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New fossil insect order Permopsocida elucidates major radiation and evolution of suction feeding in hemimetabolous insects (Hexapoda: Acercaria)

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With nearly 100,000 species, the Acercaria (lice, plant lice, thrips, bugs) including number of economically important species is one of the most successful insect lineages. However, its phylogeny and evolution of mouthparts among other issues remain debatable. Here new methods of preparation permitted the comprehensive anatomical description of insect inclusions from mid-Cretaceous Burmese amber in astonishing detail. These “missing links” fossils, attributed to a new order Permopsocida, provide crucial evidence for reconstructing the phylogenetic relationships in the Acercaria, supporting its monophyly, and questioning the position of Psocodea as sister group of holometabolans in the most recent phylogenomic study. Permopsocida resolves as sister group of Thripida + Hemiptera and represents an evolutionary link documenting the transition from chewing to piercing mouthparts in relation to suction feeding. Identification of gut contents as angiosperm pollen documents an ecological role of Permopsocida as early pollen feeders with relatively unspecialized mouthparts. This group existed for 185 million years, but has never been diverse and was superseded by new pollenivorous pollinators during the Cretaceous co-evolution of insects and flowers. The key innovation of suction feeding with piercing mouthparts is identified as main event that triggered the huge post-Carboniferous radiation of hemipterans, and facilitated the spreading of pathogenic vectors.

The extraordinary diversity and success of insects is mainly based on two large radiations in Holometabola and Acercaria¹. The latter lineage includes Hemiptera (true bugs, cicadas, plant lice, whiteflies, and scale insects) and Thripida (thrips), as well as Psocodea (barklice and true lice). Acercarians play a major role in most terrestrial ecosystems, and include numerous important pest species, because of plant-feeding adaptations and/or frequent

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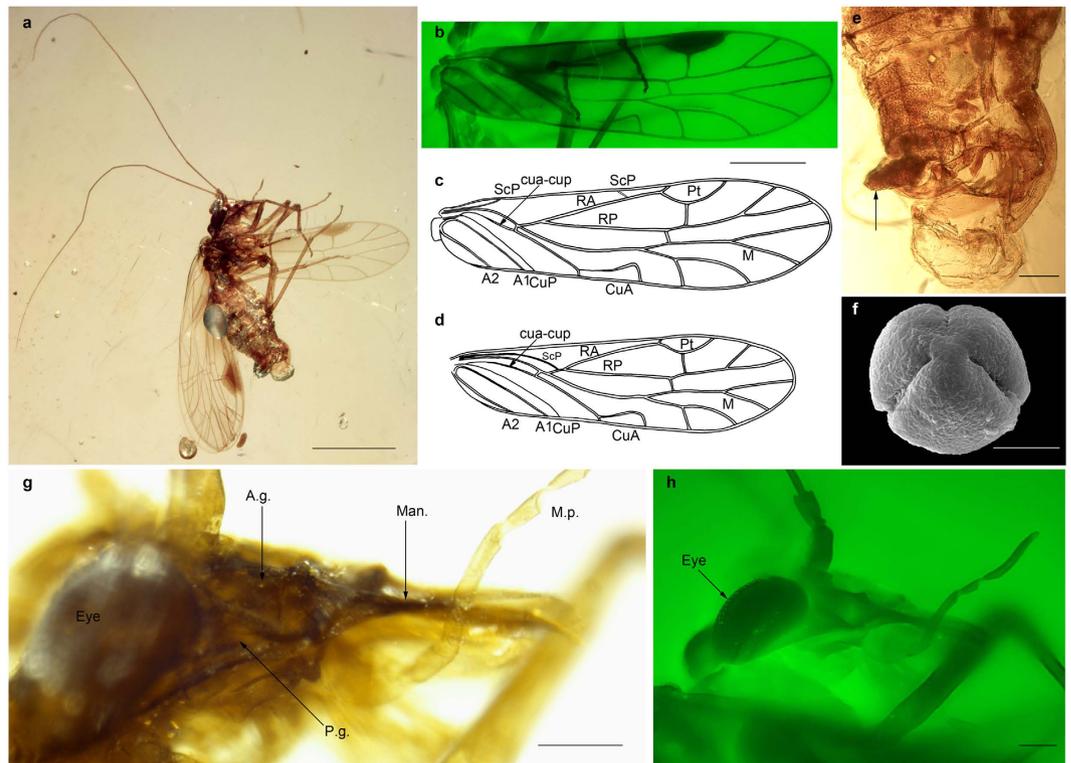


Figure 1. *Psocorrhyncha burmitica* gen. et sp. nov. (Archipsyllidae) from mid Cretaceous Burmese amber, latest record of the new order Permopsocida. Male holotype NIGP161473. (a) General habitus. (b) Forewing, photomicrograph under green fluorescence. (c) Reconstruction of forewing. (d) Reconstruction of hind wing (both drawn by PN). (e) Apex of abdomen full of pollen grains and fecal pellet (arrow). (f) Pollen grain extracted from the abdomen. (g) Head, right profile. (h) Head, right profile, photomicrograph under green fluorescence. A1 first anal vein; A2 second anal vein; CuA cubitus anterior; CuP cubitus posterior; M median; Man. mandible; M.p. maxillary palp; A.g. anterior part of gena; P.g. posterior part of gena; RA radius anterior; RP radius posterior; ScP subcosta posterior. Scale bars 1 mm (a), 0.5 mm (b–d), 100 μ m (e,g,h), 50 μ m (f).

function as vectors of animal and plant pathogens. Increasing species diversity from barklice to thrips and bugs corresponds to the evolutionary transition from chewing mouthparts to stylet-like sucking-piercing mouthparts. This major transformation represented one of the last remaining enigmas in the evolutionary history of insects, because the phylogeny of Acercaria was still unresolved^{2–5}. Compression fossils of stemgroups of the acercarian orders are known from the Carboniferous to the Cretaceous^{1,6–9}, but are not sufficiently preserved to resolve their morphological evolution.

Here we report and describe the new key taxon *Psocorrhyncha burmitica*, based on recently discovered fossils from mid-Cretaceous Burmese amber (Figs 1 and 2). They are related to less-completely known compression fossils, together representing the new order Permopsocida spanning the Permian–Cretaceous.

The monophyly of Acercaria is currently supported by several morphological autapomorphies^{5,10}, but has been questioned by recent molecular analysis² in which Psocodea appeared as sister group to Holometabola (Supporting Information S1 Text). We propose a new phylogeny of Acercaria, based on morphological characters; some were obtained after the study of *Psocorrhyncha*. Our phylogenetic analysis confirms the monophyly of Acercaria including Psocodea (Fig. 3, Fig. S12), and thus questions the sister group relationship of the latter taxon with Holometabola that was recently proposed in the extensive phylogenomic analysis by the 1Kite project².

We applied an innovative preparation technique (Supporting Information Fig. S1, S1 Text) to the amber fossils, which permitted the examination of the composition of the mouth cone, gut contents, feces, and even sperm of these specimens. Our Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) analysis of extracted pollen from the gut contents allowed a determination of angiosperms of the extant family Nyssaceae (tupelo trees) as host plants (Fig. 1).

With the new fossil evidence, we clarify the evolution of feeding modes within this important group of insects. The ‘coned-mouth’ of the Permopsocida is derived from chewing mouthparts of barklice and represented an intermediate step towards the stylet-like mouthparts of thrips and bugs. It also had autapomorphic structures that represented the second original attempt towards realization of a suction feeding mode that lasted for 185 million years. The convergently evolved rostrum of palaeodictyopterids was the first evolutionary experiment for such a feeding mode in insects during the late Paleozoic and existed 320–250 million years ago⁶.

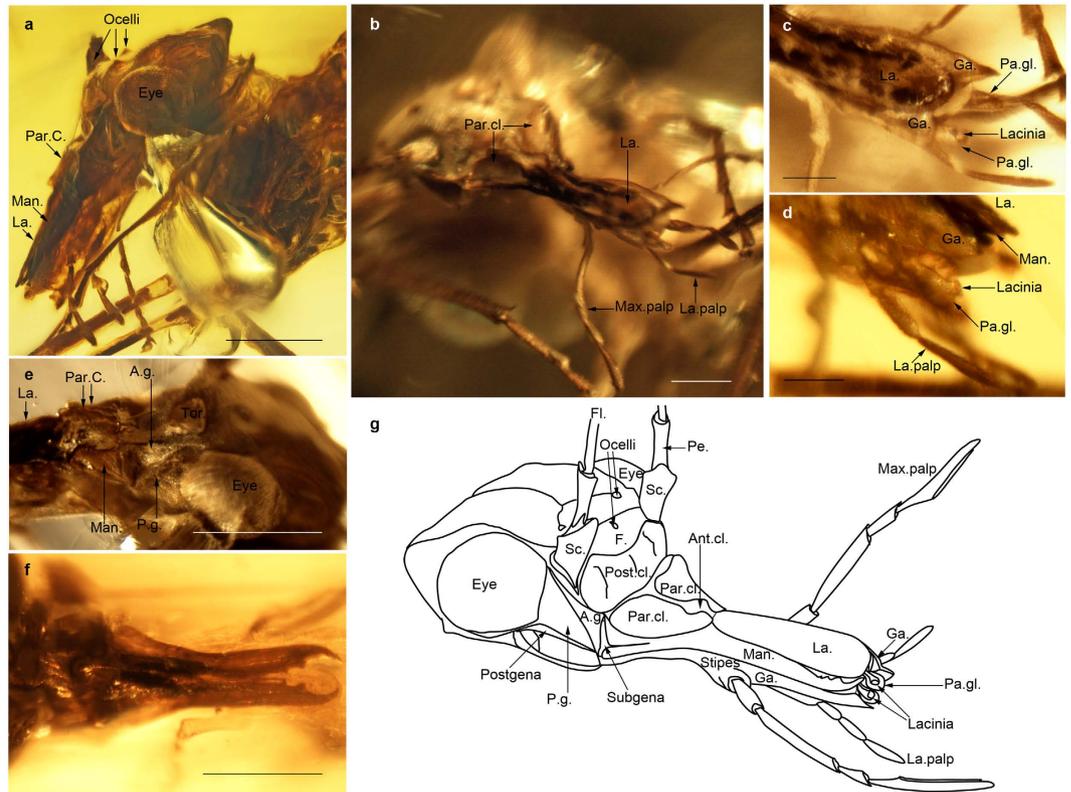


Figure 2. Head of *Psocorrhyncha burmitica* gen. et sp. nov. (a) Left lateral view. (b) Dorso-frontal view. (c) Dorsal view, apex of mouthparts. (d) Lateral view, apex of mouthparts. (e) Lateral view, gena and base of mandible. (f) Dorsal view of mandibles. (g) Reconstruction of head (drawn by PN). Allotype specimen SMNS Bu-157 (a–e, g); Paratype specimen SMNS Bu-135 (f). Ant.cl. median part of anteclypeus; A.g. anterior part of gena; P.g. posterior part of gena; Ga. galea; F. frons; Fl. flagellomere; La. labrum; La. palp labial palp; Man. mandible; Max. palp maxillary palp; Pa.gl. paraglossa; Par.cl. paraclypeus; Pe. pedicel; Post.cl. postclypeus; Sc. scape; Tor. Antennal torulus. Scale bars, 200 μ m (a,e,f), 100 μ m (b), 50 μ m (c,d).

Results

Systematic Paleontology. Order Permopsocida Tillyard, 1926 sensu et stat. nov.

Included families. Permian to Liassic (with some doubt) Psocidiidae Tillyard, 1926, Permian Permopsocidae Tillyard, 1926, and Jurassic to earliest Upper Cretaceous (with a problematic Permian taxon) Archipsyllidae Handlirsch, 1906, incl. the new archipsyllid genus *Psocorrhyncha*.

Emended diagnosis. (Figs 1 and 2, Figs S2–6). Head somewhat flattened and depressed; clypeus not strongly swollen; mandibles elongate, with a strong molar plate and a long incisor; four maxillary palpomeres; three labial palpomeres; paraglossae long and sclerotized, appearing as half tubes; paraclypeal lobes present; median part of anteclypeus membranous; gena divided into two parts by a furrow; ocell-ocular distance < inter-ocellar distance; tarsi four-segmented; fore- and hind wings of similar size, shape, and venation; subcosta posterior ScP present; radius posterior RP two-branched; median vein M normally four-branched (five-branched in one genus); areola postica present; two anal veins present; pterostigmata between costa C and radius anterior RA, of identical shape in all wings; RA forming a pronounced posterior curve below pterostigmata; radius R with a pronounced angle at level of base of M; M + CuA basally fused with R, separating from radius far from wing base; long crossvein cua-cup present between cubitus posterior CuP and cubitus anterior CuA; abdomen with strong basal constriction; cerci absent; female ovipositor well-developed and sclerotized.

Family Archipsyllidae Handlirsch, 1906.

***Psocorrhyncha burmitica* gen. et sp. nov.** *Type species of genus.* *Psocorrhyncha burmitica* sp. nov.

Material. Male holotype NIGP161473 and male paratype NIGP161474 at Nanjing Institute of Geology and Paleontology (NGIP, Academia Sinica, China); female allotype SMNS Bu-157 and female paratype SMNS Bu-135 at State Museum for Natural History in Stuttgart (SMNS, Germany).

Type locality. Hukawng Valley, Kachin State, Myanmar (Burma). The exact outcrop among the various amber mines in this valley is unknown, because the specimens were acquired from traders.

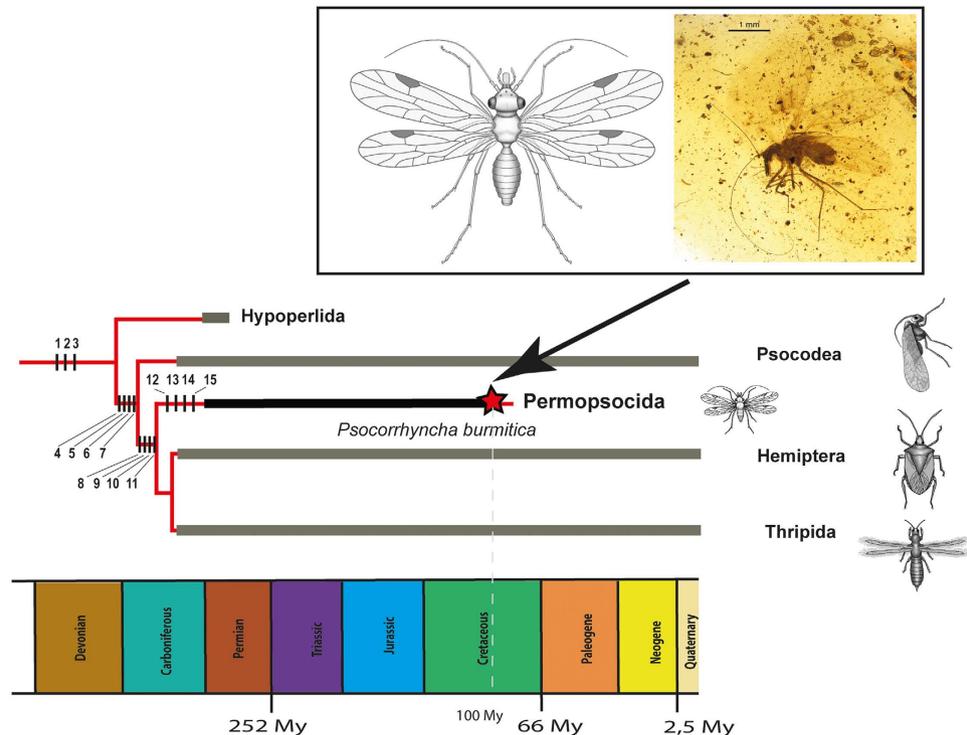


Figure 3. Phylogeny of Acercaria (drawn by RG). List of synapomorphic characters. Clade Acercaria: characters '1' (common stem R + M + CuA), '2' (neutral crossvein cua-cup between concave CuP and convex CuA), '3' (elongate lacinia). Clade [Psocodea + (Permopsocida + (Thripida + Hemiptera))]: characters '4' (clypeus divided by a furrow into ante- and postclypeus, but a character variable in Pterygota), '5' (maxillary lacinia not in direct contact with stipes), '6' (cerci absent), '7' (reduction of number of tarsomeres to four or less). Clade [Permopsocida + (Thripida + Hemiptera)]: characters '8' (paraclypeal lobes present), '9' (labrum elongate), '10' (mentum elongate and sclerotized), '11' (gena divided into two lobes). Clade Permopsocida: characters '12' (ocell-ocular distance < inter-ocular distance), '13' (tarsi four-segmented), '14' (pterostigma in hind wing limited by costal wing margin and a deep posterior curve of vein RA), and '15' (abdominal segment 1 narrow and reduced).

Type horizon. Burmese amber (Burmite)^{11,12}, Earliest Upper Cretaceous, earliest Cenomanian, absolute age 98.79 ± 0.62 million years ago (mya) established by U-Pb dating of zircons from the rind of the unprocessed amber¹³. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra and the presence of araucaroid wood fibers in amber samples indicate an araucarian (possibly *Agathis*) tree as source for the resin¹⁴.

Etymology. The generic name refers to the resemblance of this taxon with the Psocodea and its affinities with the Hemiptera (old name Rhynchota). The gender of the name is feminine. The specific epithet refers to the country of origin.

Diagnosis. Forewing ScP short, ending on C at level of base of M + CuA and re-emerging distally as a faint phantom-vein ending on R (the fusion of forewing ScP with C is a character present in the other Archipsyllidae as putative synapomorphy, but it is re-emerging as a distinct vein in these genera, instead of being phantom-like); hind wing ScP fused with R.

Comment. *Psocorrhyncha burmitica* is the youngest fossil record of Archipsyllidae. A redescription of the enigmatic Permian psocidiid species *Dichentomum tinctum* Tillyard, 1926, and a discussion of all other taxa previously attributed to Permopsocida is provided online in the Supporting Information (S1 Text).

Description. The description is based mainly on holotype NIGP161473, completed by information from the three other fossils.

Body 2.4 mm long between apex of abdomen and base of antennae, and glabrous; head with rostrum 0.9 mm long; head capsule 0.4 mm long; occiput abruptly bent; compound eyes well developed, 0.28 mm wide and well separated; dorsal part of head between compound eyes divided in two parts by weak furrow: a posterior part (looking like a corypha of *Fulgoromorpha*^{15,16}), divided into two pronounced lobes each bearing a smooth but pronounced lobe, separated by a median sulcus; and a vertical anterior part (looking like a metopa of *Fulgoromorpha*¹⁵) anterior of compound eyes, bearing two well-separated lateral ocelli, each being closer to eye than to other ocellus; anterior ocellus positioned far from lateral ocelli, on a line separating dorsal part of head from frons (Fig. 2g, Fig. S3e); frons narrow, as long as narrow sclerotized postclypeus, which is separated

from anteclypeus by a furrow; anteclypeus short, 0.4 times shorter than labrum, composed by two lateral parts (paraclypea), rounded elongate, more sclerotized and higher than membranous median part (Fig. 2b,g, Fig. S3b); mouthparts hypognathous but clearly movable relative to head capsule (as documented by forming different angles with head capsule in different specimens) (Fig. 1a, Fig. S3a, Fig. S4a,b); labrum elongate, 0.28 mm long, three times as long as wide, apically spatulate and rounded, flat and thin, with small apical setae; mandibles elongate, 0.29 mm long and 0.09 mm wide at base (paratype specimen NIGP161474), three times as long as wide at base, with a broad base and distal two-thirds narrow; molar plates well developed bearing three distinct teeth on left mandible and only two on right mandible; incisor far from molar plate, with a strong apical tooth and two smaller basal teeth (Fig. 2f, Fig. S2a,h); anterior condyle of mandible connected with latero-basal angle of paraclypeus (Fig. S2a,e); posterior condyle connected to distal margin of gena; gena large and broadly quadrangular with transverse furrow dividing it obliquely, anterior part distinctly concave, bearing condyle of mandible; posterior part more convex than anterior part (Fig. 2e,g), apparently bearing a small sensilla along its posterior margin below compound eye (paratype specimen NIGP161474); subgena between anterior part of gena and mandible; postgena between gena and maxilla (Fig. S2b); maxillary palps long with four palpomeres (Fig. 1g, Fig. 2a,b,g, Fig. S4b), apical palpomere long, 0.18 mm long, subapical palpomere 0.07 mm long, shorter than apical palpomere and with an apical bevel cut, basal palpomere short, 0.18 mm long, second palpomere as long as apical one, 0.17 mm long; cardo and stipes well separated, articulation of maxilla visible¹⁷; lacinia long, as long as galea, spoon-like, i.e., broadened in its distal part but apically narrowed and without subapical tooth, detached from stipes and deeply inserted into head (Fig. 2c,d,g, Fig. S2c,d); galea broader than lacinia, with distal half broadened, apex bearing short setae, distally ending close to apex of mandible, apically serving as guide for mandibles due to 'T-profile' cross-section (Fig. S2c,d,g); three labial palpomeres (Fig. 2c,d,g), with basal palpomere shortest, 0.05 mm long, second palpomere 0.1 mm long, third palpomere 0.09 mm long; labium with elongate prementum and half-tube-shaped paraglossae as guide for laciniae; antennae inserted well below compound eyes, well separated, with a subquadrate scape 0.11 mm long and 0.10 mm wide, pedicel as long as scape but narrower (Fig. S2g, Fig. S3e, Fig. S4b); 14 elongate flagellomeres, finely annulated, with individual lengths decreasing progressively toward apex; first, second, and third flagellomeres bearing an apical, elliptical flat sensilla (Fig. S5a,b), and first flagellomere bearing also a basal one; membraneous zone between flagellomeres simple, without mechanism for rupturing antennae (as in *Psocodea*¹⁸); no sclerotized ring at base of first flagellomere in cavity of pedicel; scape inserted on head capsule by a dicondylar articulation (acute lateral antennifer and weaker, median articulation point on head capsule, see Fig. S2g); no cephalic trichobothria.

Prothorax developed as narrow neck bearing an anterior sclerotized ring with small indentations and posterior part desclerotized (Fig. 2a); mesothorax and metathorax higher than prothorax, separated by subvertical pleural furrow; mesothoracic scutum deeply concave; wings inserted high on meso- and metathorax; tegula present at forewing base.

Legs long and thin; profemur 0.5 mm long, protibia 0.7 mm long, protarsus 0.4 mm long; mesofemur 0.5 mm long, mesotibia 0.7 mm long, mesotarsus 0.4 mm long; metafemur not enlarged, 1.3 mm long, 0.1 mm wide, metatibia 0.9 mm long, 0.03 mm wide, metatarsus 0.6 mm long; tibiae with two strong apical spurs and a row of spines; 4-segmented tarsi (Fig. S4e,g); tarsomeres bearing a row of spines, tarsomeres without plantulae; strong apical pretarsal claws without basal tooth, a fleshy and broad arolium present between pretarsal claws (Fig. S4f).

Forewing and hind wing elongate, of nearly same size and shape; forewing 2.6 mm long, 0.7 mm wide; ScP ending on costal margin C 0.5 mm from wing base, and re-emerging 0.3 mm distally to reach radius R as a phantom-vein (Fig. S6c); area between R and C broad, 0.17 mm wide; R, M, and CuA fused into a common stem at wing base, making a weak posterior curve for 0.52 mm; then M + CuA and R separating, with R and basal stem R + M + CuA forming a pronounced angle at this point (Fig. 1b,c); RP and RA separating 0.15 mm distal of base of M + CuA; convex RA with pronounced posterior curve surrounding darkly pigmented pterostigma, 0.42 mm long and 0.14 mm wide, pterostigma basally delimited by a vein (Fig. S6b); a crossvein perpendicular to RA and to RP exactly below middle of pterostigma; concave RP with only one distal fork, 1.3 mm from its base; M and CuA separating immediately distal of point of re-emergence of M + CuA, or CuA emerging directly on stem R + M + CuA just basal of base of M (depending on specimen); neutral stem of M long, 0.85 mm long before first fork; anterior branch of M with a deep fork distally and branches ending near wing apex (but in paratype specimen NIGP161474, this vein is simple in one wing while it is forked in the second); posterior branch of M with a more open fork and shorter branches ending on posterior wing margin; convex CuA short before crossvein cua-cup terminates on it, cua-cup aligned with distal part of CuA; distal part of CuA long, 0.5 mm long before areola postica; areola postica long and narrow, parallel to posterior wing margin, with CuA1 curved and CuA2 short; cua-cup weaker than CuA and M, 0.40 mm long between base of CuP and CuA (Fig. 1b,c); concave CuP weakly curved and simple; two convex simple anal veins basally curved. Forewing articulation partly visible in specimen NIGP161473: humeral plate (HP) and basisubcostale (BSc) united but well separated from basiradiale (BR) and second axillary sclerite (2Ax) by two deep furrows that extend transversely from wing base and tegula (Fig. S6a).

Hind wing 2.3 mm long, 0.71 mm wide; nearly identical to forewing, with following differences: wing narrower, with narrower pterostigma; ScP longer than in forewing, ending on R 0.52 mm from wing base (Fig. 1d); area between R and costal margin C much narrower than in forewing, 0.11 mm wide; cua-cup weak, ending on M + CuA; stem of M + CuA relatively long distal of its separation from radius, 0.14 mm long; areola postica very faint with CuA1 phantom-like.

A strong constriction between thorax and abdomen present due to small first abdominal segment, bearing small lateral lobes (Fig. 1a, Fig. S3a,c); sternum I not visible. Abdomen ca. 1.3 times as long as thorax plus head; abdominal terga short and of nearly same length; cerci absent.

Male appendages symmetrical (Fig. S5c), with a large, sclerotized spoon-like hypandrium; a short epiproct partly hidden by a fecal pellet (composed of pollen) extended from anus, and two, long subvertical paraprocts,

0.23 mm long, with a subbasal hook, a trichobothrial field on external surface of epiproct; aedeagus large, 0.25 mm long, broadly triangular, with three small, lateral spines; endosoma extruded exhibiting ductus ejaculatorius and gonopore II; hypandrium (sternite IX) long, spoon-like, 0.37 mm long; some sperm is visible in the abdomen.

Female ovipositor curved upwards (Fig. S3d,f), with ventral valvulae (gonapophyses VIII) with ventral margin bearing small denticles and a dorso-apical part bearing a raking structure; dorsal valvulae (gonapophyses IX) triangular, narrow, and elongate, ending with a small upward denticle, and less sclerotized than ventral valvulae; gonoplacs broad and weakly sclerotized, with an apical lobe; gonocoxites VIII large, broadly quadrangular in an anterior position; gonocoxite IX triangular and small at base of gonoplacs; epiproct and paraprocts of same length, shorter than gonoplacs, pointed at apices; tergum X longer than tergum IX; laterotergite VIII with a distal membranous zone; subgenital plate with two broad arms; sternum IX reduced; tergum IX + X narrow; trichobothrial field on a gibbosity of epiproct.

Phylogenetic analysis. We conducted a cladistic analysis using morphological data to correctly place crucial fossil taxa and resolve the relationships within Acercaria (Hypoperlidae, Psocodea, Permopsocida, Thripida, and Hemiptera). Therefore, mainly those morphological characters that are also discernible in the fossils have been selected. The data matrix used for the analysis consists of 16 taxa (four outgroup taxa in Polyneoptera and Holometabola, and 12 of the ingroup, see Table S2) and 62 characters (see Table S3). The characters were treated as non-additive and unordered. The matrix was constructed with WinClada ver. 1.00.08 (see Table S4) and analysed with the parsimony software package TNT¹⁹. Using New Technology search method with default parameters resulted in a single topology, presented in Fig. S12, and the resulting acercarian phylogeny in Fig. 3. Its length is 100 steps, CI = 0.730, and RI = 0.833. The Bremer support of subclades are indicated in Fig. S12. This tree is slightly better resolved than the strict consensus tree of the two most parsimonious trees resulting from Traditional search method with default options. It supports a monophyletic Acercaria with Hypoperlidae as sister group of all other Acercaria; Permopsocida resolves as sister group of Thripida + Hemiptera (Condylognatha), and Psocodea as sister group of Permopsocida + Condylognatha. The new fossil genus and species *Psocorrhyncha burmitica* is recovered within the monophyletic Permopsocida as sister group of *Archipsylla*.

The results of our phylogenetic analysis agree with most other recent studies^{3,5} in the relationships among the extant acercarian orders. However, there is one important difference to the most recent, extensive phylogenomic analysis of insects by the 1Kite project², which proposed a paraphyletic Acercaria with Psocodea as sister group of Holometabola. The authors of the 1Kite project remarked, ‘convincing morphological features and fossil intermediates supporting a monophyly of Acercaria are lacking’. Contrarily to the op cite analysis, Acercaria monophyly is well recovered and supported by a large set of morphological autapomorphies, even if some of these characters are unknown in some fossil groups like Permopsocida or absent in early stem group representatives like Hypoperlidae^{1,10}. These characters include the following: postclypeus large and with large cibarial dilator muscles; asymmetrical mandibles; laciniae transformed into stylet-like, slender rods, detached not directly connected to stipes and retractile, withdrawn deep into head capsule (a complex and strong character!); labial palps reduced (max. three palpomeres) or lost; cibarial pump (with similar sclerites and muscles especially in Psocodea and Thysanoptera); presence of an areola postica at least in forewings (character subject to reversions); neutral crossvein cua-cup between concave CuP and convex CuA, weaker than CuA; a common stem R + M + CuA at wing base; 1st abdominal sternum strongly reduced or absent; cerci completely reduced (one-segmented in Hypoperlidae); abdominal ganglia concentrated in a single ganglionic mass; max. four malpighian tubules; biflagellate spermatozoa; and acrosome of spermatozoa without perforatorium (last three characters not observable in fossils). We therefore assume that the 1Kite result concerning the phylogenetic position of Psocodea could be due to a systematic error (e.g. long branch attraction) or methodological artefact.

Remark. The reduction of the number of tarsomeres to max. four is no longer an acercarian apomorphy as there are five in Hypoperlidae.

Discussion

The gena of *Psocorrhyncha* gen. nov. and other Permopsocida is subdivided by a strong furrow into a dorsal and ventral lobe, unlike in Psocodea, Permian Hypoperlidae (Supporting Information), and non-acercarian insects (Figs 1g,h, 2e,g and 4). The dorsal lobe is posteriorly adjacent to the antennal insertion, and the ventral lobe is not fused with the maxilla. Adults of the Mesozoic thripidan genus *Moundthrips* (Fig. S13b), extant thripidan young nymphs, and adults of the thripidan suborder Tubulifera have the same lobes^{20–23}, but they are no longer visible in adult Terebrantia. We consider the dorsal lobes as possibly homologous to the hemipteran mandibular plates (lora), supporting their parietal origin^{24–26}. The hemipteran maxillary plate is in the same position as the ventral lobe of the gena in *Psocorrhyncha* and Thripida, suggesting a possible composite origin in part of genal (parietal) origin and in part of stipital (appendicular) origin. Both hypotheses for the origin of the maxillary plate are currently proposed^{24–28}. These subdivisions of the gena were developed in Permopsocida possibly to strengthen this crucial sclerite as a support for a mandible stronger than in Hypoperlidae and Psocodea. To further strengthen the feeding mechanism, the permopsocid head also has an elongate prementum and half-tube-shaped paraglossae serving as guiding device for the laciniae. In Hemiptera mandibular and maxillary plates developed similarly, closing laterally the mouth cone base, while the mandibular plate plus the maxilla provide the same function in Thripida. A rudimentary mouth ‘cone’ is already present in Permopsocida, even if laterally opened. This intermediary condition provides a possible scenario of the transformation from chewing-piercing mouth-parts in Acercaria. The permopsocid head (Fig. 4) can be interpreted as a less efficient precursor of the highly derived labial cone of the Thripida + Hemiptera (Fig. 2c,d,g), with its transformation of mandibles and laciniae into very thin stylets, deeply inserted into the head capsule, as well as the strongly modified gutter-like labium in

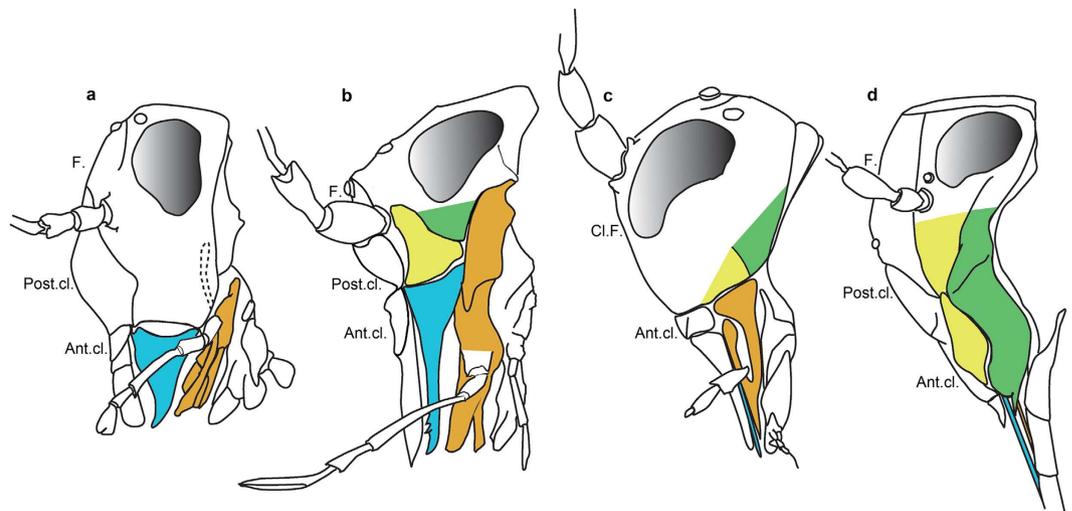


Figure 4. Hypothesis of head and mouthpart morphologies in Acercaria (drawn by TB and PN). (a) Psocodean groundpattern (also present in Hypoperlidae). (b) Permopsocidan groundpattern. (c) Thripidan groundpattern, reconstructed after the head of an adult Tubulifera, and *Moundthrips*. (d) Hemipteran groundpattern. Mandible: blue; maxilla: brown; anterior part of gena (mandibular lobe): yellow; posterior part of gena (maxillary lobe?): green. Ant.cl. anteclypeus; Cl.F. clypeo-frons; F. frons; Post.cl. postclypeus.



Figure 5. Life history reconstruction of *Psocorrhyncha burmitica* gen. et sp. nov., from the Late Albian epoch of Burmese amber. Specimens depicted as flying or feeding on flowers of Nyssaceae (drawn by DH).

Hemiptera. These last changes opened the possibility for adaptation to a wide range of different food sources: on pollen, but also on plant or animal tissues or fluids.

The sclerotized paraclypeal lobes and membranous medial part of the anteclypeus of Permopsocida (Fig. 2b,g, Fig. S3b) and Thripida suggest that the ability for rotation of mouthparts to guide the mouthparts to food²⁹ is a ground plan condition for Condylgnatha. In Hemiptera, the paraclypeal lobes are maintained, while the anteclypeus is no longer membranous but secondarily sclerotized to serve as muscle attachment for the cibarial pump³⁰.

Hypoperlidae and Permopsocida were feeding on pollen organs of seed ferns and gymnosperms during the Permian, but at least the youngest Cretaceous representative, *Psocorrhyncha*, adapted to the floral changes occurring between the Permian and the Cretaceous and fed on angiosperm pollen grains (Fig. 5, Supporting Information Fig. S1 and S1 Text). Hypoperlidae, Psocodea, and Permopsocida can swallow entire palynomorphs^{31,32}, but the elongation of the mouthparts into a rudimentary ‘cone’ (elongation of the labrum, mandibles, and maxilla, paraglossae serving as guiding device for the laciniae, galea apically serving as guides for mandibles) in Permopsocida possibly also allowed for suction feeding on nectar thanks to their long laciniae, and chewing plant tissue thanks to their acute mandibles with strong molar plates. The mouthparts of Thripida and Hemiptera became more modified through development of a closed mouth cone and elongate stylets to pierce cells^{22,32}, tissues, and vessels of plants and animals. This allowed for the exploitation of numerous new food resources, which at least partly explains their significant diversification since the Permian². The development of highly modified piercing mouthparts facilitated the evolution of an increasing number of pathogenic vectors in Hemiptera (and

to a lesser extent Thripida), because they are able to introduce viruses and bacteria deeper into plant or animal tissues and vessels than Acercaria with chewing mouthparts (i.e. Psocodea) can do.

Hypoperlidae and Permopsocida must be at least of the same Late Carboniferous age as Psocodea and Thripida + Hemiptera^{10,33,34} (Fig. 3), even though their oldest known fossils are recorded from the Early Permian^{2,6}. Acercaria still had a low diversity in the Carboniferous, with less than ten known species³⁴. The Hypoperlidae apparently were never very diverse, with only four Permian genera with about 13 species, while the Permopsocida are divided into three families with 25 known species ranging from the Lower Permian to the beginning of the Upper Cretaceous. Unlike Hypoperlidae, psocodeans could survive and diversify during the Middle Jurassic-Cretaceous³⁵, probably because of their alimentation as omnivorous scavengers on plant and animal remains, algae, and lichens. However, Psocodea never reached the high level of diversity characteristic for Hemiptera. These latter insect order already greatly diversified early in the Permian, Triassic, and the Jurassic^{2,33}. Today it includes about 82,000 living species. A comparative analysis of species numbers in relation to feeding modes, phylogenetic position, and stratigraphic range suggests that mouthpart specialization for suction feeding was the key innovation that explains the huge post-Carboniferous radiation within Acercaria (Table S5).

Permopsocids could survive during the Triassic and Jurassic but had to face competition from numerous other pollenivorous insects, such as thrips, flies, and long-tongued scorpionflies³⁶. The final extinction of Permopsocida during the mid-Cretaceous, after having existed for at least 185 million years, was most probably influenced by the Cretaceous diversification of angiosperm flowers, correlated with obligatory insect pollination³⁶. This promoted the evolution of numerous new groups of competing pollenivorous pollinators within beetles, moths, flies, and bees^{2,37}.

Thus, the paleontological evidence suggests an explanation for the huge radiation within Acercaria and the extinction of less diverse stem clades in relation to mouthpart specialization and plant-insect co-evolution.

Materials and Methods

The amber specimens were ground and polished manually and with polishing machines. The holotype was embedded in Canada balsam to make the inclusion more clearly visible. Pollen was extracted from the gut content of the holotype with a Pasteur pipette, washed with toluene, and then photographed using SEM. Fossil specimens were studied with different stereo microscopes, light microscopes, and laser confocal microscopes, partly with green fluorescence as light source. Microphotographs were made with digital cameras, and focus stacking software was used to increase depth of field. All images were processed with Adobe PhotoshopTM. Synchrotron micro-computer tomography (X-ray micro-CT) scans were performed at the TOPO-TOMO beamline of the ANKA Synchrotron Radiation Facility of the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology. A more detailed account on materials and methods is available online in the Supporting Information (S1 Text).

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1 **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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3 **Title**

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17 **S1 Text**

18 (A) Extended Material and Methods. (B) Systematic Paleontology. (C) SI References.

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20 **(A) Extended Material and Methods**

21 **Specimen depositories**

22 MCZ - Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard University, Cambridge, USA

23 NHM - The Natural History Museum London, UK

24 NIGP - Nanjing Institute of Geology and Paleontology, Academia Sinica, China

25 PIN - Paleontological Institute of Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia

26 PU - Perm State University, Perm, Russia (specimen stored at PIN)

27 SMNS - Staatliches Museum für Naturkunde Stuttgart (SMNS), Germany

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29 **Preparations of specimens**

30 The holotype of *Psocorrhyncha burmitica* gen. et sp. nov. (NIGP161473) is embedded in a
31 large piece of amber containing several syninclusions (more than 20 arthropods). The amber
32 piece was cut to separate each inclusion. The piece containing the holotype was subsequently
33 ground to remove excess amber and then polished. Following this procedure, we found the
34 included insect specimen was not clearly visible resulting from a series of fractures in the
35 amber, causing mirror effects. In addition, there was a large bubble enveloping the abdomen
36 (including genitalia), and a large portion of the thorax and wings.

37 To remedy these optical disturbances we infused the amber piece with Canada balsam.
38 First, the specimen was manually polished using Emery papers with varying and successively
39 finer grains until the apices of the fractures were reached (Fig. S1a). The polished piece was
40 then immersed into Canada balsam and slowly heated until boiling (Fig. S1b), a procedure
41 repeated several times until all fractures were infilled with the Canada balsam, rendering a
42 clear view of the specimen. To clear the obscured view created by the bubble, the specimen
43 was polished again to minimize the distance between bubble and amber surface (Fig. S1c).
44 The amber was punctured manually with a thin (size '00') entomological pin, which had been
45 previously modified so that its apex was flattened and sharpened like a chisel (acting as a
46 miniaturized drill bit) (Fig. S1d). Afterwards, the specimen was immersed again into Canada
47 balsam and heated gently until the resin filled the bubble. Once completed, the preparation
48 was left for two days to permit the Canada balsam to enter the inclusion, clear it, and set. The
49 final result perfectly revealed all internal structures of the insect as well as the pollen grains
50 that fill much of the abdomen.

51 Specimens SMNS Bu-135 and SMNS Bu-157 of *P. burmitica* were prepared using
52 Struers Dap-6 and LaboPol-4 grinding and polishing machines. These specimens were not
53 coated nor embedded in artificial resin to avoid disturbances during μ CT scanning.

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55 **Extraction of pollen grains from abdomen of holotype NIGP161473**

56 After the Canada balsam settled uniformly inside the insect's body, the result was an
57 appearance similar to that of an extant insect treated with potassium hydroxide (KOH),
58 allowing a detailed observation of internal structures and gut contents (pollen grains of
59 *Nyssapollenites*). To extract some of these pollen grains, the cuticle was pierced with a
60 minuten pin, with a hook-like tip, mounted to a handle. The pin was used to pierce the
61 abdomen of the insect and then turned smoothly to scrape the internal surface and dislodge
62 some of the pollen grains (Fig. S1e). The narrowed tip of a drawn-out Pasteur pipette was
63 then introduced into the abdomen adjacent to detached pollen grains. Repeated pumping
64 allowed extraction of some palynomorphs (Fig. S1f). Subsequently, the pollen grains were
65 washed with toluene to eliminate all residues of Canada balsam and then isolated with a pin
66 and mounted for SEM study with a Tescan Vega LSU scanning electron microscope at the
67 MNHN.

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69 **Examination of fossils with 3D X-ray micro-computer tomography**

70 Searching for preserved internal morphological characters inside the amber inclusions, we
71 applied 3D X-ray micro-computer tomography with synchrotron radiation (micro-CT)¹⁻³.
72 Scans were performed at the TOPO-TOMO beamline⁴ of the ANKA Synchrotron Radiation
73 Facility at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT). The parallel-beam tomographic scans
74 covered an angular range of 180°, measured using a filtered polychromatic beam with a
75 spectral peak at about 15 keV. Under such experimental conditions conventional absorption

76 contrast and phase contrast (in the so-called edge-enhancement regime) are the physical
77 image formation mechanisms. An indirect detector system composed of a 12 μ m LSO:Tb
78 scintillator, diffraction limited optical microscope (Optique Peter) and 12 bit pco.dimax high
79 speed camera (2016 x 2016 pixels resolution) was employed to capture 3000 projections per
80 tomographic scan with an exposure time of 10 ms each. A 5x optical magnification led to an
81 effective pixel size of 2.44 μ m.

82 Prior to volume reconstruction, all projection images were processed with the phase
83 retrieval ImageJ plugin ANKAphase⁵. Volume reconstruction was done by the PyHST
84 software developed by the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility, Grenoble, France, and
85 KIT⁶.

86 Specimen SMNS Bu-157, even though appearing perfectly preserved under light
87 microscopy, did not give any image contrast with μ CT under any parameters (e.g. phase
88 contrast).

89 Specimen SMNS Bu-135 gave contrast, but even here the remaining internal structure
90 had a relative poor quality only allowing an incomplete reconstruction of the mandibles and
91 maxillae. The results indicate that internal morphological characters were not (SMNS Bu-
92 157) or only partly (SMNS Bu-135) preserved, with the interesting exception of pollen inside
93 the gut of the latter specimen (Fig. S1g-h). One possible explanation for the poor results may
94 be that specimen Bu-157 was fully enfused with resin prior to fossilization, as observed in
95 various other insect inclusions before. In this case, intensity modulations would occur only on
96 the surface of the specimen. However, since all modalities of X-ray CT are volumetric,
97 contrast in the tomographic reconstruction can only be observed if the change in the complex
98 refractive index occurs in a volume comparably as large as a voxel. For visible light
99 observations, interference based reflections are visible even from surface structures, as
100 evidenced by the interference from a few nm thin oil film on water. We suspect that an

101 analogous mechanism is responsible for the lack of contrast for the X-ray tomography in the
102 present case.

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104 **Observation of fossils with microscopy**

105 SMNS Bu-135 and SMNS Bu-157 were studied at SMNS with a Leica M80 stereo-
106 microscope and 1.6* Plan Achromat lens. Photographs were taken with a Leica DFC490
107 digital macro camera on a Leica Z16-Apo Macroscope.

108 All specimens from NIGP (Nanjing, China) and SMNS (Stuttgart, Germany) were
109 loaned and examined at the MNHN (Paris, France) using Olympus SZX-9 and Nikon SMS-
110 1500 stereomicroscopes. Photographs were taken with a Canon D550 digital camera with
111 reverse lens MP-E 65mm, and line drawings prepared using a camera lucida. Original
112 photographs were processed using Adobe Photoshop™ CS4.

113 Observations and photographs of the specimens at NIGP were taken using a Zeiss
114 Discovery V20 stereomicroscope and a Zeiss Axio Imager 2 light microscope with an
115 attached digital camera. Some photomicrographs were taken using green fluorescence as a
116 light source attached to a Zeiss Axio Imager-2 light microscope and confocal laser scanning
117 microscopy (CLSM) Zeiss LSM 710 with ×10 objectives and 488 nm laser.

118 The compression fossils from MCZ and NHM were examined with Nikon SMZ 645
119 and Wild M5 stereomicroscopes in a dry state and under a thin layer of ethanol. Photographs
120 were taken using a Canon D550 digital camera with MP-E 65mm lens and processed with
121 Adobe Photoshop™ CS4.

122 Most microphotographs were generated from focus stacks using the Helicon Focus Pro
123 software, apart from the SMNS specimens for which Leica Application Suite 3.8.0 was used
124 for focus stacking.

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126 **(B) Systematic Paleontology**

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128 **Revision of Permopsocida Tillyard, 1926**

129 Standard wing venation terminology was employed throughout the descriptions as it has been
130 applied to representatives of Acercaria⁷. We elevate the previous psocodean suborder
131 Permopsocida to ordinal rank, revise the permopsocidan families, and redescribe the crucial
132 psocidiid species *Dichentomum tinctum* Tillyard, 1926.

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134 **Clade** Acercaria Börner, 1904

135 **Definition.** Acercaria Börner, 1904 comprises Psocodea (including ‘Psocoptera’ and
136 Phthiraptera), Thripida (including Thysanoptera), and Hemiptera. The order Zoraptera has
137 been considered as sister group of Acercaria and both taxa have been classified together as
138 Paraneoptera^{8,9}. However, polyneopteran affinities of Zoraptera recently gained further
139 support¹⁰⁻¹², so that Paraneoptera either has to be rejected as polyphyletic¹¹ or considered as
140 synonymous with Acercaria¹³. We herein add the extinct order Permopsocida and the family
141 Hypoperlidae to Acercaria.

142

143 **Order** Permopsocida Tillyard, 1926 stat. nov. (= Permopsocina Tillyard, 1926)¹⁴

144 **Stratigraphic range.** Permopsocida are relatively frequent in Permian outcrops¹⁵, but the
145 clade is also known from Liassic, Middle Jurassic, and Lower Cretaceous outcrops.

146 *Psocorrhyncha* gen. nov. from the earliest Upper Cretaceous is the latest occurrence of and
147 only known amber representative of Permopsocida.

148 **Included families.** Permian to Liassic (with some doubt) Psocidiidae Tillyard, 1926, Permian
149 Permopsocidae Tillyard, 1926, and Jurassic to earliest Upper Cretaceous (with a problematic
150 Permian taxon) Archipsyllidae Handlirsch, 1906, incl. the new archipsyllid genus

151 *Psocorrhyncha*. Cyphoneuridae Carpenter, 1932 (with *Cyphoneura* Carpenter, 1932;
152 *Australocypha* Tillyard, 1935; *Lophiocypha* Tillyard, 1935) were later included in
153 Permopsocida¹⁶, but more recently demonstrated to belong to Thripida¹⁷. Likewise, the family
154 Edgariekiidae Jell and Duncan, 1986 (*Edgariekia una* Jell and Duncan, 1986), originally
155 placed in Permopsocida¹⁸, is a junior synonym of the thripidan family Lophioneuridae
156 Tillyard, 1921¹⁷.

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158 Family Archipsyllidae Handlirsch, 1906

159 **Stratigraphic and geographic range.** Permian?, Jurassic to earliest Upper Cretaceous.

160 **Emended diagnosis.** The venation of the previously described Archipsyllidae agrees with
161 that of *Psocorrhyncha*, with the following two exceptions: subcosta posterior ScP basally
162 reaching the costal margin and distally re-emerging to end into radius anterior RA basal of
163 pterostigma, not only in the forewings, but also in the hind wings; longer areola postica
164 reaching the level of the pterostigma. This special shape of the ScP in forewings is a putative
165 synapomorphy of the Archipsyllidae, even if this character is convergently present in a few
166 modern Psocodea of the family Lepidopsocidae. The Archipsyllidae with bodies (partly)
167 preserved (*A. sinica*, *E. sojanense*) share with *Psocorrhyncha* elongate mouthparts, with long
168 and narrow labra, long laciniae with one apical tooth, male genitalia with a large hypandrium,
169 four-segmented tarsi, simple and symmetrical pretarsal claws, large arolia, and flagellomeres
170 annulate and long.

171 **Included genera.** *Archipsylla* Handlirsch, 1906, *Archipsyllodes* Vishniakova, 1976,
172 *Archipsyllopsis* Vishniakova, 1976, *Eopsylla* Vishniakova, 1976, and *Psocorrhyncha* gen.
173 nov.

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175 Family Psocidiidae Tillyard, 1926 sensu nov.

176 **Stratigraphic and geographic range.** Permian; Australia, Russia and USA.

177 **Composition.** This family previously comprised five genera, only two of which can be
178 accurately considered as Permopsocida, viz. *Dichentomum* Tillyard, 1926 and *Stenopsocidium*
179 Tillyard, 1935.

180 **Emended diagnosis.** Fore- and hind wing with similar venation; ScP long, ending on RA
181 distal of base of radius posterior RP in all wings; RP two-branched; media vein M four-
182 branched; areola postica longer than high; no crossvein between M and first branch of cubitus
183 anterior CuA1. At least *Dichentomum* has small crossveins between costa C and ScP.

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185 *Dichentomum tinctum* Tillyard, 1926

186 **Redescription.** The genus *Dichentomum* and its type species *D. tinctum* rank among the
187 better preserved and complete of the Permian Permopsocida, but have not been re-examined
188 since the original description by Tillyard¹⁴ and the two revisions by Carpenter¹⁹⁻²⁰. A
189 comparison with the amber material of *Psocorrhyncha* offered a unique opportunity to detect
190 and verify crucial characters for *Dichentomum*. This complementary study is based on
191 specimens 3324a, 3331a-b, 3348, 3323a-b, and 3347a-b (all at MCZ). The following
192 important characters supplement the previous descriptions: head in lateral view more flat than
193 in *Psocorrhyncha* and without a strong angle between posterior and anterior parts of dorsal
194 side; frons narrow, as long as a narrow sclerotized postclypeus, which is separated from
195 anteclypeus by a furrow; compound eyes well developed and well separated; two well-
196 separated lateral ocelli, each closer to compound eye than to other ocellus; anterior ocellus
197 hardly visible but situated far from lateral ocelli; antennae inserted well below compound
198 eyes, well separated from each other, with a subquadrate scape, pedicel as long as scape but
199 narrower; exact number of flagellomeres undeterminate, but all of them long and finely
200 annulated; *Dichentomum* has certainly not 50 short antennomeres, contra Carpenter²⁰

201 (flagellomeres are finely annulated and Carpenter obviously misinterpreted the annulations as
202 flagellomeres); anteclypeus short, distinctly shorter than labrum, with two lateral parts
203 (paraclypeus), rounded elongate (Fig. S8a); labrum elongate, ca. two times as long as wide,
204 apically rounded and flat; mandibles elongate, ca. three times as long as wide at base, with a
205 broad base and distal two-thirds narrow; molar plate possibly visible, but incisor teeth not
206 visible; anterior condyle of mandible visible, connected with latero-basal angle of
207 paraclypeus; gena large and broadly quadrangular with a transverse furrow dividing it
208 obliquely into anterior (mandibular plate) and posterior (maxillary plate) parts (Fig. S8c),
209 subgena between anterior part of gena and mandible; three labial palpomeres, with basal
210 palpomere shortest, second palpomere longest, third palpomere slightly shorter than second
211 palpomere; maxillary palps long, four palpomeres (Fig. S8a), apical palpomere long,
212 subapical palpomere shorter than apical palpomere, basal palpomere relatively short, second
213 palpomere as long as apical palpomere; lacinia and galea long, overlapping apices of
214 mandibles, apically narrowed and without visible subapical tooth (Fig. S8d); reconstruction of
215 wing venation proposed by Carpenter²⁰ accurate, in particular in presence of a series of short
216 crossveins between C and ScP, at least in forewing (Nel et al.⁷ re-analysed the pattern of wing
217 venation of *Dichentomum* and considered it to be of acercarian type); legs long and thin;
218 tibiae with two apical spurs (Fig. S8c,d); all tarsi four-segmented; tarsomeres without
219 plantulae; strong pretarsal claws without subapical tooth (Fig. S8b); arolium between pretarsal
220 claws not visible; a strong constriction between thorax and abdomen due to small first
221 abdominal segment (Fig. S8c); cerci absent (confirmation of Carpenter²⁰); ovipositor well
222 developed with ventral valvulae (gonapophyses VIII) with ventral margin bearing at least
223 small denticles.

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225 Family Permopsocidae Tillyard, 1926

226 **Stratigraphic and geographic range.** Permian, USA.

227 **Emended diagnosis.** Fore- and hind wing with similar venation; ScP long, ending on RA
228 distal of base of RP in all wings; RP two-branched; M four-branched; areola postica higher
229 than long; a crossvein between M and CuA1.

230 **Remark.** The family Permopsocidae currently comprises four genera (see Table S1), i.e.
231 *Permopsocus* Tillyard, 1926, *Lithopsocidium* Carpenter, 1932, *Orthopsocus* Carpenter, 1932,
232 and *Progonopsocus* Tillyard, 1926.

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234 **Redefinition of Hypoperlidae Martynov, 1928**

235 As indicated by Shcherbakov²¹, the Permopsocida (*Dichentomum*) have a forewing
236 venation similar to those of some taxa (especially *Boreopsocus* Shcherbakov, 1994) currently
237 attributed to the Permian family Hypoperlidae. Thus it is crucial to discuss the composition
238 and phylogenetic relationships of Hypoperlidae.

239 Rasnitsyn²² included seven genera in the Permian family Hypoperlidae: *Hypoperla*
240 Martynov, 1928, *Hypoperlopsis* Zalessky, *Martynopsocus* Karny, 1930, *Kaltanelmoa*
241 Rohdendorf, 1961, *Fatjanoptera* Martynova, 1961, *Tshunicola* Rasnitsyn, 1977, and
242 *Tshekardobia* Rasnitsyn, 1977. Shcherbakov²¹ restricted the Palaeozoic Hypoperlidae to
243 embrace the four genera *Hypoperla*, *Idelopsocus* Zalessky, 1929, *Kaltanelmoa*, and
244 *Boreopsocus* Shcherbakov, 1994.

245 The venation of *Hypoperla elegans* Martynov, 1928 (type species of Hypoperlidae,
246 type family of the order Hypoperlida) is typical for Acercaria by having a common stem
247 R+M+CuA, M+CuA separating from R distally; convex CuA immediately emerging from
248 M+CuA; long crossvein cua-cup between concave cubitus posterior CuP and CuA, concave
249 near CuP and convex near CuA, CuA, with an areola postica (see Figs. S9c-d). The only other
250 group having a common stem R+M+CuA is Archaeorthoptera. But, Archaeorthoptera have

251 CuA with a higher number of distal branches and a concave anterior branch of CuP ending on
252 convex CuA instead of a cua-cup³⁰. Nevertheless, *H. elegans* differs from Permopsocida in
253 several important plesiomorphies: RP with a series of parallel posterior branches instead of a
254 single fork, as in modern Acercaria and Permopsocida (a likely plesiomorphy because
255 numerous posterior branches of RP are known in the ground plans of polyneopterous orders
256 and in Neuropterida and Panorpidia); no distinct angle of radius at base of M+CuA;
257 pterostigma more ‘rudimentary’ and consisting of a darker zone covering apical parts of ScP,
258 RA, and apical part of area between RA and RP, not delimited posteriorly by RA. The same
259 pattern occurs in *Hypoperla grata* Novokshonova, 1998 and *Hypoperla vaulevi*
260 Novokshonov, 2001.

261 The venation of *Idelopsocus tataricus* Zalesky, 1929 is clearly acercarian, showing a
262 convex CuA emerging with concave M from a common stem with R, a long brace cua-cup
263 between concave CuP and CuA, concave near CuP and convex near CuA, and two convex
264 simple anal veins. The CuA of *I. tataricus* is simple, concave ScP ends on RA, and concave
265 RP and M both have three branches with few crossveins. This venation is closer to modern
266 Acercaria than to that of *Hypoperla*. It differs from *Psocorrhyncha* in lacking a strong angle
267 between RA and basal stem R+M+CuA, and not having a sclerotized pterostigma.

268 *Idelopsocus diradiatus* Rasnitsyn, 1996 also has a venation closer to non-hypoperlid
269 Acercaria in that the RP only has two branches, and M with only three branches, but lacking
270 any angle in the course of R at base of M+CuA. *Idelopsocus diradiatus* has a forked CuA,
271 unlike *I. tataricus*. *Idelopsocus tataricus* and *I. incommendatus* Novokshonov et al., 2002
272 share similar venation characters except for presence of an areola postica. The venation is
273 somewhat variable among the *Idelopsocus* species, especially the number of main vein
274 branches. Unlike *Hypoperla*, where only the distal parts of the wings have darkened
275 membranes, species of *Idelopsocus* possess sclerotized pterostigmata in fore- and hind wings

276 (Figs. S9f and S11a-b)¹⁵, not homologous to that of Permopsocida because the pterostigmata
277 cover a zone crossing the distal area between the anterior wing margin and RA and part of the
278 area between RA and RP. In Permopsocida, the pterostigmata are delimited posteriorly by
279 RA. *Idelopsocus mutovinus* Rasnitsyn and Aristov, 2013 is probably also a Hypoperlidae,
280 although the basal part of the vein CuA is not clearly visible. *Idelopsocus diradiatus* and
281 *Idelopsocus splendens* (Zalessky, 1948) have five-segmented tarsi (specimens PIN 1700/3298
282 or PU 2/129 attributed to *I. splendens* by Novoskshonov²⁴ and Rasnitsyn¹⁵), while the type
283 specimen of *I. splendens* is an isolated wing originally described as *Hypoperlopsis splendens*.
284 This tarsal character is a plesiomorphic in Acercaria and most insects.

285 *Boreopsocus* has a venation most suggestive to that of Permopsocida, with RP having
286 a distal fork, pterostigmata in fore- and hind wings delimited by a posterior curve of RA, with
287 a crossvein below it and RP (but narrower than in Permopsocida, except *Stenopsocidium*).
288 Unlike Permopsocida²¹, it lacks an angular R, and possesses five-segmented tarsi.
289 *Kaltanelmoa sibirica* (based on the basal two-thirds of an isolated wing) also has a venation
290 typical of Acercaria (courses of M and cubital veins, simple fork of CuA). RP and M in this
291 species appear to be simply forked, as in modern acercarians and Permopsocida, but R lacks
292 an angle in its course distal to base of M. The area of the putative pterostigma is hardly
293 preserved.

294 In summary, the Hypoperlidae *sensu* Shcherbakov²¹ appear to be a ‘group’ of
295 acercarian genera, but lack a clear apomorphy that could support them as a clade. They may
296 represent a paraphyletic ‘evolutionary grade’ (with regard to wing venation and number of
297 tarsomeres) from *Hypoperla* to *Boreopsocus* sharing several apomorphies with
298 Permopsocida (similar pterostigmata and venation). The venation of *Idelopsocus* could
299 represent an ‘intermediate’ stage, having reduced branchings in RP and M, compared to the
300 situation observed in *Hypoperla*, but with a particular pterostigma different from *Boreopsocus*

301 and Permopsocida. Interestingly, a strikingly similar phenomenon happened during the
302 evolution of the odonatopteran pterostigmata: the basal clades (Meganisoptera) have no
303 pterostigma, whereas Odonata have a pterostigma delimited posteriorly by RA. The
304 pterostigma in the ‘intermediate’ clade Protanisoptera is almost identical in shape and position
305 to that of *Idelopsocus*²⁵.

306 The wing venation of Hypoperlidae lacks any synapomorphy with the
307 palaeodictyopteran groups (Dictyoneuridea sensu Rasnitsyn¹⁵). In particular the common stem
308 R+M+CuA, present in the Hypoperlidae and the Acercaria, is absent in palaeodictyopteran
309 orders. Also, Hypoperlidae has only two convex simple anal veins, identical to Acercaria, but
310 different from the anal veins of Palaeodictyoptera, where there are numerous anal veins
311 reinforced by a prominent anal ridge (the so-called ‘anal brace’). This neopteran family
312 cannot be considered as a member of a grade that would have given rise to these
313 palaeopterous insects.

314 Rasnitsyn¹⁵ considered the mouthparts as diagnostic characters for the order
315 Hypoperlida. He described them as ‘chewing though often beak-like elongate, with lacinia
316 rod- or styletlike, clypeus convex indicating strong cibarial muscles, or, if flat, mandibles and
317 laciniae long, jointly forming short beak’. Such structures are barely visible in the few
318 described Hypoperlidae with preserved bodies. In fact, the mouthparts of *Idelopsocus*
319 *splendens* (specimens PIN 1700/3298 and PU 2/129), *Idelopsocus diradiatus*, and *Idelopsocus*
320 *galinae* Novokshonov, 2001 are not particularly elongate and resemble the mouthparts of
321 Psocodea, especially in the non-divided gena (see Fig. S11d).

322 Rasnitsyn¹⁵ considered the piercing rostrum of Palaeodictyoptera and Hemiptera as
323 homologous and derived from a hypoperlidan ancestor. Kukalová-Peck²⁶ presented a detailed
324 reconstruction of palaeodictyopteroid mouthparts, with structures (lacinia, ante- and
325 postclypeus, mandibular condyles, etc.) generally unavailable for observation in fossils, or

326 undissected modern insects. Other interpretations by Kukulová-Peck²⁷, Laurentiaux²⁸, or even
327 Dohrn²⁹, remain more reasonable, describing very long stylet-like mandibles, and long
328 maxillary palps, but without information on other parts such as laciniae. Even though these
329 structures are reminiscent of those of Hemiptera (except presence of maxillary palps), they are
330 certainly the result of convergence as already proposed by Laurentiaux¹⁶ and Emeljanov³⁰,
331 and are not synapomorphies with those Acercaria with piercing mouthparts. All other
332 structures (especially the wing venation) exhibit no synapomorphies between
333 Palaeodictyoptera and Acercaria.

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335 **Redescription of the hypoperlid *Idelopsocus splendens* (Zalessky, 1948)**

336 A re-examination of two specimens PIN 1700/3298 and PU 2/129 attributed to *I. splendens* by
337 Novoskshonov²⁴ and Rasnitsyn¹⁵ revealed the following characters: head without a clear
338 subdivision into sub-horizontal posterior part and subvertical anterior part bearing ocelli;
339 flagellomeres numerous, relatively short, apparently annulated; ocelli present (two visible) on
340 vertex; compound eyes large; clypeus apparently not subdivided into ante- and postclypeus;
341 paraclypeal lobes absent; mouthparts short; labrum not elongate; mandibles strong and
342 psocodean-like; maxillary palps long, five palpomeres; lacinia elongate, not guided by
343 paraglossa nor by galea at its apex, as in Psocodea, but exact structure cannot be recognized;
344 division between cardo and stipes probable, but not clearly visible; labium short with short
345 prementum and paraglossae not half-tube-shaped; labial palps not clearly visible; gena not
346 divided into two lobes (Fig. S11d); tarsi five-segmented, no tarsal plantulae (Fig. S11c);
347 pretarsal claws strong with arolium between them; wings homonomous; venation of
348 acercarian-type with a common stem R+M+CuA and a crossvein cua-cup between CuP and
349 CuA; M re-emerging from R well distal of wing base, forked twice into four branches, M1-
350 M2 and M3-M4; RP forked; radial stem lacking pronounced posterior angle; two anal veins;

351 pterostigmata present on all wings, but not posteriorly delimited by R; areola postica present,
352 longer than wide; shape of ScP unclear in all wings; presence or absence of abdominal
353 sternum I cannot be verified; first abdominal segment narrower than others, but less than in
354 *Psocorrhyncha*; female abdominal terga IX, X and XI completely developed; cerci present,
355 short and unsegmented (Figs. S11e-f); ovipositor present and well developed; male genital
356 structures unknown.

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358 **Alimentation of Permopsocida and Hypoperlidae**

359 The guts of three specimens of *P. burmitica* (specimens SMNS Bu-157, NIGP161473, and
360 SMNS Bu-135) are filled with one morphotype of pollen grains, which are mostly intact and
361 untampered. A fecal pellet extruding from the abdomen of specimen NIGP161473 is also
362 totally composed of the same type of pollen grains (Fig. S5c).

363 Some grains were extracted from the abdomen of NIGP161473 and examined with
364 SEM (see Material and Methods). The morphology of these grains corresponds with fossil
365 *Nyssapollenites* and extant members of the angiosperm family Nyssaceae³¹. A unique
366 difference is their smaller size (diameter: 11-14 μm for fossil vs ca. 30 μm for extant species
367 of *Davidia*, 40 μm for species of *Camptotheca*, and 46 μm for species of *Nyssa*³²). Presence
368 of intact, unopened pollen grains in the guts and feces of these specimens of *Psocorrhyncha*
369 suggests the pollen wall might have been infiltrated with digestive enzymes, as in extant
370 bees³³.

371 Thus, imagos of *Psocorrhyncha* fed on entire pollen grains, without masticating them
372 with their well-developed molar plates. Moreover, it appears their elongate mouthparts were
373 not adapted for chewing nyssacean flowers with their short and flat corollae. As these insects
374 belong to hemimetabolous Acercaria, their nymphs certainly had similar mouthpart
375 morphology and diets as the adults.

376 Extant Nyssaceae only bloom during a brief period in spring (April to June).
377 Mouthparts of Permopsocida are completely different from those of typical modern, exclusive
378 pollen-feeding insects that visit flowers having short corollae (*e.g.*, beetles of the lineages
379 Scarabaeidae, Leiodidae, or Staphylinoidea, in which the mandibles have reduced incisors,
380 but with brush-like hairs on their lacinia and galea³⁴⁻³⁵, and most certainly different from those
381 bees that visit short-corolla flowers). Perhaps adults and nymphs of *Psocorrhyncha* fed upon
382 another food source (*e.g.*, ripened fruits of Nyssaceae, or even small insects) during other
383 periods of the year, or the flowering phenology of fossiliferous Nyssaceae differed from that
384 of their extant representatives. In comparison, the mirid predator *Macrolophus pygmaeus* uses
385 pollen as alternative or supplementary food source, favouring nymphal development³⁶. Also
386 some insectivorous modern Chrysopidae can be found with the gut full of pollen³⁷.

387 One fossil specimen of *Archipsylla sinica* Huang et al., 2008 also has structures
388 tentatively interpretable as sporangia in its gut (Fig. S7). Among the Permian Permopsocida,
389 *Dichentomum tinctum* and *Stenopsocidium elongatum* have elongate mouthparts, similar to
390 those of *Psocorrhyncha* and *A. sinica*. This would suggest that all of these had similar modes
391 of alimentation. However, if Permian permopsocids fed on pallinomorphs, these must have
392 certainly been of a different type than those eaten by *Psocorrhyncha*, as angiosperms did not
393 exist during the Permian. Krassilov et al.³⁸ found pallinomorphs in the gut of the Middle
394 Permian psocidiid *Dichentomum (Parapsocidium) uralicum* (Zalessky, 1937). The Permian
395 psocidiid *Dichentomum (Parapsocidium) uralicum* appeared to have been polylectic³⁸ (pollen
396 grains of seed ferns and of gymnosperms in its gut), while *Psocorrhyncha* was apparently
397 oligolectic on angiosperm Nyssaceae.

398 Some modern Psocodea, Thripida, and Hemiptera also feed (in part) on pollen grains.
399 While thrips and hemipterans empty the grains of pollen³⁹, booklice ingest whole or crushed
400 grains. Gut contents of extant Psocodea can contain angiosperm and gymnosperm pollen

401 grains, frequently mixed with fungal spores⁴⁰. Interestingly, Krassilov et al.⁴¹ stated, “In the
402 Kungurian of Tchekarda we found taeniate pollen grains in the gut compressions of
403 *Idelopsocus* (Hypoperlidae), ... , while *Idelopsocus diradiatus* Rasnitsyn fed on both
404 *Lunatisporites* and *Protohaploxypinus*”. These types of pollinomorphs of these plants are
405 currently assigned to Pterydophyta, plants present in the Lower Permian.

406 As Hypoperlidae belong to the stem group of Acercaria, and Permopsocida to the stem
407 group of Condylgnatha (Thripida+Hemiptera), palynivory seems to be a ground plan
408 character of Acercaria, which evolved dramatically after the Late Palaeozoic.

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623 **Supporting Information**

- 624 • **S1 Fig. Method of preparation of specimens and extraction of pollen grains.**
625 (a) Amber cut and polished manually. (b) Polished piece heated to boiling in Canada
626 balsam. (c) Amber polished to reach margin of bubble. (d) Surface drilled with thin
627 pin and bubble filled with Canada balsam. (e) Curved pin piercing the abdomen to
628 remove pollen grains from abdominal wall. (f) Drawn tip of Pasteur pipette introduced
629 into abdomen to extract palynomorphs. (g-h) Volume renderings of segmented
630 synchrotron radiation micro-CT scans of specimen SMNS BU-135, pollen gut
631 contents highlighted in orange color (drawings DA).
- 632 • **S2 Fig. Head structures of *Psocorrhyncha burmitica* gen. et sp. nov., paratype**
633 **NIGP161474.**
634 (a) Right mandible showing molar plate. (b) Right subgena and postgena. (c) Galea
635 and lacinia. (d) Lacinia, photomicrograph under green fluorescence. (e) Right dorso-
636 lateral view of head. (f) General habitus. (g) base of right antenna, arrow: lateral
637 antennifer. (h) Head, ventral view. Ga. galea; Lac. lacinia; Man. mandible; A.g.
638 anterior part of gena; P.g. posterior part of gena; Mo. molar plate; pe. pedicel; Postgn.
639 postgena; Sc. Scape; Subgn. Subgena. Scale bars, 0.1 mm (a, b, c, e, h), 0.2 mm (D),
640 1.0 mm (g).
- 641 • **S3 Fig. *Psocorrhyncha burmitica* gen. et sp. nov., allotype SMNS Bu-157.**

642 (a) General habitus, lateral view, arrow first abdominal segment. (b) Head, frontal
643 view, arrows paraclypeus. (c) Wings. (d) Female genitalia, latero-ventral view. (e)
644 Head and thorax, dorsal view, arrows ocelli. (f) Female genitalia, lateral view. Epi.
645 epiproct; GoVIII gonocoxite VIII; GoIX gonocoxite IX; GyVIII gonapophyse VIII;
646 GyIX gonapophyse IX; LtVIII laterotergite VIII; LtIX laterotergite IX; Pa. paraproct;
647 T.f. trichobothrial field; TX tergite X. Scale bars, 500 μm (a, c, e), 0.1 mm (b), 200
648 μm (d, f).

649 • **S4 Fig. *Psocorrhyncha burmitica* gen. et sp. nov., paratype SMNS Bu-135.**

650 (a) General habitus, lateral view. (b) Head, lateral view. (c) Forewing. (d) Female
651 genitalia. (e) Foreleg. (f) Midleg. (g) Hindleg. Scale bars, 1.0 mm (a), 200 μm (b, e, f,
652 g), 500 μm (c).

653 • **S5 Fig. Morphological structures of Permopsocida.**

654 (a-c) *Psocorrhyncha burmitica* gen. et sp. nov., holotype NIGP161473. (A) Apical
655 part of first flagellomere, arrow: sensilla. (b) Apical part of second flagellomere,
656 arrow: sensilla. (c) Male genitalia. (d) Tarsi, *Archipsylla sinica* Huang *et al.*, 2008,
657 white arrows: arolia. (e) *Archipsylla sinica* Huang *et al.*, 2008, Specimen
658 NIGP161884, general habitus; A.g. anterior part of gena; P.g. posterior part of gena.
659 Aed. aedeagus; D.e. ductus ejaculatorius; Hy hypandrium; St VIII sternite VIII; St. IX
660 sternite IX; T. VIII tergite VIII; T. IX tergite IX. Scale bars, 0.1 mm (a, b, c, d), 1.0
661 mm (e).

662 • **S6 Fig. Morphological structures of Permopsocida.**

663 (a-b) *Psocorrhyncha burmitica* gen. et sp. nov., paratype NIGP161474. (a) Wing base
664 sclerites. (b) Fore- and hind wings pterostigmata. (c) Holotype NIGP161473, detail of
665 forewing return of ScP from C to RA. (d) *Dichentomum grande* Carpenter, 1933,
666 Holotype MCZ 3358 forewing. BR & 2AX basiradiale and second axillary sclerite; C

667 costa; CuA cubitus anterior; CuP cubitus posterior; HP & Bsc humeral plate and
668 basisubcostale plate; M median; RA radius anterior; RP radius posterior; ScP
669 subcostal posterior. Copyrights for MCZ 3358 belong to Museum of Comparative
670 Zoology at Harvard University. Scale bars, 0.04 mm (a), 0.1 mm (b, c), 1.0 mm (d).

671 • **S7 Fig. Specimen NIGP161883, *Archipsylla sinica* Huang *et al.*, 2008 with possible**
672 **sporangium in gut.**

673 (a-b) General habitus, print and counterprint. (c-d) enigmatic structures in gut, under
674 normal light and electron scanning microscope. Scale bars, 2.0 mm (a, b), 0.2 mm (c,
675 d).

676 • **S8 Fig. Details of morphology of *Dichentomum tinctum* Tillyard, 1926.**

677 (a) Specimen MCZ 3324b, head structures, arrows: maxillary palps. (b) Specimen
678 MCZ 3347b, wings and mid leg, arrows: tarsomeres. (c) Specimen MCZ 3348,
679 habitus, arrows indicate limits of basal flagellomeres. (d) Specimen MCZ 3331b, Head
680 and thorax. Ga. galea; La. labrum; Man. mandible; P.g. posterior part of gena; Par.cl.
681 paraclypeus; Pt pterostigma. Copyrights for the specimens Nos. MCZ 3324b, MCZ
682 3331b, MCZ 3347b and MCZ 3348 belong to Museum of Comparative Zoology at
683 Harvard University. Scale bars, 1.0 mm (a, b, c, d).

684 • **S9 Fig. Morphology of Psocidiidae, Fatjanopterae, and Hypoperlidae.**

685 (a) *Stenopsocidium elongatum* Tillyard, 1935, holotype NHM In 46397, arrow:
686 elongate mouthparts. (b) *Fatjanoptera mnemonica* Martynova, 1961, holotype PIN
687 1216/4, forewing. (c) *Hypoperla elegans* Martynov, 1928, holotype PIN 117/968,
688 forewing. (d) *Hypoperla elegans*, PIN 3353/471, hind wing. (e) *Fatjanoptera*
689 *mnemonica*, holotype PIN 1216/4, forewing reconstruction(drawn AN, JP). (f)
690 '*Idelopsocus*' cf. *splendens*, PIN 1700/3298, habitus. cua-cup crossvein between CuA
691 and CuP; CuA cubitus anterior; CuP cubitus posterior; M median; RA radius anterior;

692 RP radius posterior; ScP subcostal posterior. Copyrights for NHM In 46397 belong to
693 The Natural History Museum, London. Scale bars, 1.0 mm (a), 2.0 mm (d), 5.0 mm (b,
694 e, f).

695 • **S10 Fig. Morphology of hypoperlid ‘*Idelopsocus*’ *splendens*, PU 2/129.**

696 (a) Imprint, general habitus. (b) Counterimprint, general habitus. (c) Fore tarsi. (d)
697 Head, imprint. (e) Imprint, apex of abdomen, arrow: cercus. (f) Conterimprint, apex of
698 abdomen, arrow: cercus. La labrum; Max.palp maxillary palp. Scale bars, 1.0 mm (a,
699 b, c), 500 μ m (d, e, f).

700 • **S11 Fig. Phylogeny of Acercaria.**

701 Most parsimonious cladogram, length = 100 steps, CI = 0.730, RI = 0.833; Bremer
702 values indicated (drawn RG).

703 • **S12 Fig. Paraclypeus and gena in Hemiptera: Lachnidae and Thripida.**

704 (a) Recent *Stomaphis* species, head, dorsal view. (b) *Moundthrips beatificus* Nel *et al.*,
705 2007, holotype J2A Azar Coll., head ventro-lateral view. La. labrum; Man. mandible;
706 A.g. anterior part of gena; P.g. posterior part of gena; Par.cl. paraclypeus; Tor.
707 antennal torulus. Scale bars, 0.2 mm (A), 0.01 mm (B).

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709 • **S1 Table. List of species included in Permopsocida**

710 • **S2 Table. List of taxa used in the phylogenetic analysis**

711 • **S3 Table. Characters and character states used in the phylogenetic analysis**

712 • **S4 Table. Data matrix of taxa and characters**

713 • **S5 Table. Comparison of species numbers in acercarian orders.**

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715 **S1 Table. List of species included in Permopsocida**

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| Family | Genus | Species | Age |
|----------------|------------------------|--|------------------|
| Archipsyllidae | <i>Eopsylla</i> | <i>E. sojanense</i> (Bekker-Migdisova, 1962) | Upper Permian |
| | <i>Archipsylla</i> | <i>A. primitiva</i> Handlirsch, 1906 | Lower Jurassic |
| | | <i>A. sinica</i> Haung et al., 2008 | Middle Jurassic |
| | | <i>A. turanica</i> Martynov, 1926 | Upper Jurassic |
| | | <i>A. lata</i> Vishniakova, 1976 | Upper Jurassic |
| | | <i>A. similis</i> Vishniakova, 1976 | Upper Jurassic |
| | <i>Archipsyllodes</i> | <i>A. speciosus</i> Vishniakova, 1976 | Lower Cretaceous |
| | <i>Archipsyllopsis</i> | <i>A. baissica</i> Vishniakova, 1976 | Lower Cretaceous |
| | <i>Psocorrhyncha</i> | <i>P. burmitica</i> sp. nov. | Upper Cretaceous |
| Psocidiidae | <i>Dichentomum</i> | <i>D. tinctum</i> Tillyard, 1926 | Lower Permian |
| | | <i>D. complexum</i> Carpenter, 1926 | Lower Permian |
| | | <i>D. grande</i> Carpenter, 1933 | Lower Permian |
| | | <i>D. latum</i> Carpenter, 1932 | Lower Permian |
| | | <i>D. minimum</i> Carpenter, 1932 | Lower Permian |
| | | <i>D. parvulum</i> Carpenter, 1932 | Lower Permian |
| | | <i>D. arroyo</i> Rasnitsyn, 2004 | Lower Permian |
| | <i>Liassopsocus</i> | <i>L. lanceolatus</i> Ansorge, 1996 | Lower Jurassic |
| | <i>Austropsocidium</i> | <i>A. pincombei</i> Tillyard, 1935 | Upper Permian |
| | | <i>A. stigmaticum</i> Tillyard, 1935 | Upper Permian |

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| | <i>Megapsocidium</i> | <i>M. australe</i> Tillyard, 1935 | Upper Permian |
| | <i>Stenopsocidium</i> | <i>S. elongatum</i> Tillyard, 1935 | Upper Permian |
| Permopsocidae | <i>Permopsocus</i> | <i>P. latipennis</i> Tillyard, 1926 | Lower Permian |
| | <i>Lithopsocidium</i> | <i>L. permianum</i> Carpenter, 1932 | Lower Permian |
| | <i>Orthopsocus</i> | <i>O. singularis</i> Carpenter, 1932 | Lower Permian |
| | <i>Progonopsocus</i> | <i>P. permianus</i> Tillyard, 1926 | Lower Permian |

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718 **Remarks**

719 a) *Archiconiopteryx liasina* (Handlirsch, 1906) (Liassic, Dobbertin, Germany) was
720 originally⁴² included in genus *Archipsylla* Handlirsch, 1906, but later transferred to the genus
721 *Archiconiopteryx* in Neuroptera: Coniopterygidae⁴³, and then revised again⁴⁴ and transferred
722 to the sternorrhynchan family Archiconiopterygidae Ansorge, 1996.

723 b) *Eopsylla sojanense* was originally placed in psocidiid genus *Dichentomum*⁴⁵; Rasnitsyn¹⁵
724 proposed to remove it to the Psocidiidae because of ‘possessing a complete ScP unlike the
725 Mesozoic Archipsyllidae’, which is contradictory to the reconstruction of Vishniakova⁴⁵. This
726 taxon should be revised.

727 c) ?*Dichentomum arroyo* Rasnitsyn, 2004 and ?*Dichentomum* sp., from the Carrizo Arroyo
728 Permian⁴⁶, are only partially preserved with their basal halves of the wings missing, and are
729 too fragmented to safely be attributed to the Permopsocida.

730 d) The phylogenetic position of *Dichentomum (Parapsocidium) uralicum* (Zalessky, 1937)
731 remains ambiguous, although Carpenter⁴⁷ synonymized the genus *Parapsocidium* Zalessky,
732 1937 with *Dichentomum*, without clear explanation. *Parapsocidium uralicum* shares with
733 *Dichentomum* and the Permopsocida a strong posterior angle of RA below the pterostigma, a
734 sclerotized pterostigma, and the same pattern of branching of RP, M, and CuA in the
735 forewing. It is likely a Permopsocida, although we do not know if it had pterostigmata on the

736 hind wings. Its areola postica longer than broad suggests a position near or in the Psocidiidae
737 rather than the Permopsocidae.

738 e) *Liassopsocus lanceolatus* shares with the Permian Psocidiidae a vein ScP terminating into
739 RA, but also shared with the Archipsyllidae a RA strongly angular in the pterostigma, thus its
740 position remains uncertain even if it is a Permopsocida.

741 f) Following the reconstruction proposed by Tillyard⁴⁸, *Austropsocidium* Tillyard, 1935
742 strongly differs from Permopsocida in the absence of pterostigma in the hind wings and that
743 RA does not form a deep curve and angle below the forewing pterostigma. The other wing
744 venation characters (areola postica, M forked twice, RP forked) are not apomorphies of the
745 Permopsocida. The base of M+CuA distal of wing base suggests that it is not a psocodean. As
746 all of the body characters are unknown, it is not possible to assert it is a Permopsocida. It
747 could belong to the stem group of the Acercaria. *Austropsocidium stigmaticum* Tillyard, 1935
748 is based on the distal two-thirds of a wing⁴⁸. The form of the pterostigma with RA not
749 exhibiting a strong posterior angle would exclude this taxon from the Permopsocida, made
750 further complicated as the organization of the bases of M and CuA are unknown. It is
751 probably best considered as ‘Acercaria *incertae sedis*’.

752 g) The lack of a strong posterior angle formed below and of the pterostigma with RA would
753 exclude *Megapsocidium* Tillyard, 1935 from the Permopsocida. Furthermore the organization
754 of the bases of M and CuA are unknown and it should likely be placed as ‘Acercaria *incertae*
755 *sedis*’.

756 h) Tillyard’s reconstruction of *Stenopsocidium elongatum* strongly differs from the original
757 wing⁴⁸, and the forewing pterostigma fits well with those of *Psocorrhyncha* and
758 Permopsocida in the presence of a posterior curve of RA below it and presence of a basal vein
759 closing it. The main difference with other Permopsocida is the absence of a crossvein between
760 RA and RP below the pterostigma, which is a rather variable character, even among modern

761 Psocodea (Fig. S9a). *Stenopsocidium* also shares with *Psocorrhyncha* elongate mouthparts
762 with long mandibles and labrum; Jell⁴⁹ presented a photograph of a complete forewing from
763 the Upper Permian of Australia that is clearly a Permopsocida owing to the shape of the
764 pterostigma, RA, RP, M, CuA, etc. Its ScP terminates on RA closer to the pterostigma than to
765 the base of RP, a character present in Psocidiidae.

766 i) Nel et al.⁷ re-analysed the pattern of wing venation of *Permopsocus* and determined it to be
767 clearly of acercarian type. Specimen number '3992a-b' depicted in a photograph in
768 Carpenter⁵⁰, of great interest as it has an elongate prognathous head with large compound eyes
769 and long mouthparts, similar to those of other Permopsocida, a constriction between the
770 thorax and abdomen and a long structure corresponding to a large sclerotized spoon-like male
771 hypandrium. Carpenter¹⁹ determined the antenna of specimen number '3155' to have
772 moderately long flagellomeres. The wing venation shows all diagnostic characters of
773 Permopsocida.

774 j) *Lithopsocidium permianum* is based on isolated wings¹⁹⁻²⁰. Nel et al.⁷ verified its venation
775 to be of acercarian type.

776 k) *Orthopsocus singularis* is based on an isolated wing¹⁹. Although Nel et al.⁷ could not verify
777 the pattern of venation fits with Acercaria, its great similarity to that of *Permopsocus* strongly
778 supports an attribution to the same group.

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780 **S2 Table. List of taxa used in the phylogenetic analysis**

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782 **Outgroups:**

783 Blattodea: *Periplaneta americana* (Linnaeus, 1758) (extant)

784 Plecoptera: *Eusthenia costalis* Banks, 1913 (extant)

785 Zoraptera: *Zorotypus caudelli* Karny, 1927 (extant)

- 786 Holometabola: *Xyela julii* (Brébisson, 1818) (extant)
- 787 **Ingroups:**
- 788 **Hypoperlidae:**
- 789 *Hypoperla elegans* Martynov, 1928 (based on reexamined photographs of the type wings)
- 790 (Permian)
- 791 *Idelopsocus splendens* (Zalesky, 1948) (based on revision of specimens PIN 1700/3298 and
- 792 PU 2/129) (Permian)
- 793 **Permopsocida:**
- 794 *Archipsylla sinica* Huang et al, 2008 (Middle Jurassic)
- 795 *Dichentomum tinctum* Tillyard, 1926 (based on present revision) (Permian)
- 796 *Permopsocus latipennis* Tillyard, 1926 (Permian)
- 797 *Psocorrhyncha burmitica* gen. nov., sp. nov. (Cretaceous)
- 798 **Psocodea:**
- 799 *Burmacompsocus perreai* Nel & Waller, 2007 (Compsocidae) (Cretaceous)
- 800 *Libanomphientomum nudus* Choufani et al., 2011 (Amphientomidae) (Cretaceous)
- 801 **Thripida:**
- 802 *Moundthrips beatificus* Nel et al., 2007 (Cretaceous)
- 803 *Thrips tabaci* Lindeman, 1889 (extant)
- 804 **Hemiptera:**
- 805 *Archescytina* sp. (Archescytinidae, supposed most basal clade of Hemiptera, specimen with
- 806 body preserved)
- 807 *Southia opposita* (F., 1803) (Fulgoromorpha: Kinnaridae) (extant)
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- 809 **S3 Table. Characters and character states used in the phylogenetic analysis**
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- 811 1. Head: (0) not opisthognathous; (1) opisthognathous, orientated obliquely, with
812 mouthparts pointed backward (Palaeozoic and some Mesozoic Thripida have a
813 prognathous or hypognathous head, while the head is opisthognathous in modern
814 Thysanoptera⁵¹. The opisthognathy cannot be considered a synapomorphy of Thripida
815 and Hemiptera. The Permopsocida have hypognathous heads) (state 0 for
816 *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 817 2. Sclerotized ring at base of first antennal flagellomere, inside pedicel: (0) absent; (1)
818 present (a character of Hemiptera and modern Thysanoptera⁵²⁻⁵³) (state 0 for
819 *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 820 3. Rupturing mechanism at base of antennal flagellum: (0) absent; (1) present (a
821 character of Psocodea^{11,53}) (state 0 for *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 822 4. Flagellomeres annulated with cuticular sculpture: (0) present; (1) absent (annulation is
823 present in Psocodea: Troctomorpha, in some Thripida, Hemiptera: Aphidoidea,
824 Isoptera, Mantophasmatodea, Ephemeroptera, and Plecoptera) (state 0 for
825 *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 826 5. Insertion of scape on head capsule by a dicondylar articulation (acute lateral antennifer
827 and weaker median articulation point on head capsule): (0) present; (1) absent (a
828 dicondylar articulation occurs in modern Thysanoptera⁵³, Orthoptera, Phasmatodea,
829 and Thysanura⁵⁴⁻⁵⁶, while other insects have a ball-and-socket joint⁵⁶. Psocodea have a
830 single condyle or no condyle^{53,57}. While Heming⁵³ considered the dicondylar
831 articulation as derived in Thysanoptera, its presence in Thysanura, Orthoptera, and
832 Phasmatodea suggests it could be a plesiomorphy for the Insecta) (state 0 for
833 *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 834 6. Position of anterior tentorial pits: (0) frontal side of head; (1) shifted dorsally (the
835 anterior tentorial pits are absent in Anoplura and Rhynchophthirina, not considered

836 here; they are shifted dorsally in Hemiptera and modern Thysanoptera, but not in
837 Palaeozoic and Mesozoic Thripida^{11,58}) (state 0 for *Psocorrhyncha*)

838 7. Dorsal part of head with a sub-horizontal posterior part and a subvertical anterior part
839 bearing the ocelli: (0) no (Psocodea, Thripida); (1) yes (state '0' occurs in outgroups,
840 Psocodea and Thripida, state '1' occurs in Hemiptera: Fulgoromorpha⁵⁸⁻⁶⁰) (state 1 for
841 *Psocorrhyncha*)

842 8. Ocell-ocular distance < inter-ocellar distance: (0) no ; (1) yes (state '1' occurs in
843 those Hemiptera with a broad clypeo-frons⁶¹) (state 1 for *Psocorrhyncha*)

844 9. Clypeus divided by a furrow into ante- and postclypeus: (0) no; (1) yes (state '1' in
845 some Hemiptera (e.g. Cicadoidea) but not all (e.g Aphidoidea), Thripida, and some
846 Psocodea⁶²) (state 1 for *Psocorrhyncha*)

847 10. Postclypeus: (0) not very large and bulbous; (1) large, bulbous, with large cibarial
848 dilator muscles (this character state is currently assigned to the Acercaria⁶²⁻⁶³), but the
849 postclypeus is not as large and bulbous in the Palaeozoic or Mesozoic Thripida nec.
850 Thysanoptera as in Psocodea, extant Thysanoptera, and Hemiptera. Therefore the large
851 postclypeus of Psocodea, extant Thysanoptera and Hemiptera is certainly a
852 convergence. In Psocodea, the frons is well separated from the postclypeus, unlike in
853 modern Thysanoptera, and probably Hemiptera, although terminology for the latter
854 clade is controversial^{59,62,64}) (state 0 for *Psocorrhyncha*)

855 11. Paraclypeal lobes: (0) not separated and not distinct from median part of (ante)-
856 clypeus; (1) separated and distinct from median part of (ante)-clypeus (Presence of
857 two relatively sclerotized paraclypeal lobes⁶⁵ is an apomorphic character present in
858 recent and fossil Thripida⁵⁸. Hemiptera also have sclerotized sclerites in the same
859 position as the paraclypeal lobes of Thripida and of *Psocorrhyncha*. Some authors
860 confused the mandibular plate (lora) for paraclypeus (see⁵⁹ for summary of diverse

861 opinions). Spangenberg et al.⁶⁵ and Spangenberg⁶⁶ confirmed the opinion of Singh⁶⁷
862 about the fact that the paraclypeus of Hemiptera is a structure different from the
863 mandibular plate. In Coleorrhyncha⁶⁵, the paraclypeal lobes are visible in dorsal view,
864 placed laterally to the anterior part of the anteclypeus while mandibular plates are
865 visible only in lateral view; these structures are fused but separated internally by a
866 ‘distinct crescent-shaped apodeme’⁶⁵. In the aphidoidean *Stomaphis*, the paraclypeal
867 lobes are very broad structures (Fig. S13a). The clypeus of the Psocodea,
868 Hypoperlidae, and other Insecta is not clearly differentiated into paraclypeal lobes and
869 a median part. This character constitutes a potential synapomorphy of a clade
870 comprising Permopsocida, Thripida, and Hemiptera. *Stenopsocidium elongatum* could
871 also have two sclerotized paraclypeal lobes (Fig. S9a). Also *Dichentomum tinctum* has
872 two small rounded sclerites at the base of the labrum corresponding to paraclypeal
873 lobes, see Fig. S8a) (state 1 for *Psocorrhyncha*)

874 12. Median part of (ante)-clypeus: (0) not membraneous; (1) membraneous (state ‘1’ in
875 Thripida⁵⁸; a potential synapomorphy of Permopsocida and Thripida, modified in
876 Hemiptera in relation to the hyper-development of the clypeus) (state 1 for
877 *Psocorrhyncha*)

878 13. Labrum: (0) not elongate, less than two times longer than broad; (1) elongate, two
879 times longer than broad or more (state ‘1’ in Hemiptera and Thripida) (state 1 for
880 *Psocorrhyncha*)

881 14. Left mandible: (0) not stylet-like; (1) stylet-like (state ‘1’ in Hemiptera and Thripida)
882 (state 0 for *Psocorrhyncha*)

883 15. Right mandible: (0) not stylet-like; (1) stylet-like (state ‘1’ in Hemiptera; the elongate
884 mandibles with a broad base together with the elongate labrum in *Psocorrhyncha* fits
885 well with the “Hypothetical scheme of transformations of chewing mandibles into

886 stylets” proposed by Emeljanov³⁰, placing *Psocorrhyncha* between his steps “(1)”
887 (psocodean state) and “(2)”. Nevertheless the mandibles of Permopsocida are clearly
888 plesiomorphic compared to the stylet-like mandibles of Thripida and Hemiptera) (state
889 0 for *Psocorrhyncha*)

890 16. Right mandible: (0) present; (1) absent, mouthcone asymmetrical (state ‘1’ in
891 Thripida⁵¹) (state 0 for *Psocorrhyncha*)

892 17. Maxillary lacinia: (0) in direct contact with stipes; (1) not in direct contact with stipes,
893 probably independently movable (putative apomorphy of Acercaria¹¹, there is an
894 intermediate structure between the lacinia and the stipes in modern Thysanoptera)
895 (state 1 for *Psocorrhyncha*)

896 18. Lacinia: (0) with at least one subapical tooth; (1) without any subapical tooth (in
897 Orthoptera, Phasmatodea, Plecoptera, and Psocodea, the lacinia has at least one strong
898 subapical tooth, except in few Caeciliidae, while in Thripida and Hemiptera there is
899 only an acute apical tooth) (state 1 for *Psocorrhyncha*)

900 19. Lacinia: (0) distally broad; (1) stylet-like distally (a broadened distal part of lacinia is a
901 plesiomorphic character state present in Psocodea, compared to the acute and thin
902 lacinia of Thripida and Hemiptera⁵⁷; note the eucinetid beetle *Jentozkus plaumanni* has
903 stylet-like lacinia, plus galea) (state 0 for *Psocorrhyncha*)

904 20. Lacinia: (0) not elongate; (1) elongate (state ‘1’ in Acercaria, but elongate lacinia
905 cannot be considered as a strict synapomorphy of Acercaria because elongate lacinia
906 occur frequently when the head and mouthparts are elongate (e.g., the mecopteran
907 genus *Panorpodes*) (state 1 for *Psocorrhyncha*)

908 21. Cardo and stipes: (0) separated by a furrow; (1) fused (The cardo and stipes separated
909 by a furrow is a plesiomorphy relative to their fusion in Psocodea^{11,62}) (state 0 for
910 *Psocorrhyncha*)

911 22. Gena: (0) not subdivided into two parts, (1) subdivided into two parts by a strong
912 furrow (The gena is subdivided into two parts by a strong furrow in *Psocorrhyncha*.
913 Such a subdivision of the gena is absent in Psocodea and the Hypoperlidae, but visible
914 in *Dichentomum*. There is a controversy about the origin of the maxillary lobe of
915 Hemiptera of genal origin⁶⁸⁻⁶⁹, versus of appendicular origin (maxilla)^{64,66}. Duporte⁷⁰
916 proposed that the maxillary plate could be of composite origin, due to the fusion of
917 cardo and stipes, and that both latter in turn are fused with the genae and postgenae.
918 Presence of a posterior lobe of gena in *Psocorrhyncha* would support the hypothesis of
919 Bourgoin⁶⁸ because this taxon has a ‘normal’ maxilla not fused with the gena, and in
920 many Hemiptera there is continuity without any maxillary suture between the posterior
921 part of the gena and the maxillary plate. Nevertheless the problem will be really solved
922 using the tools of the genetic of the development. The anterior part of the gena is
923 currently called lora (for non-heteropteran Hemiptera), or mandibular plates (for
924 Heteroptera)^{65,68}. The mid Jurassic Permopsocida appear to also have a subdivision of
925 the gena (Fig. S5e). The Thripida have also a gena subdivided into a long mandibular
926 plate in lateral position in front of the base of the antenna plus a posterior part below
927 the eye (visible in the Cretaceous thripidan *Moundthrips* (Fig. S13b), and present in
928 the early nymphs of modern *Heliothrips* or *Haplothrips*⁷¹⁻⁷². A genal fissure is also
929 present in the modern Tubulifera⁷³. The anterior mandibular plate closes the
930 mouthcone laterally in *Moundthrips* (Fig. S13b), but it appears fused with the maxilla
931 in modern Thysanoptera. Emeljanov³⁰ proposed hypothetical stages of transformation
932 from the ‘psocodean’ head to the ‘hemipteran’ one, with two structures progressively
933 appearing and developing and corresponding to the mandibular and maybe the
934 maxillary lobes, but he misplaced these structures anteriorly to the gena) (state 1 for
935 *Psocorrhyncha*)

- 936 23. Maxillary palp: (0) five-segmented; (1) four-segmented, (2) less than four-segmented
937 (Hemiptera and Thripida have state '2') (state 1 for *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 938 24. Last maxillary palpomere: (0) inserted normally on penultimate; (1) inserted apically
939 on penultimate, penultimate cut obliquely at its apex (*Psocorrhyncha* unique
940 apomorphy)
- 941 25. Last maxillary palpomere: (0) without broad flat sensillar zone; (1) with broad flat
942 sensillar zone (*Psocorrhyncha* unique apomorphy, unknown in other Permopsocida)
- 943 26. Mentum: (0) not elongated; (1) elongated (state '0' in Psocodea and Hypoperlidae, the
944 mentum are not elongate; state '1' in Hemiptera and Thripida⁷⁴ (state 1 for
945 *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 946 27. Labial palps: (0) with more than two segments; (1) absent or strongly reduced
947 (Presence of three-segmented labial palps in *Psocorrhyncha* is plesiomorphic.
948 Psocodea and Thripida have labial palps one- or two-segmented, while they are lost in
949 Hemiptera) (state 0 for *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 950 28. Hypopharynx: (0) not expanded posteriorly; (1) expanded posteriorly (state '0' in
951 Psocodea, state '1' in Hemiptera, modern Thysanoptera, and at least in *Moundthrips*
952 among Mesozoic Thripida^{30,75}) (state unknown for *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 953 29. Cibarial water-vapour uptake apparatus: (0) absent; (1) present (state '1' in
954 Psocodea¹¹) (state unknown for *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 955 30. Pearman's organ on hind coxa: (0) absent; (1) present (state '1' Psocoptera excl.
956 Liposcelidae) (state unknown for *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 957 31. Number of tarsomeres (multistate): (0) five; (1) four; (2) three or less (five-segmented
958 tarsi in the ground plan of Pterygota; three-segmented tarsi in the ground plan of
959 Plecoptera, state '2' in Zoraptera, Psocodea, Thripida, and Hemiptera; five-segmented
960 tarsi in Hypoperlidae, four-segmented tarsi in Permopsocida; it is likely that reduction

- 961 in the number of tarsomeres occurred convergently in Zoraptera, Psocodea, and the
962 clade Thripida + Hemiptera) (state 1 for *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 963 32. Paired tarsal plantulae: (0) present; (1) absent (state '1' is a character of Eumetabola =
964 Acercaria + Holometabola; Beutel & Gorb⁷⁶ indicated the presence of 'euplantulae' in
965 some Mallophaga, but these are unpaired structure⁷⁷, probably non homologous⁷⁸ to
966 the euplantulae of the polyneoptera) (state 1 for *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 967 33. Claws: (0) not reduced in adult; (1) reduced in adult (state '1' in fossil and modern
968 Thripida) (state 0 for *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 969 34. Arolium: (0) broad and fleshy; (1) arolium broad but retractile; (2) arolium reduced,
970 only a pulvillus inserted at base of claw (state '0' in *Psocorrhyncha*, Xylelidae, many
971 Polyneoptera, Hemiptera; state '1' in Thripida⁵⁸; state '2' in Psocodea¹¹)
- 972 35. In wing articulation, humeral plate (HP) and basisubcostale (BSc): (0) separated; (1)
973 united (state '1' apomorphy of Acercaria⁷⁹) (state 1 for *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 974 36. In wing articulation, BSc and second axillary sclerite (2Ax): (0) separated; (1) fused
975 (state '1' in Hemiptera⁷⁹; state unknown in Thripida) (state 0 for *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 976 37. Fringe on posterior edge of wing: (0) absent; (1) present. (state '1' in Thripida⁷) (state
977 0 for *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 978 38. Forewings: (0) not more sclerotized than hind wings; (1) at least slightly more
979 sclerotized than hind wings (state '1' in some modern Hemiptera⁸) (state 0 for
980 *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 981 39. Wings: (0) hind wings not much smaller than forewings; (1) hind wings much smaller
982 than forewings (state '1' in Psocodea but also in Hemiptera: Aphidoidea⁸) (state 0 for
983 *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 984 40. A common stem R+M+CuA: (0) absent; (1) present (state '1' convergently present in
985 Archaeorthoptera and Acercaria^{7,23} (state 1 for *Psocorrhyncha*)

- 986 41. M (plus CuA if fused basally with radius) separates from R: (0) well distal of wing
987 base; (1) very close to wing base (state '1' is proper to the Psocodea, fossil and
988 modern, except some Troctomorpha⁷) (state 0 for *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 989 42. A neutral crossvein cua-cup between concave CuP and convex CuA, weaker than
990 CuA: (0) absent; (1) present (state '1' in Acercaria⁷) (state 1 for *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 991 43. Radial stem at point of re-emergence of CuA and M: (0) not displaying a pronounced
992 posterior angle; (1) displaying a strong posterior angle (Such an angle appears to be
993 present in the hemipteran ground plan, as it can be observed in Archescytinidae and
994 many Fulgoromorpha, but not in Psocodea or Thripida) (state 1 for *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 995 44. Areola postica: (0) absent; (1) present, longer than high; (2) present, higher than long
996 (States '1' or '2' in Acercaria, CuA-fork is reduced in Thripida and few Psocodea)
997 (state 2 for *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 998 45. Vein M: (0) forked into many branches; (1) forked twice into four branches M1-M2
999 and M3-M4; (2) forked into three pectinate branches (hemipteran ground plan?); (3)
1000 only forked once into two branches or less (State '1' in Permopsocida; the three states
1001 '1', '2', and '3' are present among various taxa in Psocodea and Hemiptera; state '3'
1002 in Thripida)
- 1003 46. RP: (0) forked; (1) unforked (State '1' in the majority of Hemiptera, but not all) (state
1004 0 for *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 1005 47. Pterostigma in forewing: (0) absent; (1) present but not limited by costal wing margin
1006 and vein RA, more sclerotized than rest of wing; (2) present, limited by costal wing
1007 margin and vein RA, more sclerotized than rest of wing (State '2' in psocodean
1008 ground plan; Thripida have no pterostigmata; Hemiptera have forewing pterostigmata
1009 in their ground plan, present in Archescytinidae and some Fulgoromorpha, Aphididae,
1010 etc.) (state 2 for *Psocorrhyncha*)

- 1011 48. Pterostigma in hind wing: (0) absent; (1) present but not limited by costal wing margin
1012 and vein RA, more sclerotized than rest of wing; (2) limited by costal wing margin
1013 and a deep posterior curve of vein RA, more sclerotized than rest of wing (State 2 for
1014 Permopsocida, autapomorphy; similar hind wing pterostigmata are also present in
1015 holometabolous Raphidioptera; Hemiptera Archescytinidae also have pterostigmata in
1016 their fore- and hind wings, but of different shape)
- 1017 49. Forewing ScP: (0) parallel to radius and fusing with it far from wing base; (1) fused
1018 with costa near wing base but re-emerging distally to end in radius; (2) fused with
1019 costa near wing base and not re-emerging (homoplastic character states as the two
1020 situations '0' and '2' can occur in the same family of Psocodea, and in different taxa
1021 of Permopsocida; state '1' occurs also in the psocodean family Lepidopsocidae but
1022 with ScP only fused for a short length with costa)
- 1023 50. Anal veins in fore wings: (0) more than two free anal veins; (1) two free anal veins or
1024 less (state '1' in Acercaria) (State 1 for *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 1025 51. Coupling of fore- and hind wings with stigmapophysis in rest (a blunt chitinous
1026 projection at base of pterostigma of forewing): (0) absent; (1) present (State '1' in
1027 winged Psocodea) (state 0 for *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 1028 52. Jugal 'bar': (0) absent; (1) present (State '1' in Eumetabola; definitely not present in
1029 Zoraptera according to Grimaldi & Engel⁶³ and Friedemann et al.¹¹; contra Wheeler et
1030 al.⁸⁰); not discernable in any of the studied fossils)
- 1031 53. Abdominal sternite 1: (0) present and fully developed; (1) reduced or absent (State '0'
1032 in Zoraptera; state '1' in modern Acercaria, except Thysanoptera; Friedemann et al.¹¹)
1033 (state 1 for *Psocorrhyncha*)
- 1034 54. Abdominal segment I: (0) not very narrow and reduced; (1) very narrow and reduced
1035 (Character state '1' present in all Permopsocida; the hypoperlid *Idelopsocus* has a

1036 narrow segment I but less narrow than in Permopsocida; nevertheless some Burmese
1037 amber specimens and extant Psocodea (e.g. *Lachesilla*) have a similar constriction,
1038 thus this character is subject to homoplasy in Acercaria)

1039 55. Female with reduced abdominal tergites IX and X (thripidan type): (0) no; (1) yes
1040 (state '1' in Thripida⁵⁸) (state 0 for *Psocorrhyncha*)

1041 56. Cerci: (0) long and multi-segmented; (1) short and one-segmented; (2) absent (State
1042 '1' in Zoraptera; state '2' in Acercaria, except in Hypoperlidae; in Hymenoptera there
1043 are 'cerci' but it is unclear if they belong to the 10th or the 11th segment⁸¹) (state 2 for
1044 *Psocorrhyncha*)

1045 57. Ovipositor: (0) present and well developed; (1) reduced, of psocodean type (State '1'
1046 Psocodea; state '0' in the ground plan of Thripida, a character described by
1047 Bourgoïn⁸². The female anal appendages of *Psocorrhyncha* are similar to those of
1048 Hemiptera: Fulgoromorpha of raking type⁸², viz. in the presence of gonapophyses VIII
1049 with a raking structure, gonapophyses IX weaker and less sclerotized and broad
1050 weakly sclerotized gonoplacs. These anal appendages do not correspond to female
1051 anal appendages of thripidan type⁵⁸ because *Psocorrhyncha* has reduced tergites IX
1052 and X. *Psocorrhyncha* differs from those of the female Psocodea in the strong
1053 gonapophyses VIII with raking apparatus⁶⁰)

1054 58. Female gonangulum: (0) not fused with tergum IX; (1) fused with tergum IX (State '1'
1055 in Acercaria; after Friedemann et al.¹¹, 'The gonangulum is fused with tergum IX in
1056 Acercaria and Odonata', and 'the situation is unknown for Enicocephalomorpha,
1057 Dipsocoromorpha, and Phthiraptera') (state unknown for *Psocorrhyncha*).

1058 59. Gonostyli: (0) present; (1) absent, lost (state '1' in Acercaria, Zoraptera, Embioptera)
1059 (state 1 for *Psocorrhyncha*)

1060 60. Male anal appendages more sclerotized, especially with large and strongly sclerotized
1061 spoon-like hypandrium: (0) yes; (1) no (State ‘1’ in modern Psocodea⁶⁰. The male anal
1062 appendages of *Psocorrhyncha* are more sclerotized than in modern Psocodea,
1063 especially in the presence of a large and strongly sclerotized spoon-like hypandrium)
1064 (state 0 for *Psocorrhyncha*)

1065 61. Abdominal ganglia: (0) more than two separate ganglia; (1) two separate ganglia; (2)
1066 one single ganglionic mass. Two separate abdominal ganglionic complexes are found
1067 in Zoraptera. A single ganglionic mass is a possible autapomorphy of Acercaria¹¹.

1068 62. Lateral hypopharyngeal arm (0) present; (1) absent. The lateral hypopharyngeal arm is
1069 absent in Psocodea and Zoraptera. It is present in Thysanoptera, Auchenorrhyncha,
1070 Aphidoidea, Psylloidea, Pentatomomorpha, Enicocephalomorpha, Dipsocoromorpha,
1071 and Coleorrhyncha. The situation is unknown for Aleyrodidae, and Coccoidea¹¹.

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1073 **Remark.** Grimaldi and Engel⁶³ proposed that the presence of abdominal trichobothria in
1074 winged forms is a synapomorphy of Acercaria. The most ‘basal’ extant Thysanoptera
1075 (Merothripidae, some Aeolothripidae) have a pair of trichobothria on the tergum X⁸³. The
1076 Psocodea have a trichobothrial field on the paraprocts⁸⁴, supposedly corresponding to a
1077 ‘reduced cercus’ of the segment XI. *Psocorrhyncha* has the same structure, at least in the
1078 female allotype. Hemiptera have no such trichobothrial field on their reduced paraprocts, and
1079 Thripida have no visible paraproct (as a remnant of segment XI). Many Hemiptera have pairs
1080 of trichobothria on several abdominal sternites. Therefore, there is no clear reason to consider
1081 diverse abdominal trichobothria are homologous between Psocodea, Hemiptera, and Thripida.
1082 Because of this ambiguity we preferred to not include the trichobothrial character proposed by
1083 Grimaldi and Engel⁶³ in our matrix.

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S4 Table. Data matrix of taxa and characters (continue)

| Taxa/Characters | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | |
|--------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|
| <i>Eusthenia</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| <i>Zorotypus</i> | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | ? | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Xyela</i> | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Hypoperla</i> | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | |
| <i>Idelopsocus</i> | 1 | 0 | 0 | ? | ? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ? | ? | ? | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | ? | ? | ? | |
| <i>Psocorrhyncha</i> | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | ? | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | ? | 1 | 0 | |
| <i>Archipsylla</i> | 1 | 0 | 0 | ? | ? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | ? | ? | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | ? | ? | ? | |
| <i>Dichentomum</i> | 1 | 0 | ? | ? | ? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | ? | ? | ? | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | ? | ? | ? | |
| <i>Permopsocus</i> | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | ? | ? | ? | 1 | ? | 2 | ? | ? | ? | 0 | |
| <i>Burmacompsocus</i> | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| <i>Libanomphientomum</i> | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| <i>Thrips</i> | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ? | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| <i>Moundthrips</i> | 1 | 1 | 1 | ? | ? | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| <i>Archescytina</i> | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | ? | ? | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | ? | ? | ? | |
| <i>Southia</i> | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| <i>Periplaneta</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | ? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ? | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

1110 **S5 Table. Comparison of species numbers in acercarian orders.**

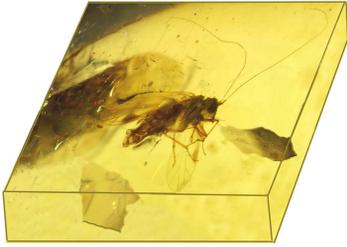
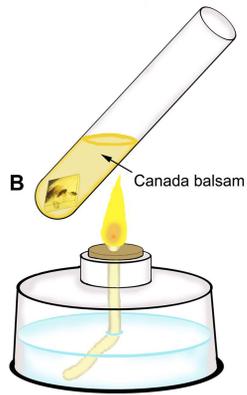
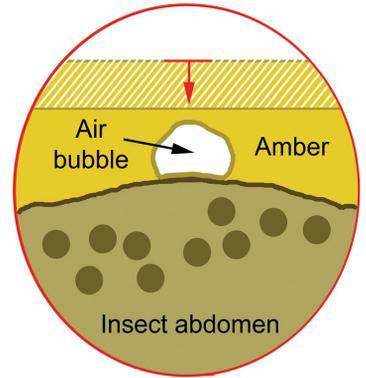
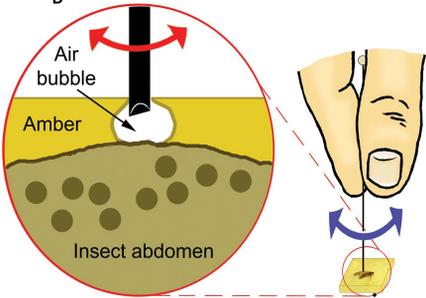
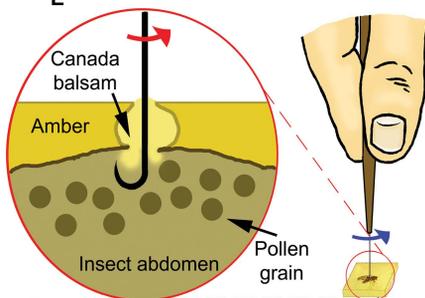
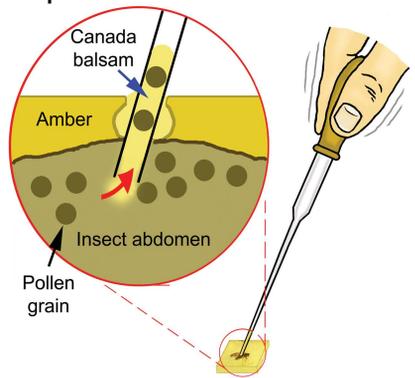
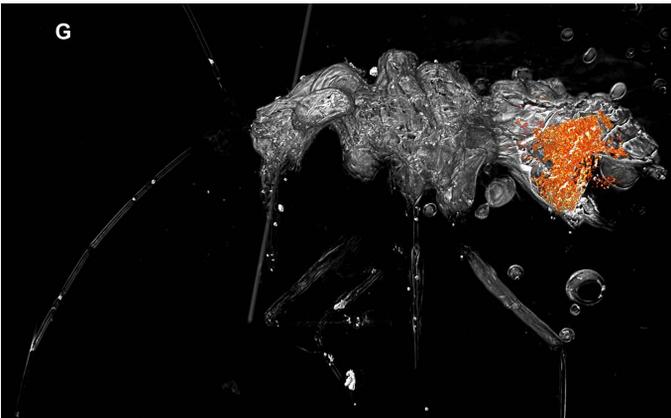
1111 Remark. Within Psocodea-Phthiraptera sucking-piercing mouthparts evolved at least three
 1112 times in convergence: in Anoplura and in the two humming bird parasites *Trochiloectes* and
 1113 *Ricinus* (= *Trochiliphagus*) *jimenezi* (Amblycera)⁸⁵.

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| Order | Stratigraphic range | Feeding mode | Species number |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Hypoperlidae | 307 mya – 254 mya | chewing | 13 |
| Psocodea | 315(–307) mya – Recent | chewing or sucking- piercing | 11.000 |
| Permopsocida | 290(–283) mya – 99 mya | chiseling | 25 |
| Thripida (incl. Thysanoptera) | 323(–315) mya – Recent | chiseling | 6.000 |
| Hemiptera | 315(–307) mya – Recent | sucking-piercing | 82.000 |

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