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35 Introduction

36 Frogs in the genus *Psychrophrynella* are small, terrestrial-breeding terraranas that had
37 originally been placed with the genus *Phrynopus* (Lynch 1986). These high-Andean terraranas
38 are very difficult to characterize morphologically (Hedges et al. 2008). Molecular analyses later
39 revealed that these species were closely related to *Barycholos*, *Bryophryne* and *Holoaden* of the
40 subfamily Holoadeninae, and not *Phrynopus* and related forms within Strabomantinae (Hedges et
41 al. 2008). Thus, these forms were assigned to the new genus *Psychrophrynella*, with *P. bagrecito*
42 as the type species (Hedges et al. 2008). Until recently, the genus contained 23 species, four
43 species from the Peruvian Departments Cusco and Puno (Catenazzi & Ttito 2016), and 19 from
44 Bolivia. Following the description of the genus *Microkayla*, which contains all Bolivian species
45 (and the southern Peruvian species *M. boettgeri*) formerly assigned to *Psychrophrynella* (De La
46 Riva et al. 2017), the genus *Psychrophrynella* presently contains three species: *P. bagrecito*, *P.*
47 *chirihampatu* and *P. usurpator*.

48 These three species of *Psychrophrynella* are Peruvian endemics restricted to the
49 Amazonian slopes of the Andes in the upper Kosñipata, Quespillomayo, Japumayo and
50 Marcapata valleys in the Department Cusco, where they inhabit humid grasslands and montane
51 forests from 1770 to 3600 m.a.s.l. (Catenazzi & Ttito 2016; Duellman & Lehr 2009; von May et
52 al. 2017). These small frogs inhabit the leaf litter and the layer of terrestrial mosses, and thus
53 require considerable effort to be detected, for example through intensive search within leaf litter
54 plots (Catenazzi et al. 2011). Most of the eastern valleys of the Andes in the southern Peruvian
55 Departments Cusco and Puno have been poorly explored, with few locations surveyed by using
56 leaf litter plots, and are likely to contain many undescribed species of *Psychrophrynella* and
57 other Holoadeninae (Catenazzi & von May 2014).

58 The taxonomy of Holadeninae has undergone frequent changes over the past decade
59 (reviewed in De La Riva et al. 2017), in part because of our limited understanding of
60 phylogenetic relationships among its members. As new species are discovered, and our
61 understanding is accrued, it is likely that phylogenetic relationships will be revised again.
62 Furthermore, the type species *P. bagrecito* shares several morphological traits with the type
63 species of *Noblella*, *N. peruviana* (De la Riva et al. 2008; Lehr 2006), suggesting that the two
64 species might be closely related. Future molecular analyses of these two species will help resolve
65 relationships among species of *Noblella* and *Psychrophrynella*. Until DNA sequences of these
66 two type species become available, new species can be assigned to either genus on the basis of
67 overall morphological similarity and genetic distance with species whose genes have been
68 sequenced.

69 During a rapid survey of amphibian fauna of several tributaries of the Inambari River
70 in Department Puno, we surveyed a humid montane forest in the Ollachea Valley. As a result of
71 opportunistic, intensive search of the leaf litter, we found four specimens and recorded the call of
72 a new species of Holoadeninae. Because the advertisement call sounded similar to the calls of *P.*
73 *chirihampatu* and *P. usurpator* (Catenazzi & Ttito 2016), we suspected that the new species was
74 a *Psychrophrynella*. Here we describe this new species, and provide morphological and
75 molecular evidence for its generic allocation.

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77 **Methods**

78 We follow Duellman & Lehr (2009) and Lynch & Duellman (1997) for the format of the
79 diagnosis and description, except that the term dentigerous processes of vomers is used instead
80 of vomerine odontophores (Duellman et al. 2006). We follow Heinicke et al. (2017) for

81 taxonomic arrangement of genera within subfamilies. We derived meristic traits of similar
82 species from the specimens we examined, from species descriptions, and from published
83 photographs of live or preserved specimens.

84 We fixed and preserved specimens in 70% ethanol. We determined sex and maturity of
85 specimens by observing sexual characters and gonads through dissections. We measured the
86 following variables (Table 1) to the nearest 0.1 mm with digital calipers under a
87 stereomicroscope: snout–vent length (SVL), tibia length (TL), foot length (FL, distance from
88 proximal margin of inner metatarsal tubercle to tip of Toe IV), heel length (HL, from angle of
89 jaw to tip of snout), head width (HW, at level of angle of jaw), eye diameter (ED), tympanum
90 diameter (TY), interorbital distance (IOD), upper eyelid width (EW), internarial distance (IND),
91 and eye–nostril distance (E–N, straight line distance between anterior corner of orbit and
92 posterior margin of external nares). Fingers and toes are numbered preaxially to postaxially from
93 I–IV and I–V respectively. We determined comparative lengths of toes III and V by adpressing
94 both toes against Toe IV; lengths of fingers I and II were determined by adpressing these fingers
95 against each other. We describe variation in coloration on the basis of field notes and
96 photographs of live frogs. We deposited photographs of live specimens (taken by A. Catenazzi)
97 at the Calphoto online database (<http://calphotos.berkeley.edu>).

98 We recorded advertisement calls of an unvouchered male of *Psychrophrynella glauca* sp.
99 n. at the type locality on 14 August 2017, and recorded air temperature with a quick reading
100 thermometer (recording ##### deposited at the Fonoteca Zoológica, Museo Nacional de Ciencias
101 Naturales, Madrid, www.fonozoo.com). We used a digital recorder (Zoom H2, recording at 48
102 kHz, 24-bit, WAV format) for field recording, and Raven Pro version 1.4 (Cornell Laboratory of
103 Ornithology, Ithaca, NY) to analyze call variables. We analyzed a single call. We measured the

104 following variables from the oscillogram: note and duration and rate, interval between notes or
105 calls, number of pulses, and presence of amplitude modulation. We measured these variables
106 from the spectrogram: dominant frequency, and presence of frequency modulation or harmonics.
107 Spectral parameters were calculated through fast Fourier transform (FFT) set at a length of 512
108 points (Hann window, 50% overlap). Averages are reported \pm SE.

109 We estimated genetic distances to confirm generic placement of the new species within
110 *Psychrophrynella* through analysis of the non-coding 16S rRNA mitochondrial fragment. We
111 used liver tissue from all type specimens (Table 1) to obtain DNA sequences for the new species
112 (Appendix 1 with GenBank accession codes; FASTA supplementary file). We compared our
113 sequences with those of other species of *Psychrophrynella*, and with those of Holoadeninae
114 species in related genera (*Barycholos*, *Bryophryne*, *Holoaden*, *Microkayla* and *Noblella*) from
115 GenBank (Appendix 1). We extracted DNA with a commercial extraction kit (IBI Scientific,
116 Peosta, USA). We followed standard protocols for DNA amplification and sequencing (Hedges
117 et al. 2008). We used the 16Sar (forward) primer (5'-3' sequence:
118 CGCCTGTTTATCAAAAACAT) and the 16Sbr (reverse) primer (5'-3' sequence:
119 CCGGTCTGAACTCAGATCACGT) (Palumbi et al. 2002). For the polymerase chain reaction
120 (PCR) we used these thermocycling conditions: 1 cycle of 96°C/3 min; 35 cycles of 95°C/30 s,
121 55°C/45 s, 72°C/1.5 min; 1 cycle 72°C/7 min. We used a Veriti thermal cycler (Applied
122 Biosystems). We purified PCR products with Exosap-IT (Affymetrix, Santa Clara, CA), and
123 shipped purified samples to MCLAB (San Francisco, CA) for sequencing. We aligned sequences
124 using Geneious R8, version 8.1.6 (Biomatters, <http://www.geneious.com/>) with the MAFFT
125 v7.017 alignment program (Katoh & Standley 2013). We estimated uncorrected p-distances (i.e.,
126 the proportion of nucleotide sites at which any two sequences are different) with the R package

127 “ape” (Paradis et al. 2004). 

128 ~~We list specimens examined in Appendix 2.~~ For codes of collections we used the
129 following acronyms: CORBIDI = Herpetology Collection, Centro de Ornitología y
130 Biodiversidad, Lima, Peru; KU = Natural History Museum, University of Kansas, Lawrence,
131 Kansas, USA; MHNC = Museo de Historia Natural del Cusco, Peru; MUBI = Museo de
132 Biodiversidad del Perú, Cusco, Peru; MHNG = Muséum d’Histoire Naturelle, Genève,
133 Switzerland; and MUSM = Museo de Historia Natural Universidad Nacional Mayor de San
134 Marcos, Lima, Peru.





135 Our research was approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee of
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150 **Results**151 *Psychrophrynella glauca* sp. n. lsid:zoobank.org:act:E815EC45-81B4-46BF-A9A7-

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153 <http://zoobank.org/NomenclaturalActs/E815EC45-81B4-46BF-A9A7-3E359DEBDB73>154  
155 **Holotype** (Figs. 1–3, Table 1). CORBIDI 18729, an adult female (Figs. 2, 3) from 13.67603S;156  588W (W ) 4), 2225 m a.s.l., near Thiuni, Distrito Ollachea, Provincia Carabaya,157 **Departamento** Puno, Peru, collected by A. Catenazzi and A. Ttito on 14 August 2017.158 **Paratypes** (Fig. 4, Table 1). Three total: one adult male, CORBIDI 18730, one adult

159 female, MUBI 16322, and one juvenile, MUBI 16323 collected at the type locality by A.

160 Catenazzi and A. Ttito on 14 August 2017.

161 **Generic placement.** A new species of *Psychrophrynella* as defined by De La Riva et al.162 (2017). Frogs of the genus *Psychrophrynella* are morphologically similar and closely related to163 *Barycholos*, *Bryophryne*, *Holoaden*, *Microkayla* and *Noblella* (De La Riva et al. 2017; Duellman

164 & Lehr 2009; Hedges et al. 2008; Heinicke et al. 2007; Padial et al. 2014). The new species is

165 assigned to *Psychrophrynella* rather than any of the other genera on the basis of ^{similarity of} molecular data

166 (Table 2), call composed of multiple notes, and overall morphological resemblance with the type

167 species *P. bagrecito*, including presence of a short fold-like tubercle on the inner edge of tarsus.168 ~~Our genetic distance data (Table 2) support the generic placement of the new species within~~169 ~~*Psychrophrynella*. The most closely related species is *P. usurpator* (16S rRNA uncorrected p-~~170 ~~distance: 12.3–12.5%), followed by *P. chirihampatu* (12.5–12.7%). Species from other genera~~171 ~~had genetic distances above 18%, with the exception of *N. heyeri* (16.7%) and *N. myrmecoides*~~172 ~~(16.8%).~~

173 **Diagnosis.** A species of *Psychrophrynella* characterized by (1) skin on dorsum smooth to
174 finely shagreen; skin on venter smooth, discoidal fold present; (2) tympanic membrane not
175 differentiated, anteroventral part of tympanic annulus visible below skin; (3) snout very short,
176 bluntly rounded in dorsal view and in profile; (4) upper eyelid lacking tubercles, narrower than
177 IOD; cranial crests absent; (5) dentigerous process of vomers absent; (6) vocal slits present;
178 nuptial pads absent; (7) Finger I slightly shorter than Finger II; tips of digits bulbous, not
179 expanded laterally; (8) fingers lacking lateral fringes; (9) ulnar tubercles absent; (10) heel
180 lacking tubercles; inner edge of tarsus bearing a short, obliquous fold-like tubercle; (11) inner
181 metatarsal tubercle elliptical, of similar relief and length of prominent, ovoid, outer metatarsal
182 tubercle; supernumerary plantar tubercles absent; (12) toes lacking lateral fringes; webbing
183 absent; Toe V slightly shorter, or about the same length as Toe III; tips of digits not expanded,
184 weakly pointed; (13) dorsum reddish-brown to tan, with dark brown markings; one juvenile with
185 an orange middorsal line extending from tip of snout to cloaca and to posterior surface of thighs;
186 interorbital bar present; flanks brown with dark markings or entirely dark; chest dark brown with
187 bluish-grey flecks; throat and palmar and plantar surfaces grayish-brown with small, bluish-grey
188 flecks; belly and legs red or reddish-brown with bluish-grey flecks; (14) SVL 11.3 mm in one
189 male, 18.2 and [redacted] mm in two females.

190 **Comparisons.** The new species differs from the three known species of
191 *Psychrophrynella* by its unique combination of red coloration on legs and belly, and profusion of
192 bluish-grey flecks on ventral surfaces of head, body and legs. Morphologically, it is most similar
193 to *P. bagrecito* in having a short fold-like tubercle on the inner edge of tarsus, a prominent ovoid
194 outer metatarsal tubercle, discoidal fold present, an elliptical pupil, small size reaching ~19 mm,
195 and dark brown flanks in at least some specimens. It can be distinguished from *P. bagrecito*

196 (characters in parenthesis) by having smooth skin on venter (areolate), dorsal coloration with
197 broad markings (longitudinal stripes), snout short and bluntly rounded (snout moderately long,
198 rounded in dorsal view and in profile), and ventral coloration in preservative brown with light
199 grey flecks (white to cream with brown mottling). *Psychrophrynella glauca* sp. n. can be
200 distinguished from *P. chirihampatu* by having reddish-brown to dark brown coloration and
201 bluish-grey flecks on ventral parts (yellow coloration with reddish-brown or grey flecks), Finger
202 I slightly shorter or same length as Finger II (Finger I shorter than Finger II), inner metatarsal
203 tubercle the same length of outer metatarsal tubercle (inner metatarsal tubercle at least three
204 times the size of outer metatarsal tubercle), more bluntly rounded head (slender and longer head),
205 smaller size reaching 19.8 mm in females (27.7 mm), and by the advertisement call having 26
206 notes and a fundamental frequency of 3027 Hz (up to 68 notes, 2712 Hz). The new species
207 differs from *P. usurpator* by its reddish-brown ventral coloration (dull brown, gray or black with
208 cream flecks), smaller SVL reaching 19.8 mm in females (SVL up to 30.5 mm), and by the fold-
209 like tubercle on the inner edge of tarsus being short (long and prominent tubercle).

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211 **Description of holotype.** Adult female (18.2 mm SVL); head narrower than body, its
212 length 34.6% of SVL; head slightly longer than wide, head length 108.6% of head width, head
213 width 31.9% of SVL; snout very short, bluntly rounded in dorsal and lateral views (Fig. 2), eye
214 diameter 31.7% of head length, its diameter 1.3 times as large as its distance from the nostril;
215 nostrils not protuberant, close to snout, directed laterally; canthus rostralis slightly concave in
216 dorsal view, convex in profile; loreal region flat; lips rounded; upper eyelids lacking tubercles;
217 upper eyelid width 65.0% of interorbital distance; interorbital region flat, lacking cranial crests;
218 eye-nostril distance 75.0% of eye diameter; supratympanic fold weak; tympanic membrane not


219 differentiated, anteroventral part of tympanic annulus visible below skin; postrictal tubercles
220 absent. Choanae round, very small, positioned far anterior and laterally, widely separated from
221 each other; dentigerous processes of vomers and vomerine teeth absent; tongue large, ovoid, not
222 notched.

223 Skin on dorsum smooth to finely shagreen; barely visible dorsolateral folds anteriorly;
224 skin on flanks and venter smooth; no pectoral fold, no discoidal fold; cloaca not protuberant,
225 cloacal region without tubercles. Ulnar tubercles and folds absent; palmar tubercle flat and oval,
226 approximately same length but twice the width of elongate, thenar tubercle; supernumerary
227 palmar tubercles absent; subarticular tubercles prominent, ovoid in ventral view, rounded in
228 lateral view, largest at base of fingers; fingers lacking lateral fringes; relative lengths of fingers 3
229 $> 4 > 2 \geq 1$ (Fig. 3); tips of digits bulbous, not expanded laterally (Fig. 3); forearm lacking
230 tubercles.


231 Hindlimbs moderately long, tibia length 46.2% of SVL; foot length 45.1% of SVL; upper
232 and posterior surfaces of hindlimbs smooth; heel without tubercles; inner edge of tarsus bearing a
233 short, oblique fold-like tubercle, outer edge of tarsus lacking tubercles; inner metatarsal tubercle
234 elliptical, of similar relief and length of prominent, ovoid, outer metatarsal tubercle; minute
235 plantar supernumerary tubercles weakly defined; subarticular tubercles rounded, ovoid in ventral
236 view; toes lacking lateral fringes, not webbed; toe tips weakly pointed, not expanded laterally;
237 relative lengths of toes $4 > 3 > 5 > 2 > 1$ (Fig. 3); foot length 45.1% of SVL.

238 Measurements of holotype (in mm): SVL 18.2, TL 8.4, FL 8.2, HL 6.3, HW 5.8, ED 2.0, IOD
239 2.0, EW 1.3, IND 1.8, E-N 1.5.

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241 **Coloration of holotype in alcohol.** Dorsal surfaces of head, body, and limbs grayish tan,
242 with a dark brown X-shaped middorsal mark bordered laterally by a cream line. The interorbital
243 bar is a narrow dark stripe and is bordered anteriorly by a poorly defined cream stripe. There is a
244 dark brown stripe extending from the tip of the snout to above the tympanum and the insertion of
245 forelimb; furthermore, there are two longitudinal dark markings along the line separating the
246 dorsum from the flanks, and dark markings on each side of dorsum near the point of hind limb
247 insertion. The iris is dark gray. The throat is brown coloration anteriorly, fading into pale brown
248 with light grey flecks posteriorly. Chest and belly brown with light grey mottling and large
249 flecks. Ventral parts of limbs reddish-brown with cream mottling and flecks on brachium and
250 thighs, and tan with light grey flecks on antebrachium, crus and pes. The dorsal surfaces of hind
251 limbs have transverse dark bars. The posterior surfaces of thighs are reddish-brown with a large,
252 dark tan marking surrounding the cloaca and reaching one third the length of thigh, bordered
253 anteriorly by a narrow, cream stripe; the plantar and palmar surfaces are tan, fading into light
254 grey along fingers and toes.



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256 **Coloration of holotype in life.** Similar to coloration in alcohol, but the dorsal coloration
257 varies from beige to brown, and the thighs are reddish-brown with brown mottling. Ventrally,
258 flecks are bluish-grey, largest and most noticeable on chest, and the belly and ventral surfaces of
259 limbs are red or reddish-brown. The iris is dark tan with golden flecks, forming a ring around the
260 pupil.


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262 **Variation.** Coloration in life is based on field notes and photographs taken by A.
263 Catenazzi of the three types (Fig. 4). These three types have two subocular dark brown spots,

264 which are not visible in the holotype. Furthermore, all three have more extensive dark coloration
265 on flanks, either forming a nearly continuous dorsolateral line connected to the supratympanic
266 marking as in MUBI 16322, or having several dark markings as in CORBIDI 18730, or the
267 entire flank dark as in MUBI 16323. The latter specimen, juvenile MUBI 16323 also has much
268 darker dorsum than the other type specimens, as well as an orange middorsal line extending from
269 the tip of snout to the cloaca and to the posterior surface of thighs. The ventral coloration of
270 thighs varies from reddish-brown with brown mottling in the two females (the holotype and
271 MUBI 16322), to bright red with little mottling in the male, and orange with little brown
272 mottling in the juvenile.

273 **Advertisement call.** A single call of an unvouchered specimen was recorded at 19h45 on
274 14 August 2017 (Fig. 5). At a $T_{\text{air}} = 13.7^{\circ}\text{C}$, the advertisement calls lasted 2188 ms, and
275 consisted of 26 single-pulsed notes, produced at a rate of 11.88 notes/s. Low amplitude and poor
276 recording quality prevented analysis of the first five notes. In the remaining 21 notes, peak
277 frequency averaged 3027 ± 22 Hz (range 2756–3100 Hz) and increased during calls ($F_{1,19} = 21.3$,
278 $p < 0.001$): peak frequency averaged 2900 ± 29 Hz for the sixth to 11th note, and 3078 ± 16 Hz
279 for the last three notes of each call. Amplitude also increased during each call ($F_{1,19} = 6.7$, $p <$
280 0.017), reaching peak amplitude for notes that had highest frequency and longest duration (notes
281 19 through 21). Average note duration was 15.6 ± 2.4 ms (range 9–53 ms), and the 19th, 20th and
282 21st notes had longer duration (38.3 ± 7.9 ms) than all other notes (11.9 ± 1.0 ms).

283 **Etymology.** The specific name *glauca* is the feminine form of the Latin adjective
284 *glaucus*, from the ancient Greek noun *glaukos*, meaning “bluish-grey”, in reference to the bluish-
285 grey flecks on the ventral parts of body and limbs.

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287 **Distribution, natural history and threats.** The four specimens were found in the leaf litter
288 along a descending ridge separating two creeks in the humid montane forest along the road from
289 Thiuni to Ollachea. Sympatric species detected during our quick survey included *Gastrotheca*
290 *testudinea*, *Pristimantis platydactylus*, and an undescribed *Pristimantis* sp. Much of the original
291 forest vegetation has been replaced by cultivated fields and pasture along the road, but this
292 remnant forest extended from nearly the side of road to the upper ridge of the mountain. Further
293 advance of agriculture, or clearing of forest might threaten this species if its distribution is
294 restricted to the Ollachea Valley. In absence of more detailed data regarding its extent of
295 occurrence, and according to the IUCN Red List criteria and categories (IUCN 2013), we suggest
296 this species to be in the “Data Deficient” category of the Red List.

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298 Discussion

299 The diversity of small, terrestrial-breeding frogs in the humid grasslands and montane
300 forests of the Tropical Andes has until recently been grossly underestimated (De La Riva et al.
301 2017). A similar pattern has occurred in the Atlantic forest of Brazil, where the diversity and
302 micro-endemism of the minute terrestrial-breeding *Brachycephalus* was long unappreciated (Pie
303 et al. 2017; Pie & Ribeiro 2015; Ribeiro et al. 2017). In Peru, most species of Holoadeninae have
304 been described since 2008 (Catenazzi & Tito 2016; Catenazzi et al. 2017b; Catenazzi et al.
305 2015; De La Riva et al. 2017; De la Riva et al. 2008; Lehr & Catenazzi 2008; Lehr & Catenazzi
306 2009a; Lehr & Catenazzi 2009b; Lehr & Catenazzi 2010). Additional, undescribed species of
307 *Psychrophrynella* have already been identified (Catenazzi et al. 2013; von May et al. 2017), and
308 museum material indicates several more species might exist among misidentified specimens,
309 such as in the type series of *P. bagrecito* (De la Riva et al. 2008; Duellman & Lehr 2009).

310 Therefore, we can expect that additional field work, specimen comparisons, bioacoustics and
311 genetic or genomic analyses will reveal many more species of *Psychrophrynella* and related
312 Holoadeninae genera from the Tropical Andes.

313 De La Riva et al. (2017) recently allocated all Bolivian species previously assigned to
314 *Psychrophrynella*, and the Peruvian species *boettgeri* from Department Puno, to the new genus
315 *Microkayla*. Accordingly, the genus *Psychrophrynella* was left with only three species, *P.*
316 *bagrecito*, *P. chirihampatu* and *P. usurpator* all distributed around the Vilcanota massif and its
317 associated cordilleras in the Peruvian Department Cusco. Using phylogenomic approaches,
318 Heinicke et al. (2017) validated the allocation of *Barycholos*, *Bryophryne*, *Euparkerella*,
319 *Holoaden*, *Microkayla*, *Noblella* and *Psychrophrynella* (but not of *Niceforonia*, *Lynchius*,
320 *Oreobates* and *Phrynopus*) within Holoadeninae; we follow their proposed taxonomic
321 arrangement here. With the description of *P. glauca*, the geographic distribution of
322 *Psychrophrynella* is again extended to Department Puno, and to a tributary of the Inambari River
323 in the Cordillera de Carabaya. The Cordillera de Carabaya also contains the type localities of
324 *Noblella peruviana*, the type species of *Noblella*, at Santo Domingo in the upper reaches of a
325 small tributary of the Inambari River, of *Microkayla boettgeri* at Phara in Province Sandia, and
326 of *Bryophryne tocra* and *B. wilakunka* in Province Carabaya. The Cordillera de Carabaya is thus
327 unique in being home to four of the seven genera of Holoadeninae: *Bryophryne*, *Microkayla*,
328 *Noblella*, and *Psychrophrynella*. Only three genera are known to occur in the northern Cordillera
329 de Vilcanota and associated cordilleras (*Bryophryne*, *Noblella* and *Psychrophrynella*), and only
330 two genera in the northern Cordillera de Urubamba (*Bryophryne* and *Noblella*), and in the
331 southern Cordillera de Apolobamba (*Microkayla* and *Noblella*). Therefore, the Cordillera de

332 Carabaya appears to host substantial beta diversity of Holadeninae, suggesting an intriguing
333 evolutionary history for this group in southern Peru.

334 Our generic allocation remain tentative in light of an unresolved taxonomic situation
335 regarding *Noblella* and *Psychrophrynella*, as previously reviewed (Catenazzi & Tito 2016; De
336 La Riva et al. 2017; De la Riva et al. 2008). In short, the type species of both genera, which have
337 not been included in phylogenetic analyses for lack of DNA sequences, share several
338 morphological traits such that the hypothetical scenario of them forming part of the same clade is
339 a plausible hypothesis. Here we have assigned the new species to *Psychrophrynella* on the basis
340 of general body shape and appearance, overall similarity with the type species *P. bagrecito*, and
341 relatively small uncorrected p-distances of 16S rRNA and similarities in advertisement call with
342 *P. chirihampatu* and *P. usurpator*. As a priority, future work should sample tissues and record
343 advertisement calls of *P. bagrecito* and *N. peruviana*, so that multiples approaches can be
344 pursued to determine the phylogenetic relationships of species of *Noblella* and *Psychrophrynella*.

345 Anuran communities in the humid montane forests of southern Peru have undergone
346 sharp reductions in species richness and abundance following epizootics of chytridiomycosis
347 (Catenazzi et al. 2011; Catenazzi et al. 2014). The disease/host dynamics now seem to be
348 enzootic (Catenazzi et al. 2017a), and although experimental infection trials have shown that
349 terrestrial-breeding frogs can be highly susceptible to chytridiomycosis (Catenazzi et al. 2017a),
350 populations of Strabomantidae generally have not declined as sharply as those of aquatic-
351 breeding sympatric frogs. Thus, chytridiomycosis might not directly threaten *P. glauca*. A more
352 immediate threat to *P. glauca* is embodied by hydroelectric projects that are planned or under
353 construction along the San Gabán River. The new dams might directly flood montane forest, or
354 intercept water from streams and rivers that drain the forest, thus reducing habitat quality. These

355 projects are part of many planned dams in the Inambari watershed that threaten to alter fish
356 migrations, biodiversity and geochemical cycles locally and downstream throughout the Amazon
357 basin (Forsberg et al. 2017; Latrubesse et al. 2017). These consequences that might not have
358 been properly taken into consideration during the decision making progress evaluating financial
359 interests and the findings of the Environmental Impact Assessment (Rode et al. 2015). We hope
360 that the timely description of new species such as *P. glauca* will contribute to the conservation of
361 the humid montane forest, and promote mitigating solutions including restoration of degraded
362 forest habitat.

363

364 **Conclusions**

365 We describe a new species of terrestrial-breeding frog of the family Strabomantidae, and provide
366 evidence for its allocation within the genus *Psychrophrynella*. The new species *P. glauca* is only
367 known from its type locality, similarly to most other small Holoadeninae known to occur at high
368 elevations in the Andes of southern Peru and Bolivia. With our description we contribute to a
369 better knowledge of the diversity of this group, and reveal the presence of four genera of
370 Holoadeninae in the Cordillera de Carabaya of southern Peru, suggesting that phylogeographic
371 studies of the Holoadeninae species of this mountain range may shed insights into radiation in
372 this group.

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Figure 1



Map of Peru indicating the type localities of Peruvian species of *Psychrophrynella*.

Psychrophrynella bagrecito (black square), *P. chirihampatu* (black circle), *P. glauca* sp. n. (white circle), and *P. usurpator* (triangle).

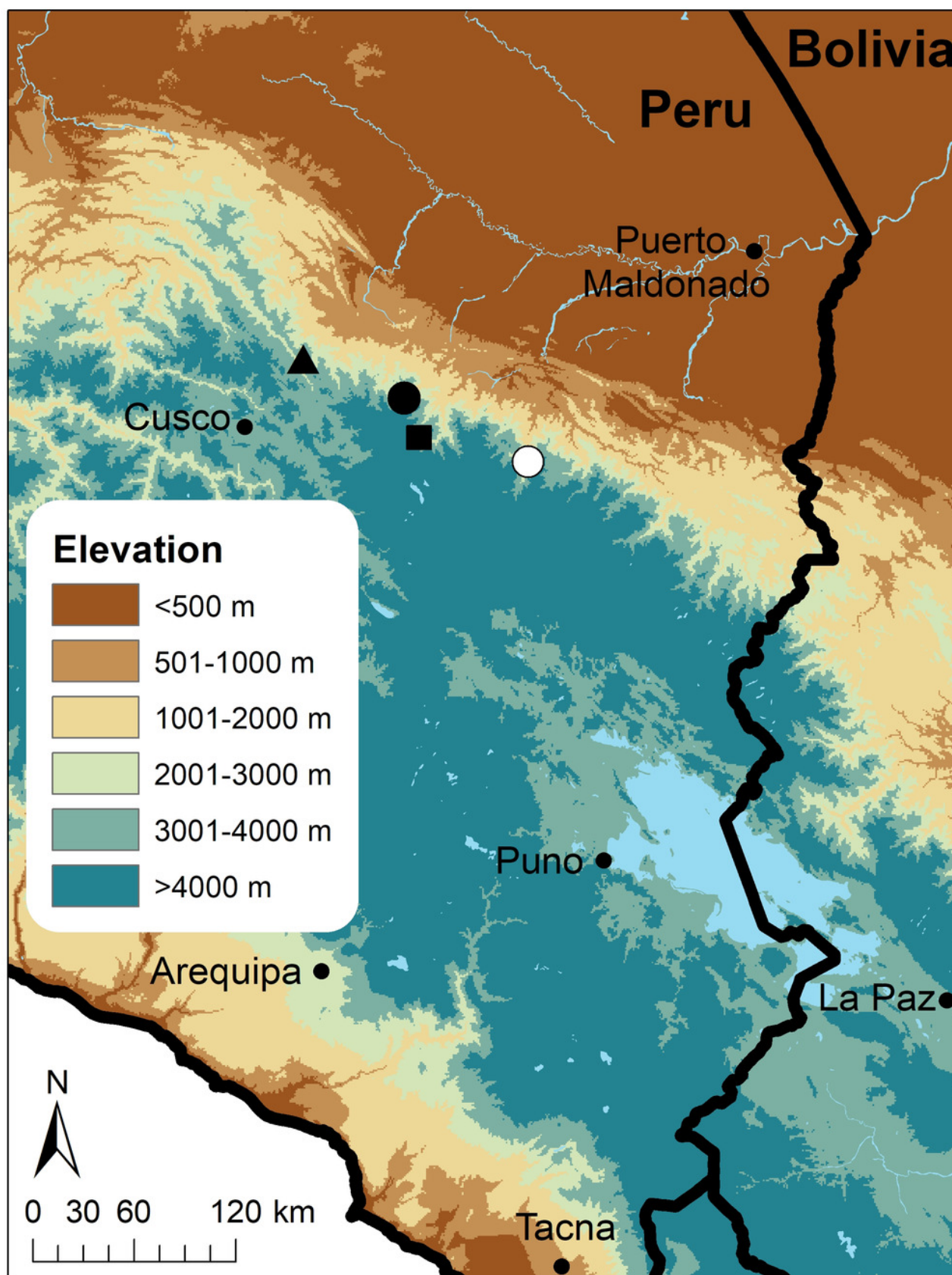


Figure 2

Photographs of live and preserved specimen of the holotype of *Psychrophrynella glauca* sp. n.

Live (**A, C, E**) and preserved (**B, D, F**) specimen of the holotype, female CORBIDI 18729 (SVL 18.2 mm) in dorsolateral (**A, B**), dorsal (**C, D**) and ventral (**E, F**) views. Photographs by A. Catenazzi.



Figure 3

Palmar and plantar surfaces of the holotype of *Psychrophrynella glauca* sp. n.

Ventral views of hand (**A**) and foot (**B**) of holotype, CORBIDI 18729 (hand length 3.8 mm, foot length 8.2 mm). Photographs by A. Catenazzi.

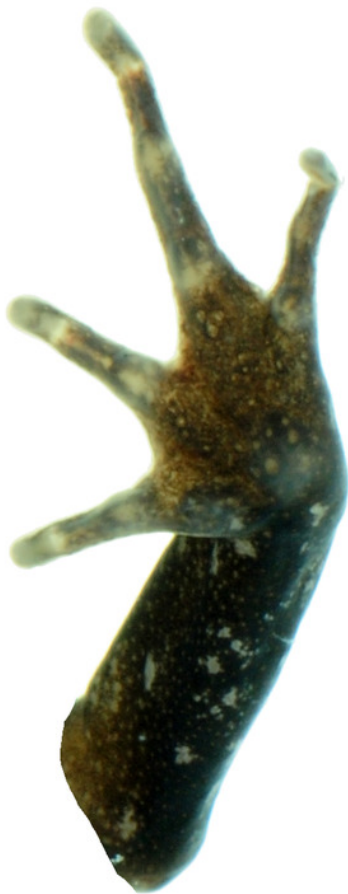
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Figure 4

Dorsolateral and ventral views of four paratypes of *Psychrophrynella glauca* sp. n. showing variation in dorsal and ventral coloration.

Female MUBI 16322 (**A, B**). Male CORBIDI 18730 (**E, F**). Juvenile MUBI 16323 (**G, H**).

Photographs by A. Catenazzi.

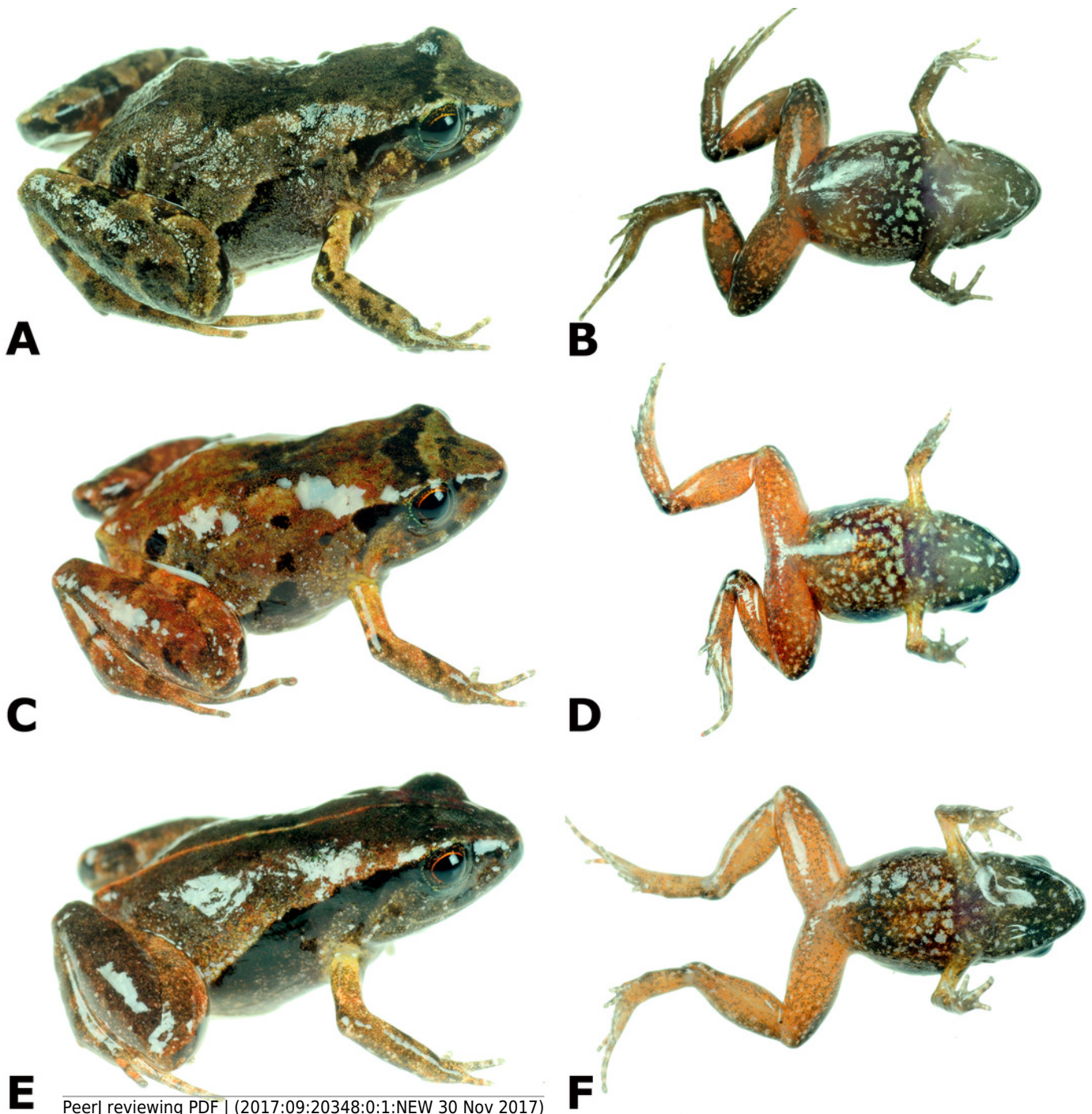


Figure 5

Advertisement call of *Psychrophrynella glauca* sp. n.

Advertisement call of an unvouchered male, recorded at the type locality on 14 August 2017
($T_{\text{air}} = 13.7^{\circ}\text{C}$).

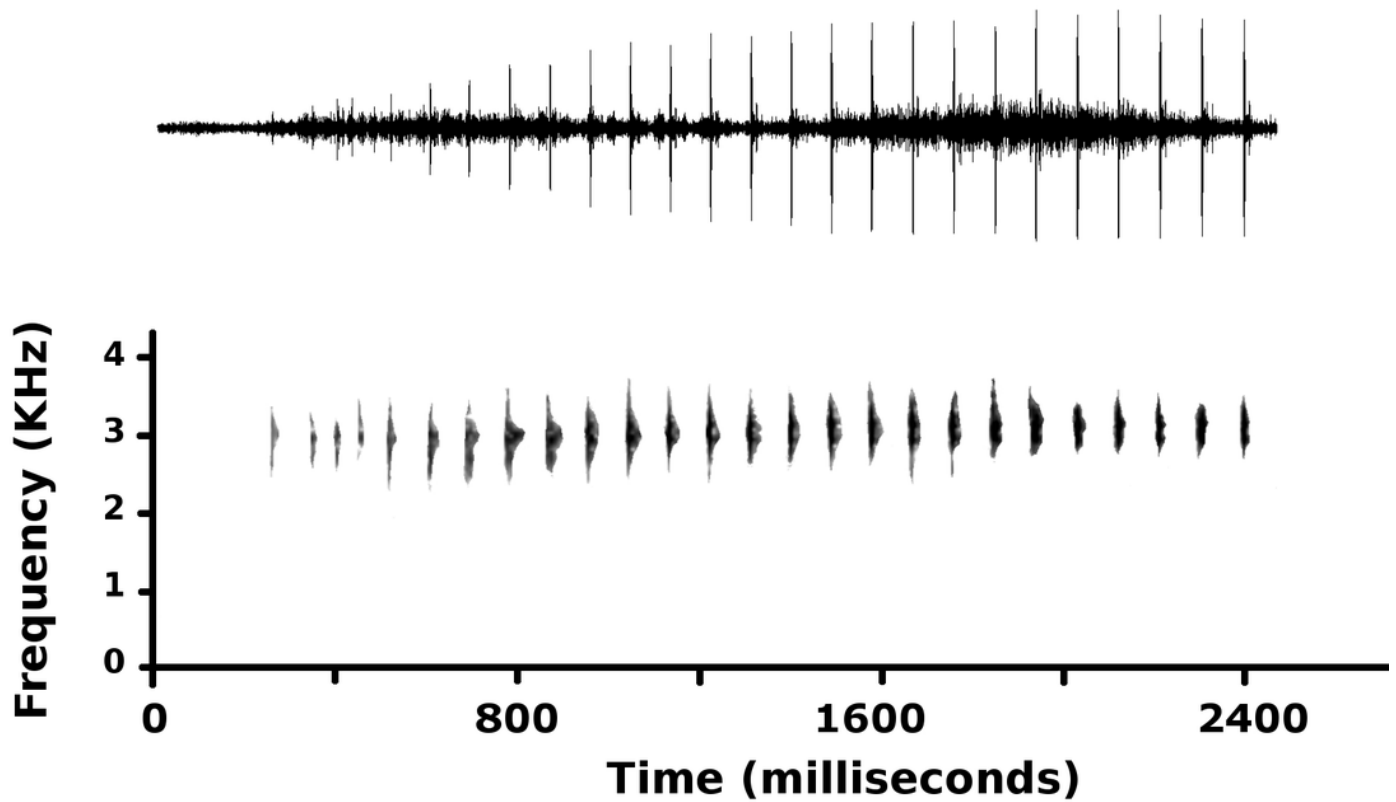


Table 1 (on next page)

Measurements of the type series of *Psychrophrynella glauca* sp. n.

Range and average (\pm standard deviation) measurements (in mm) of males and females of the type series of *Psychrophrynella glauca* sp. n.

Characters	Females ($n = 2$)	Males ($n = 1$)
SVL	18.2–19.8	11.3
TL	8.41–9.5	6.3
FL	8.2–9.4	5.5
HL	6.3–6.6	4.3
HW	5.8–6.3	3.9
ED	2.0–2.1	1.5
IOD	2.0–2.1	1.6
EW	1.3–1.5	1.1
IND	1.8–2.0	1.0
E–N	1.5–1.5	1.1
TL/SVL	0.46–0.48	0.56
FL/SVL	0.45–0.47	0.49
HL/SVL	0.33–0.35	0.38
HW/SVL	0.32	0.35
HW/HL	0.92–0.95	0.91
E–N/ED	0.75–0.76	0.73
EW/IOD	0.65–0.71	0.69

Table 2 (on next page)

Uncorrected p-distance for 16S rRNA between *Psychrophrynella glauca* sp. n. and related taxa in the subfamily Holadeninae.

Percent genetic distances estimated from the non-coding 16S rRNA mitochondrial fragment (highlighted in grey the most ~~closely related~~ species).

	<i>Barycholos pulcher</i>	<i>Bryophryne bakersfield</i>	<i>Bryophryne bustamantei</i>	<i>Bryophryne cophites</i>	<i>Bryophryne phuyuhampatu</i>	<i>Bryophryne quellokunka</i>	<i>Bryophryne todra</i>	<i>Holoaden luederwaldti</i>	<i>Microkayla boettgeri</i>	<i>Microkayla chaupi</i>	<i>Microkayla chilina</i>	<i>Microkayla guillei</i>	<i>Microkayla wettseteini</i>	<i>Noblella heyeri</i>	<i>Noblella lochites</i>	<i>Noblella myrmecoides</i>	<i>Noblella sp. (SanMartin)</i>	<i>Psychrophrynella chirihampatu</i>	<i>Psychrophrynella glauca MUBI16322</i>	<i>Psychrophrynella glauca (holotype)</i>	<i>Psychrophrynella glauca MUBI16323</i>	<i>Psychrophrynella glauca CORBIDI 18730</i>	<i>Psychrophrynella usurpator</i>	<i>Strabomantis sulcatus</i>
<i>Barycholos pulcher</i>																								
<i>Bryophryne bakersfield</i>	25.3																							
<i>Bryophryne bustamantei</i>	25.1	5.4																						
<i>Bryophryne cophites</i>	25.5	7.2	10.1																					
<i>Bryophryne phuyuhampatu</i>	25.9	7.5	9.6	7.1																				
<i>Bryophryne quellokunka</i>	26.4	5.4	7.6	6.3	6.0																			
<i>Bryophryne todra</i>	27.1	7.2	10.0	10.1	10.9	8.3																		
<i>Holoaden luederwaldti</i>	26.6	20.6	21.0	22.0	21.4	21.7	20.6																	
<i>Microkayla boettgeri</i>	24.2	19.9	20.0	21.7	20.3	20.7	20.9	21.8																
<i>Microkayla chaupi</i>	25.0	18.8	19.6	21.4	20.1	20.0	19.9	22.1	4.7															
<i>Microkayla chilina</i>	25.3	19.7	20.3	21.4	20.1	20.7	20.4	22.0	2.6	4.5														
<i>Microkayla guillei</i>	25.0	19.1	20.1	22.5	21.3	21.3	19.6	20.8	9.3	9.7	9.5													
<i>Microkayla wettseteini</i>	27.8	21.4	22.6	21.3	21.0	20.7	20.8	20.8	14.8	14.5	14.5	12.7												
<i>Noblella heyeri</i>	14.5	14.4	13.9	14.8	13.7	15.4	16.2	18.2	13.9	14.4	13.9	13.9	15.0											
<i>Noblella lochites</i>	23.5	22.6	22.9	23.9	22.4	24.4	24.1	23.1	23.3	23.6	23.3	23.0	25.0	8.9										
<i>Noblella myrmecoides</i>	11.8	13.9	12.3	14.4	12.7	14.9	16.9	15.6	11.2	11.7	11.2	11.2	12.8	11.8	10.6									
<i>Noblella sp. (SanMartin)</i>	25.8	22.2	23.6	24.2	21.2	22.8	22.5	24.0	25.8	26.3	25.7	25.6	25.4	11.7	19.2	6.7								
<i>Psychrophrynella chirihampatu</i>	24.0	22.3	22.0	21.0	22.6	22.2	22.0	22.1	21.5	21.0	21.0	21.4	21.2	19.3	23.1	17.2	25.3							
<i>Psychrophrynella glauca MUBI16322</i>	23.8	18.4	18.3	20.8	20.7	20.2	19.9	20.5	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.3	19.2	16.7	23.4	16.8	24.9	12.5						
<i>Psychrophrynella glauca (holotype)</i>	23.8	18.6	18.5	21.0	20.7	20.3	20.1	20.6	19.1	19.2	19.1	19.4	19.4	16.7	23.3	16.8	24.8	12.7	0.2					
<i>Psychrophrynella glauca MUBI16323</i>	23.8	18.4	18.3	20.8	20.7	20.2	19.9	20.5	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.3	19.2	16.7	23.4	16.8	24.9	12.5	0.0	0.2				
<i>Psychrophrynella glauca CORBIDI 18730</i>	23.8	18.4	18.3	20.8	20.7	20.2	19.9	20.5	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.3	19.2	16.7	23.4	16.8	24.9	12.5	0.0	0.2	0.0			
<i>Psychrophrynella usurpator</i>	24.0	21.6	21.1	22.8	23.0	22.6	21.9	21.3	21.7	21.5	21.3	20.8	20.4	18.9	22.6	16.8	26.3	7.9	12.3	12.5	12.3	12.3		
<i>Strabomantis sulcatus</i>	24.3	19.3	20.8	17.6	17.5	19.3	20.4	20.1	21.4	21.4	20.8	21.9	21.7	17.0	24.2	13.8	24.8	19.8	18.4	18.6	18.4	18.4	20.7	