



## Four new saproxylic species of *Paranura* Axelson, 1902 (Collembola: Neanuridae: Neanurinae) from Japan

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### Abstract

Four new saproxylic species of the genus *Paranura* from Nagasaki, Nara, and Niigata provinces of Japan are described and illustrated in this paper. *Paranura tsushimaensis* sp. nov. is characterized by a dark blue body color, Abd. V four times as long as Abd. VI, 3+3 eyes, three ocular chaetae on the head, four ordinary chaetae De on Th. III, two ordinary chaetae Di on Abd. V, and all dorsal chaetae of Abd. VI in a unique reticulated plate. *P. nakamurai* sp. nov. is identified by its yellowish white body color, 2+2 eyes, tubercle Af on the head with two reticulated tubercles, and tubercles Di on Abd. V fused. *P. alpicola* sp. nov. is characterized by its yellow body color, 3+3 eyes, presence of complete chaetotaxy in the central area of the head, Th. II–III with two and three ordinary chaetae De respectively, and tubercles Di on Abd. V separate. *P. convallis* sp. nov. is identified by its orange body color, 3+3 eyes, head without chaeta O, three mandibular teeth, and Th. II–III with three and four ordinary chaetae De respectively. A key for all species of the genus *Paranura* is provided.

**Key words:** taxonomy, springtails, dead wood, East Asia, identification key

### Introduction

The subfamily Neanurinae has a cosmopolitan distribution with over 800 species described to date (Bellinger *et al.* 1996–2023). The ecological relationship between Neanurinae and dead wood was recently elucidated, fostering the discovery of novel Neanurinae species and genera within such habitats (e.g. Kasai *et al.* 2022; Smolis 2011; Smolis & Deharveng 2015; Smolis & Greenslade 2020; Smolis & Kadej 2014).

The genus *Paranura* Axelson, 1902 comprises 45 species (44 valid and one species inquirenda) that are primarily distributed across Asia and the Americas (Smolis & Deharveng 2015). Species such as *P. reducta* Smolis & Deharveng, 2015, *P. setosa* Smolis & Deharveng, 2015, *P. conjuncta* Smolis & Deharveng, 2015, and *P. mjohjangensis* Deharveng & Weiner, 1984 have been reported to be associated with dead wood (Smolis & Deharveng 2015), indicating a strong relationship between this genus and dead wood. Thus, new *Paranura* species are expected to emerge through surveys that primarily focus on this niche. Although only three species of *Paranura* have been reported in Japan, additional species are expected to be found in surveys of the collembolan fauna that inhabit dead wood.

In the present study, we describe four new *Paranura* species identified through research on collembolan fauna inhabiting fallen branches on the forest floor in broadleaf tree forests located in several geographical areas in Japan.

### Material and Methods

Specimens were procured from fallen branches on the forest floor using Berlese-Tullgren funnels. They were subjected to biological photography using digital camera (Olympus, Tough TG-5) prior to preservation in 95%

ethanol. Subsequently, the specimens were mounted on slides in Hoyer's solution and examined under a microscope (Olympus, BH-2). All data have been deposited in the Apterygota (Ap) collection of the National Museum of Nature and Science (NMNS; previously named the National Science Museum, Tokyo: NSMT), Tokyo Province, Japan.

**Terminology.** The terminology and layout of the tables used in this study follow Deharveng (1983), Deharveng & Weiner (1984), Smolis & Deharveng (2006), and Smolis (2008).

**Abbreviations.** General morphology: Abd.—abdominal segment, Ant.—antennal segment, AOIII—sensory organ of antennal segment III, Cx—coxa, Fe—femur, Scx2—subcoxa 2, T—tibiotarsus, Th.—thoracic segment, Tr—trochanter, VT—ventral tube.

Groups of chaetae: Ag—antegenital, An—microchaetae of anal lobes, ap—apical, ca—centroapical, cm—centromedial, cp—centroposterior, d—dorsal, Fu—furcal, vc—ventrocentral, Ve or ve—ventroexternal, Vea—ventroexternoanterior, Vem—ventroexternomedial, Vep—ventroexternoposterior, Vel—ventroexternolateral, Vec—ventroexternocentral, Vei—ventroexternointernal, Vi or vi—ventrointernal, Vl—ventrolateral.

Tubercles: Af—antenna-frontal, Cl—clypeal, De—dorsoexternal, Di—dorsointernal, Dl—dorsolateral, L—lateral, Oc—ocular, So—subocular.

Types of chaetae: Ml—long macrochaeta, Mc—short macrochaeta, Mcc—very short macrochaeta, me—mesochaeta, mi—microchaeta, ms—s-microchaeta, S or s—chaeta s, bs—s-chaeta on Ant. IV, miA—microchaetae on Ant. IV, iv—ordinary chaetae on ventral Ant. IV, or—organite of Ant. IV, brs—border s-chaeta on Ant. IV, i—ordinary chaeta on Ant. IV, mou—cylindrical s-chaetae on Ant. IV, x—labial papilla x, B4, B5—ordinary chaetae on tibiotarsi.

## Taxonomy

### Family Neanuridae Börner, 1901

#### Subfamily Neanurinae Börner, 1901, *sensu* Cassagnau, 1989

#### Tribus Paleonurini Cassagnau, 1989

#### Genus *Paranura* Axelson, 1902

##### *Paranura tsushimaensis* Kasai sp. nov.

[Japanese name: Rurihoso-ibonashi-tobimushi]

Figs 1–11, Tables 1–2

**Type material. Holotype:** male, Japan, Kyushu, Nagasaki Prefecture, Tsushima-shi, Tsushima Island, Kamitsushima-cho (alt. 33 m, 34°35'52"N 129°25'10"E), evergreen forest, rotten fallen branch, 27-XI-2022, Kahito Nakamura & Hiro Kasai leg. (NMNS, NSMT-Ap 671). Paratypes: 2 females (NMNS, NSMT-Ap 672–673), 2 males (NMNS, NSMT-Ap 674–675), and juvenile (NMNS, NSMT-Ap 676); same data as the holotype.

**Etymology.** The new species is named after the type locality, Tsushima Island.

**Diagnosis.** 3+3 black eyes on head. Dark blue body color. Body elongated and flattened. Some tubercles present on dorsal side of body, underlined by reticulations. Abd. V four times as long as Abd. VI. Ant. II with 12 chaetae. Chaetae O, A, E, and three ocular chaetae present on head. Lateral area on head with 6 chaetae Dl and 10 chaetae (L+So). Th. II–III with 3 and 4 ordinary chaetae De respectively. Tubercles Di on Abd. V not developed, with 2+2 chaetae Di. Abd. V with 9 ordinary chaetae De+Dl+L. Furcal remnant with 5–7 mesochaetae and no microchaetae. Tibiotarsi with chaeta M.

**Description.** Body length (without antennae) 1.58–1.83 mm in adults. Color of the body dark blue (Fig. 1). 3+3 black eyes, two anterior and one posterior. Body elongated and flattened (Fig. 4).

Chaetal morphology. Five types of dorsal ordinary chaetae. Long macrochaetae (Ml) relatively long, thickened, sheathed, apically acuminate; some lateral chaetae longer and strongly acuminate at the apex (Fig. 10). Short macrochaetae (Mc) morphologically similar to Ml, but much shorter. Very short macrochaetae (Mcc) relatively thick and weakly acuminate (Fig. 9). Mesochaetae (me) and microchaetae (mi) similar to ventral chaetae: thin, smooth, and pointed. S-chaetae of tergites thin and smooth.

**TABLE 1.** Cephalic chaetotaxy of *Paranura tsushimaensis* sp. nov.

| a) Cephalic chaetotaxy—dorsal side. |                   |                  |                                 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Group of chaetae                    | Number of chaetae | Types of chaetae | Names of chaetae                |
| Cl                                  | 4                 | Mc               | F                               |
|                                     |                   | me               | G                               |
| Af                                  | 11                | Ml               | B                               |
|                                     |                   | Mc or Mcc        | A                               |
|                                     |                   | me               | D, E, C, O                      |
| Oc                                  | 3                 | Mc or Mcc        | Ocm                             |
|                                     |                   | me               | Ocp                             |
|                                     |                   | mi               | Oca                             |
| Di                                  | 2                 | Mcc              | Di1                             |
|                                     |                   | mi               | Di2                             |
| De                                  | 2                 | Ml               | De1                             |
|                                     |                   | mi               | De2                             |
| Dl                                  | 6                 | Ml               | Dl5                             |
|                                     |                   | Mc               | Dl1                             |
|                                     |                   | Mcc or me        | Dl3, Dl4                        |
|                                     |                   | mi               | Dl2, Dl6                        |
|                                     |                   |                  |                                 |
| (L+So)                              | 10                | Ml               | L1, So1                         |
|                                     |                   | Mc               | L4                              |
|                                     |                   | Mcc or me        | L2, L3, So2, So6                |
|                                     |                   | me               | So3, So4, So5                   |
| b) Chaetotaxy of antennae.          |                   |                  |                                 |
| Segment, Group                      | Number of chaetae | Segment, Group   | Number of chaetae adult         |
| I                                   | 7                 | IV               | or, 8 S, i, 12 mou, 6 brs, 2 iv |
| II                                  | 12                |                  |                                 |
| III                                 | 5 sensilla AOIII  |                  |                                 |
| ve                                  | 5                 | ap               | 8 bs, 5 miA                     |
| vc                                  | 4                 | ca               | 2 bs, 3 miA                     |
| vi                                  | 4                 | cm               | 3 bs, 1 miA                     |
| d                                   | 5                 | cp               | 8 miA, 1 brs                    |

Antennal morphology and chaetotaxy. Antenna 4-segmented. Ratio of antennal segments I: II: III + IV = 1:1:1.5. Dorso-central area on Ant. III–IV weakly granulated. S-chaetae of Ant. IV relatively long and thick, S1 and S2 slightly thinner than others (Fig. 2). Apical bulb distinct and trilobed. Chaetotaxy of antennae shown in Table 1b and Figs 2–3.

Mouthparts. Buccal cone relatively long and rounded at apex. Labrum chaetotaxy 0/2,2 (Fig. 5). Labium with 4 basal, 3 distal, and 4 lateral chaetae, papillae x absent (Fig. 6). Mandible with 3 teeth. Maxilla styliform.

Cephalic tubercles and chaetotaxy. Tubercle Cl weakly developed (Fig. 4). Chaetotaxy of the central area complete (Fig. 4). Lateral area with 6 chaetae Dl and 10 chaetae (L+So). Dorsal chaetotaxy of the head shown in Table 1a and Fig. 4. Group Vi with 6+6 chaetae. Groups Vea, Vem, and Vep with 4, 3, and 4 chaetae respectively.

Body tubercles and chaetotaxy. Tubercle Dl on Abd. IV, tubercle De+Dl+L on Abd. V, and a unique tubercle on Abd. VI developed and reticulated (Figs 4, 11). Tubercles Di on Abd. V not developed, with 2+2 chaetae Di. Abd. V very long, four times as long as the last segment of the body (Figs 4, 11). Dorsal chaetotaxy shown in Table 2 and Figs 4,

11. Furcal remnant with 5–7 mesochaetae and no microchaetae. Genital plate with 28–30 and 12–30 chaetae in females and males respectively. An with 2 mi, rarely one side absent. Ventral chaetotaxy shown in Table 2 and Fig. 7.

Legs. Tibiotarsi I, II, and III with 19, 19, and 18 chaetae respectively, chaeta M present. Unguis without inner tooth (Fig. 8). Chaetae B4 and B5 long. Chaetotaxy of the legs shown in Table 2 and Fig. 8.



FIGURE 1. Live specimen of *Paranura tsushimaensis* sp. nov.

**Remarks.** *Paranura tsushimaensis* sp. nov. is the third species with a bluish body color, a very long abdominal segment V, and reticulations in the dorsal area. *P. tsushimaensis* sp. nov. is the most similar to *P. reticulata* Smolis & Deharveng, 2015, having a head with 3 ocular chaetae, the lateral area of the head with 16 chaetae, and 4 ordinary chaetae De on Th. III. However, this new species is clearly distinguishable from *P. reticulata* by the absence of prelabral chaetae (in *P. reticulata* 4), 2+2 ordinary chaetae Di on Abd. V (in *P. reticulata* 3+3), 9 ordinary chaetae De+DI+L on Abd. V (in *P. reticulata* 6–7), and microchaetae absent on the furcal remnant (in *P. reticulata* present). This new species is also similar to *P. s-uenoi* Yosii, 1955. However, the new species differs with 3 ocular chaetae on the head (in *P. s-uenoi* 2), 2 ordinary chaetae De on Th. I (in *P. s-uenoi* 3), and 4 ordinary chaetae De on Th. III (in *P. s-uenoi* 3).

TABLE 2. Postcephalic chaetotaxy of *Paranura tsushimaensis* sp. nov.

|          | Terga |     |        |       | Legs           |        |                     |       |    |
|----------|-------|-----|--------|-------|----------------|--------|---------------------|-------|----|
|          | Di    | De  | DI     | L     | Scx2           | Cx     | Tr                  | Fe    | T  |
| Th. I    | 1     | 2   | 1      |       | 0              | 3      | 6                   | 13    | 19 |
| Th. II   | 3     | 3+s | 3+s+ms | 3     | 2              | 7      | 6                   | 12    | 19 |
| Th. III  | 3     | 4+s | 3+s    | 3     | 2              | 8      | 6                   | 11    | 18 |
|          |       |     |        |       |                |        | Sterna              |       |    |
| Abd. I   | 2     | 3+s | 2      | 3     | VT: 4          |        |                     |       |    |
| Abd. II  | 2     | 3+s | 2      | 3     | Ve: 5–7        |        |                     |       |    |
| Abd. III | 2     | 3+s | 2      | 4–5   | Ve: 5–7        |        | Fu: 5–7 me          |       |    |
| Abd. IV  | 2     | 2+s | 3      | 10–11 | Vel: 5         | Vec: 2 | Vei: 2              | VI: 4 |    |
| Abd. V   | 2     | 9+s |        |       | Ag: 3          | VI: 2  |                     |       |    |
| Abd. VI  | (7+7) |     |        |       | Ve: 14 me+2 mi |        | An: 2 mi (rarely 1) |       |    |



**FIGURES 2–11.** *Paranura tsushimaensis* sp. nov.: 2, dorsal chaetotaxy of Ant. III–IV; 3, ventral chaetotaxy of Ant. III–IV; 4, habitus and dorsal chaetotaxy (holotype); 5, labrum; 6, labium; 7, ventral chaetotaxy of Abd. II–VI; 8, chaetotaxy of tibiotarsus III and unguis; 9, chaeta DiI of Abd. V; 10, long macrochaeta on Abd. IV; 11, dorsal chaetotaxy and tubercles of Abd. V–VI. X—missing chaetae.



***Paranura nakamurai* Kasai sp. nov.**

[Japanese name: Himeshiro-ibonashi-tobimushi]

Figs 12–23, Tables 3–4

**Type material. Holotype:** female, Japan, Honsyu, Niigata Prefecture, Sado-shi, Sado Island, Kanaishimbo (alt. 341 m, 38°04'28"N 138°21'07"E), deciduous broadleaf forest, rotten fallen branch, 18-IX-2022, Kahito Nakamura & Hiro Kasai leg. (NMNS, NSMT-Ap 677). **Paratypes:** 3 females (NMNS, NSMT-Ap 678–680), same data as holotype; 2 females (NMNS, NSMT-Ap 681–682), Japan, Honsyu, Niigata Prefecture, Niigata-shi, Mount Kakuda (alt. 163 m, 37°45'46"N 138°49'11"E), deciduous broadleaf forest, rotten fallen branch, 12-XI-2022, Takehiro Ogata & Hiro Kasai leg.

**Etymology.** This new species is named after Mr. Kahito Nakamura, the collector of the type series.

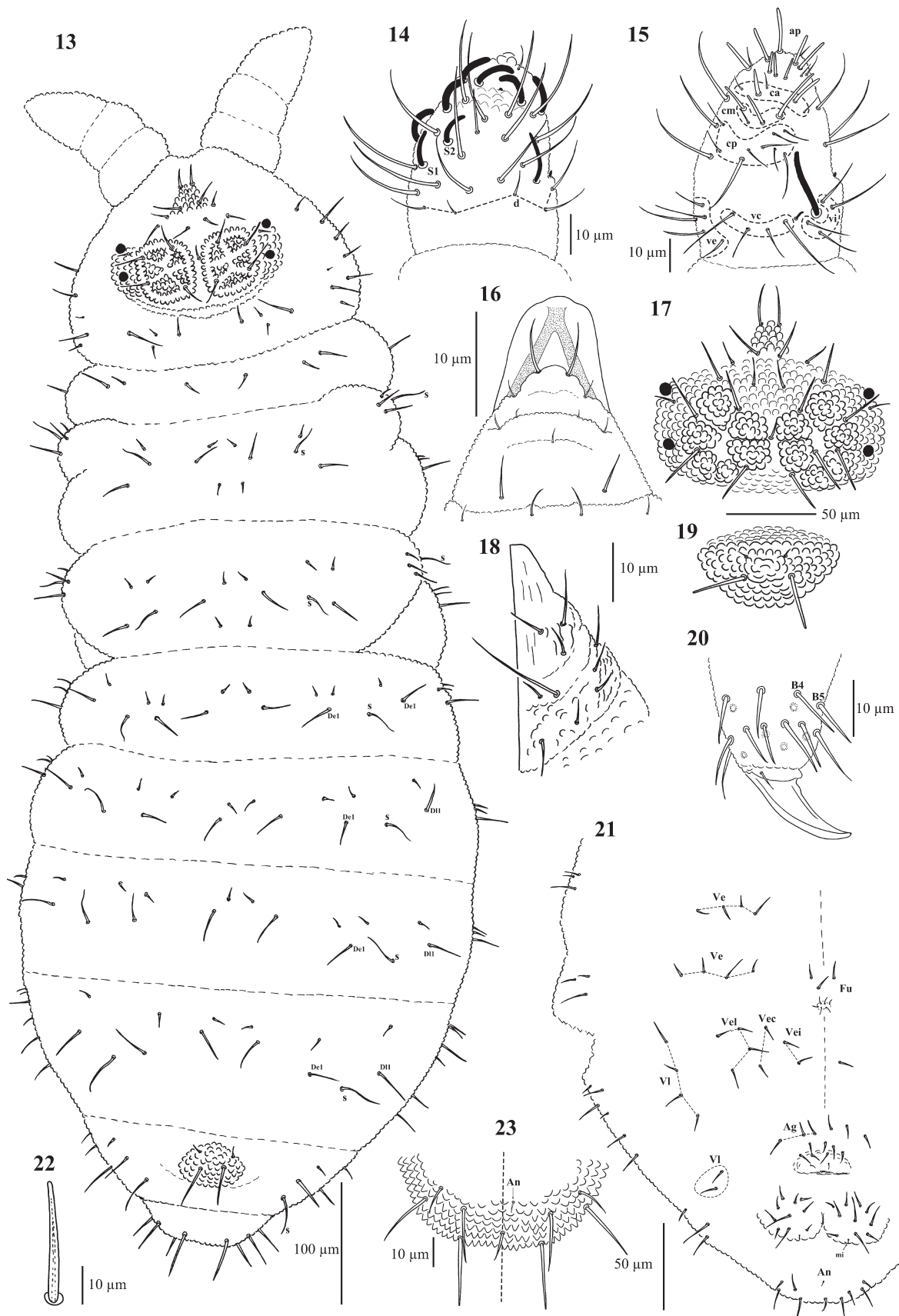
**Diagnosis.** 2+2 black eyes on head. Yellowish white body color. Tubercles Cl and Af on the head developed and reticulations present. Ant. II with 11 chaetae. Chaetae O, A, E, and three ocular chaetae present on head. Lateral area on head with 6 chaetae L and 10 chaetae (L+So). Th. II–III with 2 and 3 ordinary chaetae De respectively. Abd. IV with 2 ordinary chaetae Dl. Tubercles Di on Abd. V developed and fused, with 2+2 chaetae Di. Abdomen without clavate chaetae. Furcal remnant with 3–4 mesochaetae and 5–6 microchaetae. Tibiotarsi without chaeta M.

**Description.** Body length (without antennae) 0.77–1.61 mm in adults. Color of the body yellowish white (Fig. 12A). 2+2 black eyes (Fig. 12B).

**Chaetal morphology.** Four types of dorsal ordinary chaetae. Long macrochaetae (Ml) short, weakly thickened, and apically acuminate (Fig. 22); some lateral chaetae longer and strongly acuminate apex. Short macrochaetae (Mc) morphologically similar to Ml, but much shorter. Mesochaetae (me) and microchaetae (mi) similar to ventral chaetae: thin, smooth, and pointed. S-chaetae of tergites thin and smooth.



**FIGURE 12.** *Paranura nakamurai* sp. nov.: A, live specimens; B, lateral views of specimen in ethanol.



**FIGURES 13–23.** *Paranura nakamurai* sp. nov.: 13, habitus and dorsal chaetotaxy; 14, dorsal chaetotaxy of Ant. III–IV; 15, ventral chaetotaxy of Ant. III–IV; 16, labrum; 17, dorsal chaetotaxy and tubercles of central area on head; 18, labium; 19, fused tubercles Di of Abd. V; 20, chaetotaxy of tibiotarsus III and unguis; 21, ventral chaetotaxy of Abd. II–VI; 22, chaeta Di1 of Abd. V; 23, ventral chaetotaxy of Abd. VI.

Antennal morphology and chaetotaxy. Antenna 4-segmented. Ratio of antennal segments I: II: III + IV = 1:1:1.6–1.8. Dorso-central area on Ant. III–IV weakly granulated. S-chaetae of Ant. IV short and thick, S1 and S2 slightly thinner than others (Fig. 14). Apical bulb distinct and trilobed. Chaetotaxy of antennae shown in Table 3b and Figs 14–15.

Mouthparts. Buccal cone relatively long and rounded at apex. Labrum chaetotaxy 4/2,5,4 (Fig. 16). Labium with 4 basal, 3 distal, and 3 lateral chaetae, papillae x absent (Fig. 18). Mandible with 3 teeth. Maxilla styliform.

Cephalic tubercles and chaetotaxy. Tubercles Cl and Af developed (Figs 13, 17). Tubercle Af divided into two large parts along the midline, reticulations present. Chaetotaxy of the central area complete, all macrochaeta lengths subequal (Figs 13, 17). Lateral area with 6 chaetae Dl and 10 chaetae (L+So). Dorsal chaetotaxy of the head shown in Table 3a and Figs 13, 17. Group Vi with 6+6 chaetae. Groups Vea, Vem, and Vep with 4, 3, and 3 chaetae respectively.

Body tubercles and chaetotaxy. Tubercles Di on Abd. V developed and fused along the midline (Figs 13, 19), around the tubercle Di weakly raised. On Abd. I–IV, chaetae De far from each other, sensory chaeta halfway between De1 and D11 (Fig. 13). Abd. VI with tubercles fused into a single, one ventral chaeta located along the midline (Fig. 23). Dorsal chaetotaxy shown in Table 4 and Fig. 13. Furcal remnant with 3–4 mesochaetae and 5–6 microchaetae. Genital plate with 5–12 chaetae in females. Ventral chaetotaxy shown in Table 4 and Fig. 21.

**TABLE 3.** Cephalic chaetotaxy of *Paranura nakamurai* sp. nov.

| a) Cephalic chaetotaxy—dorsal side. |                   |                  |                    |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Tubercle                            | Number of chaetae | Types of chaetae | Names of chaetae   |
| Cl                                  | 4                 | MI               | F, G               |
| Af                                  | 11                | MI               | A, B, E            |
|                                     |                   | Mc               | D, C, O            |
| Oc                                  | 3                 | MI               | Ocm, Ocp           |
|                                     |                   | Mc               | Oca                |
| Di                                  | 2                 | Mc               | Di1                |
|                                     |                   | me or mi         | Di2                |
| De                                  | 2                 | MI               | De1                |
|                                     |                   | me or mi         | De2                |
| Dl                                  | 6                 | MI               | Dl1, Dl5           |
|                                     |                   | Mc               | Dl3, Dl4           |
|                                     |                   | me or mi         | Dl2, Dl6           |
| (L+So)                              | 10                | MI               | L1, L4, So1        |
|                                     |                   | Mc               | L2, L3, So2        |
|                                     |                   | me               | So3, So4, So5, So6 |

| b) Chaetotaxy of antennae. |                   |                |                                 |
|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Segment, Group             | Number of chaetae | Segment, Group | Number of chaetae adult         |
| I                          | 7                 | IV             | or, 8 S, i, 12 mou, 6 brs, 2 iv |
| II                         | 11                |                |                                 |
| III                        | 5 sensilla AOIII  |                |                                 |
| ve                         | 5                 | ap             | 8 bs, 5 miA                     |
| vc                         | 4                 | ca             | 2 bs, 3 miA                     |
| vi                         | 4                 | cm             | 3 bs, 1 miA                     |
| d                          | 5                 | cp             | 8 miA, 1 brs                    |



Legs. Trochanter with 5 chaetae. Tibiotarsi I, II, and III with 18, 18, and 17 chaetae respectively, and chaeta M absent. Unguis without inner tooth (Fig. 20). Chaetae B4 and B5 short. Chaetotaxy of the legs shown in Table 4 and Fig. 20.

**Remarks.** *Paranura nakamurai* **sp. nov.** is most similar to *P. bisetosa* Deharveng, 1989, having 2+2 eyes, a head with chaeta O and 3 ocular chaetae, and 2 ordinary chaetae De on Th. II. However, *P. nakamurai* **sp. nov.** differs from *P. bisetosa* in the development of the tubercle Af on the head (in *P. bisetosa* not developed), tubercles Di on Abd. V fused (in *P. bisetosa* separate), Abd. IV with 2 ordinary chaetae De (1 in *P. bisetosa*), chaeta M on the tibiotarsus absent (in *P. bisetosa* present), and microchaetae present on the furcal remnant (in *P. bisetosa* absent). *P. nakamurai* **sp. nov.** is also similar to *P. kedrovayensis* Smolis & Deharveng, 2015 but they clearly differ in the reticulations on head (in *P. nakamurai* **sp. nov.** present, in *P. kedrovayensis* absent), labral formula (4/2,5,4 in *P. nakamurai* **sp. nov.** vs. 4/2,4,4 in *P. kedrovayensis*), number of ordinary chaetae De on Th. II and III (2 and 3 in *P. nakamurai* **sp. nov.** vs. 3 and 4 in *P. kedrovayensis*), tubercles Di on Abd. V (in *P. nakamurai* **sp. nov.** developed, in *P. kedrovayensis* not developed), and microchaetae on the furcal remnant (in *P. nakamurai* **sp. nov.** present, in *P. kedrovayensis* absent).

**TABLE 4.** Postcephalic chaetotaxy of *Paranura nakamurai* **sp. nov.**

|          | Terga   |     |        |   |                | Legs               |        |         |    |  |
|----------|---------|-----|--------|---|----------------|--------------------|--------|---------|----|--|
|          | Di      | De  | DI     | L | Scx2           | Cx                 | Tr     | Fe      | T  |  |
| Th. I    | 1       | 2   | 1      |   | 0              | 3                  | 5      | 11–12   | 18 |  |
| Th. II   | 3       | 2+s | 3+s+ms | 3 | 2              | 7                  | 5      | 11      | 18 |  |
| Th. III  | 3       | 3+s | 3+s    | 3 | 2              | 8                  | 5      | 10      | 17 |  |
|          |         |     |        |   |                |                    | Sterna |         |    |  |
| Abd. I   | 2       | 3+s | 2      | 3 | VT: 4          |                    |        |         |    |  |
| Abd. II  | 2       | 3+s | 2      | 3 | Ve: 4          |                    |        |         |    |  |
| Abd. III | 2       | 3+s | 2      | 3 | Ve: 4          | Fu: 3–4 me, 5–6 mi |        |         |    |  |
| Abd. IV  | 2       | 2+s | 2      | 6 | Vel: 4         | Vec: 2             | Vei: 2 | VI: 4–5 |    |  |
| Abd. V   | (2+2)   | 5+s |        |   | Ag: 3          | VI: 2–3            |        |         |    |  |
| Abd. VI  | (6+1+6) |     |        |   | Ve: 10 me+1 mi | An: 1 mi           |        |         |    |  |

***Paranura alpicola* Kasai sp. nov.**

[Japanese name: Takane-ibonashi-tobimushi]

Figs 24–34, Tables 5–6

**Type material. Holotype:** female, Japan, Honshu, Nara Prefecture, Yoshino-gun, Totsukawa-mura, Mount Syakagatake (alt. 1,416 m, 34°05'46"N 135°52'45"E), beech forest, rotten fallen branch, 20-IX-2021, Hiro Kasai leg. (NMNS, NSMT-Ap 683). Paratypes: 2 females (NMNS, NSMT-Ap 684–685) and male (NMNS, NSMT-Ap 686), same data as holotype; 2 females (NMNS, NSMT-Ap 687–688), same locality and habitat as holotype, 13-IX-2020, Hiro Kasai leg.

**Etymology.** The name of the new species refers to alpine region habitat.

**Diagnosis.** 3+3 black eyes on head. Yellow body color while alive and white in alcohol. Body very thick and plump. Some tubercles poorly developed on the dorsal side and reticulations absent. Ant. II with 11 chaetae. Chaetae O, A, E, and three ocular chaetae present on head. Lateral area on head with 6 chaetae DI and 9 chaetae (L+So). Th. II–III with 2 and 3 ordinary chaetae De respectively. Abd. IV with 2 ordinary chaetae DI. Tubercles Di on Abd. V developed and separate, each with 3 chaetae Di. Abdomen without clavate chaetae. Furcal remnant with 4 mesochaetae and no microchaetae. Tibiotarsi with chaeta M.

**Description.** Body length (without antennae) 1.29–2.21 mm in adults. The body yellow while alive (Fig. 24) and white in alcohol. 3+3 black eyes, two anterior and one posterior. Body very thick and plump.

Chaetal morphology. Five types of dorsal ordinary chaetae. Long macrochaetae (MI) relatively long and thick, feebly or not serrated, and apically acuminate (Fig. 32); some lateral chaetae longer and strongly acuminate apex.

Short macrochaetae (Mc) and very short macrochaetae (Mcc) morphologically similar to MI, but much shorter. Mesochaetae (me) and microchaetae (mi) similar to ventral chaetae: thin, smooth, and pointed. S-chaetae of tergites thin and smooth.

Antennal morphology and chaetotaxy. Antenna 4-segmented. Ratio of antennal segments as I: II: III + IV = 1:1.1–1.3:1.8–2.3. Dorso-central area on Ant. III–IV granulated (Fig. 26). S-chaetae of Ant. IV short and thick, S1 and S2 slightly thinner than others (Fig. 26). Apical bulb distinct and trilobed. Chaetotaxy of antennae shown in Table 5b and Figs 26–27.

Mouthparts. Buccal cone relatively long and rounded at apex. Labrum chaetotaxy 0/2,2 (Fig. 29). Labium with 4 basal, 3 distal, and 3 lateral chaetae, papillae x absent (Fig. 28). Mandible with 3 teeth. Maxilla styliform.

**TABLE 5.** Cephalic chaetotaxy of *Paranura alpicola* sp. nov.

| a) Cephalic chaetotaxy—dorsal side. |                   |                  |                                 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Tubercle                            | Number of chaetae | Types of chaetae | Names of chaetae                |
| Cl                                  | 4                 | MI               | F                               |
|                                     |                   | me               | G                               |
| Af                                  | 11                | MI               | B                               |
|                                     |                   | Mc               | A                               |
|                                     |                   | Mcc or me        | D, E, C, O                      |
| Oc                                  | 3                 | MI               | Ocm                             |
|                                     |                   | Mc               | Ocp                             |
|                                     |                   | mi               | Oca                             |
| Di                                  | 2                 | Mc               | Di1                             |
|                                     |                   | mi               | Di2                             |
| De                                  | 2                 | MI               | De1                             |
|                                     |                   | mi               | De2                             |
| Dl                                  | 6                 | MI               | Dl5                             |
|                                     |                   | Mc               | Dl1                             |
|                                     |                   | Mcc or me        | Dl3, Dl4                        |
|                                     |                   | mi               | Dl2, Dl6                        |
| (L+So)                              | 9                 | MI               | L1, So1                         |
|                                     |                   | Mc               | L4                              |
|                                     |                   | Mcc or me        | L2, L3                          |
|                                     |                   | me               | So3, So4, So5, So6              |
| b) Chaetotaxy of antennae.          |                   |                  |                                 |
| Segment, Group                      | Number of chaetae | Segment, Group   | Number of chaetae adult         |
| I                                   | 7                 | IV               | or, 8 S, i, 12 mou, 6 brs, 2 iv |
| II                                  | 11                |                  |                                 |
| III                                 | 5 sensilla AOIII  |                  |                                 |
| ve                                  | 5                 | ap               | 8 bs, 5 miA                     |
| vc                                  | 4                 | ca               | 2 bs, 3 miA                     |
| vi                                  | 4                 | cm               | 3 bs, 1 miA                     |
| d                                   | 5                 | cp               | 8 miA, 1 brs                    |



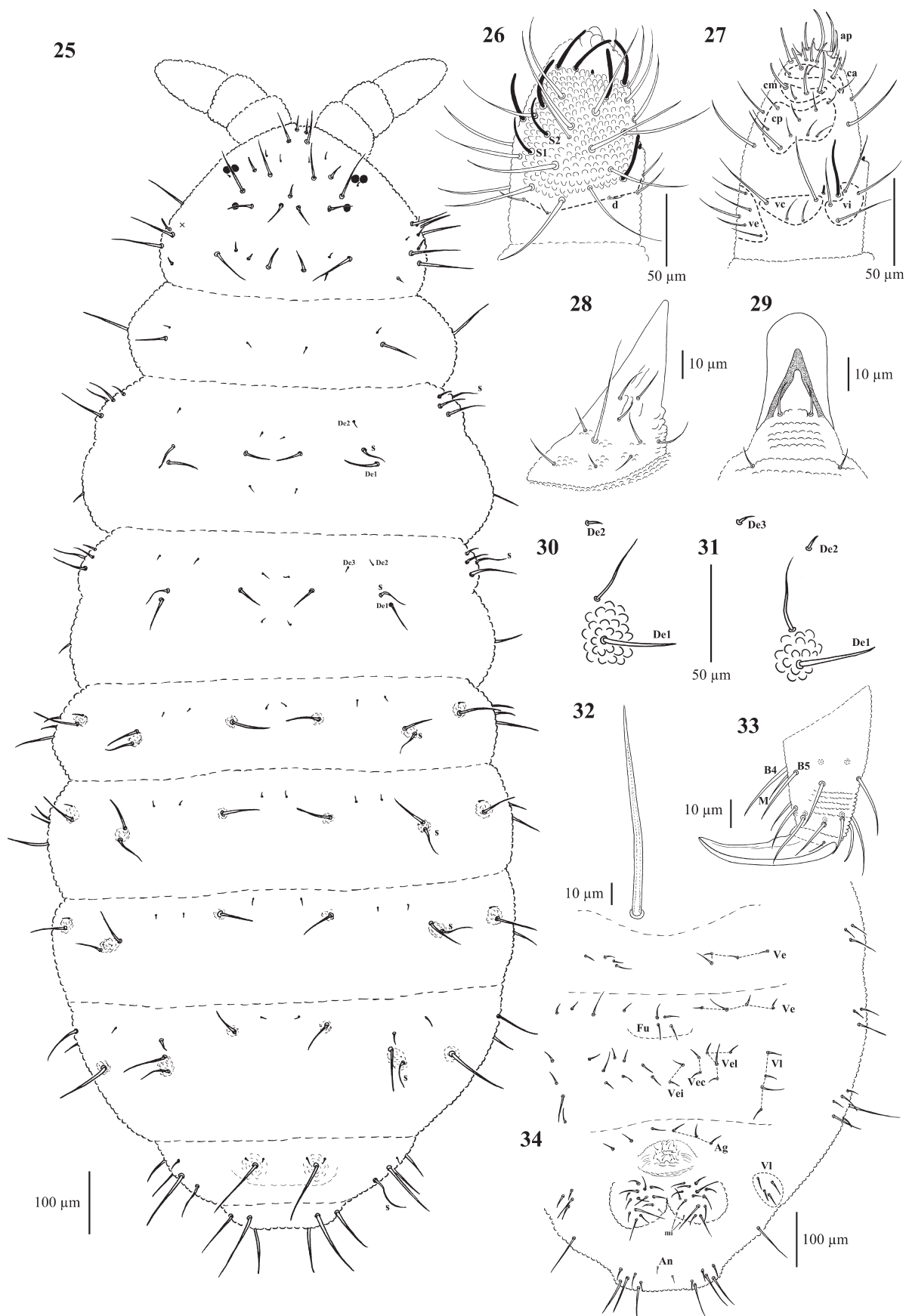
FIGURE 24. Live specimen of *Paranura alpicola* sp. nov.

TABLE 6. Postcephalic chaetotaxy of *Paranura alpicola* sp. nov.

|          | Terga |     |        |     | Legs           |          |                            |       |    |
|----------|-------|-----|--------|-----|----------------|----------|----------------------------|-------|----|
|          | Di    | De  | DI     | L   | Scx2           | Cx       | Tr                         | Fe    | T  |
| Th. I    | 1     | 2   | 1      |     | 0              | 3        | 6                          | 13    | 19 |
| Th. II   | 3     | 2+s | 3+s+ms | 3   | 2              | 7        | 6                          | 12    | 19 |
| Th. III  | 3     | 3+s | 3+s    | 3   | 2              | 8        | 6                          | 11    | 18 |
|          |       |     |        |     |                |          | Sterna                     |       |    |
| Abd. I   | 2     | 3+s | 2      | 3   | VT: 4          |          |                            |       |    |
| Abd. II  | 2     | 3+s | 2      | 3   | Ve: 4          |          |                            |       |    |
| Abd. III | 2     | 3+s | 2      | 3–4 | Ve: 4          | Fu: 4 me |                            |       |    |
| Abd. IV  | 2     | 2+s | 2      | 6   | Vel: 4         | Vec: 2   | Vei: 2                     | VI: 4 |    |
| Abd. V   | 3     | 4+s |        |     | Ag: 3          | VI: 3–4  |                            |       |    |
| Abd. VI  | 7     |     |        |     | Ve: 14 me+2 mi |          | An: 2–3 mi (rarely absent) |       |    |

Cephalic tubercles and chaetotaxy. Tubercles and reticulations not developed. Chaetotaxy of the central area complete (Fig. 25). Lateral area with 6 chaetae DI and 9 chaetae (L+So) (L1–4, So1, So3–6). Dorsal chaetotaxy of the head shown in Table 5a and Fig. 25. Group VI with 6+6 chaetae. Groups Ve<sub>a</sub>, Ve<sub>m</sub>, and Ve<sub>p</sub> with 4, 2–3 and 4 chaetae respectively.

Body tubercles and chaetotaxy. Some tubercles poorly developed, reticulations absent (Fig. 25). Tubercles Di on Abd. V developed and separate, around the tubercles Di weakly raised (Fig. 25). Th. II–III with 2 (MI+mi) and 3 (MI+2mi) ordinary chaetae De respectively, microchaeta De<sub>2</sub> situated far from long macrochaeta De<sub>1</sub> (Figs 30, 31). Abd. VI weakly bilobed. Dorsal chaetotaxy shown in Table 6 and Fig. 25. Furcal remnant with 4 mesochaetae and no microchaetae. Genital plate with 13–23 and 26 chaetae in females and males respectively. An with 2–3 mi (1 anterior and 2 posterior), rarely absent. Ventral chaetotaxy shown in Table 6 and Fig. 34.



**FIGURES 25–34.** *Paranura alpicola* sp. nov.: 25, habitus and dorsal chaetotaxy (holotype); 26, dorsal chaetotaxy of Ant. III–IV; 27, ventral chaetotaxy of Ant. III–IV; 28, labium; 29, labrum; 30, chaetae De of Th. II; 31, chaetae De of Th. III; 32, chaeta Di1 of Abd. V; 33, chaetotaxy of tibiotarsus III and unguis; 34, ventral chaetotaxy of Abd. II–VI. X—missing chaetae.



Legs. Tibiotarsi I, II, and III with 19, 19, and 18 chaetae respectively, chaeta M present. Unguis without inner tooth (Fig. 33). Chaetae B4 and B5 relatively long. Chaetotaxy of the legs shown in Table 6 and Fig. 33.

**Remarks.** *Paranura alpicola* sp. nov. is most similar to *P. chiangdaoensis* Deharveng, 1989 from Thailand, having 3+3 eyes, with chaetae O, E, and 3 ocular chaetae present on head. However, this new species is clearly distinguishable by its 2,2 labral chaetae (2,4 in *P. chiangdaoensis*), 6 chaetae D1 on the head (4–5 in *P. chiangdaoensis*), tubercles Di on Abd. V separate (in *P. chiangdaoensis* fused), and 7 chaetae on Abd. VI (6 in *P. chiangdaoensis*). This new species is also similar to *P. colorata* Mills, 1934 *sensu* Simón Benito & Palacios-Vargas (2008). However, they differ in presence of chaeta E on the head (absent in *P. colorata*), 2 ordinary chaetae De on Th. II (3 in *P. colorata*), and 2 ordinary chaetae D1 on Abd. IV (4 in *P. colorata*).

***Paranura convallis* Kasai sp. nov.**

[Japanese name: Murou-ibonashi-tobimushi]

Figs 35–47, Tables 7–8

**Type material. Holotype:** female, Japan, Honshu, Nara Prefecture, Uda-shi, Murou (alt. 348 m, 34°32'25"N 136°02'12"E), deciduous broadleaf forest, rotten fallen branch, 18-VII-2020, Hiro Kasai leg. (NMNS, NSMT-Ap 689). Paratypes: female (NMNS, NSMT-Ap 690) and juvenile (NMNS, NSMT-Ap 691), same data as holotype; male (NMNS, NSMT-Ap 692), same locality and habitat as holotype, 21-VI-2021, Hiro Kasai leg; juvenile (NMNS, NSMT-Ap 693), same locality and habitat as holotype, 21-VII-2021, Hiro Kasai leg; female (NMNS, NSMT-Ap 694), same locality and habitat as holotype, 16-X-2022, Hiro Kasai leg.

**Etymology.** The new species name refers to the mountain valley habitat.



**FIGURE 35.** Live specimen of *Paranura convallis* sp. nov.



**TABLE 7.** Cephalic chaetotaxy of *Paranura convallis* sp. nov.

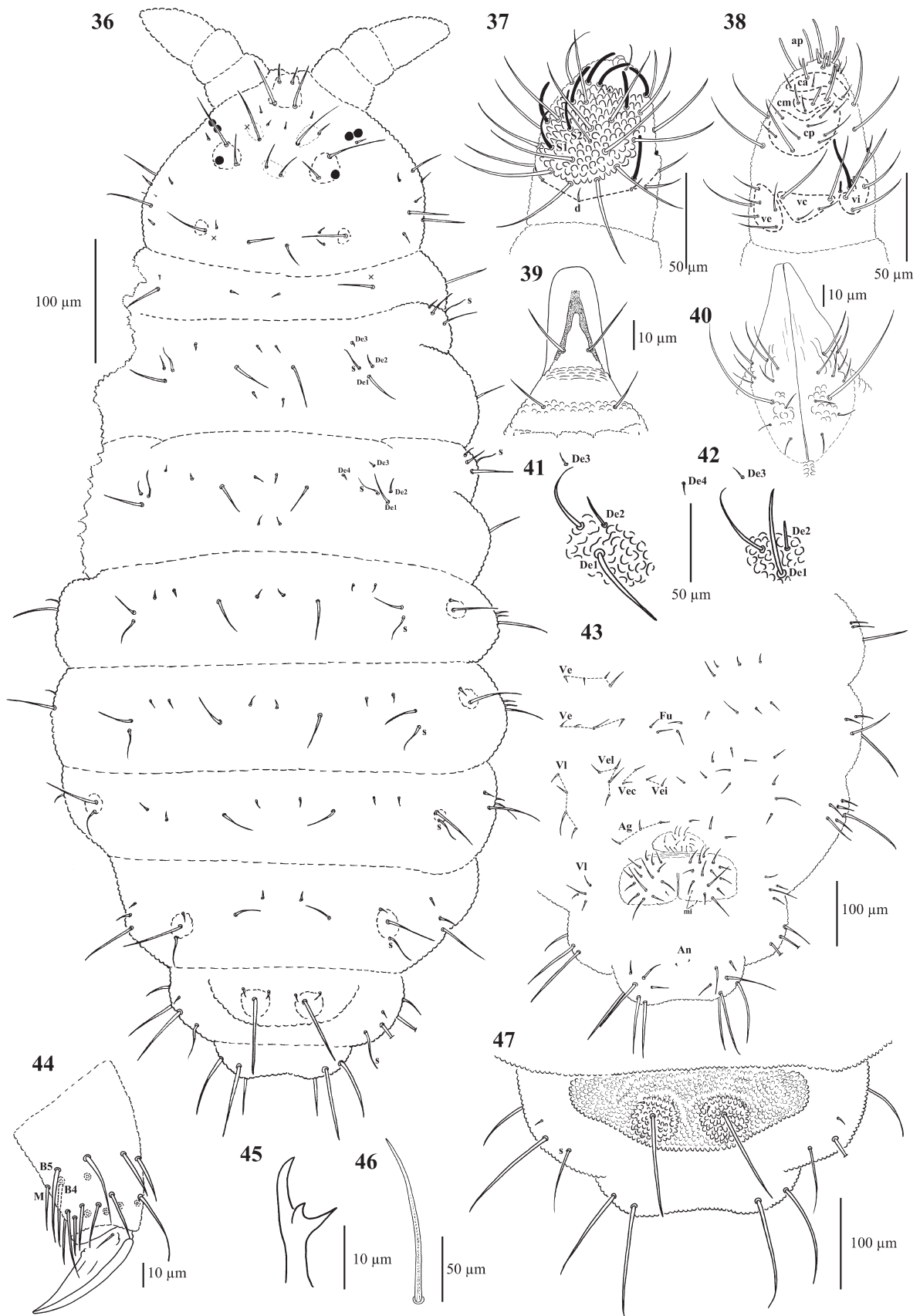
| a) Cephalic chaetotaxy—dorsal side. |                   |                  |                    |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Tubercle                            | Number of chaetae | Types of chaetae | Names of chaetae   |
| Cl                                  | 4                 | MI               | F                  |
|                                     |                   | me               | G                  |
| Af                                  | 10                | MI               | B                  |
|                                     |                   | Mc               | A                  |
|                                     |                   | Mcc              | E                  |
|                                     |                   | me               | D, C               |
| Oc                                  | 3                 | MI               | Ocm                |
|                                     |                   | Mc               | Ocp                |
|                                     |                   | mi               | Oca                |
| Di                                  | 2                 | Mc               | Di1                |
|                                     |                   | mi               | Di2                |
| De                                  | 2                 | MI               | De1                |
|                                     |                   | mi               | De2                |
| DI                                  | 6                 | MI               | DI1, DI5           |
|                                     |                   | Mcc or me        | DI3, DI4           |
|                                     |                   | mi               | DI2, DI6           |
| (L+So)                              | 9                 | MI               | L1, So1            |
|                                     |                   | Mc               | L4                 |
|                                     |                   | Mcc or me        | L2, L3             |
|                                     |                   | me               | So3, So4, So5, So6 |

| b) Chaetotaxy of antennae. |                   |                |                                 |
|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Segment, Group             | Number of chaetae | Segment, Group | Number of chaetae adult         |
| I                          | 7                 | IV             | or, 8 S, i, 12 mou, 6 brs, 2 iv |
| II                         | 11                |                |                                 |
| III                        | 5 sensilla AOIII  |                |                                 |
| ve                         | 5                 | ap             | 8 bs, 5 miA                     |
| vc                         | 4                 | ca             | 2 bs, 3 miA                     |
| vi                         | 4                 | cm             | 3 bs, 1 miA                     |
| d                          | 5                 | cp             | 8 miA, 1 brs                    |

**Diagnosis.** 3+3 black eyes on head. Orange body color while alive and white in alcohol. Body relatively thick and plump. Some tubercles poorly developed on the dorsal side and reticulations absent. Ant. II with 11 chaetae. Chaetae A, E, and three ocular chaetae present on head, chaeta O absent. Lateral area on head with 6 chaetae DI and 9 chaetae (L+So). Th. II–III with 3 and 4 ordinary chaetae De respectively. Abd. IV with 3 ordinary chaetae DI. Tubercles Di on Abd. V developed and separate, each with 3 chaetae Di. Abdomen without clavate chaetae. Furcal remnant with 3–4 mesochaetae and no microchaetae. Tibiotarsi with chaeta M.

**Description.** Body length (without antennae) 1.51–2.25 mm in adults. The body orange while alive (Fig. 35), white in alcohol. 3+3 black eyes, two anterior and one posterior. Body relatively thick and plump.



**FIGURES 36–47.** *Paranura convallis* sp. nov.: 36, habitus and dorsal chaetotaxy (holotype); 37, dorsal chaetotaxy of Ant. III–IV; 38, ventral chaetotaxy of Ant. III–IV; 39, labrum; 40, labium; 41, chaetae De of Th. II; 42, chaetae De of Th. III; 43, ventral chaetotaxy of Abd. II–VI; 44, chaetotaxy of tibia-tarsus III and unguis; 45, mandible; 46, chaeta Di1 of Abd. V; 47, dorsal chaetotaxy and tubercles of Abd. V–VI. X—missing chaetae.

Chaetal morphology. Five types of dorsal ordinary chaetae. Long macrochaetae (MI) relatively long and thick, feebly serrated, and apically acuminate (Fig. 46); some lateral chaetae longer and strongly acuminate apex. Short macrochaetae (Mc) and very short macrochaetae (Mcc) morphologically similar to MI, but much shorter. Mesochaetae (me) and microchaetae (mi) similar to ventral chaetae: thin, smooth, and pointed. S-chaetae of tergites thin and smooth.

Antennal morphology and chaetotaxy. Antenna 4-segmented. Ratio of antennal segments as I: II: III + IV = 1:1:1.8–1.9. Dorso-central area on Ant. III–IV strongly granulated (Fig. 37). S-chaetae of Ant. IV short and thick, S1 and S2 slightly thinner than others (Fig. 37). Apical bulb distinct and trilobed. Chaetotaxy of the antennae shown in Table 7b and Figs 37–38.

Mouthparts. Buccal cone relatively long and rounded at apex. Labrum chaetotaxy 4/2,2 (Fig. 39), prelabral chaetae very tiny. Labium with 4 basal, 3 distal, and 3 lateral chaetae, papillae x absent (Fig. 40). Mandible with 3 teeth (Fig. 45). Maxilla styliform.

Cephalic tubercles and chaetotaxy. Some tubercles poorly developed, reticulations absent (Figs 36, 47). Chaeta O absent. Lateral area with 6 chaetae DI and 9 chaetae (L+So) (L1–4, So1, So3–6). Dorsal chaetotaxy of the head shown in Table 7a and Fig. 36. Group Vi with 6+6 chaetae. Groups Vea, Vem, and Vep with 4, 3–4 and 3–4 chaetae respectively.

Body tubercles and chaetotaxy. Some tubercles poorly developed, reticulations absent (Figs 36, 47). Tubercles Di on Abd. V developed and separate, around the tubercles Di raised (Fig. 47). Th. II–III with 3 (MI+Mcc+mi) and 4 (MI+Mcc+2mi) ordinary chaetae on tubercles De respectively, very short macrochaeta De2 situated close to long macrochaeta De1 (Figs 41, 42), and microchaeta De3 outside the tubercles. Abd. VI weakly bilobed. Dorsal chaetotaxy shown in Table 8 and Figs 36, 47. Furcal remnant with 3–4 mesochaetae and no microchaetae. Genital plate with 14–24 chaetae in females. An with 2 mi, rarely both or one side absent. Ventral chaetotaxy shown in Table 8 and Fig. 43.

Legs. Tibiotarsi I, II, and III with 19, 19, and 18 chaetae respectively, chaeta M present. Unguis without inner tooth (Fig. 44). Chaetae B4 and B5 relatively long. Chaetotaxy of the legs shown in Table 8 and Fig. 44.

**Remarks.** The new species is most similar to *P. tridentata* Lee & Kim, 1984 and *P. rosea* Lee & Kim, 1984, having 3+3 eyes, tubercle Oc on the head with 3 ocular chaetae, a head without chaeta O, and Abd. V–VI without clear clavate chaetae. However, the new species can be distinguished by orange body color (in *P. tridentata* light yellow, in *P. rosea* red), inner tooth on the claw absent (in *P. tridentata* absent, in *P. rosea* present), 3 teeth on the mandible (in *P. tridentata* 3, in *P. rosea* 8), 3 ordinary chaetae De on Th. II (2 in *P. tridentata*, 4 in *P. rosea*), 4 ordinary chaetae De on Th. III (in *P. tridentata* 2, in *P. rosea* 4), 2 ordinary chaetae Di on Abd. I–IV (in *P. tridentata* 2, in *P. rosea* 3), and 3 ordinary chaetae Di on Abd. V (in *P. tridentata* 2, in *P. rosea* 3).

**TABLE 8.** Postcephalic chaetotaxy of *Paramura convallis* sp. nov.

|          | Terga |     |        |     |               |            | Legs                     |       |    |
|----------|-------|-----|--------|-----|---------------|------------|--------------------------|-------|----|
|          | Di    | De  | DI     | L   | Scx2          | Cx         | Tr                       | Fe    | T  |
| th. I    | 1     | 2   | 1      |     | 0             | 3          | 6                        | 13    | 19 |
| th. II   | 3     | 3+s | 3+s+ms | 3   | 2             | 7          | 6                        | 12    | 19 |
| th. III  | 3     | 4+s | 3+s    | 3   | 2             | 8          | 6                        | 11    | 18 |
|          |       |     |        |     |               |            | Sterna                   |       |    |
| abd. I   | 2     | 3+s | 2      | 3   | VT: 4         |            |                          |       |    |
| abd. II  | 2     | 3+s | 2      | 3   | Ve: 4         |            |                          |       |    |
| abd. III | 2     | 3+s | 2      | 3   | Ve: 4         | Fu: 3–4 me |                          |       |    |
| abd. IV  | 2     | 2+s | 3      | 5–6 | Vel: 4        | Vec: 2     | Vei: 2                   | VI: 4 |    |
| abd. V   | 3     | 4+s |        |     | Ag: 3         | VI: 3–4    |                          |       |    |
| abd. VI  | 7     |     |        |     | Ve: 14 me+2mi |            | An: 2 mi (rarely 1 or 0) |       |    |

## Key to *Paranura* updated from Smolis & Deharveng (2015)

|    |  |   |
|----|--|---|
| 1  | Head with 2+2 eyes   | 2   |
| -  | Head with 3+3 eyes   | 24  |
| 2  | Tubercle Oc on head with 2 chaetae   | 3   |
| -  | Tubercle Oc on head with 3 chaetae   | 12  |
| 3  | Thorax II–III with 2 chaetae Di  | 4   |
| -  | Thorax II–III with 3 chaetae Di  | 6   |
| 4  | Head without chaetae A   | <i>P. squamosa</i> Cassagnau, 1991                              |
| -  | Head with chaetae A  | 5   |
| 5  | Thorax II–III with 2 chaetae L   | <i>P. timorensis</i> Yoshii & Suhardjono, 1992                  |
| -  | Thorax II–III with 3 chaetae L   | <i>P. nudifera</i> Yoshii & Suhardjono, 1992                    |
| 6  | Head with chaetae A and C  | 7   |
| -  | Head without chaetae A and C   | 11  |
| 7  | Thorax II–III with 3 and 4 ordinary chaetae De respectively, grey or blue pigment present on body        | <i>P. impedita</i> Palacios-Vargas & Deharveng, 1987            |
| -  | Thorax II–III with 2 ordinary chaetae De, no grey or blue pigment present on body                        | 8   |
| 8  | Thorax II–III with 2 ordinary chaetae DI   | 9   |
| -  | Thorax II–III with 3 ordinary chaetae DI   | 10  |
| 9  | Abd. I–III with 1 ordinary chaeta De   | <i>P. meo</i> Deharveng, 1989                                   |
| -  | Abd. I–III with 2 ordinary chaetae De  | <i>P. godavarica</i> Cassagnau, 1991                            |
| 10 | Head with chaeta O, abdomen IV with chaetae De shifted towards chaetae DI                                | <i>P. tapatia</i> Palacios-Vargas & Peñaranda-Parada, 2005      |
| -  | Head without chaeta O, abdomen IV with chaetae De not shifted  | <i>P. colombiana</i> Palacios-Vargas & Peñaranda-Parada, 2005   |
| 11 | Thorax II–III with 1 ordinary chaeta De  | <i>P. johorensis</i> (Yosii, 1976)                              |
| -  | Thorax II–III with 2 and 2–3 ordinary chaetae De respectively  | <i>P. garoensis</i> Cassagnau, 1991                             |
| 12 | Head with chaeta O   | 13  |
| -  | Head without chaeta O  | 21  |
| 13 | Abdomen V with 2+2 chaetae Di  | 14  |
| -  | Abdomen V with 3+3 chaetae Di  | 18  |
| 14 | Thorax II with 2 ordinary chaetae De   | 15  |
| -  | Thorax II with 3 ordinary chaetae De   | 16  |
| 15 | Tubercle Af on head without reticulations area, abdomen V with tubercles Di separate                     | <i>P. bisetosa</i> Deharveng, 1989                              |
| -  | Tubercle Af on head with reticulations area, abdomen V with tubercles Di fused                           | <i>P. nakamurai</i> <b>sp. nov.</b>                             |
| 16 | Thorax III with 3 ordinary chaetae De  | <i>P. quadrilobata</i> Hammer, 1953 <i>sensu</i> Fjellberg 1985 |
| -  | Thorax III with 4 ordinary chaetae De  | 17  |
| 17 | Abdomen IV with 1 ordinary chaeta De, trochanters with 6 chaetae   | <i>P. microchaetosa</i> Smolis & Deharveng, 2015                |
| -  | Abdomen IV with 2 ordinary chaetae De, trochanters with 5 chaetae  | <i>P. kedrovayensis</i> Smolis & Deharveng, 2015                |
| 18 | Thorax II–III with 2 and 3 ordinary chaetae De respectively  | <i>P. dalgeri</i> Deharveng, 1989                               |
| -  | Thorax II–III with 3 and 4 ordinary chaetae De respectively  | 19  |
| 19 | Tibiotarsi without chaeta M  | <i>P. tibiotarsalis</i> Deharveng, 1989                         |
| -  | Tibiotarsi with chaeta M   | 20  |
| 20 | Abdomen V with tubercles Di separate, abdomen II without chaetae Ve, furcal remnant without microchaetae | <i>P. modesta</i> Deharveng, 1989                               |
| -  | Abdomen V with tubercles Di fused, abdomen II with chaetae Ve, furcal remnant with microchaetae          | <i>P. cassagnai</i> Smolis & Deharveng, 2015                    |
| 21 | Thorax III with 3 ordinary chaetae De  | 22  |
| -  | Thorax III with 2 ordinary chaetae De  | 23  |
| 22 | Abdomen V with 2+2 chaetae Di  | <i>P. tamul</i> Cassagnau, 1988                                 |
| -  | Abdomen V with 3+3 chaetae Di  | <i>P. coenobita</i> Cassagnau, 1991                             |
| 23 | Thorax II–III with 2 ordinary chaetae DI   | <i>P. globulifer</i> Deharveng, 1989                            |
| -  | Thorax II–III with 3 ordinary chaetae DI   | <i>P. leclerci</i> Deharveng, 1989                              |
| 24 | Abdomen V at least twice longer than VI  | 25  |
| -  | Abdomen V slightly longer than VI  | 27  |
| 25 | Thorax III with 3 ordinary chaetae De, tubercle Oc on head with 2 chaetae                                | <i>P. s-uenoi</i> Yosii, 1955                                   |
| -  | Thorax III with 4 ordinary chaetae De, tubercle Oc on head with 3 chaetae                                | 26  |
| 26 | Abdomen V with 3+3 ordinary chaetae Di, furcal remnant with microchaetae                                 | <i>P. reticulata</i> Smolis & Deharveng, 2015                   |
| -  | Abdomen V with 2+2 ordinary chaetae Di, furcal remnant without microchaetae                              | <i>P. tsushimaensis</i> <b>sp. nov.</b>                         |
| 27 | Abdomen V–VI with clear clavate chaetae  | 28  |
| -  | Abdomen V–VI without clear clavate chaetae   | 29  |
| 28 | Tibiotarsi I, II and III with 12, 12 and 11 chaetae respectively   | <i>P. clavisetis</i> (Axelson, 1902)                            |
| -  | Tibiotarsi I, II and III with 19, 19 and 18 chaetae respectively   | <i>P. sitchensis</i> Fjellberg, 1985                            |
| 29 | Tubercle Oc on head with 2 chaetae   | 30  |

|    |   |   |
|----|---|---|
| -  | Tubercle Oc on head with 3 chaetae  | 34  |
| 30 | Thorax I with 1 chaeta De   | 31  |
| -  | Thorax I with 2 chaetae De  | 32  |
| 31 | Abdomen I–IV with 2 ordinary chaetae De   | <i>P. sarukhani</i> Palacios-Vargas & Deharveng, 1987                           |
| -  | Abdomen I–IV with 1 ordinary chaeta De  | <i>P. jorgei</i> Palacios-Vargas & Deharveng, 1987                              |
| 32 | Thorax II with 2 ordinary chaetae De  | <i>P. longisensillata</i> Palacios-Vargas & Deharveng, 1987                     |
| -  | Thorax II with 3 ordinary chaetae De  | 33  |
| 33 | Thorax III with 3 ordinary chaetae De   | <i>P. magdalenae</i> Simón Benito & Palacios-Vargas, 2008                       |
| -  | Thorax III with 4 ordinary chaetae De   | <i>P. rooensis</i> Simón Benito & Palacios-Vargas, 2008                         |
| 34 | Head with chaeta O  | 35  |
| -  | Head without chaeta O   | 47  |
| 35 | Tibiotarsi I, II and III with 12, 12 and 11 chaetae respectively  | <i>P. sexpunctata</i> (Axelson, 1902)   |
| -  | Tibiotarsi I–III with higher number of chaetae  | 36  |
| 36 | Thorax III with 2 or 3 ordinary chaetae De  | 37  |
| -  | Thorax III with 4 ordinary chaetae De   | 40  |
| 37 | Thorax II with 3 ordinary chaetae De, head without chaeta E   | <i>P. colorata</i> Mills, 1934 <i>sensu</i> Simón Benito & Palacios-Vargas 2008 |
| -  | Thorax II with 2 ordinary chaetae De, head with chaeta E  | 38  |
| 38 | Thorax III with 2 ordinary chaetae De, abdomen V with tubercles Di fused  | <i>P. chiangdaoensis</i> Deharveng, 1989  |
| -  | Thorax III with 3 ordinary chaetae De, abdomen V with tubercles Di separate   | <i>P. alpicola</i> <b>sp. nov.</b>  |
| 40 | Abdomen V with 3+3 chaetae Di   | 41  |
| -  | Abdomen V with 2+2 chaetae Di   | 43  |
| 41 | Tubercle (L+So) on head with 9 chaetae  | <i>P. ieti</i> (Yosii, 1966)  |
| -  | Tubercle (L+So) on head with 10 chaetae   | 42  |
| 42 | Abdomen V with tubercles Di separate, trochanters with 5 chaetae, furcal remnant with microchaetae, no grey or blue pigment present on body | <i>P. najtae</i> Deharveng & Weiner, 1984                                       |
| -  | Abdomen V with tubercles Di fused, trochanters with 6 chaetae, furcal remnant without microchaetae, grey or blue pigment present on body    | <i>P. conjuncta</i> Smolis & Deharveng, 2015                                    |
| 43 | Head with additional chaetae in central area  | <i>P. setosa</i> Smolis & Deharveng, 2015                                       |
| -  | Head without additional chaetae in central area   | 44  |
| 44 | Trochanters with 5 chaetae, abdomen II without chaetae Ve1, no grey or blue pigment present on body   | <i>P. koryoi</i> Deharveng & Weiner, 1984                                       |
| -  | Trochanters with 6 chaetae, abdomen II with chaetae Ve1, grey or blue pigment present on body   | 45  |
| 45 | Labium with 11+11 chaetae, formula of labral chaetotaxy: 4/5, 4; furcal remnant without microchaetae  | <i>P. mjohjangensis</i> Deharveng & Weiner, 1984                                |
| -  | Labium with 10+10 chaetae, formula of labral chaetotaxy other, furcal remnant with microchaetae   | 46  |
| 46 | Abdomen IV with 1 ordinary chaeta De, distal part of labrum with 4 chaetae  | <i>P. oregonensis</i> Smolis & Deharveng, 2015                                  |
| -  | Abdomen IV with 2 ordinary chaetae De, distal part of labrum with 2 chaetae   | <i>P. reducta</i> Smolis & Deharveng, 2015                                      |
| 47 | Claw with inner tooth, mandible with 8 teeth  | <i>P. rosea</i> Lee & Kim, 1984   |
| -  | Claw without inner tooth, mandible with 3 teeth   | 48  |
| 48 | Thorax II with 2 ordinary chaetae De, abdomen V with 2+2 chaetae Di   | <i>P. tridentata</i> Lee & Kim, 1984  |
| -  | Thorax II with 3 ordinary chaetae De, abdomen V with 3+3 chaetae Di   | <i>P. convallis</i> <b>sp. nov.</b>   |

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