Variation in Sperm Formation Patterns in Jumping Plant-Lice (Hemiptera: Psylloidea): a Light Microscopic Study

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The patterns of sperm formation in sternorrhynchous jumping plant-lice are reviewed. To date information is available for 143 species belonging to 54 genera, 17 subfamilies and seven of the eight psylloid families (only Phacopteronidae is not represented). For the majority of the taxa (116 species, 39 genera, 10 subfamilies and the families Calophyidae, Carsidaridae and Liviidae) the data presented here is new and is based exclusively on studies using light microscopy. Five distinct patterns of chromatin reorganisation during metamorphosis of spermatids into spermatozoa are recognised, described and named here types I-V. Types I and III were previously known, types II, IV and V are described here for the first time for jumping plant-lice. The most widespread is type I which is found in every family representing the plesiomorphic condition of spermiogenesis in Psylloidea. Types III and V are autapomorphic for the Aphalarinae and Spondyliaspidinae, respectively. Type II was found only in two genera of Euphyllurinae and may represent a synapomorphy. Type II occurs in several unrelated subfamilies and is interpreted as a homoplasy. The patterns of spermation are stable within most of the examined subfamilies and eused, to a certain extent, to elucidate phylogenetic relationships within Psylloidea.

Key words: Psyllids, Sternorrhyncha, spermiogenesis, evolution, systematics.

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Psyllids or jumping plant-lice (Sternorrhyncha: Psylloidea) are a relatively small group of hemipteran insects with about 3800 described and at least as many undescribed species worldwide (BURCK-HARDT et al. 2014; D. BURCKHARDT, unpublished data). WHITE and HODKINSON (1985), in their seminal paper on the systematics of psyllids based mostly on morphological characters of immatures, introduced a classification with eight families (Aphalaridae, Calophyidae, Carsidaridae, Homotomidae, Phacopteronidae, Psyllidae, Spondyliaspididae and Triozidae). This classification was tested in the last three decades by several authors who investigated many taxa using morphological adult and immature as well as molecular characters. White and Hodkinson's families were generally

supported with the exception of their Aphalaridae, Psyllidae, and Spondyliaspididae which were shown to be polyphyletic (BURCKHARDT 1987a, b, 1991, 2005). Based on these results BURCKHARDT and OUVRARD (2012) published a revised classification also comprising eight families of which five are similar to those of White and Hodkinson (Calophyidae, Carsidaridae, Homotomidae, Phacopteronidae, and Triozidae) but three are completely redefined (Aphalaridae, Liviidae, and Psyllidae).

Several attempts have been undertaken to study the systematics of Psylloidea using new characters, such as the number of seminal follicles (e.g. KLI-MASZEWSKI 1972; KLIMASZEWSKI *et al.* 1974; GŁOWACKA *et al.* 1995; MARYAŃSKA-NADA-CHOWSKA *et al.* 2001a, b, c; KUZNETSOVA *et al.* 2012) and karyotypes (e.g. MARYAŃSKA-NADA-CHOWSKA 2002; LABINA *et al.* 2007). These characters were shown to be of some use in solving taxonomic problems at the suprageneric level.

Variation in sperm formation patterns within Psylloidea was investigated in a number of publications (LE MENN 1966a, b; KUZNETSOVA et al. 1997; TIAN et al. 2007). LE MENN (1966a, b) was the first to observe the remarkable, so-called "binuclear" male germ cells by electron microscopy in eight species of Homotomidae (Homotoma ficus), Psyllidae (Arytaina genistae, Cacopsylla visci, Chamaepsylla hartigii, Psylla alni, P. buxi) and Triozidae (Bactericera femoralis, Trioza urticae) corresponding to "Type I" as defined below. Later, KUZNETSOVA et al. (1997) discovered by light microscopy a different, also unusual type of sperm formation in ten species of the genera Aphalara, Craspedolepta and Crastina (Aphalaridae, Aphalarinae) corresponding to "Type III" as defined below. More recently, binuclear sperms were reported for Acizzia jamatonica (Psyllidae) and Bharatiana septentrionalis (Calophyidae) (TIAN et al. 2007) but the attribution to a particular sperm formation type is problematic.

In this paper we confirm the presence of the two previously described types of sperm formation and add another three discovered by light microscopy in a wide taxonomical range of Psylloidea. Furthermore, we plot the known types of sperm formation patterns on a cladogram reflecting the latest classification of Psylloidea by BURCKHARDT and OUVRARD (2012) and discuss the phylogenetic implications.

Material and Methods

For nearly three decades, we have prepared hundreds of cytological preparations to study karyotypes and male meiosis of psyllids represented by a wide taxonomic range (e.g. MARYAŃSKA-NADA-CHOWSKA 2002; LABINA et al. 2007; KUZNETSOVA et al. 2012; NOKKALA et al. 2013). For this purpose, adult males were fixed in Carnoy fixative (96% ethanol and glacial acetic acid, 3:1) and refrigerated at 5°C in the laboratory until slides were made. Seminal follicles were extracted from adult specimens and squashed on the slide. The preparations were frozen using dry ice, the coverslips were removed with a razor blade, and the preparations were dehydrated in fresh Carnoy fixative for 20 min and air dried. Then they were subjected either to Schiff-Giemsa staining (GROZEVA & NOKKALA 1996) or to silver staining (HOWELL & BLACK 1980) or to C-banding (SUMNER 1972), as the case required.

In our present study, the same cytological preparations were used to study a post-meiotic phase of spermatogenesis, i.e. spermiogenesis. By light microscopy, we followed the progressive differentiation of the spermatid components and changes in chromatin organization during metamorphosis of spermatids into spermatozoa in males of 125 species belonging to 51 genera and 16 subfamilies of the families Aphalaridae, Calophyidae, Carsidaridae, Homotomidae, Liviidae, Psyllidae, and Triozidae. Observation and literature data are summarised in Table 1. We follow the classification by BURCKHARDT and OUVRARD (2012). Voucher preparations are deposited at the Department of Experimental Zoology, Institute of Systematics and Evolution of Animals PAS in Kraków, Poland.

Table 1

| Taxon | Type of spermio- genesis | Collecting data | Indentification by | Reference |
|---|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Aphalaridae | | | | |
| Aphalarinae | | | | |
| Aphalara calthae (Linnaeus, 1761) | binuclear sperm | ? | ? | Le Menn 1966a,b |
| | ÎII | Finland: near Turku – <i>Caltha</i> palustre | S. Nokkala | Kuznetsova <i>et al.</i> 1997 |
| Aphalara exilis (Weber et Mohr, 1804) | III | Poland: Gorce Mts – <i>Rumex</i> sp. | E. Głowacka | Kuznetsova <i>et al.</i> 1997 |
| Aphalara maculipennis Löw, 1886 | III | Poland: west Beskidy Mts – <i>Polygonum</i> sp. | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Aphalara polygoni Foerster, 1848 ¹ | III | Georgia: Kolkhida, Paliastomi Lake – <i>Polygonum</i> sp. | A. Gegechkori | Kuznetsova <i>et al.</i> 1997 |
| <i>Craspedolepta bulgarica</i> Klimaszewski, 1961 | III | Georgia: David Garedzhi – <i>Achillea</i> sp. | A. Gegechkori | Kuznetsova <i>et al.</i> 1997 |

Species studied and types of spermiogenesis

| | | | Table 1 cont. | | |
|---|------------|--|-----------------------------|--|--|
| Craspedolepta flava (Kuwayama, 1908) | III | Russia: Primorsky Krai, Khasan- sky District, near Kedrovaya Pad' Reserve – Artemisia spp. | E. Labina | present paper | |
| Craspedolepta flavipennis (Foerster, 1848) | III | Poland: Kazimierz Dolny – Chrysanthemum sp. | E. Głowacka | present paper | |
| <i>Craspedolepta kerzhneri</i> Loginova, 1963 | III | Russia: Primorsky Krai, Khasan- sky District, near Kedrovaya Pad' Reserve – Artemisia spp. | E. Labina | present paper | |
| Craspedolepta latior Wagner, 1944 | III | Russia: Primorsky Krai, Khasan- sky District, near Kedrovaya Pad' Reserve – Artemisia spp. | E. Labina | present paper | |
| Craspedolepta lineolata Loginova, 1962 | III | Russia: Primorsky Krai, Vladivostok – Artemisia sp. | E. Labina | present paper | |
| <i>Craspedolepta malachitica</i> (Dahlbom, 1851) | III | Poland: Mielnik – Artemisia absinthium | E. Głowacka | KUZNETSOVA <i>et al.</i> 1997 | |
| <i>Craspedolepta nebulosa</i> (Zetterstedt, 1828) | III | Poland: Gorce Mts – Chamerion angustifolium | E. Głowacka | KUZNETSOVA <i>et al.</i> 1997 | |
| Craspedolepta nervosa (Foerster, 1848) | III | Poland: Gorce Mts – Achillea sp. | E. Głowacka | KUZNETSOVA <i>et al.</i> 1997 | |
| Craspedolepta omissa Wagner, 1944 | III | Poland: Gorce Mts – Artemisia sp. | E. Głowacka | KUZNETSOVA <i>et al.</i> 1997 | |
| Craspedolepta sonchi (Foerster, 1848) | III | Finland – Leontodon autumnalis | S. Nokkala | MARYAŃSKA-NA DACHOWSKA <i>et al.</i> 2001c | |
| <i>Craspedolepta subpunctata</i> (Foerster, 1848) | III | Poland: Gorce Mts – Chamerion angustifolium | E. Głowacka | KUZNETSOVA <i>et al.</i> 1997 | |
| <i>Craspedolepta terminata</i> Loginova, 1962 | III | Russia: Primorsky Krai, Khasan- sky District, near Kedrovaya Pad' Reserve; Khasansky District, Krabovy Peninsula – Artemisia spp. | E. Labina | present paper | |
| Craspedolepta topicalis Loginova, 1962 | III | Russia: Primorsky Krai, Khasan- sky District, near Kedrovaya Pad' Reserve; Ussuriysky District, Kraunovka – Artemisia spp. | E. Labina | present paper | |
| Craspedolepta villosa Loginova, 1962 | III | Russia: Altai Republic, Chemalsky District, Edigan Village – Artemisia sp. | E. Labina | present paper | |
| Crastina myricariae Loginova, 1964 | III III | Georgia: Caucasus Mts, Hersureti, – <i>Myricaria bracteata</i> Russia: Altai Republic, Chemalsky District, Edigan | A. Gegechkori E. Labina | KUZNETSOVA <i>et</i> <i>al.</i> 1997 present paper | |
| Pachypsyllinae | | village – Tamarix sp. | | | |
| Pachypsylla sp. | Ι | USA: Maryland, Beltsville – Celtis tenuifolia | MM. Yang | present paper | |
| Rhinocolinae | | | | | |
| 4 · · · · · (D 4 · · 1002) | II | Spain: Mallorca, Boquet Valley – Pistacia lentiscus | I.D. Hodkinson | present paper | |
| Agonoscena cisti (Puton, 1882) | II | Spain: Cádiz prov., Sierra Blanquilla – under olive trees | E. Labina | present paper | |
| Agonoscena targionii (Lichtenstein, 1874) | II | Spain: Mallorca, Boquet Valley – <i>Pistacia lentiscus</i> Spain: Cádiz prov., Sierra Blanquilla – under olive trees | I.D. Hodkinson E. Labina | present paper present paper | |
| <i>Listronia varicicosta</i> (Hodkinson <i>et</i> Hollis, 1981) | II | Spain: Mallorca, Formentor – Cistus albidus | I.D. Hodkinson | present paper | |
| | II | Poland: Kraków – Acer | E. Głowacka | present paper | |
| Rhinocola aceris (Linnaeus, 1758) | II | Georgia: near Tbilisi – A. platanoides | A. Gegechkori | present paper | |
| | II | Finland: Turku – A. platanoides | S. Nokkala | present paper | |
| Spondyliaspidinae | | A . 11 A 1 1 1 | | 1 | |
| Anoeconeossa sp. (communis group) | V | Australia: Adelaide, Urrbrae, Wait Campus – <i>Eucalyptus</i> <i>leucoxylon</i> | G.S. Taylor | present paper | |
| Anoeconeossa sp. (fuscipennis group) | V | Australia: Adelaide, Urrbrae, Wait Campus – <i>Eucalyptus</i> <i>leucoxylon</i> | G.S. Taylor | present paper | |
| Anoeconeossa unicornuta Taylor, 1987 | V | Australia: Adelaide, Urrbrae, Wait Campus – Eucalyptus leucoxylon | G.S. Taylor | present paper | |

| | | | Tab | le 1 cont. | |
|--|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Australopsylla sp. | V | Australia: Strathalbyn-Goolwa – <i>Eucalyptus</i> sp. | G.S. Taylor | present paper | |
| Blastopsylla adnatariae Taylor, 1985 | V | Australia: Adelaide, Urrbrae, Wait Campus – Eucalyptus lehmannii | G.S. Taylor | present paper | |
| Blastopsylla moorei Taylor, 1985 | V | Australia: Goolwa – <i>Melaleuca</i> <i>lanceolata</i> | G.S. Taylor | present paper | |
| Boreioglycaspis melaleucae Moore, 1964 | V | Australia: Queensland, Brisbane, Indooroopilly, CSIRO – <i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i> | G.S. Taylor | present paper | |
| Cardiaspina albitextura Taylor, 1962 | V | Australia: Goolwa – Eucalytus camaldulensis | G.S. Taylor | present paper | |
| Cardiaspina retator Taylor, 1962 | V | Australia: Ambleside, near Hahndorf – Eucalytus camaldulensis | G.S. Taylor | present paper | |
| <i>Creiis</i> sp. | V | Australia: Urrbrae, Wait Campus – Eucalyptus leucoxylon | G.S. Taylor | present paper | |
| Cryptoneossa triangula Taylor, 1990) | V | Australia: Urrbrae, Wait Campus – Angophora floribunda | G.S. Taylor | present paper | |
| Ctenarytaina eucalypti (Maskell, 1890) | V V | Ethiopia: <i>Eucalyptus</i> sp. Portugal: Madeira – <i>Eucalyptus</i> sp. | E. Labina E. Labina | present paper present paper | |
| Glycaspis brimblecombei Moore, 1964 | V | Australia: Ambleside, near Hahndorf-Eucalytus camaldulensis | G.S. Taylor | present paper | |
| Hyalinaspis sp. | V | Australia | G.S. Taylor | present paper | |
| Platyobria lewisi Taylor, 1987 | V | Australia: Ambleside, near Hahndorf – Eucalytus camaldulensis | G.S. Taylor | present paper | |
| Spondyliaspis plicatuloides (Froggatt, 1900) | V | Australia: Adelaide, Urrbrae, Wait Campus – Eucalyptus microcarpa | G.S. Taylor | present paper | |
| Calophyidae | | - | | | |
| Calophyinae | | | | | |
| Calophya nigripennis Riley, 1885 | Ι | USA: Maryland | MM. Yang | present paper | |
| Calophya schini Tuthill, 1959 | Ι | USA: California, Alameda Co., Berkeley, UC Campus – <i>Schinus</i> <i>Molle</i> | P.G. da Silva as <i>C. rubra</i> | present paper | |
| | Ι | South Africa: near Cape Town | E. Głowacka | present paper | |
| Mastigimatinae | | | | | |
| Bharatiana septentrionalis Yang & L1, 1983 | binuclear sperm | China | ? | TIAN <i>et al.</i> 2007 | |
| Carsidaridae | | | | | |
| Protyora sterculiae (Froggatt, 1901) | I | Australia: Clare – <i>Brachychiton</i> sp. | G.S. Taylor | present paper | |
| Tenaphalara acutipennis Kuwayama, 1908 | I | Taiwan – <i>Bombax ceiba</i> | ChT. Yang | present paper | |
| Homotomidae | | | | | |
| $\frac{Dynopsyllinae}{D} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2$ | т | T. ' | | 4 | |
| Dynopsylla pinnativena (Enderlein, 1914) | 1 | 1 alwan – Ficus nervosa | Cn1. Yang | present paper | |
| Homotominae | binuclear sperm | ? | ? | LE MENN 1966b | |
| Homotoma ficus (Linnaeus, 1758) | I | Croatia: Makarska | E. Głowacka | present paper | |
| | Ι | Italy: Roma – Ficus carica | E. Głowacka | present paper | |
| | I | Portugal: Madeira – Ficus carica | E. Labina | present paper | |
| Macrohomotominae Edenini | | | | | |
| <i>Mycopsylla fici</i> (Tryon, 1895) | II | Australia: New South Wales, Sidney – <i>Ficus</i> sp. | E. Głowacka | present paper | |
| Macrohomotomini | | | | | |
| <i>Macrohomotoma gladiata</i> Kuwayama, 1908 | Ι | Taiwan – Ficus retusa | ChT. Yang | present paper | |
| Liviidae | | | | | |
| Euphyllurinae | | | | | |
| Diaphorina acokantherae (Pettey, 1924) | Ι | South Africa | E. Głowacka | present paper | |
| Diaphorina cf. chobauti Puton, 1898 | Ι | Israel – Convolvulus sp. | D. Burckhardt | present paper | |
| Diaphorina helichrysi Capener, 1970 | Ι | South Africa: Fonre | E. Głowacka | present paper | |
| Diaphorina lamproptera Burckhardt, 1981 | Ι | Israel – Zygophylum sp. | D. Burckhardt | present paper | |

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|---|---------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Diaphorina loranthi Capener, 1973 | Ι | South Africa: Agnes Mine, | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Diaphorina petteyi Capener, 1970 | Ι | South Africa: Cape Town | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Diaphorina putonii Löw, 1879 | Ι | Portugal: Castro Marim-Vila Real de Santo António | E. Labina | present paper |
| 'Paurocephala' ² bicarinata Pettey, 1924 | IV | South Africa | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| 'Paurocephala' hottentotti Pettey, 1933 | IV | South Africa | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| <i>'Paurocephala'</i> sp. | IV | South Africa | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Peripsyllopsis speciosa (Capener, 1973) | IV | South Africa: Fonre - Combretum | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Liviinae Löw, 1879 | | 11 | | |
| Caramatoscena speciosa (Flor, 1961) | Ι | Finland: Turku – <i>Populus</i> generosa | S. Nokkala | present paper |
| Paurocephala chonchaiensis Boselli, 1929 | I or II | Taiwan – Ficus beechayana, F. pumila | ChT. Yang | present paper |
| Paurocephala trematos Yang, Yang et Chao, 1986 | I or II | Taiwan: – Trema orientalis | ChT. Yang | present paper |
| Psyllidae | | | | |
| Acizziinae | | | | 1 |
| Acizzia acaciaebaileyanae (Froggatt, 1901) | Ι | Australia: Adelaide, Urrbrae, Wait Campus – Acacia baileyana | G.S. Taylor | present paper |
| Acizzia jamatonica (Kuwayama, 1908) | binuclear sperm | China | ? | TIAN <i>et al.</i> 2007 |
| Acizzia uncatoides (Ferris & Klyver, 1932) | Ι | Italy: Liguria, Taggia – Acacia pvcnantha | C. Conci | present paper |
| | Ι | South Africa | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Ciriacreminae | - | | | |
| Ciriacremum capense Enderlein, 1923 | 1 | South Africa | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Heteropsylla cubana Crawford, 1914 | Ι | Taiwan – Oryza sativa | ChT. Yang | KUZNETSOVA et al., 1997 |
| Macrocorsinae | - | | | |
| Colophorina sp. | 1 | South Africa | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Psyllinae | | | 0 | |
| | binuclear | ? | ſ | LE MENN, 1966b; |
| Arytaina genistae (Latreille, 1804) | sperm | Polond: Dipozów Cutique | | procent peper |
| | 1 | scorparius | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Ametaina maaulata (Länn 1996) | т | Italia, Siaily | E Clauralia | nnogant nan an |
| Arytaina maculaia (Low, 1880) | I | Italia: Sicily Calabria | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Aryiainilla barbagailoi Kapisaida, 1980 | 1 | Spain: Avila prov. Sierra de | E. Giowacka | present paper |
| Arytainilla cytisi (Puton, 1876) | Ι | Candelario, San Martín del | E. Głowacka, | present paper |
| | | Pimpollar | E. Labina | |
| | Ι | Spain: Cáceres prov., Puerto de | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Arytainilla spartiophila (Foerster, 1848) | | Tornavacas | | |
| | Ι | Spain: Avila prov., Hoyos del Espino | E. Labina | present paper |
| Arvtinnis umbonata (Loginova, 1976) | I | Portugal: Madeira | E. Labina | present paper |
| | ī | Finland: near Turku | S. Nokkala | present paper |
| Baeopelma foersteri (Flor, 1861) | I | Poland: near Kraków – <i>Alnus</i> sp. | F. Głowacka | present paper |
| | T | Caargia | A Gegechkori | naccont non on |
| Baeopelma colorata (Löw, 1888) | 1 | Georgia | | TATION ATTACATION AND A |
| Caconsulla cratagai (Schrank 1801) | Ι | Bulgaria: near Sofia | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Cacopsyna cranegi (Sentank, 1001) | I | Bulgaria: near Sofia Georgia: near Tbilisi, Kodzhori – | E. Głowacka | present paper KUZNETSOVA <i>et al.</i> |
| | I | Bulgaria: near Sofia Georgia: near Tbilisi, Kodzhori – <i>Crataegus orientalis</i> | E. Głowacka A. Gegechkori | present paper KUZNETSOVA <i>et al.</i> 1997 |
| Caconsulla fraudatrix I ahina & | I | Bulgaria: near Sofia Georgia: near Tbilisi, Kodzhori – <i>Crataegus orientalis</i> Poland: Bieszczady Mts, Połonina Caryńska Wielka Rawka and | E. Głowacka A. Gegechkori | present paper present paper KUZNETSOVA <i>et al.</i> 1997 |
| <i>Cacopsylla fraudatrix</i> Labina & Kuznetsova, 2012 | I I I | Bulgaria: near Sofia Georgia: near Tbilisi, Kodzhori – <i>Crataegus orientalis</i> Poland: Bieszczady Mts, Połonina Caryńska, Wielka Rawka, and Tarnica ridges – <i>Vaccinium</i> | E. Głowacka A. Gegechkori E. Labina | present paper KUZNETSOVA <i>et al.</i> 1997 present paper |
| <i>Cacopsylla fraudatrix</i> Labina & Kuznetsova, 2012 | I I I | Bulgaria: near Sofia Georgia: near Tbilisi, Kodzhori – <i>Crataegus orientalis</i> Poland: Bieszczady Mts, Połonina Caryńska, Wielka Rawka, and Tarnica ridges – <i>Vaccinium</i> <i>myrtillus</i> | E. Głowacka A. Gegechkori E. Labina | present paper KUZNETSOVA <i>et al.</i> 1997 present paper |
| <i>Cacopsylla fraudatrix</i> Labina & Kuznetsova, 2012 <i>Cacopsylla ginnali</i> (Konovalova & | I I I | Bulgaria: near Sofia Georgia: near Tbilisi, Kodzhori – <i>Crataegus orientalis</i> Poland: Bieszczady Mts, Połonina Caryńska, Wielka Rawka, and Tarnica ridges – <i>Vaccinium</i> <i>myrtillus</i> Russia: Primorsky Krai, Khasansky District Gyosdeyo | E. Głowacka A. Gegechkori E. Labina | present paper KUZNETSOVA <i>et al.</i> 1997 present paper |
| <i>Cacopsylla fraudatrix</i> Labina & Kuznetsova, 2012 <i>Cacopsylla ginnali</i> (Konovalova & Loginova 1985) ³ | I I I I | Bulgaria: near Sofia Georgia: near Tbilisi, Kodzhori – <i>Crataegus orientalis</i> Poland: Bieszczady Mts, Połonina Caryńska, Wielka Rawka, and Tarnica ridges – <i>Vaccinium</i> <i>myrtillus</i> Russia: Primorsky Krai, Khasansky District, Gvosdevo Village, and Ussuriysky District, | E. Głowacka A. Gegechkori E. Labina E. Labina | present paper KUZNETSOVA <i>et al.</i> 1997 present paper |
| Cacopsylla fraudatrix Labina & Kuznetsova, 2012 Cacopsylla ginnali (Konovalova & Loginova 1985) ³ | I I I I | Bulgaria: near Sofia Georgia: near Tbilisi, Kodzhori – <i>Crataegus orientalis</i> Poland: Bieszczady Mts, Połonina Caryńska, Wielka Rawka, and Tarnica ridges – Vaccinium myrtillus Russia: Primorsky Krai, Khasansky District, Gvosdevo Village, and Ussuriysky District, Kraunovka – Acer ginnala | E. Głowacka A. Gegechkori E. Labina E. Labina | present paper KUZNETSOVA <i>et al.</i> 1997 present paper present paper |
| Cacopsylla fraudatrix Labina & Kuznetsova, 2012 Cacopsylla ginnali (Konovalova & Loginova 1985) ³ | I I I I I | Bulgaria: near Sofia Georgia: near Tbilisi, Kodzhori – <i>Crataegus orientalis</i> Poland: Bieszczady Mts, Połonina Caryńska, Wielka Rawka, and Tarnica ridges – Vaccinium myrtillus Russia: Primorsky Krai, Khasansky District, Gvosdevo Village, and Ussuriysky District, Kraunovka – Acer ginnala The Netherlands – Hippophae | E. Głowacka A. Gegechkori E. Labina E. Labina I.H. Woudstra | present paper KUZNETSOVA <i>et al.</i> 1997 present paper present paper present paper |
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| Cacopsylla mali (Schmidberber, 1836) | Ι | Poland: Kraków – Malus sp. | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Cacopsylla palmeni (Löw, 1882) | Ι | Finland – Salix sp. | S. Nokkala | present paper |
| Cacopsylla parvipennis (Löw, 1877) | Ι | Poland: Mielnik – Salix rosmarinifolia | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Cacopsylla permixta Burckhardt et Hodkinson, 1986 | Ι | Georgia: David Garedzhi – Pyrus salicifolia | A. Gegechkori | KUZNETSOVA <i>et al.</i> 1997 |
| Cacopsylla pruni (Scopoli, 1763) | Ι | Poland: Kraków – Prunus sp. | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| ⁴ Cacopsylla pseudosieboldiani (Konovalova & Loginova 1985) | Ι | Russia: Primorsky Krai, Khasansky District, near Kedrovaya Pad' Reserve – Acer pseudosieboldianum | E. Labina | present paper |
| Cacopsylla pulchra (Zetterstedt, 1840) | Ι | Poland: Gorce Mts | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Cacopsylla pyri (Linnaeus, 1758) | Ι | Poland: Lipie Śląskie – Pyrus communis | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Cacopsylla pyricola (Foerster, 1848) | Ι | Poland: Kraków – <i>Pyrus</i> sp. | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Cacopsylla saliceti (Foerster, 1848) | Ι | Poland: Gorce Mts | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Cacopsylla sorbi (Linnaeus, 1767) | I I | The Netherlands – <i>Sorbus</i> sp Finland: Twarmine – <i>Sorbus</i> sp. | I.H. Woudstra E. Głowacka | present paper present paper |
| Cacopsylla ulmi (Foerster, 1848) | I I | Finland: near Turku – <i>Ulmus</i> sp. Poland: Niepołomice – <i>Ulmus</i> sp. | S. Nokkala E. Głowacka | present paper present paper |
| Cacopsylla visci (Curtis, 1835) | binuclear sperm | ? | ? | Le Menn 1966b |
| Cacopsylla zaicevi (Šulc, 1915) | Ι | Russia: Altai Republic, Chemalsky District, Edigan Village – <i>Salix</i> sp. | E. Labina | present paper |
| Cacopsylla zetterstedti (Thomson, 1877) | Ι | Poland: Mielnik – Hippophae rhamnoides | I.D. Hodkinson | present paper |
| Chamaepsylla hartigii (Flor, 1961) | binuclear sperm | ? | ? | le menn 1 966b |
| | Ι | Finland – <i>Betula</i> sp. | S. Nokkala | present paper |
| <i>Cyamophila caraganae</i> (Loginova, 1964) | Ι | Georgia: David Garedzhi – Caragana grandifolia | A. Gegechkori | KUZNETSOVA <i>et al.</i> 1997 |
| <i>Cyamophila medicaginis</i> (Andrianova, 1952) | Ι | Russia: Altai Republic, Chemalsky District, Edigan Village | E. Labina | present paper |
| | Ι | Georgia: near Tbilisi – Spiraea hypericifolia | A. Gegechkori | KUZNETSOVA <i>et al.</i> 1997 (as Psylla); |
| Cyamophiliopsis fasciata (Löw, 1881) | Ι | Russia: Altai Republic, Chemalsky District, Edigan Village – <i>Spiraea</i> sp. | E. Labina | present paper |
| Livilla magna Hodkinson et Hollis, 1987 | Ι | Italia: Sicily | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Livilla nervosa Hodkinson et Hollis, 1987 | Ι | Portugal: Madeira | E. Labina | present paper |
| Livilla pyrenaea (Mink, 1859) | Ι | Spain: Malaga prov., Sierra de Oreganal; Cádiz prov., Sierra del Niño | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Livilla radiata (Foerster, 1848) | I I | Poland: Gorce Mts Spain: Almeria prov., Sierra de Alhamilla | E. Głowacka E. Labina | present paper present paper |
| Livilla spectabilis (Flor, 1861) | Ι | Italia: Sicily | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Livilla variegata (Löw. 1881) | I | Italy | F. Głowacka | present paper |
| | binuclear | ? | ? | LE MENN, 1966b |
| | sperm | | | |
| <i>Psylla alni</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) | I I | Poland: Mielnik – <i>Alnus</i> sp. Spain: Avila prov., Solana de Bejar – <i>Alnus</i> | E. Głowacka E. Labina | pesent paper pesent paper |
| Psylla betulae (Linnaeus, 1758) | Ι | Finland: Täktom near Hanko – Betula verrucosa, B. pubescens | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| <i>Psylla buxi</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) | binuclear sperm | ? | ? | LE MENN 1966b; |
| | Ī | USA: Maryland | MM. Yang | present paper |
| Psylla fusca (Zetterstedt, 1828) | Ι | Poland: Katowice – Alnus incana | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Triozidae Löw, 1879 | | | | |
| Bactericera albiventris (Foerster, 1848) | Ι | Poland: Gorce Mts | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Bactericera curvatinervis (Foerster, 1848) | Ι | Finland: Turku – Salix spp. | S. Nokkala | present paper |

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| Bactericera femoralis (Foerster, 1848) | binuclear sperm | ? | ? | LE MENN 1966b |
| | Î | Poland: Gorce Mts | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Bactericera maura (Foerster, 1848) | Ι | The Netherlands: – Salix sp. | I.H.Woudstra | present paper |
| Bactericera nigricornis (Foerster, 1848) | Ι | Russia: Primorsky Krai, Ussuriysky District, Kraunovka – Artemisia sp.; Altai Republic, Chemalsky District, Edigan Village | E. Labina | present paper |
| Bactericera salicivora (Reuter, 1876) | Ι | Finland: Turku – Salix spp. | S. Nokkala | present paper |
| Bactericera striola (Flor, 1961) | Ι | Finland: Turku – Salix spp. | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Baeoalitriozus afrobsoletus (Hollis, 1984) | Ι | South Africa: Cape Town | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Heterotrioza chenopodii (Reuter, 1876) | Ι | Finland: Turku – <i>Chenopodium album</i> | S. Nokkala | present paper |
| Leptynoptera sulfurea Crawford, 1919 | Ι | Taiwan – Calophyllum inophyllum | ChT. Yang | present paper |
| Pauropsylla trichaeta Pettey, 1924 | Ι | South Africa: Cape Town | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Schedotrioza apicobystra Taylor, 1990 | Ι | Australia: Bridgewater – Eucalyptus cosmophylla | G.S. Taylor | present paper |
| <i>Schedotrioza multitudinea</i> (Maskell, 1898) | Ι | Australia: Mylor – Eucalyptus obliqua | G.S. Taylor | present paper |
| Trichochermes grandis Loginova, 1965 | Ι | Russia: Primorsky Krai, Arsenyev | E. Labina | present paper |
| Trichochermes walkeri (Foerster, 1848) | Ι | Bulgaria: Melnik – <i>Rhamnus</i> catharctica | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Trioza abdominalis Flor, 1961 | Ι | Poland: Gorce Mts – Salix sp. | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Trioza agrophila Löw, 1888 | Ι | Russia: Altai Republic, Chemalsky District, Edigan Village | E. Labina | present paper |
| Trioza alacris Flor, 1861 | Ι | Italy: Sicily | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Trioza carvalhoi Hollis, 1984 | Ι | South Africa | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Trioza cirsii Löw, 1881 | Ι | Poland: Gorce Mts | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| <i>Trioza dispar</i> Löw, 1878 | Ι | Poland: Gorce Mts | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Trioza elaeagni Scott, 1880 | Ι | Portugal: Madeira | E. Labina | present paper |
| Trioza eleutherococci Konovalova, 1980 | Ι | Russia: Primorsky Krai, Khasansky District, near Kedrovaya Pad' Reserve – <i>Eleutherococcus</i> sp. | E. Labina | present paper |
| <i>Trioza eugeniae</i> Froggart, 1901 | Ι | USA: California, Long Beach, Alamada Street – Syzygium sp. | P.G. da Silva | present paper |
| Trioza flavipennis Foerster, 1848 | Ι | Poland: Gorce Mts | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Trioza fletcheri Crawford, 1912 | Ι | India – Terminalia termentosa | A. Raman | present paper |
| Trioza ilicina (De Stefani Perez, 1901) | Ι | Spain: Mallorca – Quercus ilex | I.D. Hodkinson | present paper |
| Trioza munda Foerster, 1848 | Ι | Poland: Gorce Mts, | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Trioza remota Foerster, 1848 | Ι | The Netherlands – Quercus sp. | I.H. Woudstra | present paper |
| Trioza rumicis Löw, 1880 | Ι | Georgia: Tbilisi – Rumex acetosella | A. Gegechkori | KUZNETSOVA et al., 1997 |
| Trioza senecionis (Scopoli, 1763) | Ι | Poland: Gorce Mts | E. Głowacka | present paper |
| Trioza urticae (Linnaeus, 1758) | binuclear sperm I | ? Poland: Mielnik – Urtica dioica | ? E. Głowacka | LE MENN, 1966a |

¹Probably A. freji Burckhardt & Lauterer, 1997

²This and the following two species belong to an undescribed Afrotropical genus associated with Proteaceae (D. BURCKHARDT, unpublished data).

³*Cacopsylla ginnali* (Konovalova & Loginova 1985) comb. nov. from *Psylla. C. ginnali* is closely related to *C. abieti* (Kuwayama, 1908), *C. lineatipennis* (Kwon, 1983) and *C. liricapita* Li, 2011, all associated with *Acer ginnala* and members of *Cacopsylla*. For this reason *P. ginnali* is transferred here to *Cacopsylla. C. ginnali* is probably a junior synonym of *C. lineatipennis* but relevant type material has to be examined before the species is formally synonymised. The name 'ginnali', if derived from 'ginnala', the species epithet of the host plant should, correctly formed, be 'ginnalae'. According to the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature article 32.5 this is, however, not considered as incorrect original spelling and the spelling 'ginnali' has to be accepted.

⁴*Cacopsylla pseudosieboldiani* (Konovalova & Loginova 1985) comb. nov. from *Psylla. C. pseudosieboldiani* is congeneric with *C. abieti* and *C. ginnali*, two species also associated with *Acer*. For this reason *P. pseudosieboldiani* is transferred here to *Cacopsylla*.

Results

Our study reveals the presence of five distinctive types of sperm formation in males among the 125 examined psyllid species. The types referred to as "Type I" to "Type V" differ from one another in the mode of chromatin reorganization during metamorphosis of spermatids into spermatozoa.

Type I (Fig. 1a-f)

At the very beginning of spermatid maturation (post-telophasic cells), the chromosomes lose their integrity and associate; a large mass of chromatin subsequently concentrates at one pole of the nucleus (Fig. 1a). As the nucleus elongates (Fig. 1b,c), two tails (nuclear prolongations) are produced extending along the flagellum. The tails are slightly different in length and all the chromatin mass (as a heteropycnotic body) is present in the distal part of the shorter tale. The longer tail shows no evidence of DNA (Fig. 1d-f).

Type II (Fig. 2a-e)

As in Type I, at the very beginning of spermiogenesis the chromosomes lose their integrity and associate; a large mass of chromatin subsequently concentrates



Fig. 1. Spermiogenesis of Type I with consecutive stages of sperm formation. Black arrows indicate chromatin bodies inside the nuclei (for explanation, see Results). Grey arrow indicates basal body. a – *Chamaepsylla hartigii*, b – *Diaphorina helichrysi*, c, d – *Acizzia uncatoides*, d – *Arytainilla cytisi*, f – *Bactericera striola*. Bar = 10 μ m.



Fig. 2. Spermiogenesis of Type II with consecutive stages of sperm formation. Black arrows indicate chromatin bodies inside the nuclei. a, b, d, e – *Rhinocola aceris*, c – *Agonoscena cist*i. Bar = 10 μ m.

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at one pole of the nucleus (Fig. 2a). As the nucleus elongates, two cytoplasmic tails are produced extending along the flagellum (Fig. 2b,c). Contrary to Type I, the chromatin mass (as a heteropycnotic body) remains in the sperm head instead of moving into the tail (Fig. 2d,e). Types I and II are so similar that it is impossible to attribute with certainty some species (*Paurocephala chonchaiensis* and *P. trematos*, Liviidae; Table 1) to one of the two types.

Type III (Fig. 3a-f)

This type differs distinctly from the two types above. At the very beginning of spermiogenesis the chromosomes lose their integrity and associate; a large mass of chromatin subsequently divides into the two heteropycnotic bodies which concentrate at the opposite lateral parts of the nucleus (Fig. 3a,b). As the nucleus elongates, two cytoplasmic tails are produced extending along the flagellum. The chromatin masses (as two heteropycnotic bodies) elongate in parallel with the nucleus and each moves to one of the tails (Fig. 3c-e). Afterwards, each of the bodies disintegrates and separate chromatin units are distributed throughout the tail's length being highly condensed and easy to count at this stage. The units show a tandem (end-to-end) arrangement and their number is ap-



Fig. 3. Spermiogenesis of Type III with consecutive stages of sperm formation. Black arrows indicate chromatin bodies inside the nuclei. Grey arrow indicate basal body. a-d-Aphalara polygoni, e-Aphalara calthae, f-Craspedolepta topicalis.Bar = $10 \ \mu m$.



Fig. 4. Spermiogenesis of Type IV with consecutive stages of sperm formation (a-d – species with low chromosome number; e & f – species with high chromosome number). Black arrows indicate chromatin bodies inside the nuclei. a-d – *Peripsyllopsis speciosa*, e – '*Paurocephala*' hottenttoti, f – '*Paurocephala*'sp. Bar = 10 μ m.



Fig. 5. Spermiogenesis of Type V with consecutive stages of sperm formation. Black arrows indicate chromatin bodies inside the nuclei. a – *Anoeconeossa unicornuta*, b – *Cryptoneossa* cf. *triangula*, c – *Blastopsylla moorei*, d & e – *Cardiaspina albitextura*, f – *Anoeconeossa* sp. (communis group), g – *Creiis*. Bar = 10 μ m.

proximately consistent with the haploid chromosome set of a species (Fig. 3f). At a later stage, the tails further elongate, the chromosomes associate again and form two heteropycnotic bodies each positioned at the end of a tail. sitioned very close to each other in the nucleus (Fig. 5a-b). The nucleus elongates and two cytoplasmic tails are produced. Gradually the heteropycnotic bodies elongate in parallel with the nucleus being from then on observed as two bands expanded along the entire lengths of each tail (Fig. 5c-g).

Type IV (Fig. 4a-f)

This type is similar to Type III but differs clearly at the initial stage of spermiogenesis. At this stage, the chromosomes maintain their integrity in the spermatid nucleus and appear as separate chromatin units distributed throughout the whole nucleus. The number of chromatin units is approximately consistent with the number of chromosomes in the haploid set of a species, e.g. in Peripsyllopsis speciosa with n = 4 + X/0 (Fig. 4a) and in '*Paurocephala*' *hottentotti* with n = 12 + X/0 (Fig. 4e). At a later stage, the nucleus elongates and the cytoplasmic tails are produced. The chromosomes are divided into the two groups and show a tandem arrangement along each tail, being easy to count at this stage (Fig. 4b-d, f). Later, the tails elongate further, the chromosomes associate again and form a heteropycnotic band at the end of each tail.

Type V (Fig. 5a-g)

As in Type III, at the beginning of spermiogenesis all the chromosomes unite into two heteropycnotic bodies. The spermatids are very small in Type V and the chromatin bodies are therefore po-

Discussion

Spermiogenesis is a highly regulated and extremely complex process by which post-meiotic male germ cells differentiate into mature spermatozoa. This process involves remarkable changes in cell morphology and chromatin organization during spermatid differentiation. References on insect spermiogenesis, mainly on the fine structure of spermatozoa, are numerous in studies using the electron microscope, suggesting that these characters may be potentially informative in phylogenetic analyses (see e.g. JAMIESON 1987; JAMIESON et al. 1999). Evidence for Psylloidea is, however, scarce and limited to just a few studies carried out either with electron microscopy (LE MENN 1966a, b; DALAI 1979) or light microscopy (KUZNETSOVA et al. 1997; TIAN et al. 2007; present study).

By electron microscopy, LE MENN (1966a, b) revealed the unique nuclear structure of spermatids and mature spermatozoa in eight species of Homotomidae, Psyllidae and Triozidae (Table 1). In spermatids, a large mass of Feulgen-positive



Fig. 6. Types of spermiogenesis mapped onto a cladogram representing the hypothesised phylogenetic relationships of Psylloidea according to BURCKHARDT and OUVRARD (2012).

chromatin was shown to concentrate at one pole of the nucleus; the remainder of the nucleus shows no trace of DNA; the mass of chromatin is subsequently carried to the tip of only one of the nuclear prolongations (tails). This pattern referred to by LE MENN as "binuclear" (i.e. as showing a "divided nucleus") corresponds to the Type I in our classification.

Surprisingly, this remarkable sperm pattern, not previously known in any insect, "has largely es-

caped attention in the literature" (JAMIESON 1987: 159). With light microscopy KUZNETSOVA *et al.* (1997) found in ten species of Aphalarinae (Aphalaridae) a different, also unusual type of sperm formation which they named the "binuclear" type (Type III according to our classification). In these species, the chromatin mass was found to break down into two portions in the spermatid nucleus and each of the DNA masses subsequently enters one of the two nuclear tails. TIAN *et al.* (2007) described a kind of binuclear sperm in *Bharatiana septentrionalis* (Calophyidae) and *Acizzia jamatonica* (Psyllidae). In these species, a second spermatocyte was shown to form binuclear spermatozoa as a result of cytokinesis failure.

The present light microscopic study carried out on 125 psyllid species representing 51 genera and seven families (Table 1) revealed the presence of five types of post-meiotic chromatin reorganization in males. The variation observed at the morphological level is most likely correlated with the molecular reorganization of the chromatin that occurs in spermatid nuclei. Table 1 summarises the data on spermiogenesis available for 143 species of 54 genera, 17 subfamilies and seven families (only Phacopteronidae is not represented). B. septentrionalis and A. jamatonica were not examined by us and the information is taken from Fig. 1i in TIAN et al. (2007). At present it is not possible to decide whether the binuclear spermatozoa in these species represent Type I, Type III or a new type. Apart from these two species, the variation in sperm formation is limited to the five types listed above.

For exploring evolutionary patterns we mapped the five types of sperm formation on the cladogram illustrating the hypothesised phylogenetic relationships of psyllid families and subfamilies by BURCKHARDT and OUVRARD (2012) (Fig. 6). Type I, found in 93 species of 31 genera (not counting *Paurocephala* with two studied species; see Table I), occurs in 13 subfamilies and all the families studied. It is the only type in the Triozidae and Carsidaridae. The data on Carsidaridae are still very scarce; those on Triozidae available for 32 species of 8 genera are slightly more representative although the Triozidae comprise well over 1000 described species. The exclusive presence of Type I was also documented in the following subfamilies: Pachypsyllinae (1 species/1 genus; Aphalaridae), Dynopsyllinae and Homotominae (2/2; Homotomidae), Calophyinae (2/1; Calophyidae), as well as Acizziinae, Ciriacreminae, Macrocorsinae and Psyllinae (46/14; Psyllidae). Type I also occurs in Macrohomotoma (1 species; Homotomidae, Macrohomotominae), Diaphorina (7; Liviidae, Euphyllurinae) and Camarotoscena (1; Liviidae, Liviinae).

The chromatin organization and transformations in Type II closely resemble those of Type I but clearly differ in that the whole DNA mass remains in the sperm head rather than moving into a tail as in Type I (see Results). Type II is found in Aphalaridae where it occurs in all members of the Rhinocolinae (4 species/3 genera), as well as in *Mycopsylla* (1/1; Homotomidae). The occurrence of Type II in phylogenetically distant taxa suggests that there is no common evolutionary origin of this type and that the underlying molecular mechanism is either different in the above three groups or convergent.

Type III is restricted to the Aphalarinae (20 species/3 genera; Aphalaridae). The main difference between Type III and Types I and II is that the chromatin mass breaks down into two portions which are subsequently carried to the tips of both cytoplasmic prolongations. With the present data Type III can be interpreted as an autapomorphy of the Aphalarinae, however, only three of the 16 currently recognised genera have been examined. According to the cladistic analysis of BURCKHARDT and QUEIROZ (2013) *Aphalara* and *Craspedolepta* are closely related, but *Crastina* only distantly, representing only a small fraction of taxonomic diversity of the subfamily.

Type IV is restricted to some members of Euphyllurinae (4 species/2 genera; Liviidae), i.e. one species of *Peripsyllopsis* and three species of an undescribed genus which contains two described and at least a dozen undescribed species in the Afrotropical region associated with Proteaceae (D. BURCKHARDT & D. HOLLIS, in preparation). Whether Type IV represents a synapomorphy for a monophyletic clade within Euphyllurinae should be tested with other genera such as the Palaearctic *Psyllopsis* or the New World *Katacephala*, *Notophorina* and *Tuthillia*, a group of genera associated with Myrtaceae and other families.

Type V is restricted to the predominantly Australian Spondyliaspidinae where it occurs in all examined taxa (16 species/12 genera; Aphalaridae). The 12 studied genera represent half of known Spondyliaspidinae genera (BURCKHARDT & OUVRARD 2012). The monophyly of Spondyliaspidinae is well supported by a series of morphological characters (BURCKHARDT 1991). Type V spermatogenesis, the very small spermatid nuclei, the low chromosome numbers and testes consisting of only two follicles (MARYAŃSKA-NAD-ACHOWSKA *et al.* 2001a) represent additional potential autapomorphies of the subfamily.

As discussed above, the main shared feature of Types III, IV and V is that the chromatin in spermatids undergoes, in one way or another, division into a number of chromatin blocks in spermatids and subsequently lands in both cytoplasmic tales. Based on a statistic correlation between the number of these blocks and haploid chromosome number of a species, the blocks correspond to chromosomes. The disposition of chromosomes in sperms, i.e. whether they are arranged randomly or they occupy specific positions in a sperm nucleus, has been the subject of many studies over several decades (e.g. HUGHES-SCHRADER 1946; INOUE & SATO 1962; TAYLOR 1964). From the evidence of some species studied, in particular of 'Paurocephala' hottentotti and Peripsyllopsis speciosa (Fig. 4a & e), it is concluded that the chromosomes of psyllids are arranged in a defined order in the sperm nucleus. This finding supports the hypothesis that specific chromosome arrangement is a general feature of animal sperm (WATSON et al. 1996).

Within Psylloidea, there are two main chromatin reorganisation pathways during metamorphosis of spermatids into spermatozoa represented by Types III, IV and V on the one hand and by Types I and II on the other hand. Type I has the widest distribution over the higher-level taxa (at the subfamily level) followed by Type II (Fig. 6). Ancestral state reconstruction suggests that Type I is ancestral within Psylloidea. It follows that Type II evolved four times independently (once each in Aphalaridae and Homotomidae, respectively and twice in Liviidae).

Concluding remarks

Our light microscopic study shows that in Psylloidea spermatids undergo substantial morphological changes as they transform into mature sperm, and the type of chromatin organization and sperm formation greatly differ between the species examined. Within Psylloidea, five types are recognized. Type I most likely represents a plesiomorphic condition while the remaining Types II-V are derived traits. Types III and V represent autapomorphies supporting the monophyly of the Aphalarinae and Spondyliaspidinae, respectively. Type IV may also constitute a synapomorphy grouping some genera within the Euphyllurinae but more taxa have to be examined to support this suggestion. Type II, finally, represents a homoplasy. In summary, among the five types of spermiogenesis, two are phylogenetically significant, giving additional support for the monophyly of two of the best defined subfamilies of Psylloidea, and one perhaps shows phylogenetic signal. Thus, the pattern of spermiogenesis can be used for resolving taxonomic questions and inferring phylogenetic relationships within Psylloidea, even if in a limited way.

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