1 2	Fourteen new species of <i>Oecetis</i> McLachlan, 1877 (Trichoptera: Leptoceridae) from the Neotropical region
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14	Abstract
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	Background. The caddisfly genus <i>Oecetis</i> currently contains 534 valid species. Its larval stages are found in freshwaters around the world. The adults can be distinguished from other Leptoceridae by the unbranched forewing M vein and the exceptionally long maxillary palps. In the Neotropical region, 55 species of <i>Oecetis</i> have been recorded and most of them can be placed in one of the six species groups known from this biogeographical region: the <i>avara-</i> , <i>falicia-</i> , <i>inconspicua-</i> , <i>punctata-</i> , <i>punctipennis-</i> , and <i>reticulata-</i> groups. More than 50% of the known diversity of Neotropical <i>Oecetis</i> has been described in the past 40 years. Here, we describe an additional 14 new species of <i>Oecetis</i> to further document the diversity of this genus in the Neotropical region.
2425262728	Methods. The descriptions and illustrations presented here are based on male specimens. Specimens were collected with Malaise traps or ultraviolet light traps. They were preserved in alcohol or pinned as stated in material examined section. Specimens had their genitalia prepared in 10% lactic acid to better observe internal characters and illustrations were aided by the use of a microscope with drawing tube attached.
29303132	Results and Discussion. Eight of the new species presented here could not be reliably placed in one of the known species groups (<i>O. acuticlasper</i> n. sp., <i>O. flinti</i> n. sp., <i>O. carinata</i> n. sp., <i>O. carinata</i> n. sp., <i>O. blahniki</i> n. sp., <i>O. gibbosa</i> n. sp., <i>O. licina</i> n. sp., and <i>O. pertica</i> n. sp.). The others are placed in the <i>punctata</i> -group (<i>O. bidigitata</i> n. sp., <i>O. quasipunctata</i> n. sp.),

reticulata-group (O. plenuspinosa n. sp.), and falicia-group (O. calori n. sp., O. hastapulla n. sp.,

- 1 O. machaera n. sp.). Most of the diagnostic characters rely on structures of the inferior
- 2 appendages and phallic apparatus, and the shape of tergum X.

Keywords

5 Caddisflies, Taxonomy, Aquatic insects, Morphology, Biodiversity

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Introduction

- 8 Oecetis McLachlan, 1877, is a genus within the caddisfly family Leptoceridae (Insecta:
- 9 Trichoptera) with 534 valid species. The species in the genus are usually collected along rivers
- and lakes, where they tend to be very abundant (Schmid, 1998). The genitalia are characterized
- by having segment IX usually short, the preanal appendages somewhat prominent and ovoid, and
- the inferior appendages single-segmented (Schmid, 1998). The adults can be distinguished from
- 13 other caddisflies by their unique wing venation, with an unbranched forewing M vein (Quinteiro
- 44 & Calor, 2015), as well as their exceptionally long maxillary palps (Schmid, 1998). Their color
- 15 ranges from pale yellow to dark brown and their size is from 6–12 mm (Henriques-Oliveira et
- al., 2014). The forewing often has characteristic brown spots.
- 17 Chen (1993) provided a comprehensive treatment of *Oecetis* in his unpublished PhD dissertation.
- 18 However, the genus has never undergone a thorough revision, since Chen's work was never
- 19 published. Nevertheless, many authors produced works on more restricted groups of species
- from around the world (e.g. Malicky, 2005; Rueda-Martín et al., 2011; Lee et al., 2012; Blahnik
- 21 & Holzenthal, 2014).
- 22 In the Neotropical region, specimens of Oecetis can be found in almost every freshwater
- 23 environment, especially those with sandy substrate and slow running water. Fifty-five species of
- 24 Oecetis have been recorded in the Neotropics (Holzenthal & Calor, 2017) and most of them can
- be placed in one of six species group (Neboiss, 1989): avara-, punctata-, falicia-, inconspicua-,
- 26 punctipennis-, and reticulata-group.
- 27 The avara-group has the shape and structure of the inferior appendages somewhat mitten-like as
- 28 its most diagnostic aspect (Blahnik & Holzenthal, 2014). Species from the avara-group are
- 29 recorded from Canada to the north of South America (Blahnik & Holzenthal, 2014).

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- 1 The punctata-group species are restricted to the Neotropical region (Blahnik & Holzenthal,
- 2 2014) and have the inferior appendages somewhat quadrate, often with apical processes bearing
- 3 strong, thick setae.
- 4 The falicia-group is also endemic to the Neotropics and can be diagnosed by the dorsolateral
- 5 processes on segment IX and the membranous tergum IX of the male (Chen, 1993).
- 6 The inconspicua-group is diagnosed by its phallic apparatus rounded and wide, with a pinched
- 7 ventral projection and a helical phallic spine. This group was not properly addressed by Chen
- 8 (1993); even so it is often referred informally in the literature. Its species were treated as two
- 9 groups by Chen: ochracea- and furva-group. However, they both share the very similar phallic
- 10 apparatus shape and even an inferior appendage with rounded dorsal lobe and acuminate distal
- 11 lobe apex. Representatives of this group can be found in all biogeographic areas except the
- 12 Australasian and Oriental (Chen, 1993).
- 13 The punctipennis-group can be diagnosed by the forewing R_{1+2} vein divided very close to the tip
- of the wing (Chen, 1993). This group has a trans-Antartic distribution (South America, Australia)
- but the species in the Neotropical region have, as an additional diagnostic character, the phallic
- apparatus, short, bent ventrally, and with a horseshoe-shaped phallotremal sclerite.
- 17 The reticulata-group is diagnosed as having a shield-like tergum VIII and a honeycomb
- 18 microstructure covering abdominal terga V–VIII (Neboiss, 1989), as in *O. reticulata* Kimmins.
- 19 Henriques-Oliveira et al. (2014) described O. iara, the only known species so far in the
- 20 Neotropics with the honeycomb texture on abdominal terga, but lacking the shield-like tergum
- 21 VIII. Since O. iara does not have the shield-like tergum VIII, it cannot be assigned properly to
- 22 the reticulata-group. However, it is probably a closely related species and only a phylogenetic
- 23 analysis could provide evidence for placement.
- 24 Significant contributions on the taxonomy of *Oecetis* in the Neotropical region were made in the
- 25 last 40 years by several authors (Flint, 1974; Bueno-Soria, 1981; Rueda-Martín et al., 2011;
- 26 Blahnik & Holzenthal, 2014; Henriques-Oliveira et al., 2014; Quinteiro & Calor, 2015). The
- 27 species proposed by those authors account for more than 50% of the currently known species in
- 28 the Neotropical region, but it is known that there is much more to do in caddisfly taxonomy in
- 29 the Neotropics (Holzenthal & Calor, 2017). Despite this increasing description of the Neotropical

- 1 fauna, much of the region's biodiversity likely still remains unknown. Even in museums there are
- 2 new species already deposited and labeled, waiting for decades to be described.

3 In an attempt to document (or record) the diversity of the Neotropical region, we present fourteen

new species of Oecetis, based on morphological characters of the adult males.

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Material and Methods

- 7 The specimens were <u>primarily</u> collected <u>by use of</u> ultraviolet fluorescent light bulbs placed in
- 8 front of a white sheet, pan light traps (Calor & Mariano, 2012), and Malaise traps. Those
- 9 specimens collected on the white sheets are preserved dried and pinned. The remaining
- specimens were preserved in 80% ethyl alcohol.
- 11 For a more accurate study of some genitalia characters, the specimens had their genitalia
- removed and cleared in 85% lactic acid (Blahnik et al., 2007) at 115°C for approximately 1 hour,
- washed with distilled water, and stored in 0.2 mL vials with approximately 50 μL of glycerin in
- the vial bottom.
- 15 The specimens were examined and illustrated with the aid of a stereomicroscope with drawing
- tube attached. Pencil sketches were rendered, scanned with a flat-bed scanner, and placed in
 - Adobe Illustrator CS5, where they were digitally inked. Species descriptions were made using
- the DELTA editor (Dallwitz, et al., 1999)
- 19 Terminology for wing venation and male morphology follows Quinteiro and Calor (2015). Type
- 20 specimens are deposited at the University of Minnesota Insect Collection, St. Paul, Minnesota,
- 21 USA (UMSP), National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC,
- 22 USA (NMNH), Muzeu de Zoologia da Universidade de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil (MZSP),
- 23 Museo de Historia Natural Noel Kempff Mercado, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia (UASC),
- 24 Colección Entomológica de la Universidad de Antioquia, Medellín, Colombia (CEUA), and
- 25 Museu de Zoologia da Universidade Federal da Bahia, Salvador, Brazil (UFBA), as indicated in
- 26 the material examined. Distribution for each species is given by country and state, province, or
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- 14 Oecetis acuticlasper Quinteiro & Holzenthal, n. sp. urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:046E520D-07ED-
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- Diagnosis. This species does not have features to place it in any known species group. However, it can be distinguished from all other *Oecetis* by the slender dorsal lobe of tergum X, which is almost as long as the preanal appendage and <u>laterally</u> divided at its apex; and by the shape of the inferior appendage, with its enlarged, somewhat triangular ventral lobe, discrete, also triangular dorsal lobe, and a distal lobe, which is distinctly constricted and narrowed in the apical third of the appendage.

This species is morphologically similar to *O. maspeluda* Botosaneanu, 1977. Both of them have a dorsoventrally divided tergum X, short phallic apparatus, and a somewhat triangular inferior appendage. However, the dorsal lobe of tergum X in this new species is much shorter than in *O. maspeluda* and laterally divided at the apex. Also, the new species has the ventral margin of inferior appendage slightly concave in lateral view, giving an almost 90° angle between the ventral and distal lobes, while in *O. maspeluda* this margin is smooth and almost straight. Additionally, the constriction present at the last third of the inferior appendage's length in the new species is unique in *Oecetis*.

Description. Male: forewing length 6.5 mm (n = 1).

Head. Color yellowish brown (specimens in alcohol); maxillary palps pale yellow, 5-segmented, palpomeres subequal, densely covered with setae; labial palps yellow, 3-segmented.

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Thorax. Pterothorax yellowish brown; forewing yellow; dark bands over cord absent, dark spots absent (Fig. 1A); fork I petiolate, fork V rooted; sectoral crossvein (s) not aligned with r-m (Fig. 1A). Hind wing with forks I and V present (Fig. 1B), Legs yellowish brown, mid leg with longitudinal row of spines on tibia and tarsal segments. Tibial spur formula 0,2,2.

Abdomen. Segment IX annular, short, bearing pair of lateral processes, slender, straight, tapering posteriorly, shorter than phallic apparatus; acrotergite absent (Fig. 1C-D). Preanal appendage short, digitate, bearing apical setae (Figs. 1C-D). Tergum X, in lateral view, divided into dorsal and ventral lobes (Fig. 1C); dorsal lobe modified into single cylindrical structure, with apex slightly divided, longer than ventral lobe, and with short apical setae (Figs. 1C–D); ventral lobe divided medially, with V-shaped incision, broad basally, digitate apically (Figs. 1C-D). Inferior appendage 1-segmented, setose; dorsal lobe acuminate, discrete (Figs 1C, 1E); ventral lobe protruding, triangular, apex acute; distal lobe narrow, tapering posteriorly, apex acute, with distinct constriction at distal third (Figs 1C, 1E); short, stout, spine-like setae present on inner surface (Fig. 1E). Phallic apparatus bilaterally symmetrical, cylindrical, short, strongly curved ventrally, with globular endotheca (Figs 1F-G). Phallic spine and phallotremal sclerite absent (Figs 1F-G).

Distribution. Brazil (Minas Gerais, Rio de Janeiro). 17

Material examined. Holotype: (male): BRAZIL, Minas Gerais, Presidente Olegário, Faz. 18

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supply, 950 m, 24 April 1977, C.M. & O.S. Flint Jr. - 1 male (NMNH_identified as *Qecetis* n.

sp. E in loan to UMSP). 22

Etymology. From Latin *acutus* = pointed, in reference to the pointed tip of the inferior

24 appendage, or clasper.

Oecetis flinti Quinteiro & Holzenthal, n. sp. urn:lsid:zoobank.org;act:E760A8EB-7908-427C-26

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Diagnosis. This species does not fit within one of the recognized species groups. However, it can 29

be diagnosed from other Oecetis by its enlarged tergum IX, ovoid preanal appendage, and by the

inferior appendage, which has a basal constriction and lacks dorsal and ventral lobes.

Important adjunct characters, such as the presence of dark spots on the forewing and the position 32

of the main forks, are easily observable. This new species is similar to O. pratti Denning, 1947,

33 since both have tergum X divided dorsoventrally, with a deflexed dorsal lobe, and an inferior 34

35 appendage without dorsal and ventral lobes. However, the inferior appendage of this new species

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along its entire length. *Oecetis flinti* n. sp. has its preanal appendage short and ovoid, somewhat lobulate in lateral view, while in *O. pratti* they are long and digitate. The most evident characteristics <u>of</u> this new species that differ from *O. pratti* are the presence of a phallic spine in the phallic apparatus and the elongate tergum IX, which is much longer than sternum IX.

Description. Male: forewing length 4.5 mm (n= 1).

Head. Color yellowish brown (specimens in alcohol); maxillary palps pale yellow; labial palps pale yellow, 3-segmented.

Thorax. Pterothorax yellowish brown; forewing yellow; dark bands over cord present (Fig. 2A); dark spots on M-Cu fork, on basis of Rs, on basis of Cu₁ and Cu₂, on junction of anal veins (Fig. 2A); forks I and V rooted; sectoral crossvein (s) not aligned with *r-m* (Fig. 2A). Hind wing with forks I and V present (Fig. 2B). Legs pale yellow, mid leg with longitudinal row of spines on tibia and tarsal segments. Tibial spur formula 1,2,2; apical spur of fore tibia very small.

Abdomen. Segment IX uneven, tergum IX longer than sternum IX; acrotergite absent (Fig. 2C). Preanal appendage slightly wider than long (ovoid), bearing apical setae (Figs. 2C–D). Tergum X, in lateral view, not divided into dorsal and ventral lobes, undivided medially, composed of single elongated lobe, broad basally, tapering apically, apex acuminate (Figs. 2C–D). Inferior appendage 1-segmented, setose, broad basally; ventral and dorsal lobes absent (Figs. 2C–E); distal lobe narrow, tapering posteriorly, apex acute, discrete constriction close to base, slightly bent inward (Figs. 2C–E); short stout spine-like setae absent (Figs. 2C–E). Phallic apparatus slightly bilaterally asymmetrical, curved downward, cylindrical, elongate, rounded on base, tapering apically, apex acute (Figs. 2F–G). Phallotremal sclerite absent (Figs. 2F–G).

Distribution. Brazil (Tocantins).

- 23 Material examined. Holotype (male): BRAZIL, Tocantins, Mateiros, P.E. Jalapão, Cachoeira
- 24 da Formiga, 10°20'58"S, 46°28'23.1"W, 461m, 17.x.2008, luz, Calor, Mariano, Mateus
- 25 (MZSP). **Paratypes:** same data as holotype 2 males (UFBA).
- 26 **Taxonomic comment:** The available specimens had damaged wings so it was not possible to
- 27 illustrate an entire wing.
- 28 Etymology. The specific epithet honors our colleague Dr. Oliver S. Flint for his contributions to
- 29 caddisfly taxonomy and his extensive studies in the Neotropical region.

31 Oecetis carinata Quinteiro & Holzenthal, n. sp. urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:404BC99D-A18C-

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- 34 **Diagnosis.** This new species does not have characteristics that allow placement in a known
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divided tergum X, forming two slender terete lobes, and its inferior appendage with the ventral lobe quadrate and greatly enlarged, and its distal lobe rounded and very short.

This new species is very similar to *O. inflata* Flint, 1974, since they both share a deeply divided tergum X, forming two slender and terete processes. Additionally, they resemble each other in that the preanal appendages are short and digitate, the phallic apparatus is short and strongly curved ventrally, and the forewing venation is almost identical. However, the new species has the ventral lobe of the inferior appendage quadrate and greatly enlarged in relation to the distal lobe. *Oecetis inflata* has the ventral lobe of the inferior appendage somewhat quadrate, but the ventral margin is very smooth and not as angled as is the new species. Additionally, the distal lobe of the inferior appendage in *Oecetis carinata* is reduced compared to *O. inflata*.

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Thorax. Pterothorax yellow; forewing yellowish brown; dark bands over cord absent (Fig. 3A); dark spots absent; forks I and V rooted (Fig. 3A); sectoral crossvein (s) aligned with r-m (Fig. 3A). Hind wing with forks I and V present (Fig. 3B). Legs yellowish brown, mid leg with longitudinal row of spines over distal half of femur, all along tibia and first tarsal segment. Tibial spur formula 0,2,2.

Abdomen. Segment IX annular, short; acrotergite absent (Fig. 3C). Preanal appendage short, digitate, bearing apical setae (Figs. 3C–D). Tergum X, in lateral view, divided into dorsal and ventral lobes; dorsal lobe divided medially, forming two_slender, terete lobes, apices acuminate; ventral lobe divided near posterior region by broad incision, apex rounded (Figs. 3C–D). Inferior appendage 1-segmented, setose; dorsal lobe absent (Figs. 3C, 3E); ventral lobe quadrate, keeled, enlarged, margin angular (Figs. 3C, 3E); distal lobe a broad, smoothly rounded projection; short and stout, spine-like setae absent (Figs. 3C, 3E). Phallic apparatus bilaterally symmetrical, cylindrical, short, strongly curved ventrally (Figs. 3F–G). Phallic spine and phallotremal sclerite absent (Figs. 3F–G).

Distribution. Brazil (Bahia, São Paulo).

- 29 Material examined. Holotype (male): BRAZIL, São Paulo, São Carlos, Córrego Fazzari,
- 30 20.xii.2007, malaise trap (MZSP). **Paratypes: BRAZIL, Bahia**, Mucugê, Sempre Viva, Córrego
- do Boiadeiro, 10.v.2015, malaise, Dias & Campos 2 males, 2 females (UFBA).
- 32 **Etymology.** From Latin *carina* = keel, referring to the keel-like ventral lobe of the inferior
- 33 appendage in lateral view.

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Diagnosis. This is another new species that cannot be placed in a named species group. However, it can be diagnosed from the other species in *Oecetis* by its inferior appendage, which has the distal lobe curved, forming an obtuse angle along its length, and by the enlarged phallobase, with a lamellate process distally over the endotheca.

This new species has no similar species in the Neotropical region. Some species, such as O. testacea (Curtis, 1834) or O. cinerascens (Hagen, 1861), share an enlarged phallic apparatus, but both of them have phallic spines, not present in this species. Also, the inferior appendage of the new species is very distinct, having a broad, rounded dorsal lobe, which becomes forward-pointing due to the concavity of the distal lobe, which forms an obtuse angle. Additionally, the presence of a flap-like projection on the dorsodistal margin of the phallobase is very conspicuous.

Description. Male: forewing length 5.5 mm (n= 1).

Head. Color yellowish brown (specimens in alcohol). Scape stout; pedicel short; maxillary palps pale yellow, 5-segmented; labial palps pale yellow, 3-segmented.

Thorax. Pterothorax yellowish brown; forewing yellow; dark bands over cord absent (Fig. 4A); dark spots on forks, junctions and end of veins; fork I rooted, fork V sessile; sectoral crossvein (s) not aligned with *r-m* (Fig. 4A). Hind wing with forks I and V present (Fig. 4B). Legs yellowish brown. Tibial spur formula 0.2.2.

Abdomen. Segment IX annular, short; acrotergite absent (Figs. 4C–D). Preanal appendage short, rounded, bearing apical setae (Figs. 4C–D). Tergum X, in lateral view, not divided into dorsal and ventral lobes, composed of single elongate, lobe, undivided medially, broad basally, tapering apically, apex acuminate (Figs. 4C–D). Inferior appendage 1-segmented, setose; dorsal lobe broad, rounded (Figs. 4C–D); ventral lobe absent (Figs. 4C–D); distal lobe narrow, cylindrical, bent posteriorly forming obtuse angle with dorsal lobe, apex rounded; short, stout spine-like setae absent (Figs. 4C–D). Phallic apparatus slightly bilaterally asymmetrical, curved downward, cylindrical, elongate, broad basally, tapering distally, apex truncate, bearing flap-like projection distally on dorsal surface (Figs. 4E–F). Phallic spine and phallotremal sclerite absent (Figs. 4E–F).

Distribution. Brazil (Bahia).

- Material examined. Holotype (male): BRAZIL, Bahia, Barreiras, Rio de Janeiro, cach. Acaba
- 32 Vidas, 11°53'67"S, 45°36'09"W, alt. 722m, 14.x.2008, light trap, Calor, Mariano, Mateus
- 33 (MZSP).
- **Etymology.** From Latin *cassis* = cap and *coleatus* = pertaining to the penis, referring to the
- 35 hood-like projection on the dorsal surface of phallic apparatus covering the endotheca.

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Diagnosis. This new species can be distinguished from the others in the *punctata* group by its stirrup-like phallotremal sclerite and by its inferior appendage, with a very short ventral lobe and two digitate projections bearing strong and thick setae on the distal lobe.

This species is very similar to *O. knutsoni* Flint, 1981 and *O. quasipunctata* n. sp. The three all belong to the *punctata* group. However, this species, different from *O. knutsoni* and *O. quasipunctata* n. sp., has a distinct stirrup-like phallotremal sclerite not present in the other two species. Additionally, *O. bidigitata* n. sp. has only two digitate projections bearing strong and thick setae on the apex of the distal lobe of inferior appendage, while *O. knutsoni* and *O. quasipunctata* n. sp. have four projections.

Description. Male: forewing length 7.5–8.5 mm (n= 7).

Head. Color pale yellow (pinned specimens). Antennae 3 times length of forewing; scape stout, elongate; pedicel enlarged in width, subequal to other flagellomeres in length, shorter than scape. Maxillary palps yellowish brown, 5-segmented, palpomeres subequal in length and width, setose. Labial palps pale yellow, 3-segmented.

Thorax. Pterothorax yellowish brown; forewing yellow; dark bands over cord absent (Fig. 5A); dark spots on forks, junctions and end of veins; fork I rooted, fork V sessile (Fig. 5A); sectoral crossvein (s) aligned with r-m (Fig. 5A). Hind wing with forks I and V present (Fig. 5B). Legs yellow, mid leg with longitudinal row of spines on tibia and tarsal segments. Tibial spur formula 1,2,2.

Abdomen. Segment IX annular, short; two acrotergites present dorsolaterally (Figs. 5C–D). Preanal appendage very short, digitate, bearing apical setae (Figs. 5C–D). Tergum X, in lateral view, not divided into dorsal and ventral lobes, divided medially by V-shape incision, in dorsal view broad basally, acute apically (Figs. 5C–D). Inferior appendage 1-segmented, broad basally, setose; dorsal lobe absent (Figs. 5C, 5E); ventral lobe quadrate, short (Figs. 5C, 5E); distal lobe narrow, short, two digitate projections on top, inner process curved inward (Figs. 5C, 5E); two short, stout spine-like apical setae present (Figs. 5C, 5E). Phallic apparatus bilaterally symmetrical, cylindrical, elongate, membranous apically, curved ventrally (Figs. 5F–H); in caudal view, apex short, cylindrical, phallobase narrowing distally (Fig. 5G). Phallic spine absent (Figs. 5F–H). Phallotremal sclerite U-shapped, with V-shaped incision distally (Fig. 5H).

Distribution. Bolivia (La Paz).

Material examined. Holotype (male): BOLÍVIA, Dept. La Paz, San Buenaventura-Ixiamas rd., Arroyo Maije at Puente Maije, 14°20.908'S, 67°40.530'W, 278 m, 14.vii.2003, Robertson and Blahnik (UASC, on loan to UMSP). Paratypes: same data as holotype – 1 female (UMSP); BOLÍVIA, Dept. La Paz, ANMI Madidi, Chalalan Ecolodge, Rio Tuichi at entrance to lodge &

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- 2 same data except Raya Mayo river at Anta trail, 14°28.134'S, 67°55.761'W, 264 m, 26.vii.2003,
- 3 Robertson and Blahnik 3 males (NMNH).
- **Etymology.** From Latin prefix bi = two and digitus = finger, referring to the two digitate
- 5 projections on apex of the inferior appendages.

- 7 Oecetis quasipunctata Quinteiro & Holzenthal, n. sp. urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:B7E84B92-
- *234B-46F1-BDF0-9D74D1CA9AB9*
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Diagnosis. This new species can be diagnosed from the others in the *punctata* group by its inferior appendage, with the ventral lobe very reduced and forming an acute angle with the distal lobe, and also by the nearly straight distal lobe.

This new species is very similar to *O. knutsoni*, *O. bidigitata* n. sp., and *O. punctata* (Navás, 1924). *Oecetis bidigitata* has only two digitate projections apically on the distal lobe of the inferior appendage, while *O. knutsoni*, *O. punctata*, and *O. quasipunctata* n. sp. have four projections. *Oecetis punctata* has a concave inner surface of the inferior appendage (best seen in ventral view), while *O. knutsoni*, *O. bidigitata* n. sp., and *O. quasipunctata* n. sp. have the inner surface straight (Fig. ?). The main differences between *O. knutsoni* and this new species are in the inferior appendage. *Oecetis knutsoni* has an inferior appendage with a long ventral lobe, forming a straight angle with the distal lobe, while this new species has a very reduced ventral lobe, forming an acute angle with the distal lobe. Additionally, *O. knutsoni* has the apex of the distal lobe slightly bent distally, while the new species has it nearly straight.

Description. Male: forewing length 9.1-10.3 mm (n= 21).

Head. Color yellowish brown (pinned specimens). Antennae 3 times length of forewing; scape stout, elongate; pedicel enlarged in width, subequal to other flagellomeres in length, shorter than scape. Maxillary palps yellow, 5-segmented, palpomeres subequal in length and width. Labial palps yellow, 3-segmented.

Thorax. Pterothorax yellow; forewing yellow; dark bands over cord absent (Fig. 6A); dark spots on forks, junctions and end of veins; forks I and V rooted (Fig. 6A); sectoral crossvein (s) aligned with *r-m* (Fig. 6A). Hind wing with forks I and V present (Fig. 6B). Legs pale yellow, mid leg with longitudinal row of spines on tibia and tarsal segments. Tibial spur formula 1,2,2.

Abdomen. Segment IX annular, very short; two acrotergites present dorsolaterally (Fig. 6C). Preanal appendage short, digitate, bearing apical setae (Figs. 6C–D). Tergum X, in lateral view, not divided into dorsal and ventral lobes, composed of single elongate lobe, broad basally, divided mesally by shallow depression (Figs. 6C–D). Inferior appendage 1-segmented, broad basally, setose (Figs. 6C, 6E); dorsal lobe absent; ventral lobe quadrate, very short (Figs. 6C, 6E); distal lobe narrow, straight, short, with 4 digitate projections on top, inner process curved

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inward; short and stout spine-like apical setae present (Figs. 6C, 6E). Phallic apparatus bilaterally symmetrical, curved downward, cylindrical, short (Figs. 6F–H); in caudal view, apex short, cylindrical, phallobase tapering distally, with slightly "pinched" tip (Fig. 6G). Phallic spine and phallotremal sclerite absent (Figs. 6F–H).

Distribution. Colombia (Cauca, Valle, Quindió).

Material examined. Holotype (male): COLOMBIA, Cauca, Municipio de Inzá, Quebrada San 6 Andrés, 1km S del centro de San Andrés de Pisimbalá, 02°34'36"N, 76°02'11"W, 1730 m, 7 20.xii.1997, Fdo. Muñoz-Q. et al. (CEUA, on loan to UMSP); Paratypes: same data as holotype 8 9 - 14 males (UMSP); COLOMBIA, Cauca, Municipio de Inzá, 500 m W Restaurante "La Portada", San Andrés de Pisimbalá, 02°34'56"N, 76°02'36"W, 1750 m, 21.xii.1997, Fdo. 10 Muñoz-Q. et al. − 16 males (UMSP); Municipio de Belalcazar, Quebrada Tálaga, ~14km N Páez 11 (Belalcazar), 02°42'24"N, 76°01'05"W, 1680 m, 22.xii.1997, Fdo. Muñoz-O. et al. – 12 males 12 (UMSP); Río Cabuyal Pescador, ~20km N Piendamó (Carretera Panamericana), 02°48'82"N, 13 76°32'58"W, 1400 m, 28.xii.1997, Fdo. Muñoz-Q. et al. – 4 males (CEUA, on loan to UMSP); 14 15 Valle, Municipio El Cerrito, Río Cerrito, 7.1km E Hacienda "El Paraíso", 03°38'59"N, 76°09'10"W, 1950 m, 03.xii.1997, Fdo. Muñoz-O. et al. – 4 males, 2 females (UFBA); 16 Municipio de Cali, Río Pichindé, Peñas Blancas, ~24km SW Cali, 03°25'06"N, 76°39'04"W, 17 2000 m, 18.xii.1997, Fdo. Muñoz-Q. et al. - 12 males, 2 females (UMSP); Quindió, Río 18 Ouindió, Retén "La Playa", ~2km NE Salento, 04°38'25"N, 75°33'24"W, 1890 m, 02.i.1998, 19 20 Fdo. Muñoz-Q. et al. – 2 males, 2 females (NMNH).

21 **Etymology.** From Latin *quasi* = appearing as if, similar. This is a reference to the resemblance

of this new species with *Oecetis punctata* (Navás, 1924).

24 Oecetis calori Quinteiro & Holzenthal, n. sp. urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:58B08D3F-32E2-4408-

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Diagnosis. This new species can be diagnosed from the others in the *falicia* group by its three phallic spines and <u>by</u> the inferior appendage with a small, discrete, <u>quadrate dorsal lobe</u> with a truncate apex, and a triangular, protruding, and very angular ventral lobe.

This new species is similar to *O. fibra* Chen & Morse *in* Quinteiro & Calor, 2012 and to *O. acarati* Angrisano & Sganga, 2009; all of them share a segment IX with slender, ventrally directed dorsolateral processes with no ramifications, and a terete, apically rounded distal lobe on the inferior appendage. However, none of the described species possess three spines in the phallic apparatus as in the new species. Additionally, the inferior appendage of *O. fibra* has a quadrate ventral lobe with smooth margins, while in *O. acarati* and the new species this lobe is triangular. *Oecetis acarati* has the ventral lobe of the inferior appendage with a smooth margin

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and no dorsal lobe, while *O. calori*, n. sp. has a discrete quadrate dorsal lobe and a triangular flattened ventral lobe.

Description. Male: forewing length 7.3–7.6 mm (n= 3).

Head. Color yellowish brown (pinned specimens). Antennae 3 times length of forewing; scape stout, elongate; pedicel enlarged in width, subequal to other flagellomeres in length, shorter than scape. Maxillary palps yellow, 5-segmented. Labial palps yellow, 3-segmented.

Thorax. Pterothorax yellow; forewing yellowish brown; dark bands over cord absent (Fig. 7A); dark spots absent; forks I and V rooted (Fig. 7A); sectoral crossvein (s) not aligned with *r-m* (Fig. 7A). Hind wing with forks I and V present (Fig. 7B). Legs pale yellow, mid leg with longitudinal row of spines on tibia and tarsal segments. Tibial spur formula 1,2,2.

Abdomen. Segment IX annular, short, bearing pair of dorsolateral processes; processes slender, bent ventrad, cylindrical, tapering posteriorly, same length as phallic apparatus; acrotergite absent (Figs. 7C–D). Preanal appendage long, digitate, bearing apical setae (Figs. 7C–D). Tergum X, in lateral view, divided into dorsal and ventral lobes; dorsal lobe modified into single cylindrical structure, apex digitate, same length as ventral lobe, with short apical setae (Figs. 7C–D); ventral lobe deeply divided laterally, forming two cylindrical lobules, apices rounded (Figs. 7C–D). Inferior appendage 1-segmented, broad at base, setose; dorsal lobe in lateral view quadrate, discrete (Figs. 7C, 7E); ventral lobe, in lateral view, quadrate (Figs. 7C, 7E); distal lobe narrow, tapering posteriorly, apex rounded (Figs. 7C, 7E); short, stout spine-like setae present on inner surface (Fig. 7E). Phallic apparatus bilaterally symmetrical, curved downward, cylindrical, elongate, membranous apically (Figs. 7F–H); apex elongate, in caudal view, (Fig. 7G). Three phallic spines present, curved downward (Fig. 7F–G). One phallotremal sclerite present, sickle-shaped (Figs. 7G–H).

Distribution. Brazil (Minas Gerais).

- Material examined. Holotype (male): BRAZIL, Minas Gerais, Aldeia da Cachoeira das
- 26 Pedras, 20°06.824'S, 44°01.412'W, 925 m, 28-29.ix.2000, Paprocki and Braga (MZSP).
- 27 Paratypes: same data as holotype 1 female (UMSP); Brazil, Minas Gerais, Estação
- 28 Ecológica de Peti, Córrego Brucutu, 19°52.995'S, 43°22.452'W, 29.ix.1998, Paprocki 2 males,
- 29 1 female (UMSP).
- 30 **Etymology.** The specific epithet honors our colleague Adolfo R. Calor for his contributions to
- 31 caddisfly taxonomy and systematics, especially of the Brazilian fauna.

33 Oecetis hastapulla Quinteiro & Holzenthal, n. sp. urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:B43E4DCE-3579-

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Diagnosis. This new species can be discriminated from the others in the *falicia* group by the very elongate dorsal lobe of tergum X₂ with its slightly clavate apex, the <u>divided apex of the</u> inferior appendage, and <u>by</u> the elongate, asymmetrical dorsolateral processes on segment IX.

This new species is very similar to *O. prolongata* Flint, 1981, since both of them have an elongate and terete dorsal lobe of tergum X, an inferior appendage with the apex divided, and the dorsolateral processes of segment IX asymmetrical. However, this new species has the dorsal lobe of tergum X slightly clavate, while *O. prolongata* has it uniformly wide along its entire length. Also, *Oecetis hastapulla* n. sp. has the dorsolateral processes of segment IX longer than those of *O. prolongata* and the process on the right side of the body is bent posteriorly, while those of *O. prolongata* are bent ventrally.

Description. Male: forewing length 6.5 mm (n= 2).

Head. Color yellowish brown (pinned specimens). Antennae 2.5 times length of forewing; scape stout, elongate; pedicel enlarged in width, subequal to other flagellomeres in length, shorter than scape. Maxillary palps yellow, 5-segmented, setose. Labial palps pale yellow, 3-segmented.

Thorax. Pterothorax yellowish brown; forewing yellow; dark bands over cord absent (Fig. 8A); dark spots absent (Fig. 8A); forks I and V rooted; sectoral crossvein (s) not aligned with *r-m* (Fig. 8A). Hind wing with forks I and V present (Fig. 8B). Legs yellow, mid leg with longitudinal row of spines on tibia and tarsal segments. Tibial spur formula 0,2,2.

Abdomen. Segment IX annular, short, bearing pair of dorsolateral processes, slender, bent ventrad, cylindrical, tapering posteriorly, not bilaterally symmetrical, with dark tips, tip of right process bent 90 degrees distally, same length as phallic apparatus; acrotergite absent (Figs. 8C–D). Preanal appendage long, digitate, bearing apical setae (Figs. 8C–D). Tergum X, in lateral view, divided into dorsal and ventral lobes; dorsal lobe modified into single cylindrical structure, apex clavate, longer than ventral lobe, with short apical setae (Figs. 8C–D); ventral lobe deeply divided laterally, forming two cylindrical lobules, apex acuminate, tips dark (Figs. 8C–D). Inferior appendage 1-segmented, broad basally, setose (Fig. 8C, 8E); dorsal and ventral lobes absent (Fig. 8C); distal lobe narrow, tapering posteriorly, with V-shaped incision on apex (Fig. 8C, 8E); short, stout spine-like setae absent (Fig. 8C, 8E). Phallic apparatus bilaterally symmetrical, curved downward, cylindrical, elongate, membranous apically (Figs. 8F–H); apex elongate in caudal view, phallobase quadrate, endotheca cylindrical (Fig. 8G). Phallic spine and phallotremal sclerite absent (Figs. 8F–H).

Distribution. Costa Rica (Guanacaste, Limón).

Material examined. Holotype (male): COSTA RICA, Guanacaste, Parque Nacional Guanacaste, ca. 0.7km N Est. Maritza, 10.96°N, 85.50°W, 550 m, 31.viii.1990, Huisman and

36 Quesada (UMSP); Paratype: COSTA RICA, Limón, Parque Nacional Braulio Carrillo,

Quebrada González, 10.160°N, 83.939°W, 480 m, 12-14.v.1990, Holzenthal and Blahnik – 1

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- **Etymology.** From Latin *hasta* = spear, *pullus* = dark-colored, blackish. This is a reference to the 1
- sclerotized tips of the dorsolateral processes and tergum X. 2

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- Oecetis plenuspinosa Quinteiro & Holzenthal, n. sp. urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:9C9C4C21-B3F3-4
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> **Diagnosis.** This new species can be placed close to those of the reticulata-group, as defined by (Neboiss, 1989), because of Oecetis plenuspinosa can be distinguished from the other species of *Oecetis* by the shape of the inferior appendage, which lacks dorsal and ventral lobes, by the ventral lobe of tergum X, with two lateral, posteriorly pointing, digitate projections, and by the distinctly clavate dorsal lobe of tergum X. Additionally, the phallic apparatus has ten short spines, distributed symmetrically in two groups of five.

> In the Neotropical region the only similar species, described to date, is O. iara Henriques-Oliveira, et al., 2014. Oecetis plenuspinosa, n. sp. differs from O. iara due to its terete dorsal lobe of tergum X₂ with a clavate apex, while O. iara has the same structure broad basally, tapering toward an acute apex. Also, the new species has two digitate processes on the ventral margin of the ventral lobe of tergum X and a truncate apex on the inferior appendage, while O. iara does not have these processes on tergum X and has the inferior appendage with the apex digitate.

Description. Male: forewing length 5 mm (n= 1).

Head. Color pale yellow (pinned specimen). Antennae 3 times length of forewing; scape stout, elongate; pedicel enlarged in width, subequal to other flagellomeres in length, shorter than scape. Maxillary palps yellow, 5-segmented, setose. Labial palps pale yellow, 3-segmented.

Thorax. Pterothorax yellowish brown; forewing yellow; dark bands over cord absent; dark spots absent on wing; forks I and V rooted; sectoral crossvein (s) not aligned with r-m. Hind wing with forks I and V present. Legs yellowish brown, mid leg with longitudinal row of spines on tibia and tarsal segments. Tibial spur formula 1,2,2.

Abdomen. Segments V, VI, VII and VIII with honeycomb texture on terga (Figs. 9A-C), segment VIII with honeycomb cells smaller than others (Fig. 9C); segment IX annular, short (Figs. 9D-E). Preanal appendage digitate, bearing apical setae (Figs. 9D-E). Tergum X, in lateral view, divided into dorsal and ventral lobes; dorsal lobe divided mesally into two short processes, apex acuminate (Figs. 9D-E); ventral lobe divided into two digitate, sclerotized processes, slender, curved slightly upward, rounded tip (Figs. 9D-E). Inferior appendage 1segmented, broad basally, setose (Figs. 9D, 9F); dorsal lobe absent (Figs. 9D, 9F); ventral lobe rounded (Figs. 9D, 9F); distal lobe narrow, cylindrical, distal half enlarged, apex truncate; short and stout spine-like setae absent (Figs. 9D, 9F). Phallic apparatus bilaterally symmetrical, curved downward, cylindrical, elongate, distal half enlarged, apex truncate, pair of short processes Comment [23]: It is possible that the South American specimens are closest to Australian specieis. I have not studied the issue. However, there is a group of North America species, including O. cinerascens, O. sphyra, and O. persimilis, that also have reticulate modifications on the tergites of some abdominal segments. The general term for this group is the O. testacea group, named for an Old World species with the same characteristics.

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dorsally, both slender, acuminate (Fig. 9G), ten phallic spines present, small, sickle shaped, symetrically distributed in two groups of five (Fig. 9G, one side represented); in caudal view, with apex short, cylindrical, endotheca enlarged, bilobate laterally. Phallotremal sclerite present, horseshoe-shaped.

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Distribution. Costa Rica (Limón).

6 Material examined. Holotype (male): COSTA RICA, Limón, E.A.R.T.H., forest reserve

7 arroyo, 7.5 km (air) NW Pocora, 10°13'48"N, 083°33'36"W, 10, 4-5.ii.1992, Holzenthal, R.W.,

8 Muñoz, F., Kjer, K.M. (UMSP).

9 **Etymology.** From Latin *plenus* = full, plenty, *spinosus* = thorny. This is a reference to the many

small spines present in the phallic apparatus.

11 **Taxonomic comments:** Neboiss (1989) mentioned that the species in the *reticulata*-group are

diagnosed by the shield-like tergum VIII covering part of the subsequent genital segments as

13 well as the reticulate surface pattern on the abdominal terga. *Oecetis iara*, from Brazil is the only

Neotropical species that has reticulate abdominal terga, but lacks the shield-like tergum VIII as

in O. plenuspinosa n. sp. Also, there are many species that possess this reticulate pattern, but also

do not have the shield-like tergum VIII, such as O. orientalis Tsuda, from Japan, and O. akimi

17 Gibbs from Ghana (Neboiss, 1989). Even though they are not formally included in the *reticulata*-

group, all these species may be closely related or belong to a closely related species group

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Oecetis machaera Quinteiro & Holzenthal, n. sp. urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:ED8452F1-64C2-

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Diagnosis. This species is distinguished from the others in the *falicia* group by its bilobate inferior appendixes with its ventral labe closests, evilindrical, and anicelly equits

inferior appendage, with its ventral lobe elongate, cylindrical, and apically acute.

Oecetis machaera, n. sp. is similar to O. prolongata Flint, 1981 due to the short, slightly ventrally bent, dorsolateral process on segment IX. However, O. prolongata has the ventral lobe of the inferior appendage absent. Oecetis machaera, n. sp. has the ventral lobe distinctly projected, cylindrical, and with an acute apex. Additionally, the phallic apparatus of O. prolongata is very long and strongly bent ventrally, while the phallic apparatus of the new species is short and almost straight.

Description. Male: forewing length 4.8 mm (n= 1).

Head. Color yellowish brown (pinned specimen). Antennae 3.5 times length of forewing; scape stout, elongate; pedicel enlarged in width, subequal to other flagellomeres in length,

shorter than scape. Maxillary palps yellowish brown, 5-segmented, setose.

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Thorax. Pterothorax yellowish brown; forewing yellowish brown; dark bands over cord absent; dark spots absent; forks I and V rooted; sectoral crossvein (*s*) not aligned with *r-m*. Hind wing with forks I and V present. Legs yellowish brown, mid leg with longitudinal row of spines on tibia and tarsal segments. Tibial spur formula 0,2,2.

Abdomen. Segment IX annular, short, bearing pair of dorsolateral processes, each thick, straight, apex slightly bent ventrad, enlarged in height, flattened on basis, tapering posteriorly, shorter than phallic apparatus (Fig. 10A). Preanal appendage long, digitate, bearing apical setae (Figs. 10A–B). Tergum X, in lateral view, divided into dorsal and ventral lobes (Fig.10A); dorsal lobe modified into single cylindrical structure, apex digitate, shorter than ventral lobe, with short apical setae (Figs. 10A–B); ventral lobe divided medially by V-shape incision, broad basally, acute apically Figs. 10A–B). Inferior appendage 1-segmented, broad basally, setose (Figs. 10A, 10C); dorsal lobe absent (Fig. 10A); ventral lobe elongate, slightly shorter than distal lobe, apex acute (Figs. 10A, 10C); distal lobe narrow, tapering posteriorly, apex rounded in lateral view (Figs. 10A, 10C); short, stout spine-like setae absent (Figs. 10A, 10C). Phallic apparatus bilaterally symmetrical, curved downward, cylindrical, elongate, membranous apically (Fig. 10D); in caudal view, apex elongate, endotheca slightly enlarged in width apically; one projection on left side, acute, sclerotized (Fig. 10D). Phallic spine absent (Fig. 10D). Phallotremal sclerite horseshoe-shaped (Fig. 10D).

Distribution. Brazil (Amazonas).

- 20 Material examined. Holotype (male): BRAZIL, Amazonas, Am. 010, km 246, 20 km W
- 21 Itacoatiara, 12-15.vii.1979, J. Arias et al. (NMNH, loan to UMSP).
- 22 **Etymology.** From Latin *machaera* = bent sword from ancient Greece, dirk, dagger. This specific
- 23 epithet refers to the shape of the dorsolateral processes on segment IX in dorsal view, resembling
- the bent blade of some swords.

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- 29 **Diagnosis.** Even though this new species does not have characteristics that allow us to place it in
- a species group, it can be distinguished from other *Oecetis* by a combination of characters. It has
 - tergum X divided dorsoventrally, segment IX with two lateral rounded processes, projecting
- between the dorsal and ventral lobes of tergum X, the endotheca bilobed, and the inferior
- appendage with the ventral margin of the distal lobe angular, and a ventral lobe that is projecting
- and cylindrical, with a rounded apex.

This new species is similar to *O. gibbosa*, n. sp., *O. traini* Rueda-Martín, Gibon & Molina, 2011, and *O. rafaeli* Flint, 1991, due to the presence of a distinct lateral process on

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segment IX and <code>its</code> short phallic apparatus. However, in *O. traini* and *O. rafaeli* the lateral processes are slender, with acute apices, while in *O. blahniki*, n. sp. and *O. gibbosa*, n. sp. the apices are rounded, <code>uniformly</code> wide along their lengths, and project between the dorsal and ventral lobes of tergum X. The <code>diagnostic</code> difference between the two new species relies especially on the shape of the inferior appendage. *Oecetis blahniki*, n. sp. has the ventral margin of the distal lobe strongly angular and a projecting, cylindrical ventral lobe, while *O. gibbosa*, n. sp. does not have a ventral lobe and its dorsal and distal lobes are terete and elongate. Additionally, *O. blahniki*, n. sp has the endotheca bilobed, while in *O. gibbosa*, n. sp. it is single lobed.

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Description. Male: forewing length 6.5 mm (n= 1).

Head. Color yellowish brown (pinned specimen). Scape stout, elongate; pedicel enlarged in width, subequal to other flagellomeres in length, shorter than scape. Maxillary palps yellowish brown, 5-segmented, setose. Labial palps yellow, 3-segmented.

Thorax. Pterothorax yellowish brown; forewing brown; dark bands over cord absent; dark spots absent; forks I and V rooted; sectoral crossvein (s) not aligned with *r-m*. Hind wing with forks I and V present. Legs yellowish brown, mid leg with longitudinal row of spines on tibia and tarsal segments. Tibial spur formula 0,2,2.

Abdomen. Segment IX annular, short, bearing pair of lateral processes, thick, cylindrical, slightly sinuous, tapering posteriorly, apex rounded, shorter than phallic apparatus (Figs. 11A–B). Preanal appendage short, rounded, apex somewhat acuminate in dorsal view, bearing apical setae (Figs. 11A–B). Tergum X, in lateral view, divided in dorsal and ventral lobes (Figs. 11A–B); dorsal lobe modified into single cylindrical structure, apex acuminate, shorter than ventral lobe, with short apical setae (Figs. 11A–B); ventral lobe divided laterally by V-shaped incision, broad basally, digitate apically (Figs. 11A–B). Inferior appendage 1-segmented, setose (Fig. 11A, 11C); dorsal lobe absent (Fig. 11A); ventral lobe cylindrical, acuminate apex (Fig. 11A, 11C); distal lobe narrow, tapering posteriorly, apex acute, angular projection ventrally on mid region, apex acuminate (Fig. 11A, 11C); short, stout spine-like setae absent (Fig. 11A, 11C). Phallic apparatus bilaterally symmetrical, cylindrical, short, slightly curved ventrally (Fig. 11D); in caudal view, apex elongated. Endotheca longer than phallobase, bilobate (Fig. 11D). Two phallic spines present, straight. Phallotremal sclerite horseshoe-shaped.

Distribution. Brazil (Amazonas).

- Material examined. Holotype (male): BRAZIL, Amazonas, Am. 010, km 246, 20km W
- 33 Itacoatiara, 12-15.vii.1979, J. Arias et al. (NMNH loan to UMSP).
- 34 Etymology. This specific epithet honors our colleague Roger J. Blahnik for his contributions to
- 35 caddisfly taxonomy and systematics.

- 1 Oecetis gibbosa Quinteiro & Holzenthal, n. sp. urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:3118C6F6-3776-4624-
- 2 B2E2-9615553CF62A
- 3 Fig. 12

Diagnosis. Like some of the previous species presented here, this new sepcies does not present any distinct characteristic that would allow us to place it in a species group. However, it can be diagnosed from the other *Oecetis* by its dorsoventrally divided tergum X, the presence of two lateral processes on segment IX, with their apices truncate and projecting between the lobes of tergum X, and by the inferior appendage, with a terete distal lobe and dorsal lobe, that is slightly clavate apically, and with a rounded, mesal lobe at midlength.

This new species is similar to *Oecetis traini* Rueda-Martín, Gibon & Molina, 2011, *O. rafaeli* Flint, 1991, and *O. blahniki*, n. sp., due to segment IX bearing a lateral process and also the short phallic apparatus. However, the lateral processes on segment IX in *O. traini* and *O. rafaeli* are slender, with acute apices, while the new species has them somewhat quadrate and they do not project between the dorsal and ventral lobes of tergum X. *Oecetis gibbosa*, n. sp. differs from *O. blahniki*, n. sp. in the lateral projections of segment IX, which have their apices truncate in *O. gibbosa*, n. sp., while *O. blahniki*, n. sp. has them rounded. Also, *Oecetis gibbosa*, n. sp. has the inferior appendage with elongate, terete dorsal and distal lobes, and with an inner lobe on the dorsal lobe, while *Oecetis blahniki*, n. sp. does not have a developed dorsal lobe, and the distal lobe has a very angular ventral margin.

Description. Male: forewing length 5 mm (n= 1).

Head. Color yellowish brown (pinned specimen). Scape stout, elongate; pedicel enlarged in width, subequal to other flagellomeres in length, shorter than scape. Maxillary palps yellowish brown, 5-segmented, setose. Labial palps yellow, 3-segmented.

Thorax. Pterothorax yellowish brown; forewing brown; dark bands over cord absent; dark spots absent; forks I and V sessile; sectoral crossvein (s) not aligned with *r-m*. Hind wing with forks I and V present. Legs yellowish brown. Tibial spur formula 0,2,2.

Abdomen. Segment IX annular, short (Figs. 12A–B). Preanal appendage long, digitate, bearing apical setae (Figs. 12A–B). Tergum X, in lateral view, divided into dorsal and ventral lobes (Figs. 12A–B); dorsal lobe modified into single cylindrical structure, apex digitate, nearly same length as ventral lobe, with short apical setae (Figs. 12A–B); ventral lobe divided laterally by shallow V-shape incision, apex truncate (Figs. 12A–B). Inferior appendage 1-segmented, broad basally, setose (Figs 12A, 12C); dorsal lobe long, slender, apex clavate, with distinct rounded projection at mid region on mesal surface (Figs. 12A, 12A'); ventral lobe absent (Figs 12A, 12C); distal lobe narrow, tapering posteriorly, apex rounded, forming 90° angle with dorsal lobe (Figs 12A, 12C); short, stout spine-like setae absent (Figs 12A, 12C). Phallic apparatus bilaterally symmetrical, curved downward, cylindrical, elongate, membranous apically (Fig. 12D); in caudal view, apex short, cylindrical. One phallic spine present, slightly bent dorsally (Fig. 12D). Phallotremal sclerite absent (Fig. 12D).

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- 2 Material examined. Holotype (male): BRAZIL, Amazonas, Am. 010, km 229, 38km W
- 3 Itacoatiara, 29.i.1975, O.S. Flint Jr. (NMNH loan to UMSP).
- 4 **Etymology.** From Latin *gibbosus* = very humped. This species name is a reference to the
- 5 projection observed at the mid region of the inferior appendage in caudal view.

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- 7 Oecetis pertica n. sp. Quinteiro & Holzenthal, n. sp. urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:3DA312EC-F046-
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Diagnosis. Although it does not have diagnostic characters that allow us to place it in a species

group, O. pertica n. sp. can be diagnosed from the other Oecetis by the long and terete dorsal

lobe of tergum X, together with the somewhat quadrate dorsal lobe of the inferior appendage,

with its apex truncate, and the presence of a protruding ventral lobe on the inferior appendage,

with <u>a</u> very angular margin and acute <u>apex</u>. <u>The</u> very conspicuous phallic spines are <u>also</u> divided

into two groups in different regions of the phallic apparatus. Finally, the quadrate lateral lobe on segment IX of this species is unique in *Oecetis*.

This species has the inferior appendage similar to *O. doesburgi* (Flint, 1974), since both have a C-shaped incision between dorsal and distal lobes, and a dorsal lobe that is broad at its base, with its apex projecting distally. Differently from *O. doesburgi*, the new species has the dorsal lobe of inferior appendage with distinct truncate apex, whereas *O. doesburgi* presents it rounded. Also, *O. doesburgi* has the distal lobe enlarged apically, while *O. pertica* n. sp. has it narrow. The long dorsal lobe of tergum X and the mesally divided ventral lobe of tergum X of this new species are similar to *O. prolongata* Flint, 1981, but *O. pertica* n. sp. does not have the dorsolateral processes on segment IX that are diagnostic of the *falicia*-group and present in *O. prolongata*. Finally, *O. rafaeli* Flint, 1991, and *O. blahniki* n. sp. also have a pair of lateral processes on segment IX₂ as in *O. pertica* n. sp., but neither of them has the lateral process

Description. Male: forewing length 4.5 mm (n= 1).

quadrate, as in the new species.

Head. Color yellowish brown (pinned specimen). Scape stout, elongate; pedicel enlarged in width, subequal to other flagellomeres in length, shorter than scape. Maxillary palps yellowish brown, 5-segmented, setose. Labial palps yellow, 3-segmented.

Thorax. Pterothorax yellowish brown; forewing yellowish; small patches of dark setae present at junction of most veins, with patches of white setae adjacent to these; forks I and V sessile; sectoral crossvein (s) not aligned with *r-m*. Hind wing with forks I and V present. Legs yellowish brown. Tibial spur formula 0,2,2.

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Abdomen. Segment IX uneven dorsoventrally, tergum IX noticeably shorter than sternum 1 IX, segment bearing pair of broad, slightly quadrate lateral processes from the posterior margin, 2 3 projecting underneath ventral lobe of tergum X; acrotergite absent (Figs. 13A-B). Preanal appendage long, digitate, bearing apical setae (Figs. 13A–B). Tergum X, in lateral view, divided 4 into dorsal and ventral lobes (Figs. 13A-B); dorsal lobe modified into single cylindrical 5 6 structure, apex slightly clavate, nearly same length as ventral lobe, with short apical setae (Figs. 13A-B); ventral lobe divided medially by V-shape incision, broad basally, apex acute (Fig. 7 13B). Inferior appendage 1-segmented, broad basally, setose (Figs. 13A, 13C); dorsal lobe 8 9 slightly quadrate, projecting distally, apex truncate (Fig. 13A); ventral lobe slightly protruding, keeled, apex acute, margin very angular (Figs. 13A, 13C); distal lobe broad, tapering distally, 10 slightly bent dorsad, apex rounded, forming with dorsal lobe shallow C-shaped incision; short 11 12 and stout spine-like setae absent (Figs. 13A, 13C). Phallic apparatus bilaterally symmetrical, curved ventrally, tubular, elongate, membranous apically, constricted at mid portion, enlarged 13 distally, apex quadrate (Fig. 13D). Endotheca with approximately 12 short, straight, phallic 14 spines, 5-7 at mid region, 5-7 at apex (exact number difficult to discern, endothecal membranes 15 not everted on specimens examined) (Fig. 13D). Phallotremal sclerite absent (Fig. 13D). 16

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- 20 **Etymology.** From Latin *pertica* = long pole. This species name refers to the long dorsal lobe of
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- 25 Fig. 14
 - **Diagnosis.** This species does not have characters that allow us to place it in a diagnosed species group. However, it can be distinguished from the other *Oecetis* by the enlarged dorsal lobe of tergum X, the triangular lateral process of segment IX₂ and the distinctly curved inferior appendage.

Oecetis licina n. sp. is similar to O. gibbosa n. sp., since they both share a segment IX lateral process protruding underneath tergum X, as well as a cylindrical dorsal lobe of tergum X and a phallic apparatus that is cylindrical, slightly curved ventrally and bearing one phallic spine. However, these two species differ greatly in the inferior appendage shape. Oecetis gibbosa n. sp. has the dorsal lobe of inferior appendage terete, with apical and mesal inner projections. Oecetis licina n. sp. has the dorsal lobe of inferior appendage discreetly projected and rounded. The distal lobe of inferior appendage in O. licina n. sp. is conspicuously enlarged compared to the

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terete distal lobe of inferior appendage in *O. gibbosa* n. sp. Also, the phallic apparatus in *O. licina* n. sp. is disproportionally large compared to the remainder of the genitalia.

Description. Male: forewing length 5.5 mm (n= 1).

Head. Color yellowish brown (pinned specimen). Scape stout, elongate; pedicel enlarged in width, subequal to other flagellomeres in length, shorter than scape. Maxillary palps yellowish brown, 5-segmented, setose. Labial palps yellow, 3-segmented.

Thorax. Pterothorax yellowish brown; forewing light brown; faint band over cord; dark spots apically; forks I and V sessile; sectoral crossvein (s) not aligned with *r-m*. Hind wing with forks I and V present. Legs yellowish brown. Tibial spur formula 0,2,2.

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Segment IX annular, with short, triangular lateral processes present, broad basally, acute apically, projecting underneath ventral lobe of tergum X; acrotergite present as two structures dorsolaterally (Figs. 14A–B). Preanal appendages short, rounded, bearing apical setae (Figs. 14A–B). Tergum X, in lateral view, divided into dorsal and ventral lobes; dorsal lobe modified into single structure, lobate (or digitate), inflated preapically, subacute apically, same length as ventral lobe, with short setae (Figs. 14A–B); ventral lobe membranous, divided near apex by shallow, V-shaped incision, apex rounded (Fig. 14B). Inferior appendage 1-segmented, broad basally, setose (Figs. 14A, 14C); dorsal lobe smoothly projected, rounded, discrete (Figs. 14A); ventral lobe absent; distal lobe; as viewed laterally, broad basally, tapering distally, bent dorsally at mid region, keeled ventrally, ventral margin distinctly angular, apex mesally curved and rounded (Figs. 14A, 14C); short and stout spine-like setae present on dorsal lobe and apical inner portion (Figs. 14A, 14C). Phallic apparatus bilaterally symmetrical, elongate, cylindrical, curved ventrally (Fig. 14D). One phallic spine present, straight (Fig. 14D). Phallotremal sclerite absent (Fig. 14D).

Distribution. Guyana

- Material examined. Holotype (male): GUYANA, Essequebo [sic] R., Br. Guiana, July 1921,
- A. Busck coll [verbatim, no additional information given] (NMNH).
- 29 **Etymology.** From Latin *licinus* = bent or turned upward. This species name refers to the distal
- 30 lobe of inferior appendage bent dorsally.

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