three processes variable in length (Fig. 19, pcs): one reaching the free margin of posterior annular flange (Fig. 19, paf) and the other two shorter.

Distribution. Venezuela: Amazonas; Brazil: Pará.

Differential diagnosis. *Chloropela* sp. nov. 2 may be distinguished by characteristics of the hypandrium: the shape of the dorsal expansions and the shape of the ventral projection. The reduced thickening of vaginal intima associated to the shape of capsula seminalis are also useful to differentiate the females of this species.

Chloropepla sp. nov. 3

Holotype. Costa Rica, Guanacaste: ♂, labelled 'COSTA RICA, Guanacaste Province, Estacion Cacao, 1000-1400 m SW side Volcan Cacao, Malaise trap, 1988-1989, GNP Biodiv. Survey, 323300, 375700' (INBC).

Paratypes. Costa Rica, Guanacaste: ♀, 'COSTA RICA, Prov. Guanacaste, La Cruz, P.N. Guanacaste, Est. Pitilla, 9 km S Santa Cecilia, 5-30 AGO 1988 Espinoza, C. Chávez Manual (red. Libre) L_N_330200_380200 #52602'(INBC); ♀, 'COSTA RICA, Prov. Guanacaste A.C.G. Libéria, P.N. Gte, Est Mengo Volcán Cacao, Bque Primario 1000 m 13 Jun 1987 Janzen Manual L_N_322740_375198 #52569' (INBC); ♀, 'Est. Maritza, 600m, lado O Vol. Orosi, Prov. Guanacaste, Costa Rica, Tp Malaise, Ene a abr 1992, L-N 326900, 373000' (INBC); 2♀, 'Estac. Pitilla, 700m, 9 km S. Santa Cecilia, Guanac. PR. COSTA RICA Nov 1988 GNP Biodiversity Survey (W85 25'40'', N 10 59'26'')' (INBC); ♀, 'COSTA RICA, Prov. Guanacaste. P.N. Guanacaste Finca Del Oro 585m. 19-20 DEC 2006 B. Gamboa, R. Franco Tp. Luz L_N_331221_377077 #90351' (INBC); ♀, 'Estacion Mengo, 1100m. SW side Volcan Cacao Guanacaste PV. COSTA RICA Malaise TR. 1987 DH Janzen & W.

Hallwachs' (INBC). Alajuela: ♀, 'Finca San Gabriel Alaj. Prov. COSTA RICA 650 m (16 km ENEQueb. Grande) I. Gauld & J. Thompson 11-15 June 1986' (INBC).

Description.

Dry preserved specimens pale yellow to green, probably green in life, punctures concolor. General body shape oval (Fig. 3), medium size. Head triangular. Juga surpassing clypeus, slightly juxtaposed at apex, rounded. Lateral margins sinuate. Proportion of antennal segments: I<II<II<V. Bucculae evanescent at base of head; anterior angle with an acute process (denticle); first rostral segment slightly surpassing bucculae. Rostrum reaching the third abdominal segment; proportion of rostral segments: I<II>III>IV. Pronotum trapezoidal, anterior half slightly declivous; cicatrices immaculate. Basal two thirds of antero-lateral margins crenulated. Anterior margin concave, behind the eyes truncated. Humeral angles produced in small pyramidal spines Apex of scutellum rounded; punctures uniformly distributed. Hemelytra wide, almost obscuring connexiva completely. Corium uniformly punctured; apical angle of corium rounded, reaching base of connexivum VII; yellow callus at apex of radial vein present. Ostiolar ruga attaining nearly ¾ of metapleura, ostiolar orifice elliptical. Distal spine of dorsal surface of femur slightly produced; at least distal half of tibiae dorsally sulcated. Abdominal venter slightly convex; anterior margins of spiracles surrounded by yellow callus.

Male genitalia (Figs 20, 21). Pygophore quadrangular (Figs 20, 21), nearly as long as wide. Median region of dorsal rim (Fig. 20, dr) projected posteriorly into two rounded process; lateral third of dorsal rim folded toward genital chamber; marginal processes of dorsal rim triangular (Fig. 20, mp), closely related to the parameres (Fig. 20, pa). Posterolateral angles flat, quadrangular (Fig. 20, pan). Median excavation of ventral rim V-shaped in ventral view (Fig. 21, vr). Hypandrium surpassing ventral rim (Figs 20, 21, hy); with 1+1 broad laminar-like expansions flanking segment X, dorsally bearing two narrow, apical rounded processes: one laterad directed (Fig. 20, lpr) and other backward directed (Fig. 20, ppr); ventral wall shorter than dorsal expansions, in a channel-like structure (Fig. 21, vw). Parameres spatulated, apical and medial spines present. Segment X ogival (Fig. 20, X), with 1+1 tubercle laterad to the constriction line. Male not dissected.

Female genitalia (Figs 22, 23). Gonocoxites 8 quadrangular (Fig. 22, gc8); posterior margin slightly convex; apical forth of sutural margins divergent; transversal carina arising from the sutural angles. Laterotergites 8 and 9 equal in length (Fig. 22, la8, la9); posterior angle of laterotergites 8 acute; posterior angle of laterotergites 9 rounded. Gonocoxites 9 trapezoidal, strongly convex (Fig. 22, gc9). Gonapophyses 9 with 1+1 triangular sclerotized

areas (Fig. 23, g9). Anterior thickening of vaginal intima in a ring-like structure (Fig. 23, tvi). Base of internal rod of ductus receptaculi bulbous-shaped. Capsula seminalis subcylindrical (Fig. 23, cs), with three processes variable in length (Fig. 23, pcs): two reaching the free margin of posterior annular flange (Fig. 23, paf) and another shorter.

Distribution. Costa Rica: Costa Rica, Guanacaste.

Differential diagnosis. This species can be distinguished by the shape of the hypandrium dorsal expansions, specially by the two apical processes. Also, the shape of the posterolateral angles of pygophore (flat and quadrangular) is unique. The female genitalia shows as differential characteristic the carina on the surface of gonocoxites 8 associated with a strongly convex gonocoxites 9.

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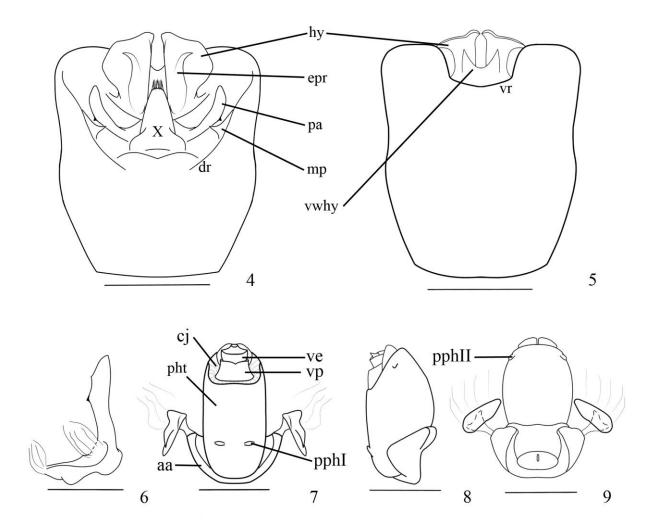
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Table 1. Morphometric parameters measurements (mean \pm standard deviation) of three new species of *Chloropepla* (in millimeters).

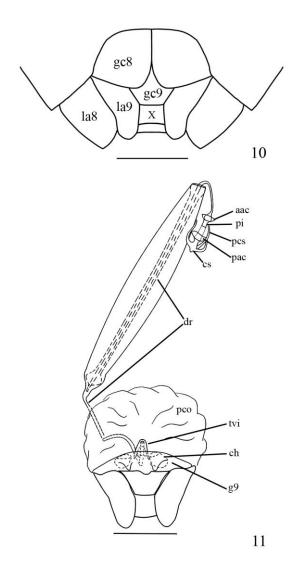
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		8	9	8	9	8	9
Body length		11.6 ± 0.1	12.8 ± 0.2	13.4 ± 0.1	14.0 ± 0.7	13.0	13.8 ± 0.3
Abdominal width		6.5 ± 0.2	7.1 ± 0.2	8.4	8.3 ± 0.3	7.3	7.6 ± 0.3
Head length		1.8	1.9 ± 0.1	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.5 ± 0.1
Head with		2.1 ± 0.1	2.3 ± 0.1	2.6 ± 0.1	2.6 ± 0.1	1.9	2.0 ± 0.1
Interocular		1.6	1.7	1.7	1.8 ± 0.1	1.7	1.7 ± 0.1
distance							
	I	0.9 ± 0.1	0.9 ± 0.1	1.4 ± 0.1	1.2 ± 0.1	1.1	1.1 ± 0.1
Antennal segments	II	1.1	1.2 ± 0.1	1.7	1.7 ± 0.1	1.5	1.5 ± 0.1
	III	1.5 ± 0.1	1.5 ± 0.1	2.1 ± 0.1	2.0 ± 0.2	2.0	2.0 ± 0.1
length	IV	1.5 ± 0.1	1.6	2.3 ± 0.1	2.2 ± 0.2	1.8	1.7 ± 0.1
	V	1.6 ± 0.1	1.6 ± 0.1	2.2 ± 0.2	2.1 ± 0.2	-	1.9 ± 0.1
Rostral	I	0.9	1.0 ± 0.1	1.3	1.3 ± 0.1	1.1	1.2 ± 0.1
	II	1.4 ± 0.1	1.6 ± 0.1	2.1 ± 0.1	2.0	1.6	1.8 ± 0.1
segments	III	1.3	1.2 ± 0.1	1.6 ± 0.1	1.6 ± 0.1	1.5	1.5 ± 0.1
length	IV	1.0	1.0 ± 0.1	1.3 ± 0.1	1.3 ± 0.1	1.2	1.3 ± 0.1
Pronotum length		2.0	2.3 ± 0.1	2.9 ± 0.1	2.9 ± 0.2	2.7	2.9 ± 0.1
Pronotum width		5.7 ± 0.1	6.3 ± 0.1	7.3 ± 0.2	7.1 ± 0.2	6.8	7.0 ± 0.1
Scutellum length		3.9 ± 0.1	4.3 ± 0.1	5.1 ± 0.1	5.2 ± 0.2	4.6	5.1 ± 0.1
Scutellum width		3.4 ± 0.1	3.7 ± 0.1	4.4 ± 0.1	4.4 ± 0.1	4.0	4.2 ± 0.1



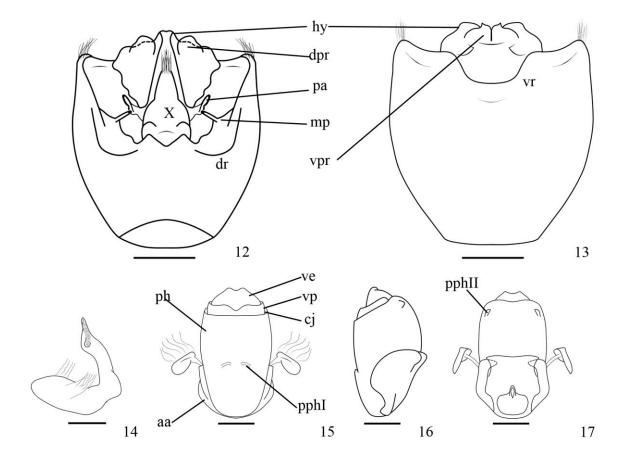
Figs 1-3. (1) Chloropepla sp. nov. 1 (male holotype); (2) Chloropepla sp. nov. 2 (male holotype); (2) Chloropepla sp. nov. 3 (male holotype). Scale line: 2 mm.



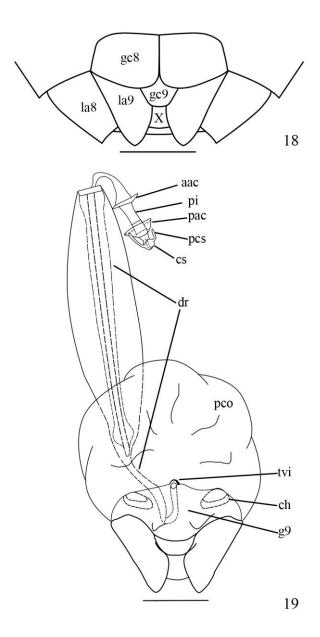
Figs 4-9. Chloropepla sp. nov. I: male external and internal genitalia: (4) pygophore in dorsal view; (5) pygophore in ventral view; (6) lateral view of left paramere; (7) posterior view of phallus; (8) lateral view of phallus; (9) anterior view of phallus. aa, articulatory apparatus; cj, conjuntiva; dr, dorsal rim; epr, elongated process of hypandrium; hy, hypandrium; mp; marginal process of dorsal rim; pa; paramere; pht, phallotheca; pphtI, processus phallothecae I; pphtII, processus phallothecae II; ve, vesica; vp, vesica collar process; vr; ventral rim; vwhy, ventral wall of hypandrium; X, segment X. Scale lines 1 mm (Figs 4-5), 0.5 mm (Figs 6-9).



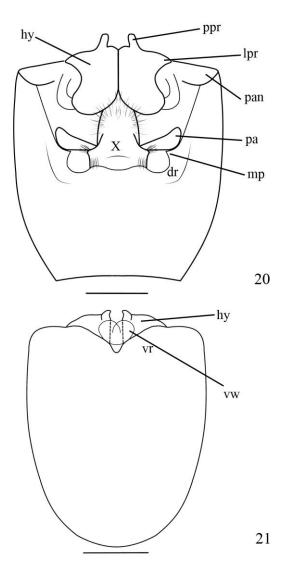
Figs 10-11. Chloropepla sp. nov. I: female external and internal genitalia: (10) genital plates; (11) gonocoxites and gonapophyses of ninth segment and ectodermal genital ducts. aac, anterior annular crest; cs, capsula seminalis; ch, chitinellipsen; g9, gonapophyses 9; gc8, gonocoxites 8; gc9, gonocoxites 9; la8, laterotergites 8; la9, laterotergites 9; pac, posterior annular crest; pco, pars communis; pi, pars intermedialis; tvi, thickening of vaginal intima; X, segment X). Scale lines 1 mm.



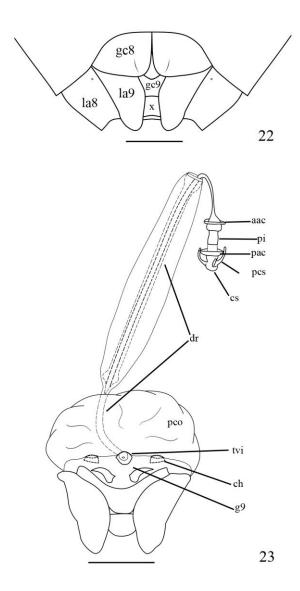
Figs 12-17. Chloropepla sp. nov. II: male external and internal genitalia: (12) pygophore in dorsal view; (13) pygophore in ventral view; (14) lateral view of left paramere; (15) posterior view of phallus; (16) lateral view of phallus; (17) anterior view of phallus. aa, articulatory apparatus; cj, conjuntiva; dr, dorsal rim; hy, hypandrium; dpr, dorsal process of hypandrium; mp; marginal process of dorsal rim; pa; paramere; pht, phallotheca; pphtI, processus phallothecae I; pphtII, processus phallothecae II; ve, vesica; vp, vesica collar process; vpr, ventral process of hypandrium; vr, ventral rim; X, segment X. Scale lines 1 mm (Figs 12-13), 0.5 mm (Figs 14-17).



Figs 18-19. Chloropepla sp. nov. II: female external and internal genitalia: (18) genital plates; (19) gonocoxites and gonapophyses of ninth segment and ectodermal genital ducts. aac, anterior annular crest; cs, capsula seminalis; ch, chitinellipsen; g9, gonapophyses 9; gc8, gonocoxites 8; gc9, gonocoxites 9; la8, laterotergites 8; la9, laterotergites 9; pac, posterior annular crest; pco, pars communis; pi, pars intermedialis; tvi, thickening of vaginal intima; X, segment X). Scale lines 1 mm.



Figs 20-21. *Chloropepla* sp. nov. III: male external and internal genitalia: (20) pygophore in dorsal view; (21) pygophore in ventral view. dr, dorsal rim; hy, hypandrium; lpr, lateral process of hypandrium; mp, marginal process of dorsal rim; pa; paramere; pan, posterolateral angle of pygophore; ppr, posterior process of hypandrium; vr, ventral rim; vw, ventral wall of hypandrium; X, segment X. Scale lines 1 mm.



Figs 22-23. *Chloropepla* sp. nov. III: female external and internal genitalia: (22) genital plates; (23) gonocoxites and gonapophyses of ninth segment and ectodermal genital ducts. aac, anterior annular crest; cs, capsula seminalis; ch, chitinellipsen; g9, gonapophyses 9; gc8, gonocoxites 8; gc9, gonocoxites 9; la8, laterotergites 8; la9, laterotergites 9; pac, posterior annular crest; pco, pars communis; pi, pars intermedialis; tvi, thickening of vaginal intima; X, segment X). Scale lines 1 mm.

Capítulo 3

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Synopsis of the genus Chloropepla Stål (Hemiptera, Heteroptera, Pentatomidae), with

cladistic and biogeographic analysis of the species

Abstract

The genus Chloropepla (Pentatomidae) has 12 known species distributed from Costa Rica to

South Brazil. The last revision of the group was done in 1968; since then, ten new species were

added. The present work brings toghether the dispersed information about Chloropepla. A

cladistics analysis was performed: 15 terminals (12 ingroup and 3 outgroup) and 26

morphological characters were submitted to a parsimony analysis. The monophyly of

Chloropepla was confirmed, being supported by ostiolar ruga long and evanescent, wide

hypandrium, with dorsal projections flanking the segment X, parameres cylindrical, dorsally

directed, membranous conjunctiva reduced, almost entirely obscured by the phallotheca. An

extended description of the genus and diagnosis for the species were elaborated, using the

characters and results of the cladistic analysis as background. Based on the phylogenetic results

and on the distributional data of *Chloropepla*, a Brooks Parsimony Analysis was performed. The

BPA showed a near relation among the Amazonian areas and indicated a hybrid nature of the

Chacoan subregion.

Key words: parsimony, Pentatominae, BPA, Neotropical region.

Introduction

The genus Chloropepla has 12 known species distributed in the Neotropical region, from Costa

Rica to south Brazil. It was described by Stål, 1867, to include Loxa vigens Stål, 1860.

Chloropepla species have long and evanescent ostiolar rugae and the dorsal sulcus of the tibia is obsolete or absent. On the other hand, *Loxa* species show a short and truncated ostiolar ruga and the tibia are dorsally sulcated.

New species were added by Grazia (1968), with the description of *Chloropepla lenti*, based on specimens from Venezuela. Grazia (1969) described Chloropepla nigrispina based on specimens from Bolivia and Peru. This species was later synonymized to Chlorocoris aurea Pirán, 1963 and transferred to Chloropepla (Grazia-Vieira 1971). In addition Grazia-Vieira (1971) described *Chloropepla pirani*, based on a male from Bolivia belonging to the typical series of C. nigrispina. The female of C. pirani was mistakenly described by Grazia-Vieira (1972a) for three specimens from French Guyana. Later, these specimens were treated as a new species, C. rosltoni and the female of C. pirani was re-described based on a specimen from Bolivia (Grazia-Vieira 1973a). Grazia & Teradaira (1980) described Chloropepla tucuruiensis based on specimens from Tucurui, Pará, Brazil and presented a key to the identification of the species. Chloropepla dollingi was later described from Guyana and north of Brazil (Grazia 1987). In this paper the description of the male of *C. rolstoni*, based on a specimen from French Guyana, was provided. Grazia et al. (2008b) described two new species from Brazil: Chloropepla paveli from north, northeast and southeast regions, and C. stysi from north region; a key to the species containing the new taxa was presented. Finally, three new additions were made to the genus: Chloropepla sp. nov. 1 from Brazil (Bahia and Minas Gerais), Chloropepla sp. nov. 2 from Venezuela and north Brazil (Pará) and Chloropepla sp. nov. 3 from Costa Rica (Greve et al. submited). An expanded key to the species was also included.

Several papers indicate a close relationship between *Chloropepla* with and genera of Pentatomidae (i.e. *Loxa*, *Chlorocoris*, *Fecelia*, *Mayrinia*, *Rhyncolepta* and *Eludocoris*) evidenced by shared characteristics of general and genitalia morphology. The main similarities of general morphology are the shape of the head, pronotum and scutellum, the development of humeral

angles in spines and the presence of a dorsal spine-like projection at the distal end of femur (Grazia 1968; 1976; Becker & Grazia-Vieira 1971; Grazia-Vieira 1972b; Eger 1978; Thomas 1992; 1998). In the male genitalia the presence of a ventral rim process of the pygophore, the "hypandrium" (Becker & Grazia-Vieira 1971) or "pygophoral appendages" (Thomas 1998) is also a characteristic shared by *Chloropepla* and the related genera. The phylogenetic relationships of these taxa are being investigated and will be published elsewhere.

The historical origins of the distributional patterns of the biota in the Neotropical region had been widely studied, producing different classifications systems for areas and several hypothesis of relation among these areas (Cracraft 1985; Amorim & Pires 1996; Morrone 2006). Among the main proposals of classification for the region are the one proposed by Amorim & Pires (1996) and the one proposed by Morrone (2001, 2006)

Amorim & Pires (1996) used phylogenetic and distributional data on entomofauna and establishes three main areas in the Neotropical region: Caribbean, Northwest Neotropical region and Southeast Neotropical region. According to this classification, the Amazonia consists in a composite area and can be divided in three components: north and southwest, closely related to Caribbean areas; and southeast, related to Atlantic forest formations (Amorim & Pires 1996).

The classification proposed by Morrone (2006) is based both on track and cladistic biogeographic analyses of the distributional patterns of entomofauna from Latin America and Caribbean. As result, the Netropical region was divided in four subregions: Caribbean, Amazonian, Chacoan and Parana. These subregions are subdivided in provinces. Morrone (2006) also describes transitions zones (areas where typical biotas of different regions overlaps). Contrary to Amorim & Pires (1996), that classification considers the Amazonian forest as a historical unit and includes data on dry areas from South America (Nihei & de Carvalho 2007; Sigrist & de Carvalho 2009). In the boundary between Neotropical and Andean region is located

the South American Transition Zone, characterized by the overlapping elements of both Neotropical and Andean faunas (Morrone 2004; 2006).

Two studies tested Morrone's (2001, 2006) and Amorim & Pires's (1996) proposals using Brooks Parsimony Analysis approach: Nihei & de Carvalho (2007) and Sigrist & de Carvalho (2009).

Nihei & de Carvalho's (2007) analyses, based on data on the Neotropical genus *Polietina* (Diptera), did not corroborate the hypothesis of areas and relationship between areas of Amorim & Pires (1996). On the other hand, when testing the areas proposed by Morrone (2001), they found better resolution while considering the Amazonia as a composite area, as proposed by Amorim & Pires (1996).

Similarly, Sigrist & de Carvalho (2009), analyzing 12 phylogenetically unrelated taxa (114 species) with distributions restricted to South America, suggested that the better classification for the Neotropical region includes the classification of Amorim & Pires (1996) for forested areas (especially Amazonian) and the classification of Morrone (2006) for non-forested areas.

In this paper a cladistics analysis of *Chloropepla* species is presented. The resultant hypothesis of relationship is used as framework for the synopsis of the information on the species. The genus is redescribed and new diagnoses for the species are provided. The geographical distribution of the taxa is also discussed, based on a Brook's Parsimony Analysis.

Materials and Methods

The specimens analyzed belong to the following collections (acronyms and curators in parenthesis): American Museum of Natural History, New York, New York, United States of America (AMNH, R. T. Schuh); Coleção Zoológica Prof. Paulo Bürnheim, Fundação Universidade do Amazonas, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil (CZPB, N. O. Aguiar); David Rider Collection, North Dakota State University, North Dakota, Fargo, (DRC, D. Rider); Departamento

de Zoologia, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil (UFRG, J. Grazia); Donald Thomas Collection, Weslaco, Texas, United States of America (DTC, D. Thomas); Fundação Instituto Oswaldo Cruz, Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (FIOC, J. Costa); Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad, Santo Domingo de Heredia, Costa Rica (INBC, J. Lewis); Museu de Ciências Naturais, Fundação Zoobotânica do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil (MCNZ, A. Barcellos); Museu de Zoologia, Universidade de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil (MZSP, C. Campaner); Museu Paraense Emilio Goeldi, Belém, Pará, Brazil (MPEG, O. T. Silveira); National Museum of Natural History, Washington D.C., United States of America (NMNH, T. Henry).

With a few exceptions *Chloropepla* specimens are rare in collections. The species *C. lenti*, *C. dollingi*, *C. pirani*, *C. tucuruiensis* and *Chloropepla* sp. nov. I, II and III are kwon only by the type series. We were not able to analyze males of *C. pirani*, since the type is lost and no other specimen was available. Data on this species were inferred, whenever possible, from the literature (i.e. Grazia 1968; 1987; Grazia-Vieira 1971).

Female paratypes of *C. lenti*, *C. pirani*, *C. rosltoni* and *C. dollingi* and the type series of *C. paveli*, *C. stysi* and *Chloropepla* sp. nov. I, II and III were analyzed.

The data matrix for cladistics analysis was composed of 15 terminals: the 12 known species of *Chloropepla* as ingroup and *Loxa deducta* Walker, 1867, *Rhyncholepta grandicallosa* Bergroth, 1911 and *Mayrinia curvidens* (Mayr, 1864) for outgroup comparison (*sensu* Nixon & Carpenter 1993), with the root on *R. grandicallosa*. These three species were chosen as exemplar-taxa because they represent the morphological diversity of genera they belong. The outgroup choice was based on information from literature, which indicates these genera as close related to *Chloropepla* by sharing characteristics of general morphology as well genitalia morphology (Grazia 1968; Becker & Grazia-Vieira 1971; Grazia-Vieira 1972b; Eger 1978).

A total of 26 morphological (12 multistates) characters were included (Table 1). Some of the characters were already used in phylogenetic studies within Pentatomidae (Barcellos & Grazia 2003; Fortes & Grazia 2005; Campos & Grazia 2006; Bernardes *et al.* 2009). Other characters are studied here for the first time. In the matrix, not applicable data (not possible to establish the homology) were coded "-" and missing data were coded "?" (usually because of the lack of specimens).

Illustrations of the characters were made using camera lucida adapted to the stereomicroscope. Pictures in different focus levels were obtained with the digital camera mounted on a steromicroscope and composed with Helicon Focus[®]. Edition of all images were performed through Adobe Photoshop[®] CS2.

The following notations are used in the "Results and Discussion" section: X_y , to designate a character condition, where "X" is the number of the character and "y" corresponds to the condition of this character; "s", to the number of steps; "ci", to consistency index (Kluge & Farris 1969); and "ri", to retention index (Farris 1989).

The data matrix was constructed using the WinClada (Nixon 2002). The numeric analysis was carried out with TNT 1.1 (Goloboff *et al.* 2008) using the implicit enumeration algorithm, with all characters equally weighted. All multistate characters were treated as non additive. The ambiguously distributed charaters were not optimized. Branch support was assessed with Bremer support calculation (Goodman *et al.* 1982; Bremer 1994), retaining sub-optimal trees with up to 5 extra steps (5.250 trees retained), also using TNT. The number of steps, consistency and retention indexes for the cladogram and for each character were obtained with WinClada.

An extended description for the genus and diagnosis for the species were elaborated. The internal female genitalia of *C. paveli* is described for the first time (specimen labeled: "Dianópolis GO, Brasil 16-22.I.1962 J. Bechyné col." (MZSP)). The average total length of each species is presented in millimeters.

Data on the distribution of *Chloropepla* species were obtained from analyzed specimens and from literature (original descriptions). Latitude and longitude of localities were search on the available databases like Global Gazetteer (Falling Rain Genomics 2009), World Gazetter (2009), Gazetteer of Costa Rican Plant-Collecting Locales (MOBOT 2007). When it was not possible to determine the exact locality of some specimen, the data was not included. The coordinates were plotted in *georeferenced maps using the Quantum Gis software, Mimas version*.

A Brook's Parsimony Analysis (Brooks *et al.* 2001) was performed using the classification of areas of Neotropical region proposed by Morrone (2006), with modifications made by Nihei & de Carvalho (2007). The matrix and trees editing and viewing was made using WINCLADA. The parsimony analysis was performed by TNT, using the implicit enumeration algorithm.

Results

Characters

Head

Character 0 (Figs 1A,B). Juga, median margins: (0) not overlapping the apex of clypeus (Fig. 1A) (1) slightly overlapping the apex of clypeus (Fig. 1B). [s: 2;ci: 50, ri: 0]

In *Chloropepla* species the juga are convergent toward the apex, overlapping the clypeus at its distal end (Fig. 1A). This feature is evident because of the narrowing of the clypeus apex. It is observed in the whole genus *Chloropepla* and in *R. grandicallosa*.

Thorax

Character 1 (Figs 1C-E). Humeral angles: (0) produced in cylindrical spine, dorsally directed: (1) produced in cylindrical spine, laterally directed (Fig. 1C) (2) produced in pyramidal spine,

laterally or anteriorly directed (Fig. 1D) (3) triangular but not produced in spine (Fig. 1E). [s: 4; ci: 75; ri:75]

The shape and degree of humeral angle development are variable within Pentatomidae species, but can be useful to establish phylogenetic relations in different taxonomic categories (Grazia & Becker 1997; Fortes & Grazia 2005; Grazia *et al.* 2008a; Bernardes *et al.* 2009). The humeral angles developed in spine, in addition to the outgroup, are found in *C. aurea, C. pirani, Chloropepla* sp. nov. 3 and *C. vigens*. However, the shape of humeral spine of *C. vigens* is highly modified in relation to the other *Chloropepla*. If compared to outgroup, *C. vigens* has laterally oriented spines, instead of dorsally oriented, as in *L. deducta* and *R. grandicallosa*.

Character 2 (Figs 1D, E). Humeral angle coloration: (0) margins outlined in black(Fig. 1D) (1) margins concolor (Fig. 1E). [s:5; ci: 20, ri: 20]

The humeral angles of *C. aurea*, *C. pirani* and *C. rosltoni* are outlined in black (Fig. 1D); dark punctures may co-occur. *Mayrinia curvidens* also shows this feature. The presence of a black line is not linked to the development of humeral angles into spines.

Character 3. Pale yellow callus at apex of radial vein: (0) present (1) absent. [s: 2; ci: 50; ri: 66] Several groups of Pentatomidae have a pale yellow callus in the discal region of the corium, near the apex of the radial vein. In the ingroup, this callus is absent in *C. aurea* and *C. pirani*.

Character 4 (Figs 2A,b). Ostiolar ruga: (0) short, rounded at apex, not surpassing half of the width of the evaporatorium area (Fig. 2A) (1) long, evanescent, extending for at least 2/3 of the evaporatorium area (Fig. 2B). [s:1; ci:100; ri:100]

Species of Pentatomidae have the ostiolar ruga elongated, reaching or surpassing the mid-point the of metapleurum (Gapud 1991). This condition is considered apomorphic but has multiple origins in the family (Gapud 1991). In this study all the species of *Chloropepla* have a long ostiolar ruga which extend for at least 2/3 of the metapleurum width and have evanescent apex (Fig. 2B). In outgroup the ostiolar ruga is short, not surpassing the half of the metapleurum width, with rounded apex (Fig. 2A).

Character 5 (Figs 2C,D). Mesosternum carina: (0) weak (Fig. 2C) (1) strong, forming a conspicuous keel (Fig. 2D). [unif]

The mesosternum forms a conspicuous keel in all the species analyzed except *M. curvidens*.

Character 6 (Figs 2E-G). Femur apical spine: (0) moderate (Fig. 2E) (1) inconspicuous (Fig. 2F) (2) strong (Fig. 2G). [s:4; ci: 50; ri:71]

This character considers the development of the dorsal spine-like projection at the distal end of femur, feature highly variable in Pentatomidae. However, the degree of development of this projection already proved to be useful in grouping species in phylogenetic hypothesis (Bernardes *et al.* 2009). "Inconspicuous" is the lower degree of development: only a tiny blunt projection is present (Fig. 2F). The "moderately produced" state refers to the intermediate degree of development, characterized by the presence of a small pyramidal projection (Fig. 2E). The apical projection is "strongly produced" in *C. vigens* and *Chloropepla* sp. nov. 1. In these species the femora bear a big and acute spine like projection at the distal end (Fig. 2G).

Female genitalia

Character 7 (Figs 3A,B). Posterior margins of gonocoxites 8: (0) slightly convex or sub-rectilinear (Fig. 3A) (1) strongly triangular (Fig. 3B). [s: 1; ci: 100; ri: 100]

The posterior margins of gonocoxites 8 are variable in shape. The condition strongly triangular is shared only by *C. tucuruiensis* and *C. dollingi* (Fig. 3B).

Character 8 (Fig. 3C) Gonocoxites 8 surface: (0) entirely flat (1) posterior third deflected (Fig. 3C). [s:2; ci:50; ri: 0]

The surface of the posterior third of gonocoxites 8 varies from flat to deflected. Gonocoxites 8 deflected is characterized by the presence of a small concavity in the deflected portion and occurs in *C. stysi* and *C. rolstoni*.

Character 9 (Figs 3D,E). Gonocoxites 9: (0) long (Fig. 3D) (1) short, anterior margin placed backward to the laterotegites 9 anterior margins (Fig. 3E). [s: 2; ci: 50; ri: 80]

The gonocoxites 9 of the analyzed species may be longer than wide or wider than long. The anterior margin of gonocoxites 9 trapezoidal, long is placed nearly at the same level as laterotegites 9 anterior margins, forming a straight or slightly concave line (Fig. 3D). The anterior margin of gonocoxites 9 trapezoidal, short is placed backward to the laterotegites 9 anterior margins, forming a strongly concave line (Fig. 3E). This condition is shared in the ingroup by *Chloropepla* sp. nov. 2, *C. stysi*, *C. rolstoni*, *C. dollingi* and *C. tucuruiensis*. It is found also in *R. grandicallosa*.

Character 10 (Figs 3D-F). Thickening of vaginal intima: (0) inconspicuous or reduced to small plate (Fig. 3F) (1) in a hood-like structure (Fig. 3E) (2) in a short tube (Fig. 3G) (3) in a long tube (Fig. 3D). [s: 4; ci: 75; ri: 85]

The thickening of vaginal intima consists of a sclerite which surrounds the orificium receptaculi, probably homologous with the second valvulae (Grazia *et al.* 2008a). Typically this structure is composed of a pair of antero-posteriorly oriented sclerites (Grazia *et al.* 2008a). In the species studied the thickening of vaginal intima varies from an inconspicuous or reduced plate to a well developed tube. The "hood-like" state consists of a curved plate, placed anteriorly to the orificium receptaculi (Fig. 3E); it is found in *Chloropepla* sp. nov. 2, *C. stysi*, *C. rosltoni*, *C. dollingi* and *C. tucuruiensis*. The "short tube" state is characterized by a ring-like plate that surrounds the proximal part of the ductus receptaculi (Fig. 3G). The "long tube" state consists of a tube with almost the same length as the gonapophyses 9 (Fig. 3D); it is shared by *C. vigens*, *C. paveli* and *Chloropepla* sp. nov. 1.

Character 11 (Figs 3H,I). Capsula seminalis, processes: (0) short, reaching the posterior annular flange (Fig. 3H) (1) at least one long, surpassing the posterior annular flange or reaching the anterior annular flange (Fig. 3I). [s: 2; ci: 50; ri: 66]

All the species studied have three processes arising from capsula seminalis. In the ingroup *C. lenti*, *C. vigens*, *C. paveli* and *Chloropepla* sp. nov. I have at least one process which surpasses the posterior annular flange and usually reaches the anterior annular flange (Fig. 3I).

Male genitalia

Character 12 (Figs 4 A-D). Pygophore, marginal process of the dorsal rim: (0) absent (1) present, triangular (Figs 4A,B) (2) present, digitiform (Figs 4C,D). [s: 2; ci: 100; ri: 100]

The structures referred by Grazia & Teradaira (1980) and Grazia (1987) as "processes of diaphragm" are here treated as marginal processes of dorsal rim. The shape of these processes in the ingroup can be triangular or digitiform. This variation in shape is associated to a variation in the position of the process inside genital cup: digitiform processes are more deeply placed as a result of a major infolding of the dorsal rim (Figs 4C,D).

Schaefer (1977) highlights the importance of the infold of the dorsal rim which is variable within Pentatomomorpha. According to Schaefer (1977) the more deeply infolded condition is considered to be more advanced.

Character 13 Figs 4E,F). Pygophore, ventral rim: (0) with median excavation in "U" or "V", in a continuous trajectory (Fig. 4E) (1) median excavation in "U" with apices strongly angulated (Fig. 4F). [s: 2; ci: 50; ri: 80]

The median excavation of ventral rim in all the species analyzed is "U" or "V" shaped. However, the trajectory described by the ventral rim varies. In *C. stysi*, *C. rolstoni*, *C. dollingi*, *C. tucuruiensis*, *Chloropepla* sp. nov. 1 and 2 the excavation shows sub-acute angles at the apices of the "U" (Fig. 4F). In the other species, the trajectory of the ventral rim is continuous, not forming angles (Fig. 4E).

Character 14 (Fig. 4G). Pygophore, processes of ventral rim: (0) absent (1) present, tubercle like (Fig. 4G) (2) present, reduced to a carina. [s: 2; ci: 100; ri: 100]

Some *Chloropepla* species may have 1+1 processes in the internal surface of ventral wall, near the ventral rim, laterad of the median excavation. The shape of these processes is variable. They are tubercle as in *Chloropepla* sp. nov. 2, *C. stysi*, and *C. tucuruiensis* (Fig. 4G), and reduced to a carina in *Chloropepla* sp. nov. 3 and *C. aurea*.

Character 15 (Figs 4H-I). Hypandrium (0) short (Fig. 4H) (1) long, not flanking the segment X (Fig. 4I) (2) long, flanking the segment X (Fig. 4J). [s: 2; ci: 100; ri: 100]

The pygophore can bear an elongation in the median portion of the internal ventral wall, known as hypandrium (*sensu* Dupuis 1970). This structure is observed in the species analyzed in this study as well as in other genera of the family: *Fecelia, Rideriana* and *Chlorocoris* (Grazia 1976; Thomas 1998; Grazia & Frey-da-Silva 2003). The hypandrium is highly variable in shape and size, being useful in the characterization of genera and sometimes of species. *Loxa deducta* and *M. curvidens* show a triangular hypandrium, shorter than parameres and only visible in ventral view (Fig. 4H) (state 0). It is the shortest hypandrium among the studied species. *Rhyncholepta grandicallosa* bear a wide, flat hypandrium which surpasses the ventral rim in almost the half of its length, being visible from both ventral and dorsal sides (Fig. 4I) (state 1). In *Chloropepla* species the hypandrium is also well developed, surpassing the ventral rim and being visible from ventral and dorsal sides (Fig. 4J) (state 2). But, the hypandrium in *Chloropepla* is unique in having dorsal expansions forming a structure where the segment X rests. Beside, in *Chloropepla* the ventral wall shows a deeper infolding than in *Rhyncolepta*. The expansions from the ventral wall of the pygophore are recognized as features with taxonomic and phylogenetic importance (Baker 1931; Schaefer 1977).

Character 16 (Figs 4E,F,L). Hypandrium, ventral wall: (0) flat (Fig. 4E); (1) forming a channel-like structure (Fig. 4L); (2) with processes, ventrally projected (Fig 4F). [s: 3; ci: 66; ri: 85]

In the ventral wall of the hypandrium processes may be absent or present, or a channel-like structure may appear. The ventral wall of hypandrium flat, without process, has approximately the same length as the dorsal portion of the hypandrium. This characteristic is found in the

outgroup terminals *L. deducta* and *M. curvidens* and in the ingroup species *C. vigens*, *C. paveli*, and *Chloropepla* sp. nov. 1 (Fig. 4E). The ventral wall of hypandrium in a channel-like structure is characterized by a strongly curved ventral wall, almost forming a tube, sometimes with a gutter-like structure at middle, ventrally directed; the ventral wall is shorter than the dorsal expansion (Fig. 4L) and is found in *C. lenti*, *Chloropepla aurea*, *C. pirani* and *Chloropepla* sp. nov. 3. The ventral wall of the hypandrium with processes is defined by the presence of a process, bilobed in *R. grandicallosa*, *C. tucuruiensis*, *C. rosltoni*, *C. stysi* and *Chloropepla* sp. nov. 2, and digitiform in *C. dollingi* (Fig. 4F).

Character 17 (Figs 4M,N). Segment X, processes: (0) absent (2) present, in 1+1 tubercles (Fig. 4M) (3) present, in 1+1 carina (Fig. 4N). [s: 2; ci: 100; ri: 100]

The segment X of *Chloropepla* species has a constriction in its basal third were 1+1 tubercles can be observed (Fig 4M), except in *C. vigens*, *C. paveli* and *Chloropepla* sp. nov. 1. In these species the basal third of the segment X is laterally carinated (Fig. 4N).

Character 18. Paramere, shape and position (Figs 4A,O,P): (0) wide with several processes (Fig. 4O); (1) nearly cylindrical, posteriorly directed (Fig. 4P); (2) nearly cylindrical, dorsally directed (Fig. 4A). [s: 2; ci: 100; ri: 100]

The parameres are very variable in shape and size (Baker 1931; Dupuis 1970). They have important characters which are useful to diagnose genera and species. *Loxa deducta* and *M. curvidens* have both laminar parameres with a variable number of processes (Grazia-Vieira 1972b; Eger 1978) (Fig. 4O). In the other hand, the parameres of *Chloropepla* are nearly cylindrical without conspicuous processes (Figs 4A,P). In *C. vigens*, *C.paveli* and *Chloropepla* sp. nov. 1 the parameres are clearly posteriorly directed (Fig. 4P). All the other species of

Chloropepla have dorsally directed parameres (Fig. 4A). Parameres are absent in Rhyncolepta grandicallosa.

Character 19 (Figs 5A,B). Paramere, median spine: (0) present (Fig. 5A) (1) absent (Fig 5B). [s:1; ci: 50; ri: 80]

In the studied species the parameres have one or two spine-like projections at the lateral surface (Fig. 5A). When only one projection was present it was considered apical and the median spine absent (state 1).

Character 20 (Figs 5B,C). Paramere, microsculpture: (0) absent (1) present, conspicuous (Fig. 5B) (2) present, reduced (Fig. 5C). [s: 2; ci: 100; ri: 100]

Part of the lateral surface of the parameres of *C. stysi*, *C. rosltoni*, *C. tucuruiensis* and *Chloropepla* sp. nov. 2 is clearly darker with a rough texture (Fig. 5B). This area is in contact with the marginal process of dorsal rim which is more deeply placed inside the genital cup than in the remaining *Chloropepla* species. In *C. aurea* and *Choropepla* sp. nov. 3 the parameres have also a texturized area, smaller and much less pigmented than in the species mentioned above (Fig. 5C).

Character 21 (Fig. 5D). Phallus, processus phallothecae 1: (0) present (Fig. 5D) (1) absent. [s: 3; ci: 33; ri: 60]

The *processus phallothecae* 1 are small structures, strongly sclerotized and occurring in pairs in the basal half of the posterior surface of the phallotheca (Fig. 5D). Here "posterior surface" has the same meaning as "dorsal wall" in the original descriptions of the species (Grazia 1968; 1969;

Grazia-Vieira 1971; 1972a; 1973a; Grazia & Teradaira 1980; Grazia 1987). This terminology is preferred because it reflects the rest position of the phallus inside the pygophore. The occurrence of these structures is widely spread within Pentatomidae species. In this study, it occurs in the outgroup species *L. deducta* and *M. curvidens* and in the ingroup species *C. aurea*, *C. pirani*, *C. lenti*, *Chloropepla* sp. nov. 1, *Chloropepla* sp. nov. 2 and *C. stysi*.

Character 22 (Fig. 5E). Phallus, processus phallothecae 2: (0) present (Fig. 5E) (1) absent. [s: 3; ci: 33; ri: 50]

The *processus phallothecae* 2 occur in pairs, at the angles of the distal margin of the anterior surface of the phallotheca (Fig. 5E) and are characteristic of several groups of Pentatomidae. Here, "anterior surface" means the same as "ventral wall" in the original descriptions of the species (see explanation in character 21). In the analyzed species this structure is usually ear-like and is present in all taxa except for *R. grandicallosa*, *L. deducta*, *C.vigens*, *C. paveli* and *C. rosltoni*.

Character 23 (Figs 5F-H). Conjunctiva: (0) absent (Fig. 5F) (1) reduced, completely obscured by the phallotheca (Fig. 5G) (2) conspicuous, membranous, laterally flattened (Fig. 5H). [s: 2; ci: 100; ri: 100]

The variation in the shape and size of the conjunctiva is an important taxonomic character in Pentatomoidea (Leston 1955). Gapud (1991) analyzing the Pentatomidae family indicates a tendency to the reduction of the conjunctiva in some groups. This reduction can be characterized by reduction of the size or by the complete sclerotization of conjunctiva, with loss of membranous parts. The complete loss of membranous parts can be observed in some Edessini, Discocephalinae and in some neotropical Pentatominae genera as in *Loxa* and *Chlorocoris*

(Gapud 1991). All the species of *Chloropepla* show a reduction in the size of the conjunctiva which is membranous and almost completely obscured by the phallotheca (Fig. 5G).

Character 24 (Figs 5D,G,H). Vesica: (0) in a long tube (Fig. 5H) (1) in a short tube (Fig. 5G) (2) bulbous (Fig. 5D). [s: 2; ci: 100; ri: 100]

In the ingroup the vesica may be a short tube (Fig. 5G) (not surpassing or slightly surpassing the most distal margin of phallotheca) or may be bulb-like conspicuously wider than the ductus seminis distalis, enlarging from base to apex (Fig. 5D). This condition is observed in *C. stysi*, *C. rolstoni*, *C. dollingi*, and *C. tucuruiensis*. In the outgroup the vesica is tube like with a constant diameter involving the ductus seminis distalis along its way (Fig. 5H) and is longer than in *Chloropepla* species, far surpassing the most distal margin of phallotheca.

Character 25 (Fig. 5D). Vesica, collar like process: (0) absent (1) present (Fig. 5D). [s: 2; ci: 50; ri: 0]

The collar-like process on the base of vesica was described for *C. lenti* and *C. vigens* (Grazia 1968). Subsequent descriptions treated this structure as belonging to conjunctiva (Grazia 1969; Grazia-Vieira 1971; Grazia & Teradaira 1980; Grazia 1987). Here the character is interpreted as a process of vesica (*sensu* Grazia 1968). This process is observed in all species of *Chloropepla* and in *L. deducta*.

Cladistic Analysis

The parsimony analysis of 15 terminals, 25 informative characters resulted in one most parsimonious cladogram with 61 steps (Fig. 6), consistency index of 65 and retention index of 77.

The monophyly of the genus *Chloropepla* is evidenced by four non-homoplastic synapomorphies: ostiolar ruga long and evanescent (4_1) , wide hypandrium, with dorsal projections flanking the segment X (15_2) , paremeres cylindrical, posteriorly directed (18_1) , membranous conjunctiva reduced, almost entirely obscured by the phallotheca (23_1) (Fig. 6).

The clade formed by *Chloropela* sp. nov.1 + C. vigens + C. paveli is the sister group of the remaining *Chloropepla* species and is sustained by having at least one long process in the capsula seminalis surpassing the posterior annular flange or reaching the anterior annular flange (11₁).

The branch gathering the remaining species of *Chloropepla* is defined by four synapomorphies: femur apical process inconspicuous (6_1) , processes of ventral rim of pygophore reduced to a carina (14_2) , ventral wall of hypandrium in a channel like structure (16_1) , microsculpture on lateral surface of paramete reduced (20_2) .

The first dichotomy among these species separates C. lenti from the remaining species. Those are divided in two main groups: one with Chloropepla sp. nov. 3 + C. aurea + C. pirani, and the other composed by Chloropepla sp. nov. 2 + C. stysi + C. rolstoni + C. dollingi + C. tucuruiensis. The Chloropepla sp. nov. 3 + + branch is sutained by humeral angles produced in pyramidal spine, laterally directed (1₂) and femur apical process moderately produced (6₀).

The clade *Chloropepla* sp. nov. 3 ++ is the best supported (Bremer support = 5) by eight characters: gonocoxites 9 short (9₁), thickening of vaginal intima in a hood-like structure (10₁), marginal process of the dorsal rim of pygophore digitiform (12₂), median excavation of ventral

rim of pygophore in "U" with apices strongly angulated (13_1) , processes of ventral rim of pygophore tubercle like (14_1) , ventral wall of hypandrium with process (16_2) ; median spine of paramere absent (19_1) ; and microsculpture on lateral surface of paramere conspicuous (20_1) .

Chloropepla Stål. 1867

Diagnosis. Small to medium sized. Head triangular, juga surpassing clypeus. Synapomorphies: ostiolar ruga long, evanescent, extending over at least 2/3 of the evaporatorium area; hypandrium surpassing ventral margin of pygophore, with dorsal expansions flanking segment X; basal third of segment X with 1+1 tubercle-like or carina-like processes; paramere nearly cylindrical, dorsally or posteriorly directed; reduced membranous conjunctiva, almost entirely obscured by phallotheca; vesica in a short tube.

Color. Dark green, reddish brown or pale yellow in dry preserved specimens. Probably green in life. Concolor to ferruginous punctures. External margins of juga and humeral angles concolor or lined by black. Humeral angles with or without black punctures near the black line. Antennal segments concolor or with black stripes of variable size. Lateral margins of dorsal surface of tibia with or without black line or black punctures.

Small (average length 10.4 mm of *C. paveli*) to medium (15.96 mm of *C. dollingi*) sized species. General shape oval.

Head triangular, wider than long or width and length approximately equal. Juga longer than clypeus; lateral margins convex or sinuous. Buccula evanescent, reaching base of head, anterior angle rounded or angulated. Proportion among antennal segments length variable: usually increasing from I to V, sometimes with III longest or sub-equal to IV (in this case, IV shorter than V), sometimes with IV and V sub-equal.

Pronotum trapezoidal; anterior half or 2/3 of antero-lateral margins crenulated. Humeral angles produced in spines of variable shape or triangular (not produced in spine).

Scutellum covering more than half of abdomen; rounded apex, posterior forth slightly constricted. Corium of hemelytra longer than scutellum; yellow callous at apex of radial vein present or not. Tibia dorsally flat with sulcus of variable length. Dorsal spine-like projection at the distal end of femur with variable degree of development: from inconspicuous to strongly produced.

Abdomen strongly or slightly convex.

Male genitalia. Pygophore rectangular or quadrangular. Lateral third of dorsal rim plain or deeply infolded, bearing triangular (in plain or slightly infolded rim) or digitiform process (in deeply infolded rim). Ventral rim concave, "V" or "U" shaped. Ventral wall deeply infolded inside the genital capsule bearing a strongly developed process, the hypandrium. Hypandrium surpassing ventral rim, with dorsal expansions flanking segment X; ventral wall of hypandrium flat, developed or not in a process, or channel-like. Segment X parallel to the longitudinal axis of pygophore, constricted on the basal third or half; constriction line flanked by 1+1 tubercle-like process or base of segment X flanked by 1+1 carina; apex ogival, narrower than base. Parameres nearly cylindrical narrowing from base toward apex, sometimes with dilated apex; bearing one (apical) or two (apical and medial) spine-like projections on the lateral surface, near the apex. Phallotheca cylindrical, slightly curved posteriorly; processus phallothecae 1 and 2 present or absent. Vesica short slightly surpassing the posterior margin of the phallotheca; in a narrow tube or in a bulbous-like structure, conspicuously wider than ductus seminis distalis. Base of vesica surrounded by a collar like process.

Female genitalia. Gonocoxites 8 usually convex, some species with a small concavity in the posterior third; posterior margins sub-rectilinear or triangular; at least posterior third of sutural margins divergent. Posterior angles of laterotergites 9 variable in shape, always surpassing the posterior end of body. Gonocoxites 9 trapezoidal. Gonapophyses 9 bearing sclerotized areas of variable shape. Thickening of vaginal intima tube or cone shaped, with variable length, or

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reduced to a small hood-like structure. Capsula seminalis globular or nearly conical, bearing

three processes with variable size among species. At least the basal half of pars intermedialis

striated.

Distribution: Costa Rica, Venezuela, French Guyana, Guyana, Bolivia, Brazil (AM, PA, RN, TO,

DF, MT, MG, RJ, SP, SC, RS), Argentina, Uruguay.

Chloropepla sp. nov. 1

Diagnosis. Small size (male: 11.6; female: 12.8). Male. Pygophore rectangular, almost 0.2 times

longer than wide. Lateral thirds of dorsal rim slightly folded toward genital capsule; marginal

processes of dorsal rim triangular. Median excavation of ventral rim "U" shaped, with apices

strongly angulated. Dorsal expansions of hypandrium wide, bearing 1+1 elongate process

extending from the base to almost the apex of the expansion. Paramere club shaped, with apical

and medial spines. Processus phallothecae 1 and 2 present. Vesica bulbous, wider than final

portion of ductus seminis. Female. Gonocoxites 8 rectangular; apical third of sutural margins

divergent. Laterotergites 8 slightly longer than 9, apical angle acute in laterotergites 8 and

rounded in 9. Anterior thickening of vaginal intima tube shaped, nearly as long as gonapophyses

9. Processes of capsula seminalis: two surpassing the posterior annular flange in almost half of

their length, the third nearly reaching the anterior annular flange.

Distribution: Brazil (Bahia, Minas Gerais)

Chloropepla vigens (Stål, 1860)

Diagnosis. Medium size (12.4) (Grazia 1968). Humeral angles produced in a cylindrical spine,

laterad directed (autapomorphy). Male. Pygophore rectangular, almost as long as wide. Dorsal

rim plain, not folded toward the genital capsule. Dorsal expansion of hypandrium narrow, with

rounded apices. Apex of paramere enlarged, with apical and medial spines. Vesica in a narrow

tube, slightly wider than ductus seminis. Female. Gonocoxites 8 quandrangular; posterior third of

sutural margins divergent. Laterotergites 8 longer than laterotergites 9, posterior angle slightly acute. Posterior angle of laterotergites 9 rounded. Capsula seminalis processes: two reaching the posterior annular flange, the third almost reaching the anterior annular flange.

Distribuition: Brazil (DF new occurrence, RJ, SP, SC, RS)

Chloropepla paveli Grazia, Schwertner & Greve, 2008

Diagnosis. Small size (male: 10.4; female: 11.3). Male. Pygophore trapezoidal. Lateral thirds of dorsal rim not infolded. Dorsal expansion of hypandrium narrow. Apex of paramere spatulate; apical and medial spines present. Vesica in a narrow tube, silgthly wider than ductus seminis. Female. Gonocoxites 8 quadrangular; posterior third of sutural margins divergent. Laterotergites 8 and 9 subequal, with rounded apex.

Female (Fig. 7). Gonocoxites 9 (Fig. 7, gc9) trapezoidal, longer than wide. Gonapophyses 9 (Fig. 7, g9) with 1+1 hatchet-like sclerotized areas. Thickening of vaginal intima (Fig. 7, tvi) conical, tube like; long, with almost the same length as gonopaphyses 9. Capsula seminalis (Fig. 7, cs) conical, with three cylindrical processes: two slightly surpassing the free margin of posterior annular flange (Fig. 7, paf), the third surpassing half of the pars intermedialis (Fig. 7, pi) length.

Distribution: Bolivia (Santa Cruz, Cochabamba), Brazil (RN, TO, MG, RS).

Chloropepla lenti Grazia, 1968

Diagnosis. Medium size (14.1) (Grazia 1968). Male. Pygophore rectangular, longer than wide. Median excavation of ventral rim "U" shaped, in a continuous trajectory. Dorsal projection of hypandrium narrow; apex with globular expansions (Grazia 1968). Paramere narrowing from base to apex, with apical and medial spines (Grazia 1968). Phallotheca with processus phalothecae 1 and 2 (Grazia 1968). Female. Gonocoxites 8 triangular. Apex of laterotergites 8 strongly acute. Laterotergites 9 longer than latertergites 8. Two processes of the capsula seminalis reaching the posterior annular flange, the third surpassing it (Grazia, 1968).

Distribution: Venezuela (Carabobo).

Chloropepla sp. nov. 3

Diagnosis. Medium size (male: 13.0; female: 13.8). Male. Pygophore triangular, almost as long

as wide. Postero-lateral angles flat, quadrangular. Marginal process of dorsal rim triangular.

Median excavation of ventral rim "V" shaped. Dorsal expansion of hypandrium wide, with two

narrow, apical rounded processes; one laterad directed and other backward directed. Parameres

spatulated, lateral surface bearing two spine-like processes; dorsally directed. Female.

Gonocoxites 8 quadrangular; apical forth of sutural margins divergent; transversal carina arising

from the sutural angles. Laterotergites 8 and 9 equal in length; posterior angle of laterotergites 8

acute; posterior angle of laterotergites 9 rounded. Gonocoxites 9 trapezoidal, strongly convex.

Anterior thickening of vaginal intima in a ring like structure. Processes of capsula seminalis: two

reaching the free margin of posterior annular flange, the third shorter.

Distribution: Costa Rica (Guanacaste, Alajuela)

Chloropepla aurea (Pirán, 1963)

Diagnosis. Medium size (male: 14.1; female: 14.3) (Grazia 1969). Lateral margins of juga

convex, outlined by black. Humeral angles and dorsal sulcus of tibia outlined by black. Male.

Pygophore rectangular, longer than wide. Median excavation of ventral rim "V" shaped. Dorsal

projection of hypandrium wide, apices nearly acute. Apex of paramere wedge shaped; apical and

medial spines present. Phallotheca bearing one pair of acute processes in its posterior surface

(processus phallothecae 1) and one pair of ear-like processes in its anterior surface (processus

phallothecae 2). Vesica with bifurcate process at apex. Female. Gonocoxites 8 nearly pentagonal;

sutural margins divergent at posterior half. Apical angles of laterotergites 8 acute, longer than

laterotergites 9. Proximal two thirds of pars intermedialis striated. Processes of capsula seminalis:

two reaching the posterior annular flange, one third shorter, not reaching the base of capsula

seminalis.

Distribution: Bolivia (Cochabamba, La Paz), Brazil (MT, new occurrence), Peru (San Martin)

Chloropepla pirani Grazia-Vieira, 1971

Diagnosis. Medium size (male: 14; female: 15.99) (Grazia-Vieira 1971). Lateral margins of juga

sinuous. Humeral angles produced in pyramidal spine, outlined by black. Male. Pygophore

quadrangular, almost as long as wide; posterolateral angles projected toward median line; median

third of dorsal rim projected onto segment X in a biconvex elevation. Median excavation of

ventral rim deeply "U" shaped. Dorsal projection of hypandrium wide, ventral and dorsal walls

with nearly the same length. Paramere bearing only the apical spine. Phallotheca with processus

phallotheca 1 and 2. Vesica tubular, secondary gonopore racket shaped on posterior view

(Grazia-Vieira 1971). Female. Gonocoxites 8 pentagonal; posterior third of sutural margins

divergent. Latergites 8 longer than laterotergites 9. Proximal two thirds of pars intermedialis

striated. Capsula seminalis bearing three processes reaching the free margin of posterior annular

flange (Grazia-Vieira 1973).

Distribution: Bolivia (Cochabamba, La Paz).

Chloropepla sp. nov. 2

Diagnosis. Medium size (male: 13.4; female: 14.0). Anterior margin of humeral angles with dark

line. Male. Pygophore quadrangular, nearly as long as wide. Dorsal expansions of hypandrium

wide, with laminar process near the apex. Paramere cylindrical at the base and spatulated at the

apex. Processus phallothecae 1 and 2 present. Female. Gonocoxites 8 quadrangular; apical forth

of sutural margins divergent. Laterotergites 8 and 9 equal in length, both with nearly acute apex.

Processes of capsula seminalis: one reaching the free margin of posterior annular flange, the

other two shorter.

Distribution: Venezuela (Amazonas), Brazil (PA).

Chloropepla stysi Grazia Schwertner & Greve, 2008

Diagnosis. Medium size (male: 12.6; female: 14.3). Male. Pygophore rectangular, longer than

wide. Lateral thirds of dorsal rim infolded toward the genital capsule. Dorsal expansion of

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hypandrium wide; ventral wall of hypandrium with bilobed process and 1+1 medial tumescent

areas. Paramere spatulate. Processus phallothecae 1 and 2 present. Female. Gonocoxites 8

subquadrangular; posterior forth of sutural margins divergent. Laterotergites 8 and 9 subequal,

with rounded apex. Processes of capsula seminalis: two processes reaching the posterior annular

flange, the third barely surpassing it.

Distribution: Ecuador (Napo), Brazil (AM).

Chloropepla rosltoni Grazia-Vieira, 1973

Diagnosis. Medium size (male: 14.61; female: 14.1) (Grazia-Vieira 1973, Grazia 1987). Humeral

angles outlined by black. Male. Pygophore quadrangular, almost as long as wide. Dorsal

expansions of hypandrium narrow, posteriorly convergent; ventral wall with apical bilobed

process and 1+1 medial mushroom-like processes. Paramere narrowing from base toward apex.

Phallotheca without processes. Secondary gonopore U-shaped Female. Gonocoxites 8

quadrangular; sutural margins parallel in the whole extension. Laterotergites 8 and 9 nearly equal

in length. Pars intermedialis striated in the anterior two thirds. Two processes of capsula

seminalis barely reaching the posterior annular flange, the third nearly reaching the posterior

margin of this flange (Grazia-Vieira 1972).

Distribution: French Guyana (Guyane), Bolivia (La Paz), Brazil (AM, new occurence).

Chloropepla dollingi Grazia, 1987

Diagnosis. Medium size (male: 15.96; female: 16.29) (Grazia 1987). Male. Pygophore

rectangular, a bit longer than wide. Dorsal expansion of hypandrium narrow, with lateral magins

concave; ventral wall with digitiform process. Paramere narrowing from base toward apex.

Secondary gonopore projecting beyond the vesica. Female. Gonocoxites 8 posterior margin

triangular; posterior third of sutural margins divergent. Laterotergites 8 slightly shorter than 9.

Internal genitalia similar to *C. tucuruiensis* (Grazia 1987).

Distribution: Brazil (PA), Guyana.

Chloropepla tucuruiensis Grazia & Teradaira, 1980

Diagnosis. Medium size (male: 12.93; female: 13.66) (Grazia & Teradaira 1980). Male. Pygophore triangular, a bit longer than wide. Dorsal projection of hypandrium widening from base toward apex; ventral wall with apical bilobed process and 1+1 medial triangular processes. Paramere narrowing from base toward apex. Processus phallothecae 2 ear-like; processus phallothecae 1 absent (Grazia & Teradaira 1980). Female. Gonocoxites 8 posterior margin triangular; posterior third of sutural margins divergent. Laterotergites 9 slightly shorter than laterotergites 8; both with acute apex. Basal half of pars intermedialis striated. The three processes of capsula seminalis reaching the posterior annular flange (Grazia & Teradaira 1980). Distribution: Brazil (PA, MT).

Biogeographic Considerations

Chloropepla species are distributed exclusively in the Neotropical region (*sensu* Amorim & Pires 1996) or in the Neotropical region and South American Transition Zone (*sensu* Morrone 2006).

The largest number of records of the clade *Chloropepla* sp. nov. 1 + are in eastern and southern Brazil. *Chloropepla paveli* is the species most widely distributed, being registered in eastern and central Bolivia, central Brazil (Tocantins state), northeast Brazil (Rio Grande do Norte), southeast Brazil (Minas Gerais state) and southern Brazil (Rio Grande do Sul state). *Chloropepla* sp. nov. 1 occurs in northeast Brazil (Minas Gerais and Bahia states), while *C. vigens* is distributed from northeast to south Brazil (Bahia, Minas Gerais, Espírito Santo, Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Paraná, Santa Catarina and Rio Grande do Sul states).

Chloropepla lenti is registered only in Venezuela, while Chloropepla sp. nov. 3 occurs in Costa Rica and Chloropepla aurea is found in north Peru, northwestern and central Brazil (in Amazonas and Mato Grosso states) and in Bolivia. Chloropepla pirani occurs in west Bolivia.

The clade *Chloropepla* sp. nov. 3 + occurs mainly in north region of South America. *Chloropepla stysi* is registered in northeast Ecuador and in north Brazil, Amazonas state. In the same state is found *C. rolstoni*, wich also occurs in French Guyana. Still in north Brazil, Pará state, are registered *C. tucuruiensis*, *C. dollingi* and *Chloropepla* sp. nov. 2. Additionally, *C. tucuruiensis* found in central Brazil, Mato Grosso state, *C. dollingi* is registered in south Guyana and *Chloropepla* sp. nov. 2 occurs in south Venezuela.

Brook's Parsimony Analysis

The areas of occurrence of each species according to the classification proposed by Nihei & de Carvalho (2007) are shown in Figure 8.

The analysis using the subregions as terminals (Tab. 2) resulted in one most parsimonious cladogram with 32 steps, consistence index of 68 and retention index of 56 (Fig. 9A). The areas were distributed in three main branches: one composed by Caribbean subregion, one by Chacoan and Parana subregions, and another by South American Transition Zone + Amazonian components. The SWAm appears as sister group of SEAm+Nam. On opposition that found by Nihei & de Carvalho (2007), our results sustained the Amazonia region as an historical unit, in agreement with Morrone (2001, 2006).

When performing the BPA using the provinces of Chacoan subregion as terminals (Table 2), one most parsimonious tree was obtained with 29 steps, consistency index 75 and retention index 80 (Fig. 9B). The Parana subregion was maintained as terminal since only the monophyletic clade *Chloropepla* sp. nov. 1+ occurs there. In this tree, the areas are divided in two main branches: one composed by Cerrado + Parana + Caatinga + Pampa and the other by the Caribbean subregion as sister from the remaining areas. The South American Transition Zone and the Chaco province appear in the same branch with the clade composed by the Amazonian components. These results show the hybrid nature of the Chacoan subregion, as already

hypothesized by other studies. Sigrist & de Carvalho's (2009) results showed Cerrado and Chaco provinces clustered in the Amazonian component. The Parana provinces are together in a branch, while Caatinga and Pampa appear in a politomy, as sisters af the remaining areas.

Morrone et al. (2004) found that the Chaco province has a complex biota, with Amazonian, Parana and Patagonian elements. Still, the Cerrado presents elements of both Chacoan and Amazonian biotas, being formerly included in the Amazonian domain (Morrone 2006). Moreover, a phylogeographic analysis of Costa (2003) showed evidence of the existence of connections between small mammalian fauna from Amazonian and Atlantic forest through the Chacoan subregion, probably due to forested corridors found especially in the Brazilian Cerrado (Silva 1996). Testing this hypothesis, Porzecanski & Cracraft (2005) found that the removal of the avian forest species from a Cladistc Analysis of Distribution and Endemism (CADE) test resulted in better definition of the Central South America area relation, with a strongly supported clade formed by Chaco and Cerrado areas, closely related to Caatinga.

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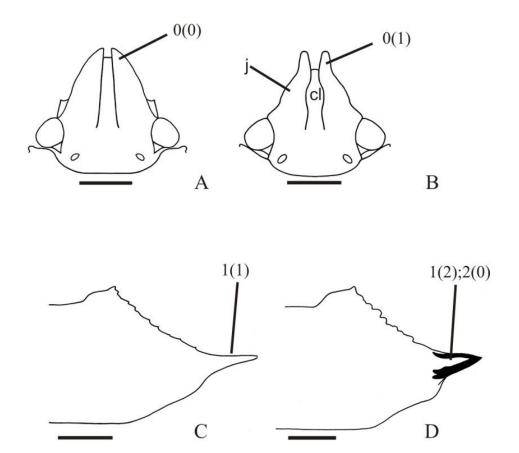
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Table 1. Character state matrix for the cladistic analysis of *Chloropepla*: "-" code for inapplicable data, "?" code for missing data.

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Rhyncolepta grandicallosa	100101200121000120011200
Mayrinia curvidens	020000000001000000000000
Loxa deducta	00110120000000000000001001
Chloropepla sp. nov. 3	121011000020102211202?????
C. aurea	12011100002010221120200121
C. pirani	12011100?02010?21?21?00121
C. lenti	13101110002010221110200121
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C. vigens	11101120003110020210011111
C. paveli	13101100003110020210011111
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C. stysi	13101110111021122121100121
C. rolstoni	13001110111021?22121111121
C. dollingi	13101111011021?22121?10121
C. tucuruiensis	13101111?11021122121110121

Table 2. Areas of occurrence of *Chloropepla* species used in two Brook's Parsimony Analysis (SATZ – South American Transition Zone; SEAm – Southeast Amazonian; SWAm – Southwest Amazonian; NAm – North Amazonian).

Charles	Distribution	
Species	BPA1	BPA2
Chloropepla sp. nov. 3	Caribbean	Caribbean
C. aurea	SATZ	SATZ
	Chacoan	Chaco
	SEAm, SWAm	SEAm, SWAm
C. pirani	SATZ	SATZ
C. lenti	Caribbean	Caribbean
Chloropepla sp. nov. 1	Parana	Parana
C. vigens	Parana	Parana
	Chacoan	Caatinga, Pampa
C. paveli	Parana	Parana
	Chacoan	Caatinga, Cerrado, Chaco, Pampa
	SEAm	SEAm
Chloropepla sp. nov. 2	NAm	NAm
C. stysi	NAm, SWAm	NAm, SWAm
C. rolstoni	NAm	NAm
C. tucuruiensis	NAm, SEAm	NAm, SEAm
C. dollingi	NAm	NAm



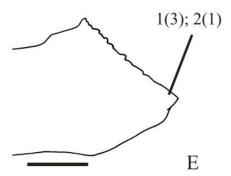


Figure 1 - Characters 0-2. A-B - Head dorsal view: A - Chloropepla vigens; B - Mayrinia curvidens. C-E - Humeral angles: C - C. vigens; D - C. aurea; E - C. paveli. (j - juga, cl - clypeus). Scale bar = 1 mm.

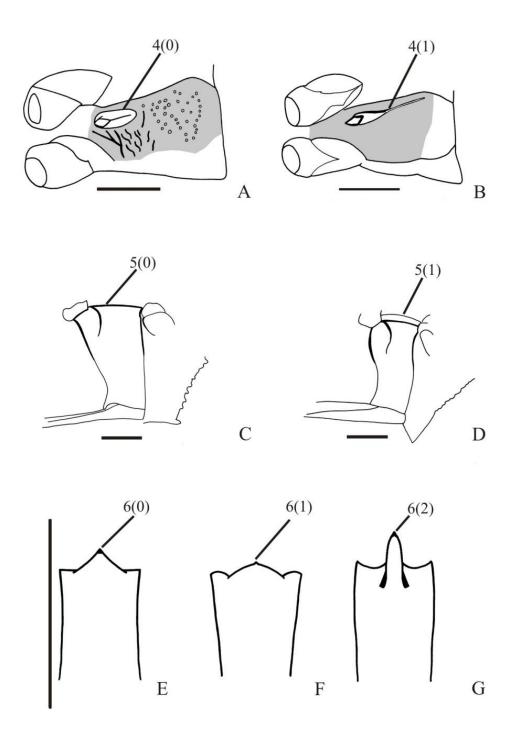


Figure 2 – Characters 4 – 6. A, B – Ostiolar ruga: A – Mayrinia curvidens; B – Chloropepla vigens. B, C – Metasternum carina: C – M. curvidens; D – C. vigens. E-G – Femur apical spine: E – C. paveli; F – C. stysi; G – C. vigens. Scale bar = 1 mm.

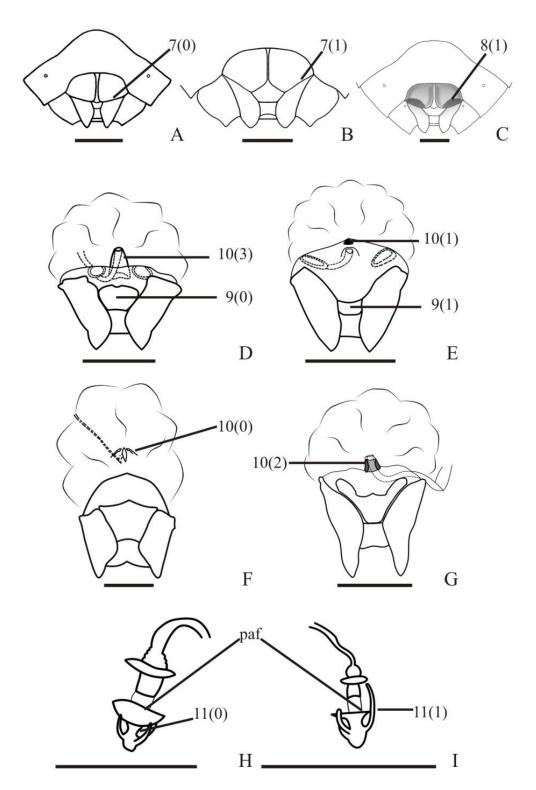


Figure 3 – Characters 7 -11. A-C – Female external genitalia: A,C – *Chloropepla rolstoni*; B – *C. tucuruiensis*. D-G - Female internal genitalia: D – *Chloropepla vigens*; E – *C. rolstoni*; F *Loxa deducta*; G – *C. aurea*. H, I – Capsula seminalis: H – *C. vigens*; I – *C. rosltoni*. (paf – posterior annular flange). Scale bar = 1 mm.

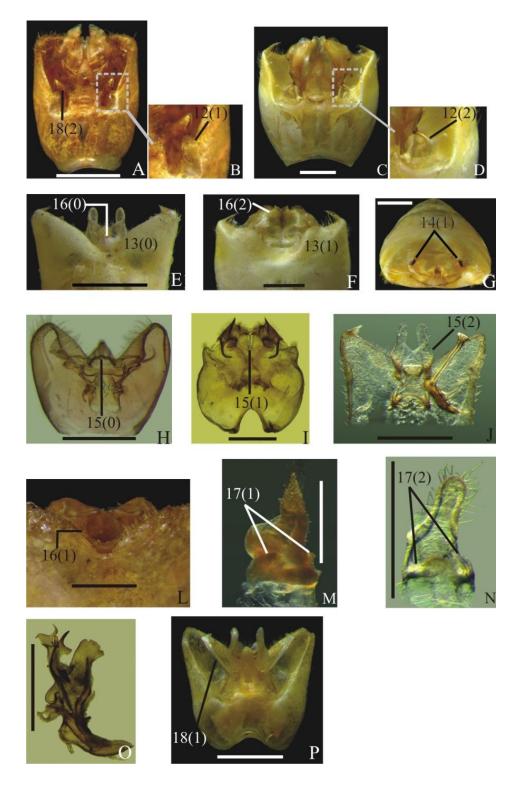


Figure 4 – Characters 12-18. A-D – Pygophore dorsal view: A, B– *Chloropepla aurea*; C, D – *Chloropepla* sp. nov. 2. E, F – Pygophore ventral view: E – *C. vigens*; F – *Chloropepla* sp. nov. 2. G – Pygophore posterior view, *Chloropepla* sp. nov. 2. H-J – Pygophore ventral wall (internal view): H – *Mayrinia curvidens*; I – *Rhyncholepta grandicallosa*; J – *C. vigens*. L – Pygophore posterior-ventral view, *C. aurea*. M, N - Male segment X: M – *Chloropepla* sp. nov. 2; N – *C. vigens*. O – Paramere, *Loxa deducta*. P – Pygophore dorsal view, *C. vigens*. Scale bar A-J, M-P = 1 mm; scale bar L = 0.5 mm.

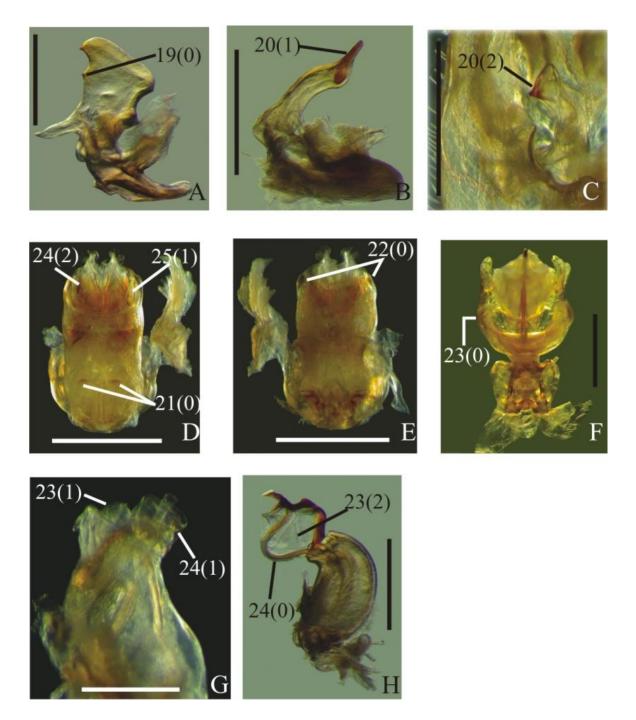


Figure 5 – Characters 19-24. A-C – Paramere, lateral view: A – *Mayrinia curvidens*; B – *Chloropepla* sp. nov2; C- *C. aurea*. D-G – Phallus: D - *C.* stysi, posterior view; E – *C. stysi*; anterior view; F – *Loxa deducta*, posterior view; G – *C. vigens*, lateral view; H – *Rhyncholepta grandicallosa*, lateral view. Scale bar A, B, D-G = 1 mm; scale bar C = 0.5 mm.

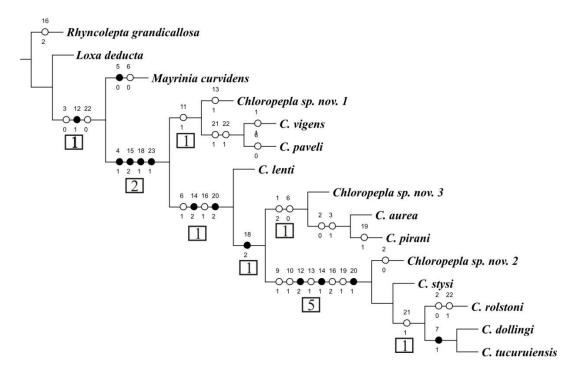


Figure 6 – Most parsimonious cladogram of *Chloropepla* species (61 steps, CI: 65, RI: 77). (white circles: not uniquely derived synapomorphies; black circles: uniquely derived synapomorphies; numbers in squares: Bremer support). Only unambiguous transformations are shown.

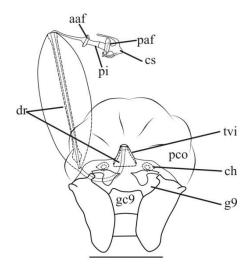


Figure 7 – *Chloropepla paveli* female internal genitalia (aaf – anterior annular flange, ch – chitinellipsen, cs – capsula seminalis, dr – ductus receptaculi, g 9 – gonapophyses 9, gc9 – gonocoxites 9, paf – posterior annular flange, pco – pars communis, pi – pars intermedialis, tvi – tickening of vaginal intima). Scale bar = 1 mm.

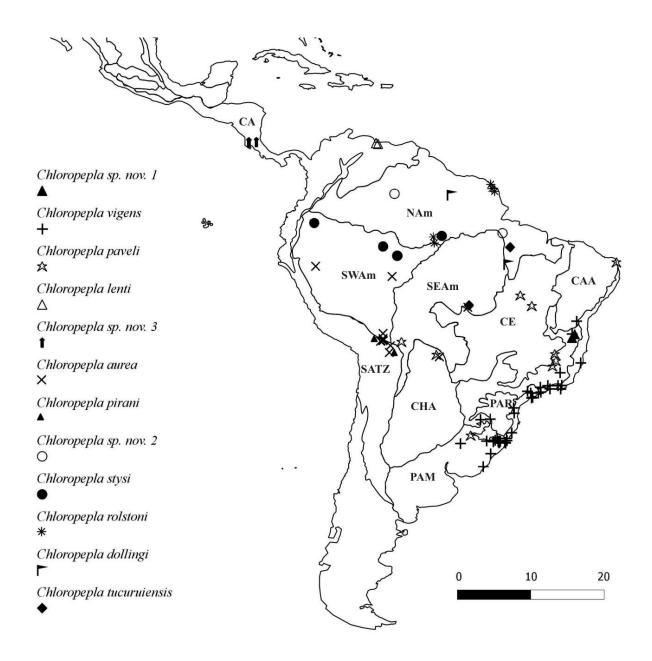


Figure 8 – Distribution map of *Chloropepla* species based on Nihei & Carvalho 2007) (CA – Caribbean subregion, CAA – Caatinga province, CE – Cerrado province, CHA – Chaco province, NAm – North Amazon, PAR – Parana subregion, SATZ – South American Transition Zone, SEAm – Southeast Amazon, SWAm – Southwest Amazon). Scale bar: 20,000 km).

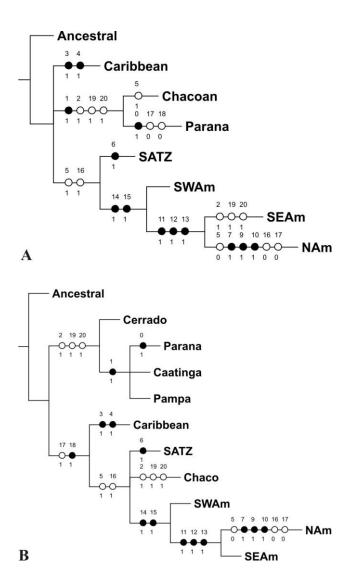


Figure 9 – A - Most parsimonious cladrogram from BPA analysis using subregions as terminals (32 steps, CI = 68, RI = 56); B - most parsimonious cladrogram from BPA analysis using Chacoan provinces + Neotropical subregions as terminals (29 steps, CI = 75; RI = 80). (CA – Caribbean subregion, CAA – Caatinga province, CE – Cerrado province, CHA – Chaco province, NAm – North Amazon, PAR – Parana subregion, SATZ – South American Transition Zone, SEAm – Southeast Amazon, SWAm – Southwest Amazon).

Capítulo 4

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Cladistic analysis of Chlorocoris group (Hemiptera, Heteroptera, Pentatomidae), based

on morphological characters and total evidence

Abstract

The phylogenetic relationships of eight Pentatominae genera was investigated: Arvelius,

Chlorochoris, Chloropepla, Eludocoris, Fecelia, Loxa, Mayrinia and Rhyncholepta. Two

data sets were used: one based on 37 morphological characters and other based on total

evidence. The total evidence data set was composed by the morphological characters plus

approximately 1,767 pairs of bases of mitochondrial 16S and nuclear 28S and 28SD

ribosomal DNA, and was submitted to the dynamic optimization method. Both analyses

differ and none confirmed the monophyly of the ingroup, preventing the proposal of a

classification for the group. However, some relations are recovered in both cladograms: Loxa

+ Mayrinia + Chlorocoris (Monochrocerus), Arvelius + E. humeralis + R. humeralis and

Chlorochoris (Chlorocoris) + Fecelia + Chlorochoris (Arawacoris). The results here

obtained emphasize the necessity of further studies on the use of molecular data in analyses

on genera and species levels in Pentatominae. Besides, the homologies also need to be better

investigated and tested within Pentatomidae, Pentatominae and tribes levels, based on

cladistics studies.

Key words: parsimony, molecular data, Pentatominae.

Introduction

Petatomoidea includes 15 families of stink bugs and their allies (Grazia *et al.* 2008a). Its monophyly was already widely corroborated by phylogenetic studies using both molecular and morphological characters (Gapud 1991; Henry 1997; Li *et al.* 2005; Grazia *et al.* 2008a).

Pentatomidae is the largest family of Pentatomoidea, with approximately 760 genera and more than 4,100 species (Schuh & Slater 1995). Several studies confirmed its monophyly without, however, resolving the infra-family relations (Gapud 1991; Hasan & Kitching 1993; Grazia *et al.* 2008a). However, there is evidence that Pentatomini and Pentatominae, two of the most diverse taxa in the family, do not constitute monophyletic groups (Gapud 1991; Campos & Grazia 2006).

Rider (2008) grouped eigth genera of Pentatomini (*Arvelius* Spinola, 1837, *Chlorocoris* Spinola, 1837; *Chloropepla* Stål, 1867; *Eludocoris* Thomas, 1992; *Fecelia* Stål, 1872; *Loxa* Amyot & Serville, 1843; *Mayrinia* Horvath, 1925 and *Rhyncholepta* Bergroth, 1911) suggesting that they could be included in a new tribe, named "Chlorocorini" (manuscript). The grouping is based mainly on information from the literature, which hypothezised a relationship amog thes genera based on shared characteristics as general green color, elongate and flat body, apex of femora usually with dorsal process and humeral angles produced in spine (Grazia 1968; 1976; Becker & Grazia-Vieira 1971; Grazia-Vieira 1972b; Eger 1978; Thomas 1992; 1998). Additionally, *Chlorocoris*, *Mayrinia*, *Chloropepla*, *Loxa*, *Fecelia* and *Rhyncholepta* have the ventral rim of phygophore produced into a process, considered a likely homology among these taxa (Thomas 1998).

Several studies revealed that the use of the total amount of available information enable the construction of better supported cladistic hypothesis (Kluge 1989; 1998; 2004; Ernisse & Kluge 1993; Kluge & Wolf 1993; Mishler 1994; Whiting *et al.* 1997; Murrell *et al.* 2001; Kluge & Grant 2006). Among the reasons for this is the lack of objective criteria in the

establishment of characters partitions, resulting in artificial categories (Ernisse & Kluge 1993; Kluge 1998; 2004). Also, when partitions are adopted, *ad hoc* hypothesis are needed to explain them (Ernisse & Kluge 1993; Kluge 1998; 2004).

The aim of this study is to investigate the relationship of the eight above mentioned genera and to establish if they constitute a monophyletic group. To do that, a cladistic analysis using morphological and molecular data would be.

Material and Methods

Terminals

Initially, eight genera (Arvelius, Chlorochoris, Chloropepla, Eludocoris, Fecelia, Loxa, Mayrinia and Rhyncholepta) and Chlorocoris subgenera were the ingroup terminal. The biggest number possible of species was analyzed in the survey of characters. If some variation in the character were identified among congeneric species additional taxa were included as terminals. Following this criteria, three species of Fecelia (F. minor, F, nigridens and F. proxima), one of Loxa (L. deducta), one of Chloropepla (C. lenti) and three of Chlorocoris (Monochrocerus) (C. rufispinus, C. hebetatus and C. werneri) were included as terminals.

Evoplitus humeralis was included in the outgroup based on the previous study that indicates its relationship with Arvelius (Grazia 1997). Representatives of different tribes currently assigned to Pentatominae were included, to test the ingroup position in relation to the classification within this sub-family (see Rider 2008: Brepholoxa heidemanni Van Duzee, 1904 (Procleticini), Rhynchocoris humeralis (Thunberg, 1783) (Rhynchocorini), Evoplitus humeralis (Westwood 1837) (Pentatomini), Carpocoris purpureipennis (DeGeer, 1773) (Carpocorini), Euschistus heros (Fabricius, 1798) (Carpocorini), Dichelops furcatus (Fabricius, 1775) (Carpocorini). The cladogram was rooted in Podisus crassimargo (Stal,

1860) (Asopinae). The matrix included 24 terminals, 17 in the ingroup and seven in the outgroup.

Specimens

The specimens analyzed for the survey of the morphological characters belong to the following collections (acronyms and curators in parenthesis): The American Museum of Natural History, New York, New York, USA (AMNH, R. T. Schuh); Coleção Zoológica Prof. Paulo Bürnheim, Fundação Universidade do Amazonas, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil (CZPB, N. O. Aguiar); David Rider Collection, North Dakota State University, North Dakota, Fargo, USA (DRC, D. Rider); Departamento de Zoologia, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil (UFRG, J. Grazia); Donald Thomas Collection, Weslaco, Texas, USA (DTC, D. Thomas); Fundação Instituto Oswaldo Cruz, Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (FIOC, J. Costa); Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad, Santo Domingo de Heredia, Costa Rica (INBC, J. Lewis); Museu de Ciências Naturais, Fundação Zoobotânica do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil (MCNZ, A. Barcellos); Museu de Zoologia, Universidade de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil (MZSP, C. Campaner); Museu Paraense Emilio Goeldi, Belém, Pará, Brazil (MPEG, O. T. Silveira); National Museum of Natural History, Washington D.C., USA (NMNH, T. Henry).

Specimens used for extraction were mostly collected for this trial, except for the ones used to the whole specimen extraction. These belong to Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad, Santo Domingo de Heredia (Costa Rica) and Donald B. Thomas Collection. All specimens used in the extractions are deposited at David Rider Collection (Fargo, USA), identified with an identification code.

Morphological data

Morphological characters were observed on stereomicroscope. Dissections of genitalia were performed, with clarification on KOH supersaturated solution. When necessary, the structures were stained with Congo Red and Chlorazol Black. When no specimens were available to observation and/or dissection, the characters were surveyed base on literature.

Terminology followed McDonald (1966), Grazia (1968), Dupuis (1970), Schaefer (1977) and and Grazia *et al.* (2008a).

Illustrations of the characters were made using camera lucida adapted to the steromicroscope. Pictures in different focus levels were obtained with the digital camera mounted on a steromicroscope and composed with Helicon Focus[®]. Electromicrographies were obtained in a scanning electron microscope (JEOL[®], model JSM 5800) at Centro de Microscopia Eletrônica, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul. Edition of all images were performed through Adobe Photoshop[®] CS2.

A total of 37 characteres were surveyed, 18 of them multistate (Tab 1), all treated as non-additive. The multistate characters with ambiguous distribution were not optimizated.

Molecular data

Three fragments of 14 terminals (Tab. 1) were used in this study: one of mitochondrial 16S rDNA and two of nuclear 28S rDNA. The 16S primers used were 5'-CGC CTG TTT AAC AAA AAC AT-3' (Simon *et al.* 1994) and 5'-TTT AAT CCA ACA TCG AGG-3' (Cognato & Vogler 2001). For the 28S were used 5'-ACC CSC TGA AYT TTA AGC CAT-3' (McArthur & Koop 1999) and 5'-AAC TCT CTC MTT CAR AGT TC-3' (Colgan *et al.* 2003), and for de D1 expansion segment 5'-CCACAGCGCCAGTTCTGCTTAC-3'/5'-CCCGTCTTGAAACACGGACCA-3' (Muraji & Taschikawa 2000). The 16S, 28S and 28SD fragments had approximately 470, 560 and 380 pb, respectively.

The extraction was not destructive, using only one or two legs of each specimen or using the whole specimen.

Extractions from the leg were made with QIAGEN DNeasy Blood & Tissue Kit[®]. The PCR of these extractions were performed using GE Healthcare Life Sciences PuReTaq-Ready-To-Go-PCR-Beads[™]. The thermocycler program used for fragment 16S and 28SD used the same temperatures for denaturation and extension: denaturation 93 °C (30 s), annealing temperature depending on primer (30 s), extension 72°C (1 min) with initial denaturation 93 °C (3 min) and final extension 72 °C (1 min). However, the annealing temperature for 16S was 50 °C and for 28SD was 53 °C. Still, for the 16S fragment there were performed 32 cycles of denaturation-extension, while for 28SD were performed 31 cycles. For 28S fragment the program was: denaturation 95 °C (30 s), annealing 47 °C (30 s), extension 72 °C (1 min) for 40 cycles; with initial denaturation 95 °C (3 min) and final extension 72 °C (1 min).

The whole specimen extraction was modified from Gilbert *et al.* (2007) and was used to extract DNA from dry preserved specimens of *C. rufispinus*, *F. nigridens*, *A. porrectispinus*, *E. grandis* and *R. grandicallosa*. The most antique specimen had 5 years. According to this method the whole specimen is immersed in digestion buffer and incubated overnight at 55° C with gentle agitation. Each 50 μl of PCR reaction contained 1 μl of extracted DNA, 5 μl buffer, 4 μl of dNTP's, 16 μl of primer and 2.4 μl of TAQ. The thermocycler program used for these extraction was: denaturation 94 °C (1 min), annealing temperature depending on the primer (1 min), extension 72 °C (1 min) for 29 cycles; with initial denaturation 94 °C (1 min) and final extension 72 °C (10 min). The annealing temperature for 16S, 28S and 28SD were 50 °C, 47 °C and 53 °C, respectively.

The sequencing was performed in the University of North Dakota Sequencing Facility.

Cladistic analysis

Two analyses were performed: one using only the morphological characters, and the other with the total evidence. Both followed the outgroup comparison method (*sensu* Nixon & Carpenter 1993). An analysis using only the molecular data was considered not informative because of the few taxa from which sequences were available (Tab. 1).

The cladogram with only morphological characters was selected through parsimony analysis, with the TNT software (Goloboff *et al.* 2008) using the "traditional search" option, random seed = 0; 200 replications and 20 trees saved per replication. Matrix construction, the edition of the cladogram and estimation of consistency and retention indexes were performed using Winclada (Nixon 2002), disregarding autapomorphic characters. Bremer support (Goodman *et al.* 1982; Bremer 1994) was calculated with TNT, based on 1,520 trees with up to 20 extra steps.

The total evidence cladogram was estimated with POY 4.1.2 (Varón *et al.* 2010), with the direct optimization method. The substitution and indel cost were 1 (tcm (1,1)). The analysis was performed with 500 random addition sequences Wagner builds with TBR branch swapping. The trees were then submitted 50 rounds of fusing, each holding 20 trees. The command line used was: build (500) swap (trees:10) fuse (iterations: 50, swap (trees: 20)) select (). Consistency and retention indexes were also calculated using POY. In the results section, when only one value of consistency and one of retention indexes of the character are shown it means that in both analysis (morphological and total evidence) the values were the same. When two sets of values are provided, the first set corresponds to the morphological analysis and the second to the total evidence.

The following notations are used in the "Results" and "Discussion" sections and Figures: X_y in the sections and X(Y) in the figures, to designate a character condition, where "X" is the number of the character and "y" corresponds to the condition of this character; "s",

to the number of steps; "ci", to consistency index; and "ri", to retention index. The number of steps, consistency and retention indexes of the characters in both analyses are provided.

Results

Characters

Head

Character 0 (Fig. 1A-B). Head, margin before eyes: (0) concave (1) straight (s: 5, ci: 20, ri: 20);

In the groups studied, the lateral margins of head might be strongly concave in front of the eyes, as in *P. crassimargo*, *E. heros*, *Rhyncholepta* spp., *Arvelius* spp., *E. humeralis* and *E. grandis* (Fig. 1A). Alternatively, these margins can be straight or slightly sinuous, which is usually related to a convergent trajectory of the juga (Fig. 1B).

Character 1 (Fig. 1B-C). Apex of juga: (0) straight forward directed (1) curving towards tip of clypeus 9 (s: 1, ci: 100, ri: 100);

The position of the apex of juga in relation to the apex of the clypeus is variable in Pentatomidae, being already tested in cladistic analysis and showing a homoplastic distribution (Campos & Grazia 2006). The state 1 (Fig. 1C) was recorded in *Chlorocoris* (*Monochrocerus*) species, and this feature is used to differentiate that subgenus from *Chlorocoris* (*Chlorocoris*), wich present the state 0 (Fig. 1B) (Thomas 1985).

Character 2 (Fig. 1A-B, D). Juga, shape of the apex: (0) thin, without process (1) thin, with an acute process (2) wide, without process (s: 5, ci: 40, ri: 50);

Arvelius spp., Loxa spp., F. proxima and F. nigridens present the juga ending in an acute process (state 1) (Fig. 1D). In Eludocoris grandis and P. crassimargo the juga have nearly the same width from the base to the apex, therefore presenting a wide apex (state 2) (Fig. 1A). In

the remaining groups, the juga tend to narrowing toward the apex, turning the apex thin (state 0) (Fig. 1B).

Character 3 (Fig. 1E). Maxillary plates, (1+1) acute process: (0) absent (1) present (uninf)

The maxillary plates are elongated in Heteroptera (Spooner 1938). They form most of the lateral and ventral aspects of head (Spooner 1938). In *Rhyncholepta* spp. a pair of acute processes is present in this region, approximately in front of the antenniferous tubercles (Fig. 1E).

Character 4 (Fig. 1E-G). Anterior angle of buccula: (0) rounded (1) truncate (2) with process (s: 9, ci: 22, ri: 12);

The buccula arise from the ventral margins of maxillary plate, with the function of protection and support of the rostrum (Spooner 1938). In the ingroup, states 1 (Fig. 1E) and 2 (Fig. 1G) are observed. State 0 (Fig. 1F) occurs only in *P. crassimargo*, *D. furcatus* and *E. humeralis*.

Character 5 (Fig. 1E, G). First rostral segment: (0) longer than buccula (1) shorter than buccula (s: 2, ci: 50, ri: 0);

The relation between the length of the first rostral segment and the buccula is highly variable in Pentatomidae and is frequently used in cladistic studies in this family, contributing to the establishment of the relationships among taxa (Grazia 1997; Barcellos & Grazia 2003). Only *R. humeralis* and *E. grandis* have the first rostral segment shorter than the buccula (state 1) (Fig. 1G).

Thorax

Character 6 (Fig. 1H-J). Antero-lateral margins of pronotum: (0) anterior half crenulated (1) entirely crenulated (2) not crenulated or less than ½ of length crenulate (s: 5, ci: 40, ri: 62/s: 6, ci: 33, ri: 50);

The extension of the antero-lateral margins crenulated region is highly variable among the groups studied. The humeral spine, when present, was not considered in the estimation of the crenulated region. The state 2 is observed only in the outgroup: *P. crassimargo*, *B.heidemanni*, *C. purpureipennis* and *R. humeralis*. The state 0 is found in *Arvelius* spp., *Rhyncholepta* spp. *Chloropepla* spp. and *C.* (*Arawacoris*) tarsalis.

Character 7 (Fig. 1I-J). Humeral angles: (0) produced into spine (1) triangular, not produced into spine (2) rounded (s: 4, ci: 50, ri: 0);

The shape of humeral angles is frequently used in cladistic analysis of pentatomid groups (Fortes & Grazia 2005; Bernardes *et al.* 2009). The humeral angles developed into spines is a feature used to approximate *Rhyncholepta*, *Loxa and Fecelia* (Becker & Grazia-Vieira 1971) (Fig. 1I). However, this feature is highly variable in Pentatomidae, even among species of the same genus (Fortes & Grazia 2005). Except for some species of *Chloropepla* and of *Chlorocoris* (*Monochrocerus*), where the humeral angles are triangular (state 1), all ingroup have the humeral angles produced into spine (state 0) (Fig. 1L). Only *C. purpureipennis* have rounded humeral angles (state 2) (Fig. 1J).

Character 8 (Fig. 1H-I). Posterior margin of pronotum: (0) concave (1) straight (s: 1, ci: 100, ri: 100);

The posterior margin of pronotum concave is a synapomorphy for the *Evoplitus* group (*Evoplitus* + *Adevoplitus* + *Pseudevoplitus*) (Grazia 1997) (Fig. 1H). Among the species analyzed, *R. humeralis* also present this characteristic.

Character 9 (Fig. 1H-I). Scutellum apex: (0) bifid (1) entire (uninf);

The apex of scultellum bifid is a synapomorphy for the *Evoplitus* group (Grazia 1997) (Fig. 1H). None of the other groups studied have this feature.

Character 10 (Fig. 2A-C). Ostiolar ruga: (0) long, reaching lateral third of the metapleura (1) auricular, short, not surpassing half of the metapleura (2) median size, reaching the mid length of metapleura (s: 7, ci: 28, ri: 50/s: 9, ci: 22, ri: 30);

The length of ostiolar ruga is highly variable in Pentatominae, probably with several independent origins among the genera (Gapud 1991). This character has been repeatedly used in studies concerning relationships among Pentatomidae taxa, presenting homoplastic distribution (Barcellos & Grazia 2003; Ferrari *et al.* 2010) or grouping genera (Grazia 1997; Fortes & Grazia 2005). A long ostiolar ruga (state 0) (Fig. 1A), far surpassing the half of the metapleura is found in *R. humeralis*, *E. humeralis*, *E. grandis* and *Chloropepla* spp. The medium size ostiolar ruga might reach the half of the metapleura, but not surpasses it (Fig. 1C). This condition is characteristic of *P. crassimargo*, *C. purpureipennis*, *Arvelius* spp., *Rhyncholepta* spp., *Chlorocoris* (*Chlorocoris*) spp. *Mayrinia* spp. and *F. nigridens*. The remaining species/genera included in the analysis present the ostiolar ruga auricular, which is characteristically short (Fig. 1B).

Character 11 (Fig. 3A-C). Mesosternum carina: (0) plateau shaped, anteriorly produced (1) keel shaped, well developed (2) weakly developed (s: 5, ci: 40, ri: 72);

The mesosternum carena strongly developed and produced toward the prosternum is a synapomorphy for the *Evoplitus* group (Grazia 1997) (Fig. 3A). This feature is also found in *R. humeralis*. Among the ingroup, *E. grandis*, *Chloropepla* spp., *Chlorocoris* (*Chlorocoris*) spp., *Fecelia* spp. and *Loxa* spp. present the carena of mesosternum produced in a conspicuous keel (Fig. 3B).

Character 12 (Fig. 3B-C). Metasternum carina: (0) raised (1) not raised (s: 1, ci: 100, ri: 100);

The metasternum plate raised consists of a hexagonal or keel-like, elevated structure. It is one of the characteristics shared by *Arvelius* and *Evoplitus* which delimit the sister group

relationship among *Arvelius* and the *Evoplitus* group (Grazia 1997) (Fig. 3B). This state is also found in *R. humeralis*

Character 13 (Fig. 3D-E). Femur, dorsal projection: (0) absent (1) present (s: 3, ci: 33, ri: 81/s: 6, ci: 16, ri: 54);

The presence of the dorsal projection on the apex of the femur (Fig. 3E) is highlighted by several authors as a feature that approximate *Loxa*, *Chloropepla*, *Mayrinia*, *Fecelia*, *Rhyncholepta* and *Chlorocoris* (*Arawacoris*) (Becker & Grazia-Vieira 1971; Grazia-Vieira 1971; Grazia 1976; Thomas 1998). It also had already been used in other cladistic studies of pentatomids, being useful in grouping species of the same genus in Procleticini tribe (Bernardes *et al.* 2009). In the present study, the only groups of the ingroup which don't present the dorsal projection of femur developed are *Chlorocoris* (*Chlorocoris*) and *Chlorocoris* (*Monochrocerus*) (Fig. 3D). This dorsal projection is absent in the outgroup.

Abdomen

Character 14 (Fig. 3B-C). Abdominal spine: (0) present (1) absent (s: 2, ci: 50, ri: 75);

The spine process in the third abdominal segment is a highly widespread characteristic in Pentatomidae (Gapud 1991) and is frequently included in studies addressing pentatomids relationships in different taxonomic levels (Gapud 1991; Grazia 1997; Barcellos & Grazia 2003; Fortes & Grazia 2005; Campos & Grazia 2006; Bernardes *et al.* 2009; Ferrari *et al.* 2010). Among the groups included in this analysis, *Podisus crassimargo*, *B. heidemanni*, *Arvelius* spp., *R. humeralis* and *E. humeralis* present this process (Fig. 3B).

Character 15 (Fig. 3F-G). Abdominal venter: (0) flat (1) with longitudinal sulcus (2) with longitudinal keel (s: 4, ci: 50, ri: 80/s: 3, ci: 66, ri: 90);

Chlorocoris spp. (all the three sub-genera) and Fecelia spp. present a sulcus, variable in length, along mid longitudinal abdominal venter (Fig. 3F). Arvelius spp. and Evoplitus group

share as a synapomorphy the surface of abdominal venter elevated in a keel (Grazia 1997), characteristic also found in *R. humeralis* (Fig. 3G).

Character 16 (Fig. 3H). Anterior margin of urosternite VII, in males: (0) not strongly extended anteriorly (1) strongly extended anteriorly (s: 1, ci: 100, ri: 100);

Loxa spp. has the anterior margin of the urosternite VII strongly curved (Fig. 3H), increasing the size of the segment, which reaches or surpasses the half of the abdominal length. As a consequence, the other abdominal segments are shortened at middle.

Female Genitalia

Character 17 (Fig. 4A-B). Laterotergites 9: (0) surpassing the band uniting laterotergites 8 (1) not surpassing (s: 4, ci: 25, ri: 62/s: 5, ci: 20, ri: 50);

The state 1 is observed in *P. crassimargo*, *B. heidemanni*, *R. humeralis*, *E. grandis* and *Chlorocoris* (*Monochrocerus*) spp (Fig. 4B). Included in this state are the extremely short laterotergites 9, which don't reach the band (some species of *Monochrocerus* sub-genus), and the laterotergites that reach but not surpasses the band.

Character 18 (Fig. 4A-B). Laterotergites 9, apex: (0) rounded or angulated (1) acute (s: 4, ci: 25, ri: 25);

Laterotergites 9 with acute apex are observed in *Rhyncholepta* spp., *Mayrinia* spp. and *Fecelia* spp (Fig. 4A). The remaining taxa have laterotergites 9 rounded or slightly angulated (Fig. 4B).

Character 19 (Fig. 4A-B). Laterotergites 8, apex: (0) with process (1) without process (s: 2, ci: 50, ri: 83/s: 3, ci: 33, ri 66);

The laterotergites 8 apex produced into an acute or rounded process is observed in the outgroup: *D furcatus*, *E. heros*, *R. humeralis* and *E. humeralis* (Fig. 4A). In the ingroup, only *Chlorocoris* (*Monochrocerus*) spp. present the apex of laterotergites 8 simply rounded or triangular, not produced into a process (Fig. 4B).

Character 20 (Fig. 4C-E). Posterior thickening of vaginal intima: (0) plate-shaped (1) ring or tube shaped (2) reduced or absent (s: 4, ci: 50, ri: 70/s: 5, ci: 40, ri: 57);

The thickening of vaginal intima (Grazia & Becker 1995) consists of sclerites related to the opening of the orificium receptaculli in the pars communis, homologous to the second valvulae (gonapophyses 9) (Dupuis 1955; Schaefer 1968). According to Gapud (1991) a pair of antero-posterioly oriented sclerites on the spermathecal base (orificium receptaculi) is an apomorphy of Pentatomidae. In the present study, these sclerites were considered as two distinct characters: one posterior and another anterior. When only one structure was present, it was described as a posterior thickening when surrounding the orificium receptaculli. In *Mayrinia* spp., the posterior thickening of vaginal intima is absent, while in *R. humeralis*, *E. humeralis*, *E. grandis*, *Loxa* spp. and *Fecelia* spp. it is composed by a plate-shaped structure (Fig. 4C), with different levels of development. In the remaining species the sclerites form a ring (sometimes a tube) around the orificium receptaculi (Fig. 4D).

Character 21 (Fig. 4C, E). Anterior thickening of vaginal intima: (0) arc shaped (1) plates (2) absent (s: 4, ci: 50, ri: 77/s: 6, ci: 33, ri: 55);

The anterior thickening of vaginal intima is absent in *B. heidemanni*, *Rhyncholepta* spp., *E. grandis* and *Chloropepla* spp. In *Loxa* spp. and *Mayrinia* spp. it is characterized by a pair of small plates (Fig. 4C). The remaining species present a single structure often arc shaped, sometimes almost straight (Fig. 4E).

Character 22 (Fig. 4F-G). Capsula seminalis processes: (0) absent (1) two or more (s: 1, ci: 100, ri: 100/s: 3, ci: 33, ri: 50);

The process of capsula seminalis (Fig. 4G) are structures found exclusively in Pentatomidae, having arised multiple times in Pentatominae (Gapud 1991). These structures vary in shape and number in Pentatomidae (Gapud 1991; Grazia 1997; Campos & Grazia 2006; Bernardes *et al.* 2009; Ferrari *et al.* 2010), being frequently used in cladistic studies in the group. Gapud

(1991) highlights the importance of these structures in grouping genera. In the groups analyzed the processes of capsula seminalis are absent only in species of the outgroup: *P. crassimargo*, *B. heidemanni*, *C. purpureipennis*, *D. furcatus* and *E. heros* (Fig. 4F).

Character 23 (Fig. 4F-H). Capsula seminalis, proximal region: (0) tubular (1) funnel shaped (2) bulbous (s: 6, ci: 33, ri: 55/s: 7, ci: 28, ri: 44);

The proximal region of the capsula seminalis (before the anterior annular flange) varies in shape, usually determining a variation in the ductus receptaculi caliber posterior to the vesicular area: the tubular and bulbous shape (Fig. 4F) is usually associated to a thick ductus receptaculi, while the funnel shape is associated to a thin and longer ductus receptaculi. The state 1 (Fig. 4G) is observed in the outgroup in *R. humeralis* and *B. heidemanni*. In the ingroup this state is present in *Chlorocoris* (*Chlorocoris*) spp., *Chlorocoris* (*Monochrocerus*) spp. (except for *C. hebetatus*), *Mayrinia* spp., *Fecelia* spp. and *Loxa* spp.

Male genitalia

Character 24 (Fig. 5A). Pygophore, processes of dorsal rim: (0) present (1) absent (s: 4, ci: 25, ri: 25)

The processes of pygophore dorsal rim occur in pairs, in the lateral third of the dorsal rim (Fig. 5A) and are frequently observed in pentatomids. They might present different shapes and positions among species of the same genus, being these features useful in cladistic analysis of species group level (Fortes & Grazia 2005). The processes of dorsal rim are present only in *Chloropepla* spp. and *Mayrinia* spp.

Character 25 (Fig. 5B). Pygophore, superior processes: (0) absent (1) present (s: 4, ci: 25, ri: 72/s: 6, ci: 16, ri: 54);

The superior processes of pygophore are 1+1 sclerotized areas, laterad to segment X with variable shapes and levels of development (Dupuis 1970) (Fig. 5B). Their location signals externally the insertion point of the abductor muscles of parameres (Dupuis 1970), being

frequently removed linked to the parameres in the dissection process. The occurrence of superior processes is common among Pentatomoidea (Dupuis 1970). The shape or presence/absence of these structures is variable and can be useful to establish relationships in both species and genera levels (Barcellos & Grazia 2003; Fortes & Grazia 2005; Ferrari *et al.* 2010). In the present study, they were registered in the outgroup (*P. crassimargo*, *B. heidemanni*, *C. purpureipennis*, *E. heros* and *D. furcatus*) and in the ingroup (*Arvelius*, *Rhyncholepta*, *Loxa* and *Fecelia* species).

Character 26 (Fig. 6A-C). Hypandrium (0) absent (1) *Chloropepla* type (2) *Rhyncolepta* type (3) *Loxa* type (s: 3, ci: 100, ri: 100/s: 4, ci: 75, ri: 88);

The hypandrium consist of an elongation of the inferior margin of the external wall of pygophore (Dupuis 1970). It lack muscles (Dupuis 1970) and its function in the copulation is unknown. Different terminologies had been used to designate this structure: inferior ridge (McDonald 1966; Eger 1978), median projection (Thomas 1985), pseudoclasper (Thomas 1998), hypandrium (Grazia 1968; 1969; Grazia-Vieira 1971; 1972a; b; 1973a; c; Grazia 1976; 1980; Grazia & Teradaira 1980; Grazia 1987; Grazia & Frey-da-Silva 2003). Among the genera of the ingroup all except for Avelius and Eludocoris bear this structure. It is found also in *Rideriana* Grazia & Frey-da-Silva (2003) species. The presence of hypandrium has been indicated as a feature which approximates Chloropepla, Rhyncolepta, Loxa, Mayrinia, Fecelia and Chlorocoris (Becker & Grazia-Vieira 1971; Thomas 1998). Both Chloropepla and Rhyncholepta types of hypandrium are long, far surpassing the ventral rim of the pygophore and being visible ventrally and dorsally. The *Chloropepla* type (Fig. 6A) is related to an infolding of the ventral rim deeply produced inside the pygophore, and is characterized by dorsal expansions flanking the segment X. Occurs only in *Chloropepla* species. The Rhyncholepta (Fig. 6C) type is exclusive of this genus and consists of a flat, wide structure. The Loxa type (Fig. 6B) of hypandrium is the shortest one, only visible in ventral view.

Usually this kind of hypandrium is related to a shallow infolding of the ventral rim and is characteristic of *Mayrinia*, *Fecelia* and *Chlorocoris* species, besides *Loxa*.

Character 27 (Fig. 6B-D). Median projection: (0) inconspicuous (1) apical (2) lateral (s: 2, ci: 100, ri: 100/s: 6, ci: 33, ri: 69);

The ventral wall of the pygophore infolds inside the genital capsule given rise to structures "whose function appears to be the support and the orientation of the aedeagus during copulation": the infolding of ventral rim, the cup like sclerite and the median projection (Schaefer 1977). The median projection is attached to the distal part of the cup like sclerite (Schaefer 1977). There are significant differences on the shape and development of these structures among taxa and they can be almost entirely fused (Schaefer 1977). In *Chloropela* spp., *E. grandis*, *Chlorocoris* (*Chlorocoris*) spp. and *Chlorocoris* (*Monochocerus*) spp. the median projection is a unique structure, sometimes bilobated, located apically to the cup like sclerite (Fig. 6D). On the other hand in *Loxa* spp., *Mayrinia* spp., *Fecelia* spp. and *Chlorocoris* (*Arawacoris*) tarsalis the median projection occurs as a pair of processes laterad to the cup like sclerite and prolonged into 1+1 arms (Fig. 6B). In the remaining species the median projection is inconspicuous, probably strongly fused to the infloding of ventral rim and to the cup like sclerite (Fig. 6C).

Character 28 (Fig. 7A-B). Segment X apical processes: (0) absent (1) present, anteriorly directed (2) present, posteriorly directed (s: 3, ci: 66, ri: 88);

Apical processes in the X segment are common in Pentatomidae. In *Chlorocoris* the shape of these processes varies among subgenera: in *Chlorocoris* they are elongate, cephalad directed (Fig. 7A) and in *Monochrocerus* they are short, converging medially (Thomas 1985), and posteriorly oriented, characteristic shared with *Mayrinia* spp., *Fecelia* spp. (except for *F. minor*), *Chlorocoris* (*Arawacoris*) tarsalis and *Loxa* spp. (Fig. 7B).

Character 29 (Fig. 7B-C). Segment X placement in relation to longitudinal axis of pygophore: (0) perpendicular (1) parallel (s: 2, ci: 50, ri: 85/s: 5, ci: 20, ri: 42);

The position of the X segment inside the pygophore is probably related to the direction of the external opening of the genital capsule (Baker 1931). Schaffer (1977) highlights the phylogenetic significance of that feature in Pentatomoidea, Lygaeoidea, Coreoidea and Pyrrhocoroidea. In the present study *E. grandis*, *Chloropepla* spp., *Chlorocoris* spp., *Mayrinia* spp., *Loxa* spp. and *Fecelia* spp. have the segment X in a parallel position in relation to the longitudinal axis of the pygophore (Fig. 7B).

Character 30 (Fig. 7D-E). Paramere (0) nearly cylindrical, without big processes (1) laminar, with wide processes (2) inconspicuous (s: 4, ci: 50, ri: 80/s: 5, ci: 40, ri: 70);

The shape and size of parameres are highly variable among Pentatomidae groups, what turns the establishment of homologies difficult (Baker 1931; Dupuis 1970). The variations in the parameres in the infra-genus level usually are useful to establish relationships among species (Fortes & Grazia 2005; Ferrari *et al.* 2010). The understanding of the homologies in the higher levels is still scarce. In the present study, *Rhyncholepta* spp. lack parameres, probably by the secondary lost of these structures. The laminar parameres armed with several, usually acute processes are observed in *C. purpureipennis*, *Chlorocoris* spp., *Fecelia* spp. (except for *F. proxima*) and *Loxa* spp. (Fig. 7E).

Character 31 (Fig. 6A, 7F). Paramere: (0) not connected to ventral wall of pygophore (1) connected to the ventral wall (s: 2, ci: 50, ri: 83/s: 4, ci: 25, ri: 50);

Traditionally the parameres are considered to connect to the pygophore walls through muscles and to the basal plate of the articulatory apparatus of the phallus by ligaments (Dupuis 1970). Besides these connections a connection of the paramere by ligament with the ventral wall was detected in *Choloropepla* spp., *Mayrinia* spp., *Fecelia* spp. and *Loxa* spp.

(Fig. 6A, 7F). Associated with this characteristic there is the enlargement of the paramere base.

Character 32 (Fig. 7E). Paramere, basal process: (0) absent (1) present (s: 1, ci: 100, ri: 100/s: 3, ci: 33, ri: 66);

The parameres of *Loxa*, *Mayrinia*, *Fecelia* species and *C*. (*Arawacoris*) tarsalis bear a rounded process near the base, ventraly directed (Fig. 7E).

Character 33 (Fig. 7G, H, J). Thecal shield: (0) absent (1) present, large (2) present, short (3) titillators (s: 6, ci: 50, ri: 76/s: 8, ci: 37, ri: 61);

The thecal shield is a distal expansion of the phallotheca typical of Asopinae (McDonald 1966; Gapud 1991). In the ingroup, the species that show a high developed thecal shield (state 1) (Fig. 7G), present also a reduced phallotheca: *Mayrinia* spp., *Loxa* spp. and *Fecelia* spp. These species, together with *P. crassimargo*, present a large, bowl-shaped thecal shield, that surrounds the base of vesica. The thecal shield described as state 2 also surrounds the base of vesica, but is short and nearly cylindrical, with smooth margins (Fig. 7H). In the present work, the structures described as titillators by Baker (1931) were considered homologous to the thecal shield. The titillators consist of a pair of finger-like structures arising from distal margin in the posterior surface of phallotheca and are found in *C. purpureipennis*, *D. furcatus*, *E. heros* and *R. humeralis* (Fig. 7J).

Character 34 (Fig. 7I, 8). Conjunctiva: (0) absent (1) present, conspicuous (2) present, completely obscured by the phallotheca (s: 4, ci: 50, ri: 77);

The reduction or absence of the conjunctival appendages was considered by Gapud (1991) as an apomorphy for Pentatomidae. The complete loss of conjunctiva grouped Edessini, Discocephalinae and some neotropical genera of Pentatominae (*Arvelius*, *Loxa*, *Chlorocoris* and *Vulsirea*) (Gapud 1991). However, in the present study the presence of membranous conjunctival appendages in *Arvelius* is verified. In *Rhyncholepta* spp. and *Chloropepla* spp.

the conjunctiva is reduced, almost entirely obscured by the phallotheca (state 2) (Fig. 8). It is absent in *E. humeralis*, *Chlorocoris* spp., *Mayrinia* spp., *Fecelia* spp. and *Loxa* spp.

Character 35 (Fig. 7 H, J; 8). Vesica: (0) short (1) medium size (2) long (s: 5, ci: 40, ri: 50/s: 4, ci: 50, ri: 66);

The length of vesica is highly variable in Pentatomidae (Gapud 1991; Barcellos & Grazia 2003; Fortes & Grazia 2005; Campos & Grazia 2006) and apparently there is the tendency of its extreme elongation in some genera like *Euschistus*, and reduction in others, like *Arvelius*, *Chlorocoris* and *Loxa* (Gapud 1991). The short vesica is a synapomorphic characteristic for some Edessinae genera (Barcellos & Grazia 2003). However, this feature can be variable among species of the same genus, like *Serdia* (Fortes & Grazia 2005). The short vesica (state 0) (Fig. 8) doesn't surpass much the length of conjunctiva, when the last is conspicuous as in *R. humeralis*, *B. heidemanni* and *Arvelius* spp. or slightly surpasses the distal border of phallotheca, as seen in *Chloropepla* spp. and *E. humeralis*. The long vesica (state 2) (Fig. 71) is characteristic of *C. purpureipennis* and *E. heros* and is equivalent to the penisfilum described by Baker (1931). It consists of a long tube, winded and far surpassing the distal end of the conjunctiva. In the remaining species studied, the vesica was considered medium sized (state 1) (Fig. 7H).

Character 36 (Fig. 8). Vesica, basal process: (0) absent (1) present (s: 5, ci: 20, ri: 60/s: 6, ci: 16, ri: 50);

The basal process of vesica is a collar-like structure, which surrounds the base of vesica in *Chloropepla* spp. (Fig. 8) or a sheat-like structure, surrounding the vesica in *Fecelia* spp., *C.* (*Arawacoris*) tarsalis and *Loxa* spp.

Morphological analysis

The cladistic analysis resulted in four more parsimonious cladograms with 123 steps, CI of 43 and RI of 73. The strict consensus of those trees is shown in Figure 9.

Brepholoxa heidemanni appears as sister group of all remaining terminals, followed by C. purpureipennis, D. furcatus and E. heros. The last two taxa are in the same branch, supported by short ostiolar ruga (10_1) .

The monophyly of the ingroup was not confirmed: R. humeralis and E. humeralis are clustered in a branch with Arvelius spp. and Rhyncholepta spp. This first branch has a Bremer support = 1, with characters margin of head before the eyes concave (0_0) , anterior half of pronotum antero-lateral margins crenulated (6_0) and proximal region of capsula seminalis tubular (23_0) . Rhyncholepta spp. appears as sister group of the clade composed by Arvelius spp + R. humeralis + E. humeralis. These groups share a well developed carina of metasternum (12_0) , third urosternite spine present (14_0) , abdominal venter with longitudinal keel (15_2) and short vesica (35_0) . Rhynchocoris humeralis and E. humeralis form a well sustained dichotomy (Bremer support = 3) defined by posterior margin of pronotum concave (8_0) , short ostiolar ruga (10_0) , carina of mesosternum well developed, produced toward the prosternum (11_0) , apices of femora unarmed (13_0) , posterior thickening of vaginal intima in plate (20_0) and superior process of pygophore absent (25_0) .

The remaining species are included in a monophyletic group, which corroborate the relationship of the *Chlorocoris* group, excluding *Arvelius* and *Rhyncholepta*. The *Chlorocoris* group is delimited by superior process of pygophore absent (25_0) , median projection of infolding of ventral rim conspicuous, apical to the cup-like sclerite (27_1) and segment X parallel to the longitudinal axis of pygophore (29_1) . This is a well supported branch (Bremer support = 3). The first inside dichotomy separates *E. grandis* + *Chloropepla* spp. from the remaining species. This two genera share long ostiolar ruga (10_0) and anterior thickening of vaginal intima absent (21_2) .

The genera *Chlorochoris*, *Mayrinia*, *Fecelia* and *Loxa* are grouped in a strongly supported branch (Bremer support = 7), sustained by proximal portion of capsula seminalis

funnel shaped (23_1) , shape of the hypandrium (26_3) , segment X processes present, posteriorly directed (28_2) , laminar paramere armed with conspicuous processes (30_1) and conjunctiva absent (34_0) . Internally to this branch there is a split between *Chlorocoris* (*Chlorochoris*) + *Chlorochoris* (*Monochrocerus*) and *Mayrinia* + *Fecelia* + *Chlorocoris* (*Arawacoris*) + *Loxa*. The first clade share the absence of dorsal process of femora (13_0) and laterotergites 9 not surpassing the band uniting the laterotergites 8 (17_1) . *Chlorocoris* (*Chlorocoris*) appear as sister group of *Chlorocoris* (*Monochrocerus*) species, that despite the morphological great variation, are grouped in a highly supported branch (Bremer support = 4).

The remaining species are grouped by sharing laterotergites 9 apex acute (18_1) , anterior thickening of vaginal intima in plates (21_1) , median projection conspicuous, laterally placed in relation to the cup like sclerite (27_2) , paramere connected to the ventral rim (31_1) and presence of a basal process in the paramere (32_1) . This clade is strongly supported (Bremer support = 12). *Mayrinia* appears as sister taxon of the remaining species. *Fecelia* spp. and *Chlorocoris* (*Arawacoris*) appear in a polytomy, while *Loxa* spp. are grouped in a branch supported by abdominal venter plain (15_0) , anterior margin of 7^{th} urosternite strongly produced anteriorly (16_1) and laterotergites 9 with a rounded apex (18_0) .

The placement of *C.* (*Arawacoris*) *tarsalis* indicates that the taxonomic status of this species needs to be reviewed, since it is more closely related to *Fecelia* and *Loxa* species than to *Chlorocoris* (*Chlorocoris*) and *Chlorocoris* (*Monochrocerus*) species. In the description of *C.* (*Arawacoris*) *tarsalis*, Thomas (1992) highlighted the difficulty in interpret its genitalia structure as well as the genitalia of similar genera (*Loxa* and *Chloropepla*). The author assigned to this difficulty the decision of maintaining the species within *Chlorocoris* reather than erect a new genus for *C. tarsalis*.

Despite any synapomorphy support *Fecelia* species they grouped in the same branch, indicating that the genus is valid. This certainly happened because the high variability

observed in these species. For example, *F. nigridens* and *F. minor* have a well developed paramere, with wide process, which is not found in *F. proxima*. Furthermore, the processes of segment X that are very conspicuous in *F. nigridens* and *F. proxima*, are absent or inconspicuous in *F. minor*. However, the morphology of phallus is very similar among all species, as well as with *Loxa*, *Mayrinia* and *Chlorocoris* (*Arawacoris*). A better understanding of the male pygophore strucutures is necessary to identify the characters that would define this group.

Total evidence analysis

One most parsimonious tree resulted from the combined data set analysis. The cladogram has 1783 steps, CI of 75 and RI of 76 (Fig. 10).

Brepholoxa heidemanni appears in the most basal branch of the tree. The remaining groups are separated in two main groups. One composed by Loxa, Mayrinia, and Chlorocoris (Monochrocerus). In this branch Loxa occupies the most basal position as sister group of the remaining taxa of the clade. The morphological characters which support this clade are: hypandrium shape (26₃), median projection laterally to the cup like sclerite (27₂), segment X processes posteriorly directed (28₂), paramere laminar with wide processes (30₁) and conjunctive absent (34₀).

The other branch has only one morphological character supporting it: proximal region of capsula seminalis bulbous (23₂). It shows basally E. heros + C. purpureipennis supported by vesica long (35₂). The remaining taxa are grouped only by molecular characters. The first dichotomy inside this branch splits $Eludocoris\ grandis + Arvelius + E$. humeralis + R. humeralis from the other species sharing margin of head before the eyes concave (0₀) and ostiolar ruga long (10₀). Arvelius, E. humeralis and R. humeralis are grouped exclusively by morphological characters: anterior half of antero-lateral margins of pronotum crenulated (6₀), metasternum carina raised (12₀), abdominal spine present (14₀), abdominal venter with

longitudinal keel (15₂), proximal region of capsula seminalis tubular (23₀) and vesica short (35₀). The other branch is divided in two clades: one grouping D. furcatus + Rhyncholepta + Chloropepla, and the other with + Chlorocoris (Chlorocoris) + Fecelia + Chlorocoris (Arawacoris). The first clade is supported only by molecular characters, while the second one is supported by abdominal venter with longitudinal sulcus (15₁), proximal region of capsula seminalis funnel shaped (23₁), shape of hypandrium (26₃), paremere laminar with wide processes (30₁) and conjunctiva absent (34₀).

Discussion

The results derived from the total evidence analysis and the morphological analysis alone are are not in complete agreement. *Loxa*, *Mayrinia*, and *Chlorocoris* (*Monochrocerus*) are closely related in both hypotheses. In the morphological based hypothesis however, these groups are also related to *Chlorocoris* (*Chlorocoris*), *Chlorochoris* (*Arawacoris*) and *Fecelia*, which is not observed in the evidence total analysis results. Instead, the three last taxa appear in a group with *D. furcatus*, *Rhyncholepta* and *Chloropepla*, supported only by molecular characters. Further studies are needed to define these relationships, since morphologically there is good evidence that *Loxa*, *Mayrinia*, *Chlorocoris* and *Fecelia* are related: in both cladograms these groups share the shape of hypandrium (26₃), the shape of paramere (30₁) and the absence of conjunctiva (34₀). Several studies highlight the importance and unique features of these structures in these taxa (McDonald 1966; Grazia-Vieira 1972b; Grazia 1976; Eger 1978; Thomas 1985; 1998). Moreover, the grouping of *D. furcatus* + *Rhyncholepta* + *Chloropepla* and *Chlorocoris* (*Chlorocoris*) + *Chlorochoris* (*Arawacoris*) + *Fecelia* could be explained by the long-branch attraction effect (Felsenstein 2004; Bergsten 2005). This effect is probably caused by insufficient taxa sampling (Bergsten 2005), since only 13 terminals

have sequences included in the analysis, and only 10 of these have all the fragments available (see Tab. 1).

The grouping of *Fecelia* and *Chlorocoris* (*Arawacoris*) is maintained in both results, indicating that the position of *C. tarsalis* should be reassigned. Another relationship that is maintained in both hypotheses is *Arvelius* + *E. humeralis* + *R. humeralis*. The relationship of the first two was already addressed by a cladistic study (Grazia 1997) and both genera have been treated as belonging to the Pentatomini. *Rhynchocoris humeralis*, however, belongs to the Rhynchocorini species, and the relationship of these taxa should be better investigated.

The results achieved from both data sets showed differences in the position and relation of Carpocorini species. In morphological based cladogram, *C. purpureipennis* is sister of all the remaining taxa (except *B. heidemanni*, which is more basal) and *E. heros* appears in a dichotomy with *D. furcatus*. In the total evidence hypothesis, however, *E. heros* is in a dichotomy with *C. purpureipennis*, while *D. furcatus* is grouped with *Rhyncholepta* and *Chloropepla*. Despite the monophyly of Carpocorini has not been yet investigated in a phylogenetic basis the species included in the analysis are really close morphologically and probably share several synapomorphies. For instance, the genitalia of both sexes of *D. furcatus* and *E. heros* are very similar. Anyway, the homologies also need to be better investigated and tested within Pentatomidae, Pentatominae and tribes levels.

The use of molecular data in cladistic analysis at genera level relationships within Pentatomidae and Pentatominae has not yet been studied in detail. The results of the present study are preliminary and show that the use of sequence data at this level of analysis need to be more investigated. For example: more information is needed about the use of sequences at this level. This is illustrated by the distribution of characters in the total evidence cladogram: the interior branches are mainly defined by the molecular data, while the peripheral ones by the morphological characters. This may indicate that the sequences used in the present

analysis are informing about higher relationships instead of the ones which were addressed here.

The fossil evidence indicates that most Pentatomoidea families evolved in Cretaceous (Grimaldi & Engel 2005). As discussed in the literature for other taxa, the 28S sequences are informative about events occurred in the Paleozoic and Mesozoic, while mitochondrial ribosomal genes (like 16S) are informative when used to compare taxa evolved in the Cenozoic (Hillis & Dixon 1991). Maybe the addition of faster-evolving sequences to the analysis could provide a better definition for the relation among the genera studied here.

Conclusions

The differences among the two hypothesis of relationship prevent the proposal of a unified classification for the taxa studied. Some insights, however, can be drawn.

First, the relationship of *Loxa, Mayrinia, Chlorochoris* and *Fecelia* species needs to be further investigated since they show substantial morphological evidence, especially concerning the male genitalia, to support their proximity. The characters investigated in the present study should be analyzed in other Pentatominae groups, which could help in the clarification of infra-subfamily relations. The results showed here reinforce the necessity of cladistics studies at genera and species levels in Pentatominae. More morphological characters should be explored and the utility of molecular data must be addressed.

The classification of *Chlorocoris* (*Arawacoris*) *tarsalis* should be revised, since in both analyses this taxon appears more related to *Fecelia* species than to *Chlorocoris*.

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Table 1. List of species of genera, sequenced species and type material and species examined.

Sub- Family/Tribe	Genus	Species	16S	28S	28SD	Type specimens examined	Examined	
							Male	Female
Asopinae	Podisus Herrich- Schäffer, 1851	P. crassimargo (Stal, 1860)	X	X	X		X	X
Procleticini	Brepholoxa Van Duzee, 1904	B. heidemani Van Duzee, 1904					X	X
Rhynchocorini	Rhynchocoris Westwood, 1837	R. humeralis (Thunberg, 1783)					X	X
Carpocorini	Carpocoris Kolenati, 1846	C. purpureipennis (DeGeer, 1773)					X	X
Pentatomini	Euschistus Dallas, 1851	E. heros (Fabricius, 1798)	X	X	X		X	X
	Dichelops Spinola, 1837	D. furcatus (Fabricius, 1775)	X	X	X		X	X
	Evoplitus Amyot & Serville, 1843	E. humeralis (Westwood 1837)					X	X
	Arvelius Spinola, 1837	A. albopunctatus (DeGeer, 1773)*					X	X
		A. porrectispinus Breddin, 1909	X	X	X		X	X
		A. tuxtlaensis Brailovsky, 1981						X
		A. crassispinus Brailovsky, 1981					X	X
		A. tecpanus Brailovsky, 1981					X	X
		A. caballeroi Brailovsky, 1981					X	X
		A. paralongirostris Brailovsky, 1981				X	X	
		A. diluticornis Breddin, 1909					X	X
		A. longirostris Brailovsky, 1981				X	X	
		A. confusus Brailovsky, 1981					X	X
		A. haitianus Brailovsky, 1981				X		
		A. latus Breddin, 1909					X	X
		A. peruanus Brailovsky, 1981				X	X	X

Table 1. Cont.

Sub- Family/Tribe	Genus	Species	16S	28S	28SD	Type specimens examined		mined Female
		A. nigroantenatus Brailovsky, 1981				X		X
		A. intermedius Brailovsky, 1981					X	X
		A. ecuatorensis Brailovsky, 1981				X	X	X
		A. acutispinus Breddin, 1909					X	X
		A. thomasi Ortega- León & Chávez- Berneo, 2008						
	Chlorocoris Spinola, 1837							
	Chlorocoris (Chlorocoris)	C. nigricornis Schmidt, 1907						X
		C. humeralis Thomas, 1985					X	
		C. complanatus (Guérin-Meneville, 1831)					X	X
		C. sanguinursus Thomas, 1985				X	X	X
		C. tibialis Thomas, 1985				X	X	X
		C. vandoersburg Thomas, 1985						
		C. isthmus Thomas, 1985				X	X	X
		C. distinctus Signoret, 1851	X	X	X		X	X
		C. fabulosus Thomas, 1985						X
		C. sororis Thomas, 1985					X	X
		C. deplanatus (Herrich- Schaeffer,1842)					X	X
		C. tau Spinola, 1837*				X	X	X
		C. depressus (Fabricius, 1803)					X	X

Table 1. Cont.

Sub- Family/Tribe	Genus	Species	16S	28S	28SD	Type specimens examined		mined Female
	Chlorocoris (Monochrocerus)	C. werneri Thomas, 1985					X	X
		C. flaviridis Barber, 1914					X	X
		C. rufispinus Dallas, 1851*	X	X	X		X	X
		C. irroratus Distant, 1880						
		C. hebetatus Distant, 1880					X	X
		C. loxoides Thomas, 1985				X	X	X
		C. rufopictus Walker, 1868					X	X
		C. subrugosus Stål, 1872					X	X
		C. championi Distant, 1880					X	X
		C. biconicus Thomas, 1985				X	X	X
	Chlorocoris (Arawacoris)	C. tarsalis Thomas, 1998				X	X	X
	Chloropepla Stål, 1867	C. tucuriensis Grazia & Teradaira, 1980				X	X	
		C. lenti Grazia, 1968				X	X	X
		<i>C. aurea</i> (Pirán, 1963)					X	X
		C. rolstoni Grazia- Vieira, 1973					X	X
		C. vigens (Stål, 1860)*	X		X		X	X
		C. pirani Grazia- Vieira, 1971				X		X
		C. dollingi Grazia, 1987				X		X
		C. paveli Grazia et al., 2008				X	X	X
		C. stysi Grazia et al., 2008				X	X	X
		<i>Chloropepla</i> sp. nov.				X	X	X

Table 1. Cont.

Sub-	Genus	Species	16S	285	5 28SD	Type specimens	Examined	
Family/Tribe	Genus	Species	105	200	2000	examined	Male	Female
		Chloropepla sp. nov.				X	X	X
		Chloropepla sp. nov.				X	X	X
	Eludocoris Thomas, 1992	E. grandis Thomas, 1992	X		X	X	X	X
	Fecelia Stål, 1872	F. minor (Vollenhoven, 1868)*				X	X	X
		F. nigridens (Walker, 1867)	X	X	X		X	X
		F. proxima Grazia, 1980					X	X
		F. biorbis Eger, 1980				X		X
	Loxa Amyot & Serville, 1843	L. flavicollis (Drury, 1773)*					X	X
		<i>L. virescens</i> Amyot & Serville, 1843					X	X
		L. peruviensis Eger, 1978				X	X	X
		L. melanita Eger, 1978				X	X	X
		L. deducta Walker, 1867	X	X	X		X	X
		L. viridis (Palisot de Beauvois, 1805)	X	X	X		X	X
		L. parapallida Eger, 1978				X	X	
		L. pallida Van Duzee, 1907					X	X
		<i>L. planiceps</i> Horvath, 1925					X	X
		L. nesiotes Horvath, 1925					X	X
	Mayrinia Horváth, 1925	M. curvidens (Mayr, 1864)*	X	X	X		X	X

Table 1. Cont.

Sub-	Genus	Species	16S	28S	28SD	Type	Examined	
Family/Tribe						specimens examined	Male	Female
		M. rectidens (Mayr, 1868)				X	X	X
		M. variegata (Distant, 1880)					X	X
		<i>M. brevispina</i> Grazia- Vieira, 1973				X	X	X
	Rhyncolepta Bergroth, 1911	R. grandicallosa Bergroth, 1911*	X		X		X	X
		R. meinaderi Becker & Grazia-Vieira, 1971					X	X

^{*} Type species of the genus.

Table 2. Character state matrix for the cladistic analysis of *Chlorochoris* group: "-" code for inapplicable data, "?" code for missing data.

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Brepholoxa heidemanni	10002021111210	000101120	11100010000100
Dichelops furcatus	10000010111210	100000100	21100000003111
Euschistus heros	00001010111210	100000100	21100000003120
Evoplitus humeralis	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	02000001	01000000000001
Arvelius spp.	00101000112101	.020000101	01100000000101
Chloropepla spp.	10002000110111	100000121	20011010100201
Chloropepla lenti	10002001110111	100000121	20011010100201
Chlorocoris (Chlorochoris) spp.	10002010112110	110100101	11031111002010
Chlorocoris (Monochrocerus) spp.	11002010111210	110101101	11031211002010
Chlorochoris (M.) hebetatus	11002011111210	110101101	00031211002010
Chlorocoris (M.) rufispinus	11001010111210	110101101	11031211002010
Chlorocoris (M.) werneri	11001010111210	110101101	11031211002010
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Loxa deducta	10102010111111	101000011	11132211111011
Loxa spp.	10102010111111	101000011	10132211111011
Mayrinia spp.	10002010112211	100010211	10032211111010
Rhyncholepta spp.	00011000112211	100010121	011200020210
Eludocoris grandis	00201210110111	100100021	21001010000110
Chlorocoris (Arawacoris) tarsalis	10101000111111	.110000???	?1032211?11011

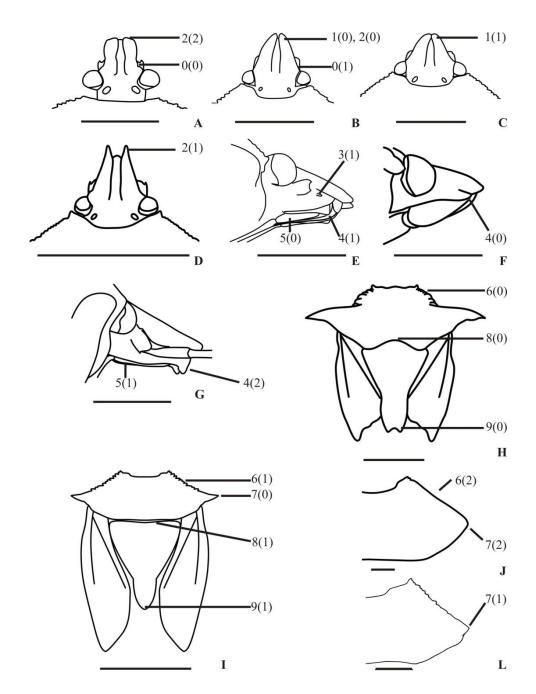


Figure 1. A-D. Dorsal view of head (A - E. grandis, B - C. tau, C - C. hebetatus, D - A. albopunctatus). E-G. Lateral view of head (E - R. grandicallosa, F - P. crassimargo, G - R. humeralis). H-I. Dorsal view of pronotum and scutellum (H - E. humeralis, I - L. deducta). J-L. Dorsal view of pronotum (J - C. purpureipennis, L - C. paveli). (Scale: 5 mm).

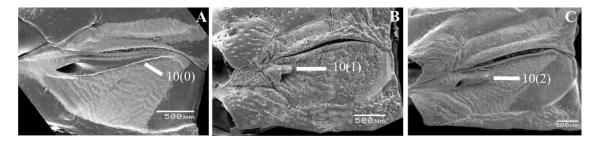


Figure 2. A-C. Ostiloar ruga (A – C. vigens, B – E. heros, C – A. albopunctatus).

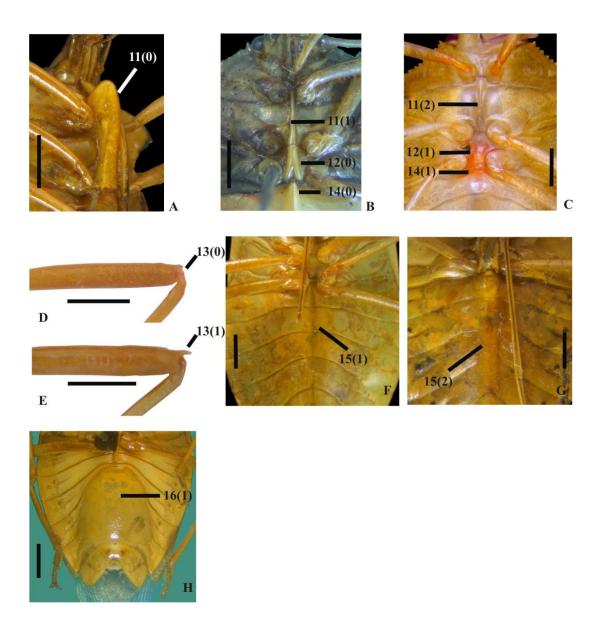


Figure 3. A-C. Thoracic ventral view (A - R. humeralis, B - A. albopunctatus, C - M. curvidens). D-E. Lateral View of femur <math>(D - C. complanatus, E - L. deducta). F-G. Abdominal ventral view (F - C. rufopictus, G - R. humeralis, H - L. deducta) (A-E scale: 1mm; F-H: 2 mm).

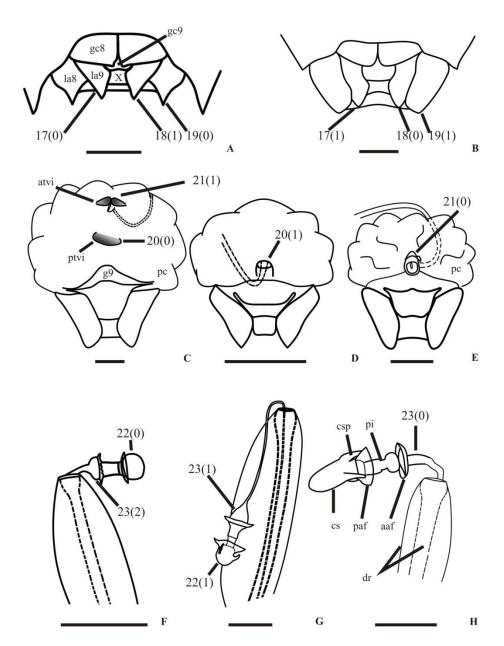
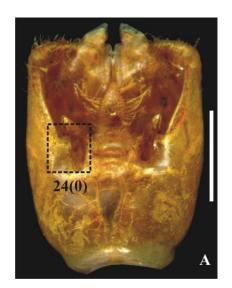


Figure 4. A-B. Female external genitalia (A – R. meinanderi, B – C. rufopictus). C-E. Female internal genitalia (C – L. virescens, D – R. meinanderi, E – C. tau). F-H. Female internal genitália, capsula seminalis (F – C. purpureipennis, G – L. virescens, H – A. intermedius) (aaf – anterior annular flange; atvi – anterior thickening of vaginal intima; cs – capsula seminalis; csp – capsula seminalis process; dr – ductus receptaculi; g9 – gonapophyses 9; gc8 – gonocoxites 8; gc9 – gonocoxites 9; la8 – laterotergites 8; la9 – laterotergites 9; paf – pasterior annular flange; pc – pars communis; pi – par intermedialis; ptvi – posterior thickening of vaginal intima; X – tenth urosternite) (Scale: 1 mm).



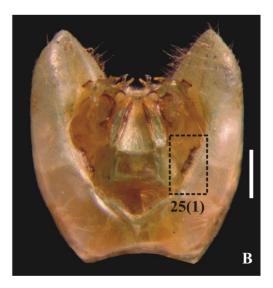


Figure 5. A-B. Male pygophore (A – C. aurea, B – L. deducta) (Scale: 1 mm).

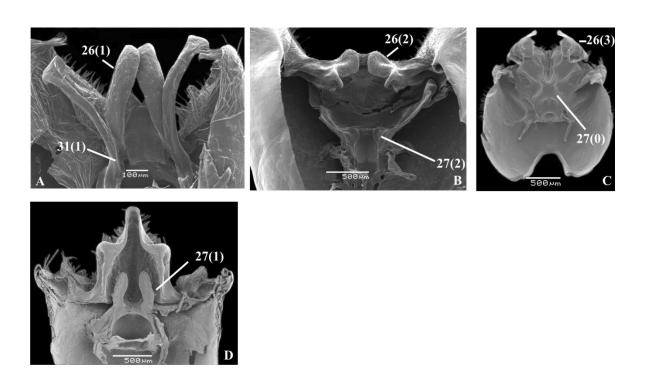


Figure 6. A-D. Male pygophore, internal surface of male pygophore (A - C. vigens, B - L, virescens, C - R. grandicallosa, D - C. complanatus).



Figure 7. A. *C. tau*, lateral view of segment X. B-C. Male pygophore, dorsal view (B – F. proxima, C – R. grandicallosa). D-E. Parameres lateral view (D – Chloropepla sp. nov. 2, E – L. deducta). F. Loxa deducta, internal surface of ventral wall. G-J. Phallus (G – L. deducta, H – C. tau, I-J – E. heros) (Scale: 1 mm).

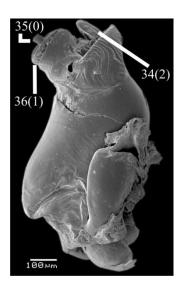


Figure 8. C. vigens, phallus lateral view.



Figure 9. Cladistic analysis of *Chlorocoris* group based on morphological characters. Strict consensus: 123 steps, consistency index 43, retention index 72. (●) uniquely derived synapomorphy; (○) not-uniquely derived synapomorphy. (In parentheses, Bremer support values).

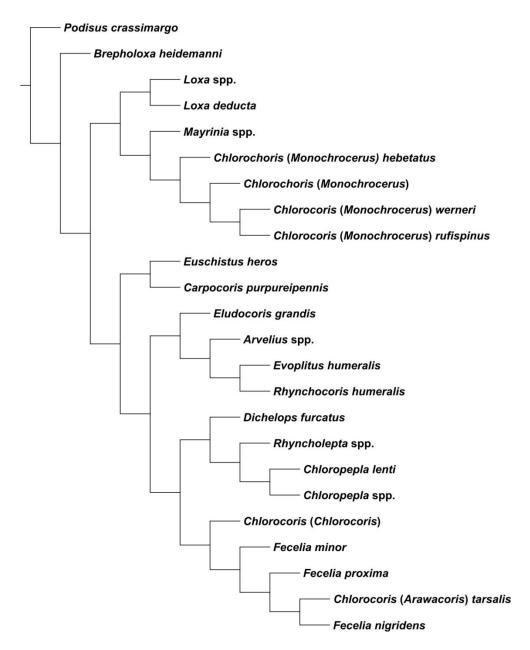


Figure 10. Cladistic analysis of *Chlorocoris* group based on total evidence. Most parsimonious cladogram: 1,783 steps, consistency index 75, retention index 76.

Anexo I

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