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A new genus and species of Baetidae (Insecta: Ephemeroptera) from Brazil

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Abstract – A new genus (*Callibaetoides*) and species (*Callibaetoides caaigua*) of Baetidae (Ephemeroptera) is described based on nymphs and adults of both genders collected in forested areas of Amazonia and Mata Atlântica biomes. The nymphs were collected from leaf packs accumulated in the backwaters of small streams. The genus and species can be easily distinguished from other members of the family in South America by the following combination of characteristics: male and female imagos with costal process of hind wing centrally located and strongly projected; marginal intercalary veins long and paired in male imago; nymphs with deep medial emargination of labrum, maxillary palp three segmented and third segment of labial palp quadrangular.

Key words: aquatic insects / mayfly / taxonomy / neotropics / new taxon

Introduction

The knowledge concerning the faunal diversity of the family Baetidae (Ephemeroptera) in the neotropics was neglected until the decade of 1990 (Gatolliat and Nieto, 2009). Since then, however, a series of studies have increased considerably the knowledge about the taxonomy and systematics of the family (Lugo-Ortiz and McCafferty, 1995, 1996a, 1996b, 1996c, 1996d, 1996e; Lugo-Ortiz and McCafferty, 1997; Salles and Batista, 2004; Salles and Francischetti, 2004; Salles *et al.*, 2004, 2005; Salles, 2007; Nieto and Richard, 2008; Salles and Polegatto, 2008; Nieto, 2010). Currently, the neotropics have records of 28 genera and more than 210 species, most of them endemic (Gatolliat and Nieto, 2009; Nieto and Derka, 2011).

Most of the studies focused on Baetidae diversity from lotic habitats, while the number of publications on lentic areas or on backwaters of streams demonstrate few advances in the last decade and concentrated on Brazilian Amazonia and Mata Atlântica forests (or biomes), allowing the description of several new species

and unknown stages (*e.g.*, Nieto and Salles, 2006; Cruz *et al.*, 2009; Falcão *et al.*, 2010; Cruz *et al.*, 2011a, 2011b; Salles *et al.*, 2011); however, these regions can still be considered as areas that have much of their respective faunas unknown (Salles, personal observation and several new species not yet published).

As a contribution to diminishing these gaps, the main objective of this study is to describe a new genus and species, based on nymphs and adults collected in backwaters of small streams, in the Brazilian Amazonia and Mata Atlântica forests.

Material and methods

Descriptions followed the standardization proposed by Hubbard (1995) and were made using the DELTA (DEscription Language for TAXonomy) open software (Dallwitz, 1980). The drawings were made using a ZEISS Standard 20 microscope with camera lucida, and photographs were taken using a stereoscopic ZEISS Stemi 2000–C microscope with a Nikon CoolPix 5700 camera; the pictures were combined using the CombineZ5 open software; the final illustrations were prepared according to Coleman (2003, 2006).

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A few specimens were dehydrated in a graded ethanol series, dried by critical point-method, and mounted on SEM stubs and sputter coated with gold; then they were observed and photographed with Leo VP 435 scanning electron microscope.

Stage associations were made using rearing techniques suggested by Edmunds *et al.* (1976). The female subimago was reared with the same technique and compared with a female imago from a light trap.

The material examined is housed in the following institutions: Invertebrate Collection of the Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas da Amazônia, Manaus, Brazil (INPA), Coleção Zoológica Norte Capixaba of the Universidade Federal do Espírito Santo (CZNC), São Mateus, Brazil and Fundación-Instituto Miguel Lillo, Tucumán, Argentina (IFML).

Callibaetoides **gen. nov.**

Type species. *Callibaetoides caaigua* **sp. nov.**

Diagnosis

Male imago. (1) Dorsal portion of turbinate eyes with inner margins divergent anteriorly (Fig. 1(A)); (2) forewing with paired and long marginal intercalary veins ($2.5 \times$ distance between adjacent longitudinal vein) (Fig. 2(A)); (3) hind wing with two longitudinal veins (Fig. 2(C)); (4) costal process strongly projected (length $1.5 \times$ width of hind wing), apex posteriorly directed, centrally located (Fig. 2(C)); (5) forceps segment II narrow medially (Fig. 2(E)).

Female imago. (1) Marginal intercalary veins single and short (Fig. 2(B)); (2) hind wing with two longitudinal veins (Fig. 2(B)); (3) costal process strongly projected (length $1.5 \times$ width of hind wing), apex posteriorly directed, centrally located (Fig. 2(D)).

Mature nymph. (1) Anterior margin of labrum with deep medial emargination (Fig. 3(B)); (2) mandibles with incisors deeply cleft (Figs. 3(D) and (E)), with inner set at oblique angle with outer set (Figs. 3(D) and (E)); (3) mandibles with tuft of setae between prostheca and mola (Figs. 3(D) and (E)); (4) maxillary palp with three segments (Fig. 3(G)); (5) labial palp without distomedial projection (Fig. 3(I)), third segment quadrangular not expanded (Fig. 3(I)); (6) hind wing pad present, though very small; (7) tibiae without a subproximal arc of long, fine setae; (8) tarsal claw of foreleg slender with two rows of denticles increasing in size distally (Figs. 4(D) and 7(C)); (9) gills on abdominal segments I to VII; (10) gills with anal extension folded (Figs. 5(A–G)); (11) terminal filament $0.9 \times$ shorter than cerci; (12) body with scale bases (Figs. 7(A) and (B)).

Generic description

Male Imago. Head (Figs. 1(A) and (C)). Dorsal portion of turbinate eyes elliptical, divergent anteriorly. **Thorax** (Figs. 1(A) and (C)). Anteronotal protuberance rounded (Figs. 1(A) and (C)); metascutellar protuberance absent (Figs. 1(A) and (C)). Marginal intercalary veins of forewing paired, length of each intercalary vein

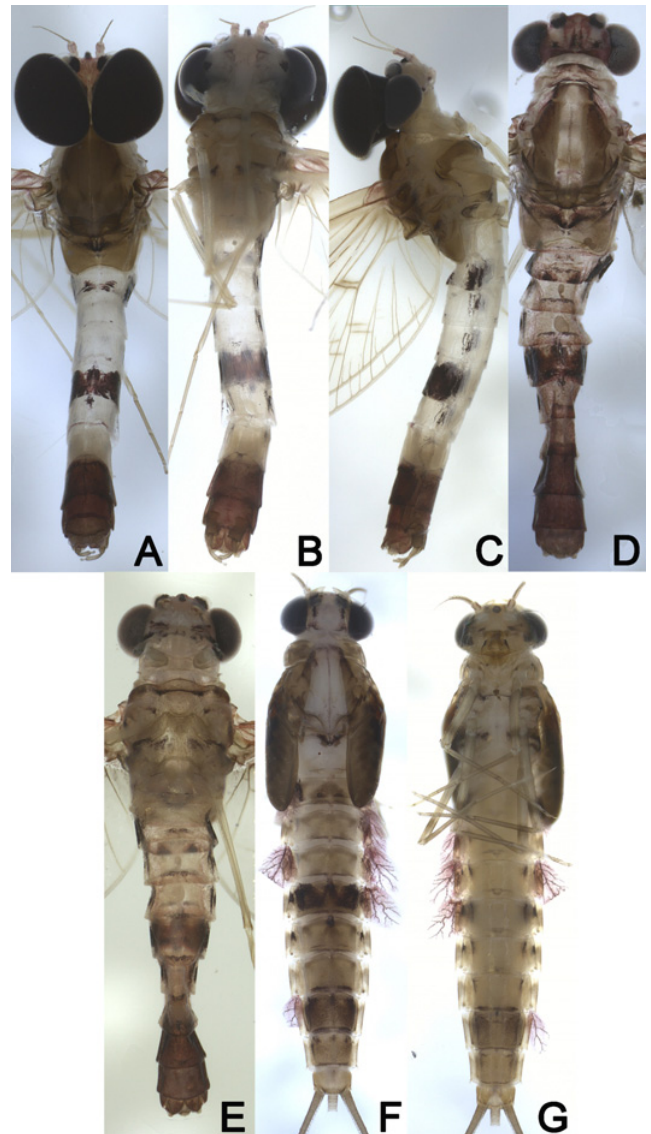


Fig. 1. (A) Male imago dorsal view; (B) male imago ventral view; (C) male imago lateral view; (D) female imago dorsal view; (E) female imago ventral view; (F) nymph dorsal view; (G) nymph ventral view.

$2.5 \times$ distance between adjacent longitudinal veins (Fig. 2(A)). Hind wing with two longitudinal veins; costal process inverted L shaped strongly projected (length $1.5 \times$ width of hind wing), apex posteriorly directed, centrally located (Fig. 2(C)). **Abdomen.** Genitalia (Fig. 2(E)). Forceps segment II narrow medially; segment III clavate and short.

Female Imago. Thorax (Figs. 1(D) and (E)). Anteronotal protuberance rounded (Fig. 1(D)). Forewing with marginal intercalary veins single and short (Fig. 2(B)). Hind wing with two longitudinal veins; costal process (Fig. 2(D)) strongly projected, length $1.5 \times$ width of hind wing, apex posteriorly directed, centrally located.

Mature nymph (Figs. 1(F) and (G)). **Head.** Frons flat. Labrum (Fig. 3(B)) with deep V-shaped medial emargination. Mandibles (Figs. 3(D) and (E)) with incisors deeply

cleft in two sets; inner set of incisors at oblique angle with outer set, with tuft of setae between prostheca and mola; denticles of mola not constricted. Maxilla broad, outer margin with fine and simple setae, maxillary palp three segmented. Labium (Fig. 3(I)). Labial palp segment II without distomedial projection; segment III quadrangular. **Thorax.** Hind wing pad present. Legs (Figs. 4(D)–(F)). Tarsal claw slender with two rows of denticles increasing in size distally. **Abdomen.** Gills (Figs. 5(A)–(G)) on segments I–VII, anal extensions folded. Terminal filament $0.9 \times$ shorter than cerci.

Etymology. The generic name was chosen by the similarity of the new genus with *Callibaetis* Eaton. The gender is masculine.

In order to accommodate *Callibaetoides* **gen. nov.** we modified the key for South American genera of Baetidae proposed by Domínguez *et al.* (2006) p. 57, as follows:

Key to male imago

- 13(12) Hind wings with subquadrangular costal projection (Domínguez *et al.*, 2006, Fig. 54(F))..... 13a
 – Hind wings with pointed costal projection (Domínguez *et al.*, 2006, Fig. 30(C))..... 14
 13a Hind wings with subquadrangular costal projection located on basal third..... *Paracloeodes*
 13a' Hind wings with subquadrangular costal projection located centrally..... *Callibaetoides*, new genus

Key to nymphs

- 3(2) Abdominal gills with two lamellae (Figs. 29(M)–(O)).. 3a
 – Abdominal gills with a single lamella (Fig. 9(J))..... 4
 3a Third segment of labial palp rounded to ovate, dorsal surface concave (Domínguez *et al.*, 2006, Fig. 29(G))..... *Callibaetis*
 3a' Third segment of labial palp subquadrangular, distal margin concave, dorsal surface flat..... *Callibaetoides*, new genus

Callibaetoides caaigua **sp. nov.**

Diagnosis

Although no comparative species of the genus are known we expect that the following characteristics may prove to be of importance for specific diagnosis. However, as this genus remains monospecific, those characters used in the generic section can also be used for specific identification.

Male imago. (1) Base of costal vein of forewing reddish, membrane near cross veins darker (Fig. 2(A)); (2) hind wing with first vein incomplete and second complete (Fig. 2(C)); (3) abdominal terga V, VIII, IX, and X brown (Fig. 1(A)); (4) forceps segment I with inner margin undulated (Fig. 2(E)); (5) posterior margin of styliger plate with small rounded projection (Fig. 2(E)).

Female imago. (1) Costal vein base of forewing reddish, membrane near cross veins darker (Fig. 2(B)); (2) marginal intercalary veins absent between veins Sc to R and CuA to A (Fig. 2(B)); (3) length of each intercalary vein $1.0 \times$ or less distance between adjacent longitudinal veins (Fig. 2(D)); (4) hind wing with first vein incomplete and

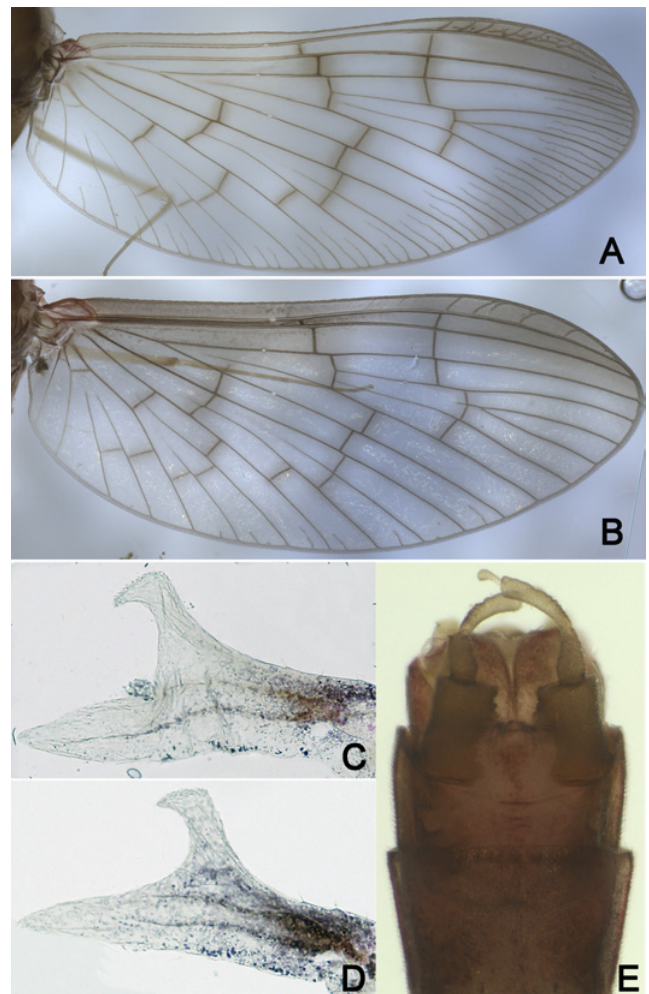


Fig. 2. (A) Male forewing; (B) female forewing; (C) male hind wing; (D) female hind wing; (E) male genitalia.

second complete (Fig. 2(D)); (5) abdominal terga V, VIII, IX, and X brown (Fig. 1(D)).

Mature nymph. (1) Anterior margin of labrum with robust and apically multi-flagellated setae (Figs. 2(C) and 6(B)); (2) lingua longer than superlingua (Figs. 3(F) and 6(C)); (3) crown of galea-lacinia with three denticles on protuberance (Fig. 3(G)); (4) apex of paraglossa with one tuft of simple, fine and long setae (Fig. 3(J)); (5) costal rib present on gills III–VII (Fig. 5(C–F)); (6) cercus with long spines on every three segments (Figs. 5(K) and 7(F)); (7) terminal filament without long spines (Figs. 5(J) and 7(E)).

Species description

Male Imago (Figs. 1(A)–(C)). Length: body 4.2 mm; forewing 4.0 mm; hind wing 0.3 mm; antenna 0.7 mm; tibia I 0.9 mm; tibia II 0.6 mm; tibia III 0.7 mm. ($n = 1$). **Head.** Coloration yellowish. Turbinate portion of compound eye black. Antenna with scape and pedicel reddish yellow, flagellum yellowish. Length of dorsal portion of

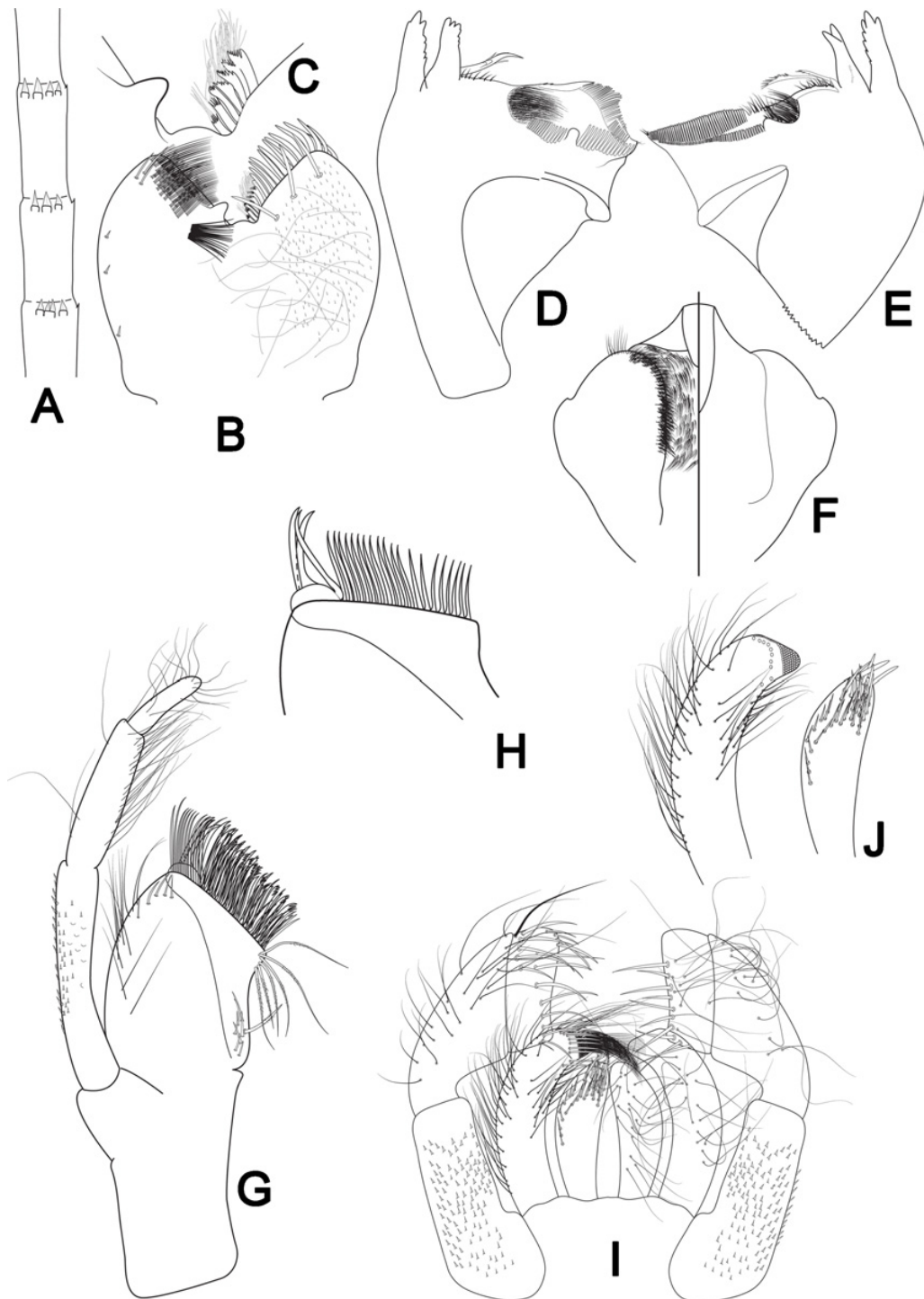


Fig. 3. Nymph structures in optical microscope. (A) Antenna; (B) labrum (left, ventral view; right, dorsal view); (C) details of anterior margin of labrum; (D) left mandible; (E) right mandible; (F) hypopharynx (left, dorsal view; right, ventral view); (G) maxilla; (H) details of maxilla; (I) labium (left, dorsal view; right, ventral view); (J) details of glossa and paraglossa in dorsal view.

turbinate eyes $0.8 \times$ width; stalk height $1.0 \times$ dorsal portion height (lateral view) (Figs. 1(A) and (C)).

Thorax. Anteronotal protuberance, mesoscutum, submesoscutum, posterior scutal protuberance, and scutellum (Figs. 1(A) and (C)) light brown. Legs yellowish. Leg I: tibia $1 \times$ length of femur; tarsi $1 \times$ length of femur.

Leg III: tibia $0.7 \times$ length of femur; tarsi $0.6 \times$ length of femur. Forewing brownish yellow, apically little darker, base of costal vein reddish, membrane near cross veins darker; stigmatic area with 6 cross veins interconnected and touching Sc vein; all veins light brown darker; marginal intercalary veins paired except between veins

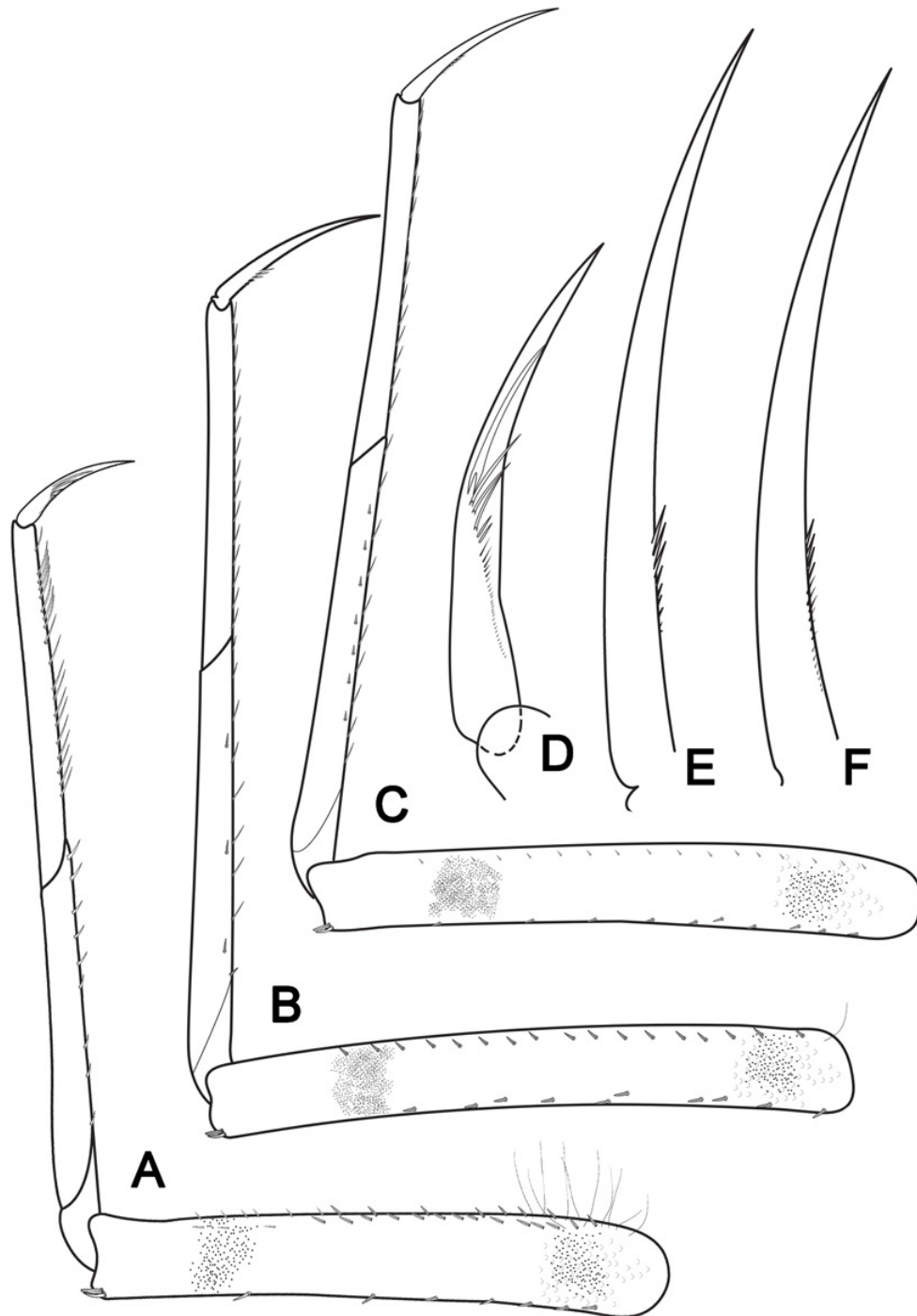


Fig. 4. Nymph structures in optical microscope. (A) Foreleg; (B) mid leg; (C) hind leg; (D) details of foretarsi; (E) details of mid tarsi; (F) details of hind tarsi.

ICu₁ and A; forewing (Fig. 2(A)) about 2.5 × width. Hind wing hyaline with brownish basal mark; with two longitudinal veins, first incomplete and second complete. **Abdomen.** Abdominal terga II medially with one brownish mark near posterior margin; segments III–VII white, with posterior margin brownish; segments V, VIII, IX and X brown; segment II laterally with large black mark, other

segments laterally with small black mark. Abdominal sterna II–VII white, with posterior margin brownish; segments VIII, IX and X (Figs. 1(A) and (B)) dark brown. Forceps segment I with inner margin undulated; 0.7 × length of segment II; distance between inner margins of forceps 0.4 × distance between lateral margins of forceps. Forceps segment III (Fig. 2(E)) clavate, 2.5 × as

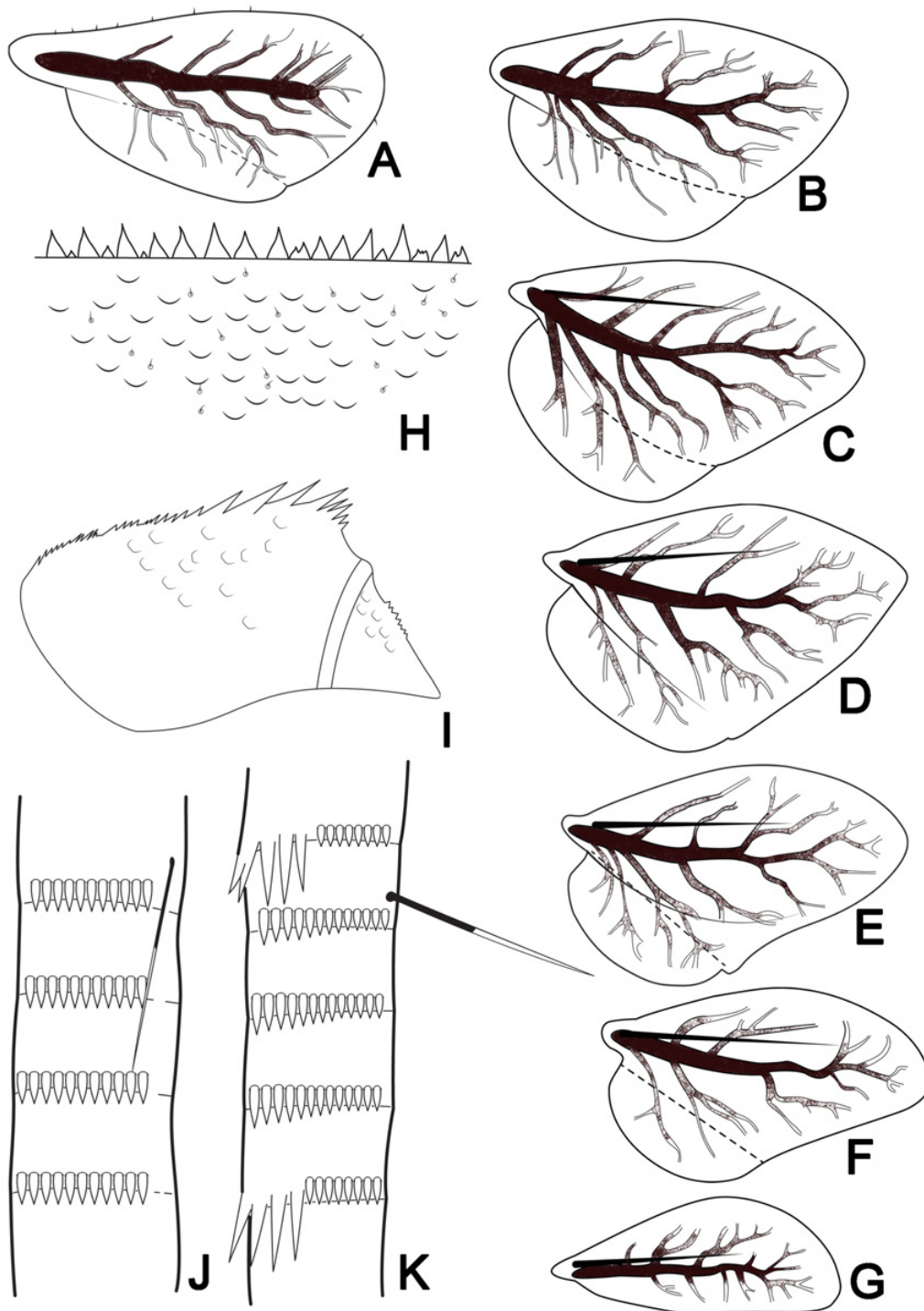


Fig. 5. Nymph structures in optical microscope. (A) Gill I; (B) gill II; (C) gill III; (D) gill IV; (E) gill V; (F) gill VI; (G) gill VII; (H) posterior margin of abdominal tergum IV; (I) paraproct; (J) terminal filament; (K) cerci.

long as wide; $0.2 \times$ length of segment II. Posterior margin of styliger plate (Fig. 2(E)) with small rounded projection. Caudal filaments brownish yellow. Genitalia. Forceps reddish brown.

Female Imago (Figs. 1(D) and (E)). Length: body 4.2 mm; cerci 9.6 mm; forewing 4.0 mm; hind wing 0.3 mm; antenna 0.3 mm; tibia II 0.9 mm; tibia III 0.7 mm ($n = 2$).

Head. Coloration reddish yellow with two black marks; compound eyes black. Antenna with scape, pedicel and flagellum brownish. **Thorax.** Anteronotal protuberance, mesoscutum, submesoscutum, posterior scutal protuberance, scutellum brownish (Fig. 1(D)) yellow. Legs brownish yellow. Leg II: tibia $0.8 \times$ length of femur; tarsi $0.6 \times$ length of femur. Leg III: tibia $0.7 \times$ length of

femur; tarsi $0.6 \times$ length of femur. Wings. Forewing (Fig. 2(B)), costal vein base of forewing reddish, membrane near cross veins darker, C, Sc and R₁ area darker; veins light brown; stigmatic area with minimum of 4 cross veins touching Sc vein; marginal intercalary veins absent between veins Sc to R and CuA to A; length of each intercalary vein $1 \times$ or less distance between adjacent longitudinal veins; length of forewing (Fig. 2(B)) about $2.4 \times$ width. **Abdomen** (Figs. 1(D) and (E)). Abdominal terga II with one brownish mark near posterior margin, segments III, IV, VI and VII light brown with posterior margin brownish. Abdominal sterna II–VII white, with posterior margin brownish, segments VIII, IX and X brown. Caudal filaments brownish yellow.

Mature nymph (Figs. 1(F) and (G)). Length: body: 5 mm; cerci: 2.5 mm. ($n = 2$). **Head.** Coloration: brownish yellow with two brown marks near eyes. Antenna brownish yellow. Turbinate portion of male compound eye black. Antenna (Fig. 3(A)) with spines and fine, simple setae on apex of each segment. Lateral branch of epicranial suture curved. Labrum (Figs. 3(B) and 6(A)). Length about $0.8 \times$ maximum width; mediolaterally with robust and simple spine-like setae, medially with robust and apically multi-flagellated setae and two robust and rounded denticles (Figs. 3(C) and 6(B)); dorsally with many, long, fine, simple setae and small spines scattered over surface, dorsal surface near distal margin with three robust setae; ventrally with short spine-like setae near lateral margin, anterolaterally with three to four long and robust spine-like setae, near distal margin with one row of fine, long and simple setae, and posteriorly with five or six rows of fine, long and simple setae (Fig. 3(B)). Left mandible (Fig. 3(D)) with incisors with $7 + 3$ denticles, inner incisor with three to seven small denticles on inner margin; prosthema robust, medially with spines, apical half serrated; margin between prosthema and mola straight; subtriangular process narrow, apex below level of area between prosthema and mola; tuft of setae at apex of mola present; lateral margins convex; bare dorsally. Right mandible (Fig. 3(E)) with incisors with $7 + 2$ denticles; prosthema slender, bifurcated at base, outer lobe shorter, lobes pectinate; margin between prosthema and mola slightly convex; tuft of setae at apex of mola present; lateral margins convex; bare dorsally. Hypopharynx. Lingua (Fig. 6(C)) longer than superlingua; superlingua (Fig. 3(F)) rounded with small expansion with short, fine, simple setae scattered over lateral and distal margin. Maxilla (Fig. 3(H)). Crown of galea-lacinia with 3 denticles on a protuberance; with three rows of setae, one dorsal row of robust and simple spine-like setae, one ventral row of robust and apically bipectinate (brush-like), and between those one row of robust and strongly pectinate setae (fork-like) (Figs. 6(D), (E), (F) and (G)). Medial protuberance of galea (Fig. 3(G)) with $1 + 7$ spine-like setae. Maxillary palp long, $2.0 \times$ length of galea-lacinia; palp segment II $0.7 \times$ length of segment I; palp segment III $0.5 \times$ length of segment II; maxillary palp (Fig. 6(H)) segment I covered with small spines, scale bases and fine setae, segment II ventral margin with two rows of

fine, simple and long setae, dorsal margin with few fine and simple setae, segment III (Fig. 3(G)) covered with fine, simple and long setae. Labium (Fig. 3(I)). Glossa (Figs. 3(I) and (J)) narrow and shorter than paraglossa; inner margin bare; apex with three spine-like setae; outer margin bare (Fig. 3(J)); ventral surface scattered with long, fine and simple setae, apical third of dorsal surface covered with robust spine-like setae increasing in length apically. Paraglossa (Figs. 3(I) and (J)) curved inward and truncated at apex; ventral surface covered with simple, fine and long setae; apex of dorsal surface with one tuft of simple, fine and long setae, near apex with one arc of robust and long spine-like setae. Labial palp with segment I as long as segments II and III combined; segment I dorsally and ventrally covered with spines; segment II with dorsal and ventral surface covered with simple, fine and long setae; segment III length $0.3 \times$ width, dorsal surface of segment III with one row of robust and long spine-like setae near posterior margin, one row of 5–6 robust and long spine-like setae near anterior margin, and one row of 4–5 spine-like setae on outer margin near anterior margin; ventral surface of segment III with few fine, simple and long setae, anterior margin with one row of robust and long spine-like setae. **Thorax.** Brownish. Foreleg (Fig. 4(A)). Brownish yellow, femur with two brown marks, one near base and other near apex. Ratio of foreleg $1.3:(0.7 \text{ mm}):0.8:0.3$. Forefemur. Anterior surface covered with scale bases and scales; length about $7.5 \times$ maximum width; dorsal and ventral margin with one row of short spine-like setae; length of setae about $0.1 \times$ maximum width of femur; ventral and dorsal margin of anterior surface with row of blunt setae (Fig. 7(D)), base with patch of fine and simple setae on ventral margin. Foretibia. Ventral margin with few short, fine and simple spine-like setae. Foretarsus. Dorsal margin with few fine and simple setae; ventral margin with two rows of spine-like setae. Tarsal claw with apical denticles inserted laterally and basal denticles inserted ventrally (Figs. 4(D) and 7(C)). Middle and hind legs (Figs. 4(B) and (C)). Tibiae with two rows of short spine-like setae, one ventrally and other near ventral margin; tarsi with two rows of spine-like setae; denticles of claws shorter (Figs. 4(E) and (F)). **Abdomen** (Figs. 1(F) and (G)). Abdominal tergum II with one brownish mark near posterior margin, abdominal terga III, IV, VI, and VII with posterior margin brownish, abdominal terga V, VIII darker, abdominal tergum IX with one lateral and medial brown mark near anterior margin; abdominal sternum VIII darker. Terga surface (Figs. 5(H) and 7(A)) creased with scale-bases and scales. Posterior margin (Fig. 5(H)) with spines basally broad on abdominal terga II–X. Sternum surface (Fig. 7(B)) creased with scale-bases and scales. Gills (Figs. 5(A)–(G)). Lamella reddish; tracheae reddish brown, extending from main trunk to outer margin, all with one anal extension except on gill VII, anal extensions folded; costal rib present on gills III–VII, anal rib reduced on all gills. Gill I $1.5 \times$ segment II. Gill IV $1.5 \times$ segment V. Gill VII $1.5 \times$ segments VIII. Paraproct with about 30 marginal spines, surface with

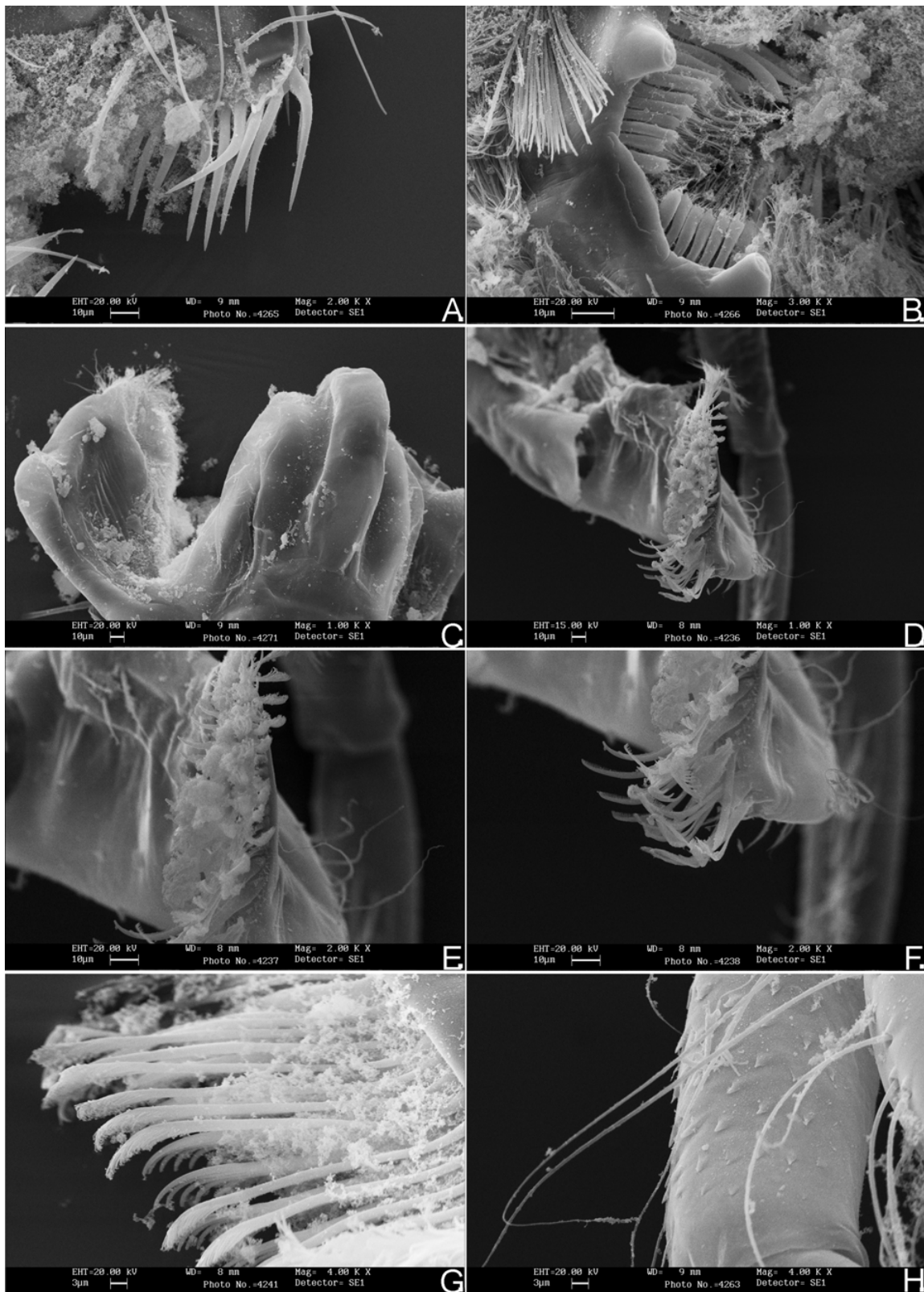


Fig. 6. Nymph structures in electron microscope. (A) Setae on anterolateral margin of labrum in dorsal view; (B) setae on medial margin of labrum in ventral view; (C) hypopharynx in ventral view; (D) maxilla in frontal view; (E) details of maxilla in frontal view; (F) details of maxilla in frontal view; (G) details of maxilla in lateral view; (H) details of segment I of maxillary palp.

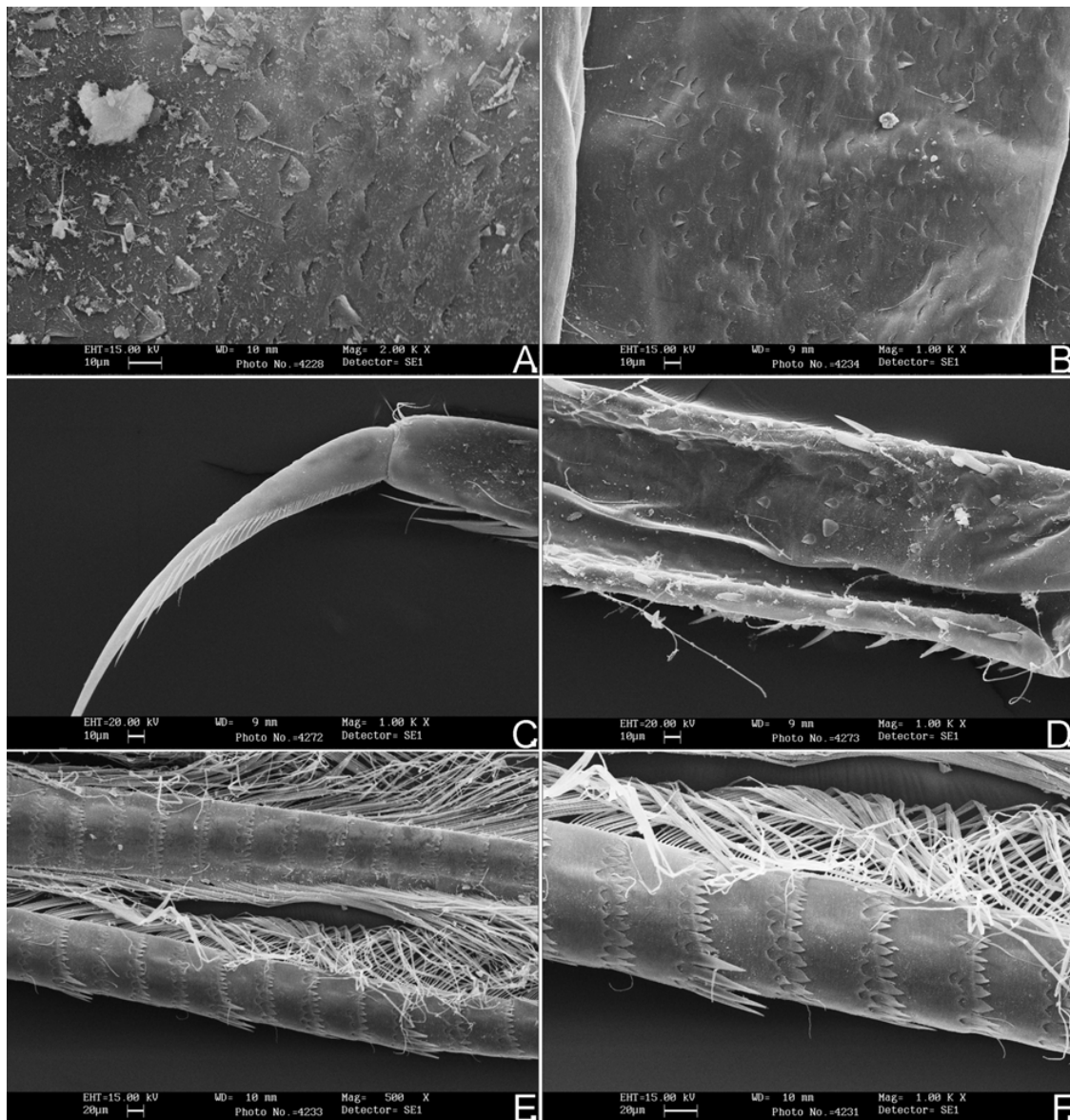


Fig. 7. Nymph structures in electron microscope. (A) Abdominal terga surface; (B) abdominal sterna surface; (C) details of foreclaw; (D) details of forefemur; (E) cerci and terminal filament; (F) details of cerci.

scale-bases, postero-lateral extension with minute marginal spines (Fig. 5(I)). Terminal filament (Figs. 5(J) and 7(E)) with posterior margin of segments with spines on each segment. Cerci (Figs. 5(K) and 7(F)) with posterior margin of segments with spines on each segment and long spines on every three segments. Caudal filaments with flattened setae, basal half dark.

Etymology. The specific epithet is a free union of two words of the Tupí-Guarani language, a Brazilian native indigenous language (*caa*, meaning leaf and *ig*, meaning water), this word is a reference to the substrate where the nymphs of this species were collected.

Material examined: HOLOTYPE: 1 nymph, BRAZIL, Amazonas, Manaus, Reserva Florestal Ducke, Tinga stream 2°56'41.0"S 59°57'22.0"W, root and leaves, 27.iii.2010, E.L. Belmont col (INPA). PARATYPES:

BRAZIL, Amazonas, Manaus, Reserva Florestal Ducke, Barro Branco stream 02° 55'46.7"S 059° 58'22.0"W: 1 male imago, 10.iii.2009, P.V. Cruz col., reared (UFES); 5 nymphs, 21.i.2010 (INPA); 1 nymph, 10.iii.2011 (IFML). BRAZIL, Amazonas, Manaus, BR 174, km 18: 1 nymph 16.viii.2009, F.F.Salles col. (UFES). BRAZIL, Amazonas, Manaus, Reserva Florestal Ducke, Tinga stream 2°56'41.0"S 59°57'22.0"W: 1 nymph, 24.iii.2010, E.L. Belmont col (IFML); 2 nymphs, root and leaves, 27.iii.2010, E.L. Belmont col (UFES). BRAZIL, Amazonas, Manaus, BR 174, Viana's farm: 1 nymph, 23.ii.2010, E.L. Belmont col. (INPA). BRAZIL, Amazonas, Manaus, Reserva Florestal Ducke, Ipiranga stream 2°59'36.3"S 59°53'25.5"W, 1 nymph, v.2010, (INPA). BRAZIL, Amazonas, Presidente Figueiredo, Pedras River Waterfall: 1 nymph, 05.xi.2004 (INPA). BRAZIL,

Espírito Santo, Sooretama, Reserva Biológica de Sooretama, Quirinão stream: 3 nymphs, 04.xi.2011, leaves (1 in IFML, 2 in UFES). OTHER MATERIAL EXAMINED: BRAZIL, Amazonas, Manaus, Reserva Florestal Ducke, Barro Branco stream 02° 55'46.7"S 059° 58'22.0"W: 1 female imago, 21.i.2010, P.V. Cruz col (UFES); 1 female imago, 16.iii.2010, light trap, Cleuder (INPA).

Discussion

Among South American representatives of Baetidae, the nymphs of *Callibaetoides* **gen. nov.** can be confused with those of *Callibaetis* by presenting slender legs and folded gills. The gills of *Callibaetoides* **gen. nov.** and *Callibaetis* are particularly similar with regard to the presence of a vestigial anal rib, a costal rib that is far from the costal margin, a ventrally-folded anal expansion, and the ability to make rhythmic movements. Besides that, some species of *Callibaetis* (e.g., *C. capixaba* Cruz, Salles & Hamada, *C. pollens* Neddham & Murphy and others not yet published) also have a labrum with a deep medial emargination and paraglossae apically truncated and longer than glossae, exactly as in *Callibaetoides* **gen. nov.**, despite the similarities, *Callibaetoides* **gen. nov.** can be distinguished from *Callibaetis* by its three-segmented maxillary palp labial palp with a dorsal surface flat, and not concave.

Among genera from outside South America, nymphs of the new genus can be confused with those of the Nearctic, Palaearctic, and Oriental genus *Pseudocentroptiloides* Jacob and Glazaczow, especially if we consider the same characteristics shared with some species of *Callibaetis* (slender legs, labrum with a deep medial emargination, paraglossae apically truncated and longer than glossae,) and the third segment of the labial palp being quadrangular. However, *Callibaetoides* **gen. nov.** is excluded from the Cloeon Complex of genera of which *Pseudocentroptiloides* is a member, by its not expanded third segment of labial palp (Waltz and McCafferty, 1989) and absence of spines on lateral margin of abdominal segments (Kluge and Novikova, 1992; Hill *et al.*, 2010; Kluge, 2011). The same combination of characteristics, along with the absence of an apical projection on labial palp segment 3 allows differentiation between *Callibaetoides* **gen. nov.** and *Waynokiops* Hill *et al.* (2010).

Surprisingly, the taxon most similar to *Callibaetoides caaigua* is *Centroptilum elongatum* Suter (1986), an unusual species of *Centroptilum* from Australia described based on male imago and nymph. They both have a labrum with a deep medial emargination, the third segment of the labial palp quadrangular, the maxilla with a three segmented palp and mandibles with incisors deeply cleft. However, it is difficult to ascertain at this time if these similarities are an example of convergence, as between *Callibaetoides* **gen. nov.**, *Callibaetis* and *Pseudocentroptiloides*, or an indication that the species are related. Affinities between Neotropical and Australasian faunas

have been reported in four families of mayflies (Ameletopsidae, Coloburiscidae, Nesameletidae, and Oniscigastridae), but this possible kind of affinity has never been reported in Baetidae (Barber-James *et al.* 2008), with the exception of *Cloeodes* and *Bungona* Harker an Australasian genus which are related (Suter and Pearson, 2001). However, species of *Cloeodes* are also reported from other biogeographical realms, such as Afrotropics (Waltz and MacCafferty, 1994), Nearctic (Waltz and MacCafferty, 1987), and Orient (Soldán and Yang, 2003).

The male imago of *Callibaetoides* **gen. nov.** does not show similarity with known male imagos of *Callibaetis* or *Pseudocentroptiloides*. In *Callibaetis*, the body is usually covered with small red spots, the hind wing has three longitudinal veins and the costal process of the hind wing is relatively shorter and located on the basal third. In *Callibaetoides* **gen. nov.**, on the other hand, the body is devoid of red spots, the hind wing is extremely reduced with two longitudinal veins, and the costal process of the hind wing has an inverted L-shape centrally located. Besides that, in male imagos of *Pseudocentroptiloides* marginal intercalary veins are single, forceps have a distinct inner tubercle on the second segment and the subgenital plate is broad and flattened, while in male imagos of *Callibaetoides* **gen. nov.** the marginal intercalary veins are double and peculiarly long, the forceps lack a distinct inner tubercle on the second segment, and the subgenital plate has a small rounded projection. The peculiar long intercalary veins are also present in *Cloeodes auwe* Salles & Batista male imago (not yet published).

The unusual sexual dimorphism can be seen in the number of forewing marginal intercalary veins, occurring single in female and double in male. Although intriguing this can be found in *Cloeodes barituensis* Nieto & Richard (2008) and other species of *Cloeodes* and *Callibaetis* (not yet published).

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