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Foi feito o primeiro estudo filogenético incluindo representantes de ambos os gêneros de Achilixiidae integrando dados morfológicos e moleculares e estimando o tempo de divergência dos clados. Além disso, cinco novas espécies foram adicionadas a *Bebaiotes* Muir, quatro espécies foram redescritas e uma espécie nova foi acrescentada a *Achilixius* Muir. Adicionalmente, diversos caracteres foram estudados de forma sistemática na família pela primeira vez sob a ótica da cladística.

Palavras-chave: *Achilixius*, *Bebaiotes*, Entomologia, Relógio molecular, taxonomia.

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RESUMO

Apresentamos o primeiro estudo filogenético incluindo representantes de ambos os gêneros de Achilixiidae com base em dados morfológicos e moleculares. Atualmente, a família possui 32 espécies válidas e é dividida em dois gêneros, *Achilixius* com 16 espécies para a região Oriental e *Bebaiotes* com 16 espécies válidas para a Região Neotropical. O estudo foi composto por uma matriz de dados morfológicos que incluiu 44 táxons (35 espécies do grupo interno e nove do grupo externo) e 99 caracteres morfológicos (65 binários e 34 multiestados), além de quatro marcadores moleculares (18S rDNA, 28S rDNA, 16S rRNA e H3). A matriz de dados concatenada foi composta por 67 táxons e 4.379 pares de bases nitrogenadas, sendo que desses 23 espécimes foram sequenciados no presente trabalho, gerando novas sequências que foram depositadas no GenBank, contribuindo para o enriquecimento da base de dados genéticos. As análises foram realizadas sob três critérios filogenéticos: parcimônia (apenas morfologia) no programa TNT; máxima verossimilhança (molecular) no programa IQ-TREE 2.2.0; e inferência Bayesiana (molecular) no programa MrBayes v. 3.2.7a. Em ambas as análises Achilixiidae e *Achilixius* Muir foram recuperados como monofiléticos, entretanto *Bebaiotes* Muir foi recuperado como parafilético na análise de dados moleculares, que consideraram as espécies *Bebaiotes guianesus*, *Bebaiotes bia*, *Bebaiotes* sp.1, *Bebaiotes banksi* e *Bebaiotes* sp. C como parte do clado, enquanto na análise de dados morfológicos foi recuperado como monofilético. Além disso, foram acrescentadas cinco espécies novas para *Bebaiotes* Muir: *Bebaiotes cavichioli* **sp. nov.** (Peru), *Bebaiotes clarice* **sp. nov.** (Brasil - Amazonas), *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis* **sp. nov.** (Brasil - Amapá), *Bebaiotes oliveirai* **sp. nov.** (Brasil - Amazonas) e *Bebaiotes specialis* **sp. nov.** (Brasil – Bahia e Alagoas) e uma espécie nova para *Achilixius* Muir, *Achilixius dietrichi* **sp. nov.** (Filipinas). Adicionalmente, é fornecida uma chave de identificação atualizada para as espécies de *Bebaiotes* (machos e fêmeas). A atual estimativa de tempo de divergência sugere que a divergência inicial de Achilixiidae ocorreu em algum momento durante o Triássico até o Jurássico, período marcado pela fragmentação do Gondwana.

Palavras-chaves: *Achilixius*; espécies novas; Filogenia de Achilixiidae; Fulgoromorpha.

ABSTRACT

We provide the first phylogenetic study, including representatives of both genera of Achilixiidae, based on morphological and molecular data. Currently, the family has 32 valid species and is divided into two genera: *Achilixius*, with 16 species in the Oriental Region, and *Bebaiotes*, with 16 species valid for the Neotropical Region. The study was composed of a matrix of morphological data, including 44 taxa (35 species from the ingroup and nine from the outgroup) and 99 morphological characters (65 binary and 34 multistate), in addition to four molecular markers (18S rDNA, 28S rDNA, 16S rRNA, and H3). The concatenated data matrix comprised 67 taxa and 4,379 bp, including twenty-three specimens that were sequenced herein, generating new sequences deposited in GenBank and contributing to the enrichment of the genetic database. Analyses were conducted using three phylogenetic criteria: parsimony (morphology only) in the TNT program, maximum likelihood (molecular) in the IQ-TREE 2.2.0 program, and Bayesian inference (molecular) in the MrBayes v3.2.7a program. In both analyses, Achilixiidae and *Achilixius* Muir were recovered as monophyletic. *Bebaiotes* Muir was found to be paraphyletic in the molecular data analysis, who considered the species *Bebaiotes guianesus*, *Bebaiotes bia*, *Bebaiotes* sp.1, *Bebaiotes banksi* and *Bebaiotes* sp. C, whereas in the morphological data analyses, it was recovered as monophyletic. Additionally, five new species have been added to *Bebaiotes* Muir taxonomy: *Bebaiotes cavichioli* **sp. nov.** (Peru), *Bebaiotes clarice* **sp. nov.** (Brazil - Amazonas), *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis* **sp. nov.** (Brazil - Amapá), *Bebaiotes oliveirai* **sp. nov.** (Brazil - Amazonas), and *Bebaiotes specialis* **sp. nov.** (Brazil - Bahia and Alagoas) and a new species for *Achilixius* Muir, *Achilixius dietrichi* **sp. nov.** (Filipinas). Additionally, an updated identification key for *Bebaiotes* species (males and females) is provided. The current estimate for the divergence time suggests that the initial divergence of Achilixiidae occurred sometime during the Triassic to Jurassic period, marked by the fragmentation of Gondwana.

Keywords: *Achilixius*; Achilixiidae phylogeny; Fulgoromorpha; new species.

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Figures 20 A–F. Wings of *Achilixius* and *Bebaiotes* species. **A.** *Achilixius dietrichi* **sp. nov.**, forewing; **B.** *Achilixius dietrichi* **sp. nov.**, hind wing, **C.** *Bebaiotes cavichioli* **sp. nov.**, female forewing; **D.** *Bebaiotes cavichioli* **sp. nov.**, female hind wing; **E.** *Bebaiotes clarice* **sp. nov.**, forewing; **F.** *Bebaiotes clarice* **sp. nov.**, hind wing; Abbreviations: Forewing: A1, first anal vein; C4, cell C4; C5, cell C5; CuA1, first cubitus anterior branch; CuA2, second cubitus anterior branch; CuP, cubitus posterior; icu cross-vein, cubital area; icua cross-vein, anterior cubital area; m-cu, m-cu2 cross-vein; median cell; MP1, first media posterior branch; MP2, second media posterior branch; MP3, third media posterior branch; MP4, fourth media posterior branch; Pcu, postcubitus; Pcu+A1, postcubitus+first anal vein; radial cell; r-m1, r-m2 cross-vein; RA, radius anterior branch; RP, radius posterior branch. Hind wing: AA, anterior Anal; AP, posterior Anal; CuA, anterior cubitus; CuP, posterior cubitus; m-cu, cross-vein; MP, posterior media. Scale bars: A–F = 1 mm.

Figures 21 A–F. Wings of *Bebaiotes* species. **A.** *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis* **sp. nov.**, **B.** *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis* **sp. nov.**; **C.** *Bebaiotes oliveirai* **sp. nov.**, forewing; **D.** *Bebaiotes oliveirai* **sp. nov.**, hind wing; **E.** *Bebaiotes specialis* **sp. nov.**, female forewing; **F.** *Bebaiotes specialis* **sp. nov.**, female hind wing. Scale bars: A–F = 1 mm.

Figure 22. Geographical distribution of *Achilixius*. Previous known distribution of *Achilixius* Muir in black circles and of *Achilixius dietrichi* **sp. nov.** in red circles.

Figure 23. Geographical distribution of *Bebaiotes*. Previous known distribution of *Bebaiotes* Muir in black circles. See legend for symbols referring to the distribution of the new species: *Bebaiotes cavichioli* **sp. nov.**; *Bebaiotes clarice* **sp. nov.**; *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis* **sp. nov.**; *Bebaiotes oliveirai* **sp. nov.** and *Bebaiotes specialis* **sp. nov.**

Capitulum 2

Fig. 1. Maximum likelihood tree of Achilixiidae and outgroups based on 4,379 bp of 16S, 18S, 28S, and H3 ($-\ln L = 40210.5464$). Thickened branches are those also recovered in the Bayesian inference analysis. Values above branches are likelihood SH-aLRT / ultrafast bootstrap and below are Bayesian posterior probabilities (in percentages). We only show support values $PP > 0.90$, $SH-aLRT \geq 80$ and $UFBoot \geq 95$.

Fig. 2. Dated phylogenetic tree of Achilixiidae (yellow *Achilixius* and red *Bebaiotes*) and other planthoppers. Chronogram based on the same concatenated dataset (67 taxa; 4 gene regions: 16S, 18S, 28S, and H3), using unlinked substitution models (GTR+I+G), uncorrelated lognormal relaxed clock, and five fossil calibration points (black asterisks at nodes). Horizontal bars correspond to the 95% highest posterior density (HPD) of each node age.

Supplementary Figure S1. Maximum likelihood tree of Achilixiidae and outgroups based on 465 bp of 16S rDNA. Values above branches are likelihood SH-aLRT ≥ 80 / ultrafast bootstrap ≥ 95 .

Supplementary Figure S2. Maximum likelihood tree of Achilixiidae and outgroups based on 1301 bp of 18S rDNA. Values above branches are likelihood SH-aLRT ≥ 80 / ultrafast bootstrap ≥ 95 .

Supplementary Figure S3. Maximum likelihood tree of Achilixiidae and outgroups based on 2278 bp of 28S rDNA. Values above branches are likelihood SH-aLRT ≥ 80 / ultrafast bootstrap ≥ 95 .

Supplementary Figure S4. Maximum likelihood tree of Achilixiidae and outgroups based on 339 bp of histone H3. Values above branches are likelihood SH-aLRT ≥ 80 / ultrafast bootstrap ≥ 95 .

Capitulum 3

Figures 1 A–D. Head, transition frons to vertex. **A**, *Pintalia* sp. 1, anterior view. **B**, *Pintalia* sp. 1, lateral view. **C**, *Achilixius dietrichi*, anterior view. **D**, *Achilixius dietrichi*, lateral view. Scale bars: A, D = 0.4 mm; B, C = 0.3 mm. Arrow highlighting the presence of the transverse carina (char. 1, state 0).

Figures 2 A–D. Head, frons, anterior view. **A**, *Synecdoche* sp. 2. **B**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. **C**, *Persis (Persis)*. **D**, *Bebaiotes tigrina*. Scale bars: A, B = 0.3 mm; C = 0.5 mm; D = 0.4 mm. Arrow highlighting the presence of the median longitudinal carina (char. 2, state 0).

Figures 3 A–D. Head, frons, anterior view. **A**, *Bebaiotes cavichioli*. **B**, *Bennarella bicoloripennis*. **C**, *Catonia* sp. 2. **D**, *Bebaiotes amazonica*. Scale bars: A–D = 0.4 mm. White arrows highlighting direction of lateral longitudinal carinae (char. 3): A, *Bebaiotes cavichioli* (state 0) and C, *Catonia* sp. 2 (state 1). Red arrows highlighting the direction of the apex of lateral longitudinal carinae (char. 4): B, *Bennarella bicoloripennis* (state 0) and D, *Bebaiotes amazonica* (state 1).

Figures 4 A–D. Head. **A, C, D.** Head, frons, anterior view. **A**, *Sevia* sp. A. **C**, *Bebaiotes clarice*. **D**, *Melanoliarius* sp. 1. **B.** Head, vertex, dorsal view. **B**, *Sevia* sp. A. Scale bars: A, B = 0.6 mm; C = 0.4 mm; D = 0.5 mm. White arrows highlighting the median width of the frons in relation to maximum width of the vertex (char. 5): A, B *Sevia* sp. A (state 0), C, *Bebaiotes clarice* (state 1) and D, *Melanoliarius* sp. 1 (state 2). Red arrows highlighting the extension of lateral margins at median region of the frons (char. 6): C, *Bebaiotes clarice* (state 0) and D,

Melanoliarius sp. 1 (state 1). Blue arrow highlighting the presence of the median ocellus (char. 7, state 1). Abbreviation: v, vertex.

Figures 5 A–D. Head, lateral view. **A**, *Syneccoche* sp. 2. **B**, *Melanoliarius* sp. 1. **C**, *Bebaiotes tigrina*. **D**, *Bebaiotes clarice*. Scale bars: A, C = 0.4 mm; B, D = 0.5 mm. Black arrows highlighting the lateral ocellus insertion (char. 8): A, *Syneccoche* sp. 2. (state 0) and D, *Bebaiotes clarice* (state 1). Red arrows highlighting the compound eye shape (char. 9): B, *Melanoliarius* sp. 1 (state 0) and D, *Bebaiotes clarice* (state 1).

Figures 6 A–B. Head, frons, anterior view. **A**, *Bebaiotes dichromata*. **B**, *Bennarella bicoloripennis*. Scale bars: A= 0.5 mm; B= 0.4 mm. Arrow highlighting the pedicel (char. 10, state 0).

Figures 7 A–C. Head, lateral view. **A**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. **B**, *Bebaiotes specialis*. **C**, *Syneccoche* sp. 2. Scale bars: A–C= 0.4 mm. Red arrow highlighting antennal insertion (char. 11): *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 0) and C, *Syneccoche* sp. 2 (state 1). Black arrow highlighting the presence of the subantennal carina (char. 11, state 1).

Figures 8 A–C. Head, frons, epistomal suture, anterior view. **A**, *Syneccoche* sp. 2. **B**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. **C**, *Bothriocera* sp. 1. Scale bars: A, B= 0.3 mm; C = 0.4 mm. Red arrow highlighting epistomal suture (char. 13): A, *Syneccoche* sp. 2. (state 0), B, *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 1), and C, *Bothriocera* sp. 1 (state 2).

Figures 9 A–B. Head, lateral view. **A**, *Melanoliarius* sp. 1. **B**, *Bebaiotes specialis*. Scale bars: A= 0.4 mm; B= 0.5 mm. White arrows highlighting the lora (char. 14): A, *Melanoliarius* sp. 1. (state 0) and B, *Bebaiotes specialis* (state 1).

Figures 10 A–C. Head, frons, anterior view. **A**, *Sevia* sp. A. **B**, *Bebaiotes macroptera*. **C**, *Bebaiotes dorsivittata*. Scale bars: A= 0.6 mm; B= 0.3 mm; C = 0.5 mm. White arrow highlighting the absence of the median carina of the clypeus (char. 15, state 1). Red arrows highlighting the extension of the median carina of the clypeus (char. 16): B, *Bebaiotes macroptera* (state 0) and C, *Bebaiotes dorsivittata* (state 1).

Figures 11 A–C. Clypeus and labium, ventral view. **A**, *Syneccoche* sp. 2. **B**, *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis*. **C**, *Anotia* sp. 2. Scale bars: A, B= 0.5 mm; C = 1 mm. White arrows highlighting the extension of the clypeus (char. 17): A, *Syneccoche* sp. 2 (state 0), B, *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis* (state 1), and C, *Anotia* sp. 2 (state 2). Red arrows highlighting the apex of the second labial segment (char. 18): A, *Syneccoche* sp. 2 (state 0) and C, *Anotia* sp. 2 (state 2).

Figures 12 A–D. Thorax, dorsal view. **A**, *Bennarella bicoloripennis*. **B**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. **C**, *Bebaiotes specialis*. **D**, *Bebaiotes pulla*. Scale bars: A= 0.4 mm; ; B, C = 0.3 mm, D = 0.4 mm. Black arrows highlighting the pronotum and mesonotum (char. 19): A, *Bennarella*

bicoloripennis (state 0) and B, *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 1). Red arrows highlighting the anterior pronotum pronotum (char. 20): A, *Bennarella bicoloripennis* (state 0), C, *Bebaiotes specialis* (state 2), and C, *Bebaiotes pulla* (state 1). Blue circle highlighting the presence of pustules on the posterior margin of the pronotum (char. 21, state 1).

Figures 13 A–D. Thorax, pronotum, dorsal view. **A**, *Anotia* sp. 2. **B**, *Bebaiotes pulla*. **C**, *Bennarella bicoloripennis*. **D**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. Scale bars: A = 0.6 mm; B = 0.5 mm; C = 0.4 mm; D = 0.3 mm. Black arrow highlighting the lateral longitudinal carinae on the posterior margin (char. 22, state 0). Red arrows highlighting the direction of lateral longitudinal carinae on the posterior margin (char. 23): B, *Bebaiotes pulla* (state 0) and D, *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 1). Blue arrows highlighting the direction of posterior half of lateral longitudinal carinae (char. 24): C, *Bennarella bicoloripennis* (state 1) and D, *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 2).

Figures 14 A–B. Thorax, dorsal view. **A**, *Synecdoche* sp. 2. **B**, *Bothriocera* sp. 1. Scale bars: A–B= 0.4 mm. Black arrows highlighting the posterior margin of the pronotum (char. 25): A, *Synecdoche* sp. 2 (state 1) and B, *Bothriocera* sp. 1. (state 0). Blue arrows highlighting the apex of the scutellum (char. 26): A, *Synecdoche* sp. 2 (state 0) and B, *Bothriocera* sp. 1. (state 1).

Figures 15 A–C. Forewing. **A**, *Sevia* sp. A. **B**, *Melanoliarius* sp. 1. **C**, *Bebaiotes dichromata*. Scale bars: A–C= 1 mm. Red arrows highlighting the position of the ScP+RP branching (char. 27): A, *Sevia* sp. A (state 0) and B, *Melanoliarius* sp. 1 (state 1). Blue arrow highlighting the RP vein (char. 28): B, *Melanoliarius* sp. 1 and C (state 0), *Bebaiotes dichromata* (state 1). Abbreviations: CuA, anterior cubitus; RP, radial posterior; ScP, posterior subcosta.

Figures 16 A–C. Forewing. **A**, *Anotia* sp. 2. **B**, *Bebaiotes parallela*. **C**, *Bebaiotes clarice*. Scale bars: A–C= 1 mm. Black arrow highlighting the MP1 vein (char. 29): A, *Anotia* sp. 2 (state 0) and B, *Bebaiotes parallela* (state 1). Blue arrows highlighting the MP2 vein (char. 30): C, *Bebaiotes clarice* (state 0) and B, *Bebaiotes parallela* (state 1). Abbreviations: MP1, first media posterior branch; MP2, second media posterior branch.

Figures 17 A–C. Forewing. **A**, *Catonia* sp. 2. **B**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. **C**, *Sevia* sp. A. Scale bars: A–B= 1 mm. Red arrow highlighting MP3+MP4 vein fused (char. 31, state 0). Blue arrows highlighting MP4 vein (char. 33): B, *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 1) and C, *Sevia* sp. A (state 0). Abbreviations: MP3+4, third media + fourth media posterior branches; MP3, third media posterior branch; MP4, fourth media posterior branch. Abbreviations: MP3+4, third media + fourth media posterior branches; MP3, third media posterior branch; MP4, fourth media posterior branch.

Figures 18 A–C. Forewing. **A**, *Bothriocera* sp. 1. **B**, *Bebaiotes pulla*. **C**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. Scale bars: A–C= 1 mm. Black arrows highlighting the radial cell in relation to median cell

(char. 35): A, *Bothriocera* sp. 1 (state 0) and B, *Bebaiotes pulla* (state 1). Blue arrows highlighting the r-m crossvein. Red arrows highlighting the position MP1+2 and MP3+4 branching (char. 36): A, *Bothriocera* sp. 1 (state 2), B, *Bebaiotes pulla* (state 1), C, *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 0). Abbreviations: mc, median cell; MP1+2, first media + second media posterior branches MP3+4, third media + fourth media posterior branches; rc, radial cell; r-m, radio-medial crossvein.

Figures 19 A–C. Forewing. **A**, *Melanoliarus* sp. 1. **B**, *Bebaiotes wilsoni*. **C**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. Scale bars: A–C= 1 mm. Black arrows highlighting the position m-cua crossvein (char. 38): A, *Melanoliarus* sp. 1 (state 0), B, *Bebaiotes wilsoni* (state 1) and C, *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 2). Red arrows highlighting the presence and absence of the m-cua2 crossvein (char. 39): B, *Bebaiotes wilsoni* (state 0) and C, *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 1). Abbreviations: CuA, cubitus anterior; MP, posterior media; m-cua1, first mediocubital crossvein; m-cua2, second mediocubital crossvein; icua, intercubital crossvein.

Figures 20 A–C. Forewing. **A**, *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis*. **B**, *Pintalia* sp. 2. **C**, *Bebaiotes parallela*. Scale bars: A–C= 1 mm. Red arrows highlighting the position of the m-cu2 crossvein in relation to icua crossvein (char. 40, state 0). Blue arrows highlighting the length of C4 cell in relation to C5 cell (char. 41): A, *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis* (state 2) and C, *Bebaiotes parallela* (state 0). Black arrows highlighting the apex of the CuP vein (char. 42): B, *Pintalia* sp. 02 (state 0), C, *Bebaiotes parallela* (state 1). Abbreviations: C4, cell C4; C5, cell C5; CuP, cubitus posterior; icua, intercubital crossvein; m-cua2, second mediocubital crossvein.

Figures 21 A–C. Forewing. **A**, *Synecdoche* sp. 2. **B**, *Pintalia* sp. 2. **C**, *Bebaiotes dorsivittata*. Scale bars: A–C= 1 mm. Black arrows highlighting the position apex position of the forewings (char. 44): A, *Synecdoche* sp. 2 (state 0), B, *Pintalia* sp. 2 (state 0), and C, *Bebaiotes dorsivittata* (state 0).

Figures 22 A–B. Forewings. **A**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. **B**, *Melanoliarus* sp. 01. Scale bars: A–B= 1 mm. Red arrows highlighting the apex of the Pcu vein (char. 45): A, *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 0) and B, *Melanoliarus* sp. 01 (state 1). Blue arrows highlighting the postclaval margin (char. 46): A, *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 1) and B, *Melanoliarus* sp. 01 (state 0). Abbreviations: Pcu, postcubitus.

Figures 23 A–C. Hindwings **A**, *Bebaiotes wilsoni*. **B**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. **C**, *Bebaiotes tigrina*. Scale bars: A–C= 1 mm. Black arrows highlighting the MP1+2 and MP3+4 branch (char. 47): B, *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 1) and C, *Bebaiotes tigrina* (state 2). Abbreviations: MP1+2, first media + second media posterior branches MP3+4, third media + fourth media posterior branches; m-cu, mediocubital crossvein.

Figures 24 A–B. Profemur, anterior face. **A**, *Bebaiotes amazonica*. 1. **B**, *Sevia* sp. A. Scale bars: A, B = 0.2 mm. Black arrows highlighting the seta (char. 48): A, *Bebaiotes amazonica* (state 1) and B, *Sevia* sp. A (state 0).

Figures 25 A–C. Abdomen, sternite III. **A**, *Catonia* sp. 2. **B**, *Bebaiotes clarice*. **C**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. Scale bars: A, C = 0.5 mm; B = 1 mm. Red arrow highlighting the shape of the abdomen (char. 53, state 1). Blue arrow highlighting the sternite III (char. 54, state 1). Abbreviations: st III, sternite III.

Figures 26 A–B. Abdomen, sternite III. **A**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. **B**, *Bebaiotes macroptera*. Scale bars: A = 0.2 mm; B = 0.3 mm. Abbreviations: st III, sternite III.

Figures 27 A–B. Abdomen, sternite III, ventral view. **A**, *Pintalia* sp. 2. **B**, *Bebaiotes specialis*. Scale bars: A–B = 0.5 mm. Black arrows highlighting the median longitudinal region of the sternite III (char. 56): A, *Pintalia* sp. 2 (state 0) and B, *Bebaiotes specialis* (state 1). Abbreviations: st III, sternite III.

Figures 28 A–B. Abdomen, sternite IV, lateral view. **A**, *Melanoliarius* sp. 2. **B**, *Bennarella bicoloripennis*. Scale bars: A, B = 0.5 mm. Red arrow highlighting the sternite IV (char. 57, state 1). Abbreviations: st IV, sternite IV.

Figures 29 A–C. Abdomen, sternites IV and V, lateral view. **A**, *Synecdoche* sp. 2. **B**, *Bennarella bicoloripennis*. **C**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. Scale bars: A–C = 0.5 mm. Black arrow highlighting the connection of sternites IV (char. 58, state 0). Abbreviations: st IV, sternite IV; st V, sternite V.

Figures 30 A–C. Abdomen, sternite IV, ventral view. **A**, *Sevia* sp. A. **B**, *Pintalia* sp. 2. **C**, *Bebaiotes clarice*. Scale bars: A = 1 mm; B, C = 0.5 mm. Black arrows highlighting the median longitudinal region of the sternite IV (char. 59): A, *Sevia* sp. A (state 0), B, *Pintalia* sp. 2 (state 1) and C, *Bebaiotes clarice* (state 1). Abbreviations: st IV, sternite IV.

Figures 31 A–C. Abdomen, sternite IV, ventral view. **A**, *Sevia* sp. A. **B**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. **C**, *Bennarella bicoloripennis*. Scale bars: A = 1 mm; B, C = 0.2 mm. Blue arrows highlighting the number of pits in sternite V (char. 61): B, *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 0), C, *Bennarella bicoloripennis* (state 1). Abbreviations: st V, sternite V.

Figures 32 A–B. Abdomen, sternites VII and VIII, ventral view. **A**, *Catonia* sp. 2. **B**, *Pintalia* sp. 2. Scale bars: A = 1 mm; A, B = 0.5 mm. Abbreviations: st VII, sternite VII; st VIII, sternite VIII.

Figures 33 A–C. Pygofer, lateral view. **A**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. **B**, *Pintalia* sp. 2. **C**, *Catonia* sp. 2. Scale bars: A, C = 0.1 mm; B = 0.2 mm. Red arrows highlighting the absence (A) or presence (B) of the medioventral process. Blue arrows highlighting the posterior margin of pygofer (char.

65): A, *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 0) and B, *Pintalia* sp. 2 (state 1). Abbreviations: Imp, length medioventral process; lp, length pygofer.

Figures 34 A–C. Gonostylus, lateral view. **A**, *Pintalia* sp. 02. **B**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. **C**, *Persis* (*Persis*). Scale bars: A, B= 0.1 mm; C= 0.2 mm. Blue arrows highlighting the apex of gonostylus (char. 67): A, *Pintalia* sp. 2 (state 0) and B, *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 1). Red arrow highlighting the projection on the outer margin (char. 69, state 1). Abbreviations: ha, length apex; hb, length base.

Figures 35 A–F. Phallic complex. **A**, *Melanoliarius* sp. 1, left lateral view, lateral view. 02. **B**, *Achilixius dietrichi*, dorsal view. **C**, *Achilixius dietrichi*, left lateral view, lateral view. **D**, *Benarella bicoloripennis*, left lateral view, lateral view. **E**, *Bebaiotes bia*, left lateral view, lateral view. **F**, *Bebaiotes bia*, dorsal view. Scale bars: A= 0.3 mm; B–F = 0.1 mm; C= 0.2 mm. Black arrows highlighting the phallic complex (char. 70): A, *Melanoliarius* sp. 1 (state 0) and B, C *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 1).

Figures 36 A–D. Periandrium, dorsal margin apex, dorsal view. **A**, *Bebaiotes amazonica*. **B**, *Bebaiotes dorsivittata*. **C**, *Bebaiotes macroptera*. **D**, *Bebaiotes clarice*. Scale bars: A–D = 0.1 mm. Red arrows highlighting the dorsal margin apex (char. 71): A, *Bebaiotes amazonica* (state 0), B, *Bebaiotes dorsivittata* (state 1), C, *Bebaiotes macroptera* (state 2), and D, *Bebaiotes clarice* (state 3).

Figures 37 A–D. Phallic complex, shape. **A**, *Achilixius dietrichi*, left lateral view, lateral view. **B**, *Achilixius dietrichi*, dorsal view. **C**, *Bebaiotes clarice*, left lateral view, lateral view. **D**, *Bebaiotes clarice*, dorsal view. Scale bars: A–D = 0.1 mm.

Figures 38 A–B. Phallic complex, articulation. **A**, *Persis* (*Persis*), left lateral view, lateral view. **B**, *Bebaiotes clarice*, left lateral view, lateral view. Scale bars: A= 0.2 mm; B= 0.1 mm. Red arrow highlighting the articulation of the phallic complex (char. 73, state 0).

74. Phallic complex, inner sclerotized plates: (0) absent; (1) present. [CI=1.0; RI=1.0]. Figures 39 A–C.

Figures 39 A–C. Inner sclerotized plates, dorsal view. **A**, *Achilixius dietrichi*, dorsal view. **B**, *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis*. **C**, *Bebaiotes clarice*. Scale bars: A–C = 0.1 mm. Black arrow highlighting the inner sclerotized plates (char. 74, state 1). Blue arrows highlighting the direction of the inner sclerotized plates (char. 75): B, *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis* (state 0) and C, *Bebaiotes clarice* (state 1). Abbreviation: ps, inner sclerotized plates.

Figures 40 A–C. Periandrium, dorsal margin apex, dorsal view. **A**, *Bebaiotes banksi*. **B**, *Bebaiotes amazonica*. **C**, *Bebaiotes parallela*. Scale bars: A–C = 0.1 mm. Red arrows

highlighting the concavity of the apex of the dorsal margin (char. 77): **A**, *Bebaiotes banksi* (state 0), **B**, *Bebaiotes amazonica* (state 1) and **C**, *Bebaiotes parallela* (state 2).

78. Periandrium, dorsal margin, apex, dorsal view, aspect: (0) smooth; (1) serrate. [CI=0.5; RI=0.5]. Figures 41 A–B.

Figures 41 A–B. Periandrium, dorsal margin apex, dorsal view. **A**, *Bebaiotes cavichioli*. **B**, *Bebaiotes bia*. Scale bars: A, B = 0.1 mm. Red arrows highlighting the aspect of the apex of the dorsal margin (char. 78): **A**, *Bebaiotes cavichioli* (state 0) and **B**, *Bebaiotes bia* (state 1).

Figures 42 A–D. Periandrium, ventral margin apex, dorsal view. **A**, *Bebaiotes banksi*. **B**, *Bebaiotes tigrina*. **C**, *Bebaiotes pulla*. **D**, *Bebaiotes oliveirai*. Scale bars: A–D = 0.1 mm. Red arrows highlighting the ventral margin apex (char. 79): **A**, *Bebaiotes banksi* (state 1), **B**, *Bebaiotes tigrina* (state 0), **C**, *Bebaiotes pulla* (state 2) and **D**, *Bebaiotes oliveirai* (state 3).

Figures 43 A–C. Periandrium, ventral margin apex, dorsal view. **A**, *Bebaiotes pennyi*. **B**, *Bebaiotes guianesus*. **C**, *Bebaiotes macroptera*. Scale bars: A–C = 0.1 mm. Red arrows highlighting the concavity of the apex of the ventral margin (char. 80): **A**, *Bebaiotes pennyi* (state 0), **B**, *Bebaiotes guianesus* (state 1) and **C**, *Bebaiotes macroptera* (state 2).

Figures 44 A–D. Anal tube (segment X), apex, shape, dorsal view. **A**, *Bebaiotes clarice*. **B**, *Bennarella bicoloripennis*. **C**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. **D**, *Persis* (*Persis*). Scale bars: A–C = 0.1 mm; D = 0.2 mm.

Figures 45 A–D. Anal tube (segment X), shape, dorsal view. **A**, *Bebaiotes clarice*. **B**, *Bothriocera* sp. 1. **C**, *Persis* (*Persis*). **D**, *Synecdoche* sp. 2. Scale bars: A, B, D = 0.1 mm; C = 0.2 mm.

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et.al. – et alii (e outros);

Fig. – Figura;

mm – milímetros;

sp. – espécie;

spp. – espécies;

sp. nov. – espécie nova;

PREFÁCIO

A presente tese é parte dos requisitos para obtenção do título de Doutor no Programa de Pós-Graduação em Entomologia, e, como tal, não é considerada uma publicação válida para fins de nomenclatura zoológica, de acordo com os requisitos do Código Internacional de Nomenclatura Zoológica (edição 1999), capítulo três, artigos 8.2 e 8.3.

1. INTRODUÇÃO

1.1. Hemiptera

Os hemípteros ocupam a primeira posição dentre os maiores grupos em diversidade de insetos não-holometábolos (Grazia *et al.*, 2012). Há registro desses insetos em todos os continentes, exceto na Antártica (Gallo *et al.*, 2002). Atualmente, a ordem está dividida em quatro subordens: Auchenorrhyncha Duméril, 1806, Coleorrhyncha Myers & China, 1929 Heteroptera Linnaeus, 1758 e Sternorrhyncha Amyot & Serville, 1843 (Grazia *et al.*, 2012).

Os representantes de Hemiptera possuem hábitos alimentares distintos, podendo ser fitófagos, zoófagos e hematófagos (Triplehorn e Jonnson, 2011). Em virtude desses hábitos, muitas espécies são pragas importantes de diversos cultivos, pois se alimentam do xilema, floema ou conteúdo celular de plantas. Essas interações podem ser observadas, por exemplo, em culturas como o milho, cana-de-açúcar e citros, causando danos diretos com o hábito da fitofagia ou sendo vetores de fitopatógenos, como vírus e bactérias, em decorrência disso, é possível observar sintomas como o amarelecimento das folhas e uma redução no crescimento das plantas (Oliveira *et al.*, 2007; Bellman, 2009; Ravaneli *et al.*, 2011; Azevedo e Lima, 2015). Além de seu impacto nas culturas, alguns hemípteros são vetores importantes de patógenos que podem causar graves problemas à saúde do ser humano, um exemplo é o *Triatoma infestans* (Klug, 1834) (Reduviidae), vetor do protozoário *Trypanosoma cruzi* Chagas, 1909, responsável pela transmissão da doença de Chagas (Almeida *et al.*, 2008; Kawaguchi *et al.*, 2019). Além disso, algumas espécies desempenham um papel importante no manejo de pragas, sendo utilizados como controle biológico de outros insetos indesejados (Pereira *et al.*, 2014), como por exemplo *Podisus nigrispinus* (Dallas, 1851) (Pentatomidae) que vem sendo estudado para predação de *Diatraea asaccharalis* (Fabricius, 1794) (Lepidoptera: Crambidae (Vacari *et al.*, 2007).

Sternorrhyncha é considerada o grupo irmão de todas as outras subordens de hemípteros. Essa relação é corroborada por vários estudos que utilizaram análises filogenômicas, dados morfológicos e moleculares, e afirmam que o grupo Hemiptera Linnaeus, 1758 é monofilético (Johnson *et al.*, 2018), assim como suas subordens (Campbell *et al.*, 1995; Cryan e Urban, 2012; Li *et al.*, 2017; Johnson *et al.*, 2018).

Sternorrhyncha é subdividida em quatro superfamílias: Aleyrodoidea Westwood, 1840, Aphidoidea Geoffroy, 1762, Coccoidea Handlirsch, 1903 e Psylloidea Latreille, 1807, abrangendo 67 famílias. Esta subordem inclui uma variedade de insetos sugadores de seiva de

plantas que são considerados pragas importantes na agricultura, e conhecidos popularmente como os pulgões, cochonilhas e moscas-brancas (Grazia *et al.*, 2012).

Coleorrhyncha é considerada a menor subordem de Hemiptera, composta pela família Peloridiidae Breddin, 1897 e duas famílias extintas: †Progonocimicidae Handlirsch, 1906 e †Karabasiidae Popov, 1985 (Szwedo, 2011; Jiang e Huang, 2017), atualmente ocorre na Região Australiana e no Sul da América do Sul, não ocorrendo para o Brasil (Grazia *et al.*, 2012).

Heteroptera é a maior subordem e a mais diversa, composta por aproximadamente 42.000 espécies descritas, dividida em sete infraordens: Enicocephalomorpha Stichel, 1955, Dipsocoromorpha Miyamoto, 1961, Gerromorpha Popov, 1971, Nepomorpha Popov, 1971, Leptopodomorpha Popov, 1971, Cimicomorpha Leston *et al.*, 1954 e Pentatomomorpha Leston, Pendergrast & Southwood, 1954, abrangendo 89 famílias (Henry, 2009). Alguns grupos dentro dessa subordem são conhecidos popularmente como percevejos, maria-fedida e barbeiros (Ribeiro *et al.*, 2014).

Por fim, Auchenorrhyncha é dividida em quatro superfamílias, Cercopoidea Westwood, 1838, Cicadoidea Latreille, 1802, Membracoidea Rafinesque 1815 e Fulgoroidea Latreille, 1807, e composta por 33 famílias. São conhecidos popularmente como cigarras, cigarrinhas e soldadinhos (Grazia *et al.*, 2012).

Historicamente Auchenorrhyncha é composta por duas infraordens, Cicadomorpha Evans, 1946, que engloba as superfamílias Cercopoidea, Cicadoidea e Membracoidea, e Fulgoromorpha Evans, 1946 (Grimaldi e Engel, 2005; Gallo *et al.*, 2002; Grazia *et al.*, 2012). Durante muito tempo, com base em caracteres morfológicos e moleculares a filogenia de Auchenorrhyncha foi alvo de grandes discussões, sendo a subordem considerada parafilético (Goodchild, 1966; Hamilton, 1981; Li *et al.*, 2017). Contrariamente, há estudos que recuperaram o clado Auchenorrhyncha como um grupo monofilético, com base em caracteres morfológicos e moleculares (Cryan e Urban, 2012), e recentemente seu monofiletismo foi corroborado com base em análises filogenômicas (Johnson *et al.*, 2018). Neste estudo, o grupo alvo da pesquisa foi Achilixiidae Muir, que está inserido em Fulgoroidea.

1.2. Fulgoroidea Latreille, 1807

Os Fulgoroidea são cosmopolitas e incluem aproximadamente 14.000 espécies descritas, divididas em 19 famílias viventes (Boucher *et al.*, 2023), e sua maior diversidade está concentrada nos trópicos (Mifsud *et al.*, 2010; Grazia *et al.*, 2012; Bourgoïn, 2023). O monofiletismo de Fulgoroidea tem sido corroborado em análises filogenéticas baseadas em

dados morfológicos, moleculares e filogenômicos (Asche, 1987; Urban e Cryan, 2007; Li *et al.*, 2017; Johnson *et al.*, 2018). Os fósseis mais antigos de Fulgoromorpha datam do período Permiano, com registros que remontam cerca de 258 milhões de anos (Bourgoin, 2023).

Os fulgoroideos são diversos em forma, possuem ampla variedade de cores, tamanho e características distintas em diferentes grupos, podendo ser identificados por meio de um conjunto de características: cabeça consideravelmente grande; antenas com pedicelo dilatado e alongado, localizadas abaixo dos olhos compostos; asas anteriores com veias anais formando um “Y” na região do clavo e tégula geralmente presente (Gallo *et al.*, 2002; Grazia *et al.*, 2012).

A relação entre as famílias de Fulgoroidea ainda é motivo de discussão, além do posicionamento de algumas famílias ser considerado incerto, como ocorre com Achilixiidae, objeto deste estudo.

1.2.1. Achilixiidae Muir, 1923

Achilixiidae é uma das famílias menos diversa dentro de Fulgoroidea, contando com apenas 24 espécies conhecidas, as quais estão inseridas em dois gêneros: *Achilixius* Muir, 1923 (Oriental) e *Bebaiotes* Muir, 1924 (Neotropical) (Wilson, 1989) (Figura 1). Com o trabalho de Viegas e Ale-Rocha (2023, submetido), mais 8 espécies foram descritas para *Bebaiotes*, totalizando agora 32 espécies conhecidas para a família (Tabela 1).

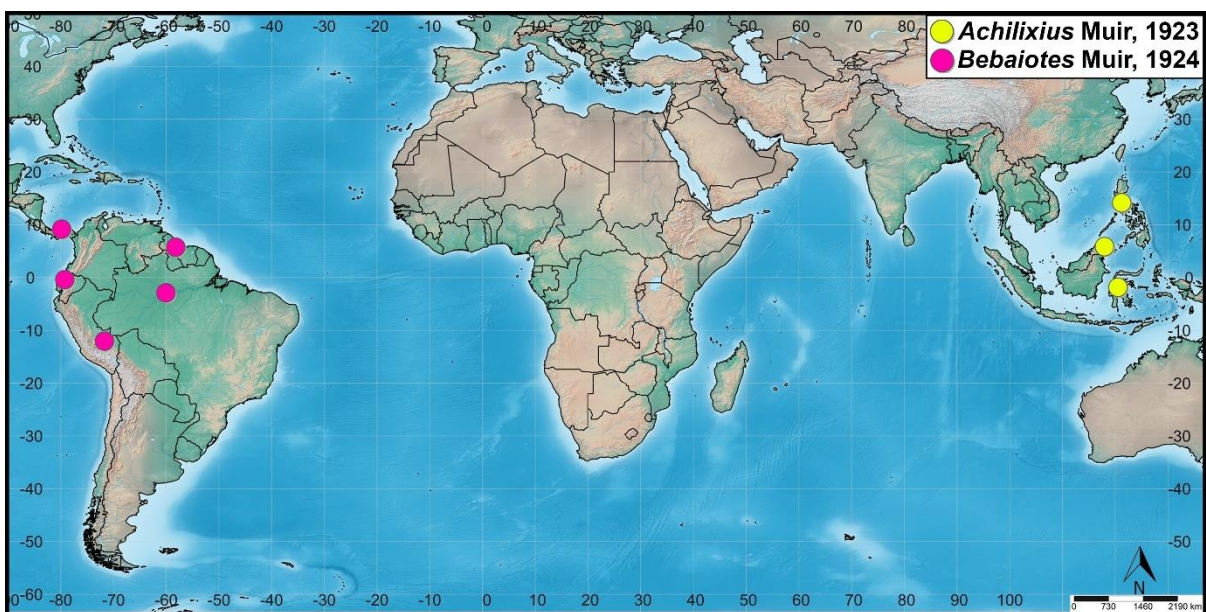


Figura 1. Mapa de distribuição de Achilixiidae. Distribuição conhecida de *Achilixius* Muir em círculos amarelos. Distribuição conhecida de *Bebaiotes* Muir em círculos rosa. Disponível em: <http://www.simplemappr.net/>

Tabela 1. Lista de gêneros e espécies de Achilixiidae, com respectivos dados de distribuição e depósito do holótipo.

| Gêneros | Espécies | Distribuição | Dep. holótipo |
|------------------------|---|---|---------------|
| <i>Achilixius</i> Muir | | | |
| | <i>A. bakeri</i> Wilson | Filipinas (Laguna) | NHM |
| | <i>A. danaumoati</i> Wilson | Indonésia (Celebes do Norte) | NHM |
| | <i>A. davaoensis</i> Muir | Filipinas (Davao); Indonésia (Celebes do Norte) | BPBM |
| | <i>A. fasciata</i> Wilson | Indonésia (Celebes do Norte) | NHM |
| | <i>A. fennahi</i> Wilson | Malásia (Sabah) | BPBM |
| | <i>A. irigae</i> Wilson | Filipinas (Luzon) | BPPM |
| | <i>A. kofintang</i> Wilson | Indonésia (Celebes do Norte) | IRSNB |
| | <i>A. mayoyae</i> Wilson | Filipinas (Mayoyao) | BPMN |
| | <i>A. minahassae</i> Wilson | Indonésia (Celebes do Norte) | NHM |
| | <i>A. morowali</i> Wilson | Indonésia (Celebes Central) | NHM |
| | <i>A. muiri</i> Wilson | Malásia (Sabah) | BPBM |
| | <i>A. muujati</i> Wilson | Indonésia (Celebes do Norte) | NHM |
| | <i>A. sandakanensis</i> Muir | Malásia (Sabah) | BPBM |
| | <i>A. singularis</i> Muir | Filipinas (Baguio) | BPBM |
| | <i>A. torautensis</i> Wilson | Indonésia (Celebes do Norte) | NHM |
| | <i>A. tubulifer</i> (Melichar) | Filipinas (Luzon) | NHM |
| <i>Bebaiotes</i> Muir | | | |
| | <i>B. amazonica</i> Viegas & Ale-Rocha | Brasil (Amazonas, Pará, Rondônia e Roraima) | INPA |
| | <i>B. banksi</i> (Metcalf) | Brasil (Pará), Panamá (Barro Colorado) | Perdido |
| | <i>B. bia</i> Viegas & Ale-Rocha | Brasil (Acre) | INPA |
| | <i>B. bucayensis</i> Muir | Equador (Bucay) | BPBM |
| | <i>B. dichromata</i> Viegas & Ale-Rocha | Brasil (Amazonas) | INPA |
| | <i>B. dorsivittata</i> Fennah | Brasil, Equador, Peru | NHM |
| | <i>B. guianesus</i> (Fennah) | Brasil (Amazonas), Guiana (New River) | NHM |
| | <i>B. macroptera</i> Viegas & Ale-Rocha | Brasil (Amazonas e Amapá) | INPA |
| | <i>B. nigrigaster</i> Muir | Equador (Bucay) | BPBM |
| | <i>B. nivosa</i> Fennah | Guiana | NHM |
| | <i>B. parallela</i> Viegas & Ale-Rocha | Brasil (Amazonas) | INPA |
| | <i>B. pallidinervis</i> Muir | Equador (Napo) | BPBM |
| | <i>B. pennyi</i> Viegas & Ale-Rocha | Brasil (Amazonas e Maranhão) | INPA |
| | <i>B. pulla</i> Muir | Brasil (Acre e Amazonas); Equador (Felton) | BPBM |
| | <i>B. tigrina</i> Viegas & Ale-Rocha | Brasil (Amazonas) | INPA |
| | <i>B. wilsoni</i> Viegas & Ale-Rocha | Brasil (Amazonas) | INPA |

NHM: Natural History Museum, U.K.; BPBM: Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A.; MA: Manfred Asche collection, Marburg, West Germany; USNM: United States National Museum, Washington, U.S.A.; IRSNB: Institut Royal des Sciences Naturelles de Belgique, Brussels, Belgium; INPA: Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas da Amazônia.

A família Achilixiidae foi estabelecida por Muir (1923) ao verificar que *Syntames tubulifer* Melichar, 1914, inicialmente alocada em Derbidae, possuía diversas diferenças em relação aos membros da família, como por exemplo, o comprimento do articulo apical do rostro, mais longo do que largo. Ao tentar realocar esta espécie em outra família, Muir observou que *S. tubulifer* compartilhava algumas características com alguns representantes de Cixiidae e Achilidae, embora possuísse particularidades que a excluía de ambas as famílias.

As semelhanças de *S. tubulifer* com os representantes de Cixiidae da tribo Bennini observadas por Muir (1923) consistia nos processos laterais no abdômen, assim como a disposição das asas de maneira tectiforme (formando um “telhado”) quando em repouso sobre o corpo. Entretanto, o autor observou algumas diferenças significativas de *S. tubulifer* em relação aos representantes de Bennini que o fez excluir esse gênero de Cixiidae, como a ausência do ocelo mediano, asa anterior com veia anal tocando a veia cubital posterior, o posicionamento e o formato dos processos laterais do abdômen, e diferenças na terminália masculina, incluindo variações no pigóforo e complexo fálico (Penny, 1980; Wilson, 1989).

Por outro lado, *S. tubulifer* também possuía semelhanças com os Achilidae devido ao arranjo das veias da asa anterior (Muir, op. cit.). No entanto, é importante ressaltar que a posição do ápice das asas anteriores, quando em repouso, não apresenta sobreposição em *S. tubulifer*, característica comum nos representantes de Achilidae. Além disso, a terminália masculina era destoante do padrão encontrado em Achilidae, especificamente a forma do pigóforo, tubo anal segmento X.

Assim, Muir (1923), propôs a família Achilixiidae para alocar as espécies que exibiam essas características distintivas, incluindo inicialmente as espécies do gênero-tipo *Achilixius* Muir, espécie-tipo *Achilixius singularis* Muir, 1923 das Filipinas. Nesse trabalho o autor também descreveu *Achilixius sandakanensis* Muir, 1923, *Achilixius davaoensis* Muir, 1923 e transferiu *S. tubulifer* Melichar, 1914 de Derbidae para sua nova família [*Achilixius tubulifer* (Melichar, 1914)], todas ocorrentes na região Oriental. As características estabelecidas por Muir (1923) para a identificação dos representantes dessa família são: 1) vértice e fronte, em perfil, convexo; 2) ausência de ocelo mediano; 3) carena mediana e laterais da fronte completas (Figura 2 C); 4) asas anteriores não se sobrepondo quando recolhidas, mantendo-se de maneira tectiforme, e; 5) abdômen com dois pares de processos laterais, localizados no esternitos III e V respectivamente (Figura 2 E).

Muir (1924) descreveu um segundo gênero, *Bebaiotes*, com base em duas espécies, *Bebaiotes bucaiyensis* Muir (espécie-tipo) e *Bebaiotes nigrigaster* Muir, ambas do Equador, registrando pela primeira vez a família para a região Neotropical. Posteriormente, Muir (1934)

incluiu mais duas espécies no gênero: *Bebaiotes pallidinervis* Muir, 1934 e *Bebaiotes pulla* Muir, 1934, também do Equador.

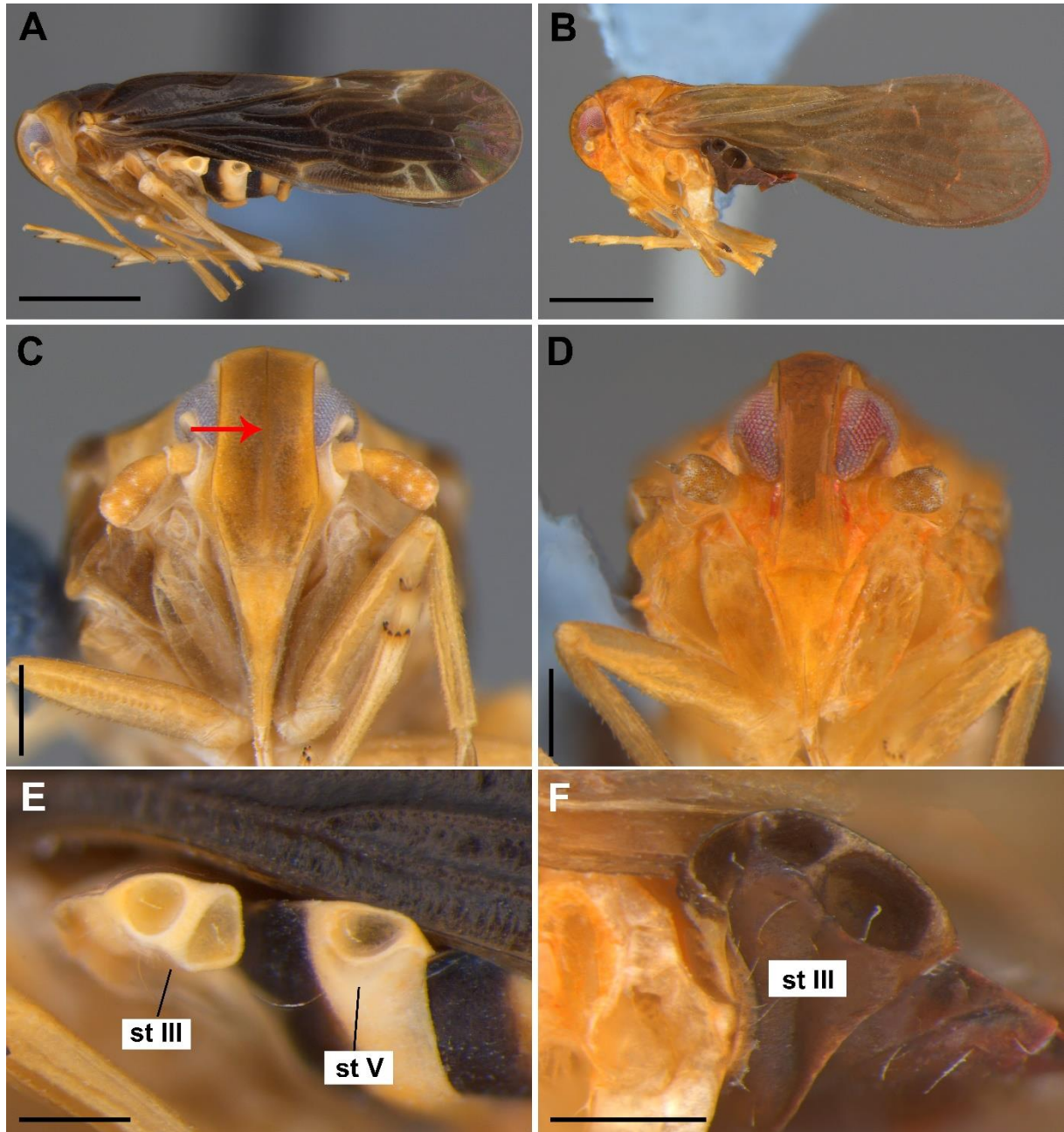


Figura 2 A–F. Espécies de Achilixiidae: **A, C, E**, *Achilixius* sp. **A**, vista lateral; **C**, cabeça, vista anterior; **E**, processos abdominais vista lateral; **B, D, F**, *Bebaiotes macroptera* Viegas & Ale-Rocha, 2023. **B**, vista lateral; **D**, cabeça, vista anterior; **F**, processos abdominais vista lateral. Escalas: **A, D**: 1 mm; **B, E**: 0.3 mm; **C**: 0.2 mm; **F**: 0.3 mm. Seta vermelha destacando a carena longitudinal mediana da frente. Abreviações: st III, esternito III; st V, esternito V.

O terceiro gênero da família foi proposto por Metcalf (1938), *Muirilixius*, espécie-tipo *Muirilixius banksi* Metcalf, coletado no Panamá.

Fennah (1947) realizou um estudo sobre os Achilixiidae do Novo Mundo, onde foram descritas duas espécies para *Bebaiotes*: *Bebaiotes dorsivittata* Fennah, 1947 do Equador e *Bebaiotes nivosa* Fennah, 1947 da Guiana. Além dessas, foi descrita uma espécie para *Muirilixius*, *M. guianesus* Fennah, 1947 coletada na Guiana, e *B. nigrigaster* Muir, 1924 foi transferida para *Muirilixius*. Nesse trabalho, foi proposta uma chave de identificação onde constam todas as espécies de *Bebaiotes* descritas até então.

Uma sinopse sobre Achilixiidae foi feita por Wilson (1989), com base em dados morfológicos, incluindo a revisão de *Achilixius*, uma análise morfológica dos gêneros, assim como a sinonimização de *Muirilixius* com *Bebaiotes*. Nesse trabalho foram redescritas as quatro espécies de *Achilixius* conhecidas até o momento, e foram descritas mais 12 espécies para o gênero: *A. danaurnoati* Wilson, 1989, *A. fasciata* Wilson, 1989, *A. kofintangii* Wilson, 1989, *A. rninahassae* Wilson, 1989, *A. morowali* Wilson, 1989, *A. muujati* Wilson, 1989 e *A. torautensis* Wilson, 1989, da Indonésia; *A. fennahi* Wilson, 1989 e *A. muiri* Wilson, 1989, ambas da Malásia; *A. bakeri* Wilson, 1989, *A. irigae* Wilson, 1989 e *A. mayoyae* Wilson, 1989, das Filipinas.

Viegas e Ale-Rocha (2023, submetido) realizaram um estudo taxonômico de Achilixiidae para o Brasil, onde quatro espécies de *Bebaiotes* foram revisadas e suas distribuições foram ampliadas: *B. banksi* (Metcalf, 1938), *B. dorsivittata* Fennah, 1947, *B. guianesus* (Fennah, 1947) e *B. pulla* Muir, 1934; e foram descritas mais oito espécies para o gênero (Tabela 1).

Em resumo, atualmente a família inclui os gêneros *Achilixius* e *Bebaiotes* (Figuras 2 A, B), e é caracterizada pela transição do vértice com a fronte sem carena transversal, presença de processos abdominais (Figuras 2 C, F) e pelo complexo fálco tubular e simples (Figuras 4 A–D). Seus gêneros são facilmente diferenciados: *Achilixius*, com uma carena mediana distinta na fronte (Figura 2 C), asa anterior com a veia radial posterior ramificada e veia transversal intercubital (icua) ausente (Figura 3 A), abdômen com dois pares de processos localizados nos esternitos III e V (Figura 2 E) e complexo fálco sem placas esclerosadas interna (Figuras 4 A, B); *Bebaiotes*, com a fronte sem carena mediana (Figura 2 D), veia radial posterior da asa anterior sem ramificação e veia transversal intercubital (icua) presente (Figura 3 B), abdômen com um par de processos formado por três fossas localizado na lateral do esternito III (Figura 2 F), complexo fálco com um par de placas esclerosadas internas (Figuras 4 C, D).

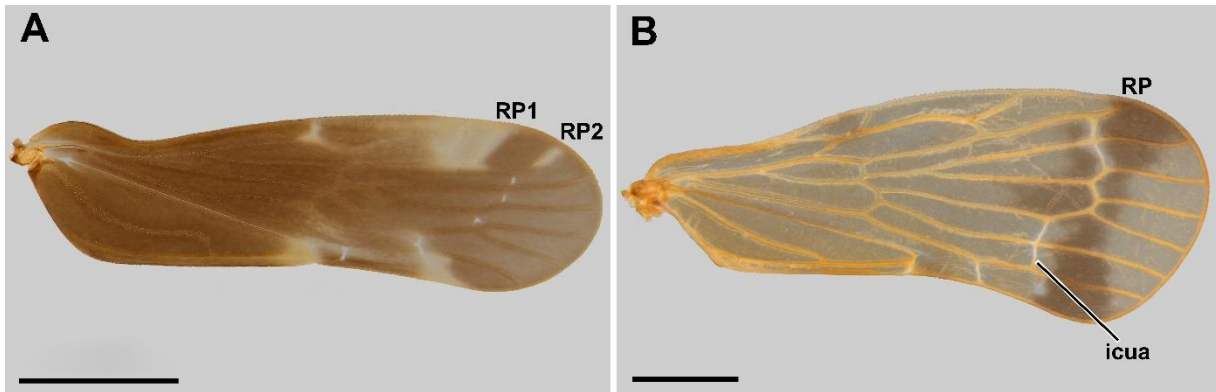


Figura 3 A–B. Achilixiidae, asa anterior direita. **A**, *Achilixius* sp. **B**, *Bebaiotes* sp. Escalas: A–B = 1 mm. Abreviações: RP, ramo posterior da veia radial; RP1; primeiro ramo da veia radial posterior; RP2, segundo ramo da veia radial posterior; icua, veia transversal intercubital.



Figura 4 A–D. Achilixiidae, Complexo fálico. **A–B**, *Achilixius* sp. **A**, vista lateral esquerda. **B**, vista dorsal. **C–D**, *Bebaiotes* sp. **C**, vista lateral esquerda. **D**, vista dorsal. Escalas: A–D = 0.1 mm. Abreviação: ps, placas esclerosadas internas.

1.2.2. Filogenia de Achilixiidae

Até o momento, não há estudos filogenéticos focados em Achilixiidae. Apenas um representante de *Bebaiotes* fêmea, não identificado, tem sido incluído em estudos mais abrangentes de Fulgoroidea baseados em análises moleculares (Urban e Cryan, 2007; Song e Liang, 2013; Bucher *et al.*, 2023). Devido a presença dos processos abdominais laterais nos representantes de Achilixiidae, assim como em alguns cixídeos (Bennini e Bennarellini), questionamentos foram levantados por Metcalf (1945) e Hoch (1987) sobre o status de família dos Achilixiidae, mas sem se aprofundar na questão. Fennah (1947) também questionou a presença desses processos em ambas as famílias, mas considerou essa característica de pouca significância para a reconstrução do relacionamento entre as espécies, interpretando que o surgimento desses processos se deu provavelmente por paralelismo.

Posteriormente, surgiram algumas propostas filogenéticas para a classificação de Achilixiidae, como, por exemplo, Asche (1987), que com base em caracteres morfológicos, incluindo terminália do macho e da fêmea, propôs uma filogenia preliminar das famílias de Fulgoromorpha. Nessa análise, Achilixiidae foi considerada monofilética com base nos processos abdominais e próxima de Achilidae devido às características do ovipositor, que nessas famílias desempenha a função de escavar.

Wilson (1989), com base em um estudo morfológico dos gêneros de Achilixiidae, levantou a hipótese de que os processos abdominais dos gêneros não seriam homólogos, pois em *Achilixius* ocorrem dois pares de processos e em *Bebaiotes* apenas um par, sugerindo que novos estudos são necessários para definir as relações entre os gêneros.

Emeljanov (1990) optou por uma abordagem que colocou Achilixiidae dentro de Achilidae, e Chen e Yang (1995) posicionaram Achilixiidae dentro de Cixiidae.

Emeljanov (1991), com base em estudos da morfologia externa e da terminália do macho, não considerou Achilixiidae uma família, e propôs as subfamílias Bebaiotinae e Achilixiinae em Achilidae.

Contrariamente, Liang (2001), com base no estudo da morfologia das sensilas antenais de *Achilixius sandakanensis* Muir, considerou o processo flagelar como uma sinapomorfia de Achilixiidae e Cixiidae, sugerindo a transferência das subfamílias Bebaiotinae e Achilixiinae de Achilidae para Cixiidae.

Urban e Cryan (2007), por meio de dados moleculares (18S rDNA, 28S rDNA, H3-Histone subunit 3 e Wg-Wingless) concluíram que Achilixiidae não tem relação com Cixiidae. No cladograma resultante da análise de parcimônia deste trabalho, *Bebaiotes* foi recuperado como grupo-irmão de um clado formado por várias famílias de Fulgoromorpha, incluindo em

parte representantes de Achilidae. Porém na árvore resultante da análise de inferência Bayesiana, *Bebaiotes* foi recuperado como grupo-irmão de um clado formado em parte por “Achilidae” e Derbidae.

Song e Liang (2013), acrescentaram mais marcadores moleculares ao trabalho de Urban e Cryan (2007) resultando em um conjunto com sequências nucleares (18S e 28S rDNA) e sequências mitocondriais (16S rDNA e cytb) e o resultado obtido corrobora com a hipótese de que Achilixiidae e Cixiidae não sejam proximamente relacionados. No cladograma resultante da análise de máxima verossimilhança, *Bebaiotes* foi recuperado como grupo-irmão de um clado formado em parte por “Nogodinidae” e Derbidae. Porém na árvore resultante da análise de inferência Bayesiana, *Bebaiotes* foi recuperado como grupo-irmão de *Deferunda acuminata* Chou & Wang, 1985 e *Magadha flavisigna* (Walker, 1851), ambas de Achilidae.

Por fim, no estudo de Bucher *et al* (2023) sobre filogenia de Fulgoromorpha com base em dados moleculares (18S, 28S D3-D5, 28S D6-D10, Wg, COI, Cytb), o cladograma gerado pela análise da máxima verossimilhança recuperou *Bebaiotes* dentro do clado formado por espécies de Achilidae como grupo-irmão do gênero *Spino* sp.

Nesse contexto, este estudo propõe a primeira análise filogenética de Achilixiidae com amostragem de todos os gêneros. Essa família tem distintos caracteres morfológicos e nada se sabe ao certo as relações entre esses gêneros. Outro ponto importante sobre essa família são os processos abdominais, importante caráter diagnóstico da família, cuja homologia permanece questionável. O estudo da sistemática da família deve incrementar o conhecimento sobre as relações da mesma com outras famílias de Fulgoroidea ao testar as hipóteses anteriormente propostas sobre os relacionamentos entre as espécies. Por fim, o presente estudo representa o primeiro a abordar o tempo de divergência dos táxons dentro de sua linhagem. Desta forma, a realização desse trabalho, aliado a um estudo filogenético com base em caracteres morfológicos e moleculares, deve ajudar na elucidação dos questionamentos presentes na família.

1.3. Organização da presente tese

A tese foi estruturada na forma de artigos, abrangendo três capítulos distintos, cada um focado em aspectos específicos. O primeiro capítulo, intitulado “Taxonomy study of Achilixiidae Muir, 1923 (Hemiptera: Auchenorrhyncha: Fulgoroidea): description of five new species of *Bebaiotes* Muir from South America and description of a new species of *Achilixius* Muir from Philippines” teve como objetivo descrever, ilustrar e propor novos táxons que foram encontradas durante o desenvolvimento do trabalho como um todo. Foram descritas cinco

espécies novas para *Bebaiotes* e uma espécie nova para *Achilixius*. Adicionalmente, é fornecida uma chave de identificação atualizada para as espécies de *Bebaiotes* (machos e fêmeas).

O segundo capítulo intitulado “Evolution of the disjunct Neotropical and Oriental Achilixiidae (Hemiptera: Fulgoromorpha) during the gondwanan breakup” teve como objetivo propor uma hipótese filogenética com base em dados moleculares (18S rDNA, 28S rDNA, 16S rRNA e H3). Adicionalmente, este estudo fornece, pela primeira vez, informações sobre tempo de divergência das principais linhagens dentro de Achilixiidae. A matriz de dados concatenada foi composta por 67 táxons, 4.379 pares de bases nitrogenadas e 23 espécies foram sequenciadas, gerando novas sequências que foram depositadas no GenBank, contribuindo para o enriquecimento da base de dados genômicos.

Por fim, o terceiro capítulo intitulado “Morphology-based phylogeny of Achilixiidae (Hemiptera: Fulgoromorpha) with emphasis on the internal relationships of *Bebaiotes* Muir, 1924”, teve como objetivo propor uma hipótese filogenética com base em dados morfológicos. A matriz de dados foi composta por 44 táxons (35 espécies do grupo interno e nove do grupo externo) e 99 caracteres morfológicos (65 binários e 34 multiestados). Devido à maior representatividade de *Bebaiotes*, as relações internas deste grupo tiveram uma melhor resolução.

Ao final, é apresentada uma síntese dos resultados, visando estabelecer a relação entre ambos os capítulos desta tese.

Cada capítulo foi formatado de acordo com as revistas científicas de interesse.

2. OBJETIVOS

2.1. Geral

Propor hipóteses de relacionamento filogenético entre as espécies de Achilixiidae com base em dados morfológicos e moleculares, a fim de compreender as suas histórias evolutivas e biogeográficas.

2.2. Específicos

- Testar o monofiletismo de Achilixiidae, *Achilixius* e *Bebaiotes* por meio de análises filogenéticas com base em caracteres morfológicos e de marcadores moleculares;
- Delimitar e diagnosticar os gêneros;
- Estimar o tempo de divergência das principais linhagens de Achilixiidae para compreender os processos históricos que moldaram a distribuição atual da família, seus gêneros e espécies;
- Atualizar a chave dicotômica para a identificação das espécies dos gêneros;
- Descrever as espécies novas já detectadas no material examinado para o desenvolvimento da tese.
- Elaborar mapas de distribuição para as espécies de Achilixiidae.

3. MATERIAL E MÉTODOS

3.1. Origem do material

Grande parte do material utilizado neste trabalho é proveniente do acervo da Coleção de Invertebrados do Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas da Amazônia - INPA. Coletas mais recentes são oriundas dos projetos “Biodiversidade de Insecta na Amazônia– rede BIA” (MCTI, CNPq e FNDCT) e “Entomologia na Amazônia: Diversidade de Insetos (MCTI), ambos coordenados pelo Dr. José Albertino Rafael. Além disso, recebemos empréstimos da Coleção Entomológica Professor Padre Jesus Santiago Moure, Universidade Federal do Paraná, Curitiba (DZUP); Museu Paraense Emílio Goeldi, Belém (MPEG); Coleção Zoológica do Maranhão, Universidade Estadual do Maranhão, Caxias (CZMA); Centro de Estudos em Biologia Subterrânea, Universidade Federal de Lavras, Lavras (CEBS); Coleção Entomológica José Alfredo Pinheiro Dutra, Rio de Janeiro, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (DZRJ) e Illinois Natural History Survey, University of Illinois, Champaign (INHS). Fotografias de material-tipo armazenado no Museu Bernice Pauahi Bishop, Honolulu (BPBM) e no Museu de História Natural, Londres (NHM) também foram analisadas.

Todo o material obtido por empréstimo encontra-se provisoriamente depositado no Laboratório de Sistemática de Díptera (LabDip) do INPA e, posteriormente, será devolvido às suas respectivas instituições, devidamente identificado e etiquetado. Os espécimes-tipo dos novos táxons serão depositados nas instituições de origem. As sequências geradas foram depositadas no GenBank®.

3.2. Identificação, Terminologia, preparação das genitálias e asas

O material foi identificado por meio dos trabalhos de Muir (1924, 1934), Metcalf (1938), Fennah (1947), Wilson (1989) e Viegas e Ale-Rocha (2023, submetido), e pela comparação com material-tipo em laboratório ou por meio de fotografias e material identificado, quando disponíveis.

A terminologia adotada para a morfologia externa seguiu O’Brien e Wilson (1985), exceto para a venação das asas anteriores que seguiu a terminologia de Bourgoïn *et al.* (2015), das asas posteriores que seguiu Dworakowska (1988), das antenas que seguiu Liang (2001), da terminália do macho que seguiu Bourgoïn (1988) e Bourgoïn e Huang (1990), e da terminália da fêmea que seguiu Bourgoïn (1993).

Para análise das estruturas genitais, o abdome foi separado do tórax, macerado em ácido láctico 85% quente, estudado em um estereomicroscópio Leica® M165C e imerso em gel de glicerina. Depois, a genitália foi acondicionada em microtubos plásticos preenchidos com glicerina e montado em alfinete juntamente com o espécime. As asas anterior e posterior de um espécime foram destacadas, limpas por um banho curto de xilol e montadas entre lamínulas com Euparal. Após a secagem, o conjunto foi colado a um pequeno pedaço de papel e montado em alfinete no mesmo alfinete do espécime.

3.3. Fotografias

O material utilizado nesse trabalho foi fotografado com auxílio de microscópio estereomicroscópio binocular Leica® M205C com câmera digital acoplada, com uso do software Auto-Montage®. Foram feitas fotografias do hábito em vista dorsal e frontal, antena, tórax, asa anterior e posterior e outras estruturas de importância taxonômica. As imagens foram editadas e montadas em pranchas no programa Adobe Photoshop®.

4. CAPÍTULO I

Viegas, E. F.G.; Takiya, D. M. & Ale-Rocha, R. Taxonomy study of Achilixiidae Muir, 1923 (Hemiptera: Auchenorrhyncha: Fulgoroidea): description of five new species of Bebaiotes Muir from South America and description of a new species of Achilixius Muir from Philippines

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25 4.1. Abstract

26 Five new species of *Bebaiotes* Muir are described and illustrated from South America:
27 *Bebaiotes cavichioli* **sp. nov.** from Cusco Department, Peru; *Bebaiotes clarice* **sp. nov.**
28 from Amazonas States, Brazil; *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis* **sp. nov.** from Amapá State,
29 Brazil; *Bebaiotes oliveirai* **sp. nov.** from Amazonas State, Brazil, and *Bebaiotes specialis*
30 **sp. nov.** from Alagoas and Bahia States, Brazil. In addition, a new species of *Achilixius*
31 Muir, *Achilixius dietrichi* **sp. nov.** from Bukidnon Province, Philippines, is described and
32 illustrated. Finally, an updated identification key to species of *Bebaiotes* (males and
33 females) is provided.

34 **Keywords.** Abdominal appendages, Neotropical Region, Oriental Region, planthopper.

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36 4.2. Introduction

37 Achilixiidae Muir is a small family of planthoppers with two genera and 32
38 described species (Wilson, 1989; Viegas & Ale-Rocha, 2023). This family has a disjunct
39 distribution, with records for the Oriental (*Achilixius* Muir) and Neotropical (*Bebaiotes*
40 Muir) regions (Wilson, 1989). The Achilixiidae are characterized by absence of a
41 transverse carina separating the frons and vertex, forewings arranged in a tectiform
42 manner, lora subtriangular, abdominal appendages present, and periandrium simple, as a
43 symmetrical tube, and aedeagus not distinct (Viegas & Ale-Rocha, 2023).

44 The presence of abdominal processes is not exclusive to Achilixiidae, but are also
45 present in Bennini Metcalf and Bennarellini Emeljanov (Cixiidae). However, the
46 morphology and location of these abdominal appendages are distinct from that of
47 Bennarellini and Bennini (Hoch et al. 2014; Viegas & Ale-Rocha, 2022). Within the
48 genera of Achilixiidae the location of these abdominal appendages varies, in *Achilixius*
49 they originate from the third and fifth abdominal segments, while in *Bebaiotes* it

50 originates from the third abdominal segment only (Wilson, 1989; Viegas & Ale-Rocha,
51 2022).

52 Currently, there is little information about the biology of this family, however,
53 according to the information on labels of specimens, *Achilixius* can be found on the
54 understory of lowland rain forest (200-500 m) and volcanic areas (at 1100 m). Besides
55 that, specimens are known to be collected by different types of light trap, Malaise trap,
56 yellow trap, and by sweeping vegetation (Wilson, 1989). According to Wilson (1989),
57 *Achilixius* nymphs may feed on rotten or decaying vegetation, similar to the behavior of
58 nymphs belonging to the Derbidae and Achilidae families, while adults can feed on plant
59 tissues. On the other hand, *Bebaiotes* can be found on the understory and canopy of trees
60 of tropical rainforests. Besides that, specimens are known to be collected by different
61 types of light traps, Malaise trap, and by sweeping vegetation (Wilson, 1989; Viegas &
62 Ale-Rocha, 2023). In addition, there is record of *Bebaiotes* spp. in caves in Brazil, in
63 Tocantins and Pará states by Santos et al. (2022).

64 *Bebaiotes* was studied by Viegas & Ale-Rocha (2023), who revised four species
65 found in Brazil, described eight new species, presented a key to species, illustrations, and
66 distribution maps. *Achilixius* was reviewed by Wilson (1989), who revised the previously
67 known species, described new species, and proposed a key to species. No subsequent
68 information has been published on *Achilixius* until now.

69 In the present manuscript, we describe five new species of the *Bebaiotes* being
70 four species from Brazil and one from Peru, and a new species of *Achilixius* from
71 Philippines. Additionally, an updated identification key to males and females of
72 *Bebaiotes* is provided. The distribution of the *Bebaiotes* in Brazil was expanded to the
73 states of Bahia and Alagoas.

74 **4.3. Material and methods**

75 Terminology of the head mostly follows O'Brien & Wilson (1985), forewing
76 venation follows Bourgoïn et al. (2015), hind wing venation follows Dworakowska
77 (1988), and antennae follows Liang (2001). We have adopted the terminology of
78 Bourgoïn (1993) for female genitalia and Bourgoïn (1988) and Bourgoïn & Huang (1990)
79 for male terminalia.

80 For analysis of genital structures, abdomen was detached from the thorax,
81 macerated with hot 85% lactic acid, and illustrated immersed in glycerin. Afterwards,
82 genitalia were kept in plastic microvials filled with glycerin and pinned together with the
83 specimen. Forewing of a specimen was detached, cleaned by a short xylol bath, and
84 mounted between cover glasses with Euparal. After drying, sides of cover slides were
85 glued to a small piece of cardboard and pinned with the specimen. Digital photographs
86 were taken with a Leica MC 170 HD camera attached on a Leica M165C
87 stereomicroscope and combined into expanded focus images by Leica Application Suite
88 software.

89 Measurements taken in this study: body length (tip of head to tip of anal tube) and
90 body length including wings (from tip of head to tip of wing). Measurements are taken in
91 lateral view.

92 The distribution map was created with SimpleMappr (Shorthouse 2010), using
93 geographical coordinates from specimen labels. Square brackets were used to
94 complement label information of the material examined.

95 Specimens studied are deposited in the following institutions:

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98 INHS = Illinois Natural History Survey, University of Illinois, Champaign, USA

99 INPA = Coleção de Invertebrados do Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas da Amazônia,
 100 Manaus, Brazil
 101 MUSM = Museo de Historia Natural de la Universidad Mayor de San Marcos, Lima,
 102 Peru

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104 **4.4. Results**

105 *Taxonomy*

106 Class Insecta Linnaeus, 1758

107 Order Hemiptera Linnaeus, 1758

108 Suborder Fulgoromorpha Evans, 1946

109 Family Achilixiidae Muir, 1923

110 Genus *Achilixius* Muir, 1923

111 Figs 1, 2, 20 A, B

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113 *Achilixius* Muir, 1923: 33-34, fig.1 a-b (tegmen and genitalia); Metcalf, 1945: 215-217
 114 (citation, world catalogue); Wilson, 1989: 487-505, figs 1-3, 5, 6, 12-107 (head, thorax,
 115 tegmen, antenna, sternites III and V, habitus of adult, male genitalia, female genitalia) (
 116 illustrations, description, key); Emeljanov, 1991: 54-58, figs 1-3, 8, 9 (head, thorax,
 117 forewing, and hind wing) (status of family, key to the subfamilies).

118 **Type-species**

119 *Achilixius singularis* Muir, 1923; by original designation.

120 **Updated description.** Medium sized: body length 2.3–4.3 mm in males. Frons
 121 approximately 2.0 times longer than wide; median carina of the frons present; gena
 122 without subantennal carina (Fig. 1 C); epistomal suture straight (Fig. 1 A). Pronotum with
 123 lateral carinae divergent laterally; posterior margin roundly concave. Mesonotum

124 with three longitudinal carinae. Forewings. branched RP vein, sub-rectangular Radial
125 cell, MP vein with four branches, icua cross-vein absent, and apex of clavus with straight
126 angle (Fig. 20 A). Abdominal pleura with two lateral pairs of modified abdominal
127 processes, being one originating from the third sternite with two deep sensory pits and
128 another originating from the fifth sternite with one deep sensory pit, each sensory pit with
129 a single seta (Fig. 1 E). Male terminalia: pygofer symmetrical; medioventral process
130 absent or present; gonostyli claviform, in posterior view, symmetrical, external margin
131 with short projection, internal margin with several microsetae. Phallic complex:
132 periandrium simple, symmetrical tube; inner sclerotized plates absent, aedeagus not
133 distinguished (Figs 2 E-G). Anal tube (segment X) with variable shape. Female
134 terminalia: Pygofer bilobed symmetrical, with abundant microsetae. Gonapophysis VIII
135 with three spiniform projections of unequal sizes, curved to the external face, and variable
136 projections on the lateroapical margin. Bursa copulatrix filamentous apically, bristles
137 present laterally, on apical half. Gonapophysis IX (second valvula) sclerotized, bifid,
138 lobes with pointed apex, wider at base and narrowing towards apex, apex curved latero-
139 ventrally in dorsal view, bristles present laterally and inner margin of the lobes, on apical
140 half. Gonoplac (third valvula) as long as wide, in lateral view, numerous setae apically.
141 Anal tube (segment X) short; rounded in dorsal view; apex truncated in dorsal view, with
142 many sparse setae.

143 **Distribution.** Oriental: Philippines, Indonesia, and Malaysia (Fig. 22).

144 **Remarks.** This genus may be easily distinguished from *Bebaiotes* by the following set of
145 characters: median carina of frons present; lateral carinae of pronotum strongly diverging
146 towards the tegula; two lateral pairs of modified abdominal processes (Figs 1 A, C, D).

172 **Description.** Coloration. General body color yellowish brown (Figs 1 A, B). Frons
173 predominantly yellow. Forewing predominantly dark brown, with translucent apex and
174 yellow regions: narrow yellow stripes covering c-sc cross-vein; apex of vein RP2 yellow;
175 C1a cell predominantly yellow; small yellow spot at apex of clavus; C5 cell with a
176 horizontal narrow yellow stripe; Cubital cell with a horizontal, wide, yellow strip, a short,
177 yellow, diffuse band at apical portion covering m-c1 cross-vein extending to the CuA2
178 vein; white r- m2, m1-m2, m2-m3, icua, and icu cross-veins; apex of clavus white (Fig.
179 20 A). Hind wing hyaline, light brown (Fig. 20 B). Legs yellow, except apex of spines of
180 metatibiae and metatarsi black. Abdomen yellow, except sternites IV and VI brown (Fig.
181 1 A).

182 Head: frons wide, distance between lateral carinae of frons, at median portion,
183 subequal to the maximum width of vertex (Figs 1 C, D). Clypeus approximately 2 times
184 longer than maximum width; median carina strongly marked, present at distal two-
185 fourths, but not reaching epistomal suture, (Fig. 1 C). Scape as long as wide (Fig. 1 C).
186 Pedicel oblong, approximately 2 times longer than scape (Fig. 1 C).

187 Thorax: Pronotum anterior margin truncated; median longitudinal carina present;
188 lateral carinae strongly diverging towards the tegula in dorsal view; posterior margin
189 slightly concave; without pustules on posterior margin. Mesonotum with median and
190 lateral longitudinal carinae present, strongly marked (Fig.1 D). Forewing: RA and RP1
191 veins with apices strongly curved anteriorly; r-m cross-vein subequal to length of r-m2
192 cross-vein; ir cross-vein distant from r-m2 cross-vein; MP vein with four branches with
193 uncurved apex; MP1, MP2, MP3, MP4 vein unbranching; MP1+2 and MP3+4 branching
194 arising basad to r-m cross-vein; m-cu cross-vein present; m-cu approximately 2 times
195 longer than m-cu2 cross-vein; CuA vein bifurcation arising before to r-m cross-vein; CuP
196 vein approximately three times longer than Pcu + A1 vein; apex of clavus

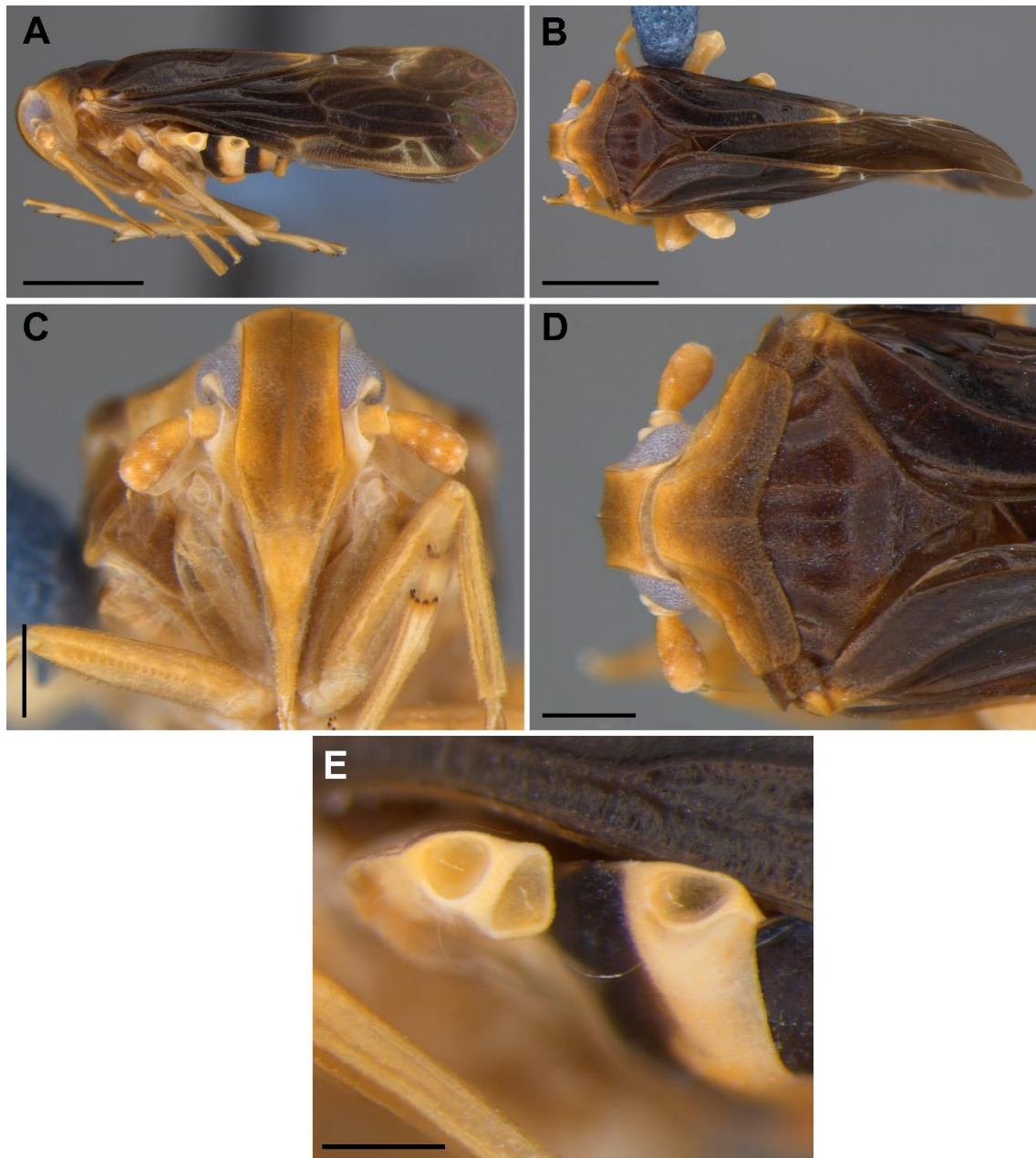
197 forming straight angle (Fig. 20 A). Hind wing: first bifurcation of MP vein arising before
198 to m-cu cross-vein (Fig. 20 B). Legs: metatibia with 7 apical spines; metatarsus with 6+6
199 apical spines.

200 Male terminalia (Figs 2 A–H): Pygofer subtriangular in lateral view, without
201 medioventral process; posterior margin with short triangular protuberance; many sparse
202 setae ventrally (Figs 2 A, B). Gonostyli symmetrical; outer margin with short lobe near
203 apex, inner margins with several setae; basal width of gonostyli subequal to apical width
204 in lateral view; apex truncated in lateral view, claviform (Figs 2 C, D). Phallic complex
205 (Figs 2 E–G): periandrium subrectangular in lateral view, laterally compressed; dorsal
206 margin with indentation at the apex in dorsal view. Inner sclerotized plates absent. Anal
207 tube (segment X) short; subrectangular in dorsal view; apex truncated in dorsal view, with
208 many sparse setae (Figs 2 A, B, H).

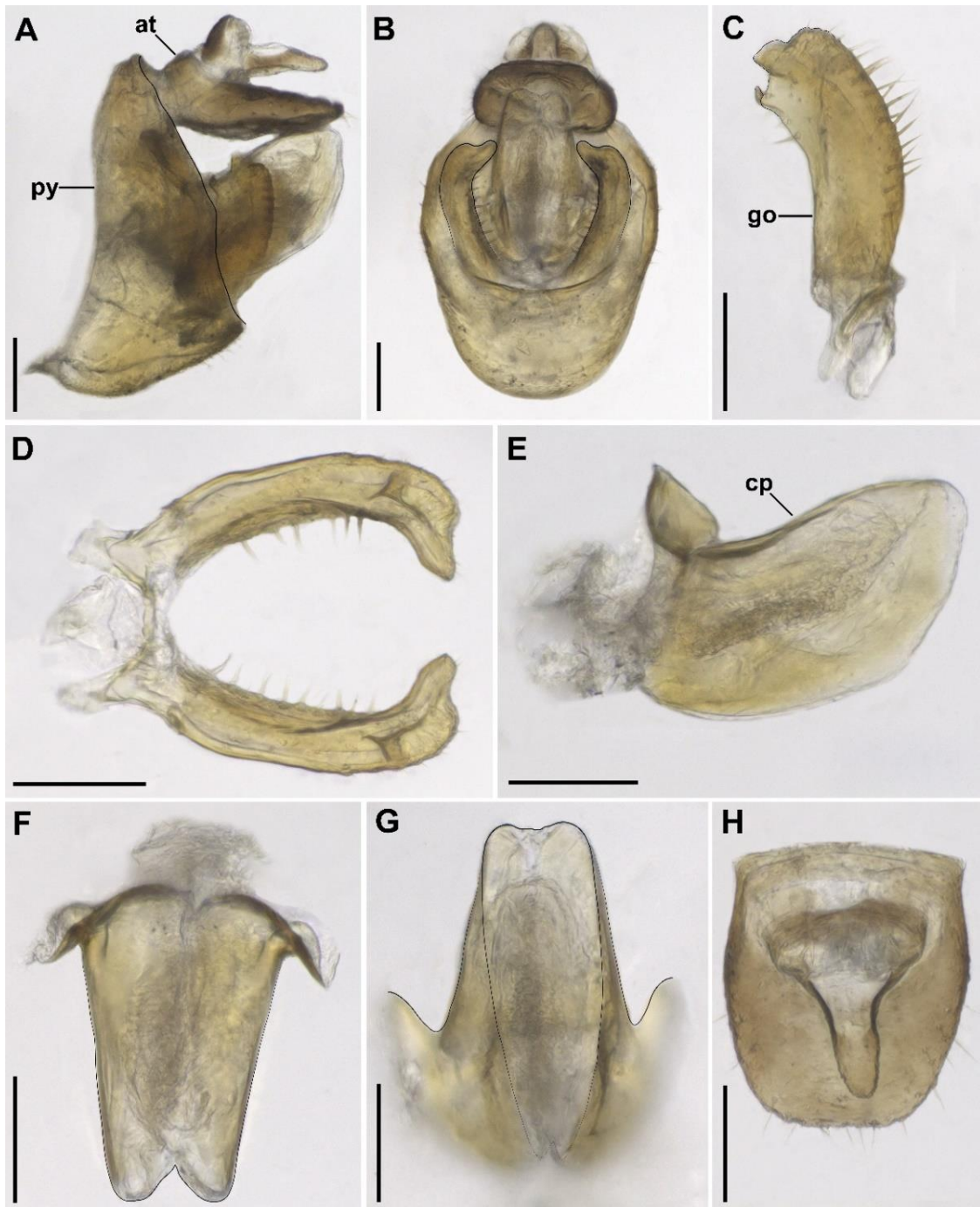
209 **Etymology.** The species is named in honor of Dr. Christopher H. Dietrich from the
210 Illinois Natural History Survey for his immense contribution to the knowledge of the
211 Auchenorrhyncha fauna, and for lending specimens used in this work.

212 **Distribution.** Philippines (Camiguim and Mindanao islands) (Fig. 22).

213 **Taxonomic notes.** *Achilixius dietrichi* **sp. nov.** and *A. minahassae* Wilson, 1989 are very
214 similar species based on the coloration of the body, wings, anterior margin of the
215 pronotum truncated, and MP vein with four branches, however, *A. dietrichi* **sp. nov.** can
216 be promptly distinguished from *A. minahassae* Wilson, 1989 by, lora and body coloration
217 yellow, pygofer without medioventral process, anal tube (segment X) with rounded distal
218 corners in dorsal view, and gonostyli with short projection on the outer margin near apex
219 and apex curved posteriorly. *Achilixius minahassae* has lora and body coloration
220 yellowish brown, pygofer with a medioventral process, and anal tube (segment X) with
221 tapered distal corners in dorsal view.



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 223 **Figures 1 A–E.** *Achilixius dietrichi* sp. nov., male holotype (INHS): **A.** Lateral habitus;
 224 **B.** Dorsal habitus; **C.** Head, anterior view; **D.** Head and thorax, dorsal view; **E.**
 225 Abdominal process, lateral view. Scale bars: A, B = 1 mm; C, D = 0.3 mm; E = 0.2 mm.



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 227 **Figures 2 A–H.** *Achilixius dietrichi* sp. nov., male genitalia, paratype (INHS): **A.** Genital
 228 capsule, lateral view; **B.** Genital capsule, posterior view; **C.** Gonostyli, lateral view; **D.**
 229 Gonostyli, dorsal view.; **E.** Perianthrium, lateral view; **F.** Perianthrium, dorsal view; **G.**
 230 Perianthrium, posterior view; **H.** Anal tube (segment X), dorsal view. Abbreviations: at,
 231 anal tube; cp, phallic complex; go, gonostyli; pe, perianthrium; py, pygofer. Scale bars:
 232 A–G = 0.1 mm.

233 Genus *Bebaiotes* Muir, 1924

234 Figs 3-19, 20 C-F, 21, 23

235 *Bebaiotes* Muir, 1924:33-34, fig.1 a-b (tegmen and genitalia); Metcalf, 1945: 217 (world
236 catalogue); Fennah, 1947:185, 186, 188, 189,190, figs. 1 a-b, 2 a-g; 3a-b (head,
237 tegmen, thorax, sternite III, male and female terminalia) (description, illustrations,
238 and key); O'Brien & Wilson, 1985: 90 (habitus, male and female terminalia)
239 (citation illustrations); Wilson, 1989: 487-492, figs. 4, 7, 8, 9, 10,11 (head, tegmen,
240 thorax, sternite III) (citation, illustrations, synonymy); Emeljanov, 1991: 54, 56, 58,
241 figs. 4-7 (head, sternite III), 10-11 (tegmen) (citation, illustrations); Viegas & Ale-
242 Rocha, 2023 (head, tegmen, thorax, sternite III, male and female terminalia)
243 (description, illustrations, key, and distribution maps).

244 **Type species:** *Bebaiotes bucaiyensis* Muir, 1924; by original designation.

245 **Updated description.** Medium sized: body length 2.1–8.0 mm in males, 2.2–7.6
246 mm in females. Frons large or narrow; median carina of the frons absent (Figs 3 C, 4 B);
247 gena with subantennal carina (Figs 18 B, C); epistomal suture curved upwards or almost
248 straight. Antenna with scape short or long; pedicel globose or oblong (Figs 4 C, 7 C).
249 Pronotum with lateral carinae gently diverging towards tegulae (Fig. 12 D) or subparallel
250 to each other directed towards posterior margin. Forewings. unbranched RP vein, icua
251 cross-vein present (Fig. 17 B). Male terminalia. pygofer symmetrical; medioventral
252 process absent or present; gonostyli claviform, symmetrical, external margin with short
253 and pointed projection apically, basal width subequal to apical width in lateral view (Figs
254 13 D, 15 D). Phallic complex: periandrium as simple tube, symmetrical; compressed
255 dorsoventrally (Figs 5 G, 8 G); with a pair of internal sclerotized elongate plates, aedeagus
256 not distinguished. Female. Similar to male, except by the shorter length. Female
257 terminalia. pygofer bilobed with several setae and small spiniform projections near

258 ventral region in posterior view (Figs 6 A, 9 A, 16 A, 19 A). Gonapophysis VIII with
 259 three spiniform projections curved to the external face, of unequal sizes; variable
 260 projections on the lateroapical margin (Figs 6 B, 9 B, 16 B). Bursa copulatrix filamentous
 261 apically; bristles present laterally on apical half (Figs 6 B, 19 B). Gonapophysis IX
 262 (second valvula) sclerotized; bifid; lobes with pointed apex, wider at base and narrowing
 263 towards apex; apex curved latero-ventrally in dorsal view (Figs 16 C, 19 C). Gonoplac
 264 (third valvula) with variable shape, in lateral view, enlarged and bearing numerous setae
 265 apically (Figs 6 D, 9 D).

266 **Distribution.** Brazil (Acre, Alagoas [**new record**], Amapá, Amazonas, Bahia [**new**
 267 **record**], Maranhão, Pará, Rondônia, Roraima); Ecuador (Feltons); Guiana (New River);
 268 Panama (Barro Colorado); and Peru (Cusco, Madre de Dios) (Fig. 23).

269 **Remarks.** This genus can be easily distinguished from *Achilixius* by the following set of
 270 characters: median carina of frons absent; RP vein of the forewing unbranched; one lateral
 271 pair of modified abdominal processes; phallic complex with a pair of internal sclerotized
 272 plates (Figs 3 A, 7 A).

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274 **Key to male and female specimens of *Bebaiotes* Muir species (updated from Viegas**
 275 **& Ale-Rocha, 2023)**

276 1 Frons wide (distance between lateral carinae of frons, at median portion, half of or
 277 longer than the maximum vertex width measurement) in frontal view (Fig. 3 C) ... 2

278 - Frons narrow (distance between lateral carinae of frons, at median portion, ap-
 279 proximately twice shorter than maximum width of vertex) in frontal view (Figs 4 C, 10
 280 C) ... 11

281 2(1) Pronotum with pustules near posterior margin (Figs 3 A, 17 A) ... 3

282 - Pronotum without pustules on posterior margin (Figs 18 C, D) ... 4

- 283 3(2) Median region of frons without lozenge-shaped spots (Fig. 17 C);Forewing with MP
 284 vein with four branches (Fig. 17 A) and m-cu cross-vein absent (Fig. 17 A); anterior
 285 margin of the pronotum tapering (Fig. 17 B) ... *B. pallidinervis* Muir, 1934
- 286 - Median region of frons with lozenge-shaped spots (Fig. 3 C); forewing with MP
 287 vein with five branches (Fig. 3 A) and m-cu cross-vein present (Fig. 3 A); anterior margin
 288 of the pronotum rounded (Fig. 3 B) ... *B. bucaensis* Muir, 1924
- 289 4(2) Forewing MP vein with four branches (Fig. 21 E); median carina covering distal two
 290 or three-fourths of clypeus and extending to a distance far from epistomal suture (Fig. 18
 291 B) ... 5
- 292 - Forewing MP vein with six or seven branches (Fig. A); median carina covering
 293 almost completely the clypeus and extending to very close to epistomal suture ... *B. dor-*
 294 *sivittata* Fennah, 1947
- 295 5(4) Body coloration varying from light brown to dark brown; wings varying from light
 296 brown to dark brown; projections of lateroapical margin of the gonapophysis VIII with
 297 dorsal margin serrate ... 6
- 298 - Body coloration whitish yellow (Figs 11 A, C); wings white (Fig. 11 B); projec-
 299 tions of lateroapical margin of the gonapophysis VIII with dorsal margin smooth (Fennah,
 300 1947: Fig. 5 E) ... *B. nivosa* Fennah, 1947
- 301 6(5) Pedicel globose; anterior margin of the pronotum truncated or tapering;
 302 Gonapophysis VIII (first valvula) with three projections on lateroapical margin ... 7
- 303 - Pedicel oblong (Fig. 18 B); anterior margin of the pronotum rounded (Fig. 18 D);
 304 Gonapophysis VIII (first valvula) with one projection on lateroapical margin (Fig.19 B)
 305 ... *B. specialis* **sp. nov.**
- 306 7(6) Anterior margin of the pronotum truncated; periandrium with apex of dorsal margin
 307 indented; extensions of the gonapophysis IX (second valvula) with apices not bifid ... 8

- 308 - Anterior margin of the pronotum tapering; periandrium with apex of dorsal mar-
309 gin without indentation; extensions of the gonapophysis IX (second valvula) with apices
310 bifid ... *B. macroptera* Viegas & Ale-Rocha, 2023
- 311 8(7) Median region of pronotum brown; tegula brown ... 9
- 312 - Median region of pronotum whitish yellow; tegula whitish yellow ... 10
- 313 9(8). Body coloration light brown; forewing CA vein light brown at medial area; hind
314 tibia with 8 apical spines; periandrium with short indentation on dorsal margin ... *B.*
315 *amazonica* Viegas & Ale-Rocha, 2023
- 316 - Body coloration dark brown; forewing CA vein red at medial area; hind tibia with
317 9 apical spines; periandrium with long indentation on dorsal margin ... *B. parallela* Viegas
318 & Ale-Rocha, 2023
- 319 10(8) Clypeus without brown band; m-cu cross-vein of the forewing present; periandrium
320 with apex of dorsal margin with long indentation; bursa copulatrix densely filamentous
321 apically ... *B. dichromata* Viegas & Ale-Rocha, 2023
- 322 - Clypeus with two brown longitudinal bands; m-cu cross-vein of the forewing ab-
323 sent; periandrium with apex of dorsal margin with short indentation; bursa copulatrix
324 sparsely filamentous apically ... *B. tigrina* Viegas & Ale-Rocha, 2023
- 325 11(1). Pustules present near posterior margin of pronotum (Fig. 12 D) ... 12
- 326 - Pustules absent near posterior margin of pronotum (Fig. 7 D) ... 14
- 327 12(11). Pustules of the pronotum brown; posterior margin of pronotum with angled
328 indentation; apex of ventral margin of periandrium with indentation ... 13
- 329 - Pustules of the pronotum pale yellow; posterior margin of pronotum almost
330 straight; apex of ventral margin of periandrium without indentation ... *B. pulla* Muir,
331 1934

332 13(12). General body coloration light brown; lateral carinae of pronotum subparallel to
333 each other directed towards the posterior margin; outer margin of the gonostyli with
334 pointed projection near to apex; dorsal margin of the periandrium without short
335 indentation at apex ... *B. pennyi* Viegas & Ale-Rocha, 2023

336 - General body coloration dark brown; lateral carinae of pronotum gently diverging
337 towards the tegula (Fig. 9D); outer margin of the gonostyli with rounded projection near
338 to apex (Fig. 10 C); dorsal margin of the periandrium with short indentation at apex (Fig.
339 10 F) ... *B. oiapoquensis* **sp. nov.**

340 14(11). General body coloration yellow (Figs 3 A, 11 A) ... 15

341 - General body coloration brown (Figs 6 A) ... 18

342 15(14). Abdomen predominantly yellow (Figs 3 A, 11 A) ... 16

343 - Abdomen predominantly dark brown (Figs 10 A–C) ... *B. nigrigaster* Muir, 1924

344 16(15). Body length, including wings, around 6.3 mm (Fig. 11 A); pedicel oblong (Fig.
345 11 B); ventral margin of periandrium without indentation at apex (Fig. 8 F); gonapophysis
346 VIII (first valvula) with four projections on lateroapical margin (Fig. 16 B) ... 17

347 - Body length, including wings, around 4.8 mm (Fig. 3 A); pedicel globose (Fig. 3
348 C, 11 A); ventral margin of periandrium with short indentation at apex (Fig. 4 F);
349 gonapophysis VIII (first valvula) with one projection on lateroapical margin (Fig. 5 B)
350 ... *B. cavichioli* **sp. nov.**

351 17(16). Median longitudinal carina of pronotum strongly marked (Fig. 14 D); apex of the
352 margin of the periandrium truncated (Fig. 14 F); gonapophysis VIII (first valvula) with
353 projections on the lateroapical margin with irregular teeth (Fig. 15 B) ... *B. oliveirai* **sp.**
354 **nov.**

355 - Median longitudinal carina of pronotum weakly marked; apex of the margin of
356 the periandrium rounded; gonapophysis VIII (first valvula) with projections on the
357 lateroapical margin with smooth dorsal margin ... *B. banksi* (Metcalf, 1938)

358 18(14). Median region of the pronotum brown; tegula brown; periandrium with apex of
359 dorsal and ventral margins variable (Fig. 8 F) ... 19

360 - Median region of the pronotum white; tegula white; periandrium with apex of
361 dorsal margin serrated and ventral margin with short indentation ... *B. guianesus* (Fennah,
362 1947)

363 19(18). Gena and lora brown; forewing with m-cu2 cross-vein aligned with icua cross-
364 vein and MP vein with four branches; dorsal margin of periandrium with rounded apex;
365 projections of lateroapical margin of gonapophysis VIII (first valvula) with dorsal margin
366 variable... 20

367 - Gena and lora light yellow (Figs 6 C, D); forewing with m-cu2 cross-vein not
368 aligned with icua cross-vein (Fig. 17 A) and MP vein with five branches (Fig. 17 A);
369 dorsal margin of periandrium with triangular apex (Fig. 8 F); projections of lateroapical
370 margin of gonapophysis VIII (first valvula) with dentate dorsal margin (Fig. 9 B) ... *B.*
371 *clarice* **sp. nov.**

372 20(19). Forewing without broad transverse dark brown band at apical third; periandrium
373 with apex of dorsal margin serrated; gonapophysis VIII (first valvula) with four
374 projections at lateroapical margin ... *B. bia* Viegas & Ale-Rocha, 2023

375 - Forewing with broad transverse dark brown band at apical third; periandrium with
376 apex of dorsal margin smooth; gonapophysis VIII (first valvula) with three projections at
377 lateroapical margin ... *B. wilsoni* Viegas & Ale-Rocha, 2023

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380 *Bebaiotes bucayensis* Muir, 1924

381 Figs 3 A–D

382 *Bebaiotes bucayensis* Muir, 1924: 34: fig.1 a-b (tegmen and genitalia) (description);
 383 Metcalf, 1945: 217 (world catalogue) Wilson, 1989: 491-492, 488, figs 9, 10 (head,
 384 tegmen) (citation, illustrations); Emeljanov, 1991: 54, 56, 58, figs. 4-7 (head,
 385 sternite III), 10-11 (tegmen) (citation, illustrations).

386 **Diagnosis.** Frons large (Fig. 3 C). Median region of frons with lozenge-shaped spots (Fig.
 387 3 C). Forewing with MP3 branched (Fig. 3 A).

388 **Type material**

389 **Holotype**

390 ECUADOR • ♂; Bucay, 1000 feet elevation, 10.x.1922, F. X. Williams, n° 1097; BPBM.

391 **Paratype**

392 ECUADOR • ♂; Bucay, 1000 feet elevation, 10.x.1922, F. X. Williams, 013585361;
 393 NHM (Paratype condition: glued on paper triangle; right antenna broken and lost, left
 394 flagellum broken and lost; left proleg broken and lost).

395 **Redescription.** Coloration. General body color light brown (Figs 3 A, B). Median
 396 region of frons with lozenge-shaped spots brown (Fig. 3 C); scape, median and lateral
 397 longitudinal carinae of pronotum and mesonotum, pustules, long narrow stripe at lateral
 398 region of mesonotum, epimeron, and episternum, yellow. Forewing semihyaline,
 399 yellowish brown, with yellow regions mainly along veins: narrow stripe covering c-sc
 400 cross-vein, ir cross-vein, RA vein, and RP vein; medial region of CA vein red basal
 401 region of postcostalcell with wide light yellow horizontal band; basal region of MP vein
 402 yellow; large yellow stripe extending from r-m1 cross-vein, band passing through the m-
 403 cu cross-vein and covering half of CuA vein, and extending through the CuA1 and CuA2
 404 vein narrow yellow stripe extending from r-m2 cross-vein to MP5 vein base; yellow X-

405 shaped spot covering m-cu2 cross-vein, middle region of the CuA1 vein, and the icua
406 cross-vein; yellow oval spot at apical portion of CuA1 and CuA2 veins; narrow yellow
407 stripe covering A1 vein; postclaval margin yellow (Fig. 3 B). Abdomen yellowish brown,
408 except, sternite II light yellow.

409 Head: Frons large (Fig. 3 C); median carina of clypeus strongly marked, present on
410 distal three-fourths, not extending to epistomal suture (Fig. 3 C). Scape as long as wide
411 (Fig. 3 C). Pedicel oblong (Fig. 3 C). Thorax: Pronotum anterior margin rounded; median
412 longitudinal carina present, weakly marked; lateral carinae gently diverging towards
413 tegulae in dorsal view; posterior margin concave with shallow median notch in dorsal
414 view; with pustules on posterior margin; mesonotum with median and lateral longitudinal
415 carinae present, weakly marked (Fig. 3 B). Forewing: RA vein with apex gently curved
416 anteriorly; RP vein with strongly curved anteriorly; r-m cross-vein approximately half
417 length than r-m2 cross-vein; ir cross-vein distant from r-m2 cross-vein; MP vein with five
418 branches with gently curved anteriorly; MP1, MP2, MP4 veins unbranched and MP3
419 branched; MP1+2 and MP3+4 branching arising distad to r-m cross-vein; m-cu cross-
420 vein present; m-cu cross-vein approximately three times shorter than m-cu2; m-cu2 cross-
421 vein aligned with icua cross-vein; CuA vein bifurcation before to r-m cross-vein; apex of
422 clavus forming acute angle (Fig. 3 A).

423 Male terminalia not examined.

424 **Distribution.** Ecuador (Bucay).

425 **Taxonomic notes.** *B. bucayensis* Muir, 1924 is most similar to *B. pallidinervis* Muir,
426 1934 because they forewing yellowish brown and with yellow regions mainly along veins
427 but can be promptly distinguished from the latter by, pronotum with pustules on posterior
428 margin, pronotum with anterior margin rounded, MP vein of forewing with five branches,
429 and m-cu cross-vein present.



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 431 **Figures 3 A–D.** *Bebaiotes bucayensis* Muir, 1924, male paratype (NHM): **A.** Lateral
 432 habitus; **B.** Head, anterior view; **C.** Head, thorax, wings, dorsal view; **D.** Specimen
 433 labels. Fotos: Webb (2019).

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435 ***Bebaiotes cavichioli* Viegas, Takiya & Ale-Rocha sp. nov.**

436 Figs 4 A–F, 5 A–G, 6 A–E, 20 C, D, 23

437 **Diagnosis.** Body coloration yellow (Figs 4 A, B). Anterior margin of pronotum tapering
 438 (Fig. 4 D). Median longitudinal carina of pronotum strongly marked (Fig. 4 D). Dorsal
 439 margin of periandrium entire and ventral margin of periandrium with short indentation
 440 (Fig. 5 F).

441 **Type material.**

442 **Holotype**

443 PERU • ♂; **Cusco**, Quincemil; 13°13'03.4"S, 70°43'40"W; 633 m; 23–31 Aug. 2012;
 444 Sweep; J.A. Rafael, R.R. Cavichioli, D.M.Takiya leg.; MUSM (Holotype condition:
 445 glued on paper triangle; right and left flagellum broken and lost. Right and left forewing

446 torn at apex of clavus; right proleg broken and stored in a microtube and left proleg broken
447 and lost; abdomen removed and stored in a microtube; genitalia dissected and stored in a
448 microtube).

449 **Paratypes**

450 PERU • 1 ♀; Cusco, Quincemil; 31°08'27"S, 70°23'14"W; 350 m; 01 Set. 2012; Sweep;
451 J.A. Rafael, R.R. Cavichioli leg.; MUSM (ENT6270).

452 **Measurements.** Body length: male 2.4 mm (4.8 mm including wings) (n=1)
453 holotype; female: 2.7 mm (4.7 mm including wings) (n=1).

454 **Description.** Coloration. General body color yellow (Figs 4 A, B). Forewing
455 semihyaline, yellow with white regions: white r-m₂, m₁-m₂, m-cu₂, icu_a, and icu cross-
456 veins (Fig. 20 C). Hind wing hyaline, with light yellow spots (Fig. 20 D). Legs yellow,
457 except black apices of spines of metatibiae and metatarsus.

458 Head: frons narrow, distance between lateral carinae of frons, at median portion,
459 approximately twice smaller than maximum width of vertex (Fig. 4 C). Clypeus
460 approximately 2.5 times longer than maximum width; median carina weakly marked, not
461 extending to epistomal suture, present at distal three-fourths (Fig. 4 C). Scape wider than
462 long (Fig. 4 C). Pedicel globose, approximately twice longer than scape (Fig. 4 C).

463 Thorax: Pronotum with anterior margin tapering; median longitudinal carina
464 present, strongly marked; lateral carinae moderately diverging towards tegulae; posterior
465 margin with angled indentation in dorsal view; without pustules on posterior margin.
466 Mesonotum with longitudinal carina present, strongly marked; lateral longitudinal carinae
467 absent (Fig. 4 D). Forewing: RA vein with apex strongly curved anteriorly; RP vein with
468 apex gently curved anteriorly; r-m cross-vein approximately three times shorter than r-
469 m₂ cross-vein; ir cross-vein close to r-m₂ cross-vein, not aligned; MP vein with four
470 branches with straight apex; MP₁, MP₂, MP₃, MP₄ veins unbranched; MP₁₊₂ and

471 MP3+4 branching arising distad to r-m cross-vein; m-cu cross-vein present; m-cu cross-
472 vein subequal in length to m-cu2 cross-vein; m-cu2 cross-vein aligned with icua cross-
473 vein; CuA vein bifurcation basad to r-m cross-vein; CuP vein approximately six times
474 longer than the Pcu + A1 vein; apex of clavus forming acute angle (Fig. 20 C). Hind wing:
475 first bifurcation of MP vein arising distad to m-cu cross-vein (Fig. 20 D). Legs: metatibia
476 with 9 apical spines; metatarsus with 6+6 apical spines. Female. Similar to male, except
477 the general body color dark yellow (Fig. 4 B).

478 Male terminalia (Figs 5 A–G): Pygofer subtriangular in lateral view, posterior
479 margin without projections and almost straight (Fig. 5 A). Gonostyli symmetrical; outer
480 margin with short, rounded and posteriorly directed lobe near apex; inner margin slightly
481 arched, convergent distally in dorsal and posterior views; apex truncated in lateral view,
482 claviform (Figs 5 B–D). Phallic complex: periandrium semi-rounded in dorsal view,
483 compressed dorsoventrally; dorsal margin of periandrium without apical indentation and
484 ventral margin with short indentation at apex in dorsal view (Figs 5 E, F). Inner
485 sclerotized plates slender in dorsal view, with serrated margin (Figs 5 E, F). Anal tube
486 (segment X), short; rounded in dorsal view; apex truncated in dorsal view (Fig. 5 G).

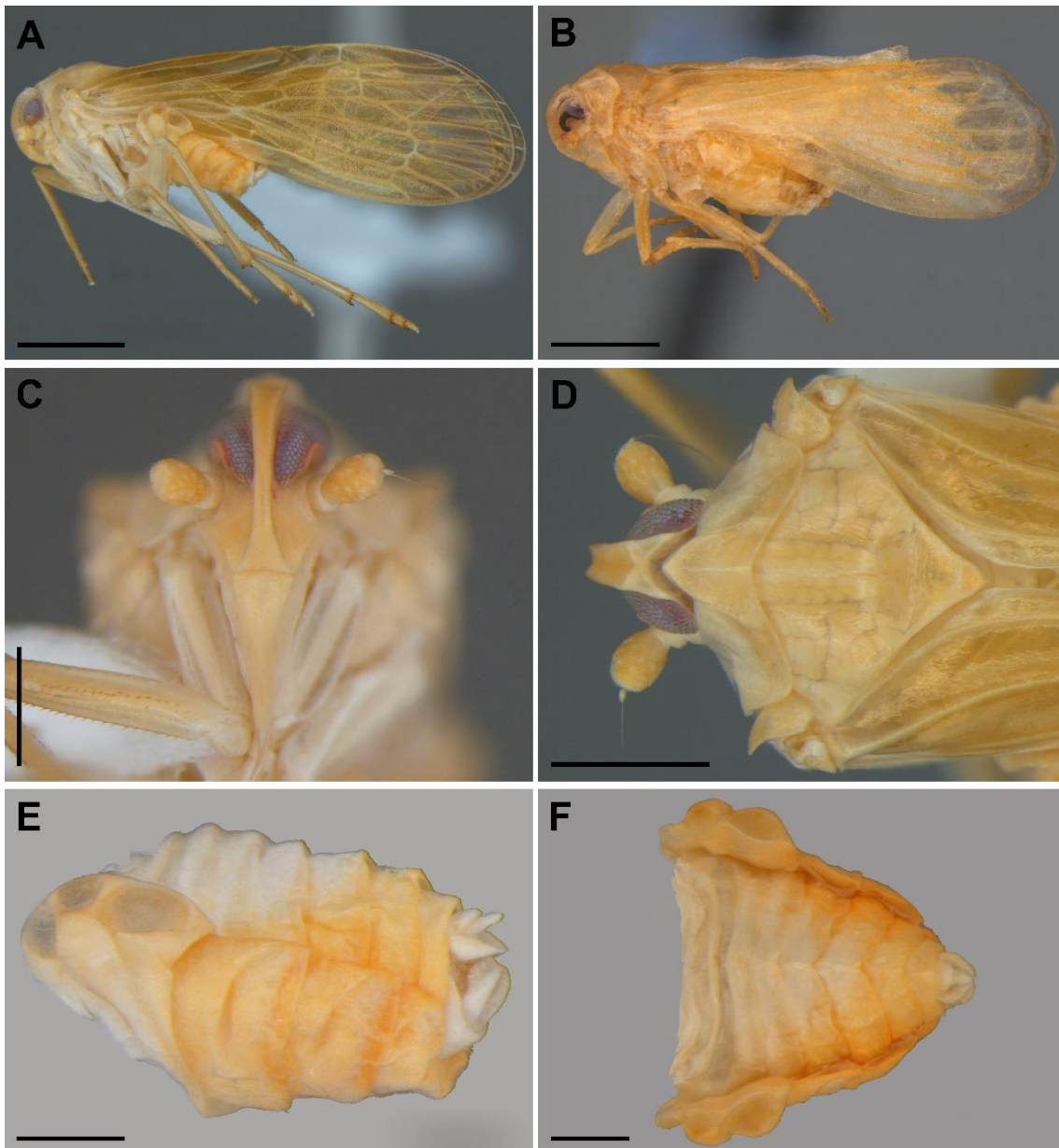
487 Female terminalia (Figs 6 A–E): Gonapophysis VIII (first valvula) broad, with
488 sparse setae at median region; small spiniform projections at basal half in lateral view;
489 one lateroapical projection with irregular teeth at dorsal margin in lateral view (Fig. 6 B).
490 Bursa copulatrix densely filamentous apically, acute apex, covered by setae laterally in
491 the apical half (Fig. 6 B). Gonapophysis IX (second valvula) robust; bifid at apical half;
492 lobes with pointed, strongly curved latero-ventrally apex, hook-like in dorsal view; and
493 membranous prolongations at ventral region near apex (Fig. 6 C). Gonoplac (third
494 valvula) broad, subtrapezoidal; apex truncated with numerous apical and laterally setae

495 (Fig. 6 D). Anal tube (segment X) short and rounded in dorsal view; apex rounded in
496 dorsal view (Fig. 6 E).

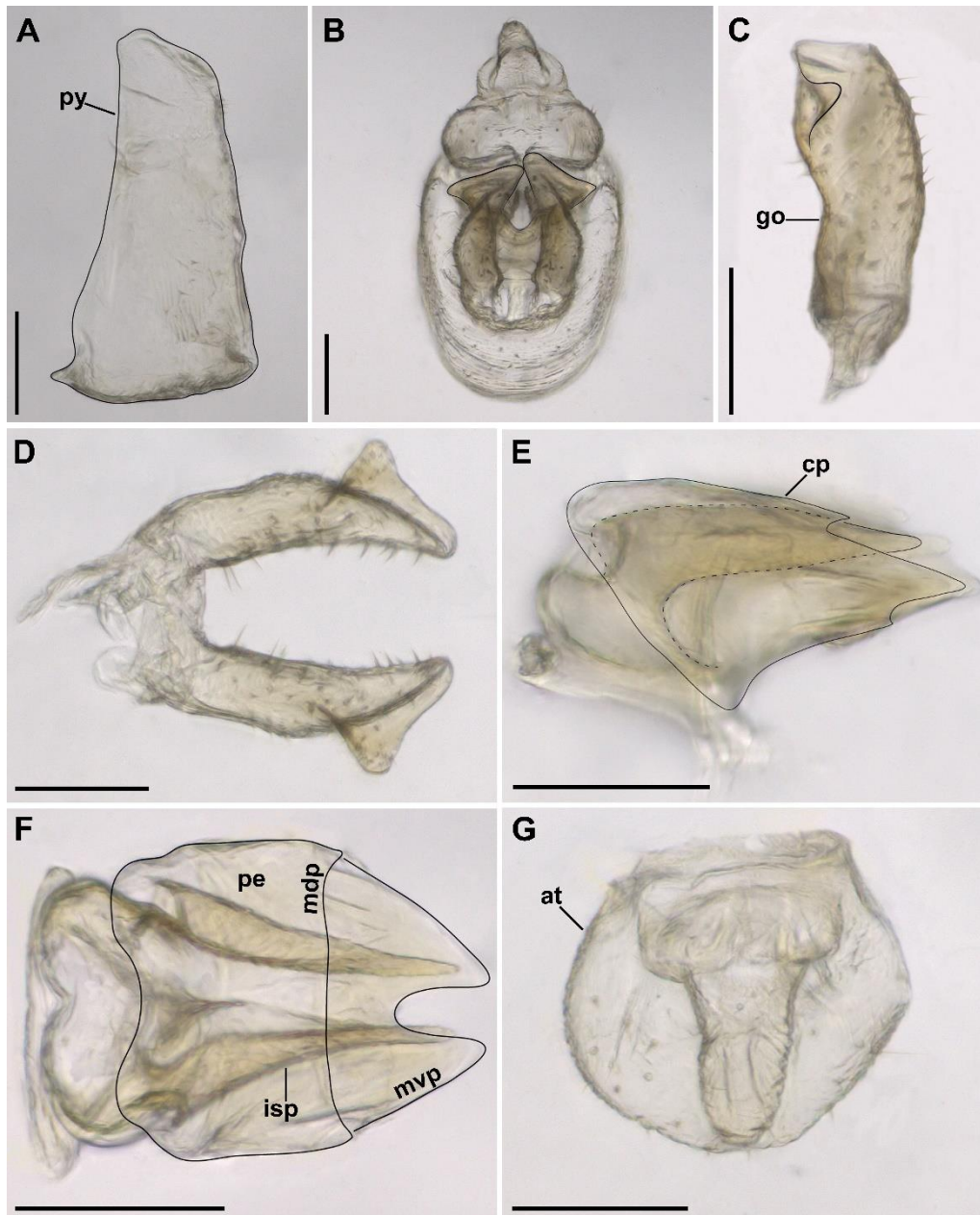
497 **Etymology.** The species is named in honor of Dr. Rodney Ramiro Cavichioli from the
498 Universidade Federal do Paraná, Curitiba, Brazil, for his immense contribution to the
499 knowledge to the Auchenorrhyncha fauna, and for being one of the collectors of the
500 holotype of the species described herein.

501 **Distribution.** Peru (Cusco) (Fig. 23).

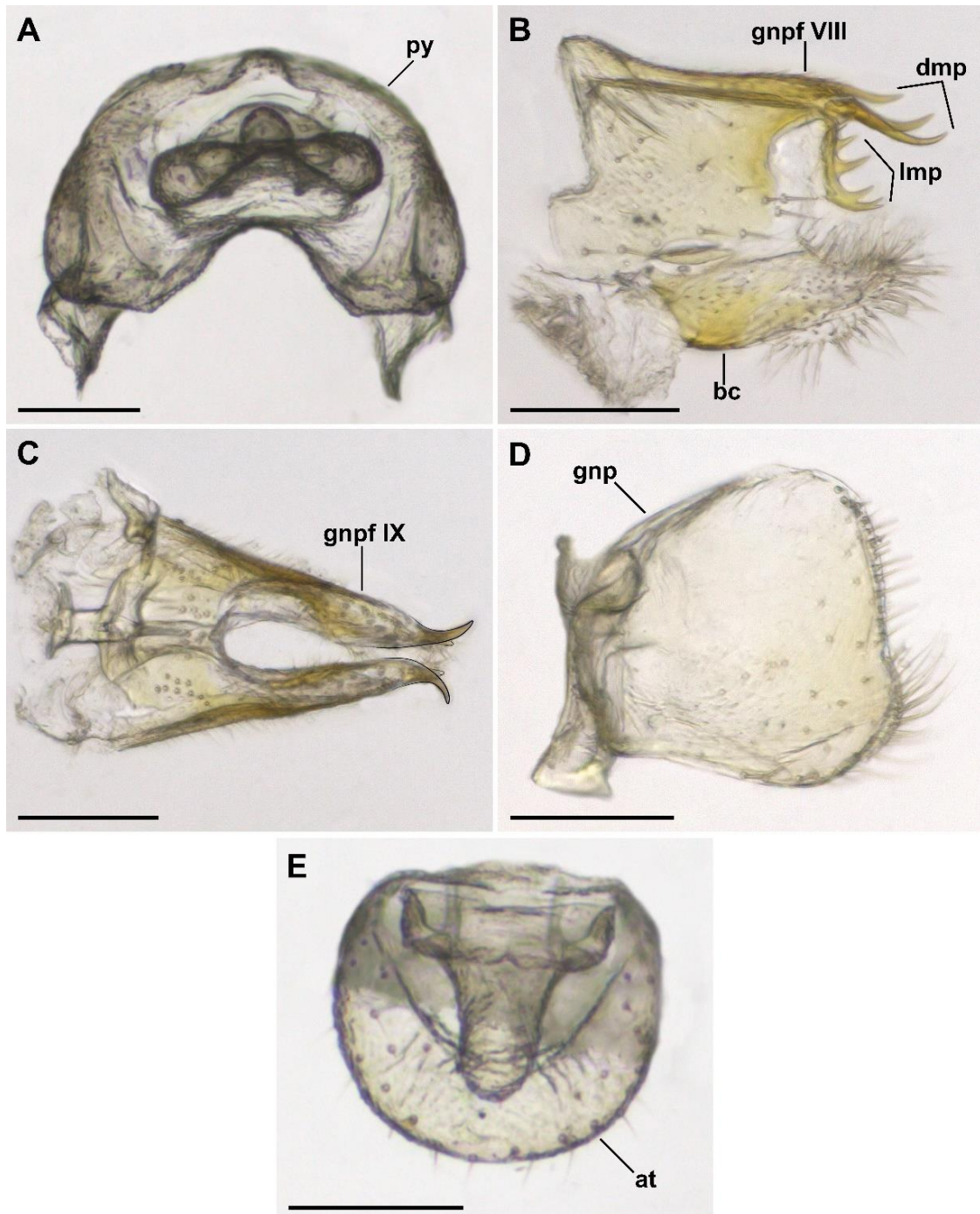
502 **Taxonomic notes.** *B. cavichioli* **sp. nov.** can be promptly distinguished from other
503 species of *Bebaiotes* with narrow frons by its general coloration of body yellow, male
504 body length about 2.4 mm, and female genitalia with gonapophysis VIII (first valvula)
505 with one projection on lateroapical margin.



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 507 **Figures 4 A–F.** *Bebaiotes cavichioli* sp. nov.: **A, C–F.** male holotype (MUSM). **A.**
 508 Lateral habitus; **B.** Lateral habitus, female paratype (MUSM); **C.** Head, anterior view; **D.**
 509 Head and thorax, dorsal view; **E.** Abdomen, lateral view; **F.** Abdomen, dorsal view. Scale
 510 bars: A, B = 1mm; C = 0.4 mm; D = 0.5 mm; E, F = 0.3mm.



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 512 **Figures 5 A–G.** *Bebaiotes cavichiolii* sp. nov., male genitalia, holotype (MUSM): **A.**
 513 Pygofer, lateral view; **B.** Genital capsule, posterior view; **C.** Gonostyli, lateral view; **D.**
 514 Gonostyli, dorsal view; **E** Periandrium and inner sclerotized plate, lateral view; **F.**
 515 Periandrium and inner sclerotized plate, dorsal view; **G.** Anal tube (segment X), dorsal
 516 view. Abbreviations: at, anal tube; cp, phallic complex; go, gonostyli; mdp, dorsal margin
 517 of periandrium;.mvp, ventral margin of periandrium; isp, inner sclerotized plates; pe,
 518 periandrium; py, pygofer. Scale bars: A–G = 0.1 mm.



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 520 **Figures 6 A–E.** *Bebaiotes cavichioli* sp. nov., female genitalia, paratype (MUSM): **A**
 521 Pygofer, posterior view; **B.** Gonapophysis VIII, lateral view (first valvula) lateral view;
 522 **C.** Gonapophysis IX (second valvula), dorsal view; **D.** Gonoplac (third valvula), lateral
 523 view; **E.** Anal tube (segment X), dorsal view. Abbreviations: at, anal tube; bc, bursa
 524 copulatrix, py, pygofer; gnp, gonoplac; gnpf IX, gonapophysis IX; gnpf VIII,
 525 gonapophysis VIII. Scale bars: A–E = 0.1 mm.

526 *Bebaiotes clarice* Viegas, Takiya & Ale-Rocha sp. nov.

527 Figs 7 A–F, 8 A–G, 9 A–E, 20 E, F, 23

528 **Diagnosis.** Gena, lora, upper half of maxillary lobe, and lateral margin of pronotum light
529 yellow (Fig. 7 D). Posterior margin of the pronotum without pustules (Fig. 7 A). Posterior
530 margin of pygofer with a dorsal triangular protuberance on each side (Fig. 8 A).

531 **Type material**

532 **Holotype**

533 BRAZIL • ♂; Amazonas, Tabatinga, Zoológico; 4°14'39"S, 69°56'17"W; 16–31 May
534 2019; “Malaise grande” [large Malaise]; M.L. Oliveira, S.P. Lima leg.; INPA (Holotype
535 condition: glued on paper triangle; left flagellum broken and lost; left tegula broken and
536 lost; right forewing and hind wing mounted between coverslips; abdomen removed and
537 stored in a microtube; genitalia dissected and stored in a microtube).

538 **Paratypes**

539 BRAZIL • 1 ♀; same data as for holotype; INPA • 2 ♀♀; same data as for holotype; 16–
540 30 Jun. 2019; INPA; • 1 ♀; same data as for holotype; 16–30 Jun. 2019 (ENT6123); INPA.

541 **Measurements.** Body length: male 4.8 mm (6.4 mm including wings) (n=1)
542 holotype; female: 4.0–4.3 mm (6.5–6.9 mm including wings) (n=3).

543 **Description.** Coloration. General body color dark brown (Figs 7 A, B). Lateral
544 regions of frons, gena, lora, upper half of maxillary lobe, lateral margins of pronotum,
545 epimeron, and episternum, light yellow (Figs 7 C, D). Mesonotum with pair of
546 subtriangular yellow areas near posterolateral margin (Fig. 7 E). Forewing semihyaline,
547 dark brown with yellow regions mainly along veins: narrow yellow stripes covering c-sc
548 cross-vein, ir cross-vein, and RA vein; median region of cell C2 with wide yellow
549 transverse band; basal region of MP vein yellow; large yellow stripe extending from r-
550 m1 cross-vein to m-cu cross-vein; narrow yellow band covering half of CuA vein and

551 extending through the CuA1 vein passing through the m-cu cross-vein; narrow yellow
552 stripe extending from r-m2 cross-vein to MP5 vein base; yellow X-shaped spot covering
553 m-cu2 cross-vein, middle region of the CuA1 vein, and the icua cross-vein; yellow oval
554 spot at apical portion of CuA1 and CuA2 veins; narrow yellow stripe covering CuP and
555 Pcu veins; postclaval margin yellow (Fig. 20 E). Hind wing semihyaline, dark brown with
556 white regions (Fig. 20 F). Legs dark brown, except mesocoxae, mesotrochanters,
557 mesotibiae, metacoxae, metatrochanters, metatibiae, and metatarsi, yellowish brown.
558 Abdomen dark brown, except, tergite VIII yellowish brown; sternite II, first sensory pit
559 of the sternite III, posterior half of sternite III, posterior margin of sternites V, VI, and
560 VII, light yellow (Figs 7 A, F).

561 Head: frons narrow, distance between lateral carinae of frons at median portion,
562 approximately twice smaller than maximum width of vertex (Fig. 7 C). Clypeus
563 approximately 2.5 times longer than maximum width; median carina strongly marked,
564 almost extending to epistomal suture (Fig. 7 C). Scape as long as wide (Fig. 7 C). Pedicel
565 oblong, approximately three times longer than scape (Fig. 7 C).

566 Thorax: pronotum anterior margin tapering; median longitudinal carina present,
567 strongly marked; lateral carinae moderately diverging towards tegula; posterior margin
568 with angled indentation in dorsal view; without pustules on posterior margin. Mesonotum
569 with median and lateral longitudinal carinae present, strongly marked (Fig. 7 D).

570 Forewing: RA vein with apex gently curved anteriorly; RP vein with apex strongly curved
571 anteriorly; r-m cross-vein approximately three times smaller than r-m2 cross-vein; ir
572 cross-vein distant from r-m2 cross-vein; MP vein with five branches with straight apex;
573 MP1, MP3, and MP4 veins unbranched and MP2 branched; MP1+2 and MP3+4
574 branching arising near r-m cross-vein; m-cu cross-vein present; m-cu cross-vein about
575 three times shorter than m-cu2 cross-vein; m-cu2 cross-vein near icua cross-vein, not

576 aligned; CuA vein bifurcation basad to r-m cross-vein; CuP vein approximately three
577 times longer than Pcu + A1 vein; apex of clavus forming acute angle (Fig. 20 E). Hind
578 wing: first bifurcation of MP vein to m-cu cross-vein (Fig. 20 F). Legs: metatibia with 8
579 apical spines; metatarsus with 7+6 apical spines. Female. Similar to male, except sternite
580 VII and lateral region of pygofer yellow (Fig. 7 B).

581 Male terminalia (Figs 8 A–G): Pygofer subtriangular in lateral view; posterior
582 margin with a dorsal triangular protuberance, few long setae on dorsal half; ventral
583 margin with a few long setae on posterior half (Fig. 8 A). Gonostyli symmetrical; outer
584 margin with short and pointed lobe next to apex; inner margin with a few setae; apex
585 truncated in lateral view, claviform (Figs 8 B–D). Phallic complex: periandrium
586 approximately 2.5 times as long as broad in lateral view; dorsal margin with triangular
587 apex; ventral margin with rounded apex (Figs 8 E, F). Inner sclerotized plates narrowing
588 towards apex; with serrated margin; surface with small spiniform projections (Figs 8 F,
589 G). Anal tube (segment X) short rounded; apex rounded in dorsal view (Fig. 8 G).

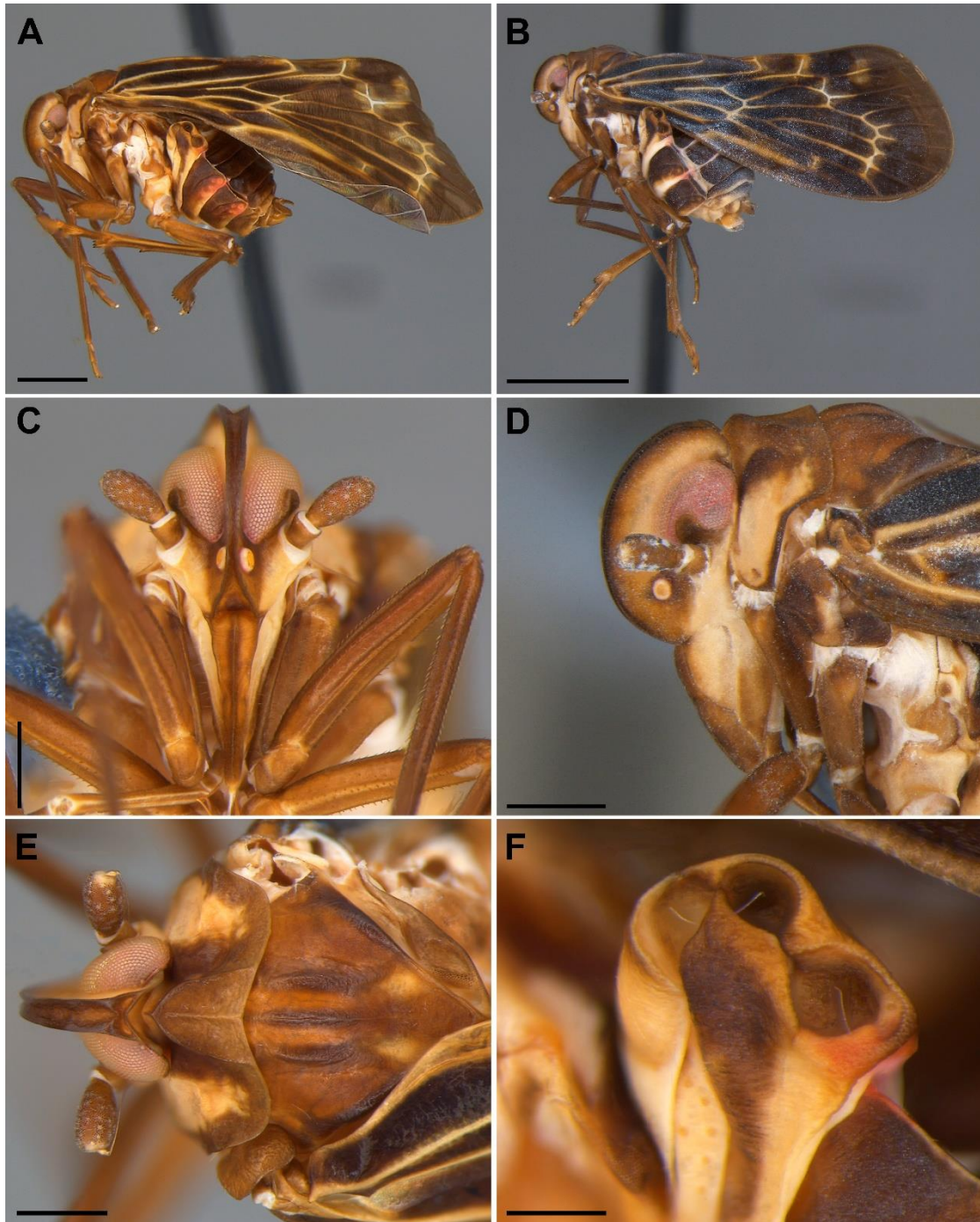
590 Female terminalia (Figs 9 A–E): Gonapophysis VIII (first valvula) broad; with
591 sparse setae at median region; small spiniform projections at basal half in lateral view;
592 three lateroapical projections with irregular teeth on dorsal margin in lateral view (Fig 9
593 B). Bursa copulatrix densely filamentous apically; covered by setae laterally at apical
594 half; apex obtuse (Fig. 9 B). Gonapophysis IX (second valvula) robust; bifid at apical
595 half; lobes with pointed, strongly curved latero-ventrally apex, hook-like in dorsal view
596 (Fig. 9 C). Gonoplac (third valvula) subtrapezoidal; apex truncated with many apical setae
597 and sparse setae laterally (Fig. 9 D). Anal tube (segment X) short and rounded in dorsal
598 view; apex truncated in dorsal view (Fig. 9 E).

599 **Etymology.** The species is named in honor of Me. Clarice Guilherme Barreto from the
600 Instituto Federal de Educação, Ciência e Tecnologia do Rio Grande do Norte, Campus

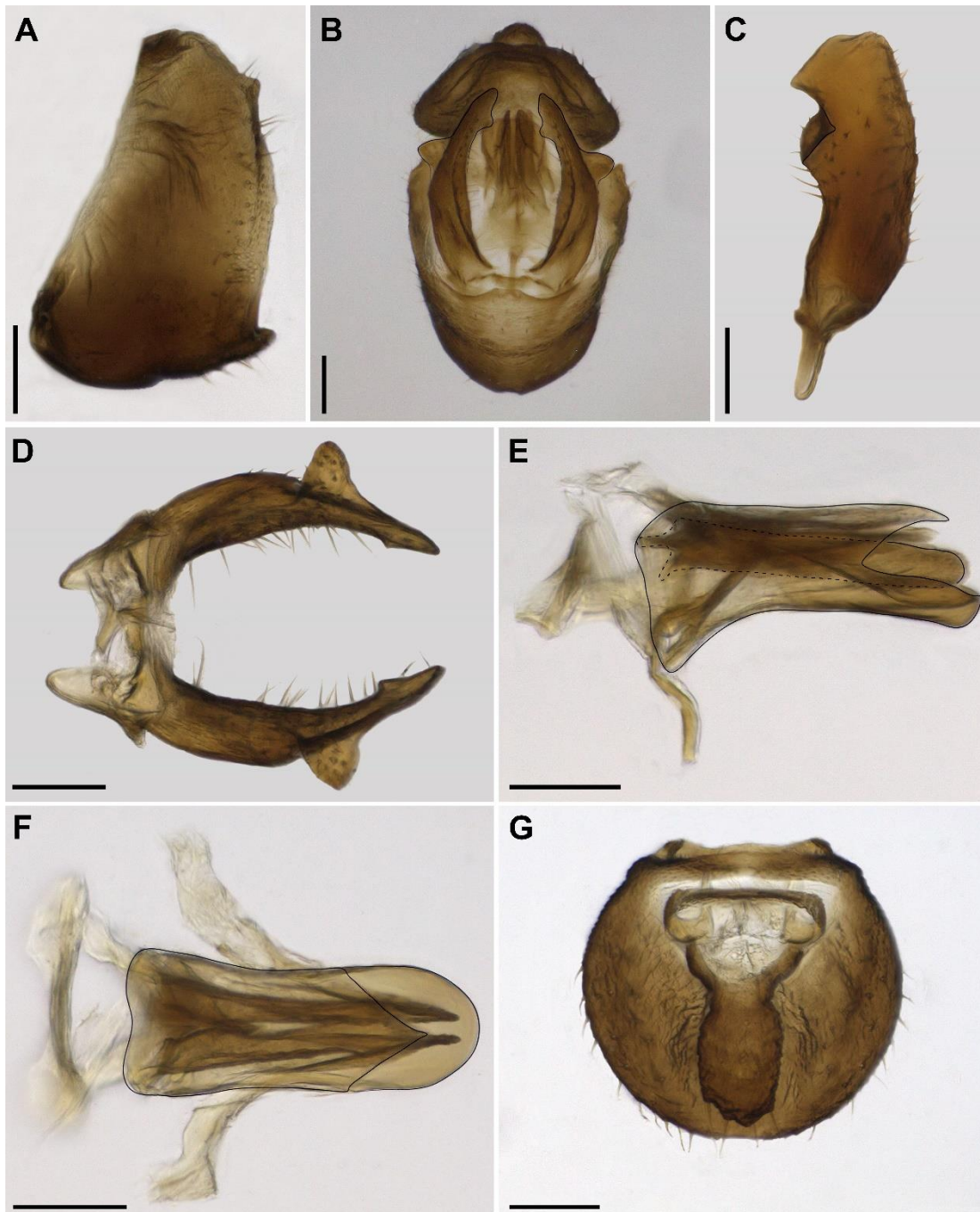
601 Natal Central, Brazil, for her contribution to the academic education of the first author,
602 as an excellent teacher, friend, and researcher. The species epithet is treated as a noun in
603 apposition.

604 **Distribution.** Brazil (Amazonas) (Fig. 23).

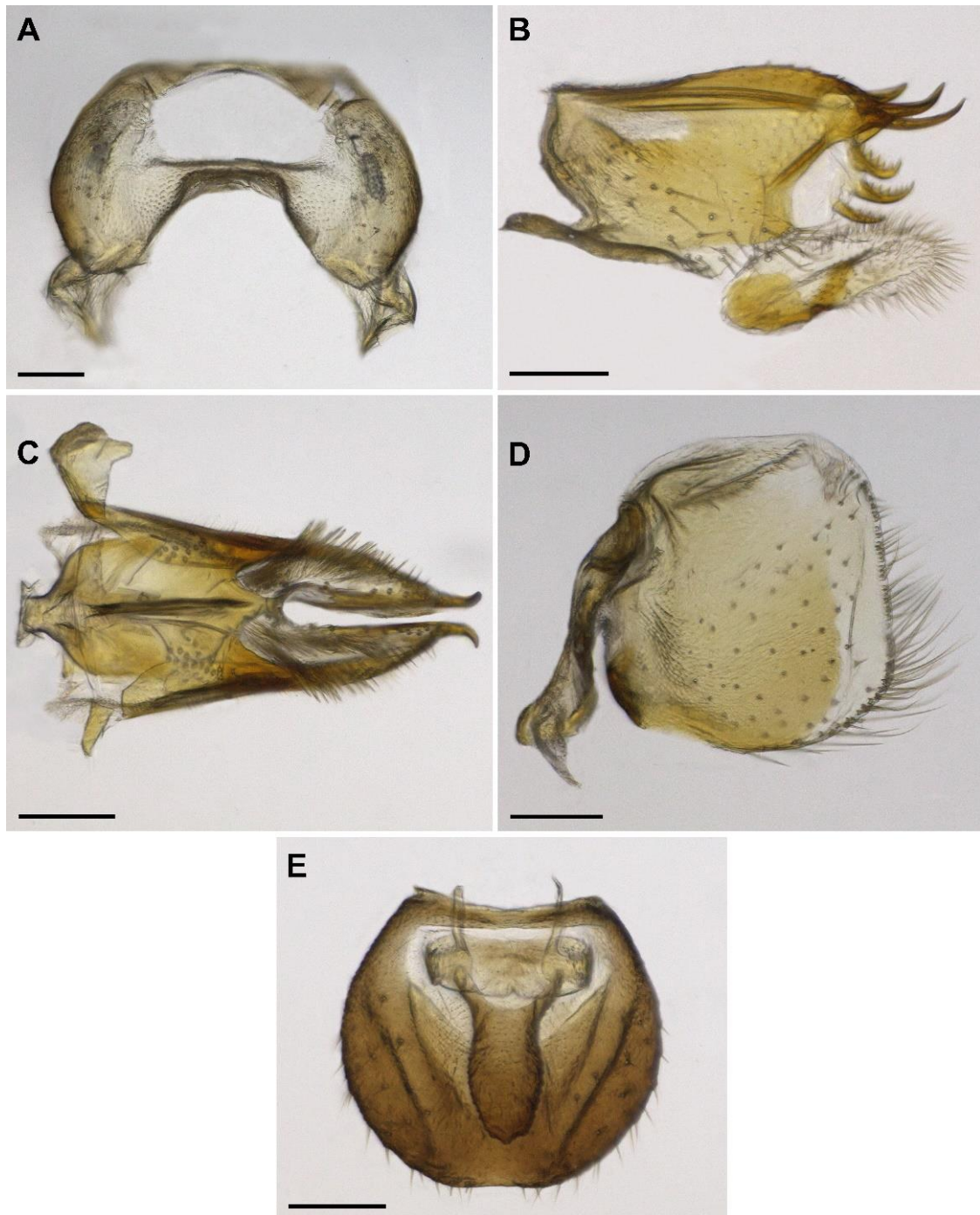
605 **Taxonomic notes.** *B. clarice* **sp nov.** is most similar to *B. pulla* Muir, 1934 because they
606 share lateral region of frons yellow, median carina of clypeus almost extending to
607 epistomal suture, forewing dark brown and with yellow regions mainly along veins. But
608 can be promptly distinguished from the latter by its pronotum without pustules on
609 posterior margin; gena, lora, and lateral margin of pronotum light yellow; lateral carinae
610 of pronotum gently diverging towards tegulae, and ventral margin of periandrium with
611 rounded apex.



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 613 **Figures 7 A–E.** *Bebaiotes clarice* **sp. nov.**, male holotype (INPA): **A, C–F.** male
 614 holotype. **A.** Male habitus, lateral view; **B.** Female, habitus, lateral view; **C.** Male head,
 615 anterior view; **D.** Female head and thorax, lateral view; **E.** Male head and thorax, dorsal
 616 view; **F.** Male abdominal process, lateral view. Scale bars: A = 1 mm; B = 2 mm; C, E =
 617 0.4 mm; D = 0.5 mm; F = 0.2 mm.



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 619 **Figures 8 A–G.** *Bebaiotes clarice* **sp. nov.**, male genitalia, holotype (INPA): **A.** Pygofer,
 620 lateral view; **B.** Genital capsule, posterior view; **C.** Gonostyli, lateral view; **D.** Gonostyli,
 621 dorsal view; **E.** Periandrium and inner sclerotized plate, lateral view; **F.** Periandrium and
 622 inner sclerotized plate, dorsal view; **G.** Anal tube (segment X) dorsal view. Scale bars:
 623 A–G = 0.1 mm.



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 625 **Figures 9 A–E.** *Bebaiotes clarice* **sp. nov.**, female genitalia, paratype (INPA): **A.** Pygofer
 626 posterior view; **B.** Gonapophysis VIII, lateral view (first valvula) lateral view; **C.**
 627 Gonapophysis IX (second valvula), dorsal view; **D.** Gonoplac (third valvula), lateral
 628 view; **E.** Anal tube (segment X), dorsal view. Abbreviations: at, anal tube; bc, bursa
 629 copulatrix, dmp, dorsal margin projections, gnp, gonoplac; gnpf IX, gonapophysis IX;
 630 gnpf VIII, gonapophysis VIII, lmp, lateroapical margin projections, py, pygofer. Scale
 631 bars: A–E = 0.1 mm.

632 *Bebaiotes nigrigaster* Muir, 1924

633 Figs 10 A–D

634 *Bebaiotes nigrigaster* Muir, 1924: 34; Metcalf, 1945: 217 (world catalogue)

635 *Muirilixius nigrigaster* (Muir, 1924) Fennah, 1947: 186, 188 (taxonomy, key)

636 *Bebaiotes nigrigaster* Muir, 1924: Wilson, 1989: 487, 488, 491, 492, fig 11 (tegmen)
637 (citation, illustration).

638 **Diagnosis.** frons narrow (Fig. 10 C). Abdomen predominantly black (Fig. 10 A). MP vein
639 of the forewing with four branches (Fig. 10 C).

640 **Type material**

641 **Holotype**

642 ECUADOR • ♂; Bucay, 1000 feet elevation, 07.x.1922, F. X. Williams, n° 1098; BPBM

643 **Paratype**

644 ECUADOR • ♀; Bucay, 1000 feet elevation, 07.x.1922, F. X. Williams, 013585590;
645 NHM (Paratype condition: glued on paper triangle; right antenna broken and lost, left
646 flagellum broken and lost; left proleg broken and lost).

647 **Redescription.** Coloration. Body coloration dark yellow (Figs 10 A, B). Forewing
648 yellow with a "T"-shape black mark, present in the basal two-third (Figs 10 A). Abdomen
649 predominantly black, except sternite II and upper half of sternite III yellow.

650 Head: frons narrow (Fig. 10 C). median carina of clypeus weakly marked, present
651 on distal three-fourths, not extending to epistomal suture (Fig. 10 C). Scape as long as
652 wide (Fig. 10 C). Pedicel oblong (Fig. 10 C). Thorax: Pronotum anterior margin tapering;
653 median longitudinal carina present, weakly marked; lateral carinae moderately diverging
654 towards tegulae; posterior margin concave with shallow median notch in dorsal view;
655 without pustules at posterior margin; median and lateral longitudinal carinae of
656 mesonotum absent (Figs 10 B, C). Forewing: RA and RP vein with apex gently curved

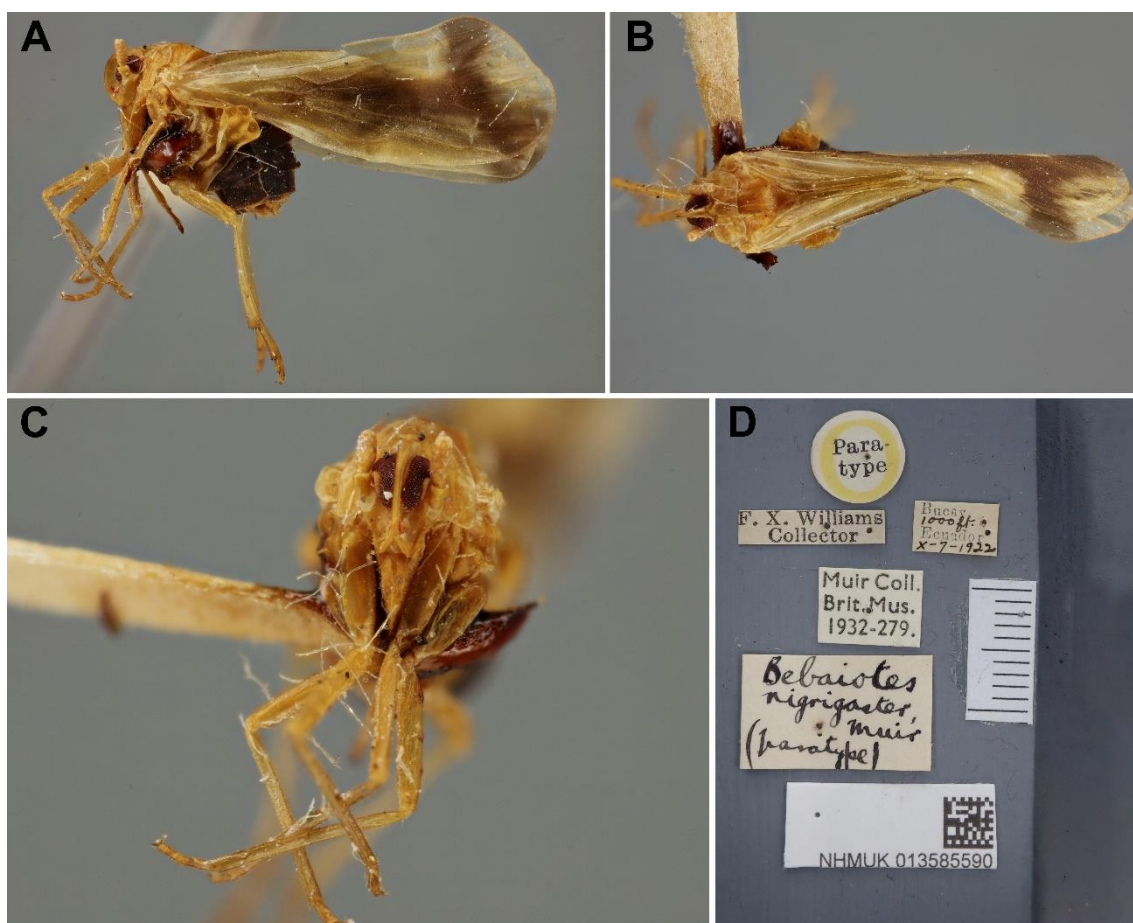
657 anteriorly; ir cross-vein distant from r-m2 cross-vein; MP vein with four branches; MP1,
 658 MP2, MP3 MP4 veins unbranched; MP1+2 and MP3+4 branching arising based to r-m
 659 cross-vein; m-cu cross-vein present; m-cu2 cross-vein aligned with icua cross-vein; CuA
 660 vein bifurcation based to r-m cross-vein; apex of clavus forming acute angle (Fig. 10 E).

661 Female terminalia not examined.

662 **Distribution.** Ecuador (Bucay).

663 **Taxonomic notes.** *B. nigrigaster* Muir, 1924 is most similar to *B. banksi* (Metcalf, 1938)
 664 because they share the frons narrow and anterior margin of pronotum tapering. But it can
 665 be promptly distinguished from *B. banksi* by mesonotum with median and lateral
 666 longitudinal carinae absent and abdomen predominantly black.

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668 **Figures 10 A–D.** *Bebaiotes nigrigaster* Muir, 1924, female paratype (NHM): **A.** Female
 669 habitus, lateral view; **B.** Female head, anterior view; **C.** Female head, thorax, wings,
 670 dorsal view; **D.** Information tags. Fotos: Webb (2019).
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Bebaiotes nivosa Fennah, 1947

Figs 11 A–D

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674 *Bebaiotes nivosa* Fennah, 1947: 190: fig.5 a-g (tegmen and genitalia); Wilson, 1989: 491
675 (citation).

676 **Diagnosis.** Head and thorax yellow (Figs 11 A, B). Mesonotum with median and lateral
677 longitudinal carinae absent (Fig 11 B). Forewing white with small brown spot at apex of
678 clavus (Figs 11 A, B). Projections of lateroapical margin of the gonapophysis VIII with
679 dorsal margin smooth (Fennah, 1947: Fig. 5 E).

Type material.**Holotype**

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682 BRITISH GUIANA • ♀; Kutari Sources, i-ii.1936, G. A. Hudson, 013585539;
683 NHM (Holotype condition: glued on paper triangle; abdomen removed and mounted
684 slide; genitalia dissected).

685 **Redescription.** Coloration. Body coloration yellow (Figs 11 A, B). Tegula,
686 metafemur and metatibia light yellow. Forewing white with small brown spot at apex of
687 clavus (Figs 11 A, B).

688 Head: Frons large (Fig. 11 C). Pedicel globose (Fig. 11 C). Thorax: Pronotum
689 anterior margin truncated; median longitudinal carina present, weakly marked; lateral
690 carinae moderately diverging towards tegulae; posterior margin concave with shallow
691 median notch in dorsal view; without pustules at posterior margin; Mesonotum with
692 median and lateral longitudinal carinae absent (Figs 11 B, C). Forewing: RA and RP vein
693 with apex gently curved anteriorly; ir cross-vein distant from r-m2 cross-vein; MP vein
694 with four branches; MP1, MP2, MP3 MP4 veins unbranched; m-cu cross-vein present;
695 m-cu2 cross-vein aligned with icua cross-vein (Fennah, 1947: Fig. 5 A). Female
696 terminalia: Gonapophysis VIII (first valvula) with three lateroapical projections of

697 subequal sizes with smooth dorsal margin in lateral view (Fennah, 1947: Fig. 5 E). Anal
 698 tube (segment X) short and rounded in dorsal view; apex with smooth indentation in
 699 dorsal view (Fennah, 1947: Fig. 5 G)

700 **Distribution.** Guiana.

701 **Taxonomic notes.** *Bebaiotes nivosa* Fennah, 1947 can be promptly distinguished from
 702 other species of *Bebaiotes* with large frons by its general coloration of body yellow,
 703 forewing white, and female genitalia with gonapophysis VIII (first valvula) with three
 704 lateroapical projections with smooth dorsal margin in lateral view.

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706 **Figures 11 A–F.** *Bebaiotes nivosa* Fennah, 1947, female holotype (NHM): **A.** Female
 707 habitus, lateral view; **B.** Female head, anterior view; **C.** Female head, thorax, wings,
 708 dorsal view; **D.** Labels and abdomen and terminalia mounted slide. Fotos: Webb (2019).
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712 *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis* Viegas, Takiya & Ale-Rocha sp. nov.

713 Figs 12 A–E, 13 A–G, 14 A, B, 21 A, B, 23

714 **Diagnosis.** Lateral region of frons dark brown (Fig. 12 C). Lateral carinae of pronotum
715 gently diverging towards tegulae (Fig. 12 D). Forewing m-cu2 cross-vein aligned with
716 icua cross-vein (Fig. 21 A).

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718 **Type material**

719 **Holotype**

720 BRASIL • ♂; **Amapá**, Oiapoque, BR 156, Km 25; 3°39'35"N, 51°46'17"W; iii-vii.2020;
721 Malaise, “Floresta” [Forest]; J.A. Rafael, S.P. Lima & F.F. Xavier leg; INPA (Holotype
722 condition: right and left antennal flagellum lost; forewings and hind wings mounted
723 between coverslips; abdomen removed and stored in a microtube; genitalia dissected and
724 stored in a microtube).

725 **Measurements:** Body length: male 5.0 mm (6.1 mm including wings) (N=1).

726 **Description.** Coloration. Body coloration dark brown (Figs 12 A–D). Lateral
727 carinae of frons above compound eye, lateral longitudinal carinae of pronotum, median
728 longitudinal carina of mesonotum, diffuse spot at anterolateral region of mesonotum,
729 epimeron, and episternum, yellow. Forewing semihyaline, dark brown with basal half of
730 postcostal cell, narrow stripe covering almost all of RA vein, and most of radial cell,
731 yellow; narrow white stripe covering c-sc and ir cross-veins; narrow yellow stripe
732 extending from median region of radial vein to CuA1 vein base; narrow yellow stripe
733 extending from r-m2 cross-vein to MP4 vein base; narrow yellow stripe covering
734 approximately 2/3 of the MP1+2 vein; narrow yellow stripe covering approximately 1/3
735 of the MP3+4 vein; narrow yellow stripe extending from half of CuA2 vein to icu cross-
736 vein; yellow X-shaped region covering m-cu2 cross-vein, median region of CuA1 vein,

737 and icua cross-vein; narrow yellow stripe covering approximately two-thirds of CuP vein;
738 narrow yellow stripe covering Pcu vein; apex of clavus yellow (Fig. 21 A). Hind wing
739 semihyaline; dark brown with hyaline regions (Fig. 21 B). Legs dark brown, except
740 metathoracic legs yellowish brown (Fig. 12 A).

741 Head: frons narrow, distance between lateral carinae of frons at median portion
742 approximately twice smaller than maximum width of vertex (Fig. 12 B). Clypeus
743 approximately 2.5 times longer than maximum width; median carina strongly marked,
744 present on distal three-fourths, not extended to epistomal suture (Fig. 12 B). Scape as long
745 as wide (Fig. 12 B). Pedicel oblong, approximately three times longer than scape (Fig. 12
746 B).

747 Thorax: pronotum anterior margin tapering; median longitudinal carina present,
748 strongly marked; lateral carinae gently diverging towards tegulae; posterior margin with
749 angled indentation; with pustules on posterior margin. Mesonotum with median
750 longitudinal carina present, strongly marked (Figs 12 C, D). Forewing. RA and RP veins
751 with apices strongly curved anteriorly; r-m cross-vein approximately three times shorter
752 than r-m2 cross-vein; ir cross-vein distant from r-m2 cross-vein; MP vein with five
753 branches with gently curved apex; MP1, MP3, and MP4 veins unbranched and MP2 vein
754 branched; MP1+2 and MP3+4 branching arising near r-m cross-vein; m-cu cross-vein
755 present; m-cu cross-vein subequal to m-cu2 cross-vein; m-cu2 cross-vein aligned with
756 icua cross-vein; CuA vein bifurcation aligned with r-m cross-vein. CuP vein
757 approximately three times longer than Pcu + A1 vein; apex of clavus forming straight
758 angle (Fig. 21 A). Hind wing: first bifurcation of MP vein distad to m-cu cross-vein (Fig.
759 21 B). Legs: metatibia with 7 apical spines; metatarsus with 6+5 apical spines.

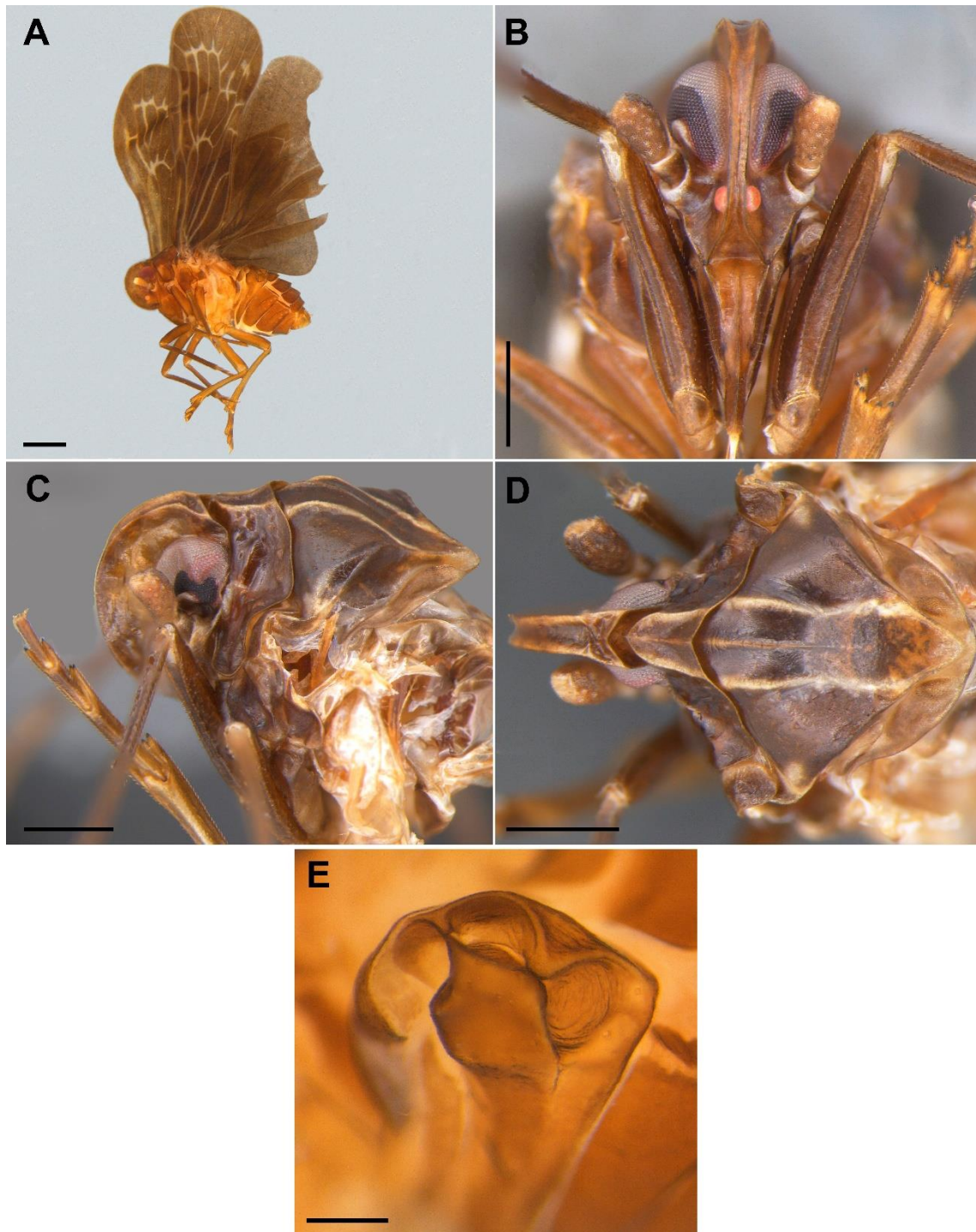
760 Male terminalia (Figs 13 A–G): Pygofer subrectangular in lateral view; posterior
761 margin without projections and sinuous, with a few long setae on dorsal half (Figs 13 A,

762 B). Gonostyli symmetrical; outer margin with short and rounded lobe near apex, inner
763 margin with a few setae; apex truncated in lateral view, claviform (Figs 13 B–D). Phallic
764 complex: periandrium with rounded base and subtrapezoidal towards apex; dorsal and
765 ventral margins with short indentation at apex in dorsal view; surface with small
766 spiniform projections (Figs 13 E, F). Inner sclerotized plates narrowing towards apex;
767 serrated margin; surface with small spiniform projections (Figs 13 E, F). Anal tube
768 (segment X) short and rounded in dorsal view; apex with smooth indentation in dorsal
769 view (Fig. 13 G).

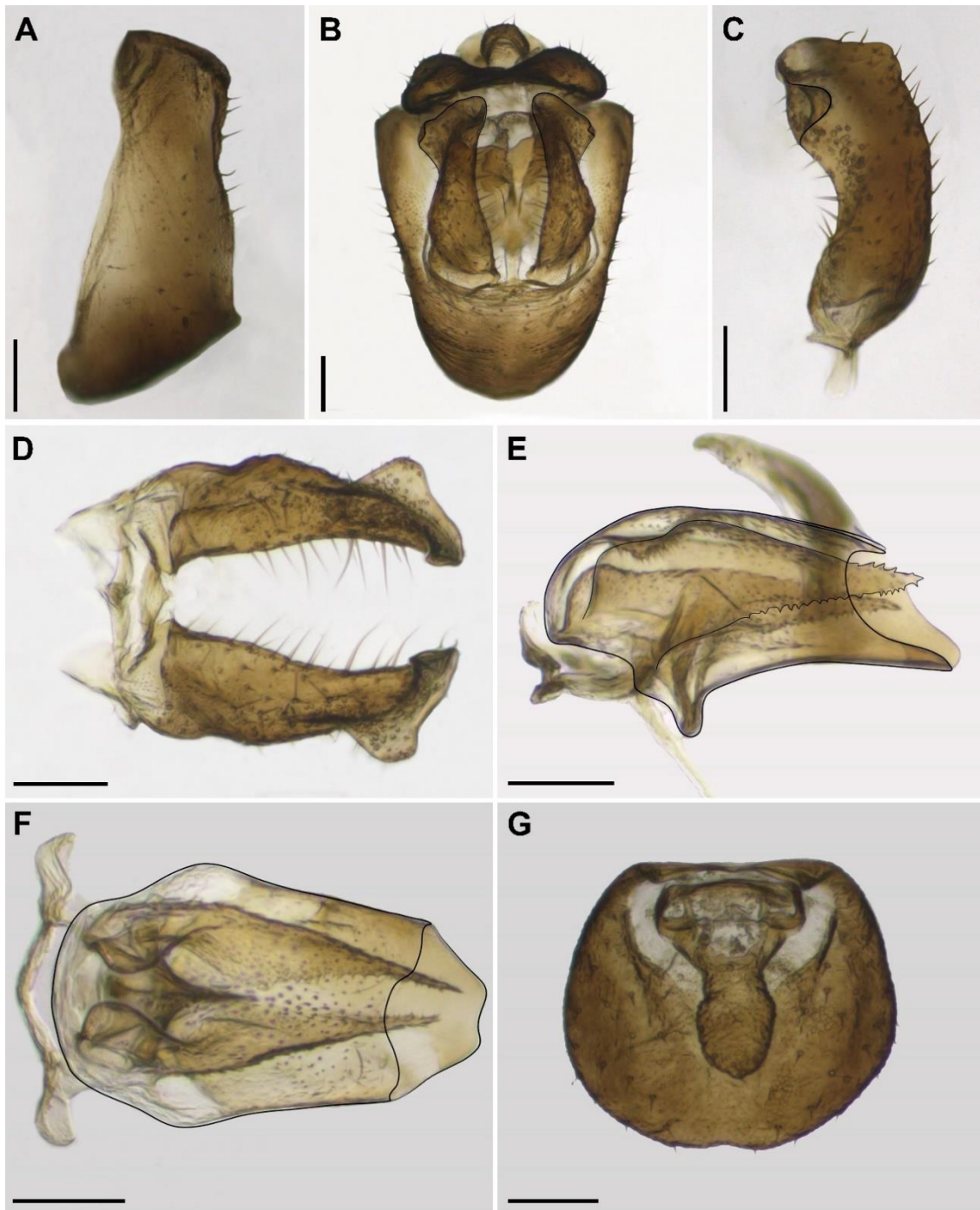
770 **Etymology.** The species is named in reference to the municipality of Oiapoque, where it
771 was collected.

772 **Distribution.** Brazil (Amapá) (Fig. 23).

773 **Taxonomic notes.** *B. oiapoquensis* **sp nov.** is most similar to *B. pennyi* Viegas & Ale-
774 Rocha, 2023 because they share median carina strongly marked, present on distal three-
775 fourths, not extended to epistomal suture, anterior margin of pronotum with tapered apex,
776 and lateral longitudinal carinae converging subparallel to each other towards posterior
777 margin. But it can be promptly distinguished from the latter by the coloration of body
778 dark brown; lateral carinae of pronotum gently diverging towards tegulae; hind wing
779 MP1+2 vein arising distad of m-cu cross-vein; dorsal and ventral margins of periandrium
780 with short indentation at apex.



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 782 **Figures 12 A–E.** *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis* sp. nov., male holotype (INPA): **A.** Male
 783 habitus, lateral view; **B.** Male head, anterior view; **C.** Male head and thorax, lateral view;
 784 **D.** Male head and thorax, dorsal view; **E.** Male abdominal process, lateral view. Scale
 785 bars: A = 1 mm; B–D = 0.5 mm; E = 0.2 mm.



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 787 **Figures 13 A–G.** *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis* **sp. nov.**, male genitalia, holotype (INPA): **A.**
 788 Pygofer, lateral view; **B.** Genital capsule, posterior view; **C.** Gonostyli, lateral view; **D.**
 789 Gonostyli, dorsal view; **E** Perianthrium and inner sclerotized plate, lateral view; **F.**
 790 Perianthrium and inner sclerotized plate, dorsal view; **G.** Anal tube (segment X), dorsal
 791 view. Scale bars: A–G = 0.1 mm.

792 *Bebaiotes oliveirai* Viegas, Takiya & Ale-Rocha sp. nov.

793 Figs 14 A–E, 15 A–G, 16 A–E, 21 C, D, 23

794 **Diagnosis.** General body color yellow (Fig. 14 A). Apical article of rostrum dark brown
795 (Fig. 14 A). Forewing with long, wide, brown transverse band at apical region (Fig. 21
796 C). Median longitudinal carina of pronotum strongly marked (Fig. 14 D).

797

798 **Type material**

799 **Holotype**

800 BRASIL • ♀; Amazonas, Benjamim Constant, BR 307, Km-05; 4°23'35"S, 70°01'59"W;
801 16–31 Jul. vii.2019; “Malaise grande” [large Malaise]; M. Oliveira & S.P. Lima leg.;
802 INPA (Holotype condition: apical half of the left antennal flagellum broken and lost; right
803 forewing and hind wing mounted between coverslips; left hind wing torn near apex; right
804 mesotarsus lost; abdomen removed and stored in a microtube; genitalia dissected and
805 stored in a microtube).

806 **Paratypes**

807 BRASIL • 1 ♂; same data as the holotype; 1–15 Sep. 2019 (ENT6168); INPA (material
808 in alcohol).

809 **Measurements.** Body length: male 3.9 mm (6.3 mm including wings) (n=1)
810 (holotype); female: 3.8 mm (6.2 mm including wings) (n=1).

811 **Description.** Coloration. General body color yellow (Fig. 14 A). Apical article of
812 rostrum dark brown. Forewing semihyaline, yellow with white regions: narrow white
813 band covering r- m2, m1-m2, m-cu2, icua, and icu cross-veins; long, wide, and brown
814 transverse band at apical region extending from apex of radial vein to apex of cubital cell
815 (Fig. 21 C). Hind wing semihyaline, yellowish brown with hyaline regions (Fig. 21 D).

816 Head: frons narrow, distance between lateral carinae of frons, at median portion,
817 approximately four times smaller than maximum width of vertex (Fig. 14 B). Clypeus
818 approximately 3.5 times longer than maximum width; median carina strongly marked,
819 present on distal three-fourths, not extending to epistomal suture (Fig. 14 B). Scape as
820 long as wide (Fig. 14 B). Pedicel oblong, approximately 1.5 times longer than scape (Fig.
821 14 B).

822 Thorax: pronotum anterior margin tapering; median longitudinal carina present,
823 strongly marked; lateral carinae gently diverging towards tegulae; posterior margin with
824 angled indentation; without pustules on posterior margin. Mesonotum with median
825 longitudinal carinae present, strongly marked (Fig. 14 D). Forewing: RA and RP veins
826 with apex gently curved anteriorly; r-m cross-vein about half the length of r-m2 cross-
827 vein; ir cross-vein distant from r-m2 cross-vein; MP vein with four branches with
828 uncurved apex; MP1, MP2, MP3, and MP4 vein unbranched; MP1+2 and MP3+4
829 branching arising basad to r-m cross-vein; m-cu cross-vein present; m-cu cross-vein
830 approximately three times shorter than m-cu2 cross-vein; m-cu2 cross-vein aligned with
831 icua cross-vein; CuA vein bifurcating basad to r-m cross-vein; CuP vein approximately
832 three times longer than the Pcu + A1 vein; apex of clavus forming acute angle (Fig. 21
833 C). Hind wing: first bifurcation of MP vein arising basad to m-cu cross-vein (Fig. 21 D).
834 Legs: metatibia with 9 apical spines; metatarsus with 7+6 apical spines.

835 Male terminalia (Figs 15 A–G): Pygofer subtriangular in lateral view; posterior
836 margin without projections, almost straight, and with few setae (Figs 15 A, B). Gonostyli
837 symmetrical; outer margin with short and rounded lobe near to apex, inner margin with
838 some setae; apex truncated in lateral view, claviform (Figs 15 B–D). Phallic complex:
839 periandrium with sinuous lateral margin; dorsal margin crenate at apex; ventral margin
840 with apex truncated (Fig. 15 F). Inner sclerotized plates slender; with serrated margin;

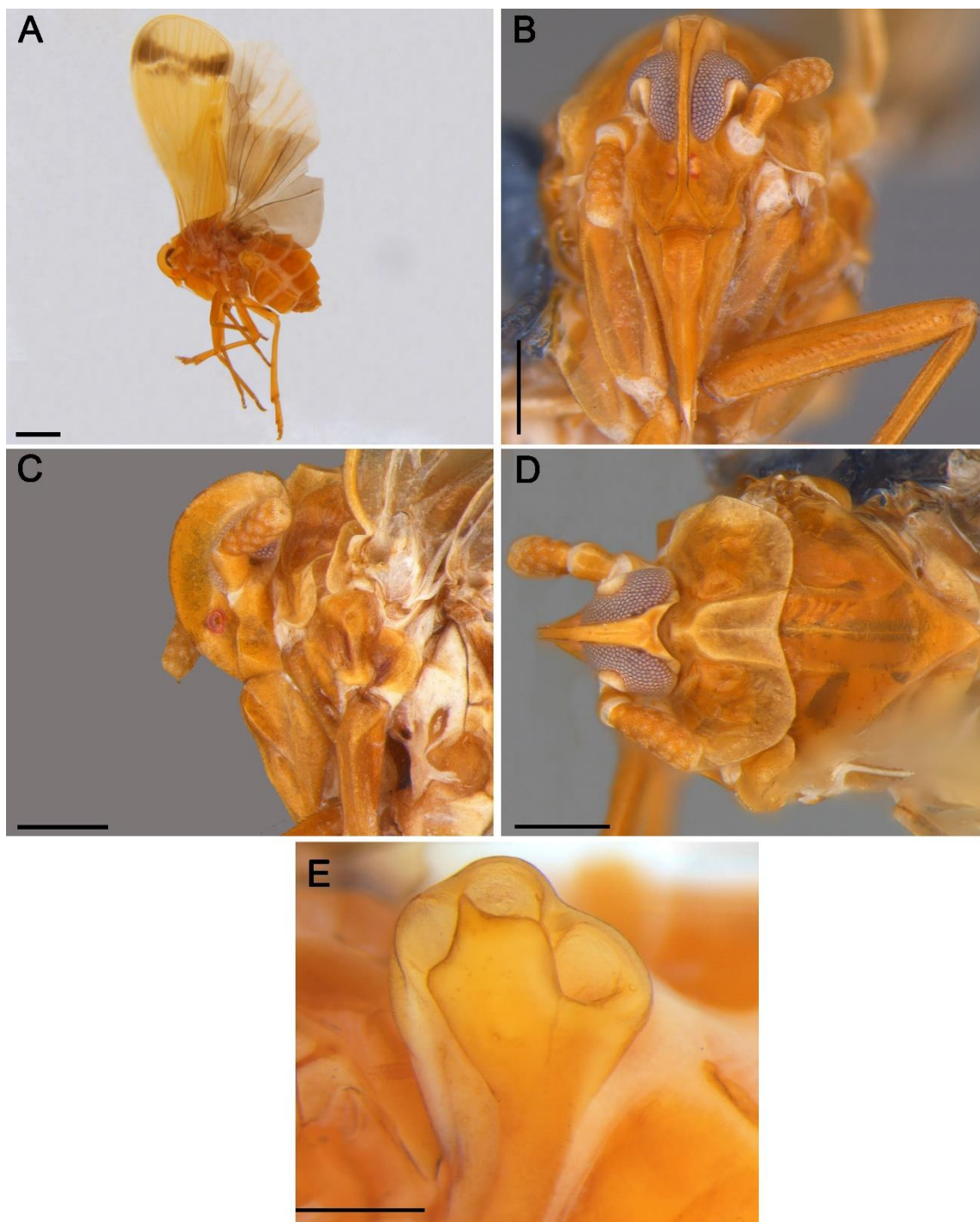
841 surface with small spiniform projections (Figs 15 E, F). Anal tube (segment X) short
842 rounded in dorsal view; apex rounded in dorsal view (Fig. 15 G).

843 Female terminalia (Figs 16 A–E): Gonapophysis VIII (first valvula) with sparse
844 setae at basal and median regions; with small spiniform projections in lateral view; four
845 lateroapical projections with irregular teeth on dorsal margin in lateral view (Fig. 16 B).
846 Bursa copulatrix densely filamentous apically; covered by setae laterally at apical half;
847 apex acute (Fig. 16 B). Gonapophysis IX (second valvula) robust; bifid at apical half;
848 lobes with pointed, strongly curved latero-ventrally apex, hook-like in dorsal view (Fig.
849 16 C). Gonoplac (third valvula) subtrapezoidal; apex almost straight with several apical
850 setae and sparse laterally setae (Fig. 16 D). Anal tube (segment X) short and rounded in
851 dorsal view; apex truncated in dorsal view (Fig. 16 E).

852 **Etymology.** The species is named in honor of Dr. Marcio Luiz de Oliveira from the
853 National Institute of Amazonian Research - INPA, Manaus, Brazil, for his important
854 contribution to the knowledge of the Amazonian entomofauna, and for collecting several
855 specimens used in this work, including the holotype of this species.

856 **Distribution.** Brazil (Amazonas) (Fig. 23).

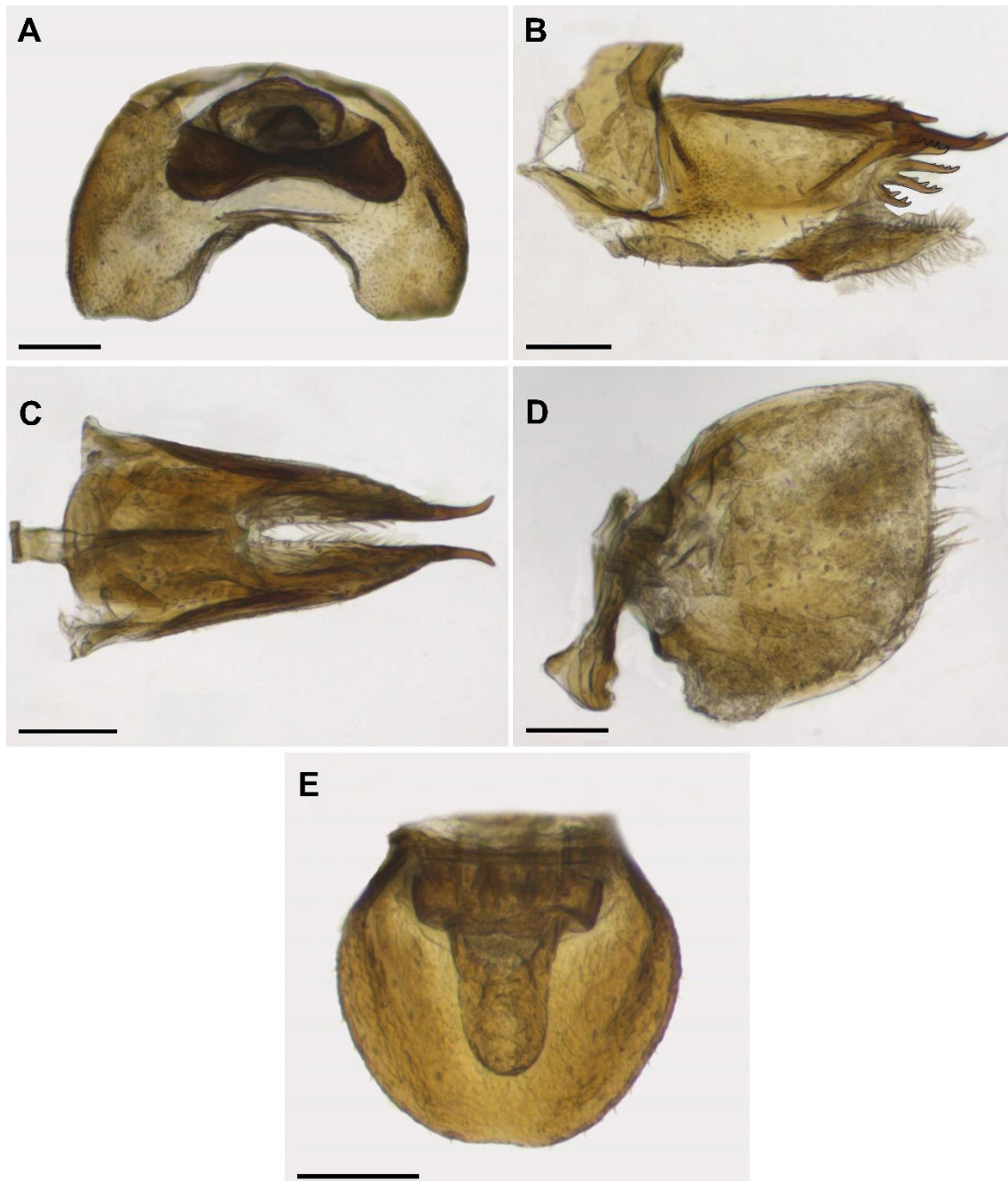
857 **Taxonomic notes.** *B. oliveirai* **sp nov.** is most similar to *B. banksi* (Metcalf, 1938)
858 because they share frons narrow and general coloration of body yellow, but can be
859 promptly distinguished from the latter by its median longitudinal carina of pronotum
860 strongly marked, apex of ventral margin of periandrium truncated, and gonapophysis VIII
861 (first valvula) with irregular teeth at dorsal margin of lateroapical projection.



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 863 **Figures 14 A–E.** *Bebaiotes oliveirai* sp. nov., female holotype (INPA): **A.** Male habitus,
 864 lateral view; **B.** Male head, anterior view; **C.** Male head and thorax, lateral view; **D.** Male
 865 head and thorax, dorsal view; **E.** Male abdominal process, lateral view. Scale bars: A =
 866 1mm; B–D = 0.4 mm; E = 0.3 mm.



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 868 **Figures 15 A–G.** *Bebaiotes oliveirai* sp. nov., male genitalia, paratype (INPA): **A.**
 869 Pygofer, lateral view; **B.** Genital capsule, posterior view; **C.** Gonostyli, lateral view; **D.**
 870 Gonostyli, dorsal view; **E** Periandrium and inner sclerotized plate, lateral view; **F.**
 871 Periandrium and inner sclerotized plate, dorsal view; **G.** Anal tube (segment X), dorsal
 872 view. Scale bars: A–G = 0.1 mm.
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 875 **Figures 16 A–E.** *Bebaiotes oliveirai* **sp. nov.**, female genitalia, holotype (INPA): **A.**
 876 Pygofer posterior view; **B.** Gonapophysis VIII, lateral view (first valvula) lateral view;
 877 **C.** Gonapophysis IX (second valvula), dorsal view; **D.** Gonoplac (third valvula), lateral
 878 view; **E.** Anal tube (segment X), dorsal view. Scale bars: A–E = 0.1 mm.

879 *Bebaiotes pallidinervis* Muir, 1934

880 Figs 17 A–E

881 *Bebaiotes pallidinervis* Muir, 1934: 132-134: fig.1 (genitalia); Metcalf, 1945: 217 (world
882 catalogue); Fennah, 1947: 188 (key); Wilson, 1989: 491 (citation).

883 **Diagnosis.** Median region of frons without lozenge-shaped spots (Fig. 17 C). Pronotum
884 with lateral carinae subparallel to each other towards posterior margin in dorsal view (Fig.
885 17 B). Forewing without m-cu1 cross-vein (Fig. 17 B).

886 **Type material**

887 **Holotype**

888 ECUADOR • ♂; Napo, Pano River, 1800 feet elevation, 7.iv.1923, F.X. Williams,
889 n°1250; BPBM

890 **Paratype**

891 ECUADOR • ♂; Napo, Pano River, 1800 feet elevation, 7.iv.1923, F.X. Williams,
892 013585589; NHM (Paratype condition: glued on paper triangle; right antenna broken and
893 lost, left flagellum broken and lost; left proleg broken and lost).

894 **Redescription.** Coloration. General body color dark brown (Figs 17 A, B). Lateral
895 regions of frons, gena, clypeus, scape, median and lateral longitudinal carinae of
896 pronotum and mesonotum, pustules, posterior margin of pronotum, long narrow stripe at
897 lateral region of mesonotum yellowish brown. Forewing light brown, semihyaline, with
898 yellow veins with white regions: narrow stripe covering c-sc cross-vein, ir cross-vein, RA
899 vein, and RP vein; medial region of CA vein red; small white spot at middle region of the
900 postcostal cell; white radial, median and cubital cells; large white stripe extending from
901 apex of RP vein and extending through the MP vein to CuA2 vein; white rounded spot at
902 C3a, C3', C3b cells and apex of medial cell; white rectangular spot at apical portion of

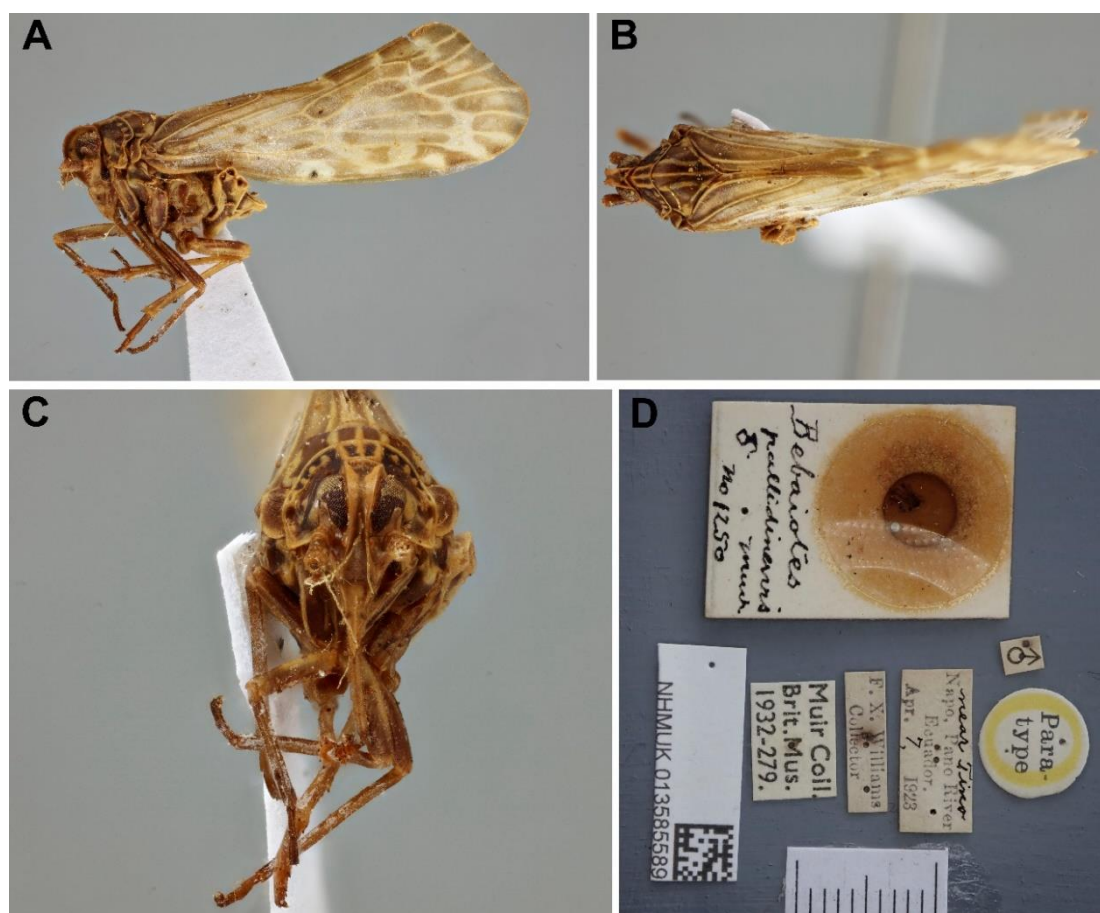
903 CuA2 vein. Abdomen yellowish brown, except, sternite II, sensory pits of the sternite III,
904 posterior half of sternite III light yellow.

905 Head: Frons large (Fig. 17 C); median carina of clypeus strongly marked, present
906 on distal three-fourths, not extending to epistomal suture (Fig. 3 C). Pedicel oblong (Fig.
907 3 C). Thorax: Pronotum anterior margin tapering; median longitudinal carina present,
908 strongly marked; lateral carinae subparallel to each other towards posterior margin in
909 dorsal view; posterior margin concave with shallow median notch in dorsal view; with
910 pustules on posterior margin; Mesonotum with median longitudinal carina present,
911 strongly marked (Fig. 17 B). Forewing: RA vein with apex gently curved anteriorly; RP
912 vein with strongly curved anteriorly; ir cross-vein distant from r-m2 cross-vein; MP vein
913 with four branches with gently curved anteriorly; MP1, MP2, MP3 MP4 veins
914 unbranched; MP1+2 and MP3+4 branching distad to r-m cross-vein; m-cu1 cross-vein
915 absent; m-cu2 cross-vein aligned with icua cross-vein; CuA vein bifurcation before to r-
916 m cross-vein; apex of clavus forming acute angle (Fig. 17 A).

917 Male terminalia not examined.

918 **Distribution.** Ecuador (Napo).

919 **Taxonomic notes.** *Bebaiotes pallidinervis* Muir, 1934 differs from *B. bucaiyensis* Muir,
920 1924 as previously discussed in the description of the latter.



921 **Figures 17 A–D.** *Bebaiotes pallidinervis* Muir, 1934, male paratype (NHM): **A.** Male
 922 habitus, lateral view; **B.** Male head, anterior view; **C.** Male head, thorax, wings, dorsal
 923 view; **D.** Information tags. Fotos: Webb (2019).
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926 ***Bebaiotes specialis* Viegas, Takiya & Ale-Rocha sp. nov.**

927 Figs 18 A–E, 19 A–E, 21 E, F, 23

928 **Diagnosis.** Anterior margin of the pronotum rounded (Fig. 18 D). Median and lateral
 929 longitudinal carinae of mesonotum absent (Fig. 18 D). Scutellum yellow (Fig. 18 D).
 930 Gonapophysis VIII (first valvula) with one lateroapical projection (Fig. 19 E).
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932 **Type material**

933 **Holotype**

934 BRASIL • ♀; **Bahia**, Una, Reserva Biológica de Una, Sede Piedade, Riacho; 15°09'37"
 935 S, 39°10'32"W; 91 m; 07–08.viii.2016; A.P. Pinto, A.P.M. Santos, D.M. Takiya & P.M.

936 Souto leg; DZRJ (ENT6127). (Holotype condition: right forewing mounted between
937 coverslips; left forewing and hind wing mounted between coverslips; right and left
938 prothoracic lost; right mesotarsus lost; abdomen removed and stored in a microtube;
939 genitalia dissected and stored in a microtube).

940 **Paratypes**

941 BRASIL • 1 ♀; **Alagoas**, Quebrangulo, Reserva Biológica de Pedra Talhada, trilha para
942 Riacho Cafuringa; 9°15'15.2"S, 36°25'7.9"W; 20.vi.2014; sweep; D.M. Takiya & A.C.
943 Domahovski leg.; DZRJ.

944 **Measurements.** Body length: female: 3.6 mm (5.7 mm including wings) (N=1).

945 **Description.** Coloration. General body color yellowish brown (Figs 18 A–D).
946 Apical article of rostrum dark brown. Pronotum and mesonotum with paired lateral
947 longitudinal wide brown bands. Forewing semihyaline, light brown with white regions:
948 narrow stripe covering RA vein; stripe covering ir cross-vein; narrow stripe extending
949 from apex of RP vein to median region of MP4 vein; X-shaped region covering m-cu2
950 cross-vein; middle region of CuA1 vein and icua cross-vein; narrow stripe covering icu
951 cross-vein; and apex of clavus (Fig. 21 E). Hind wing hyaline, light brown (Fig. 21 F).
952 Legs light brown, except metatarsi light yellow.

953 Head: frons large, distance between lateral carinae of frons, at median portion,
954 approximately 1.5 times shorter than maximum width of vertex (Fig. 18 B). Clypeus
955 approximately 2.5 times longer than maximum width; median carina strongly marked,
956 present on distal three-fourths; not extending to epistomal suture, (Fig. 18 B). Scape
957 longer than wide (Fig. 18 B). Pedicel oblong, approximately 3 times longer than the scape
958 (Figs 18 B, C).

959 Thorax: pronotum anterior margin rounded; median longitudinal carina present,
960 strongly marked; lateral carinae gently diverging towards tegulae in dorsal view; posterior

961 margin concave with shallow median notch in dorsal view; without pustules on posterior
962 margin. Mesonotum with median and lateral longitudinal carinae absent (Fig. 18 D).
963 Forewing: RA and RP veins with apex gently curved anteriorly; r-m cross-vein
964 approximately subequal to length of r-m2 cross-vein; ir cross-vein distant from r-m2
965 cross-vein; MP vein with four branches with uncurved apex; MP1, MP2, MP3, and MP4
966 vein unbranched; MP1+2 and MP3+4 branching arising near r-m cross-vein; m-cu cross-
967 vein present; m-cu cross-vein approximately subequal m-cu2 cross-vein; m-cu2 cross-
968 vein aligned with icua cross-vein; CuA vein bifurcation basad to r-m cross-vein; CuP vein
969 approximately three times longer than Pcu + A1 vein; apex of clavus forming acute angle
970 (Fig. 21 E). Hind wing: first bifurcation of MP vein arising basad to m-cu cross-vein (Fig.
971 21 F). Legs: metatibia with 7 apical spines; metatarsus with 7+5 apical spines. Male
972 unknown.

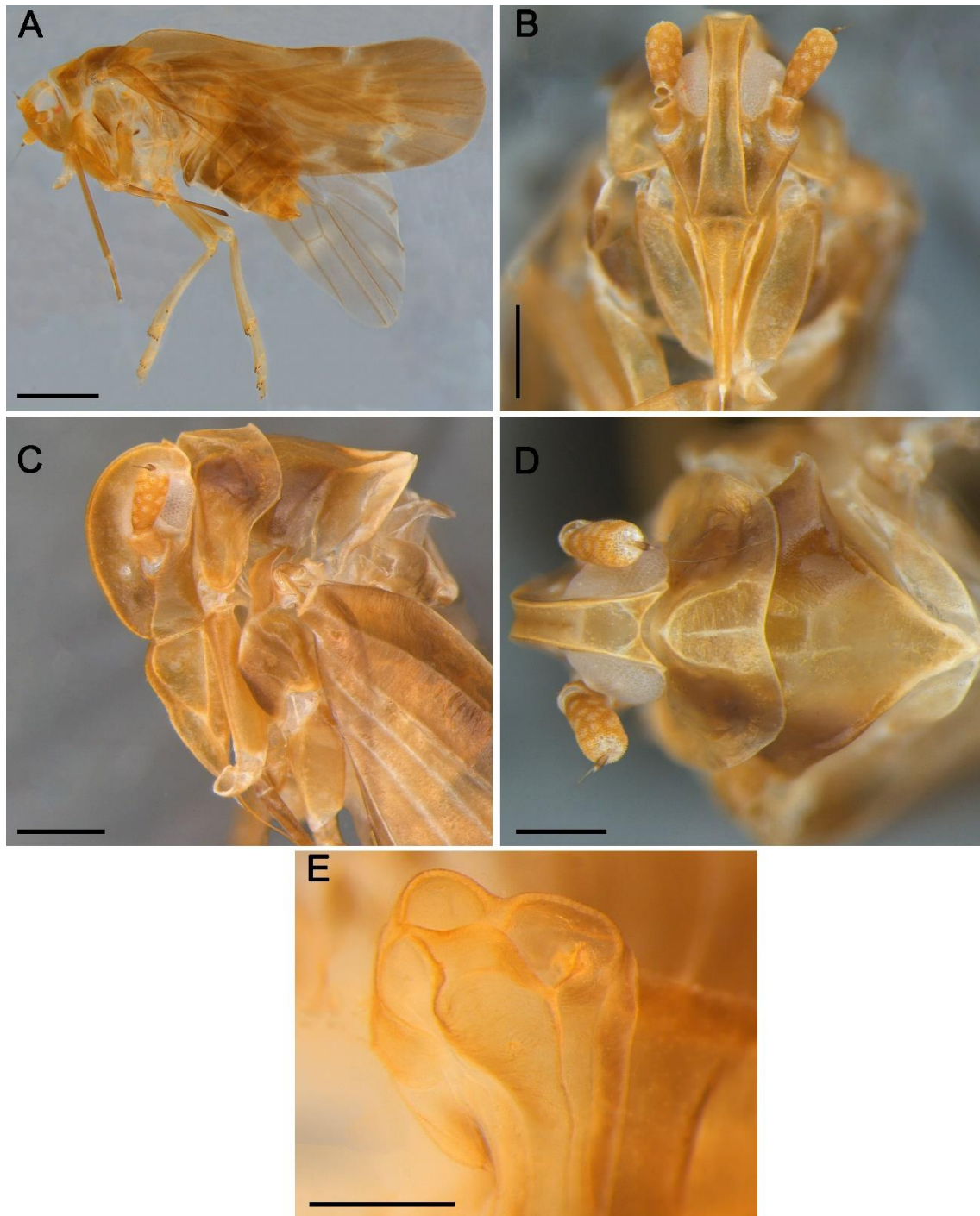
973 Female terminalia (Figs 19 A–E): Gonapophysis VIII (first valvula) broad; with
974 sparse setae at basal and median regions; with small spiniform projections; single
975 lateroapical projection with irregular teeth on dorsal margin in lateral view (Fig. 19 B).
976 Bursa copulatrix densely filamentous apically, with obtuse apex; surface with small
977 spiniform projections (Fig. 19 B). Gonapophysis IX (second valvula) robust; bifid at
978 apical half; lobes with a pointed, strongly curved latero-ventrally apex, hook-like in dorsal
979 view (Fig. 19 D). Gonoplac (third valvula) subtrapezoidal; apex rounded with many
980 sparse laterally setae (Fig. 19 D). Anal tube (segment X) short and rounded in dorsal
981 view; apex rounded in dorsal view (Fig. 19 E).

982 **Variations.** Forewing with wide white stripe covering ir cross-vein and wide white stripe
983 extending from apex of RP vein to median region of MP4 vein; wide white stripe
984 extending from C2a cell to C5a cell; narrow white stripe covering Cup vein.

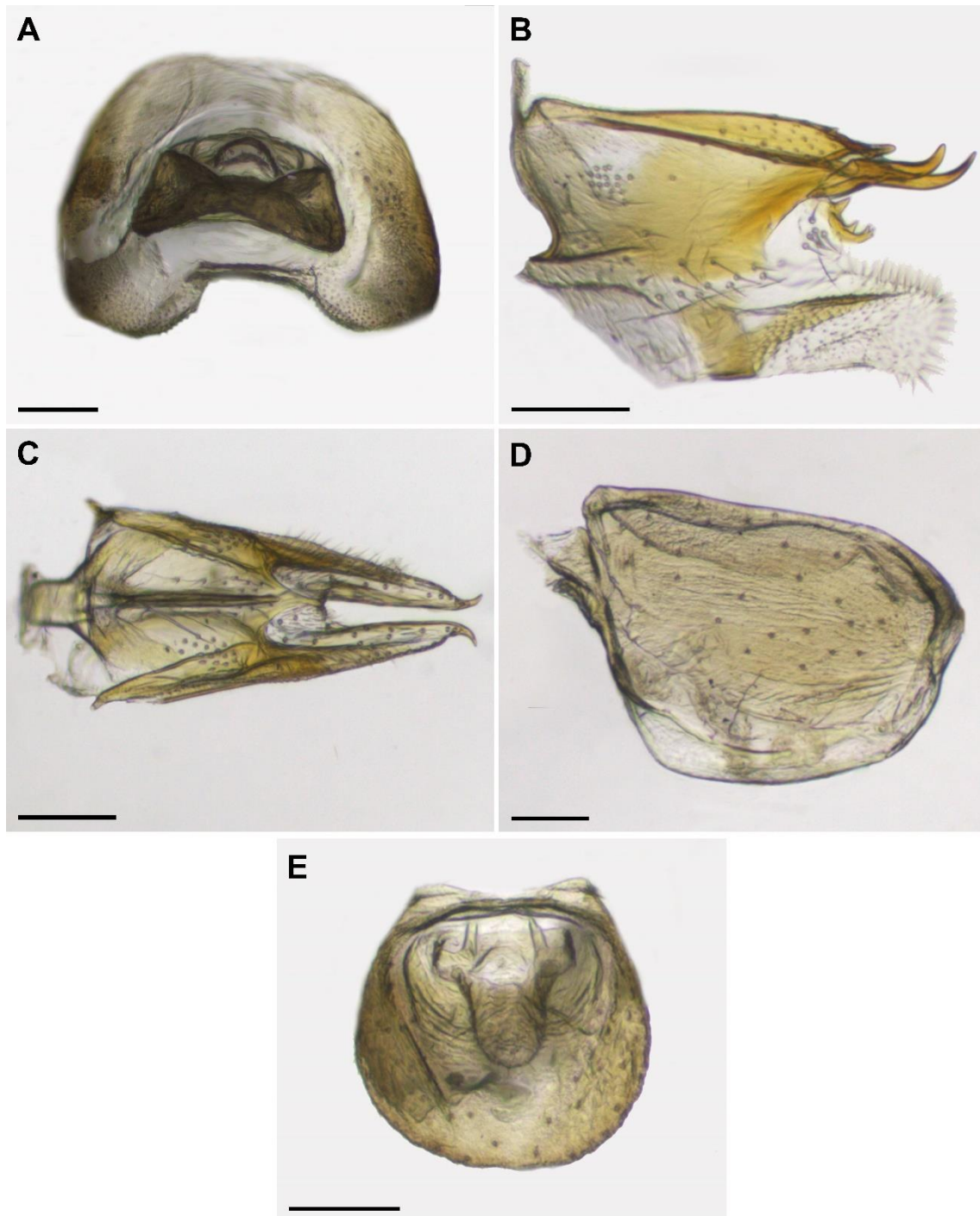
985 **Etymology.** From the Latin *specialis*, special. The species name alludes to its unique
986 character of the gonapophysis VIII (first valvula) with only one single projection on
987 lateroapical margin. This is also the only *Bebaiotes* species known to occur in Atlantic
988 Rainforest areas, as others species occur in areas of Amazonian Rainforest in South
989 America or Panamá.

990 **Distribution.** Brazil (Bahia and Alagoas) (Fig. 23).

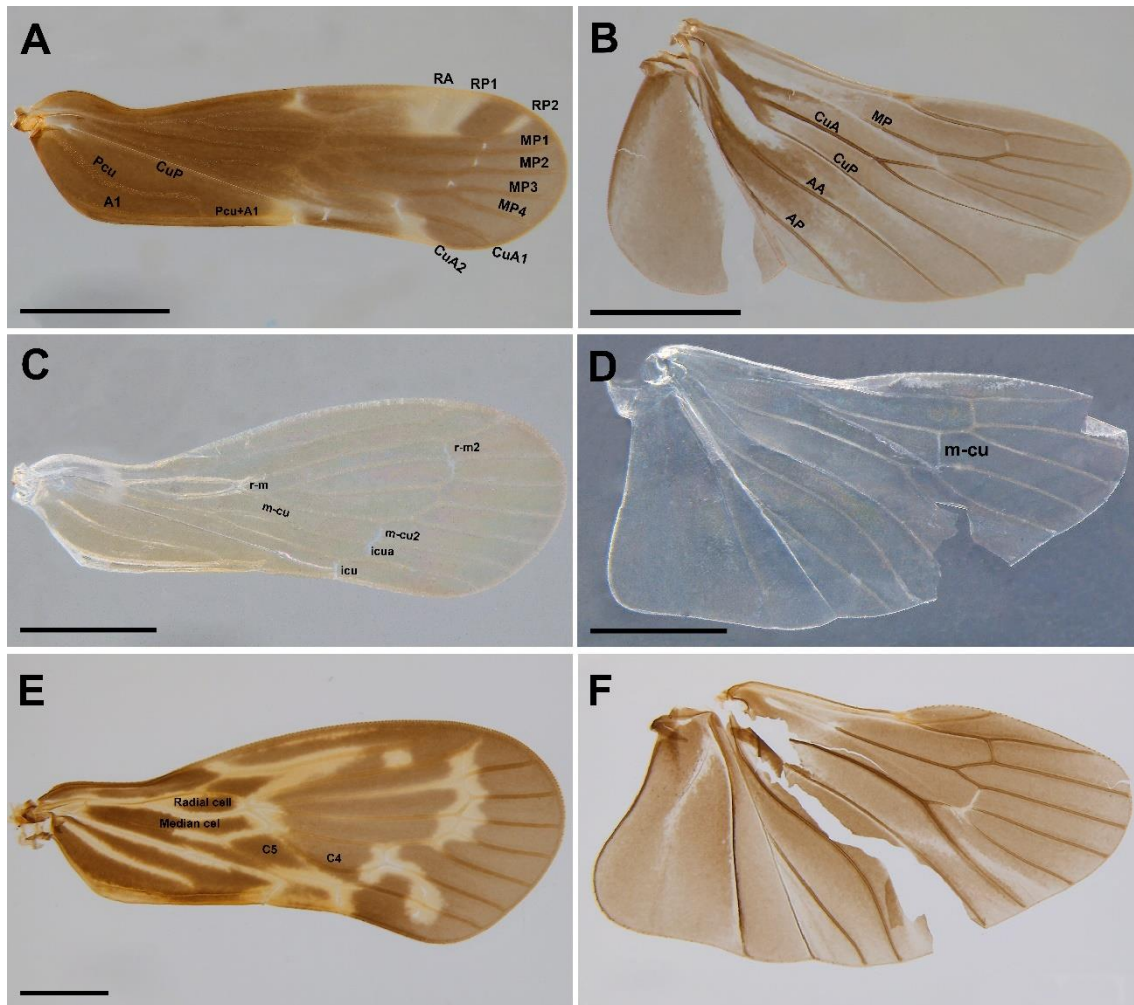
991 **Taxonomic notes.** *B. specialis* **sp. nov.** can be promptly distinguished from other species
992 of *Bebaiotes* by its general yellowish brown coloration; frons wide; median and lateral
993 longitudinal carinae of mesonotum absent; and gonapophysis VIII (first valvula) with a
994 single lateroapical projection.



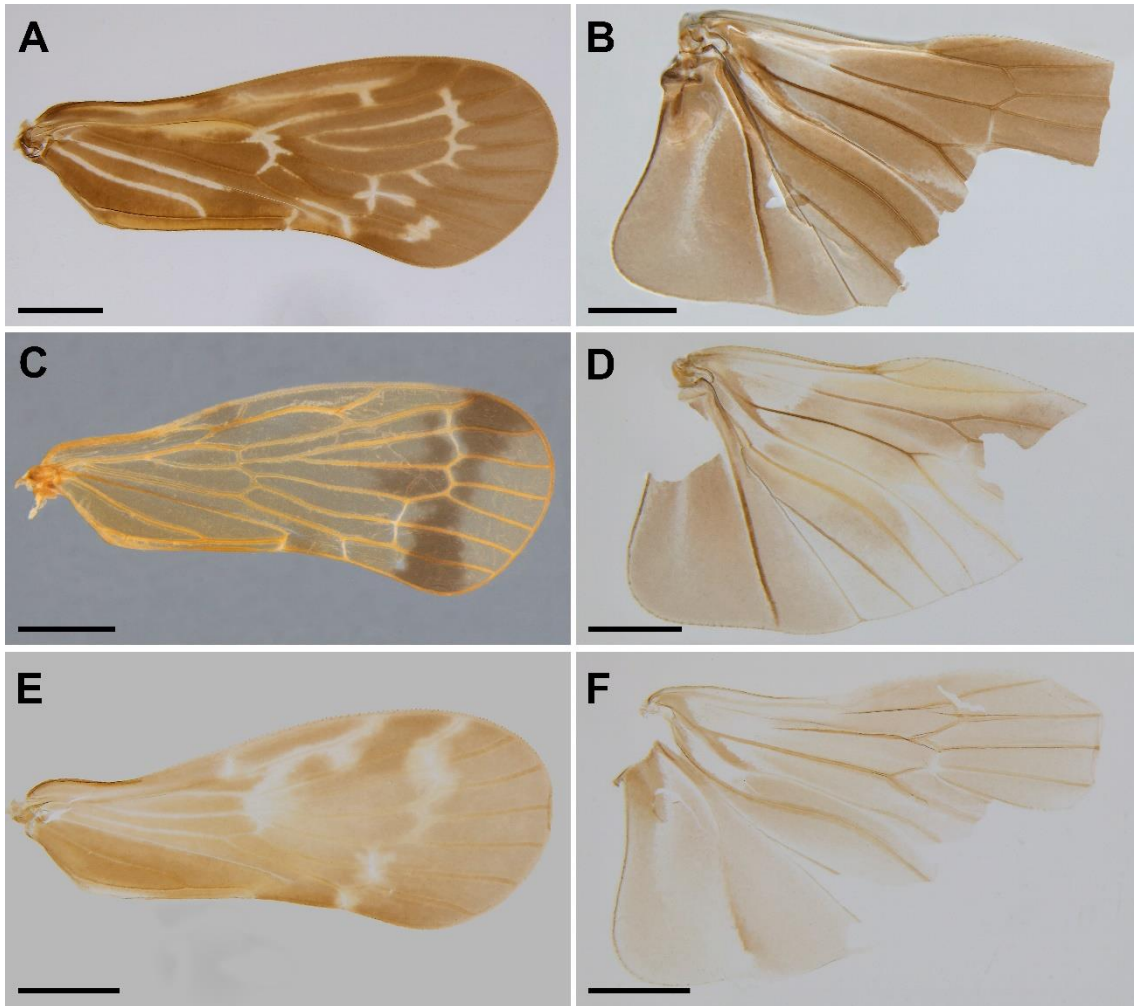
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 996 **Figures 18 A–E.** *Bebaiotes specialis* **sp. nov.**, female holotype (DZRJ): **A.** Female
 997 habitus, lateral view; **B.** Female head, anterior view; **C.** Female head and thorax, lateral
 998 view **D.** Female head and thorax, dorsal view; **E.** Male abdominal process, lateral view.
 999 Scale bars: A = 1 mm; B, C = 0.4 mm; D, E = 0.3 mm.



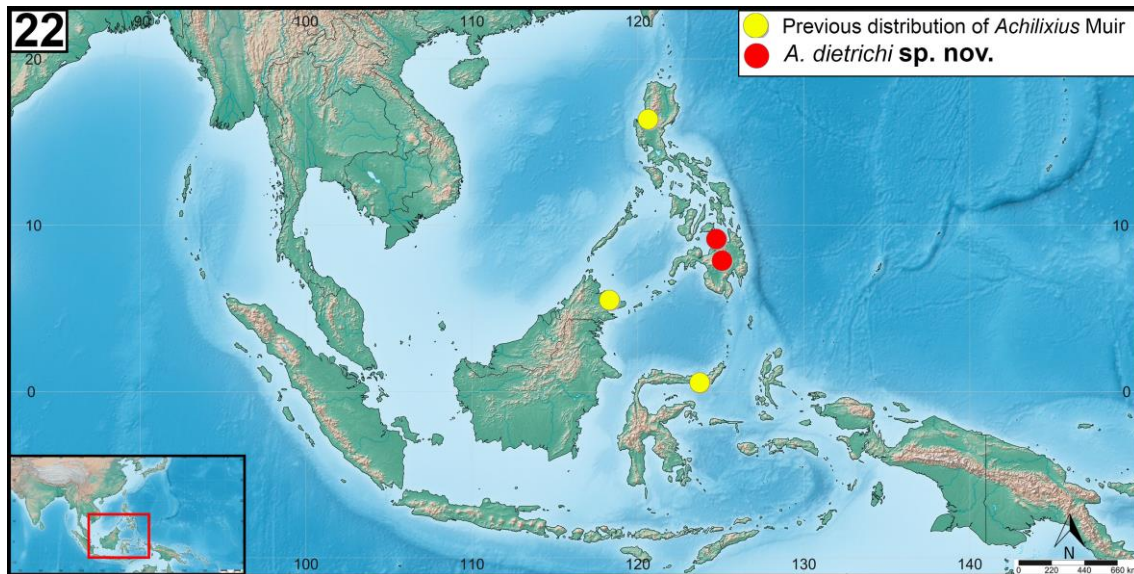
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 1001 **Figures 19 A–E.** *Bebaiotes specialis* **sp. nov.**, female genitalia, paratype (DZRJ): **A.**
 1002 Pygofer posterior view; **B.** Gonapophysis VIII, lateral view (first valvula) lateral view;
 1003 **C.** Gonapophysis IX (second valvula), dorsal view; **D.** Gonoplac (third valvula), lateral
 1004 view; **E.** Anal tube (segment X), dorsal view. Scale bars: A-E = 0.1 mm.



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 1006 **Figures 20 A–F.** Wings of *Achilixius* and *Bebaiotes* species. **A.** *Achilixius dietrichi* **sp. nov.**, forewing; **B.** *Achilixius dietrichi* **sp. nov.**, hind wing, **C.** *Bebaiotes cavichioli* **sp. nov.**, female forewing; **D.** *Bebaiotes cavichioli* **sp. nov.**, female hind wing; **E.** *Bebaiotes clarice* **sp. nov.**, forewing; **F.** *Bebaiotes clarice* **sp. nov.**, hind wing; Abbreviations:
 1007 Forewing: A1, first anal vein; C4, cell C4; C5, cell C5; CuA1, first cubitus anterior
 1008 branch; CuA2, second cubitus anterior branch; CuP, cubitus posterior; icu cross-vein,
 1009 cubital area; icua cross-vein, anterior cubital area; m-cu, m-cu2 cross-vein; median cell;
 1010 MP1, first media posterior branch; MP2, second media posterior branch; MP3, third
 1011 media posterior branch; MP4, fourth media posterior branch; Pcu, postcubitus; Pcu+A1,
 1012 postcubitus+first anal vein; radial cell; r-m1, r-m2 cross-vein; RA, radius anterior branch;
 1013 RP, radius posterior branch. Hind wing: AA, anterior Anal; AP, posterior Anal; CuA,
 1014 anterior cubitus; CuP, posterior cubitus; m-cu, cross-vein MP, posterior media. Scale
 1015 bars: A–F = 1 mm.
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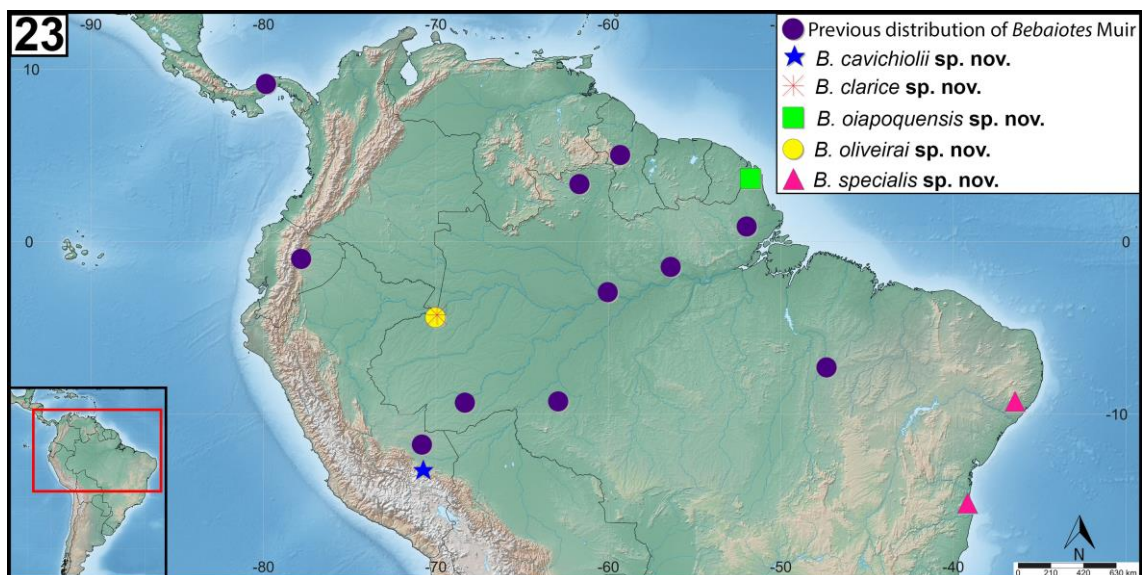


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 1020 **Figures 21 A–F.** Wings of *Bebaiotes* species. **A.** *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis* **sp. nov.**, **B.**
 1021 *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis* **sp. nov.**; **C.** *Bebaiotes oliveirai* **sp. nov.**, forewing; **D.** *Bebaiotes*
 1022 *oliveirai* **sp. nov.**, hind wing; **E.** *Bebaiotes specialis* **sp. nov.**, female forewing; **F.**
 1023 *Bebaiotes specialis* **sp. nov.**, female hind wing. Scale bars: A–F = 1 mm.



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Figure 22. Geographical distribution of *Achilixius*. Previous known distribution of *Achilixius* Muir in yellow circles and of *Achilixius dietrichi* sp. nov. in red circles.



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Figure 23. Geographical distribution of *Bebaiotes*. Previous known distribution of *Bebaiotes* Muir in purple circles. See legend for symbols referring to the distribution of the new species: *Bebaiotes cavichioli* sp. nov.; *Bebaiotes clarice* sp. nov.; *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis* sp. nov.; *Bebaiotes oliveirai* sp. nov. and *Bebaiotes specialis* sp. nov.

1034 **4.5. Discussion**

1035 Knowledge about Achilixiidae has been growing in recent years (Viegas & Ale-
1036 Rocha, 2023), such as, for example, the increase in the number of species, expansion of
1037 their distributional records, and availability of illustrations of male and female genitalia,
1038 an important addition to this group. It is worth mentioning that there is a gap in the
1039 knowledge on the distribution of the group and this is probably due to the lack of
1040 collecting efforts and specialists directed to the study of the family, which reinforces the
1041 importance of research focused on Achilixiidae, aiming to generate more knowledge for
1042 the scientific community.

1043 The herein presented results points to an increase of 58% in the number of known
1044 species of the family, emphasizing the importance of studying neglected taxonomic
1045 groups in order to better quantify our biodiversity.

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5. CAPÍTULO II

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28 **5.1. Abstract**

29 Achilixiidae is a rare planthopper family with 32 described species, which includes two
30 genera that are morphologically quite distinct and have a disjunct distribution. Although
31 the presence of lateral abdominal processes is a striking characteristic of the family
32 (though similar ones are also found in Cixiidae), processes found in *Achilixius* Muir and
33 *Bebaiotes* Muir differ substantially morphologically from the other and had raised
34 questions about the family's monophyly. Furthermore, *Achilixius*' distribution is currently
35 restricted to some islands of the Malay archipelago, while *Bebaiotes* is distributed on
36 northern South America and Panama. For this study, two nuclear ribosomal (18S rDNA
37 and 28S rDNA), one nuclear protein-coding (H3), and one mitochondrial (16S rRNA)
38 markers were sequenced and analyzed with available sequences in GenBank building a
39 concatenated data matrix of 67 taxa and 4,379 base pairs. The taxon sampling is
40 constituted by representatives of all Fulgoromorpha families, including newly generated
41 sequences of seven outgroup taxa and 15 species of both genera of Achilixiidae.
42 Phylogenetic analyses based on maximum likelihood and Bayesian inference recovered
43 Achilixiidae nested within Achilidae representatives, as sister to a clade containing the
44 Plectoderine genera *Catonia*, *Synecdoche*, and *Spino*. This placement agrees with results
45 of a few previous molecular hypotheses. Herein, the monophyly of Achilixiidae was
46 recovered for the first time, with strong support (SH-aLRT = 99, UFBoot = 100, and PP
47 = 1.00). Thus, the results support that at least paired processes derived from the third

48 abdominal segment are homologous and a synapomorphy of Achilixiidae, while they are
49 convergent with processes found in Bennarellini (Cixiidae), for which sequences were
50 also generated for the first time. Furthermore, a relaxed-clock divergence time analysis
51 suggests that the initial divergence of Achilixiidae occurred sometime during the Triassic
52 through the Jurassic (median age of 240.20 Mya), a period marked by the Gondwana
53 breakup, which is postulated to be the main vicariant event separating ancestors of
54 *Achilixius* and *Bebaiotes*. Additionally, initial divergences of *Bebaiotes* species in the
55 Neotropical Region occurred in the Early Jurassic at around 176 Mya, while *Achilixius*
56 species lineage started to diverge in the Malay archipelago much later in the Early
57 Cretaceous at around 83 Mya. While there are many more interesting questions
58 concerning this enigmatic family, the present study contributes to a deeper understanding
59 of the evolution and phylogenetic relationships within the family Achilixiidae.

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61 **Keywords:** *Achilixius*; *Bebaiotes*; Biogeography; Divergence date; Molecular
62 phylogeny;

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64 **5.2. Introduction**

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66 The planthopper (Fulgoromorpha) family Achilixiidae Muir, 1923 is divided into two
67 genera and 32 described and species. The distribution of the family is completely disjunct.
68 *Achilixius* Muir currently comprises 16 species and is restricted to the southern Oriental
69 Region, more specifically restricted to the Malay archipelago, with distributional records
70 on Malaysia (Sabah), Indonesia (Sulawesi), and Philippines (Wilson, 1989). On the
71 other hand, *Bebaiotes* Muir comprises 16 species distributed on the northern Neotropical

72 region with records on Brazil, Ecuador, Guyana, and Panama (Wilson, 1989, Viegas &
73 Ale-Rocha, 2023).

74 Historically, the family was erected by Muir (1923), who proposed the type genus
75 *Achilixius* (type species: *A. singularis* Muir, 1923) to include three described species from
76 the Philippines and Malaysia and *Achilixius tubulifer* (Melichar, 1914) from the
77 Philippines, previously in Derbidae. The proposal of the new family was based on the
78 forewing claval vein running into the apex of the clavus which is roundly closed, similarly
79 to Achilidae, and abdominal processes similar to those found in Bennini and Bennarellini
80 of the Cixiidae. However, Muir (1923) added that they had distinct male genitalia from
81 other fulgoromorphs, but it was most similar to Meenoplidae. Muir (1924) included in
82 the family a second genus, *Bebaiotes* (type species: *B. bucayensis* Muir, 1924), described
83 based on two new species from Ecuador, recording the family for the first time for the
84 Neotropical region. A third monotypic genus from Panama, *Muirilixius* Metcalf, 1938,
85 was proposed by Metcalf (1938), but it was posteriorly synonymized with *Bebaiotes* by
86 Wilson (1989), in his revision of the family. Wilson (op. cit.) provided a systematic
87 account of the family, with redescriptions and key to genera, new family geographical
88 records, species redescriptions and descriptions of twelve new species of *Achilixius*. Only
89 two other taxonomic works on the family were conducted: Fennah (1947) who described
90 three neotropical *Bebaiotes* from Ecuador and Viegas & Ale-Rocha (submitted) who
91 described eight species of *Bebaiotes* from the Brazilian Amazon, highlighting how
92 understudied the family is in the Neotropical Region.

93 Until now, there are no studies focusing on the phylogenetic relationships within
94 Achilixiidae, especially in regards to testing their monophyletic status given such disjunct
95 distribution. In addition, their phylogenetic position within Fulgoromorpha is also
96 dubious. The family was rarely included in more comprehensive phylogenetic

97 studies of the Fulgoromorpha based on morphological data (Asche, 1987; Emeljanov,
98 1990; Bourgoïn, 1993; Chen & Yang, 1995). Most phylogenetic proposals either treated
99 Achilixiidae tentatively within Achilidae (Emeljanov, 1990), within the Cixiidae-clade
100 (Chen & Yang, 1995), or did not mention them at all, except of Asche (1987) who clearly
101 considered the family monophyletic because of the lateral abdominal processes with
102 sensory pits and related to Achilidae because of characters of the female ovipositor
103 modified into an “excavating-apparatus”. Other authors, based on morphological studies,
104 further proposed that Achilixiidae were related to Achilidae (Emeljanov, 1991) or to
105 Cixiidae (Liang, 2001) or that most characters mentioned of relevance to positioning
106 Achilixiidae were plesiomorphic, thus not usable to infer relationships (Wilson, 1989).

107 The use of multiple DNA sequence markers in phylogenetic studies has played an
108 important role in hypothesizing the evolutionary history of species, due to, for example,
109 different selection pressures and rates of evolution (Huelsenbeck et al., 1996). The use of
110 molecular data has been extremely important for Fulgoromorpha phylogenetics, taking
111 into account that this method has increased the knowledge of family-relationships and
112 internal relationships of many families (Yeh et al., 2005; Urban & Cryan, 2007, 2009;
113 Urban et al., 2010; Ceotto & Bourgoïn, 2008; Song & Liang, 2013; Bucher et al., 2023).
114 As far as DNA-sequence data, all more recently proposed planthopper phylogenies (Song
115 & Liang, 2013; Boucher et al., 2023) included only 18S and 28S rDNA, histone H3, and
116 wingless sequences generated by Urban & Cryan (2007) from a single unidentified female
117 *Bebaiotes* specimen voucher. Thus, resulting phylogenies are also incongruent in relation
118 to placing Achilixiidae, sometimes recovered in a clade with non-monophyletic
119 “Achilidae” + Derbidae (Urban & Cryan, 2007), as sister to part of “Achilidae” + several
120 other planthopper families (Urban &

121 Cryan, 2007), as sister to part of “Nogodinidae” + Derbidae (Song & Liang, 2013), as
122 sister to Achilidae (Song & Liang, 2013), and more recently nested within “Achilidae”
123 (Bucher et al., 2023).

124 Given the enigmatic position of this poorly studied planthopper family, the present
125 study analyzed sequences of one mitochondrial (16S rDNA) and three nuclear (histone
126 H3, 18S rDNA, and 28S rDNA) markers of 15 achilixiid terminal species (and seven
127 outgroup species) to sequences of other Fulgoromorpha families available at GenBank.
128 Our main goals were to test the monophyly of Achilixiidae, provide the first backbone of
129 internal relationships, and estimate the divergence date for the initial divergence of
130 Achilixiidae, in order to postulate a time-congruent biogeographical hypothesis.

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132 **5.3. Material and Methods**

133 **5.3.1. Taxon sampling**

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135 Material studied belong to Coleção de Invertebrados do Instituto Nacional de
136 Pesquisas da Amazônia, Manaus (INPA); Coleção Zoológica do Maranhão, Universidade
137 Estadual do Maranhão, Caxias (CZMA); Centro de Estudos em Biologia Subterrânea,
138 Universidade Federal de Lavras, Lavras (UFLA); Coleção Entomológica Professor José
139 Alfredo Pinheiro Dutra, Rio de Janeiro, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (DZRJ),
140 and Illinois Natural History Survey, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (INHS).

141 Genomic DNA was extracted from 22 representatives of 15 species of Achilixiidae
142 that we had at hand, but amplification and sequencing had a low rate of success given the
143 preservation of old specimens. We have generated sequence data for a total of two
144 *Achilixius* and 13 *Bebaiotes* species at the end, as well as one Achilidae, two Derbidae,
145 and four Cixiidae, including two Benarellini (Table 1). These sequences were
146 complemented with sequences of all Fulgoromorpha families available in GenBank,

147 resulting in a data matrix with a total of 16 species of Achilixiidae comprising the ingroup
148 and 49 species of 18 Fulgoromorpha families and two Cercopoidea terminals for rooting,
149 comprising the outgroup (Table 1). This expanded outgroup sampling was included to
150 test Achilixiidae monophyly and its phylogenetic position in Fulgoromorpha.

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152 **Table 1.** Taxa included in the present molecular phylogenetic analysis of Achilixiidae, with respective DNA specimen voucher(s) code(s) and its(their)
 153 geographical information. GenBank accession numbers for sequences of 16S, 18S, and 28S rDNA and histone H3 used are provided. References are given for
 154 published sequences and those in bold were herein generated.

| Taxon | Voucher code | Geographical source | GenBank Accession Number | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | 16S | 18S | 28S | H3 |
| Acanaloniidae | | | | | | |
| <i>Acanalonia bivittata</i> | | USA: New York | — | DQ532504 ^a | DQ532583 ^a | DQ532661 ^a |
| <i>Acanalonia depressa</i> | | St. John | — | DQ532503 ^a | DQ532582 ^a | DQ532660 ^a |
| Achilidae | | | | | | |
| <i>Catonia</i> sp. 1 | | St. John | — | DQ532506 ^a | DQ532585 ^a | DQ532663 ^a |
| <i>Deferunda acuminata</i> | | | JX556696 ^b | JX556746 ^b | JX556785 ^b | — |
| <i>Magadha flavisigna</i> | | | JX556716 ^b | JX556763 ^b | JX556803 ^b | — |
| <i>Spino</i> sp. 1 | | Costa Rica | — | DQ532508 ^a | DQ532587 ^a | DQ532665 ^a |
| <i>Syneccoche</i> sp. 2 | ENT6244 | Brazil: MG, Carmo do Riacho | OP555332 | OP554220 | OP555349 | OP549688 |
| Achilixiidae | | | | | | |
| <i>Achilixius</i> sp. 1 | ENT6099 | Philippines | OP555333 | OP554221 | OP555362 | — |
| <i>Achilixius dietrichi</i> | ENT6102 | Philippines | OP555334 | OP554222 | OP555350 | OP549689 |
| <i>Bebaiotes amazonica</i> | ENT6101 | Brazil: Amazonas, Manaus | OP555335 | OP554223 | OP555351 | OP549690 |
| <i>Bebaiotes banksi</i> | ENT6321 | Brazil: Pará, Parauapebas | OP555336 | — | — | OP549691 |
| <i>Bebaiotes bia</i> | ENT6269 | Brazil: Acre, Bujari | — | OP554236 | — | OP549693 |
| <i>Bebaiotes dorsivittata</i> | ENT6320 / 6242* | Brazil: Pará, Parauapebas | OP555337 | OP554224 | OP555352 | OP549694* |
| <i>Bebaiotes guianesus</i> | ENT6274 / 6268# | Brazil: Amazonas, Tefé | — | OP554237 | — | OP549695# |
| <i>Bebaiotes macroptera</i> | ENT6232 | Brazil: Amazonas, Atalaia do Norte | OP555338 | OP554225 | OP555353 | OP549696 |
| <i>Bebaiotes pennyi</i> | ENT6238 | Brazil: Amazonas, Manaus | — | OP554226 | OP555354 | OP549697 |
| <i>Bebaiotes pulla</i> | ENT6237 | Brazil: Acre, Senador Guiomard | OP555339 | OP554227 | OP555355 | OP549698 |
| <i>Bebaiotes</i> sp. 1 | ENT6098 | Brazil: Maranhão, Caxias | OP555340 | — | — | OP549692 |
| <i>Bebaiotes clarice</i> | ENT6123 | Brazil: Amazonas, Tabatinga | OP555341 | OP554238 | — | OP549700 |
| <i>Bebaiotes specialis</i> | ENT6127 | Brazil: Bahia | OP555342 | OP554228 | OP555356 | OP549701 |
| <i>Bebaiotes</i> sp. C | ENT6317 | Brazil: Tocantins, Xambioá | — | OP554239 | OP555363 | OP549699 |
| <i>Bebaiotes tigrina</i> | ENT6097 | Brazil: Amazonas, Atalaia do Norte | — | OP554229 | OP555364 | — |
| <i>Bebaiotes</i> sp. 1 | | Ecuador | — | DQ532509 ^a | DQ532588 ^a | DQ532666 ^a |
| Caliscelidae | | | | | | |
| <i>Aphelonema</i> sp. 1 | | USA: Delaware | — | DQ53254 ^a | DQ532625 ^a | DQ532698 ^a |
| <i>Bruchomorpha</i> sp. 1 | | USA (MD) | — | DQ53254 ^a | DQ532624 ^a | DQ532697 ^a |

156 **Table 1** (continued)

| Species | Voucher code | Geographical source | GenBank Accession Number | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | 16S | 18S | 28S | H3 |
| Cercopoidea | | | | | | |
| <i>Neophilaenus lineatus</i> | | USA: Vermont | — | DQ53249 ^a | DQ532579 ^a | DQ532658 ^a |
| <i>Philaenus spumarius</i> | | | NC_005944 ^f | UU06480 ^d | AY744813 ^e | AY744851 ^e |
| Cixiidae | | | | | | |
| <i>Andes simplex</i> | | Cambodia | — | EU183568 ^c | EU183729 ^c | — |
| <i>Bennarella bicoloripennis</i> | ENT6157 | Brazil: Amazonas, Manaus | OP555343 | OP554230 | OP555357 | OP549702 |
| <i>Bennarella fusca</i> | ENT6171 | Brazil: Amazonas, Manaus | OP555344 | OP554231 | OP555358 | OP549703 |
| <i>Bothriocera eborea</i> | | St. John | — | DQ53251 ^a | DQ532591 ^a | DQ532667 ^a |
| <i>Bothriocera</i> sp. 2 | ENT6173 | Brazil: Roraima, Alto Alegre | OP555345 | OP554232 | OP555359 | OP549704 |
| <i>Cixius similis</i> | | France | — | EU183588 ^c | EU183740 ^c | — |
| <i>Haplaxius deleter</i> | | Costa Rica | — | EU183552 ^c | EU183720 ^c | — |
| <i>Haplaxius</i> sp. 1 | ENT 6236 | Brazil: Minas Gerais, Jaboticatubas | OP555346 | OP554233 | OP555365 | OP549705 |
| <i>Oliarus</i> sp. 2 | | | JX556720 ^b | JX556767 ^b | JX556807 ^b | — |
| <i>Ozoliarus</i> sp. | | | — | EU183563 ^c | EU183702 ^c | — |
| <i>Pintalia alta</i> | | St. John | — | AY74480 ^e | DQ532589 ^a | AY744876 ^e |
| Delphacidae | | | | | | |
| <i>Conomelus anceps</i> | | | — | EU183548 ^c | EU183701 ^c | — |
| <i>Harmalia ostorius</i> | | Australia | — | DQ53251 ^a | DQ532596 ^a | DQ532670 ^a |
| <i>Nilaparvata lugens</i> | | | JX556717 ^b | JX556764 ^b | JX556804 ^b | — |
| Derbidae | | | | | | |
| <i>Anotia</i> sp. 1 | ENT6124 | Brazil: Maranhão, Caxias | OP555347 | OP554234 | OP555360 | OP549706 |
| <i>Derbe</i> sp. 1 | | French Guiana | — | DQ53252 ^a | DQ532600 ^a | DQ532674 ^a |
| <i>Persis (Anapersis)</i> sp. 2 | ENT6163 | Brazil: Maranhão, Caxias | OP555348 | OP554235 | OP555361 | OP549707 |
| Dictyopharidae | | | | | | |
| <i>Dictyophara sinica</i> | | | JX556698 ^b | JX556748 ^b | JX556787 ^b | — |
| <i>Rhaphiophora</i> sp. 1 | | Ghana | — | DQ532527 ^a | DQ532607 ^a | DQ532680 ^a |
| Eurybrachidae | | | | | | |
| <i>Loxocephala</i> sp. 1 | | | JX556713 ^b | JX556761 ^b | JX556800 ^b | — |
| <i>Olonia</i> sp. 1 | | Australia | — | DQ532531 ^a | DQ532611 ^a | DQ532684 ^a |

158 **Table 1** (continued)

| Species | Voucher code | Geographical source | GenBank Accession Number | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | 16S | 18S | 28S | H3 |
| Flatidae | | | | | | |
| <i>Geisha</i> sp. 1 | | | JX556702 ^b | JX556751 ^b | — | — |
| <i>Ormenis saucia</i> | | USA: Arizona | — | DQ532536 ^a | DQ532616 ^a | DQ532689 ^a |
| Fulgoridae | | | | | | |
| <i>Lycorma delicatula</i> | | | JX556715 ^b | JX556762 ^b | JX556802 ^b | — |
| <i>Scaralis semillimpida</i> | | French Guiana | — | DQ532542 ^a | DQ532622 ^a | DQ532695 ^a |
| Issidae | | | | | | |
| <i>Thionia argo</i> | | St. John | — | DQ532543 ^a | DQ532623 ^a | DQ532696 ^a |
| <i>Sivaloka damnosus</i> | | | JX556732 ^b | JX556777 ^b | JX556819 ^b | — |
| Kinnaridae | | | | | | |
| <i>Kinnara ochracea</i> | | | JX556711 ^b | JX556759 ^b | JX556798 ^b | — |
| Lophopidae | | | | | | |
| <i>Lophops</i> sp. 1 | | Papua New Guinea | — | DQ532553 ^a | DQ532633 ^a | DQ532705 ^a |
| <i>Serida</i> sp. 1 | | | JX556731 ^b | JX556743 ^b | JX556818 ^b | — |
| Meenoplidae | | | | | | |
| <i>Nisia</i> sp. 1 | | Papua New Guinea | — | DQ532557 ^a | DQ532637 ^a | DQ532709 ^a |
| <i>Nisia</i> sp. 2 | | | JX556718 ^b | JX556765 ^b | JX556805 ^b | — |
| Nogodinidae | | | | | | |
| <i>Biolleyana costalis</i> | | Costa Rica | — | DQ532558 ^a | DQ532638 ^a | DQ532710 ^a |
| <i>Pisacha naga</i> | | Belize | JX556722 ^b | JX556770 ^b | JX556809 ^b | — |
| Ricaniidae | | | | | | |
| <i>Euricania</i> sp. 1 | | Papua New Guinea | — | DQ532562 ^a | DQ532642 ^a | DQ532714 ^a |
| <i>Ricania marginalis</i> | | | JX556727 ^b | JX556741 ^b | JX556814 ^b | — |
| Tettigometridae | | | | | | |
| <i>Hilda</i> sp. 1 | | Ghana | — | DQ532568 ^a | DQ532648 ^a | DQ532720 ^a |
| <i>Hilda undata</i> | | Ghana | — | DQ532567 ^a | DQ532647 ^a | DQ532719 ^a |
| Tropiduchidae | | | | | | |
| <i>Neotangia caribea</i> | | Dominica | — | DQ532572 ^a | DQ532652 ^a | — |
| <i>Sogana longiceps</i> | | | JX556733 ^b | JX556778 ^b | JX556820 ^b | — |

159 ^aUrban & Cryan (2007); ^bSong & Liang (2013); ^cCeotto et al., (2008); ^dCampbell et al., (1995); ^eCryan (2005); ^fStewart & Beckenbach (2005)

5.3.2. DNA extraction and polymerase chain reaction amplification (PCR)

Genomic DNA extraction from the whole specimen (ethanol preserved or pinned) was performed with the DNeasy Blood & Tissue Kit (Qiagen, Valencia, USA) following the protocol provided by the manufacturer with the following modifications: increase in digestion time to 24 hours to increase DNA yield and without maceration of the specimen in order to preserve their morphology. After extraction, specimens were returned to ethanol and deposited in their original collection, labeled as DNA vouchers.

One mitochondrial (16S rDNA) and three nuclear (histone H3, 18S rDNA, and 28S rDNA) markers were selected in order to be able to combine our generated sequences with available data at GenBank®, mostly those from Urban & Cryan (2007). These markers have been effective in recovering evolutionary relationships within Auchenorrhyncha at different levels of divergence (Cryan, 2005; Zahniser & Dietrich, 2010; Cryan & Urban, 2012; Song & Liang, 2013). A 25 µl solution for PCR (polymerase chain reaction) reaction was prepared with the following reagents: 13.0 µl DEPC water; 5.0 µl of 5x Green GoTaq® G2 buffer (Promega); 3.4 µl of MgCl₂ (25 mM, Promega); 1.0 µl of each forward and reverse primers (10 mM, Invitrogen); 0.5 µl of a dNTP mix (10mM, Promega); 1.0 µl of extracted DNA; and 0.1 µl of GoTaq® G2DNA polymerase (Promega). After some unsuccessful attempts, we made modifications, doubling the amount of DNA (2.0 µl), decreasing the amount of MgCl₂ (2.5 µl), or adding 1.0 µl of bovine serum albumin (10 mg/ml, Promega). Amplifications of the above-cited markers were done by PCR reactions in a VeritiPro 96-Well Thermal cycler (Applied Biosystems) under 35 cycles of initial temperature of 95°C for 3 min, denaturation of 95°C for 1 min, annealing varying from 45-54°C for 1 min, extension of 72°C for 2 min, and a final extension of 72°C for 7 min. PCR primers

185 used are listed in Table 2. Resulting 18S rDNA sequences were amplified and sequenced
 186 in two contiguous overlapping regions (using primer pairs a0.7–bi and a2.0–9R), as well
 187 as 28S rDNA, also amplified and sequenced in two contiguous regions (using primer pairs
 188 EE–MM and Lalt–Galt).

189 PCR products were stained with GelRed™ (Biotium) and underwent agarose gel
 190 electrophoresis in 1.0% TBE and visualized under UV light. Amplicons were then
 191 purified using ExoSAP-IT® (USB Affymetrix) and sent to Macrogen Inc. (Seoul) for
 192 capillary sequencing of both strands using the same PCR primers.

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 194 **Table 2.** Primers used for PCR and sequencing of histone H3, 16S, 18S, and 28S from
 195 Achilixiidae and outgroups, with respective sequence and reference of the primers.

| Primer | Sequence 5'-3' | Reference |
|--------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| HexAF | ATGGCTCGTACCAAGCAGACGGC | Ogden & Whiting 2003 |
| HexAR | ATATCCTTGGGCATGATGGTGAC | Ogden & Whiting 2003 |
| 16S (F) | CCGGTYTGAACCTCARATCA | Takiya et al. 2006 |
| 16S (R) | CRMCTGTTTAWCAAAAACAT | Takiya et al. 2006 |
| 18S 9R | GAT CCT TCC GCA GGT TCA CCT AC | Cryan et al. 2004 |
| 18S a2.0 | ATG GTT GCA AAG CTG AAA C | Cryan et al. 2004 |
| 18S a0.7 | ATT AAA GTT GTT GCG GTT | Cryan et al. 2004 |
| 18S bi | GAG TCT CGT TCG TTA TCG GA | Cryan et al. 2004 |
| 28S EE | CCG CTA AGG AGT GTG TAA | Cryan et al. 2000 |
| 28S MM | GAA GTT ACG GATCTARTTTG | Cryan et al. 2000 |
| 28S Lalt (F) | CCTCGGACCTTGAAAATCC | Dietrich et al. 2001 |
| 28S Galt (R) | TGTCTCCTTACAGTGCAAGA | Dietrich et al. 2001 |

197 **5.3.3. Assemblies and Multiple Sequence Alignment**

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199 Consensus sequences were generated from assemblies of forward and reverse
200 electropherograms in Geneious 6.0.6 (Kearse et al., 2012). After obtaining consensus
201 sequences, they were checked for non-contamination and correct marker with BLAST®
202 available at NCBI. A total of 74 sequences (20 of H3, 17 of 16S rDNA, 20 of 18S rDNA,
203 and 17 of 28S rDNA) from four markers were generated in the present study and all were
204 deposited in GenBank (Table 1).

205 Multiple sequence alignment of H3 sequences was conducted using Clustal W
206 (Thompson et al., 1997) implemented in MEGA11 software (Tamura et al., 2021). This
207 alignment was checked based on amino acid sequences. Ribosomal markers (16S, 18S,
208 and 28S) were aligned using the Q-INS-i algorithm of alignment of MAFFT (Kuraku et
209 al., 2013; Katoh et al., 2019).

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211 **5.3.4. Phylogenetic analyses**

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213 Phylogenetic analyses were conducted under two optimality criteria: maximum
214 likelihood (ML) and Bayesian inference (BI). The concatenated marker dataset was
215 combined in Sequence Matrix (Vaidya et al., 2011) and initially partitioned by marker
216 and codon (for histone H3).

217 Appropriate partitioning and substitution models of the dataset were selected by
218 BIC with ModelFinder (Kalyaanamoorthy et al., 2017) using IQ-TREE 2.2.0 (Minh et al.,
219 2020). For probabilistic analyses conducted, partitions histone H3 codon 2 and codon 3
220 were merged, resulting in a total of five final partitions, each independently modeled by
221 GTR+I+G.

222 Maximum likelihood analysis with 1000 ultrafast bootstrap replicates (UFBoot)
223 (Hoang et al., 2017) and 1000 replicates for the SH-like approximate likelihood ratio test
224 (SH-aLRT) (Guindon et al., 2010) was performed in IQ-TREE 2.2.0 (Minh et al., 2020).

225 Bayesian Inference (BI) analysis was conducted using the MrBayes v. 3.2.7a
226 (Ronquist et al., 2012) in CIPRES Science Gateway online web server (Miller et al.,
227 2010). To estimate the posterior probability of the clades, the [(MC)³] (Metropolis
228 Coupled Markov Chain Monte Carlo) algorithm was used. Data were analyzed in two
229 simultaneous runs (Nruns=2) for 100 million generations (Ngen=100,000,000). For each
230 generation, four MCMC chains were executed (Nchains=4), and 25% of the trees
231 generated by the first cold chain were ignored (burnin=0.25). Independent runs
232 convergence was assessed by the average standard deviation of split frequencies (<0.05)
233 and parameter mixing by effective sample size (>200) for each free parameter in
234 TRACER version 1.7.2 (Rambaut et al., 2018).

235 Resulting trees of the Bayesian inference and maximum likelihood analyses were
236 visualized in the FigTree v1.4.4 program (Rambaut, 2018) and edited in Adobe Illustrator
237 CS6. To indicate the high branch support of each node, the following were considered:
238 PP > 0.90, SH-aLRT ≥ 80, and UFBoot ≥ 95.

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240 **5.3.5. Divergence times estimates**

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242 The dating analysis was carried out with BEAST2 (Bouckaert et al., 2019) on the
243 CIPRES Science Gateway 3.3. (Miller et al., 2010) with 11 independent runs of 300M
244 generations sampling every 30,000 generations and 12 independent runs of 500M
245 generations sampling every 50,000 generations. After evaluating individual and

246 combinations of the sampled results in Tracer 1.7.2 (Rambaut et al., 2018), we selected
247 to combine results of three independent runs (mean $-\ln L = 39610.681$) of the 300M
248 generation runs, because it was the combination that had the highest ESS values for the
249 91 sampled free parameters. Results (sampled parameters and trees) from independent
250 runs were merged with LogCombiner 2.7.4 (Bouckaert et al., 2019) and the maximum
251 credibility tree was calculated based on all 27,003 sampled trees excluding 10% of initial
252 samples as burnin in TreeAnnotator 2.7.4 (Bouckaert et al., 2019). The tree was visualized
253 in FigTree v1.4.4 (Rambaut, 2018) and edited in Adobe Illustrator CS6.

254 Divergence times were calculated with an optimized relaxed clock (Douglas et al.,
255 2021) and tree prior following the birth–death model (Gernhard, 2008). All molecular
256 markers had site and clock models unlinked, but linked trees. Each molecular partition
257 was modeled by GTR+I+G4, as in previous analyses.

258 For node calibrations, we have selected five fossils from the more extensive
259 analysis of Bucher et al., (2023), which follows Parham et al., (2012) about the best
260 practices for justifying fossil calibrations. Ages of four fossils were used to calibrate the
261 stem of their respective family using a log-normal distribution: (1) *Acixiites immodesta*
262 Hamilton, 1990 (Achilidae) with estimated age of 125–113 Mya ($\log(\text{mean})=2.5$,
263 $\log(\text{Stdev})=1.1$, and $\text{offset}=113$); (2) *Quizqueiplana alexbrowni* Bourgoïn & Gnezdilov,
264 2015 (Caliscelidae) with estimated age of 20.44–15.97 Mya ($\log(\text{mean})=1$,
265 $\log(\text{Stdev})=1.0$, and $\text{offset}=16$); (3) *Netutela annunciator* Emeljanov, 1983
266 (Dictyopharidae) with estimated age of 86.8–83.4 Mya ($\log(\text{mean})=1$, $\log(\text{Stdev})=1.0$,
267 and $\text{offset}=83.4$); and (4) *Abraracourcix curvivenatus* Stroiński & Szvedo, 2011
268 (Ricaniidae) with estimated age of 56.8–54.4 Mya ($\log(\text{mean})=1$, $\log(\text{Stdev})=0.2$, and
269 $\text{offset}=55.4$). In addition, the Fulgoromorpha node was calibrated with a normal
270 distribution ($\log(\text{mean})=412$, $\log(\text{Stdev})=20$) with minimum age as the age of the fossil

271 †*Fulgoridiella raetica* Becker-Migdisova, 1962 dated from the Early Jurassic (199.6
272 Mya) and maximum age to 406 Mya as the median estimate the age of Insecta according
273 to Misof et al., (2014).

274 Considering we were interested in the initial divergence of Achilixiidae, we have
275 also constrained *Bebaiotes* to be monophyletic. Although the maximum likelihood tree
276 of the present molecular data did not recover *Bebaiotes* as monophyletic, there was no
277 contradicting strong statistical support. In another analysis, combining morphological
278 data, *Bebaiotes* is supported as monophyletic with good statistical support (Viegas et al.,
279 in prep).

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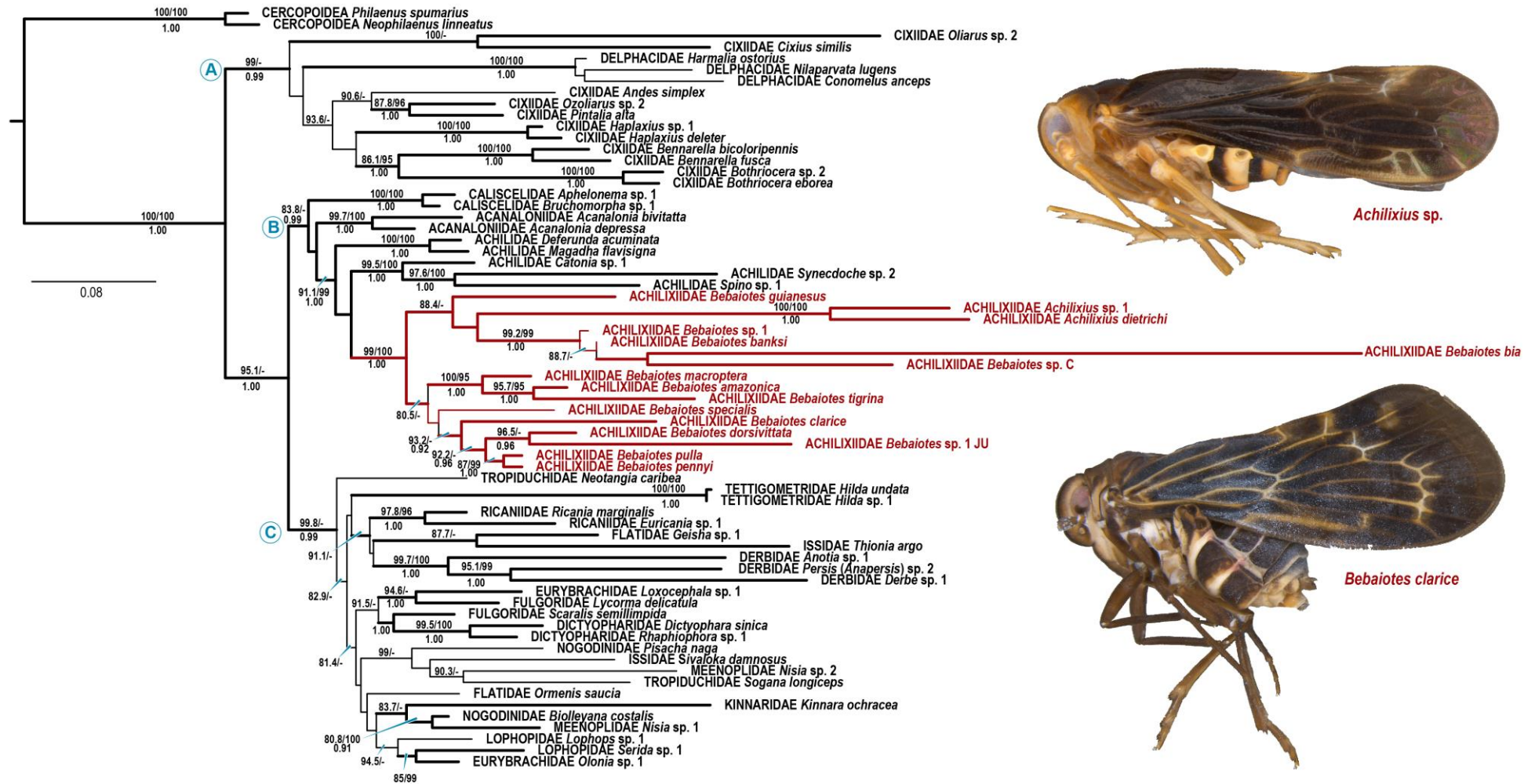
281 **5.4. Results**

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283 **5.4.1. Molecular analyses**

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285 Seventy-four sequences (17 sequences of 16S, twenty sequences of 18S, 17
286 sequences of 28S, and twenty sequences of H3) were newly generated from 15
287 Achilixiidae species and seven outgroup taxa and deposited in Genbank (Table 1).
288 Maximum likelihood trees resulting of the analyses of individual markers are shown in
289 Supplementary Figs. S1-S4). The concatenated data matrix was composed of 67 taxa and
290 a final alignment of 4379 base pairs. Topologies recovered by the maximum likelihood
291 analysis (Fig. 1, -lnL= 40210.5464) and Bayesian analysis (Supplementary Fig. S5) were
292 mostly similar. The resulting phylogeny of Fulgoromorpha showed three main clades
293 (Fig. 1, clades A-C).



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295 **Fig. 1.** Maximum likelihood tree of Achilixiidae and outgroups based on 4,379 bp of 16S, 18S, 28S, and H3 (-lnL= 40210.5464). Thickened branches are those
 296 also recovered in the Bayesian inference analysis. Values above branches are likelihood SH-aLRT / ultrafast bootstrap and below are Bayesian posterior
 297 probabilities (in percentages). We only show support values PP > 0.90, SH-aLRT ≥ 80 and UFBoot ≥ 95.

298 The first clade (Fig. 1 clade A) was recovered with high support (SH-aLRT = 99
299 and PP = 0.99) in both analyses as the sister clade to remaining families of Fulgoromorpha
300 and was formed only by representatives of “Cixiidae” and Delphacidae.

301 The second clade (Fig. 1 clade B) was recovered with high support (SH-aLRT =
302 83.8 and PP = 0.99) in both analyses and included the following relationships:
303 (((Caliscelidae + (Acanaloniidae + (“Achilidae” + (“Achilidae” + Achilixiidae)))). It is
304 noteworthy that “Achilidae” was recovered as paraphyletic in relation to Achilixiidae,
305 which was recovered as sister to a clade containing the genera *Catonia*, *Synecdoche*, and
306 *Spino*, but this relationship had low support (PP < 0.90). However, “Achilidae” in part +
307 Achilixiidae was recovered with high support (SH-aLRT = 91.1, UFBoot = 99 and PP =
308 1.00). Our analyses confirmed the monophyly of Achilixiidae with high support (SH-
309 aLRT = 99, UFBoot = 100 and PP = 1.00), however, surprisingly, *Bebaiotes* was
310 recovered as paraphyletic with respect to *Achilixius*, but this relationship had low support
311 (PP < 0.90).

312 The third clade (Fig. 1 clade C) was also recovered with high support (SH-aLRT =
313 99.8 and PP = 0.99) in both analyses and included the following families:
314 “Tropiduchidae”, Tettigometridae, Ricaniidae, “Flatidae”, “Issidae”, Derbidae,
315 “Eurybrachidae”, “Fulgoridae”, Dictyopharidae, “Nogodinidae”, “Meenoplidae”,
316 Kinnaridae, and “Lophopidae”. However, most relationships among terminals of this
317 clade were not congruent between MV and IB analyses and had low clade support.

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319 **5.4.2. Dating analysis**

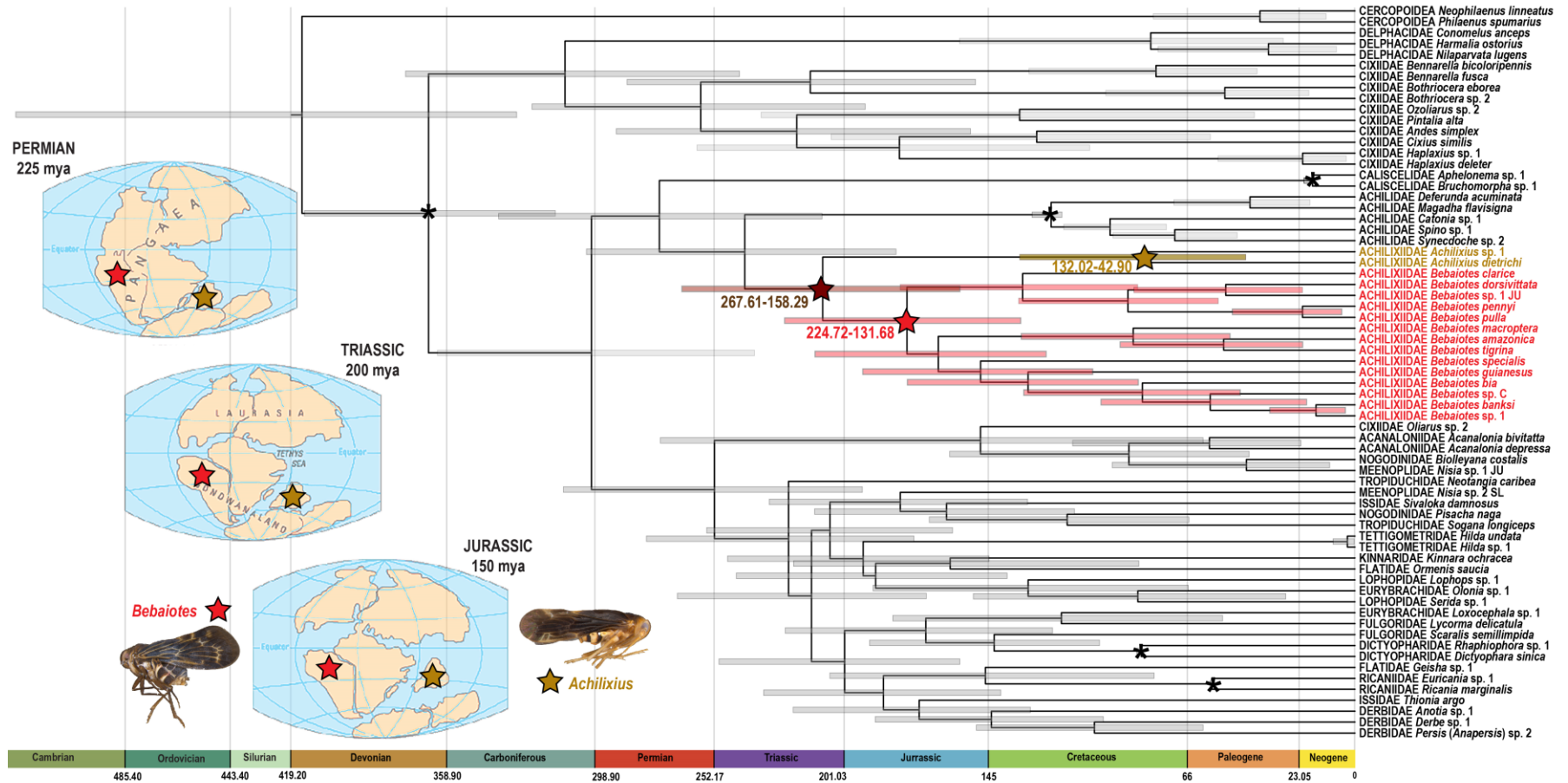
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321 We estimated for the first time the time scale of the evolution of Achilixiidae (Fig.
322 2). According to our analysis, the Achilixiidae ancestor diverged from the ancestor of

323 Achilidae at around 240.20 Mya (95% of high posterior density (HPD): 180.65-302.53
324 Mya) and the initial divergence of the lineages that constitute the former family today
325 occurred during the Triassic, around 209.62 Mya (95% of high posterior density (HPD):
326 158.29-267.61 Mya) (Fig. 2, Supplementary Table S1). The initial divergence of
327 *Bebaiotes* current species into two main lineages occurred during the Jurassic around
328 176.52 Mya (95% of high posterior density (HPD): 131.68-224.72 Mya) while the initial
329 divergence of *Achilixius* current species occurred much more recently during the
330 Cretaceous around 82.74 Mya (95% of high posterior density (HPD): 42.90-132.02 Mya)
331 (Fig. 3, Supplementary Table S1).

332 Divergence time estimates for the whole Fulgoromorpha are shown in Fig. 2, and
333 age estimates of most relevant clades are summarized in Supplementary Table S1.

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Fig. 2. Dated phylogenetic tree of Achilixiidae (yellow *Achilixius* and red *Bebaiotes*) and other planthoppers. Chronogram based on the same concatenated dataset (67 taxa; 4 gene regions: 16S, 18S, 28S, and H3), using unlinked substitution models (GTR+I+G), uncorrelated lognormal relaxed clock, and five fossil calibration points (black asterisks at nodes). Horizontal bars correspond to the 95% highest posterior density (HPD) of each node age.

339 **5.5. Discussion**

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341 **5.5.1. Position of Achilixiidae in Fulgoromorpha**

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343 The closer relationship of Achilixiidae to representatives of Achilidae found herein
344 and in Bucher et al. (2023), was not consistently recovered in previous molecular
345 phylogenetic hypotheses (Urban & Cryan, 2007, Song & Liang, 2013). However, this
346 close relationship was previously suggested by Fennah (1947), Asche (1987) and Wilson
347 (1989) based mainly on morphological characteristics of the clavus and female genitalia.
348 The paraphyly of Achilidae in relation to Achilixiidae thoroughly corroborates
349 Emeljanov's (1991) classification in treating the two achilixiid genera within Achilidae.
350 It is also important to emphasize that few other authors suggested a close relationship of
351 Achilixiidae to Cixiidae, based on the morphology of the antennal sensilla (Liang, 2001)
352 or because of the presence of abdominal processes, such as those found in cixiid tribes
353 Bennini and Bennarellini (Metcalf, 1945). This position was never corroborated in
354 previous robustly sampled phylogenetic analyses of whole Fulgoromorpha (Urban &
355 Cryan, 2007; Bucher et al., 2023) or herein, where Cixiidae is usually found strongly
356 related to Delphacidae (Fig. 2, Clade A) forming a clade that is sister to the remaining
357 planthoppers. Nonetheless, the tribes Bennini and Benarellini were not included in
358 published molecular phylogenies, except for an unidentified Bennini terminal in Bucher
359 et al., (2023) and the two *Bennarella* species sampled here for the first time.

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361 **5.5.2. Paraphyly of Achilidae and the sister group of Achilixiidae**

362 All previous molecular phylogenetic studies that recovered the close relationship of
363 Achilixiidae and Achilidae, recovered the former as related to representatives of the
364 Plectoderini (Song & Liang, 2013; Bucher et al., 2023), a diverse tribe with 353 species
365 in 99 genera worldwide distributed (Bourgoin, 2023). Song & Liang's (2013)
366 Fulgoromorpha phylogeny based on markers 16S rDNA, 18S rDNA, 28S rDNA, and cyt b
367 recovered *Bebaiotes* in the Bayesian inference analysis as a sister of a clade composed by
368 *Defuranda* Distant, 1912 and *Magadha* Distant, 1906, the only Achilidae sampled,
369 without statistical support. It is important to highlight that none of these genera have
370 records for the Neotropical region to date. *Defuranda* has a distribution that covers the
371 Oriental, Palearctic and Australian regions (Long et al., 2013), while the genus *Magadha*
372 has records only from China, India, and Sri Lanka (Bourgoin, 2023).

373 However, in the phylogenetic proposal of Bucher et al., (2023) *Bebaiotes* was
374 recovered as sister to *Spino* Fennah, 1950, with high clade support value (UFBS = 100),
375 and, furthermore, *Catonia* Uhler, 1895 was recovered as the sister group of this clade. It
376 is interesting to note that sequences of *Catonia* and *Spino*, as well as of *Bebaiotes*, used
377 by Bucher et al., (2023) were generated by Urban & Cryan (2007), but analyses by the
378 latter authors did not find the close relationship of Achilixiidae and Achilidae, showing
379 an increase in robustness of the phylogenetic hypothesis because of the increase in taxon
380 sampling.

381 In the present study, Achilixiidae was recovered as a sister group of a clade
382 containing *Catonia*, *Spino*, and an unidentified *Synecdoche*. The unidentified *Synecdoche*
383 was included here and collected in Minas Gerais State, Southeastern Brazil, although the
384 22 species of the genus so far are known only from North America. Present results
385 highlight the inadequate taxonomic knowledge of South American fulgoromorphs, which

386 certainly need to be studied to fill in the evolutionary gaps of the Fulgoromorpha
387 phylogeny.

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389 **5.5.3. Monophyly of Achilixiidae and evolution of abdominal processes**

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391 There are few studies with sequence data that report the position of Achilixiidae in
392 the Fulgoromorpha in a comprehensive way (Urban & Cryan, 2007; Song & Liang, 2013;
393 Bucher et al., 2023). However, all these studies used the same sequences from a single
394 unidentified female *Bebaiotes* specimen voucher generated by Urban & Cryan (2007).
395 Thus, the family's monophyly was never tested.

396 Emeljanov (1991) questioned the family's monophyly and proposed that the two
397 achilixiid genera should represent distinct subfamilies of Achilidae, mainly because he
398 envisioned them as not related due to distinct wing venation and convergent origin of
399 abdominal processes. Although the presence of lateral abdominal processes is a striking
400 characteristic of the family, they differ substantially morphologically between the two
401 genera, while both genera have paired processes deriving from the third abdominal
402 segment, in *Bebaiotes* each process shows three sensory pits, while in *Achilixius* it shows
403 two, in addition to *Achilixius* having an additional pair of processes deriving from the
404 fifth abdominal segment (Wilson, 1989).

405 Similarly occurred with cixiid representatives with abdominal processes.
406 Bennarellini was erected by Emeljanov (1989) based on genera previously included in
407 Bennini and currently includes South and Central American cixiids with abdominal
408 processes (Holzinger & Kunz, 2006, Holzinger et al., 2013, Viegas et al., 2021). This
409 separation was primarily based on the morphology of the abdominal processes, which
410 Hoch (1987) did not consider homologous. Neotropical cixiids (Bennarellini) have

411 plate-shaped paired processes derived from the fourth and fifth abdominal segments,
412 while Oriental cixiids (Bennini) have paired elongate, rod-like, articulated appendages
413 derived from the third and fourth abdominal segments. The Bennini abdominal articulated
414 appendages (called LASSO) are unique in insects and are remarkable complex sensory
415 and secretory structures (Hoch et al., 2104).

416 So far, no phylogenetic proposal tested either Achilixiidae or Bennini+Bennarellini
417 are monophyletic to understand the evolution of these abdominal processes. Herein we
418 have sampled for the first time a total of 15 achilixiid terminal species from both genera,
419 and under both reconstruction methods (maximum likelihood and Bayesian inference) the
420 monophyly of Achilixiidae is well supported. The monophyly of Achilixiidae supports
421 that at least the paired processes derived from the third abdominal segment are a
422 synapomorphy of Achilixiidae. Furthermore, this is the first study that sampled
423 Bennarellini species, and our results places them well nested within Cixiidae (as sister to
424 Bothriocerini), showing that, at least, Bennarellini processes do not seem to be
425 homologous to Achilixiidae ones.

426 Present results, however, recovered *Bebaiotes* as paraphyletic in relation to
427 *Achilixius*, although internal relationships supporting this paraphyly are not statistically
428 sound. We believe that the molecular marker sampling was not adequate to resolve most
429 internal relationships of Achilixiidae and that taxon sampling was unequal, thus biased,
430 as we only had available two specimens of *Achilixius*. Furthermore, a combined
431 morphological and molecular phylogenetic study is currently being conducted, and
432 preliminary results strongly support monophyly of both genera (Viegas et al., in prep.).
433 Nevertheless, strong morphological and geographical evidence supports these two genera
434 as distinct. *Achilixius* can be distinguished from *Bebaiotes* by the following set of
435 characters: frons with median longitudinal carina (absent in *Bebaiotes*); gena without

436 subantennal carina (present in *Bebaiotes*); lateral carinae of pronotum strongly diverging
437 towards the tegula (gently diverging or subparallel in *Bebaiotes*); sternite III with pair of
438 abdominal processes, each with two sensory pits (three pits in *Bebaiotes*); sternite V with
439 pair of abdominal processes (absent in *Bebaiotes*); RP vein of the forewing branched
440 (unbranched in *Bebaiotes*); icua crossvein of the forewing absent (present in *Bebaiotes*);
441 and phallic complex without internal sclerotized plates (present in *Bebaiotes*). Until now,
442 there have only been records of *Achilixius* in the Oriental region, including the
443 Philippines, Sulawesi, and Sabah (Wilson, 1989, Viegas & Ale-Rocha, 2023), while
444 *Bebaiotes* is limited to Central America and northern South America. Given the
445 morphological distinctiveness and disjunct geographical distribution, we refrain at the
446 moment to propose any nomenclatural changes at genus-level or contest *Bebaiotes*
447 monophyly.

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449 **5.5.4. Historical processes associated with the divergence of the** 450 **Achilixiidae**

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452 Present divergence time estimates suggest that the initial divergence of Achilixiidae
453 () occurred sometime during the Triassic through the Jurassic, a period in which the
454 Gondwana breakup started (Reeves & de Wit, 2000; Muir et al., 2020).

455 The fragmentation of Gondwana began approximately at the end of the
456 Neoproterozoic period, around 600 million years ago (Stampfli et al., 2013). Events such
457 as the closure of the Mozambique Ocean, resulted in the separation of East Gondwana
458 (Australia, Antarctica, India, Madagascar, and Arabia) from West Gondwana (Africa and
459 South America), mark the final separation of Gondwana (Cawood & Buchan, 2007). This
460 separation had a significant impact on the history of life on Earth, as it allowed different
461 groups of organisms to evolve in isolation in

462 different regions over time (McLoughlin, 2001; Brown & Lomolino, 2006). Thus,
463 vicariance by continental drift may have played a major role in the separation of ancestral
464 lineages of the Oriental *Achilixius* and Neotropical *Bebaiotes*.

465 Regarding the age of diversification of the genera of Achilixiidae, we recovered
466 that it happened in two distinct periods, *Bebaiotes* diversifying in the Early Jurassic at
467 176.36 Mya, while *Achilixius* started diversifying much later in the Early Cretaceous at
468 82.57 Mya. These distinct periods of time present intriguing biogeographical implications
469 and the later diversification of *Achilixius* in the Malay archipelago is consistent with its
470 geological history considering that *Achilixius* is currently restricted to Sabah, Sulawesi,
471 and the Philippines, and its ancestor diverged from the *Bebaiotes* ancestor due to the
472 breakup of Gondwana, most likely this ancestor was restricted to the Argo and/or Banda
473 (and inner Banda) fragments that started to drift off from Gondwana at 155 Mya and
474 docked at Sundaland (core of Southeast Asia) at around 90-85 Mya (Hall, 2012, 2014).
475 Subsequent major tectonic events during the Cenozoic (Hall, 2002), especially the
476 formation of the Luzon arc system, certainly played a role in *Achilixius* diversification in
477 the Malay archipelago. Nevertheless, we should be cautious with these results, provided
478 that present taxon sampling was very limited in *Achilixius*.

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480 **5.6. Conclusions**

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482 In conclusion, although the two genera of Achilixiidae have disjunct distributions
483 and show many morphological differences, they share an exclusive common ancestor and
484 form a unique branch within the infraorder Fulgoromorpha. The molecular data gathered
485 allowed a deeper understanding of

486 the evolutionary history of these insects for the first time, highlighting their genetic and
487 evolutionary connections.

488 Furthermore, the investigation of the temporal origins of the Achilixiidae revealed
489 remarkable patterns. The main split of the Achilixiidae ancestor that led to the generic
490 lineages occurred sometime during the Triassic through the Jurassic, probably through a
491 vicariant event related to the Gondwana breakup. Furthermore, initial divergences of
492 *Bebaiotes* in South America occurred in the Early Jurassic at around 176 Mya, while
493 *Achilixius* started diversifying much later in the Early Cretaceous at around 83 Mya. This
494 later diversification of *Achilixius* in the Malay Archipelago is consistent with its
495 geological history. These discoveries highlight the gradual diversification of this family
496 over geological time and provide valuable insights into the evolutionary processes that
497 shaped this family's history.

498 However, it is essential to recognize that knowledge is constantly evolving, and
499 new studies can bring even more details and changes to the understanding of the history
500 of Achilixiidae. We emphasize that the combination of molecular data with information
501 from fossils and morphological analyses will open new horizons in the investigation of
502 the evolutionary secrets not only of this group but may also contribute to a broader
503 understanding of the diversity and adaptation of different forms of life over the geological
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6. CAPÍTULO III

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786 **6.1. Abstract**

787 Achilixiidae currently comprises 32 species and two genera, *Achilixius* and *Bebaiotes*,
788 recorded from the Neotropical and Oriental regions, respectively. Since its elevation to
789 family status, no specific phylogenetic studies have been carried out. Although it has been
790 included in more comprehensive studies on the phylogenetic relationships of
791 Fulgoromorpha, Achilixiidae has not have its monophyly tested including both genera
792 and multiple species, in order to encompass all of its diversity. Therefore, objectives of
793 this study were to test the monophyly of Achilixiidae, as well as of the currently accepted
794 genera based on morphological characters. The data matrix was composed of 99

795 morphological characters (63 characters from general external morphology, while 16 are
796 from female, and 20 from male terminalia) and 44 terminal species, nine being outgroups.
797 A parsimony analysis resulted in 640 equally parsimonious trees (L=338, CI=0.42 and IR
798 =0.71). Our result supports the monophyly of Achilixiidae with high clade support values
799 (Bremer=7; Bootstrap=90) and eight non-homoplastic synapomorphies. Derbidae was
800 recovered as paraphyletic, with *Anotia* sp. 2 and *Persis* (*Persis*) recovered as sister to
801 Achilixiidae. This study represents an important advance in understanding the
802 phylogenetic history of Achilixiidae.

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804 **Keywords.** *Achilixius*; cladistic analysis; Fulgoroidea; Planthopper.

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806 6.2. Introduction

807 Achilixiidae Muir, 1923 is one of the less diverse families within Fulgoroidea
808 Latreille, 1807 and currently comprises 36 species distributed into two genera: *Achilixius*
809 Muir, 1923 (16 species), recorded in the Oriental Region; and *Bebaiotes* Muir, 1924 (16
810 species), recorded in the Neotropical Region (Wilson, 1989; Viegas & Ale-Rocha, 2023).

811 *Syntames tubulifer* Melichar, 1914, was originally described in the family Derbidae,
812 but Muir (1923) noticed significant differences of this species in relation to other
813 members of Derbidae, such as the length of the apical rostrum article, which is longer
814 than wide. When trying to relocate this species to another family, Muir (1923) observed
815 that *S. tubulifer* shared some character states with representatives of Cixiidae and
816 Achilidae, but had unique features that excluded it from both families. Hence, he
817 established Achilixiidae to accommodate *S. tubulifer* and three other species with similar
818 characteristics. Additionally, he designated *Achilixius singularis* Muir, 1923 as the type

819 species, and described another two species, *A. sandakanensis* Muir, 1923 and *A.*
820 *davaoensis* Muir, 1923.

821 The characteristics based on which the family was distinguished from other
822 planthopper families included: 1) vertex and frons curved in lateral view; 2) absence of a
823 median ocellus; 3) frons with complete median and lateral carinae; 4) forewings not
824 overlapping when at rest, maintaining a tectiform arrangement; and 5) sternites III and V
825 each with a pair of lateral processes (Muir, 1923).

826 *Bebaiotes* was the second genus of the family described by Muir (1924), who
827 described *Bebaiotes bucayensis* Muir, 1924 (type species) and *B. nigrigaster* Muir, 1924,
828 both from Ecuador, representing first records of the family in the Neotropical Region.
829 Muir (1934) subsequently included in the genus two additional species from Ecuador: *B.*
830 *pallidinervis* Muir, 1934 and *B. pulla* Muir, 1934, and Metcalf (1938) proposed the
831 monotypic genus *Muirilixius* for *Muirilixius banksi* (Metcalf, 1938) species from Panamá.

832 A taxonomic study on Achilixiidae from the New World was conducted by Fennah
833 (1947). In this study, two species were described in *Bebaiotes*: *B. dorsivittata* Fennah,
834 1947, from Ecuador, and *B. nivosa* Fennah, 1947, from Guyana. Additionally, one species
835 was included in *Muirilixius*, *M. guianesus* Fennah, 1947, collected in Guyana.
836 Furthermore, *B. nigrigaster* Muir, 1924 was transferred to *Muirilixius*.

837 After 66 years, Wilson (1989) conducted a revision of *Achilixius* and analyzed the
838 status of the genus based on morphology. As a result, he synonymized *Muirilixius* with
839 *Bebaiotes*. In this work, the following species were redescribed: *A. singularis* Muir, 1923,
840 and *A. tubulifer* (Melichar, 1914), both from the Philippines; *A. sandakanensis* Muir,
841 1923 from Malaysia; and *A. davaoensis* Muir, 1923 from the Philippines and Indonesia.
842 In addition, 12 new species were described by Wilson (1989): *A. danaumoati* Wilson,
843 1989, *A. fasciata* Wilson, 1989, *A. kolintangii* Wilson, 1989, *A. minahassae* Wilson, 1989,

844 *A. morowali* Wilson, 1989, *A. muajati* Wilson, 1989, and *A. torautensis* Wilson,
845 1989 from Indonesia; *A. fennahi* Wilson, 1989 and *A. mui* Wilson, 1989, both from
846 Malaysia; and *A. bakeri* Wilson, 1989, *A. irigae* Wilson, 1989, and *A. mayoyae* Wilson,
847 1989 from the Philippines.

848 Recently, Viegas & Ale-Rocha (2023, submitted) discovered eight species of
849 *Bebaiotes* in Brazil and revised and expanded the distribution of four previously described
850 species: *B. banksi* (Metcalf, 1938) (Brazil - Amazonas and Pará; Panama); *B. dorsivittata*
851 Fennah, 1947 (Brazil - Amapá, Amazonas, Pará, Rondônia, and Roraima; Ecuador; Peru);
852 *B. guianesus* (Fennah, 1947) (Brazil - Amazonas; Guiana); and *B. pulla* Muir, 1934
853 (Brazil - Acre and Amazonas; Ecuador).

854 There is so far no species-level phylogenetic study for Achilixiidae. The family has
855 only been included in more comprehensive studies of Fulgoroidea, in which only one
856 representative of *Bebaiotes* was used in molecular analyses, therefore, their family status
857 remains uncertain (Urban & Cryan 2007; Song & Liang 2013; Bucher et al. 2023).

858 The family status of Achilixiidae has been a subject of debate since its
859 establishment by Muir (1923). This is due to its representatives share characteristics with
860 some other families, while also possessing unique features. Among these similarities, the
861 presence of lateral abdominal processes, also found in Bennini (Cixiidae), generated
862 questions about their family status (Metcalf, 1945; Hoch, 1987), however, these doubts
863 have not been deeply investigated. Fennah (1947) also commented on these abdominal
864 processes in both families, but considered this character to have little phylogenetic
865 significance, suggesting that the emergence of these processes likely occurred
866 independently throughout the evolutionary history of the two families.

867 Asche (1987), based on morphological characters of Fulgoromorpha families and
868 male and female terminalia, recovered Achilixiidae and Achilidae in proximity due to the

869 similarity in the function of the female terminalia, whose function is to excavate, rather
870 than drill. However, Asche did not delve into this result, leaving uncertainty regarding
871 the relationship between these families.

872 In Wilson's work (1989), based on morphology, the author questioned the
873 homologous nature of achilixiid abdominal processes, not considering them homologous
874 because there are two pairs of processes in *Achilixius*, while in *Bebaiotes* there is only
875 one pair of processes. This suggests the need for further studies to define relationships
876 between these genera.

877 Based on external morphology and male terminalia, Emeljanov (1991) disagreed
878 with the family status of Achilixiidae and proposed subfamilies Bebaiotinae and
879 Achilixiinae as belonging to the Achilidae. In contrast, Liang (2001) studied the
880 morphology of the antennal sensilla of *Achilixius sandakanensis* and concluded that the
881 flagellar process was a synapomorphy of Achilixiidae and Cixiidae, suggesting the
882 transfer of the subfamilies Bebaiotinae and Achilixiinae to Cixiidae.

883 On molecular data, Urban & Cryan (2007) proposed a phylogeny of Fulgoromorpha
884 based on 18S rDNA, 28S rDNA, H3-Histone subunit 3, and Wg-Wingless sequence data,
885 which included a single representative of Achilixiidae, an unidentified *Bebaiotes*. Their
886 results did not support the hypothesis of a relationship between Achilixiidae and Cixiidae,
887 but results were inconsistent and with low branch support as to the sister family of
888 Achilixiidae. Later, Song & Liang (2013) expanded the molecular data from Urban &
889 Cryan (2007) by including more taxa (but not of Achilixiidae) and some mitochondrial
890 sequences (16S rDNA and cytb). They further supported the hypothesis that Achilixiidae
891 and Cixiidae are not related, but also showed inconsistent results as to the sister group of
892 Achilixiidae.

893 Finally, the most recent contribution to the phylogeny of Fulgoromorpha was by
894 Bucher et al. (2023), also using molecular data (18S, 28S D3-D5, 28S D6-D10, Wg, COI,
895 and Citb), where the same representative of Achilixiidae was included in the analysis.
896 According to the results of the maximum likelihood analysis, *Bebaiotes* sp. was recovered
897 within a clade composed of representatives of Achilidae, as the sister group to *Spino* sp.

898 In this way, we herein propose to carry out the first phylogenetic analysis of
899 Achilixiidae based on morphological data, which sampled a large number of
900 representative species from both genera, with the goal of understanding their evolutionary
901 history.

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903 **6.3. Material and Methods**

904 **6.3.1. Taxon sampling**

905 Taxon sampling of the morphological matrix included 44 terminal species (Table
906 1). The ingroup comprised 35 species of Achilixiidae (13 species of *Achilixius* and 22
907 species of *Bebaiotes*). This represents 89.74% of all valid species of Achilixiidae. The
908 outgroup was composed of three species of Achilidae, two of Derbidae, and four of
909 Cixiidae. The latter family was used for rooting the phylogenetic trees, thus the basis for
910 character polarization (Nixon & Carpenter, 1993).

911 Morphological caracteres were coded from specimens studied belonging to:
912 Coleção de Invertebrados do Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas da Amazônia, Manaus
913 (INPA); Coleção Entomológica Professor Padre Jesus Santiago Moure, Universidade
914 Federal do Paraná, Curitiba (DZUP); Museu Paraense Emilio Goeldi, Belém (MPEG);
915 Coleção Zoológica do Maranhão, Universidade Estadual do Maranhão, Caxias (CZMA);
916 Centro de Estudos em Biologia Subterrânea, Universidade Federal de Lavras, Lavras
917 (CEBS); Coleção Entomológica José Alfredo Pinheiro Dutra, Universidade Federal do

918 Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro (DZRJ); and Illinois Natural History Survey, University of
919 Illinois, Champaign (INHS).

920 Material was not available for study for 15 species, and those were coded in the
921 morphological matrix based on photographs of type and paratypes specimens housed in
922 the Bernice Pauhai Bishop Museum, Honolulu (BPBM) and Natural History Museum,
923 London (NHM) and/or original descriptions.

924 **6.3.2. Morphological characters**

925 Terminology of the head characters mostly follows O'Brien & Wilson (1985),
926 whereas forewing venation follows Bourgoïn et al. (2015), hindwing venation follows
927 Dworakowska (1988), male genitalia mostly follow Bourgoïn (1988) and Bourgoïn &
928 Huang (1990), and female genitalia follows Bourgoïn (1993).

929 For the examination of genital structures, abdomen was detached from thorax,
930 macerated into 85% hot lactic acid, studied under a Leica M165C stereomicroscope, and
931 illustrated immersed in glycerin jelly. Afterwards, genitalia were kept in plastic
932 microvials filled with glycerin and pinned together with the specimen. Forewing and hind
933 wing of a specimen were detached, cleaned by a short xylol bath, and mounted between
934 cover glasses with Euparal. After drying, sides of cover slides were glued to a small piece
935 of cardboard and pinned with the specimen. Digital photographs were taken with a Leica
936 MC 170 HD camera attached to a stereomicroscope and combined into expanded focus
937 images by Leica Application Suite software.

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939 **6.3.3. Construction of morphological characters**

940 Characters were proposed from external and internal morphology of male and
941 female adults. Different body parts including head, thorax, legs, wings, abdomen, and
942 genitalia were studied. The data matrix was constructed using Mesquite software, version
943 3.81 (Maddison & Maddison, 2023). The list of characters was built by some characters

944 previously used in previous phylogenetic studies, duly referenced, as well as by new
945 characters.

946 Character coding was based on the four components proposed by Sereno (2007),
947 which consist of: locator (L_n) (morphological structure), variable (V) (aspect that varies),
948 variable qualifier (q) (variable modifier), and character state (V_n) (mutually exclusive
949 condition of a character). From these components, two-character patterns can be
950 identified: neomorphic (absent and present of a character) and transformational (character
951 quality) (Sereno, 2007). The symbols “?” and “–” were used for unobserved and non-
952 comparable characters, respectively.

953 In the analysis of characters, we use the system proposed by Amorin (1982) for the
954 nomenclature of precocious branches. According to this method, the taxon is referred to
955 as a group, with the addition of the name corresponding to the precocious branch of the
956 first dichotomy, followed by the symbol '+’.

957 In the cladogram, black squares represent non-homoplastic apomorphy and light
958 green squares represent homoplastic apomorphy.

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960 **Table 1.** Species of Achilixiidae and outgroups included in the phylogenetic analyses,
 961 indicating number and gender of individuals studied (N), depository collections, and
 962 whether the terminalia was dissected. When specimens were not available, morphological
 963 characters were coded based on the literature (L) and/or habitus type photographs (P).

| Families | Species | N | Collection | Dissection | |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|---|
| | | | | ♂ | ♀ |
| Cixiidae | | | | | |
| | <i>Bennarella bicoloripennis</i> | 1 ♂, 1 ♀ | INPA | x | x |
| | <i>Bothriocera</i> sp. 1 | 1 ♂, 1 ♀ | INPA | x | x |
| | <i>Melanoliarius</i> sp. 1 | 1 ♂, 1 ♀ | INPA | x | x |
| | <i>Pintalia</i> sp. 1 | 1 ♂, 1 ♀ | INPA | x | x |
| Derbidae | | | | | |
| | <i>Anotia</i> sp. 2 | 1 ♂, 1 ♀ | INPA | x | x |
| | <i>Persis</i> (<i>Persis</i>) | 1 ♂, 1 ♀ | INPA | x | x |
| Achilidae | | | | | |
| | <i>Catonia</i> sp. 2 | 1 ♂, 1 ♀ | INPA | x | x |
| | <i>Sevia</i> sp. A | 1 ♂, 1 ♀ | INPA | x | x |
| | <i>Syneccoche</i> sp. 2 | 1 ♂, 1 ♀ | INPA | x | x |
| Achilixiidae | | | | | |
| | <i>Achilixius</i> | | | | |
| | <i>Achilixius davaoensis</i> | L and P | NHM | | |
| | <i>Achilixius dietrichi</i> | 1 ♂ | INHS | x | |
| | <i>Achilixius fasciata</i> | L and P ♂ | NHM | | |
| | <i>Achilixius fennahi</i> | L and P ♂ | NHM | | |
| | <i>Achilixius irigae</i> | L and P ♂ | NHM | | |
| | <i>Achilixius kolintangii</i> | L and P ♂ | NHM | | |
| | <i>Achilixius mayoyae</i> | L and P ♂ | NHM | | |
| | <i>Achilixius minahassae</i> | L and P ♂ | NHM | | |
| | <i>Achilixius muiri</i> | L and P ♂ | NHM | | |
| | <i>Achilixius sandakanensis</i> | L and P ♂ | NHM | | |
| | <i>Achilixius singularis</i> | L and P ♂ | NHM | | |
| | <i>Achilixius</i> sp. 1 | 1 ♀ | INHS | | x |
| | <i>Achilixius tubulifer</i> | L ♂ | NHM | | |
| | <i>Bebaiotes</i> | | | | |
| | <i>Bebaiotes amazonica</i> | 1 ♂, 1 ♀ | INPA | x | x |
| | <i>Bebaiotes banksi</i> | 1 ♂, 1 ♀ | INPA | x | x |
| | <i>Bebaiotes bia</i> | 1 ♂, 1 ♀ | INPA | x | x |
| | <i>Bebaiotes bucaiyensis</i> | L and P ♂ | NHM | | |
| | <i>Bebaiotes cavichioli</i> | 1 ♂, 1 ♀ | MUSM | x | x |
| | <i>Bebaiotes clarice</i> | 1 ♂, 1 ♀ | INPA | x | x |
| | <i>Bebaiotes dichromata</i> | 1 ♂, 1 ♀ | INPA | | |
| | <i>Bebaiotes dorsivittata</i> | 1 ♂, 1 ♀ | INPA | x | x |
| | <i>Bebaiotes guianesus</i> | 1 ♂, 1 ♀ | INPA | | |

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966 **Table 1.** Continued.

| Families | Species | N | Collection | Dissection | |
|----------|--------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|---|
| | | | | ♂ | ♀ |
| | <i>Bebaiotes macroptera</i> | 1♂, 1♀ | INPA | x | x |
| | <i>Bebaiotes nigrigaster</i> | L and P | NHM | x | |
| | <i>Bebaiotes nivosa</i> | L and P ♀ | NHM | | |
| | <i>Bebaiotes oiapoquensis</i> | 1♂ | INPA | x | |
| | <i>Bebaiotes oliveirai</i> | 1♂, 1♀ | INPA | x | x |
| | <i>Bebaiotes pallidinervis</i> | 1 ♂ | | | |
| | <i>Bebaiotes parallela</i> | 1♂, 1♀ | INPA | x | x |
| | <i>Bebaiotes pennyi</i> | 1♂, 1♀ | INPA | x | x |
| | <i>Bebaiotes pulla</i> | 1♂, 1♀ | INPA | x | x |
| | <i>Bebaiotes specialis</i> | 1♀ | DZRJ | | x |
| | <i>Bebaiotes tigrina</i> | 1♂, 1♀ | INPA | x | x |
| | <i>Bebaiotes wilsoni</i> | 1♂, 1♀ | INPA | x | x |
| | <i>Bebaiotes</i> 6317 sp. C | 1♂, 1♀ | CEBS | x | x |

967 CEBS, Centro de Estudos em Biologia Subterrânea, Universidade Federal de Lavras; DZRJ, Coleção

968 Entomológica José Alfredo Pinheiro Dutra, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil;

969 INHS, Illinois Natural History Survey, University of Illinois, Champaign, USA; INPA, Coleção de

970 Invertebrados do Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas da Amazônia, Manaus, Brazil; MUSM, Museo de Historia

971 Natural de la Universidad Mayor de San Marcos, Lima, Peru

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973 **6.3.4. Phylogenetic analysis**

974 The monophyly of Achilixiidae was evaluated using the criterion of parsimony.

975 This criterion seeks to find the tree with the smallest number of evolutionary changes,

976 using the optimization approach proposed by Fitch (1971) and characters with equal

977 weights. To search for the most parsimonious trees, a Traditional search was adopted in

978 TNT 1.5 (Goloboff & Catalano, 2016), as follows: 10,000 replications were performed,

979 using the TBR (tree bisection reconnection) algorithm, with the retention of 10 trees for

980 each replication. Resulting most parsimonious trees were visualized in the FigTree v1.4.4

981 program (Rambaut, 2018) and a strict consensus tree was edited in Adobe Illustrator CS6.

982 The statistical support of tree branches was evaluated by the Bremer decay index (Bremer,

983 1994) calculated with the *aquickie.run* script and 1000 non-parametric bootstrap

984 replicates (Felsenstein, 1985). To indicate high branch support of each clade, the
985 following were considered: Bootstrap \geq 80.

986 Consistency (IC) and retention (IR) indices were calculated for obtained trees, using
987 the wstats.run script, while to obtain these values for each character, the statsall.run script,
988 both in TNT were used (Goloboff & Catalano, 2016).

989 Optimization of morphological characters was performed under equal weights
990 parsimony using the Mesquite software, version 3.81 (Maddison & Maddison, 2016) over
991 all most parsimonious trees found. Character states of unambiguous optimization for each
992 branch were plotted manually over the strict consensus tree found in Adobe Illustrator
993 CS6. Ambiguous characters were not plotted on the cladogram.

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995 **6.4. Results**

996 **6.4.1. Morphological characters**

997 The morphological matrix was composed of 99 characters (65 binary and 34
998 multistate) (Table 2). Of these, 63 characters pertain to general morphology (male and
999 female), while 16 are of female and 20 of male terminalia. We emphasize that sexual
1000 dimorphism is not accentuated within *Bebaiotes*, except for *Bebaiotes macroptera*, where
1001 the abdominal coloration can range from brown to yellow (Viegas & Ale-Rocha, 2023,
1002 submitted). In *Achilixius*, all described specimens are male, but in our analysis, we
1003 included an unidentified female specimen.

1004 Characters and their respective states and comments, when necessary, are listed as
1005 follows:

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1007 *Head*

1008 1. Head, transition frons to vertex, transverse carina. (0) present; (1) absent. [CI=1.0;
1009 RI=1.0]. Figures 1 A–D.

1010 This character has already been employed in previous cladistic studies by Löcker
1011 et al. (2006) and Ceotto & Bourgoïn (2008). The state 1 of this character has been recov-
1012 ered as a non-homoplastic synapomorphy of the Derbidae+Achilixiidae clade (Figs 1 C,
1013 D).



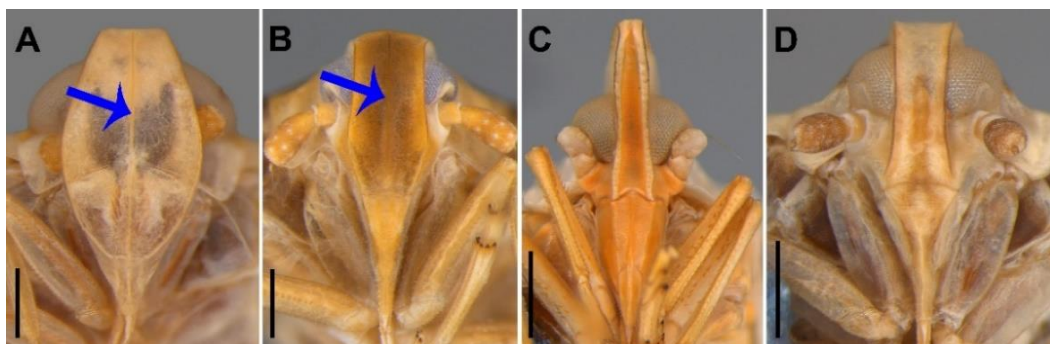
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Figures 1 A–D. Head, transition frons to vertex. **A**, *Pintalia* sp. 1, anterior view. **B**, *Pintalia* sp. 1, lateral view. **C**, *Achilixius dietrichi*, anterior view. **D**, *Achilixius dietrichi*, lateral view. Scale bars: A, D = 0.4 mm; B, C = 0.3 mm. Arrow highlighting the presence of the transverse carina (char. 1, state 0).

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1016 2. Head, frons, median longitudinal carina: (0) present; (1) absent. [CI=0.5; RI=0.9]. Fig-
1017 ures 2 A–D.

1018 This character was previously utilized in studies of Löcker et al. (2006) and Ceotto
1019 & Bourgoïn (2008). In our analysis, we observed that state 0 of the character was recov-
1020 ered as a homoplastic synapomorphy of *Achilixius* species (Fig 2 B).



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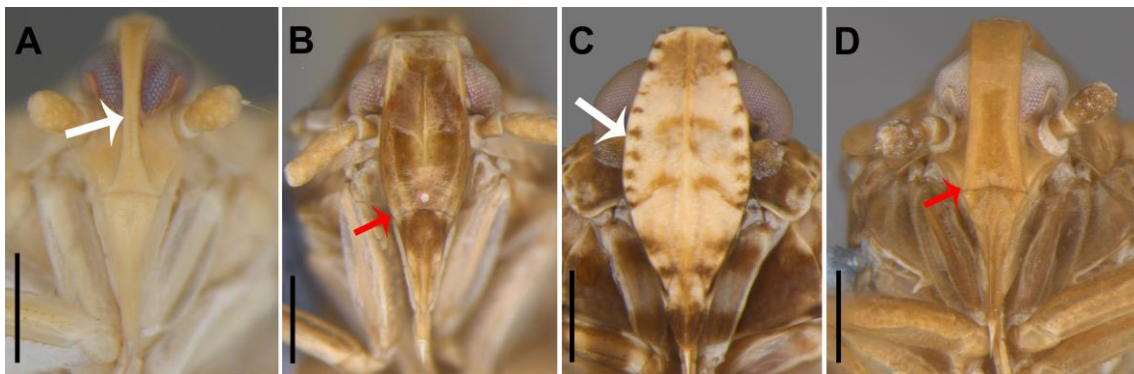
Figures 2 A–D. Head, frons, anterior view. **A**, *Synecdoche* sp. 2. **B**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. **C**, *Persis* (*Persis*). **D**, *Bebaiotes tigrina*. Scale bars: A, B = 0.3 mm; C = 0.5 mm; D = 0.4 mm. Arrow highlighting the presence of the median longitudinal carina (char. 2, state 0).

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1023 3. Head, frons, lateral longitudinal carinae, median region, direction: (0) parallel; (1) di-
1024 vergent. [CI=0.5; RI=0.8]. Figures 3 A–D.

1025 The state 0 of the character was recovered as a homoplastic synapomorphy of the
1026 Derbidae+Achilixiidae clade.

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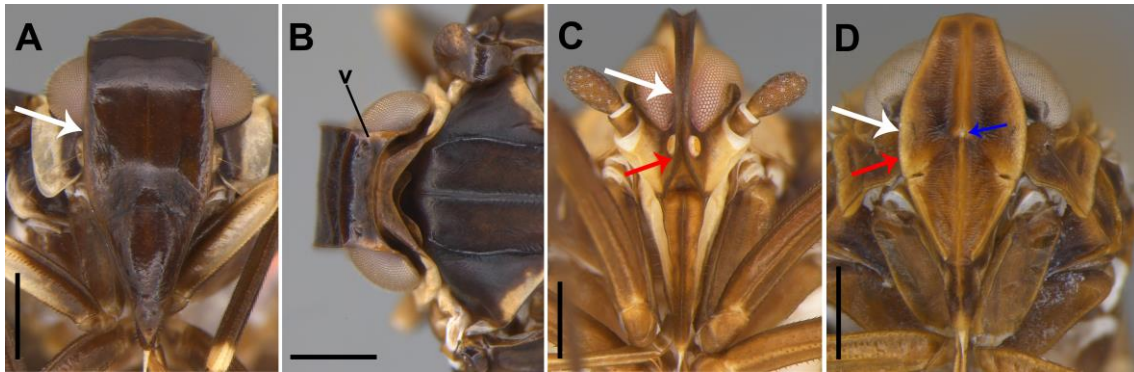
1029 **Figures 3 A–D.** Head, frons, anterior view. **A**, *Bebaiotes cavichiolii*. **B**, *Bennarella*
1030 *bicoloripennis*. **C**, *Catonia* sp. 2. **D**, *Bebaiotes amazonica*. Scale bars: A–D= 0.4 mm.
1031 White arrows highlighting direction of lateral longitudinal carinae (char. 3): A, *Bebaiotes*
1032 *cavichiolii* (state 0) and C, *Catonia* sp. 2 (state 1). Red arrows highlighting the direction
1033 of the apex of lateral longitudinal carinae (char. 4): B, *Bennarella bicoloripennis* (state 0)
1034 and D, *Bebaiotes amazonica* (state 1).

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1036 4. Head, frons, lateral longitudinal carinae, apex, direction: (0) convergent; (1) divergent.
1037 [CI=0.2; RI=0.5]. Figures 3 B, D.

1038 The state 1 of this character was recovered as a homoplastic synapomorphy of
1039 *Anotia* sp2 (Derbidae), *Bebaiotes* 6317 sp. C, *Bebaiotes pennyi*, *Bebaiotes clarice*
1040 +*Bebaiotes specialis* (Fig 3 D), and *Bebaiotes parallela*+ clade, except for *Bebaiotes*
1041 *nivosa*, where this character could not be visualized due to the way were mounted and it
1042 was coded as '?'

1043 5. Head, frons, median width in relation to maximum width of the vertex: (0) subequal;
1044 (1) narrower; (2) wider. [CI=0.3; RI=0.7]. Figures 4 A–D.



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Figures 4 A–D. Head. **A, C, D.** Head, frons, anterior view. **A,** *Sevia* sp. A. **C,** *Bebaiotes clarice*. **D,** *Melanoliarius* sp. 1. **B.** Head, vertex, dorsal view. **B,** *Sevia* sp. A. Scale bars: A, B = 0.6 mm; C = 0.4 mm; D = 0.5 mm. White arrows highlighting the median width of the frons in relation to maximum width of the vertex (char. 5): A, B *Sevia* sp. A (state 0), C, *Bebaiotes clarice* (state 1) and D, *Melanoliarius* sp. 1 (state 2). Red arrows highlighting the extension of lateral margins at median region of the frons (char. 6): C, *Bebaiotes clarice* (state 0) and D, *Melanoliarius* sp. 1 (state 1). Blue arrow highlighting the presence of the median ocellus (char. 7, state 1). Abbreviation: v, vertex.

1046 6. Head, frons, lateral margins, median region, anterior view, lateral extension: (0) not
 1047 covering lateral ocelli; (1) covering lateral ocelli. [CI=0.5; RI=0.8]. Figures 4 C, D.

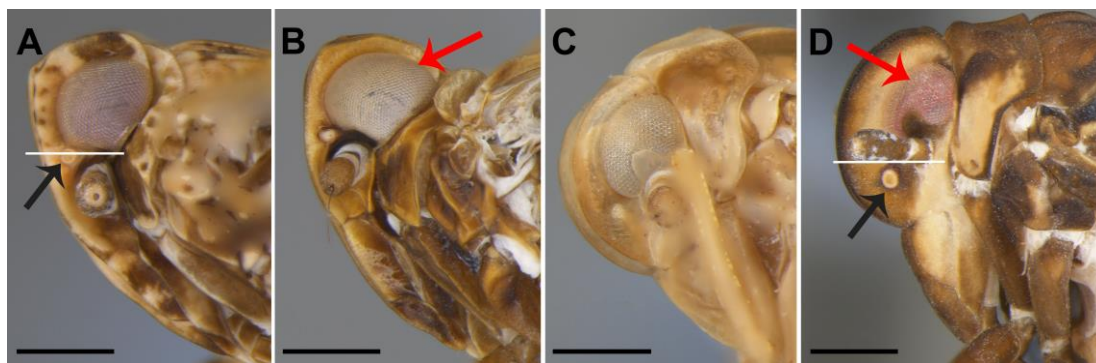
1048 The state 0 of the character was recovered as homoplastic synapomorphy of the
 1049 Derbidae+Achilixiidae clade and homoplastic autapomorphy of *Bennarella bicoloripen-*
 1050 *nis* (Cixiidae).

1051 7. Head, median ocellus: (0) absent; (1) present. [CI=1.0; RI=1.0]. Figure 4 D.

1052 Löcker et al. (2006) and Ceotto & Bourgoïn (2008) used this character in their phy-
 1053 logenetic analyses with Cixiidae. In both analyses, this character underwent reversals and
 1054 convergences throughout its evolutionary history, demonstrating its high variability
 1055 within Cixiidae. The state 0 of this character was recovered as a non-homoplastic synap-
 1056 omorphy of the clade composed of Achilidae+ (Fig 4 D).

1057 8. Head, lateral ocellus insertion, lateral view, position in relation to inferior margin of
 1058 the compound eye: (0) aligned with; (1) below. [CI=0.2; RI=0.7]. Figures 5 A–D.

1059 State 0 of this character is a homoplastic synapomorphy of *Bebaiotes dichromata*
 1060 and *Bebaiotes cavichiolli*+ clade (Fig 5 C), except for *Bebaiotes nivosa*, where this
 1061 character could not be visualized due to the way it was photographed and it was coded as
 1062 '?'.
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Figures 5 A–D. Head, lateral view. **A**, *Synecdoche* sp. 2. **B**, *Melanoliarius* sp. 1. **C**, *Bebaiotes tigrina*. **D**, *Bebaiotes clarice*. Scale bars: A, C = 0.4 mm; B, D = 0.5 mm. Black arrows highlighting the lateral ocellus insertion (char. 8): A, *Synecdoche* sp. 2. (state 0) and D, *Bebaiotes clarice* (state 1). Red arrows highlighting the compound eye shape (char. 9): B, *Melanoliarius* sp. 1 (state 0) and D, *Bebaiotes clarice* (state 1).

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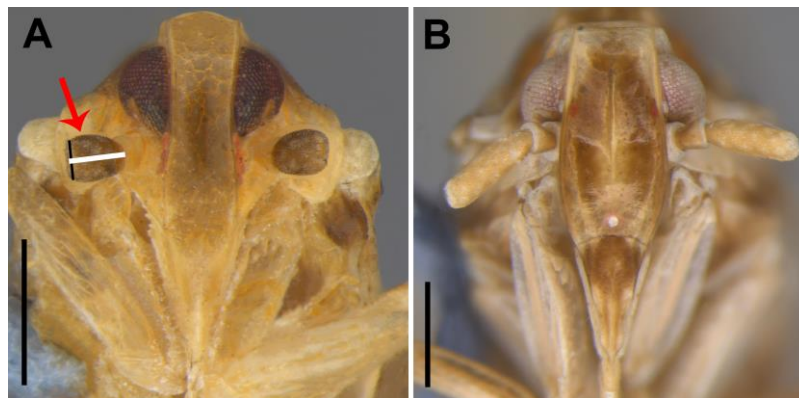
1065 9. Head, compound eye, lateral view, shape: (0) rounded; (1) reniform. [CI=1.0; RI=1.0].
 1066 Figures 5 A–D.

1067 The shape of the compound eye is influenced by the size of the ocular concavity,
 1068 being present in all species in this analysis. The state 1 of this character was recovered as
 1069 a non-homoplastic synapomorphy of the Derbidae+Achilixiidae clade (Figs 5C, D).

1070 10. Head, antenna, pedicel, length in relation to width: 0) subequal; (1) longer. [CI=0.2;
 1071 RI=0.6]. Figures 6 A–C.

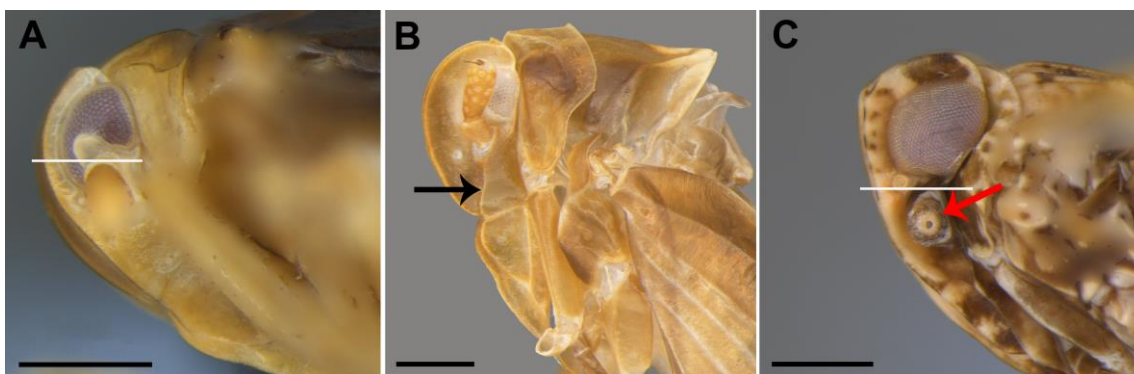
1072 This character has already been employed in previous cladistic studies by Löcker
 1073 et al. (2006) and Ceotto & Bourgoïn (2008). The state 1 of the character was recovered
 1074 as a homoplastic apomorphies, as it arose independently in the Derbidae+Achilixiidae
 1075 clade and the terminal *Bennarella bicoloripennis* (Cixiidae) (Fig 6 B), although a

1076 reversion occurred in *Bebaiotes dichromata* and *Bebaiotes parallela* to the plesiomorphic
 1077 state (Fig 6 A).



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 1079 **Figures 6 A–B.** Head, frons, anterior view. **A**, *Bebaiotes dichromata*. **B**, *Bennarella*
 1080 *bicoloripennis*. Scale bars: A= 0.5 mm; B= 0.4 mm. Arrow highlighting the pedicel (char.
 1081 10, state 0).
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1083 11. Head, antennal insertion, lateral view, position in relation to inferior margin of the
 1084 compound eye: (0) aligned with; (1) below. [CI=0.5; RI=0.8]. Figures 7 A–C.



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 1086 **Figures 7 A–C.** Head, lateral view. **A**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. **B**, *Bebaiotes specialis*. **C**,
 1087 *Synecdoche* sp. 2. Scale bars: A–C= 0.4 mm. Red arrow highlighting antennal insertion
 1088 (char. 11): *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 0) and **C**, *Synecdoche* sp. 2 (state 1). Black arrow
 1089 highlighting the presence of the subantennal carina (char. 11, state 1).
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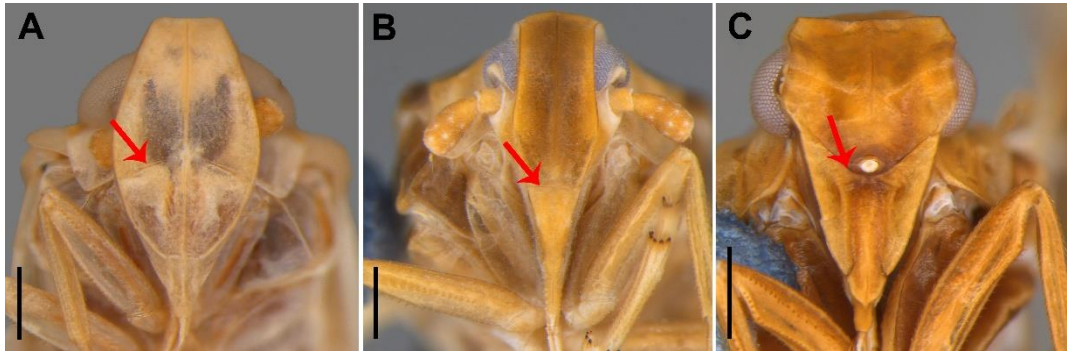
1091 12. Head, gena, subantennal carina: (0) absent; (1) present. [CI=0.5; RI=0.9]. Figures 7
 1092 A–C.

1093 Ceotto & Bourgoïn (2008) used this character in their phylogenetic analyses of
 1094 Cixiidae. In Achilixiidae, the state 1 of this character was recovered as a homoplastic

1095 synapomorphy of *Bebaiotes*, being one of the diagnostic characters of this genus (Fig 7
1096 B).

1097 13. Head, epistomal suture, shape: (0) convex; (1) almost straight; (2) concave. [CI=0.6;

1098 RI=0.8]. Figures 8 A–C.

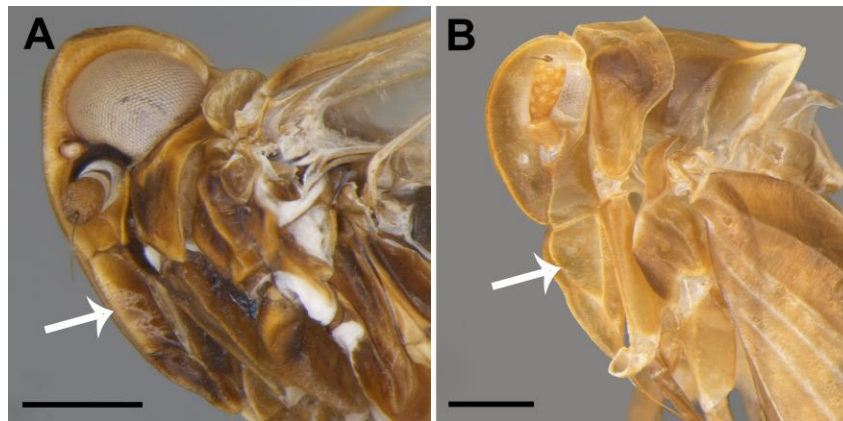


1099 **Figures 8 A–C.** Head, frons, epistomal suture, anterior view. **A**, *Synecdoche* sp. 2. **B**,
1100 *Achilixius dietrichi*. **C**, *Bothriocera* sp. 1. Scale bars: A, B= 0.3 mm; C = 0.4 mm. Red
1101 arrow highlighting epistomal suture (char. 13): A, *Synecdoche* sp. 2. (state 0), B,
1102 *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 1), and C, *Bothriocera* sp. 1 (state 2).
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1105 14. Head, lora, lateral view, shape: (0) subrectangular; (1) subtriangular. [CI=1.0;

1106 RI=1.0]. Figures 9 A–B.

1107 The lora is a head sclerite, bounded dorsally by the epistomal suture, anteriorly by
1108 the longitudinal lateral carina of the clypeus, and posteriorly by the maxillary lobe
1109 (Mejdalani, 1998). The shape of the lora is determined by the shape of the longitudinal
1110 lateral carina of the clypeus in the lower half. State 1 of this character was identified as a
1111 non-homoplastic synapomorphy of Achilixiidae (Fig 9 B). However, it was not possible
1112 to observe this trait in all species of *Achilixius* due to the way they were mounted.



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1114 **Figures 9 A–B.** Head, lateral view. **A**, *Melanoliarius* sp. 1. **B**, *Bebaiotes specialis*. Scale
1115 bars: A= 0.4 mm; B= 0.5 mm. White arrows highlighting the lora (char. 14): A, *Melano-*
1116 *liarius* sp. 1. (state 0) and B, *Bebaiotes specialis* (state 1).

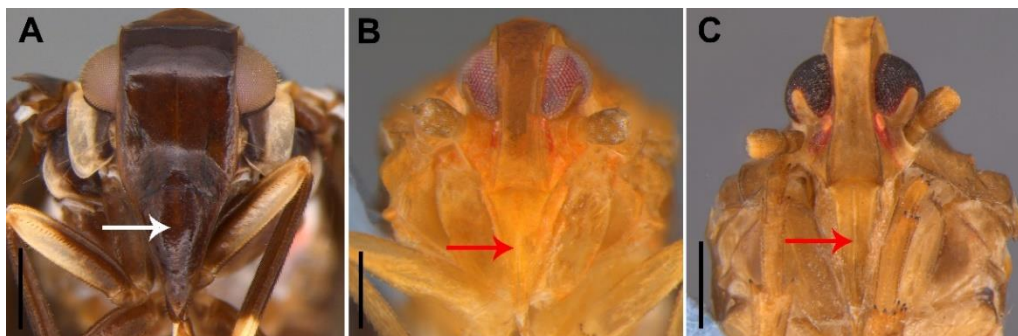
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1118 15. Head, clypeus, median longitudinal carina: (0) present; (1) absent. [CI=1.0; RI=1.0].

1119 Figures 10 A–C.

1120 This character has already been employed in previous cladistic studies by Löcker

1121 et al. (2006) and Ceotto & Bourgoïn (2008).



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Figures 10 A–C. Head, frons, anterior view. **A**, *Sevia* sp. A. **B**, *Bebaiotes macroptera*.
1123 **C**, *Bebaiotes dorsivittata*. Scale bars: A= 0.6 mm; B= 0.3 mm; C = 0.5 mm. White arrow
1124 highlighting the absence of the median carina of the clypeus (char. 15, state 1). Red
1125 arrows highlighting the extension of the median carina of the clypeus (char. 16): B,
1126 *Bebaiotes macroptera* (state 0) and C, *Bebaiotes dorsivittata* (state 1).

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1124 16. Head, clypeus, median longitudinal carina, extension: (0) between $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$; (1) longer

1125 than $\frac{3}{4}$. [CI=0.5; RI=0.0]. Figures 10 A–C.

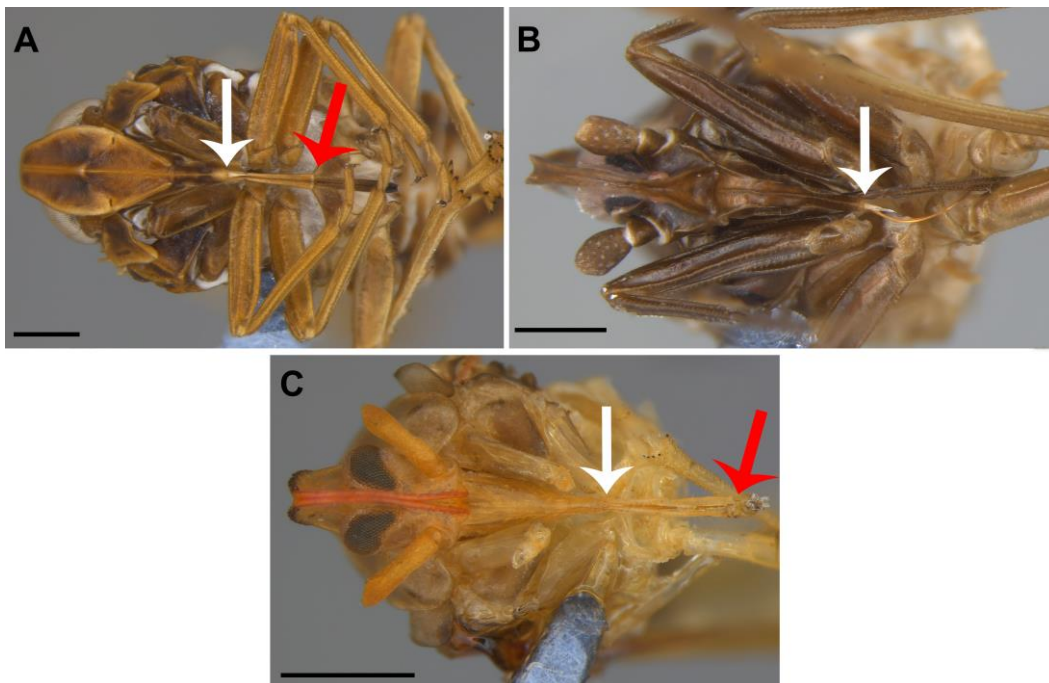
1126 This character has already been employed in previous cladistic studies by Löcker

1127 et al. (2006) and Ceotto & Bourgoïn (2008). State 0 of this character appears as

1128 homoplastic autapomorphies of *Bebaiotes dichromata* and *Bebaiotes macroptera*.

1129 17. Head, clypeus, ventral view, extension in relation to protochanter: (0) reaching ante-
 1130 rior margin; (1) reaching half-length; (2) extending posteriorly beyond. [CI=0.2; RI=0.0].
 1131 Figures 11 A–C.

1132 This character has already been employed in previous cladistic studies by Ceotto
 1133 & Bourgoïn (2008). State 1 of this character appears as homoplastic autapomorphies of
 1134 *Bebaiotes macroptera*, *Bebaiotes wilsoni*, *Bebaiotes oliveirai*, *Bebaiotes clarice*,
 1135 *Bebaiotes pulla*, *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis*, *Catonia* sp. 2 (Achilidae), and *Persis* (*Persis*)
 1136 (*Derbidae*).



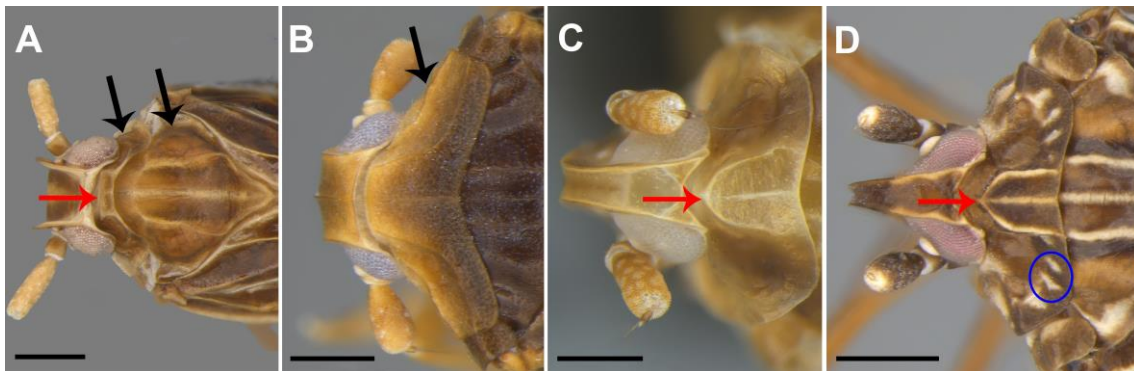
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Figures 11 A–C. Clypeus and labium, ventral view. **A**, *Synecdoche* sp. 2. **B**, *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis*. **C**, *Anotia* sp. 2. Scale bars: A, B= 0.5 mm; C = 1 mm. White arrows highlighting the extension of the clypeus (char. 17): A, *Synecdoche* sp. 2 (state 0), B, *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis* (state 1), and C, *Anotia* sp. 2 (state 2). Red arrows highlighting the apex of the second labial segment (char. 18): A, *Synecdoche* sp. 2 (state 0) and C, *Anotia* sp. 2 (state 2).

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1139 18. Head, labium, ventral view, apex of the second labial segment, extension in relation
 1140 to metacoxal: (0) reaching anterior margin; (1) reaching half-length; (2) extending poste-
 1141 riorly beyond. [CI=0.3; RI=0.7]. Figures 11 A, C.

1142 This character has already been employed in previous cladistic studies by Ceotto &
 1143 Bourgoïn (2008). Within *Bebaiotes*, state 1 was recovered as homoplastic synapo-
 1144 morphies of *Bebaiotes banksi*+ and *Bebaiotes amazonica*+ clades, except for *Bebaiotes*
 1145 *nivosa*, where this character could not be visualized due to the way were mounted and it
 1146 was coded as ‘?’. However, it was not possible to observe this trait in all species of the
 1147 *Achilixius* due to the way they were mounted and photographed, and it was coded as ‘?’.
 1148 19. Thorax, pronotum, dorsal view, median length in relation to median length of mesono-
 1149 tum: (0) less than $\frac{1}{4}$; (1) longer than $\frac{1}{2}$. [CI=1.0; RI=1.0]. Figures 12 A–D. This character
 1150 has already been employed in previous cladistic studies by Ceotto & Bourgoïn (2008).
 1151 The median length of the pronotum was measured in relation to the median length of the
 1152 mesonotum. State 1 of this character was identified as a non-homoplastic synapomorphy
 1153 of Achilixiidae (Figs 12 B–D).



1154 **Figures 12 A–D.** Thorax, dorsal view. **A**, *Bennarella bicoloripennis*. **B**, *Achilixius*
 1155 *dietrichi*. **C**, *Bebaiotes specialis*. **D**, *Bebaiotes pulla*. Scale bars: A= 0.4 mm; ; B, C = 0.3
 1156 mm, D = 0.4 mm. Black arrows highlighting the pronotum and mesonotum (char. 19): A,
 1157 *Bennarella bicoloripennis* (state 0) and B, *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 1). Red arrows high-
 1158 lighting the anterior pronotum pronotum (char. 20): A, *Bennarella bicoloripennis* (state
 1159 0), C, *Bebaiotes specialis* (state 2), and C, *Bebaiotes pulla* (state 1). Blue circle
 1160 highlighting the presence of pustules on the posterior margin of the pronotum (char. 21,
 1161 state 1).
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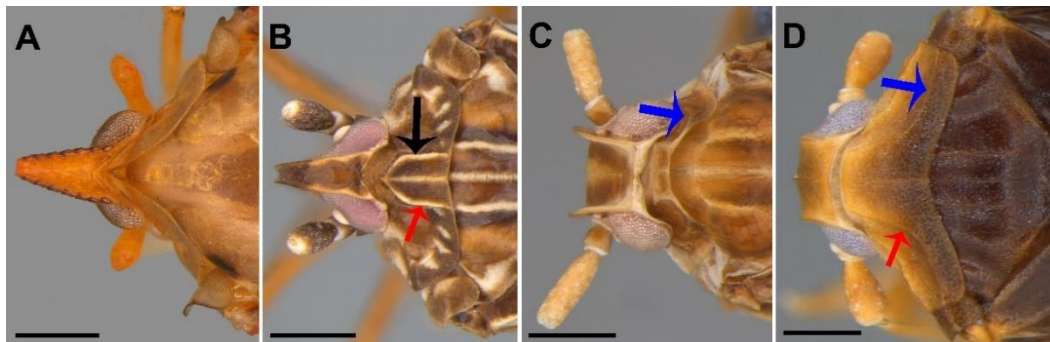
1164 20. Thorax, pronotum, dorsal view, anterior margin, shape: (0) truncated; (1) tapered; (2)
 1165 rounded. [CI=0.2; RI=0.6]. Figures 12 A, C, D.

1166 The state 1 of the character was recovered as a homoplastic apomorphies of the
 1167 *Bebaiotes macroptera*, *Bebaiotes cavichioli*, *Synecdoche* sp. 2 (Achilidae), *Anotia* sp. 2
 1168 (Derbidae) and *Bebaiotes pallidinervis*+ clade (Fig 12 D). Within *Bebaiotes pallidiner-*
 1169 *vis*+ clade, state 2 of the character was recovered as homoplastic autapomorphies of the
 1170 *Bebaiotes wilsoni*, *Bebaiotes specialis*, and *Bebaiotes bucaiyensis* (Fig 12 C).

1171 21. Thorax, pronotum, posterior margin, pustules: (0) absent; (1) present. [CI=0.3;
 1172 RI=0.5]. Figures 12 A–C.

1173 Within *Bebaiotes*, state 1 of this character was found as a homoplastic
 1174 autapomorphy of *Bebaiotes pallidinervis* and synapomorphy of *Bebaiotes bucaiyensis*+
 1175 clade, although a reversion occurred in *Bebaiotes dorsivittata* to the plesiomorphic state.

1176 22. Thorax, pronotum, lateral longitudinal carinae: 0) present; (1) absent. [CI=1.0;
 1177 RI=1.0]. Figures 13 A–C.



1178 **Figures 13 A–D.** Thorax, pronotum, dorsal view. **A**, *Anotia* sp. 2. **B**, *Bebaiotes pulla*. **C**,
 1179 *Bennarella bicoloripennis*. **D**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. Scale bars: A = 0.6 mm; B = 0.5 mm;
 1180 C = 0.4 mm; D = 0.3 mm. Black arrow highlighting the lateral longitudinal carinae on the
 1181 posterior margin (char. 22, state 0). Red arrows highlighting the direction of lateral
 1182 longitudinal carinae on the posterior margin (char. 23): B, *Bebaiotes pulla* (state 0) and
 1183 D, *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 1). Blue arrows highlighting the direction of posterior half
 1184 of lateral longitudinal carinae (char. 24): C, *Bennarella bicoloripennis* (state 1) and D,
 1185 *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 2).
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1188 23. Thorax, pronotum, dorsal view, lateral longitudinal carinae, anterior half, direction:
 1189 (0) subparallel; (1) divergent posteriorly. [CI=0.2; RI=0.2]. Figures 13 B, D.

1190 Within *Bebaiotes*, state 0 of this character was found as homoplastic autapo-
 1191 morphies of *Bebaiotes dichromata*, *Bebaiotes pallidinervis*, and *Bebaiotes guianesus* (Fig
 1192 12 B).

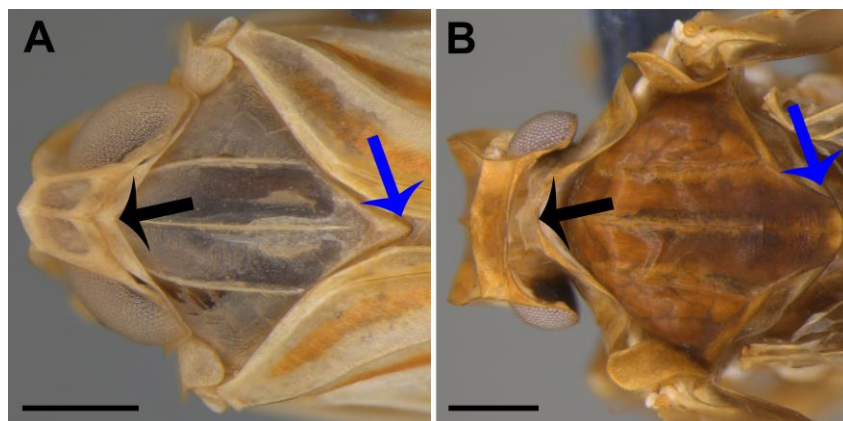
1193 24. Thorax, pronotum, dorsal view, lateral longitudinal carinae, posterior half, direction:
 1194 (0) continues anterior half direction; (1) directed anteriorly; (2) directed laterally. [CI=0.6;
 1195 RI=0.9]. Figures 13 A–B.

1196 25. Thorax, pronotum, posterior margin, shape: (0) roundly concave; (1) acutely concave.
 1197 [CI=0.2; RI=0.2]. Figures 14 A–B.

1198 This character has already been employed in previous cladistic studies by Ceotto &
 1199 Bourgoïn (2008). State 0 of this character was recovered as a homoplastic synapomorphy
 1200 of Achilixiidae and a homoplastic autapomorphy of *Sevia* sp. A (Achilidae).

1201 26. Thorax, mesonotum, scutellum, apex, shape: (0) tapered; (1) rounded or truncated.
 1202 [CI=0.5; RI=0.0]. Figures 14 A–B.

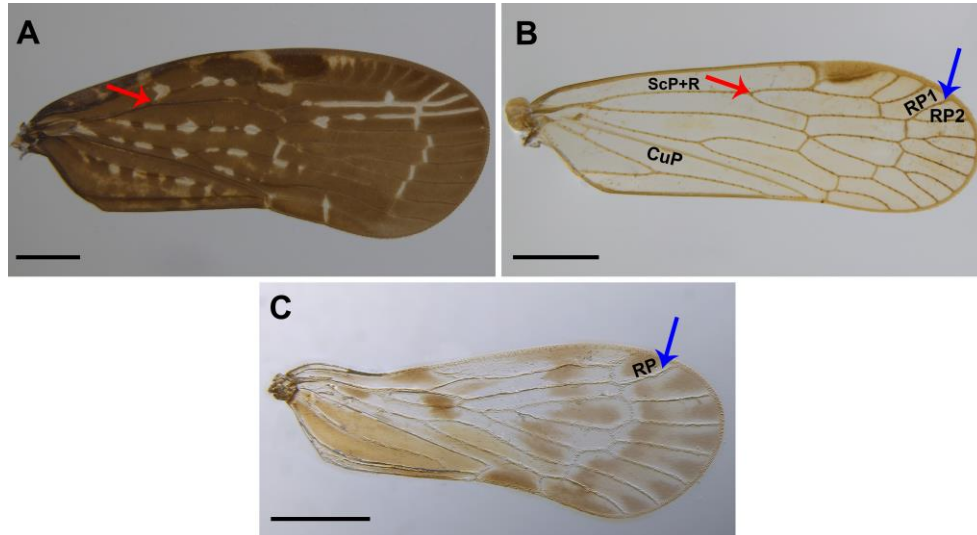
1203 This character has already been employed in previous cladistic studies by Ceotto &
 1204 Bourgoïn (2008).



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 1206 **Figures 14 A–B.** Thorax, dorsal view. **A**, *Synecdoche* sp. 2. **B**, *Bothriocera* sp. 1. Scale
 1207 bars: A–B= 0.4 mm. Black arrows highlighting the posterior margin of the pronotum
 1208 (char. 25): A, *Synecdoche* sp. 2 (state 1) and B, *Bothriocera* sp. 1. (state 0). Blue arrows
 1209 highlighting the apex of the scutellum (char. 26): A, *Synecdoche* sp. 2 (state 0) and B,
 1210 *Bothriocera* sp. 1. (state 1).

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1212 27. Thorax, forewing, position of ScP+R branching in relation total length of CuP vein:
 1213 (0) aligned at basal half of CuP; (1) aligned at apical half of CuP. [CI=0.2; RI=0.0]. Fig-
 1214 ures 15 A–C.



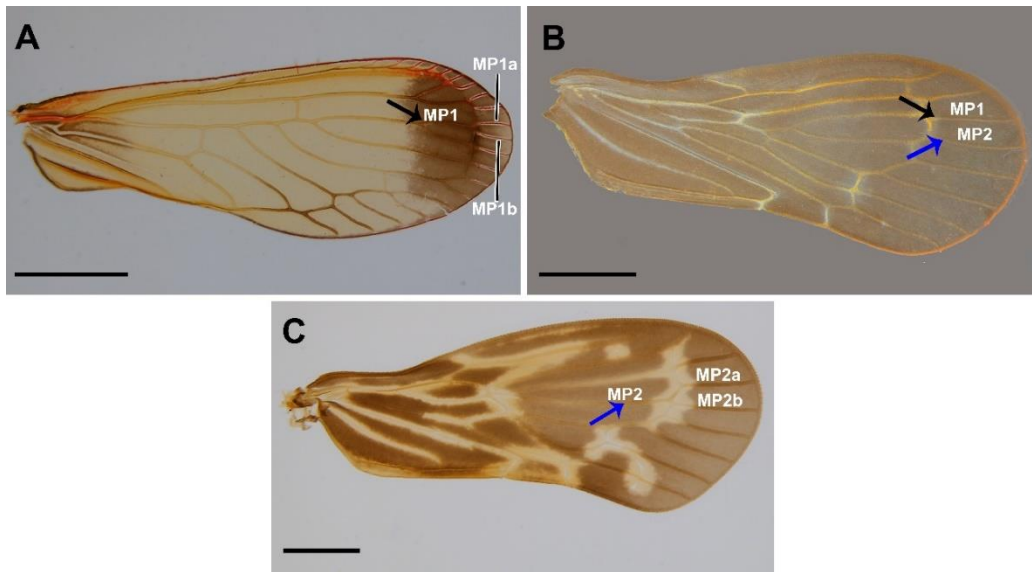
1215 **Figures 15 A–C.** Forewing. **A**, *Sevia* sp. A. **B**, *Melanoliarius* sp. 1. **C**, *Bebaiotes*
dichromata. Scale bars: A–C= 1 mm. Red arrows highlighting the position of the ScP+RP
 branching (char. 27): A, *Sevia* sp. A (state 0) and B, *Melanoliarius* sp. 1 (state 1). Blue
 arrow highlighting the RP vein (char. 28): B, *Melanoliarius* sp. 1 and C (state 0), *Bebaiotes*
dichromata (state 1). Abbreviations: CuA, anterior cubitus; RP, radial posterior; ScP,
 posterior subcosta.

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 1217 28. Thorax, forewing, RP vein, branching: (0) branched; (1) unbranched. [CI=1.0;
 1218 RI=1.0]. Figures 15 A–B.

1219 State 1 of this character was recovered as a non-homoplastic synapomorphy of
 1220 *Bebaiotes* (Fig 15 C).

1221 29. Thorax, forewing, MP1 vein, branching: (0) branched; (1) unbranched. [CI=0.5;
 1222 RI=0.7]. Figures 16 A–C.

1223 State 1 of this character was recovered as a non-homoplastic synapomorphy of the
 1224 Achilidae+ clade, except for some species of *Achilixius*, where this character could not
 1225 be visualized due to the forewings not being mounted, and it was coded as ‘?’. In addition,
 1226 within the Achilidae+ clade, a reversion occurred in *Anotia* sp. 2 (Derbidae) to the plesi-
 1227 omorphic state (Fig 16 A).



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Figures 16 A–C. Forewing. **A**, *Anotia* sp. 2. **B**, *Bebaiotes parallela*. **C**, *Bebaiotes clarice*. Scale bars: A–C= 1 mm. Black arrow highlighting the MP1 vein (char. 29): A, *Anotia* sp. 2 (state 0) and B, *Bebaiotes parallela* (state 1). Blue arrows highlighting the MP2 vein (char. 30): C, *Bebaiotes clarice* (state 0) and B, *Bebaiotes parallela* (state 1). Abbreviations: MP1, first media posterior branch; MP2, second media posterior branch.

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1230 30. Thorax, forewing, MP2 vein, branching: (0) branched; (1) unbranched. [CI=1.0;

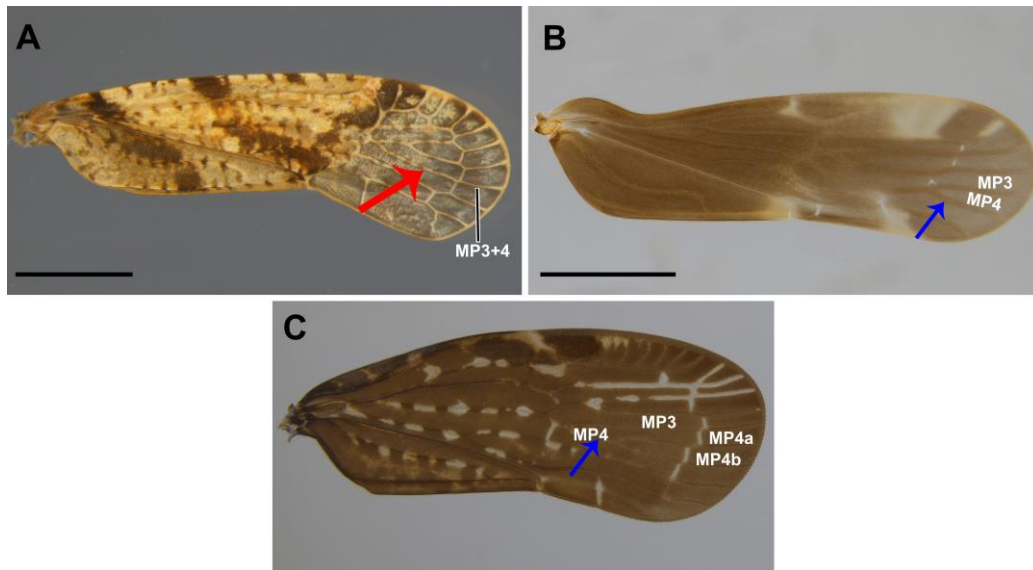
1231 RI=0.0]. Figures 16 A–C.

1232 State 0 of this character was recovered as an autapomorphy of *Bebaiotes clarice*

1233 (Fig 16 C).

1234 31. Thorax, forewing, fusion of MP3 in relation MP4: (0) separate; (1) fused. [CI=0.5;

1235 RI=0.0]. Figures 17 A–C.



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Figures 17 A–C. Forewing. **A**, *Catonia* sp. 2. **B**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. **C**, *Sevia* sp. A. Scale bars: A–B= 1 mm. Red arrow highlighting MP3+MP4 vein fused (char. 31, state 0). Blue arrows highlighting MP4 vein (char. 33): B, *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 1) and C, *Sevia* sp. A (state 0). Abbreviations: MP3+4, third media + fourth media posterior branches; MP3, third media posterior branch; MP4, fourth media posterior branch. Abbreviations: MP3+4, third media + fourth media posterior branches; MP3, third media posterior branch; MP4, fourth media posterior branch.

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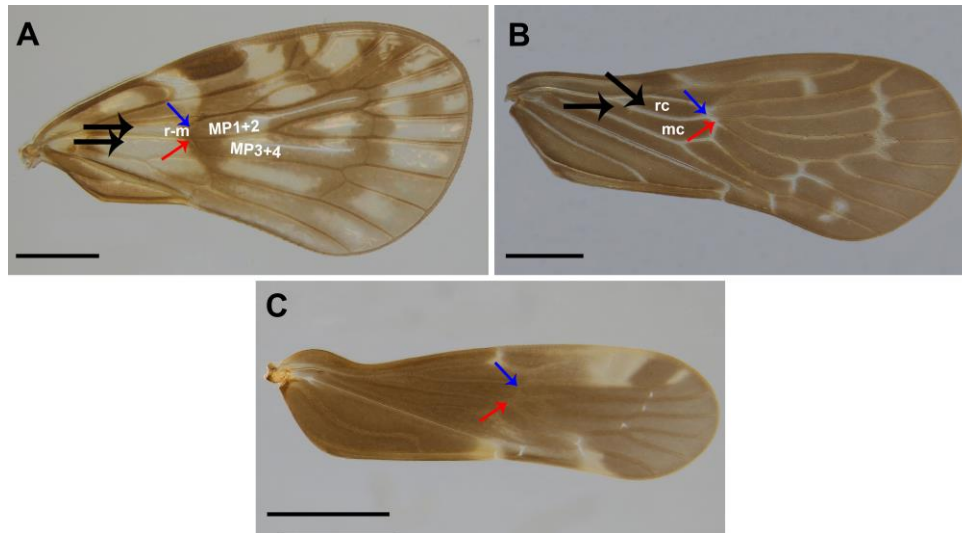
1238 32. Thorax, forewing, MP3 vein, branching: (0) branched; (1) unbranched. [CI=0.5;
1239 RI=0.8].

1240 State 0 of this character was recovered as a non-homoplastic synapomorphy of *Ano-*
1241 *tia* sp. 2 and *Bebaiotes bucaensis*+ clade. It is important to note that within the genus
1242 *Bebaiotes*, this character has arisen only once, making it one of the homoplastic synapo-
1243 morphy supporting the clade *Bebaiotes bucaensis*+

1244 33. Thorax, forewing, MP4 vein, branching: (0) branched; (1) unbranched. [CI=1.0;
1245 RI=1.0]. Figures 17 A–C.

1246 34. Thorax, forewing, position of MP1+2 and MP3+4 branching in relation to r-m
1247 crossvein: (0) basal; (1) apical; (2) aligned with. [CI=0.3; RI=0.7]. Figures 18 A–C.

1248 The topology obtained in this study indicates that the character is homoplastic
 1249 and arose independently in two distinct clades within Achilixiidae, in *Bebaiotes dichro-*
 1250 *mata+* and *Bebaiotes clarice+*.



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1252 **Figures 18 A–C.** Forewing. **A**, *Bothriocera* sp. 1. **B**, *Bebaiotes pulla*. **C**, *Achilixius*
 1253 *dietrichi*. Scale bars: A–C= 1 mm. Black arrows highlighting the radial cell in relation to
 1254 median cell (char. 35): A, *Bothriocera* sp. 1 (state 0) and B, *Bebaiotes pulla* (state 1).
 1255 Blue arrows highlighting the r-m crossvein. Red arrows highlighting the position MP1+2
 1256 and MP3+4 branching (char. 36): A, *Bothriocera* sp. 1 (state 2), B, *Bebaiotes pulla* (state
 1257 1), C, *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 0). Abbreviations: mc, median cell; MP1+2, first media
 1258 + second media posterior branches MP3+4, third media + fourth media posterior
 1259 branches; rc, radial cell; r-m, radio-medial crossvein.

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1261 35. Thorax, forewing, length of radial cell in relation to median cell length: (0) subequal;
 1262 (1) half length; (2) twice longer. [CI=0.6; RI=0.9]. Figures 18 A–C.

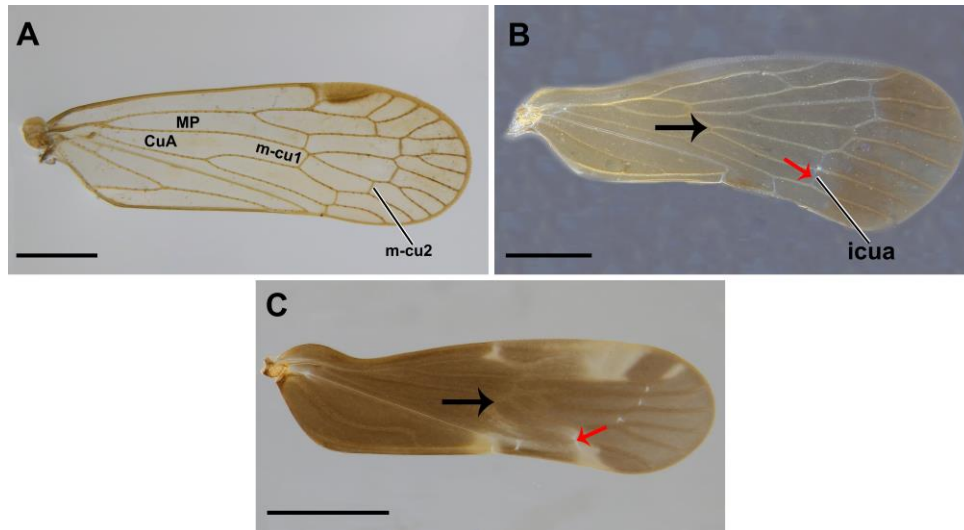
1263 State 1 was recovered as a homoplastic synapomorphy of *Bebaiotes*, being con-
 1264 sidered an important character to corroborate the diagnosis of the genus.

1265 36. Thorax, forewing, position of r-m crossvein in relation to apex of clavus: (0) basal;
 1266 (1) apical; (2) aligned with. [CI=0.4; RI=0.6]. Figures 18 A–C.

1267 Within the Achilixiidae+ clade, the state 0 of the character was recovered as a ho-
 1268 moplasic synapomorphy of the *Bebaiotes+* clade.

1269 37. Thorax, forewing, m-cu1 crossvein: (0) present; (1) absent. [CI=0.5; RI=0.0]. Figures
1270 19 A–C.

1271 State 1 of this character was recovered as homoplastic autapomorphies of *Bebaiotes*
1272 *pallidinervis* and *Bennarella bicoloripennis* (Cixiidae).



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Figures 19 A–C. Forewing. **A**, *Melanoliarius* sp. 1. **B**, *Bebaiotes wilsoni*. **C**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. Scale bars: A–C= 1 mm. Black arrows highlighting the position m-cua crossvein (char. 38): A, *Melanoliarius* sp. 1 (state 0), B, *Bebaiotes wilsoni* (state 1) and C, *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 2). Red arrows highlighting the presence and absence of the m-cua2 crossvein (char. 39): B, *Bebaiotes wilsoni* (state 0) and C, *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 1). Abbreviations: CuA, cubitus anterior; MP, posterior media; m-cua1, first mediocubital crossvein; m-cua2, second mediocubital crossvein; icua, intercubital crossvein.

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1275 38. Thorax, forewing, length of m-cu1 crossvein in relation to m-cu2 crossvein length:
1276 (0) subequal; (1) shorter; (2) longer. [CI=0.2; RI=0.5]. Figures 19 A–C.

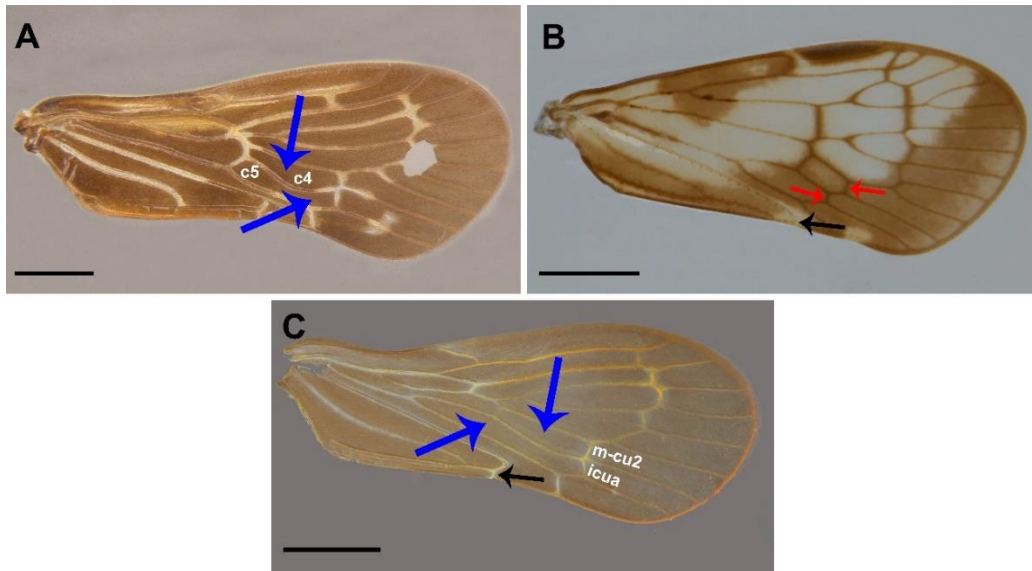
1277 State 1 of this character was recovered as homoplastic autapomorphies of
1278 *Synecdoche* sp. 2 (Achilidae) and *Bebaiotes parallela* and homoplastic synapomorphy of
1279 *Bebaiotes tigrina*+*Bebaiotes nivosa* clade. State 2 was recovered as homoplastic
1280 autapomorphies of *Pintalia* sp. 1 (Cixiidae), *Anotia* sp. 2 (Derbidae), and *Bebaiotes pulla*.

1281 39. Thorax, forewing, icua crossvein: (0) present; (1) absent. [CI=0.5; RI=0.8]. Figures

1282 19 A–C.

1283 State 1 was recovered as a homoplastic synapomorphy of *Achilixius*, despite
 1284 missing data for some species, being considered an important character in the diagnosis
 1285 of genus.

1286 40. Thorax, forewing, position of m-cu2 crossvein in relation to icua crossvein: (0) not
 1287 aligned; (1) aligned. [CI=0.1; RI=0.4]. Figures 20 A–C.



1288 **Figures 20 A–C.** Forewing. **A**, *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis*. **B**, *Pintalia* sp. 2. **C**, *Bebaiotes*
 1289 *parallela*. Scale bars: A–C= 1 mm. Red arrows highlighting the position of the m-cu2
 1290 crossvein in relation to icua crossvein (char. 40, state 0). Blue arrows highlighting the
 1291 length of C4 cell in relation to C5 cell (char. 41): A, *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis* (state 2) and
 1292 C, *Bebaiotes parallela* (state 0). Black arrows highlighting the apex of the CuP vein (char.
 1293 42): B, *Pintalia* sp. 02 (state 0), C, *Bebaiotes parallela* (state 1). Abbreviations: C4, cell
 1294 C4; C5, cell C5; CuP, cubitus posterior; icua, intercubital crossvein; m-cua2, second me-
 1295 diocubital crossvein.
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1298 41. Thorax, forewing, length of C4 cell in relation to C5 cell: (0) less than $\frac{1}{2}$; (1) between
 1299 $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{2}{3}$; (2) longer than $\frac{3}{4}$. [CI=0.4; RI=0.8]. Figures 20 A–C.

1300 State 2 was recovered as a homoplastic synapomorphy of *Bebaiotes nigrigaster*+
 1301 clade and homoplastic autapomorphy of *Anotia* sp. 2 (Derbidae). State 0 of this character
 1302 as homoplastic autapomorphies of *Pintalia* sp. 1 (Cixiidae) and *Bebaiotes parallela*.

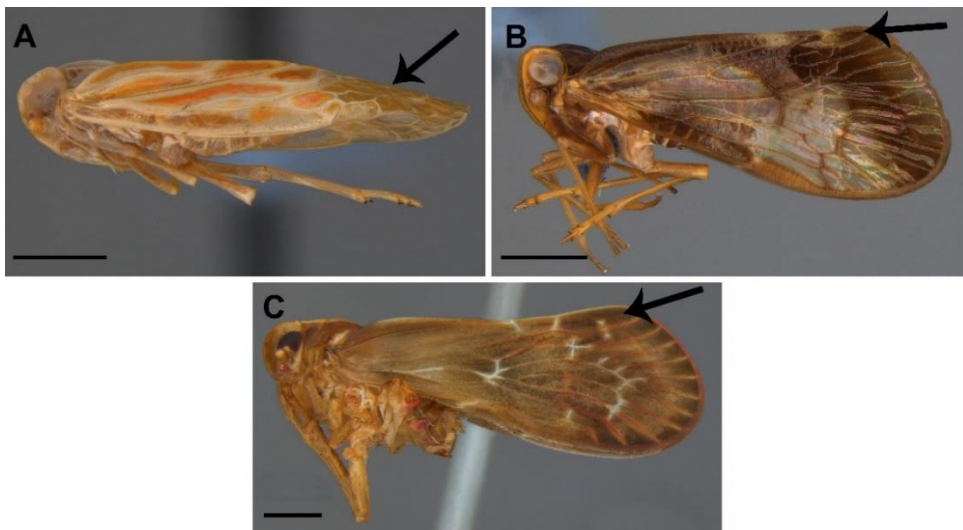
1303 42. Thorax, forewing, apex of the CuP vein, curvature: (0) straight; (1) abruptly curved
 1304 forming a 90° degree angle. [CI=0.5; RI=0.8]. Figures 20 A–B.

1305 State 1 was recovered as homoplastic synapomorphies of Achilidae and Achilixi-
 1306 idae. In Achilixiidae, all species have the apex of the CuP vein curved abruptly, forming
 1307 a 90° angle, except for some species of *Achilixius*, where this character could not be vis-
 1308 ualized due to the forewings not being mounted, and it was coded as ‘?’.

1309 43. Thorax, forewing, veins, tubercles: (0) present; (1) absent. [CI=0.5; RI=0.5].

1310 44. Thorax, forewing, apex position: (0) overlapping the other; (1) not overlapping.
 1311 [CI=1.0; RI=1.0]. Figures 21 A–C.

1312 This character has already been employed in previous cladistic studies by Ceotto
 1313 & Bourgoïn (2008). The overlapping of the apex of the forewing is a non-homoplastic
 1314 synapomorphy of Achilidae.



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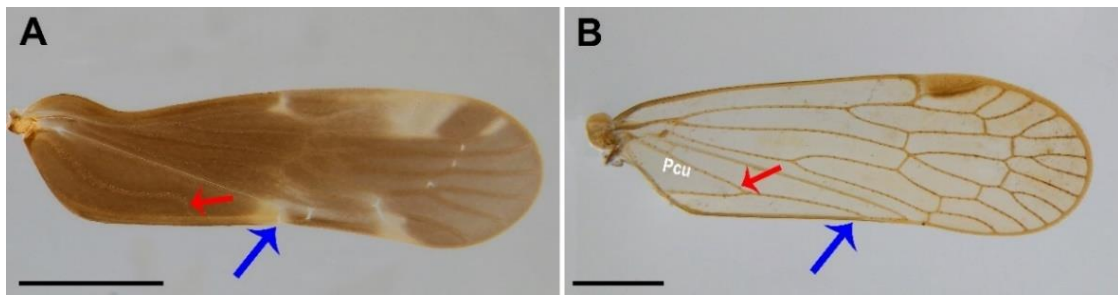
Figures 21 A–C. Forewing. **A**, *Synecdoche* sp. 2. **B**, *Pintalia* sp. 2. **C**, *Bebaiotes dorsivittata*. Scale bars: A–C= 1 mm. Black arrows highlighting the position apex position of the forewings (char. 44): **A**, *Synecdoche* sp. 2 (state 0), **B**, *Pintalia* sp. 2 (state 0), and **C**, *Bebaiotes dorsivittata* (state 0).

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1317 45. Thorax, forewing, Pcu vein, apex, curvature: (0) curved; (1) almost straight. [CI=0.2;
 1318 RI=0.4]. Figures 22 A–B.

1319 Within *Bebaiotes*, state 1 was recovered as homoplastic apomorphies of *Bebaiotes*
 1320 *amazonica* + *Bebaiotes macroptera* clade, *Bebaiotes bia* + *Bebaiotes* 6317 sp. C clade,
 1321 and *Bebaiotes oliveirai*.

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1325 **Figures 57 A–B.** Forewings. **A**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. **B**, *Melanoliarus* sp. 01. Scale bars:
 1326 A–B= 1 mm. Red arrows highlighting the apex of the Pcu vein (char. 45): A, *Achilixius*
 1327 *dietrichi* (state 0) and B, *Melanoliarus* sp. 01 (state 1). Blue arrows highlighting the post-
 1328 claval margin (char. 46): A, *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 1) and B, *Melanoliarus* sp. 01 (state
 1329 0). Abbreviations: Pcu, postcubitus.

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1331 46. Thorax, forewing, postclaval margin, curvature: (0) almost straight; (1) concave.

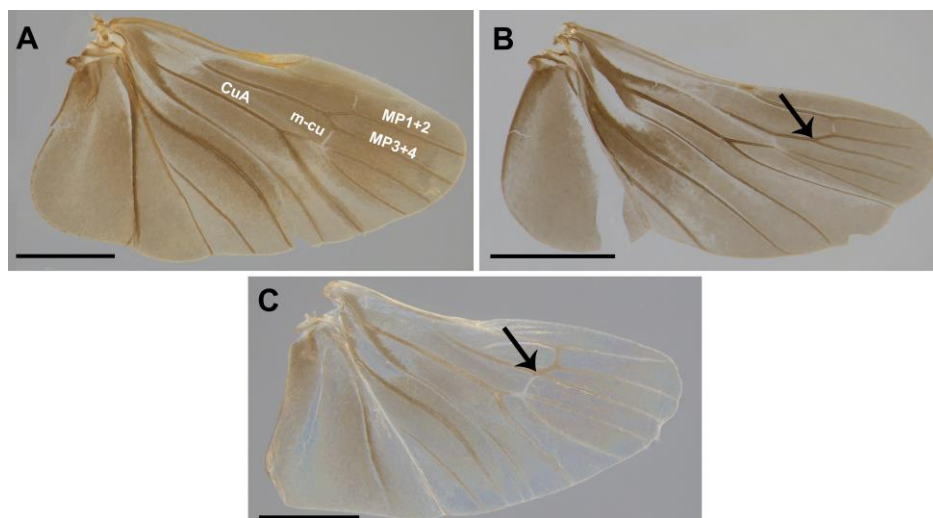
1332 [CI=0.5; RI=0.8]. Figures 22 A–B.

1333 Within *Bebaiotes*, state 1 was recovered as a homoplastic synapomorphy of the

1334 *Bebaiotes amazonica*+ clade.

1335 47. Thorax, hind wing, position of MP1+2 and MP3+4 branch in relation to m-cu

1336 crossvein: (0) basal; (1) apical; (2) aligned with. [CI=0.2; RI=0.4]. Figures 23 A–C.



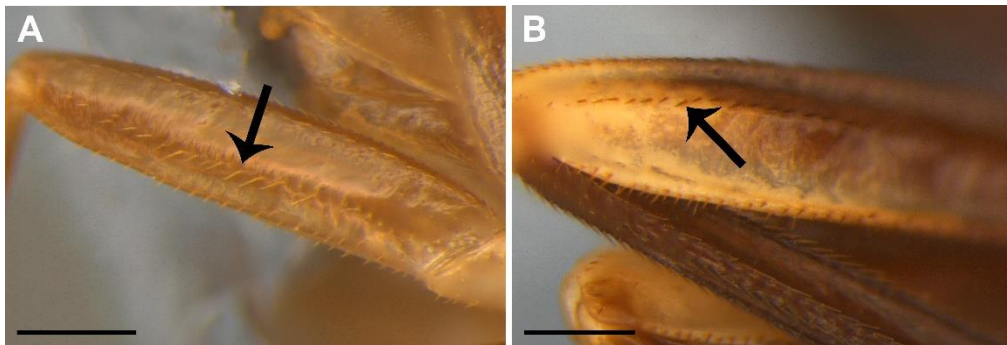
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Figures 23 A–C. Hindwings **A**, *Bebaiotes wilsoni*. **B**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. **C**, *Bebaiotes*
tigrina. Scale bars: A–C= 1 mm. Black arrows highlighting the MP1+2 and MP3+4
 branch (char. 47): B, *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 1) and C, *Bebaiotes tigrina* (state 2).
 Abbreviations: MP1+2, first media + second media posterior branches MP3+4, third
 media + fourth media posterior branches; m-cu, mediocubital crossvein.

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1339 48. Thorax, profemur, anterior face, seta, thickness: (0) thick; (1) slender. [CI=0.5;
1340 RI=0.9]. Figures 24 A–B.

1341 State 1 of this character was recovered as a non-homoplastic synapomorphy of
1342 *Bebaiotes*, although a reversion occurred in *Bebaiotes cavichioli* to the plesiomorphic
1343 state.



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Figures 24 A–B. Profemur, anterior face. **A**, *Bebaiotes amazonica*. **B**, *Sevia* sp. **A**.
Scale bars: A, B= 0.2 mm. Black arrows highlighting the seta (char. 48): **A**, *Bebaiotes
amazonica* (state 1) and **B**, *Sevia* sp. **A** (state 0).

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1346 49. Thorax, metatibia, lateral spines: (0) present; (1) absent. [CI=0.5; RI=0.5].

1347 This character has already been employed in previous cladistic studies by Löcker
1348 et al. (2006) and Ceotto & Bourgoïn (2008). State 1 of this character was recovered ho-
1349 moplastic autapomorphies of *Bennarella bicoloripennis*, *Bothriocera* sp. 1, and *Persis*
1350 (*Persis*).

1351 50. Thorax, metatibia, number of lateral spines: (0) 1; (1) 2; (2) 3. [CI=1.0; RI=1.0].

1352 This character has already been employed in previous cladistic studies by Löcker
1353 et al. (2006) and Ceotto & Bourgoïn (2008).

1354 51. Thorax, metatarsus, number of apical teeth on 1st tarsomere: 0) 5; (1) 6; (2) 7; (3) 8.
1355 [CI=0.4; RI=0.6].

1356 This character has already been employed in previous cladistic studies by Löcker
1357 et al. (2006).

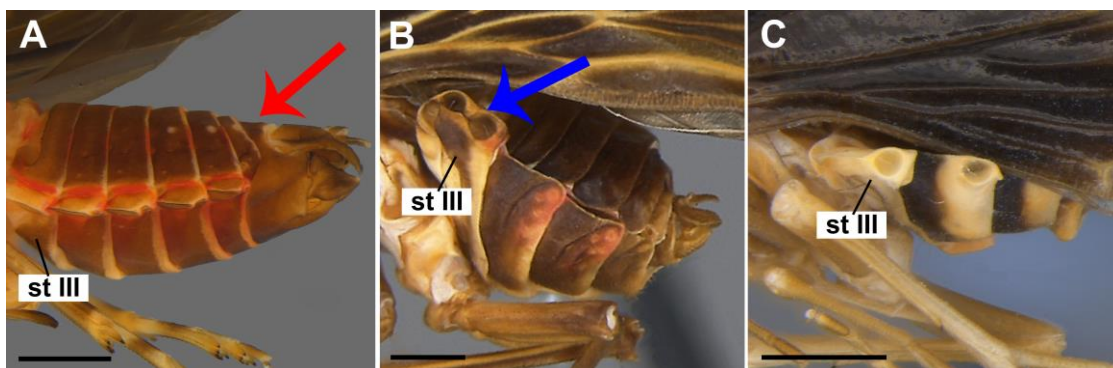
1358 52. Thorax, metatarsus, number of apical teeth on 2nd tarsomere: (0) 4; (1) 5; (2) 6; (3) 7;
 1359 (4) 8 ; (5) 9; (6) 10. [CI=0.6; RI=0.2].

1360 This character has already been employed in previous cladistic studies by Löcker
 1361 et al. (2006). Within *Bebaiotes*, state 1 of this character was recovered as homoplastic
 1362 apomorphies of *Bebaiotes dichromata*, *Bebaiotes specialis*, and *Bebaiotes dorsivittata* +
 1363 *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis* clade.

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1365 *Abdomen*

1366 53. Abdomen, shape: 0) laterally compressed; (1) dorsoventrally depressed. [CI=0.3;
 1367 RI=0.7]. Figures 25 A–C.



1368 **Figures 25 A–C.** Abdomen, sternite III. **A**, *Catonia* sp. 2. **B**, *Bebaiotes clarice*. **C**,
 1369 *Achilixius dietrichi*. Scale bars: A, C= 0.5 mm; B = 1 mm. Red arrow highlighting the
 1370 shape of the abdomen (char. 53, state 1). Blue arrow highlighting the sternite III (char.
 1371 54, state 1). Abbreviations: st III, sternite III.

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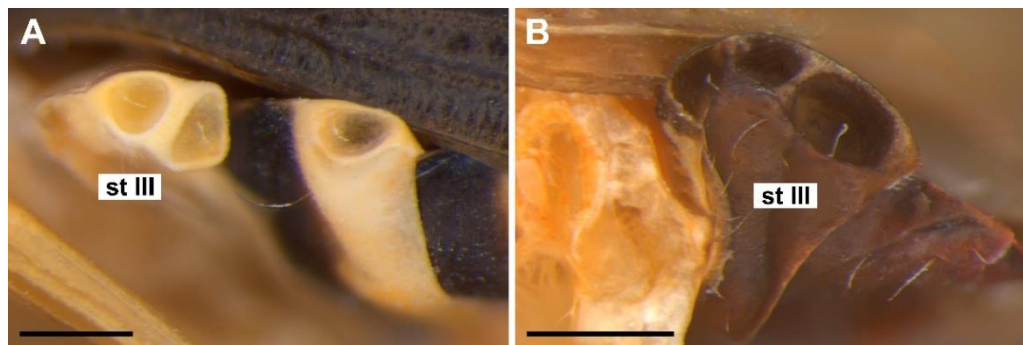
1374 54. Abdomen, sternite III, lateral abdominal processes: (0) absent; (1) present. [CI=1.0;
 1375 RI=1.0]. Figures 25 A–C.

1376 Some Cixiidae have abdominal processes in some sternites, but they differ in the
 1377 location, shape, and number of pits. In this analysis, state 1 of this character was recovered
 1378 as a non-homoplastic synapomorphy of Achilixiidae (Figs 25 B, C).

1379 55. Abdomen, sternite III, lateral abdominal processes, number of pits: (0) two; (1) three.
 1380 [CI=1.0; RI=1.0]. Figures 26 A–B.

1381 Within Achilixiidae the number of pits is different within its genera. In *Achilixius*
 1382 sternite III processes have two pits each (Fig 26 A), while in *Bebaiotes*, sternite III pro-
 1383 cesses have three pits each (Fig 26 B).

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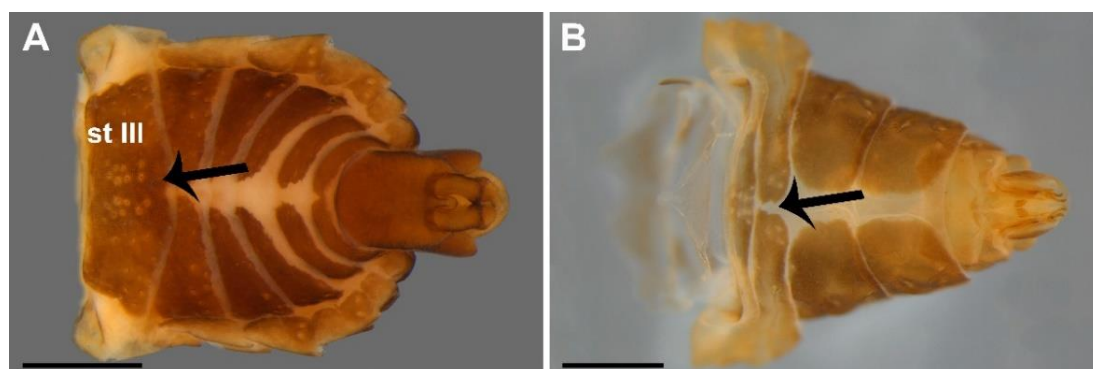
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Figures 26 A–B. Abdomen, sternite III. **A**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. **B**, *Bebaiotes macroptera*. Scale bars: A = 0.2 mm; B = 0.3 mm. Abbreviations: st III, sternite III.

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1387 56. Abdomen, sternite III, median longitudinal region, ventral view, sclerotization: (0) as
 1388 sclerotized as lateral regions; (1) membranous. [CI=1.0; RI=1.0]. Figures 27 A–B.

1389 The membranous median longitudinal region of sternite III was recovered as a
 1390 non-homoplastic synapomorphy of Achilixiidae.



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Figures 27 A–B. Abdomen, sternite III, ventral view. **A**, *Pintalia* sp. 2. **B**, *Bebaiotes specialis*. Scale bars: A–B = 0.5 mm. Black arrows highlighting the median longitudinal region of the sternite III (char. 56): A, *Pintalia* sp. 2 (state 0) and B, *Bebaiotes specialis* (state 1). Abbreviations: st III, sternite III.

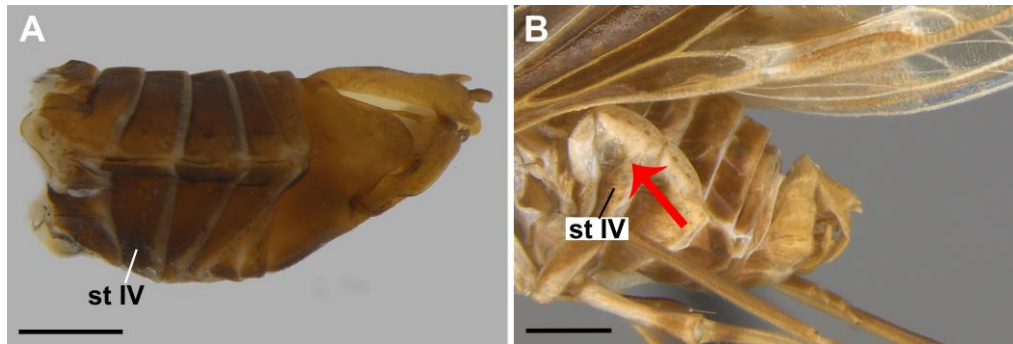
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1397 57. Abdomen, sternite IV, lateral abdominal processes: (0) absent; (1) present. [CI=1.0;

1398 RI=1.0]. Figures 28 A–B.

1399 This character has already been employed in previous cladistic studies by Ceotto &
 1400 Bourgoïn (2008). State 1 of this character was recovered as an autapomorphy of *Ben-*
 1401 *narella bicoloripennis* (Cixiidae).

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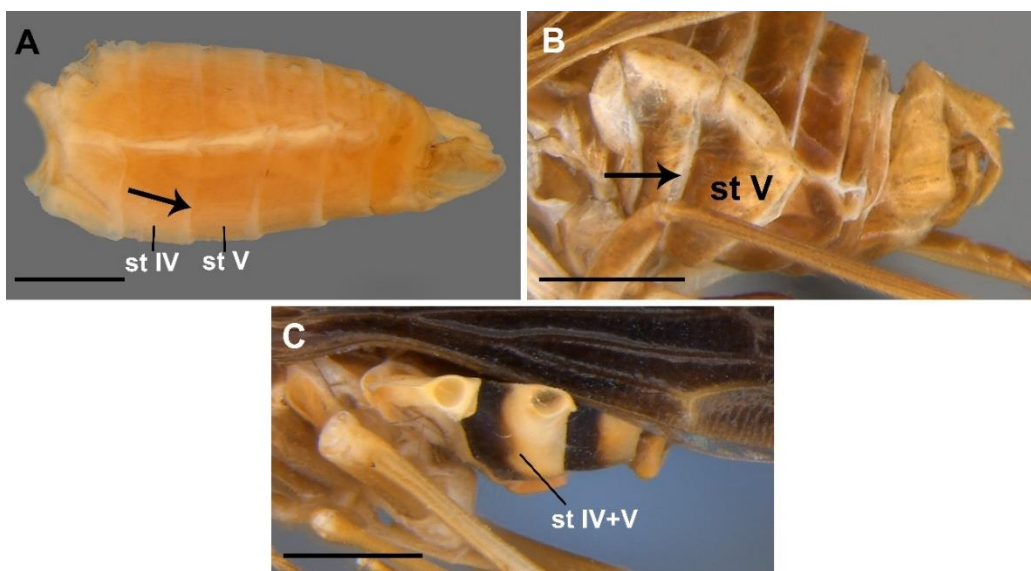
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Figures 28 A–B. Abdomen, sternite IV, lateral view. **A**, *Melanoliarus* sp. 2. **B**, *Bennarella bicoloripennis*. Scale bars: A, B = 0.5 mm. Red arrow highlighting the sternite IV (char. 57, state 1). Abbreviations: st IV, sternite IV.

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1405 58. Abdomen, sternite IV, connection to sternite V: (0) connected by membrane; (1) fused.
 1406 [CI=1.0; RI=1.0]. Figures 29 A–C.

1407 In the basic plan of Fulgoroidea, the abdomen has 3-7 subrectangular sternites
 1408 (O'Brien & Wilson, 1985). State 1 of this character was recovered as a non-homoplastic
 1409 synapomorphy of Achilixiidae.

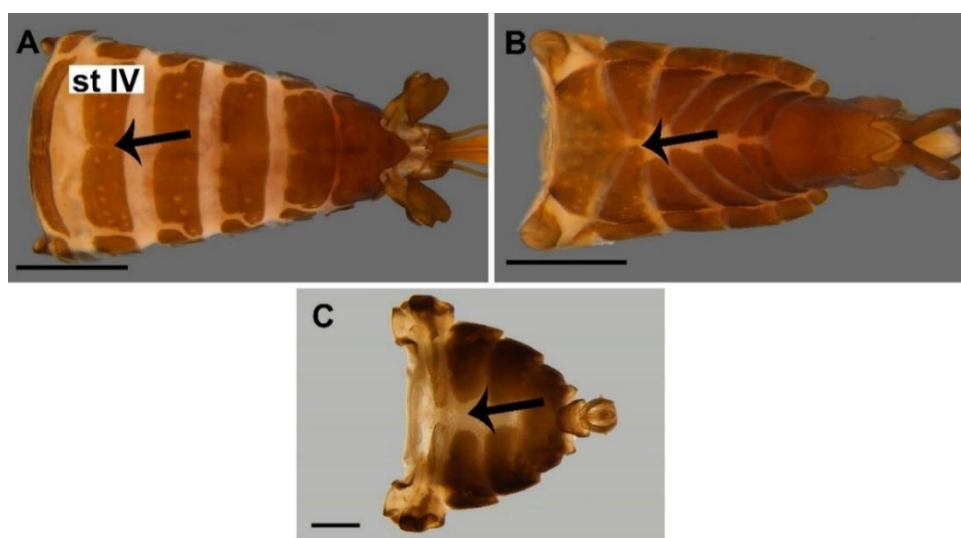


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1411 **Figures 29 A–C.** Abdomen, sternites IV and V, lateral view. **A**, *Synecdoche* sp. 2. **B**, *Bennarella* *bicoloripennis*. **C**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. Scale bars: A–C = 0.5 mm. Black arrow
 1412 highlighting the connection of sternites IV (char. 58, state 0). Abbreviations: st IV, sternite
 1413 IV; st V, sternite V.
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1416 59. Abdomen, sternite IV, median longitudinal region, ventral view, sclerotization: (0) as
 1417 sclerotized as lateral regions; (1) membranous. [CI=0.5; RI=0.7]. Figures 30 A–C.

1418 State 1 was recovered as homoplastic synapomorphies of Achilixiidae and Cixi-
 1419 idae.



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Figures 30 A–C. Abdomen, sternite IV, ventral view. **A**, *Sevia* sp. A. **B**, *Pintalia* sp. 2. **C**, *Bebaiotes clarice*. Scale bars: A= 1 mm; B, C = 0.5 mm. Black arrows highlighting the median longitudinal region of the sternite IV (char. 59): A, *Sevia* sp. A (state 0), B, *Pintalia* sp. 2 (state 1) and C, *Bebaiotes clarice* (state 1). Abbreviations: st IV, sternite IV.

1421 60. Abdomen, sternite V, lateral abdominal processes: (0) absent; (1) present. [CI=0.5;

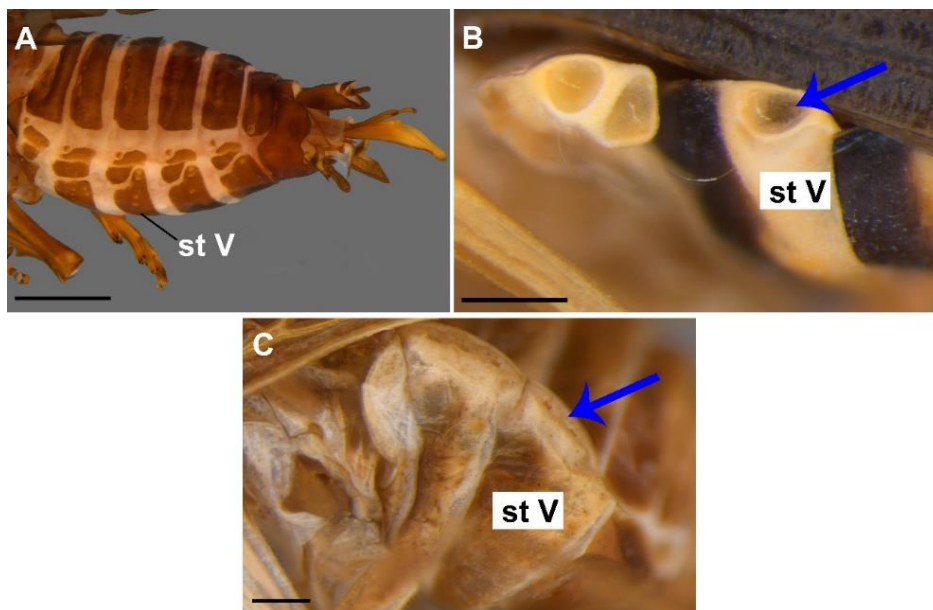
1422 RI=0.9]. Figures 31 A–C.

1423 This character has already been employed in previous cladistic studies by Ceotto &
 1424 Bourgoïn (2008). In Achilixiidae, the number of abdominal processes in sternites differ
 1425 between their genera. In *Bebaiotes*, it is present only in sternite III, while in *Achilixius*, it
 1426 is present in sternites III and V. Within Cixiidae, two tribes (Bennini and Bennarellini)
 1427 also have abdominal processes, which also vary in the shape and quantity of these

1428 abdominal processes. In our study, we used a representative of Bennarelini that has ab-
 1429 dominal processes in sternites IV and V.

1430 State 1 arose independently in *Achilixius* and in *Bennarella bicoloripennis* (Cixi-
 1431 idae), the Bennarellini representative. Although homoplastic, the presence of the ab-
 1432 dominal processes of sternite V in *Achilixius* was important to support the monophyly
 1433 and diagnosis of this genus.

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1435 **Figures 31 A–C.** Abdomen, sternite IV, ventral view. **A**, *Sevia* sp. **A**. **B**, *Achilixius die-*
 1436 *trichi*. **C**, *Bennarella bicoloripennis*. Scale bars: A= 1 mm; B, C = 0.2 mm. Blue arrows
 1437 highlighting the number of pits in sternite V (char. 61): **B**, *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 0),
 1438 **C**, *Bennarella bicoloripennis* (state 1). Abbreviations: st V, sternite V.

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1441 61. Abdomen, sternite V, lateral abdominal processes, number of pits: (0) one; (1) two.

1442 [CI=1.0; RI=1.0]. Figures 31 A–B.

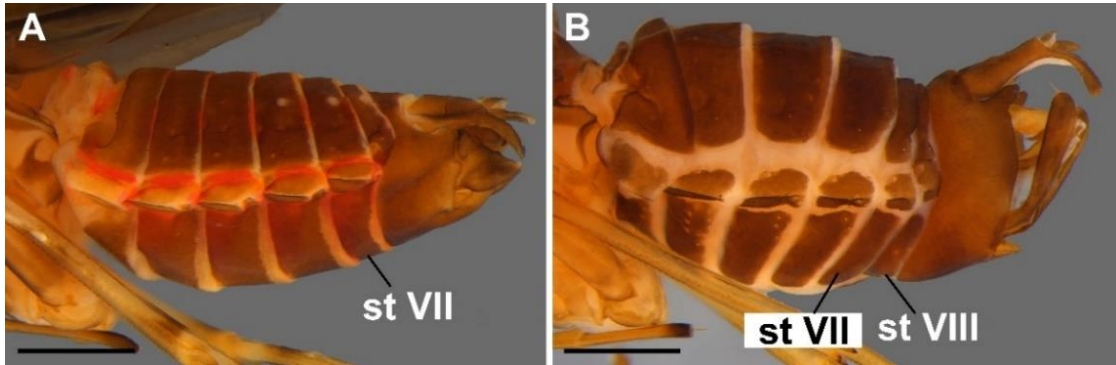
1443 62. Abdomen, sternite V, lateral abdominal processes, pits depth: (0) shallow: (1) deep.

1444 [CI=1.0; RI=1.0]. Figures 31 B–C.

1445 63. Abdomen, sternite VIII, connection to pygofer: (0) connected by membrane; (1) fused.

1446 [CI=0.5; RI=0.8]. Figures 32 A–B.

1447 In the general structure of Fulgoroidea, sternite VIII can be distinct from or fused
 1448 with the pygofer (O'Brien & Wilson, 1985). State 1 of this character was recovered as a
 1449 homoplastic synapomorphies for Achilidae and Achilixiidae.



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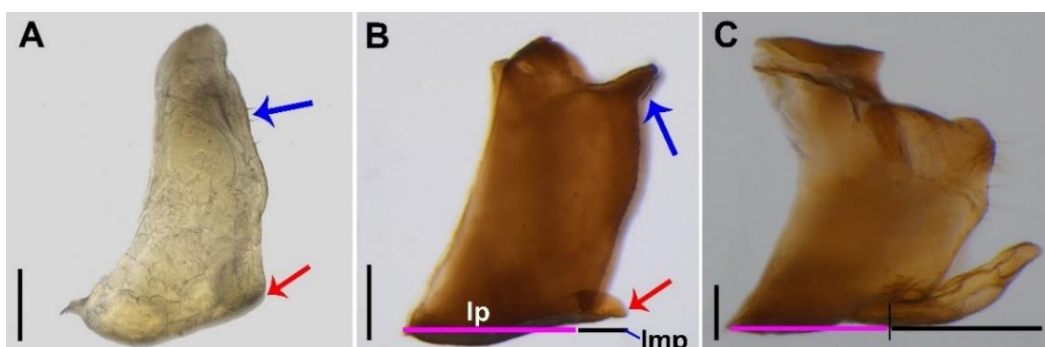
Figures 32 A–B. Abdomen, sternites VII and VIII, ventral view. **A**, *Catonia* sp. 2. **B**, *Pintalia* sp. 2. Scale bars: A= 1 mm; A, B = 0.5 mm. Abbreviations: st VII, sternite VII; st VIII, sternite VIII.

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1452 *Male abdomen*

1453 64. Male abdomen, pygofer, medioventral process: (0) present; (1) absent. [CI=0.3;
 1454 RI=0.6]. Figures 33 A–C.

1455 This character has already been employed in previous cladistic studies by Ceotto
 1456 & Bourgoïn (2008). The state 1 of the character was recovered within Achilixiidae clade,
 1457 although reversions occurred in *Achilixius fasciata*, *Achilixius kolintangii*, *Achilixius*
 1458 *minahassae*, *Achilixius muiri*, and *Bebaiotes clarice* to the plesiomorphic state. The males
 1459 of *Achilixius* sp. 1, *Bebaiotes nivosa*, and *Bebaiotes specialis* are unknown, and it was
 1460 coded as '?'.



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1462 **Figures 33 A–C.** Pygofer, lateral view. **A**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. **B**, *Pintalia* sp. 2. **C**, *Ca-*
 1463 *tonia* sp. 2. Scale bars: A, C= 0.1 mm; B= 0.2 mm. Red arrows highlighting the absence
 1464 (A) or presence (B) of the medioventral process. Blue arrows highlighting the posterior
 1465 margin of pygofer (char. 65): A, *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 0) and B, *Pintalia* sp. 2 (state
 1466 1). Abbreviations: lmp, length medioventral process; lp, length pygofer.
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1468 65. Male abdomen, pygofer, lateral view, posterior margin, dorsal half, dorsal projection:
 1469 (0) absent; (1) present. [CI=0.3; RI=0.0]. Figures 33 A–C.

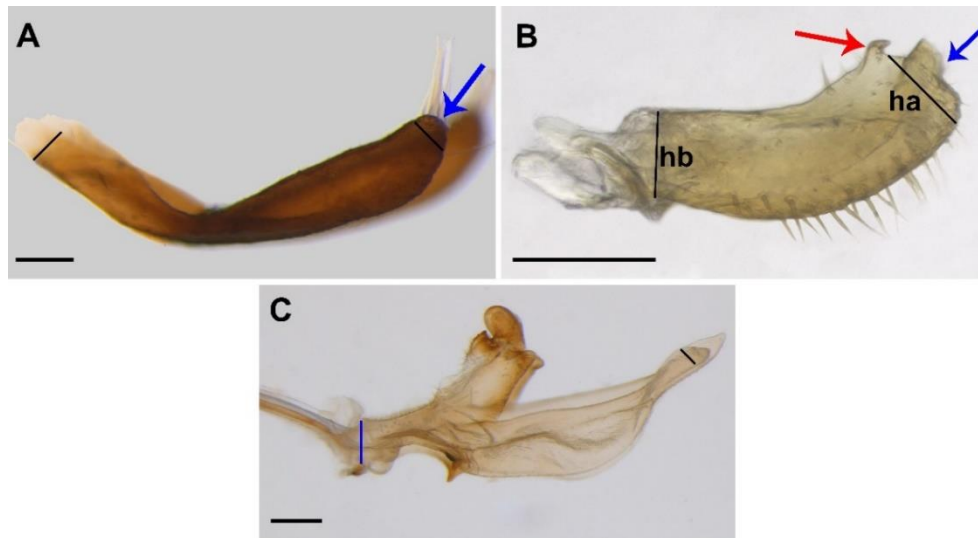
1470 The state 1 of this character was identified as homoplastic autapomorphies, having
 1471 independently arisen in *Pintalia* sp. 1, *Bebaiotes macroptera*, and *Bebaiotes clarice*. Due
 1472 to the absence of the male of *Bebaiotes specialis* for coding in the analysis, there is
 1473 ambiguity at the base of the node for *Bebaiotes clarice* + *Bebaiotes specialis*.

1474 66. Male abdomen, pygofer, medioventral process, lateral view, length in relation to
 1475 length pygofer up to base of process: (0) subequal; (1) less than 1/4; (2) between 1/4 and
 1476 1/2. [CI=0.6; RI=0.8]. Figures 33 B–C.

1477 The character was only coded for the taxa that possess a medioventral process of
 1478 the pygofer.

1479 67. Gonostylus, lateral view, apex, shape: 0) rounded; (1) truncated. [CI=0.2; RI=0.4].
 1480 Figures 34 A–C.

1481 The state 0 of this character was recovered as homoplastic autapomorphies of
 1482 *Achilixius fennahi*, *Achilixius irigae*, *Achilixius singularis*, *Achilixius tubulifer*, *Bebaiotes*
 1483 *dichromata*, *Bebaiotes amazonica*, and *Bebaiotes guianesus*.



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 1485 **Figures 34 A–C.** Gonostylus, lateral view. **A**, *Pintalia* sp. 02. **B**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. **C**,
 1486 *Persis* (*Persis*). Scale bars: A, B= 0.1 mm; C= 0.2 mm. Blue arrows highlighting the apex
 1487 of gonostylus (char. 67): A, *Pintalia* sp. 2 (state 0) and B, *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 1).
 1488 Red arrow highlighting the projection on the outer margin (char. 69, state 1). Abbrevia-
 1489 tions: ha, length apex; hb, length base.

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1491 68. Gonostylus, lateral view, height basal in relation to height apical: (0) shorter; (1) sub-
 1492 equal; (2) higher. [CI=0.2; RI=0.5]. Figures 34 A–C.

1493 State 1 of this character was recovered as homoplastic apomorphies of *Synecdoche*
 1494 sp. 2 (Achilidae) and *Bebaiotes*, although a reversion occurred in *Bebaiotes bia* to the
 1495 plesiomorphic state.

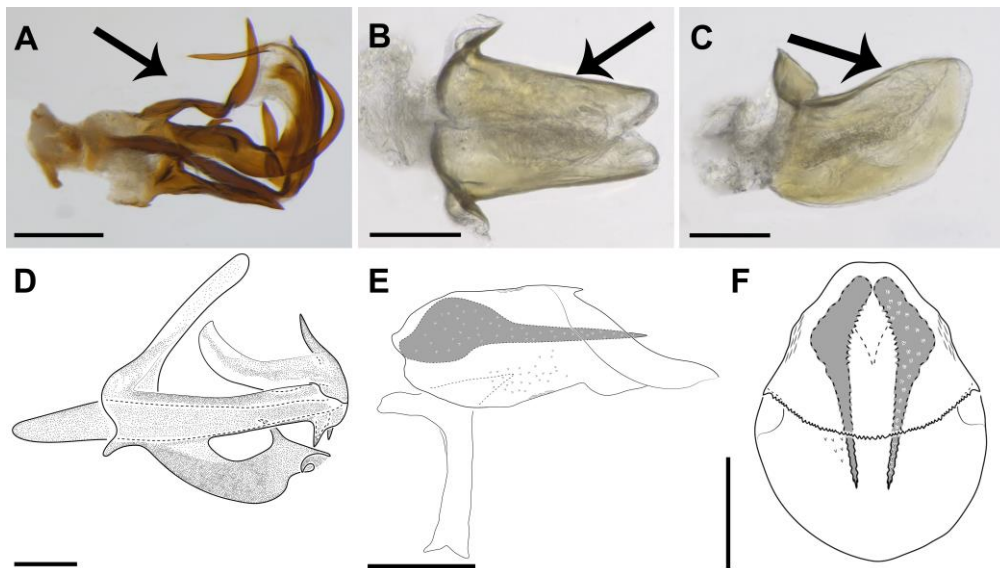
1496 State 2 of this character was recovered as homoplastic autapomorphies of *Achilixius*
 1497 *singularis*, *Pintalia* sp. 1 (Cixiidae), *Sevia* sp. A (Achilidae), and *Persis* (*Persis*)
 1498 (Derbidae).

1499 69. Gonostylus, projection, lateral view, outer margin, apical half: (0) absent; (1) present.
 1500 [CI=0.3; RI=0.7]. Figures 34 A–C.

1501 The absence of the projection on the outer margin of the gonostylus is observed
 1502 only in a single species of Achilixiidae, in *Achilixius singularis*.

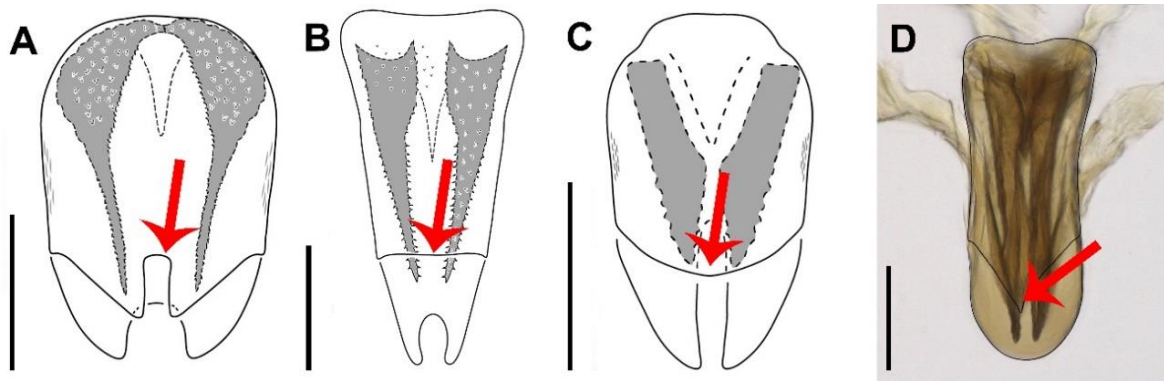
1503 70. Phallic complex, symmetry: (0) asymmetrical; (1) symmetrical. [CI=0.5; RI=0.8].
 1504 Figures 35 A–F.

1505 This character has already been employed in previous cladistic studies by Ceotto &
 1506 Bourgoïn (2008). Some Fulgoroidea families may exhibit processes on the periandrium
 1507 and aedeagus, which can vary in quantity and location (Bourgoïn & Huang, 1990). In
 1508 Achilixiidae, the phallic process is quite simple, lacking any processes. The state 1 of the
 1509 character was recovered as a homoplastic synapomorphy of the Achilixiidae clade and
 1510 homoplastic autapomorphy of *Anotia* sp. 2 (Derbidae).



1511 **Figures 35 A–F.** Phallic complex. **A**, *Melanoliarius* sp. 1, left lateral view, lateral view.
 1512 **B**, *Achilixius dietrichi*, dorsal view. **C**, *Achilixius dietrichi*, left lateral view, lateral
 1513 view. **D**, *Bennarella bicoloripennis*, left lateral view, lateral view. **E**, *Bebaiotes bia*, left
 1514 lateral view, lateral view. **F**, *Bebaiotes bia*, dorsal view. Scale bars: A= 0.3 mm; B–F =
 1515 0.1 mm; C= 0.2 mm. Black arrows highlighting the phallic complex (char. 70): A,
 1516 *Melanoliarius* sp. 1 (state 0) and B, C *Achilixius dietrichi* (state 1).
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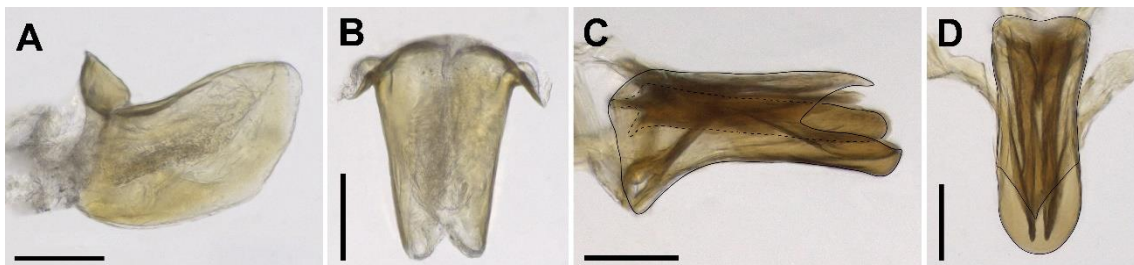
1519 71. Periandrium, dorsal margin apex, dorsal view, shape: (0) concave; (1) straight; (2)
 1520 roundly convex; (3) tapered. [CI=0.3; RI=0.1]. Figures 36 A–D.



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 1522 **Figures 36 A–D.** Periandrium, dorsal margin apex, dorsal view. **A**, *Bebaiotes amazonica*.
 1523 **B**, *Bebaiotes dorsivittata*. **C**, *Bebaiotes macroptera*. **D**, *Bebaiotes clarice*. Scale bars: A–
 1524 D = 0.1 mm. Red arrows highlighting the dorsal margin apex (char. 71): **A**, *Bebaiotes*
 1525 *amazonica* (state 0), **B**, *Bebaiotes dorsivittata* (state 1), **C**, *Bebaiotes macroptera* (state
 1526 2), and **D**, *Bebaiotes clarice* (state 3).
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1528 72. Phallic complex, shape: (0) laterally compressed: (1) dorsoventrally depressed.
 1529 [CI=0.5; RI=0.9]. Figures 37 A–D.

1530 State 1 of this character independently arose in *Synecdoche* sp. 2 and in the
 1531 *Bebaiotes* clade. Despite being a homoplastic synapomorphy, state 1 arose only once
 1532 within Achilixiidae, supporting the clade composed exclusively of *Bebaiotes* species.

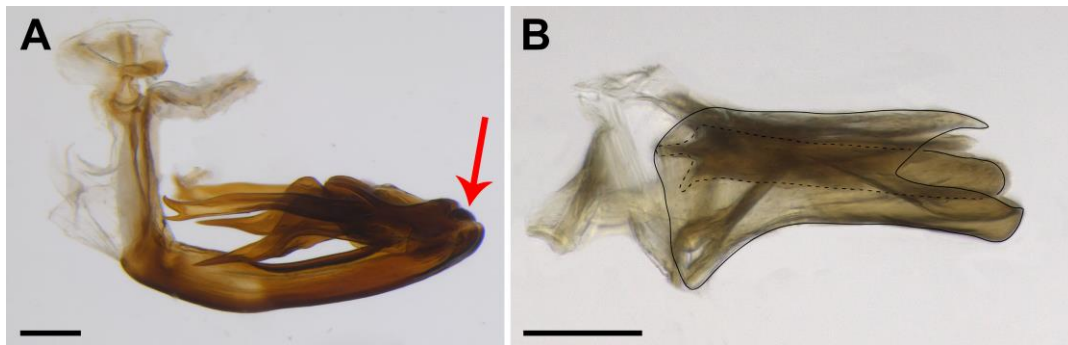


1533 **Figures 37 A–D.** Phallic complex, shape. **A**, *Achilixius dietrichi*, left lateral view, lateral
 view. **B**, *Achilixius dietrichi*, dorsal view. **C**, *Bebaiotes clarice*, left lateral view, lateral
 view. **D**, *Bebaiotes clarice*, dorsal view. Scale bars: A–D = 0.1 mm.

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1535 73. Phallic complex, articulation: (0) articulated; (1) unarticulated. [CI=0.5; RI=0.8]. Fig-
 1536 ures 38 A–B.

1537 State 1 was recovered as a homoplastic synapomorphies of Achilixiidae and Achi-
 1538 lidae.



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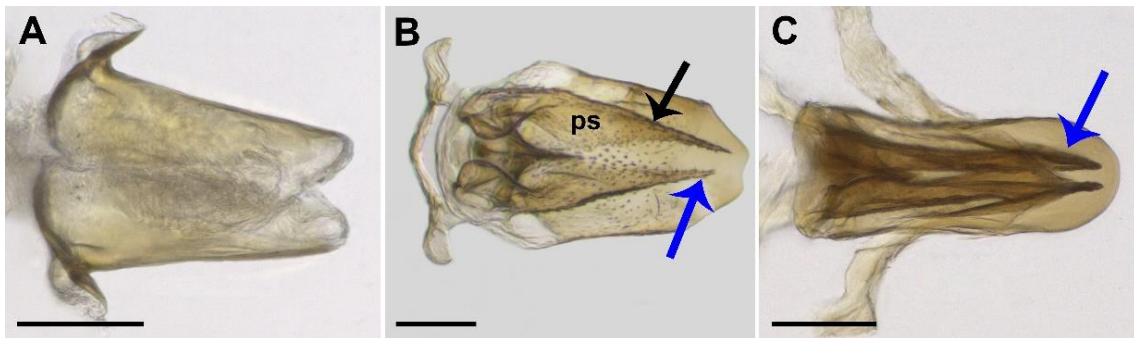
Figures 38 A–B. Phallic complex, articulation. **A**, *Persis (Persis)*, left lateral view, lateral view. **B**, *Bebaiotes clarice*, left lateral view, lateral view. Scale bars: A= 0.2 mm; B= 0.1 mm. Red arrow highlighting the articulation of the phallic complex (char. 73, state 0).

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1541 74. Phallic complex, inner sclerotized plates: (0) absent; (1) present. [CI=1.0; RI=1.0].

1542 Figures 39 A–C.

1543 The origin of these inner sclerotized plates remains unknown, with only supposi-
 1544 tions that they might be periandrium processes. State 1 of this character has been recov-
 1545 ered as a non-homoplastic synapomorphy of *Bebaiotes*, furthermore, has been considered
 1546 important for the diagnosis of this genus.



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Figures 39 A–C. Inner sclerotized plates, dorsal view. **A**, *Achilixius dietrichi*, dorsal view. **B**, *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis*. **C**, *Bebaiotes clarice*. Scale bars: A–C = 0.1 mm. Black arrow highlighting the inner sclerotized plates (char. 74, state 1). Blue arrows highlighting the direction of the inner sclerotized plates (char. 75): **B**, *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis* (state 0) and **C**, *Bebaiotes clarice* (state 1). Abbreviation: ps, inner sclerotized plates.

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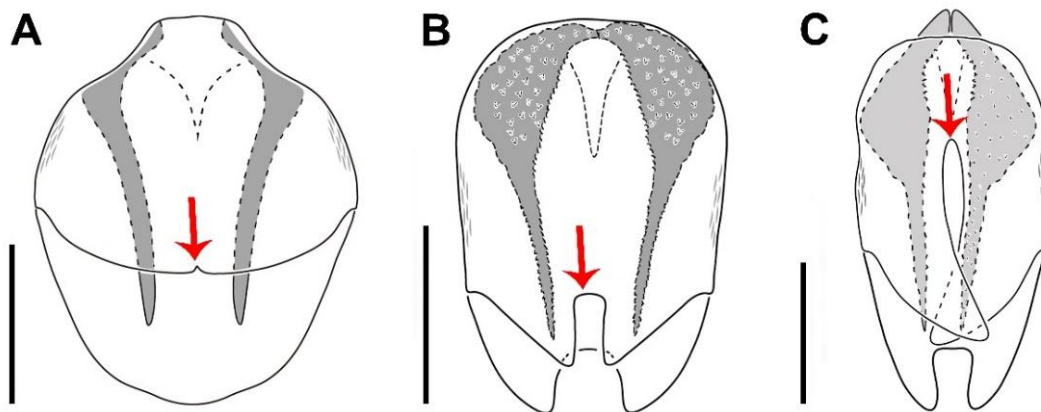
1549 75. Phallic complex, inner sclerotized plates, dorsal view, direction towards apex: (0)
 1550 converging; (1) parallel. [CI=0.2; RI=0.3]. Figures 39 B–C.

1551 This character was only coded for taxa that have inner sclerotized plates. Within
 1552 *Bebaiotes*, the converging apex of the inner sclerotized plates was recovered as apo-
 1553 morphies of *Bebaiotes amazonica*, *Bebaiotes wilsoni*, *Bebaiotes guianesus*, *Bebaiotes bia*
 1554 + *Bebaiotes* 6317 sp. C clade, and *Bebaiotes dorsivittata* + *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis* clade.

1555 76. Phallic complex, inner sclerotized plate, dorsal view, basal width in relation to
 1556 apical width: (0) subequal; (1) wider. [CI=0.5; RI=0.0]. Figures 39 B–C.

1557 This character was only coded for taxa that have inner sclerotized plates. Within
 1558 *Bebaiotes*, the state 0 of this character was recovered as homoplastic autapomorphies of
 1559 *Bebaiotes macroptera* and *Bebaiotes pulla*.

1560 77. Periandrium concave, dorsal margin, apex, dorsal view, length of concavity in relation
 1561 to length of whole dorsal margin: (0) less than 1/5; (1) between 1/5 and 1/3; (2) longer
 1562 than 1/2. [CI=1.0; RI=1.0]. Figures 40 A–C.



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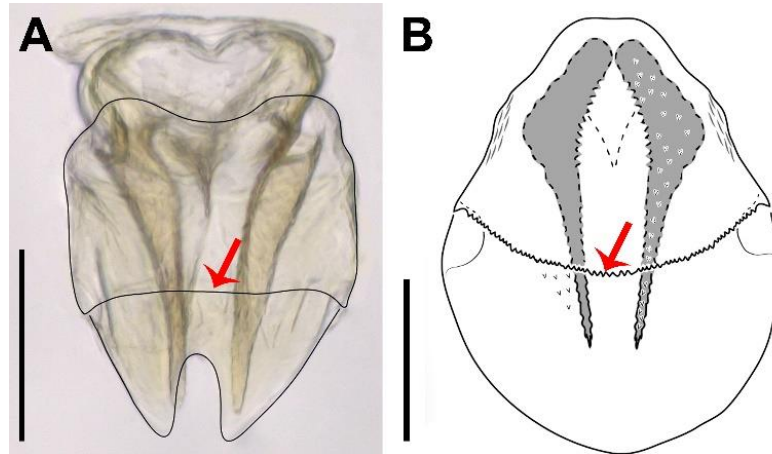
Figures 40 A–C. Periandrium, dorsal margin apex, dorsal view. **A**, *Bebaiotes banksi*. **B**, *Bebaiotes amazonica*. **C**, *Bebaiotes parallela*. Scale bars: A–C = 0.1 mm. Red arrows highlighting the concavity of the apex of the dorsal margin (char. 77): A, *Bebaiotes banksi* (state 0), B, *Bebaiotes amazonica* (state 1) and C, *Bebaiotes parallela* (state 2).

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1565 78. Periandrium, dorsal margin, apex, dorsal view, aspect: (0) smooth; (1) serrate.
 1566 [CI=0.5; RI=0.5]. Figures 41 A–B.

1567 Within *Bebaiotes*, state 1 of this character was recovered as homoplastic apo-
 1568 morphies of *Bebaiotes guianesus* + *Bebaiotes oliveirai* clade and *Bebaiotes bia*.

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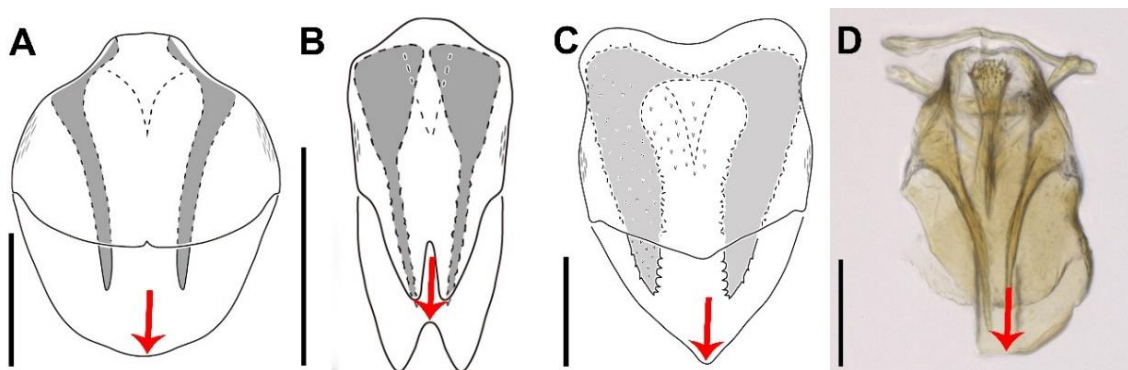
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Figures 41 A–B. Periandrium, dorsal margin apex, dorsal view. **A**, *Bebaiotes cavichiolii*. **B**, *Bebaiotes bia*. Scale bars: A, B= 0.1 mm. Red arrows highlighting the aspect of the apex of the dorsal margin (char. 78): **A**, *Bebaiotes cavichiolii* (state 0) and **B**, *Bebaiotes bia* (state 1).

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1572 79. Periandrium concave, ventral margin, apex, dorsal view, shape: (0) concave: (1)
1573 roundly convex; (2) tapered; (3) straight. [CI=0.7; RI=0.7]. Figures 42 A–D.

1574 Within *Bebaiotes*+ clade, the state 1 of this character was recovered as
1575 homoplastic apomorphies of *Bebaiotes banksi*+ clade and *Bebaiotes clarice*. To date,
1576 there are no illustrations of the periandrium in the dorsal view of *Bebaiotes bucayensis*,
1577 *Bebaiotes pallidinervis*, and *Bebaiotes nigrigaster* and the males of *Bebaiotes nivosa* and
1578 *Bebaiotes specialis* is unknown, and they were all coded as '?'.
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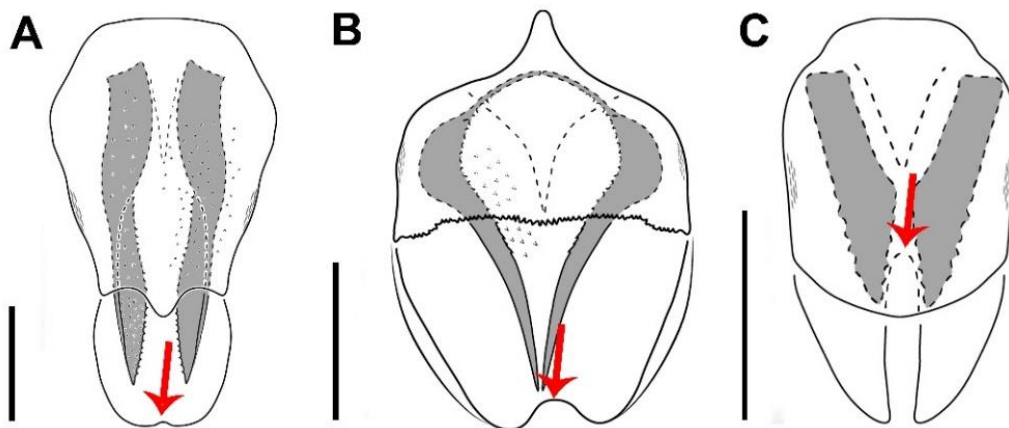
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Figures 42 A–D. Periandrium, ventral margin apex, dorsal view. **A**, *Bebaiotes banksi*. **B**, *Bebaiotes tigrina*. **C**, *Bebaiotes pulla*. **D**, *Bebaiotes oliveirai*. Scale bars: A–D = 0.1 mm. Red arrows highlighting the ventral margin apex (char. 79): **A**, *Bebaiotes banksi* (state 1),

B, *Bebaiotes tigrina* (state 0), C, *Bebaiotes pulla* (state 2) and D, *Bebaiotes oliveirai* (state 3).

1580 80. Periandrium, dorsal view, ventral margin, apex, dorsal view, length of concavity in
1581 relation to length of whole dorsal margin: (0) smoothly (less than 1/4): (1) short: (2) long.
1582 [CI=1.0; RI=1.0]. Figures 43 A–C.

1583 State 2 of this character was recovered within *Bebaiotes* as an autapomorphy of
1584 *Bebaiotes macroptera*.



1585 **Figures 43 A–C.** Periandrium, ventral margin apex, dorsal view. **A**, *Bebaiotes pennyi*. **B**,
1586 *Bebaiotes guianesus*. **C**, *Bebaiotes macroptera*. Scale bars: A–C = 0.1 mm. Red arrows
1587 highlighting the concavity of the apex of the ventral margin (char. 80): A, *Bebaiotes pen-*
1588 *nnyi* (state 0), B, *Bebaiotes guianesus* (state 1) and C, *Bebaiotes macroptera* (state 2).
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1591 81. Male abdomen, Anal tube (segment X), dorsal view, apex, shape: (0) rounded: (1)
1592 triangular: (2) truncated: (3) concave. [CI=0.2; RI=0.5]. Figures 44 A–D.

1593 This character has already been employed in previous cladistic studies by Ceotto
1594 & Bourgoïn (2008). State 0 of this character was recovered as homoplastic apomorphies
1595 of *Sevia* sp. A (Achilidae), *Achilixius fennahi*, *Achilixius irigae*, *Bebaiotes amazonica*,
1596 *Bebaiotes cavichioli*, and *Bebaiotes guianesus*+ clade and within *Bebaiotes guianesus*+
1597 clade, a change occurred in *Bebaiotes oiapoquensis* to state 3.

1598 State 2 of this character was recovered as homoplastic apomorphies of *Bebaiotes*
1599 *dichromata*, *Bebaiotes pulla*, and *Bebaiotes bia* + *Bebaiotes* 6317 sp. C clade.

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Figures 44 A–D. Anal tube (segment X), apex, shape, dorsal view. **A**, *Bebaiotes clarice*. **B**, *Bennarella bicoloripennis*. **C**, *Achilixius dietrichi*. **D**, *Persis* (*Persis*). Scale bars: A–C = 0.1 mm; D= 0.2 mm.

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1603 82. Male abdomen, Anal tube (segment X), dorsal view, shape: (0) rounded; (1) subpen-
 1604 tagonal; (2) subretangular; (3) subtrapezoidal; (4) subtriangular; (5) suboval. [CI=0.6;
 1605 RI=0.7]. Figures 45 A–D.



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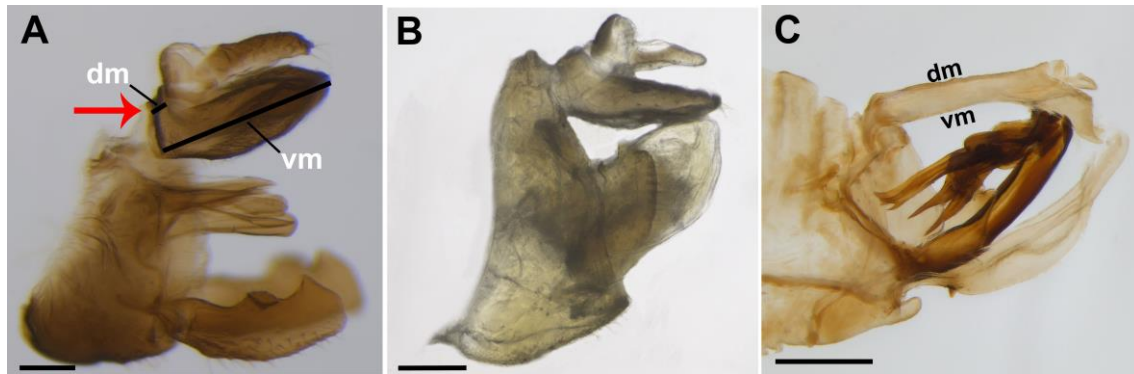
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Figures 45 A–D. Anal tube (segment X), shape, dorsal view. **A**, *Bebaiotes clarice*. **B**, *Bothriocera* sp. 1. **C**, *Persis* (*Persis*). **D**, *Synecdoche* sp. 2. Scale bars: A, B, D = 0.1 mm; C= 0.2 mm.

1611 83. Male abdomen, Anal tube (segment X), lateral view, length of dorsal margin in rela-
 1612 tion to ventral margin: (0) less than 1/4 of ventral margin; (1) between 1/4 and 1/2; (2)
 1613 longer than 3/4. [CI=0.5; RI=0.8]. Figures 46 A–C.

1614 State 0 was recovered as a non-homoplastic synapomorphy of *Bebaiotes*.



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Figures 46 A–C. Anal tube (segment X), lateral view. **A**, *Bebaiotes clarice*. **B**, *Achilixius dietrichi* **C**, *Persis (Persis)*. Scale bars: A, B = 0.1 mm; C= 0.2 mm. Red arrow highlighting the length of dorsal margin in relation to ventral margin of Anal tube (segment X) (char. 83, state 0). Abbreviations: md, dorsal margin; mv, ventral margin.

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1617 *Female abdomen*

1618 84. Ovipositor, degree of development: (0) well developed; (1) reduced. [CI=1.0; RI=1.0].

1619 Figures 47 A–D.

1620 This character has already been employed in previous cladistic studies by Ceotto &
1621 Bourgoïn (2008). This character was previously utilized by Ceotto & Bourgoïn (2008).

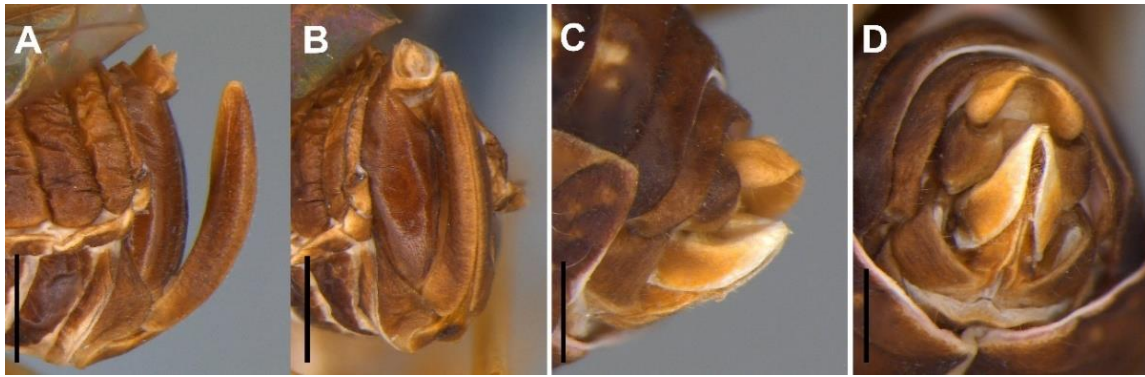
1622 In Fulgoromorpha, ovipositors can be classified into two types, depending on the size of
1623 their gonapophyses (Bourgoïn, 1993), each with its distinct function. When gonapophy-
1624 ses are elongated, it characterizes the orthopteroid-type ovipositor, whose main function

1625 is piercing and excavating, likely used for inserting eggs into plant tissue (Bourgoïn,
1626 1993; Wilson et al., 1994; Holzinger et al., 2002) (Figs 47 A, B). Families such as Cixiidae

1627 and Delphacidae have this type of ovipositor. On the other hand, there is the derived ovi-

1628 positor, fulgoroid-type, which is associated with egg deposition in plant tissue and cover-
1629 ing the eggs with wax (Bourgoïn, 1993; Wilson et al., 1994) (Figs 47 C, D), the state 1

1630 was recovered as a non-homoplastic synapomorphy of Achilidae+ clade.



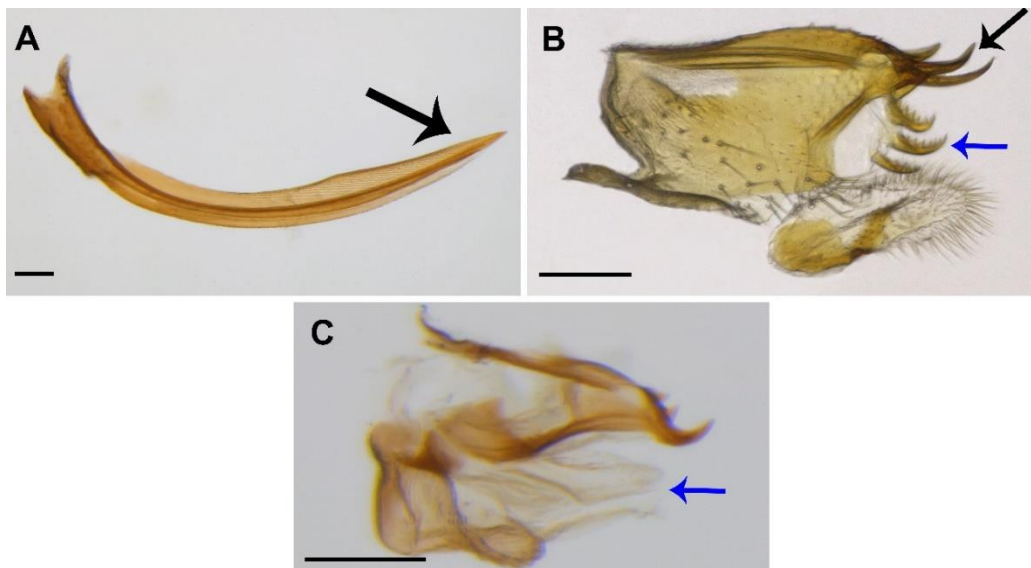
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Figures 47 A–D. Ovipositor. **A**, *Bothriocera* sp. 1, lateral view. **B**, *Bothriocera* sp. 1, posterior view. **C**, *Bebaiotes pulla*, lateral view. **D**, *Bebaiotes pulla*, posterior view. Scale bars: A, B = 0.4 mm; C, D = 0.3 mm.

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1633 85. Gonapophysis VIII (first valvula), dorsoapical margin, projection: (0) absent; (1) pre-
1634 sent. [CI=1.0; RI=1.0]. Figures 48 A–C.

1635 The fulgoroid-type ovipositor has some modifications that may be related to the
1636 fact that one of its functions is likely to cover these eggs. Achilidae, Achilixiidae, and
1637 Derbidae have this type of ovipositor. State 0 was recovered as a non-homoplastic synap-
1638 omorphy of Achilidae+ clade.



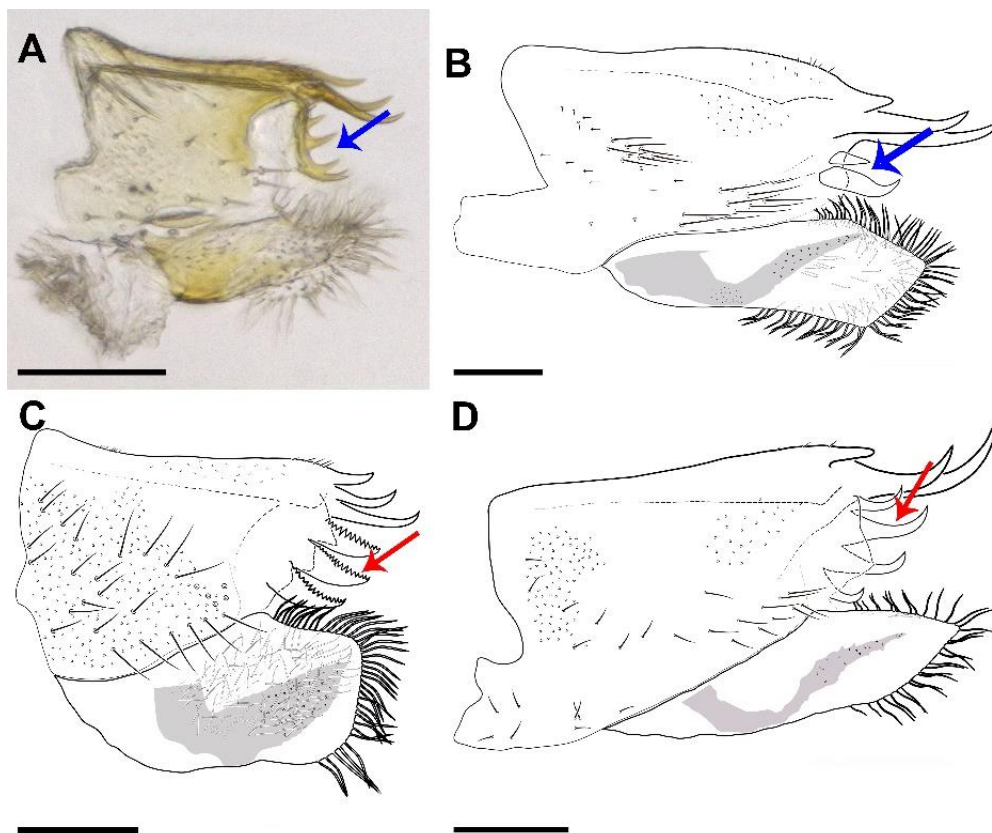
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1640 **Figures 48 A–C.** Gonapophysis VIII (first valvula), lateral view. **A**, *Bennarella bicoloripennis*.
1641 **B**, *Bebaiotes clarice*. **C**, *Synecdoche* sp. 2. Scale bars: A–C = 0.1 mm. Black
1642 arrows highlighting the dorsoapical margin (char. 85): **A**, *Bennarella bicoloripennis* (state
1643 0) and **B**, *Bebaiotes clarice* (state 1). Blue arrows highlighting the lateroapical margin
1644 (char. 86): **B**, *Bebaiotes clarice* (state 1) and **C**, *Synecdoche* sp. 2 (state 0).
1645 86. Gonapophysis VIII (first valvula), lateroapical margin, projection: (0) absent; (1) present. [CI=1.0;
1646 RI=1.0]. Figures 48 A–D.

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1648 87. Gonapophysis VIII (first valvula), projections on lateroapical margin, number: (0)

1649 one; (1) two; (2) three; (3) four. [CI=0.5; RI=0.6]. Figures 49 A–D.

1650 Within *Bebaiotes*, the state 0 of this character was recovered as homoplastic1651 autapomorphies of *Bebaiotes cavichiolii* and *Bebaiotes specialis*. State 1 of this character1652 was recovered as homoplastic autapomorphies of *Bebaiotes macroptera* and *Bebaiotes*1653 *pulla*. State 3 of this character was recovered as a non-homoplastic synapomorphy of the1654 *Bebaiotes guianesus*+ clade.

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1656 **Figures 58 A–D.** Gonapophysis VIII (first valvula), lateral view. **A**, *Bebaiotes cavichiolii*.1657 **B**, *Bebaiotes pulla*. **C**, *Bebaiotes amazonica*. **D**, *Bebaiotes banksi*. Scale bars: A–D = 0.1

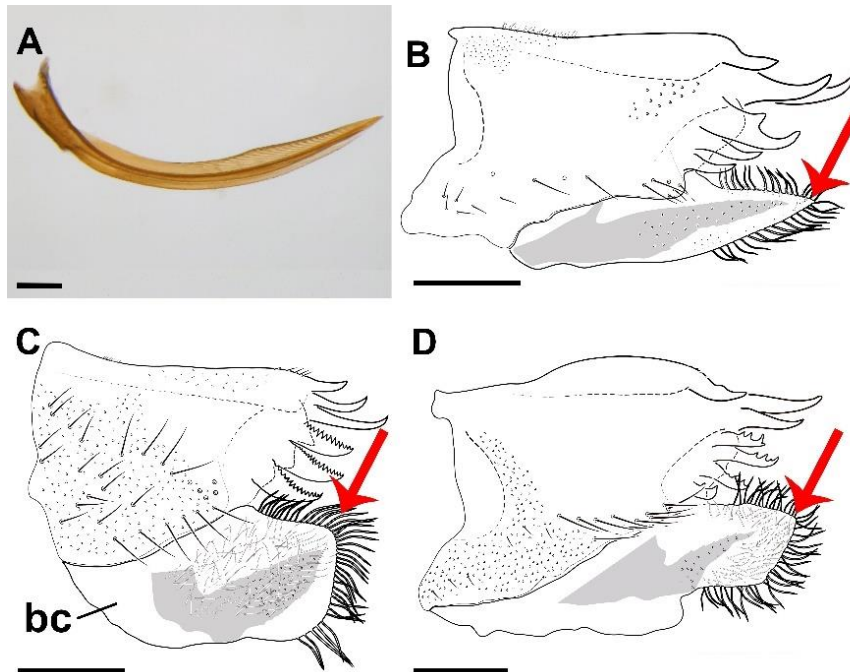
1658 mm. Blue arrows highlighting the number of projections on the apical side margin (char.

1659 87): **A**, *Bebaiotes cavichiolii* (state 0), **B**, *Bebaiotes pulla* (state 1), **C**, *Bebaiotes amazonica*1660 (state 2) and **D**, *Bebaiotes banksi* (state 3). Red arrows highlighting the aspect of the1661 latero-apical margin (char. 88): **C**, *Bebaiotes amazonica* (state 1), **D**, *Bebaiotes banksi*

1662 (state 0).

1663 88. Gonapophysis VIII (first valvula), projections on lateroapical margin, dorsal margin,
1664 aspect: (0) smooth; (1) with projections. [CI=0.2; RI=0.2]. Figures 50 A–D.

1665 Within *Bebaiotes*, the state 0 of this character was recovered as homoplastic apo-
1666 morphies of *Bebaiotes nivosa* and *Bebaiotes pennyi* + *Bebaiotes pulla* clade.



1667 **Figures 50 A–D.** Gonapophysis VIII (first valvula), lateral view. **A**, *Bennarella*
1668 *bicoloripennis*. **B**, *Bebaiotes wilsoni*. **C**, *Bebaiotes amazonica*. **D**, *Bebaiotes guianesus*.
1669 Scale bars: A–D = 0.1 mm. Red arrows highlighting the apex of the bursa copulatrix
1670 (char. 90): **B**, *Bebaiotes wilsoni* (state 0), **C**, *Bebaiotes amazonica* (state 1) and **D**,
1671 *Bebaiotes guianesus* (state 2).
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1674 89. Gonapophysis VIII (first valvula), bursa copulatrix: (0) absent; (1) present. [CI=1.0;
1675 RI=1.0]. Figures 50 A–D.

1676 The bursa copulatrix is located postero-dorsally to the vagina, also known as the
1677 posterior vagina, and may have small ornamentations (Bourgoin, 1993). The presence of
1678 the bursa copulatrix is a non-homoplastic synapomorphy of the Achilidae+ clade.

1679 90. Gonapophysis VIII (first valvula), bursa copulatrix, lateral view, angle of apex: (0)
1680 acute (<90°); (1) obtuse (>90°); (2) straight (=90°). [CI=0.2; RI=0.4]. Figures 51 A–D.

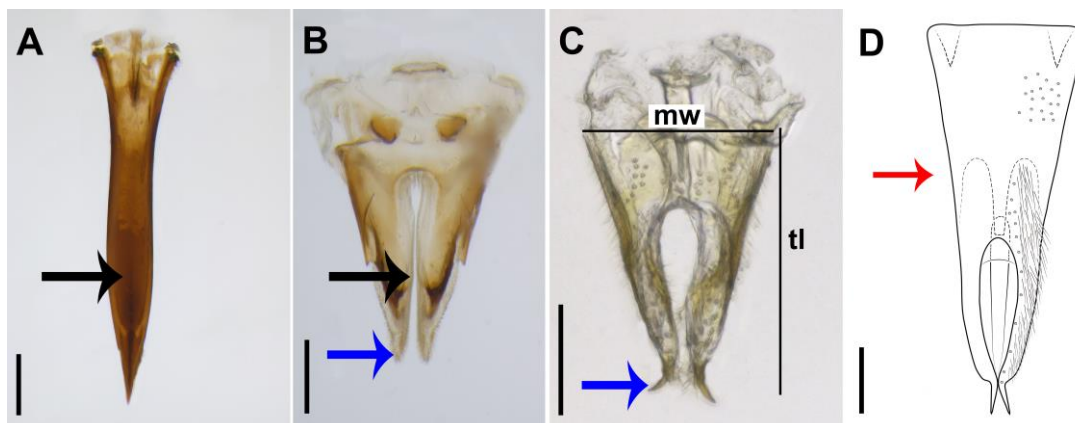
1681 State 1 of this character was recovered as homoplastic apomorphies of *Sevia* sp. A
 1682 (Achilidae), *Anotia* sp. 2 (Derbidae), and *Bebaiotes dichromata*+ clade, except for
 1683 *Bebaiotes nivosa*, where this character could not be visualized due to limited detail of the
 1684 illustration of the bursa copulatrix and it was coded as '?'.

1685 State 2 of this character was recovered as homoplastic apomorphies of *Catonia* sp.
 1686 2 (Achilidae), *Bebaiotes parallela*, *Bebaiotes guianesus*, and *Bebaiotes specialis*+ clade,
 1687 although a reversion occurred in *Bebaiotes pennyi* to the plesiomorphic state, and state 1
 1688 of this character was recovered as a homoplastic autapomorphy of *Bebaiotes clarice*.

1689 91. Gonapophysis IX (second valvula), dorsal view, maximum width in relation to total
 1690 length: (0) less than 1/4; (1) between 1/4 and 1/2; (2) longer than 3/4. [CI=1.0; RI=1.0].

1691 Figures 51 A–D.

1692 State 1 of this character was recovered as an autapomorphy of *Bebaiotes pennyi*.



1693 **Figures 51 A–D.** Gonapophysis IX (second valvula), dorsal view. **A**, *Bothriocera* sp. 1.
 1694 **B**, *Anotia* sp. 2. **C**, *Bebaiotes cavichiolii*. **D**, *Bebaiotes pennyi*. Scale bars: A–D = 0.1 mm.
 1695 Red arrow highlighting maximum width in relation to total length of Gonapophysis IX
 1696 (second valvula) (char. 91, state 1). Black arrows highlighting central region (char. 92):
 1697 A, *Bothriocera* sp. 1 (state 0) and B, *Anotia* sp. 2 (state 1). Blue arrows highlighting the
 1698 apexes of lobes (char. 93): B, *Anotia* sp. 2 (state 0) and C, *Bebaiotes cavichiolii* (state 1).
 1699 Abbreviations: mw, maximum width; tl, total length.

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1702 92. Gonapophysis IX (second valvula), division: (0) entire; (1) bifid. [CI=1.0; RI=1.0].

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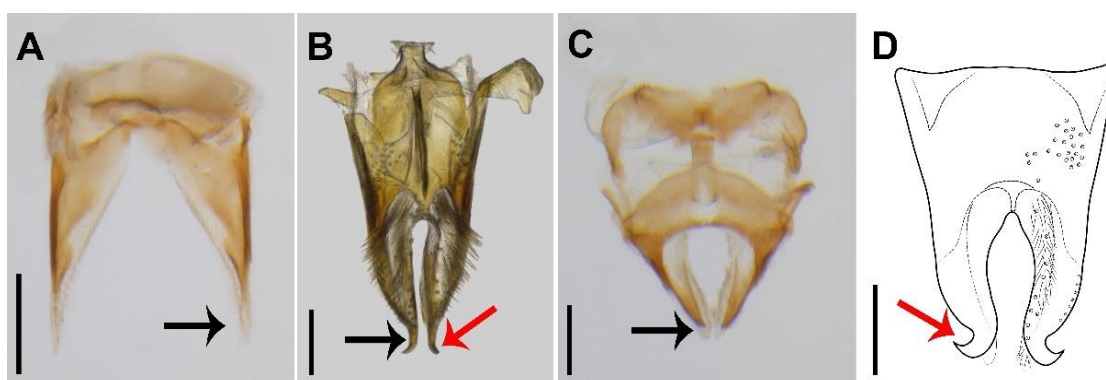
1704 The bifid Gonapophysis IX (second valvula) was recovered as a non-homoplastic
1705 synapomorphy of the Achilidae+ clade (Figs 51 B–D).

1706 93. Gonapophysis IX (second valvula) bifid, apexes of lobes, sclerotization: (0)
1707 sclerotized; (1) membranous. [CI=1.0; RI=1.0]. Figures 51 B–D.

1708 This character was coded only for taxa that possess the bifid Gonapophysis IX
1709 (second valvula). The state 0 of this character was recovered as a non-homoplastic syn-
1710 apomorphy of the Achilixiidae (Fig 51 C).

1711 94. Gonapophysis IX (second valvula) bifid, dorsal view, apexes of lobes, direction: (0)
1712 parallel; (1) divergent; (2) convergent. [CI=1.0; RI=1.0]. Figures 52 A–D.

1713 The state 1 of this character was recovered as a non-homoplastic synapomorphy
1714 of the Achilixiidae (Figs 52 C, D).



1715 **Figures 52 A–D.** Gonapophysis IX (second valvula), dorsal view. **A**, *Persis (Persis)*. **B**, *Bebaiotes clarice*. **C**, *Synecdoche* sp. 2. **D**, *Bebaiotes amazonica*. Scale bars: A–D = 0.1 mm. Black arrows highlighting the direction of the apexes of lobes (char. 94): **A**, *Persis (Persis)* (state 0), **B**, *Bebaiotes clarice* (state 1), **C**, *Synecdoche* sp. 2 (state 2). Red arrows highlighting the curvature of the apexes of lobes (char. 96): **B**, *Bebaiotes clarice* (state 0) and **D**, *Bebaiotes amazonica* (state 1).

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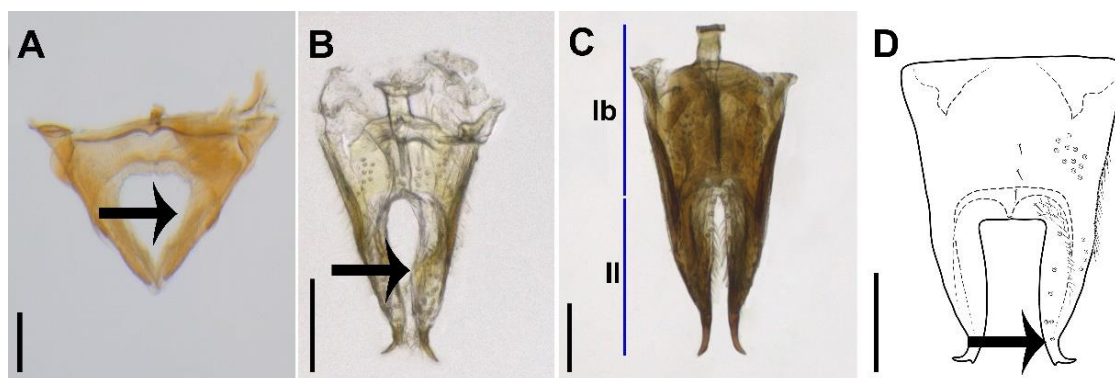
1717 95. Gonapophysis IX (second valvula) bifid, dorsal view, apexes of lobes, curvature: (0)
1718 not curved:(1) curved. [CI=0.5; RI=0.8]. Figures 52 A–D.

1719 The state 1 of this character was recovered as a non-homoplastic synapomorphy
1720 of the Achilixiidae, although a reversion occurred in *Bebaiotes pennyi* to the
1721 plesiomorphic state.

1722 96. Gonapophysis IX (second valvula) bifid, dorsal view, apexes of curved lobes, degree
 1723 of curvature: (0) strongly curved, hook shaped; (1) lightly curved. [CI=0.5; RI=0.5]. Fig-
 1724 ures 52 B, D.

1725 97. Gonapophysis IX (second valvula) bifid, dorsal view, lobes, inner margin, shape: (0)
 1726 concave; (1) almost straight; (2) convex. [CI=0.5; RI=0.7]. Figures 53 A–D.

1727 State 2 of this character was recovered as an autapomorphy of *Bebaiotes macroptera*
 1728 *tera* (Fig 53 D).



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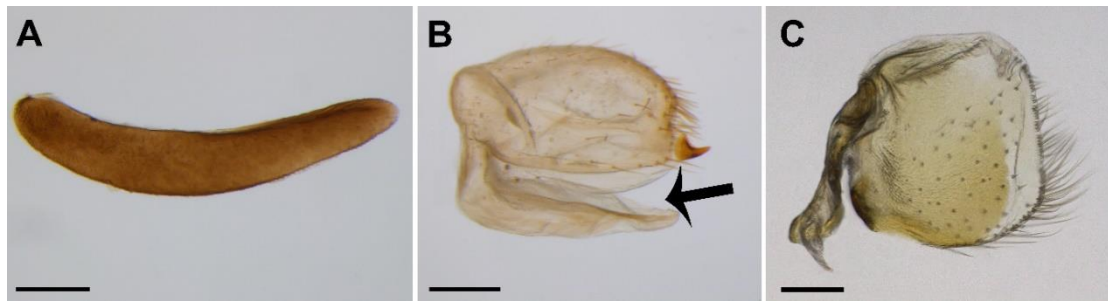
Figures 53 A–D. Gonapophysis IX (second valvula), dorsal view. **A**, *Catonia* sp. 2. **B**, *Bebaiotes cavichiolii*. **C**, *Bebaiotes oliveirai*. **D**, *Bebaiotes macroptera*. Scale bars: A–D = 0.1 mm. Black arrows highlighting the inner margin of the apexes of lobes (char. 97): A, *Catonia* sp. 2 (state 1), B, *Bebaiotes cavichiolii* (state 0), and D, *Bebaiotes macroptera* (state 2). Abbreviations: lb, length of base; ll, length of lobes.

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1731 98. Gonapophysis IX (second valvula) bifid, dorsal view, length of base in relation to
 1732 length of lobes: (0) subequal; (1) shorter than lobes; (2) longer than lobes. [CI=0.3;
 1733 RI=0.5]. Figures 53 A–D.

1734 99. Gonoplac (third valvula), division: (0) entire; (1) divided longitudinally at apical por-
 1735 tion. [CI=0.3; RI=0.3]. Figures 54 A–C.

1736 State 0 of this character was recovered as a non-homoplastic synapomorphy of
 1737 Achilixiidae found independently also in *Synecdoche* sp. 2 (Achilidae) (Fig 54 C).



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Figures 54 A–C. Gonoplac, lateral view. **A**, *Bothriocera* sp. 1. **B**, *Anotia* sp. 2. **C**, *Bebaiotes clarice*. Scale bars: A–C = 0.1 mm. Black arrow highlighting gonoplac division (char. 99, state 1).

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1744 **6.4.2. Phylogenetic analysis**

1745 The cladistic analysis resulted in 640 most parsimonious cladograms (L=336,
1746 IC=0.42 e IR =0.70). A strict consensus tree containing support values for each branch
1747 was illustrated in Figure 55. The monophyly and internal topology of *Bebaiotes* was
1748 recovered in all most parsimonious trees. All parsimonious trees are also congruent in the
1749 monophyly of Cixiidae, Achilidae, and *Achilixius*, but internal relationships vary. Finally,
1750 “Derbidae” was not recovered as monophyletic, varying in which terminal species was
1751 found as the sister group of Achilixiidae.

1752 Results found recognize Achilixiidae as a monophyletic group (clade D), with high
1753 support values (Bremer=7; Bootstrap=90).

1754 The monophyly of Achilixiidae was strongly supported in our results by eight non-
1755 homoplastic synapomorphies (Figure 56 clade D): subtriangular lora (14:1), median
1756 length of pronotum half the median length of mesonotum (19:1), sternite III with lateral
1757 abdominal process (54:1), sclerotized median region of sternite III (56:1), fused IV+V
1758 sternite (58:1), apexes of lobes of Gonapophysis IX (second valvula) sclerotized (93: 0),
1759 apexes of lobes of Gonapophysis IX (second valvula) divergent (94:1), and apexes of
1760 lobes of Gonapophysis IX (second valvula) curved (95:1) and six homoplastic
1761 synapomorphies (Figure 56): posterior margin of pronotum roundly concave (25:0), apex
1762 of the CuP vein of forewing abruptly curved forming a 90° degree angle (42:1), median
1763 longitudinal region of membranous IV sternites (59:1), sternite VIII fused to pygofer
1764 (63:1), phallic complex unarticulated (73:1), and gonoplac (third valvula) entire (99:0).

1765 The topology recovered the following relationship between the terminals: (Cixiidae
1766 + (Achilidae + (“Derbidae” + “Derbidae” + (Achilixiidae)))) (Figure 55).

1767 The first clade (Figure 55 clade A) is composed exclusively of representatives of
1768 *Melanoliarus* sp. 1, *Pintalia* sp. 1, *Bothriocera* sp. 1, *Bennarella bicoloripennis*, both
1769 form Cixiidae, and it was recovered as the sister group to the other families.

1770 The second clade (Figure 55 clade B) includes the following relationships:
1771 (Achilidae + (“Derbidae” + “Derbidae” + (Achilixiidae))). This clade has reasonable
1772 stability in the tree, according to the support values found (Bremer=9; Bootstrap=95). The
1773 clade containing the genera *Catonina* sp. 2, *Synecdoche* sp. 2, and *Sevia* sp. A, all from
1774 Achilidae was recovered as the sister group of the clade containing “Derbidae” (*Anotia*
1775 sp. 2 and *Persis*) and Achilixiidae. This clade is supported by six non-homoplastic
1776 synapomorphies (Figure 56): median ocellus absent (7:0), MP1 vein of forewing
1777 unbranched (29:1), reduced ovipositor (84:1), dorsoapical margin of Gonapophysis VIII
1778 with projections (85:1), bursa copulatrix present (89:1), and Gonapophysis IX bifid (92:
1779 1).

1780 The third clade (Figure 55 clade C) composed of representatives from *Anotia* sp. 2
1781 and *Persis* (*Persis*), both from “Derbidae”, and Achilixiidae. It was recovered only with
1782 a support value of Bremer = 4. Although its internal relationships are not resolved, it did
1783 not interfere with the monophyly of Achilixiidae. This clade is supported by three non-
1784 homoplastic synapomorphies (Figure 56): vertex and frons without transverse carina (1:
1785 1), median longitudinal carina on the frons (2:1), and kidney-shaped compound eye (9:
1786 1), and three homoplastic synapomorphies (Figure 56): lateral longitudinal carinae of the
1787 median region of the frons parallel (3:0); lateral margins of the median region of the frons
1788 not covering the lateral ocelli (6:0), and length of pedicel greater than width (10:1).

1789 The fourth clade (Figure 55 clade D) formed only by representatives from Achilixiidae,
1790 includes the two monophyletic genera. *Achilixius* (Figure 55 clade E) was recovered with
1791 low branch support (Bremer=2) and found supported by three homoplastic

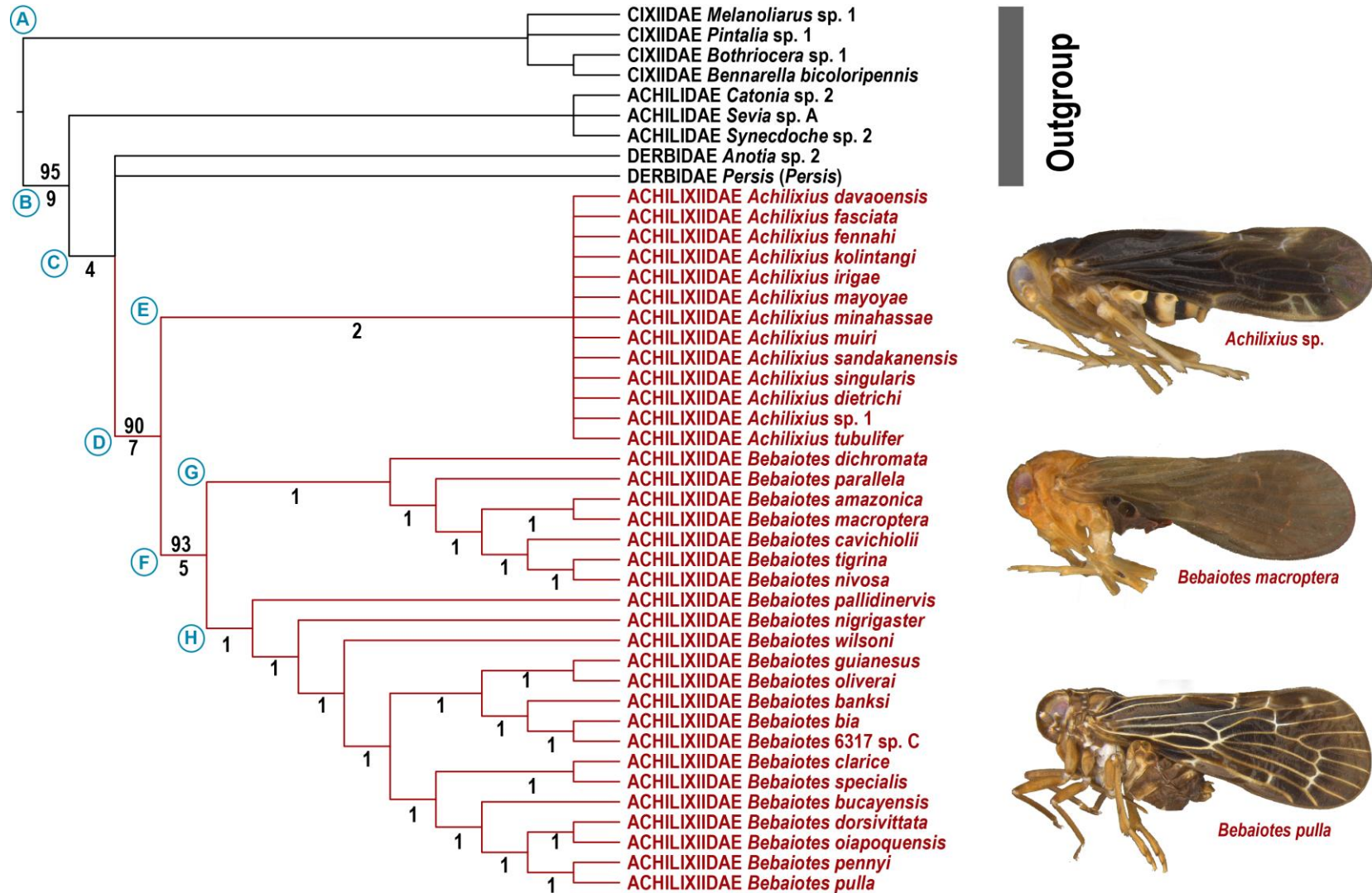
1792 synapomorphies (Figure 56): frons with median longitudinal carina present (2:0), icua
1793 crossvein of forewing absent (39:1), and sternite V with lateral abdominal process (60:1).

1794 Internal relationships of the genus were unresolved.

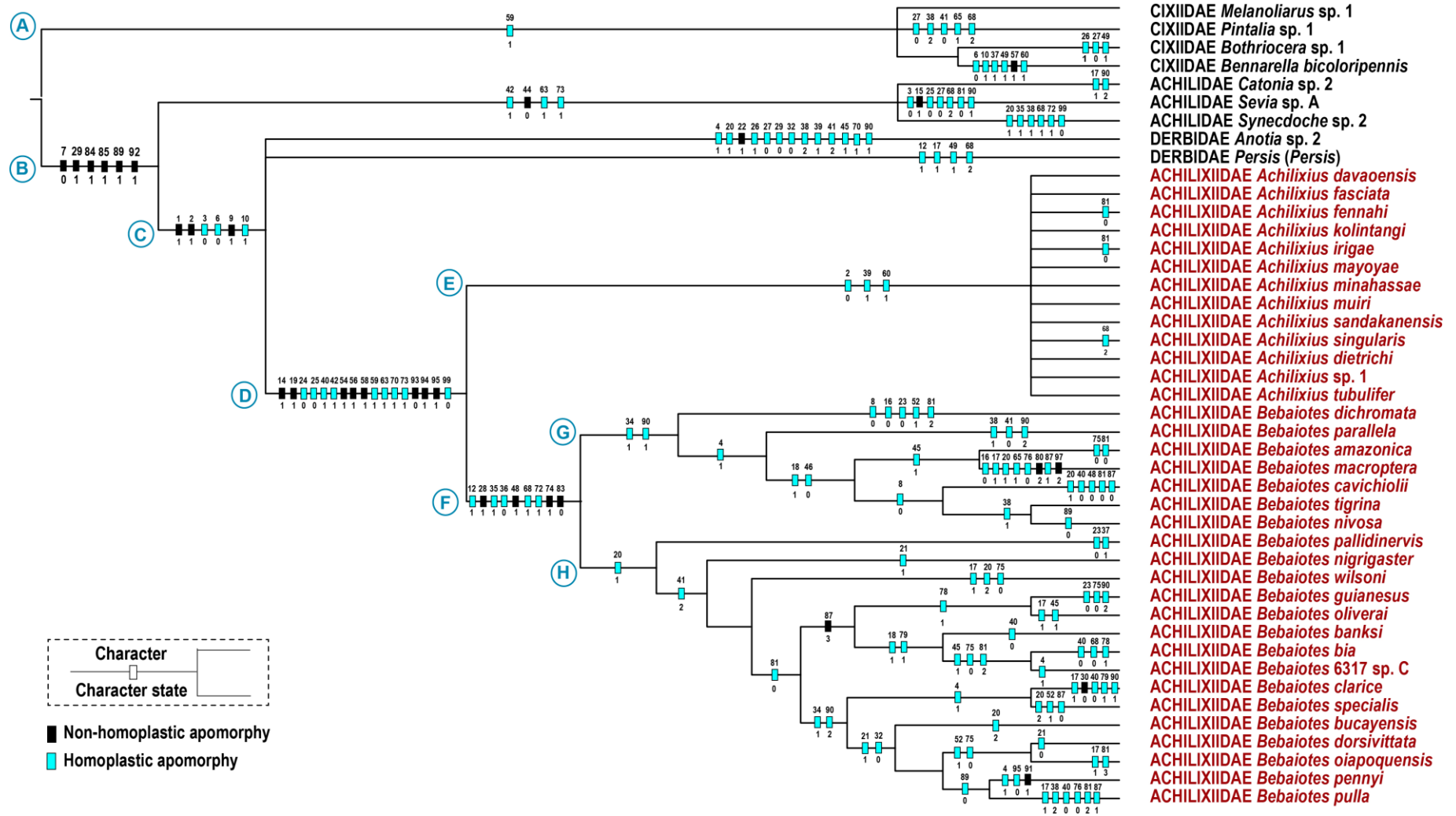
1795 *Bebaiotes* (Figure 55 clade F) was recovered with high support value (Bremer=5;
1796 Bootstrap=92) and supported by four non-homoplastic synapomorphies (Figure 56 clade
1797 F): unbranched forewing RP vein (28:1), profemur with seta slender (48:1), phallic
1798 complex with inner sclerotized plates present (74:1), and length of dorsal margin Anal
1799 tube (segment X) less than 1/4 of ventral margin (83:0) and supported by five homoplastic
1800 synapomorphies (Figure 56): subantennal carina present (12: 1), length of the radial cell
1801 of the forewing half the length of the medial cell (35: 1), r-m crossvein of the forewing
1802 positioned basal to apex of the clavus (36:0), basal width of gonostylus subequal to apical
1803 width (68:1), and phallic complex dorsoventrally depressed (72:1).

1804 The first clade (Figure 55 clade G), *Bebaiotes dichromata*+, was supported by two
1805 homoplastic synapomorphies (Figure 56): MP1+2 and MP3+4 branching located apically
1806 to the transverse vein r-m (34:1) and bursa copulatrix with obtuse (90:1).

1807 The second clade (Figure 55 clade H), *Bebaiotes pallidinervis*+, was supported by
1808 a single homoplastic synapomorphie (Figure 56 clade H): conical anterior margin of the
1809 pronotum (20:1).



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811 **Figure 55.** Strict consensus of 640 most parsimonious trees (L=338, IC=0.42 e IR =0.71) resulting from the analysis of 99 morphological characters of
812 Achilixiidae and outgroup. Numbers above branches are bootstrap values > 80 (in percentage). Numbers below branches are Bremer support. Red clades indicate
813 genera of Achilixiidae.
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Figure 56. Strict consensus of 640 most parsimonious trees ((L=338, IC=0.42 and IR =0.71) resulting from the analysis of 99 morphological characters of Achilixiidae and outgroup. Unambiguous ancestral characters optimized with parsimony over all most parsimonious trees found are plotted over branches, with cyan squares referring to homoplastic and black to non-homoplastic synapomorphies. Numbers above rectangles refer to character number and below to state number.

6.5. Discussion

6.5.1. Phylogenetic position of Achilixiidae

All phylogenetic studies so far did not confidently place Achilixiidae among other planthopper families. Urban & Cryan (2007) found incongruent placements of Achilixiidae, placing in one clade with Derbidae + “Achilidae” and in another tree as the sister group to part of “Achilidae” and other families of Fulgoroidea. This work sampled a single representative of Achilixiidae, an unidentified female specimen of *Bebaiotes*, and sequences generated in this study were used by all subsequent molecular phylogenetic studies. In the work of Song & Liang (2013), Achilixiidae was recovered as a sister group in part of “Nogodinidae” + Derbidae and in another tree as sister to Achilidae. More recently, it has been recovered within Achilidae with better statistical support, more likely because of the wider taxon sampling (Bucher et al., 2023). These results were not corroborated by the phylogenetic analysis obtained in this study, as Achilixiidae herein was found more related to “Derbidae” species in part, without reliable bootstrap support, but relatively good decay index support (Bremer = 4). However, a molecular study is currently underway, and preliminary results indicate the support of a clade comprising *Catonia*, *Spino*, and an unidentified *Synechdoche*, all from Achilidae, as a sister group to Achilixiidae (Viegas et al., in prep. – Capítulo II desta tese).

Although abdominal processes are present in some groups of Cixiidae (Bennarellini) and in Achilixiidae, our analysis indicated that they are not homologous, and these characteristics evolved independently throughout the evolutionary history of each group. Burcher et al. (2023), based on molecular data, included a representative of Bennini and a representative of Achilixiidae. They did not observe a close relationship, placing them in distinct families (Cixiidae and Achilidae).

The clade “Derbidae” in part + Achilixiidae is supported by three non-homoplastic synapomorphies (Figure 56): vertex and frons without transverse carina (1:1), median longitudinal carina on the frons (2: 1), and kidney-shaped compound eye (9:1); and three homoplastic synapomorphies (Figure 56): lateral longitudinal carinae of the median region of the frons parallel (3:0); lateral margins of the median region of the frons not covering the lateral ocelli (6: 0), and length of pedicel greater than width (10:1).

6.5.2. Monophyly of Achilixiidae and its genera

For the first time, the monophyly of Achilixiidae and included genera were tested in a modern phylogenetic framework, by the inclusion of multiple terminals.

Emeljanov (1991) proposed transferring representatives of Achilixiidae to Achilidae, each genus representing a distinct subfamily. Both achilixiid genera do exhibit distinct characteristics that may have influenced Emeljanov's decision. For example, *Bebaiotes* has only one pair of abdominal processes located on sternite III, while *Achilixius* has two pairs of abdominal processes located on sternites III and V (Wilson, 1989). According to Emeljanov (1991), *Achilixius* and *Bebaiotes* did not share a common ancestor, leading to the creation of two distinct subfamilies.

The genera of Achilixiidae, *Achilixius*, and *Bebaiotes*, form a monophyletic group according to our results. We observed that *Bebaiotes* displayed remarkable homogeneity in external morphology. This resulted in an analysis with morphological data with limited phylogenetic signal for certain groups, due to the presence of numerous homoplastic characters. *Bebaiotes* presents reasonable stability in the tree, as indicated by the support values obtained (Bremer=5; Bootstrap=93).

The relationships between species of this *Achilixius* were not possible due to the difficulty of studying the material, with data collected through literature, photographs and four specimens (three males and one female).

The distinction between *Achilixius* and *Bebaiotes* is based on the following set of synapomorphies: frons with median longitudinal carina (absent in *Bebaiotes*); gena without subantennal carina (present in *Bebaiotes*); lateral carinae of pronotum strongly diverging towards the tegula (gently diverging or subparallel in *Bebaiotes*); sternite III with pair of abdominal processes, each with two sensory pits (three pits in *Bebaiotes*); sternite V with pair of abdominal processes (absent in *Bebaiotes*); RP vein of the forewing branched (unbranched in *Bebaiotes*); icua crossvein of the forewing absent (present in *Bebaiotes*); and phallic complex without internal sclerotized plates (present in *Bebaiotes*). Currently, *Achilixius* is recorded only in the Oriental region, including the Philippines, Sulawesi, and Sabah (Wilson, 1989; Viegas & Ale-Rocha, 2023), while *Bebaiotes* is limited to Central America and northern South America.

6.6. Conclusions

Our results recover the monophyly of Achilixiidae and included genera. Although internal relationships within *Achilixius* were not hypothesized confidently due to the lack of data, present analysis suggest that *Achilixius* form a monophyletic group. Additionally, *Bebaiotes* was also recovered as monophyletic and species relationships are proposed, opening avenues for evolutionary studies of the genus. The inclusion of *Bennarella bicoloripennis* Muir (Cixiidae), which also has abdominal processes, as an outgroup, revealed that the emergence of these abdominal processes occurred independently throughout the evolutionary history of each group.

We emphasize the importance of including female terminalia characters whenever possible in phylogenetic analyses, since we have recovered some non-homoplastic synapomorphies from these structures, such as: apexes of lobes of Gonapophysis IX (second valvula) sclerotized (93:0), apexes of lobes of Gonapophysis IX (second valvula) divergent (94:1), and apexes of lobes of Gonapophysis IX (second valvula) curved (95:1).

Finally, this is the first cladistic study that encompasses representatives from both genera of Achilixiidae. This provided a deeper understanding of the morphology and relationships of this family, identifying characters that can be used in broader studies of Fulgoromorpha, thus becoming an important contribution to direct future research.

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7. SÍNTESE

Este trabalho foi fundamental para ampliar o conhecimento sobre as relações filogenéticas dentro da família Achilixiidae, mas também dentro de Fulgoroidea. Tanto na análise morfológica quanto nas análises moleculares realizadas, os resultados recuperaram Achilixiidae como um grupo monofilético indicando que os membros desta família compartilham um ancestral comum exclusivo e formam um ramo único dentro da infraordem Fulgoromorpha.

Ampliamos o registro de espécies de *Bebaiotes* no Brasil, destacando assim a importância das coleções entomológicas brasileiras. Essas coleções são verdadeiros tesouros de informações sobre a fauna, desempenhando um papel fundamental na pesquisa científica e na documentação da biodiversidade. Além disso, projetos voltados para a coleta de material em áreas remotas desempenham um papel essencial na expansão do nosso conhecimento sobre a entomofauna brasileira. Esse esforço conjunto contribui para o avanço da ciência e a conservação da diversidade biológica em nosso país.

Após 34 anos desde a última descrição de uma espécie de *Achilixius*, tivemos o privilégio de acrescentar mais uma à lista. Essa contribuição é significativa, pois enriquece nosso conhecimento sobre a diversidade desses insetos e destaca a importância contínua da pesquisa taxonômica na atualização das informações sobre a biodiversidade entomológica.

Por fim, a divisão do ancestral de Achilixiidae que levou às linhagens genéricas ocorreu em algum momento durante o Triássico até o Jurássico, provavelmente em decorrência de um evento vicariante relacionado à fragmentação do Gondwana. Além disso, as divergências iniciais de *Bebaiotes* na América do Sul ocorreram no Jurássico Inferior por volta de 176 Mya, enquanto *Achilixius* começou a diversificar muito mais tarde no Cretáceo Inferior por volta de 83 Mya. Esta diversificação posterior de *Achilixius* no Arquipélago Malaio condiz com a sua história geológica.

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APÊNDICE A

Estimativas de tempo das linhagens de Fulgoromorpha resultante da análise de divergência de tempo.

Supplementary Table 1. Estimated median divergence ages of Fulgoromorpha lineages with 95% credibility intervals.

| Families | Estimated divergence age (Mya) | 95% credibility intervals | Geological periods |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Acanaloniidae | 57.27 | 21.28-111.16 | Paleogene |
| Achilidae | 119.63 | 115.36-127.14 | Cretaceous |
| <i>Deferunda acuminata</i> + <i>Magadha flavisigna</i> | 41.33 | 17.72-71.28 | Paleogene |
| <i>Catonia</i> sp. 1+ <i>Spino</i> sp. 1 + <i>Synecdoche</i> sp. 2 | 96.44 | 74.21-114.65 | Cretaceous |
| <i>Spino</i> sp. 1 + <i>Synecdoche</i> sp. 2 | 70.95 | 46.39-95.30 | Cretaceous |
| Achilixiidae | 209.62 | 158.29-267.61 | Triassic |
| <i>Achilixius</i> | 82.57 | 42.96-132.03 | Cretaceous |
| <i>Bebaiotes</i> | 176.36 | 131.60-224.48 | Jurassic |
| <i>B. clarice</i> + <i>B. dorsivittata</i> + <i>Bebaiotes</i> sp. 1 JU+ <i>B. pennyi</i> + <i>B. pulla</i> | 130.80 | 85.54-179.05 | Jurassic |
| <i>B. dorsivittata</i> + <i>Bebaiotes</i> sp. 1 JU | 50.84 | 20.66-87.02 | Paleogene |
| <i>B. pennyi</i> + <i>B. pulla</i> | 20.68 | 5.21-48.24 | Neogene |
| <i>B. dorsivittata</i> + <i>Bebaiotes</i> sp. 1 JU+ <i>B. pennyi</i> + <i>B. pulla</i> | 89.35 | 53.82-132.42 | Cretaceous |
| <i>B. macroptera</i> + <i>B. amazonica</i> + <i>B. tigrina</i> + <i>B. specialis</i> + <i>B. guianesus</i> + <i>B. bia</i> + <i>Bebaiotes</i> sp. C+ <i>B. banksi</i> + <i>Bebaiotes</i> sp. 1 | 164.04 | 121.60-212.55 | Jurassic |
| <i>B. macroptera</i> + <i>B. amazonica</i> + <i>B. tigrina</i> | 87.31 | 49.19-131.35 | Cretaceous |
| <i>B. amazonica</i> + <i>B. tigrina</i> | 51.71 | 20.60-92.41 | Paleogene |

Supplementary Table 1 (continued)

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| <i>B. specialis</i> + <i>B. guianesus</i> + <i>B. bia</i> + <i>Bebaiotes</i> sp. C+ <i>B. banksi</i> + <i>Bebaiotes</i> sp. 1 | 147.39 | 103.26-193.75 | Jurassic |
| <i>B. guianesus</i> + <i>B. bia</i> + <i>Bebaiotes</i> sp. C+ <i>B. banksi</i> + <i>Bebaiotes</i> sp. 1 | 128.68 | 85.32-176.19] | Jurassic |
| <i>B. bia</i> + <i>Bebaiotes</i> sp. C+ <i>B. banksi</i> + <i>Bebaiotes</i> sp. 1 | 83,6788 | 45.20-130.36 | Cretaceous |
| <i>Bebaiotes</i> sp. C+ <i>B. banksi</i> + <i>Bebaiotes</i> sp. 1 | 56.99 | 19.06-99.94 | Cretaceous |
| <i>B. banksi</i> + <i>Bebaiotes</i> sp. 1 | 15.34 | 3.81-33.51 | Neogene |
| Achilidae + Achilixiidae | 240.20 | 180.65-302.53 | Triassic |
| Caliscelidae | 16.70 | 16.01- 20.01 | Neogene |
| Achilidae + Achilixiidae+ Caliscelidae | 273.83 | 209.81-337.08 | Triassic |
| Cercopoidea | 37.42 | 11.37-79.38 | Devonian |
| Cixiidae | 257.52 | 192.78-323.97 | Permian |
| <i>Bennarella bicoloripennis</i> + <i>Bennarella fusca</i> | 78.35 | 38.53-128.30 | Cretaceous |
| <i>Bothriocera eborea</i> + <i>Bothriocera</i> sp. 2 | 51.22 | 18.17-98.09 | Paleogene |
| <i>Bennarella bicoloripennis</i> + <i>Bennarella fusca</i> + <i>Bothriocera eborea</i> + <i>Bothriocera</i> sp. 2 | 214.42 | 149.36-286.53 | Triassic |
| <i>Ozoliarius</i> sp. 2 + <i>Pintalia alta</i> | 132.01 | 39.59-233.76 | Cretaceous |
| <i>Andes simplex</i> + <i>Cixius similis</i> | 125.29 | 56.92-206.17 | Cretaceous |
| <i>Haplaxius</i> sp. 1 + <i>Haplaxius deleter</i> | 20.61 | 3.45-53.93 | Neogene |
| <i>Andes simplex</i> + <i>Cixius similis</i> + <i>Haplaxius</i> sp. 1 + <i>Haplaxius deleter</i> | 219.74 | 104.47-258.98 | Jurassic |
| Cixiidae+ Delphacidae | 257.52 | 192.78-323.97 | Carboniferous |
| Delphacidae | 80.41 | 28.24-155.68 | Cretaceous |
| <i>Harmalia ostorius</i> + <i>Nilaparvata lugens</i> | 34.06 | 7.27-77.54 | Paleogene |

Supplementary Table 1 (continued)

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| Cixiidae <i>Oliarus</i> sp. 2 + Acanaloniidae + Nogodinidae + Meenoplidae + Tropiduchidae + Issidae + Tettigometridae + Kinnaridae + Flatidae+ Lophopidae + Eurybrachidae + Fulgoridae + Dictyopharidae + Ricaniidae + Derbidae | 252.13 | 193.92-311.60 | Triassic |
| Cixiidae <i>Oliarus</i> sp. 2+ Acanaloniidae+ Nogodinidae + Meenoplidae | 147.42 | 59.82-273.45 | Jurassic |
| Acanaloniidae+ Nogodinidae + Meenoplidae | 89.01 | 41.63-159.54 | Cretaceous |
| Nogodinidae <i>Biolleyana costalis</i> + Meenoplidae <i>Nisia</i> sp. 1 JU | 42.73 | 9.96-95.52 | Paleogene |
| Issidae + Tropiduchidae + Tettigometridae + Kinnaridae + Flatidae+ Lophopidae + Eurybrachidae + Fulgoridae + Dictyopharidae + Ricaniidae + Derbidae + Meenoplidae+ Tropiduchidae + Nogodinidae <i>Pisacha naga</i> | 223.00 | 173.64-278.92 | Triassic |
| Issidae + Tettigometridae + Kinnaridae + Flatidae+ Lophopidae + Eurybrachidae + Fulgoridae + Dictyopharidae + Ricaniidae + Derbidae + Meenoplidae+ Tropiduchidae + Nogodinidae | 213.94 | 168.75-266.77 | Triassic |
| Issidae + Meenoplidae + Tropiduchidae + Tettigometridae + Kinnaridae + Flatidae+ Lophopidae + Eurybrachidae + Ricaniidae + Nogodinidae | 206.67 | 158.41-255.19 | Triassic |
| Issidae + Meenoplida + Tropiduchidae + Nogodinidae | 179.01 | 128.89-230.62 | Jurassic |
| Issidae + Tropiduchidae + Nogodinidae | 160.84 | 110.41-212.76 | Jurassic |
| Tropiduchidae + Nogodinidae | 113.27 | 65.39-167.58 | Cretaceous |
| Tettigometridae + Kinnaridae + Flatidae+ Lophopidae + Eurybrachidae | 193.60 | 144.05-246.98 | Jurassic |
| Tettigometridae | 3.00 | 0.35-8.62 | Neogene |
| Kinnaridae + Flatidae + Lophopidae + Eurybrachidae | 188.72 | 136.94-243.53 | Jurassic |
| Kinnaridae + Flatidae <i>Ormenis saucia</i> | 159.33 | 85.08-221.01 | Jurassic |
| Lophopidae + Eurybrachidae + Lophopidae | 128.65 | 65.63-189.71] | Cretaceous |
| Eurybrachidae + Lophopidae <i>Serida</i> sp. 1 | 85.48 | 27.26-150.22 | Cretaceous |

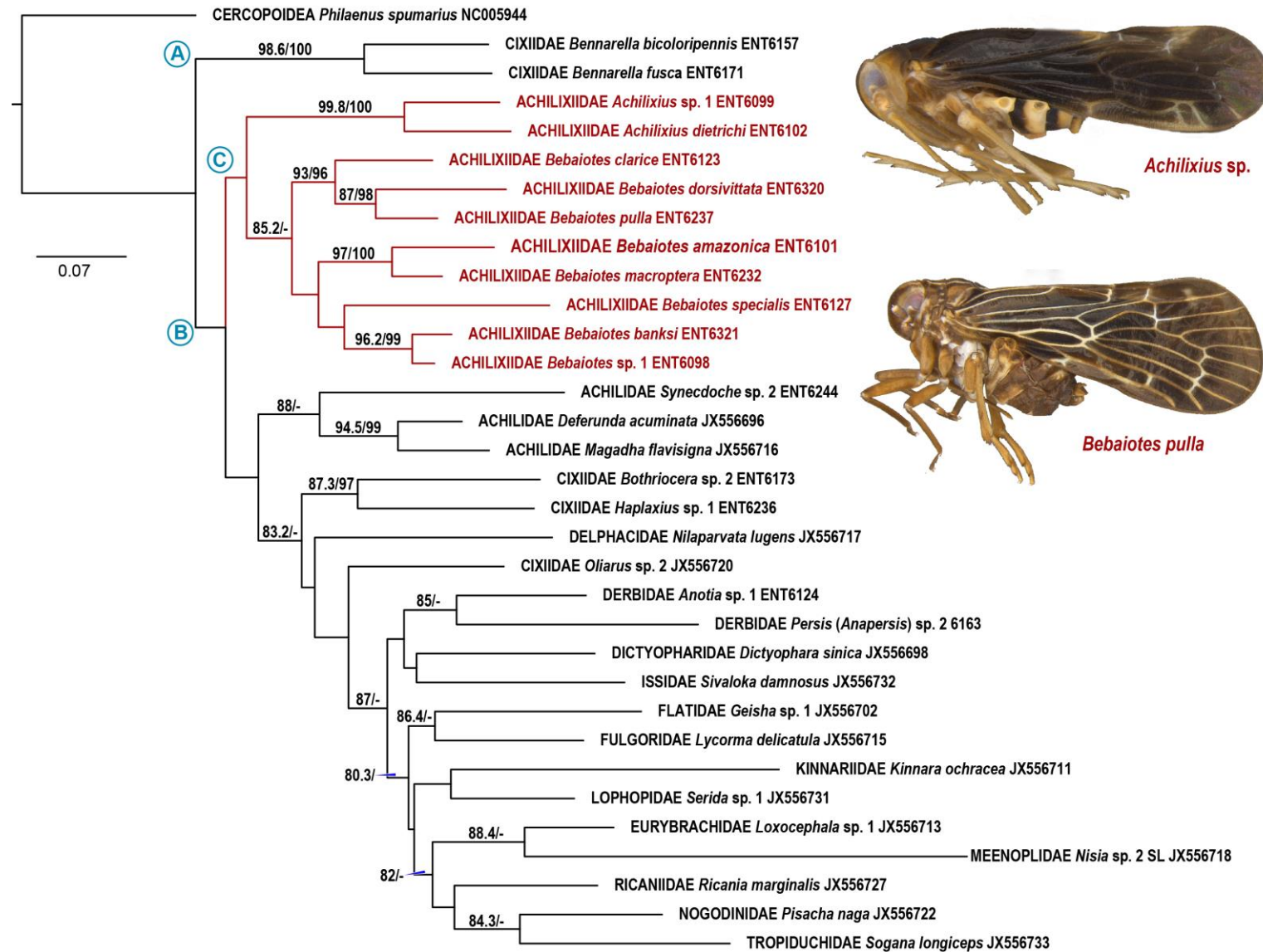
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| Eurybrachidae + Fulgoridae + Dictyopharidae + Ricaniidae + Derbidae + Tropiduchidae + Flatidae + Issidae | 200.86 | 155.55-250.34 | Triassic |
| Eurybrachidae + Fulgoridae + Dictyopharidae | 168.94 | 119.06-224.29 | Jurassic |
| Eurybrachidae <i>Loxocephala</i> sp. 1 + Fulgoridae <i>Lycorma delicatula</i> | 115.54 | 52.12-181.95 | Cretaceous |
| Fulgoridae + Dictyopharidae | 142.03 | 100.56-191.07 | Jurassic |
| Flatidae+ Ricaniidae+ Issidae + Derbidae | 185.60 | 139.40-232.76 | Jurassic |
| Flatidae <i>Geisha</i> sp. 1 + Ricaniidae | 45.48 | 79.08-206.71 | Jurassic |
| Issidae + Derbidae | 171.57 | 127.81-221.16 | Cretaceous |
| Derbidae | 143.14 | 99.04-188.86 | Cretaceous |
| <i>Derbe</i> sp. 1 + <i>Persis</i> (<i>Anapersis</i>) sp. 2 | 102.55 | 59.80-149.02 | Cretaceous |
| Dictyopharidae | 84.10 | 83.46, 86.01 | Cretaceous |
| Fulgoroidea | 364.73 | 314.77-413.57 | Devonian |
| Ricaniidae | 56.35 | 55.86-57.00 | Paleogene |

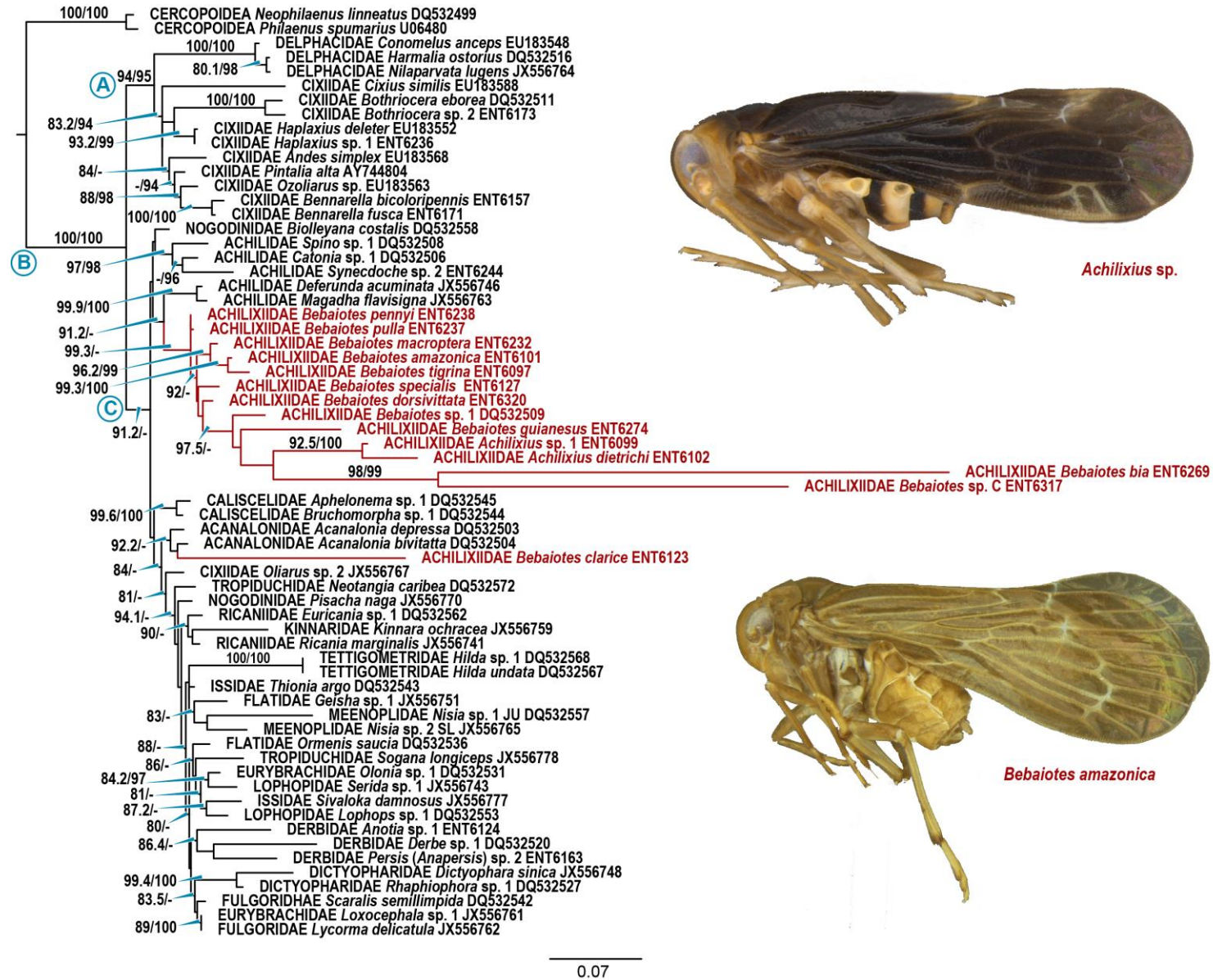
APÊNDICE B

Árvores de máxima verossimilhança de Achilixiidae e grupos externos para cada gene: 16S, 18S, 28S e H3.

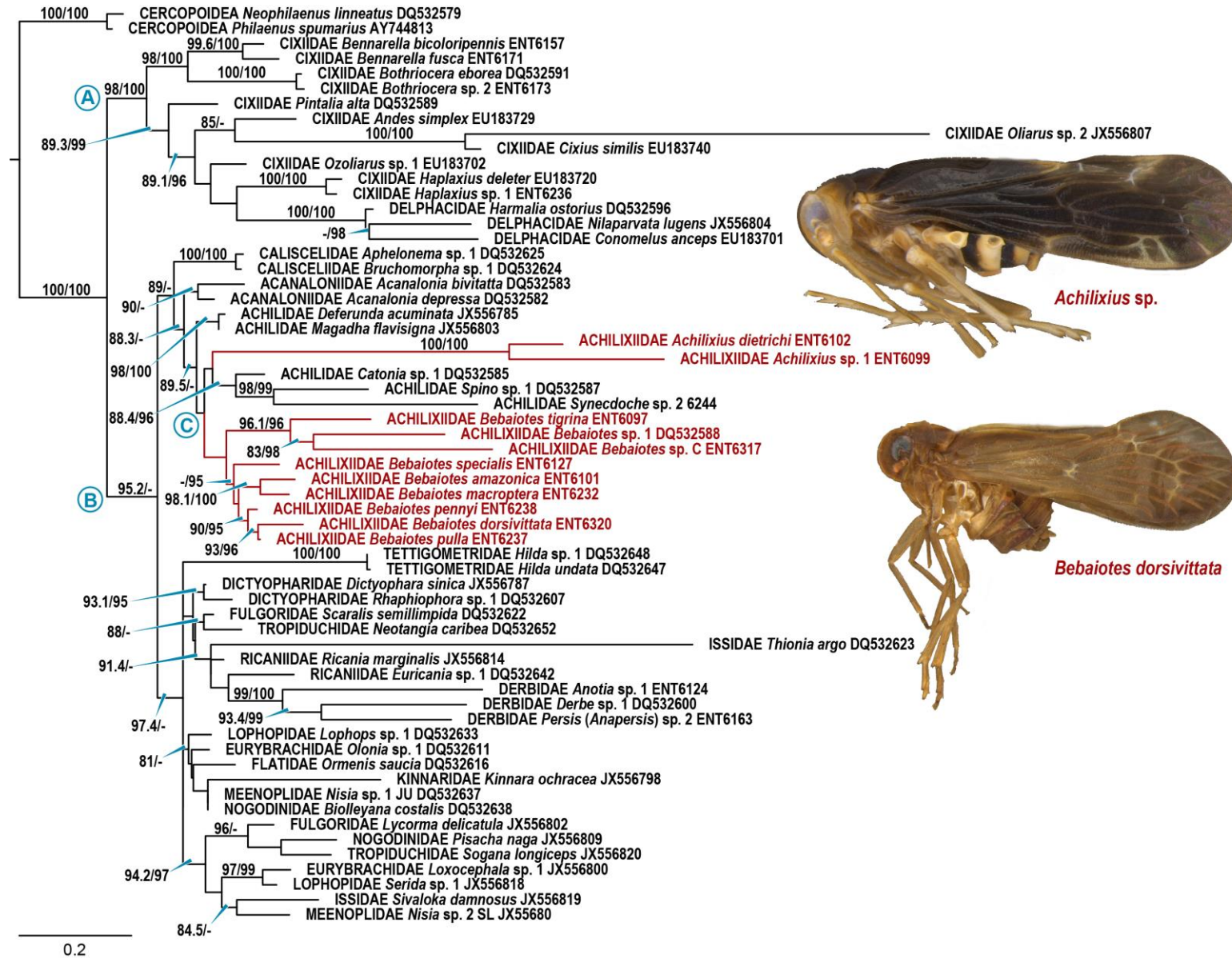
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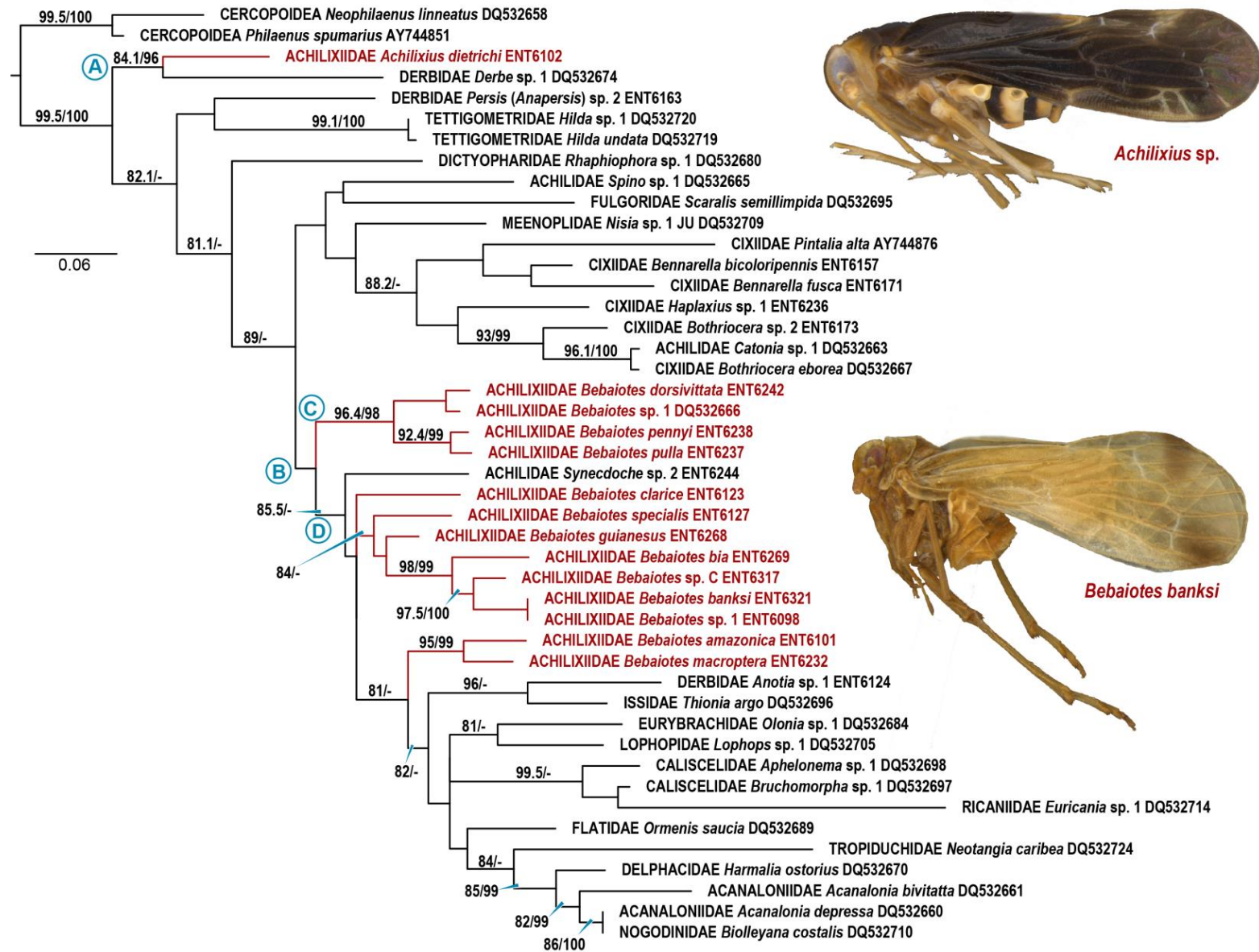
Supplementary Figure S1. Maximum likelihood tree of Achilixiidae and outgroups based on 465 bp of 16S rDNA. Values above branches are likelihood SH-aLRT ≥ 80 / ultrafast bootstrap ≥ 95 .



Supplementary Figure S2. Maximum likelihood tree of Achilixiidae and outgroups based on 1301 bp of 18S rDNA. Values above branches are likelihood SH-aLRT ≥ 80 / ultrafast bootstrap ≥ 95 .



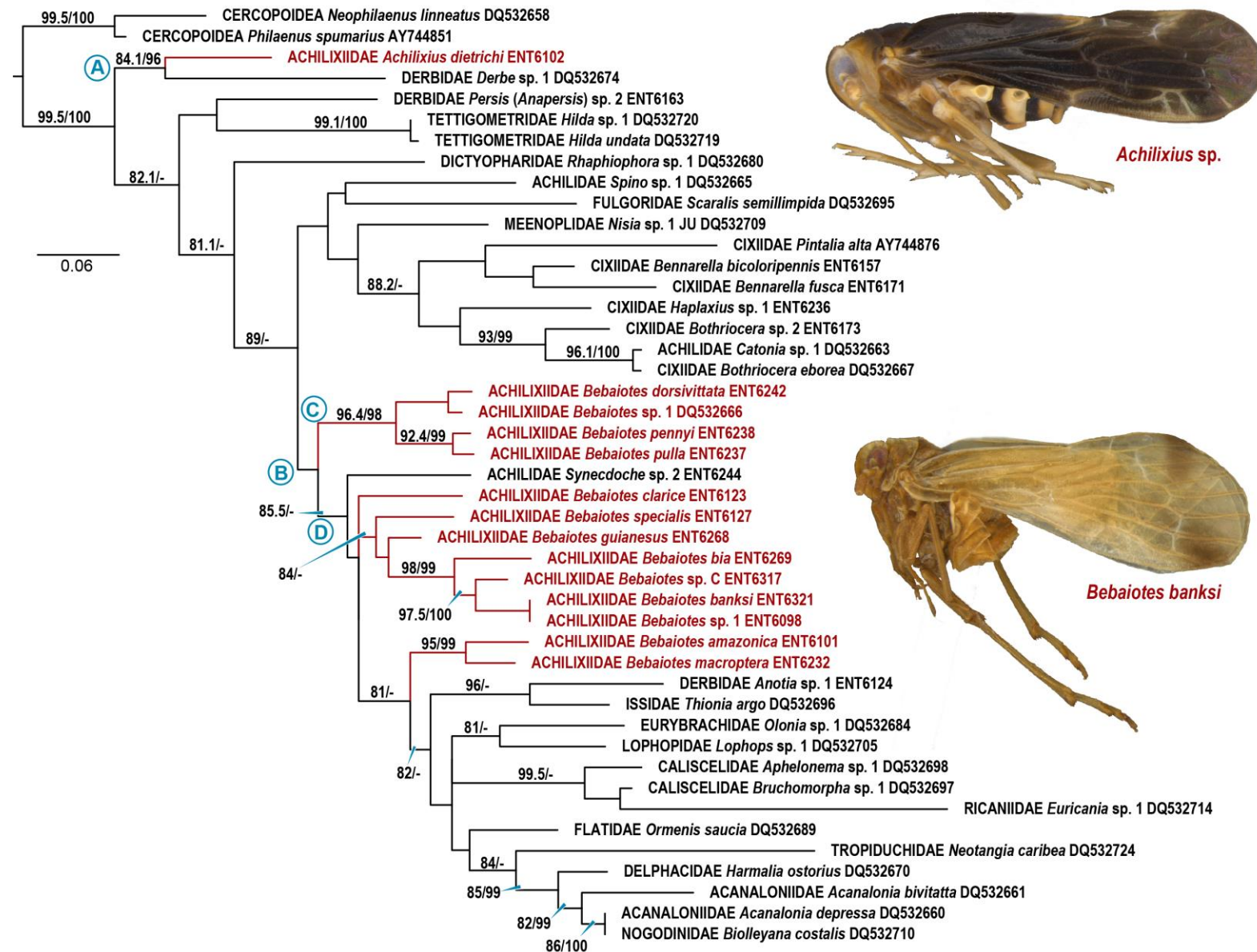
Supplementary Figure S3. Maximum likelihood tree of Achilixiidae and outgroups based on 2278 bp of 28S rDNA. Values above branches are likelihood SH-aLRT ≥ 80 / ultrafast bootstrap ≥ 95 .



Supplementary Figure S4. Maximum likelihood tree of Achilixiidae and outgroups based on 339 bp of histone H3. Values above branches are likelihood SH-aLRT ≥ 80 / ultrafast bootstrap ≥ 95 .

APÊNDICE C

Árvore de Inferência bayesiana de Achilixiidae e grupos externos resultante da concatenação dos genes 16S, 18S, 28S e H3.



Supplementary Figure S5. Bayesian consensus of Achilixiidae and outgroups based on 4,379 bp of 16S, 18S, 28S, and H3 (-lnL= 40210.5464). Values below branches are Bayesian posterior probabilities (in percentages) > 0.90.