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4. Conclusion

Pouillonphlebia gen. nov. is the second taxon of this family only currently recorded from the Burmese amber. Bechly and Poinar (2013) considered that the Epiophlebioidea are Liassic; thus their presence in the ‘mid’-Cretaceous of Mynamar is not surprising. The small family Burmahelbiidae possibly appeared and diversified during the Early Cretaceous in the Burmese island that was in the ‘middle’ of the Tethys Ocean at that time. Burmacompsocus pouilloni sp. nov. is the fourth accurate compsocid species in the Burmese amber, in two extinct genera, while this family comprises only two extant genera and species. It confirms that this family was much more diverse during the Cretaceous than nowadays.

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*Burmacompsocus pouilloni* Ngô-Muller, Garrouste and Nel sp. nov.
Holotype. MNHN.F.A71319 (2/8) (JMPB001 2/8, Collection Jean-Marc Pouillon, in the same piece of amber with the damsel-dragonfly, showing three legs of the same side attached to fragments of thorax; fore- and hindwings situated apart), deposited in the Muséum national d’Histoire naturelle, Paris, France.

Locality and horizon. Burmese amber (Burmite), Lower Cretaceous, lowermost Cenomanian; Noije Bum 2001 Summit Site, Hukawng Valley, south-west of Maingkhwan in Kachin State (26°20’N, 96°36’E) in Myanmar (Burma).

Etymology. Named in honor of Dr. Jean-Marc Pouillon, who authorized us to study the type specimen.

Diagnosis. M not fused to RP; a deep area between branches of RP (ratio distance between apices of RP1 and RP2 / distance between apex of RP2 and fork of RP = 2.75); a deep area between M2 and M3 (ratio distance between apices of M2 and M3 / distance between apex of M2 and base of M1+2 = 4.2).

Description. Fore wing hyaline, glabrous, micro-vestiture of membrane in form of short points, wing 1.74 mm long, 0.64 mm wide; pterostigma closed basally, not sclerotized, 0.32 mm long; areola postica 0.43 mm long, 0.12 mm wide, not joined to M by a crossvein; M not fused to Rs; nodulus present; two anal veins not fused distally.

Hindwing hyaline, 1.5 mm long; first segment of Rs absent; vein M two-branched.

All tarsi three-segmented, t1 the longest; pretarsal claw with two preapical denticles; pulvillus not visible.

Discussion. Because of the incompleteness of this fossil, we can only use the leg and wing venation characters to determine its affinities. Nevertheless, according to Smithers’ works (1972, 1990) on psocopteran families, Burmacompsocus pouilloni sp. nov. falls into the family.
Compsocidae due to the following diagnostic features: macropterous; tarsi three-segmented; body (preserved parts) and wings without flattened scales; fore wing venation not reduced to two parallel, partially evanescent, longitudinal veins; pterostigmal cell closed basally and not thickened or more opaque than the rest of the membrane; fore wing with a nodulus; fore wing with two anal veins; hindwing with M forked; tarsal claws with one preapical tooth, claws of each pair similar to one another. The absence of the first section of RP in hindwing and the forewing membrane with fine points excludes affinities with the extant genus *Compsocus* Banks, 1930. The fore wing anal veins not joining plus the vein M bifurcating into M1+2 and M3 would let it fall near the Burmese amber genus *Burmacompsooc* Nel and Waller, 2007 (Azar et al., 2016). *Burmacompsooc pouilloni* differs from *Burmacompsooc coniugans* in the very long branches of M. *Burmacompsooc pouilloni* is clearly more closely related to *Burmacompsooc perreaui*, with which it shares longer branches of M. Nevertheless, *Burmacompsooc pouilloni* differs from the later in the deeper area between the branches of RP (ratio distance between apices of RP1 and RP2 / distance between apex of RP2 and fork of RP = 2.75 in *B. pouilloni* contra 2.1 in *B. perreaui*). The area between M2 and M3 is also deeper in *B. pouilloni* than in *B. perreaui*, viz. ratio distance between apices of M2 and M3 / distance between apex of M2 and base of M1+2 = 4.2 in *B. pouilloni* contra 2.5 in *B. perreaui* (compare Fig. 4 with the photograph of the type of *B. perreaui* on internet site https://mediaphoto.mnhn.fr/media/1548340289885P3qcMA6HT2KMuLM). Therefore we consider our fossil as a new species of *Burmacompsooc*.

4. Conclusion

*Pouillonphlebia* gen. nov. is the second taxon of this family only currently recorded from the Burmese amber. Bechly and Poinar (2013) considered that the Epiophlebioidea are Liassic; thus their presence in the ‘mid’-Cretaceous of Mynamar is not surprising. The small family
Burmaphlebiidae possibly appeared and diversified during the Early Cretaceous in the Burmese island that was in the ‘middle’ of the Tethys Ocean at that time. *Burmacompsocus pouilloni* sp. nov. is the fourth accurate compsocid species in the Burmese amber, in two extinct genera, while this family comprises only two extant genera and species. It confirms that this family was much more diverse during the Cretaceous than nowadays.

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**References**


**Fig. 1.** MNHN.F.A71319, general view, Byr Byrroidea, Sciar Sciaridae, Staph Staphylinidae, Pso Psocodea. Scale bar represents 2 mm.

**Fig. 2.** Pouillonphlebia burmitica gen. et sp. nov., holotype MNHN.F.A71319 (1/8). Habitus. Scale bar represents 0.2 mm.

**Fig. 3.** Pouillonphlebia burmitica gen. et sp. nov., holotype MNHN.F.A71319 (1/8). (A) drawing of forewing; (B) drawing of hindwing. Scale bars represent 1 mm.

**Fig. 4.** Burmacompsocus pouilloni sp. nov., holotype MNHN.F.A71319 (2/8). (A) two wings with legs and thorax; (B) second hindwing; (C) hind leg. Scale bars represent 0.5 mm (A, B); 0.2 mm (C).