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First phylogenetic analysis of the subfamily Pachydeminae (Coleoptera, Scarabaeoidea, Melolonthidae): the Palearctic Pachydeminae*

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Abstract

This paper presents the first phylogenetic analysis of Pachydeminae Reitter, 1902; one of the least known subfamilies of Melolonthidae, 'leaf-chafers' (Scarabaeoidea, Coleoptera). Some species of Pachydeminae have recently become agricultural pests in southern Spain. We analysed the phylogenetic relationships among 49 species belonging to 16 genera in the Palearctic region, based on a set of 63 morphological characters from the adult external morphology, wing anatomy, mouthparts and male and female genitalia. The last three sets of characters are described here for the first time. The phylogeny shows that the Palearctic Pachydeminae are monophyletic within the subfamily. Mouthparts and male and female genitalia provide the best synapomorphies for intergeneric relationships. In contrast, most of the external morphological characters used in the taxonomy of Pachydeminae are highly homoplastic. The phylogeny shows a basal split between the genera *Hemictenius* Reitter, 1897; *Pachydema* Castelnau, 1832, and the monospecific *Peritryssus* Reitter, 1918; and a second clade including the rest of genera. The remarkable *Peritryssus* is confirmed as a Pachydeminae, being the sister group to the monophyletic *Hemictenius*. Except for the position of *P. rubripennis* (Lucas, 1848) and *P. zhora* Normand, 1951, the phylogeny supports the monophyly of *Pachydema* but rejects the traditional division into species groups and the monophyly of the endemic Canarian species. In contrast, *Tanyproctus* Faldermann, 1835, must be rejected as polyphyletic. *Otoclinus* Brenske, 1896, is also probably polyphyletic (two new species synonymies), whereas *Leptochristina* Baraud and Branco, 1991, is either mono- or paraphyletic. The two Mediterranean genera *Ceramida* Baraud, 1897, and *Elaphocera* Gené, 1836, form a monophyletic group, this clade being the best supported by the data set. *Ceramida* is clearly monophyletic, whereas *Elaphocera* is probably monophyletic except for *E. barbara* Rambur, 1843, which shares with *Ceramida* the character state for numerous mouthpart and genitalic characters. The phylogeny questions the generic status of the small and monospecific genera of Pachydeminae. The monotypic *Alaia* Petrovitz, 1980, and *Brenskiella* Berg, 1898, are merged with *Europroton* Marseul, 1867, into one clade, whereas *Atanyproctus* Petrovitz, 1954, is grouped with some species of *Tanyproctus*, and the monotypic *Pachydemocera* Reitter, 1902, is proposed as a junior synonym of *Elaphocera*.

Key words: Pachydeminae – Melolonthidae – Coleoptera – leaf-chafers – Palearctic – phylogeny – mouthparts – wing anatomy – internal genitalia

Introduction

The Scarabaeoidea is one of the largest and best-studied superfamilies of Coleoptera. It has traditionally been classified into two ecological groups: the Laparosticti (dung beetles) and the Pleurosticti (leaf-feeding beetles or leaf chafers). The phylogeny of the Laparosticti is relatively well known (Holloway 1960; Howden 1982; Scholtz 1986; Scholtz et al. 1987, 1988; Zunino 1984a), whereas the Pleurosticti, especially the most derived families, are far from resolved. Melolonthidae is an especially poorly defined family, comprising numerous subfamilies of uncertain status (Scholtz 1990; Browne and Scholtz 1998). However, the family is economically important because the larvae ('white grubs') are pests of crops and underground stems of plants (Ritcher 1966).

Pachydeminae Reitter, 1902, is one of the least known subfamilies of Melolonthidae. Its species were not considered important for agriculture (Balachowsky 1962) until 1995, when *Ceramida* Baraud, 1987 was reported as a new pest of olive trees in southern Spain (Alvarado et al. 1996; Serrano et al. 1996; Sanmartín and Martín-Piera, in prep.). The Pachydeminae comprise about 115 genera and 530 species worldwide, although there is not a definitive catalogue (Lacroix 2000). They are distributed in all major zoogeographical regions except India and Australia but their distribution is very

disjunct. In the Holarctic region, they are present in western North America and the southern Palearctic, with an east–west Mediterranean disjunction well known in other groups of animals (Oosterbroek and Arntzen 1992). In the Neotropics, the Pachydeminae are restricted to the temperate region (Bolivia, Peru, Uruguay but mainly Argentina and Chile). They are also more abundant (both in number of species and genera) in the south-east part of the Afrotropical region (Lacroix 2000). These disjunct distributions, together with the reduced geographic ranges of most species (females are usually flightless), make the subfamily Pachydeminae especially interesting for biogeographic analysis.

The Palearctic Pachydeminae comprise about 20 genera and 280 species, although there is no definitive inventory (Baraud 1992; Lacroix 1993; Piattella and Sabatinelli 1996; Lacroix 2000). The Palearctic region is the best-represented in terms of number of species, whereas the Afrotropical region leads in number of genera. Five out of the eight genera of Pachydeminae that include more than 10 species are Palearctic (*Ceramida*, *Elaphocera* Gené, 1836; *Hemictenius* Reitter, 1897; *Pachydema* Castelnau, 1832; *Tanyproctus* Faldermann, 1835). The Palearctic Pachydeminae are distributed across southern Eurasia from the Canary Islands to China, including southern Europe (except France and Italy), North Africa, Near East, Asia Minor, Iran, Afghanistan, Caucasus, and Central Asia (see Appendix). Most species are distributed in the south-west Palearctic (west of the Ural Mountains) with the eastern Palearctic represented by only 10 species in China and one in Burma (Lacroix 2000).

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The taxonomy of the Palearctic Pachydeminae is particularly difficult. The paucity of specimens in entomological collections has hampered the establishment of character variability, and has led to the description of new taxa on specimen or interpopulation differences (Sanmartín and Martín-Piera 1999a). In addition, identification rests exclusively on characters of the male external morphology because females are difficult to collect and have only been described for a few species of the largest genera. However, most species of Pachydeminae present an accentuated sexual dimorphism. Females are characterized by a massive abdomen, reduced legs and antennae, and variable wing reduction. These traits are probably adaptations to fossorial life because, after emerging in the autumn, females dig into the ground for oviposition in the spring (Sanmartín and Martín-Piera 1997; in prep.). Most of the characters used in the identification of genera (related to the male external morphology) are not good candidates for synapomorphies because either they vary within the genus (polymorphic) or are also present in other genera (symplesiomorphies). This is especially so in the larger and more geographically widespread genera *Tanyproctus* and *Pachydema*. One consequence of this lack of reliable characters is the tendency in the taxonomy of Pachydeminae to create new genera that are either monotypic or contain a few species. About 62% of the genera of Pachydeminae contain only one species (Lacroix 2000). Most of the monotypic genera have been erected to accommodate single species that differ from traditional genera by a conspicuous autapomorphy. Some of them are potentially ingroup members of other, larger genera. Thus, among the 20 Palearctic genera, nine are monotypic (*Alaia* Petrovitz, 1980; *Brenskiella* Berg, 1898; *Buettikeria* Sabatinelli and Pontuale, 1998; *Jalalabadia* Balthasar, 1967; *Kryzhanovskia* Nikolajev and Kabakov, 1977; *Pachydemocera* Reitter, 1902; *Peritryssus* Reitter, 1918; *Pseudopachydema* Balthasar, 1930; *Tanyproctoides* Petrovitz, 1971), six comprise less than nine species (*Asiactenius* Nikolajev, 2000; *Atanyproctus* Petrovitz, 1954; *Europroton* Marseul, 1867; *Leptochristina* Baraud and Branco, 1991; *Otoclinius* Brenske, 1896; *Phalangonyx* Reitter, 1889), and only five include more than 10 species (*Ceramida*, *Elaphocera*, *Hemictenius*, *Pachydema* and *Tanyproctus*). Furthermore, all new genera established in the last 10 years are either monotypic or contain less than six species (e.g. *Alaia*, *Asiactenius*, *Buettikeria*, *Leptochristina*).

Another problem in the systematics of the Palearctic Pachydeminae is the lack of a comprehensive taxonomic study. Except for Baraud's monograph (Baraud 1992) of the western Palearctic genera, there are only a few studies dealing with small genera (Branco 1981; Nikolajev 1987; Baraud 1991; Baraud and Branco 1991; Bezdek et al. 1999). Baraud's classification (Baraud 1992) of the western Palearctic Pachydeminae is based on a few unreliable morphological characters, and the monophyly of the most speciose genera *Tanyproctus* and *Pachydema* has not been established. Discussion of phylogenetic relationships among the Palearctic genera or even within the entire subfamily has never been attempted.

In this work, we attempt to redress this situation by presenting the first cladistic analysis of the subfamily Pachydeminae based on a complete new set of characters. We analysed relationships among 49 species belonging to 16 Palearctic genera (including the five largest, most speciose genera) based on a set of 63 characters. A main objective of the paper is to describe three new sets of characters that could be useful in the identification and diagnosis of genera: mouthpart

structures, wing anatomy, and male and female genitalia. We compared the value as putative synapomorphies of these new characters with the male external morphologic characters currently employed in the taxonomy of Pachydeminae. A second objective was to test the monophyly of the Palearctic genera which might help to advance the reconstruction of a phylogenetic system for the entire subfamily.

Materials and methods

Prior to the cladistic analysis, we carried out a comparative study on the adult morphology of Pachydeminae, including external morphology, mouthparts, wing anatomy, and male and female genitalia (Sanmartín 1998; Sanmartín and Martín-Piera 1999a). We examined 125 species (more than 2000 specimens) belonging to 14 Palearctic genera: *Alaia*, *Atanyproctus*, *Brenskiella*, *Ceramida*, *Elaphocera*, *Europroton*, *Hemictenius*, *Leptochristina*, *Otoclinius*, *Pachydema*, *Pachydemocera*, *Peritryssus*, *Tanyproctoides* and *Tanyproctus* (see Appendix for a complete list of the species studied and their distribution). This represents approximately 45% of the total number of species in the Palearctic region and an average of 78.5% species studied per genus, ranging from 100% (e.g. *Ceramida* and *Elaphocera*) to 21% in *Tanyproctus* (Appendix).

For the study of anatomical structures, specimens were relaxed in boiling distilled water. Mouthparts were studied under immersion in 70% ethanol and fixed to a label pinned to the specimen. The study of wing anatomy followed Browne and Scholtz (1994): the left wing was removed at the tergum, spread on a microscope slide with a drop of 70% ethanol, and held outstretched until the ethanol evaporated; once fixed, the wing was mounted in Euparal® mounting medium (Euparal R1344. Agar Scientific, Ltd. Essex, UK). For the study of male genitalia, the aedeagus was removed through the pygidium and cleared alternatively in boiling distilled water and a 5% KOH solution (Coca-Abia and Martín-Piera 1991). The endophallus was extracted through the apical ostium of the parameres, dehydrated through a progressive dehydration alcoholic series ending in xylol, and mounted on a microscopic slide in DPX® mounting medium (DPX 360294H. BDH Laboratory Supplies, Poole, UK). To study the microsensilla of the endophallus, the endophallus was dehydrated, air-dried (instead of critical point dried), sputter-coated with gold and examined under the scanning electron microscope. For the study of female genitalia, the complete abdomen was removed and cleared prior to the dissection, and the genitalia was mounted either on an excavated slide with Euparal® or stored in microvials with 70% ethanol. The latter technique was more useful to fully appreciate the three-dimensional disposition of the structures. Illustrations were made using a camera lucida attached to a Wild stereomicroscope, and a video camera was used for both viewing and photographing finer details (Wild MZ.8. Leica Microsystems, Barcelona, Spain).

Cladistic analysis

Taxa studied

We included in the analysis 49 species representing 16 Palearctic genera of Pachydeminae (Table 1). Apart from the 14 genera mentioned above, we coded the monotypic *Kryzhanovskia* and *Pseudopachydema* directly from the original descriptions because we could not access the material of the type species. The other Palearctic genera not included in the analysis (Lacroix 2000) are all monotypic or small, recently described genera. *Jalalabadia* (one species from Afghanistan) is a mysterious genus that has never been cited after the original description (Lacroix, pers. comm) but seems to be close to *Tanyproctoides*. *Buettikeria* includes one species from the Arabian Peninsula and its range of distribution borders the Palearctic. *Phalangonyx* (eight species from Saudi Arabia, Iran and Afghanistan) has a complicated taxonomic history. Reitter (1889) erected this genus to separate *T. coniceps* from other *Tanyproctus* species based on the strongly sinuated clypeus margin, but he relegated *Phalangonyx* to a subgenus of *Tanyproctus* in a subsequent work (Reitter 1902). Since then, it has been considered either as a subgenus of *Tanyproctus* (Medvedev 1952), as a junior synonym of this last genus (Petrovitz 1968; Baraud 1992), or as a different genus

Table 1. Species included in the phylogenetic analysis and their geographic distribution. Abbreviations for the subgenera (see text). (*B*): *Brachydemia*; (*T*): *Tanyproctus sensu stricto*; (*Tca.*): *Tanyproctocera*; (*A*): *Artia*; (*P*): *Pachydemia sensu stricto*; (*S*): *Sparophysa*

Genus	Species	Geographic distribution	
Palaearctic			
<i>Otoclinius</i> Brenske, 1896	<i>O. fragilis</i> Petrovitz, 1980	Iran	
	<i>O. gracilipes</i> Brenske, 1896	Iran	
<i>Pachydemocera</i> Reitter, 1902	<i>P. lucidicollis</i> (Kraatz, 1882)	Rhodes, Syria	
<i>Leptochristina</i> Baraud & Branco, 1991	<i>L. pubimargo</i> (Reitter, 1902)	Syria; Turkey	
	<i>L. annamariae</i> Baraud & Branco, 1991	Iraq	
<i>Tanyproctus</i> Faldermann, 1835	<i>T. (B.) reichei</i> (Rambur, 1843)	Greece; Asia Minor	
	<i>T. (T.) rufidens</i> (Marseul, 1879)	Caucasus, Iran	
	<i>T. (B.) kindermanni</i> (Reiche, 1861)	Syria; Israel	
	<i>T. (T.) bucharicus</i> (Reitter, 1897)	Buchara, Afghanistan	
	<i>T. (T.) subciliatus</i> Reitter, 1902	Turkestan	
	<i>T. (Tca.) saulcyi</i> (Reiche, 1856)	Israel; Syria	
	<i>T. (B.) rugulosus</i> Fairmaire, 1892	Syria; Turkey	
	<i>T. (T.) ganglbaueri</i> (Brenske, 1897)	Iran; Transcaspia	
	<i>T. (T.) persicus</i> (Ménétries, 1832)	Iran, Caucasus	
	<i>Pachydemia</i> Castelnau, 1832	<i>P. castanea</i> (Brullé, 1838)	Canary Islands (Tenerife), Gormera
<i>P. obscura</i> (Brullé, 1838)		Canary Isl (Tenerife) Gormera, Fuerteventura	
<i>P. bipartita</i> (Brullé, 1838)		Canary Isl (Gran Canaria, Tenerife, Gomera) Lanzarote, Hierro	
<i>P. tinerfensis</i> Galante & Stebnicka, 1992		Canary Isl (Tenerife)	
<i>P. (A.) anthracina</i> Fairmaire, 1860		Morocco	
<i>P. (P.) hirticollis</i> (Fabricius, 1787)		Algeria; Tunis; Libya	
<i>P. (P.) xanthochroa</i> Fairmaire, 1879		Tunis	
<i>P. (S.) palposa</i> Reitter, 1902		Egypt	
<i>P. (A.) rubripennis</i> (Lucas, 1848)		Morocco; Algeria	
<i>P. (A.) zohra</i> Normand, 1951		Tunis; Libya	
<i>Hemictenius</i> Reitter, 1897		<i>H. tekkensis</i> (Reitter, 1889)	Transcaspia; Turkestan;
		<i>H. ochripennis</i> Reitter, 1902	Baldschuan; Tadjikistan
		<i>H. opacus</i>	Buchara; Samarcanda (Ball., 1870)
	<i>H. simplicatarsis</i> Reitter, 1897	Afghanistan; Buchara	
	<i>H. opacipes</i> Reitter, 1902	Buchara, Uzbekistan	
<i>H. nigrociliatus</i> Reitter, 1897	<i>H. nigrociliatus</i> Reitter, 1897	Buchara, Uzbekistan	
<i>Elaphocera</i> Gené, 1836	<i>E. elongata</i> Schauffus, 1874	Greece; Turkey	
	<i>E. syriaca</i> Kraatz, 1882	Syria; Crete	
	<i>E. emarginata</i> (Gyllenhal, 1817)	Sardinia	
	<i>E. capdebouvi</i> Schauffus, 1882	Balearic Islands	
	<i>E. barbara</i> Rambur, 1843	Morocco; Algeria	
	<i>E. sulcatula</i> Fairmaire, 1884	Morocco	
	<i>E. carteiensis</i> Rambur, 1843	SE Iberian Peninsula	
	<i>E. alonsoi</i> López-Colón, 1992	SE Iberian Peninsula	
<i>Ceramida</i> Baraud, 1987	<i>C. bedeai</i> (Erichson, 1840)	S Iberian Peninsula; Morocco; Algeria	
	<i>C. baraudi</i> (Branco, 1981)	Portugal	
<i>Europroton</i> Marseul, 1867	<i>E. gracile</i> Marseul, 1867	Algeria	
<i>Peritryssus</i> Reitter, 1918	<i>P. excisus</i> Reitter, 1918	Sicilia	
<i>Brenskiella</i> Berg, 1898	<i>B. flavomicans</i> (Brenske, 1896)	Israel	
<i>Alaia</i> Petrovitz, 1980	<i>A. sexdentata</i> Petrovitz, 1980	Iran; Afghanistan	
<i>Tanyproctooides</i> Petrovitz, 1971	<i>T. arabicus</i> (Arrow, 1932)	Saudi Arabia	
<i>Atanyproctus</i> Petrovitz, 1954	<i>A. miksici</i> Petrovitz, 1965	Afghanistan	
	<i>A. simplicatarsis</i> Petrovitz, 1954	Iran	
<i>Pseudopachydemia</i> Balthasar, 1930	<i>P. caucasica</i> Balthasar, 1930	Caucasus, Azerbaïdjan	
<i>Kryzhanovskia</i> Nikolajev & Kabakov, 1977	<i>K. olegi</i> Nikolajev & Kabakov, 1977	Afghanistan	
Non-Palaearctic			
<i>Sparmannia</i> La Porte, 1840	<i>S. alopex</i> (Fabricius, 1787)	South Africa	
<i>Phobetus</i> Le Conte, 1856	<i>P. comatus</i> Le Conte, 1856	California	
Outgroups			
<i>Euserica</i> Reitter, 1896	<i>E. mutata</i> (Gyllenhal, 1817)	Iberian Peninsula, Morocco	
<i>Melolontha</i> Fabricius, 1775	<i>M. papposa</i> Illiger, 1803	Iberian Peninsula	
<i>Pseudotrematodes</i> Jaquelin du Val, 1860	<i>P. friwaldskii</i> (Menétries, 1836)	Balkans, Asia Minor	
<i>Polyphylla</i> Harris, 1842	<i>P. fullo</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	W and C Europe, Russia, Caucasus, North Africa, Asia Minor	
<i>Aplidia</i> Hope, 1837	<i>A. akbesiana</i> Petrovitz, 1971	Syria	

(Arrow 1932; Decelle 1982; Sabatinelli and Pontuale 1998). Finally, Nikolajev (2000) recently described the new genus *Asiactenius* (northern Iran and Afghanistan, southern Turkmenistan) to include two new species, *A. mirabilis* and *A. afghanus* and three species previously assigned to *Hemictenius*, *H. reitteri* Medvedev, 1952, *H. tekkensis* (Reitter, 1889) and *H. tokgagevi* Medvedev, 1962. *Asiactenius* differs from *Hemictenius* in the basal enlargement of the male meso- and metatarsal claws. This genus is represented in the analysis by *H. tekkensis*, which in our analysis was included within *Hemictenius*.

The non-monotypic genera were represented in the analysis by a comprehensive sample of species reflecting their morphological diversity and geographic distribution. Using species as terminal taxa in the analysis instead of genera permitted to evaluate the monophyly of the genera but also to avoid polymorphism (missing data) in the terminals (Nixon and Davis 1991). Polymorphism was especially important in the case of the larger and more geographically widespread genera *Tanyproctus* and *Pachydema*, which usually present more than one state for the external morphological characters. The alternative approach of inferring the ancestral (groundplan) state of the genus from a previous phylogeny (Ronquist 1995; Nordlander et al. 1996; Morrone 1997) was not feasible because this is the first phylogeny on Pachydeminae. Another advantage of using species as the phylogenetic unit in the analysis is that we could examine the phylogenetic position (generic status) of the monotypic and smallest genera of Pachydeminae (e.g. *Pachydemocera*), and also check the classification of some 'problematic' species that differ morphologically from the genera in which they are currently included (e.g. *Tanyproctus reichei* (Rambur, 1843) *Pachydema zhora* Norman, 1951; *Elaphocera barbara* Rambur, 1843). We could also test the phylogenetic support for the internal classification of the largest, most speciose genera *Tanyproctus* and *Pachydema*. These genera have been divided into species groups or subgenera according to characters of the external morphology. *Tanyproctus* is traditionally classified into four subgenera (Baraud 1992): *Brachydema* Fairmaire, 1884; *Tanyproctus s. str.* Faldermann, 1835; *Tanyproctocera* Reitter, 1902; and *Tetraproctus* Klnzorian, 1953. Similarly, the African species of *Pachydema* are classified into four species-groups/subgenera (Baraud 1985): *Pachydema s. str.* Castelnau, 1832; *Artia* Rambur, 1843; *Sparophysa* Burmeister, 1885 and *Phygotoxeuma* Brenske, 1897. The 16 endemic species of *Pachydema* in the Canary Islands (Lacroix 2000) are usually considered as a different species-group. In order to test the phylogenetic support of these internal classifications, one or two species for each species group/subgenus were included in the analysis, with the exception of *Phygotoxeuma* and *Tetraproctus*, for which we could not study any specimen. Four Canarian species were also included within *Pachydema* to test whether they form a monophyletic group within the genus.

Outgroup

Characters were polarized using the subfamily Melolonthinae as the main outgroup. Although the phylogeny of Melolonthidae has not yet been established (Browne and Scholtz 1998), the subfamily Melolonthinae is traditionally considered as closely related to Pachydeminae (Baraud 1992; Lacroix 2000). In addition, the Palearctic genera of Melolonthinae have recently been the subject of a complete taxonomic and phylogenetic revision that included many characters herein analysed (Coca-Abia 1995). Instead of treating Melolonthinae as a single taxon, we selected some species to represent the morphological variability within the subfamily. This was done in order to avoid terminal polymorphism in the outgroup but also to resolve ambiguous character polarizations when the outgroup presents more than one ingroup state. In that case, characters informative about ingroup relationships might also help to resolve relationships among outgroup representatives (Clark and Curran 1986). Two species were selected from each of the two tribes of Melolonthinae (Coca-Abia 1995): *Melolontha papposa* Illiger, 1803, and *Polyphylla fullo* (Linnaeus, 1758) from Melolonthini, and *Pseudotrematodes frivaldskii* (Menétriès, 1836) and *Aplidia akbesiana* Petrovitz, 1971 from Rhizotrogini (Table 1). These genera are placed basally in the phylogeny of each tribe (Coca-Abia 1995) and thus probably reflect more accurately the morphological groundplan of the tribe than more derived genera (Ronquist 1995). Using these basal genera permits also to avoid the problem of 'inapplicable' characters in the matrix (Maddison 1993).

For example, the genitalic structure of 'temones' is a primitive feature of Rhizotrogini (Coca-Abia 1995), which is present in the basal genera but absent from the more-derived genera (e.g. *Rhizotrogus* Berthold, 1827).

To help resolve ambiguous character polarizations we also included a representative of the related subfamily Sericinae (*Euserica mutata* (Gyllenhal 1817)) as a second outgroup. In some recent classifications (Lacroix 2000), Sericinae is considered as a separate family from Melolonthidae. Finally, since no phylogeny has been proposed for the Pachydeminae, we included two non-Palearctic genera in the analysis in order to test the monophyly of the Palearctic genera within the subfamily. The Nearctic genus *Phobetus* Le Conte, 1856 (*P. comatus* Le Conte, 1856) and the Afrotropical genus *Sparrmannia* La Porte, 1840 (*S. alopex* (Fabricius 1787)) were selected because these two genera (and *Aegostetha* Dejean, 1833) are the only non-Palearctic genera that include more than 10 species (*Phobetus*: 12 spp., *Sparrmannia*: 27 spp.).

Characters

Sixty-three characters were coded for the analysis (Table 2), divided into external morphology (22 characters), mouthparts (eight), wing anatomy (three) and male and female genitalia (30). Many of the ingroup species were not scored for the female characters (state 'missing') because females have only been described in a few species of the largest genera *Ceramida*, *Elaphocera*, *Hemictenius*, *Pachydema* and *Tanyproctus*. Similarly, the outgroup species could not be scored for several characters of the male internal genitalia because of difficulties with assessing the homologies (state 'non-applicable'). The morphology of the structures in the outgroup was very different to those in the ingroup and comparison was not possible (e.g. ch49). In both cases, 'missing' and 'non-applicable', the character states were coded as '?' (Table 2). Multistate characters (26) were considered as ordered (Farris 1970) if the states seemed to follow a natural sequence (morphocline): e.g. a measurement ratio (character 47) or the progressive reduction of the functionality of the female wing (ch33). The transformation series was hypothesized to be 0-1-2. If the states could not be unambiguously ordered, the character was considered as unordered (Fitch 1971): e.g. characters describing shape (ch42, ch50).

Analysis

Cladistic analyses were carried out using the parsimony program NONA version 2.0 (Goloboff 1998). The search strategy used TBR (Tree Bisection and Reconnection) branch swapping on a series of 1000 random addition replicates retaining up to 10 cladograms per replicate (h/10; mult*1000). The shortest trees found on each replication were swapped to completion using the (max*) option. This strategy retained up to 10 000 trees in the buffer. The high number of trees probably indicates the existence of numerous tree islands. In order to search the tree space more efficiently, we used the Parsimony Ratchet search (Nixon 1999) implemented in NONA and WINCLADA version 0.9 (Nixon 2000). In this search, a starting tree is generated followed by branch-swapping (TBR). Then, a random subset of six characters (10% of the data set) is selected and weighted double. The reweighted matrix is used to perform branch-swapping (TBR) on the first tree, keeping only one tree. All characters are set to the original (equal) weights and TBR is performed on the second tree until an optimal tree is found. This was repeated 200 times (iterations). The Parsimony Ratchet was developed in order to maximize the number of starting points on each search, i.e. the number of tree islands visited, and reduce the time of search spent on each tree island (by retaining a smaller number of trees), while at the same time retaining the tree structure already attained. Because the ratchet samples many tree islands with fewer trees from each island, it provides much more accurate estimates of the true consensus that collecting many trees from few islands (Nixon 1999). Character changes were mapped on the trees using WINCLADA vs. 0.9.

Results

Character analysis

Because most characters used in the analysis are described here for the first time or largely reinterpreted, we give a detailed

A External morphology*1 Shape of clypeus*

(0) Polygonal (Fig. 1); (1) Rounded (Fig. 2). The clypeus is typically polygonal in both Pachydeminae and the outgroups. A rounded clypeus is only found in *Ceramida*, *Elaphocera*, *Pachydemocera*, *Leptochristina*, *Europtron* and *Sparrmannia*.

2 Number of segments in male antennal club

(0) Three; (1) Five; (2) Six; (3) Seven. A three-jointed antennal club seems to be the ancestral condition in Scarabaeoidea (*sensu* Scholtz et al. 1994). Among the outgroups, it is present in *Euserica*, *Pseudotrematodes* and *Aplidia*, whereas *Melolontha* and *Polyphylla* present a five-segmented club. It also varies considerably in the Palearctic Pachydeminae. Except for *Peritryssus* with a three-jointed club, the rest of genera have five (e.g. *Pachydema*), six (*Tanyproctoides*) or seven (e.g. *Ceramida*) segments in the club. In contrast, a three-segmented club is the generalized condition among the Nearctic Pachydeminae (e.g. *Phobetus*), and it is also common in the Neotropical Pachydeminae (Martínez 1958, 1975; Lacroix 2000). This character was coded as unordered because it does not follow a natural sequence within Scarabaeoidea, i.e. some families present genera with three or five segments but not the intermediate state of four (Scholtz 1990).

3 Relative length of the first segment of male antennal club

(0) Approximately the same length than the rest of segments (Fig. 4); (1) Approximately half the length of the rest of segments (Fig. 3). Baraud (1992) used this character to separate *Hemictenius* from *Pachydema*. All the outgroups and most genera of Pachydeminae present a first segment about as long as the rest of the segments. The apomorphic state is only found in *Pachydemocera*, *Hemictenius* and some species of *Elaphocera* (*E. sulcatula* Fairmaire 1884).

4 Shape of last segment of antennal funicle

(0) 'Cup'-shaped (Fig. 3); (1) 'Stick'-shaped (Fig. 5); (2) Applied to the club (Fig. 4). This character varies considerably in both Pachydeminae and the outgroups. For example, the segment is cup-shaped in *Pseudotrematodes* and *Aplidia*, stick-like in *Polyphylla* and *Melolontha*, and applied in *Euserica*. A similar character is employed in identification keys (Baraud 1992) to distinguish *Pachydema* (funicular segment short and applied to the club) from *Tanyproctus* (funicular segment long and not applied). However, the funicular segment is applied to the club in both *Pachydema* and *Tanyproctus*, whereas the length of the segment varies strongly among the species and is therefore not a good generic character. Unordered.

5 Position of last funicular segment relative to antennal club

(0) Near the base of the club (Fig. 4); (1) Far from the base of the club (Fig. 6). All outgroup representatives and nearly all Pachydeminae present the last funicular segment near the base of the club. Only *Tanyproctoides* and *Leptochristina* present the derived state 1. Baraud and Branco (1991) used this character to separate *Leptochristina* (state 1) from *Pachydemocera* (state 0).

6 Pubescence on clypeus

(0) Present; (1) Absent. This pubescence refers exclusively to trichoid setae, the scale-shaped setae of *Polyphylla* and *Melolontha* not being considered. All characters related to external pubescence are very variable within both the outgroup

and the Pachydeminae. For instance, among the Melolonthinae, *Melolontha* (Melolonthini) and *Pseudotrematodes* (Rhizotrogini) present pubescence, whereas *Polyphylla* (Melolonthini) and *Aplidia* (Rhizotrogini) do not. *Euserica* is also pubescent.

7 Pubescence on frons

(0) Present; (1) Absent.

8 Pubescence on anterior inner margin of clypeus

(0) Present; (1) Absent. Baraud and Branco (1991) used this character to separate *Leptochristina* (state 0) from *Pachydemocera* (state 1).

9 Pubescence on anterior margin of pronotum

(0) Present; (1) Absent.

10 Pubescence on posterior margin of pronotum

(0) Absent; (1) Present.

11 Pubescence on surface of pronotum

(0) Absent; (1) Present.

12 Ridge on anterior margin of pronotum

(0) Present; (1) Absent.

13 Ridge on posterior margin of pronotum

(0) Present; (1) Absent.

14 Shape of metacoxae

(0) Not pointed (Fig. 7); (1) Pointed (Fig. 8). The not pointed metacoxa is the most widespread condition in Pachydeminae and the outgroups. A pointed metacoxa is only present in *Aplidia* and some species of *Elaphocera*.

15 Abdominal sternites

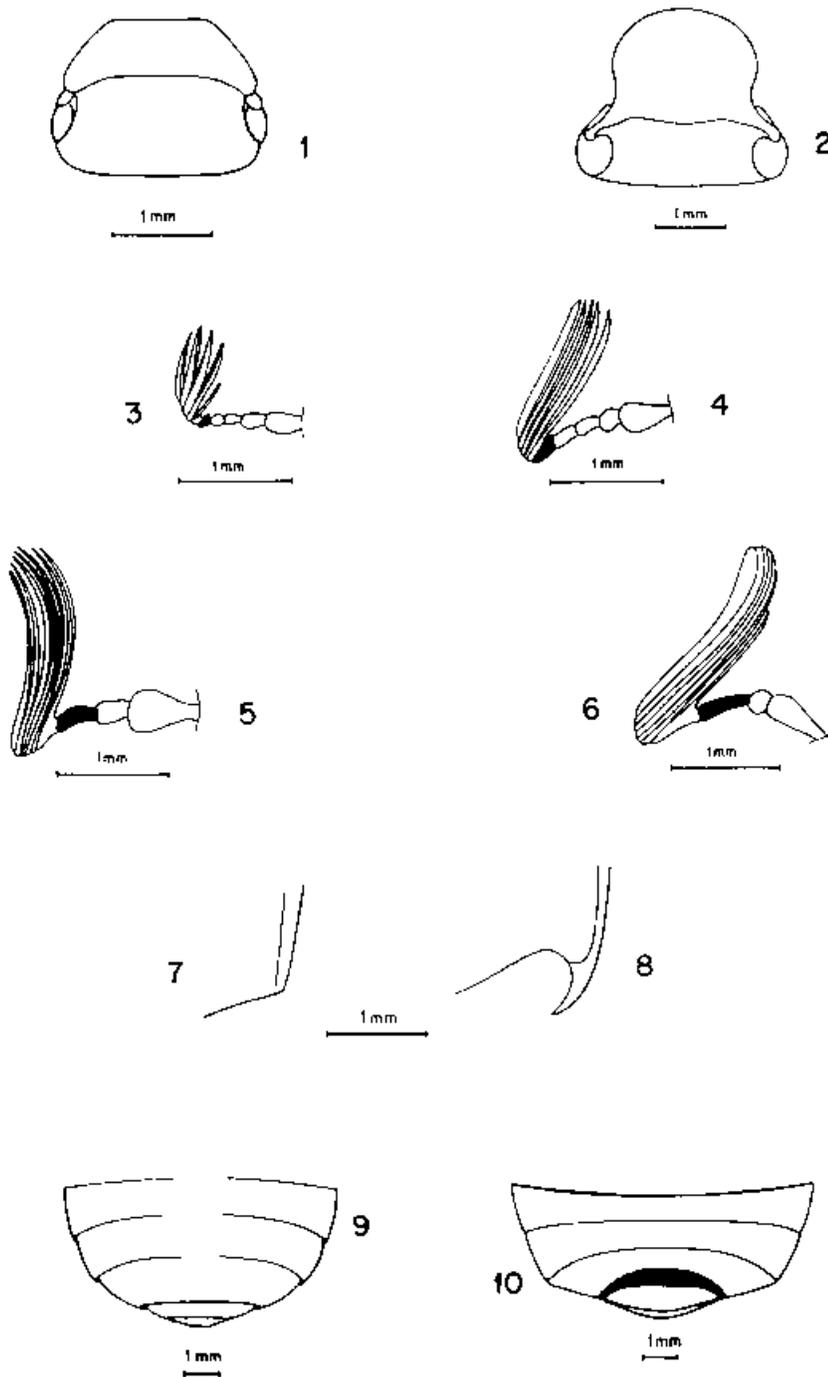
(0) Fused at middle (Fig. 9); (1) Not fused at middle (Fig. 10). This character has traditionally been used to distinguish Melolonthinae from the rest of subfamilies of Melolonthidae (Baraud 1992). All Pachydeminae and Sericinae present sternites not fused at the middle.

16 Fifth and sixth abdominal sternites separated by a thick membrane

(0) Absent (Fig. 9); (1) Present (Fig. 10). A thick membrane between the fifth and sixth sternites is generally considered as a synapomorphy of Pachydeminae (Baraud 1992; Lacroix 2000). Neither the Melolonthinae nor the Sericinae present this membrane. However, whereas the membrane is clearly present in all Palearctic genera, it is not so clear in the non-Palearctic genera. We have observed this membrane neither in *Sparrmannia* nor in *Phobetus*, although Lacroix (pers. comm.) suggests that the membrane of Nearctic and Afrotropical genera is hidden by the mobile sternites of the pygidium. It should be noted however, that most descriptions of genera in the literature fail to notice the existence of this membrane. We thus decided to code *Sparrmannia* and *Phobetus* as lacking this membrane.

17 Position of inner spine of fore tibiae

(0) Behind the second outer tooth (Fig. 11); (1) Ahead or in front of the second outer tooth (Fig. 12). As in most families of



Figs 1–10. Shape of the clypeus of (1) *Pachydema anthracina* and (2) *Ceramida luisae*. Antennal club of (3) *Hemictenius tekkensis* (4) *Pachydema anthracina* (5) *Ceramida luisae*, and (6) *Leptochristina annamariae*. Metacoxae of (7) *Hemictenius tekkensis* and (8) *Elaphocera ibicensis*. Abdominal sternites of (9) *Melolontha papposa* and (10) *Pachydema anthracina*.

Scarabaeoidea, the Melolonthidae present a fore tibia with three teeth on the outer margin and a spine (spur) on the inner margin. The position of the spine relative to the teeth varies among genera within the subfamilies. However, the most frequent condition is a spine behind the second outer tooth (e.g. *Pachydema*, *Melolontha*). Character state 1 is only found in the outgroups *Euserica* and *Aplidia*, and in the Pachydemiinae *Ceramida*, *Europton*, *Brenskiella*, and *Sparrmannia*.

18 Relative length of first hind tarsal joint

(0) Subequal to or shorter than second joint; (1) Distinctly longer than second joint. In most genera of Pachydemiinae and in the outgroups Sericinae and Melolonthinae, the first tarsal

joint is shorter or subequal to the second. The derived state, first tarsal joint distinctly longer than the rest, is an autapomorphy of *Ceramida*.

19 Brush of small yellow setae on the inner surface of pro- and mesotarsal joints

(0) Absent (Fig. 13); (1) Covering only the anterior half of the surface (Fig. 14); (2) Covering the entire surface (Fig. 15). A brush of setae on the pro- and mesotarsal joints seems to be autapomorphic of Pachydemiinae. No other subfamily of Melolonthidae presents it. The plesiomorphic condition (brush absent) is found in, for instance, *Ceramida*, *Europton* or *Sparrmannia*. When the brush is present, it usually covers the

entire surface of the tarsal joint, as for example in *Pachydema* or *Hemictenius*, whereas in *Pachydemocera* and some species of *Elaphocera*, the brush covers only the anterior half of the joint. Unordered.

20 Shape of pro- and mesotarsal joints

(0) Cylindrical, not enlarged (Figs 13 and 14); (1) Enlarged (Fig. 15). As in the previous character, the enlargement of the tarsal joints seems to be an autapomorphy of Pachydeminae within Melolonthidae. A cylindrical tarsal joint is found in, for instance, *Ceramida*, *Elaphocera*, *Europton*, *Sparrmannia* or *Phobetus*. Most Palearctic genera present the apomorphic condition (enlarged joints) but the degree of enlargement varies greatly among species: in some cases the joint can be as wide as long, or even wider than long, giving the joint the aspect of a spatula.

21 Tarsal claws in males

(0) Basally toothed at the external margin (Fig. 16); (1) Cleft at the apex (Figs 13, 14 and 15); (2) Simple (Fig. 17). In most genera of Pachydeminae and in *Euserica* the tarsal claws are cleft at the apex. A basally toothed claw is present in *Pseudopachydema* and the Melolonthinae, whereas *Europton*

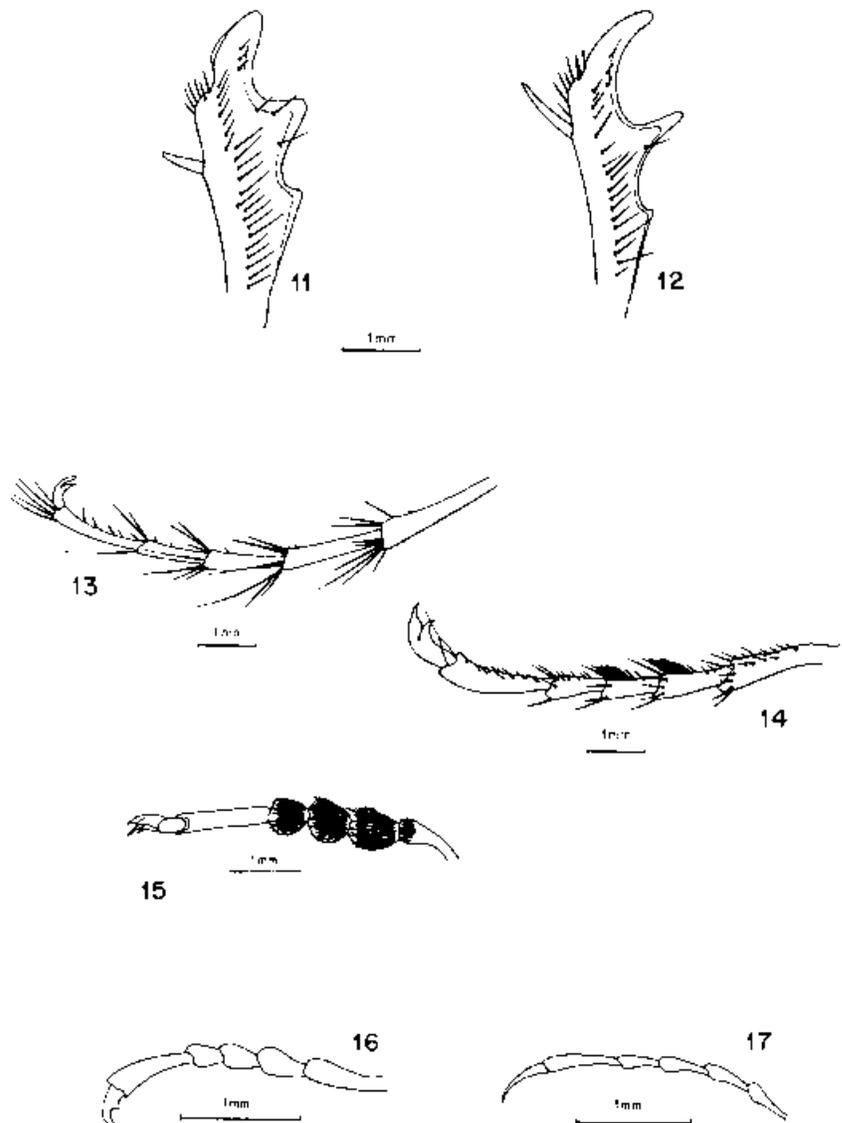
and *Brenskiella* present simple claws. The tarsal claw of *Sparrmannia* is both basally toothed and cleft at the apex. Unordered.

22 Tarsal claws in females

(0) Basally toothed at the external margin (Fig. 16); (1) Cleft at the apex (Figs 13, 14 and 15). In *Euserica* female claws are cleft in the apex, whereas they are basally toothed in the Melolonthinae outgroups. In Pachydeminae, it varies considerably, even among species within the same genus (e.g. *Tanyproctus reichei*: state 1, *T. rufidens* (Marseul, 1879): state 0) but basally toothed seems to be the most frequent condition.

B Mouthparts

Mouthparts provide many valuable systematic characters at the generic level in Pachydeminae. Following the degree of mouthpart development, three morphological groups can be distinguished: (a) mouthparts strongly developed; (b) mouthparts slightly developed; and (c) mouthparts very reduced and simple. According to Nel and Scholtz (1990), these groups correspond to different feeding habits: (a) strictly phytophagous on stems and roots; (b) phytophagous on flowers and



Figs 11–17. Fore tibiae of (11) *Elaphocera ibicensis* and (12) *Ceramida cobosi*. Male protarsus in lateral view of (13) *Ceramida luisae* (14) *Elaphocera baguenae* (15) *Pachydema anthracina* (ventral view). Female protarsus of (16) *Tanyproctus rugulosus*, and male protarsus of (17) *Europton gracile* (lateral view)

leaves; and (c) nonfeeding adults. Although the biology of Pachydeminae is poorly known, we know that adults of *Ceramida* do not feed and they present very simple and reduced mouthparts (Sanmartín and Martín-Piera, in prep.).

23 Anterior margin of labrum

(0) Strongly mesally sinuated (Fig. 18); (1) Slightly or not sinuated (Figs 19 and 20). A strongly sinuated, almost bilobed labrum is present in Melolonthinae and many genera of Pachydeminae (*Hemictenius*, *Pachydema*, *Peritryssus*, *Tanyproctus*, *Sparrmannia* and *Phobetus*). Some species of *Elaphocera* also present a sinuated labrum but it is less prominent (e.g. *E. capdebouvi* Schauffus, 1882). Both cases were coded as character state 0. In the rest of Pachydeminae (e.g. *Ceramida*, *Europtron*) and in *Euserica*, the labrum is only slightly or not sinuated.

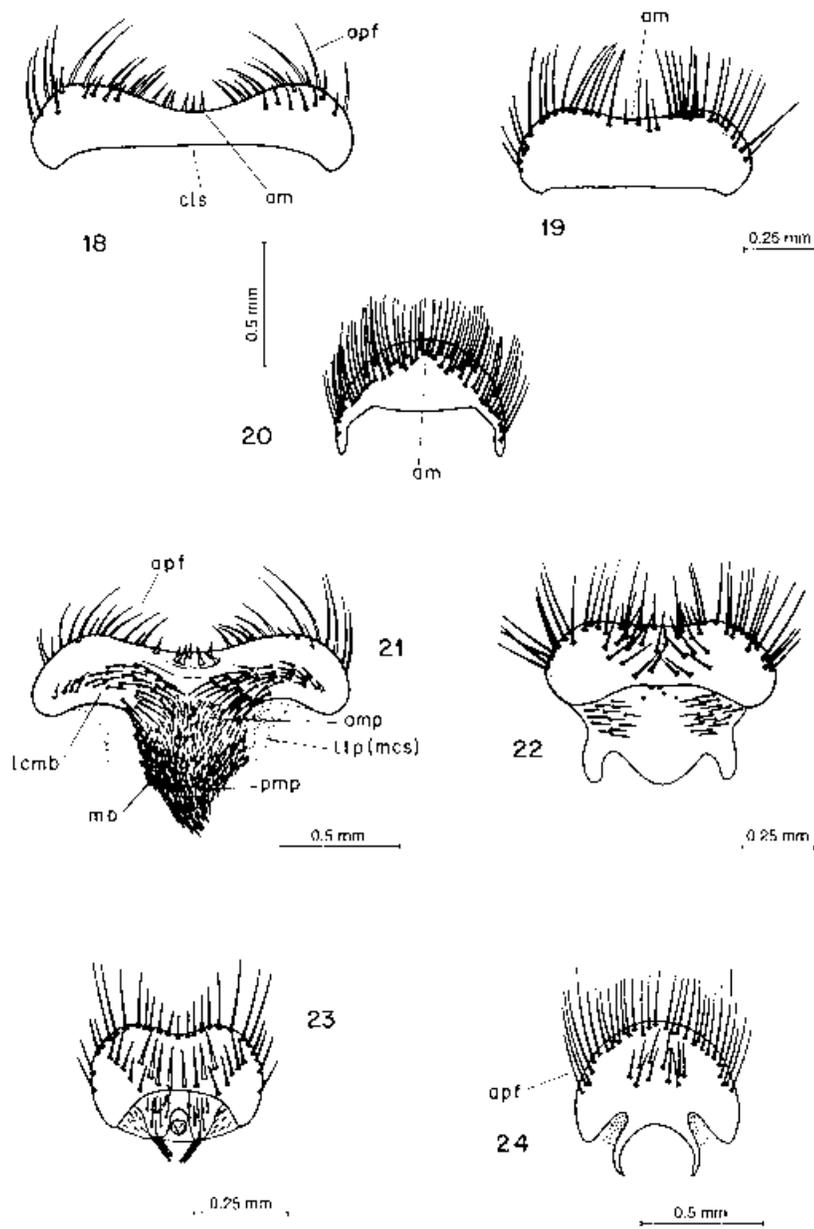
24 Shape of labrum

(0) Much wider than long, rectangular (Figs 18 and 19); (1) So long as wide, 'tongue'-shaped (Fig. 20). A tongue-shaped

labrum, which may be homologous to the 'intermandibular projection' described in some primitive groups of Scarabaeoidea (Nel and Scholtz 1990), is found in *Euserica* and some Pachydeminae genera (*Ceramida*, *Otoclinius*, *Europtron*). The rest of Pachydeminae (e.g. *Pachydema*, *Hemictenius*, *Sparrmannia*, *Phobetus*) and the Melolonthinae present a labrum that is considerably wider than long.

25 Areas of setae in epipharynx

(0) All areas present and fully developed (Fig. 21); (1) All areas present but slightly developed (Figs 22 and 23); (2) Most areas reduced, some absent (Fig. 24). Nel and Scholtz (1990) distinguished several areas of setae within the epipharynx of Scarabaeoidea: apical fringe, median brush, lateral combs, lateral tormal processes, antero- and postero-median processes and microsensilla (Fig. 21). The relative development of these areas varies among genera. All outgroup representatives present an epipharynx with fully developed areas. Among the Pachydeminae, this state is found in *Hemictenius*, *Pachydema* (except for *P. zhora*), *Peritryssus*,



Figs 18–24. Labrum of (18) *Hemictenius ochripennis* (19) *Brenskiella flavomicans* and (20) *Ceramida adusta*. Epipharynx of (21) *Hemictenius ochripennis* (22) *Brenskiella flavomicans* (23) *Pachydemocera lucidicollis* and (24) *Ceramida adusta*. Abbreviations: am: apical margin; amp: antero median processes; apf: apical fringe; cls: clypeo-labral suture; lcmb: lateral combs; ltp: lateral tormal processes; mb: median brush; mcs: microsensillae; pmp: postero median processes

Phobetus and *Sparrmannia*. There are two apomorphic conditions, treated as additive. The most frequent is an epipharynx with all areas present but slightly developed, especially the median brush and tormae: *Brenskiella*, *Elaphocera* (except *E. barbara*), *Europtron*, *Leptochristina*, *Pachydemocera* and *Tanyproctus* (except for *T. reichei*). The alternative condition is an epipharynx with extremely reduced areas, some even absent or inconspicuous (*Alaia*, *Atanyproctus*, *Ceramida* and *Otoclinius*). This character was coded as ordered because the transition from state 0–2 presumably went through the morphologically intermediate 1.

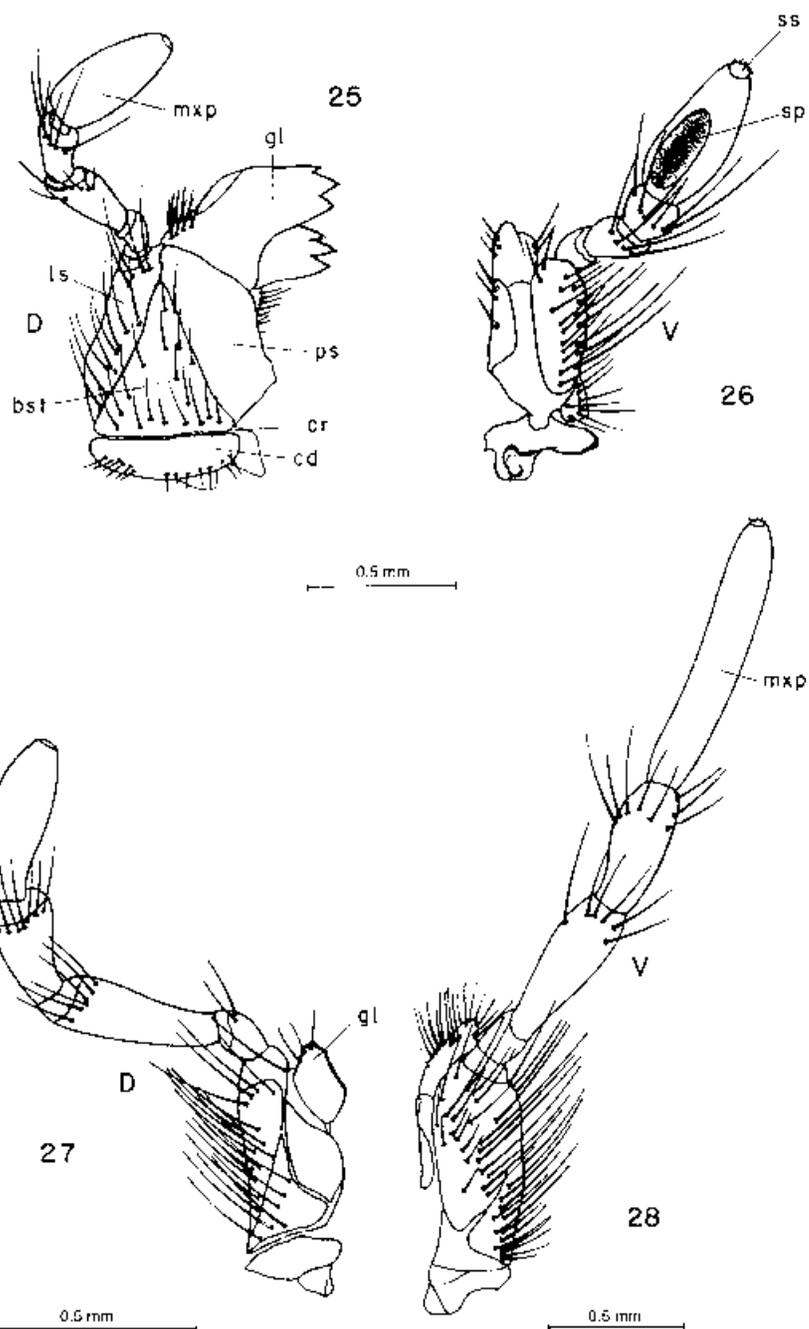
26 Shape of last segment of maxillary palps

(0) Ovate and sharp-pointed (Figs 25, 26 and 27); (1) Elongated and blunt-pointed, 'stick'-like (Fig. 28). The last segment of maxillary palps is typically ovate in Pachydeminae (e.g.

Pachydema), which is the condition present in all outgroup representatives, Melolonthinae and Sericinae. Some species of *Pachydema* (e.g. *P. palposa* Reitter, 1902; *P. castanea* (Brullé, 1838) present extremely enlarged segments, about as wide as the antennal club. The elongated maxillary segment is an autapomorphy of *Ceramida*.

27 Ventral region of last segment of maxillary palps

(0) Distinctly excavated or with a flat area (Fig. 26); (1) Convex, without a distinct area (Fig. 28). In Scarabaeoidea, the last segment of the maxillary palps presents a ventral area covered with sensilla. In the Melolonthinae and in numerous genera of Pachydeminae (*Alaia*, *Brenskiella*, *Europtron*, *Hemictenius*, *Pachydema*, *Peritryssus*, and *Sparrmannia*), the segment presents a clearly distinctive area, formed by a ridge around a flattened or excavated surface. This excavation is



Figs 25–28. Maxillae of (25) *Hemictenius ochripennis* (26) *Brenskiella flavomicans* (27) *Pachydemocera lucidicollis* and (28) *Ceramida adusta*. Abbreviations: D (dorsal view); bst: basistipe; cd: cardo; cr: cardo-estipital ridge; gl: galea; ls: laterostipes; mxp: maxilar palps; ps: parastipe; V (ventral view); sp: sensorial peg; ss: sensillum

almost a groove bordered by a thick ridge in those species of *Pachydema* that present very enlarged segments (e.g. *P. palposa*, *P. castanea*). The rest of Pachydeminae (e.g. *Tanyproctus*, *Elaphocera*, *Phobetus*) and *Euserica* present a convex surface, not differing from the rest of the segment except for its dull, unpolished look.

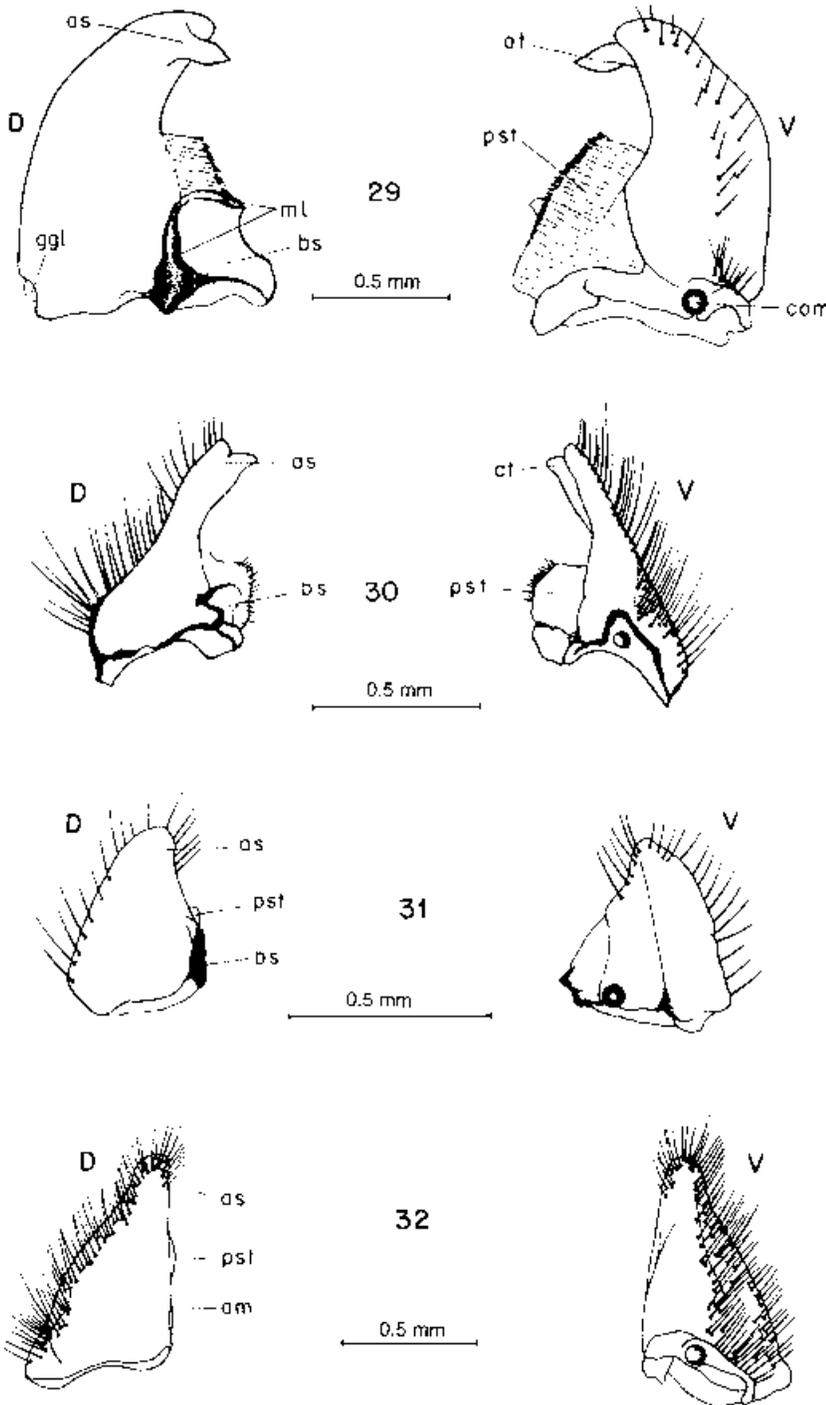
28 Galea

(0) Armed with strong teeth or *unci* (Fig. 25); (1) Massive and spiked (Figs 26 and 27); (2) Unarmed and very reduced (Fig. 28). All outgroup representatives and several genera of Pachydeminae (*Hemictenius*, *Pachydema* (except *P. zhora*),

Peritryssus, *Sparrmannia* and *Phobetus*) present a strongly sclerotized, hypertrophied galea, armed with strong teeth or *unci*. There are two apomorphic states, treated as additive: the most frequent is a massive galea armed with smooth spines (e.g. *Elaphocera*, *Tanyproctus*, except *T. reichei*), whereas a simple, unarmed galea is found in *Ceramida*, *Europroton*, and *Otoclinius fragilis* Petrovitz, 1980.

29 Mandibles

(0) Hypertrophied (Fig. 29); (1) Normally developed (Fig. 30); (2) Reduced, unarmed, with a blunt scissorial area (Fig. 31); (3) Reduced, unarmed, with a sharp scissorial area (Fig. 32). In



Figs 29–32. Mandibles of (29) *Hemictenius ochripennis* (30) *Brenskiella flavovicans* (31) *Pachydemocera lucidicollis* and (32) *Ceramida adusta*. Abbreviations: D (dorsal view): as: apicalis (scissorial area), bs: basalis (molar area), ggl: ginglymus, ml: molar lobes; V (ventral view): at: apical tooth, com: condylus, pst: prostheca

Melolonthinae and Sericinae and some genera of Pachydeminae (*Hemictenius*, *Pachydema* (excepting *P. zhora*), *Peritryssus*, *Sparrmannia* and *Phobetus*), the mandible is strongly sclerotized, with a large membranous prosthema, toothed molar lobes, and a scissorial area ending in a single or double sharp tooth. There are three apomorphic states. The most frequent (state 1) is a less developed mandible with blunt-toothed molar and scissorial areas and a small prosthema (*Atanyproctus*, *Brenskiella*, *Elaphocera*, *Leptochristina* and *Tanyproctus*, except *T. reichei*). Another type of mandible, probably more derived, corresponds to a reduced, toothless mandible with almost inconspicuous molar area and prosthema. There are two different states within this type of mandible: scissorial area apically blunted (state 2, e.g. *Pachydemocera*, *Otoclinius*), and scissorial area apically pointed (state 3, e.g. *Ceramida*, *Europtron*). This character was considered unordered because it is not clear whether state 3 evolved from state 2 or both states evolved independently from state 1.

30 Shape of labium

(0) As wide as long, square (Fig. 33); (1) Much longer than wide, rectangular (Fig. 34). The labium of Pachydeminae is typically much longer than wide (e.g. *Ceramida*, *Phobetus*, *Tanyproctus* (except *T. reichei*)), whereas a square labium is present in *Hemictenius*, *Pachydema* (except *P. zhora*), *Peritryssus*, *Sparrmannia* and the Melolonthinae.

C Wing anatomy

Kukalova-Peck (1983, 1991) established for the first time the homologies of the wing venation and articulation in Pterygota and in Coleoptera (Kukalova-Peck and Lawrence 1993). Following these studies, Browne and Scholtz (1994, 1995) defined the main phylogenetic trends in the evolution of the wing structures in Scarabaeoidea. Hindwing venation and articulation seem to provide good systematic characters for higher level phylogenies in Scarabaeoidea, as they are more conservative (very low phenotypic variability) and less adaptive (stronger genetic control) than mouthparts or genitalia (Browne and Scholtz 1995). However, they are less useful at lower taxonomic levels (genus or species).

Figure 35 shows the groundplan of the hindwing venation in Pachydeminae. In general, most characters present the apomorphic condition within Scarabaeoidea, as defined by Browne and Scholtz (1995). In the radial system, the radial cell is narrow, instead of eyelet-shaped, forming an acute

angle with the radial bar. The posterior vein RP is anteriorly incomplete and the first secondary branching has been lost, except for RP2. The medial spur, comprising RP3 + 4 and MP1 + 2, reaches the posterior margin of the wing but both branches run in parallel, instead of fused, and the cross-vein r4 is absent. In the medial system, the secondary branching of MP has been reduced to the MP4 vein, and the anterior cubital vein CuA is simple, non-branching. In the anal system, AA1 + 2 is spike-like and very reduced, whereas AA3 + 4 reaches the posterior margin of the wing. AP3 + 4 is the only AP branch present. The jugal veins are lost.

The wing articulation and wing base also present the apomorphic condition with respect to the Scarabaeoidea groundplan (Scholtz et al. 1994). The size of the articulation and base relative to the wing foil is smaller than in more primitive families (Fig. 35). The axillaries of the wing articulation (Figs 36–38) are modified to enhance their articulation with the basivenalia and the wing base (Scholtz et al. 1994). The median plate (MED) and the second basal plate of the wing base show complete fusion of the wing sclerites, while the BMP-BCuA brace is absent (Fig. 35).

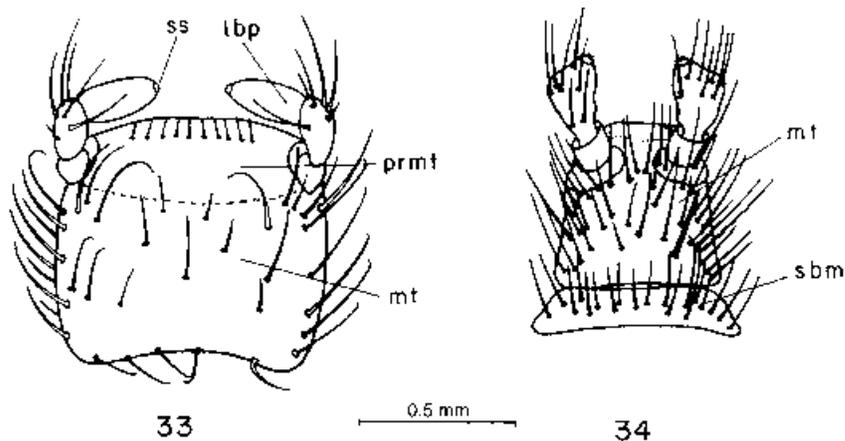
Some genera present slight modifications of the hindwing groundplan shown in Fig. 35 that are related to the wing venation:

31 Anterior anal branch AA1 + 2 in males

(0) Spike-like (Figs 39 and 40); (1) Reduced to a sinus (Fig. 41); (2) Absent (Fig. 42). All the outgroup representatives and most genera of Pachydeminae present a spike-like anal branch. An anal branch reduced to a sinus (state 1) is an autapomorphy of *Peritryssus*, whereas the anal branch is missing (state 2) in *Pachydema*, except for *P. zhora* and *P. rubripennis* Lucas, 1848, and *Pachydemocera*. Ordered assuming the progressive reduction of the anal vein.

32 Wing anal region in males

(0) Complete (Figs 39 and 41); (1) Slightly sinuate (Fig. 40); (2) Strongly sinuate, sometimes absent (Fig. 42). Most Pachydeminae (e.g. *Hemictenius*) present a complete anal region, which is the state found in the outgroups Melolonthinae and Sericinae. There are two derived conditions: slightly sinuated (e.g. *Ceramida*, *Elaphocera*, *Leptochristina*) and strongly sinuated (e.g. *Pachydemocera* and *Pachydema*, except *P. zhora* and *P. rubripennis*). Ordered assuming the progressive reduction of the anal region.



Figs 33, 34. Labium of (33) *Hemictenius ochripennis* and (34) *Brenskiella flavomicans*. Abbreviations: lbp: labial palps, mt: mentum, prmt: prementum, sbm: submentum, ss: sensillum

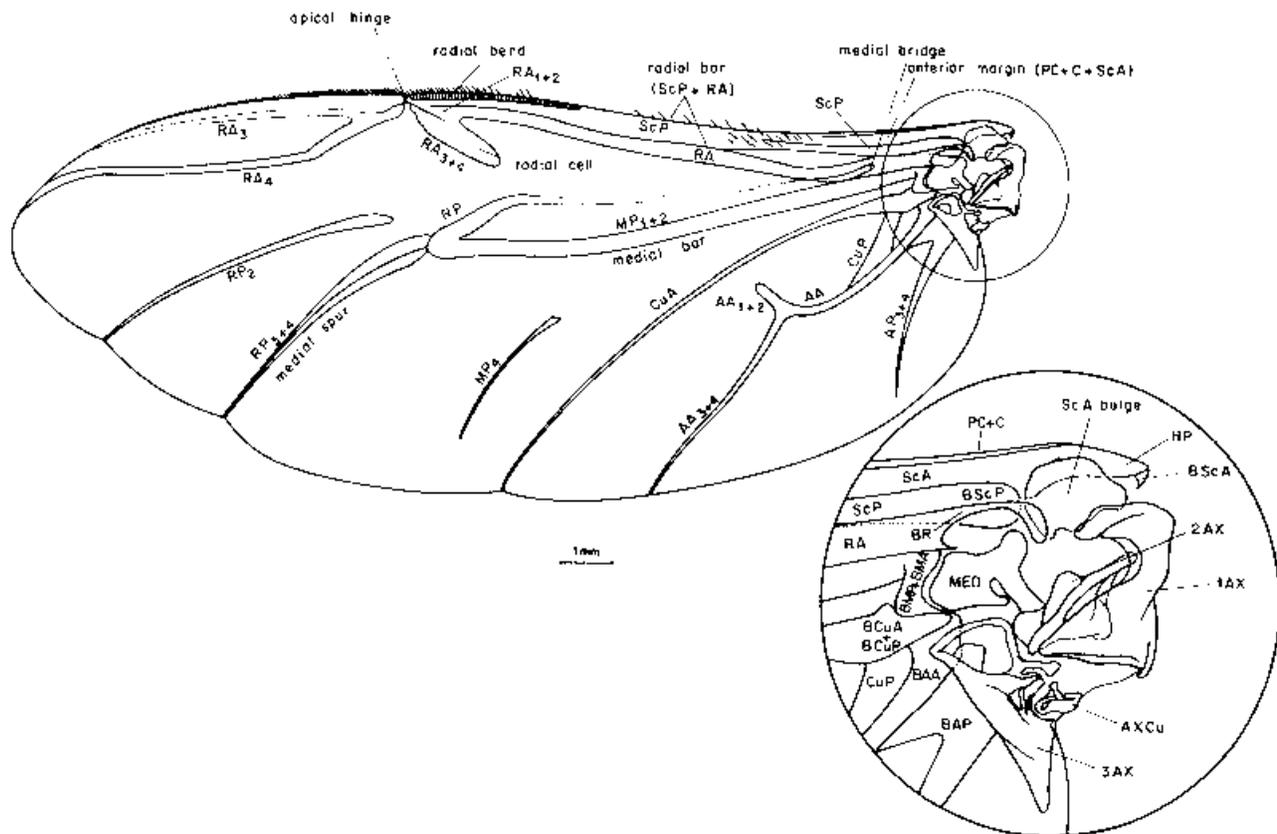


Fig. 35. Scheme of the hindwing of Pachydeminae (*Tanyproctus ganglbaueri*), showing the groundplan for the wing venation, wing base and wing articulation. Abbreviations of primary veins: AA: Anal anterior; AP: Anal posterior; C: Costa; CuA: Cubitus anterior; CuP: Cubitus posterior; MP: Media posterior; PC: Precosta; RA: Radius anterior; RP: Radius posterior; ScA: Subcosta anterior; ScP: Subcosta posterior. Detail of the wing articulation and wing base: 1AX: First axillary; 2AX: Second axillary; 3AX: Third axillary; AXCu: detached fragment of 3AX derived from the cubital axalar sclerite; BAA: antero-anal basivenale; BAP: postero-anal basivenale; BCuA: antero-cubital basivenale; BCuP: postero-cubital basivenale; BMA: antero-medial basivenale; BMP: postero-medial basivenale; BScA: antero-subcostal basivenale; BScP: postero-subcostal basivenale; BR: radial basivenale; HP: Humeral plate; MED: Median Plate; ScA bulge: prominent bulge in Coleoptera derived from the subcostal anterior brace in ancestral Pterygota

33 Wing state in females

(0) Winged; (1) Brachypterous; (2) Micropterous; (3) Vestigial. Most outgroup representatives present fully winged females. Only *Pseudotrematodes* present vestigial wings, although the ancestral state in Melolonthinae seems to be winged (Coca-Abia 1995). This character varies considerably among the five Palearctic genera of Pachydeminae that could be scored: *Pachydema* (state 0), *Elaphocera* (1), *Tanyproctus* (2), *Ceramida* and *Hemictenius* (3). Ordered following the progressive reduction of the functionality of wings.

D Male genitalia

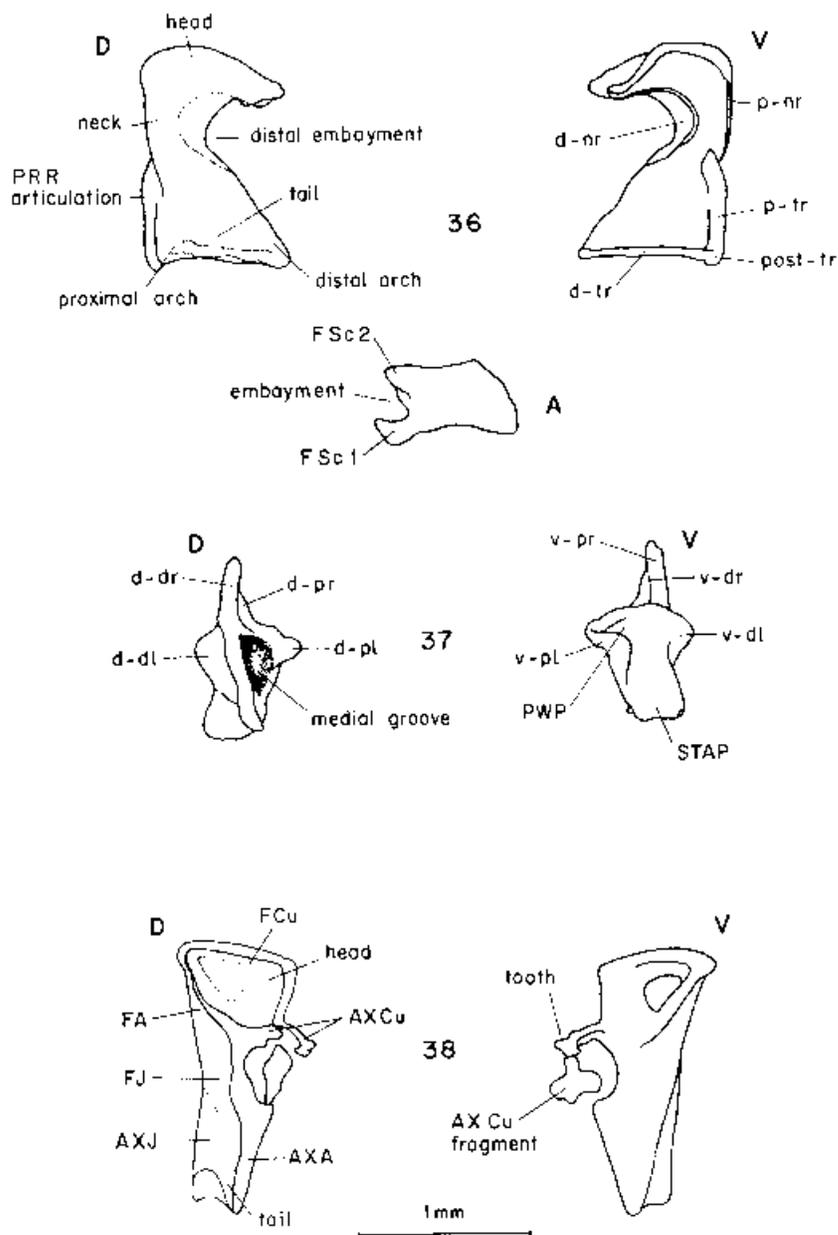
The male genitalia provide the largest number of systematic characters at the generic and specific levels in Pachydeminae. High specificity of genitalic characters is a common trend in insects (Martín-Piera 1992) and, in general, in animals with internal fertilization (Eberhard 1985). Genitalic specificity has been explained by three different hypotheses. The 'lock-and-key' hypothesis (Dufour 1844; Shapiro and Porter 1989; Mikkola 1992) suggests that genitalic specificity evolved by preinsemination hybridization avoidance, i.e. as a mechanical fit between conspecific male and female genitalia to prevent hybridization. Two other hypotheses, sexual selection by female choice (SSFCh) (Eberhard 1985, 1991; Arnqvist 1998)

and the specific mate recognition system (SMRS) (Paterson 1978, 1985; Zunino 1984b, 1987; Zunino and Palestini 1988; Gwynne 1998) explain male genitalic specificity as a postmating evolutionary mechanism. Genitalic specificity evolved as a mechanism of 'internal courtship', either to stimulate the female to use the male sperm for egg fertilization (SSFCh) or to signal the female that con-specific sperm is being delivered (SMRS).

The male genitalia of Pachydeminae consist of the genital segment, the tegmen, and the internal sac or *endophallus*. As in most derived groups of Scarabaeoidea (d'Hotman and Scholtz 1990b), the genital segment has been reduced to a *spiculum gastrale* and the endophallus has taken over the role of the median lobe as the intromittent organ (bilobed aedeagus).

Genital segment

The genital segment, derived from the IXth abdominal segment, is situated against the ventral wall of the abdominal segments VII and VIII (Krell 1996). Its function is to anchor the aedeagus to the abdominal wall through the third connective membrane and to serve as a connecting base for the genitalic muscles (d'Hotman and Scholtz 1990b). It consists of two structures: the *spiculum gastrale*,



Figs 36–38. Scheme of the axillaries in the wing articulation of Pachydeminae (*Tanyproctus ganglbaueri*). Abbreviations: (36) First axillary (1AX) in dorsal (D), ventral (V), and anterior view (A), showing d-nr: distal neck ridge, d-tr: distal tail ridge, FSc: ventral (FSc1) and dorsal (FSc2) teeth of the 1AX head, composed of the subcostal fulcalare, p-nr: proximal neck ridge, p-tr: proximal tail ridge, post-tr: posterior tail ridge. (37) Second axillary (2Ax) in dorsal (D) and ventral (V) view, showing: d-dl: dorso-distal lobe, d-dr: dorso-distal ridge, d-pl: dorso-proximal lobe, d-pr: dorso-proximal ridge, PWP: posterior wing process junction, STAP: subalare tendon attachment point, v-dl: ventro-distal lobe, v-dr: ventro-distal ridge, v-pl: ventro-proximal lobe, v-pr: ventro-proximal ridge. (38) Third axillary (3AX) in dorsal (D) and ventral (V) view: AXA: anal axalare, AXCu: cubital axalare, AXJ: jugal axalare, FA: anal fulcalare, FCu: cubital fulcalare, FJ: jugal fulcalare

a Y/U-shaped sclerite homologous with the dorsal plate of the primitive genital capsule, and the *vestigial sternite*, a small sclerite derived from the ventral plate (Hieke 1966). Both structures show modifications at the generic level:

34 Shape of the spiculum gastrale

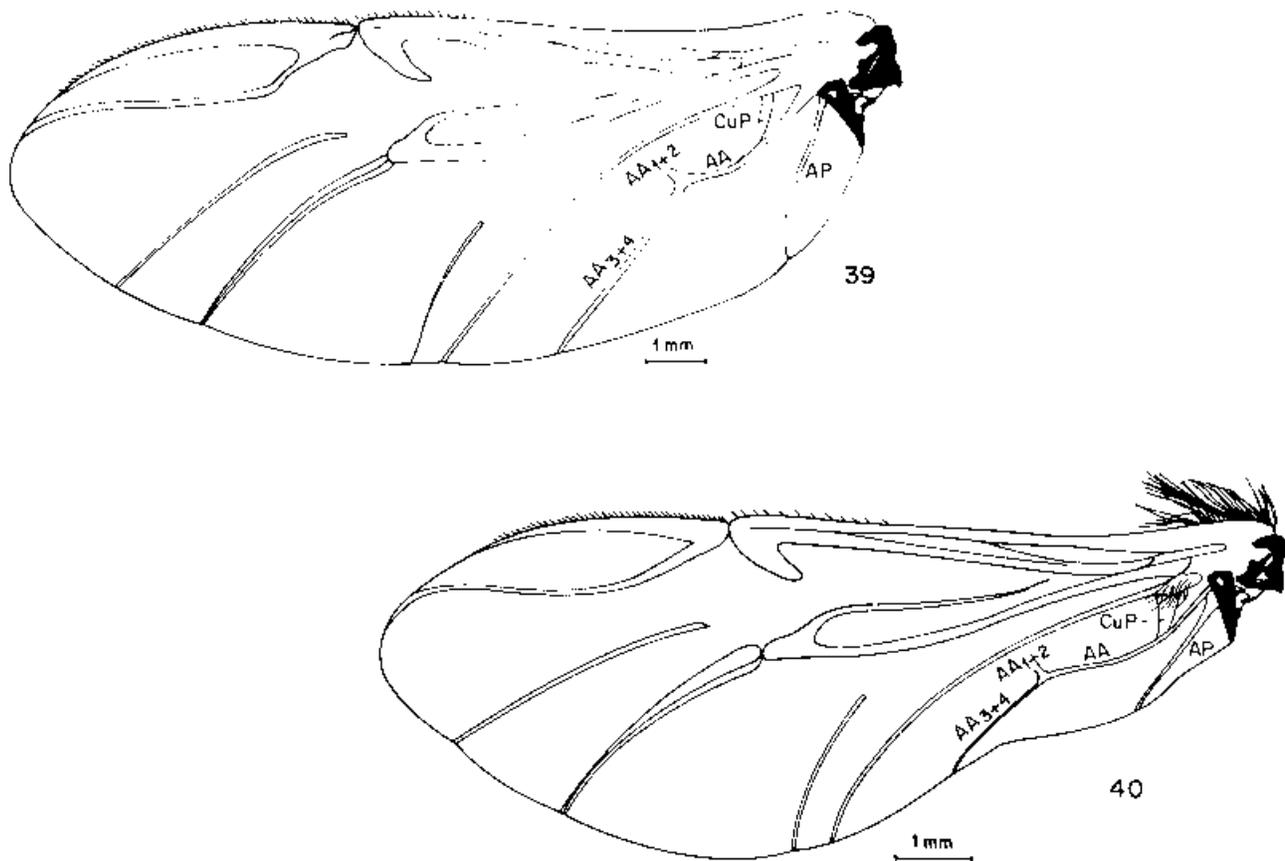
(0) 'Y'-shaped with a fine long vertical branch (Fig. 43); (1) 'U'-shaped, with a short vertical branch (Figs 44 and 45); (2) 'Y'-shaped with a robust long vertical branch (Figs 46 and 47); (3) Square. An 'Y'-shaped spiculum gastrale (state 0) is found in the outgroups Melolonthinae and Sericinae, and in *Sparrmannia*, whereas the 'square' spiculum (state 3) is an autapomorphy of *Phobetus*. The 'Y'-shaped spiculum of *Ceramida* and *Peritryssus* (state 2) differs from that of the outgroup in presenting a robust vertical branch with lateral sclerites. The 'U'-shaped spiculum (state 1) is the most often found in the Palearctic Pachydeminae (e.g. *Elaphocera*, *Pachydemia*). Unordered.

35 Development of the vestigial sternite

(0) Reduced (Fig. 46); (1) Partially developed (Fig. 45); (2) Completely developed (Fig. 44). The reduced sternite is only found in *Ceramida* and the outgroups *Euserica*, *Pseudotrematodes* and *Aplidia*. In *Ceramida*, however, the sternite is reduced to a small pair of lateral sclerites, whereas *Pseudotrematodes* and *Aplidia* present a small piece at the base of the vertical branch. In most Pachydeminae genera and the outgroups *Melolontha* and *Polyphylla*, the vestigial sternite is completely developed, whereas it is partially developed in *Elaphocera* and *Pachydemocera*. This character was scored as ordered because state 1 is morphologically intermediate between 0 and 2.

Tegmen

The tegmen is derived from the X abdominal segment (Krell 1996). It consists of a proximal basal piece, the *phallobase*, and two paired distal sclerites anchored to the apex of the



Figs 39, 40. Modifications in the hind wing venation of Pachydeminae: (39) *Tanyproctus ganglbaueri*; (40) *Elaphocera alonsoi*. Abbreviations as in Fig. 35

phallobase, the *parameres* (Fig. 48). In Pachydeminae, the phallobase and parameres are ventrally desclerotized, which is the derived state within Scarabaeoidea (d'Hotman and Scholtz 1990b). The apex of parameres presents setae of variable morphology (Fig. 49), presumably of sensorial function. The relative size of phallobase and parameres, as well as their shape and sculpture, provide numerous characters at the generic and specific levels in Pachydeminae:

36 Ratio Parameres/Phallobase (P/F)

(0) $P/F \geq 1$ (Figs 50 and 51); (1) $(P)/F < 1$ (Fig. 52). The most widespread condition in Pachydeminae and the outgroups is parameres larger or equal to the phallobase (state 0), whereas parameres shorter than phallobase is found in *Euserica*, *Pseudotrematodes*, *Sparrmannia*, *Phobetus*, *Pachydemocera*, *Kryzhanovskia*, *Elaphocera* (except for *E. barbara* and *E. syriaca* Kraatz, 1882), and *Ceramida baraudi* Branco, 1981.

37 Dorsal strangulation of phallobase

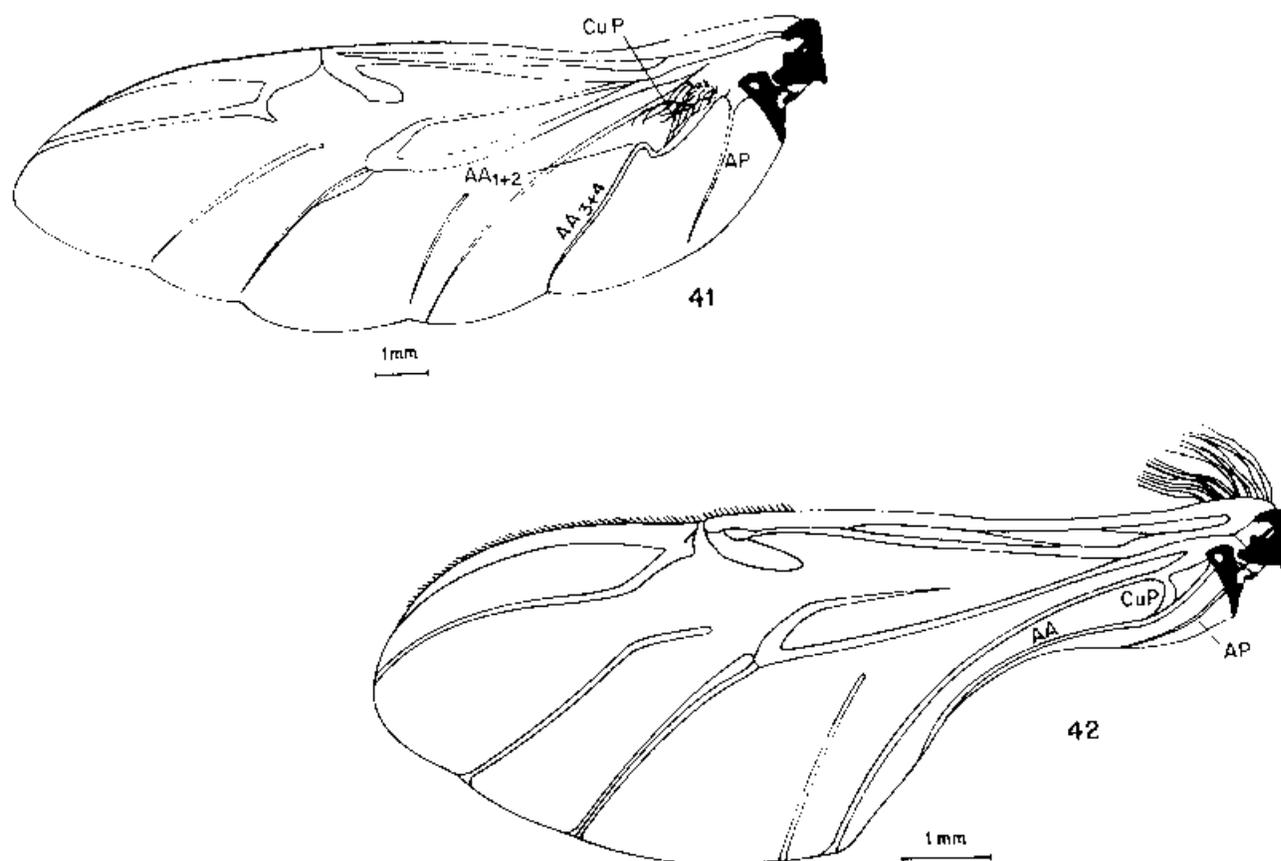
(0) Weak (Fig. 52); (1) Strong (Figs 53 and 54); (2) Absent. The dorsal strangulation of the phallobase (Fig. 48) serves as attachment point for the second connective membrane (Krell 1996). A strong, almost channel-like strangulation is found in most Palearctic genera of Pachydeminae (e.g. *Pachydema*) and in *Euserica*. On the other hand, this strangulation is very weak in *Sparrmannia*, *Ceramida*, some species of *Elaphocera* (*E. syriaca*, *E. barbara*), and the Melolonthinae, and it is missing in *Phobetus*.

38 Basal ostium of phallobase

(0) Symmetrical (Figs 50, 51 and 53); (1) Asymmetrical (Figs 52 and 54). In Melolonthidae, the ventral side of the phallobase is partly obliterated by the second connective membrane, delimiting a basal opening (*basal ostium*). The ostium is usually larger in the Pachydeminae than in Melolonthinae (Fig. 48). In some genera of Pachydeminae, such as *Atanyproctus*, *Pachydemocera*, *Peritryssus*, *Phobetus*, *Elaphocera* and *Ceramida*, one side of the basal ostium is more basally developed than the other, giving the phallobase an asymmetrical look in lateral view (Fig. 54). All other genera of Pachydeminae and the outgroup representatives present the plesiomorphic condition, a symmetric basal ostium.

39 Degree of sclerotization of parameres

(0) Evenly sclerotized and continuous; (1) Ventrally desclerotized and membranous, not continuous. The primitive condition in Scarabaeoidea is evenly, well sclerotized parameres (d'Hotman and Scholtz 1990a), which is also the condition in the outgroups Melolonthinae and Sericinae. The Pachydeminae present the apomorphic condition: parameres ventrally membranous and only partially sclerotized on the dorsal side (Fig. 48). This character has been used to distinguish Pachydeminae from Melolonthinae and Sericinae (Baraud 1992). Another difference between the three subfamilies is that the parameres of Pachydeminae are symmetrical, whereas they are asymmetrical in Sericinae and can be strongly asymmetrical in Melolonthinae (Coca-Abia 1995), such as in *Aplidia* and *Pseudotrematodes*.



Figs 41, 42. Modifications in the hind wing venation of Pachydeminae; (41) *Peritryssus excisus*; (42) *Pachydemocera lucidicollis*. Abbreviations as in Fig. 35

40 Lateral face of parameres

(0) Convex (Figs 50, 51, 52 and 54); (1) Compressed (Fig. 53). The apomorphic state, laterally compressed, 'duck bill'-like parameres (Fig. 53), are only found in *Brenskiella*, *Europton*, and *Sparrmannia*. In all other Pachydeminae and the outgroups, the parameres are convex.

41 Profile of parameres

(0) Straight; (1) Curved throughout (Fig. 51) or with two different parts: the distal curved or straight (Fig. 50); (2) Distally curved, sickle-shaped (Fig. 54); (3) Elbowed near the middle, defining a broken line (Fig. 52). This character could not be scored for the outgroups due to difficulties with assessing homology (character inapplicable). Among the Pachydeminae, the character varies considerably. It is, for example, straight in *Leptochristina* (0), curved throughout in *Hemictenius* (1), sickle-shaped in *Elaphocera* (2), except for *E. barbara*, and elbowed near the middle in *Ceramida* (3). Unordered.

42 Apex of parameres (lateral view)

(0) Sharp (Fig. 51); (1) Apically scooped-out or with a terminal sinus (Fig. 50); (2) Blunt (Fig. 52); (3) Bent apex with clasps. This character is very variable among the outgroups: sharp (0) in *Pseudotrematodes* and *Aplidia*, scooped-out (1) in *Melolontha* and *Polyphylla*. State 3 is an autapomorphy of *Euserica*. It also varies greatly among the Pachydeminae. The blunt apex is the most widespread condition, being present in numerous genera (e.g. *Ceramida*,

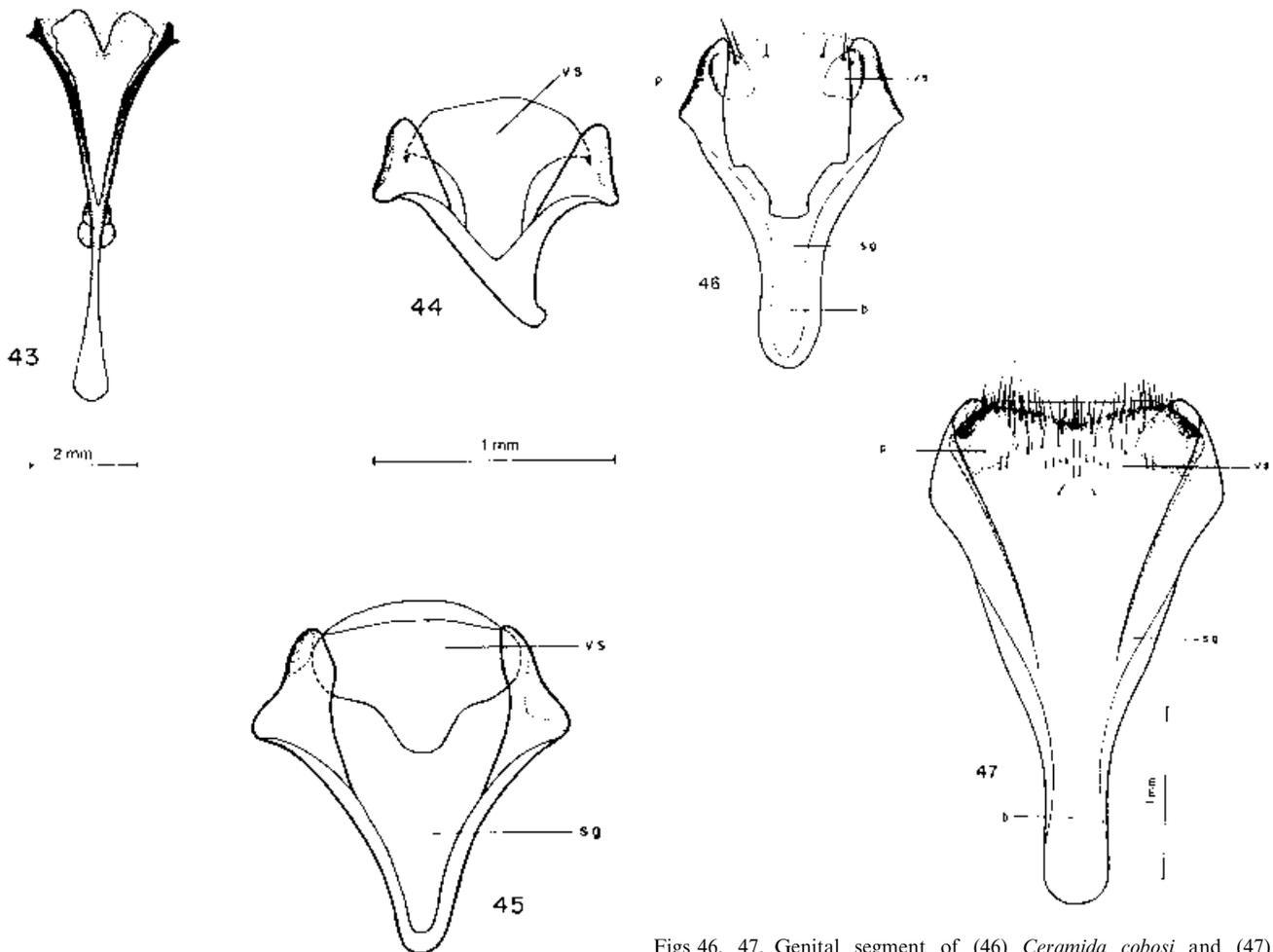
Elaphocera, *Leptochristina*, *Pachydemocera*), as well as in *Pachydema zhora* and *Atanyproctus miksici* Petrovitz, 1965. A sharp apex is found in *Hemictenius*, *Peritryssus*, *Sparrmannia*, and some species of *Pachydema* (e.g. *P. anthracina* Fairmaire, 1860, *P. castanea*, *P. bipartita* (Brullé, 1838)). The apically scooped-out apex occurs in *Tanyproctus* (except *T. saulcyi* (Reiche, 1856)), most species of *Pachydema* (e.g. *P. rubripennis*), *Atanyproctus simplicitarsis* Petrovitz, 1954, and in *Phobetus*. The character therefore varies at the species level in *Pachydema* and *Atanyproctus*. Unordered.

43 Apex of parameres (dorsal view)

(0) Without lateral processes or lateral expanded ends (Figs 51, 52 and 53); (1) With lateral processes (Figs 50 and 54). As above, this character varies among the outgroups, although the ancestral state of Melolonthinae (and the one most often found here) is probably 0 (Coca-Abia 1995). *Euserica* has very complex processes, in the form of clasp-devices. Most species of Pachydeminae present parameres with lateral processes but the shape of these processes varies greatly among genera and even among species within genera. For example, depending of the species, the lateral processes of *Pachydema* or *Tanyproctus* can be rounded, hook-like, arrow-shaped, spear-shaped, etc.

Endophallus (Fig. 55)

The endophallus provides the largest number of taxonomic characters at the generic, specific and species-group level. At rest, the endophallus lies within the phallobase, anchored to



Figs 43–45. Genital segment of (43) *Polyphylla fullo* (from Coca-Abia 1995) (44) *Pachydema anthracina* and (45) *Elaphocera martorelli*. Abbreviations: sg: *spiculum gastrale*, vs: vestigial sternite

Figs 46, 47. Genital segment of (46) *Ceramida cobosi* and (47) *Peritryssus excisus*. Abbreviations: b: vertical branch of the *spiculum gastrale*, p: lateral sclerites, sg: *spiculum gastrale*, vs: vestigial sternite

the tegmen through the first connective membrane. During copulation the endophallus evaginates through the *apical ostium* delimited by the paramere apices (Fig. 48). The endophallus of Pachydeminae presents two sclerotized structures: the temones and the 'V-shaped piece'. These structures probably serve as mechanical reinforcements during the evagination, or as attachment points for the intra-aedeagal muscles during copulation (d'Hotman and Scholtz 1990b; Krell 1996). The temones (d'Hotman and Scholtz 1990b) are paired elongate apophyses, articulating to the base of endophallus in dorsal position and extending downwards into the basal piece (d'Hotman and Scholtz 1990b). The V-shaped piece is a sclerotized sclerite, situated ventrally at the base of the endophallus and often divided into two pieces (Fig. 55). These structures are presumably derived from the median lobe (Zunino and Monteresino 1990; Krell 1996). This is supported by the fact that the first connective membrane of Pachydeminae is attached to the V-shaped piece, instead of to the median lobe. Figure 56 shows the first photographs of spermatozooids in Pachydeminae.

44 Anatomy of endophallus

(0) With a caudal diverticle (Fig. 57); (1) Simple (Fig. 58); (2) With a secondary sac attached to temones (Fig. 59). The

endophallus of the outgroups *Melolontha* and *Pseudotrematodes*, *Sparrmannia*, *Phobetus*, and most Palearctic genera of Pachydeminae presents a caudal diverticle (*Hemictenius*, Fig. 57; *Pachydema*, Fig. 60; *Tanyproctus*, Fig. 61; *Tanyproctoides*, Fig. 62; *Otoclinus*, Fig. 63; *Atanyproctus*, Fig. 64). A simple endophallus is present in *Ceramida* (Fig. 58), *Leptochristina* (Fig. 65), and the outgroups *Euserica*, *Polyphylla* and *Aplidia*. The endophallus of *Elaphocera* and *Pachydemocera* (Fig. 59) presents a membranous sac of unknown function, extending from the base to the apex of the temones. Unordered.

45 Sclerotized structures in the endophallus

(0) Present (Fig. 57 *sp.*); (1) Absent (Fig. 58). Presence of sclerotized structures in the endophallus seems to be the primitive condition in Scarabaeoidea (d'Hotman and Scholtz 1990b) but this character varies in Pachydeminae and the outgroups (the most frequent condition is presence of sclerotizations). When it is present, the internal sac armature is a useful taxonomic character at the species level. Some species of *Pachydema* (e.g. *P. hirticollis* (Fabricius, 1787)), Fig. 55 *sh*, 56(f) present 'hook'-like structures, whereas sclerotized plates of different morphology have been found in *Hemictenius* (Fig. 57 *sp.*), *Tanyproctus reichei* (Fig. 61 *th*) and other species

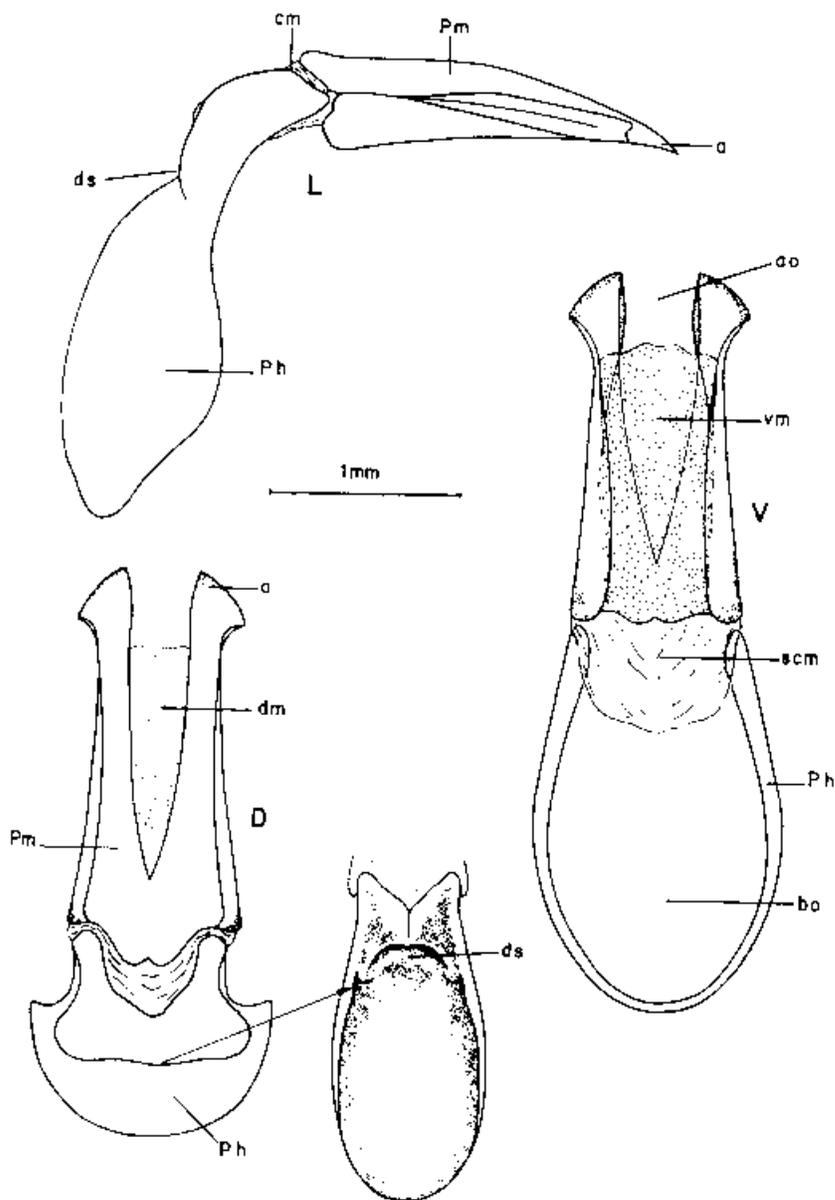


Fig. 48. Tegmen of Pachydeminae (*Pachydema anthracina*) in lateral (L), dorsal (D) and ventral (V) view. Abbreviations: a: apex of parameres, ao: apical ostium, bo: basal ostium, cm: connective membrane, dm: dorsal membrane of parameres, ds: dorsal strangulation of phallobase, Ph: phallobase, Pm: parameres, scm: second connective membrane, vm: ventral membrane of parameres. The dorsal and ventral orientation of the aedeagus were determined according to the criterion of Zunino and Montesino (1990) and Coca-Abia and Martín-Piera (1991), opposite to that of d'Hotman and Scholtz (1990b)

of *Pachydema* (*P. menieri* Baraud, 1985; Fig. 60 sp.). The hook-like structures might function as a mechanism to anchor the endophallus within the female's reproductive system during copulation, i.e. a 'clasping device' (d'Hotman and Scholtz 1990b). The function of the sclerotized plates is not so clear but since they usually present spines or teeth on their surface (Fig. 56h), these plates could help to stimulate the female during copulation in a sort of 'internal courtship' (Eberhard 1985; Zunino 1987). These sclerotized structures are usually surrounded by a highly dense sensilliferous area (Figs 55 r and 56g), termed 'raspula' (Coca-Abia and Martín-Piera 1991).

46 Position of the V-shaped piece relative to temones

(0) Reaching temones (Fig. 57); (1) Not reaching temones (Fig. 58). This character could not be scored for *Aplidia* and *Euserica*. *Aplidia* presents a median lobe instead of temones, and *Euserica* lacks the V-shaped piece. The V-shaped piece of most Pachydeminae and the outgroups reaches the temones without being fused to them, whereas in *Ceramida* (Fig. 58),

Pseudotrematodes, *Sparrmannia* and *Phobetus* a membranous area separates the V-shaped piece from the apex of temones.

47 Length of V-shaped piece relative to length of temones

(0) $Pv/T = 1/3$ (Fig. 57); (1) $Pv/T = 1/2$; (2) $Pv/T = 1/1$ (Fig. 59). This character could not be scored for *Aplidia* and *Euserica* (see above), varying among the other outgroups: (0) *Pseudotrematodes*, (2) *Melolontha*, *Polyphylla*. In Pachydeminae, the V-shaped piece is typically one-third of the length of temones (e.g. *Pachydema*, *Phobetus*) but in *Pachydemocera* and some species of *Elaphocera* (e.g. *E. elongata* Schauffus, 1874), the V-shaped piece is the same length as temones. In that case, V-shaped piece and temones are fused forming a continuous sclerotized ring that might serve to reinforce the opening through which the endophallus is evaginated (Fig. 59). In other species of *Elaphocera* (e.g. *E. emarginata* Gyllenhal, 1817), *E. syriaca*) and *Sparrmannia*, the V-shaped piece is one-half the length of temones, whereas in *E. barbara*, it is one third of the length of temones. Ordered assuming state 1 is morphologically intermediate between state 0 and state 2.

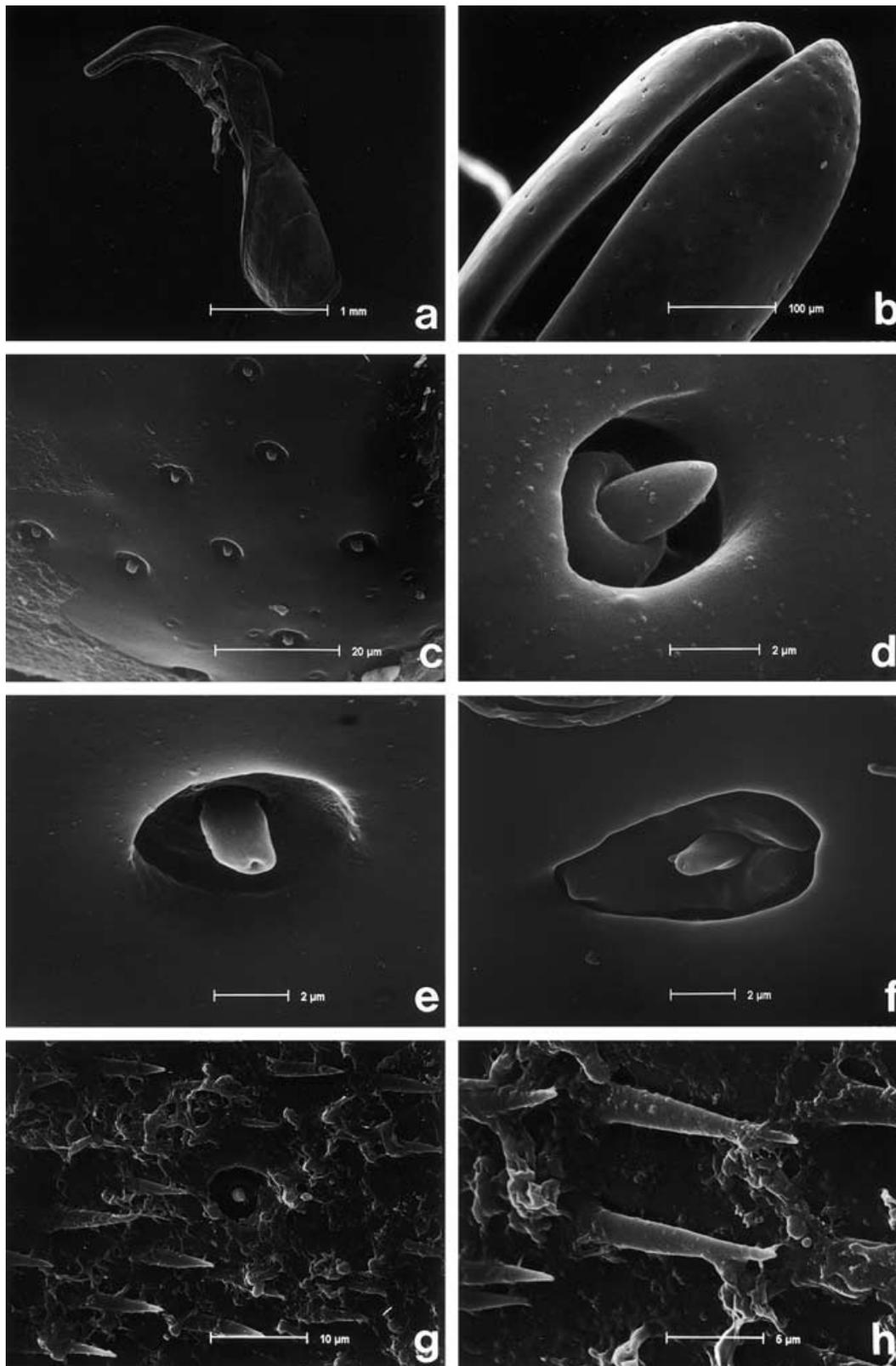
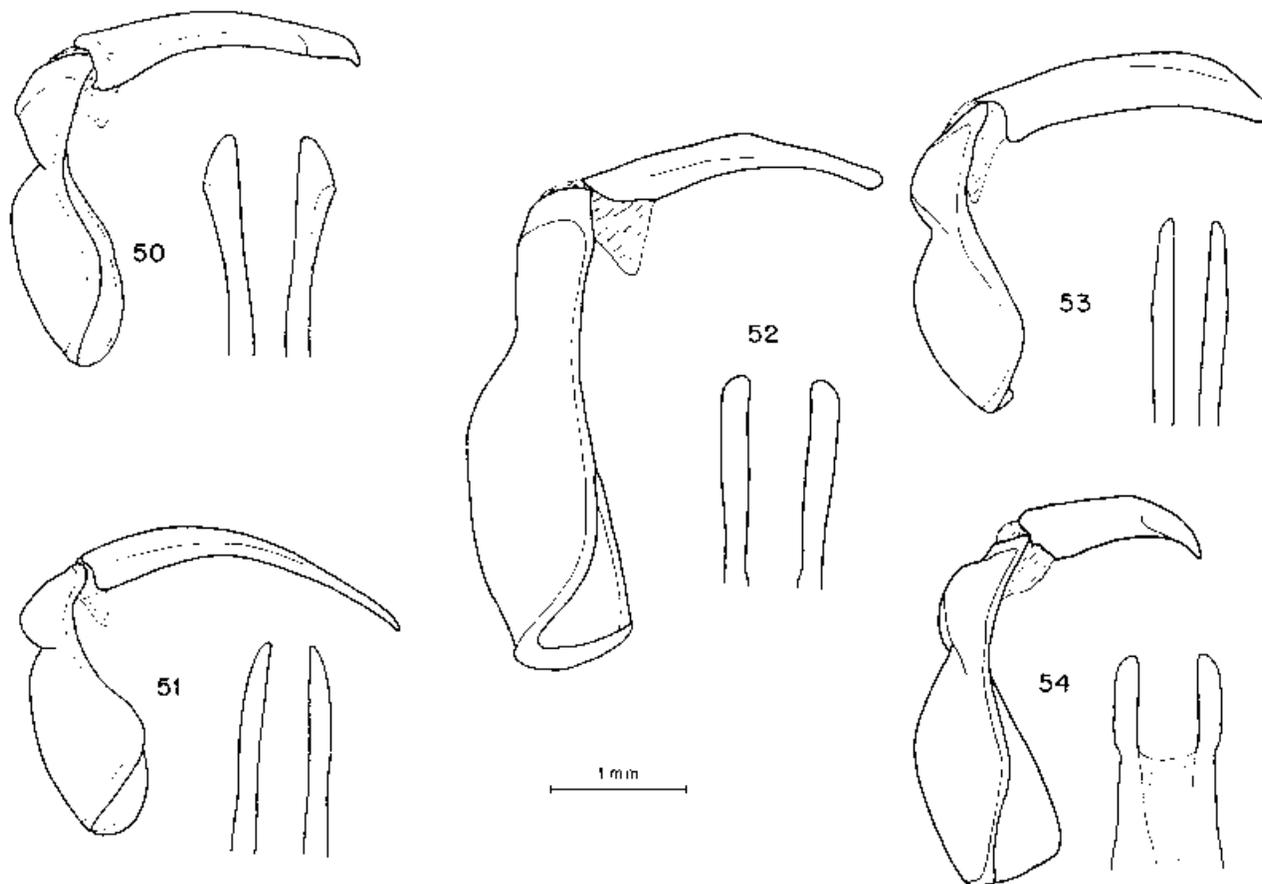


Fig. 49. Scanning electron micrograph of the tegmen of *Elaphocera alonsoi* (a–f) and *Tanyproctus* (g–h), showing sensorial setae of different morphology in the apices of parameres

48 Areas of sensory setae or sensillae in the endophallus

(0) With only a medial area (Fig. 58); (1) With medial and distal areas (Fig. 61); (2) With basal, medial, and distal areas (Fig. 57); (3) With medial and basal areas (Fig. 66). The

endophallus of Scarabaeoidea is usually externally lined with fine, presumably sensory setae or *sensilla* (d'Hotman and Scholtz 1990b). In Pachydeminae, the morphology and disposition of these sensilla are highly specific (Fig. 67). Starting



Figs 50–54. Lateral view of the tegmen and dorsal view of the parameres of (50) *Pachydema fuscipennis* (51) *Hemictenius gracilipes* (52) *Ceramida bedeai* (53) *Europton gracile* and (54) *Elaphocera ibicensis*

from the caudal to the cephalic region of the endophallus, three different areas, each one characterized by a particular type(s) of sensilla, can be distinguished: a distal area (I), a medial area (II), and a basal area (III) (Fig. 55). According to the theories of Eberhard (1985) and Zunino (1987), the highly specific sensilla of the endophallus could be used by the male to stimulate the female during a postmating ‘internal courtship’. The character varies considerably among Pachydeminae and the outgroups (no setae were observed in the endophallus of *Euserica*), although the most common state seems to be 0. For example, a medial area is present in *Ceramida* (Fig. 58) and *Leptochristina* (Fig. 65), a medial and distal areas in *Tanyproctus* (Fig. 61), a basal, medial and distal areas in *Pachydema* (Fig. 55), and a medial and basal areas in *Alaia* (Fig. 66). Unordered.

49 Distal sensilliferous area of endophallus

(0) Absent (Fig. 58); (1) Present and covered with hook-shaped sensilla (Fig. 57h-ss, 67a); (2) Present and covered with finger-like setae (Fig. 59 fs). This and the following characters referring to the morphology of the endophallus sensilla could not be scored for the outgroup representatives and the non-Palearctic genera because the morphology of their sensilla is very different from that of the Palearctic Pachydeminae so we could not establish the homologies (character inapplicable). The majority of genera of Palearctic Pachydeminae present a distinctive distal area covered with disperse hook-shaped sensilla (e.g. *Pachydema* (Fig. 55)). The small, finger-shaped

sensilla are an autapomorphy of *Pachydemocera* (Fig. 59), whereas *Ceramida* (Fig. 58), *Leptochristina* (Fig. 65), *Alaia* (Fig. 66) and *Elaphocera* present a membranous distal area without sensilla. Unordered.

50 Medial sensilliferous area of endophallus

(0) Covered with flat finger-shaped setae (Fig. 57 wf-snf-5, 67 b,c); (1) Covered with two types of sensilla: simple trichoid setae (Fig. 58 sts, 67d) and convex finger-shaped setae (Fig. 58 cf-s, 67e); (2) Covered with imbricate trichoid setae (Fig. 59 its); (3) Covered with sensilla of very different morphologies (Fig. 68); (4) Covered with finger-like and hook-shaped sensilla (Fig. 66). Inapplicable in the outgroup (see ch49). The medial area is covered with flat finger-shaped sensilla in most genera of Pachydeminae (Figs 55, 57, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65 and 69, 70). The other states are autapomorphies of *Ceramida* (state 1), *Pachydemocera* (2), *Elaphocera* (3) and *Alaia* (4), respectively. State 3 refers to the amazing variety of morphologies found in the endophallus of *Elaphocera*, which varies at the species or even at the population level (Fig. 68). Unordered.

51 Basal sensilliferous area of endophallus

(0) Absent (Fig. 58); (1) Present as a raspula of trichoid sensilla (Fig. 57 rts); (2) Present and covered with ‘shark tooth’-shaped sensilla (Fig. 69 st-ss); (3) Present and covered with cone-shaped sensilla (Fig. 64 c-ss). Inapplicable in the outgroup (see ch49). Most genera of Pachydeminae present a membranous, indistinct basal area without sensilla (*Ceramida* (Fig. 58),

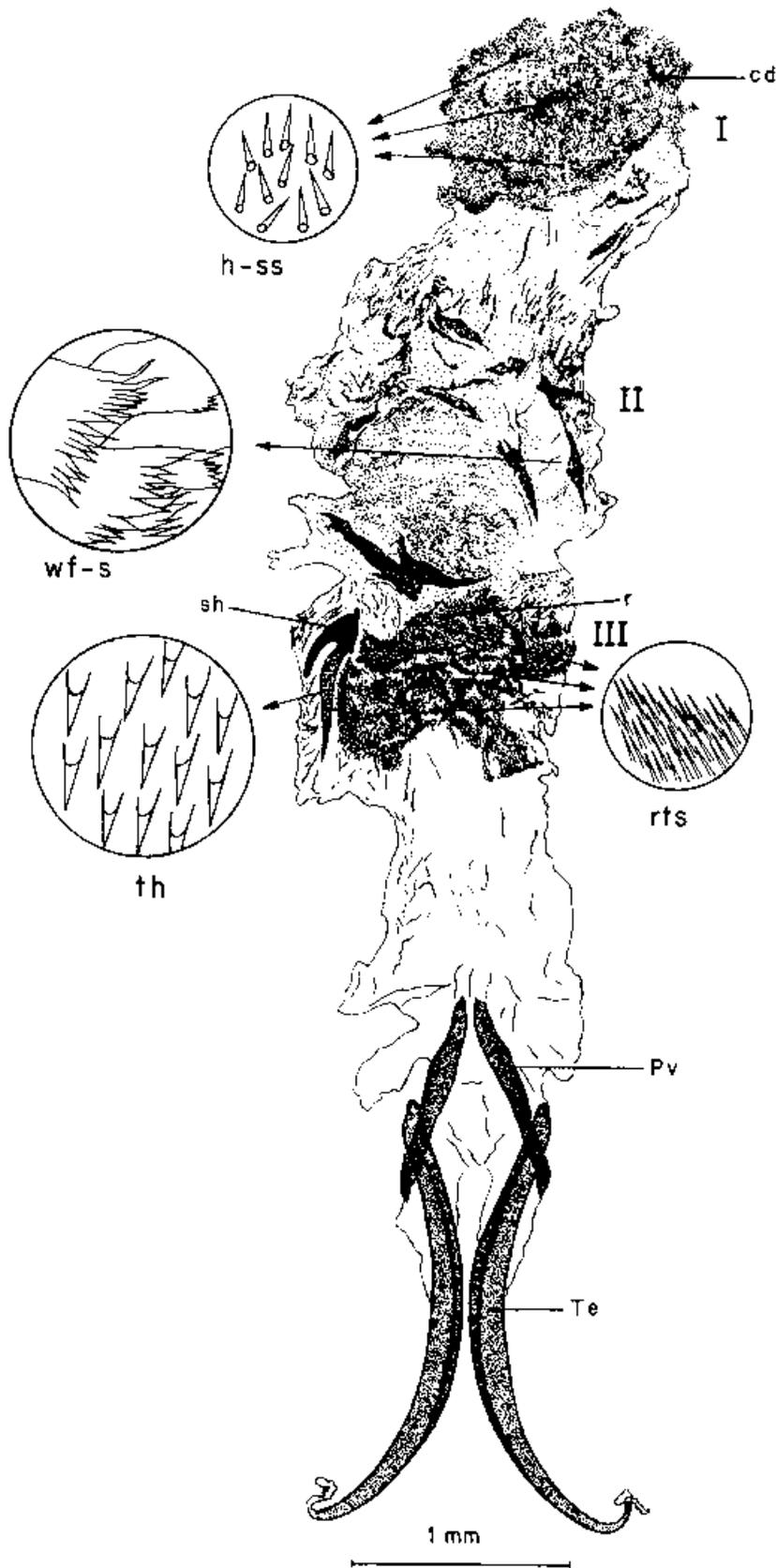


Fig. 55. Endophallus of Pachydeminae (*Pachydemia hirticollis*), showing the division in areas with sensilla of different morphology: I (distal), II (medial), III (basal). Different morphologies of sensilla. Abbreviations: cd: caudal diverticle; h-ss: hook-shaped sensilla; Pv: V-shaped piece; r: raspulae; sh: hook-shaped sclerotized structure; Te: temones; rts: raspulae of tricoid sensilla; th: detail of the teeth on the sclerotized structure; wf-s: wide flat finger-shaped sensilla

Pachydemocera (Fig. 59), *Tanyproctus* (Fig. 61), *Tanyproctoides* (Fig. 62), *Otoclinius* (Fig. 63), *Leptochristina* (Fig. 65), *Brenskiella* (Fig. 70) and *Elaphocera*. *Pachydemia* (Fig. 55) and *Hemictenius* (Fig. 57) present a raspula of sensilla

surrounding a sclerotized structure. The tooth-shaped sensilla are autapomorphic of *Europrocton* (Fig. 69), and the cone-shaped sensilla are present in *Atanyproctus miksici* (Fig. 64) and *Alaia* (Fig. 66). Unordered.

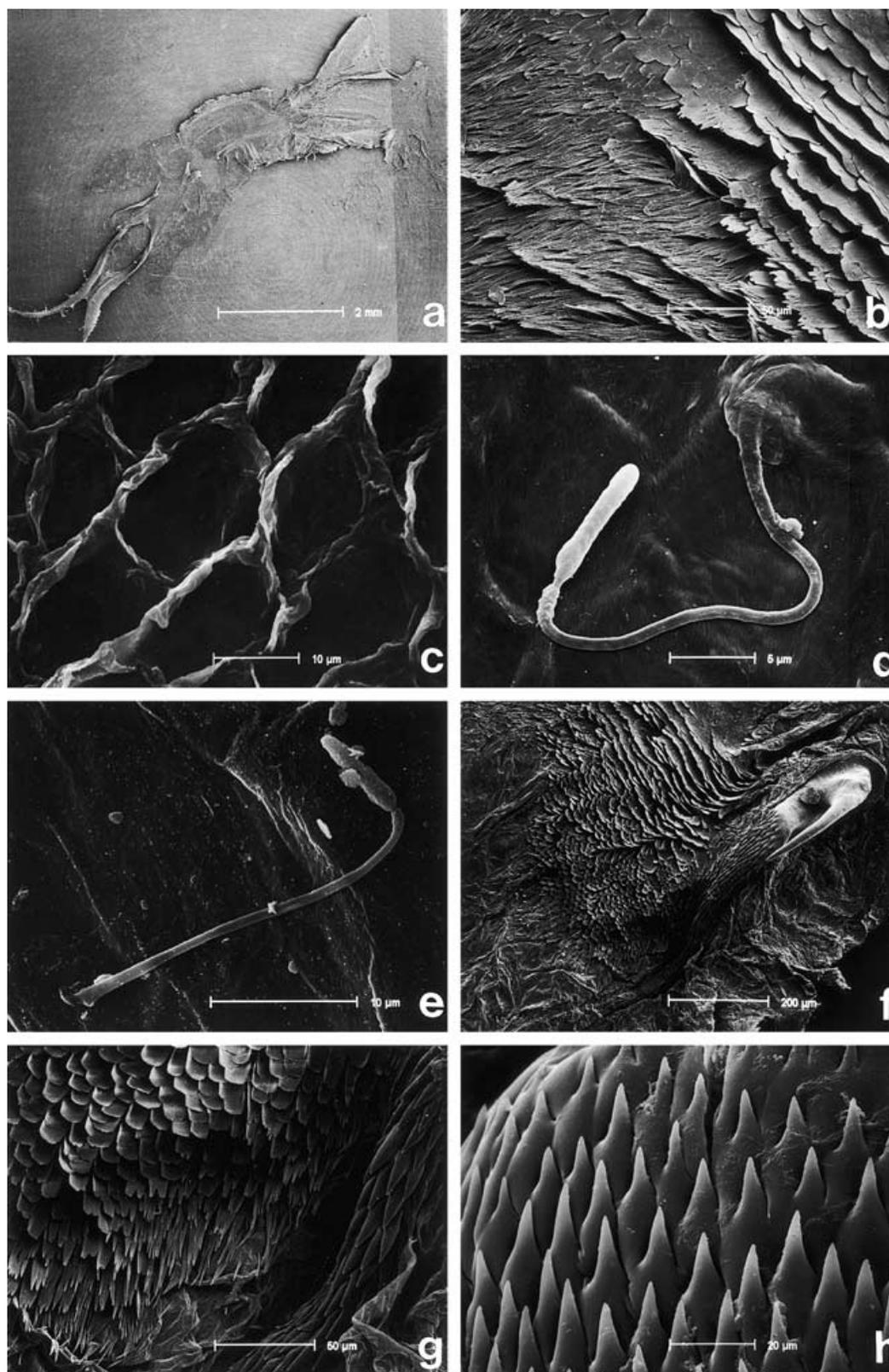
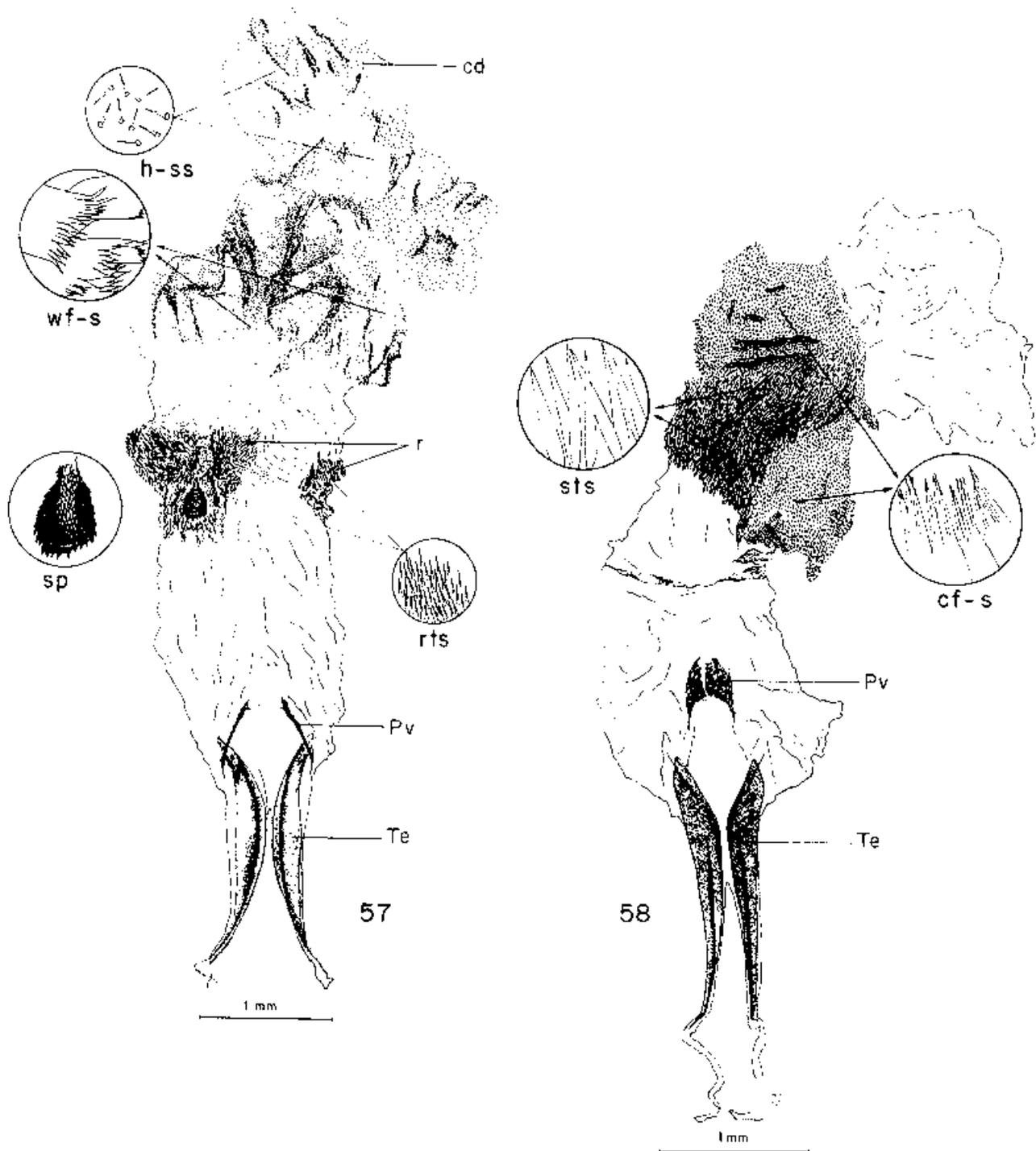


Fig. 56. Scanning electron micrographs of the endophallus of *Elaphocera alonsoi*, showing (a) endophallus (b) external surface of the endophallus with sensilla (c) internal surface of the endophallus and (d–e) spermatozoids. Endophallus of *Pachydemia hirticollis*, showing (f) hook-shaped sclerotized structure with raspulae (g) detail of the raspulae and (h) detail of the teeth on sclerotized structure

E Female genitalia

As in Melolonthinae (Coca-Abia and Martín-Piera 1991), the female genitalia of Pachydeminae is of the tubular type

(Lindroth and Palmén 1970). It comprises a genital chamber, accessory glands, median oviduct, bursa copulatrix, oviduct, spermatheca and spermathecal gland (Fig. 71). The fecundation



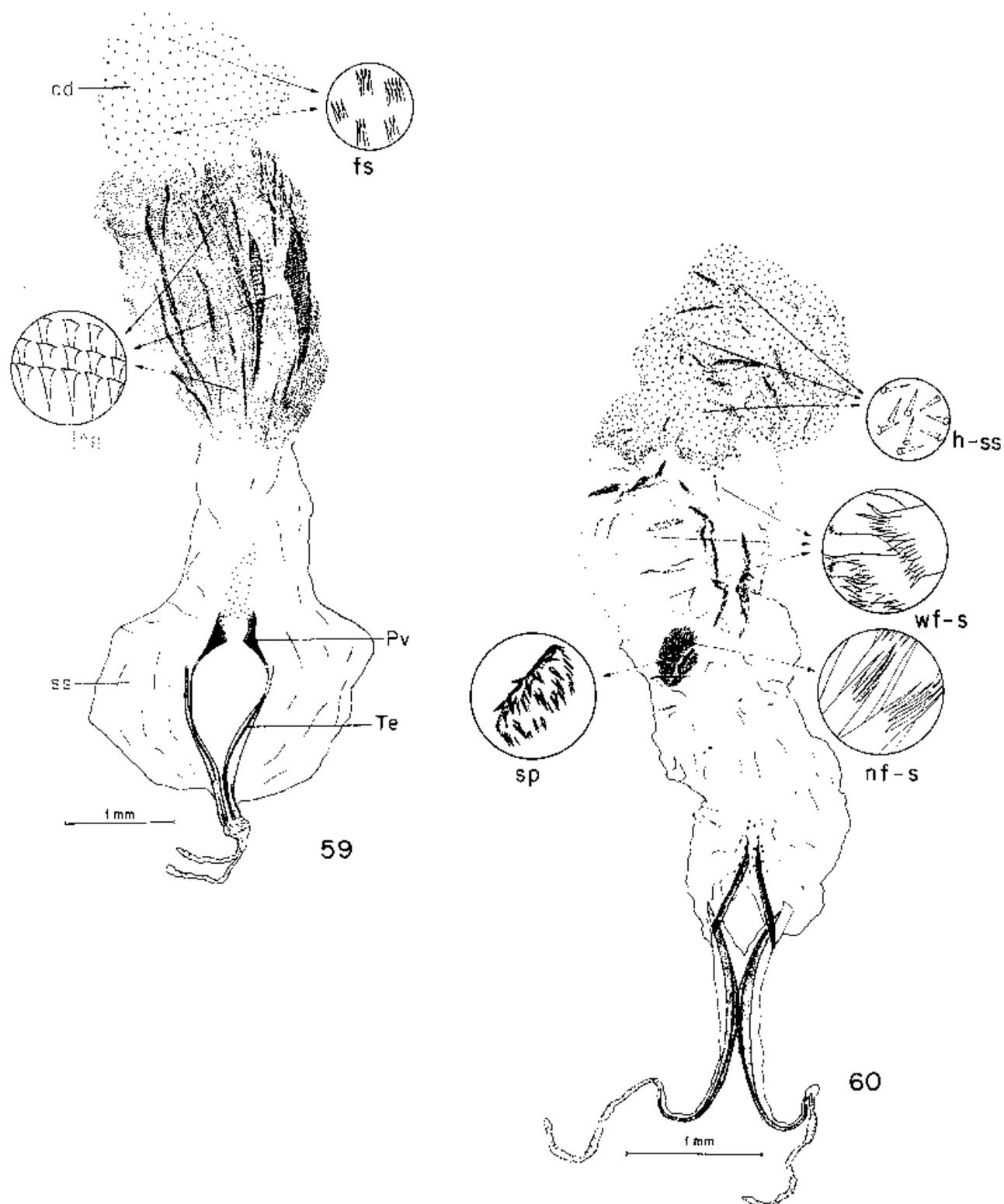
Figs 57, 58. Different types of endophallus in Pachydeminae: (57) *Hemictenius nigrociliatus* and (58) *Ceramida lusitanica* [synonymy of *C. malacensis* (Sanmartín and Martín-Piera 1999b)]. Abbreviations: cd: caudal diverticle; cfs: convex finger-shaped sensilla; h-ss: hook-shaped sensilla; Pv: V-shaped piece; r: raspulae; rts: raspulae of trichoid sensilla; sp: sclerotized plate; sts: simple trichoid sensilla; Te: temones; wf-s: wide flat finger-shaped sensilla

presumably takes place inside the median oviduct, a wide wrinkled camera where the bursa copulatrix, spermatheca and oviduct meet separately (Zunino and Monteresino 1990; Coca-Abia and Martín-Piera 1991). Female genitalic structures are usually membranous and less specific than those in the male genitalia, providing characters at the generic level. This lack of specificity does not agree with the lock-and-key hypothesis. On the contrary, the presence of presumably sensory setae in the

genital chamber and bursa copulatrix of the female seems to support the 'internal courtship' hypothesis (Eberhard 1985; Zunino 1987).

52 Vestigial sternites of genital chamber

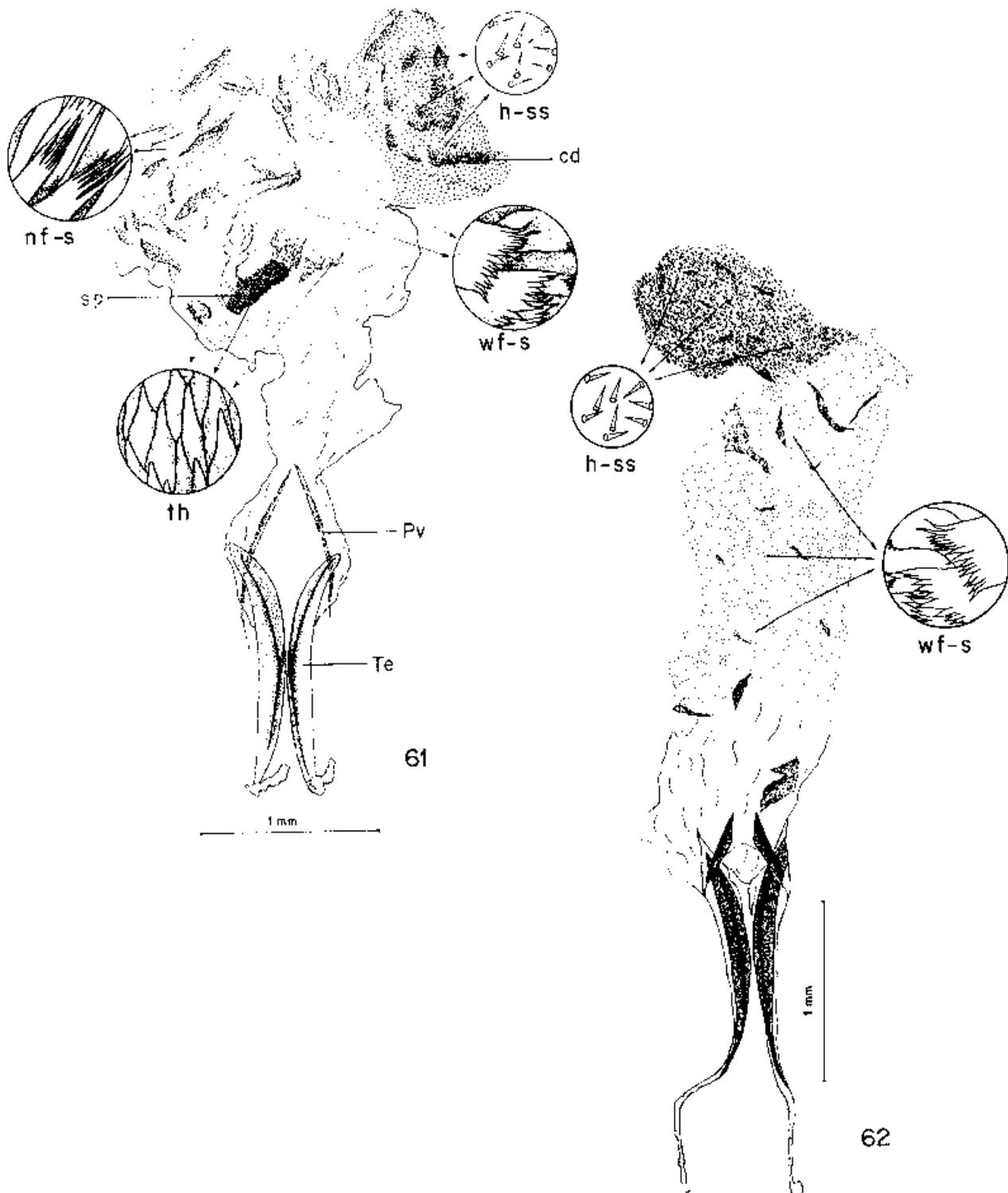
(0) Fused to genital palps (Fig. 72); (1) Separated from genital palps (Fig. 73). This character could not be scored for *Aplidia* because this genus lacks genital palps, and it varies in the rest



Figs 59, 60. Different types of endophallus in Pachydeminae: (59) *Pachydemocera lucidicollis* and (60) *Pachydemema menieri*. Abbreviations: cd: caudal diverticle; fs: finger-like sensilla; h-ss: hook-shaped sensilla; its: imbricated trichoid sensilla; nf-s: narrow flat finger-shaped sensilla; Pv: V-shaped piece; ss, secondary sac; sp: sclerotized plate; Te: temones; wf-s: wide flat finger-shaped sensilla

of outgroups. The genital chamber is the caudal extension of the oviduct, and is located at the posterior end of the VIII segment (Coca-Abia and Martin-Piera 1991). This chamber opens to the outside through the vaginal *ostium* or vulva

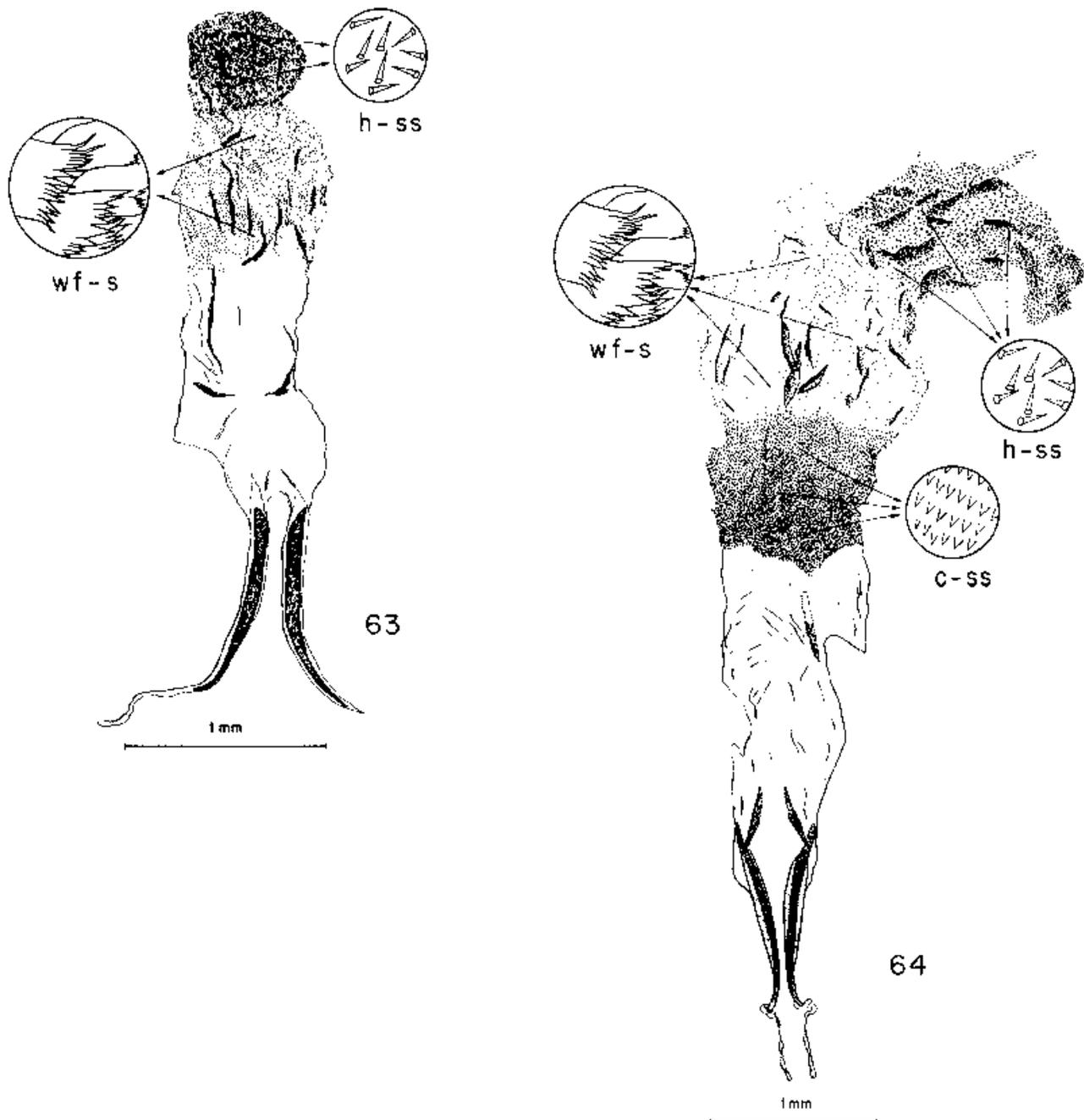
(Fig. 71*V*), and probably has a copulatory function. Unlike Melolonthinae (Coca-Abia 1995), the anus does not open directly to the dorsal wall of the genital chamber but to a socket-like fold, the 'anal fold', on the dorsal wall of the



Figs 61, 62. Different types of endophallus in Pachydeminae: (61) *Tanyproctus reichei* and (62) *Tanyproctoides arabicus*. Abbreviations: cd: caudal diverticle; h-ss: hook-shaped sensilla; nf-s: narrow flat finger-shaped sensilla; Pv: V-shaped piece; sp: sclerotized plate; Te: temones; th: detail of the teeth on the sclerotized structure; wf-s: wide flat finger-shaped sensilla

chamber (Fig. 71 *af*). On both sides of this fold, there is a pair of small vestigial tergites (1vt) and a second pair of larger tergites (2vt) extending to the ventral side. The ventral wall of the genital chamber presents a pair of large vestigial sternites of variable morphology (VS), and a second smaller pair, the

'genital palps' or 'styli' (gp), extending forwards into the anterior end of the genital chamber. The vulva is placed between both pairs of sternites. The vestigial tergites are derived from the IX segment, whereas the vestigial sternites are derived from either the VIII segment (Zunino and Monteresino

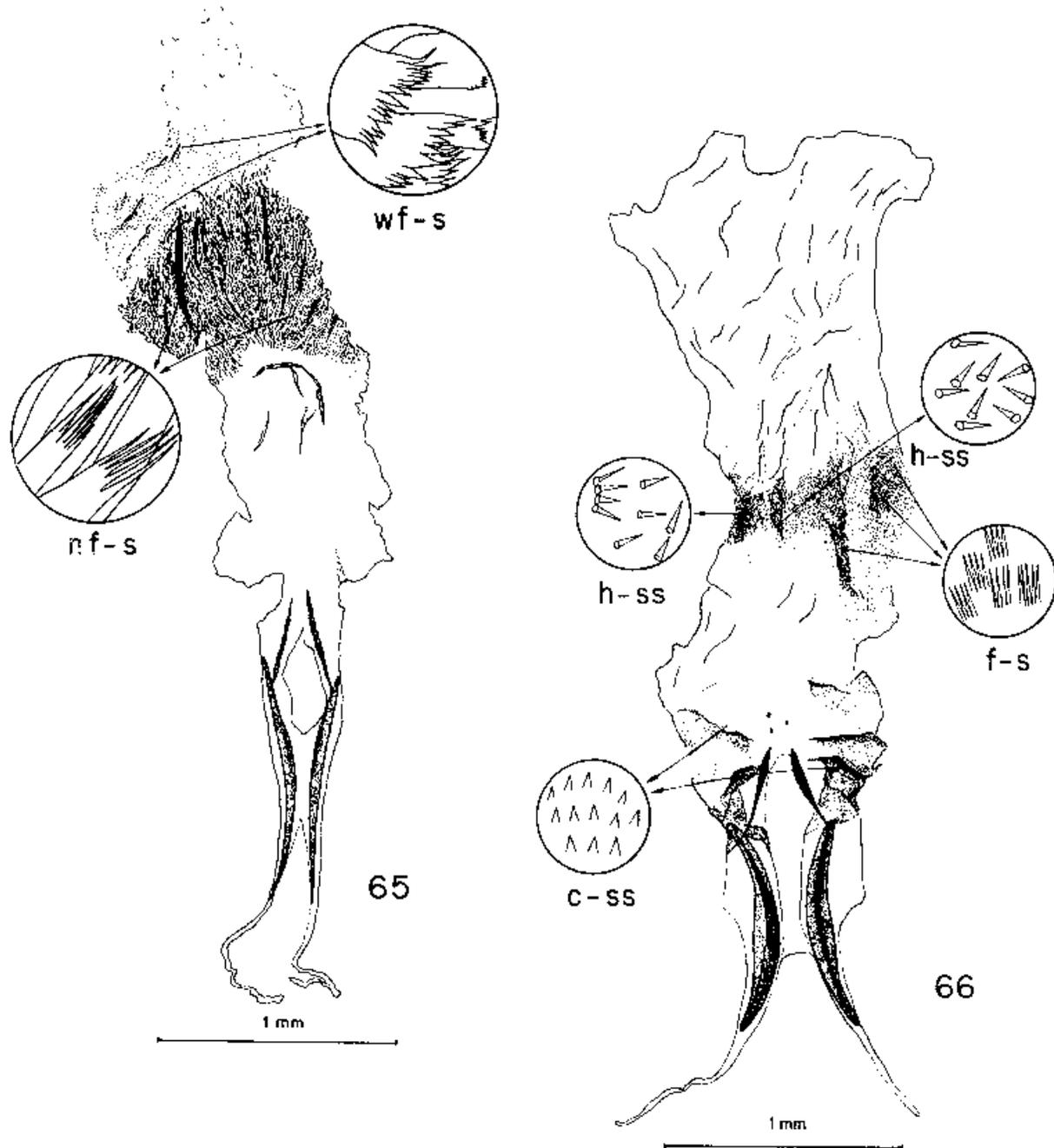


Figs 63, 64. Different types of endophallus in Pachydeminae: (63) *Otolinius gracilipes* and (64) *Atanyproctus miksici*. Abbreviations: c-ss: cone-shaped sensilla; h-ss: hook-shaped sensilla; wf-s: wide flat finger-shaped sensilla

1990) or the IX segment (Krell 1996). These sclerites are externally covered with fine setae. In *Ceramida* and *Elaphocera*, the vestigial sternites are partially fused (Fig. 72), whereas in *Tanyproctus* (Fig. 73), *Pachydema*, and *Hemictenius*, the genital palps and the sternites are independent structures. According to Eberhard (1992, 1993), the genital chamber is an active mechanism in sexual selection by female choice (SSFCh) in Melolonthidae. Females can prevent the male endophallus from reaching the oviduct by contracting the muscles in the vulva, whereas the setae of the female genital sclerites and those of the male apices of parameres probably interact during the male 'internal courtship'.

53 *Bursa copulatrix*

(0) Internally covered with setae (Figs 74 and 75); (1) Without setae (Figs 76 and 77). The bursa copulatrix is a wide pedunculated diverticle ending in a globous pouch, which opens to the dorsal wall of the median oviduct (Fig. 71 Bc). It is presumably derived from the Xth segment or the intersegmental area IX/X, like the aedeagus (Krell 1996). Its function is the storage and enzymatic digestion of the spermatophore after removal of the sperm (Krell 1996). The bursa copulatrix may also act as a SSFCh mechanism when the spermatophore is digested before the removal of the male sperm (Eberhard 1992). The bursa copulatrix is internally lined with small



Figs 65, 66. Different types of endophallus in Pachydeminae: (65) *Leptochristina pubimargo* and (66) *Alaia sexdentata*. Abbreviations: c-ss: cone-shaped sensilla; fs: finger-like sensilla; h-ss: hook-shaped sensilla; nf-s: narrow flat finger-shaped sensilla; wf-s: wide flat finger-shaped sensilla

punctiform setae, presumably of presso-sensorial function, in *Pachydema* (Fig. 74), *Hemictenius* (Fig. 75), except *H. tekkenisis*, and the outgroups *Melolontha*, *Polyphylla* and *Aplidia*. We could not ascertain the presence of setae in *Pseudotrematodes* but *Euserica* lacks setae. The alternate state (simple bursa) is present in *Ceramida* (Fig. 71), *Tanyproctus* (Fig. 76), and *Elaphocera* (Fig. 77).

54 Peduncle of bursa copulatrix

(0) Without setae (Fig. 75); (1) Internally covered with setae (Fig. 76); (2) Covered with sclerotized structures. The most widespread condition in Pachydeminae is a peduncle without setae (e.g. *Hemictenius*, *Ceramida*, *Elaphocera*), whereas a hairy peduncle is found in *Tanyproctus* and *Pachydema anthracina*.

Both conditions are present alike in the Melolonthinae, whereas the peduncle of *Euserica* is covered with sclerotized structures.

55 Oviduct

(0) Without a distinctive area of setae; (1) With sclerotized setae covering most of the length of oviduct (Fig. 77), (2) With sclerotized setae covering only half of the length of oviduct (Fig. 74). The oviduct (also called 'common oviduct') opens to the ventral wall of the median oviduct, opposite to the bursa copulatrix (Fig. 71 O). It is usually internally lined with strongly sclerotized and triangular-shaped sensilla. Some genera of Pachydeminae (*Ceramida*, *Elaphocera*) and most outgroups present an oviduct entirely covered with sensilla (state 1), whereas the oviduct of *Tanyproctus*, *Pachydema* and

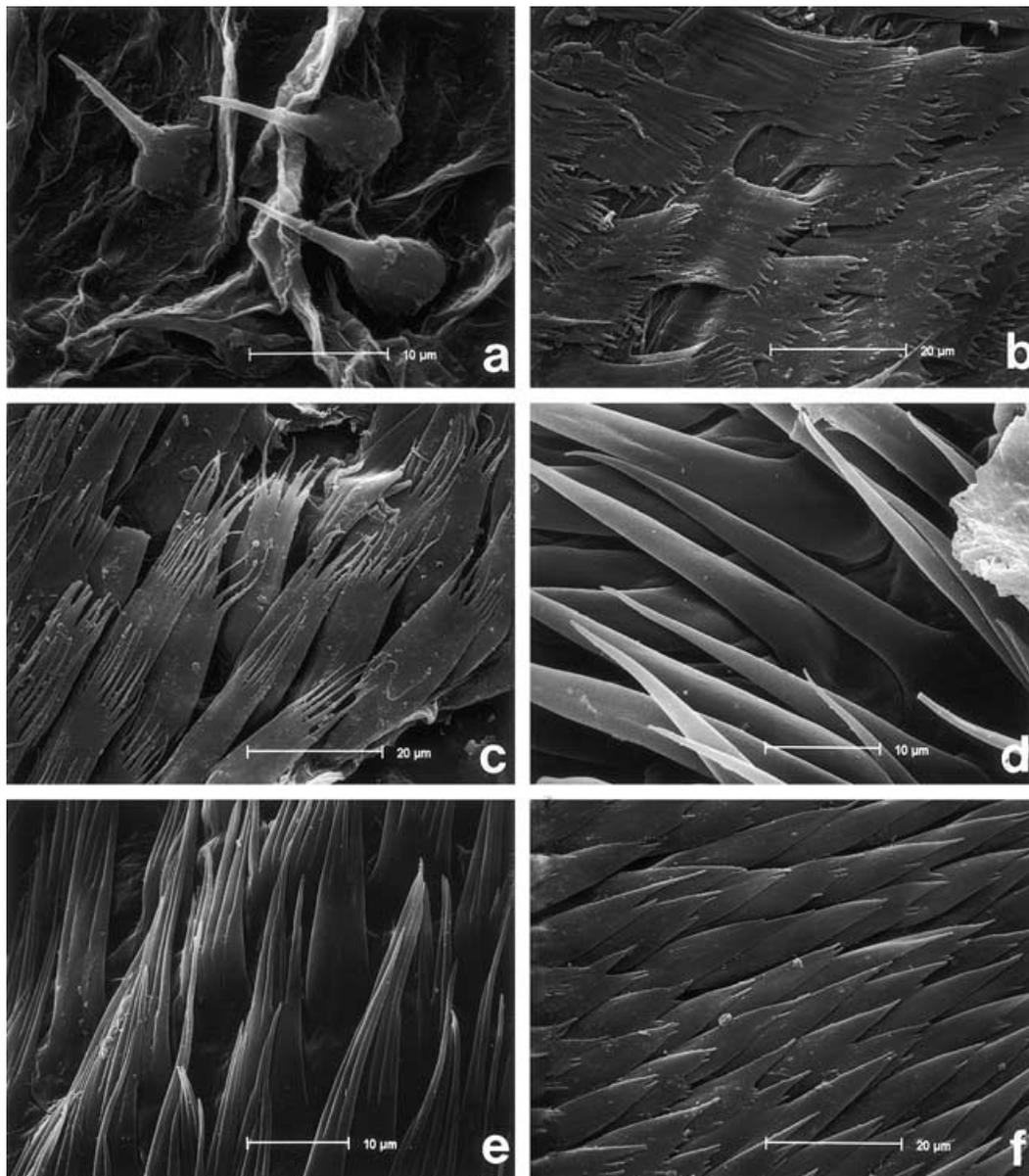


Fig. 67. Scanning electron micrographs showing different morphologies of the sensilla in the endophallus: (a) hook-shaped (b-c) wide (b)-narrow (c) flat finger-shaped (d) simple trichoid (e) convex finger-shaped and (f) other morphology

Hemictenius is only partially lined with setae (state 2). State 0 is autapomorphic for *Pseudotrematodes*.

56 Length of the spermathecal conduct relative to length of the pouch

(0) Conduct distinctly longer than pouch (Figs 76 and 77); (1) Equal to or shorter than pouch (Figs 74 and 75). The spermatheca or *receptaculum seminis* opens to the dorsal wall of the median oviduct (Fig. 71 S). Its function is the storage of the sperm after it has been removed from the bursa copulatrix. The spermatheca is divided into two different tracts: a distal ringed pouch or sac and a proximal conduct, which joins to the median oviduct. The length of the conduct relative to the distal pouch varies among genera and species within genera in Pachydeminae (it is also variable in the outgroups). It is distinctly longer in *Ceramida*, *Elaphocera* and *Tanyproctus subciliatus* Reitter, 1902 (state 0) but shorter (usually thick and ringed) in *Hemictenius*, *Pachydema*, and *Tanyproctus reichei*.

57 Relative position of the spermathecal gland pore on the spermatheca

(0) Distal: the gland is inserted at the end of the conduct of the spermatheca (Fig. 74); (1) Proximal: the gland is inserted at the beginning of the conduct of the spermatheca (Fig. 75); (2) Medial: the gland is inserted at the middle of the conduct of the spermatheca (Figs 76 and 77). The spermathecal gland is responsible for guiding the spermatozooids from the bursa copulatrix to the spermatheca. This is done by means of a glandular secretion gradient (Krell 1996). The spermathecal gland is divided into two tracts: a distal pouch and a thin proximal conduct, which joins the spermatheca at different positions: distal in *Pachydema* and most outgroups (e.g. *Euserica*), proximal in *Hemictenius* and *Polyphylla*, or medial in *Elaphocera*. In *Ceramida* and *Tanyproctus* the character varies at the species level. Unordered.

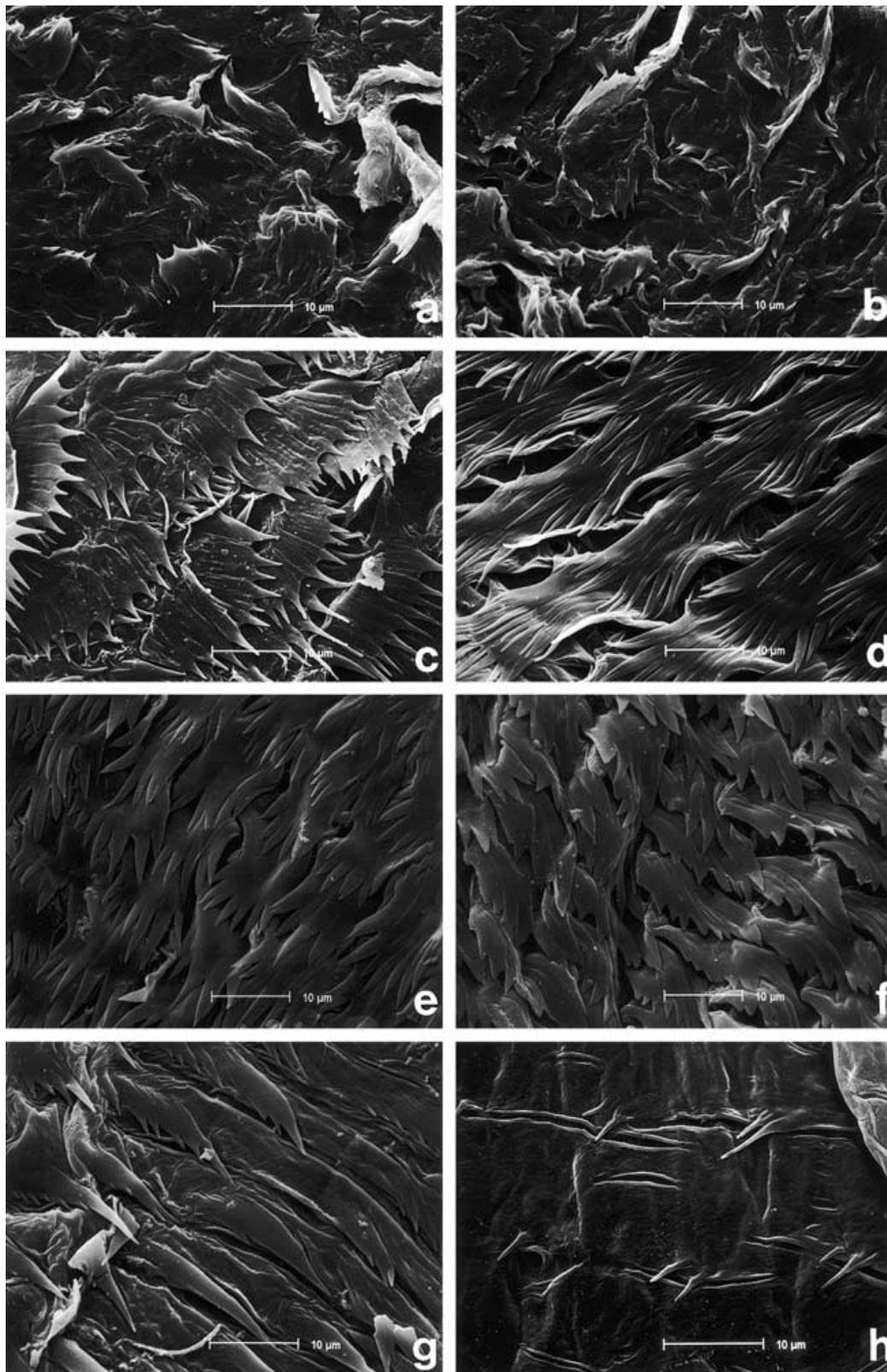
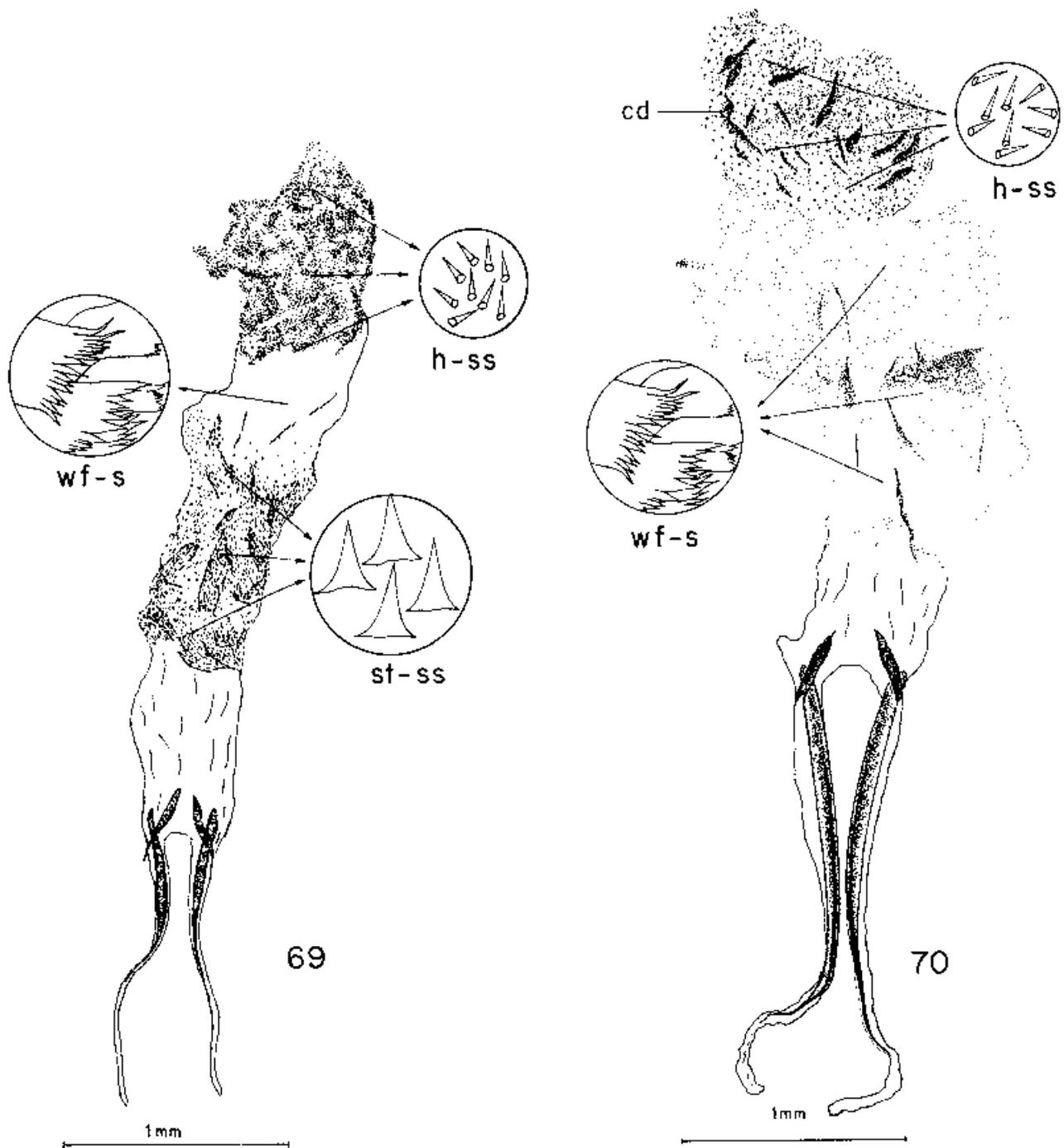


Fig. 68. Scanning electron micrographs showing different morphologies of sensilla that can be found in the endophallus of *Elaphocera carteiensis*

58 Shape of spermatheca

(0) Narrow throughout (Fig. 74); (1) Terminally widened in a global caecum (Fig. 76); (2) Wide throughout, 'barrel'-shaped (Fig. 77). A narrow throughout spermatheca (0) is found in all the

outgroup representatives, *Pachydema* and *Tanyproctus reichei*, whereas *Ceramida* and *Tanyproctus subciliatus* present a terminally widened spermatheca (1), and *Elaphocera* and *Hemictenius* (except for *H. tekkensis*), a barrel-shaped spermatheca.



Figs 69, 70. Different types of endophallus in Pachydeminae: (69) *Europton gracile* and (70) *Brenskiella flavomicans*. Abbreviations: cd: caudal diverticle; h-ss: hook-shaped sensilla; st-ss: shark tooth-shaped sensilla; wf-s: wide flat finger-shaped sensilla

59 Shape of spermathecal gland

(0) Pear-shaped (Fig. 74); (1) Spheric (Fig. 77). All outgroup representatives and most genera of Pachydeminae present a pear-shaped spermathecal gland (e.g. *Pachydema*, Fig. 74). The spheric spermatheca is an autapomorphy of *Elaphocera*.

60 Size of accessory gland I (Ag I) relative to accessory gland II (Ag II)

(0) Ag I is less than three times the size of Ag II (Figs 78 and 79); (1) More than three times the size of Ag II (Fig. 80). This character could only be scored for the outgroups *Melolontha*,

Euserica (0) and *Aplidia* (1) because *Pseudotrematodes* and *Polyphylla* present only one pair of accessory glands. The female genitalia of Pachydeminae present two pairs of accessory glands, which open through a common duct into the base of the median oviduct (Fig. 71, *AgI, II*). Their function is probably the production of pheromones for sexual attraction (Zamotailov 1988). Analogous glands found in the male genitalia of *Blatta* (Feliú-Badaló et al. 1996) and *Drosophila* (Harshman 1996) have been related to mechanisms of sperm competition. The two pairs of glands are of different size, Ag I being always larger than Ag II. In most Pachydeminae, this

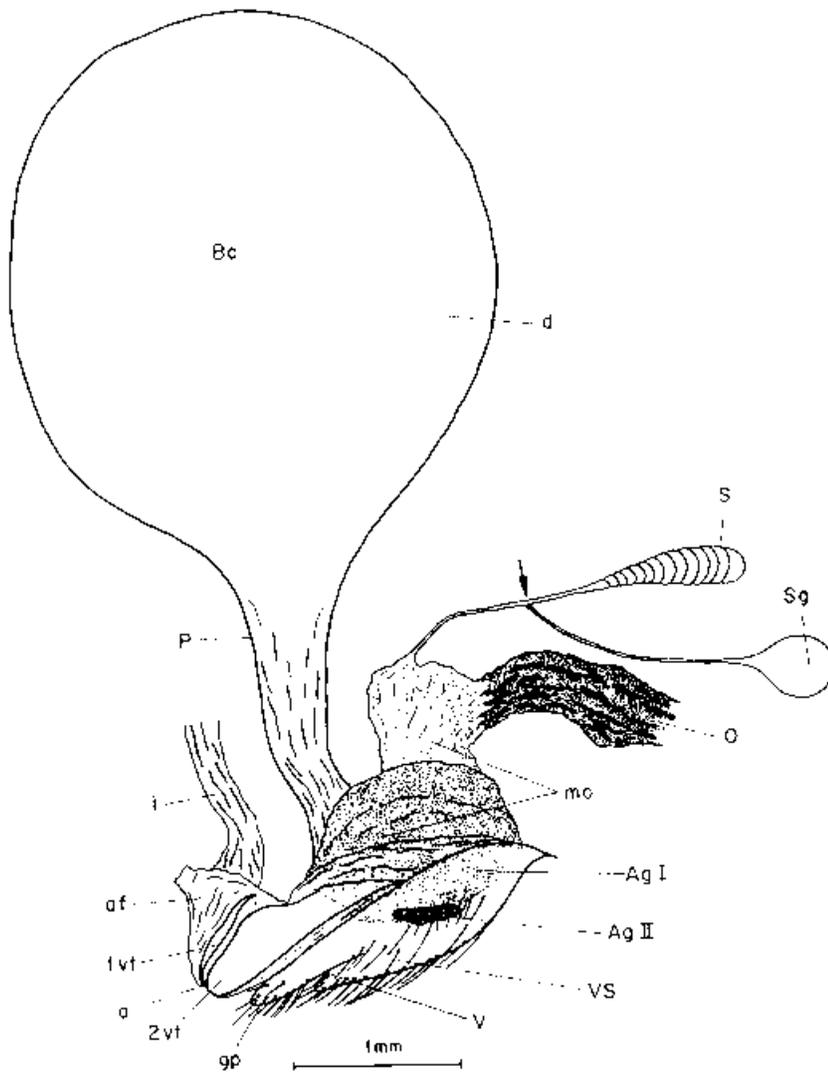


Fig. 71. Lateral view of the female genitalia of Pachydeminae (*Ceramide tangeriana*, synonymy of *C. malacensis* (Sanmartín and Martín-Piera (1999b))), showing the different organs. Abbreviations: a: anus; af: anal fold; AgI, AgII: accessory glands; Bc: bursa copulatrix; d: diverticle of the bursa copulatrix; gp: genital palps; i: intestine; mc: median oviduct; O: oviduct; P: peduncle of the bursa copulatrix; S: spermatheca; Sg: spermathecal gland; V: vulva; 1vt, 2vt: vestigial tergites; VS: vestigial sternites

difference is small but in *Ceramide* (Fig. 80), Ag I is more than three times larger than Ag II.

61 Setae of accessory gland I (Ag I)

(0) Trichoid setae arranged in a curved, transverse row ('eyelash') (Fig. 78); (1) Basiconic setae arranged in scales (Fig. 79); (2) Simple, thick trichoid setae (Fig. 80); (3) Very long and fine trichoid setae. This and the following characters referring to gland pubescence were only scored for *Melolontha* among the outgroups because the others present setae whose morphology is very different to the ingroup (inapplicable). The accessory glands of Pachydeminae are internally lined with sensilla of variable morphology. The trichoid setae (0) are the most frequent (*Pachydemia*, *Hemictenius*, *Tanyproctus subciliatus*), whereas the simple trichoid setae (2) are present in *Ceramide* and *Melolontha*. The basiconic setae (1) and the long fine trichoid setae (3) are autapomorphic for *Elaphocera* and *Tanyproctus reichei*, respectively. Unordered.

62 Setae of accessory gland II (Ag II)

(0) Very long and fine trichoid setae (Figs 78 and 79); (1) rhombus-shaped plaques (Fig. 80). This character was only scored for *Melolontha* among the outgroups (see ch61), which presents the same character state as *Ceramide*, rhombus-shaped

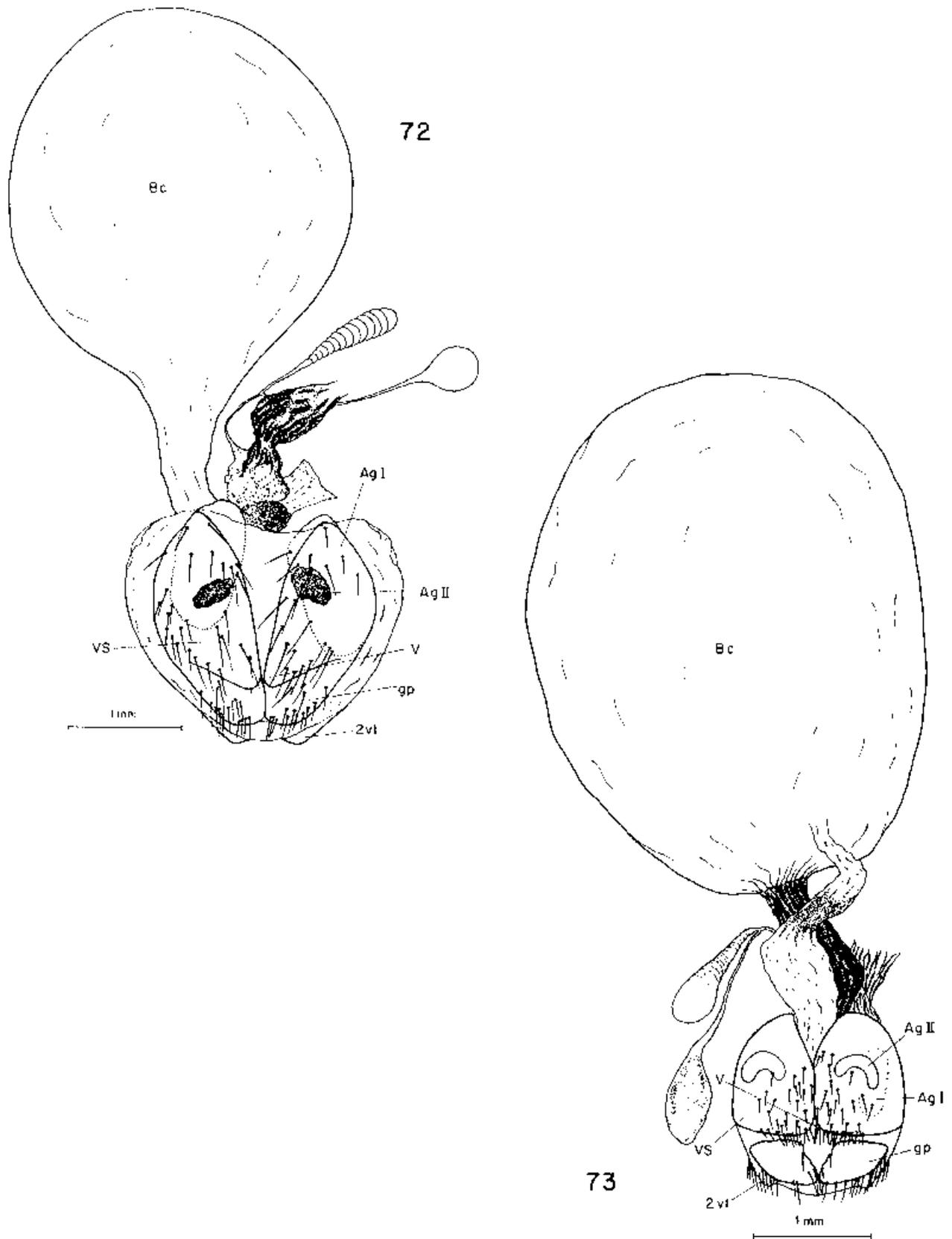
plaques. The rest of Pachydeminae present long trichoid setae (*Elaphocera*, *Hemictenius*, *Pachydemia*, *Tanyproctus*).

63 Shape of accessory gland II (Ag II)

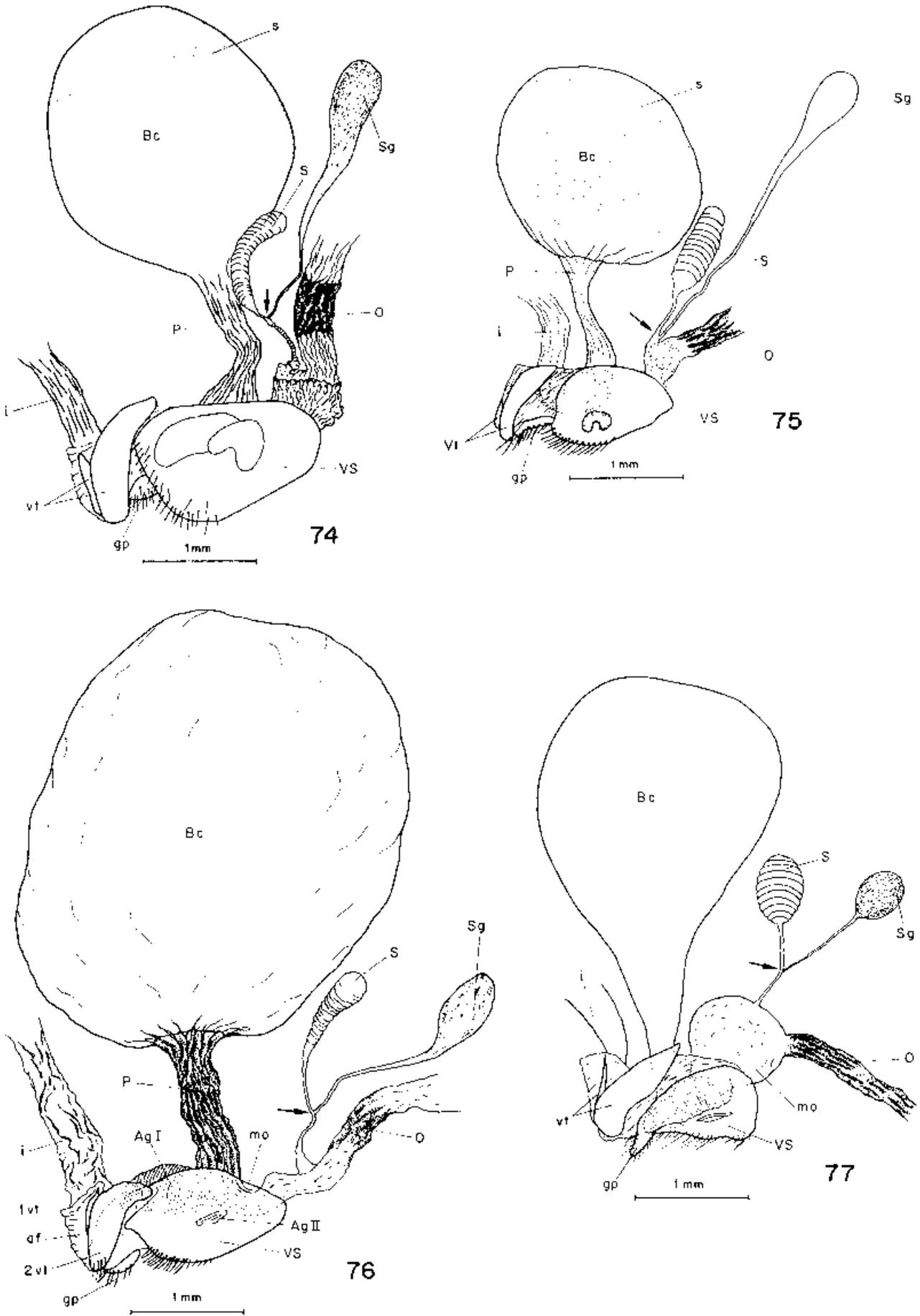
(0) Flat and rigid (Fig. 80); (1) Flat and turgid (Fig. 79); (2) Convex, kidney-shaped (Fig. 78). A flat and rigid Ag II is found in *Ceramide* and the outgroup *Melolontha*. The most frequent state in Pachydeminae is a kidney-shaped gland (2), present in *Pachydemia*, *Hemictenius*, *Tanyproctus* (and *Euserica*), whereas a flat and turgid gland is autapomorphic for *Elaphocera* (1). Unordered.

Phylogenetic relationships

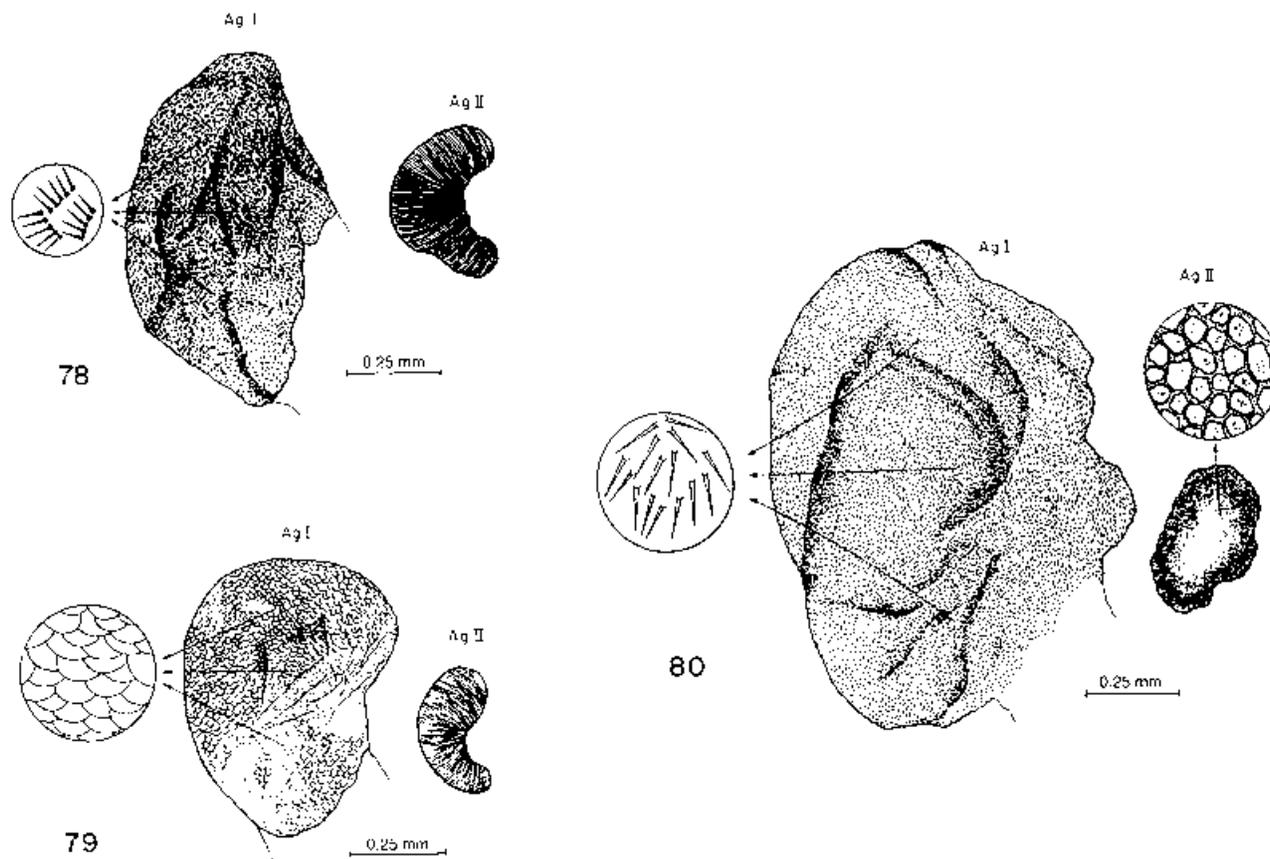
The Ratchet Parsimony search of NONA and WINCLADA (200 iterations, 10% of characters) yielded 32 most parsimonious trees (MPTs) of 284 steps [consistency index (CI), 0.35, retention index (RI), 0.77]. We repeated the search five times obtaining the same statistics as above. According to Sanderson and Donoghue (1989), the observed homoplasy (CI, 0.35) is slightly lower than expected for a data set of this size (56 taxa, CI, 0.33). Figure 81 is the strict consensus of the MPTs (L = 294, CI, 0.34, RI, 0.76). We now discuss the grouping and the characters supporting each group. Reconstructing charac-



Figs 72, 73. Ventral view of the female genitalia of (72) *Ceramida tangeriana* (synonymy of *C. malacensis* [Sanmartín and Martín-Piera (1999b)]) and (73) *Tanyproctus subciliatus*. Abbreviations as in Fig. 71



Figs 74–77. Different types of female genitalia of Pachydeminae in lateral view: (74) *Pachydema xanthochroa* (75) *Hemictenius opacipes* (76) *Tanyproctus subciliatus* (77) *Elaphocera capdebouii*. Abbreviations: s: setae of the bursa copulatrix; the rest of abbreviations as in Fig. 71



Figs 78–80. Female accessory glands (Ag I, Ag II) of (78) *Tanyproctus subciliatus* (79) *Elaphocera alonsoi*, and (80) *Ceramida bedeau*

ter evolution on a consensus tree is not recommendable because it requires tracing character changes in polytomies and the reconstruction might not be the most parsimonious one (Maddison and Maddison 1992). Figure 82 shows one of the 32 MPTs with the characters mapped on it. For each supporting character we list the corresponding state shared by the clade being discussed (e.g. character 4⁰ means character 4, state 0). However, conclusions about monophyly of the genera and their relationships would be based on the strict consensus of Fig. 81 because it presents those groupings strictly supported by the data (Nixon and Carpenter 1996).

(1) As expected, the phylogeny indicates a closer relationship between the Pachydeminae and the Melolonthinae than to the Sericinae (Fig. 81). It also supports Coca-Abia (1995)'s division of Melolonthinae into two tribes: Melolonthini (*Melolontha* – *Polyphylla*) and Rhizotrogini (*Pseudotrematodes* – *Aplidia*). More important for this study is the fact that the Palearctic genera of Pachydeminae form a monophyletic group within the subfamily. The monophyly is supported by four synapomorphies (Fig. 82): five-segmented antennal clubs (2¹), fifth and sixth abdominal sternites separated by a thick membrane (16¹), pro- and mesotarsal joints enlarged (20¹) and covered on the inner surface with a brush of small setae (19²), and three additional character state changes: ridge on posterior margin of pronotum (13⁰), long parameres relative to phallobase (36⁰), and V-shaped piece reaching temones (46⁰). The Melolonthinae are also separated from the Pachydeminae by one synapomorphy: abdominal sternites fused at middle (15⁰), as well as seven character states that otherwise appear in other

parts of the phylogeny of Pachydeminae: last funicular segment 'cup-shaped' (4⁰), frons not pubescent (7⁰), basally toothed male claws (21⁰), last segment of maxillary palps with ventral excavation (27⁰), square labium (30⁰), weak dorsal strangulation in the phallobase (37⁰), and apex of parameres with no lateral processes (43⁰).

Unexpectedly, however, the Afrotropical Pachydeminae *Sparrmannia* is included within the Melolonthinae, whereas the Nearctic *Phobetus* is placed as the sister group to the Palearctic Pachydeminae. Of the four synapomorphies mentioned above that separate the Palearctic from the non-Palearctic genera, enlarged and hairy tarsal segments (chs.19²–20¹) can be found in some Afrotropical genera (Lacroix 1997), whereas the presence of an abdominal membrane between the fifth and sixth segments (16¹) is problematic. Although this membrane is generally considered as a synapomorphy of Pachydeminae (Baraud 1992; Lacroix 2000), it is not clear that all non-Palearctic genera present it (see character description). Furthermore, coding both genera as presenting this membrane (ch16¹) did not change the topology of the cladogram, except for a loss of resolution in *Tanyproctus*. However, because both *Sparrmannia* and *Phobetus* are missing for all female characters, their placement in the cladogram and the monophyly of the Palearctic Pachydeminae should be taken with caution. On the other hand, Sanmartín and Martín-Piera (in prep.) have found differences in larval morphology between the Nearctic *Phobetus* and those Palearctic genera for which larvae have been described (*Ceramida*, *Hemictenius*, *Pachydemia* and *Tanyproctus*). These characters are related to the

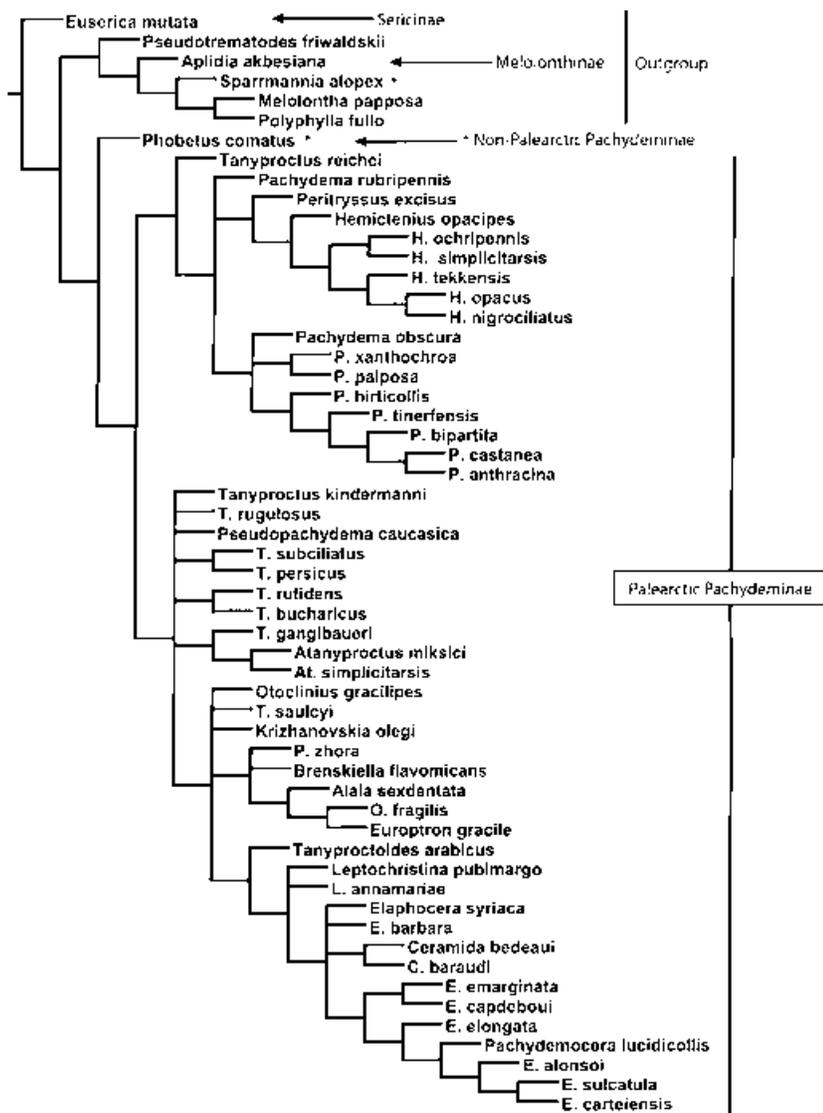


Fig. 81. Phylogeny of the Palearctic Pachydeminae. Strict consensus of 32 most parsimonious trees of 284 steps, CI = 0.35, RI = 0.77, obtained with the parsimony ratchet search (200 iterations, 6 characters per iteration) (Nixon 1999)

setation of head and last abdominal segment and the degree of reduction of metatarsal legs.

(2) The most basal split within the Palearctic Pachydeminae is between a clade including the monospecific *Peritryssus*, *Tanyproctus reichei*, and the large genera *Pachydema* and *Hemictenius*, and a second clade including the rest of genera (Fig. 81). The first clade is supported by two character states (Fig. 82): square labium (30⁰) and conduct of the spermatheca as long or shorter than the pouch (56¹). *Tanyproctus reichei* is placed basally in this clade. As mentioned above, the classification of this species in *Tanyproctus* is problematic because it shares character state with *Pachydema* and *Hemictenius* for most mouthpart (28⁰–30⁰) and genitalic characters (45⁰, 56¹, 58⁰), instead of with the rest of *Tanyproctus* species (28¹–30¹, 45¹, 56⁰, 58¹). *Pachydema* and *Hemictenius* (+ *Peritryssus*) form a monophyletic group, in polytomy with *P. rubripennis*, which is the sister-group to *T. reichei* (Fig. 81). Four character states support this sister group relationship (Fig. 82): last segment of maxillary palps with a distinct, excavated area (27⁰), endophallus with three areas of sensilla (48²), basal area of endophallus with a raspula of trichoid sensilla (51¹) and bursa copulatrix internally lined with setae (53⁰). *Peritryssus* is placed as the

sister group to *Hemictenius* but the relationship is only supported by pubescent margin of pronotum (9¹) and the sharp apex of parameres (42⁰). Moreover, some important male genitalic characters of *Peritryssus* could not be coded because of the poor state of conservation of the holotype (the only known specimen). The inclusion of the monospecific *Peritryssus* within the Palearctic Pachydeminae has been controversial (Baraud 1992) because *Peritryssus* presents an antennal club of three segments (2⁰) in contrast to the five to seven-jointed club of the rest of genera (2^{1–3}). Our analysis reveals that the remarkable *Peritryssus* is indeed a Pachydeminae that is defined by one synapomorphy: anal wing vein AA1 + 2 reduced to a sinus (31¹), and two derived features in the genitalia: an 'Y-shaped' spiculum gastrale with a robust vertical branch (34²), shared with *Ceramida*, and a strongly asymmetrical phallobase (38¹), also present in *Phobetor*, *Atanyproctus*, *Ceramida* and *Elaphocera*.

(3) *Pachydema*: This genus appears to be monophyletic, except for the position of *Pachydema zhora*, which is placed in the second clade, and *P. rubripennis*, located in a polytomy with *Hemictenius* and the rest of *Pachydema* species (Fig. 81). As mentioned above, the classification of *P. zhora* was problematic because this species differs considerably from the

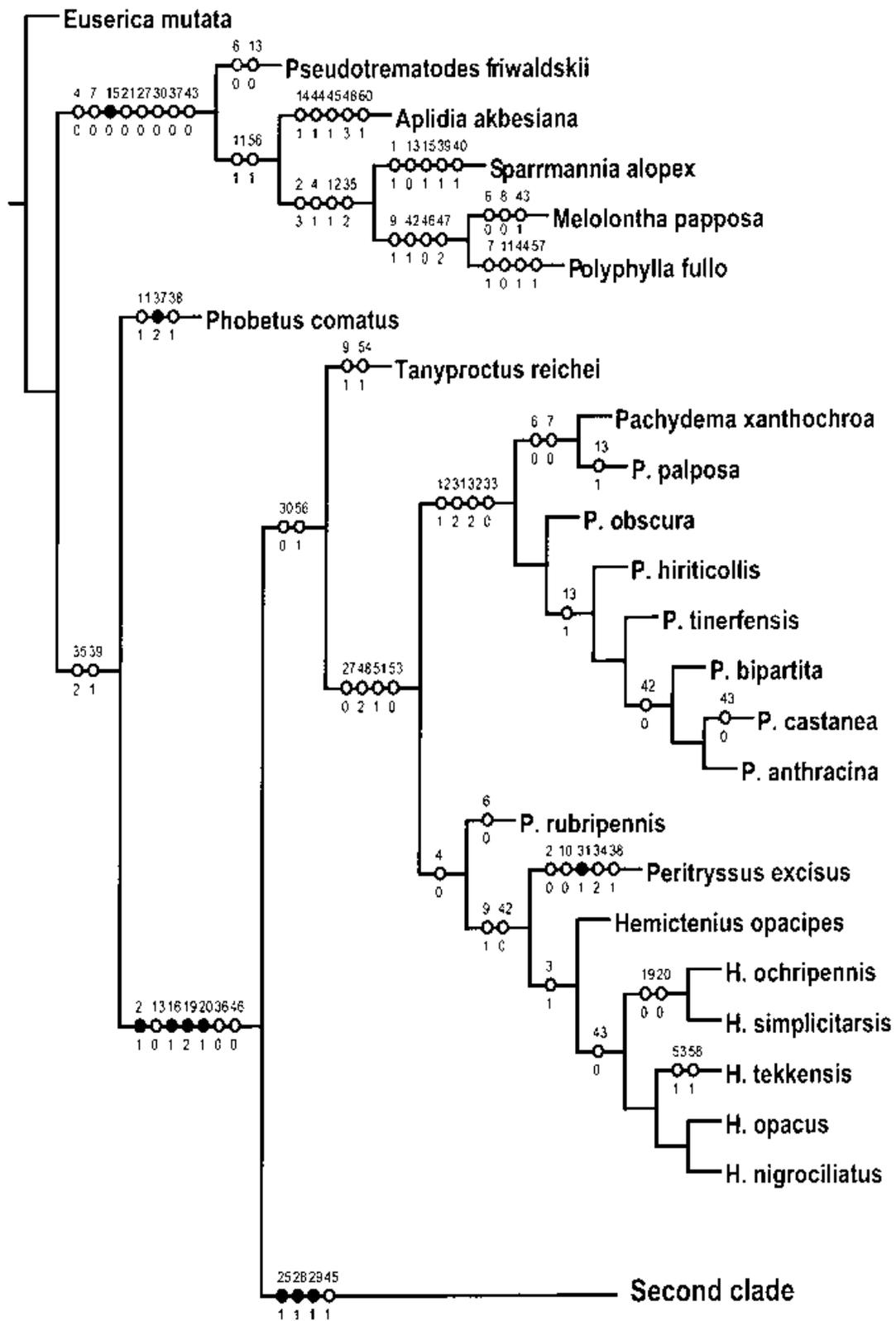


Fig. 82. One of the 32 MPTs. Characters mapped under the 'unambiguous characters only' option, using WINCLADA vs. 0.9.9 (Nixon 2000). Black circles indicate uniquely derived features, empty circles indicate characters that either reverse or evolved at least twice on the tree. The top figure on each character circle gives the character number of Table 2, whereas the bottom figure gives the character state

groundplan morphology of *Pachydema* on both external characters (1¹, 4⁰, 7¹, 12⁰), mouthparts (27¹–30¹), wing anatomy (31⁰, 32⁰), and genitalia (42², 43⁰). *Pachydema*

rubripennis, on the other hand, differs from the other species of *Pachydema* in that it presents for some characters of the external morphology (4⁰, 6⁰, 12⁰) and the wing anatomy

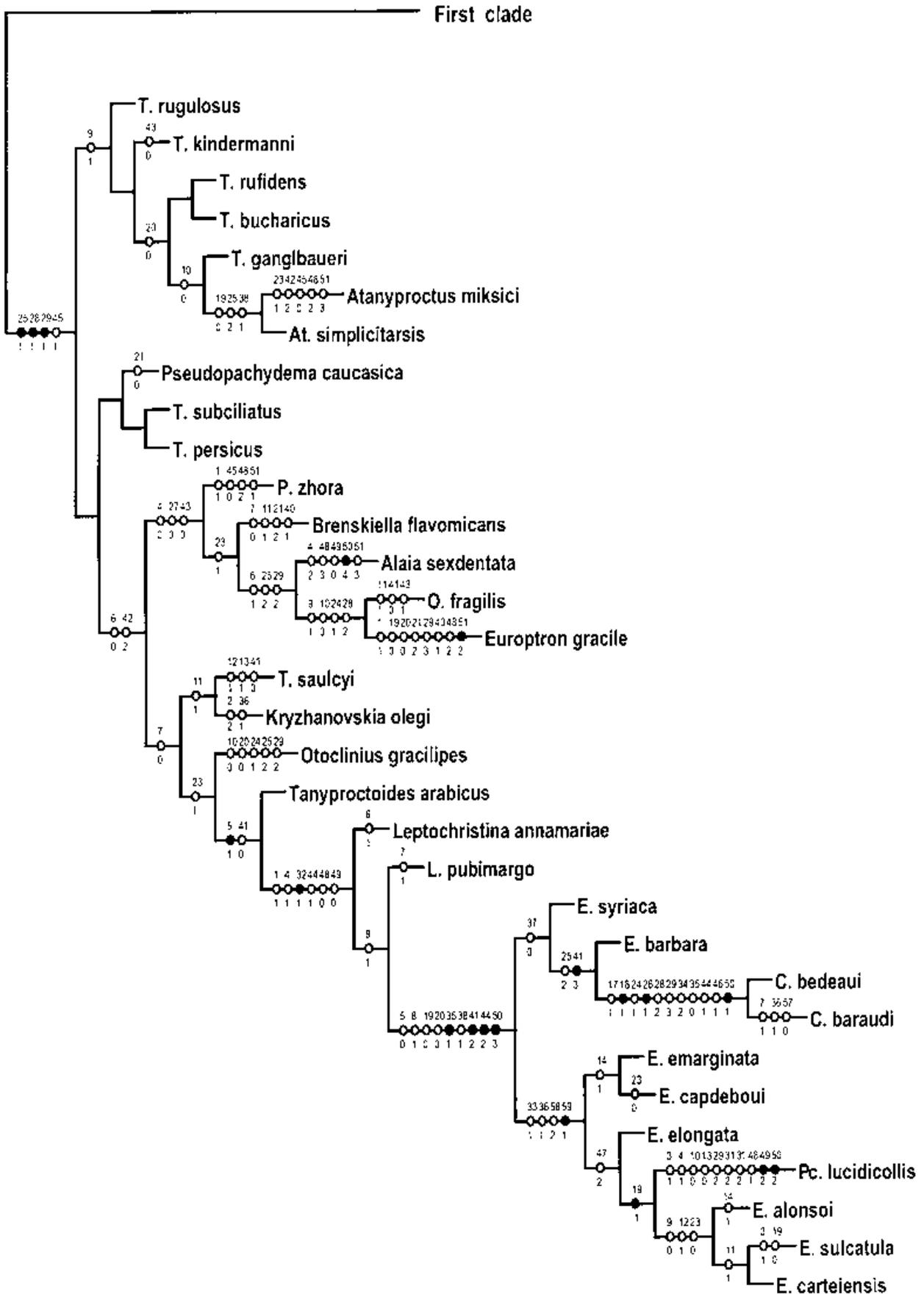


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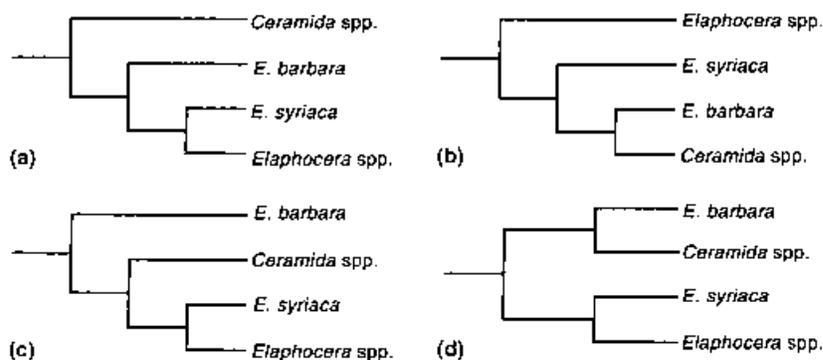


Fig. 83. Alternative arrangements of *Elaphocera barbara* and *E. syriaca* on the MPTs in relation to *Elaphocera* and *Ceramida*

(31⁰–32⁰) the same state as Melolonthinae, instead of the more derived state present in the rest of species.

Pachydema shares the same state with *Hemictenius* and the Melolonthinae for most mouthpart (23⁰–30⁰) and genitalic characters (36⁰, 38⁰, 40⁰, 44⁰–47⁰, 50⁰). The monophyly of *Pachydema* is supported by four character states: 12¹, 31²–32²–33⁰ (Fig. 82). The shape of the last segment of the antennal funicle, short and applied to the club (4²), has traditionally been used to separate *Pachydema* from the rest of genera (Baraud 1992) but it is not a good character because the segment is also applied to the club in *Tanyproctus*. The genus should instead be re-diagnosed based on the following character states: polygonal clypeus (1⁰), antennal club with five segments (2¹), enlarged tarsal joints (20¹) entirely covered with a brush of small setae (19²), well-developed mouthparts (23⁰–30⁰), male wings with anterior anal vein AA1 + 2 absent (31²) and anal region deeply sinuated (32²), fully winged females (33⁰), endophallus with a terminal diverticle (44⁰) and divided into three sensilliferous areas (48²), medial area of endophallus armed with sclerotized structures (45⁰) and raspulae (51¹), spermatheca narrow throughout (58⁰) and with a short conduct (56¹), and spermathecal gland inserted at the end of the spermathecal conduct (57⁰).

Within the genus, *Pachydema xanthochroa* Fairmaire, 1879 and *P. palposa* are sister-species, supported by the presence of pubescence on clypeus and frons (6⁰, 7⁰), whereas the clade *P. castanea* – *P. bipartita* – *P. anthracina* is supported by the sharp apex of parameres (42⁰). The phylogeny rejects the traditional classification of *Pachydema* into subgenera, according to which *P. rubripennis*, *P. zhora* and *P. anthracina* belong to the subgenus *Artia*, whereas *P. hirticollis* and *P. xanthochroa* belong to *Pachydema* s. str., and *P. palposa* to *Sparophysa* (Baraud 1985). The monophyly of the Canarian species is also rejected, as *P. castanea* and *P. bipartita* are more closely related to the African *P. anthracina* than to the Canarian *P. obscura* (Brullé, 1838) and *P. tinerfensis* Galante & Stebnicka, 1992. This suggests a multiple origin of the Canarian species from different African lineages, instead of a radiation from a common ancestor (Thorpe et al. 1993). Because the Canary islands are volcanic and were probably never connected with each other or the African continent (Anguita and Hernán 1975; Juan et al. 1995), dispersal is the most likely explanation for the colonization of the archipelago. This is further supported by the fact that *Pachydema* is the only known genus of Palearctic Pachydeminae where females are fully winged.

(4) *Hemictenius*: This genus appears as monophyletic (Fig. 81) but the monophyly is only supported by one character change (Fig. 82): the first segment of the antennal club half the length of the others (3¹), which has been used in the genus diagnosis (Baraud 1992). However, *Hemictenius* should also be diagnosed based on the following character states (some of them shared with *Pachydema*): antennal club of five segments (2¹), last segment of funicle short and cup-shaped (4⁰), well-developed mouthparts (23⁰–30⁰), male wings complete (31⁰–32⁰), females with vestigial wings (33³), sharp apex of parameres (42⁰), endophallus terminally diverticled (44⁰), divided into three sensilliferous areas (48²), and armed with sclerotized structures (45⁰) and raspulae (51¹), short spermathecal conduct (56¹), spermathecal gland inserted at the base of the spermathecal conduct (57¹), and pouch of spermatheca ‘barrel-shaped’ (58²). Within the genus, *H. ochripennis* Reitter, 1902 and *H. simplicitarsis* Reitter, 1897 form a monophyletic group defined by the absence of a setal brush on the tarsal joints (19⁰) and the cylindrical shape of the joints (20⁰). This is in agreement with current identification keys for *Hemictenius* (Nikolajev 1987) in which both tarsal characters are used to separate a basal group of species (*H. ochripennis*, *H. simplicitarsis* and *H. comatus* Nikolajev, 1975) from the rest. Nikolajev (2000) included *Hemictenius tekkensis* within the new genus *Asiactenius*. The phylogeny nests *H. tekkensis* within *Hemictenius* as sister-group to *H. nigrociliatus* Reitter, 1897 and *H. opacus* (Ball., 1870). Given that *Asiactenius* differs from *Hemictenius* by only one character (basal enlargement of the male meso- and metatarsal claws), *Asiactenius* could simply be a subgenus of *Hemictenius* or another internal basal group, such as *H. ochripennis* – *H. comatus* – *H. simplicitarsis*.

(5) *Tanyproctus*: This genus can be rejected as polyphyletic. Apart from *T. reichei*, *T. saulcyi* is included into a different clade than the rest, whereas *T. ganglbaueri* (Brenske, 1897) is grouped with two species of *Atanyproctus*, *A. miksici* and *A. simplicitarsis*, and the rest of the genus is not resolved. This result is not unexpected because *Tanyproctus* as a genus is not supported by a single synapomorphy. The genus has traditionally been defined by a five jointed-antennal club with the last segment of funicle long and nonapplied to the club (Baraud 1992). However, as mentioned above, this is not a good diagnostic character, first, because the last funicular segment is actually applied to the club in *Tanyproctus* (4²), the length varying among species, and, second, because this condition is shared with the species of *Pachydema*. The rest of character states shared by the species of *Tanyproctus* are all present in other genera (symplesiomorphic).

The phylogeny apparently supports the monophyly of *Atanyproctus* (Fig. 81). This genus differs from *Tanyproctus* by the absence of a brush of setae on the tarsal joints (19⁰) (Baraud 1992) but this analysis points out two more derived features: epipharynx with very reduced areas of setae (25²) and phallobase with an asymmetrical basal ostium (38¹). However, as shown in Fig. 82, *A. miksici* differs from *A. simplicitarsis* in numerous characters of the male genitalia (42², 45⁰, 48², 51³), and the same differences have been observed between *A. ernae* Petrovitz, 1980 and *A. afghanus* Petrovitz, 1968 (see Appendix).

(6) The phylogeny recognizes the existence of a new clade comprising *Pachydema zhora*, *Europton gracile* Marseul 1867, *Otoclinus fragilis* and the monospecific genera, *Brenskiella* and *Alaia* (Fig. 81). Three character states diagnose this new group (Fig. 82): antennal funicle short and cup-shaped (4⁰), distinct sensorial area in the last segment of maxillary palp (27⁰), and apex of parameres without lateral process (43⁰). Yet, as indicated by the long branches, species of this group differ considerably from each other. Up to eight character states separates *Europton gracile* from *Otoclinus fragilis*, whereas their sister-group relationship is supported by four states, two of them related to the mouthparts: a tongue-shaped labrum (24¹) and a very reduced galea (28²).

According to this new grouping, the genus *Otoclinus* is not monophyletic, with *O. gracilipes* Brenske 1896 and *O. fragilis* Petrovitz, 1980 in different clades (Fig. 81). It also rejects Baraud (1992)'s suggestion that *Otoclinus* should be included within *Pachydema*. *Otoclinus* comprises five Iranian species: *O. gracilipes*, *O. fragilis*, *O. schauffelei* Petrovitz, 1958, *O. richteri* Petrovitz, 1958, and *O. loebli* Baraud, 1991 (Baraud 1991). The species are characterized by an orangish coloration, very short clypeus and long tarsus. These similarities, however, may be convergences because *O. gracilipes* and *O. fragilis* differ in numerous diagnostic characters (4^{0,2}, 6^{0,1}, 7^{0,1}, 9^{0,1}, 11^{0,1}, 20^{0,1}, 27^{0,1}, 28^{1,2}, 41^{0,1}), and the same differences have been observed between the other two species studied, *O. loebli* and *O. schauffelei* (Appendix). Indeed, the study of the type material shows that *O. schauffelei* and *O. loebli* are identical to *O. fragilis* and *O. gracilipes*, respectively, for all characters here analysed so we propose the synonymy of these species (see Discussion).

(7) *Leptochristina*: This genus is the sister-group to the Mediterranean genera *Ceramida*, *Elaphocera*, and *Pachydemocera* (Fig. 81). The grouping is supported by one synapomorphy (Fig. 82): wing anal region in males slightly sinuated (32¹) and five character changes: a rounded clypeus (1¹), antennal funicle long and stick-shaped (4¹), and simple endophallous (44¹) with only a medial area of sensilla (48⁰) and distal area absent (49⁰). They also share a seven-jointed antennae (2³). *Tanyproctoides arabicus* is the sister group to this clade, sharing with *Leptochristina* the last segment of funicle inserted far from the base of the club (5¹) and the straight profile of parameres (41⁰).

Relationships within *Leptochristina* are not resolved in the consensus (Fig. 81) so the genus can be either para- or monophyletic. *Leptochristina pubimargo* Reitter, 1902 and *L. annamariae* Baraud and Branco, 1991 differ on the pubescence of the clypeus (6^{0,1}), frons (7^{0,1}) and anterior margin of pronotum (9^{0,1}), and on the presence of a ridge on the posterior margin of pronotum (13^{0,1}). Yet, the genitalia, mouthparts and wing anatomy are similar in both species.

(8) *Elaphocera*: The sister-group relationship between the three Mediterranean genera, *Ceramida*, *Elaphocera* and *Pachydemocera*, is the best supported in the phylogeny. Up to nine character state changes, four of them true synapomorphies, supports this relationship: last funicular segment near the base of the club (5⁰), inner margin of clypeus pubescent (8¹), tarsal joints with a brush of setae (19⁰) and cylindrical (20⁰), vestigial sternite of genital segment reduced (35¹), and an asymmetrical basal ostium (38¹), profile of parameres sickle-shaped or elbowed near the middle (41²⁻³), endophallus with a secondary sac attached to temones (44²), and medial area of endophallus covered with numerous types of sensilla (50³).

The monophyly of *Elaphocera* is not clear from the analysis. The strict consensus shows *E. barbara* and *E. syriaca* in a tetratomy with *Ceramida* and the remaining species of *Elaphocera* (Fig. 81). Figure 83 shows the four possible positions of these two species on the MPTs in relation to *Elaphocera* and *Ceramida*. In general, *Elaphocera barbara* is placed closer to *Ceramida* than *E. syriaca*. Furthermore, an unpublished analysis including all species of *Elaphocera* and *Ceramida* showed the same grouping as Fig. 83d, with *E. barbara* as sister-group to *Ceramida*, and *E. syriaca* as the most basal species of *Elaphocera*. Indeed, *E. syriaca* is placed in this position in 27 out of 32 MPTs. *Elaphocera barbara* has traditionally been included within *Elaphocera* on the basis of two diagnostic characters (Baraud 1992): inner spine of fore tibiae behind the second outer tooth (17⁰) and first joint of hind tarsus equal to the second (18⁰). These character states, however, are present in most genera of Pachydeminae (symplesiomorphies). In contrast, *E. barbara* shares the same state as *Ceramida* for several characters: non-pointed metacoxae (14⁰), areas of setae in epipharynx very reduced (25²), long parameres relative to phallobase (36⁰), weak dorsal strangulation in phallobase (37⁰), parameres elbowed near the middle (41³), and 'V'-shaped piece only one third of the length of temones (47⁰). *Elaphocera syriaca* presents the same state as *Ceramida* for three of these characters (14⁰, 36⁰, 37⁰).

Excluding *E. barbara* and *E. syriaca*, *Elaphocera* is a monophyletic genus defined by three character states (Fig. 82): brachypterous females (33¹), parameres shorter than phallobase (36¹), pouch of spermatheca 'barrel'-shaped (58²), and one synapomorphy, spheric spermathecal gland (59¹). The species of *Elaphocera* are also characterized by a phallobase with a strong dorsal strangulation (37¹), elongated 'V' shaped-piece (47^{1,2}), and female accessory gland I covered with basiconic setae (61¹).

(9) *Pachydemocera*: The phylogeny clusters the only species of this genus, *Pachydemocera lucidicollis* (Kraatz, 1882), within *Elaphocera* (Fig. 81) so the generic status of *Pachydemocera* should be revised (see Discussion). In addition to the derived features above mentioned, *Pachydemocera* shares with *Elaphocera* a large number of morphological features: slightly developed mouthparts (25¹–28¹, 30⁰), vestigial sternite of the genital segment not entirely developed (35¹), phallobase with an asymmetrical basal ostium (38¹), and endophallus with a secondary sac (44²). Baraud (1992) distinguished *Pachydemocera* from *Elaphocera* by the first segment of the antennal club half the length of the rest (3¹), but this condition is also present in the North African species *Elaphocera sulcatula*. Furthermore, the external morphology of *Pachydemocera lucidicollis* is strikingly similar to that of the eastern Mediterranean species of *Elaphocera*. Indeed, Kraatz (1882) originally described *Pachydemocera lucidicollis* as *Elaphocera lucidicollis*. Reitter

(1902) subsequently erected the new genus *Pachydemocera* for this species and included two new species, *P. pubimargo* and *P. pubicavula*. Petrovitz (1962) described a fourth species, *Pachydemocera variabilis*. Finally, Baraud and Branco (1991) divided *Pachydemocera* into two different genera: *Pachydemocera s. str.* Reitter, 1902 comprising *P. lucidicollis*, and the new genus *Leptochristina* Baraud and Branco, 1991; comprising *L. pubimargo*, *L. pubicavula*, *L. variabilis*, and a new species, *L. annamariae*. Although our analysis indicates that Baraud and Branco's division was right, they failed to notice the resemblance between *Pachydemocera* and *Elaphocera*. The same characters employed to separate *Pachydemocera* from *Leptochristina* indicate the identity between *Pachydemocera* and *Elaphocera*.

(10) *Ceramida*: The monophyly of this genus is the best supported in the phylogeny (Fig. 82). *Ceramida* is diagnosed by up to 11 character-state changes, three of them true synapomorphies. The genus should be re-diagnosed by the following characters: inner spine of fore tibiae ahead or in front of second outer tooth (17¹), first segment of hind tarsus distinctly longer than the second (18¹), tongue-shaped labrum (24¹), areas of setae in epipharynx very reduced (25²), last segment of maxillary palp elongated and stick-shaped (26¹), galea unarmed and very reduced (28²), reduced mandibles with a sharp scissorial area (29³), females with vestigial wings (33³), Y-shaped spiculum gastrale with a long robust vertical branch (34²), reduced vestigial sternite (35⁰), simple endophallus (44¹), V-shaped piece not reaching temones (46¹), medial area of endophallus covered with trichoid and finger-shaped sensilla (50¹), female accessory gland I more than three times the size of accessory gland II (60¹), and accessory gland II covered with rhombus-shaped plaques (62¹).

Discussion

It would be premature to translate the phylogeny presented here into a new classification of the Palearctic Pachydeminae because some groups are weakly supported and a more complete set of female characters would be desirable. However, several conclusions can be drawn from the analysis that concern the relationships among genera and their monophyly. The Palearctic Pachydeminae are monophyletic with respect to the Melolonthinae and form a monophyletic group within the entire subfamily, although the latter should be re-evaluated using other non-Palearctic genera. The phylogeny shows that most characters from the male external morphology that have been used in the diagnosis of the genera are either plesiomorphic or highly homoplastic, e.g. the shape of the last funicular segment or the enlargement of the male tarsal joints. Instead, characters from the mouthparts, wing anatomy and genitalia are far more conservative and therefore provide better synapomorphies for the definition of genera and their relationships.

Peritryssus is confirmed as a Pachydeminae and it is placed as the sister-group to *Hemictenius*. This remarkable genus presents some unique characters (e.g. three-jointed antennal clubs, anal wing AA1 + 2 reduced to a sinus, asymmetrical phallobase), some of them shared with other non-Palearctic genera. The monophyly of some of the largest genera, such as *Hemictenius* and *Ceramida*, is demonstrated although their current diagnosis is based on plesiomorphic characters. They should instead be re-diagnosed on the basis of the new characters studied here, mainly from the mouthparts and

genitalia. Apart from *P. zhora* and *P. rubripennis*, the phylogeny supports the monophyly of *Pachydeminae* but rejects the traditional division into species-groups and the monophyly of the endemic Canarian species. *Elaphocera* is also monophyletic if *E. barbara* is excluded, this species presenting the same state as *Ceramida* for many mouthpart and genital characters. *Tanyproctus* can be rejected as polyphyletic because, even though new species could be added to the analysis, it is unlikely that they would render the genus monophyletic. This is not surprising since the diagnosis of *Tanyproctus* was based on symplesiomorphies. *Leptochristina* is either mono- or paraphyletic, being the sister-group to the three Mediterranean genera *Ceramida*, *Elaphocera* and *Pachydemocera*. A sister-group relationship between these three genera is the best supported by the data set.

This study also highlights the question of whether the smallest genera of Pachydeminae are necessary from a phylogenetic viewpoint. The position of *Kryzhanovskia* and *Pseudopachydemina* could not be resolved, whereas *Atanyproctus* is grouped with some species of *Tanyproctus* in the cladogram. The monotypic *Alaia* and *Brenskiella* could be merged into one genus with *Europroctus* (together with *Pachydemina zhora* and *Otoclinus fragilis*) but the grouping should be confirmed by the inclusion of the other two species of *Europroctus* (*E. confusum* Marseul, 1878 and *E. atlanticum* Bezdek et al., 1999). *Otoclinus* is probably polyphyletic but we would need to study *O. richteri* to confirm it. However, Baraud (1992)'s suggestion that *Otoclinus* should be included within *Pachydemina* is rejected by the phylogeny.

Based on the set of characters here analysed, we propose the synonymy of the following species of *Otoclinus*:

Otoclinus shauffelei Petrovitz, 1958 (Stutt. Beitr. Naturk. 8, 5–7)

= *Otoclinus fragilis* Petrovitz, 1980 (Ann. Naturhist. Mus. Wien 83, 629–631 syn. nov.)

Otoclinus gracilipes Brenske, 1896 (Berliner Entom. Zeitsch. 41, 320–322)

= *Otoclinus loebli* Braud, 1991 (Archs. Sci. Genève 44, 289–291 syn. nov.)

Finally, the phylogeny nests the monotypic *Pachydemocera* within *Elaphocera* so we propose here the following junior synonym:

Elaphocera Gené, 1836. (Ann. Soc. Entomol. Fr., 5, Bull. (1): (III)

= *Pachydemocera* Reitter, 1902. (Best. Tab., 50: 105 syn. nov.)

Elaphocera lucidicollis Kraatz, 1882. (Deuts. Ent. Zeitschr., 26, 31)

= *Pachydemocera lucidicollis* Kraatz, 1882. (Reitter 1902. Best. Tab., 50: 106)

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Zusammenfassung

Erste phylogenetische Analyse der Subfamilie Pachydeminae (Coleoptera, Scarabaeoidea, Melolonthidae): Die paläarktischen Pachydeminae

Diese Arbeit enthält die erste phylogenetische Analyse der Pachydeminae Reitter 1902, einer der am wenigsten bekannten Subfamilie der Melolonthidae (Blattkäfer – Scarabaeoidea, Coleoptera). Einige Arten der Pachydeminae haben sich in Südspanien in der letzten Zeit zu landwirtschaftlichen Schädlingen entwickelt. Wir haben die phylogenetischen Beziehungen von 49 Arten aus der paläarktischen Region anhand von 63 morphologischen Merkmalen der externen Morphologie, der Flügelanatomie, der Mundwerkzeuge und der männlichen und weiblichen Genitalia der adulten Tiere analysiert. Die letzten drei genannten Merkmale werden hier das erste Mal beschrieben. Die phylogenetische Analyse zeigt, daß die palaarktischen Pachydeminae innerhalb der Unterfamilie monophyletisch sind. Die Mundwerkzeuge und die männlichen und weiblichen Genitalia ergeben die besten Synapomorphien zur Beurteilung der Beziehungen zwischen den Gattungen. Im Gegensatz dazu sind die meisten der in der Taxonomie der Pachydeminae benutzten externen morphologischen Merkmale stark homoplastisch. Die Phylogenie zeigt eine basale Aufspaltung zwischen den Gattungen *Hemictenius* Reitter 1897, *Pachydema* Castelnau 1832 und der monospezifischen Gattung *Peritryssus* Reitter 1918 und einer zweiten Clade, die den Rest der Gattungen enthält. Es ist erwähnenswert, daß die Zugehörigkeit von *Peritryssus* zu den Pachydeminae als Schwestergruppe zur monophyletischen Gattung *Hemictenius* bestätigt wird. Mit Ausnahme der Stellung von *P. rupripennis* (Lucas, 1848), und *P. zhora* Normand, 1951, unterstützt die phylogenetische Analyse die Monophylie von *Pachydema*, verwirft aber die traditionelle Einteilung die Artengruppen und die Monophylie der auf den Kanaren endemischen Arten. Die Gattung *Tanyproctus* Faldermann, 1835, muß hingegen als polyphyletisch abgelehnt werden. Wahrscheinlich ist auch *Octoclinus* Brenske, 1896, polyphyletische (zwei synonyme Arten), während *Leptochristina* Baraud & Branco, 1891, entweder mono- oder paraphyletisch sind. Die beiden mediterranen Gattungen *Ceramida* Baraud, 1897, und *Elaphocera* Gené, 1836, bilden eine monophyletische Gruppe, was von den Daten her die beste Unterstützung erfährt *Ceramida* ist eindeutig monophyletisch, während *Elaphocera* mit Ausnahme von *E. barbara* Rambur, 1843, welche mit den Arten der Gattung *Ceramida* in der Charakterausprägung zahlreicher merkmale der Mundwerkzeuge und der Genitalia Gemeinsamkeiten aufweist, wahrscheinlich monophyletisch ist. Die phylogenetische Analyse stellt die kleinen, monophyletischen Gattungen der Pachydeminae in Frage. Die monotypischen Gattungen *Alaia* Petrovitz, 1980, und *Brenskiella* Berg, 1898, sind mit *Europton* Marseul, 1867, in einer Clade vereint, während *Atanyproctus* Petrovitz, 1954, zusammen mit einigen Arten von *Tanyproctus*, und der monotypischen Gattung *Pachydemocera* Reitter, 1902, zusammen gruppiert werden, wobei *Elaphocera* als neues Synonym vorgeschlagen wird.

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Appendix

List of material studied for the phylogeny of the Palaearctic Pachydeminae. For each genus, the number of species studied, the percentage with respect to the total number of species and the distribution of the genus are indicated. The total number of species was obtained from the references indicated between parentheses

Genus <i>Tanyproctus</i> Faldermann, 1835	Species studied
	<i>T. bucharicus</i> (Reitter, 1897)
	<i>T. confinis</i> Motschulsky, 1859
	<i>T. eversmanni</i> Reitter, 1902
	<i>T. ganglbaueri</i> (Brenske, 1897)
	<i>T. iranicus</i> Petrovitz, 1968
	<i>T. jordanicus</i> Baraud, 1990
	<i>T. kindermanni</i> (Reiche, 1861)
	<i>T. ovatus</i> Motschulsky, 1859
	<i>T. pamphilus</i> Petrovitz, 1967
	<i>T. persicus</i> (Ménétries, 1832)
	<i>T. reichei</i> (Rambur, 1843)
	<i>T. rufidens</i> (Marseul, 1879)
	<i>T. rugulosus</i> Fairmaire, 1892
	<i>T. riparius</i> Petrovitz, 1963
	<i>T. satanas</i> Reitter, 1902
	<i>T. sauleyi</i> (Reiche, 1856)
	<i>T. speculator</i> Petrovitz, 1963
	<i>T. subciliatus</i> Reitter, 1902
	<i>T. verryi</i> Fairmaire, 1884
No. species studied	19
Total species (Lacroix 2000)	90 (Approx.)
Distribution:	From Greece and Tunis to China
Transcaucasus	(Middle East, Caucasus, Iran, Afghanistan)
% Total	21%
Genus <i>Hemictenius</i> Reitter, 1897	Species studied
	<i>H. gracilipes</i> (Semenov, 1890)
	<i>H. latitarsis</i> (Reitter, 1891)
	<i>H. lebedevi</i> Reitter, 1908
	<i>H. magnitarsis</i> Reitter, 1897
	<i>H. nigrociiliatus</i> Reitter, 1897
	<i>H. opacipes</i> Reitter, 1902
	<i>H. opacus</i> (Ball., 1870)
	<i>H. ochripennis</i> Reitter, 1902
	<i>H. simplicitarsis</i> Reitter, 1897
	<i>H. tekkensis</i> (Reitter, 1889)*
No. species studied	10
Total species (Nikolajev 1987, 2000)	25
Distribution:	Central Asia
% Total	40%

*This species is currently included in *Asiactenius* Nikolajev, 2000.

Genus <i>Pachydema</i> Castelnau, 1832		Genus <i>Elaphocera</i> Gené, 1836	
	Species studied		Species studied
	<i>P. anthracina</i> Fairmaire, 1860		<i>E. alonsoi</i> López-Colón, 1992
	<i>P. bipartita</i> (Brullé, 1838)		<i>E. ampla</i> Báguena, 1955
	<i>P. carthagenensis</i> (Rambur, 1843)		<i>E. angusta</i> Kraatz, 1882
	<i>P. castanea</i> (Brullé, 1838)		<i>E. ardoini</i> Baraud, 1966
	<i>P. fortunatorum</i> Baraud, 1985		<i>E. autumnalis</i> Motschulsky, 1859
	<i>P. fuscipennis</i> (Brullé, 1838)		<i>E. baetica</i> Sáez-Bolaño, 1993
	<i>P. hirticollis</i> (Fabricius, 1787)		<i>E. baguena</i> Mancini, 1925
	<i>P. hornbecki</i> Lucas, 1859		<i>E. barbara</i> Rambur, 1843
	<i>P. jeannei</i> Baraud, 1980		<i>E. bicolora</i> Baraud, 1966
	<i>P. lesnei</i> Peyerimhoff, 1927		<i>E. cacerensis</i> (López-Colón & Rodríguez-Arias, 1986)
	<i>P. marmottani</i> Fairmaire, 1868		<i>E. capdebouvi</i> Schaufuss, 1882
	<i>P. menieri</i> Baraud, 1985		<i>E. carteiensis</i> Rambur, 1843
	<i>P. nitidicollis</i> Fairmaire, 1876		<i>E. christina</i> Baraud, 1966
	<i>P. obscurata</i> Fairmaire, 1883		<i>E. churianensis</i> Rambur, 1843
	<i>P. obscura</i> (Brullé, 1838)		<i>E. cretica</i> Reitter, 1902
	<i>P. obscurella</i> (Wollaston, 1864)		<i>E. elongata</i> Schaufuss, 1874
	<i>P. palposa</i> Reitter, 1902		<i>E. emarginata</i> (Gyllenhal, 1817)
	<i>P. rubripennis</i> (Lucas, 1848)		<i>E. erberi</i> Kraatz, 1882
	<i>P. tinerfensis</i> Galante & Stebnicka, 1992		<i>E. erichsoni</i> Jaquelin du Val, 1860
	<i>P. valdani</i> Lucas, 1859		<i>E. ferreri</i> (López-Colón & Plaza-Lama, 1989)
	<i>P. wollastoni</i> Peyerimhoff, 1927		<i>E. gracilis</i> (Waltl, 1838)
	<i>P. xanthochroa</i> Fairmaire, 1879		<i>E. heydeni</i> Kraatz, 1882
	<i>P. zhora</i> Normand, 1951		<i>E. hiemalis</i> Erichson, 1840
No. species studied	23		<i>E. hirticollis</i> Kraatz, 1882
Total species (Baraud 1985, 1994; López-Colón 1999; Lacroix 2000)	98		<i>E. hispalensis</i> Rambur, 1843
Distribution	Canary Islands, North Africa (from Morocco to Middle East)		<i>E. ibicensis</i> Escalera, 1926
% Total	23.5%		<i>E. insularis</i> Fairmaire, 1877
			<i>E. lajonquierei</i> Baraud, 1966
			<i>E. margaritae</i> (Blanco-Villero, 1988)
			<i>E. martini</i> López-Colón, 1993
			<i>E. martorelli</i> Fairmaire, 1879
			<i>E. nigroftabellata</i> Burmeister, 1855
			<i>E. nupcialis</i> Ruiz & Ávila, 1995
			<i>E. ochsi</i> Baraud, 1987
			<i>E. pereplozei</i> Ruiz, 1996
			<i>E. phungae</i> Baraud, 1987
			<i>E. segurensis</i> (Escalera, 1923)
			<i>E. staudingeri</i> Reitter, 1902
			<i>E. sulcatula</i> Fairmaire, 1884
			<i>E. suturalis</i> Schaufuss, 1874
			<i>E. syriaca</i> Kraatz, 1882
			<i>E. tethys</i> Reitter, 1902
			<i>E. torressalai</i> Báguena, 1955
		No. species studied	43
		Total species (Baraud 1992, Sanmartín & Martín-Piera 1999a)	43
		Distribution	Mediterranean (From Greece-Middle East to Spain), North Africa (Morocco, Algeria)
		% Total	100%
Genus <i>Ceramida</i> Baraud, 1987			
	Species studied		
	<i>Ceramida adusta</i> (Kraatz, 1882)		
	<i>Ceramida baraudi</i> (Branco, 1981)		
	<i>Ceramida bedeau</i> (Erichson, 1840)		
	<i>Ceramida brancoi</i> (Baraud, 1975)		
	<i>Ceramida brandeiroi</i> (Flach, 1906)		
	<i>Ceramida cobosi</i> (Báguena, 1955)		
	<i>Ceramida dinizi</i> (Branco, 1981)		
	<i>Ceramida longitarsis</i> (Illiger, 1803)		
	<i>Ceramida malacensis</i> (Rambur, 1843)		
	<i>Ceramida mauritanica</i> (Rambur, 1843)		
	<i>Ceramida moelleri</i> (Flach, 1906)		
No. species studied	11		
Total species (Sanmartín & Martín-Piera 1999b)	11		
Distribution	Iberian Peninsula, Morocco, Algeria		
% Total	100%		

Genus	Species studied	Distribution	Total species	% Total
<i>Europteron</i> Marseul, 1867	<i>E. confusum</i> Marseul, 1878 <i>E. gracile</i> Marseul, 1867	Algeria, Morocco	3 (Bezdek et al. 1999)	66.7%
<i>Peritryssus</i> Reitter, 1918	<i>P. excisus</i> Reitter, 1918	Sicilia	1 (Baraud 1992)	100%
<i>Brenskiella</i> Berg, 1898	<i>B. flavomicans</i> (Brenske, 1896)	Israel	1 (Baraud 1992)	100%
<i>Alaia</i> Petrovitz, 1980	<i>A. sexdentata</i> Petrovitz, 1980	Iran, Afghanistan	1 (Petrovitz 1980)	100%
<i>Tanyproctoides</i> Petrovitz, 1971	<i>T. arabicus</i> (Arrow, 1932)	Saudi Arabia, Kuwait	1 (Petrovitz 1971)	100%
<i>Atanyproctus</i> Petrovitz, 1954	<i>A. afghanus</i> Petrovitz, 1968 <i>A. ernae</i> Petrovitz, 1980 <i>A. miksici</i> Petrovitz, 1965 <i>A. simplicatarsis</i> Petrovitz, 1954	Afghanistan, Iran	6 (Petrovitz 1980)	67%
<i>Otoclinius</i> Brenske, 1896	<i>O. fragilis</i> Petrovitz, 1980 <i>O. gracilipes</i> Brenske, 1896 <i>O. loebli</i> Baraud, 1991 <i>O. schauffelei</i> Petrovitz, 1958	Iran	5 (Baraud 1991)	80%
<i>Pachydemocera</i> Reitter, 1902	<i>P. lucidicollis</i> (Kraatz, 1882)	Rhodes, Syria	1 (Baraud 1992)	100%
<i>Leptochristina</i> Baraud & Branco, 1991	<i>L. annamariae</i> Baraud & Branco, 1991 <i>L. pubicavula</i> (Reitter, 1902) <i>L. pubimargo</i> (Reitter, 1902) <i>L. variabilis</i> (Petrovitz, 1962)	Syria, Turkey, Iraq, Israel	4 (Baraud and Branco 1991)	100%
<i>Pseudopachydema</i> Balthasar, 1930	<i>P. caucasica</i> Balthasar, 1930*	Azerbaïdjan, Caucase	1 (Baraud 1992)	100%
<i>Kryzhanovskia</i> Nikolajev & Kabakov, 1977	<i>K. olegi</i> Nikolajev & Kabakov, 1977 *	Afghanistan	1 (Nicolajev and Kabakov 1977)	100%

* Coded from the original description.

Palaearctic genera not included in this study (Lacroix 2000): *Phalangonyx* Reitter, 1889, *Jalalabadia* Balthasar, 1967, *Buettikeria* Sabatinelli & Pontuale, 1998, *Asiactenius* Nikolajev, 2000 (see text).