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# The genus *Anomalon* Panzer (Hymenoptera: Ichneumonidae: Anomaloninae) of Iran, with description of a new species

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**Abstract.** The Iranian species of the genus *Anomalon* Panzer, 1804 (Hymenoptera: Ichneumonidae: Anomaloninae) are reviewed. Four species, *Anomalon amseli* (Hedwig, 1961), *A. chinense* (Kokujev, 1915), *A. cruentatum* (Geoffroy, 1785) and *A. narinae* Zardouei & Rakhshani sp. nov., are found to occur in Iran. The female of *A. amseli* is described for the first time. *Anomalon chinense* is a new record for Iran. A key to the known *Anomalon* species of Iran is provided.

**Keywords.** *Anomalon*, parasitoids, new species, new records, taxonomy, key.

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## Introduction

The Anomaloninae Viereck, 1918 is one of the relatively diverse subfamilies of Ichneumonidae Latreille, 1802, distributed worldwide (Townes 1971; Dasch 1984). Gauld (1976) recognized in this subfamily two tribes, Therionini Viereck, 1918 (= Gravenhorstiini Enderlein, 1912) and Anomalonini Viereck, 1918. The Anomalonini is represented by a single genus *Anomalon* Panzer, 1804, containing primary parasitoids of Coleoptera Linnaeus, 1758 (Tenebrionidae Latreille, 1802 and Elateridae Leach, 1815) (Townes 1971; Gauld 1976; Gauld & Mitchell 1977) and Lepidoptera Linnaeus, 1758 (Noctuidae Latreille, 1809 and Tortricidae Latreille, 1803) (Dasch 1984) larvae. According to the most recent monograph on Ichneumonidae (Broad *et al.* 2018), it remains unresolved as to whether species of *Anomalon* are parasitoids of either Coleoptera, Lepidoptera or both, i.e., there is no reliable host records

for the genus. *Anomalon* is a cosmopolitan genus, but most of the species are known mainly from tropical and subtropical regions (Gauld *et al.* 1997). About 97 species of *Anomalon* have been described worldwide, of which 21 species are distributed in the Palaearctic region (Yu *et al.* 2016).

Up to now, our knowledge on the genus *Anomalon* in Iran was limited to records of two species, *A. amseli* (Hedwig, 1961) and *A. cruentatum* (Geoffroy, 1785) (Masnadi-Yazdinejad & Jussila 2009; Zarepour *et al.* 2009; Barahoei *et al.* 2012, 2014, 2015; Hooshyar *et al.* 2014). Iran is the second largest country after Saudi Arabia in the Middle East (Abrahamian 1979), which includes a variety of habitats within the wide range of altitudinal zonation (-28 m to 5600 m above mean sea level), climate types (humid to arid) and temperatures (from -35°C to 70°C), which have led to a high level of biodiversity (Hedge & Wendelbo 1978). Despite the recent faunistic and taxonomic works on Iranian Ichneumonidae (Shirzadegan *et al.* 2018; Riedel *et al.* 2018, 2019a, 2019b; Zardoue Heydari *et al.* 2019), many parts of the country remains unexplored or poorly studied. This paper is devoted to a taxonomic review of the genus *Anomalon* in various regions of the country, mainly in the western and eastern areas, to partly fill the gap in our knowledge about occurrence of this genus within these poorly explored areas.

## Material and methods

The specimens of *Anomalon* examined in this study were collected from 2012 to 2016 in various regions of Iran using Malaise Traps, sweep nets and pan traps. The sampling localities are situated in the South East (Kerman, Sistan-o Baluchestan), North East (Khorasan-e Razavi, North Khorasan), East (South Khorasan), Central (Isfahan) and Western (Kermanshah) Provinces of Iran (Fig. 1). Various habitats including agroecosystems, forests and orchards were selected for sampling. The collected specimens were preserved in 75% ethanol and subsequently treated according to the AXA method (van Achterberg 2009). The dried specimens were point mounted on triangular card and labeled. The external morphology of specimens was studied under a Nikon® SZM645 stereo microscope. Measurements were made with an ocular micrometer mounted on the stereo microscope. Specimens were identified using the keys compiled by Atanasov (1981), Gauld (1978, 1980), Gauld & Mitchell (1977) and Schnee (2014). Morphological terminology follows Townes (1969) and sculpture terminology follows Harris (1979). Nomenclature systems of Goulet & Huber (1993) and Gauld (1991) were used for wing veins and

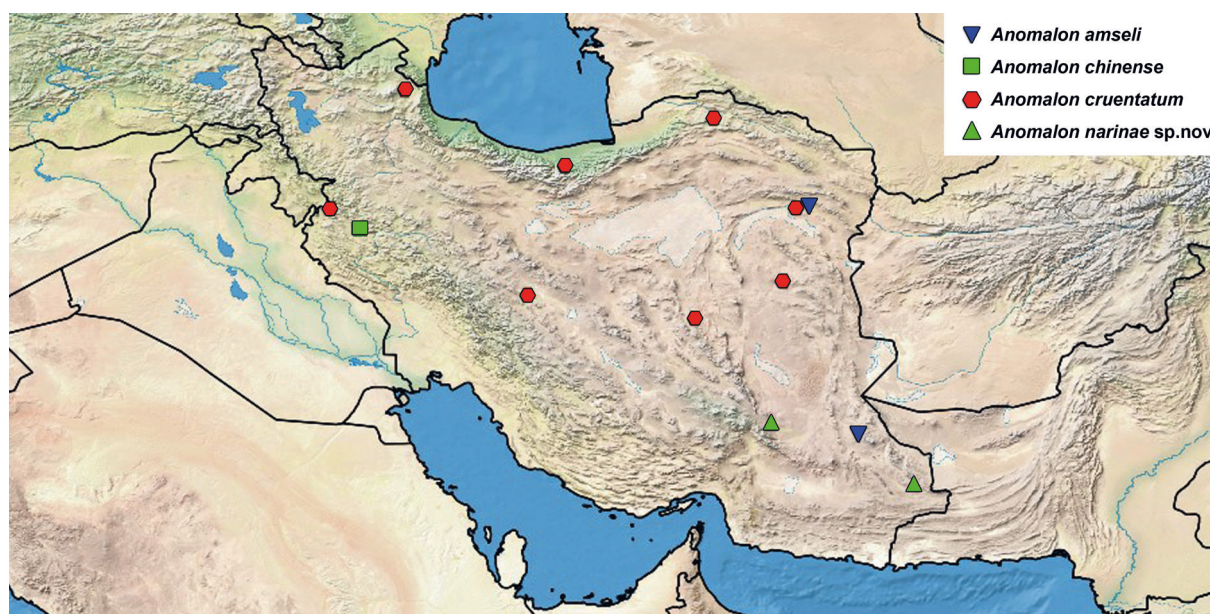


Fig. 1. Distribution map of the known species of *Anomalon* Panzer, 1804 in Iran.

wing cells, respectively. Images of the specimens were taken with a digital camera Canon® EOS 700D mounted on a Hund® Wetzlar stereo microscope and processed by Zerene Stacker ver. 1.04 and Adobe® Photoshop CS5. The specimens examined in this study are deposited in the collection of the Department of Plant Protection, University of Zabol, Iran (DPPZ). General distribution of species follows Yu *et al.* (2016) and is categorized according to the biogeographical zonation proposed by Holzenthal *et al.* (2015). The distribution map of species of *Anomalon* in Iran was generated using SimpleMappr (Shorthouse 2010) (Fig. 1).

## Results

### *Taxonomic account*

Family Ichneumonidae Latreille, 1802  
Subfamily Anomaloninae Viereck, 1918  
Tribe Anomalonini Viereck, 1918

Genus *Anomalon* Panzer, 1804

### Diagnosis

The species of *Anomalon* can easily be recognized from other Anomaloninae by the combination of the following morphological features: notaulus indistinct, represented by a rugose area; fore wing with *r-m* joining 2/*M* distal to 2*m-cu*; hind wing with distal abscissa of 2/*Cu* entirely absent; epipleurum of third metasomal tergite separated by a crease just below the spiracle; mid tibia with a single apical spur.

*Anomalon amseli* (Hedwig, 1961)

Figs 2–3

*Microcremastus amseli* Hedwig, 1961: 292.

### Material examined

IRAN – Sistan-o Baluchestan Province • 1 ♀; Khash, Chah-nali; 28°46'41" N, 60°46'44" E; 2124 m a.s.l.; 16 May 2012; H. Barahoei leg.; swept on *Medicago sativa*; DPPZ.

### Description

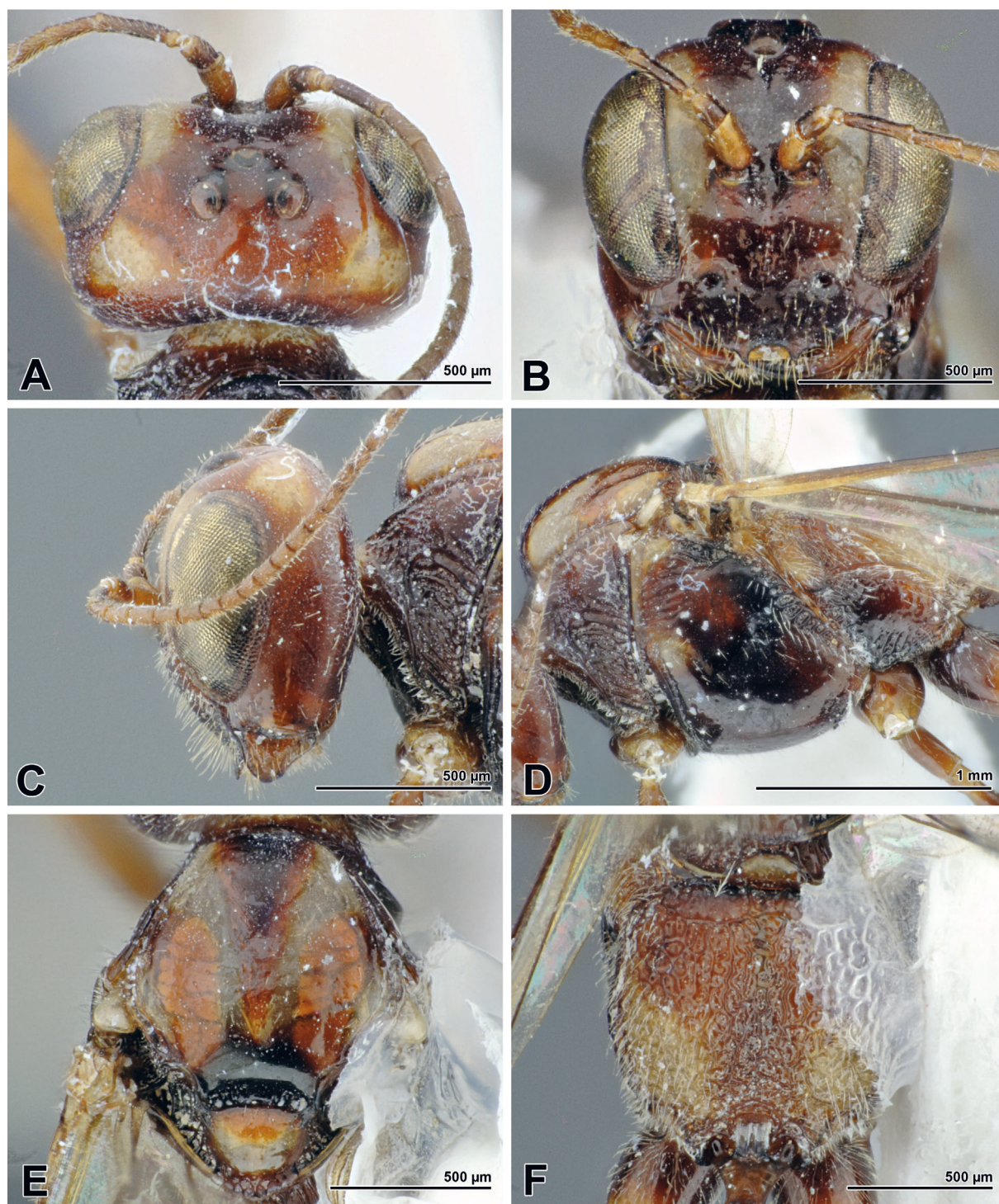
#### Female

SIZE. Body length 8.5 mm, fore wing 4.5 mm, ovipositor sheath 1.8 mm (Fig. 3B).

COLOUR. Body generally brown (Fig. 3B); inner eye orbits, stripes between median and lateral lobes of mesoscutum, scutellum apically, propodeum lateroapically, fore leg, hind coxa and hind femur apically, hind tibia basally, first metasomal tergite anteriorly and posteriorly, and narrow stripe on posterior margin of second metasomal tergite yellowish.

HEAD. Antenna with 18 flagellomeres. Occipital carina dorsomedially narrowly interrupted, its lower part not sinuate and reaching base of mandible. Ocelli very small, diameter of lateral ocellus shorter than distance between lateral ocellus and margin of eye (Fig. 2A). Frons slightly concave, smooth and polished, without median vertical ridge. Clypeus weakly and very sparsely punctate, its width  $3.0 \times$  its height, its apical margin rounded and with a pair of distinct lateromedian teeth, quite distant from each other. Inner eye orbits weakly convergent ventrally. Malar space about  $0.3 \times$  basal mandibular width. Upper tooth of mandible longer than lower tooth. Face elongate, distance between eyes across clypeal fovea about  $1.7 \times$  as wide as its length from antennal insertion to median apex of clypeal margin (Fig. 2B). Temple wide, not constricted behind eyes, about  $0.9 \times$  as wide as compound eye in lateral view (Fig. 2C).

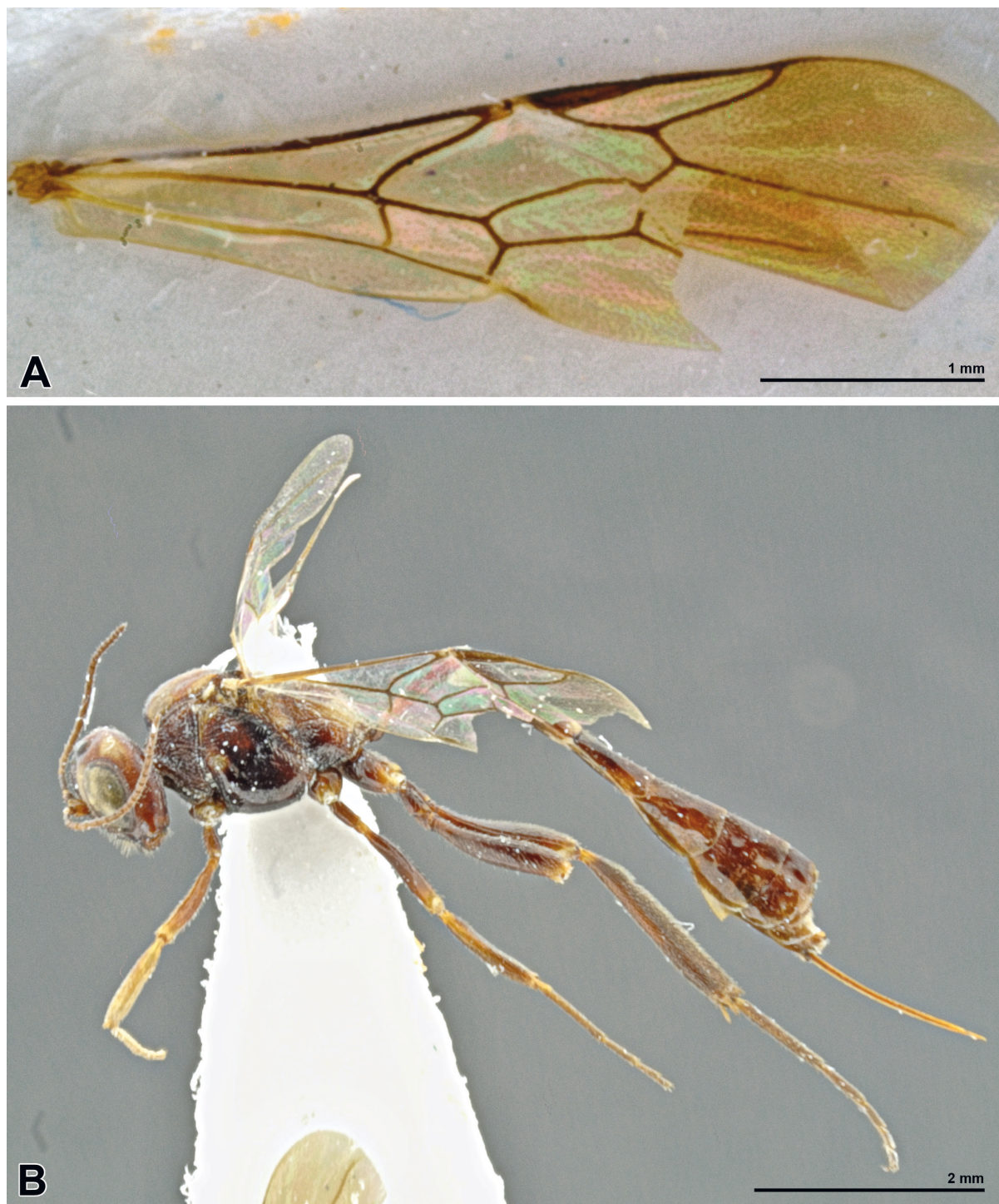




**Fig. 2.** *Anomalon amseli* (Hedwig, 1961), ♀, DPPZ. **A.** Head, dorsal view. **B.** Head, frontal view. **C.** Head, lateral view. **D.** Mesosoma, lateral view. **E.** Mesoscutum, dorsal view. **F.** Propodeum, dorsal view.



MESOSOMA. Pronotum striate, with small impunctate area behind epomia (Fig. 2D). Epomia weak, not reaching dorsal pronotal margin. Mesopleuron polished and impunctate. Epicnemal carina at level of sternaulus not broken (without branch to lower posterior corner of pronotum). Metapleuron polished and impunctate centrally. Mesoscutum polished (Fig. 2E). Scutellum polished. Propodeum reticulate-rugose (Fig. 2F). Fore wing with *r-rs* weakly curved near pterostigma. Marginal cell about as long as its distance from end of wing (Fig. 3A).



**Fig. 3.** *Anomalon amseli* (Hedwig, 1961), ♀, DPPZ. **A.** Fore wing. **B.** Habitus, lateral view.

**METASOMA.** First tergite  $0.8 \times$  as long as second tergite. Second tergite  $1.6 \times$  as long as third tergite. Sclerotized part of first sternite extending to the posterior third of the segment. Postpetiole very weakly convex. Spiracle circular, very small. Ovipositor weakly up-curved, with distinct subapical notch. Ovipositor sheath about  $1.6 \times$  as long as hind tibia.

### General distribution

Palearctic: Iran, Afghanistan.

### Distribution in Iran

Khorasan-e Razavi (Masnadi-Yazdinejad & Jussila 2009) and Sistan-o Baluchestan Provinces (present study).

### *Anomalon chinense* (Kokujev, 1915)

Figs 4–5

*Nototrachys chinensis* Kokujev, 1915: 536.

### Material examined

IRAN – **Kermanshah Province** • 1 ♀; Ghazanchi; 34°27'53" N, 47°00'38" E; 1303 m a.s.l.; 2–16 Oct. 2016; M. Zardouei Heydari leg.; Malaise Trap in garden; DPPZ • 3 ♀♀; Harsin; 34°19'07" N, 47°26'13" E; 1324 m a.s.l.; 1 Aug.–14 Sep. 2016; M. Zardouei Heydari leg.; Malaise Trap in orchard no 2; DPPZ.

### Description

#### Female

**SIZE.** Body length 9.0–9.5 mm, fore wing 4.0–4.3 mm, ovipositor sheath 2.4–2.6 mm (Fig. 5B).

**COLOUR.** Body yellow; flagellomeres, mesosternum, anterior margin of metapleuron, mandibular teeth, hind trochanter and trochantellus black. Clypeus, first flagellomere of antenna, median and lateral lobes of mesoscutum, two spots on propodeum, base of hind coxa, hind femur, hind tibia and hind tarsus yellowish-brown. Frontal orbit pink. First and second metasomal tergites anteriorly brownish with narrow yellowish band on posterior margins. Third tergite brownish, tergites 4–7 brownish anteriorly and yellowish on posterior margins (Fig. 5B).

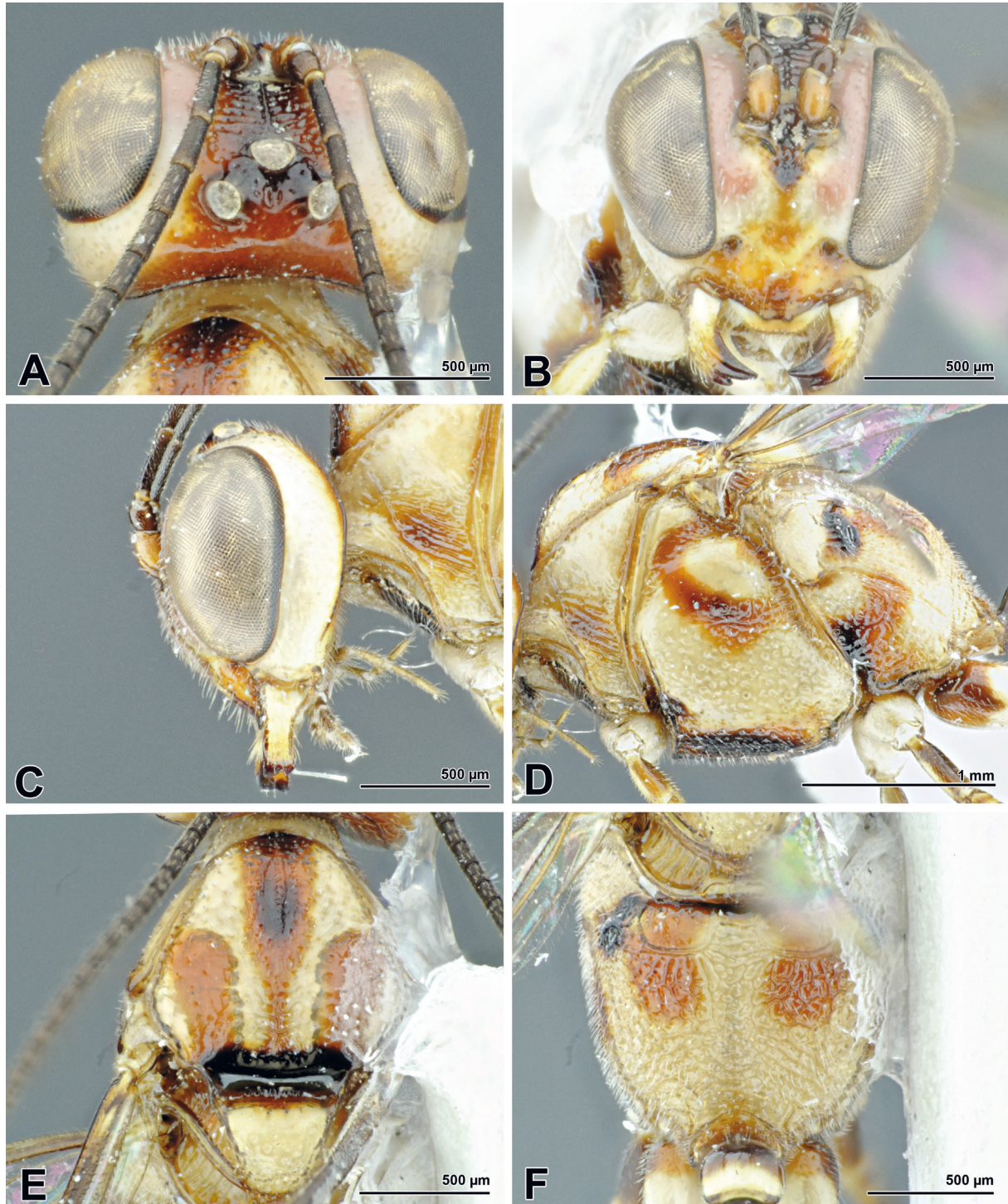
**HEAD.** Antenna with 22–24 flagellomeres. Ocelli small, diameter of lateral ocellus shorter than distance between lateral ocellus and margin of the eye (Fig. 4A). Frons not rugose, with distinct median vertical ridge, long transverse striae beside median vertical ridge. Clypeus width  $2.0 \times$  its height, with a pair of rather small lateromedian apical teeth that are very close together. Inner eye orbits convergent ventrally. Lower part of face not elongate, width between eyes across clypeal suture about  $1.2 \times$  length from antennal insertion to median apex of clypeal margin (Fig. 4B). Temple not swollen in middle, constricted behind eyes, about  $0.53 \times$  as wide as compound eye in lateral view (Fig. 4C).

**MESOSOMA.** Pronotum with large impunctate area behind epomia. Epomia strong, upper end of epomia reaching dorsal pronotal margin. Mesopleuron punctate (Fig. 4D). Epicnemial carina not broken at level of sternaulus (without branch to lower posterior corner of pronotum). Metapleuron rugose. Mesoscutum rugose on median lobe and anterior part of lateral lobes, with punctures on posterior area of lateral lobes (Fig. 4E). Scutellum rugose. Propodeum reticulate-rugose (Fig. 4F). Fore wing with *r-rs* weakly curved near pterostigma. Marginal cell length about  $2.0 \times$  its distance from end of wing (Fig. 5A).

**METASOMA.** First tergite  $0.9 \times$  as long as second tergite. Second tergite  $1.3 \times$  as long as third tergite. Sclerotized part of first sternite extending to posterior third of segment. Postpetiole convex. Spiracle



circular, small. Ovipositor weakly down-curved, with distinct subapical notch. Ovipositor sheath about  $1.1 \times$  as long as hind tibia.



**Fig. 4.** *Anomalon chinense* (Kokujev, 1915), ♀, DPPZ. A. Head, dorsal view. B. Head, frontal view. C. Head, lateral view. D. Mesosoma, lateral view. E. Mesoscutum, dorsal view. F. Propodeum, dorsal view.

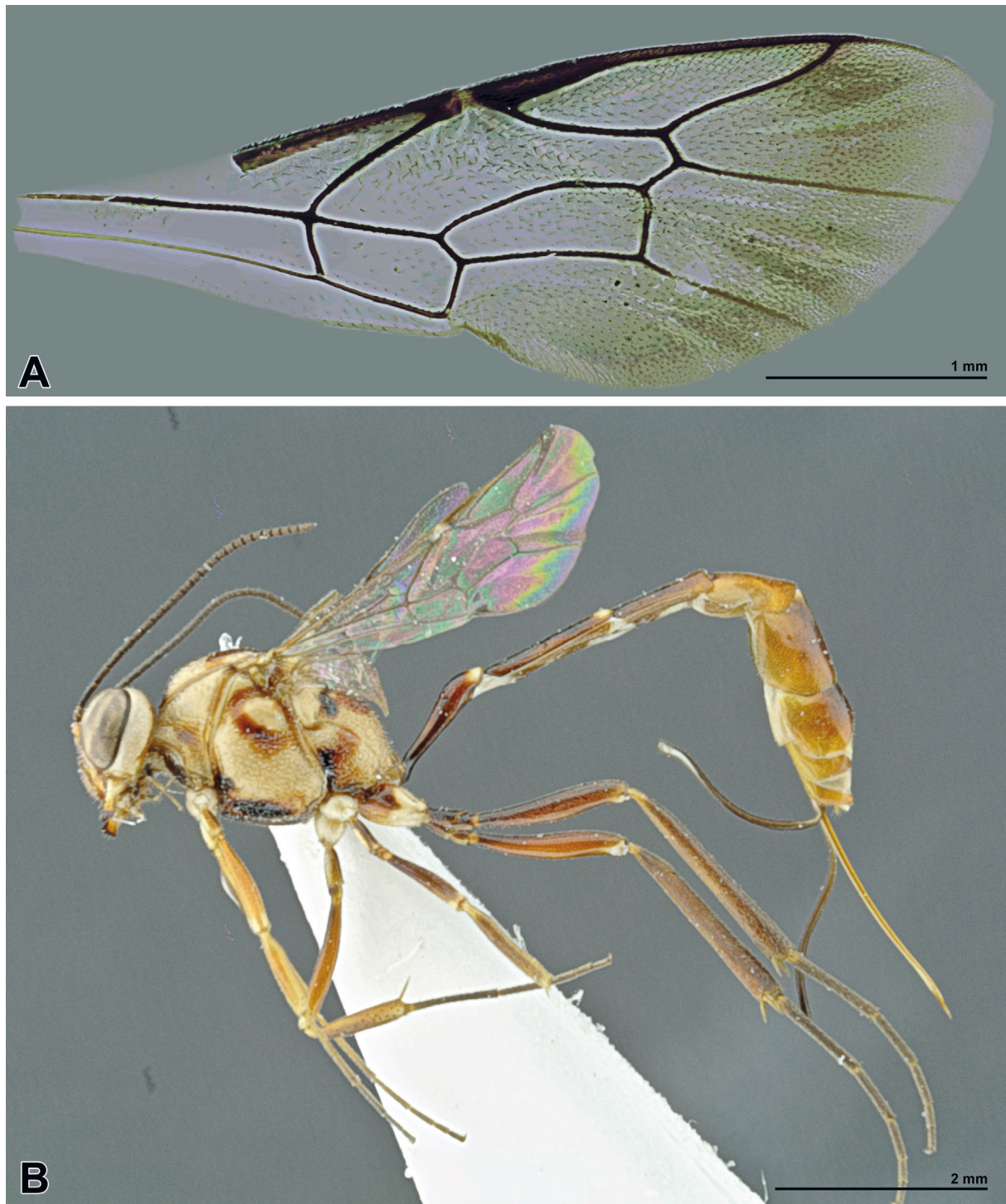


**Distribution**

Palearctic (China, Turkmenistan, Iran [**new record**], Israel).

**Distribution in Iran**

Kermanshah Province (present study).



**Fig. 5.** *Anomalon chinense* (Kokujev, 1915), ♀, DPPZ. **A.** Fore wing. **B.** Habitus, lateral view.



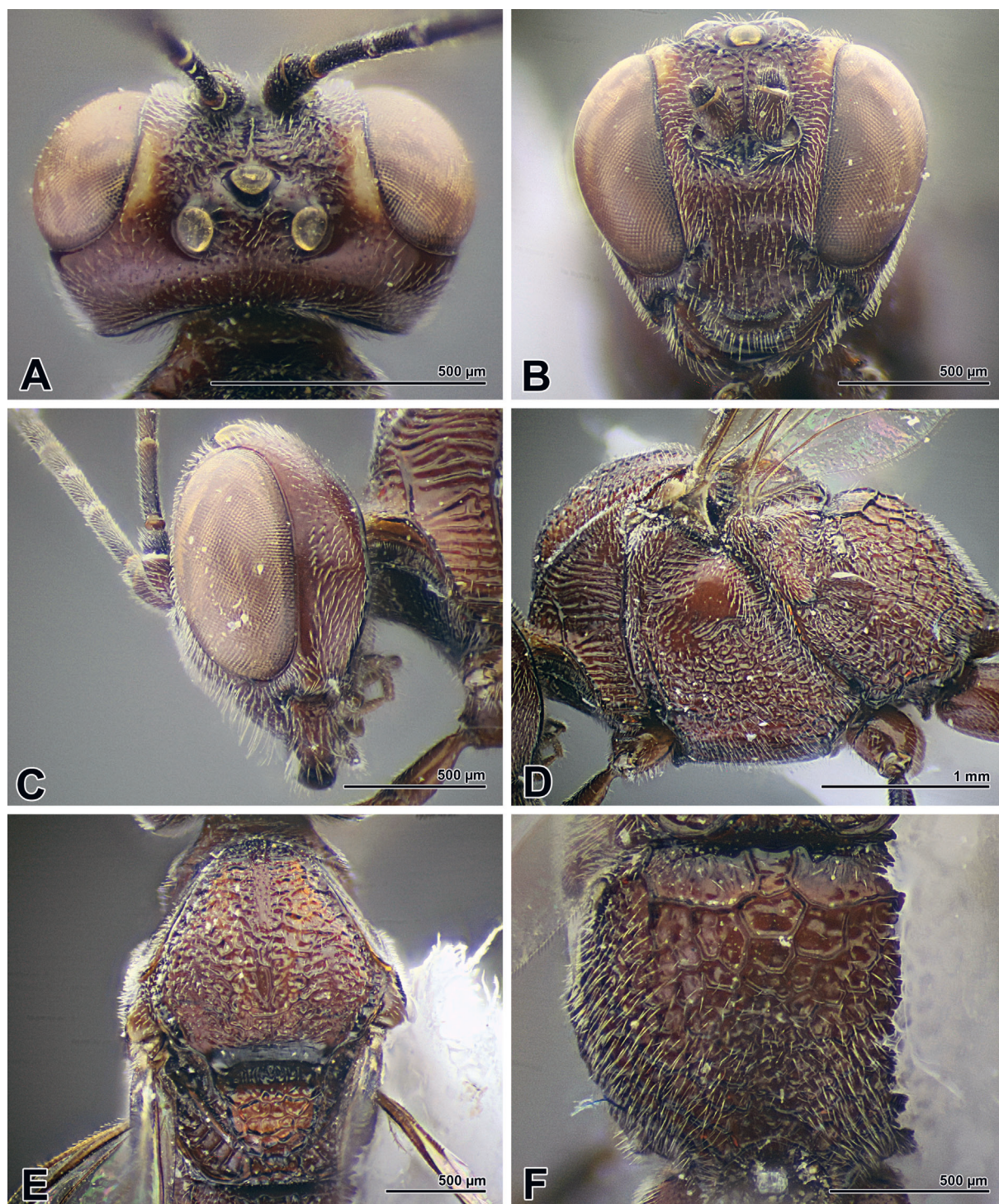
*Anomalon cruentatum* (Geoffroy, 1785)

Figs 6–7

*Ichneumon cruentatus* Geoffroy, 1785: 418.**Material examined**

IRAN – **Kermanshah Province** • 4 ♀♀; Ghazanchi; 34°26'24" N, 47°00'09" E; 1304 m a.s.l.; 14–28 May 2015; M. Zardouei Heydari leg.; Malaise Trap in farm no 3; DPPZ • 2 ♀; Bayangan, Dodan; 35°00'44" N, 46°12'27" E; 954 m a.s.l.; 14–28 May 2015; M. Zardouei Heydari leg.; Malaise Trap in orchard no 1; DPPZ • 1 ♀; Harsin; 34°19'07" N, 47°26'13" E; 1324 m a.s.l.; 20–30 Jun. 2016; M. Zardouei Heydari leg.; Malaise Trap in orchard no 1; DPPZ • 1 ♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 5–19 Jul. 2016; DPPZ • 17 ♀♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 10–24 Aug. 2016; DPPZ • 11 ♀♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 28 Aug.–11 Sep. 2016; DPPZ • 1 ♀; Bayangan, Dodan; 35°00'26" N, 46°12'51" E; 967 m a.s.l.; 1–15 Jun. 2015; M. Zardouei Heydari leg.; Malaise Trap in orchard no 2; DPPZ • 7 ♀♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 22 Jul.–6 Aug. 2016; DPPZ • 5 ♀♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 10–24 Aug. 2016; DPPZ • 1 ♀; Sahneh; 34°28'36" N, 47°35'39" E; 1302 m a.s.l.; 20 Jun.–4 Jul. 2016; M. Zardouei Heydari leg.; Malaise Trap; DPPZ • 3 ♀♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 22 Jul.–6 Aug. 2016; DPPZ • 2 ♀♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 22 Aug.–6 Sep. 2016; DPPZ • 2 ♀♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 28 Aug.–12 Sep. 2016; DPPZ • 5 ♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 22 Jul.–6 Aug. 2016; Malaise Trap in orchard no 2; DPPZ • 2 ♀♀; Songhor; 34°45'40" N, 47°24'00" E; 1653 m a.s.l.; 6 Sep. 2014; swept on *Trifolium resupinatum*; DPPZ • 1 ♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 18 Aug. 2013; Z. Sharifi leg.; swept on *Onobrychis altissima*; DPPZ • 1 ♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 29 Aug. 2013; swept on *Medicago sativa*; DPPZ • 1 ♀; Songhor, Charmale; 35°00'07" N, 47°46'00" E; 2177 m a.s.l.; 22 Sep. 2013; Z. Sharifi leg.; swept on *Trifolium resupinatum*; DPPZ. – **North Khorasan Province** • 1 ♀; Qale-Khan; 37°30'39" N, 56°46'18" E; 833 m a.s.l.; 11 Jul. 2014; Z. Rahmani leg.; swept on *Medicago sativa*; DPPZ • 4 ♀♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 19 Aug. 2014; swept on weeds; DPPZ • 2 ♀♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 3 May 2014; swept on *Medicago sativa*; DPPZ • 1 ♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 17 Jun. 2013; swept on *Medicago sativa*; DPPZ • 1 ♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 2 Jul. 2014; swept on *Medicago sativa*; DPPZ • 1 ♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 16 Aug. 2013; swept on *Medicago sativa*; DPPZ • 1 ♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 3 Aug. 2014; swept on *Medicago sativa*; DPPZ • 1 ♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 19 Aug. 2014; swept on *Medicago sativa*; DPPZ • 1 ♀; Badranlo; 37°32'00" N, 57°05'00" E; 1000 m a.s.l.; 3–17 Aug. 2015; DPPZ. – **South Khorasan Province** • 1 ♀; Giuk, Mazar; 32°47'45" N, 59°07'28" E; 1917 m a.s.l.; 6–20 Aug. 2016; B. Motamedinia leg.; Malaise Trap; DPPZ • 1 ♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 25 Aug.–8 Sep. 2016; DPPZ • 7 ♀♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 27 Aug.–11 Sep. 2016; DPPZ • 8 ♀♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 5–19 Sep. 2016; DPPZ • 8 ♀♀; Ark; 33°01'06" N, 58°41'18" E; 1605 m a.s.l.; 8–22 May 2016; B. Motamedinia leg.; Malaise Trap; DPPZ • 1 ♀; Felark; 33°10'60" N, 59°22'17" E; 1914 m a.s.l.; 1–15 May 2016; B. Motamedinia leg.; Malaise Trap; DPPZ • 2 ♀♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 7–21 Aug. 2016; DPPZ • 3 ♀♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 27 Aug.–11 Sep. 2016; DPPZ • 1 ♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 23 Sep.–7 Oct. 2016; DPPZ. – **Khorasan-e Razavi Province** • 1 ♀; Torghabeh; 36°35'48" N, 59°12'58" E; 1297 m a.s.l.; 12–26 Jun. 2016; B. Motamedinia leg.; Malaise Trap; DPPZ • 1 ♀; Sabzevar; 36°12'04" N, 57°38'11" E; 952 m a.s.l.; 26 May 2012; H. Moradpour leg.; swept on *Medicago sativa*; DPPZ • 2 ♀♀; Bajestan; 34°31'29" N, 58°10'33" E; 1232 m a.s.l.; 28 Apr. 2013; H. Moradpour leg.; swept on *Medicago sativa*; DPPZ • 2 ♀♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 8 Sep. 2013; DPPZ • 2 ♀♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 3 Aug. 2014; DPPZ. – **Isfahan Province** • 2 ♀♀; Nazhvan; 32°38'19" N, 51°38'08" E; 1579 m a.s.l.; 27 Jun. 2013; E. Nader leg.; swept on *Medicago sativa*; DPPZ • 3 ♀♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 16 Oct. 2013; DPPZ • 2 ♀♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 27 Oct. 2012; DPPZ.





**Fig. 6.** *Anomalon cruentatum* (Geoffroy, 1785), ♀, DPPZ. **A.** Head, dorsal view. **B.** Head, frontal view. **C.** Head, lateral view. **D.** Mesosoma, lateral view. **E.** Mesoscutum, dorsal view. **F.** Propodeum, dorsal view.



## Description

### Female

SIZE. Body length 6.0–11.5 mm, fore wing 3.0–5.5 mm, ovipositor sheath 1.3–2.3 mm (Fig. 7B).

COLOUR. Body brown; vertical orbit, stripes between median and lateral lobes of mesoscutum, scutellum, fore leg, middle femur apically, middle tibia basally and apically, first metasomal tergite in anterior  $\frac{2}{3}$  often yellowish. Tergites 2–7 black; tergite 7 often with narrow triangular reddish yellow pattern on posterior margin (Fig. 7B).

HEAD. Antenna with 23–27 flagellomeres. Ocelli small, diameter of lateral ocellus shorter than distance between lateral ocellus and margin of the eye (Fig. 6A). Frons rugose with distinct median vertical ridge, with transverse striae beside vertical ridge. Clypeus width  $1.6 \times$  its height, without pair of lateromedian apical teeth. Inner eye orbits convergent ventrally. Lower part of face not elongate, width between eyes across clypeal suture about  $1.3 \times$  length from antennal insertion to apex of clypeal margin medially (Fig. 6B). Temple weakly swollen in middle, constricted behind eyes, about  $0.66 \times$  as wide as compound eye in lateral view (Fig. 6C).

MESOSOMA. Pronotum without impunctate area behind epomia. Epomia strong, upper end of epomia reaching dorsal pronotal margin. Mesopleuron rugose (Fig. 6D). Epicnemial carina broken at level of sternaulus (with branch to lower posterior corner of pronotum). Metapleuron rugose. Mesoscutum rugose (Fig. 6E). Scutellum rugose. Propodeum reticulate-rugose (Fig. 6F). Fore wing with *r-rs* weakly curved near pterostigma. Marginal cell length about  $2.0 \times$  its distance from end of wing (Fig. 7A).

METASOMA. First tergite  $0.9 \times$  as long as second tergite. Second tergite  $1.4 \times$  as long as third tergite. Sclerotized part of first sternite extending to posterior third of segment. Postpetiole convex. Spiracle circular, small. Ovipositor weakly down-curved, with distinct subapical notch. Ovipositor sheath about  $1.2 \times$  as long as hind tibia.

### Variation

Mesosoma mainly black or brown with large black spot on the middle of mesopleuron.

### General distribution

Afrotropical, Oriental and Palaearctic regions.

### Distribution in Iran

Ardabil (Masnadi-Yazdinejad & Jussila 2009), Isfahan (Barahoei *et al.* 2015; present study), Korasan-e Razavi (Barahoei *et al.* 2014; present study), Mazandaran (Hooshyar *et al.* 2014), Sistan-o Baluchestan (Barahoei *et al.* 2012), Kermanshah, North Khorasan, South Khorasan (present study) and Yazd Provinces (Zarepour *et al.* 2009).

*Anomalon narinae* Zardouei & Rakhshani sp. nov.

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Figs 8–9

### Diagnosis

This species is morphologically similar to *Anomalon chinense*, but is distinguished by the following characters: 1) the diameter of the lateral ocellus is equal to the distance between the lateral ocellus and the margin of the eye in *A. narinae* sp. nov. (about  $0.8 \times$  in *A. chinense*); 2) the mesopleuron is rugose and densely setose in *A. narinae* sp. nov. (punctate, with very sparse setae in *A. chinense*); 3) fore wing



**Fig. 7.** *Anomalon cruentatum* (Geoffroy, 1785), ♀, DPPZ. **A.** Fore wing. **B.** Habitus, lateral view.



*r-rs* vein in *A. chinense* is weakly curved near the pterostigma, while it is strongly curved in *A. chinense*; 4) the ovipositor sheath is  $0.8 \times$  as long as the hind tibia in *A. narinae* sp. nov. ( $1.1 \times$  in *A. chinense*).

### Etymology

The species is named after the niece of the first author, Narin Zardouei.

### Type material

#### Holotype

IRAN – **Sistan-o Baluchestan Province** • ♀; Saravan; 27°25'14" N, 62°17'33" E; 1190 m a.s.l.; 28 Apr.–12 May 2015; M. Khosravi leg.; Pan trap; DPPZ.

#### Paratypes

IRAN – **Sistan-o Baluchestan Province** • 1 ♀; Saravan; 27°25'14" N, 62°17'33" E; 1190 m a.s.l.; M. Khosravi leg.; 4–18 Sep. 2015; Pan trap; DPPZ • 1 ♀; same collecting as for preceding; 21 Apr.–3 May 2016; DPPZ • 1 ♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 11 Aug. 2016; DPPZ. – **Kerman Province** • 1 ♀; Bam; 29°05'32" N, 58°20'11" E; 1090 m a.s.l.; 14–28 Jul. 2015; M. Vafaei leg.; Malaise Trap; DPPZ • 1 ♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 28 Jun. 2015; swept on *Medicago sativa*; DPPZ • 1 ♀; Faryab, Hoor-e Esfandi Village; 28°08'33" N, 57°16'26" E; 651 m a.s.l.; 10–24 Jul. 2016; M. Arabzadeh leg.; Malaise Trap; DPPZ • 1 ♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 19 Jul.–3 Aug. 2016; DPPZ • 1 ♀; same collecting data as for preceding; 12 Aug. 2016; swept on weeds; DPPZ.

### Description

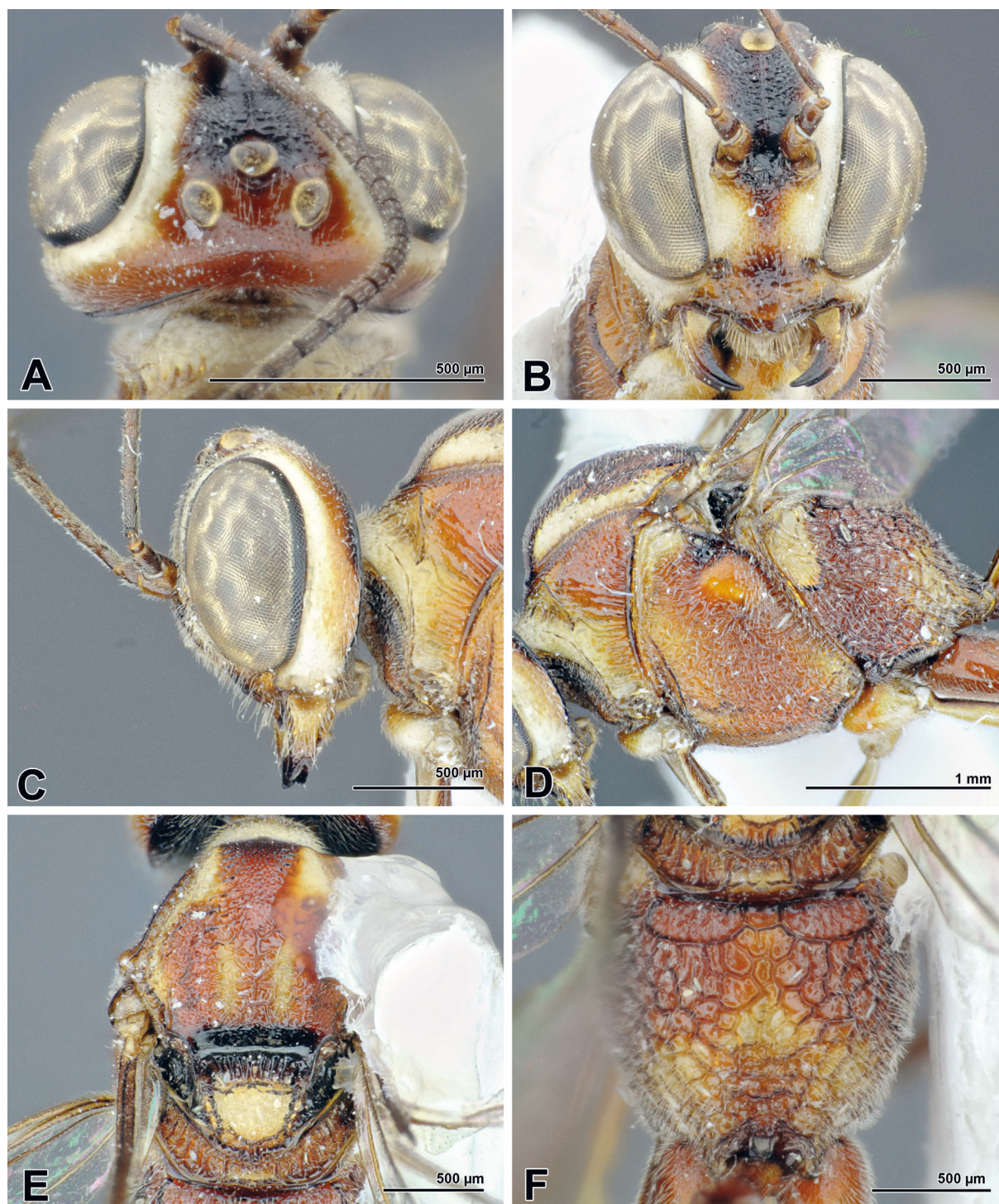
#### Female

SIZE. Body length 7.5–10.5 mm, fore wing 3.7–5.0 mm, ovipositor sheath 1.5–1.8 mm (Fig. 9B).

COLOUR. Body brown; temple, inner eye orbits, lower half of pronotum, upper corner of mesopleuron, stripe between median and lateral lobes of mesoscutum, scutellum, propodeum posteriorly, fore tibia, first tergite on anterior  $\frac{2}{3}$  and narrow band posteriorly, and second tergite posteriorly yellowish. Tergite 7 with narrow triangular yellowish mark on posterior margin. Wings hyaline, brownish distally (Fig. 9B).

HEAD. Antenna with 22–24 flagellomeres. Occipital carina widely interrupted dorsomedially, its lower part not sinuate, reaching near base of mandible. Ocelli large, diameter of lateral ocellus equal to the distance between lateral ocellus and margin of eye (Fig. 8A). Frons slightly concave, finely punctate, with distinct median vertical ridge, with transverse striae beside median vertical ridge on lower part. Clypeus weakly and very sparsely punctate, its length  $2.2 \times$  its width, its apical margin rounded, with a pair of small lateromedian teeth very close to each other. Inner eye orbits convergent ventrally. Malar space about  $0.4 \times$  as long as basal mandibular width. Upper tooth of mandible distinctly longer than lower tooth. Face not elongate, width between eyes across clypeal suture about  $1.2 \times$  length from antennal insertion to apex of clypeal margin medially (Fig. 8B). Temple strongly constricted behind eyes, about  $0.45 \times$  as wide as compound eye in lateral view (Fig. 8C).

MESOSOMA. Pronotum striate in lower part, with large smooth and impunctate area just behind epomia (Fig. 8D). Epomia strong, its upper end reaching dorsal pronotal margin. Mesopleuron densely rugose. Epicnemial carina almost reaching mid-height of frontal margin of mesopleuron, and at level of sternaulus not broken (without branch to lower posterior corner of pronotum). Speculum polished. Metapleuron densely rugose. Mesoscutum on median lobe rugose posteriorly, median lobe anteriorly and lateral lobe punctate. Scutellum rugose (Fig. 8E). Propodeum reticulate-rugose (Fig. 8F). Fore wing with *r-rs* very weakly curved near pterostigma. Vein *Icu-a* interstitial. Vein  $2/M$   $1.3 \times$  as long as *r-m*. Marginal cell about twice as long as its distance from end of wing (Fig. 9A). Propodeal spiracle elongate,  $2.8 \times$  as long as wide.



**Fig. 8.** *Anomalon narinae* Zardouei & Rakhshani sp. nov., ♀, DPPZ. **A.** Head, dorsal view. **B.** Head, frontal view. **C.** Head, lateral view. **D.** Mesosoma, lateral view. **E.** Mesoscutum, dorsal view. **F.** Propodeum, dorsal view.



**METASOMA.** First tergite about  $4.0 \times$  as long as apical width and  $0.5 \times$  as long as second tergite. Second tergite  $5.0 \times$  as long as apical width and  $3.0 \times$  as long as third tergite. Sclerotized part of first sternite extending to posterior third of segment. Postpetiole weakly convex, located at posterior 0.4 of first tergite. Spiracle circular, very small. Third tergite  $3.0 \times$  as long as apical width. Remaining tergites compressed. Ovipositor sheath about  $0.8 \times$  as long as hind tibia.



**Fig. 9.** *Anomalon narinae* Zardouei & Rakhshani sp. nov., ♀, DPPZ. **A.** Fore wing. **B.** Habitus, lateral view.



## Male

Unknown.

## General distribution

Western Palaearctic (Iran).

## Distribution in Iran

Sistan-o Baluchestan and Kerman Provinces.

## Key to species of *Anomalon* occurring in Iran

1. Marginal cell about  $1.0 \times$  as long as its distance from the end of the wing (Fig. 3A); temple not constricted behind eyes, about  $0.9 \times$  as wide as the compound eye in lateral view (Fig. 2C) ..... *A. amseli* (Hedwig, 1961)
  - Marginal cell about  $2.0 \times$  as long as its distance from the end of the wing (Figs 5A, 7A, 9A); temple constricted behind eyes, about  $0.45\text{--}0.65 \times$  as wide as the compound eye in lateral view (Figs 4C, 6C, 8C) ..... 2
2. Clypeus without a pair of lateromedian apical teeth (Fig. 6B); pronotum completely striate and without an impunctate area behind the epomia; epicnemial carina broken at the level of the sternaulus (with a branch to the lower posterior corner of the pronotum) (Fig. 6D) ..... *A. cruentatum* (Geoffroy, 1785)
  - Clypeus with a pair of lateromedian apical teeth (Figs 4B, 8B); pronotum posteriorly not striate and with an impunctate area behind the epomia; epicnemial carina not broken at the level of the sternaulus (without a branch to the lower posterior corner of the pronotum) (Figs 4D, 8D) ..... 3
3. Ocelli small, the diameter of a lateral ocellus shorter than the distance between the lateral ocellus and the margin of the eye (Fig. 4A); ovipositor sheath about  $1.1 \times$  as long as the hind tibia (Fig. 5B) ... *A. chinense* (Kokujev, 1915)
  - Ocelli larger, the diameter of a lateral ocellus as long as the distance between the lateral ocellus and the margin of the eye (Fig. 8A); ovipositor sheath about  $0.8 \times$  as long as the hind tibia (Fig. 9B) ... *A. narinae* Zardouei & Rakhshani sp. nov.

## Discussion

Previously only two species of *Anomalon*, *A. amseli* and *A. cruentatum*, have been recorded from Iran. Masnadi-Yazdinejad & Jussila (2009) found *A. amseli* and *A. cruentatum* in Khorasan-e Razavi and Ardabil Provinces, respectively. *Anomalon cruentatum* is widely distributed in several biogeographic ecozones (Afrotropical, Beringian, Boreal Palaearctic, East Palaearctic, South Palaearctic, West Palaearctic). It was recorded as a widely distributed species in Iran (Barahoei *et al.* 2012; Barahoei *et al.* 2014; Hooshyar *et al.* 2014; Barahoei *et al.* 2015). The record of *Anomalon foliator* (Fabricius, 1798) from Yazd Province (Zarepour *et al.* 2009) also refers to *A. cruentatum*, as a junior synonym. We record species of *Anomalon* for the first time from at least four provinces in Iran, including Kerman (southeastern), Kermanshah (western province), South Khorasan (eastern province) and North Khorasan (northeastern province).

A single female specimen of *A. amseli* was found on the eastern border of Iran, very close to Afghanistan, where the type specimens (all males) were collected (Hedwig 1961). The previous record of this species from Khorasan-e Razavi (Masnadi-Yazdinejad & Jussila 2009) was also based on male specimens. Here, we describe the female of *A. amseli* for the first time. This seems to be an uncommon species found at the border of the Western and Southern Palaearctic regions.

*Anomalon chinense* is a newly recorded species for the fauna of Iran. It was known from a few countries in the Eastern, Southern and Western Palaearctic regions. We found this species in the western parts of Iran, but it is most probably distributed in the northeastern areas as well, near to Turkmenistan. *Anomalon narinae* sp. nov. is described from specimens collected from a moderately wide area in southeastern Iran (Kerman and Sistan-o Baluchestan Provinces). Including the results of this research, the number of *Anomalon* species recorded from Iran increased to four, which represents about 31% of the known species of Anomaloninae for Iran. Considering the nature of sampling methods, no evidence of host associations was discovered. Indeed, there is no host record for species of *Anomalon* in Iran.

In conclusion, this survey represents the most detailed one of *Anomalon* in Iran. Considering the very diverse fauna and flora in Iran (Hedge & Wendelbo 1978), more undiscovered species of *Anomalon* are expected to occur in various regions of the country. Further studies, both on their host-parasitoid relationships and their role in natural biological control of their hosts, are also necessary.

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