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Filogeneza czerwców (Homoptera, Coccinea) w świetle budowy narządów gebowych

Филогенез кокцид (Homoptera, Coccoidea) с точки зрения строения ротового аппарата

Abstract. The phylogeny and classification of the scale insects are discussed on the basis of the morphology of the mouth-parts (clypeolabral shield, sucking pump, labium). Four categories higher than the family have been recognized — subordo, superfamily, section and family group. The scale insects are considered as a monophyletic group — subordo Coccinea, which presumably evolved into two major branches — the superfamilies Orthezioidea and Coccoidea.

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INTRODUCTION

The present publication has been originally planned as a part of a larger work on the mouthparts in the *Coccinea* which has been divided for technical reasons into following papers: 1. "Comparative studies on the labium in the

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Coccinea" (Koteja, 1974). This study contains (a) a general introduction to the question, (b) a review of the literature records, (c) an introduction to the methods, (d) a list of examined species including some collecting data, (e) a general characteristic of the labium (shape, size, segmentation, setae, location), (f) a discussion on the variability, correlation and taxonomic significance of some labial characters, (g) observations on postembrional changes of the labium, (h) a discussion on the general trends in the evolution of the labium, (i) descriptions of the labium in families and finally (j) a key to higher taxa on the basis of labial characteristics; 2. "The sucking pump in the taxonomy of the Coccinea" (Koteja, M.S.); 3. "The clypeolabral shield in the taxonomy of the Coccinea" (Koteja and Liniowska, M. S.). In this paper as well as in the former one the investigations are concentrated mainly on the taxonomic value of the mouthparts.

4. The present study which presents a discussion on the phylogeny and classification of the Coccinea based on the morphology of the mouthparts.

From the origin of these papers it is clear that they constitute one unit and that the factual material presented in the three former papers cannot be repeated in all details in this one. On the other hand, the division and arrangement of the taxa and other questions in the former papers are fully understandable only in the light of the present discussion.

Each of the three former papers presents a classification of the *Coccinea* based on that mouth part which is an object of morphological examination. In the present paper the results of all these investigations are taken into consideration. When studying these papers, the reader is requested to bear in mind the mentioned points. The evolutionary trends in the phylogenic development of the labium, clypeolabral shield and sucking pump are presented in Figs. 1—4.

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GENERAL REMARKS ON THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE COCCINEA

The classification of the *Coccinea* is based almost entirely on the characters of the adult females and particularly on these which can be noticed on the slide-mounted preparations made of the cuticle. The reasons responsible for this situation are generally known and there is no need to discuss this question once more. The high degree of specialization, the secondary reduction of many morphological structures, the neotenia of the females, the ecological polymorphism and numerous convergencies between the closely related as well as distant groups made sometimes the classificatory systems proposed by various students extremely different.

Thus, attempts were made to solve the problem of the phylogeny and classification of the scale insects otherwise. Brown, Hughes-Schrader, Schrader and their collaborators (for records see Morrison and Renk, 1957; Morrison

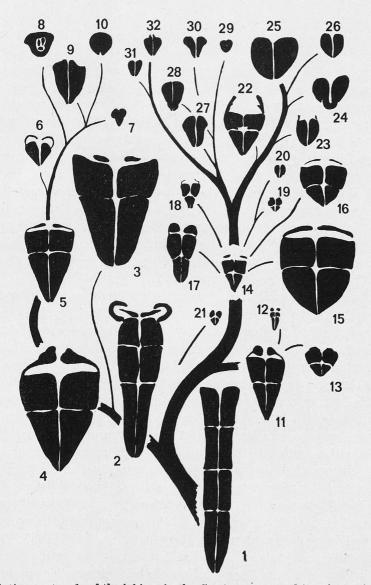


Fig. 1. Evolutionary trends of the labium in the Coccinea presented in a form of a phylogenetic tree. The figures represent the largest labia in given groups. (After Koteja, 1974) 1. Primitive ancestors of the Coccinea, 2. Phenacoleachia Cockerell (Phenacoleachidae), 3. Arctorthezia Cockerell (Ortheziidae), 4. Drosicha Walker (Monophlebidae), 5. Coelostomidia Cockerell (Coelostomidiidae), 6. Neosteingelia Morrison (Neosteingelia group). 7. Kuwania Cockerell (Kuwaniidae), 8. Porphyrophora Brandt (Porphyrophoridae), 9. Xylococcus Löw (Xylococcidae), 10. Matsucoccus Cockerell (Matsucoccidae), 11. Macrocerococcus Leonardi (Pseudococcidae — Trabutininae), 12. Rhizoecus Hünckel d'Herculais (Pseudococcidae — Rhizoecinae), 13. Antonina Signoret (Pseudococcidae — Sphaerococcinae), 14. Phloecoccus Hoy (Acanthococcidae), 15. Dactylopius O. G. Costa (Dactylopiidae), 16. Apiomorpha Rübsaamen (Apiomorphidae), 17. Kermes Boitard (Kermesidae), 18. Cerococcus Comstock (Cerococcidae), 19. Cryptococcus Douglas (Cryptococcidae), 20. Kuwanina Cockerell (Kuwanina group), 21. Conchaspis Cockerell (Conchaspididae), 22. Stictococcus Cockerell (Stictococcidae), 23. Kerria Targioni Tozzetti (Kerriidae), 24. Opisthoscelis Schrader (Opisthoscelis group), 25. Eulecanium Cockerell (Coccidae), 26. Lachnodius Maskell (Lachnodius group), 27. Callococcus Ferris (Callococcus group), 28. Trichococcus Kanda (Beesoniidae), 29. Asterodiaspis SIGNORET (Asterolecaniidae), 30. Halimococcus Cockerell (Halimococcidae), 31. Phoenicococcus Cockerell (Phoenicococcidae), 32. Quadraspidiotus McGillivray (Diaspididae)

and Morrison, 1965), Drozdovskij (1966), Węglarska (1966) and others carried out a number of studies on the histology, cytology and genetics in various groups of scale insects. Buchner (1965 and others) investigated the endosymbionts. Boratynski (1961), Takagi and Kawai (1967), Kosztarab and his collaborators (Yang and Kosztarab, 1967; D'Ascoli and Kosztarab, 1969; Williams and Kosztarab, 1970) and others carried out comparative investigations on the nymphal instars. Particular attention has been given recently to the morphology of the adult male. The investigations on the male were initiated as early as the 19th century, but intensive studies and serious attempts to construct independent phylogenetic conclusions have been made since the publication of the paper by Theron (1958). With the investigations on the males a "new" method was introduced to the taxonomy of the scale insects, i.e. the numerical techniques (Boratynski and Davies, 1971).

All these methods brought many constructive findings and helped to understand better the phylogeny of the scale insects, indicating also the directions of further investigations, but with the given methods only several dozen species were examined, e.g., the comparable data concerning the males slightly exceed 100 species, which constitutes about 2% of the estimated number of described species. Another significant drawback of these methods is that thousands of slides collected in museums cannot be utilized and new materials must be collected or bred in the laboratory. This extends considerably every study and the subsequent papers provide less and less comparable information.

As concerns the studies on the morphology and taxonomy of the adult male, it is already known that due to the parthenogenesis of some species and the occurrence of the "larviform" males in the others, the establishment of a comprehensive classificatory system which could comprise all the groups and species of scale insects is impossible. Furthermore, the conception of the evolution of the male expressed in some recent papers (Borchsenius, 1956, 1965; Boratynski and DAVIES, 1971) cannot be accepted by the author without reservation. According to these students the evolution of the male was less rapid than that of the female and followed the changes which first occurred in the latter, being mainly concerned with characters connected with fertilization. The males, moreover, devoid of the mouthparts, are not under the stress of the adaptative processes bound with the feeding. Thus, this sex may have preserved more features of the "normal" insects than the female, and owing to this, it may constitute a better object for the investigations on phylogeny and for classification of scale insects than the latter. But the point is, what we know about the morphological changes of structures not connected with fertilization or nutrition, what are their trends, and what has brought them about. In some species we can observe reduction processes which lead to polymorphism of the males, represented by the "normal", brachypterous, apterous, and larval forms (Schmutterer, 1952; DZIEDZICKA, 1961; AFIFI, 1968). Analogically the normal males could decay in some groups of scale insects. But we know nothing about the progressive processes which could follow particularly at the "beginning" of the evolution of

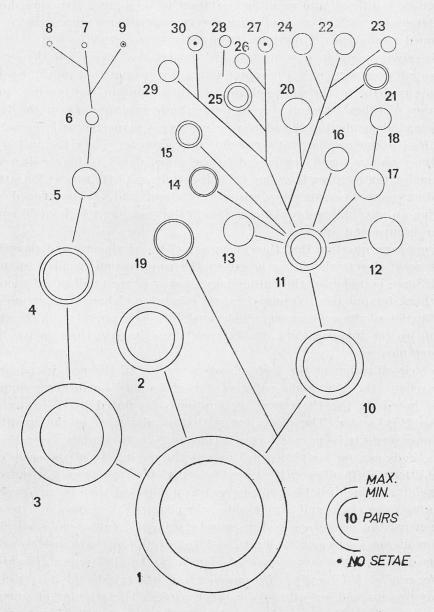


Fig. 2. Reduction of the setae on the labium in the *Coccinea*. The diameter of the circles represents the number of setae. (After Koteja, 1974)

1. Phenacoleachiidae, 2. Ortheziidae, 3. Monophlebidae, 4. Coelostomidiidae, 5. Neosteingelia group, 6. Kuwaniidae, 7. Xylococcidae, 8. Matsucoccidae, 9. Porphyrophoridae, 10. Pseudococcidae, 11. Acanthococcidae, 12. Dactylopiidae, 13. Apiomorphidae, 14. Kermesidae, 15. Cerococcidae, 16. Calycicoccidae, 17. Cryptococcidae, 18. Kuwanina group, 19. Conchaspididae, 20. Stictococcidae, 21. Kerriidae, 22. Coccidae, 23. Lachnodius group, 24. Opisthoscelis group, 25. Callococcus group, 26. Beesoniidae, 27. Asterolecaniidae, 28. Halimococcidae, 29. Phoenicococcidae, 30. Diaspididae

scale insects as a group. The interpretation of the homology of some structures in the male is difficult and we often hesitate whether a given structure should be considered as a vestigial organ of other insects, or whether it represents a new one, developed secondarily (GILIOMEE, 1968; BEARDSLEY, 1968).

The above mentioned respects indicate that the "delay" of the evolution of the males concerns only the reproductive organs and that only these organs evolve parallelly to the morphological modifications in the females, but the evolution of other structures could follow more rapidly than in the females, and being independent of the adaptative influences connected with the nutrition, could lead to unexpected and accidental convergencies. Thus, the author considers the males as forms specialized to the same, if not to higher degree than the females, representing the same value for study on phylogeny as the latter but providing more occasions for misinterpretation, and, as mentioned above, offerring no possibility of making a classificatory system which could comprise all the groups and species.

There is no question that the conception of the phylogeny and classification of the scale insects should be based on the co-operation in all entomological fields. Some branches of the entomology, however, are predisposed more than the others, for practical reasons if for no others, to elaborate a comprehensive classification of the scale insects. Such possibilities are provided, in the author's opinion by the investigations on the cuticle and its structures in the females and nymphs.

The classification of the scale insects proposed in the present paper takes into account the hierarchic value of the characters (qualitative taxonomy) and is based on the theoretical assumptions elaborated by Wagner (1962) for the *Delphacidae*. The discussion with the advocates of the quantitative taxonomy seems to be purposeless in this paper. It is the author's view that both the methods can be useful in tracking out the phylogeny of the scale insects.

Additional difficulties in the classification of the scale insects arise from the nomenclature which in this group is more complicated than in any other. The numerous synonymies and homonymies, the obscure designation of type species and genera, the negligence of the priority principle, cause continual changes of the names on all taxonomic levels, and, to be quite frank, the widely accepted and used names of the majority of significant families (e.g., Margarodidae, Pseudococcidae, Eriococcidae, Diaspididae and others) should be rejected for various reasons and substituted by other names. The attempt of solving the nomenclatorial problems made recently by Morrison and Morrison (1966) and Williams (1969) was very helpful in the present study.

TAXONOMIC CATEGORIES

The scale insects are regarded as being the most specialized group among the *Homoptera*. The earlier authors supposed their affinities with the *Aleyrodinea* (OSBORN, KIRKALDY, TILLYARD, SPOONER) or *Psyllinea* (HANDLIRSCH, WEBER).

Recently, the opinion on the close relationship of *Coccinea* with *Aphidinea* has been widely accepted (Theron, 1958; Boratynski and Davies, 1971).

The information on the mouthparts is more complete in the *Aphidinea*, *Psyllinea* and *Aleyrodinea* than in the *Coccinea*, but these groups also lack in comprehensive investigations based on large material. With this in view, the author will not discuss the relationship between scale insects and other *Sternorrhyncha* because the comparison of scattered data actually available does not seem to lead to reliable conclusions.

Some authors (OBENBERGER, 1957) suggested that groups which constitute the *Sternorrhyneha* should form distinct orders, the others, on the contrary (Lindinger, 1957), determined the level of scale insects as no higher than a family. Williams (1969), commenting upon the investigations on the males wrote: "If adult male characters had been used (as basis for classification) from the beginning instead (the female ones), then probably no category higher than a family would have been recognized for the whole group".

In the present paper the scale insects are regarded as a suborder — *Coccinea*, as in the publications by Obenberger (1957), Danzig (1964), Pesson (1951) and others. This category seems to harmonize with the classification within the *Homoptera* as well as within the scale insects.

In the literature of scale insects different systems of classification can be found. MacGillivray (1921), Silvestri (1939), Bodenheimer (1952), Borchsenius (1950) and others divided the scale insects into two major groups — the Paleococcoidea (Archaeococcoidea, Paleococcomorpha and other names) and Neococcoidea (Neococcidae, Neococcomorpha and others); the former group containing the Ortheziidae, Margarodidae (s.l.) and occasionally the Phenacoleachiidae, i.e. all the insects in which the abdominal spiracles are present, the latter comprising the remaining families with the abdominal spiracles absent. The first group was considered to be more primitive and the second more specialized.

In the second type of classification, represented by the system of BALA-CHOWSKY (1942, 1948), adopted also by other workers (OBENBERGER, 1957), the scale insects are divided into three major groups ("phylla") — the Marga-roidae, Lecanoidae and Diaspidoidae. This classification, based on the morphology of the male, was supported by many investigations in the recent years.

The third type is presented by Mamet (1954a) and Balachowsky (1956). The latter divided the scale insects into four families — the *Margarodidae*, *Lecaniidae*, *Conchaspididae* and *Diaspididae* (cited after Schmutterer, Kloff and Lüdicke, 1957). The fourth type represents the classification by Ferris (1957). This author divided the scale insects into six major groups ("rami") — the *Margarodi*, *Eriococci*, *Cocci*, *Lacciferi*, *Beesoni* and *Diaspidi*.

On the basis of the structure of the mouthparts at least two higher categories can be recognized — i.e. the superfamily category and the family group category. The superfamilies are represented by the *Orthezioidea* which correspond with the *Paleococcoidea*, and the *Coccoidea* corresponding with the *Neococcoidea*. The two

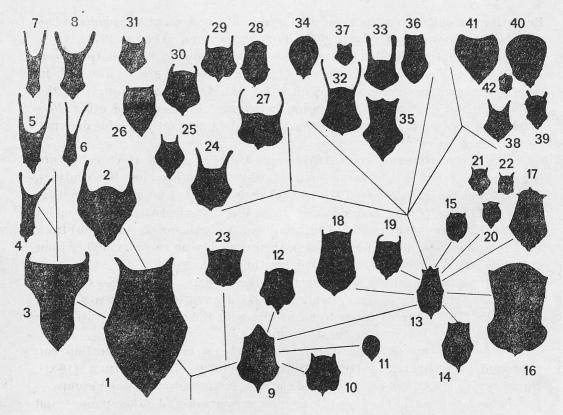


Fig. 3. Evolutionary trends of the clypeolabral shield in the Coccinea 1. Phenacoleachia Cockerell (Phenacoleachiidae), 2. Orthezia Bosc d'Antic (Ortheziidae), 3. Gueriniella Fernald (Monophlebidae), 4. Coelostomidia Cockerell (Coelostomidiidae), 5. Neosteingelia Morrison (Neosteingelia group), 6. Kuwania Cockerell (Kuwaniidae), 7. Xylococcus Löw (Xylococcidae), 8. Porphyrophora Brandt (Porphyrophoridae), 9. Phenacoccus Cockerell (Pseudococcidae — Trabutininae), 10. Antonina Signoret (Pseudococcidae — Sphaerococcinae), 11. Rhizoecus Künckel d'Herculais (Pseudococcidae — Rhizoecinae), 12. Pseudococcus Westwood (Pseudococcidae — Pseudococcinae), 13. Phloeococcus Hoy (Acanthococcidae — Phloeococcus group), 14. Gossyparia Signoret (Acanthococcidae — Acanthococcini), 15. Ovaticoccus Kloet (Acanthococcidae — Ovaticoccus group), 16. Dactylopius O. G. Costa (Dactylopiidae), 17. Apiomorpha Rübsaamen (Apiomorphidae), 18. Kermes Boitard (Kermesidae), 19. Cerococcus Comstock (Cerococcidae), 20. Calycicoccus Brain (Calycicoccidae), 21. Pseudochermes NITSCHE (Cryptococcidae), 22. Kuwanina Cockerell (Kuwanina griup), 23. Conchaspis Cocke-RELL (Conchaspididae), 24. Stictococcus Cockerell (Stictococcidae), 25. Kerria Targioni Tozzetti (Kerriidae), 26. Austrotachardia Chamberlin (Kerriidae), 27. Eulecanium Cockerell (Coccidae — Ctenochitini), 28. Psilococcus Borchsenius (Coccidae — Eriopeltini), 29. Ceroplastes Gray (Coccidae — Coccini), 30. Prosopophora Douglas (Lecanodiaspididae), 31. Nipponaclerda McConnell (Aclerdidae), 32. Callococcus Ferris (Callococcus group), 33. Capulinia Signoret (Asterolecaniidae family group), 34. Asterodiaspis Signoret (Asterolecaniidae), 35. Trichococcus Kanda (Beesoniidae), 36. Halimococcus Cockerell (Halimococcidae), 37. Thysanococcus Stickney (Asterolecaniidae family group), 38. Phoenicococcus Cockerell (Phoenicococcidae), 39. Lepidosaphes Shimer (Diaspididae), 40. Howardia Berlese et Leonardi (Diaspididae), 41. Limacoccus Bondar (Diaspididae family group), 42. Xanthophtalma Cockerell et Parrott (Diaspididae family group)

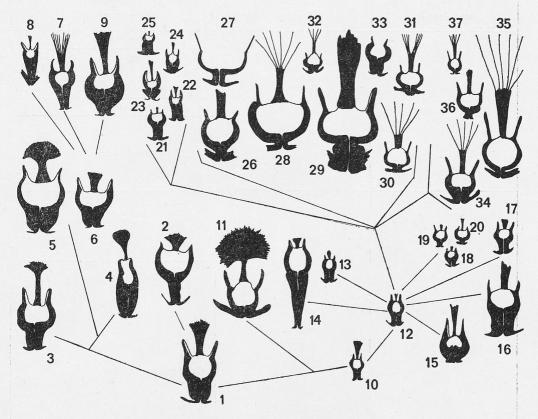


Fig. 4. Evolutionary trends of the sucking pump in the Coccinea

1. Phenacoleachia Cockerell (Phenacoleachidae), 2. Arctorthezia Cockerell (Ortheziidae), 3. Icerya Signoret (Monophlebidae), 4. Coelostomidia Cockerell (Coelostomidiidae), 5. Neosteingelia Morrison (Neosteingelia group), 6. Kuwania Cockerell (Kuwanidae), 7. Matsucoccus Cockerell (Matsucoccidae), 8. Xylococcus Löw (Xylococcidae), 9. Dimarqarodes Sil-VESTRI (Porphyrophoridae), 10. Phenacoccus Cockerell (Pseudococcidae), 11. Conchaspis Cockerell (Conchaspididae), 12. Acanthococcus Signoret (Acanthococcidae), 13. Cerococcus Comstock (Cerococcidae), 14. Kermes Boitard (Kermesidae), 15. Xerococcus Ferris (Acanthococcidae family group), 16. Dactylopius O. G. Costa (Dactylopiidae), 17. Apiomorpha Rübsaa-MEN (Apiomorphidae), 18. Cryptococcus Douglas (Cryptococcidae), 19. Calycicoccus Brain (Calycicoccidae), 20. Kuwanina Cockerell (Kuwanina group), 21. Stictococcus Cockerell (Stictococcidae), 22. Kerria Targioni Tozzetti (Kerriidae), 23. Lecanodiaspis Targioni Tozzetti (Lecanodiaspididae), 24. Lecanopsis Targioni Tozzetti (Coccidae), 25. Aclerda Signoret (Aclerdidae), 26. Lachnodius Maskell (Lachnodius group), 27. Capulinia Signoret (Asterolecaniidae family group), 28. Opisthoscelis Schrader (Opisthoscelis group), 29. Callococcus Ferris (Callococcus group), 30. Asterodiaspis Signoret (Asterolecaniidae), 31. Trichococcus Kanda (Beesoniidae), 32. Thysanococcus Stickney (Asterolecaniidae family group), 33. Halimococcus Cockerell (Halimococcidae), 34. Phoenicococcus Cockerell (Phoenicococcidae), 35. Maskellia Fuller (Diaspididae), 36. Limacoccus Bondar (Diaspididae family group), 37. Xanthophtalma Cockerell (Diaspididae family group)

Superfamily	Section	Family group
1 /		1. Phenacoleachiidae
		2. Ortheziidae
	•	3. Monophlebidae
Orthezoidea		4. Coelostomidiidae
		5. Porphyrophoridae
		6. Pseudococcidae
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		7. Acanthococcidae
Coccoidea		8. Conchaspididae
w		9. Coccidae
	Cocci	
		10. Asterolecaniidae
		11. Diaspididae

	Family	Subfamily	Tribe
1.	Phenacoleachiidae		
2.	Ortheziidae	Orthezia group Newsteadia group	
3.	Monophlebidae		
4.	Coelostomidiidae		
6. 7. 8.	Neosteingelia group Kuwaniidae Matsucoccidae Xylococcidae Porphyrophoridae		
10.	Pseudococcidae	Trabutininae Pseudococcinae Rhizoecinae Sphaerococcinae	
11.	A can tho coccidae	Acanthococcinae Eriococcinae	Phloeococcus group Acanthococcini Rhizococcus group Ovaticoccus group
13. 14. 15. 16. 17.	Dactylopiidae Apiomorphidae Kermesidae Cerococcidae Calycicoccidae Cryptococcidae Kuwanina group Genera unplaced: X	Čerococcus	
19.	Conchaspididae		
	Stictococcidae Kerriidae		
22.	Coccidae	Ctenochitinae Eriopeltinae Coccinae	
24. 25.	. Lecanodiaspididae . Aclerdidae . Cissococcidae . Micrococcidae		
28. 29. 30. 31.	. Lachnodius group . Opisthoscelis group . Callococcus group . Beesoniidae . Asterolecaniidae . Halimococcidae Genera unplaced: C	'apulinia, Thysanococcu	ıs, Colobopyga
	. Phoenicococcidae . Diaspididae Genera unplaced: 2	Kanthophtalma, Limacoc	30U8

Fig. 5. Probable relationships of families of the Coccinea, as indicated by the characters of the mouthparts (labium, clypeolabral shield, sucking pump). The infrafamily branches figured in some families do not represent real groups

superfamilies are distinguished by the presence or absence of the apical setae and apical organ on the labium.

The family groups comprise families which represent different forms of radiation within the same branch. The family groups resemble approximately the "rami" of Ferris. The most abundant family group is the *Acanthococcidae* family group (= *Eriococcidae* s.l.) which associates as many as 8 families.

The family groups can be further grouped into sections or "floors" which represent great stages of evolution. In the Orthezioidea which are represented in the recent fauna only by a small number of forms, the sections are practically identical with the family groups. In the Coccoidea two sections can be recognized — the first section containing the Pseudococcidae, Acanthococcidae and Conchaspididae family groups and the second section which comprises the Coccidae, Asterolecaniidae and Diaspididae family groups. It may be noticed incidentally that Metcalf (1950) recognized in the Auchenorrhyncha six categories higher than the family and lower than the suborder.

Particular attention has been given to the definition of the family category, because it was also the basis for establishing all higher and lower categories. Taking into account the whole of the examined material the author proposes to define the family as the highest category which can be considered on the basis of the mouthparts as a homogeneous and monophyletic group. On the basis of this definition all the aberrant groups and genera should be removed from the actual families, and, if necesary, new families should be established. It appears, furthermore, from this definition that the lower categories are not needed to be natural groups, e.g., the species grouped in the family *Pseudococcidae* derived without doubt from common ancestors, but, taking into account the characters of the mouthparts, the author does not know whether the subfamily *Trabutininae* is a homogeneous group or not.

In the present paper 34 groups of the family category have been recognized. This number includes 29 previously established families or subfamilies and 5 groups of genera which are supposed to represent a family level. Six genera remained unplaced.

In the majority of families the mouth apparatus showed such an uniform structure that its characteristics could be utilized in the infrafamily classification only in a few groups and other features must have been taken into consideration to distinguish subfamilies and tribes.

THE PHYLOGENY AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE COCCINEA

Suborder Coccinea

Coccides Fallén, 1814: 23.

The scale insects are widely accepted as a monophyletic group and the present investigations seem to support this view, but on the other hand it is true

that the characters uniting these insects are all specialized features which could originate due to the convergency.

The author recognizes in the phylogeny of the Coccinea two major branches—the Orthezioidea and the Coccoidea, which evolved probably from a common stock (Fig. 5, Tab. I). The genus Phenacoleachia is considered to be a relict member of the primitive ancestors. The Orthezioidea contain at least two development lines—one leading to the Ortheziidae, the other to the remaining groups. Among these, Monophlebidae represent the most primitive group, the Coelostomidiidae being more specialized and the members of the Porphyrophoridae family group, the most specialized. Among the Coccoidea, the Pseudococcidae should be regarded as an ancestral group for all other families. From the Pseudococcidae had derived at an earlier time the Acanthococcidae and the Acanthococcidae, Asterolecaniidae and Diaspididae.

Superfamily Orthezioidea

Orthezioidea Amyot and Serville, 1843: 619; Orthezioidea Amyot and Serville; Chou, 1963: 592; Margaroidae Cockerell; Balachowsky, 1942: 37; Margarodi Cockerell; Ferris, 1957: 67; Paleococcoidea Borchsenius, 1950: 14 (not Palaeococcinae Heymons, 1915); Archaeococcidea Bodenheimer, 1952: 317; Generalized Coccidae MacGillivray, 1921: 45.

The Orthezioidea introduced by Chou (1963) as a superfamily name, has priority over names based on the nominal genera Margarodes, Monophlebus, Porphyrophora and Palaeococcus.

To the superfamily Orthezioidea there are assigned the families Phenacolea-chiidae, Ortheziidae and the groups associated usually with the Margarodidae s.l. Since the publication of the principal work by Morrison (1928) the family status of the Margarodidae has been widely accepted, but from time to time students (e.g., Giliomee, 1965, 1967a) expressed the opinion that the groups associated in this "family" represent distinct families. Thus, Zahradnik (1959) elevated the Xylococcini to full family rank, Jakubski (1965) limited the name Margarodidae to Margarodes and closely related genera and established a new family — the Termitococcidae. Beardsley (1968) on the basis of male characters elevated the Matsucoccini to Matsucoccinae and later (1969), the Pityococcini to Pityococcinae. These actions resulted in a disturbance of Morrison's classification, but the name Margarodidae s.l. was still in use.

The Orthezioidea were regarded as a primitive group until the investigations on the male (Theron, 1958, 1962) indicated that also this group contains highly specialized forms.

The characters of the mouthparts well define the *Orthezioidea* and the groups associated in this superfamily. Furthermore, from the structure of the mouthparts it appears clearly that the *Orthezioidea* should not be considered as opposite to the

Coccoidea on the ground of specialization, but the two groups should be rather regarded as different phylogenetic branches, both of which contain primitive as well as specialized forms.

The characters of the mouthparts as well as these of the male indicate that the *Orthezioidea* are a relict group comprising various and supposedly heterogeneous forms.

The author assigned to this superfamily the following families *Phenacolea-chiidae*, *Ortheziidae*, *Monophlebidae*, *Coelostomidiidae*, *Kuwaniidae*, *Matsucoccidae*, *Xylococcidae*, *Porphyrophoridae* and the unplaced genus *Neosteingelia* which may represent a distinct group.

Phenacoleachiidae family group Phenacoleachiidae Cockerell

Phenacoleachiinae Cockerell, 1902: 260.

The taxonomic status and the relationships of the genus *Phenacoleachia* have been a problem since it was described. For ilustration of the various and contradictory opinions concerning this question a review of some papers in the chronological order is presented below 1:

MASKELL, 1891, described *Leachia zealandica* and placed it in his *Ortheziinae*, regarding it as a primitive coccid;

Cockerel, 1896, placed the species zealandica in Palaeococcus in his Monophlebinae;

Cockerell, 1899a, established for zealandica a new genus — Phenacoleachia and placed it in his Ortheziinae with the comment that it also had some "daetylopine" features;

Cockerell, 1902 recognized the subfamily *Phenacoleachiinae* and placed it in his scheme after the *Margarodinae*;

FERNALD, 1903, placed Phenacoleachiinae between Ortheziinae and Conchaspidinae;

FERRIS, 1921, on the basis of male characters indicated some similarities between *Phenacoleachia* and pseudococcid scale insects, e.g., *Puto*;

MacGillivray, 1921, placed the *Phenacoleachiinae* between *Ortheziinae* and *Eriococcinae* in the "Specialized *Coccidae*";

Morrison and Morrison, 1922, redescribed *Phenacoleachia zealandica* and stated its uncertain relationships;

Brues and Melander, 1932, elevated the subfamily *Phenacoleachiinae* to full family rank;

PFLUGFELDER, 1939, included Phenacoleachia in the Coccinae;

BALACHOWSKY, 1942, placed it as a distinct family in his "Lecanoidae", indicating that it may link the "Margaroidae" with the "Lecanoidae";

¹ The author rejected in this statement all the unsuitable spellings of the family name *Phenacoleachiidae*.

² This date is given by Williams (1969). According to Theron (1962) the family-group name was erected in 1900, and according to Balachowsky (1948), in 1899.

- Balachowsky, 1948, lowered its rank, together with other groups, to subfamily category;
- FERRIS, 1957, left it among the "Unplaced Genera" with the remark: "The author would prefer to see them left unattached rather than assume a position that indicates an understanding which we do not possess";
- IMMS, 1957, placed the family *Phenacoleachiidae* between *Asterolecaniidae* and *Stictococcidae*;
- OBENBERGER, 1957, placed it in the "Lecanioidea" between Lacciferidae and Asterolecaniidae, indicating that it has some characters in common with the Margarodidae;
- Borchsenius, 1958, assigned *Phenacoleachiidae* in the *Archaeococcoidea* and stated that they represent the most primitive and the oldest group of scale insects;
- Thereon, 1962, on the basis of male characters, stated: "Phenacoleachia ostensibly belongs to the margaroid group, but is apparently not closely related to any member of it, except perhaps to the European genus Steingelia" and "... it should presumably be regarded as an annectant genus, linking the primitive Margaroidae with the more specialized Lecanoidae";
- KAWECKI, 1964, indicated that the number of bristles on the hamulohalters in *Phenacoleachia* is more reduced than in some species of the family *Lecaniidae* (= *Coccidae*);
- BEARDSLEY, 1964, described a second species of *Phenacoleachia Ph. australis* and discussed the position of this genus; his conclusion was that "*Phenacoleachia* might well be regarded as constituing a primitive subfamily of the family *Pseudococidae*";
- GILIOMEE, 1967, indicated (on the basis of male characters) that *Phenacoleachia* is more similar to *Pseudococcidae* than to *Coccidae*, and *Steingelia* vice versa more similar to *Coccidae* than to *Pseudococcidae*, but he added: "At this stage of research it is difficult to determine, however, whether the similarities have any phylogenetic significance or whether they are merely due to the convergency";
- AFIFI, 1968, followed the idea of GILIOMEE and, using simple numerical methods, came to the conclusion that "there appeared to be at least two links between the primitive margaroids and the more specialized lecanoids" one represented by Steingelia (Margarodidae Coccidae) and the second by Phenacoleachia (Margarodidae Pseudococcidae);
- Williams, 1969, on ground of the investigations by Theron (1962) and Beard-sley (1964) proposed the association of the genera *Steingelia*, *Phenacoleachia* and possibly *Puto* into one group;
- BORATYNSKI, 1970, agreed with the authors who regarded the "Lecanoidae" as a polyphyletic group, with Phenacoleachia and Steingelia as annectant genera, and later;
- BORATYNSKI and DAVIES, 1971, presented this conception in the form of a phylogenetic tree.

From this statement a conclusion could be drawn which appears somewhat paradoxical, namely that *Phenacoleachia* is closely related with nearly all families, and that it is primitive and specialized at the same time. When the characters of the labium are taken into consideration there is no doubt where to place this genus and what a specialization level it represents. The labium in *Phenacoleachia* is not comparable with that of any other group or genus, and represents an extremely primitive condition. It is very long and slender, four-segmented, with numerous setae variable in number. Labia of such a structure are to be found among the primitive *Aphidinea*.

Phenacoleachia is not related to Steingelia 1. The mouthparts in these two genera show a basically different structure. The opinion on the relation between them is based on the male characters, but with the increasing accumulation of the information it becomes obvious that the evolution of the males follows parallelly in all groups of Coccinea, and that we can never decide whether a given structure represents a primitive or specialized condition. Thus, e.g., the presence of a large number of radially arranged, similar, unicorneal eyes usually marked as a character shared by Phenacoleachia and Steingelia, has been stated also in Pityococcus and Electrococcus (both Margarodidae s.l., Beardsley, 1969), Puto (Beardsley, 1962), Kermes (Borchsenius, 1960) and some Coccidae (Giliomee, 1967). For the same reasons Phenacoleachia cannot be included in the Coccoidea (= "lecanoid" coccids). Mention should be made here, moreover, that Theron (1962) and Beardsley (1964) found abdominal spiracles in both males Phenacoleachia zealandica and Ph. australis.

The author protests strongly against the conception according to which Phenacoleachia and Steingelia, as highly specialized representatives of the Margarodidae (s.l.), may be regarded, each separately, as annectant genera between the margaroid and lecanoid coccids. Phenacoleachiidae can be regarded as a group from which the Coccoidea derived not due to their specialization but that they represent in fact the most primitive features known in the Coccinea. In this respect Phenacoleachiidae can be considered as well as an ancestral group for the Orthezioidea. As mentioned elsewhere in this paper, the males achieved specialized conditions independently in many groups. The mouthparts in Steingelia, however, represent a high level of specialization, which is in this case in accordance with that of the male, and therefore this genus should be rejected as a link between Margarodidae (s.l.) and Coccidae (for further discussion see "Kuwaniidae").

As concerns the relationship between *Phenacoleachiidae* and *Pseudococcidae*, it can be said on the basis of the structure of the mouthparts that these two groups share really more common characters in comparison with other combinations, e.g., *Phenacoleachiidae* — *Acanthococcidae*, or *Coccidae*, but this is rather

¹ The author's names of genera and species, with some necessary exceptions, are omitted in this paper. For full list of generic and specific author names of taxa under discussion see the earlier paper (Котеја, 1974).

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clear if we take into consideration that *Pseudococcidae* are the most primitive group among the *Coccoidea*.

In the opinion of the author, based on the characters of the mouthparts, *Phenacoleachia* represents a relict member of an archaic group of scale insects which was probably widely distributed and now limited to New Zealand and some Pacific islands. In the independent evolutionary processes some members of this group achieved a high level of specialization, and on the other hand, from this group derived the other, at least two, major groups of modern *Coccinea* — the *Orthezioidea* and *Coccoidea*. This conception is close to the suggestions expressed by the earliest authors and later by Borchsenius (1958).

Ortheziidae family group Ortheziidae Amyot and Serville

Orthezides Amyot and Serville, 1843: 619.

The Ortheziidae have been widely accepted as a well defined and isolated group, sometimes associated with the Margarodidae (s.l.) in a higher taxon, the Margaroidae (BALACHOWSKY, 1942) or Archaeococcidea (BORCHSENIUS, 1950). These opinions are supported by the present investigations.

The characters of the mouthparts indicate that the *Ortheziidae* represent a level of specialization which can be compared with that in the *Coelostomidiidae* and in the primitive groups of *Coccoidea*, but acquired in a quite different way. The *Ortheziidae* have derived from the primitive ancestors supposedly as a separate branch.

On the basis of the labial characters the Ortheziidae¹ could be further divided into two groups — the Orthezia group (Orthezia and Arctorthezia) and the Newsteadia group (Newsteadia and Ortheziola). This groupment displays some common points with the classification by Morrison (1952), but due to the scarcity of the examined material it is difficult to ascribe any definite taxonomic status to these groups.

Monophlebidae family group Monophlebidae SIGNORET

Monophlebites Signoret, 1875: 350; Palaeococcinae Heymons, 1915: 183.

The *Menophlebidae* have been regarded for a long time as a subfamily in the family *Margarodidae*. In the recent years some authors (ZAHRADNIK, 1959) elevated this group to full family rank.

There is no doubt that the *Monophlebidae* represent one of the most primitive groups in the whole suborder, although, as far as the structure of the mouthparts

¹ The genera and species assigned to this and other families, discussed in the present paper are listed in the earlier publication dealing with the morphology of the labium (Koteja, 1974).

is concerned, they contain also forms which show a high degree of specialization (Icerya).

The *Monophlebidae* possess an exclusive character — the presence of a special kind of setae on the labium — the "sensory setae", which was not found in any other group, and there is a basical question whether this group represents a separate branch on the phylogenetic tree of the *Orthezioidea* or whether it can be regarded as an ancestral group from which the other orthezioids have derived. The structure of the clypeolabral complex seems to support this latter conception.

Morrison (1928) recognized in the *Monophlebidae* (subfamily according to this author) several lower taxa. Although the characters of the mouthparts well define the genera assigned to this group, a classification was rather not possible because only a few species were examined. It can be only said that *Drosicha* represents the most primitive and *Icerya* the most specialized members of this family.

Coelostomidiidae family group Coelostomidiidae MORRISON

Coelostomidiinae Morrison, 1927: 102.

Morrison assigned the subfamily Coelostomidiinae, with the tribes Marchalini, Platycoelostomini and Coelostomidiini to the family Margarodidae. McKenzie (1942) recognized the tribe Pityococcini and included it in this subfamily. Beardsley (1969) elevated this tribe to subfamily rank.

The characters of the mouthparts well define this small group, which is more specialized than the *Monophlebidae* but evidently more primitive than the remaining groups of the *Orthezioidea*, excluding *Phenacoleachia*. It is worth noticing that the structure of the labium (but not that of the clypeolabral complex and sucking pump) in this group is very similar to that in the *Pseudococidae*.

If the author is right in regarding the *Monophlebidae* as a group from which the other *Orthezioidea* derived, the *Coelostomidiidae* could be considered as a link between the former and the members of the *Porphyrophoridae* family group.

Porphyrophoridae family group

This family group contains some genera which with respect to the structure of the mouthparts should be considered as highly specialized scale insects. Similar conclusions can be drawn if other features are taken into account, e.g., the morphology of the male in *Steingelia*, the morphology and biology of the *Porphyrophoridae* and *Xylococcidae*, and others.

The author could not accept the classification of the insects assigned here given by Morrison (1928), but on the other hand, due to the scarcity of the examined materials, he also could not offer another, satisfactory conception. The genera associated in this group on the basis of the similar structure of the

clypeolabral complex, seem to represent a heterogenous assemblage and the family group name indicates in this particular case the high specialization level of the included taxa, rather than the phylogenetic relations.

The author assigned to the *Porphyrophoridae* family group, tentatively, the following genera and families: *Neosteingelia*, *Kuwaniidae*, *Matsucoccidae*, *Xylococcidae* and *Porphyrophoridae*. *Neosteingelia* and *Kuwaniidae* probably represent a natural group, but the relations and origin of the other families remain obscure.

Neosteingelia group

Neosteingelia Morrison, 1927: 101.

Morrison (1928) placed this genus in the tribe Kuwaniini together with Kuwania (subfamily Margarodinae, family Margarodidae after the classification by Morrison). The author had the opportunity to examine Neosteingelia as well as Dimargarodes and Porphyrophora, the members of another tribe — the Margarodini, and came to a different conclusion than Morrison. On the basis of the labial characters Neosteingelia cannot be associated with the Margarodes group (in this respect the author agrees with Jakubski, 1965), and its relation with Kuwania cannot be regarded as very close, either. On the other hand, Kuwania is close to Steingelia. In this situation the author left the genus under discussion unattached, but with an indication that it could be regarded as a link between the Coelostomidiidae and Kuwaniidae.

The labium, and particularly the clypeolabral shield and sucking pump in Neosteingelia represent a comparatively high degree of specialization.

Kuwaniidae MACGILLIVRAY

Kuwaniinae MacGillivray, 1921: 45; Steingeliinae Morrison, 1927: 101.

Cockerell (1909) included Kuwania in a table of genera allied to Xylococcus (Margarodinae, Xylococcini); Morrison (1928) placed it with Neosteingelia in the Kuwaniini (Margarodinae); MacGillivray (1921) assigned Kuwania together with Matsucoccus, Paragreenia, Americococcus, Stomacoccus and Steingelia in his Kuwaniinae.

The genus Steingelia has been placed by its describer (Nassonov, 1908) close to Xylococcus; Morrison (1928) assigned it with Stomacoccus to the subfamily Steingeliinae and it would probably remain as an ordinary member of the Margarodidae (s.l.) had it not been for the male which caused a discussion persisting to this day. First Green (1917) noticed the unusual from of the male and suggested the removal of this genus from the Margarodidae. In a later

work (1920) he supposed that the male characters of Steingelia may constitute a connecting link between the Margarodidae and Pseudococcidae. Morrison (1928) was so surprised by the unusual structure of the male that he supposed the specimens were erroneously determined and may belong to another coccid. THERON (1958) studied the male in detail and stated that this species, showing affinities with Margarodidae, is also close to Eulecanium and Pseudococcus. He agreed with GREEN that Steingelia should be removed from the Margarodidae, and that it constituted a link between Margarodidae and Pseudococcidae. Later, THERON (1962) studied another unusual genus — Phenacoleachia, and came to the conclusion that the two genera "seem to be fairly closely related and their inclusion to the same family is perhaps not unlikely". GILIOMEE (1967), on the basis of male characters stated that all the compared characters (7) which differentiate Steingelia and Phenacoleachia are shared between the latter and the Pseudococcidae, and on the other hand, 6 of them (opposite conditions) are found in Steingelia and Coccidae. Afifi (1968) established that Steingelia shares 73% of the compared male characters with Margarodidae and 77% with Coccidae (12 characters were compared), whereas Phenacoleachia shares 73% with Margarodidae and 88% with Pseudococcidae. For completion it can be added that Steingelia and Phenacoleachia share 62% characters, and Coccidae with Pseudococcidae have only as few as 42% characters in common.

On the basis of these data, Williams (1969) and Boratynski and Davies (1971) expressed some, rather contradictory, general suggestions. Williams proposed the including of *Steingelia* and *Phenacoleachia* (and *Puto*) into one family. Boratynski and Davies suggested that the two genera represent, each, a different phylogenetic branch — *Phenacoleachia* linking the *Margarodidae* with *Pseudococcidae* (and *Eriococcidae* and *Dactylopiidae*), *Steingelia* — the *Margarodidae* with the *Coccidae* and all other lecanoid and diaspidoid coccids.

The present investigations show that Steingelia cannot be associated with Phenacoleachia (see above "Phenacoleachiidae"), and much less with the Coccidae. Steingelia is a definite member of the Orthezioidea (= Margarodidae s.l.) in all its respects. The similarities between the male of this genus and that of the Coccidae indicate only the similar specialization level. The labium, for instance, is two-segmented in the two groups, but this does not mean that they may be closely related. For the same reasons the idea that Steingelia may form a link between Margarodidae and Coccidae must be rejected. This genus, being highly specialized with respect to both male and female, cannot be regarded as an annectant form between any groups. It is generally known that the phylogenetic links are usually represented by primitive forms.

On the basis of the characters of the mouthparts it can be said that Steingelia belongs to the superfamily Orthezioidea, being closely related to Kuwania and, to a lesser degree, to Neosteingelia. This group represents a comparatively high level of specialization in the superfamily. The author supposes that Kuwaniidae may represent a separate branch which derived from the Coelostomidiidae.

Matsucoccidae Morrison

Matsucoccini Morrison, 1927: 101; Matsucoccinae Morrison; Beardsley, 1968: 1458.

This group represents another case of a striking incongruity between the opinions based on the male morphology and the results of the present investigations. Morrison (1928) included the tribe Matsucoccini to the subfamily Xylococcinae, family Margarodidae. Beardsley (1968) examined the male of Matsucoccus bisetosus and came to the conclusion that Matsucoccus was one of the most primitive genera among the Margarodidae (s.l.), not particularly closely related to Margarodes, Xylococcus or Monophlebus, but rather showing similarities with Orthezia and Aphis, and he advised that it should form a separate group, if the classification by Morrison was accepted, of a subfamily rank.

Contrarily to the opinion presented above, the characters of the mouthparts indicate that *Matsucoccus* is one of the most specialized genera among the superfamily *Orthezioidea*. Its relation to *Xylococcus* or *Margarodes* cannot be precluded, but it seems most unlikely that *Matsucoccus* could have some affinities with the *Ortheziidae*. The author can say nothing more to support his view-point than he has already said on the other pages of this paper.

Xylococcidae PERGANDE

Xylococcinae Pergande (in Habbart and Pergande), 1898: 26; Xylococcidae Pergande; Zahradnik, 1959: 527.

In the earlier classificatory system the *Xylococcinae* have been regarded as a separate group equal in rank to *Margarodinae*, *Monophlebinae* and others. Morrison (1928) included this group in the family *Margarodidae* which action was widely accepted. Zahradnik (1959) removed it from the *Margarodidae* as a distinct family, containing the genera *Matsucoccus* and *Xylococcus*. Beardsley (1968) suggested the exclusion of the former one from this group (see *Matsucoccidae*).

As far as the structure of the mouthparts is concerned, the *Xylococcidae* should be considered as a separate, highly specialized branch of the *Porphyrophoridae* family group. At present only *Xylococcus* and *Xylococculus* are included in it.

Porphyrophoridae SIGNORET

Porphyrophorites Signoret, 1875: 346; Margarodinae Cockerell, 1899: 390.

The group under discussion formed the tribe Margarodini in the subfamily Margarodinae according to the classification by Morrison (1928). Jakubski (1965) elevated it to full family rank without taking into consideration the large number of other taxa already recognized under the family Margarodidae and established a new family — the Termitococcidae.

As Porphyrophorites Signoret has priority over Margarodinae Cockerell, the former name should be used for stability. However, it should be borne in mind that the name Margarodidae has been in use for a long time in the systematic as well as in the applied entomology, but the retaining of this name requires a formal action (see Morrison and Morrison, 1966; Williams, 1969).

In the examined species assigned to the family *Porphyrophoridae* the mouthparts show the highest level of specialization among the *Orthezioidea* as well as in the whole *Coccinea*. The labium in the first stage nymph of *Neomarga-rodes trabuti* figured by Morrison (1928) is, however, much more primitive, among others it possesses several setae. The point is, whether this genus belongs to another group, or whether the labium in the *Porphyrophoridae* shows a considerable degree of variability.

The Porphyrophoridae seem to form the fourth branch, beside Kuwaniidae, Matsucoccidae and Xylococcidae, in which the more specialized Orthezioidea have developed.

Superfamily Coccoidea FALLÉN

Coccides Fallén, 1814: 23; Lecanoidae + Diaspidoidae Balachowsky, 1942: 37; Neococcoidea Borchsenius, 1950: 14; Neococcidea Bodenheimer, 1952: 317; Neococcomorpha Borchsenius, 1965: 362; Specialized Coccidae MacGillivray, 1921: 45.

The scale insects assigned to this superfamily possess the apical setae on the labium, but the apical organ, compound eyes, and abdominal spiracles are lacking. In some members of the *Asterolecaniidae* family group in which the labium shows the highest level of specialization the apical setae as well as any other setae have not been observed.

This superfamily contains the majority of families of the scale insects, from Pseudococcidae, the most primitive group, to Asterolecaniidae and Diaspididae, the most specialized ones. Some authors (Balachowsky, 1942; Obenberger, 1957, and others) included in this assamblage also the family Phenacoleachiidae or even Ortheziidae (MacGillivray, 1921). Balachowsky (1942, 1948), Borchsenius (1965) and other authors regarded the Diaspididae as a group which should be classified separately as a distinct superfamily or similar category. Boratynski and Davies (1971) suggested that the scale insects under discussion represent two heterogeneous groups — one, more primitive, containing the Pseudococcidae, Eriococcidae and Dactylopiidae, derived from ancestors similar to Phenacoleachia, the other, containing all the remaining families, may be derived from the Steingelia-like ancestors.

On the basis of the mouthparts the author comes to the conclusion that the *Coccoidea* are a monophyletic group which derived from ancestors close to *Phenacoleachia*. The most primitive *Coccoidea* are the *Pseudococcidae*, represented by the genus *Puto* and its relatives. From the *Pseudococcidae* probably two

branches derived — the Conchaspididae and the Acanthococcidae. This latter group ramified into a number of small branches (Dactylopiidae, Apiomorphidae, Kermesidae, Cerococcidae, Cryptococcidae and others), simultaneously giving origin to three major branches which form in the present classification three family groups — the Coccidae, Asterolecaniidae and Diaspididae family groups. The Coccidae and Diaspididae family groups seem to be natural groups, but little can be said on the relationship between the families associated in the Asterolecaniidae family group. It contains rather genera which do not show definite coccid or diaspidid characters.

The *Pseudococcidae*, *Acanthococcidae* and *Conchaspididae* family groups represent the "first floor" of the *Coccoidea* (*Acanthocociidoe* section), the remaining three family groups, being more specialized, the "second floor" (*Coccidae* section).

Pseudococcidae family group

Pseudococcidae Cockerell

Pseudococcini Cockerell, 1905: 193; Dactylopiinae Signoret; auct.; Phenacoccinae Šulc, 1944: 152.

Although informal, the name *Pseudococcidae* is now widely accepted for the mealybugs (Morrison and Morrison, 1966; Williams, 1969). In the past, the *Pseudococcidae* were associated with various groups of scale insects, usually with *Acanthococcidae* (= *Eriococcidae*) and sometimes also with the genus *Kermes* as *Dactylopiinae* (Fernald, 1903), *Eriococcidae* (Balachowsky, 1942), *Pseudococcidae* (with *Eriococcinae*, Borchsenius, 1949) or *Kerminae* (Balachowsky, 1948; Schmetterer, 1952).

The Pseudococcidae are usually considered as being a primitive group; only few scholars (OBENBERGER, 1957) place it after the Asterolecaniidae and Coccidae. The characters of the mouthparts adequately define this family and place it on the lowest level among the Coccoidea. The Pseudococcidae probably link this superfamily with the primitive scale insects, showing some common characters with the Phenacoleachiidae.

The *Pseudococcidae* contain numerous and various forms and some subcategories were recognized by the earlier workers within this family, but no serious attempt has been made to classify the whole group.

SILVESTRI (1939) recognized the subtribe *Trabutina* (tribe *Pseudococcini*). BODENHEIMER (1949) elevated this group to subfamily rank and placed it in the *Eriococcidae*, regarding it as equal in level to the *Pseudococcinae*. Ferris (1950a) associated *Trabutina* with the genera *Nipaecoccus*, *Naiacoccus* and *Anomostherium*.

Cockerell (1899) recognized the tribe *Sphaerococcini*, Shinji (1935) the subfamily *Serrolecaniinae*, Borchsenius (1948a) the tribe *Coccurini* and later (1949) the tribe *Antoninini* (Bodenheimer, 1952, elevated this group to sub-

family rank), EZZAT and MCCONNEL (1956) the tribe *Planococcini*, WILLIAMS (1969) the tribe *Rhizoecini*. In many papers the name "*Phenacoccus* group" is used to contain *Phenacoccus* and related genera. BEARDSLEY (1969) proposed the family *Putoidae* as a group distinct from the *Pseudococcidae*.

The most comprehensive classification of the family Pseudococcidae was presented by Afifi (1968). This author, on the basis of male characters (13 genera examined by himself and 2 genera by Beardsley, 1962) recognized among the Pseudococcidae 8 groups of genera: the Puto, Ceroputo, Nairobia, Planococcus, Pseudococcus, Saccharicoccus, Octococcus and Rhizoecus groups. He proposed, furthermore, to divide these groups into 4 sections (which may be regarded as subfamilies): the first section containing the genus Rhizoecus, the second section with Ceroputo and Nairobia groups, the third section for the Ceroputo — Octococcus groups and the fourth for Puto. Numerical methods applied to the same material by Boratynski (1970), confirmed in general outline the conception presented by Afifi. A comparatively small number of examined species and the absence in this classification of such important genera as Phenacoccus, Heterococcus, Ripersia, Rhodania and others, diminishes somewhat its significance.

The uniform structure of the mouthparts (particularly that of the sucking pump) and the convergencies in various groups and different taxonomic levels present the *Pseudococcidae* as a homogenous and compact group. Thus, the author utilized also other characters in dividing this family into lower taxa.

The examined species can be placed, although not always without hesitation, in four subfamilies — the *Trabutininae*, *Pseudococcinae*, *Rhizoecinae* and *Sphaerococcinae*. The proposed classification has many common points with that of Afifi. The differences concern the following questions:

In Afifi's classification the genera Ceroputo + Nairobia and Puto are placed in two distinct sections. In the present classification Puto and Ceroputo are placed in the same subfamily (see Trabutininae).

Afifi did not discuss the relations between *Puto* section and the *Ceroputo* — *Nairobia*, and *Planococcus* — *Octococcus* sections. The arrangement of the sections seems to indicate that Afifi regarded *Puto* closer to *Planococcus* — *Octococcus* that to the *Ceroputo* — *Nairobia* section. As mentioned above, the author sees *Puto* close to *Ceroputo*.

AFIFI placed the genus Nipaecoccus among Planococcus, Trionymus and other genera in the Planococcus group. The shape of the clypeus is also similar to that in this group, but other characters make them close to the members of the Ceroputo — Nairobia section (Trabutininae in the present classification). The separation of this genus from the Planococcus — Octococcus group was also indicated by some numerical methods (BORATYNSKI, 1970).

AFIFI recognized the Ceroputo — Nairobia section as a more specialized group than the Planococcus — Pseudococcus — Saccharicoccus — Octococcus section. In contrast with this view, the author supposes that Ceroputo (and Centrococcus, Phenacoccus, Ripersia and other members of the subfamily Trabutininae) represents a group, which as a whole, is more primitive than that

represented by *Planococcus* (and *Pseudococcus*, *Trionymus* and other members of the subfamily *Pseudococcinae*), although in some species the males can represent a high level of specialization.

Trabutininae SILVESTRI

Trabutini Silvestri, 1939: 60;
Phenacoccinae Šulc, 1944: 152, partim;
Phenacoccus group, auct.;
Coccurini Borchsenius, 1948a: 954;
Ceroputo + Nairobia section Afifi, 1968: 69;
Putoidae Beardsley, 1969: 278.

There is a nomenclatorial question because the genus *Trabutina* is not particularly characteristic of this subfamily, but as it was placed in this group, the name *Trabutininae* had priority over all other names.

The scale insects placed in this subfamily are defined by the following, or at least one of the following characters:

- On the posterior surface of the apical segment of the labium there occur 3 pairs of setae.
- Anterior margin of the clypeus is arched.
- Dorsal setae are spineform.
- The plantar surface of the claw is provided with a denticle.
- Quinquelocular pores are present.
- The colour of living specimens is yellowish, pinkish, greenish, rarely brownish. In the opinion of the author this subfamily, although comprising various and sometimes highly specialized forms, represents the most primitive Pseudococcidae. In the radiation processes the various groups within this subfamily originated, and on the other hand, it gave rise to other Pseudococcidae. The most primitive forms (Puto, Macrocerococcus, Ceroputo, Phenacoccus, Paroudablis, Spinococcus and others) possess all the above mentioned characters. Due to the reductive processes various groups of genera originate, e.g., Mirococcus (reduction of dorsal spines and quinquelocular pores in some members), Heterococcus (reduction of trilocular pores), Euripersia (partial reduction of denticle on claw), Rhodania and Metadenopus (reduction of trilocular pores, denticle, spineform setae on dorsum, partial reduction of posterior setae on labium). Owing to the progressive processes originate other groups, e.g., Heliococcus (development of a special kind of tubular ducts), Peliococcus (special arrangement of multilocular pores). Other aberrations of not clear nature are represented by the genera Lacombia, Trabutina and Nipaecoccus (Koteja, 1974; Koteja, manuscript; Koteja and Liniowska, manuscript).

Of particular interest is the genus *Puto*. LINDINGER (1912) and LEONARDI (1920) regarded the genera *Macrocerococcus* and *Ceroputo* as synonyms. Borchsenius (1949) recognized *Puto*, *Ceroputo* and *Macrocerococcus* as distinct genera, Ferris (1950) and Balachowsky (1953) united the three taxa in one genus and Reyne (1954) once again dissociated them into three distinct genera.

This author noted furthermore, that the American and European species of Puto (Puto yuccae and P. antennatus, respectively) represent different lines of development. Beardsley (1962), on the basis of male characters, expressed the opinion that Puto, being the most primitive among the Pseudococcidae shows some similarities with Stomacoccus and Steingelia, genera of the Orthezioidea (= Margarodidae s.l.). Later (1969), this author erected the family Putoidae. The view on the extreme position of the genus under discussion has also been supported by the cytological studies (Hughes-Schrader, 1944; Brown and Cleveland, 1968). Williams (1969) supposed that Puto could be placed in one group with Steingelia and Phenacoleachia (family Phenacoleachiidae), and Miller and Mckenzie (1973) noticed that "a remarkable amount of similarity exists between Puto and Phenacoccus".

The present investigations show that Macrocerococcus superbus, Puto caucasicus and Ceroputo pilosellae (species examined by the author) are definite members of the family Pseudococcidae. Among these three species, Macrocerococcus superbus is the most primitive and Ceroputo pilosellae the most specialized species, but it is another question whether Puto caucasicus, the single species of this genus examined by the author, is congeneric with P. antennatus and P. yuccae. The author does not believe that Puto should form a separate family, but there is no doubt that the groups associated in the subfamily Trabutininae represent various forms and that further investigations may divide this subfamily into more taxa, one of which formed by the genus Puto with its relatives.

Pseudococcinae Cockerel

Pseudococcini Cockerell, 1905: 193;

Pseudococcus group, auct.;

Planococcini Ezzat and McConnell, 1956: 3;

Planococcus, Pseudococcus, Saccharicoccus and Octococcus sections Afifi, 1968: 69.

The *Pseudococcinae* are characterized by the presence of only 2 pairs of setae on the posterior surface of the labium, the anterior margin of the clypeus not arched, presence of hair-like (not spine-like) setae on the dorsum, absence of the denticle on the claw, the brownish colour of the body. The *Pseudococcinae* represent a much more homogeneous group than the *Trabutininae*, and, as a whole, are more specialized than the latter. Among the genera assigned to this group *Ferrisia* represents the most primitive, and *Saccharicoccus penium* the most specialized forms.

Rhizoecinae WILLIAMS

Rhizoecini Williams, 1969: 335.

The genus *Rhizoecus* and its relatives were for a long time considered as an unusual group among the *Pseudococcidae*. This opinion was formally accepted by Williams (1969) who established the tribe *Rhizoecinae*. Beardsley (1962), on the basis of male characters considered the genus *Rhizoecus* as the most

specialized pseudococcid, and Afifi (1968) proposed a separate section to contain it (see discussion under *Pseudococcidae*).

The basical characters of the mouthparts in this group are similar to those in the subfamily *Pseudococcinae*. The shape of the labium, however, represents primitive conditions. From both male and female morphology it appears that the position of *Rhizoecinae* among the *Pseudococcidae* is not clear and requires further studies.

Sphaerococcinae Cockerell

Sphaerococcini Cockerell, 1899; Antoninini Borchsenius, 1949: 44.

As pointed out by many authors (Hoy, 1963; Afifi and Kosztarab, 1967; Kosztarab, 1968) the genus Sphaerococcus contained a heterogeneous assemblage of species, some of which seem to represent new genera assignable to the Acanthococcidae family group (= Eriococcidae s.l.), e.g., Sphaerococcus tomentosus. The type species, S. casuarinae, examined by the author, exhibits definite pseudococcid characters and seems to be related to the genera Antonina and Chaetococcus. The genus Serrolecanium (not examined by the author) may belong, according to Williams (1969) also to this group.

AFIFI (1968) basing on the description of the male Antonina crawi given by Beardsley (1965) considered this species as close to his Planococcus group. AFIFI and Kosztarab (1967) examined 5 species of Antonina and indicated that this genus shares more common characters with the Saccharicoccus group.

On the basis of the structure of the mouthparts it is difficult to infer about the relationship of this group. In any case, it shows general characters typical of the subfamily *Pseudococcinae*. On the other hand, it is not unlikely that this group contains highly specialized, heterogeneous forms which became similar due to the convergency.

Acanthococcidae family group 1

The labium in this family group is three-segmented (with the exception of *Kuwania* and possibly *Calycicoccus*) but with one subapical seta only, and it is therefore easy to distinguish it from the *Pseudococcidae*.

In comparison with the *Pseudococcidae*, the mouthparts in the families associated in this group are more specialized, although some characters, e.g. the size of the labium, are in some groups more primitive than in certain *Pseudococcidae*.

In the earlier classificatory systems the Acanthococcidae (= Eriococcidae) were insufficiently defined and had very wide limits, containing many aberrant forms. Especially Hov (1963) placed in this family all the genera which did not show definite characters of other groups.

¹ If the position of the genus Kermes in this group is accepted, the name Kermesites Signoret, 1875: 15, has priority over Acanthococcites Signoret, 1875: 16, as a family group name.

The proposed Acanthococcidae family group contains the following distinct families: Acanthococcidae, Apiomorphidae, Dactylopiidae, Kermesidae, Cerococcidae, Cryptococcidae, Calycicoccidae, the Kuwania group (presumed family status) and the unplaced genus Xerococcus. Most of these families were placed by Ferris (1957a) and Hoy (1963) as lower categories (usually genera) in the family Acanthococcidae (= Eriococcidae). The genera Cissococcus and Opisthoscelis, associated sometimes with Acanthococcus (= Eriococcus auct.) were removed to other groups, and the genera Cerococcus (associated usually with Asterolecanium) and Kuwanina (grouped with Pseudococcidae) are placed here as distinct families.

Acanthococcidae SIGNORET

Acanthococcites Signoret, 1975: 16; Kerminae Signoret; Balachowsky, 1948: 253, partim; Dactylopiidae Signoret; Fbrris, 1955, partim; Eriococcini Cockerell, 1899: 389.

The taxonomic status, limits and the name of this group have been changed many times and will not be discussed in this paper. In the recent catalogue of this group, Hoy (1963) placed in the Acanthococcidae (= Eriococcidae) 57 genera, and among others Apiomorpha, Calycicoccus, Capulinia, Cryptococcus, Dactylopius, Kermes, Micrococcus and Pseudochermes. In the present classification the family Acanthococcidae is limited to Acanthococcus and closely related genera. This conception is in accordance with the opinion of Borchsenius (1948), Afifi (1968) and other workers who excluded from this family many genera and transferred them to other families or established new ones.

The author agrees with the opinion of Borchsenius (1948) that the genera Acanthococcus and Eriococcus are distinct. In this situation, "Acanthococcidae" should be used instead of "Eriococcidae" as a family name because the former has priority.

Two subfamilies are assigned to the Acanthococcidae — the Acanthococcinae and Eriococcinae.

Acanthococcinae SIGNORET

Acanthococcites Signoret, 1875: 16; Eriococcidae Cockerell, auct.

The labium in this group is characterized by the presence of two pairs of basal setae and seems to be most primitive in the family.

The subfamily contains tentatively 4 tribes: *Phloeococcus* group, *Acanthococcini*, *Rhzococcus* group and *Ovaticoccus* group.

Phloeococcus group (tribe status)

The genus *Phleococcus* Hoy (1962) was erected for two new species from New Zealand. The describer considered this genus to be primitive. The present investigations are in complete accord with this view. The labium shows primitive

characters, among others, on its posterior surface occur three pairs of setae which condition has not been observed in any member of the *Acanthococcidae* family group.

Acanthococcini SIGNORET

Acanthococcites Signoret, 1975: 16.

The genus Acanthococcus Signoret (not Kiričenko, 1936) has been widely accepted as a synonym of Eriococcus Targioni Tozzetti. It was so considered by Ferris (1957a) and Hoy (1963). Borchsenius (1948) recognized both the genera as distinct and transferred most species from Eriococcus to Acanthococcus. This action was accepted by Danzig (1964), Boratynski (1962) and some other workers.

Borchsenius (1948) emphasized the special type of tubular ducts present in *Eriococcus* as a character which clearly distinguishes the two genera. The present investigations show that they differ also in the structure of the labium. In *Eriococcus* there occur one pair of basal setae and 7 pairs on apical segment, in *Acanthococcus* on basal segment there are 2 pairs and on apical one 6 pairs.

Although the apical segment of the labium in *Acanthococcus* bears only 6 pairs of setae (1 pair of the anterior setae is reduced), all other characters of the mouthparts indicate that it is more primitive than those in other members of this family, excluding *Phloeococcus*.

Following species are assigned to the Acanthococcini: Gossyparia spuria, Acanthococcus aceris, A. sp., "Eriococcus" quercus and "Eriococcus" coriaceus ¹. All these species live on trees and bushes. For further discussion see Rhizococcus group.

Rhizococcus group (tribe status)

SIGNORET (1875) presented this genus, with the type species *Rhizococcus gnidii* Signoret (1875), as very close to *Eriococcus* and *Acanthococcus*, but having a distinct habitat. Later this genus was considered as a synonym of *Nidularia* (Lindinger, 1933) or *Eriococcus* (Ferris, 1955, 1957a). This latter action was widely accepted by coccid workers. Borchsenius (1948) revalidated *Rhizococcus* and transferred to it a number of species formerly assigned to *Eriococcus*, and Danzig (1962, 1964) concurred. Hoy (1962) once again placed *Rhizococcus* with the synonyms of *Eriococcus*.

The present investigations show that Acanthococcus, Eriococcus and Rhizococcus are distinct, but they indicate different limits between the genera than those defined by Borchsenius and Danzig. These authors placed in Acanthococcus all the species with dorsal setae as long as the marginal ones, and in Rhizococcus

¹ The specific names were taken from the specimen labels. In the case when the author transferred a species to another genus, its generic name was not changed but only put in quotation-marks. For details see first part of these investigations (Koteja, 1974).

the species with dorsal setae shorter than the marginal ones. Some authors (Hoy, 1962; Dziedzicka and Koteja, 1971) noticed that the length of the dorsal spines vary sometimes within a species, thus this character could not be taken into consideration as a distinguishing feature. The materials examined by the author can be divided into two groups, one comprising the genera Gossyparia, Acanthococcus aceris and 4 other species determined on the labels as Acanthococcus or Eriococcus, being characterized by long apical setae and presence of 6 pairs of setae on the apical segment of the labium, and the second group characterized by comparatively short apical setae and 7 pairs of setae on apical segment, containing the genera Greenisca, Genus D, and a number of species determined as belonging to Acanthococcus, Eriococcus and Rhizococcus. Unfortunately the author has not seen the type species of Rhizococcus — Rh. gnidii, and it is not sure whether this species belongs to this group. Afifi (1968) investigated several acanthococcid (= eriococcid) males but it seems there were no members of the Rhizococcus group among the examined species. It is the author's opinion that the two groups — the Acanthococcus group and the group provisionally called Rhizococcus group, represent distinct taxa, but further study, based on more information is needed to confirm this view.

Genus D includes two species — "Greenisca" glyceriae and "G." rubra. On the basis of the structure of the mouthparts and some other characters these species seem to be distinct from Greenisca brachypodii and G. gouxi (type species). In the revision of this genus, Borchsenius and Danzig (1966) placed these species in different groups. Greenisca brachypodii and G. gouxi are close to the species assigned here to the genus Rhizococcus.

Ovaticoccus group (tribe status)

Ovaticoccin group MILLER and McKenzie, 1967: 472.

Ovaticoccus Kloet 1944 (= Gymnococcus Douglas, 1888, preoccupied in Porozota) is widely accepted as a member of the Acanthococcidae (= Eriococcidae). Miller and McKenzie (1967) redescribed and revised this genus and three other related genera and stated that they may constitute a tribe or some other suprageneric category. The results of the present investigations concur with this opinion.

Eriococcinae Cockerell

Eriococcini Cockerell, 1899: 389.

The name *Eriococcidae* has been recently used with respect to a wide group of scale insects. The author limits this group to *Eriococcus* Targioni Tozzetti (s. str.) as done by Borchsenius (1948).

The mouthparts in this group show acanthococcid characters but the labium seems to be more specialized than in other groups.

The subfamily status proposed for *Eriococcus* is only a provisional action. Further studies may place it in the subfamily *Acanthococcinae* as a lower category.

The relations and other taxonomic questions concerning the genus *Eriococcus* are discussed above.

Apiomorphidae MACGILLIVRAY

Apiomorphinae MacGillivray, 1921: 45.

Apiomorpha is a specialized and isolated genus, although some other gall-making insects were associated with it, e.g., Ascelis, Opisthoscelis and sometimes even Frenchia and Kerria. Ferris (1957) placed this genus in the Acanthococcidae (= Eriococcidae), but Opisthoscelis among the "Genera Unplaced" indicating a possible relationship of the latter to the Coccidae. Hoy (1963) assigned Apiomorpha to Acanthococcidae. Theron (1968) investigated the males of some Apiomorpha and Opisthoscelis species and discussed the taxonomic and nomenclatorial problems concerning this group, in detail. He expressed the opinion that the two genera may be closely related and may have some affinities with the Acanthococcidae (= Eriococcidae).

The structure of the mouthparts indicates following conclusions:

- Apiomorpha belongs definitely to the Acanthococcidae family group.
- It should be regarded as a distinct family in this group.
- Apiomorpha and Opisthoscelis are not related, the latter genus, as supposed by Ferris (1957) showed no acanthococcid characters.

The labium in Apiomorpha, with its large base, with a narrow but strongly sclerotized basal segment and a reduced number of setae may be considered as a specialized form.

Dactylopiidae SIGNORET

Daetylopites Signoret, 1875: 305; Coccinae Fallén; MacGillivray, 1921: 45.

This group name with various endings has been given in the past to a wide range of scale insects. It was caused in part by the discordance of the opinions concerning the type species of this genus (see Morrison and Morrison, 1966). Ferris (1955) used the name *Dactylopiidae* to include all the acanthococcids (= eriococcids), and later (1957) for the genus *Dactylopius* alone. Balachowsky (1942), Obenberger (1957), Borchsenius (1958) recognized the *Dactylopiidae* as being distinct from the *Acanthococcidae* and Hoy (1963) once again united the two groups.

Most workers regard Dactylopiidae as a group close to Acanthococcidae. Borchsenius (1958) affiliated it with Stietococcidae and Apiomorphidae. Lobuster (1966) and Boratynski and Davies (1971) supposed this group may have derived from the Pseudococcidae as a separate branch, beside the Acanthococcidae. MacGillivray (1921) placed this group among his "Generalized Coccidae" (Orthezioidea in the present classification).

The mouthparts in *Dactylopiidae* show an acanthococcid nature. The labium is distinctly three-segmented, with 9 pairs of setae as in the primitive *Acanthococcidae*, but it is much larger and particularly much wider at the base, though the setae remain normal-sized. The author supposes that the enlargement of the labium in this group is a type of specialization.

The *Dactylopiidae* are at present recognized as a monotypic family containing the Mexican cochineal scale insect. The genus *Epicoccus* placed in this family by Obenberger (1957) belongs definitely to the family *Pseudococcidae*.

Kermesidae SIGNORET

Kermesites Signoret, 1875: 15; Kermococcinae Balachowsky, 1930: 313.

The genus Kermes was included by the majority of workers with the genus Eriococcus (s.l.) into one family or subfamily which name was derived either from the genera Kermes (or Kermococcus) or Eriococcus. Some authors included in this group also the genus Dactylopius. Balachowsky (1942), Schmutterer (1952) and Obenberger (1957) affiliated it with the Pseudococcidae. MacGillivray (1921) and Borchsenius (1950, 1960) recognized a distinct, monotypical family to contain the genus Kermes.

GILIOMEE (1967, 1968) and BORATYNSKI and DAVIES (1971), on the basis of male characters suggested a close relationship between *Kermesidae* and *Coccidae*. The detailed description of the male *Kermes quercus* showed (Koteja and Żak-Ogaza, 1972), however, that the similarity between *Kermes* and *Coccidae* was based principally on the specialized features, whereas the primitive characters indicated a relationship between *Kermes*, *Acanthococcidae* and *Pseudococcidae*. The morphological accordance between *Kermes* and *Coccidae* should be, therefore, regarded as a convergency and not a relationship.

The characters of the mouthparts indicate without doubt that *Kermes* should be placed among the *Acanthococcidae* family group. The structure of the labium and particularly that of the sucking pump indicate, moreover, that it should form a distinct family which represents another branch of the radiation of the scale insects associated in the *Acanthococcidae* family group.

On the basis of the morphology of the mouthparts (labium comparatively long and slender, with the setae reduced to 6—7 pairs) it can be inferred that the *Kermesidae* represent approximately the same specialization level as the *Apiomorphidae* and *Cerococcidae* but acquired on a quite different way.

Cerococcidae BALACHOWSKY

Cerococcinae Balachowsky, 1942: 44.

The genus *Cerococcus* has long been associated with the genus *Asterolecanium* and/or *Lecanodiaspis* in the family *Asterolecaniidae*. Balachowsky (1948) and 3 — Acta Zoologica Cracoviensia XIX/14

OBENBERGER (1957) regarded the genera Asterolecanium and Lecanodiaspis as more closely related, forming the subfamily (or tribe) Asterolecaniinae, while Cerococcus — the subfamily (or tribe) Cerococcinae in the Asterolecaniidae. Borschsenius (1960) removed from this family the genus Lecanodiaspis and its relatives and erected a new family — the Lecanodiaspididae (= Lecanodiaspididae), but left the genus Cerococcus in the family Asterolecaniidae as a subfamily Cerococcinae. Prof. Dr. M. Kosztarab in a letter to the author (7. 6. 1972) expressed the opinion that Cerococcus shows close relationship with Lecanodiaspis. Quite a different suggestion was presented by Williams (1969) — on the basis of male characters he supposed that Cerococcus may be related to Acanthococcidae (= Ericococcidae).

The structure of the mouthparts indicates undoubtedly that Cerococcus can be affiliated neither with Asterolecaniidae nor with Lecanodiaspididae. The three-segmented labium with sharp pointed apex shows typical acanthococcid characters. Thus, the author places Cerococcus as a distinct family into the Acanthococcidae family group. This action agrees with the above presented suggestion of Williams (1969).

Some characters of the labium (segmentation, shape) show primitive conditions, while the others (reduction of setae to 4—6 pairs) specialized ones.

Borchsenius (1960) divided his *Cerococcinae* into two tribes — the *Polliniini* and *Cerococcini*. On the basis of the mouthparts which are uniform in the examined genera (*Cerococcus*, *Cercococcus*, *Asterococcus*, *Pollinia*) the distinguishing of lower taxa is impossible in the family under discussion.

The genera Callococcus, Frenchia and Mycetococcus included tentatively in this group by Borchsenius (1960) are transferred to the Asterolecaniidae family group.

Cryptococcidae Kosztarab

Cryptococcidae Kosztarab, 1968: 12.

The genus Cryptococcus has been widely accepted as a member of the family Acanthococcidae (= Eriococcidae s. str.). Bodenheimer (1953) basing on the sedentary behaviour of this genus, included it in the subfamily Antonininae of the family Pseudococcidae. Kosztarab (1968) rejected this action and established a new family — the Cryptococcidae which contains the genera Cryptococcus and Kuwanina. This author stated, furthermore, that Cryptococcidae should be incorporated as a group between Acanthococcidae (= Eriococcidae s. str.) and Kermesidae.

The present investigations support Kosztarab's opinion and Cryptococcidae are regarded here as a distinct family among the Acanthococcidae family group.

The labium in this group shows a high degree of specialization and this condition is in accordance with that of other characters.

The family *Cryptococcidae* contains at present two genera: *Cryptococcus* and *Pseudochermes*. The genus *Kuwanina* assigned to this family by Kosztarab is discussed separately.

Calycicoccidae BRAIN

Calycicoccinae Brain, 1918: 111.

Brain assigned this group to the Coccidae of Fernald (1903). Ferris (1957) placed the genus Calycicoccus in the Acanthococcidae (= Eriococcidae), and suggested a relationship to Aculeococcus and Macracanthopyga. This suggestion was confirmed by Hoy (1963).

The specimens of *Calycicoccus merwei* which the author has had an opportunity to examine, were in a bad condition and the mouthparts could not have been described in detail. The labium seems to be only two-segmented, but with the typical number of setae on the medial and apical segments.

This group is assigned to the Acanthococcidae family group as a distinct family, but further investigations may lower its rank.

Kuwanina group (presumed family status)

The genus Kuwanina represents a small, highly specialized group with the rather obscure relationships. The majority of workers (Ferris, 1918, 1941; Mamet, 1954; Takahasi, 1958) associated this genus with the Pseudococcidae, close to such genera as Ehrhornia, Rhodania, Paludicoccus, Paulianodes. Yank and Kosztarab (1967) studied the nymphs of this genus in connection with the genera Antonina and Chaetococcus. Lindinger (1937) recognized Kuwanina as a synonym of the genus Cryptococcus. Hoy (1963) assigned it as a valid genus to the Acanthococcidae (= Eriococcidae). Kosztarab (1968) included it in his family Cryptococcidae. Both Hoy and Kosztarab noticed that the genera Kuwanina, Antonina and Sphaerococcus included forms which are not congeneric and that the relationships of these genera should be discussed on the basis of type species. They supposed that Kuwanina parva (type species) may be related to Acanthococcidae while Antonina and Sphaerococcus represent aberrant genera of the Pseudococcidae.

The sucking pump in Kuwanina is typical of the Acanthococcidae family group. The labium is small, conical, indistinctly two-segmented, with strong basal ring and 5 pairs of setae. It displays, therefore, some coccid and asterolecaniid characters. The relationship of this group with the Pseudococcidae seems to be most unlikely. On the other hand, the similarities with Coccidae and Asterolecaniidae seem to be of secondary nature, owing to the high specialization and convergency. It is the author's opinion that Kuwanina represents a member of the Acanthococcidae family group (as indicated by Hoy) and may be closely related to Cryptococcus (as supposed by Kosztarab). The author believes, however, that this group may form a distinct family.

Genera unplaced

Xerococcus Ferris

Ferris (1921a) placed *Xerococcus* in the *Acanthococcidae* (= *Dactylopiidae* = *Eriococcidae*) and noticed the divergence of this genus from the eriococcid type. Hoy (1963) shared Ferris's opinion.

The structure of the labium is close to that in other Acanthococcidae, particularly to the Ovaticoccus group, but the sucking pump is quite different. Thus, the author leaves this genus unplaced among the Acanthococcidae family group. It is not unlikely that Xerococcus represents a distinct branch in this group, similar in rank to Kermes, Cerococcus and others.

Conchaspididae family group

Conchaspididae GREEN

Conchaspinae Green 1896: 17.

Conchaspididae are a well defined and isolated group. Its systematic status has been permanently discussed since it was established. Newstead (1903), Ferris (1957) and Borschenius (1958) suggested that Conchaspididae are closely related to Diaspididae and may be a link between primitive Coccoidea and the latter group. Green (1896) indicated a possible relationship of this group to Coccidae. Cockerell (1896) placed the genus Conchaspis in the family Coccidae (s. str.). Fernald (1903) listed Conchaspinae between Phenacoleachiinae and Dactylopiinae. BALACHOWSKY (1942, 1948) assigned Conchaspididae to his Lecanoidae on the basis of the adult male, and Brown (1959) found a lecanoid type of chromosome system in this group. Mamat (1954a) suggested a fourth type of males — the conchaspidoid (beside margaroid, lecanoid and diaspidoid) which was close to the diaspidoid one. Afifi (1969) agreed with this opinion and regarded this type as a link between the lecanoid and disapidoid ones, but which was more closely related to the lecanoid than to the diaspidoid type. BORATYNSKI and DAVIES (1971) in their schematic presentation of the phylogenetic relationships of scale insects linked Conchaspididae with Coccidae (s. str.). BODENHEIMER (1944, 1952) and BALACHOWSKY (1948) wrote about three pairs of spiracles in this group (the preserved first pair of abdominal spiracles according to Bodenheimer, or three pairs of thoracic spiracles according to Balachow-SKY). D'Ascoli and Kosztarab (1969) found only two pairs of spiracles, regarding the "third pair" as thoracic invaginations which are not homologous with spiracles.

From the morphology of the mouthparts following conclusions can be drawn:

— The family *Conchaspididae* represents an isolated group among the *Coccoidea*.

— The labium shows a comparatively low degree of specialization (three-segmented, with 9 pairs of setae) which is about the same as in the Acantho-

coccidae. The sucking pump, in contrast, shows a very high level of specialization, being similar to that in some members of the *Asterolecaniidae* family group. The estimation of other features lead also to divergent conclusions.

- The relationship between *Conchaspididae* and *Diaspididae* cannot be precluded but seems to be very unlikely.
- The ancestors of this group are to be found among the primitive Coccoidea, possibly related to the Pseudococcidae.

The genus Fagisuga, placed by Balachowsky (1948) in the Phoenicococcinae is assigned to this family.

Coccidae family group

The Coccidae family group comprises various forms and is therefore difficult to define. In the primitive groups the labium is distinctly two-segmented, in the more specialized ones indistinctly two-segmented or definitely one-segmented; hemispherical or (in the primitive groups) conical; usually with a rounded apex. The basal ring is weak, not connected anteriorly with the elypeolabral shield; in some groups lateral, band-shaped sclerotizations are present which join the labium to the elypeolabral shield. Setae are not numerous, usually 5, rarely 4—7 pairs. The sucking pump is comparatively small, similar to that in the Pseudococcidae and Acanthococcidae. The anal ring is always present in this group, usually accompanied by anal plates. The claw (if legs are developed) is comparatively robust and strongly curved. A special type of pores — "dark-rimmed" ventral pores (Boratynski and Williams, 1964) of various modifications and different names, is present here. The male puparia are formed of waxy shields.

The Coccidae, Asterolecaniidae and Diaspididae family groups represent a higher stage in the evolution of the Coccoidea in comparison with the Pseudococcidae, Acanthococcidae and Conchaspididae family groups. They seem to be derived from the Acanthococcidae ancestors. The question is whether these groups are monophyletic or have been evolved separately. It is not easy to solve this problem because the very conception of three branches in the higher Coccoidea is not sufficiently demonstrated. It is possible that the families here associated have common ancestors, but represent numerous, separate branches.

The author assigned to the Coccidae family group 7 families: Stictococcidae, Kerriidae, Coccidae, Lecanodiaspididae, Aclerdidae, Micrococcidae and Cissococcidae.

Stictococcidae LINDINGER

Stictococcinae Lindinger, 1913: 63.

The genus Stictococcus is well defined by the characters of the mouthparts and some other characters. Newstead (1908) placed it tentatively in the Margarodidae (s.l.), near Xylococcus; Cockerell (1903) associated it with Coccidae.

LINDINGER (1913) and BALACHOWSKY (1942) regarded it as a distinct subfamily related to the *Coccinae*. MacGillivray (1921) assigned it to the *Monophlebidae*. Obenberger (1957) placed this family near *Kerriidae* while Borchsenius (1958) suggested its relationship with *Dactylopiidae* and *Apiomorphidae*. Ferris (1957) is uncertain where to place this family. Richard (1971) found a lecanoid type of the male in *Stictococcus*.

The characters of the mouthparts indicate a relationship of this family with *Coccidae* and *Kerriidae*.

The labium in the *Stictococcidae* represents the most primitive type among the *Coccidae* family group — it is distinctly two-segmented, conical, comparatively large, bearing numerous setae. Some other characters (great number and various types of dermal pores, well developed legs) show also primitive conditions. On the other hand, the modified setae and the translocation of the anal opening are specialized characters.

Kerriidae LINDINGER

Kerriidae LINDINGER, 1937: 187;

Lacciferidae Cockerell 1924: 47; nominal genus invalidated;

Tachardinae Green, 1896: 17; nominal genus — Tachardia Blanchard, 1886, synonimized with Laccifer, Oken, 1815.

The Kerriidae represent a well defined and specialized group. Most coccid workers regard it as a separate branch which may have some affinities with the Coccidae (BALACHOWSKY, 1942; FERRIS, 1957; OBENBERGER, 1957; BORCHSENIUS, 1958).

The mouthparts are typical of the *Coccidae* family group, but the labium has lateral sclerotizations like those in the *Stictococcidae*. It shows various degrees of specialization in different members of this family, being primitive in *Austrotachardia* and specialized in *Tachardiella*.

CHAMBERLIN (1923, 1925) and BALACHOWSKY (1950) recognized in this family some lower taxa, but due to the scarcity of the examined material the results of the present investigations cannot be compared with the classification of these authors.

Coccidae FALLÉN

Coccidae Fallén, 1814: 23; Lecanites Targioni Tozzetti, 1868: 713.

The Coccidae are one of the greater families within the suborder; well defined by the female and, not so distinctly, however, by the male characters. The coccid workers associate it with Asterolecaniidae and Lecanodiaspididae (Ferris, 1957), adding to this group also Aclerdidae (Balachowsky, 1942; Borchsenius, 1958) and Micrococcidae (Balachowsky, 1936, 1942), and in the recent years also Kermesidae (Giliomee, 1967, 1968; Boratynski and Davies, 1971).

The family Coccidae is supposed to be derived from the pseudococcid or acanthococcid ancestors. The opinion of some authors based on male morphology (GILIOMEE, 1967; AFIFI, 1968; BORATYNSKI and DAVIES, 1971) that Coccidae derived from the Margarodidae (s.l.) independently as a second branch (beside the Pseudococcidae) through a form close to Steingelia seems to be unlikely (see discussion under Phenacoleachidae and Kuwaniidae).

The family *Coccidae* is characterized by the hemispherical, one-, or indistinctly two-segmented labium with 5 pairs of setae and the presence of anal plates. The labium represents a comparatively high degree of specialization but which is undoubtedly lower than that in some *Asterolecaniidae* and *Diaspididae*.

Balachowsky (1942, 1948) divided the Coccidae (= Lecaniinae) into three groups — Coccini (= Lecaniini), Micrococcini and Aclerdini. Borchsenius (1957) distinguished among the Coccidae three subfamilies, the Filippinae, Coccinae (with the tribes Pulvinariini and Coccini) and Ceroplastinae. Giliomee (1957), on the basis of male characters recognized four groups of genera — the Eulecanium group, the Eripeltis group, the Inglisia group and the Coccus group, but the generic components of these groups are basically different from those of Borchsenius. Beside the above named groups some other taxa were erected in this family: Eriopeltini (Šulc, 1941), Ctenochitini (Cockerell, 1899b), Paralecaniini (Williams, 1969).

On the basis of the uniform structure of the mouthparts, the author associated in a recent scheme (Koteja, 1974) the Coccidae, Lecanodiaspididae, Aclerdidae and Cissococcidae into one family with these groups as subfamilies. The investigations on the campaniform sensillum on tarsus (Koteja, 1974a) revealed, however, that this sense organ, being present in the Lecanodiaspididae (and in the majority of scale insects) was absent in both female and male Coccidae. Thus the author recognizes the Lecanodiaspididae, and consequently the Aclerdidae and Cissococcidae as being distinct from the Coccidae.

The simple and uniform nature of the mouthparts in the *Coccidae* makes the classification based on these organs impossible. Thus, the classification proposed by GILIOMEE (1967) is adopted here in general outline.

The family *Coccidae* contains tentatively three tribes (or subfamilies): the *Ctenochitini*, *Eriopeltini* and *Coccini*.

Ctenochitini Cockerell

Ctenochitini Cockerell, 1899b: 16; Filippinae Bodenheimer, 1952: 317; Filippinae Bodenheimer; Borchsenius, 1957: 88 (partim); Eulecanium group Giliomee, 1967: 37.

The labium in the Ctenochitini is comparatively large, with the anterior basal part enlarged and the sclerite of medial segment indistinct.

At present following genera are assigned to this tribe: Eulecanium, Lecanopsis, Cryptes, Stotzia, Sphaerolecanium, Filippia, Phyllostroma, Parafairmairia, Nemolecanium, Physokermes, Rhodococcus, Palaeolecanium and Dicyphococcus.

As mentioned by GILIOMEE (1967) on the basis of male morphology, this group does not seem to be homogeneous and further studies could provide reasons to divide it into more taxa.

Eriopeltini Šulc

Eriopeltini Šulc, 1941: 3; Filippinae Bodenheimer; Borchsenius, 1957: 88 (partim); Eriopeltis group Giliomee, 1967: 77.

The labium in this group is comparatively small; the sclerite of the media segment is usually indistinct.

This homogenous group contains following genera: Eriopeltis, Scythia, Luzulaspis, Exaeretopus, Psillococcus and Vittacoccus.

Coccini FALLÉN

Coccides Fallén, 1914: 23; Coccinae Fallén; Borchsenius, 1957: 199 (partim); Coccus group Giliomee, 1967: 92; Ceroplastinae Maskell; Borchsenius, 1957: 447; Pulvinariini Targioni Tozzetti; Borchsenius, 1957: 202; Paralecaniini Williams, 1969: 333.

The labium in this group is comparatively small, with distinct and narrow medial sclerite.

The following genera are assigned to this tribe: Pulvinaria, Ceroplastes, Rhizopulvinaria, Parthenolecanium, Chloropulvinaria, Protopulvinaria, Saissetia, Eucalymnatus, Genus E, Coccus, Paralecanium. On the basis of modifications connected with various habitats, this group can be easily divided into some lower taxa.

Lecanodiaspididae Targioni Tozzetti

Lecanodiaspites Targioni Tozzetti, 1869: 260.

This group has been for a long time associated with the Asterolecaniidae. Borchsenius (1959, 1960) regarded it as a distinct family, closer to the Coccidae than the Asterolecaniidae. The investigations on the male (GILIOMEE, 1967a, 1968; Afifi and Kosztarab, 1969) and on the endosymbionts (Buchner, 1965) confirmed this opinion.

The present investigation showed identical structure of the mouthparts in Lecanodiaspididae and Coccidae. In a recent paper (Koteja, 1974) dealing with the labium, the group under discussion is placed as a subfamily in the Coccidae.

Aclerdidae Cockerell

Aclerdini Cockerell, 1905: 197.

The Acterdidae represent a small and well defined group. Ferris (1957) placed it as a distinct family in his "Eriococci" together with the Pseudococcidae and Eriococcidae. Borchsenius (1958, 1960) and other authors affiliated it usually with Coccidae and Asterolecaniidae. Balachowsky (1942, 1948) placed it into his Lecaniidae (or Lecaniinae) as a subfamily (or tribe, respectively).

The investigations on the mouthparts demonstrate a close relationship between *Acterdidae* and *Coccidae*. In a recent paper this group has been placed by the author (Koteja, 1974) as a subfamily in the *Coccidae*. McConnell (1954) redescribed and revised this group.

Cissococcidae BRAIN

Cissococcinae Brain, 1918: 107.

Cockerell (1902) placed the genus *Cissococcus* in the *Eriococcini*. Brain (1918) established the *Cissococcinae* for it. Ferris (1920) and Steinweden (1929) assigned it to the *Coccidae*. This view was supported by Williams (1969).

The structure of the mouthparts indicates a close relationship between *Cissococcidae* and *Coccidae*. The question is whether this group should be placed as a lower category in the latter family.

Micrococcidae SILVESTRI

Micrococci Silvestri, 1939: 702.

Leonardi (1907) described the genus Micrococcus in the Pseudococcidae; Ferris (1921) assigned it to one group with Eriococcus; Balachowsky (1936) suggested a relationship with Antonina (Pseudococcidae); Silvestri (1939) erected the subtribe Micrococci in the tribe Pseudococcini; in 1942, Balachowsky changed his mind and placed Micrococcinae in the family Lecaniidae (= Coccidae); Ferris (1957, 1957a) once again transferred Micrococcus to the Acanthococcidae (= Eriococcidae) and Hoy (1963) concurred.

The author has not seen the specimens of *Micrococcus*, but the comparison of the materials labelled as "*Ixeidococcus graminis*" (for details see Koteja, 1974) with the description and drawning of *Micrococcus rungsi* given by Balachowsky (1936: 160, Fig. 2) and of *M. silvestrii* given by Ferris (1957: 64, Fig. 38) indicated without doubt that "*Ixeidococcus graminis*" belongs to the group under discussion and probably may be congeneric with *Micrococcus silvestrii*.

The author agrees with the morphological interpretation of *Micrococcus* given by Balachowsky and with his opinion on the relationships of this genus and places it, tentatively as a distinct family, in the *Coccidae* family group.

Asterolecaniidae family group

The labium in this group is comparatively small, conical or heart-shaped, with a distinct and well sclerotized basal ring, one-, in the primitive groups two-segmented, with 0—7 pairs of setae; the clypeolabral complex is large and the sucking pump extremely large; anal cleft and anal plates are absent, 8-shaped pores are present.

The mouthparts show a high degree of specialization and this is in accordance with the specialization of other structures in the male and female, as well as in

the biological phenomena.

The Asterolecaniidae family group contains various, usually small and monotypic families and genera, and it is rather problematical whether it is a homogeneous and monophyletic group. At present, 3 previously established families (Asterolecaniidae, Beesoniidae, Halimococcidae), 3 groups of genera which are assumed to represent family categories (the Lachnodius, Opisthoscelis and Callococcus groups) and 3 genera unplaced (Capulinia, Colobopyga, Thysanococcus) are included in this family group.

Lachnodius group (presumed family status)

The genus Lachnodius was placed in the Pseudococcidae (BALACHOWSKY, 1948; BORCHSENIUS, 1949). MORRISON and MORRISON (1922) expressed the opinion that it is not particularly closely related to the Pseudococcus group. Ferris (1955a) also commented on the uncertainty of its position in the Pseudococcidae. Hoy (1963) placed it tentatively in the family Acanthococcidae (= Eriococcidae).

The characters of the mouthparts (labium hemispherical, one-segmented, with 4 pairs of setae) as well as the nature of the legs and antennae, the types of the dermal pores demonstrate clearly that Lachnodius has no connection either with the Pseudococcidae or with the Acanthococcidae. In connection with the study on the labium (Koteja, 1974) Lachnodius was placed in the Coccidae family group. The structure of the sucking pump, however, showed no coccid characters, but was rather close to that in Opisthoscelis and Callococcus. The author sees the genus Lachnodius as a distinct taxon on the family level placed tentatively in the Asterolecaniidae family group.

Opisthoscelis group (presumed family status)

The genus Opisthoscelis was usually associated with the genera Apiomorpha and Ascelis. This group was regarded as a distinct family or united with the Acanthococcidae (= Eriococcidae). Fuller (1897) and Ferris (1957) indicated that Apiomorpha and Opisthoscelis cannot be associated in the same group. Ferris placed Apiomorpha in the Acanthococcidae and Opisthoscelis among the "Genera Unplaced", but noticed that this genus may be related to the Coccidae. Hoy (1963) placed both Apiomorpha and Opisthoscelis in the Acanthococcidae.

Thereon (1968) redesribed the males of some species of the genera in question and discussed their taxonomic status and nomenclatorial problems. His study, however, did not answer the question whether the two genera are related or not, or where to place this group if it represents a distinct family. Some structures of the head and abdomen indicated relationships with *Acanthococcidae*.

The structure of the labium, which is membranous, one-segmented, with 5 pairs of setae, indicates that *Opisthoscelis* is neither related to *Apiomorpha* nor to *Acanthococcidae*. In this respect it shows some similarities with the *Coccidae*. The sucking pump and the tentorial frame make it close to the insects associated in the *Asterolecaniidae* family group. It is the author's opinion that the *Opisthoscelis* group represents a high taxonomic category, for which calls particularly the morphology of the first stage nymph.

Callococcus group (presumed family status)

The genus Callococcus was assigned to the Asterolecaniidae (Ferris, 1918). Morrison and Morrison (1927) redescribed 3 included species and agreed with Ferris's opinion. Borchsenius (1960) suggested the inclusion of this genus to his Polliniini (Cerococcinae, Asterolecaniidae). The present investigations show that Callococcus cannot be associated with Pollinia — a genus close to Cerococcus and placed now in the Cerococcidae — Acanthococcidae family group.

The comparatively large, conical, two-segmented labium with many setae (about 5 pairs) and the presence of many types and numerous dermal pores indicate that *Callococcus* is a primitive member of the *Asterolecaniidae* family group. On the other hand, some characters — reduction of antennae and legs, the enormous sucking pump show a high degree of specialization.

The distinct characters of the mouthparts and other features of this genus induced the author to ascribe to it a family status.

Beesoniidae FERRIS

Beesoniidae FERRIS, 1950a: 5.

This group of unusual insects is well defined and isolated. Ferris (1957) placed it in the Beesonii, a separate ramus between the Kerriidae (= Lacciferidae) and Diaspididae. Borchsenius (1958) did not indicate the relationships of this group but placed it near the Kerriidae. Hoy (1963) assigned Beesonia tentatively to the Acanthococcidae (= Eriococcidae). Williams (1969) on the basis of adult males and pupillarial females supposed its close affinities with the family Diaspididae. The characters of the mouthparts indicate relationships of Beesoniidae with families of the Asterolecaniidae family group and particularly with Callococcus, but some characters of the first, and male second instars show resemblances to Acanthococcidae and Diaspididae.

Two genera — Beesonia Green and Trichococcus Kanda, 1941 not Borchsenius, 1948, are assigned to this family. Trichococcus Kanda (type species Xylococcus napiformis Kuwana, 1914) was placed by its described close to

Xylococcus Low, which is an obvious error. Beesonia and Trichococcus are close relatives and supposedly may be synonymous (Suggestion of Dr. Sadao Takagi, letter of 17. 3. 1972). The redescription and figures of Xylococcus napiformis Kuwana given recently by Danzig (1971) do not refer to Trichococcus napiformis (Kuwana) but to a species of Xylococcus. Trichococcus Borchsenius (type species Trichococcus filifer Borchsenius, 1948) belongs to the Acanthococcidae.

Asterolecaniidae Cockerell

Asterolecaniinae Cockerell, 1896: 327.

This group is now widely accepted as a distinct family but its limits undergo some changes from time to time. Borchsenius (1959, 1960) removed Lecanodiaspis with related genera from the Asterolecaniidae and established a new family — the Lecanodiaspididae. In the present paper Cerococcus with related genera, and Callococcus are transferred to other groups. The author is not sure either, whether the genera Mycetococcus, Frenchia and Eremococcus, tentatively left in the group under discussion, are relatives of the Asterolecaniidae.

In the classification by Borchsenius (1960), Mycetococcus belongs to the subfamily Cerococcinae which is now regarded as a distinct family among the insects of the Acanthococcidae family group. On the other hand, the investigations by Brown and McKenzie (1962) showed a cytological relationship of Mycetococcus ehrhorni to Diaspididae. The characters of the mouthparts indicate no relationship to Cerococcidae or to Diaspididae, being rather closer to the Asterolecaniidae.

The genus Frenchia was associated by Borchsenius (1960) with the genus Pollinia. The present investigations show close relationship between Pollinia and Cerococcus but not between Frenchia and Pollinia or Cerococcus, and as the characters of the mouthparts agree in general outline with those of the Asterolecaniidae, Frenchia is assigned to this family.

Eremococcus was supposed to be related with Asterolecanium (Morrison and Morrison, 1922). Borchsenius (1960) erected for it a new subfamily — Eremococcinae, the third one among the Asterolecaniinae and Cerococcinae (Asterolecaniidae). The mouthparts demonstrate that Eremococcus is closer to Asterolecaniidae than to other Coccoidea but its proper relationships and taxonomic category require further studies.

The Asterolecaniidae are regarded as highly specialized Coccoidea. This view was confirmed by the investigations on the male (GILIOMEE, 1968) and by the present studies.

Halimococcidae BROWN and MCKENZIE

Halimococcidae Brown and McKenzie, 1962: 168.

STICKNEY (1934) assigned this genus to his *Phoenicococcinae* and so did BALACHOWSKY (1948) and BORCHSENIUS (1966). BROWN and MCKENZIE (1962), on the basis of cytological and morphological studies suggested that a new

family was needed to contain the pupillarial insects in the *Phoenicococcidae*. Williams (1969) regarded this suggestion as a formal establishment of the family *Halimococcidae*.

Brown and McKenzie supposed that this family was close to the *Diaspididae*. The characters of the mouthparts and some others (first instar nymph) are quite different in these two groups. A close relationship between *Halimococcidae* and *Asterolecaniidae* or another member of this family group must be also precluded.

Genera unplaced (among the Asterolecaniidae family group)

Capulina Signoret

Signoret (1875) assigned this genus to his Acanthococcites; Cockerell (1899a) and Hoy (1963) referred it with the Acanthococcidae (= Eriococcidae); MacGillivray (1921) and Balachowsky (1948) assigned it to the Cylindrococcinae; according to Ferris (1957) Capulinia cannot be placed comfortably in any of the accepted families, but he suggested a possible relationship to Opisthoscelis.

The specimens which the author has the opportunity to examine were in a bad condition and the mouthparts could not be described in detail. The labium seems to be one-segmented, with 4—5 pairs of setae, the sucking pump is very large, as in some members of the Asterolecaniidae family group. Thus, the author accepts the opinion of Ferris and places the genus Capulinia in the Asterolecaniidae family group, near Opisthoscelis and Callococcus.

Thysanococcus Stickney

STICKNEY (1934) placed this genus in his *Phoenicococcinae (Diaspididae)*. BORCHSENIUS (1966) concurred with this opinion.

The materials (*Thysanococcus pandani*) which the author examined were in a bad condition and little can be said on the relationships of this genus. The labium seems not to be of a diaspidid type.

Colobopyga Bréthes

Colobopyga Bréthes, 1912: 279; Palmaricoccus Stickney, 1934: 49.

STICKNEY (1934), FERRIS (1952) and BORCHSENIUS (1966) placed this genus close to *Phoenicococcus*.

The author examined some poor specimens of Colobopyga (= Palmaricoccus) attaleae. The mouthparts show no diaspidid characters.

Diaspididae family group

The most characteristic feature of the labium in the insects associated in the *Diaspididae* family group are the modified apical and subapical setae which represent a sort of small, membranous tubercles. The other characters of the mouthparts, being rather uniform, are similar to those in the *Asterolecaniidae* family group.

The mouthparts in the *Diaspididae* family group show a high degree of specialization, and only some members of the *Porphyrophoridae* and *Asterolecaniidae* family groups are more specialized.

The origin of this group and its relationships to other Coccinea constitute the most difficult questions in the taxonomy of the scale insects. The coccidologists agree that Diaspididae represent a distinct, isolated and highly specialized group. Balachowsky (1942) and Borchsenius (1966) elevated it to a superfamily category. Newstead (1903), Bodenheimer (1944) and Borchsenius (1958) suggested close relationships between Diaspididae and Conchaspididae, regarding the latter as an annectant group between primitive Coccoidea and Diaspididae. BALACHOWSKY (1942, 1948) explained the similarities between these two groups simply as a result of convergency. Brown and McKenzie (1962) and Boratynski and DAVIES (1971) followed the conception suggested by NEWSTEAD but regarding the Conchaspididae as link between the highly specialized Coccoidea (e.g. the Asterolecaniidae) and the Diaspididae. On the other hand, GILIOMEE (1961, 1968) and Afifi (1968) noticed that males Asterolecaniidae are in many respects more specialized than the males Diaspididae which have retained some primitive characters found in the Pseudococcidae and Acanthococcidae, and that it appeared to be most unlikely that Diaspididae could have been derived from the asterolecaniid ancestors. Giliomee (1968) emphasized, moreover, that Mycetococcus ehrhorni, the species on which Brown and McKenzie based their conclusions is not particularly closely related to Asterolecanium (see Asterolecaniidae).

From the studies on the mouthparts following conclusions can be drawn:

— The characters of the mouthparts do not indicate a particular group of *Coccinea* from which the *Diaspididae* could be derived.

— The modified setae, characteristic of a diaspidid labium have not been found in any other group and therefore it seems to be unlikely that the *Diaspididae* originate from a primitive group separately.

— The one-segmented labium with a few setae indicates that the Diaspididae, Asterolecaniidae and Coccidae family groups derived from primitive Acanthococcidae ancestors, probably as one branch which later ramified into various groups. This view is in agreement with Williams's suggestion (1969) that Phoenicococcus, Xanthophtalma and Limacoccus (= Canceraspis), associated usually with Diaspididae, have many affinities with the Acanthococcidae.

— In contrast with Balachowsky (1942) and Borchsenius (1966) the author does not see any reasons for which Diaspididae should be considered in a higher category (superfamily) than other groups here recognized as family groups.

As the classification on the basis of labial characters appeared impossible in the *Diaspididae* family group, the conception of Borchsenius (1966) was accepted here in general outline. Thus the *Diaspididae* family group contains two families — the *Phoenicococcidae* and *Diaspididae*. The genera *Limacoccus* (= Canceraspis) and Xanthophtalma placed by Borchsenius in the *Phoenicococcidae* and *Diaspididae*, respectively, are assigned to the "Genera unplaced".

Phoenicococcidae STICKNEY

Phoenicococcidae STICKNEY, 1934: 26; Phoenicococcidae STICKNEY; BALACHOWSKY, 1942: 39.

Cockerell (1899c) associated *Phoenicococcus* with pseudococcid genera. Stickney (1934) erected for it and some other unusual genera the subfamily *Phoenicococcinae* in the family *Diaspididae*. Balachowsky (1942), Ferris (1957) and Borchsenius (1958, 1966) regarded this group as a distinct family close to the *Diaspididae*. Brown and McKenzie (1962) on the basis of cytological studies dissociated *Phoenicococcus* from other pupillarial genera (see *Halimococcidae*). Some workers (Ferris, 1957; Obenberger, 1957; Boratynski and Davies, 1971) considered the *Phoenicococcidae* as a more specialized group than the *Diaspididae*, the others (Balachowsky, 1942; Borchsenius, 1958, 1966) as a rather primitive one, from which the *Diaspididae* could have derived. Williams (1969) believes that *Phoenicococcus* and perhaps *Xanthophtalma* should be studied further in connection with the *Acanthococcidae*. As far as the characters of the mouthparts are concerned, *Phoenicococcus* represents a more primitive group than the *Diaspididae*.

Borchsenius (1966), rejecting the actions made by earlier authors, assigned to the *Phoenicococcidae* the genera *Phoenicococcus*, *Colobopyga* (= *Palmaricoccus*), *Platycoccus*, *Halimococcus*, *Thysanococcus*, *Madhalimococcus* and *Canceraspis*. The genus *Xanthophtalma* is placed by him in the subfamily *Xanthophtalminae*, family *Diaspididae*. The author examined six of the above mentioned genera: *Halimococcus* is assigned to the family *Halimococcidae* (*Asterolecaniidae* family group), *Colobopyga* and *Thysanococcus* are placed tentatively in the *Asterolecaniidae* family group, *Limacoccus* (= *Canceraspis*) and *Xanthophtalma* are discussed in the "Genera unplaced" in the *Diaspididae* family group, and *Phoenicococcus* is left in the family *Phoenicococcidae*.

The genus Fagisuga placed by Balachowsky (1948) in this group is assigned to the family Conchaspididae.

Diaspididae TARGIONI TOZZETTI

Diaspites Targioni Tozzetti, 1868: 713; Lepidosaphidae Shimer, 1868: 372.

The mouthparts in the *Diaspididae* represent an uniform type. Some insignificant differences in the structure of the labium, clypeolabral shield and sucking

pump do not offer a possibility of constructing a comprehensive classification comparable with these of other authors (Ferris, 1937; Balachowsky, 1948; Ghauri, 1962; Borchsenius, 1965).

Genera unplaced (among the Diaspididae family group)

Xanthophtalma Cockerell

Ferris (1937), Balachowsky (1942, 1948) and Borchsenius (1965, 1966) placed this genus as a tribe or subfamily in the family *Diaspididae*. Brown and McKenzie (1962) stated that it had some relationship with the genus *Phoenicococcus*. Williams (1969) suggested this group may have affinities with the *Acanthococcidae* (= *Eriococcidae*).

The mouthparts in the available specimens of $Xanthophtalma\ concinnum$ were difficult to examine. They seem to be of diaspidid type.

Limacoccus Bondar

Limacoccus Bondar, 1929; Canceraspis Hempel, 1934; Canceraspidinae Hempel, 1934.

Bondar (1929) described this genus in the *Pseudococcinae*, Hempel (1934) placed *Canceraspis* and its nominate group near *Diaspididae*. Lepage (1938) synonymized *Canceraspis* with *Limacoccus* and placed this genus in the *Phoenicococcidae*. Borchsenius (1966) considered *Limacoccus brasiliensis* Gomez Costa and Redaeli as a synonym of *Canceraspis brasiliensis* Hempel, and the subfamily *Canceraspidinae* as a synonym of *Phoenicococcidae*. Williams (1969), on the basis of the first instar nymph characters, suggested that *Limacoccus* (= *Canceraspis*) may belong to the *Acanthococcidae* (= *Eriococcidae*).

The mouthparts, somewhat destroyed on the slides which the author examined, showed characters of the diaspidid type. The genus is therefore assigned to the "Genera unplaced" of the *Diaspididae* family group.

FINAL NOTES

From the study on the mouthparts certain conclusions of general significance for the investigations on scale insects can be drawn. Some of them are discussed below.

In the morphology and taxonomy of scale insects not all characters under examination were given similar attention. The reasons for giving preference to some characters seem to be sometimes of a subjective and incidental nature. The study on the mouthparts indicates that the significance of this or that character for understanding the phylogeny of a given group can be evaluated after detailed and comparative investigations on large material.

As far as the *Coccinea* are concerned no investigations on the relations between various morphological structures were carried out. The present study on the relation between labium, clypeus, sucking pump, body and legs shows that such investigations are interesting and useful.

The present study demonstrates that even the recent investigations in which the modern microscopic techniques are used, are not sufficiently accurate. The antennae, for instance, were examined and desribed in hundreds of species, but in fact, we cannot answer what is the exact number of setae in given groups and whether it is constant or variable, and we know nothing on the structure, number and distribution of the sensilla on the antennae in the *Coccinea* as a group.

As already mentioned, the mouthparts have been neglected in the taxonomy of the scale insects because of the presumed variability of their characters. The present investigations revealed that the essential characters of the mouthparts were more constant than any others, and that the "variability" resulted in this case from the deformations during the preparation.

The present investigations deal with single and comparatively simple structures but the species under study represent almost all groups of *Coccinea*. There is no question that the further investigations will add new details to the knowledge on the mouthparts and that some obscure questions, e.g., the nature of the apical organ on labium, will be elucidated; the conclusions based on the morphology of the mouthparts will be changed or rejected. But the study seems to constitute a general framework of investigations on the mouthparts and seems to suggest the future results to be obtained in this field.

The case of the mouthparts calls for comparative investigations on other structures. First of all there is need for investigations on dermal structures, representing principal characters in the taxonomy of the scale insects. The 8-shaped pores, for instance, are present in the *Cerococcidae*, *Asterolecaniidae*, *Lecanodiaspididae* and other groups, but there is a question whether these pores represent homologous structures or whether they originated due to the convergency.

The topic of this study has been discussed with some coccid workers. Most of them questioned the advisability of building a family level classification based solely on a single structure. "A classification and phylogenetic conclusions based exclusively on labial characters are subjective and much risky" they said. There seems to be some misunderstanding in connection with this opinion. The author would like to emphasize that the basing of a classification and of phylogenetic conclusions on a single structure does not mean a rejection of other taxonomic criteria. The purpose of the present investigations was the evaluation of the characters of the mouthparts in the taxonomy, but to be able to answer the question whether or not they can be useful, an attempt of classification must have been made. Besides, it is known that taxa on high level are usually distin-

guished by a small number of characters. In the scale insects the females of the Orthezioidea (= Margarodidae s.l.) were separated from other groups solely after the abdominal spiracles.

The investigations revealed that it was very difficult or even impossible to classify species and genera within a family exclusively on the basis of labial characters, but the families and higher taxa could be well defined and separated by means of these characters.

The basing of the classification on the mouthparts did not introduce, in fact, new phylogenetic conceptions concerning particular groups as well as the Coccinea as a whole. It offered only new arguments for the one or the other previously expressed opinion based on other features. And these arguments were of particular value because they could be applied to all groups and all (high) taxonomic levels. One example, at least, should be quoted here — the genus Cerococcus and its relatives were widely accepted as belonging to the Asterolecaniidae. The characters of the mouthparts exhibited close relationship between Cerococcus and Acanthococcidae, but it appeared that a similar suggestion was expressed by Williams (1969) on the basis of male characters.

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STRESZCZENIE

Praca zawiera rozważania nad filogenezą czerwców oraz próbę oparcia klasyfikacji tych owadów na cechach narządów gębowych (ryjek, pompa ślinowa, nadustek), które były przedmiotem szczegółowych badań morfologicznoporównawczych w innych pracach (Котеја, 1974; Котеја, rękopis; Котеја i Liniowska, rękopis).

W obrębie podrzędu Coccinea wyróżniono 2 nadrodziny — Orthezioidea i Coccoidea. Do Orthezioidea zaliczono 8 rodzin — Phenacoleachiidae, Ortheziidaee Monophlebidae, Coelostomidiidae, Kuwaniidae, Matsucoccidae, Xylococcidae, Porphyrophoridae i rodzaj Neosteingelia potraktowany tymczasowo jako osobna grupa, zbliżona do Kuwaniidae.

W obrębie Coccoidea wyróżniono 6 grup rodzin: Pseudococcidae (jedna rodzina), Acanthococcidae (rodziny — Acanthococcidae, Dactylopiidae, Apiomorphidae, Kermesidae, Cerococcidae, Calycicoccidae, Cryptococcidae i rodzaj Kuwanina potraktowany jako osobna grupa na szczeblu rodzinowym), Conchaspididae (jedna rodzina), Coccidae (rodziny — Stictococcidae, Kerriidae, Coccidae, Lecanodiaspididae, Aclerdidae, Cissococcidae, Micrococcidae), Asterolecaniidae (rodziny — Beesoniidae, Asterolecaniidae, Halimococcidae oraz rodzaje Lachnodius, Opisthoscelis, Callococcus potraktowane jako odrębne grupy na szczeblu rodzinowym) i Diaspididae (rodziny — Phoenicococcidae, Diaspididae). Rodzaje Capulinia, Colobopyga, Thysanococcus, Limacoccus i Xanthophtalma nie zostały zaliczone do żadnej rodziny, głównie z powodu złej jakości i małej liczby dostępnych okazów.

Na podstawie budowy narządów gębowych sądzić należy, że grupy zaliczane dotychczas do "Margarodidae" mają wyższą rangę niż im przypisywano — w zaproponowanym systemie klasyfikacyjnym otrzymały one rangę samodzielnych rodzin. Rodzaje i grupy rodzajów zaliczane przez niektórych badaczy do Acanthococcidae (= Eriococcidae) potraktowane zostały jako samodzielne rodziny w obrębie grupy Acanthococcidae. Do grupy tej włączono również rodzinę Cerococcidae zaliczaną dotychczas jako podrodzinę lub plemię w obrębie Asterolecaniidae, oraz rodzaj Kuwanina jako osobną jednostkę. Rodzaj Kuwanina zaliczany był do różnych grup, ostatnio do Cryptococcidae.

Rodziny wokół Asterolecaniidae stanowią prawdopodobnie zgrupowanie heterogeniczne. Włączone do tego zgrupowania rodzaje — Lachnodius, zaliczany był do Pseudococcidae, a Opishtoscelis do Acanthococcidae lub blisko Coccidae.

Trzy pierwsze grupy rodzin (Pseudococcidae, Acanthococcidae, Conchaspididae) stanowią niższy, a trzy pozostałe (Coccidae, Asterolecaniidae, Diaspididae) wyższy stopień w ewolucji czerwców.

Koncepcja filogenezy czerwców oparta na budowie narządów gebowych różni się w kilku punktach od dotychczasowych pogladów, zwłaszcza tych, które opieraja sie na budowie samców. Różnice te dotycza przede wszystkim stanowiska systematycznego i roli w filogenezie czerwców takich rodzajów jak Phenacoleachia, Steingelia, Matsucoccus, Conchaspis, Kermes i innych. W świetle badań nad narządami gebowymi Phenacoleachia jest przedstawicielem reliktowej, pierwotnej grupy czerwców, z której wywodzą się prawdopodobnie wszystkie czerwce. Cechy wspólne samców tego rodzaju z samcami Steingelia z jednej, a Pseudococcidae z drugiej strony traktować należy jako wtórne upodobnienie. Rodzaj Steingelia jest typowym, choć wysoko wyspecjalizowanym członkiem nadrodziny Orthezioidea (= Margarodidae s.l.). Podobieństwo samców tego rodzaju z samcami Coccidae traktować wypada jako konwergencję. Pogląd o polifiletycznym pochodzeniu Coccoidea — jedna linia prowadząca z Margarodidae (s.l.) poprzez Phenacoleachia do Pseudococcidae, Eriococcidae (s.l.) i Dactylopiidae, druga poprzez Steingelia do Coccidae i innych grup, jest nie do przyjęcia w świetle budowy narządów gębowych. Rodzina Kermesidae jest blisko spokrewniona z Acanthococcidae, łączenie lub wyprowadzanie jej z Coccidae jest z punktu widzenia cech ryjka nieuzasadnione. Stopień specjalizacji ryjka u Conchaspididae jest stosunkowo niski, porównywalny z tym, jaki spotyka się w rodzinach w obrębie grupy Acanthococcidae. Wyprowadzanie jej lub łączenie z Coccidae wydaje się nieuzasadnione. Mało prawdopodobne jest również, aby rodzina ta stanowiła grupe wyjściowa dla Diaspididae.

РЕЗЮМЕ

В данной статье автор рассматривает филогенез и классификацию кокцид с точки зрения строения их ротового аппарата (хоботка, слюнного насоса, клипеолабрума), который был подробно исследован в последних работах автора (Котеја, 1974; Котеја, рукопись; Котеја, Liniowska, рукопись).

В подотряде кокцид были выделены два надсемейства: Orthezioidea и Coccoidea. В Orthezioidea включены 8 семейств: Phenacoleachiidae, Ortheziidae, Monophlebidae, Coelostomidiidae, Kuwaniidae, Matsucoccidae, Xylococcidae, Porphyrophoridae и род Neosteingelia, представляющий собой в настоящее время особую группу, близкую к Kuwaniidae.

В Coccoidea включены 6 групп семейств: Pseudococcidae (одно семейство), Acanthococcidae (семейства: Acanthococcidae, Dactylopiidae, Apiomorphidae,

Kermesidae, Cerococcidae, Calyciccocidae, Cryptococcidae и род Киwania, представленный автором как отдельная группа), Conchaspididae (одно семейство), Coccidae (семейства: Stictococcidae, Kerriidae, Coccidae, Lecanodiaspididae, Aclerdidae, Cissococcidae, Micrococcidae), Asterolecaniidae (семейства: Beesoniidae, Asterolecaniidae, Halimococcidae и роды Lachnodius, Opisthoscelis, Callococcus представленные как самостоятельные группы) и Diaspididae (семейства: Phoenicococcidae, Diaspididae). Роды Capulinia, Colobopyga, Ghysanococcus, Limacoccus, Xanthoptalma не включены ни в какое семейство, по причине отсутствия хороших препаратов.

На основе строения ротовых аппаратов автор предполагает, что группы, включенные ранее в "Margarodidae" представляют собой более высокий ранг, т.е. в предлагаемой классификации они являются самостоятельными семействами. Роды и группы родов, отнесенные некоторыми авторами к Acanthococcidae (= Eriococcidae), трактуются как отдельные семейства в группе Acanthococcidae. В эту группу включены Cerococcidae, которые были ранее объеденены с Asterolecaniidae, и род Kuwanina как обособленная группа. Род Kuwanina раньше включался в различные группы, последний раз — в группу Cryptococcidae.

Семейства из группы Asterolecaniidae являются гетерогенными. Род Lachnodius, включенный в эту группу, ранее был отнесен к Pseudococcidae, а род Opist-hoscelis — к Acanthococcidae или близко стоял к Coccidae.

Три первые группы семейств (Pseudococcidae, Acanthococcidae, Conchaspididae) представляют собой более низскую, а три оставшихся группы (Coccidae, Asterolecaniidae, Diaspididae) более высокую ступень в эволюции кокцид.

Концепция филогенеза кокцид, основанная на строении ротового аппарата, отличается в нескольких пунктах от существующих ранее взглядов, главным образом, от тех концепций, которые основывались на строении самцов. Эта разница относится особенно к систематическому положению и роли в филогенезе кокцид родов Phenacoleachia, Steingelia, Matsucoccus, Conchaspis, Kermes и др. Исследования ротового аппарата показали, что род Phenacoleachia — представитель древней, реликтовой группы кокцид, от которой берут начало все кокциды. Общие признаки самцов этого рода и самцов рода Steingelia с одной стороны и Pseudococcidae с другой стороны являются вторичным сходством. Род Steingelia является типичным, хотя и высокоспециализированным представителем надсемейства Orthezioidea (= Margarodidae s.l.). Сходство самцов этого рода с самцами Coccidae считается конвергенцией. Представление о Coccoidea как полифилетической группе (одна её ветвь выходит из Margarodidae (s.l.) через Phenacoleachia к Pseudococcidae, Eriococcidae, Dactylopiidae, а другая ветвь из Margarodidae через Steingelia к Coccidae и другим группам) является не правильным с точки зрения строения ротового аппарата. Семейство Kermesidae близко к Acanthococcidae; объединение или выведение этого семейства из Coccidae является не верным. Степень специализации хоботка у Conchaspididae является сравнительно низкой, сходной с семействами из группы Acanthococcidae. Выведение этого семейства или объединение с Coccidae являются не доказанными. Мало правдоподобно, что из этого семейства могут происходить Diaspididae.

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