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A new species and new record of *Agistemus* Summers (Acari: Stigmaeidae) associated with *Capsicum annuum* L. var. *glabriusculum* (Solanaceae) from Northeastern of Mexico

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ABSTRACT

Two mite species belonging to the genus *Agistemus* Summers (Acari: Stigmaeidae) were collected from wild plants known as “chile piquín” (*Capsicum annuum* L. var. *glabriusculum*) in two protected natural areas, state of Tamaulipas, Mexico. *Agistemus piquinnus* Monjarás-Barrera & Johann **n. sp.** is described and illustrated. *Agistemus brasiliensis* Matioli, Ueckermann & Oliveira, 2002 is a new record for Mexico. A key to the *Agistemus* species of Mexico is provided.

Keywords Raphignathoidea; Protected Natural Areas; Trombidiformes; chile piquín; Tamaulipas
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Introduction

In several ecosystems and crops, mites of the family Stigmaeidae are one of the most important predatory mites after Phytoseiidae (Santos & Laing, 1985) and are considered economically important as predators of other mites and small arthropods (Fan & Zhang, 2005; Fan & Flechtmann, 2015). Stigmaeid mites have been studied as potential predators against pestiferous mites of the families Eriophyidae, Tetranychidae, Tenuipalpidae and Tarsonemidae (Gerson *et al.*, 2003; Johann *et al.*, 2013). Therefore, its correct identification is fundamental for management programs of these mites (Zhang, 2003).

The genus *Agistemus* Summers, 1960 comprise more than 87 described species (Fan *et al.*, 2016; Paktinat-Saeij *et al.*, 2017; Rehman *et al.*, 2018); of which, seven were recorded from Mexico: *Agistemus floridanus* González-Rodríguez (González-Rodríguez, 1965), *A. longisetus* González-Rodríguez (González-Rodríguez, 1963), *A. fleschneri* Summers, *A. simplex* González-Rodríguez, *A. striolatus* González-Rodríguez (González-Rodríguez, 1965), *A. arcypaurus* González-Rodríguez and *A. terminalis* Quayle (Estrada-Venegas *et al.*, 2002).

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The present study aims to (i) described a new species of stigmatid mites from Mexico, (ii) record of *Agistemus brasiliensis* for the first time from this country, and (iii) provide an identification key to species of *Agistemus* so far reported from Mexico.

Materials and methods

The specimens were collected on leaves of the wild plant “chile piquín” (*Capsicum annum* L. var. *glabriusculum*) in two Protected Natural Areas (PNA): “El Cielo” Biosphere Reserve (23°01′07″ N, 99°08′54″ W) and PNA “Altas Cumbres” (23°41′52″ N, 99°11′04″ W and 23°46′41″ N, 99°12′12″ W), located in the municipalities of Gómez Farias and Victoria in Tamaulipas, Mexico, respectively. The collected leaves were transported to the laboratory of Ecología de Poblaciones in the Instituto de Ecología Aplicada of Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas. Mite extraction followed Dhooria (2016) and slide preparations were carried out according to Jeppson *et al.*, (1975). The mites were observed under Phase Contrast (PH) and Differential Interference Contrast (DIC) microscope Zeiss AXIO Imager.Z2 in the Laboratory of Acarology of Universidade do Vale do Taquari - Univates, Lajeado, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.

The terminology and abbreviations are based on Grandjean (1944) and Kethley (1990). All measurements are given in micrometers (µm) and the measurements of the holotype are followed by ranges of the paratypes in parentheses.

Holotype female and three paratype males were deposited at Departamento de Entomologia e Acarologia, Escola Superior de Agricultura “Luiz de Queiroz”, Universidade de São Paulo (ESALQ/USP), Piracicaba, São Paulo State, Brazil. Two paratypes female were deposited at “Colección Nacional de Ácaros” (CNAC) of Instituto de Biología, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) in Mexico city, Mexico.

Taxonomy

Family: Stigmatidae Oudemans, 1931

Genus: *Agistemus* Summers, 1960

Type species: *Caligonus terminalis* Quayle, 1912, by original designation. *Agistemus terminalis* (Quayle), Summers, 1960: 234.

Agistemus brasiliensis Matioli, Ueckermann & Oliveira, 2002

(Table 1)

Distribution — *Agistemus brasiliensis* was reported on *Citrus sinensis* (L.) Osbeck in São Paulo, Brazil, feeding on *Panonychus citri* (McGregor) (Tetranychidae) and *Brevipalpus phoenicis* (Geijskes) (Tenuipalpidae) (Matioli *et al.*, 2002). It is recorded from *Coffea arabica* L. and *C. canephora* P. (Mineiro *et al.*, 2010). It is the only species collected on *Vitis vinifera* L. Chardonnay and Merlot cultivar, *Vitis labrusca* L. Bordeaux cultivar and *Solanum americanum* Mill. (Johann *et al.*, 2013). *Agistemus brasiliensis* has only been recorded from two countries worldwide, Brazil (Fan *et al.*, 2019) and Mexico (present study).

Remarks — No morphological differences were observed between specimens from Mexico and those described by Matioli *et al.*, (2002). Measurements of the Mexican specimens are provided in Table 1.

Material examined — All specimens were found on leaves of *Capsicum annum* L. var. *glabriusculum* at, Ojo de Agua, Gomez Farias Tamaulipas, Mexico; J. I. Monjarás B. leg.; two females; February 17, 2017; one female, March 3, 2017; one male, February 17, 2017; one male, October 13, 2017; one male, November 10, 2017.

Agistemus piquinnus Monjarás-Barrera & Johann n. sp.

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(Figures 1-5)

Diagnosis (female) — Prodorsal and hysterosomal shields smooth; length of seta c_1 longer than the distance between the bases of c_1 and d_1 ; the ratio $vi/vi-vi$ 2.8 (2.8-3.0); ratio c_1/c_1-c_1 2.1 (2.1-2.3); ratio: pob/eye : 3.2 (3.0-3.2). Aggenital shield not defined, bearing two pair of setae (ag_1-ag_2); seta g_1 extending beyond the base of ps_2 ; setae ps_1 and ps_2 slightly barbed and more robust than ps_3 ; femora I–IV 5-4-2-2.

Table 1 Measurements of *Agistemus brasiliensis* Matioli, Ueckermann & Oliveira, 2002 collected in Mexico.

Character measured	Female (n=3)				Male (n=3)			
	Mean	SD	Min	Max	Mean	SD	Min	Max
Body length	325	15.62	315	343	291	27	260	310
Idiosoma	259	21.2	244	283	239	20.5	215	251
Body width	206	22.9	190	232	173	16.8	154	184
vi	50	0.6	49	50	40	2.1	38	42
ve	71	3.8	68	75	54	2.1	52	56
sce	67	1.5	66	69	50	2.1	48	52
c_1	57	3.1	54	60	41	2.3	40	44
c_2	50	1.2	49	51	40	2.3	39	43
d_1	60	1.5	59	62	35	0.6	35	36
d_2	62	0	62	62	43	3	40	46
e_1	66	0.6	65	66	28	2.5	26	31
e_2	68	2.1	66	70	43	2.1	41	45
f	55	2.9	53	58	49	1	48	50
h_1	37	1.2	36	38	14	0.6	14	15
h_2	24	0.6	23	24	18	0.6	17	18
$vi-vi$	22	2.9	20	25	20	1.7	18	21
c_1-c_1	28	1.5	26	29	21	4.6	17	26
d_1-d_1	86	2.1	84	88	68	10	60	79
e_1-e_1	26	1.7	24	27	15	3.5	12	19
$f-f$	60	4.9	54	63	30	2.3	27	31
h_1-h_1	13	1	12	14	5	1	4	6
$vi/vi-vi$	2.3	0.3	2	2.5	2	0.3	1.8	2.3
c_1/c_1-c_1	2.1	0.2	1.9	2.3	2	0.4	1.5	2.4
d_1/d_1-d_1	0.7	0	0.7	0.7	1	0.1	0.5	0.6
e_1/e_1-e_1	2.5	0.2	2.4	2.7	2	0.5	1.4	2.3
$f/f-f$	0.9	0.1	0.8	1	2	0.1	1.5	1.8
h_1/h_1-h_1	2.8	0.2	2.7	3	3	0.5	2.5	3.5

SD= Standard Deviation

Description

Female

(n=3)

Dorsum (Figures 1A-B) — Length of idiosoma 323 (323-365); width of idiosoma 264 (264-295). Idiosoma broadly oval in dorso-ventral view. Prodorsal shield triangular, indented posteriorly and smooth. Prodorsal shield with 3 pairs of setae (*vi*, *ve* and *sci*), one pair of eyes 9 (9-10) in diameter and one pair of post-ocular bodies (*pob*) 29 (29-30) in diameter; humeral shields smooth, bearing *c*₂. Hysterosomal shield smooth, with five pairs of setae (*c*₁, *d*₁, *d*₂, *e*₁ and *e*₂); intercalary shields smooth, with setae *f*₁; suranal shield entire and smooth, with two pairs of setae, *h*₁ and *h*₂. Dorsal setae set on small tubercles, barbed, with blunt tips, *h*₁ and *h*₂ are distinctly shorter. Length of dorsal setae: *vi* 58 (58-60); *ve* 82 (82-85); *sci* 79 (73-79); *c*₁ 73 (73-75); *c*₂ 46 (45-50); *d*₁ 72 (70-75); *d*₂ 67 (67-73); *e*₁ 73 (73-80); *e*₂ 76 (76-80); *f*₁ 60 (60-63); *h*₁ 38 (38-40) and *h*₂ 25 (25-28). Distances between dorsal setae: *vi-vi* 21 (20-21); *ve-ve* 56 (50-56); *vi-ve* 19 (18-23); *ve-sci* 47 (43-47); *sci-sci* 114 (114-118); *c*_{1-c}₁ 35 (33-35); *c*_{1-d}₁ 51 (51-55); *c*_{1-c}₂ 83 (83-98); *c*_{1-d}₂ 59 (59-63); *d*_{1-d}₁ 74 (68-75); *d*_{1-d}₂ 29 (25-29); *d*_{1-e}₁ 59 (50-59); *d*_{1-e}₂ 37 (35-40); *d*_{2-d}₂ 133 (130-135); *d*_{2-e}₂ 42 (42-48); *e*_{1-e}₁ 30 (25-30); *e*_{2-e}₂ 108 (108-115); *e*_{1-f}₁ 30 (30-58); *f*_{1-f}₁ 67 (63-75); *f*_{1-h}₁ 38 (38-48); *h*_{1-h}₁ 13 (10-13); *h*_{1-h}₂ 21 (15-21); *h*_{2-h}₂ 49 (25-49). Ratios: *pob/eye*: 3.2 (3.0-3.2); *vi/vi-vi* 2.8 (2.8-3.0); *c*_{1/c}_{1-c}₁ 2.1 (2.1-2.3); *d*_{1/d}_{1-d}₁ 1.0 (1.0); *e*_{1/e}_{1-e}₁ 2.4 (2.4-3.2); *f*_{1/f}_{1-f}₁ 0.9 (0.8-1.0); *h*_{1/h}_{1-h}₁ 2.9 (2.9-4.0); *c*_{1-c}₁/*d*_{1-d}₁ 0.5 (0.4-0.5); *c*_{1-c}₁/*e*_{1-e}₁ 1.2 (1.2); *d*_{1-d}₁/*e*_{1-e}₁ 2.5 (2.5-2.7); *h*_{1/h}₂ 1.5 (1.4-1.5); *c*_{1-c}₁: *d*_{1-d}₁: *e*_{1-e}₁: *f*_{1-f}₁ = 1.2 (1.2): 2.5 (2.5-2.7): 1.0: 2.2 (2.2-2.7).

Venter (Figures 1C-D) — Ventral surface ornamented with striations; bearing three pairs of setae (*1a*, *3a* and *4a*). Aggenital shield not defined, bearing two pairs of setae (*ag*₁ and *ag*₂). Anogenital valves with one pair of genital (*g*₁) setae and three pairs of pseudanal setae (*ps*₁-*ps*₃). Seta *g*₁ reaching to base of seta *ps*₂. Setae *ps*₁ and *ps*₂ slightly barbed and more robust than *ps*₃. Measurements of setae: *1a* 31 (25-31); *3a* 28 (23-28); *4a* 23 (20-23); *ag*₁ 16 (13-16); *ag*₂ 15 (13-15); *g*₁ 26 (20-26); *ps*₁ 14 (13-14); *ps*₂ 16 (15-16); *ps*₃ 13 (13-15); *g*_{1-ps}₃ 29 (28-29).

Gnathosoma (Figure 2A) — Gnathosoma (including palp) 143 (143-150); subcapitulum 84 (80-84); palp 101 (100-103); chelicera 99 (93-105). Subcapitulum bearing subcapitular setae *m* 32 (30-33) and *n* 48 (48) and adoral setae *or*₁ 18 (18-19) and *or*₂ 19 (18-23). Distance *m-m* 44 (43-45), *n-n* 36 (30-36) and *m-n* 7 (7-8). Palp five segmented; palptrochanter without setae; palpfemur with two smooth and one barbed setae; palpgenu with one seta; palptibia with two tactile setae + one well-developed claw + one spine-like accessory claw; palptarsus with four tactile setae + one solenidion (ω), one subapical eupathidium and one distal trifurcate eupathidium.

Legs (Figures 3A-D) — Length of legs I-IV: 297 (297-325); 264 (264-293); 253 (250-275); 277 (275-290). Femur I 77 (77-85), genu I 27 (27-28), tibia I 55 (55-57), tarsus I 75 (70-83). Dorsal most seta on femur I (*dFI*) barbed 41 (41-45), longer than *h*₁, 1.1 (1.1-1.2) times length of *h*₁; dorsal most seta on genu I (*dGI*) barbed 36 (35-38). Chaetotaxy: coxae (excluding *1a*, *3a* and *4a*) 2(+1elcl)-1-2-2, trochanters 1-1-1-1, femora 5-4-2-2, genua 3(+1κ)-1-0-0, tibiae 5(+1φp)-5(+1φp)-5(+1φp)-5(+1φp), tarsi 12(+1ω)-9(+1ω)-7(+1ω)-7. Length of solenidia: ω I 27 (25-27); ω II 26 (23-26); ω III 16 (15-18).

Male

(n=3)

Dorsum (Figures 4A-B) — Length of idiosoma 266 (220-266); width of idiosoma 200 (177-200); idiosoma broadly oval in dorso-ventral view. Prodorsal shield triangular, indented posteriorly and smooth. Prodorsal shield with 3 pairs of setae (*vi*, *ve* and *sci*), one pair of eyes 8 (8-10) in diameter and one pair of post-ocular bodies (*pob*) 23 (22-23) in diameter; humeral shields smooth, bearing *c*₂. Hysterosomal shield smooth, with six pairs of setae (*c*₁, *d*₁, *d*₂, *e*₁, *e*₂, and *f*₁); suranal shield entire and smooth, with two pairs of setae, *h*₁ and *h*₂. Dorsal setae set on small tubercles, short and barbed, with blunt tips, *e*₁, *h*₁ and *h*₂ are distinctly shorter. Length

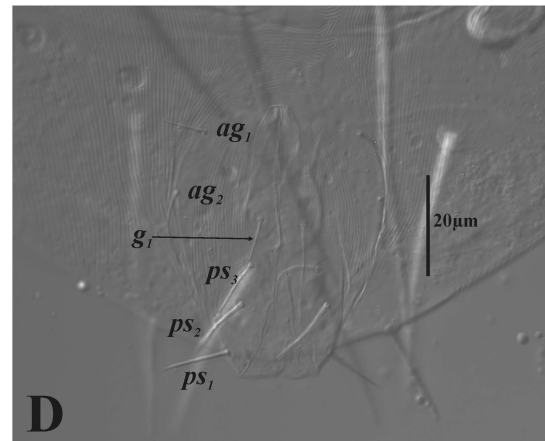
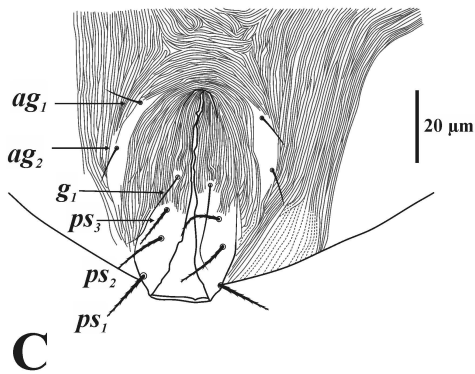
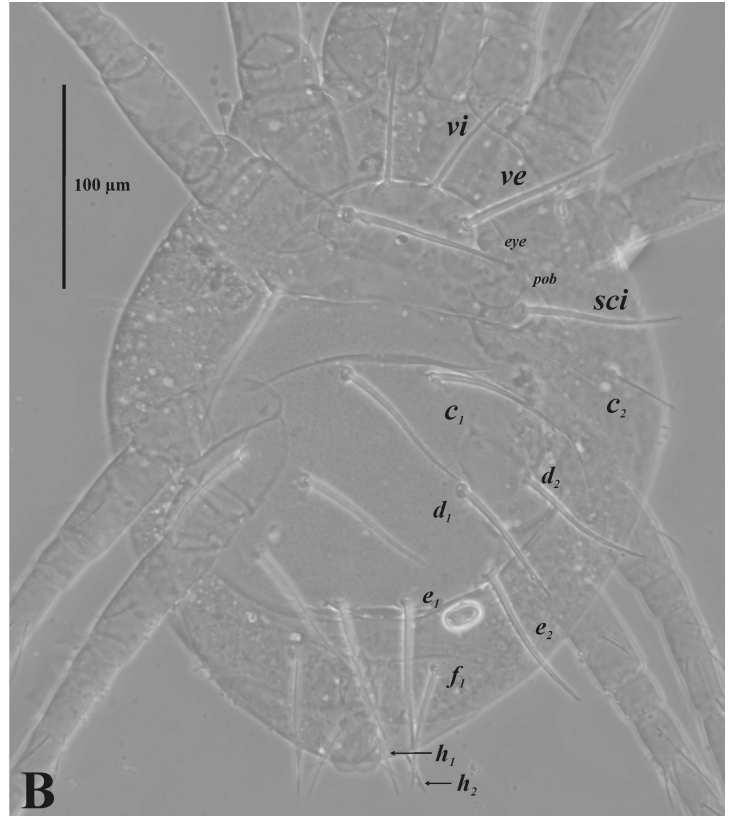
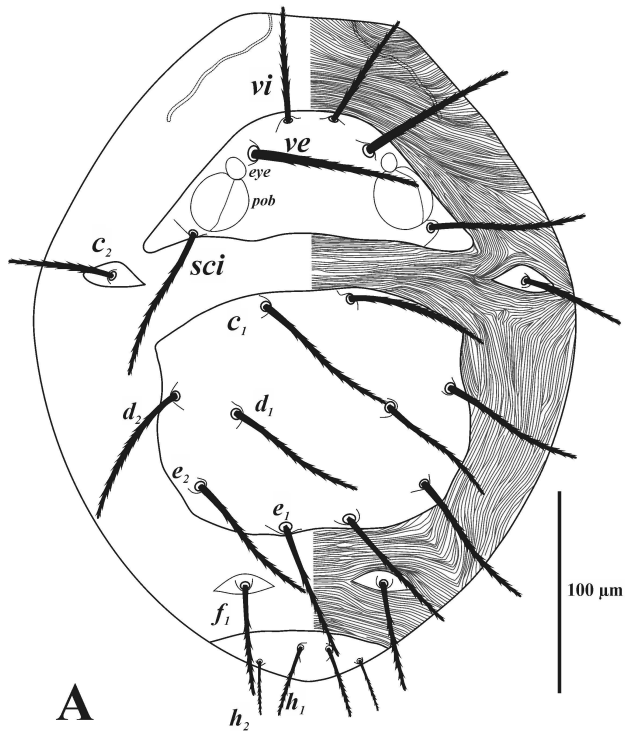


Figure 1 *Agistemus piquinnus* n. sp. (female); A – Dorsum, B – Dorsum (PH), C – Anogenital area, D – Anogenital area (DIC).

of dorsal setae: *vi* 45 (45-54); *ve* 67 (67-68); *sci* 63 (60-65); *c₁* 61 (57-61); *c₂* 37 (37-40); *d₁* 50 (47-52); *d₂* 57 (48-59); *e₁* 21 (21-28); *e₂* 60 (56-60); *f₁* 56 (54-61); *h₁* 13 (13-15) and *h₂* 19 (18-20). Distances between dorsal setae: *vi-vi* 20 (17-20); *ve-ve* 51 (46-51); *vi-ve* 18 (18-20); *ve-sci* 41 (36-41); *sci-sci* 102 (92-102); *c₁-c₁* 28 (28-35); *c₁-d₁* 44 (41-44); *c₁-c₂* 78 (63-78); *c₁-d₂* 51 (46-51); *d₁-d₁* 63 (60-63); *d₁-d₂* 21 (19-21); *d₁-e₁* 41 (39-41); *d₁-e₂* 26 (24-28); *d₂-d₂* 107 (91-107); *d₂-e₂* 31 (29-31); *e₁-e₁* 23 (23); *e₂-e₂* 87 (81-90); *e₁-f₁* 15 (14-16); *f₁-f₁* 30 (30-33); *f₁-h₁* 42 (24-42); *h₁-h₁* 7 (5-7); *h₁-h₂* 11 (10-11); *h₂-h₂* 34 (28-34). Ratios: *pob/eye*: 2.9 (2.2-2.9); *vi/vi-vi* 2.3 (2.3-3.2); *c₁/c₁-c₁* 1.4 (1.4); *d₁/d₁-d₁* 0.8 (0.8-0.9);

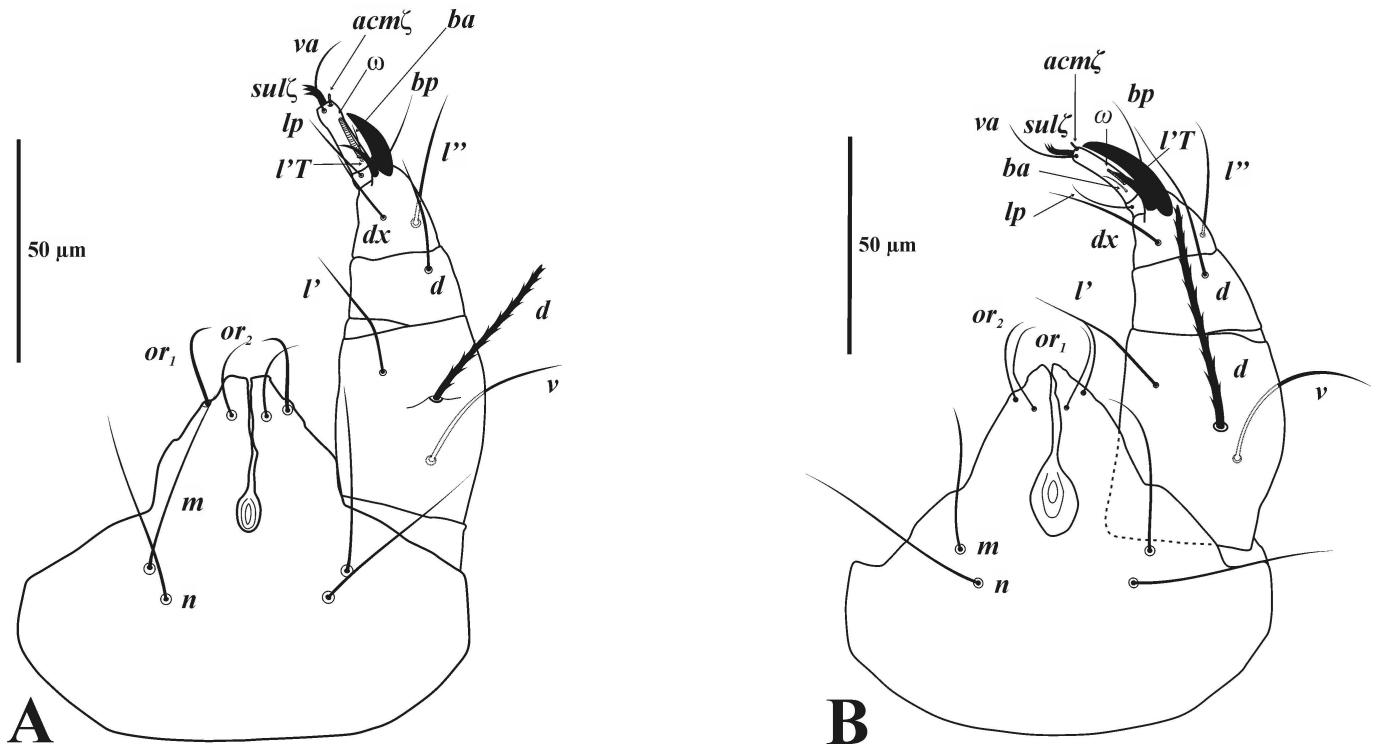


Figure 2 *Agistemus piquinnus* n. sp. Gnathosoma; A – Female, B – Male.

e_1/e_1-e_1 0.9 (0.9-1.2); f_1/f_1-f_1 1.9 (1.6-2.0); h_1/h_1-h_1 1.9 (1.9-3.0); c_1-c_1/d_1-d_1 0.4 (0.4-0.6); c_1-c_1/e_1-e_1 1.2 (1.2-1.5); d_1-d_1/e_1-e_1 2.7 (2.6-2.7); h_1/h_2 0.7 (0.7-0.8); $c_1-c_1: d_1-d_1: e_1-e_1: f_1-f_1 = 1.2$ (1.2-1.5): 2.7 (2.6-2.7): 1.0: 1.3 (1.3-1.4)

Venter (Figures 4C-D) — Ventral surface ornamented with striations; bearing three pairs of setae (*1a*, *3a* and *4a*). Aggenital shield defined, with one pair of setae (*g₁*). Anogenital valves with three pairs of pseudanal setae (*ps₁₋₃*), *ps₁* smaller than *ps₂* and *ps₃*. Measurements of setae: *1a* 29 (28-31); *3a* 22 (22-34); *4a* 24 (24-25); *ag₁* 14 (14-15); *ps₁* 5 (5-10); *ps₂* 12 (11-12); *ps₃* 11 (11-12).

Gnathosoma (Figure 2B) — Gnathosoma (including palp) 127 (127-143); subcapitulum 79 (77-85); palp 93 (93-96); chelicera 95 (84-95). Subcapitulum bearing subcapitular setae *m* 20 (20-37) and *n* 42 (42-48) and adoral setae *or₁* 18 (16-23) and *or₂* 21 (20-21). Distance *m-m* 42 (35-42), *n-n* 31 (25-34) and *m-n* 8 (6-8). Palp five segmented; palptrochanter without setae; palpfemur with two barbed and one smooth seta; palpgenu with one seta; palptibia with two tactile setae + one well-developed claw + one spine-like accessory claw; palptarsus with four tactile setae + one solenidion (ω), one subapical eupathidium and one distal trifid eupathidium.

Legs (Figures 5A-D) — Length of legs I–IV: 288 (288-300); 240 (239-246); 219 (219-236); 247 (243-258). Femur I 76 (75-77), genu I 22 (22-24), tibia I 49 (49-51), tarsus I 69 (69-74). Dorsal most seta on femur I (*dFI*) barbed 49 (49-53), longer than *h₁*, 3.8 (3.5-4.1) times length of *h₁*; dorsal most seta on genu I (*dGI*) barbed 36 (36-39). Chaetotaxy: coxae (excluding *1a*, *3a* and *4a*) 2(+1elcl)-1-2-2, trochanters 1-1-1-1, femora 5-4-2-2, genua 3(+1κ)-1-0-0, tibiae 5(+1φp)-5(+1φp)-5(+1φp)-5(+1φp), tarsi 12(+2ω)-9(+2ω)-7(+1ω)-7(+1ω). Length of solenidia: Tarsus I ω I 37 (34-37), ω II 26 (25-26); Tarsus II ω I 36 (32-36), ω II 32 (27-32); Tarsus III ω I 15 (15); Tarsus IV ω I 19 (19-20).

Immature stages — unknown

Remarks — The new species resembles *Agistemus longisetus* González-Rodríguez, 1963 and *A. brasiliensis* Matioli *et al.*, 2002; but *Agistemus piquinnus* n. sp. can be distinguished

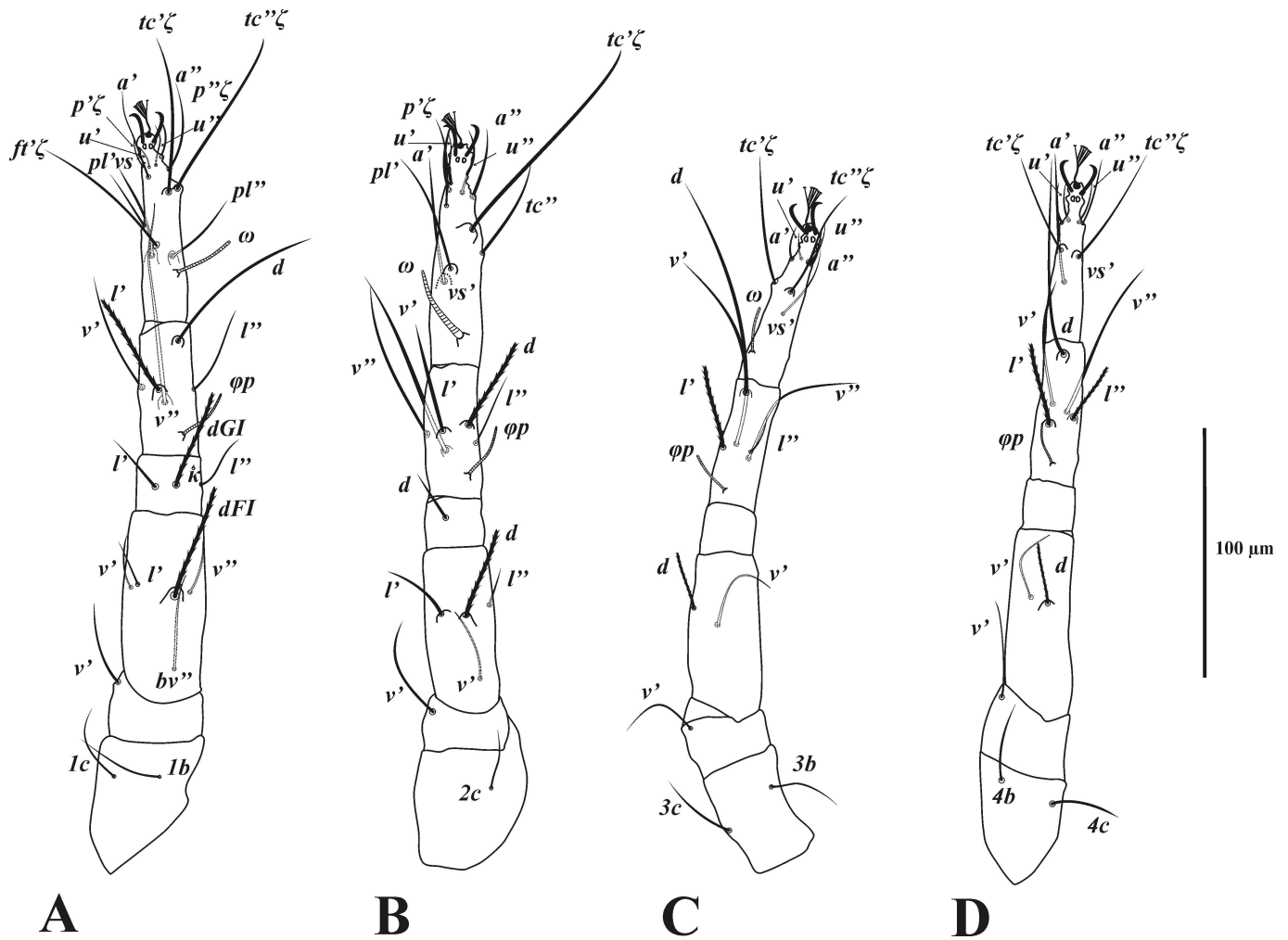


Figure 3 *Agistemus piquinnus* n. sp. (female); A – Leg I, B Leg II, C – Leg III, D – Leg IV.

from *A. longisetus* by a) lengths of median hysterosomal setae c_1 (73), d_1 (72) and e_1 (73) are shorter (vs 104, 103 and 115, respectively); b) ventral setae $1a$ (29), $3a$ (22) and $4a$ (24) are shorter (vs 41, 39 and 39, respectively) c) the ratio pob/eye (3.2), sci/pob (2.7), $vi/vi-vi$ (2.8), c_1/c_1-c_1 (2.1) and e_1/e_1-e_1 (2.4) are different (vs 4.1, 2.2, 2.6, 2.8 and 2.8, respectively); d) aggenital shield not horseshoe-shape and g_1 (26) twice longer than ps_3 (13) [vs aggenital shield in horseshoe-shape and g_1 (23) slightly longer than ps_3 (20)]. *Agistemus piquinnus* n. sp. can be distinguished from *A. brasiliensis* by a) setae vi (58), ve (82) and sci (79) are longer (vs 47, 77 and 72, respectively); b) ratio pob/eye (3.2), $vi/vi-vi$ (2.8), c_1/c_1-c_1 (2.1), d_1/d_1-d_1 (1.0), e_1/e_1-e_1 (2.4) are greater (vs 2.0, 2.5, 1.7, 0.8 and 1.9, respectively), h_1/h_1-h_1 (2.9) and h_1/h_2 (1.5) are less (vs 5.6 and 1.9, respectively); c) aggenital shield not horseshoe-shape and seta g_1 extending beyond the base of ps_2 (vs aggenital shield in horseshoe-shape and setae g_1 reach just past ps_3).

Etymology —The new species is named after the regional name of host plant “piquín”.

Type material —Holotype, 2 females paratypes and 3 paratypes males were collected on leaves of *Capsicum annuum* L. var. *glabriusculum* (Solanaceae), Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas, Mexico. Holotype, female on leaf of *Capsicum annuum* L. var. *glabriusculum* (Solanaceae), Cañón de la Peregrina, Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas. November 12, 2017. J. I. Monjarás B. leg.; two females collected on leaves of *Capsicum annuum* L. var. *glabriusculum* (Solanaceae).

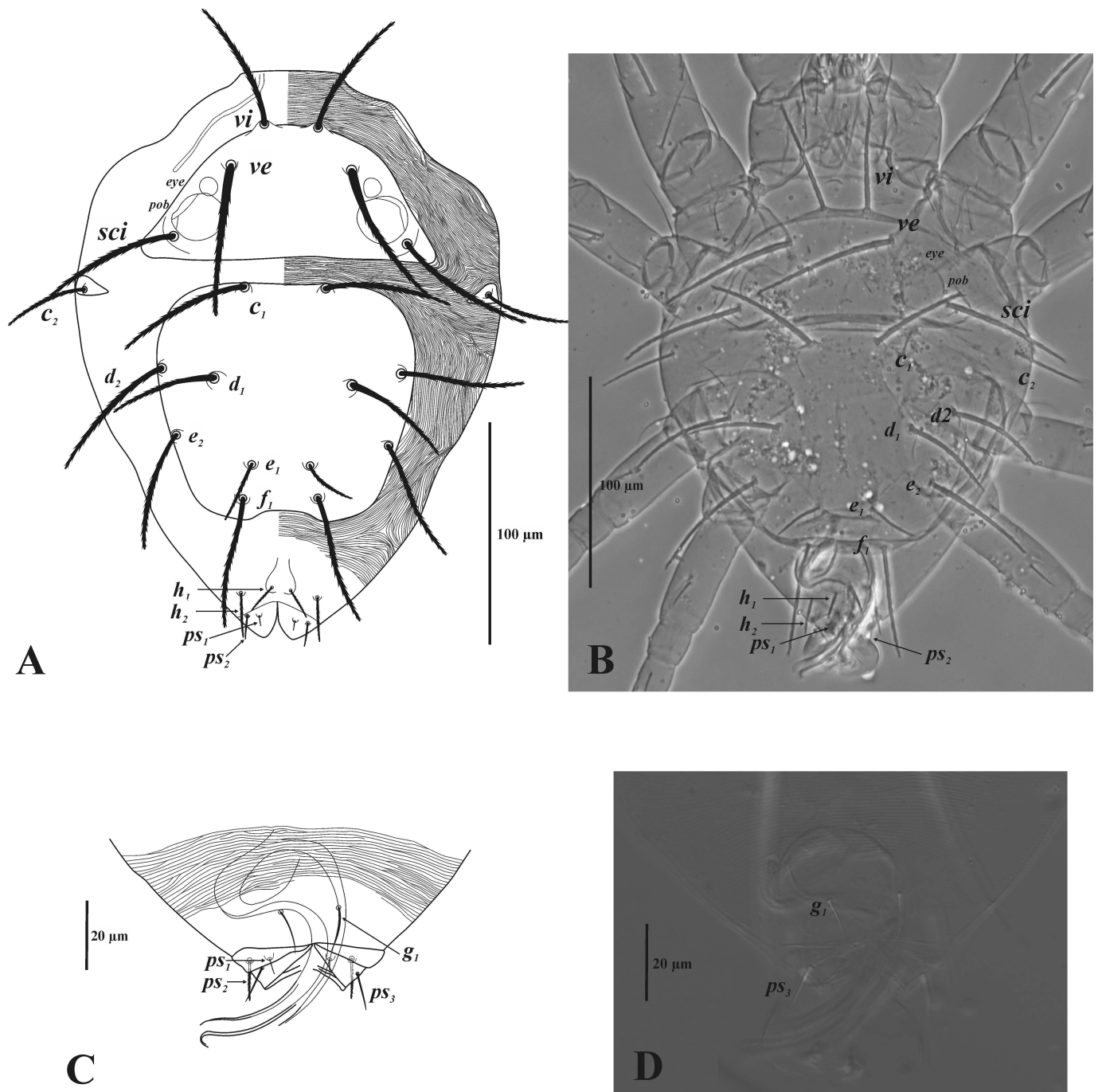


Figure 4 *Agistemus piquinnus* n. sp. (male); A – Dorsum, B – Dorsum (PH), C – Anogenital area, D – Anogenital area (DIC).

Cañón de la Peregrina, Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas. July 10, 2019. J. I. Monjarás B. One male collected on leaf of *Capsicum annuum* L. var. *glabriusculum* (Solanaceae), Cañón de la Peregrina, Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas. April 28, 2017. J. I. Monjarás B. leg. Two males collected on leaves of *Capsicum annuum* L. var. *glabriusculum* (Solanaceae). Cañón de la Peregrina, Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas. November 12, 2017. J. I. Monjarás B. leg.

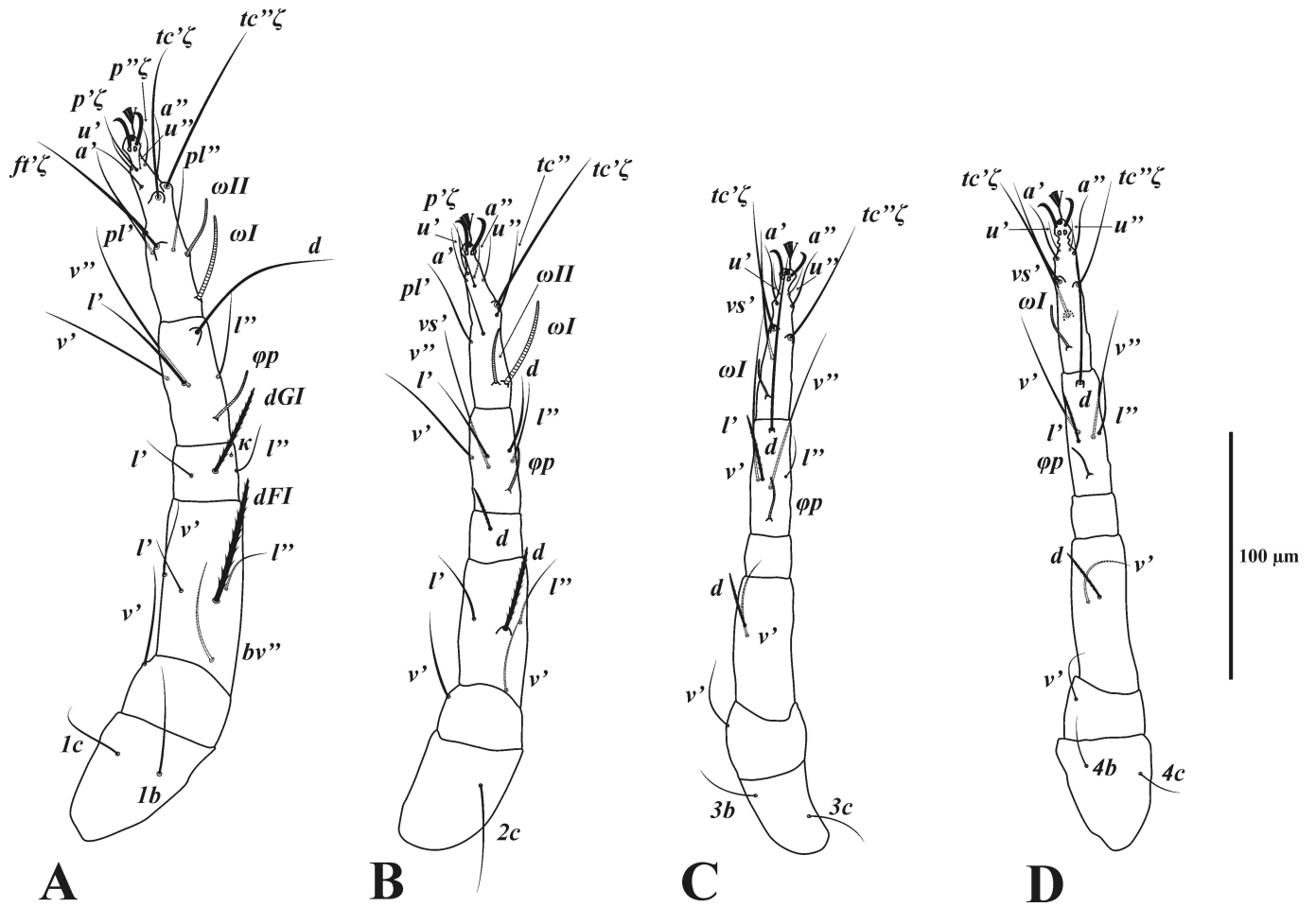


Figure 5 *Agistemus piquinnus* n. sp. (male); A – Leg I, B – Leg II, C – Leg III, D – Leg IV.

Key to females of *Agistemus* from Mexico

(modified from Paktinat-Saeij *et al.*, 2016)

- 1. One pair of aggenital setae (species group *fleschneri*) 2
- Two pairs of aggenital setae (species group *terminalis*) 3

- 2. Dorsal shield reticulated; ratios v_i/v_{i-v_i} 2.6, c_1/c_{1-c_1} 1.0, e_1/e_{1-e_1} 1.8
 *A. fleschneri* Summers
- Dorsal shield smooth; ratios v_i/v_{i-v_i} 2.0, c_1/c_{1-c_1} 1.0, e_1/e_{1-e_1} 1.2 *A. striolatus*
 González-Rodríguez

- 3. Dorsal shield ornamented with small alveoli; ratios v_i/v_{i-v_i} 2.6, e_1/e_{1-e_1} 2.2 ... *A. arcypaurus*
 González-Rodríguez
- Dorsal shield smooth 4

- 4. Setae c_1 shorter than distance between the bases of c_1-d_1 5
- Setae c_1 equal or longer than distance between the bases of c_1-d_1 7

- 5. Setae g_1 reach to the base of setae ps_3 ; ratios v_i/v_{i-v_i} 2.4, c_1/c_{1-c_1} 0.6 *A. simplex*
 González-Rodríguez

- Setae g_1 reach to the base of setae ps_2 6
- 6. Ratios $vi/vi-vi$ 1.0, c_1/c_1-c_1 0.6 *A. terminalis* (Quayle)
- Ratio $vi/vi-vi$ 1.5-1.7, c_1/c_1-c_1 1.5-1.6 *A. floridanus* González-Rodríguez
- 7. Length of medial hysterosomal setae $> 100\mu\text{m}$ *A. longisetus* González-Rodríguez
- Length of medial hysterosomal setae $< 100\mu\text{m}$ 8
- 8. Ratios pob/eye 3.1, d_1/d_1-d_1 1.0, h_1/h_2 1.4 *A. piquinnus* n. sp.
- Ratios pob/eye 2.0, d_1/d_1-d_1 0.8, h_1/h_2 1.9 *A. brasiliensis* Matioli *et al.*

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