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Three new species of endogean Osoriini from southern Spain

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Summary

Three endogean species of the osoriine genus *Lusitanopsis* COIFFAIT, 1961 from southern Spain are described and illustrated: *L. andujari* sp. n. (Valencia: Sierra d'Aitana), *L. segurica* sp. n. (Castilla-La Mancha: Sierra de Segura), and *L. meybohmi* sp. n. (Andalucía: Sierra de Aracena). The distributions of these species are mapped. Additional records of *Geomitopsis franzi* COIFFAIT, 1978 from the Canary Islands are reported, including a first record from La Palma.

Key words

Coleoptera, Staphylinidae, Osoriinae, Palearctic region, Spain, taxonomy, new species, new records, endogean fauna

New species

Lusitanopsis andujari sp. n., *L. segurica* sp. n., *L. meybohmi* sp. n.

Zusammenfassung

Drei Arten der Gattung *Lusitanopsis* COIFFAIT, 1961 (Osoriinae) aus dem südlichen Spanien werden beschrieben und abgebildet: *L. andujari* sp. n. (Valencia: Sierra d'Aitana), *L. segurica* sp. n. (Castilla-La Mancha: Sierra de Segura) und *L. meybohmi* sp. n. (Andalucía: Sierra de Aracena). Die Verbreitung der Arten wird anhand einer Karte illustriert. Weitere Nachweise von *Geomitopsis franzi* COIFFAIT, 1978 von den Kanarischen Inseln werden mitgeteilt, darunter ein Erstnachweis von La Palma.

Introduction

Lusitanopsis COIFFAIT 1961 previously included seven species, all of them distributed in the Iberian peninsula and the Canary Islands (SMETANA 2004). According to COIFFAIT (1961), the genus is distinguished from its closest relatives, *Cylindropsis* FAUVEL, 1885 and *Bacillopsis* NORMAND, 1920, by its aedeagus being "d'un type différent et en version à 90° dans l'abdomen au repos", from the former additionally by the abdominal segment VII being approximately of similar length ("non ou à peine plus long") as the preceding segment (in *Cylindropsis* "nettement plus long"). The type species of *Lusitanopsis* is *L. douroensis* COIFFAIT, 1961 from the environs of Vila Real, Portugal.

Cylindropsis currently comprises nine species. Except for *Cylindropsis littoralis* COIFFAIT, 1969 from southern Portugal (Algarve), all other species are distributed in Italy and France, most of them in Corsica and Sardinia; the type species of *Cylindropsis*, *C. corsica* (FAUVEL, 1872), has been recorded from both Corsica and Sardinia.

In his seventh paper on endogean Osoriinae, COIFFAIT (1969) described one species of *Cylindropsis*, *C. littoralis*, and one of *Lusitanopsis*, *L. monchicus*, both from Algarve (southern Portugal). Remarkably, in the descriptions of both species it is stated that the abdominal segment VII is "une fois et demie plus long que les segments antérieurs", although in the key supplement given by COIFFAIT (1961) the relative length of the abdominal segment VII is the only character separating *Lusitanopsis* from *Cylindropsis*. Since 1969, at which time four species of *Lusitanopsis* were known, three additional species have been described.

The seventh species of *Lusitanopsis*, *L. tenerifensis* from Tenerife, Canary Islands, was described by OUTERELO (1990), who compiled illustrations of the aedeagi of all known representatives of the genus, partly copied from Coiffait's papers. A comparison of the figures presented by COIFFAIT (e. g. 1961, 1969) and OUTERELO (1990) shows that the aedeagi of *Lusitanopsis* are all of a similar type. The aedeagus of the type species of *Cylindropsis* is illustrated by COIFFAIT (1955). There is little doubt that, if *Lusitanopsis* and *Cylindropsis* are really distinct genera (of which there is considerable doubt), *Cylindropsis littoralis* will have to be transferred to *Lusitanopsis*. First, the aedeagus is of the same type as that of other *Lusitanopsis* species. Second, the aedeagi of *C. littoralis* and *L. tenerifensis* are practically identical, and finally, closer affiliations of *C. littoralis* to *Lusitanopsis* species than to other representatives of *Cylindropsis* would also seem more plausible in view of the zoogeography of both genera (see above). Whether or not this species is conspecific with *L. tenerifensis* will have to be clarified based on an examination of types. It would not be surprising if *L. tenerifensis* turned out to be a recently introduced species. A colonisation of the Canary Islands by an endogean species would not seem very likely, and there are numerous examples of introductions of endogean insects with plant material and soil.

Apart from *Lusitanopsis*, only two other genera of endogean Osoriini are present in Spain, *Bacillopsis* (with one species from Mallorca) and *Typhlosorius* COIFFAIT, 1958 (originally described as a subgenus of *Cylindropsis*), with two species from Iviza and Castellón, respectively, and one from Alicante and Valencia; for illustrations of the aedeagus and other characters of the type species of *Typhlosorius*, *T. torressalai* (COIFFAIT, 1958), see COIFFAIT (1958). There are considerable doubts if the status of *Typhlosorius* as a distinct genus (or subgenus) is justified. According to COIFFAIT (1958), the taxon is distinguished from *Cylindropsis* by the absence of lateral carinae on the pronotum and the elytra. However, a comparison of some species of *Lusitanopsis* from southern Spain revealed a high degree of interspecific variation regarding this character. In some species the elytral carinae are pronounced and stretching over the full length of the elytra, in others they are reduced to fine rudiments at the humeral angles, suggesting that the complete reduction is an expression of intrageneric rather than intergeneric variation.

The present paper is mainly based on material collected by Carmelo Andújar, who has recently begun to investigate the endogean beetle fauna, primarily Anillini (Carabidae), of Murcia and adjacent areas by soil-washing. In the course of his studies, he not only discovered two of the Osoriini described below, but also undescribed species of Leptotyphlinae and Aleocharinae (ASSING, in press).

Material and methods

The material referred to in this study is deposited in the following collections:

cAnd	private collection Carmelo Andújar, Murcia
cAss	author's private collection
cGar	private collection Rafael García Becerra, Santa Cruz de La Palma

The morphological studies were carried out using a Stemi SV 11 microscope (Zeiss Germany) and a Jenalab compound microscope (Carl Zeiss Jena) with a drawing tube. For the photographs a digital camera (Nikon Coolpix 995) was used.

Elytral length was measured at the suture from the apex of the scutellum to the posterior margin of the elytra.

The map was generated using the online generic mapping tool (GMT) of the Geomar website at www.aquarius.ifm-geomar.de/omc.

Species descriptions and additional records

Lusitanopsis andujari sp. n. (Figs 1-4, Map 1)

Type material:

Holotype ♂: E - Alicante [11], Sierra d'Aitana, ca. 8 km N Sella, 1390 m, 38°39'09N, 00°16'02W, 28.III.2007, C. Andújar / Holotypus ♂ *Lusitanopsis andujari* sp. n. det. V. Assing 2007 (cAss). Paratypes: 3 ♂♂, 6 ♀♀: same data as holotype (cAnd, cAss).

Description:

2.3-2.6 mm. Coloration uniformly reddish.

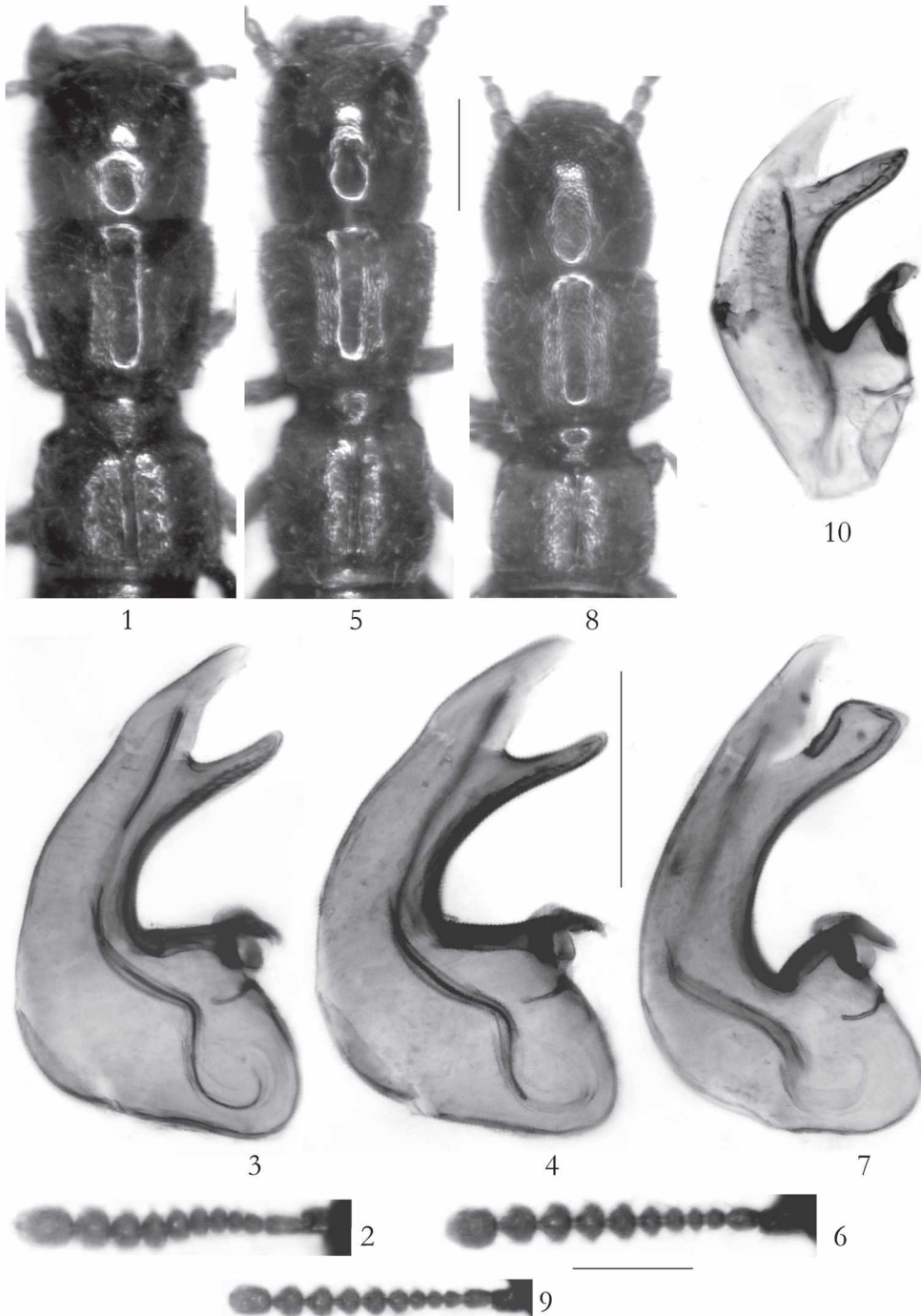
Head with extremely fine puncturation; microreticulation rather distinct in anterior and lateral areas, and very shallow to almost obsolete in median dorsal area (Fig. 1). Eyes completely reduced. Antenna (Fig. 2) with antennomere I short, slender, and moderately flattened; II small, narrower than I; III approximately as long as wide, IV distinctly transverse; IV-VI increasingly transverse and of gradually increasing width; VII distinctly larger than VI; VII-XI forming a moderately distinct club.

Pronotum approximately 1.05 times as wide as head and 1.1 times as wide as long, widest near anterior angles; lateral margins converging in straight or weakly convex line posteriad in dorsal view, anterior margin 1.35-1.40 times as wide as posterior margin (Fig. 1); lateral margins without carinae; disc with two median rows of 6-8 punctures; area between these rows impunctate, with or without shallow traces of microsculpture; lateral areas with distinct microreticulation.

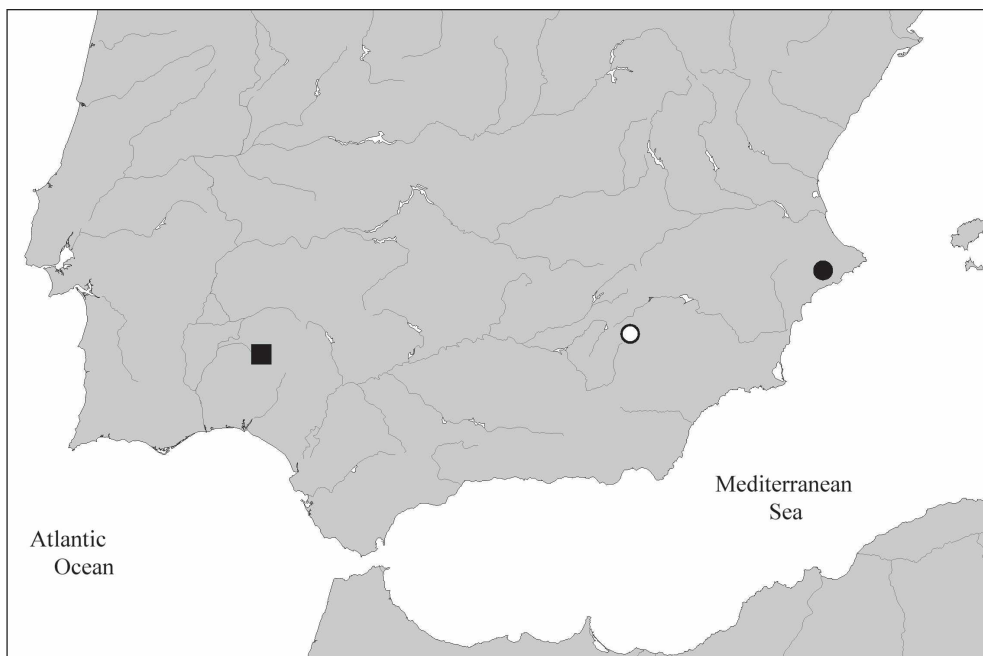
Elytra as wide as or slightly narrower than pronotum, at suture 0.63-0.70 times as long as pronotum; shape (of both elytra combined) transversely rectangular; anterior 1/4 of lateral margins distinctly carinate, this carina distinctly dilated at humeral angles and clearly visible from above, humeral angles well-marked (Fig. 1); surface with shallow, but distinct microreticulation and with extremely fine (barely noticeable) sparse puncturation. Hind wings completely reduced.

Abdomen 1.05-1.10 times as wide as elytra, widest at segment VII; microsculpture of segments III-VII more pronounced than that of forebody, composed of relatively large and more or less isodiametric meshes.

♂: aedeagus as in Figs 3-4.



Figs 1-10: *Lusitanopsis andujari* sp. n. (1-4), *L. securica* sp. n. (5-7), and *L. meybohmi* sp. n. (8-10): forebody (1, 5, 8); antenna (2, 6, 9); aedeagus in lateral view (3-4, 7, 10). Scale bars: 1-2, 5-6, 8-9: 0.2 mm; 3-4, 7, 10: 0.1 mm.



Map 1: Distributions of *Lusitanopsis andujari* sp. n. (filled circle), *L. segurica* sp. n. (open circle), and *L. meyhohmi* sp. n. (square) in southern Spain.

Etymology: The species is dedicated to my friend Carmelo Andújar, a most enthusiastic collector of endogean beetles, to whom I am grateful for the generous gift of most of the type specimens.

Comparative notes:

The new species is separated from all its congeners especially by the distinctive shape of the aedeagus (lateral view). From *Typhlosorius torressalai*, the only other species of Osoriini known from Alicante, it is distinguished by the presence of pronounced lateral carinae in the anterior half of the elytra and by the different shape of the aedeagus. For illustrations of *Typhlosorius torressalai* see COIFFAIT (1958). For illustrations of the aedeagi of other endogean Osoriini from the Iberian peninsula see COIFFAIT (1958, 1961, 1965, 1969) and OUTERELO (1990).

Distribution and bionomics:

The type locality is not far from the peak of the Sierra d'Aitana near Alicante (Map 1), at an altitude of almost 1400 m. The types were collected by washing soil from a rocky pasture and from a north slope in the shade of big rocks.

Lusitanopsis segurica sp. n. (Figs 5-7, Map 1)

Type material:

Holotype ♂: E - Castilla-La Mancha, Sierra de Segura, 20 km WSW Nerpio, 1490 m, 38°04'02N, 02°30'14W, 17.XII.2005, C. Andújar / Holotypus ♂ *Lusitanopsis segurica* sp. n. det. V. Assing 2007 (cAss). Paratype ♂: same data as holotype (cAss).

Description:

2.5-2.6 mm. Coloration uniformly reddish.

Head as in *L. andujari* (Fig. 5), but with antenna of different morphology (Fig. 6): antennomere I larger, distinctly flattened, and of subrectangular shape; II large, almost as wide as I; antennomere III wider than long.

Pronotum of similar shape and relative size as in *L. andujari*; dorsal rows composed of 5-6 punctures; area between these rows almost completely without microreticulation (Fig. 5).

Elytra narrow, 0.90-0.95 times as wide and at suture 0.75-0.80 times as long as pronotum; shape (of both elytra combined) not distinctly transversely rectangular, lateral margins weakly convex in dorsal view; at humeral angles only with narrow rudiment of carina; humeral angles weakly marked (Fig. 5); surface with distinct microreticulation and with sparse, relatively coarse punctures. Hind wings completely reduced.

Abdomen 1.15-1.20 times as wide as elytra, widest at segment VII; microsculpture of segments III-VII similar to that of *L. andujari*.

♂: aedeagus as in Fig. 7.

Etymology: The name (adj.) is derived from the mountain range where the type locality is situated.

Comparative notes:

The new species is characterised especially by the shape of the aedeagus. From the preceding species, it is additionally separated by the morphology of the antennae, the differently shaped elytra (distinctly more slender and not of transversely rectangular shape), and the much less pronounced carinae at the weakly marked humeral angles (see description). For references to figures of the aedeagi of other endogean Osoriini occurring in the Iberian Peninsula see the comparative notes in the section on *L. andujari*.

Distribution and bionomics:

The type locality is situated in the eastern parts of the Sierra de Segura (Map 1). The specimens were collected by soilwashing in a mixed forest with walnut and other deciduous trees near a stream at an altitude of almost 1500 m.

***Lusitanopsis meybohmii* sp. n.** (Figs 8-10, Map 1)

Type material:

Holotype ♂: N37°53', W006°46', E Andalusien, Sierra de Aracena, 910 m, Meybohm, 5.4.2001 / Holotypus ♂ *Lusitanopsis meybohmii* sp. n. det. V. Assing 2007 (cAss).

Description:

2.1 mm. Coloration reddish brown, legs and antennae dark yellowish.

Head as in *L. andujari*, but with pronounced microreticulation everywhere (Fig. 8) and antenna of different morphology (Fig. 9): antennomere I larger, distinctly flattened, and of subrectangular shape; II distinctly narrower than I; size of VI intermediate between that of V and VII, i. e. antennal club less distinctly separated from base of antenna.

Pronotum approximately as wide as head and 1.15 times as wide as long; anterior 2/3 of lateral margins subparallel and posterior 1/3 distinctly converging (Fig. 8); dorsal rows composed of

approximately 5 punctures; area between dorsal rows with pronounced microreticulation (similar to that of lateral parts).

Elytra of similar shape as in *L. andujari*, 0.93 times as wide and 0.65 times as long as pronotum, and of transversely rectangular shape (Fig. 8); whole length of lateral margins finely carinate (visible also when viewed from above); surface with shallow, but distinct microsculpture and rather fine puncturation. Hind wings completely reduced.

Abdomen 1.13 times as wide as elytra, widest at segment VII; microsculpture of segments III-VII similar to that of *L. andujari*.

♂: aedeagus as in Fig. 10.

Etymology: The species is dedicated to Heinrich Meybohm, Großhansdorf, who collected the holotype while looking for Scydmaenidae.

Comparative notes:

Lusitanopsis meyhohmi is distinguished from its congeners especially by the shape of the aedeagus. From the two preceding species, it is additionally separated by the pronounced microsculpture in the central dorsal area of the head and in the area between the dorsal rows of punctures on the pronotum, the antennal morphology (see description above), the shape of the pronotum (lateral margins abruptly converging in posterior 1/3 in dorsal view), and the long fine carina at the lateral margins of the elytra. From *L. securica*, it is also distinguished by the broader and transversely rectangular elytra.

Distribution and bionomics:

The holotype was discovered near the Mirador San Cristobal in the Sierra de Aracena (Huelva, near Cortegana in western Andalucía) by sifting soil in the shade of big rocks at an altitude of 910 m (MEYBOHM pers. comm.).

Geomitopsis franzi COIFFAIT, 1978

Material examined:

Canary Islands: Tenerife: 1 ex., Anaga, Chinobre, 850 m, 13.IV.1992, leg. Assing (cAss); 1 ex., Anaga, 6 km E El Bailadero, near Chinobre, 900 m, sifted, 10.II.1999, leg. Lehmann (cAss); 1 ex., Vueltas Taganana, 5.III.1985, leg. Oromí (cAss); 1 ex., Zapato, 20.II.1990, leg. Oromí (cAss). La Palma: 4 exs., Bco. Pinosos, 10.VI.2005, leg. García (cGar, cAss).

Comment:

This Canarian endemic was previously known only from Gran Canaria and Tenerife (MACHADO & OROMÍ 2000). It is here reported from La Palma for the first time.

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