

1 **Integrative taxonomy of *Metrichia* Ross (Trichoptera: Hydroptilidae:**
2 **Ochrotrichiinae) microcaddisflies from Brazil: descriptions of twenty new**
3 **species**

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17 **ABSTRACT**

18 *Metrichia* Ross is assigned to the Ochrotrichiinae, a group of almost exclusively Neotropical
19 microcaddisflies. *Metrichia* comprises over 100 described species and, despite its diversity,
20 only one species has been described from Brazil so far. In this paper, we provide descriptions
21 for 20 new species from 8 Brazilian states: *M. acuminata* **sp. nov.**, *M. azul* **sp. nov.**, *M. bonita*
22 **sp. nov.**, *M. bracui* **sp. nov.**, *M. caraca* **sp. nov.**, *M. circuliforme* **sp. nov.**, *M. curta* **sp. nov.**,
23 *M. farofa* **sp. nov.**, *M. forceps* **sp. nov.**, *M. formosinha* **sp. nov.**, *M. goiana* **sp. nov.**, *M.*
24 *itabaiana* **sp. nov.**, *M. longissima* **sp. nov.**, *M. peluda* **sp. nov.**, *M. rafaeli* **sp. nov.**, *M.*
25 *simples* **sp. nov.**, *M. talhada* **sp. nov.**, *M. tere* **sp. nov.**, *M. ubajara* **sp. nov.**, and *M. vulgaris*
26 **sp. nov.** DNA barcode (mitochondrial gene COI) sequences were generated for 13 of the new
27 species and two previously known species of *Metrichia* resulting in 64 sequences, 577 bp
28 long after editing. In addition, COI sequences were obtained for other Ochrotrichiinae
29 (*Angrisanoia*, *Nothotrichia*, *Ochrotrichia*, *Ragatrichia*, and *Rhyacopsyche*). DNA sequences
30 and morphology were used in an integrative sense, to evaluate species delimitations. K2P
31 pairwise distances were calculated to generate a neighbor-joining tree. COI sequences also
32 were submitted to ABGD and GMYC methods to assess 'potential species' delimitation.
33 Analyses showed a conspicuous barcoding gap among *Metrichia* sequences (highest
34 intraspecific divergence: 4.8%; lowest interspecific divergence: 12.6%). Molecular analyses
35 also allowed the association of larvae and adults of *Metrichia bonita* **sp. nov.** from Mato
36 Grosso do Sul, representing the first record of microcaddisfly larvae occurring in calcareous
37 tufa (or travertine). ABGD results agreed with the morphological delimitation of *Metrichia*
38 species, while GMYC estimated a slightly higher number of species, suggesting the division
39 of two morphological species, each one in two potential species. Since this could be due to an
40 unbalanced sampling and the lack of morphological diagnostic characters, we maintain these
41 two species undivided.

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45 INTRODUCTION

46 The microcaddisfly genus *Metrichia* Ross is included in the subfamily Ochrotrichiinae,
47 which also includes *Ochrotrichia* Mosely, *Angrisanoia* Özdikmen, *Nothotrichia* Flint,
48 *Rhyacopsyche* Müller, and the recently erected *Ragatrichia* Oláh & Johanson, all exclusively
49 from New World. [Based on adult morphology, Harris & Armitage \(1997\) and](#) Oláh &
50 Johanson (2011) [also suggested](#) three other genera to [be included in](#) this subfamily: *Dibusa*
51 Ross, *Caledonotrichia* Sykora, and *Maydenoptila* Neboiss, respectively from [the](#) U.S., New
52 Caledonia, and Australia. However, because diversification of [the](#) main lineages of
53 hydroptilids has not been deeply studied, the placement of these genera remains dubious. As
54 commented by Wells et al. (2013), relationships of these microcaddisflies need to be studied
55 based on a rigorous analysis including molecular data.

56 Currently, *Metrichia* includes [107](#) species, found from the U.S. to South America,
57 with [the](#) highest [known](#) diversity in Central America (Flint, 1972; Marshall, 1979). *Metrichia*
58 was considered as [a](#) subgenus of *Ochrotrichia* due to similarities on adult morphology and
59 almost indistinguishable larvae (Flint, 1968). This subgeneric status was followed by
60 Marshall (1979), who also established the New World tribe that is now recognized as
61 subfamily Ochrotrichiinae. Wiggins (1996) provided additional information on larval
62 morphology of *Metrichia* and *Ochrotrichia*, reestablishing both as independent genera.

63 Diversity of Neotropical microcaddisflies is poorly known and usually several new
64 species are found in [examinations of](#) collections or when collecting trips are made, even in
65 localities previously studied by trichopterologists. This occurs because Hydroptilidae are very
66 small and have complex male genitalia, [that are](#) difficult to observe in lower magnification
67 microscopes, [making it hard](#) to understand homologies among some structures. Only one
68 species of *Metrichia* has been described from Brazil so far, *M. pernambucana* Souza &

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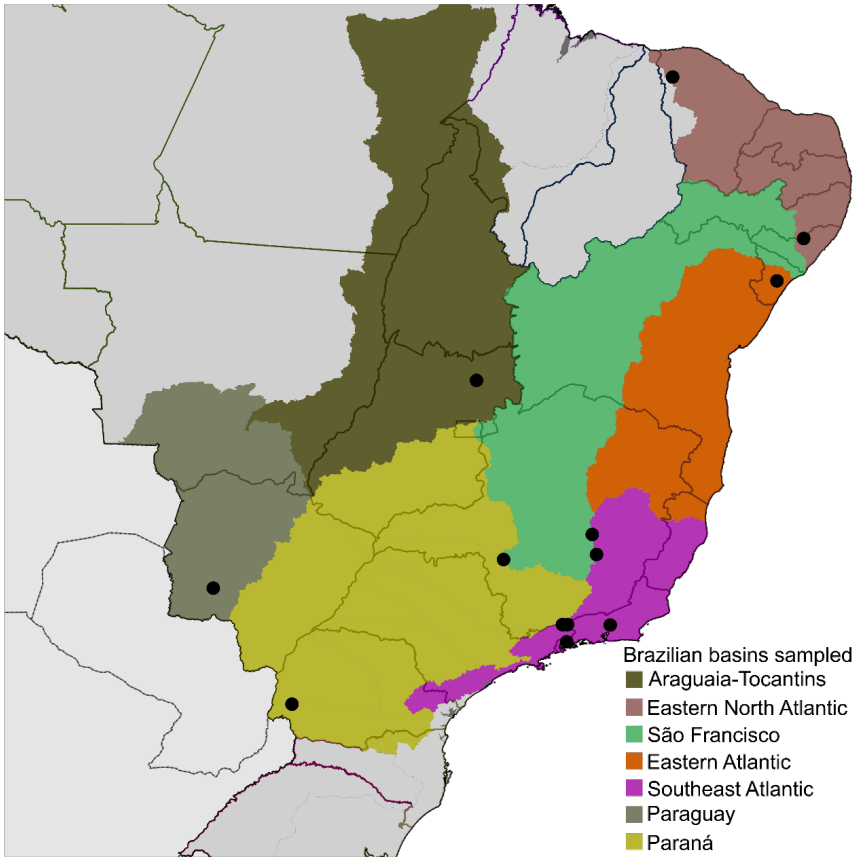
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76 Santos, but larvae are commonly identified from several localities (e.g., Pes et al., 2005; Spies
77 & Froehlich, 2006; Spies et al., 2009). It is not surprising that material studied herein recently
78 collected from different river basins in Brazil (Fig. 1, Supp. 1, Supp. 2) revealed so many new
79 species.



81 **Figure 1.** Localities where *Metrichia* specimens studied herein were collected (●), distributed
82 on seven of the large River Basins of Brazil.

83 Most *Metrichia* species exhibit a generally restricted distribution, in other words, each
84 species is recorded in relatively few close localities. Identification in this study was based
85 mainly on features of the male genitalia, and has revealed some interesting patterns. For

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95 example, one of the new species described herein was found in three very distinctive biomes:
 96 the Atlantic Forest (Southeastern Brazil), Caatinga (Northeastern Brazil), and Cerrado
 97 (Midwestern Brazil). Although such a wide distribution is not common for *Metrichia* spp., it
 98 is known for other Neotropical microcaddisflies such as *Oxyethira tica* Holzenthal & Harris,
 99 recorded from Mexico, Central, and South America (Flint et al., 1999).

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100 Although molecular tools have become common in taxonomic studies to help in
 101 species delimitation, the use of these tools is still rare with Neotropical caddisflies. Using
 102 sequences of the mitochondrial cytochrome oxidase I gene (COI), the standard DNA barcode
 103 region for most animals (Hebert et al., 2003), Pauls et al. (2010) were able to corroborate two
 104 new species of *Smicridea* (*Smicridea*) McLachlan from Chile that had been defined with
 105 morphological characters. In most studies with caddisflies, divergence in COI sequences has
 106 shown clear differences between intraspecific and interspecific variation, also known as the
 107 barcoding gap (Zhou et al., 2007; Pauls et al., 2010; Ruiter et al., 2013). Some species
 108 delimitation approaches rely exactly in distinguishing intra- and interspecific divergence, such
 109 as the Automatic Barcoding Gap Discovery (ABGD) (Puillandre et al., 2012). More
 110 sophisticated methods invoke coalescence and speciation models such as the General Mixed
 111 Yule Coalescent (GMYC) and are considered more robust to identify lineages when intra- and
 112 interspecific divergences overlap (Pons et al., 2006). Integrating independent data (*e.g.*,
 113 morphology and DNA sequences) and using different approaches are particularly interesting
 114 for the taxonomy of diverse and complex groups such as microcaddisflies. In this work we
 115 applied both methodologies to evaluate our initial morphological identification.

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116 Besides species delimitation, for caddisflies, DNA taxonomy has a valuable role in
 117 determining the associations between immature and adult stages (Graf et al., 2005; Waringer
 118 et al., 2007; Zhou et al., 2007; Ruiter et al., 2013). Traditional techniques to associate larvae
 119 and adults are more difficult because they involve rearing larvae in laboratory (not easy for

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136 many caddisfly groups) or [require](#) luck in finding pharate adults in [the](#) field. Indirect
137 association, for example, [by collecting adults and larvae at the same locality](#), are even more
138 difficult and can result in misidentification, because different species [of the same genus](#)
139 frequently co-occur.

140 Larvae of *Metrichia* have been associated [for only](#) two species: *M. nigrutta* Ross,
141 described by Edwards & Arnold (1961) and illustrated by Wiggins (1996), and *M. juana*
142 (Flint) by Flint (1964) in the original description. In addition, Botosaneanu and Flint (1982)
143 described a larva of *Metrichia* and its case from Venezuela and a pupal case from Ecuador;
144 and Pes et al. (2005) illustrated larvae from Brazil and three different types of cases. In both

145 works, specific names [were](#) not provided, [as the](#) authors did not have [any specimens of the](#)
146 respective adults. *Metrichia* larvae [typically](#) build [an](#) oval purse-like case, made of silk and
147 usually covered with algae filaments (Wiggins, 1996; Pes et al., 2005), sometimes also having
148 mineral grains (Botosaneanu & Flint, 1982). Cases of some non-associated larvae show a pair
149 of dorsal “chimneys”, an uncommon feature also described and illustrated by Müller (1879,
150 1880) for *Dicaminus ladislavii* Müller, from Santa Catarina, Brazil. Based on larval cases
151 from Central and South America, Botosaneanu & Flint (1982) pointed [out](#) that *Dicaminus* is
152 possibly synonymous with *Metrichia*, but this question remains open, [since there were](#) no male
153 specimens from Müller’s work. [Herein](#), DNA sequence data allowed the association of larvae
154 from one locality in Mato Grosso do Sul State, where two distinct morphological adults have
155 been collected. These larvae are atypical in the [genus](#) [as they](#) were found in a river with
156 calcareous sediments (calcareous tufa or travertine), [and the](#) cases [were made](#) with this same
157 substance.

158 Almost nothing is known about the biology of *Metrichia* larvae. [L](#)arvae of *M. nigrutta*
159 [have been](#) collected in association with filamentous algae on rock surface (Wiggins, 1996). In
160 Brazil, *Metrichia* occurs in fast flowing streams, usually with associated algae. Herein, we

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175 report for the first time the occurrence of *Metrichia* in calcareous tufa. In fact, there have been
 176 no hydroptilids reported from inhabiting calcareous tufa so far. Calcareous tufa or travertine is
 177 a terrestrial sedimentary rock, predominantly composed of carbonate minerals, calcite, and
 178 aragonite (Drysdale, 1998). Travertines are formed by rapid precipitation of these minerals,
 179 producing large alterations to river morphology (Drysdale & Gale, 1997). Although the
 180 importance of microbes on travertine formation is recognized as they create surfaces for
 181 crystal nucleation, our knowledge of the importance of macroinvertebrates in this process is
 182 still poor (Drysdale, 1998; 1999; Paprocki et al., 2003). Studies by Drysdale (1998, 1999)
 183 pointed out that aquatic insects play an important role in travertine biogenesis in Australian
 184 springs. According to Drysdale (1998), Hydropsychidae (*Cheumatopsyche* Wallengreen) are
 185 the most “geomorphologically significant” of Australian travertines studied. Paprocki et al.
 186 (2003) also found a Hydropsychidae (*Smicridea* McLachlan) to be an important organism in
 187 modifying travertine morphology in Venezuela.

189 MATERIAL AND METHODS

190 Morphological study

191 Specimens were collected manually (larvae or diurnal active adults) or using Malaise
 192 or light traps, and then fixed in 96% ethanol. Collecting permits in Brazil were issued by
 193 Instituto Chico Mendes de Conservação da Biodiversidade (ICMBio) (SISBIO 43047 and
 194 14591). To observe genital structures, abdomen of males were removed and cleared in a
 195 heated solution of 10% KOH for 20 minutes. Then, abdomens were mounted in temporary
 196 slides, which were used to draw pencil sketches with compound microscope equipped with
 197 camera lucida. Vector graphics were traced in Adobe Illustrator CS6 (Adobe Systems Inc.)
 198 using pencil sketches as templates. Descriptions provided here were made with DELTA
 199 software (Description Language for Taxonomy) (Dallwitz et al., 1999). Terminology used

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DNA extraction, PCR, and sequencing

Genomic DNA was extracted from head and thorax (or from the entire body) of fresh material using the DNeasy Blood and Tissue Kit (QIAGEN, Hilden, Germany), without tissue maceration. After extraction, specimens were returned to ethanol and deposited in DZRJ collection as a DNA voucher. COI fragments were amplified using pair of primers: HCO-2198 ([5'-TAAACTTCAGGGTGACCAAAAAATCA-3'](#)) in combination with LCO-1490

237 | [\(5'-GGTCAACAAATCATAAAGATATTGG-3'\)](#) (Folmer et al., 1994) or C1-J-1718 [\(5'-](#)
238 | [GGAGGATTTGGAAATTGATTAGTTCC-3'\)](#) (Simon et al., 1994). Polymerase chain
239 | reaction (PCR) conditions followed: initial denaturation at 94 °C for 3 min; 35 cycles of
240 | denaturation at 94 °C for 1 min, annealing at 50 °C for 1 min, and extension at 72 °C for 2
241 | min; and final extension at 72 °C for 7 min. PCR products were sent to Macrogen Inc., Seoul,
242 | for purification and sequencing reactions.

243 | COI sequences of 64 specimens of 15 species of *Metrichia* were obtained. Additional
244 | sequences were obtained for specimens of *Angrisanoia*, *Nothotrichia*, *Ochotrichia*, and
245 | *Rhyacopsyche* (Table 1), included as outgroup in different analyses, as described below.

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247 | **Table 1.** Species of *Metrichia* and other hydroptilids with DNA barcode sequenced used in
248 | this study, with respective information of specimen voucher and GenBank accession numbers.

Species	Voucher code and life stage	Collection site	GenBank accession number
<i>Angrisanoia cebollaji</i> (Angrisano, 1995)	ENT 2199 ♂	Brazil: Goiás: Alto Paraíso de Goiás	-
<i>Betrichia bispinosa</i> Flint, 1974	ENT 2337 ♂	Brazil: Amapá	KU094961 ^b
<i>Nothotrichia cautinensis</i> Flint, 1983	-	-	KC559534 ^a
<i>Nothotrichia tupi</i> Holzenthal & Harris, 1992	ENT 2460 ♂	Brazil: Minas Gerais: Catas Altas	KU743400
<i>Ochotrichia caatinga</i> Souza, Santos & Takiya	ENT 2472 ♂	Brazil: Ceará: Ubajara	KU743401
<i>Ochotrichia patulosa</i> (Wasmund & Holzenthal, 2007)	ENT 2473 ♂	Brazil: Ceará: Ubajara	KU743402
<i>Ochotrichia</i> sp. CR1	ENT 2279 ♂	Costa Rica: Puntarenas	KU094950 ^b
<i>Oxyethira tica</i> Holzenthal & Harris, 1992	ENT 0057 ♂	Brazil: Pará: Carajás	KU094940 ^b
<i>Ragatrichia</i> sp. BR1	ENT 2338 ♂	Brazil: Amapá	KU743403
<i>Rhyacopsyche dikrosa</i> Wasmund & Holzenthal, 2007	ENT 0122 ♂	Brazil: Rio de Janeiro: Teresópolis	KU094952 ^b
<i>Rhyacopsyche torulosa</i> Flint, 1971	ENT 2277 ♂	Costa Rica: Puntarenas	KU743404
	ENT 2192 ♂		KU743406
	ENT 2282 ♂		KU743427
<i>Metrichia acuminata</i> sp. nov.	ENT 2284-5 ♂	Brazil: Alagoas: Quebrangulo	KU743428-29
	ENT 2779 ♂		KU743452
<i>Metrichia amplitudinis</i> Bueno-Soria & Holzenthal, 2003	ENT 2278 ♂	Costa Rica: Puntarenas	KU743425
<i>Metrichia bonita</i> sp. nov.	ENT 2200-4 larvae	Brazil: Mato Grosso do Sul: Bonito	KU743409-13
<i>Metrichia bonita</i> sp. nov.	ENT 2208-10 ♂	Brazil: Mato Grosso do Sul: Bonito	KU743417-19
<i>Metrichia brasili</i> sp. nov.	ENT 2508-11 ♂	Brazil: Rio de Janeiro: Itatiaia	KU743444-47
	ENT 2195 ♂		KU743408
<i>Metrichia caraca</i> sp. nov.	ENT 2280 ♂	Brazil: Minas Gerais: Catas Altas	KU743426
	ENT 2461-5 ♂		KU743434-38

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<i>Metrichia caraca</i> sp. nov.	ENT 2292 ♂	Brazil: Minas Gerais: São Roque de Minas	KU743432
	ENT 2835-7 ♂		KU743455-57
<i>Metrichia circuliforme</i> sp. nov.	ENT 2839-40 ♂	Brazil: Rio de Janeiro: Itatiaia	KU743459-60
	ENT 2843-4 ♂		KU743462-63
<i>Metrichia curta</i> sp. nov.	ENT 2838 ♂	Brazil: Rio de Janeiro: Itatiaia	KU743458
	ENT 2846-8 ♂		KU743464-66
<i>Metrichia formosinha</i> sp. nov.	ENT 2205-7 ♂	Brazil: Mato Grosso do Sul: Bonito	KU743414-16
<i>Metrichia itabaiana</i> sp. nov.	ENT 2190 ♂	Brazil: Sergipe: Areia Branca	KU743405
<i>Metrichia itabaiana</i> sp. nov.	ENT 2220-1 ♂	Brazil: Goiás: Alto Paraíso de Goiás	KU743424
<i>Metrichia juana</i> (Flint, 1964)	ENT 2850-1 ♂	Puerto Rico	KU743467-68
<i>Metrichia longissima</i> sp. nov.	ENT 2330 ♂	Brazil: Rio de Janeiro: Teresópolis	KU743433
<i>Metrichia longissima</i> sp. nov.	ENT 2841 ♂	Brazil: Rio de Janeiro: Itatiaia	KU743461
<i>Metrichia rafaeli</i> sp. nov.	ENT 2288-9 ♂	Brazil: Ceará: Ubajara	KU743430-31
	ENT 2193 ♂		KU743407
<i>Metrichia talhada</i> sp. nov.	ENT 2214 ♂	Brazil: Alagoas: Quebrangulo	KU743420-22
	ENT 2216-7 ♂		KU743451
	ENT 2776 ♂		
<i>Metrichia tere</i> sp. nov.	ENT 2773-5 ♂	Brazil: Rio de Janeiro: Teresópolis	KU743448-50
<i>Metrichia vulgaris</i> sp. nov.	ENT 2218 ♂	Brazil: Goiás: Alto Paraíso de Goiás	KU743423
<i>Metrichia vulgaris</i> sp. nov.	ENT 2466-70 ♂	Brazil: Minas Gerais: Catas Altas	KU743439-43
<i>Metrichia vulgaris</i> sp. nov.	ENT 2833-4 ♂	Brazil: Rio de Janeiro: Itatiaia	KU743453-54

Sequences obtained from Genbank: (a) Malm *et al.* 2013; (b) Santos *et al.* 2016.

Sequence editing, alignment, and analyses

Forward and reverse sequences of each sample were assembled and [manually](#) edited in Sequencher 4.1 (Gene Codes, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA). Sequences were verified with the Blast tool in GenBank to check for contamination. Then, COI sequences were aligned with ClustalW implemented in MEGA 6 (Tamura *et al.*, 2013) and translated into amino-acid sequences to check for stop codons. The final alignment resulted in a matrix with 577 bp (Supp. 3).

COI sequences were used to explore putative species limits with four different methodologies: (1) lineages recovered in neighbor-joining tree; (2) lineages recovered with Bayesian Inference; (3) ABGD; and (4) GMYC. The neighbor-joining tree was calculated in MEGA 6 using Kimura 2-Parameter (K2P) distances (Kimura, 1980), with partial deletion of missing information. Although the use of K2P distances in DNA barcoding is debated

264 | [\(Srivathsan & Meier, 2012\)](#), to allow comparison with previous works we also used this
265 evolutionary model because it is frequently used in studies of species delimitation based on
266 COI sequences. Branch support of neighbor-joining tree was assessed with 1.000
267 pseudoreplicate of non-parametric bootstrap (Felsenstein, 1985).

268 BI analysis was conducted with MrBayes v. 3.2.2 (Ronquist *et al.*, 2012) with four
269 independent runs, each one with four MCMC chains running for 50,000,000 generations, with
270 sample frequency of 5,000. Convergence of sampled parameters was checked in Tracer v. 1.5
271 (Rambaut & Drummond, 2007) and the first 10% of sampled trees and parameters as burnin.
272 GTR+I+G was the best fit model selected by Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) with
273 | [jModeltest v. 0.1.1](#) (Posada, 2008) and it was applied in BI analysis in MrBayes. Branch
274 support was assessed by posterior probability (PP), presented on a 50% majority consensus
275 tree.

276 ABGD analysis was run using on-line version available in
277 <http://www.wabi.snv.jussieu.fr/public/abgd/>, where COI alignment was uploaded. The analysis
278 was conducted with the following settings: Pmin=0.001; Pmax=0.1; steps=20; relative gap
279 width=1.0, also based on K2P model. This method statistically infers the DNA barcode gap in
280 a single locus alignment, partitioning the data based on this gap in putative species (Puillandre
281 *et al.*, 2012).

282 The GMYC analysis (Pons *et al.*, 2006; Fujisawa & Barraclough, 2013) was
283 performed in R (R Development Core Team 2010) using the SPLITS package (Ezard *et al.*,
284 2009) with single-threshold method. Basically, the method estimates branching patterns on an
285 ultrametric tree, identifying the most likely transition point from coalescent to speciation
286 branching. The ultrametric tree used here was obtained with BEAST v. 1.8 (Drummond *et al.*,
287 2012) under a relaxed uncorrelated molecular clock (Drummond *et al.*, 2006). The node
288 including *Ochrotrichia* species was calibrated based on fossil evidence with a lognormal

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290 distribution offset at 20 mya and $\log(\text{mean}) = 2.8$ to represent the possible range of 20-140
291 mya (Wells & Wichard, 1989); and the divergence of Ochrotrichiinae was calibrated based on
292 Malm et al. (2013) with a normal distribution with mean 82.17 ± 12 mya. The BEAST
293 analysis ran for 200,000,000 generations, sampled every 10,000 generations. Convergence
294 was verified with Tracer and a maximum credibility tree was written using TreeAnnotator,
295 discarding the first 10% as burnin.

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297 RESULTS

298 NJ (Fig. 2) and BI (Supp. 4) trees corroborated morphological identification, with all
299 14 species of *Metrichia* with more than a single specimen recovered as monophyletic lineages
300 with 100% bootstrap support. ABGD also returned the same species as they were previously
301 delimited based on morphological features. A robust barcoding gap was found among
302 *Metrichia* species (Fig. 3, Table 2). The maximum intraspecific divergence was observed
303 within *Metrichia vulgaris* **sp. nov.** (0.048). The minimum interspecific divergence was found
304 between specimens of *Metrichia talhada* **sp. nov.** and *Metrichia tere* **sp. nov.** (0.126).

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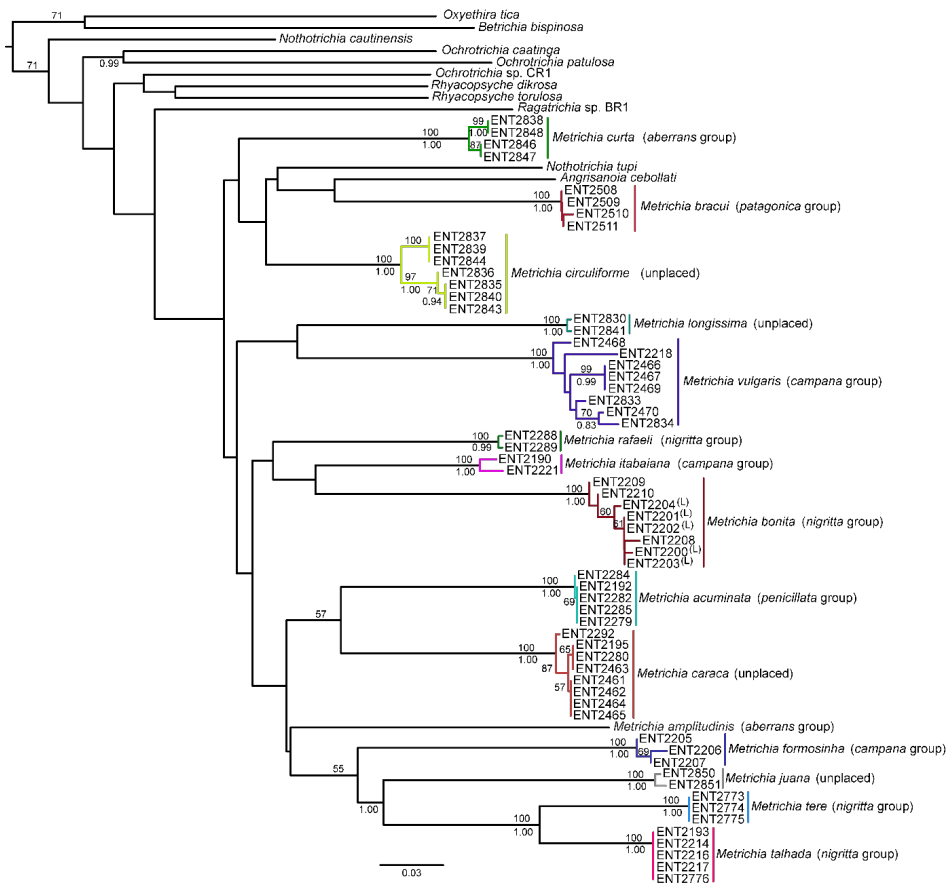


Figure 2. Neighbor-joining tree of COI sequences of *Metrichia* species based on K2P distances. Numbers above and below branches are, respectively, NJ bootstrap support and posterior probabilities from BI analysis. Details of specimens are in Tables 1 and 2; K2P distances matrix is in Supp. 5.

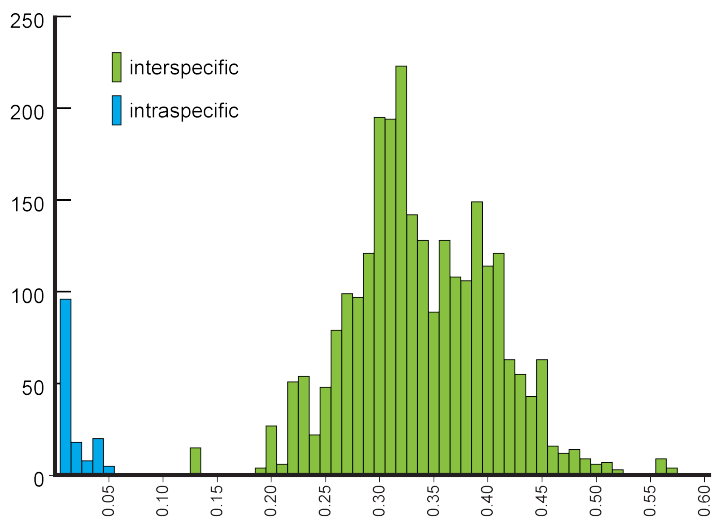


Figure 3. Histogram of number of pairwise comparisons of intra- (blue) and interspecific (green) K2P divergences among 15 *Metrichia* species with COI sequences sampled.

Table 2. Maximum intra- and minimum interspecific K2P divergences of COI sequences among and within *Metrichia* species.

Species	Number of sequences	Max. intra. distance	Min. inter. Distance
<i>M. acuminata</i> sp. nov.	5	0.000	0.217
<i>M. amplitudinis</i> Bueno-Soria & Holzenthal, 2003	1	-	0.220
<i>M. bonita</i> sp. nov.	8	0.015	0.210
<i>M. bracui</i> sp. nov.	4	0.004	0.214
<i>M. caraca</i> sp. nov.	8	0.011	0.217
<i>M. circuliforme</i> sp. nov.	7	0.035	0.184
<i>M. curta</i> sp. nov.	4	0.015	0.184
<i>M. formosinha</i> sp. nov.	3	0.008	0.249
<i>M. itabaiana</i> sp. nov.	2	0.019	0.194
<i>M. juana</i> (Flint, 1964)	2	0.007	0.243
<i>M. longissima</i> sp. nov.	2	0.004	0.215
<i>M. rafaeli</i> sp. nov.	2	0.004	0.194
<i>M. talhada</i> sp. nov.	5	0.000	0.126
<i>M. tere</i> sp. nov.	3	0.000	0.126
<i>M. vulgaris</i> sp. nov.	8	0.048	0.246

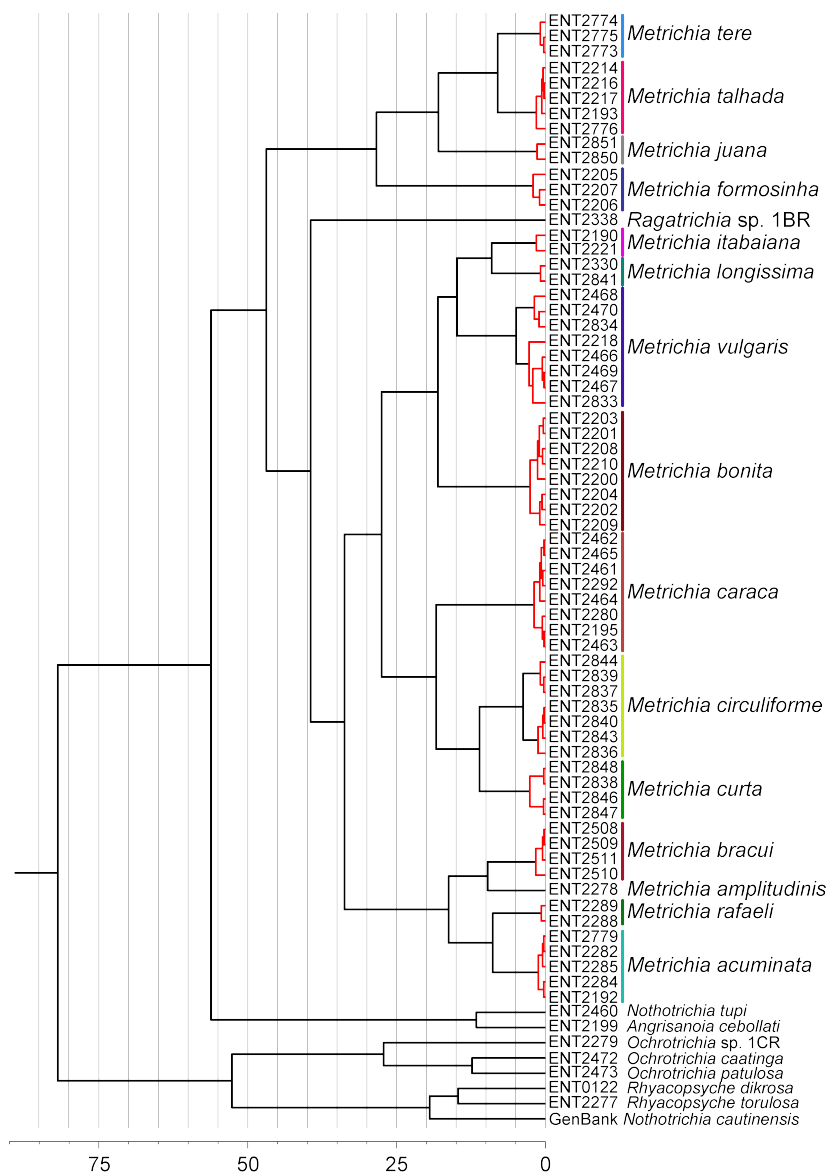


Figure 4. Maximum credibility time tree from BEAST analysis based on COI sequences of *Metrichia* and other Ochrotrichiinae. Red branches represent species estimated by GMYC using single threshold in SPLITS. Timescale in million years.

323 GMYC analysis estimated a slightly higher number of putative species, with *Metrichia*
324 *circuliforme* **sp. nov.** and *Metrichia vulgaris* **sp. nov.** being each further divided as two
325 species (Fig. 4). Regarding all other species, GMYC results were congruent with other
326 methods and with morphology.

327 In all analyses performed using DNA barcode, *Metrichia* larvae collected in
328 calcareous tufa were consistently associated with adult males of *Metrichia bonita* **sp. nov.**
329 Therefore, in the following section, we describe this larva within that species.

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331 **SPECIES DESCRIPTIONS**

332 *Metrichia acuminata* **sp. nov.**

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334 (Fig. 5, Fig. 26A)

335 **Adult male.** Length 2.1–2.5 mm (n=5). General color, in alcohol, brown. Head with no
336 modifications. Ocelli 3. Antenna simple, 18-articulated. Maxillary palpus 5-articulated; labial
337 palpus 3-articulated. Mesoscutellum with transverse suture. Metascutellum subtriangular.
338 Anterior femur without processes. Tibial spur formula 1-3-4. Wing venation reduced in both
339 wings. Abdominal segment IV with pair of internal pouches in posterior area; segment V with
340 pair of internal pouches; segment VI with tergum as a sclerotized rounded plate, surrounded
341 by long setae (Fig. 26A); segment VII bearing a brush of very long setae dorsolaterally (Fig.
342 26A). Ventromesal process on segment VII present. Segment VIII shorter ventrally than
343 dorsally and bearing a brush of long setae dorsally. **Male genitalia.** Segment IX reduced
344 dorsally; sternum subrectangular, with anterior margin rounded (Fig. 5A); in lateral view
345 narrower anteriorly than posteriorly (Fig. 5C). Inferior appendage covered by long setae;
346 subtrapezoidal in ventral view (Fig. 5A); in lateral view, subtrapezoidal, apex with acute
347 corners (Fig. 5C). Dorsal hook short, almost half length of inferior appendage; in lateral view,

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354 downturned (Fig. 5C). Preanal appendage rounded in lateral view and bearing very long setae
355 (Fig. 5C). Subgenital plate apparently absent. Tergum X membranous and truncate (Fig. 5B).
356 Phallus tubular, elongate and slender, slightly constricted mesally, with two curved subapical
357 spines, one short and another long; apex truncate and sclerotized; ejaculatory duct sclerotized,
358 sinuous, and protruding apically (Fig. 5D).

359 **Holotype.** BRAZIL: Ceará: Ubajara, Parque Nacional de Ubajara, Cachoeira do Gameleira,
360 03°50'21"S 40°54'23"W, el. 880 m, 23.iv.2012, DM Takiya & JA Rafael cols., light trap, male
361 (CZMA).

362 **Paratypes.** Same data as holotype, except, Rio das Minas, 03°50'03"S 40°54'18"W, el. 524
363 m, 13–17.ix.2012, JA Rafael et al., Malaise trap, 2 males (INPA); same data, except 14–
364 16.ii.2013, DM Takiya, JA Rafael, RR Cavichioli & APM Santos, Malaise trap, 2 males
365 (DZRJ). **Alagoas:** Quebrangulo, Reserva Biológica de Pedra Talhada, Rio Caranguejo,
366 09°15'26"S 36°25'08"W, el. 550 m, 19–28.vi.2014, APM Santos, DM Takiya, WRM Souza,
367 Malaise trap, 2 males (MNRJ), 3 males (MZUFBA), 13 males (DZRJ).

368 **Etymology.** The species is named in allusion of the pointed apex of inferior appendages
369 (from Latin, "acumin-": "pointed").

370 **Remarks.** This new species belongs to the *penicillata* group based on: (1) internal pouches
371 between abdominal segments IV and V; (2) setal brushes on segments V, VI, and VII; and (3)
372 phallus with two subapical spines. The male genitalia and complex abdominal modifications
373 resemble *M. penicillata* Flint and *M. trigonella* Flint. These three species have inferior
374 appendages with acute apex in lateral view; phallus with two subapical spines; and abdominal
375 terga with brushes of very long and stout setae. The new species can be distinguished by
376 inferior appendages more trapezoidal in lateral view, with acute corners posteriorly and dorsal
377 hook only slightly downturned in lateral view; and phallus with one larger and stouter
378 subapical spine. Although, the male genitalia of this new species superficially resembles that

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382 of *M. bonita* **sp. nov.**, *M. acuminata* **sp. nov.** is readily recognized by the presence of setose
383 lobes on abdominal segments V and VI.

384 We were not able to obtain COI sequences for individuals from Ceará State, so the
385 five sequences analyzed belong to specimens from Alagoas State and shared the same
386 haplotype. *M. acuminata* **sp. nov.** was recovered as closely related to *M. caraca* **sp. nov.** (Fig.
387 2), but in both Bayesian approaches these two species were not recovered as sister taxa (Fig. 4,
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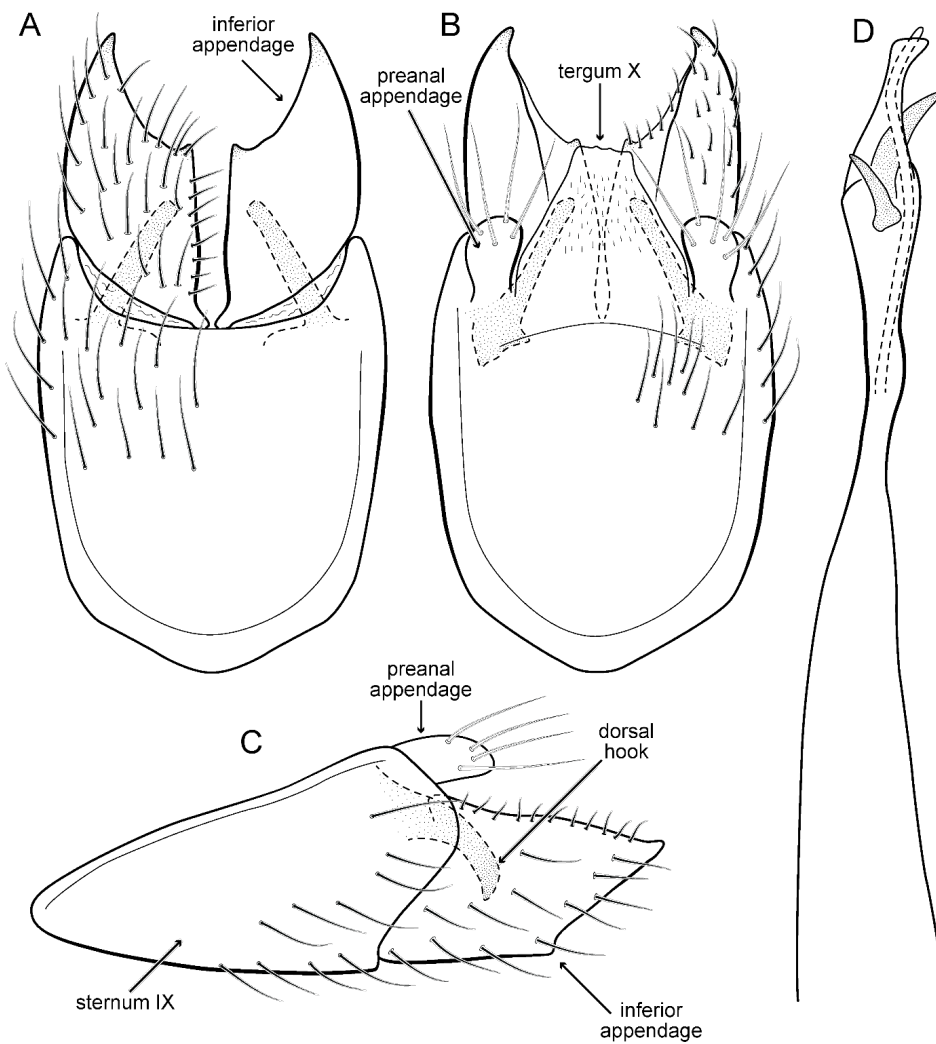


Figure 5. *Metrichia acuminata* sp. nov., male genitalia: (A) ventral view; (B) dorsal view; (C) lateral view; (D) phallus, dorsal view.

***Metrichia azul* sp. nov.**

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(Fig. 6)

397 **Adult male.** Length 2.0–2.1 mm (n=4). General color, in alcohol, brown. Head with no
 398 modifications. [Ocelli 3](#). Maxillary palpus 5-articulated, article IV broad and darkened; labial
 399 palpus 3-articulated. Mesoscutellum with transverse suture. Metascutellum subtriangular.
 400 Anterior femur without processes. Tibial spur formula 1-3-4. Wing venation reduced in both
 401 wings. Abdominal segment V with pair of internal pouches; segment VI with pair of internal
 402 pouches and pair of lateral external sacs with specialized setae. Ventromesal process on
 403 segment VII present. Segment VIII shorter ventrally than dorsally. **Male genitalia.** Segment
 404 IX reduced dorsally; sternum subrectangular [\(Fig. 6A\)](#); in lateral view narrower anteriorly
 405 than posteriorly [\(Fig. 6C\)](#). Inferior appendage [covered by long setae and with scale-like setae](#);
 406 subrectangular in ventral view [\(Fig. 6A\)](#); in lateral view, rounded, apex rounded [\(Fig. 6C\)](#),
 407 [Dorsal](#) hook long, more than half length of inferior appendage; in lateral view, slightly
 408 downturned [\(Fig. 6C\)](#). Preanal appendage elongate, but shorter than inferior appendage, and
 409 bearing very long setae [\(Fig. 6B\)](#). Subgenital plate apparently absent. Tergum X membranous
 410 and [subrectangular](#) [\(Fig. 6B\)](#). Phallus tubular, elongate and slender, slightly constricted
 411 mesally, with two long, curved, subapical spines; apex rounded and sclerotized; ejaculatory
 412 duct sclerotized, sinuous, and protruding apically [\(Fig. 6D\)](#).
 413 **Holotype. BRAZIL: Paraná:** Céu Azul, Parque Nacional do Iguaçu, Rio Azul, 25°09'21"S
 414 53°47'44"W, el. 510 m, 6–8 ix.2012, APM Santos, DM Takiya, ALH Oliveira, GA Jardim &
 415 BHL Sampaio [cols.](#), Malaise trap, male (DZRJ).
 416 **Paratypes.** Same data as holotype, 2 males (DZRJ), 1 male (MNRJ).
 417 **Etymology.** The specific name refers to the type locality, Rio Azul in the municipality of Céu
 418 Azul.

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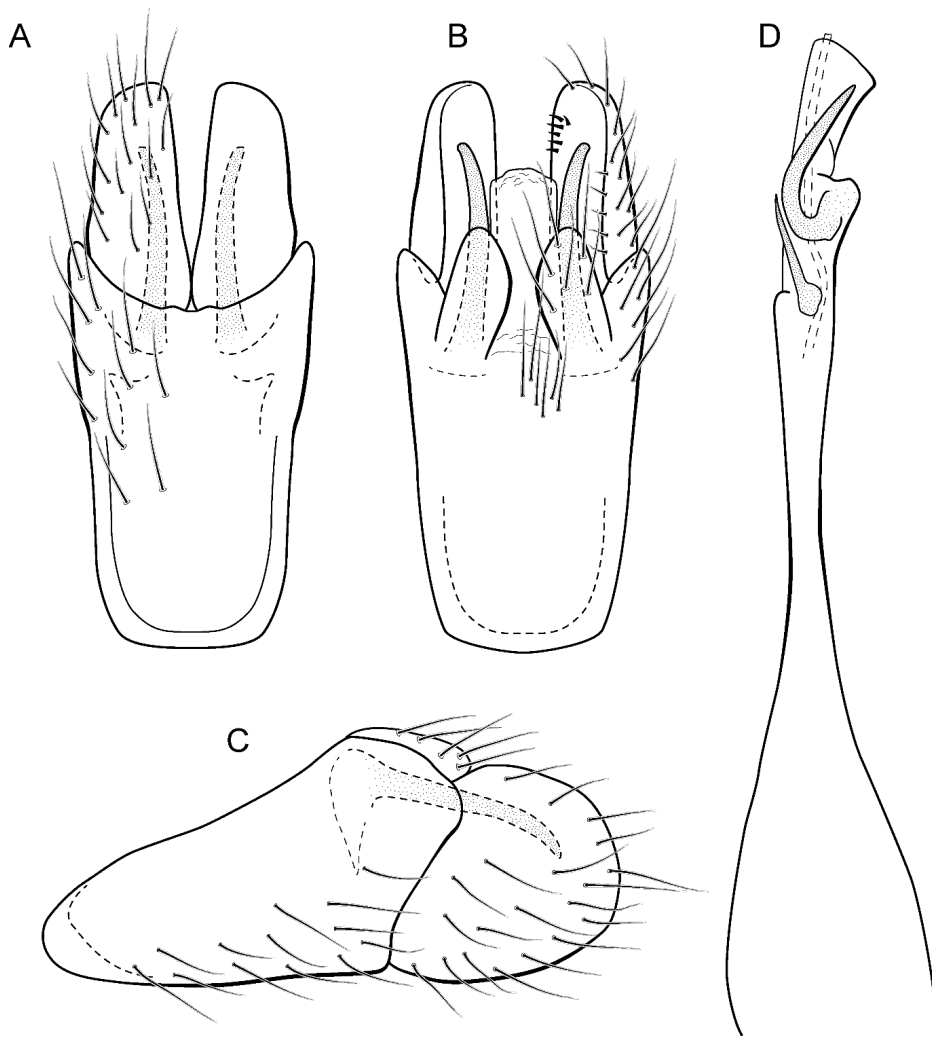


Figure 6. *Metrichia azul* sp. nov., male genitalia: (A) ventral view; (B) dorsal view; (C) lateral view; (D) phallus, dorsal view.

Remarks. This new species is another member of *penicillata* group based on internal pouches between segment V and VI and the long subapical spines of the phallus. The new species shares similarities on male genitalia with *M. biungulata* Flint and *M. decora* Bueno-Soria & Holzenthal, particularly the rounded aspect of inferior appendages, but can be easily

438 distinguished from those species by the absence of tooth-like processes on inferior
439 appendages; more elongate preanal appendages; and dorsal hook only slightly downturned in
440 lateral view.

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442 *Metrichia bonita* sp. nov.

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444 (Fig. 7, Fig. 8)

445 **Adult male.** Length 2.3–2.5 mm (n=4). General color, in alcohol, brown. Head with no
446 modifications. Ocelli 3. Antenna simple, 21-articulated. Maxillary palpus 5-articulated; labial
447 palpus 3-articulated. Mesoscutellum with transverse suture. Metascutellum subtriangular.
448 Anterior femur without processes. Tibial spur formula 1-3-4. Wing venation reduced in both
449 wings. Abdominal segment VI with dorsal pouches covered with setae directed inward.
450 Ventromesal process on segment VII absent. Segment VIII shorter ventrally than dorsally.

451 **Male genitalia.** Segment IX reduced dorsally; sternum subrectangular, with anterior margin
452 rounded (Fig. 7A); in lateral view narrower anteriorly than posteriorly (Fig. 7C). Inferior
453 appendage covered by long setae, subtrapezoidal in ventral view (Fig. 7A); in lateral view,
454 with an acute projection, apex with acute corners (Fig. 7C). Dorsal hook short, almost half
455 length of inferior appendage; in lateral view, slightly downturned (Fig. 7C). Preanal
456 appendage short, rounded and bearing very long setae (Fig. 7B). Subgenital plate apparently
457 absent. Tergum X membranous and with a shallow U-shaped incision (Fig. 7B). Phallus
458 tubular, elongate and slender, slightly constricted mesally, with a median process; with two
459 curved subapical spines, one short and another long; apex truncate and sclerotized;
460 ejaculatory duct sclerotized and not protruding apically (Fig. 7D).

461 **Larva (5th instar).** Length 1.5–1.9 mm (n=10). Head dark brown, unpigmented around
462 stemmata (Fig. 8C); slightly longer than broad; frontoclypeal and coronal sulci indistinct;

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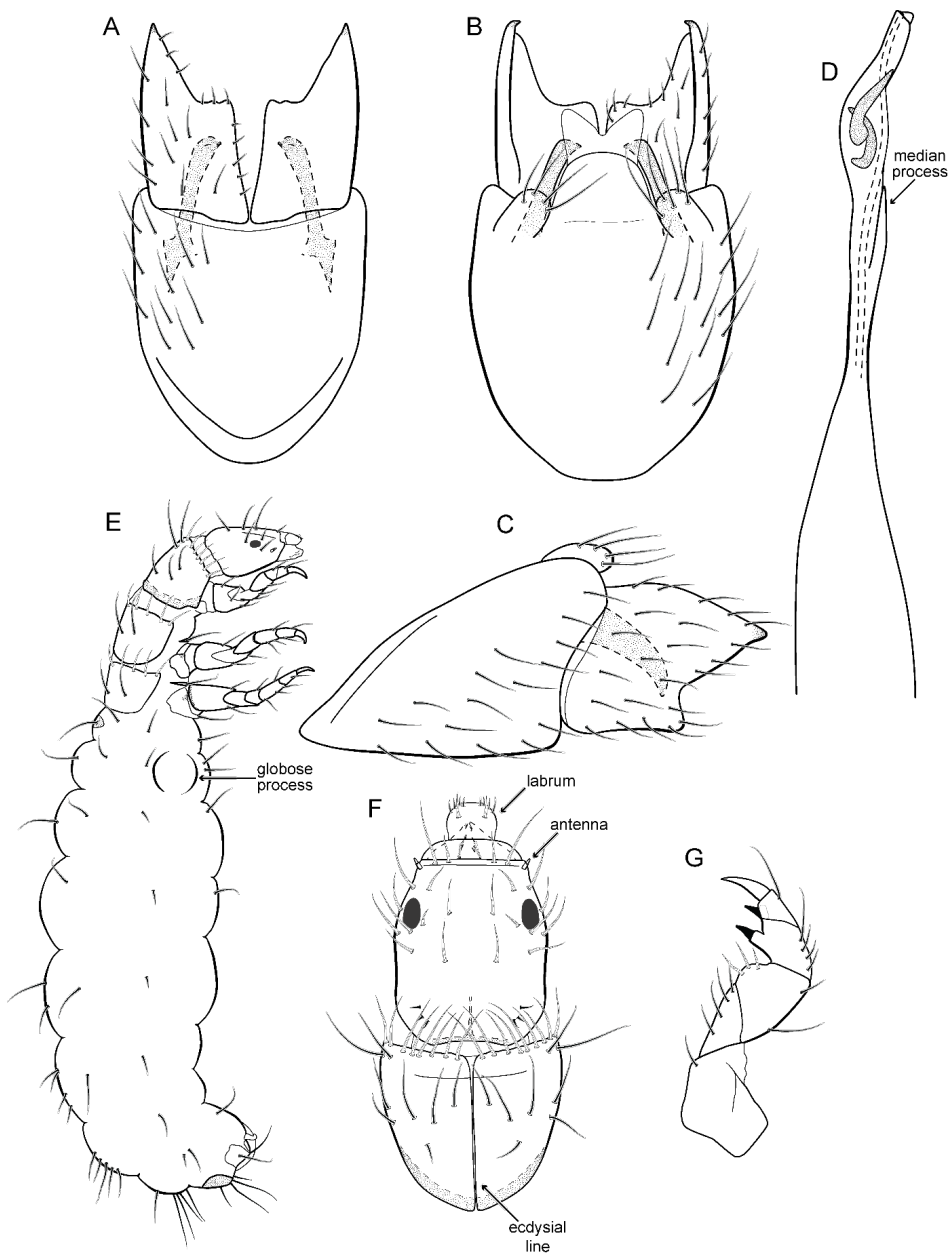
471 with a few long setae (Fig. 7F). Antenna short, apparently 2-articulated and with no apical
472 setae (Fig. 7F). Labrum with pair of stout setae (Fig. 7F). Mandibles with inner margin
473 sinuous and darkened. Thoracic nota sclerotized, dark brown, with a row of stout setae on
474 anterior margin. Pro-, meso-, and metanotum with middorsal ecdysial line. Thoracic segments
475 with small pleurites (Fig. 7E). Thoracic legs brown, short and stout, almost the same size of
476 each other. Foreleg with stout setae; tibia with a posteroventral lobe with a spine-like seta (Fig.
477 7G); femur bearing a spine-like setae; tarsal claw simple. Mid- and hind legs with stout setae
478 on posteroventral margin. Abdomen almost white, with dark brown sclerites. Abdominal
479 segment I with ellipsoid tergite; segments I-V with pair of long, dorsal setae and pair of
480 dorsolateral setae; segment VI with two pairs of long dorsal setae and two pairs of
481 dorsolateral setae; segments VII and VIII with three pairs of dorsal, long setae and two pair of
482 dorsolateral setae; segment IX with sclerotized tergite and several long setae. Abdominal
483 segments I, III, IV, and IX with pair of ventral, long setae; segment II with two pairs of
484 ventral, long setae and globose process on ventrolateral area (Fig. 7E). Anal proleg very short
485 not projecting prominently; with basal sclerite bearing long setae; anal claw simple.

486 **Larval case.** Length 1.5–2.0 mm (n=10). General color white (Figs. 8B, 8C). Constructed
487 with calcareous particles (with no algal filaments added), forming two rigid and lateral valves,
488 poorly closed dorsally and ventrally (Fig. 8C). External surface rugose.

489 **Biology.** Larvae were collected on calcareous tufa in a fast flowing river, approximately 10
490 meter wide (Fig. 8A). No pupa was found and no adult was seen active during the day.
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494 **Figure 7.** *Metrichia bonita* **sp. nov.**: (A) male genitalia, ventral view; (B) male genitalia,
 495 dorsal view; (C) male genitalia, lateral view; (D) phallus, dorsal view; (E) larva, habitus,
 496 lateral view; (F) larva, head and pronotum, dorsal view; (G) larva, foreleg, ventral view.

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498 **Holotype. BRAZIL: Mato Grosso do Sul:** Bonito, Rio Formosinho, 21°10'16"S
499 56°26'47"W el. 275 m, 08-13.ix.2013, APM Santos & DM Takiya cols., Malaise trap, male
500 (DZRJ).

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501 **Paratypes.** Same data as holotype, 3 males (DZRJ), 1 male (MNRJ).

502 **Additional material.** Same data as holotype, except 13.ix.2013, manual, 10 larvae (DZRJ),
503 10 larvae (MNRJ).

504 **Etymology.** This species is named in reference to the type locality (Fig. 8), the municipality
505 of Bonito, in the state of Mato Grosso do Sul. In Portuguese, the word "bonita" (the feminine
506 form) means "beautiful".

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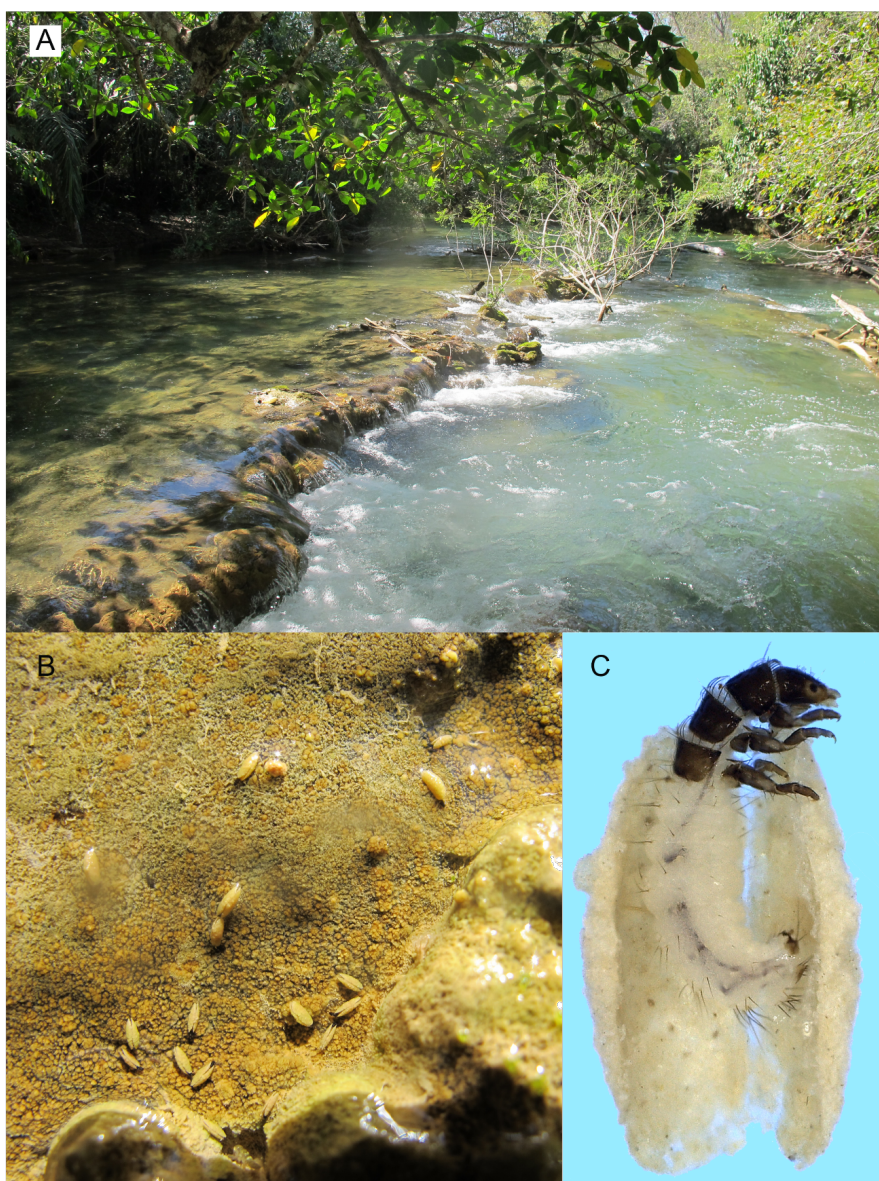
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507 **Remarks.** *Metrichia bonita* **sp. nov.** has features of *nigritta* group: internal pouches between
508 segment V-VI, phallus with 2 spines and an acute process on distal portion. This new species
509 can be easily distinguished from other species in this group based on the shape of inferior
510 appendages, subtrapezoidal in ventral view, with dorsal corner acute and darkened. Besides,
511 the dorsal hook of the inferior appendages, which are broad basally and slightly downturned
512 in lateral view, also helps to differs this new species. COI sequences showed maximum
513 intraspecific distance of 1.5% and minimum interspecific distance of 21.0% to its closest
514 neighbor, *M. itabaiana* **sp. nov.** Although the male genitalia of both species shows some
515 superficial resemblance, based on the abdominal modifications and phallic aspect, whereas *M.*
516 *bonita* **sp. nov.** belongs to *nigritta* group, *M. itabaiana* fits better in the *campana* group.

517 Larvae of *Metrichia bonita* **sp. nov.** are very similar to those previously described or
518 illustrated, including *M. nigritta* (Banks), *M. juana* (Flint), and unassociated larvae illustrated
519 by Botosaneanu & Flint (1982), from Venezuela and Ecuador; and by Pes et al. (2005), from
520 Brazil. Actually, main differences seem to be the shape and the material of larval cases. In

523 this respect, larvae of *Metrichia bonita* **sp. nov.** are unusual and easily recognized by having
524 its case made entirely of calcareous particles, without the typical algal elements (Fig. 8).

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527 **Figure 8.** *Metrichia bonita* **sp. nov.**, larva: (A) type locality, Rio Formosinho, Bonito
528 municipality, Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil; (B) larvae on calcareous substrate; (C) larva and its
529 calcareous case.

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531 Paprocki et al. (2003) discussed the role of *Smicridea travertinera* Paprocki,
532 Holzenthal & Cressa in calcareous tufa formation (travertine). According with these authors,
533 larvae of that species interfere in the deposition and erosion of calcareous substrate, by their
534 net-building activities (Paprocki et al., 2003). Cyanobacteria and diatoms are known to
535 participate in travertine formation, but the role played by macroinvertebrates is poorly
536 understood (Drysdale, 1998; 1999). It is possible that cases of *Metrichia bonita* **sp. nov.** are
537 impregnated passively with calcareous particles, but as commented by Drysdale (1999) for
538 other aquatic insects, they could be important in travertine biogenesis by producing new
539 nucleation sites or eroding other ones. *Metrichia bonita* **sp. nov.** is the only microcaddisfly
540 known to inhabit (Fig. 8) and build cases with calcareous tufa so far.

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542 ***Metrichia bracui* sp. nov.**

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544 (Fig. 9)

545 **Adult male.** Length 1.8–2.2 mm (n=3). General color, in alcohol, light brown. Head with no
546 | modifications. [Ocelli 3](#). Antenna simple, 18-articulated. Maxillary palpus 5-articulated; labial
547 | palpus 3-articulated. Mesoscutellum with transverse suture. Metascutellum subtriangular.
548 Anterior femur without processes. Tibial spur formula 1-3-4. Wing venation reduced in both
549 wings. Abdomen without modifications. Ventromesal process on segment VII absent.
550 Segment VIII shorter ventrally than dorsally. **Male genitalia.** Segment IX reduced dorsally;
551 | sternum subpentagonal in ventral view ([Fig. 9A](#)); in lateral view narrower anteriorly than

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553 posteriorly (Fig. 9C). Inferior appendage covered by long setae and with scale-like setae,
 554 subrectangular in ventral view (Fig. 9A); in lateral view, rounded, apex rounded (Fig. 9C),
 555 Dorsal hook long, more than half length of inferior appendage; in lateral view, downturned
 556 (Fig. 9C). Preanal appendage elongate, and bearing very long setae (Fig. 9B). Subgenital plate
 557 apparently absent. Tergum X membranous and with shallow U-shaped incision (Fig. 9B).
 558 Phallus tubular, elongate and slender, slightly constricted mesally; without spines, but with a
 559 sclerotized process arising from a subapical constriction; apex rounded and folded;
 560 ejaculatory duct sclerotized, straight and not protruding apically (Fig. 9D).

561 **Holotype. BRAZIL: Rio de Janeiro:** Angra dos Reis, Rio Bracuí, 23°00'23"S 44°29'15"W,
 562 el. 75 m, 10–11.v.2002, JL Nessimian [col.](#), light trap, male (DZRJ).

563 **Paratypes.** Same data as holotype, 2 males (MNRJ). **Rio de Janeiro:** Parque Nacional do
 564 Itatiaia, Córrego do Maromba, 22°25'32"S 44°37'03"W, el. 1250 m, 04.iv.15, APM Santos &
 565 DM Takiya [cols.](#), Malaise trap, 4 males (DZRJ).

566 **Etymology.** The species is named in allusion of the river where the holotype was collected.

567 **Remarks.** This new species can be assigned to the *patagonica* group because of the absence
 568 of curved spines of the phallus. The general aspect of the male genitalia resembles *M.*
 569 *patagonica* Flint, *M. pernambucana* Souza & Santos, and *M. pseudopatagonica* Bueno-Soria
 570 & Holzenthal. *Metrichia bracui* **sp. nov.** differs from these species and others in the group
 571 specially by the phallus bearing a sclerotized process on a constricted region.

572 The four COI sequences generated for *M. bracui* **sp. nov.** came from specimens
 573 collected in a locality at [Parque Nacional](#) do Itatiaia, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The highest
 574 pairwise intraspecific divergence between sequences was 0.4%, and the lowest interspecific
 575 divergence was 21.4% between *M. bracui* **sp. nov.** and *Angrisoiaia cebolleti*. [Until now,](#)
 576 [there are no formal studies on relationships among species or genera included in](#)
 577 [Ochrotrichiinae. But to infer phylogenetic hypothesis for the entire subfamily is beyond the](#)

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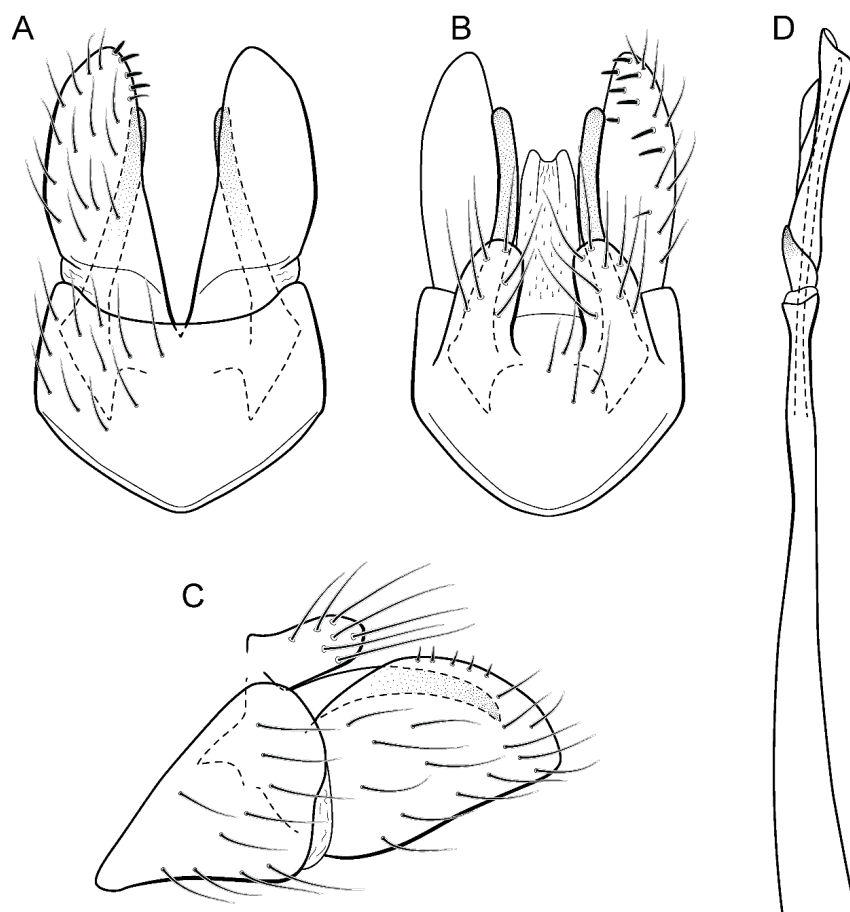
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593 | **Figure 9.** *Metrichia bracui* **sp. nov.**, male genitalia: (A) ventral view; (B) dorsal view; (C)
594 | lateral view; (D) phallus, dorsal view.

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596 | ***Metrichia caraca* sp. nov.**

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598 | (Fig. 10)

599 **Adult male.** Length 2.5–3.0 mm (n=7). General color, in alcohol, brown. Head with no
600 modifications. [Ocelli 3](#). Antenna simple, 18-articulated. Maxillary palpus 5-articulated; labial
601 palpus 3-articulated. Mesoscutellum with transverse suture. Metascutellum subtriangular.
602 Anterior femur without processes. Tibial spur formula 1-3-4. Wing venation reduced in both
603 wings. Abdominal segment VI bearing brush of very long setae dorsolaterally; segment VII
604 bearing brush of very long setae dorsolaterally. Ventromesal process on segment VII absent.
605 Segment VIII shorter ventrally than dorsally and bearing brush of long setae dorsally. **Male**
606 **genitalia.** Segment IX reduced dorsally; sternum subrectangular, with anterior margin
607 rounded ([Fig. 10A](#)); in lateral view narrower anteriorly than posteriorly ([Fig. 10C](#)). Inferior
608 appendage [covered by long setae](#), subtrapezoidal in ventral view, ([Fig. 10A](#)), apex oblique and
609 projected [mesad](#) into a large process bearing a stout spine-like setae, [Dorsal](#) hook short and
610 straight; in lateral view, truncate and broader apically ([Fig. 10C](#)). Preanal appendage short,
611 [truncate](#) and bearing very long setae ([Fig. 10B](#)). Subgenital plate apparently absent. Tergum X
612 membranous and truncate ([Fig. 10B](#)). Phallus tubular, elongate and slender, slightly
613 constricted mesally; with two curved subapical spines, one short and another long; apex
614 emarginate; ejaculatory duct sclerotized and [not](#) protruding apically ([Fig. 10D](#)).
615 **Holotype. BRAZIL: Minas Gerais:** Catas Altas, RPPN Santuário do Caraça, Ribeirão
616 Caraça, 11–13.vi.2013, ML Monné & JP Botero [cols.](#), Malaise trap, male (DZRJ).
617 **Paratypes.** Same data as holotype, [3](#), male (DZRJ). **Minas Gerais:** São Roque de Minas,
618 Parque Nacional da Serra da Canastra, Fazenda Velha, Córrego dos Pombos, 20°14'57"S
619 46°38'05"W, el. 997 m, 02.iv.2014, JL Nessimian, ALH Oliveira, LL Dumas & SP Gomes,
620 light trap [cols.](#), 1 male (MNRJ).
621 **Etymology.** This species is named in reference to the stream where type specimens were
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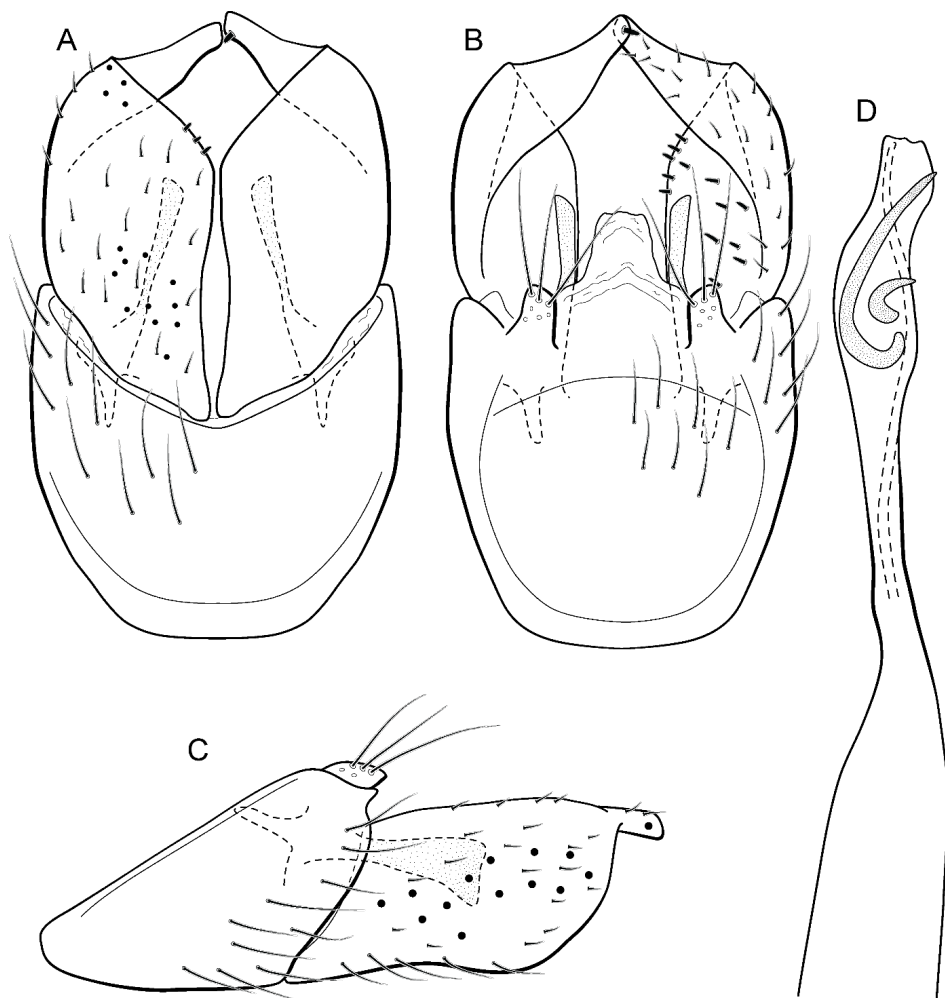
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633 **Remarks.** This new species has very distinctive male genitalia. Based on dorsoapically
634 produced inferior appendages, this new species resembles *M. lenophora* (Flint). However, *M.*
635 *caraca* **sp. nov.** is easily recognized by the obliquely truncate and [mesad](#)-directed process of
636 inferior appendages and dorsal hook, in lateral view, with apex broad and truncate.

637 COI distances within this species reached only 1.1% and the lowest interspecific
638 distance (21.7%) was found between specimens of *M. caraca* **sp. nov.** and *M. acuminata* **sp.**
639 **nov.**, which are very distinct based on morphological features.

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644 **Figure 10.** *Metrichia caraca* sp. nov., male genitalia: (A) ventral view; (B) dorsal view; (C)
645 lateral view; (D) phallus, dorsal view.

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647 ***Metrichia circuliforme* sp. nov.**

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649 (Fig. 11)

650 **Adult male.** Length 2.5–2.7 mm (n=4). General color, in alcohol, brown. Head with no

651 modifications. Ocelli 3. Antenna simple, 18-articulated. Maxillary palpus 5-articulated; labial
652 palpus 3-articulated. Mesoscutellum with transverse suture. Metascutellum subtriangular.

653 Anterior femur without processes. Tibial spur formula 1-3-4. Wing venation reduced in both

654 wings. Abdominal segment VI bearing brush of very long setae dorsolaterally; segment VII

655 bearing a brush of very long setae dorsolaterally. Ventromesal process on segment VII present.

656 Segment VIII shorter ventrally than dorsally. **Male genitalia.** Segment IX reduced dorsally;

657 sternum subpentagonal (Fig. 11A); in lateral view narrower anteriorly than posteriorly (Fig.

658 11C). Inferior appendage short, covered by long setae, subrectangular in ventral view (Fig.

659 11A); in lateral view, rounded (Fig. 11C), apex slightly truncate and bearing short spine-like

660 setae, Dorsal hook long, almost reaching the inferior appendage apex; in lateral view,

661 downturned (Fig. 11C). Preanal appendage elongate, but shorter than inferior appendage, and

662 bearing very long setae (Fig. 11B). Subgenital plate apparently absent. Tergum X

663 membranous and truncate (Fig. 11B). Phallus tubular, elongate and slender, slightly

664 constricted mesally and with a median process; with two short subapical spines; apex rounded

665 and sclerotized; ejaculatory duct sclerotized, straight and not protruding apically (Fig. 11D).

666 **Holotype.** BRAZIL: Rio de Janeiro: Itatiaia, Rio das Pedras, Cachoeira de Deus,

667 22°25'00"S 44°32'50"W, el. 689 m, 06.iii.2008, JL Nessimian, LL Dumas & MR de Souza

668 cols., light trap, male (DZRJ).

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677 **Paratypes.** Same data as holotype, except Rio das Pedras, 22°24'33"S 44°33'08"W, el. 706 m,
678 06.iii.2008, LL Dumas, JL Nessimian & MR de Souza [cols.](#), light trap, 1 male (DZRJ), 1 male
679 (MNRJ); Parque Nacional do Itatiaia, Córrego Simon, 22°26'16"S 44°36'20"W, el. 1033 m,
680 15.iv.07, LL Dumas, APM Santos, N Ferreira-Jr. & JL Nessimian [cols.](#), light trap, 1 male
681 (DZRJ).

682 **Etymology.** From Latin, "circuli-" and "form" meaning "rounded shape"; in allusion to the
683 rounded and simple inferior appendages.

684 **Remarks.** This species has a simple male genitalia and abdomen with only brushes of long
685 setae on segments VI and VII. General aspect of the male genitalia is similar to *M. riva*
686 (Bueno-Soria) and *M. quadrada* (Flint), particularly their inferior appendages short and
687 subrectangular and phallus with two subapical spines. However, *M. circuliforme* **sp. nov.** can
688 be easily distinguished from *M. quadrada* by the absence of internal sacs in the abdomen. It
689 can be distinguished from *M. riva* by the elongate preanal appendages and phallus with
690 subequal hook spines subapically.

691 We obtained seven COI sequences for *M. circuliforme* **sp. nov.** and, although all of
692 them came from the same locality, intraspecific divergences were relatively higher, reaching
693 3.5%. Besides that, GMYC estimated two species for these sequences instead of one.
694 Reanalysis of the morphology of these specimens did not reveal any conspicuous variation
695 that could justify splitting in two taxonomic groups. Comparing to other studies using DNA
696 barcodes of caddisflies, this genetic distance is still low, for example Pauls et al. (2010) found
697 intraspecific divergences (K2P distance) up to 5.9% for Chilean *Smicridea*. Zhou et al. (2011)
698 found even higher intraspecific distances among caddisflies, reaching up to 14%. GMYC is
699 known to be more sensitive to geographic range coverage and/or other sampling schemes
700 resulting in oversplitting (Lohse, 2009; Talavera et al., 2013). Therefore, we considered *M.*
701 *circuliforme* **sp. nov.** as a robust species based on morphology as well as based on barcode

divergences. Minimum interspecific COI distances of *M. circuliforme* **sp. nov.** to *M. curta* **sp. nov.** were 18.4%, and again, these two species are very distinct based on morphological features and apparently are not even closely related to each other (Fig. 2).

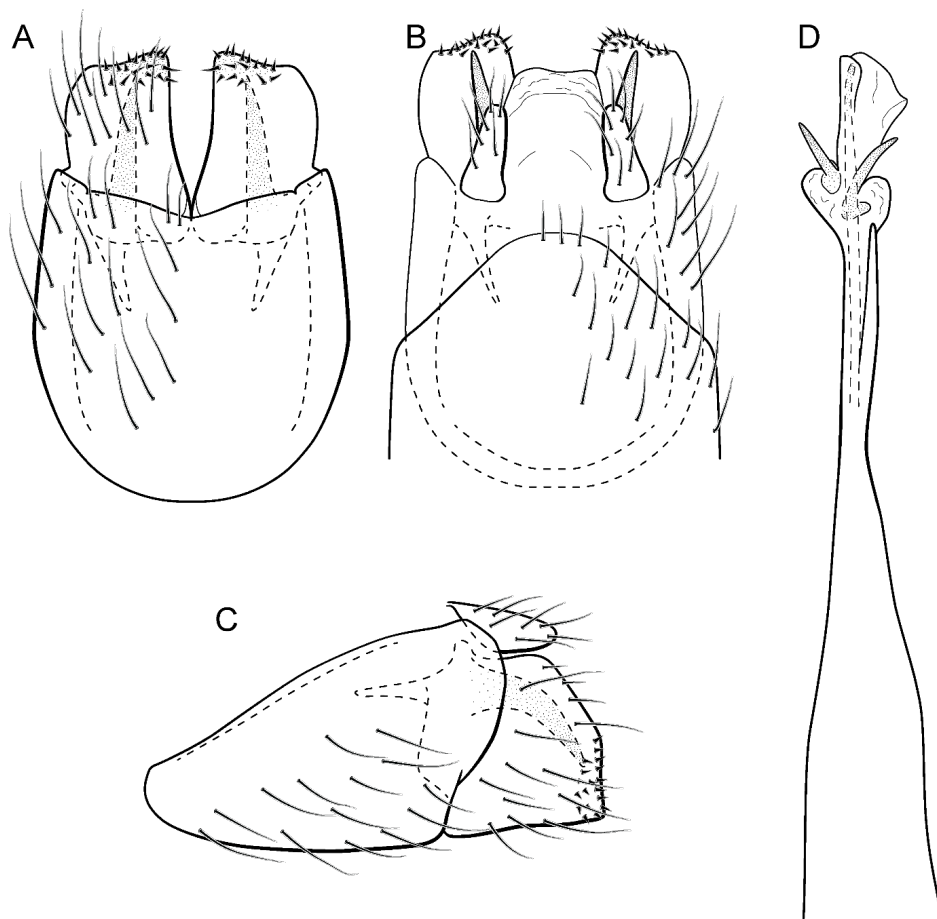


Figure 11. *Metrichia circuliforme* **sp. nov.**, male genitalia: (A) ventral view; (B) dorsal view; (C) lateral view; (D) phallus, dorsal view.

***Metrichia curta* sp. nov.**

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(Fig. 12)

Adult male. Length 2.4–2.5 mm (n=9). General color, in alcohol, light brown. Head with no modifications. [Ocelli 3](#). Antenna simple, 18-articulated. Maxillary palpus 5-articulated; labial palpus 3-articulated. Mesoscutellum with transverse suture. Metascutellum subtriangular. Anterior femur without processes. Tibial spur formula 1-3-4. Wing venation reduced in both wings. Abdomen without modifications. Ventromesal process on segment VII present. Segment VIII shorter ventrally than dorsally. **Male genitalia.** Segment IX reduced dorsally; sternum subpentagonal (Fig. 12A); in lateral view, narrower anteriorly than posteriorly (Fig. 12C). Inferior appendage covered by long setae, subtrapezoidal in ventral view (Fig. 12A); in lateral view, subtriangular (Fig. 12C), apex rounded, Dorsal hook long, more than half length of inferior appendage; in lateral view, with apex slightly broader, downturned, and truncate (Fig. 12C). Preanal appendage elongate, but shorter than inferior appendage, and bearing very long setae (Fig. 12B). Subgenital plate apparently absent. Tergum X membranous and rounded (Fig. 12B). Phallus tubular, elongate and slender, slightly constricted mesally; with a stout subapical spine; apex rounded and folded; ejaculatory duct sclerotized, straight and protruding apically (Fig. 12D).

Holotype. BRAZIL: Rio de Janeiro: Itatiaia, Rio das Pedras, 22°24'33"S 44°33'08"W, el. 706 m, 06.iii.2008, LL Dumas, JL Nessimian & MR de Souza [cols.](#), light trap, male (DZRJ).

Paratypes. Same data as holotype, 3 males (DZRJ), 3 males (MNRJ).

Etymology. The specific name is a reference to the very short inferior appendage, in Portuguese “curta” means “short”.

Remarks. Based on the absence of modifications on abdominal segments, this new species can be assigned to the *aberrans* group. This species has the phallus similar to *M. amplitudinis* Bueno-Soria & Hozenthal, with a long spine and an apical flap. The new species can be distinguished by the triangular inferior appendages in lateral view and phallus with a strongly

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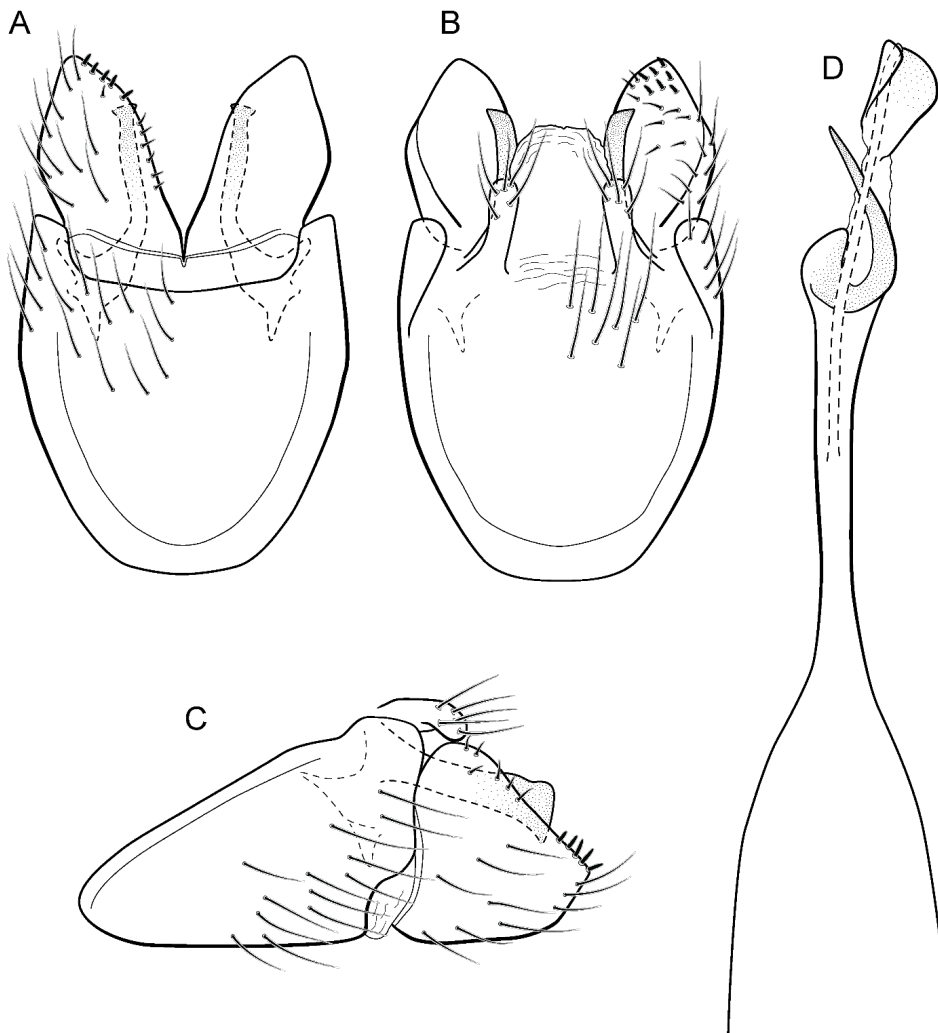
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744 curved spine subapically. *Metrichia amplitudinis* and *M. curta* **sp. nov.** share the widened
745 dorsal hook, but in the new species this structure is only slightly wider and also truncate in
746 lateral view. Maximum intraspecific divergence of COI sequences was 1.5% for *M. curta* **sp.**
747 **nov.** and the minimum interspecific was to *M. circuliforme*, as mentioned above.

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750 **Figure 12.** *Metrichia curta* **sp. nov.**, male genitalia: (A) ventral view; (B) dorsal view; (C)
751 lateral view; (D) phallus, dorsal view.

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753 *Metrichia farofa* sp. nov.

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755 (Fig. 13)

756 **Adult male.** Length 1.8–2.1 mm (n=27). General color, in alcohol, light brown. Head with no757 modifications. [Ocelli 3](#). Antenna simple, 18-articulated. Maxillary palpus 5-articulated; labial

758 palpus 3-articulated. Mesoscutellum with transverse suture. Metascutellum subtriangular.

759 Anterior femur without processes. Tibial spur formula 1-3-4. Wing venation reduced in both

760 wings. Abdomen without modifications; segment VII bearing specialized setae dorsally.

761 Ventromesal process on segment VII absent. Segment VIII shorter ventrally than dorsally.

762 **Male genitalia.** Segment IX reduced dorsally; sternum subrectangular, [\(Fig. 13A\)](#); in lateral763 view narrower anteriorly than posteriorly [\(Fig. 13C\)](#). Inferior appendage [covered by long](#)764 [setae](#), subrectangular in ventral view [\(Fig. 13A\)](#); in lateral view, subrectangular [\(Fig. 13C\)](#),765 apex slightly truncate and bearing short spine-like setae, [Dorsal](#) hook long, almost reaching766 the inferior appendage apex; in lateral view, downturned [\(Fig. 13C\)](#). Preanal appendage767 elongate, as long as inferior appendage, and bearing very long setae [\(Fig. 13B\)](#). Subgenital768 plate apparently absent. Tergum X membranous and rounded, [\(Fig. 13B\)](#). Phallus tubular,769 elongate and slender, [slightly constricted mesally](#), with a stout subapical spine; apex rounded770 and sclerotized; ejaculatory duct sclerotized, sinuous, and protruding apically [\(Fig. 13D\)](#).771 **Holotype. BRAZIL: Minas Gerais:** Jaboticatubas, Parque Nacional da Serra do Cipó,

772 Cachoeira da Farofa, 19°22'47"S 43°34'36"W, el. 811 m, 23.iv.2010, APM Santos & DM

773 Takiya [cols.](#), manual, male (DZRJ).774 **Paratypes.** Same data as holotype, 18 males (DZRJ), 8 males (MNRJ), 5 males (MZUFBA);

775 same data, except Ribeirão Mascates, 19°24'02"S 43°34'35"W, el. 820 m, 09–11.xii.2011,

776 APM Santos & DM Takiya [cols.](#), manual, 84 males (DZRJ).

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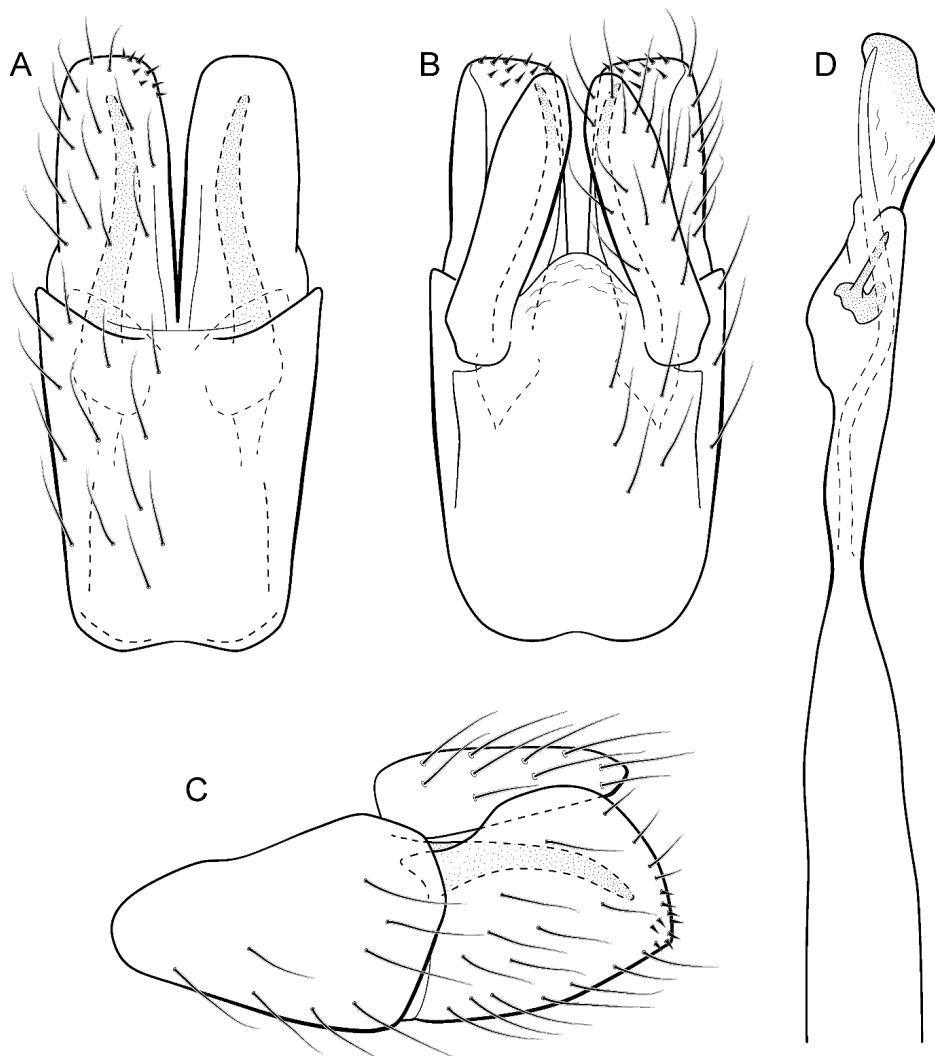
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784 | **Etymology.** This new species is named in reference to the waterfall name, where [the](#)
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788 | **Figure 13.** *Metrichia farofa* **sp. nov.**, male genitalia: (A) ventral view; (B) dorsal view; (C)
789 | lateral view; (D) phallus, dorsal view.

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792 **Remarks.** Due to absence of pouches in abdominal segments, *Metrichia farofa* **sp. nov.** can
793 be also included in the *aberrans* group. However, the new species has only a subapical spine
794 in phallus, like those species included *exclamationis* group. The new species can be easily
795 distinguished from any *Metrichia* species by the very long preanal appendages, reaching the
796 apex of inferior appendages in dorsal and lateral views.

797 | Although more than [10](#) specimens of *M. farofa* **sp. nov.** were submitted to DNA
798 extraction and many attempts of COI amplification via PCR were conducted, we were not
799 able to obtain sequences of this species, even using recent material, collected after 2013.

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801 ***Metrichia forceps* sp. nov.**

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804 **Adult male.** Length 2.7–3.0 mm (n=2). General color, in alcohol, brown. Head with no
805 modifications. [Ocelli 3](#). Antenna simple, 23-articulated. Maxillary palpus 5-articulated; labial
806 palpus 3-articulated. Mesoscutellum with transverse suture. Metascutellum subtriangular.
807 Anterior femur with small acute apical process. Tibial spur formula 1-3-4. Wing venation
808 reduced in both wings. Abdominal segment VII bearing internal pouches in anterior area.
809 Ventromesal process on segment VII absent. Segment VIII shorter ventrally than dorsally.

810 **Male genitalia.** Segment IX reduced dorsally; sternum subpentagonal ([Fig. 14A](#)); in lateral
811 view, narrower anteriorly than posteriorly ([Fig. 14C](#)). Inferior appendage [covered by long](#)
812 [setae](#), subrectangular in ventral view ([Fig. 14A](#)); [in lateral view, with posterior margin](#),
813 excavated and with two acute and sclerotized process ([Fig. 14C](#)). [Dorsal](#) hook long, almost
814 reaching the inferior appendage apex; in lateral view, downturned ([Fig. 14C](#)). Preanal
815 appendage short, rounded and bearing very long setae ([Fig. 14B](#)). Subgenital plate apparently
816 absent. Tergum X sclerotized, deeply notched mesally, forming lateral curved processes ([Fig.](#)

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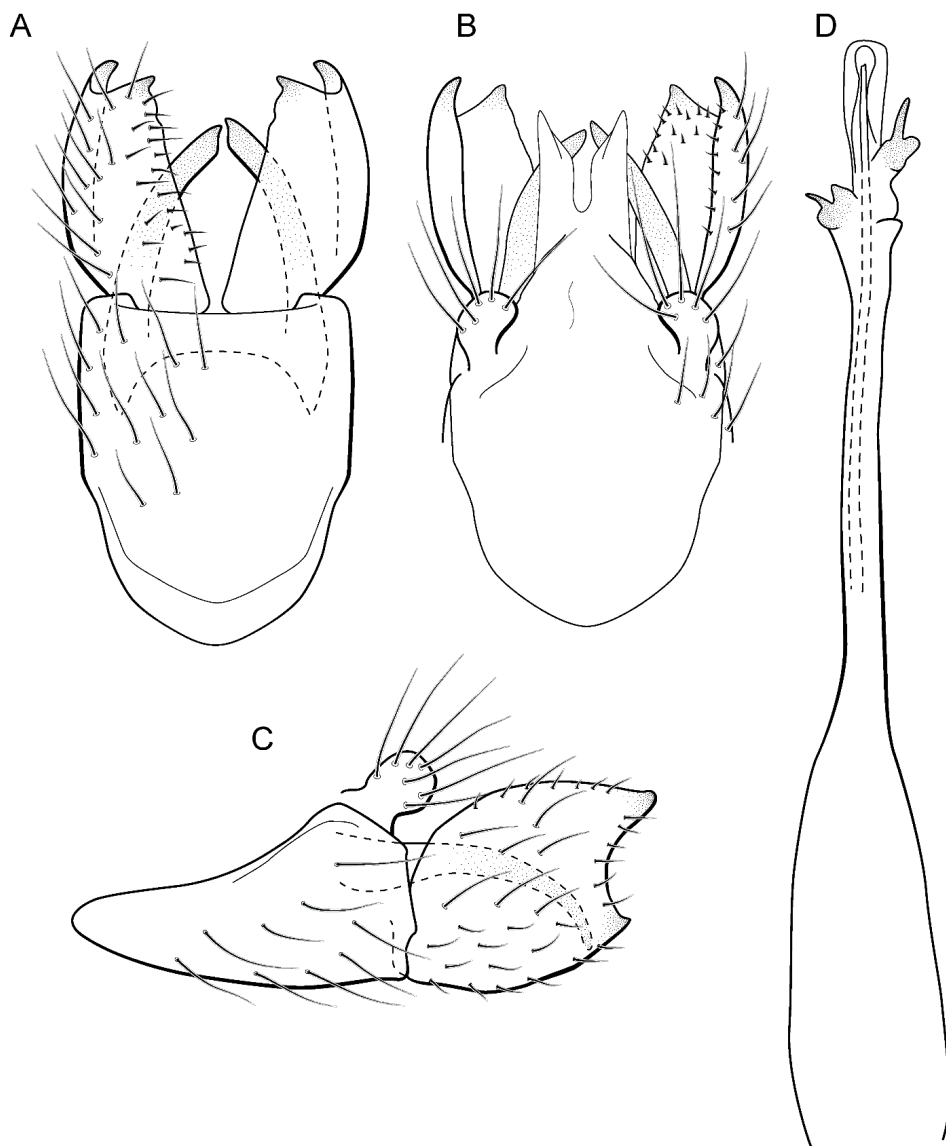
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824 | 14B). Phallus tubular, elongate and slender, slightly constricted mesally; with two short
825 | subapical spines; apex rounded and folded; ejaculatory duct sclerotized, straight and
826 | protruding apically (Fig. 14D).

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829 **Figure 14.** *Metrichia forceps* **sp. nov.**, male genitalia: (A) ventral view; (B) dorsal view; (C)
830 lateral view; (D) phallus, dorsal view.

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832 **Holotype.** **BRAZIL: Paraná:** Céu Azul, Parque Nacional do Iguaçu, Rio Azul, 25°09'21"S
833 53°47'44"W, el. 510 m, 6–8 ix.2012, APM Santos, DM Takiya, ALH Oliveira, GA Jardim &
834 BHL Sampaio [cols.](#), Malaise trap, male (DZRJ).

835 **Paratypes.** Same data as holotype, 1 male (MNRJ).

836 **Etymology.** The name of this species is in reference to the dorsal hooks of the inferior
837 appendages, which in ventral view resemble a [pair of](#) forceps.

838 **Remarks.** This new species belongs to *campana* group, due to the internal pouches between
839 segments VI and VII, reduced spines on subapical region of phallus, and the sclerotized and
840 elongate tergum X. Within this group, *M. forceps* **sp. nov.** shares more similarities in male
841 genitalia with *M. campana* Flint, *M. similis* Flint, and *M. continentalis* Flint, particularly by
842 the inferior appendages with excavate posterior margin, forming two pointed processes, one
843 ventral and another dorsal. This new species can be distinguished from the other by tergum X
844 deeply notched; dorsal hook of inferior appendages elongate and downturned, and phallus
845 apex bearing two small spines and a sclerotized flap surrounding the protruding ejaculatory
846 duct.

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848 ***Metrichia formosinha* sp. nov.**

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851 **Adult male.** Length 2.5–2.8 mm (n=2). General color, in alcohol, dark brown. Head with no
852 modifications. [Ocelli](#) 3. Antenna simple, 20-articulated. Maxillary palpus 5-articulated; labial
853 palpus 3-articulated. Mesoscutellum with transverse suture. Metascutellum subtriangular.

Anterior femur with small acute apical process. Tibial spur formula 1-3-4. Wing venation reduced in both wings. Abdominal segment VI with pair of internal pouches in posterodorsal area. Ventromesal process on segment VII present. Segment VIII shorter ventrally than dorsally. **Male genitalia.** Segment IX reduced dorsally; sternum subrectangular, with anterior margin rounded (Fig. 15A); in lateral view narrower anteriorly than posteriorly (Fig. 15C). Inferior appendage with peg-like setae, subrectangular in ventral (Fig. 15A) and lateral (Fig. 15C) views; apex with acute corners. Dorsal hook long, almost reaching the inferior appendage apex; in lateral view, with apex slightly broader, almost straight, and truncate (Fig. 15C). Preanal appendage short, rounded and bearing very long setae (Fig. 15B). Subgenital plate apparently absent. Tergum X membranous and rounded (Fig. 15B). Phallus tubular, elongate and slender, slightly constricted mesally; with two curved subapical spines, one short and another one very long; apex rounded and sclerotized; ejaculatory duct sclerotized, sinuous, and not protruding apically (Fig. 15D).

Holotype. BRAZIL: Mato Grosso do Sul: Bonito, Rio Formosinho, 21°10'16"S 56°26'47"W el. 275 m, 08–13.ix.2013, APM Santos & DM Takiya cols., Malaise trap, male (DZRJ).

Paratypes. Same data as holotype, 3 males (DZRJ).

Etymology. This species is named in allusion to the river where the type specimens were collected.

Remarks. This new species appears to be a member of the *campana* group because of internal pouches between abdominal segments VI-VII and phallus with two subapical spines. General aspect of the male genitalia of *Metrichia formosinha* sp. nov. is similar to *M. forceps* sp. nov., particularly the inferior appendages with acute corners. However, *M. formosinha* sp. nov. differs from it by the dorsal hook almost straight and capitate (strongly curved and acute

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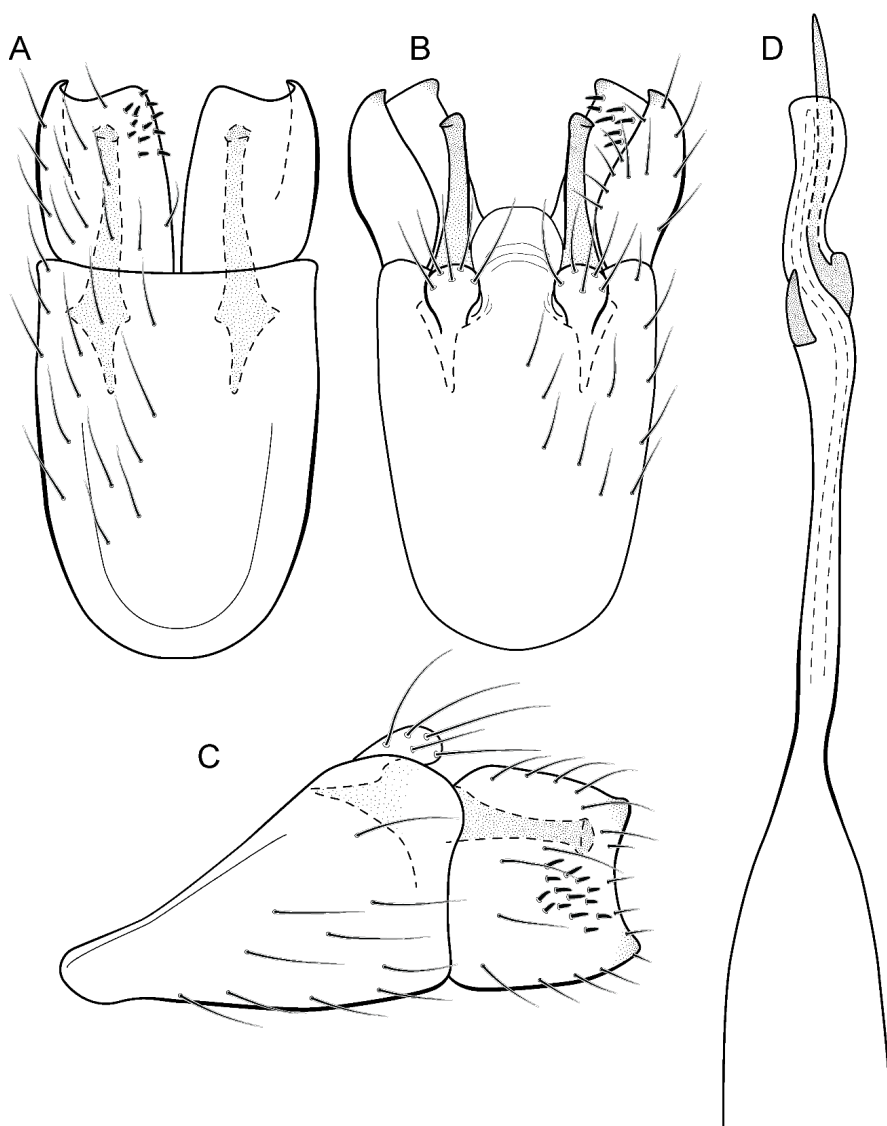
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886 | in *M. forceps* **sp. nov.** and in the other species of *campana* group); and by phallus with a [very](#)
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895 **Figure 15.** *Metrichia formosinha* sp. nov., male genitalia: (A) ventral view; (B) dorsal view;

896 (C) lateral view; (D) phallus, dorsal view.

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898 ***Metrichia goiana* sp. nov.**

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Adult male. Length 1.8–2.0 mm (n=6). General color, in alcohol, dark brown. Head with no modifications. [Ocelli 3](#). Antenna simple, 18-articulated. Maxillary palpus 5-articulated, article IV broad and darkened; labial palpus 3-articulated. Mesoscutellum with transverse suture. Metascutellum subtriangular. Anterior femur with small acute apical process. Tibial spur formula 1-3-4. Wing venation reduced in both wings. Abdominal segment V with pair of internal pouches and pair of dorsolateral brushes; segment VI with a transverse sclerotized plate posteriorly on dorsum; segment VII bearing specialized setae dorsally. Ventromesal process on segment VII absent. Segment VIII shorter ventrally than dorsally. **Male genitalia.** Segment IX reduced dorsally; sternum subrectangular, with anterior margin rounded (Fig. 16A); in lateral view narrower anteriorly than posteriorly (Fig. 16C). Inferior appendage covered by long setae, elongate and narrow in ventral view (Fig. 16A); in lateral view, rounded (Fig. 16A), apex rounded and bearing a tooth-like projection (Fig. 16A). Dorsal hook short, less than half length of inferior appendage; in lateral view, downturned (Fig. 16A). Preanal appendage short and bearing very long setae (Fig. 16B). Subgenital plate apparently absent. Tergum X membranous and truncate (Fig. 16B). Phallus tubular, elongate and slender, slightly constricted mesally; with two long, curved, subapical spines; apex ending into two sclerotized and keel shaped processes; ejaculatory duct sclerotized, straight and not protruding apically (Fig. 16D).

Holotype. BRAZIL: Goiás: Alto Paraíso de Goiás, afl. Rio Bartolomeu, 14°07'25"S 47°30'30"W, el. 1165 m, 22–25.iii.2013, APM Santos & DM Takiya [cols.](#), Malaise trap, male (DZRJ).

Paratypes. Same data as holotype, 2 males (MNRJ), 1 male (DZRJ).

Etymology. The species is named in reference to Goiás State. [“Goiana” is a gentile adjective in Portuguese for people from Goiás.](#)

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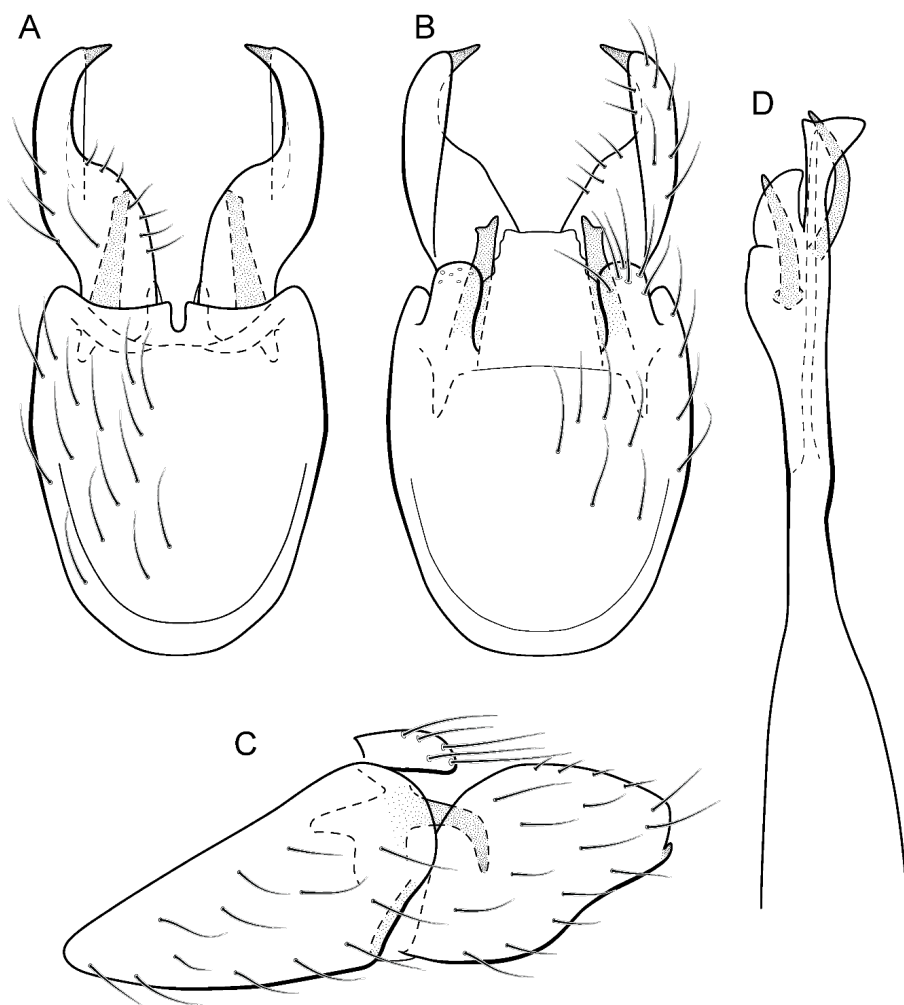
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932 **Remarks.** This is another member of *nigritta* group. Male genitalia of this species is similar
 933 to *M. potosina* Bueno-Soria and *M. ubajara* **sp. nov.**, due to rounded and elongate inferior
 934 appendage in lateral view. This new species differs from *M. ubajara* **sp. nov.** by the presence
 935 of an apical tooth on inferior appendages, also present in *M. potosina*. *Metrichia goiana* **sp.**
 936 **nov.** can be distinguished from *M. potosina* by the two long subapical spines on phallus,
 937 whereas *M. potosina* has three.

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941 **Figure 16.** *Metrichia goiana* sp. nov., male genitalia: (A) ventral view; (B) dorsal view; (C)
942 lateral view; (D) phallus, dorsal view.

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944 *Metrichia itabaiana* sp. nov.

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946 (Fig. 17, Fig. 26B)

947 **Adult male.** Length 1.8–2.1 mm (n=3). General color, in alcohol, brown. Head with no

948 modifications. Ocelli 3. Antenna simple, 20-articulated. Maxillary palpus 5-articulated; labial

949 palpus 3-articulated. Mesoscutellum with transverse suture. Metascutellum subtriangular.

950 Anterior femur without processes. Tibial spur formula 1-3-4. Wing venation reduced in both

951 wings. Abdominal segment V ventrally with a mesal brush of long setae; segment VI with

952 tergum as a sclerotized triangular plate surrounded by specialized setae (Fig. 26B), internally

953 with pair of internal pouches; segment VII bearing specialized setae ventrally and dorsally

954 (Fig. 26B). Ventromesal process on segment VII present. Segment VIII shorter ventrally than

955 dorsally and bearing a brush of long setae dorsally. **Male genitalia.** Segment IX reduced

956 dorsally; sternum subpentagonal (Fig. 17A); in lateral view narrower anteriorly than

957 posteriorly (Fig. 17C). Inferior appendage short, covered by long setae (Fig. 17A); in lateral

958 view, subtrapezoidal (Fig. 17C), apex excavated and with two acute and sclerotized process,

959 (Figs. 17A, 17B). Dorsal hook short, almost half length of inferior appendage; in lateral view,

960 slightly downturned (Fig. 17C). Preanal appendage elongate, but shorter than inferior

961 appendage, and bearing very long setae (Fig. 17B). Subgenital plate apparently absent.

962 Tergum X membranous and truncate (Fig. 17B). Phallus tubular, elongate and slender,

963 slightly constricted mesally; with two long, curved, subapical spines; apex truncate and

964 slightly sclerotized; ejaculatory duct sclerotized, sinuous, and protruding apically (Fig. 17D).

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973 **Holotype. Sergipe:** Areia Branca, Parque Nacional da Serra de Itabaiana, Rio dos Negros,
974 10°44'51"S 37°20'24"W, el. 208 m, 17.vi.2014, APM Santos, DM Takiya & WRM Souza
975 [cols.](#), light trap, male (DZRJ).
976 **Paratypes.** Same data as holotype, 1 male (DZRJ), 1 male (MZUFBA); same data, except
977 Riacho Água Fria, 10°45'17"S 37°20'32"W, el. 196 m, 17–19.vi.2014, APM Santos, DM
978 Takiya, WRM Souza [cols.](#), Malaise trap, 2 males (MNRJ). **Goiás:** Alto Paraíso, afl. Rio
979 Bartolomeu, 14°07'25"S 47°30'30"W, el. 1165 m, 22–25.iii.2013, APM Santos & DM Takiya
980 [cols.](#), Malaise trap, 1 male (DZRJ).
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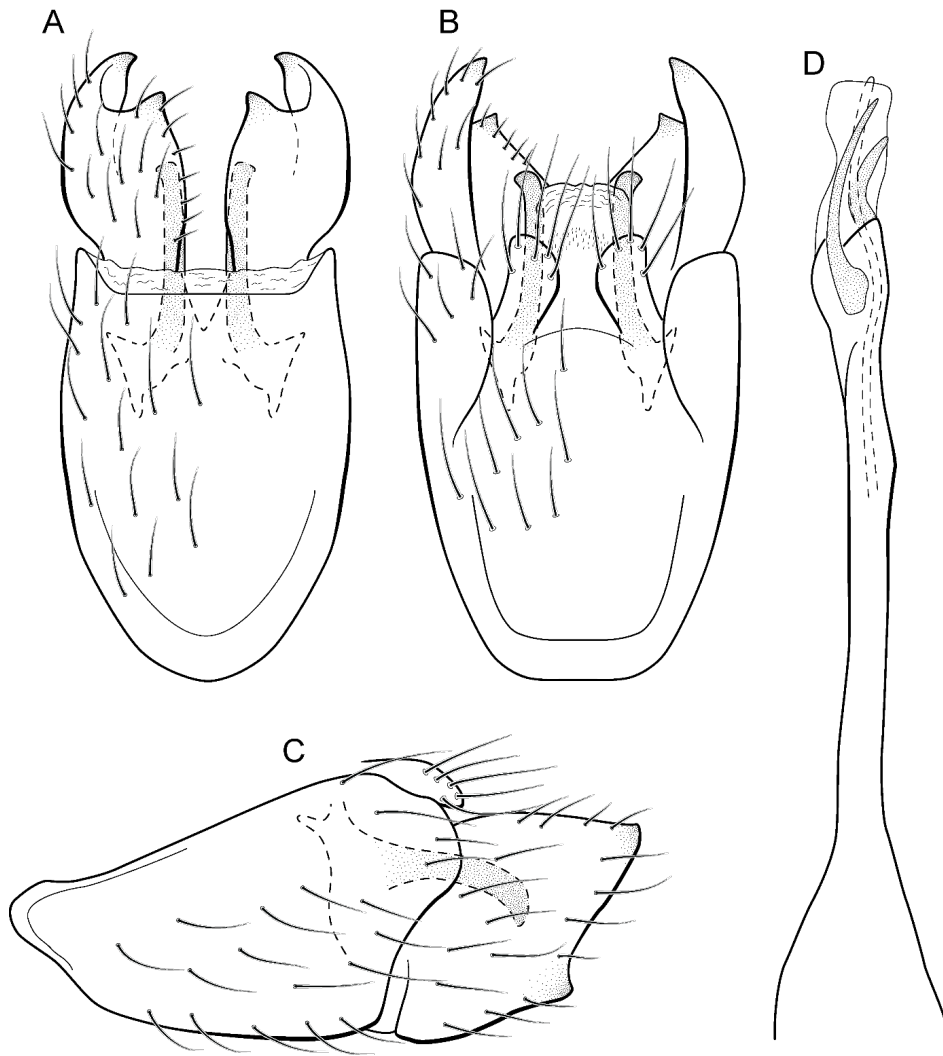


Figure 17. *Metrichia itabaiana* sp. nov., male genitalia: (A) ventral view; (B) dorsal view; (C) lateral view; (D) phallus, dorsal view.

Etymology. This species is named in reference to Serra de Itabaiana, Sergipe, where the holotype was collected.

Remarks. This new species appears to be a member of the *campana* group because of internal pouches between abdominal segments VI and VII and pair of long subapical spines

990 on phallus, but this species lacks the acute process on mesal area of phallus. Male genitalia of
991 *M. itabaiana* **sp. nov.** resembles those of *M. campana* Flint and *M. vulgaris* **sp. nov.**,
992 particularly, the excavated inferior appendages, with acute and darkened corners. However,
993 this new species can be recognized by the very long curved subapical spines on phallus and
994 the [subtrapezoidal](#) aspect of inferior appendages in lateral view.

995 Only two COI sequences were obtained for *M. itabaiana* **sp. nov.**, one from Sergipe
996 (Northeastern Brazil) and another from Goiás (Midwestern Brazil). The COI divergence
997 between these two samples was 1.9% and minimum interspecific distance was 19.4% in
998 relation to *M. rafaelli* **sp. nov.**, which belongs to a different species group based on
999 morphological features.

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1001 *Metrichia longissima* **sp. nov.**

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1003 (Fig. 18, Fig. 26C)

1004 **Adult male.** Length 2.5–2.7 mm (n=2). General color, in alcohol, brown. Head with no
1005 modifications. [Ocelli 3](#). Antenna simple, 18-articulated. Maxillary palpus 5-articulated; labial
1006 palpus 3-articulated. Mesoscutellum with transverse suture. Metascutellum subtriangular.
1007 Anterior femur with small acute apical process. Tibial spur formula 1-3-4. Wing venation
1008 reduced in both wings. Abdominal segment IV with dorsal area expanded posteriorly bearing
1009 stout setae; segment VI with stout and striate setae ([Fig. 26C](#)); segment VII with stout and
1010 striate setae ([Fig. 26C](#)). Ventromesal process on segment VII absent. Segment VIII shorter
1011 ventrally than dorsally. **Male genitalia.** Segment IX reduced dorsally; sternum subpentagonal,
1012 ([Fig. 18A](#)); in lateral view narrower anteriorly than posteriorly ([Fig. 18C](#)). Inferior appendage
1013 [bearing scale-like setae](#), very elongate; in ventral view, curved inward apically ([Fig. 18A](#)); in
1014 lateral view, tapering to a rounded apex ([Fig. 18C](#)). ~~Dorsal~~ hook short and straight; in lateral

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view, slightly downturned (Fig. 18C). Preanal appendage elongate, but shorter than half length of inferior appendage, and bearing stout and striate setae (Fig. 18B). Subgenital plate apparently absent. Tergum X membranous and truncate (Fig. 18B). Phallus tubular, elongate and slender, slightly constricted mesally, with a median process; with two long, curved, subapical spines; apex rounded and sclerotized; ejaculatory duct sclerotized and protruding apically (Fig. 18D).

Holotype. BRAZIL: Rio de Janeiro: Itatiaia, Rio Palmital, 22°25'34"S 44°32'52"W, el. 637 m, 07.iii.2008, LL Dumas, JL Nessimian & MR de Souza cols., light trap, male (DZRJ).

Paratype. Brazil: Rio de Janeiro: Teresópolis, Parque Nacional da Serra dos Órgãos, Rio Paqueta, 22°27'25"S 42°59'52"W, el. 1100 m, 15–18.ix.2011, APM Santos, DM Takiya, BM Vasconcelos & RA Carvalho cols., Malaise trap, 1 male (MNRJ).

Etymology. The species name is an allusion to the elongate inferior appendages, unusual for *Metrichia* species.

Remarks. Based on male genitalia, this species is more similar to *M. sesquipedalis* Bueno-Soria & Holzenthal. Both species have very long inferior appendages with very short dorsal hook. The new species is easily distinguished from *M. sesquipedalis* by their internal pouches in segment VI of the male abdomen and phallus with only two subapical spines (three in *M. sesquipedalis*).

Two COI sequences were generated for *M. longissima* sp. nov. and, in spite of exclusive occurrence in Rio de Janeiro State, one specimen from Itatiaia and the other from Teresópolis, these localities are in distinct mountain ranges, respectively, Serra da Mantiqueira and Serra do Mar. Distance between sequences of *M. longissima* sp. nov. was 0.4%. The minimum interspecific distance was related to *M. itabaiana* sp. nov., with 21.5% of divergence.

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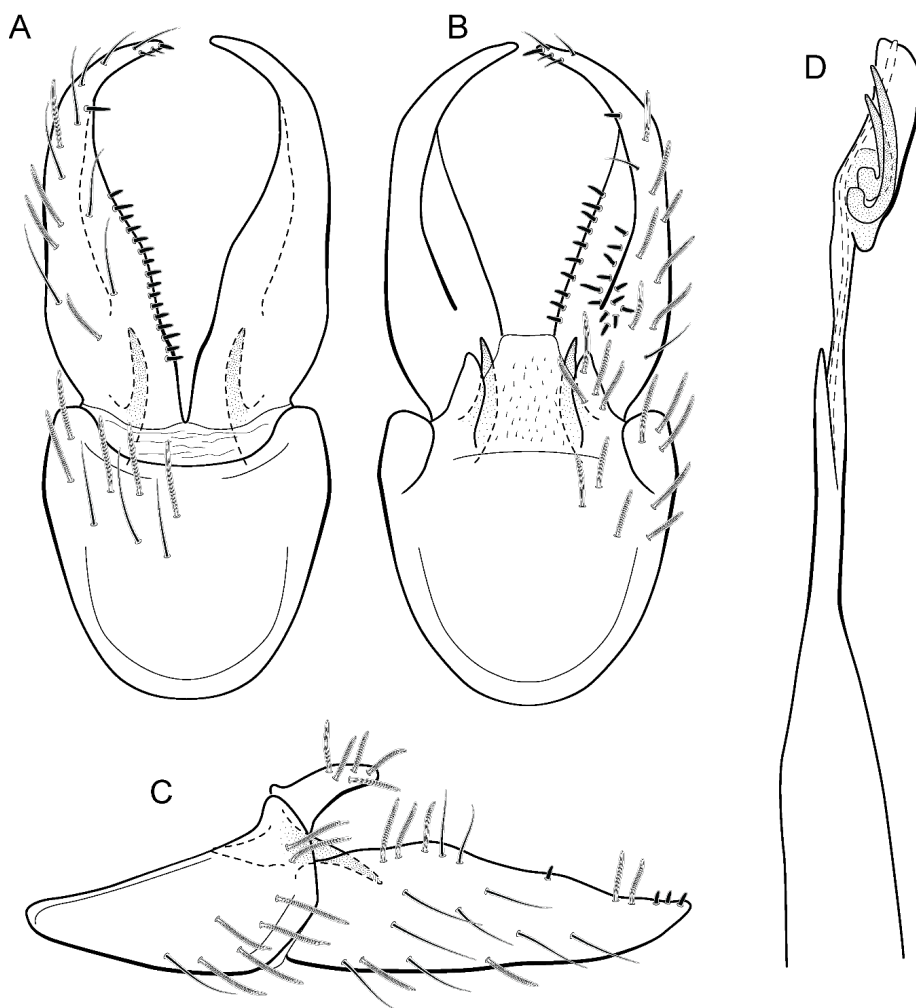


Figure 18. *Metrichia longissima* sp. nov., male genitalia: (A) ventral view; (B) dorsal view; (C) lateral view; (D) phallus, dorsal view.

***Metrichia peluda* sp. nov.**

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(Fig. 19, Fig. 26D)

1055 **Adult male.** Length 2.7–3.0 mm (n=3). General color, in alcohol, dark brown. Head with no
 1056 modifications. [Ocelli 3](#). Antenna simple, 18-articulated. Maxillary palpus 5-articulated; labial
 1057 palpus 3-articulated. Mesoscutellum with transverse suture. Metascutellum subtriangular.
 1058 Anterior femur without processes. Tibial spur formula 1-3-4. Wing venation reduced in both
 1059 wings. Abdominal segment V with dorsolateral brushes of long setae; segment VI with
 1060 dorsolateral brushes of long setae ([Fig. 26D](#)). Ventromesal process on segment VII present.
 1061 Segment VIII shorter ventrally than dorsally. **Male genitalia.** Segment IX reduced dorsally;
 1062 sternum subrectangular, with anterior margin rounded ([Fig. 19A](#)); in lateral view narrower
 1063 anteriorly than posteriorly ([Fig. 19C](#)). Inferior appendage [covered by long setae](#),
 1064 subtrapezoidal in ventral view ([Fig. 19A](#)); [apex excavated](#); in lateral view, rounded ([Fig. 19C](#)).
 1065 [Dorsal](#) hook short, almost half length of inferior appendage; in lateral view, slightly
 1066 downturned ([Fig. 19C](#)). Preanal appendage short and bearing very long setae ([Fig. 19B](#)).
 1067 Subgenital plate apparently absent. Tergum X membranous and truncate ([Fig. 19B](#)). Phallus
 1068 tubular, elongate and slender, slightly constricted mesally; with two curved subapical spines,
 1069 one short and another long; apex rounded and folded; ejaculatory duct sclerotized, straight
 1070 and protruding apically ([Fig. 19D](#)).
 1071 **Holotype. BRAZIL: Rio de Janeiro:** Itatiaia, 1st order tributary of Rio Palmital, 22°25'40"S
 1072 44°32'46"W, el. 584 m, 07.iii.2008, JL Nessimian, LL Dumas & MR de Souza [cols.](#), light
 1073 trap, male (DZRJ).
 1074 **Paratypes.** Same data as holotype, 1 male (MNRJ); same data, except Rio Palmital,
 1075 22°25'34"S 44°32'52"W, el. 637 m, 07.iii.2008, LL Dumas, JL Nessimian & MR de Souza
 1076 [cols.](#), light trap, 4 males (DZRJ).
 1077 **Etymology.** The name of this species refers to dense brushes of setae on [the](#) dorsal area of
 1078 male abdomen. From Portuguese, “peluda” means “hairy”.

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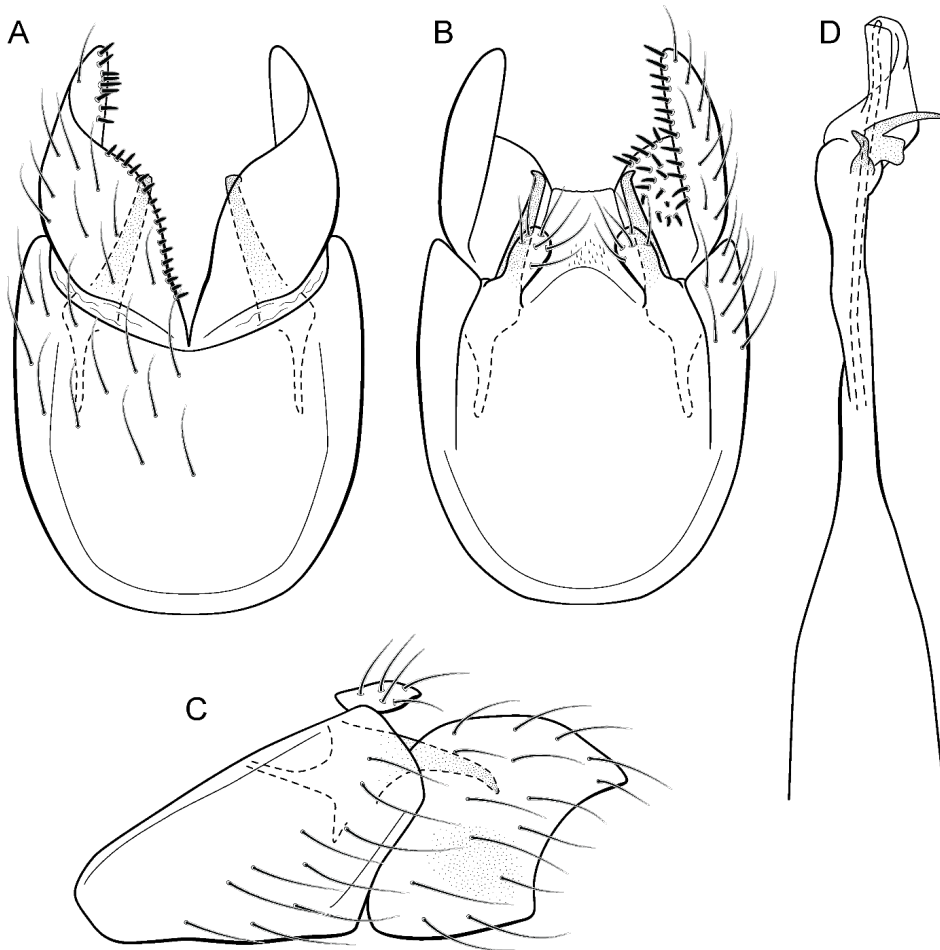


Figure 19. *Metrichia peluda* sp. nov., male genitalia: (A) ventral view; (B) dorsal view; (C) lateral view; (D) phallus, dorsal view.

Remarks. Males with modifications on abdominal segments V, VI, and VII suggest that this new species belongs to the *campana* group. The general aspect of inferior appendages is somewhat similar to *M. forceps* sp. nov. or *M. formosinha* sp. nov., which are excavate posteriorly. But *M. peluda* is readily identified by the dense brushes of setae on the dorsum of abdominal segments V, VI, and VII. Besides, the male genitalia of this new species differs

1097 from those described for *M. forceps* **sp. nov.** and *M. formosinha* **sp. nov.** by the rounded
1098 corners of inferior appendages instead of acute and by phallus with two subapical spines with
1099 different sizes from each other.

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1101 *Metrichia rafaeli* **sp. nov.**

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1103 (Fig. 20)

1104 **Adult male.** Length 2.0–2.5 mm (n=7). General color, in alcohol, dark brown. Head with no

1105 modifications. [Ocelli 3](#). Antenna simple, 20-articulated. Maxillary palpus 5-articulated; labial

1106 palpus 3-articulated. Mesoscutellum with transverse suture. Metascutellum subtriangular.

1107 Anterior femur without processes. Tibial spur formula 1-3-4. Wing venation reduced in both

1108 wings. Abdominal segment V with pair of internal pouches; segment VI with pair of internal

1109 pouches and pair of lateral external sacs with specialized setae; segment VII bearing

1110 specialized setae dorsally. Ventromesal process on segment VII present. Segment VIII shorter

1111 ventrally than dorsally. **Male genitalia.** Segment IX reduced dorsally; sternum subrectangular,

1112 with anterior margin rounded ([Fig. 20A](#)); in lateral view narrower anteriorly than posteriorly

1113 ([Fig. 20C](#)). Inferior appendage [covered by long setae](#), short [and](#) rounded, with apex slightly

1114 excavated ([Fig. 20A](#)); in lateral view, rounded ([Fig. 20C](#)), [Dorsal](#) hook long, more than half

1115 length of inferior appendage; in lateral view, downturned ([Fig. 20C](#)). Preanal appendage

1116 elongate, but shorter than half length of inferior appendage, and bearing stout and striate setae

1117 ([Fig. 20B](#)). Subgenital plate apparently absent. Tergum X membranous and truncate ([Fig.](#)

1118 [20B](#)). Phallus tubular, elongate and slender, slightly constricted mesally, [with a median](#)

1119 [process](#); with two long, curved, subapical spines, [and a membranous lobe](#); apex rounded and

1120 sclerotized; ejaculatory duct sclerotized, sinuous, and [not](#) protruding apically ([Fig. 20D](#)).

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1129 **Holotype male. BRAZIL: Ceará:** Ubajara, Parque Nacional de Ubajara, Rio das Minas,
1130 03°50'03"S 40°54'18"W, el. 524, 17–18.ii.2013, DM Takiya, JA Rafael, RR Cavichioli &
1131 APM Santos [cols.](#), Malaise trap (CZMA).

1132 **Paratypes.** Same data as holotype, 1 male (MZUFBA); same data, except Rio das Minas,
1133 03°49'58"S 40°53'53"W, el. 420 m, 20–23.iv.2012, F Limeira-de-Oliveira et al. [cols.](#), Malaise
1134 trap, 1 male (CZMA); same data, except 14–16.ii.2013, DM Takiya, JA Rafael, RR
1135 Cavichioli & APM Santos [cols.](#), 1 male (DZRJ).

1136 **Etymology.** This species is named in honor [of](#) the Brazilian entomologist Dr. José Albertino
1137 Rafael (INPA), who has collected [many](#) interesting caddisflies, including some species
1138 described here.

1139 **Remarks.** This new species belongs to *nigritta* group due to the internal pouches between
1140 abdominal segments V and VI, and due to the long and acute process on phallus. Male
1141 genitalia of *M. rafaeli* **sp. nov.** is more similar to *M. magna* Bueno-Soria & Holzenthal, in
1142 respect to short and simple inferior appendages. This new species can be easily distinguished
1143 from that and other species in this group by the posterior margin of inferior appendages
1144 slightly excavated, and by very long spines in subapical region of phallus.

1145 Although the specimens with barcode sequences of *M. rafaeli* **sp. nov.** came from the
1146 same locality, they were not identical, with intraspecific divergence of 0.4%. The lowest
1147 interspecific distance was 19.4% when compared with *M. itabaiana* **sp. nov.**
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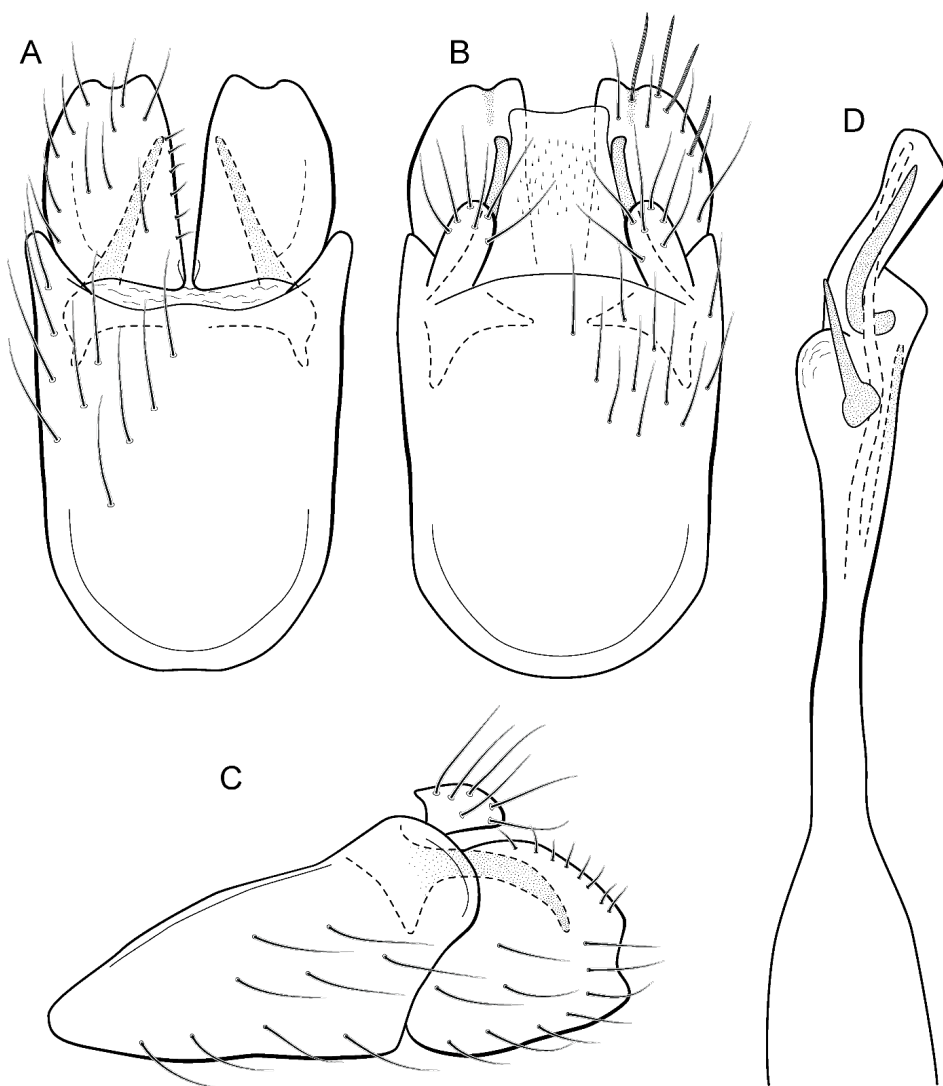


Figure 20. *Metrichia rafaelli* sp. nov., male genitalia: (A) ventral view; (B) dorsal view; (C) lateral view; (D) phallus, dorsal view.

***Metrichia simples* sp. nov.**

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(Fig. 21, Fig. 26E)

1158 **Adult male.** Length 2.1–2.2 mm (n=2). General color, in alcohol, brown. Head with no
 1159 modifications. [Ocelli 3](#). Antenna simple, 19-articulated. Maxillary palpus 5-articulated; labial
 1160 palpus 3-articulated. Mesoscutellum with transverse suture. Metascutellum subtriangular.
 1161 Anterior femur without processes. Tibial spur formula 1-3-4. Wing venation reduced in both
 1162 wings. Abdominal segment IV with dorsal area expanded posteriorly bearing stout setae;
 1163 segment VI bearing very long setae laterally, with a brush of short setae covered dorsally by a
 1164 triangular plate ([Fig. 26E](#)); segment VII with a brush of short setae dorsally ([Fig. 26E](#)).
 1165 Ventromesal process on segment VII present. Segment VIII shorter ventrally than dorsally.

1166 **Male genitalia.** Segment IX reduced dorsally; sternum subpentagonal ([Fig. 21A](#)); in lateral
 1167 view narrower anteriorly than posteriorly ([Fig. 21C](#)). Inferior appendage [covered by long](#)
 1168 [setae, with apex obliquely truncate](#); subtrapezoidal in ventral view ([Fig. 21A](#)); [in lateral view,](#)
 1169 [subtrapezoidal \(Fig. 21C\).](#) [Dorsal](#) hook short, almost half length of inferior appendage; in
 1170 lateral view, slightly downturned ([Fig. 21C](#)). Preanal appendage short, rounded and bearing
 1171 very long setae ([Fig. 21B](#)). Subgenital plate apparently absent. Tergum X membranous and
 1172 rounded ([Fig. 21B](#)). Phallus tubular, elongate and slender, slightly constricted mesally; with
 1173 four subapical spines, three short, and one long, and straight; apex rounded with a small
 1174 sclerite; ejaculatory duct sclerotized and [not](#) protruding apically ([Fig. 21D](#)).

1175 **Holotype. BRAZIL: Paraná:** Céu Azul, Parque Nacional do Iguaçu, Rio Azul, 25°09'21"S
 1176 53°47'44"W, el. 510 m, 6–8 ix.2012, APM Santos, DM Takiya, ALH Oliveira, GA Jardim &
 1177 BHL Sampaio [cols.](#), Malaise trap, male (DZRJ).

1178 **Paratypes.** Same data as holotype, 1 male (MNRJ).

1179 **Etymology.** This species is named in reference to the simple aspect of male genitalia and
 1180 abdomen, without the modifications and processes seen in other *Metrichia* species.

1181 **Remarks.** This species can be assigned to the *campana* group due to the pouches in
 1182 abdominal segments VI and VII. The new species shares the general aspect of the genitalia

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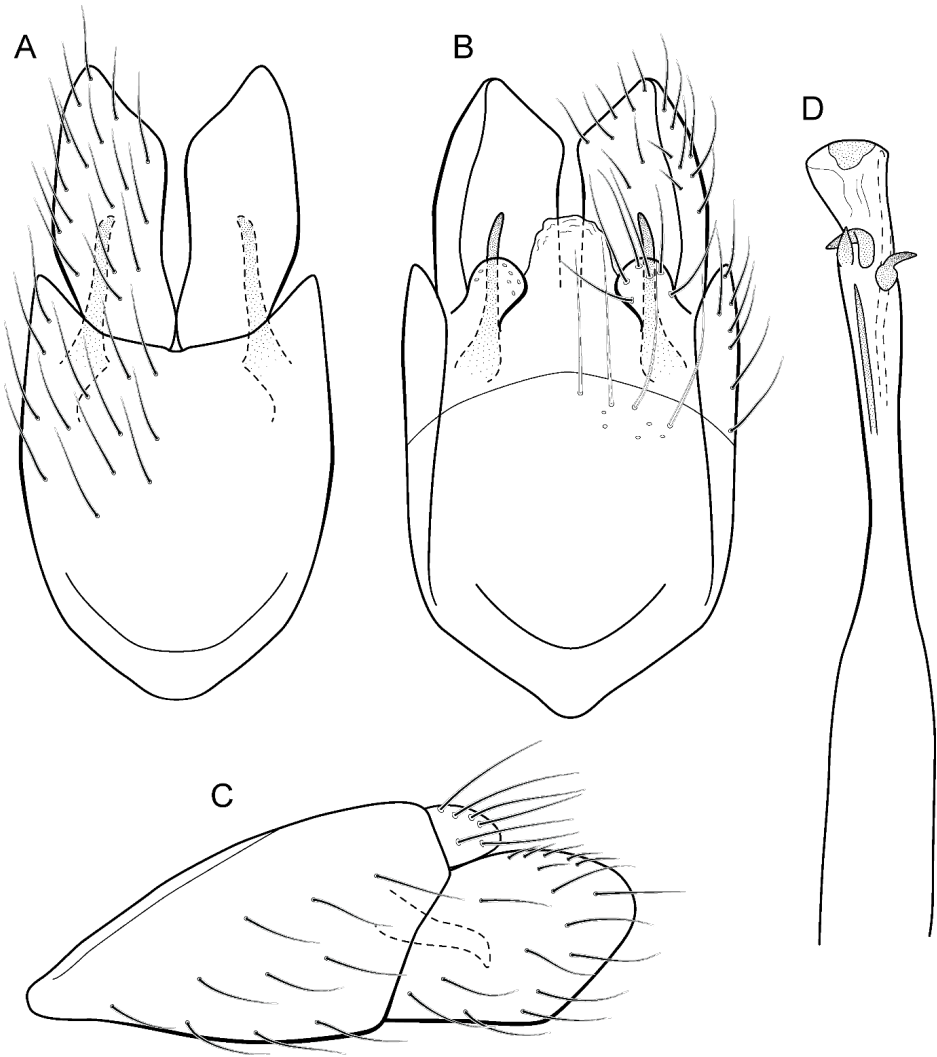
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1191 with *M. quadrata* Flint, particularly, a quadrangular or rectangular shape of inferior
1192 appendages and the two short subapical spines on phallus. *Metrichia simples* **sp. nov.** can be
1193 recognized by the short dorsal hook, reaching only the mesal area of inferior appendage
1194 (almost the same size of inferior appendages in *M. quadrata*), obliquely truncate apex of the
1195 inferior appendages, and strongly curved spines on phallus.

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1198 **Figure 21.** *Metrichia simples* **sp. nov.**, male genitalia: (A) ventral view; (B) dorsal view; (C)
1199 lateral view; (D) phallus, dorsal view.

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1201 *Metrichia talhada* **sp. nov.**

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1204 **Adult male.** Length 1.8–2.0 mm (n=10). General color, in alcohol, brown. Head with no

1205 modifications. [Ocelli 3](#). Antenna simple, 18-articulated. Maxillary palpus 5-articulated; labial

1206 palpus 3-articulated. Mesoscutellum with transverse suture. Metascutellum subtriangular.

1207 Anterior femur with small acute apical process. Tibial spur formula 1-3-4. Wing venation

1208 reduced in both wings. Abdominal segment V with pair of internal pouches and pair of

1209 dorsolateral brushes; segment VI with dorsolateral brushes of long setae; segment VII bearing

1210 specialized setae dorsally. Ventromesal process on segment VII absent. Segment VIII shorter

1211 ventrally than dorsally. **Male genitalia.** Segment IX reduced dorsally; sternum subpentagonal

1212 [\(Fig. 22A\)](#); in lateral view, narrower anteriorly than posteriorly [\(Fig. 22C\)](#). Inferior appendage

1213 elongate, [apex rounded and bearing a tooth-like projection](#); with a deep C-shaped notch in

1214 ventral view [\(Fig. 22A\)](#); in lateral view, with an acute projection [\(Fig. 22C\)](#). [Dorsal](#) hook

1215 short, less than half length of inferior appendage [\(Fig. 22A\)](#); in lateral view, downturned.

1216 Preanal appendage short, rounded and bearing very long setae [\(Fig. 22B\)](#). Subgenital plate

1217 apparently absent. Tergum X membranous and truncate [\(Fig. 22B\)](#). Phallus tubular, elongate

1218 and slender, slightly constricted mesally, with a median process; with two curved subapical

1219 spines, one short and another long; apex rounded and sclerotized; ejaculatory duct sclerotized,

1220 straight and protruding apically [\(Fig. 22D\)](#).

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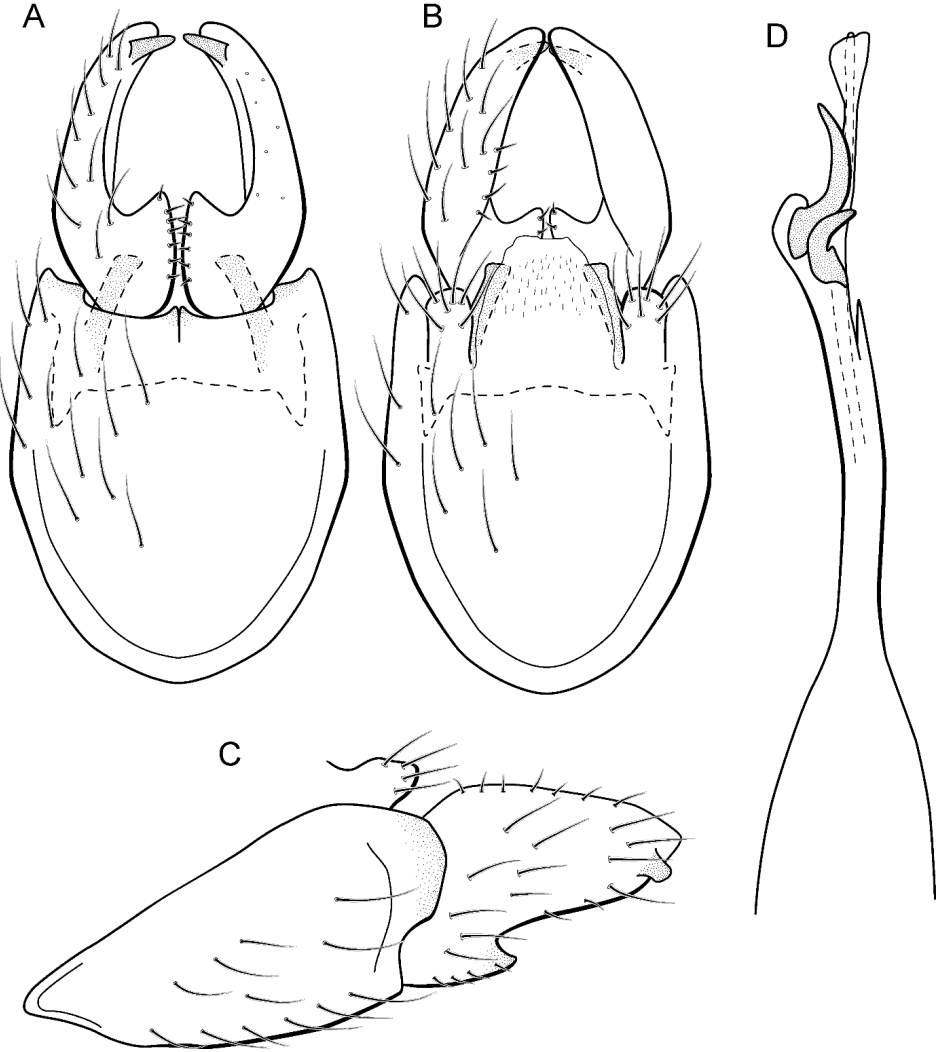
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1228 Caranguejo, 09°15'26"S 36°25'08"W, el. 550 m, 19–28.vi.2014, APM Santos, DM Takiya,
1229 WRM Souza [cols.](#), Malaise trap, male (DZRJ).
1230 **Paratypes.** Same data as holotype, 8 males (DZRJ), 7 males (MZUFBA).
1231 **Etymology.** This species is named in reference to the type locality, the Reserva Biológica de
1232 Pedra Talhada.

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1235 **Figure 22.** *Metrichia talhada* **sp. nov.**, male genitalia: (A) ventral view; (B) dorsal view; (C)
1236 lateral view; (D) phallus, dorsal view.

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1238 **Remarks.** The new species belongs to the *nigritta* group due to internal pouches between
1239 abdominal segments V and VI, phallus with two subapical curved spines and an acute process
1240 near mesal area. *Metrichia talhada* **sp. nov.** shares the apical tooth on inferior appendages
1241 with *M. potosina* Bueno-Soria, *M. goiana* **sp. nov.**, and *Metrichia tere* **sp. nov.** From *M.*
1242 *potosina* and *M. goiana* **sp. nov.**, it is easily distinguished by the shape of the inferior
1243 appendages, with a deep C-shaped notch on ventral margin and subapical tooth stout and
1244 slightly truncate in lateral view, and subapical spines on phallus, one long and another short.
1245 Although the male genitalia of *M. talhada* **sp. nov.** is very similar to *M. tere* **sp. nov.**, these
1246 two species can be separated by the tooth on inferior appendages, slightly truncate and
1247 subapical in the former, acute and apical in the later.

1248 Sequences of *M. talhada* **sp. nov.** showed 0.0% of divergence. Morphological
1249 similarity between this species and its sister (*M. tere* **sp. nov.**) reflects the low genetic
1250 divergence of 12.6%, the lowest interspecific distance found in our sampling. Besides minor
1251 differences in genital structures and all molecular analyses with COI sequences (NJ, ABGD,
1252 GMYC) corroborate the distinction between *M. talhada* **sp. nov.** and *M. tere* **sp. nov.**, which
1253 are formally described here as different species.

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1255 ***Metrichia tere* sp. nov.**

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1257 (Fig. 23)

1258 **Adult male.** Length 1.9–2.1 mm (n=10). General color, in alcohol, brown. Head with no
1259 modifications. Ocelli 3. Antenna simple, 18-articulated. Maxillary palpus 5-articulated; labial

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1262 palpus 3-articulated. Mesoscutellum with transverse suture. Metascutellum subtriangular.
1263 Anterior femur with small acute apical process. Tibial spur formula 1-3-4. Wing venation
1264 reduced in both wings. Abdominal segment V with pair of internal pouches and pair of
1265 dorsolateral brushes; segment VI with dorsolateral brushes of long setae; segment VII bearing
1266 specialized setae dorsally. Ventromesal process on segment VII absent. Segment VIII shorter
1267 ventrally than dorsally. **Male genitalia.** Segment IX reduced dorsally; sternum subpentagonal,
1268 (Fig. 23A); in lateral view, narrower anteriorly than posteriorly (Fig. 23C). Inferior appendage
1269 elongate, apex with an acute projection; with a deep C-shaped notch in ventral view (Fig.
1270 23A); in lateral view, with an acute projection (Fig. 23C). Dorsal hook short, less than half
1271 length of inferior appendage; in lateral view, downturned (Fig. 23C). Prenal appendage short,
1272 rounded and bearing very long setae (Fig. 23B). Subgenital plate apparently absent. Tergum
1273 X membranous and truncate (Fig. 23B). Phallus tubular, elongate and slender, slightly
1274 constricted mesally, with a median process; with two curved subapical spines, one short and
1275 another long; apex rounded and sclerotized; ejaculatory duct sclerotized, straight and
1276 protruding apically (Fig. 23D).

1277 **Holotype. BRAZIL: Rio de Janeiro:** Teresópolis, Parque Nacional da Serra dos Órgãos, Rio
1278 Paquequer, 22°27'25"S 42°59'52"W, el. 1100 m, 15–18.ix.2011, APM Santos, DM Takiya,
1279 BM Vasconcelos & RA Carvalho cols., Malaise trap, male (DZRJ).

1280 **Paratypes.** Same data as holotype, 9 males (MNRJ), 19 males (DZRJ).

1281 **Etymology.** This species is named in reference to the city of Teresópolis, affectionately called
1282 “Terê”. The city was named in honor of Teresa Cristina (Teresópolis = “City of Teresa”), who
1283 was Empress and wife of Dom Pedro II, of Brazil (1831-1889).

1284 **Remarks.** This new species is very similar to the preceding one, also belonging to the *nigritta*
1285 group. *Metrichia tere* **sp. nov.** can be distinguished from *M. talhada* **sp. nov.** by the inferior
1286 appendages with an apical acute projection, whereas in *M. talhada* **sp. nov.** the inferior

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1295 appendages have a subapical tooth, which is more truncate than acute. Besides, the localities,
1296 where these two species occur, are very distant from each other, almost two thousands of
1297 kilometers.

1298 Molecular data agrees with this morphological distinction of *M. tere* **sp. nov.** as
1299 | commented above. Intraspecific variation among specimens sampled ([n=3](#)) of this species was
1300 | 0.0%, and as mentioned in previous description, *M. talhada* **sp. nov.** and *M. tere* **sp. nov.**
1301 | showed the lowest interspecific distance (12.6%).

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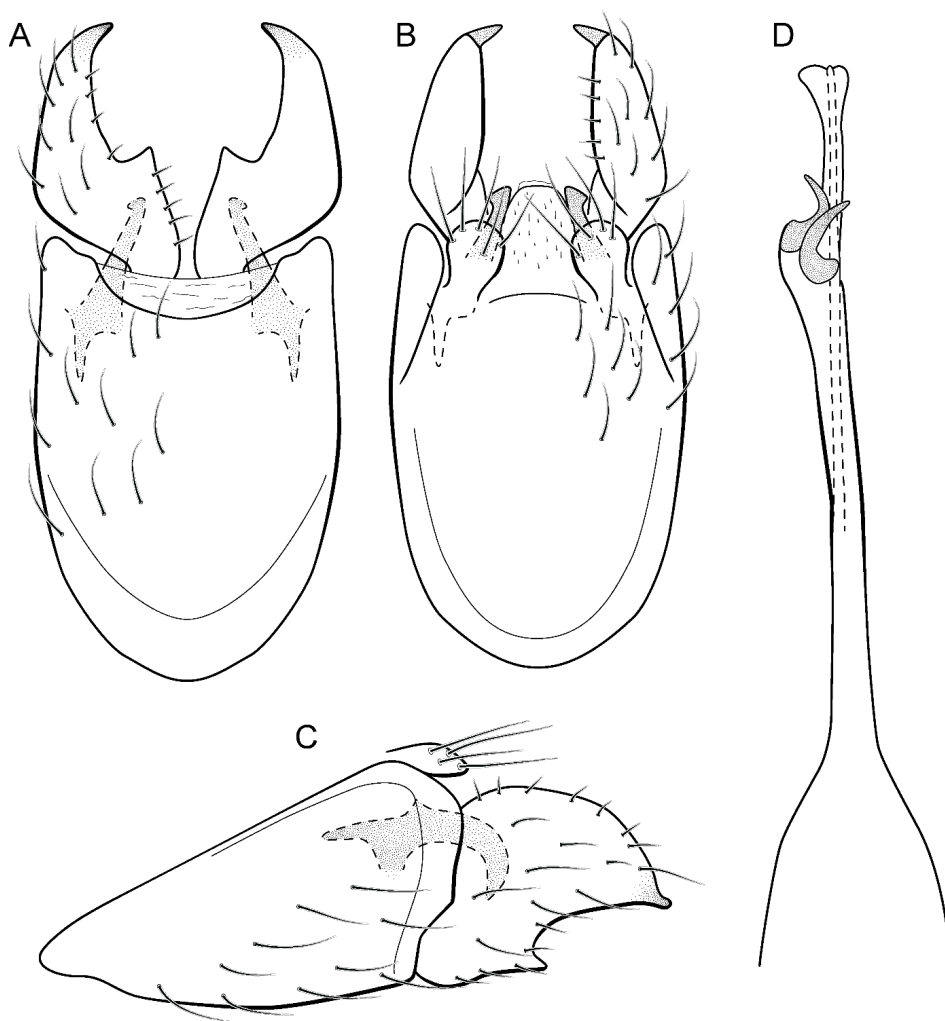


Figure 23. *Metrichia tere* **sp. nov.**, male genitalia: (A) ventral view; (B) dorsal view; (C) lateral view; (D) phallus, dorsal view.

***Metrichia ubajara* sp. nov.**

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(Fig. 24)

1310 **Adult male.** Length 2.0–2.7 mm (n=12). General color, in alcohol, brown. Head with no
1311 modifications. [Ocelli 3](#). Antenna simple, 18-articulated. Maxillary palpus 5-articulated; labial
1312 palpus 3-articulated. Mesoscutellum with transverse suture. Metascutellum subtriangular.
1313 Anterior femur without processes. Tibial spur formula 1-3-4. Wing venation reduced in both
1314 wings. Abdominal segment V with pair of internal pouches and median internal plate in
1315 posterior region; with specialized setae on dorsum; segment VI with pair of internal pouches
1316 in posterodorsal area. Ventromesal process on segment VII absent. Segment VIII shorter
1317 ventrally than dorsally. **Male genitalia.** Segment IX reduced dorsally; sternum subrectangular,
1318 [\(Fig. 24A\)](#); in lateral view, narrower anteriorly than posteriorly [\(Fig. 24C\)](#). Inferior appendage
1319 [covered by long setae, apex rounded](#); elongate and narrow in ventral view [\(Fig. 24A\)](#); in
1320 lateral view, rounded [\(Fig. 24C\)](#). [Dorsal](#) hook short, less than half length of inferior
1321 appendage; [apex downturned; basally with a wide and sclerotized projection](#); in lateral view,
1322 [C-shaped](#) [\(Fig. 24C\)](#). Preanal appendage elongate, but shorter than half length of inferior
1323 appendage, and bearing stout and striate setae [\(Fig. 24B\)](#). Subgenital plate apparently absent.
1324 Tergum X membranous and truncate [\(Fig. 24B\)](#). Phallus tubular, elongate and slender,
1325 slightly constricted mesally; with two long, curved, subapical spines; apex rounded and
1326 folded; ejaculatory duct sclerotized, sinuous, and protruding apically [\(Fig. 24D\)](#).
1327 **Holotype. BRAZIL: Ceará:** Ubajara, Parque Nacional de Ubajara, Rio das Minas,
1328 03°49'58"S 40°53'53"W, el. 420 m, 20–23.iv.2012, DM Takiya, JA Rafael, F Limeira-de-
1329 Oliveira et al. [cols.](#), Malaise trap, male (CZMA).
1330 **Paratypes.** Same data as holotype, 1 male (CZMA); same data, except 13–17.ix.2012, 25
1331 males (CZMA), 12 males (DZRJ); same data, except 18–30.xi.2012, 9 males (INPA); same
1332 data, except 14–16.ii.2013, 5 males (MZUFBA); same data, except Rio das Minas,
1333 03°50'03"S 40°54'18"W, el. 524 m, 14–16.ii.2013, DM Takiya, JA Rafael, RR Cavichioli &
1334 APM Santos [cols.](#), Malaise trap, 5 males (MNRJ).

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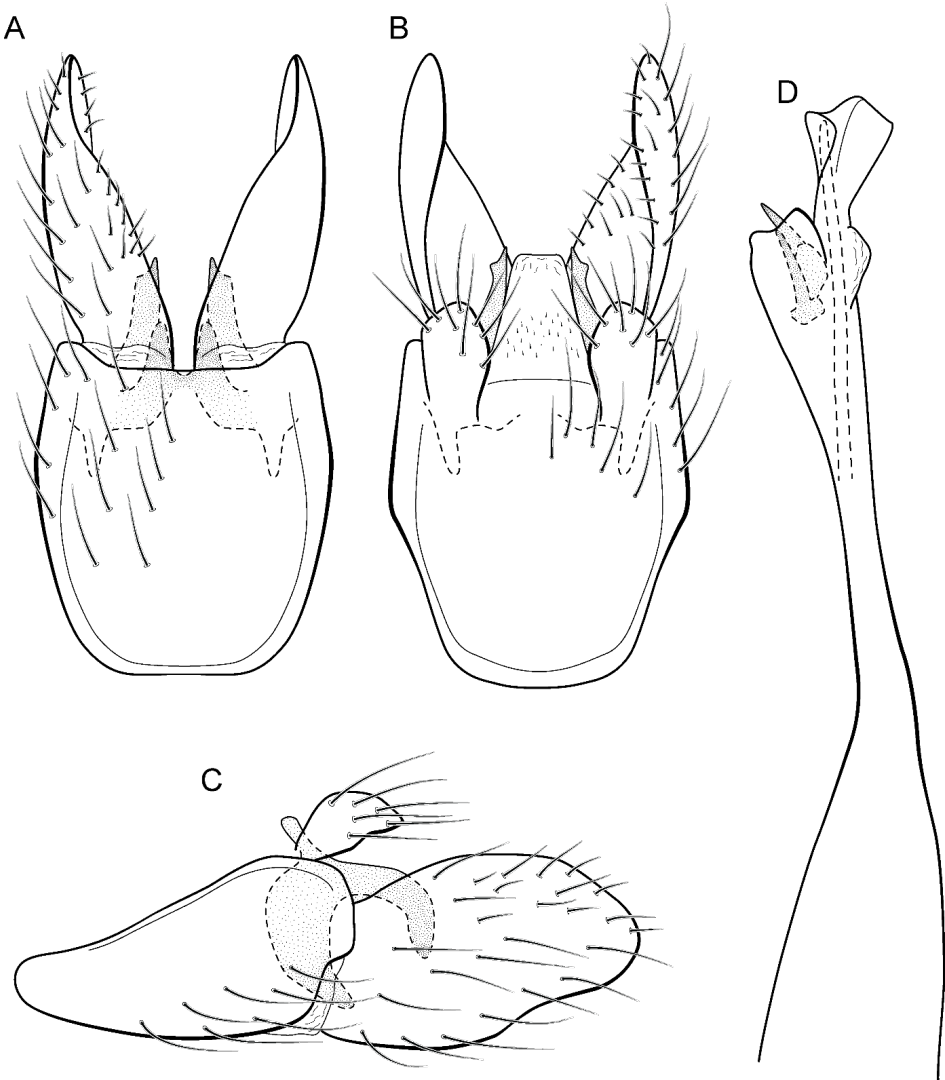
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1345 **Etymology.** This species is named in reference to the Ubajara National Park, in the
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1349 **Figure 24.** *Metrichia ubajara* **sp. nov.**, male genitalia: (A) ventral view; (B) dorsal view; (C)
1350 lateral view; (D) phallus, dorsal view.

1353 **Remarks.** This new species appears to be a member of the *nigritta* group due to the internal
1354 pouches between abdominal segments V and VI and the presence of two long subapical
1355 spines on phallus. *Metrichia ubajara* **sp. nov.** resembles *M. potosina* Bueno-Soria and *M.*
1356 *goiana* **sp. nov.** because of the rounded and elongate inferior appendages in lateral view.
1357 However, in *M. ubajara* **sp. nov.** the inferior appendages lack the "tooth" mentioned for these
1358 two species. Besides, *M. ubajara* **sp. nov.** can be recognized by the phallic apex with a broad
1359 sclerotized plate wrapping the ejaculatory duct.

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1361 *Metrichia vulgaris* **sp. nov.**

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1363 (Fig. 25)

1364 **Adult male.** Length 2.7–3.1 mm (n=12). General color, in alcohol, brown. Head with no
1365 modifications. Ocelli 3. Antenna simple, 21-articulated. Maxillary palpus 5-articulated; labial
1366 palpus 3-articulated. Mesoscutellum with transverse suture. Metascutellum subtriangular.
1367 Anterior femur without processes. Tibial spur formula 1-3-4. Wing venation reduced in both
1368 wings. Abdominal segment VI with pair of internal pouches in posterodorsal area.
1369 Ventromesal process on segment VII present. Segment VIII shorter ventrally than dorsally.

1370 **Male genitalia.** Segment IX reduced dorsally; sternum subquadrangular (Fig. 25A); in lateral
1371 view, narrower anteriorly than posteriorly (Fig. 25C). Inferior appendage covered by long
1372 setae, apex excavated, posterodorsal margin acute and sclerotized; subtrapezoidal in ventral
1373 view (Fig. 25A); in lateral view, subretangular (Fig. 25C). Dorsal hook long and stout, almost
1374 reaching the inferior appendage apex; in lateral view, downturned (Fig. 25C). Preanal
1375 appendage elongate, rounded and bearing very long setae (Fig. 25B). Subgenital plate
1376 apparently absent. Tergum X membranous and rounded (Fig. 25B). Phallus tubular, elongate

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1385 and slender, slightly constricted mesally; with two short subapical spines; apex rounded and
 1386 | folded; ejaculatory duct sclerotized and protruding apically (Fig. 25D).

1387 **Holotype. BRAZIL: Rio de Janeiro:** Itatiaia, Rio Palmital, 22°25'34"S 44°32'52"W, el. 637
 1388 | m, 07.iii.2008, LL Dumas, JL Nessimian & MR de Souza [cols.](#), light trap, male (DZRJ).

1389 **Paratypes.** Same data as holotype, 1 male (DZRJ), 1 male (MNRJ); same data, except Rio
 1390 das Pedras, 22°24'33"S 44°33'08"W, el. 706 m, 06.iii.2008, LL Dumas, JL Nessimian & MR
 1391 | de Souza [cols.](#), light trap, 4 males (MNRJ). **Ceará:** Ubajara, Parque Nacional de Ubajara, Rio
 1392 Gameleira, 03°50'25"S 40°54'19"W, el. 874 m, 20–22.iv.2012, F Limeira-de-Oliveira et al.
 1393 | [cols.](#), Malaise trap, 1 male (CZMA). **Goiás:** Alto Paraíso, afl. Rio Bartolomeu, 14°07'25"S
 1394 47°30'30"W, el. 1270 m, 22–25.iii.2013, APM Santos & DM Takiya [cols.](#), Malaise trap, 3
 1395 | males (DZRJ).

1396 **Etymology.** This new species is named in allusion to its unusually wide distribution
 1397 | throughout Brazil. From the Latin “vulgaris” meaning “common”.

1398 **Remarks.** This new species belongs to the *campana* group due to the internal pouches
 1399 | between segments VI and VII, and the two small subapical spines in phallus. *Metrichia*
 1400 *vulgaris* **sp. nov.** with *M. campana* Flint, *M. similis* Flint, and *M. itabaiana* **sp. nov.** share the
 1401 | general aspect of inferior appendages, with an excavated posterior margin. From these species,
 1402 *M. vulgaris* **sp. nov.** can be distinguished by the inferior appendages, in lateral view,
 1403 | excavated but with ventral corner more rounded than acute; short and stout dorsal hook; and
 1404 | short and rounded tergum X.

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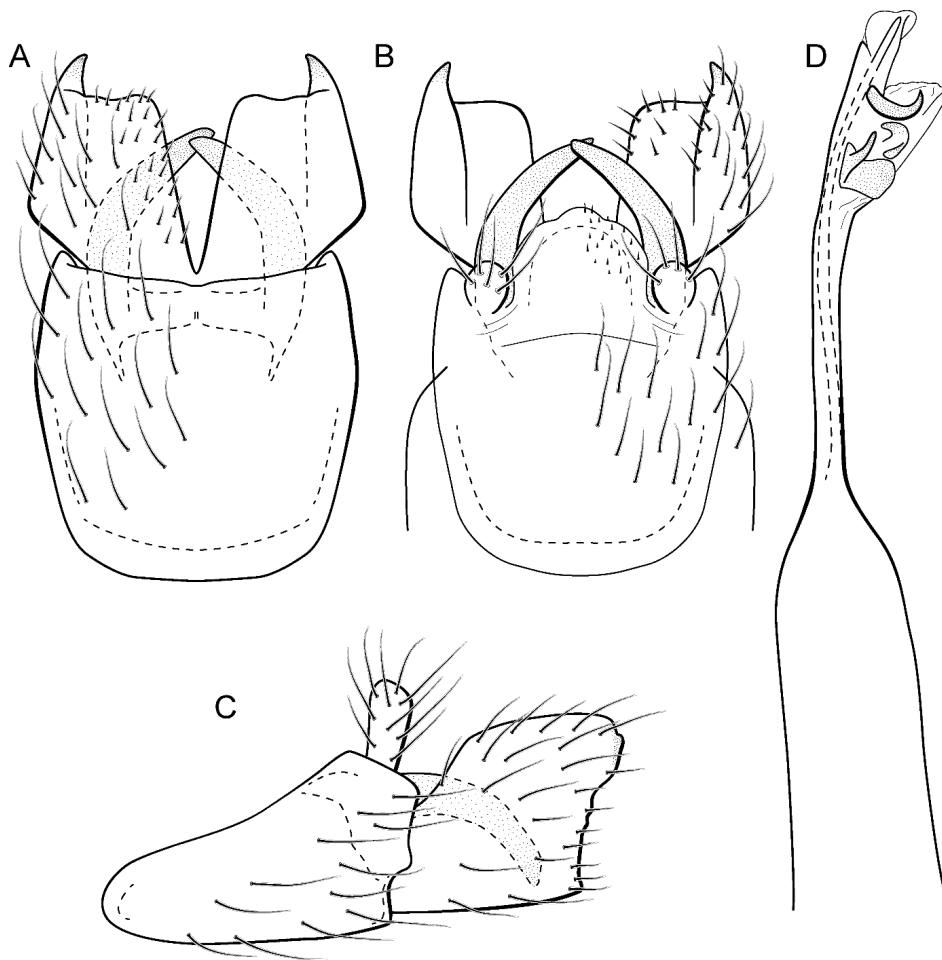


Figure 25. *Metrichia vulgaris* **sp. nov.**, male genitalia: (A) ventral view; (B) dorsal view; (C) lateral view; (D) phallus, dorsal view.

Metrichia vulgaris **sp. nov.** has an interesting distributional pattern, occurring in Southeastern, Midwestern, and Northeastern Brazil. Besides the geographic distance among localities where this species was found, they constitute very distinctive areas, for example, each one is in a different biome (Atlantic Forest, Cerrado, and Caatinga) and in four different large river basins (East North Atlantic, Southeast Atlantic, São Francisco, and Araguaia-

1416 Tocantins). Barcode sequences corroborate these different populations being considered the
1417 same species, with K2P intraspecific divergences up to 4.8%. This is the highest intraspecific
1418 divergence found in our work, but still lower than in other caddisfly groups (Pauls et al., 2010,
1419 Zhou et al., 2011). GMYC analyses recovered sequences divided into two ‘species’, but the
1420 groups were not related to their geographic occurrence: one group included samples from Rio
1421 de Janeiro and Minas Gerais and the other group, samples from Rio de Janeiro, Minas Gerais,
1422 and Goiás. The broader sampling of this species (both in area and in specimens number),
1423 compared to others included in the analyses, associated with higher intraspecific divergences
1424 can justify the oversplitting with GMYC method, as discussed by Talavera et al. (2013).

1425 Although such wide distribution is not common for *Metrichia*, other microcaddisfly
1426 species can show continental distributions (e.g., *Oxyethira tica* Harris & Holzenthal). Because
1427 the knowledge about Neotropical microcaddisflies is very poor, this pattern can be more
1428 common than we think.

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1430 **DISCUSSION**

1431 Although, GMYC analysis overestimated the number of *Metrichia* species in our study
1432 (suggesting the split of *M. circulariforme* sp. nov. and *M. vulgaris* sp. nov. each one in two
1433 ‘species’), COI sequences strongly corroborated the species limits previously defined based
1434 on morphological features. In general, caddisflies show a robust barcoding gap in reference
1435 to COI sequences (Pauls et al., 2010, Zhou et al., 2011), making it easy to use this molecular
1436 marker as a source of additional information to corroborate species delimitation or to
1437 associate different life stages.

1438 Microcaddisflies are extremely diverse and poorly known, when associated with the
1439 morphology, the use of molecular information can result in a more robust taxonomy for this
1440 group. Although methods such ABGD and GMYC should not be used alone to determine
1441 ‘species’, they are useful tools to identifying ‘potential species’ (Puillandre et al., 2012;

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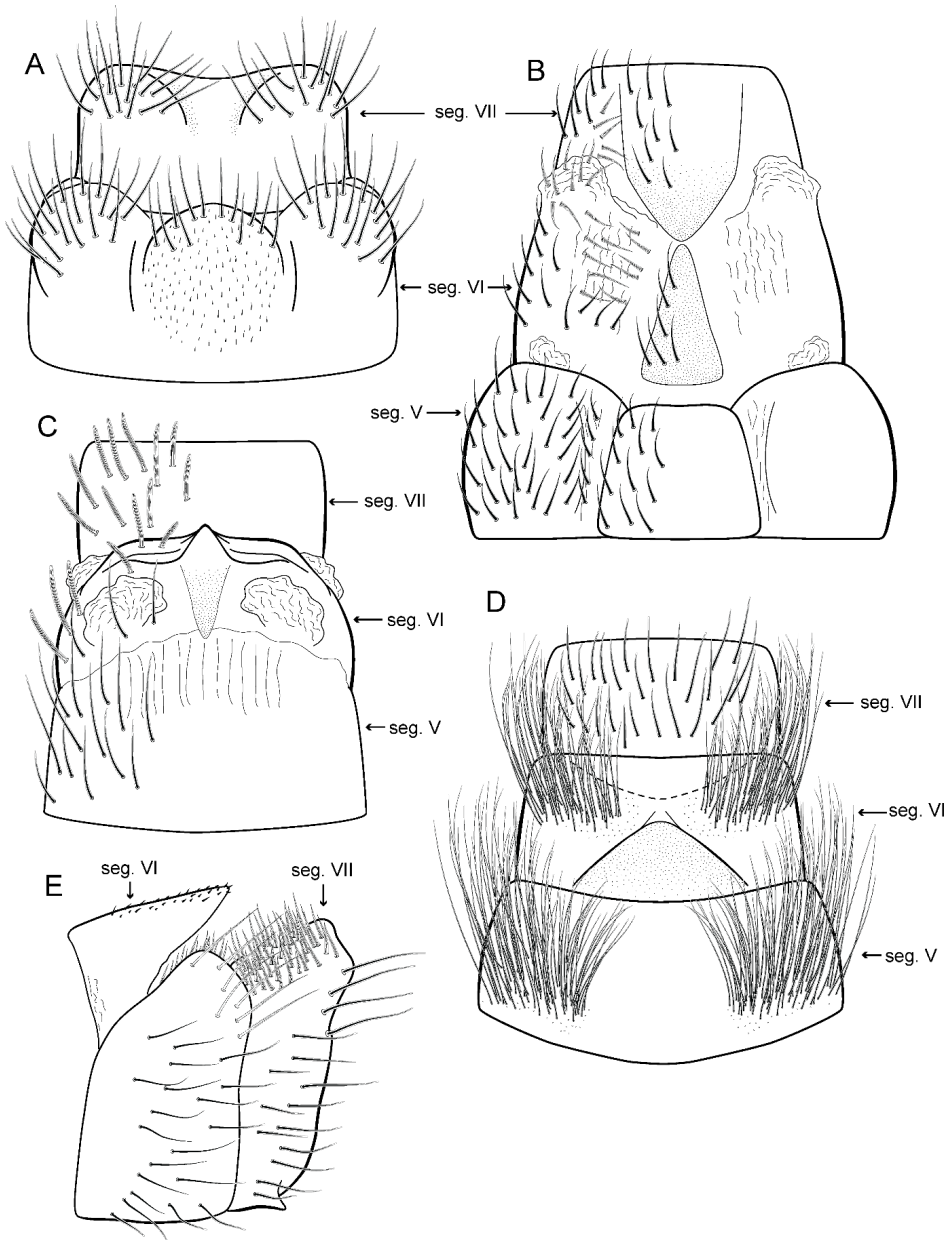
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1456 Talavera et al., 2013), especially in very diverse groups and/or with dubious questions on
1457 morphology-based identification. The wide distribution of *Metrichia vulgaris* **sp. nov.** could
1458 indicate the existence of different species, but here morphology and barcodes agreed to define
1459 only one species. Although GMYC overestimated the number of *Metrichia* species in our
1460 analysis, this method is an important tool for preliminary distinction when taxonomic
1461 information is poor.

1462 Based on presence of abdominal modifications, such as internal pouches, external
1463 sclerotized plates, and brushes of long setae, and features of male genitalia, six species groups
1464 have been proposed for *Metrichia* (Flint, 1972; Bueno-Soria & Holzenthal, 2003). Although
1465 these modifications usually arise from segments V, VI, and VII, in general aspect, they are
1466 very distinctive from each other (Fig. 26), possibly representing non-homologous structures.
1467 Most of the species described herein fit in these groups and species with COI sequences
1468 represented five species groups. Except for *patagonica* group (represented by only one
1469 species, *M. bracui*), none of the species groups were recovered as monophyletic lineages in
1470 neighbor-joining (Fig. 2) or in BI (Supp. 4) analyses. Furthermore, the monophyly of
1471 *Metrichia* remains unclear, with COI sequences of other genera being more closely related to
1472 *Metrichia* sequences than sequences of other *Metrichia* species (Fig. 2). Nevertheless,
1473 relationships and monophyletic status of *Metrichia* and its species groups were not tested yet,
1474 due to the limited taxon sampling in our analyses.

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1477 **Figure 26.** Abdominal modifications of *Metrichia* species: (A) *M. acuminata* **sp. nov.**,
 1478 segments VI and VII, dorsal view; (B) *M. itabaiana* **sp. nov.**, segments V, VI, and VII, dorsal
 1479 view; (C) *M. longissima* **sp. nov.**, segments V, VI, and VII, dorsal view; (D) *M. peluda* **sp.**

1480 **nov.**, segments V, VI, and VII, dorsal view; (E) *M. simples* **sp. nov.**, segments VI and VII,
1481 lateral view.

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1483 We also used molecular data to associate larva and adult of *M. bonita* **sp. nov.** Larvae
1484 remain unknown for most Neotropical species of Trichoptera, and they are even less known
1485 for microcaddisflies. Rearing immatures is very difficult and association based in co-
1486 occurrence with adults is not possible when several species of the same genus co-occur. In
1487 this way, DNA barcodes are a powerful tool, allowing the association and description of
1488 immature stages (Shan et al., 2004; Pauls et al., 2010; Ruiter et al., 2013). Barcode reference
1489 libraries for caddisflies are available in other regions (Zhou et al., 2009; Zhou et al., 2011;
1490 Ruiter et al., 2013) and represent an important source of information for taxonomic work, as
1491 well as, for ecological or evolutionary studies. We expect that molecular data will become
1492 increasingly common for Neotropical caddisflies, as it does facilitate the understanding of
1493 their diversity in this region.

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1495 **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

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1497 **Collecting sites**

1498 Table with detailed list of collecting sites in Brazil where new species of *Metrichia* were
1499 found.

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1501 **Georeferences of collecting sites**

1502 Google Earth (.kmz) file with collecting localities.

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1504 **COI sequence alignment**

1505 FASTA format alignment of COI sequence data of *Metrichia* and related microcaddisflies.

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1507 **Bayesian inference estimated tree**

1508 Consensus phylogram (50% majority-rule) from BI analyses of COI sequences (lnL = -
1509 5464.29). Values displayed near branches are posterior probability.

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1511 **K2P pairwise divergences**

1512 Table matrix with pairwise divergences of COI of specimens included of *Metrichia* and
1513 related microcaddisflies.

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