

## New and little known taxa of the endemic Afrotropical subfamily Mimolibnetinae (Coleoptera: Lycidae)

### Новые и малоизвестные таксоны эндемичного афротропического подсемейства Mimolibnetinae (Coleoptera: Lycidae)

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**ABSTRACT.** *Lampyrolycus* Burgeon, 1937 is transferred from Dexorini to Mimolibnetinae, and a new tribe, Lampyrolycini **tr.n.**, a new genus, *Eulycus* **gen.n.**, and a new subgenus, *Eulycus* subgen. *Lobentis* **subgen.n.**, are described in this neotenic subfamily of net-winged beetles. *Mimolibnetis patruelis* Kazantsev, 2013 is transferred to *Eulycus* s.str. as *E. (s.str.) patruelis* (Kazantsev, 2013), **comb.n.** and *Mimolibnetis obscurus* Pic, 1936 is transferred to *Eulycus* subgen. *Lobentis* **subgen.n.** as *E. (L.) obscurus* (Pic, 1936), **comb.n.** A new species, *E. (L.) telnovi* **sp.n.**, is described from Gabon. Provided is a key to all nine known species of Mimolibnetinae, with a map of their distribution and photos of six of them.

**РЕЗЮМЕ.** *Lampyrolycus* Burgeon, 1937 переносится из Dexorini в Mimolibnetinae, описывается новая триба, Lampyrolycini **tr.n.**, новый род, *Eulycus* **gen.n.**, и новый подрод, *Eulycus* subgen. *Lobentis* **subgen.n.**, в этом неотеничном подсемействе жуков-краснокрылов. *Mimolibnetis patruelis* Kazantsev, 2013 переносится в *Eulycus* s.str. как *E. (s.str.) patruelis* (Kazantsev, 2013), **comb.n.**, а *Mimolibnetis obscurus* Pic, 1936 переносится в *Eulycus* subgen. *Lobentis* **subgen.n.** как *E. (L.) obscurus* (Pic, 1936), **comb.n.** Описывается новый вид, *E. (L.) telnovi* **sp.n.**, из Габона. Предлагается определительная таблица для всех девяти известных видов Mimolibnetinae, с картой их распространения и иллюстрациями шести из них.

#### Introduction

The subfamily Mimolibnetinae was erected to accommodate the genus *Mimolibnetis* Pic, 1936 [Kazan-

tsev, 2013]. *Mimolibnetis*, the first apparently neotenic African lycid taxon with 10-segmented antennae and reduced mandibles, was introduced in a paper on “different novelties” [Pic, 1936], with two species attributed to the genus, each known from just one type specimen. Only after over sixty years were four more *Mimolibnetis* specimens discovered belonging in three new species [Kazantsev, 1999]. Recently, the genus was redescribed, with one more new species added, and separated on the basis of a phylogenetic analysis as a subfamily [Kazantsev, 2013, 2015].

The monospecific genus *Lampyrolycus* Burgeon, 1937 was the only other neotenic African genus with 10-segmented antennae and reduced mandibles [Burgeon, 1937]. It was redescribed along with *Mimolibnetis*, and a second species was attributed to it [Kazantsev, 1999]. Nevertheless, its systematic position has so far been unclear and it was not placed in either of the two Afrotropical neotenic lineages, Mimolibnetini and Dexorini in the latest revisional paper [Kazantsev, 2013], although being occasionally referred to Dexorini [e.g., Kazantsev, 2005; Bocáková, 2014].

The study of new lycids collected in Gabon by Dr. Telnov in 2016, as well as the re-examination of the old material, has led to the discovery of several new taxa of Mimolibnetinae, including another new species, and necessitates certain taxonomic changes. These taxa are described and these changes are proposed below, with habitus and aedeagus photographs provided for most of the previously described species.

The following acronyms are used in this paper: ICM — Insect Center, Moscow; MNHN — Muséum national d’Histoire naturelle, Paris; MNCN — Museo

Nacional de Ciencias Naturales, Madrid; MRAC — Musée royal de l'Afrique centrale, Tervuren; NME — Naturkundemuseum, Erfurt.

## Material and Methods

For examination the beetles were relaxed in water, then their detached abdomina were kept for several hours in 10% KOH at room temperature. The KOH treated aedeagi were then placed on slides with glycerin or Faure's Berlese media for photographing.

MSP-1 zoom stereoscopic dissecting microscope with x8 — x80 and Micromed-2/3–20 zoom stereoscopic light microscope with x100–x400 magnification range were used. Photographs were taken with Canon EOS 6D camera and Canon MP-E 65 mm lens.

## Taxonomy

### Mimolibnetinae Kazantsev, 2013

Type genus: *Mimolibnetis* Pic, 1936 (original designation).

REMARKS. The taxon Mimolibnetinae was characterized by the 10-segmented antennae, elongate head with long gula, fused to gula prementum, reduced mandibles, semi-fused with mesepisternum mesoventrite, scutellum separated from anterior margin of scutum by median suture, developed elytral reticulation, obliquely connected trochanters, contiguous hind coxae, present tibial spurs, abdominal spiracles at the edge of tergites and evident lateral apodemes of the phallobase, with the tergal location of abdominal spiracles, fused to gula prementum, semi-fused condition of mesoventrite, and obliquely connected to femurs trochanters hypothesized to be autapomorphous for the lineage [Kazantsev, 2013]. Mimolibnetinae are very different from the other neotenic Afrotropical lineage, Dexorini (belonging in the subfamily Leptolycinae) [Kazantsev, 2013], where the antennae are 11-segmented, head is transverse with short gula, labium is free, mandibles are well developed, mesoventrite is separated from mesepisternum by a complete suture, scutellum reaches anterior margin of scutum, elytral reticulation and tibial spurs are absent, hind coxae are distinctly separated, abdominal spiracles are located at the edge of sternites and there are no lateral apodemes of the phallobase, the two taxa sharing only the obliquely connected trochanters, which were hypothesized to be in homoplastic condition.

The genus *Lampyrolycus* has been referred to neither of the above mentioned Afrotropical neotenic groups, as many of its crucial characters remained unexamined [e.g., Kazantsev, 2013]. Its re-examination (the type specimen of *L. bicolor* Kazantsev, 1999 was studied) shows that it shares many of the above-mentioned characters of Mimolibnetinae, i.e., the 10-segmented antennae, elongate head with long gula, reduced mandibles, scutellum connected to anterior scutal margin by median suture, developed elytral reticulation, obliquely connected trochanters, noticeable tibial spurs and lateral apodemes of the phallobase. However, the labium in *Lampyrolycus* is not fused to gula, the mesoventrite is separated from mesepisternum by a complete suture, the hind coxae are distinctly separated and abdominal spiracles are located at the edge of sternites, as in most of lycids. Nevertheless, *Lampyrolycus* seems to agree with Mimolibnetinae con-

siderably more than with any other neotenic group, including Dexorini, because the combination of its 10-segmented antennae, elongate head with long gula, reduced mandibles, scutellum connected to anterior scutal margin by median suture, developed elytral reticulation, tibial spurs and lateral apodemes of the phallobase, is shared only by Mimolibnetinae. It is therefore transferred from Dexorini to Mimolibnetinae and placed in a new tribe, Lampyrolycini **tr.n.** Hence, the autapomorphies of the subfamily appear to be limited to the combination of 10-segmented antennae, elongate head with long gula, reduced mandibles, scutellum connected to anterior scutal margin by median suture, noticeable tibial spurs and lateral apodemes of the phallobase, while the developed elytral reticulation is hypothesized to be its plesiomorphy and the obliquely connected trochanters its homoplasy with Dexorini.

COMPOSITION. Mimolibnetinae includes two tribes, Mimolibnetini Kazantsev, 2013 and Lampyrolycini Kazantsev, **tr.n.**

The monotypic genus *Fernandum* Pic, 1924, with pectinate 10-segmented antennae [Pic, 1924], may also belong in Mimolibnetinae. Its only specimen, however, has not been found in the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle in Paris, where the Pic collection is deposited. The also monotypic genus *Lolodorfus* Bocáková, 2014 may prove to belong in Mimolibnetinae as well, although it has 11-segmented antennae. However, this genus needs to be re-examined, as the description lacks some of the characters necessary for its proper systematic placement: it is not even clear if the type specimen has abdomen, as no mention is made of the abdominal or aedeagal structures [Bocáková, 2014].

### Mimolibnetini Kazantsev, 2013

Type genus: *Mimolibnetis* Pic, 1936 (original designation).

COMPOSITION. Mimolibnetini includes two genera, *Mimolibnetis* Pic, 1936 and *Eulycus*, **gen.n.**

#### *Mimolibnetis* Pic, 1936

Type species: *Mimolibnetis apicalis* Pic, 1936 (subsequent designation by Kazantsev, 1999).

COMPOSITION. *Mimolibnetis* includes four species, *M. apicalis* Pic, 1936, *M. baguenai* Kazantsev, 1999, *M. indigenus* Kazantsev, 1999 and *M. ruwenzoriensis* Kazantsev, 1999.

DISTRIBUTION. Western part of the Afrotropical region (Equatorial Guinea and Congo) (Fig. 1).

BIOLOGY. Our knowledge of the *Mimolibnetis* biology is limited, also because all its species are known from just one or two specimens. In one case (*M. ruwenzoriensis*) the species was collected in alpine associations with *Ericetum* at 3310 m in the Ruwenzori Massif, in another (*M. indigenus*) — in humus in a swamp forest ('humus en forêt marécageuse').

#### *Mimolibnetis apicalis* Pic, 1936

Figs 2, 10–11.

*Mimolibnetis apicalis* Pic, 1936: 33.

MATERIAL. Lectotype, ♂, 'Congo, Kani', '*Mimolibnetis apicalis* n. sp.' (Pic's manuscript labels) (MNHN).

DISTRIBUTION. Known only from Congo (Fig. 1).

#### *Mimolibnetis baguenai* Kazantsev, 1999

*Mimolibnetis baguenai* Kazantsev, 1999: 16.

MATERIAL. Holotype, ♂, 'Alto Benito (Miko'meseng), Guinea Espanola, Dr. L. Baguena', 'Holotype', '*Mimolibnetis baguenai* sp.n., S. Kazantsev det, 1999' (printed labels) (MNSN).

DISTRIBUTION. Known only from Equatorial Guinea (Fig. 1).

*Mimolibnetis indigenus* Kazantsev, 1999*Mimolibnetis indigenus* Kazantsev, 1999: 16.

MATERIAL. Holotype, ♂, 'Mus. Roy. Afr. centr., Tschuapa: Terr. Ikela, ruiss. Befali, IX.1959, B.99 N. Leleup', 'Biot. ♂99: Humus en forêt marécageuse', 'Holotype', '*Mimolibnetis indigenus* sp.n., S. Kazantsev det, 1999' (printed labels) (MRAC).

DISTRIBUTION. Known only from Congo (Fig. 1).

*Mimolibnetis ruwenzoriensis* Kazantsev, 1999

Figs 3–4, 12–13.

*Mimolibnetis ruwenzoriensis* Kazantsev, 1999: 14.

MATERIAL. Paratype, ♂, 'Congo: P.N.A., Massif Ruwenzori, Mahungu, camp des porteurs, 3310 m, Ericetum, 15.VII.1963, RP. M.-J. Celis leg.', 'Paratype', '*Mimolibnetis ruwenzoriensis* sp.n., S. Kazantsev des. 1999' (printed labels) (ICM).

DISTRIBUTION. Known only from the Ruwenzori Massif in eastern Congo (Fig. 1).

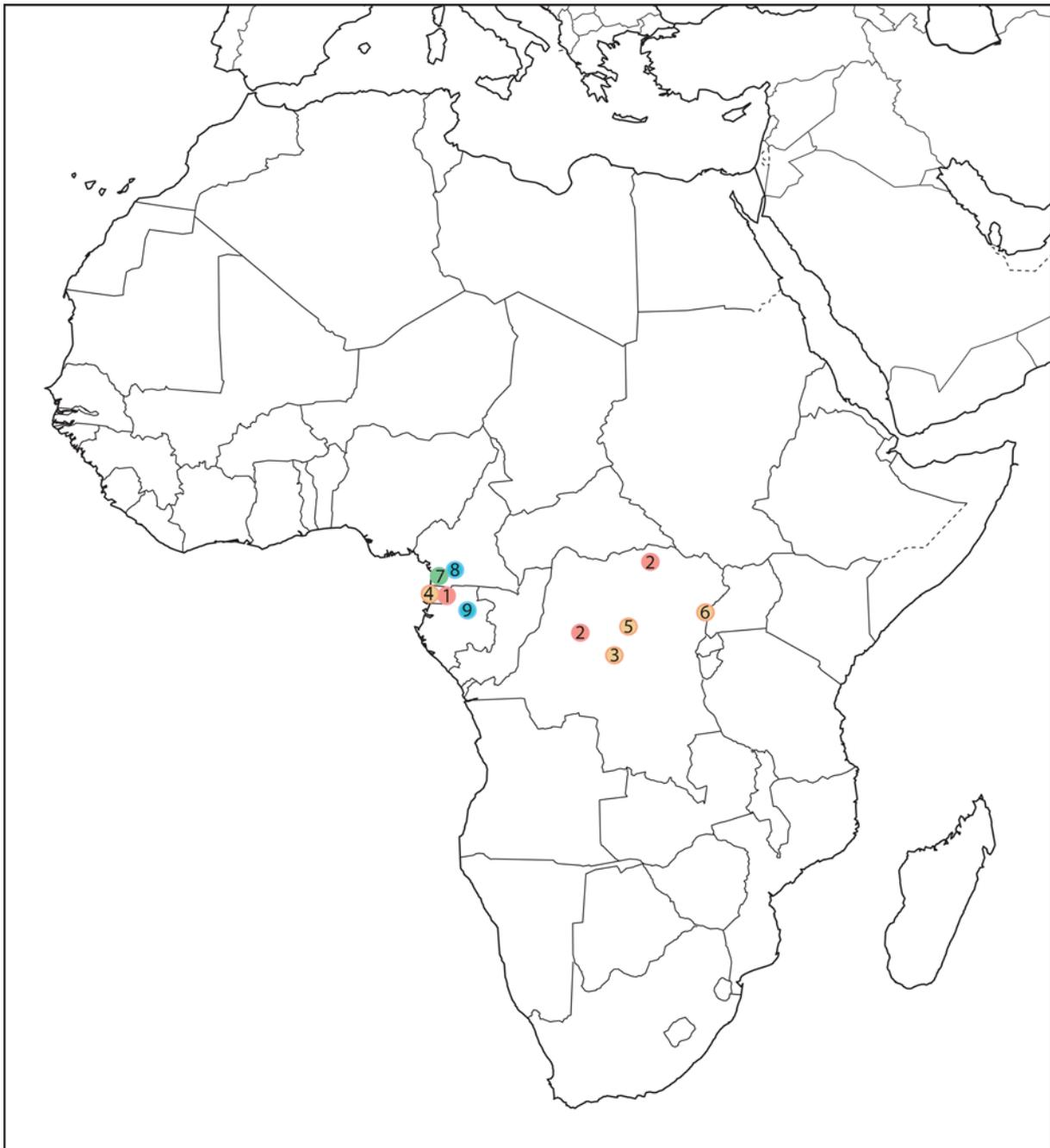


Fig. 1. Distribution of Mimolibnetinae species: 1 — *Lampyrolycus bicolor*; 2 — *L. hulstaerti*; 3 — *Mimolibnetis apicalis*; 4 — *M. baguenai*; 5 — *M. indigenus*; 6 — *M. ruwenzoriensis*; 7 — *Eulycus* (s.str.) *patruelis*; 8 — *Eulycus* (*Lobentis*) *obscurus*; 9 — *E. (L.) telnovi* sp.n.

Рис. 1. Распространение видов Mimolibnetinae: 1 — *Lampyrolycus bicolor*; 2 — *L. hulstaerti*; 3 — *Mimolibnetis apicalis*; 4 — *M. baguenai*; 5 — *M. indigenus*; 6 — *M. ruwenzoriensis*; 7 — *Eulycus* (s.str.) *patruelis*; 8 — *Eulycus* (*Lobentis*) *obscurus*; 9 — *E. (L.) telnovi* sp.n.

*Eulycus* Kazantsev, **gen.n.**

Type species: *Mimolibnetis patruelis* Kazantsev, 2013: 11

**DESCRIPTION. Male.** Alate, slender, elongate (Fig. 5). Head elongate, parallel-sided behind eyes. Fastigium acute, ca. 50 degrees. Eyes moderately large, spherical. Labrum minute, transverse, lying mostly inside epistoma. Mandibles vestigial. Maxillary palps slender, 4-segmented, with ultimate palpomere narrow and pointed distally. Labium greatly reduced, prementum fused to gula, palps one-segmented (Fig. 6). Gula long. Antennal prominence conspicuous, semi-oval; antennal sockets separated by minute lamina. Antenna 10-segmented, moderately long, not attaining to elytral apices, filiform; antennomere 2 transverse, much shorter than antennomere 3 and consequent antennomeres; hairy pubescence moderately long, scarce and erect, scaliform pubescence absent (Fig. 5).

Pronotum conspicuously transverse, semi-trapezoidal, finely alveolate, with inconspicuous narrow complete median carina and transverse heart-shaped structure formed by paired folds in posterior half; anterior margin slightly convex, posterior margin conspicuously bisinuate; anterior angles rounded, posterior angles small and acute (Fig. 5). Prosternum short, T-shaped, slightly emarginate medially at anterior margin, with short posterior process. Thoracic spiracles small, elongate. Mesoventrite fused to mesepisternum, transverse, straight anteriorly, without median suture. Mesonotum with scutellum not attaining to anterior margin, mesoscutal halves not divided; scutellum with elongate and slightly emarginate distally postnotal plate (Fig. 7). Elytra long, over 7 times longer than pronotum, slightly dehiscent and slightly narrowing posteriorly, with four primary costae,

costa 1 attaining elytral third and costae 3 and 4 strongest near humerus (Fig. 5); interstices with irregular double rows of cells; moderately long sub-erect pubescence uniform. Metanotum transverse, with straight and widened anteriorly scuto-scutellar ridge; allocristae about as long as scuto-scutellar ridge; intrascutal suture short, inconspicuous, emerging at distal third of scutum; prescutum with narrow median suture; scutellum without median suture; postnotal plate narrow, without median suture. Metaventricle elongate, with blunt posterior angles; discrimen (metasternal suture) attaining to about half of mesosternum. Metendosternite about 2 times shorter than metaventricle, narrow, parallel-sided, with inconspicuous lateral arms and narrow transverse suture.

Protrochantins very narrow, subequal in size to mesotrochantins. Pro-, meso- and metacoxae elongate, distally contiguous. Legs relatively robust; trochanters elongate, but considerably shorter than half of tibia, connected to femora obliquely; femurs robust, slightly flattened, tibiae straight, flattened and broad, serrate at outer margin, tibial spurs present; tarsomeres 1–4 narrow, without plantar pads, tarsomeres 1–5 short, subequal in length, tarsomere 5 subequal in length to tarsomeres 1–5 combined; all claws simple, narrow.

Tergites 6–7 only slightly produced at distal margin and pointed medially (Fig. 5). Abdominal spiracles located laterally on tergites near their edge. Paraproct elliptical; spiculum gastrale about as long as distal portion of sternite 9. Aedeagus symmetric, with elongate median lobe, developed roundish parameres and tapering proximally phallobase; parameres about 2 times shorter than median lobe (Figs 14–15).

**Female.** Presumably paedomorphic and larviform.



Figs 2–4. General view of *Mimolibnetis* spp., males: 2 — *M. apicalis*, lectotype; 3–4 — *M. ruwenzoriensis*, paratype; 2–3 — dorsally; 4 — ventrally.

Рис. 2–4. Общий вид *Mimolibnetis* spp., самцы: 2 — *M. apicalis*, лектотип; 3–4 — *M. ruwenzoriensis*, паратип; 2–3 — сверху; 4 — снизу.

**ETYMOLOGY.** The name of the genus is derived from the genus name “*Euanoma*”, alluding to certain similarity of its aedeagal structure to that of the aforesaid genus, and the genus name “*Lycus*”. Gender masculine.

**DIAGNOSIS.** *Eulycus* **gen.n.** differs from *Mimolibnetis* by only slightly produced at distal margin and pointed medially tergites 6–7 (Fig. 5), as well as by the aedeagal structures, with median lobe about twice as long as parameres and tapering posteriorly phallobase (Figs 14–15).

**COMPOSITION.** *Eulycus* **gen.n.** is composed of two subgenera, *Eulycus* *sensu stricto* and *Eulycus* subgen. *Lobentis*, **subgen.n.**

**DISTRIBUTION.** Discovered in Cameroon and Gabon (Fig. 1).

**BIOLOGY.** The biological data on *Eulycus* **gen.n.** is not abundant. The two *E. (s.str.) patruelis* specimens were collected in a flight intercept trap at 35 m above sea level, while the only type specimen of *E. (L.) telnovi* **sp.n.** — in a UV light trap in secondary lowland rainforest at 480–540 m.

*Eulycus (s.str.) Kazantsev, subgen.n.*

Type species: *Mimolibnetis patruelis* Kazantsev, 2013: 11.

**COMPOSITION.** *Eulycus (s.str.)* includes only its type species.

**DISTRIBUTION.** South-western Cameroon (Fig. 1).

*Eulycus (s.str.) patruelis* (Kazantsev, 2013)  
Figs 5–7, 14–15.

*Mimolibnetis patruelis* Kazantsev, 2013: 11.

**MATERIAL:** Holotype, ♂, ‘Cameroon, Southwest Prov., W Limbe, Bakingili, 35 m, FIT, 1-15.VII.2004, M. Fischer leg.’, ‘Holotype’, ‘*Mimolibnetis patruelis* **sp.n.**, S. Kazantsev des. 2013’ (ICM); paratype, ♂, Cameroon, Southwest Prov., W Limbe, Bakingili, 35 m, FIT, 1-15.VII.2004, M. Fischer leg.’, ‘Paratype’, ‘*Mimolibnetis patruelis* **sp.n.**, S. Kazantsev des. 2013’ (ICM).

**DISTRIBUTION.** Known only from Cameroon (Fig. 1).

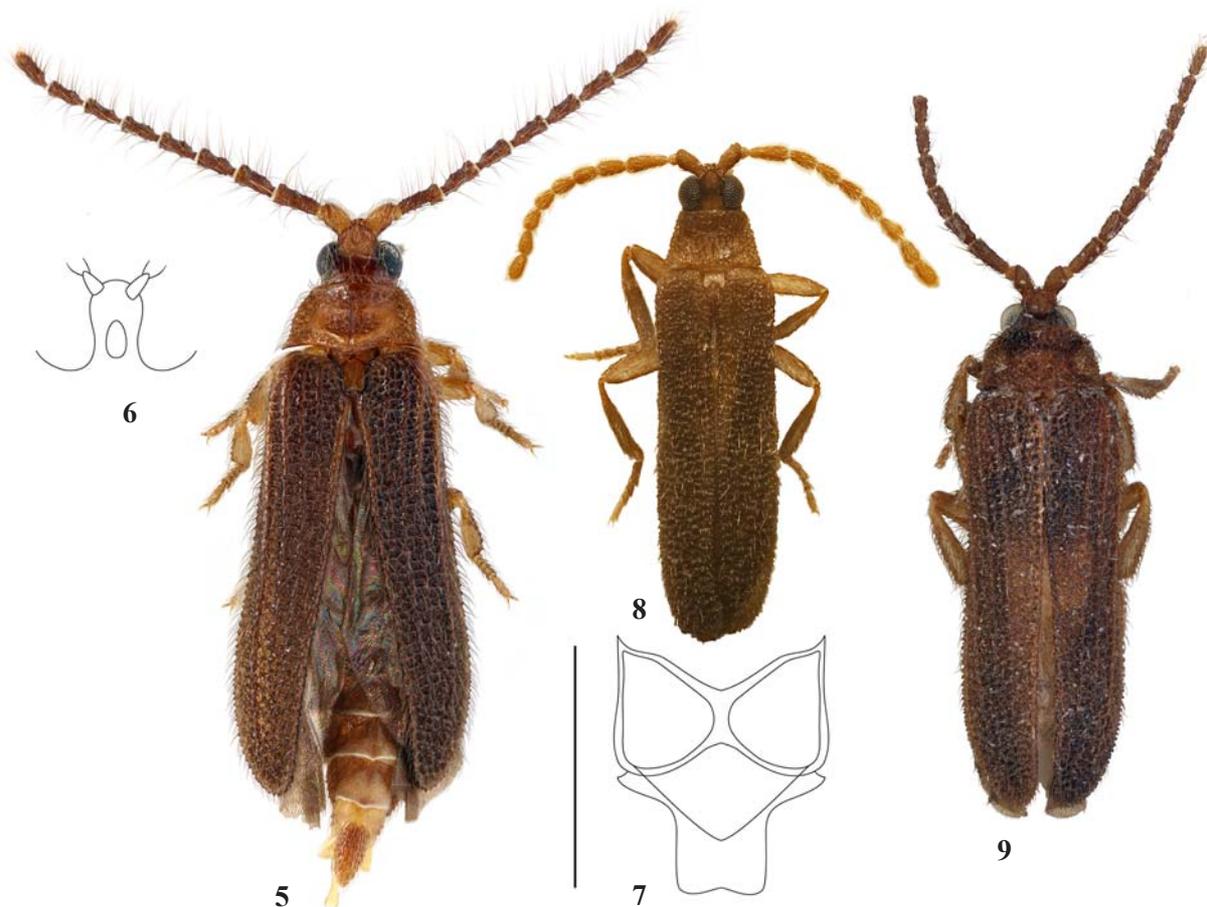
*Eulycus* subgen. *Lobentis* Kazantsev, **subgen.n.**

Type species: *Eulycus (Lobentis) telnovi* Kazantsev, **sp.n.**

**ETYMOLOGY.** The name of the subgenus is derived from “lobus”, the Latin for «lobe», alluding to the peculiar shape of median lobe of the aedeagus in its species, and the genus name “*Mimolibnetis*”. Gender masculine.

**DIAGNOSIS.** *Lobentis* **subgen.n.** differs from the nominative subgenus by the elongate phallobase with short lateral apodemes and conspicuously curved or bent median lobe of the aedeagus (Figs 17–19).

**COMPOSITION.** *Eulycus* subgen. *Lobentis*, **subgen.n.**



Figs 5–9. General view and details of *Eulycus* **gen.n.** spp., males: 5–7 — *E. (s.str.) patruelis*; 8 — *E. (Lobentis) telnovi* **sp.n.**; 9 — *E. (L.) obscurus*; 5–8 — holotypes; 9 — lectotype; 5, 8, 9 — general view; 6 — labium; 7 — mesonotum; 5, 7–9 — dorsally; 6 — ventrally. Scale bar: 0.5 mm.

Рис. 5–9. Общий вид и детали строения *Eulycus* **gen.n.** spp., самцы: 5–7 — *E. (s.str.) patruelis*; 8 — *E. (Lobentis) telnovi* **sp.n.**; 9 — *E. (L.) obscurus*; 5–8 — голотипы; 9 — лектотип; 5, 8, 9 — общий вид; 6 — нижняя губа; 7 — мезонотум; 5, 7–9 — сверху; 6 — снизу. Масштабная линейка: 0,5 мм.

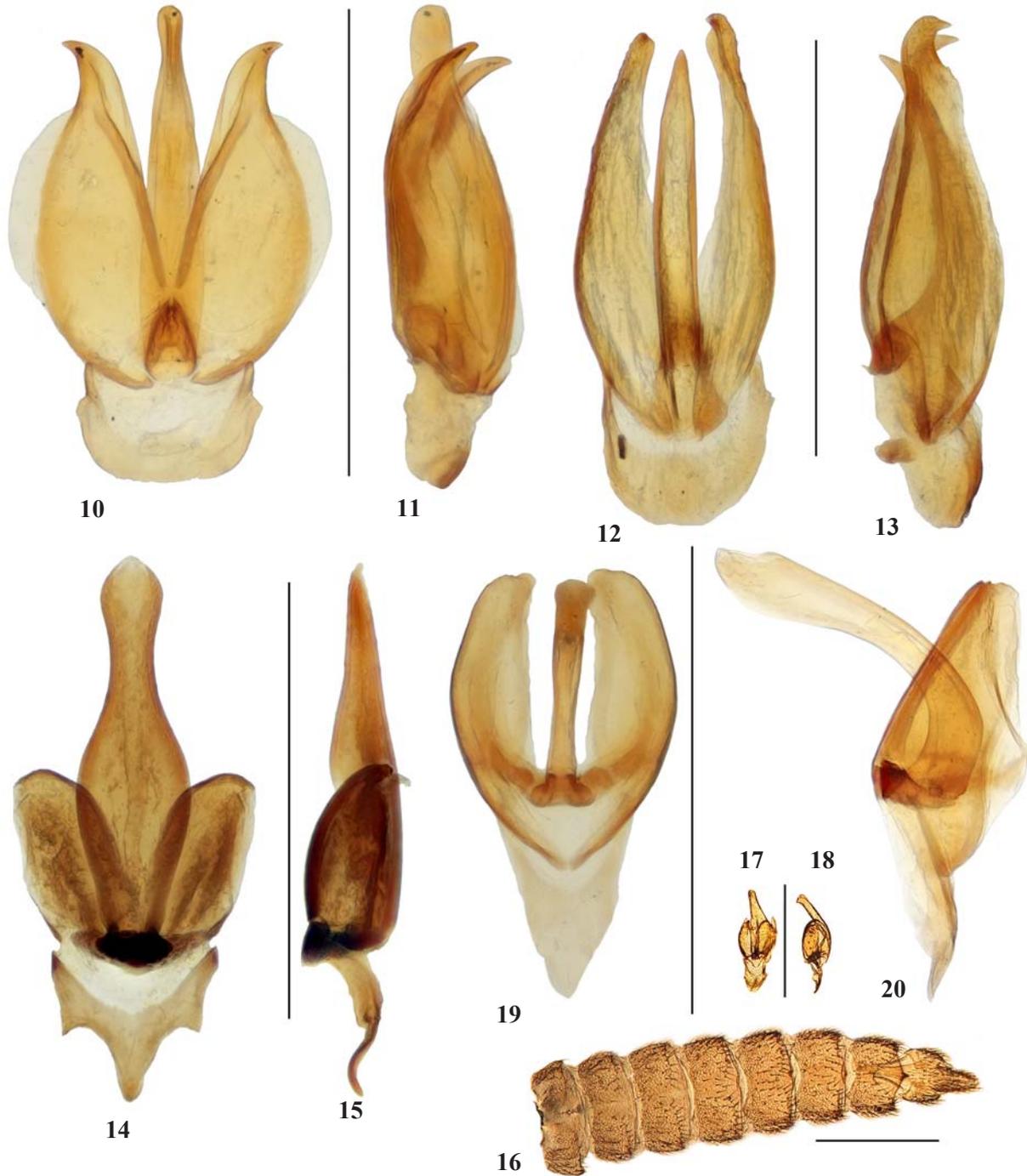
includes two species, *E. (L.) telnovi* sp.n. and *E. (L.) obscurus* (Pic, 1936), **comb.n.**

**DISTRIBUTION.** Known only from Cameroon and Gabon (Fig. 1).

*Eulycus (Lobentis) telnovi* Kazantsev, **sp.n.**

Figs 8, 16–18.

**MATERIAL:** Holotype, ♂, E Gabon: Ogooué-Ivindo Prov., 5–9 km SW Makokou, Ivindo N.P., Ipassa Research Station, 0°30'52''



Figs 10–20. Abdomen and aedeagus of *Mimolibnetis* and *Eulycus* gen.n. spp., males: 10–12 — *M. apicalis*; 12–13 — *M. ruwenzoriensis*; 14–15 — *Eulycus* (s.str.) *patruelis*; 16–18 — *E. (Lobentis) telnovi* sp.n.; 19–20 — *E. (L.) obscurus*; 10–12, 19–20 — lectotypes; 12–13 — paratype; 14–18 — holotypes; 16 — abdomen; 10–15, 17–20 — aedeagus; 16 — dorsally; 10, 12, 14, 17, 19 — ventrally; 11, 13, 15, 18, 20 — laterally. Scale bars: 0.5 mm.

Рис. 10–20. Брюшко и эдеагус *Mimolibnetis* и *Eulycus* gen.n. spp., самцы: 10–12 — *M. apicalis*; 12–13 — *M. ruwenzoriensis*; 14–15 — *Eulycus* (s.str.) *patruelis*; 16–18 — *E. (Lobentis) telnovi* sp.n.; 19–20 — *E. (L.) obscurus*; 10–12, 19–20 — лектотипы; 12–13 — паратип; 14–18 — голотипы; 16 — брюшко; 10–15, 17–20 — эдеагус; 16 — сверху; 10, 12, 14, 17, 19 — снизу; 11, 13, 15, 18, 20 — сбоку. Масштабные линейки: 0,5 мм.

N, 12°48'21" E, 480–540 m, secondary lowland rainforest, UV light trap, 24–25.VI.2016, D. Telnov leg. (NME).

**DESCRIPTION. Male.** Light brown; antennomeres 2–10 and scutellum brownish testaceous; pronotum and elytra dark brown.

Elongate, narrow. Vertex shining, finely and scarcely punctate and deeply impressed behind antennal prominence. Eyes large, interocular distance ca. 1.9 times shorter than eye diameter. Maxillary palps slender, ultimate palpomere elongate, oval, pointed and glabrous distally. Antennal sockets separated by minute lamina. Antennae cylindrical, attaining to elytral middle; antennomeres 3–10 elongate, antennomere 2 about as long as wide, antennomere 3 the longest, subdivided into two parts by indistinct suture, ratio of part lengths: 1 (proximal): 2.5 (distal); antennomere 3 ca. 5 times longer than antennomere 2 and ca. 1.4 times longer than antennomere 4; antennomeres 3–11 with moderately long semi-erect pubescence (Fig. 8).

Pronotum transverse, ca. 1.8 times as wide as long, trapezoidal, with straight sides, feebly bisinuate basally and straight anteriorly, with conspicuous acute posterior and blunt anterior angles; surface alveolate, with inconspicuous traces of median suture, but without visible transverse folds. Scutellum with subquadrate, parallel-sided postnotal plate, conspicuously emarginate at apex (Fig. 8).

Elytra narrow, long, ca. 3.2 times longer than wide at humeri, dehiscent from scutellar area, with indistinct longitudinal costae; interstices with rough irregular reticulation; pubescence scarce, moderately long and erect. Femoris and tibiae straight, relatively broad; all tarsomeres narrow, lacking plantar pad (Fig. 8).

Abdomen with tergite 7 slightly triangularly protruded at distal margin and pointed medially (Fig. 16).

Aedeagus with elongate, broad proximally and conspicuously tapering distally in frontal aspect median lobe, round and sharpened at apex in lateral aspect; parameres roundish, finely dentate distally, ca. 2 times shorter than median lobe; phallobase elongate, concave in distal half, with complete median suture and noticeable lateral apodemes, ca. 0.5 length of median lobe (Figs 17–18).

**Female.** Unknown.

Length: 2.3 mm. Width (humeraly): 0.5 mm.

**DIAGNOSIS.** *Eulycus (Lobentis) telnovi* **sp.n.** seems to be related to *E. (L.) obscurus*, **comb.n.**, readily distinguishable by the smaller size and more narrow body, larger eyes, trapezoidal pronotum with truncate anterior margin, and the structure of the aedeagus, with more roundish parameres and broader in dorsal aspect and slightly widened in lateral aspect median lobe (Figs 8, 17–18).

**ETYMOLOGY.** The new species is named after Dr. Dmitry Telnov (Riga) who collected the unique type specimen.

**REMARKS.** The condition of antennomere 3 of the new species, which is subdivided into two parts by an indistinct suture (Fig. 8), suggests that this could be a transition between typical *Eulycus* antennae and those of *Lolodorfus* with 11 segments [Bocáková, 2014], provided that the latter genus, upon examination of its abdominal and aedeagal structures, proves to be a mimolibnetine.

*Eulycus (Lobentis) obscurus* (Pic, 1936), **comb.n.**  
Figs 9, 19–20.

*Mimolibnetis obscurus* Pic, 1936: 33.

**MATERIAL.** Lectotype, ♂, 'Cameroun: Lolodorf (Conradt)', '*Mimolibnetis obscurus* n. sp.' (Pic's manuscript labels) (MNHN).

**DISTRIBUTION.** Known only from Cameroon (Fig. 1).

#### Lampyrolycini Kazantsev, **tr.n.**

Type genus: *Lampyrolycus hulstaerti* Burgeon, 1937.

**DIAGNOSIS.** Lampyrolycini Kazantsev, **tr.n.** may be distinguished from Mimolibnetini by the following presumably apomorphic combination of features, free labium, completely separated from mesepisternum by a suture mesoventrite (Fig. 22) and location of the abdominal spiracles at the edge of sternites (Fig. 24). Additionally it may be distinguished by the larger size, strongly flattened antennae, prominently raised median pronotal keel (Fig. 21), presence of a wedge cell in the hind wing venation (Fig. 23), short and non-contiguous hind coxae (Fig. 22), triangularly incised posteriorly, nearly straight anteriorly and medially divided by suture penultimate tergite with bifurcate posterior process (Fig. 25) and very narrow phallobase (Figs 26–27).

**COMPOSITION.** Lampyrolycini Kazantsev, **tr.n.** includes only its type genus, *Lampyrolycus* Burgeon, 1937.

**DISTRIBUTION.** Western part of the Afrotropical region (Fig. 1).

#### *Lampyrolycus* Burgeon, 1937

Type species: *Lampyrolycus hulstaerti* Burgeon, 1937 (by monotypy).

**COMPOSITION.** *Lampyrolycus* Burgeon, 1937 includes two species, *L. bicolor* Kazantsev, 1999 and *L. hulstaerti* Burgeon, 1937.

**DISTRIBUTION.** Western part of the Afrotropical region (Equatorial Guinea and Congo) (Fig. 1).

**BIOLOGY.** Nothing is known on the biology of *Lampyrolycus*.

#### *Lampyrolycus hulstaerti* Burgeon, 1937

*Lampyrolycus hulstaerti* Burgeon, 1937: 152.

**MATERIAL.** Holotype, ♂, 'Musée du Congo, Equateur: Boende, 19.II.1926, R.P. Hulstaert', '*Lampyrolycus hulstaerti* n. sp.' (Burgeon's manuscript label) (MRAC); paratype, ♂, 'Musée du Congo, Uele: Dingila, 1.VIII.1933, H.J. Brédo', '*Lampyrolycus hulstaerti* m. Burgeon det. 1937' (MRAC).

**DISTRIBUTION.** Known from Equateur and Uele in Congo (Fig. 1).

#### *Lampyrolycus bicolor* Kazantsev, 1999

Figs 19–25.

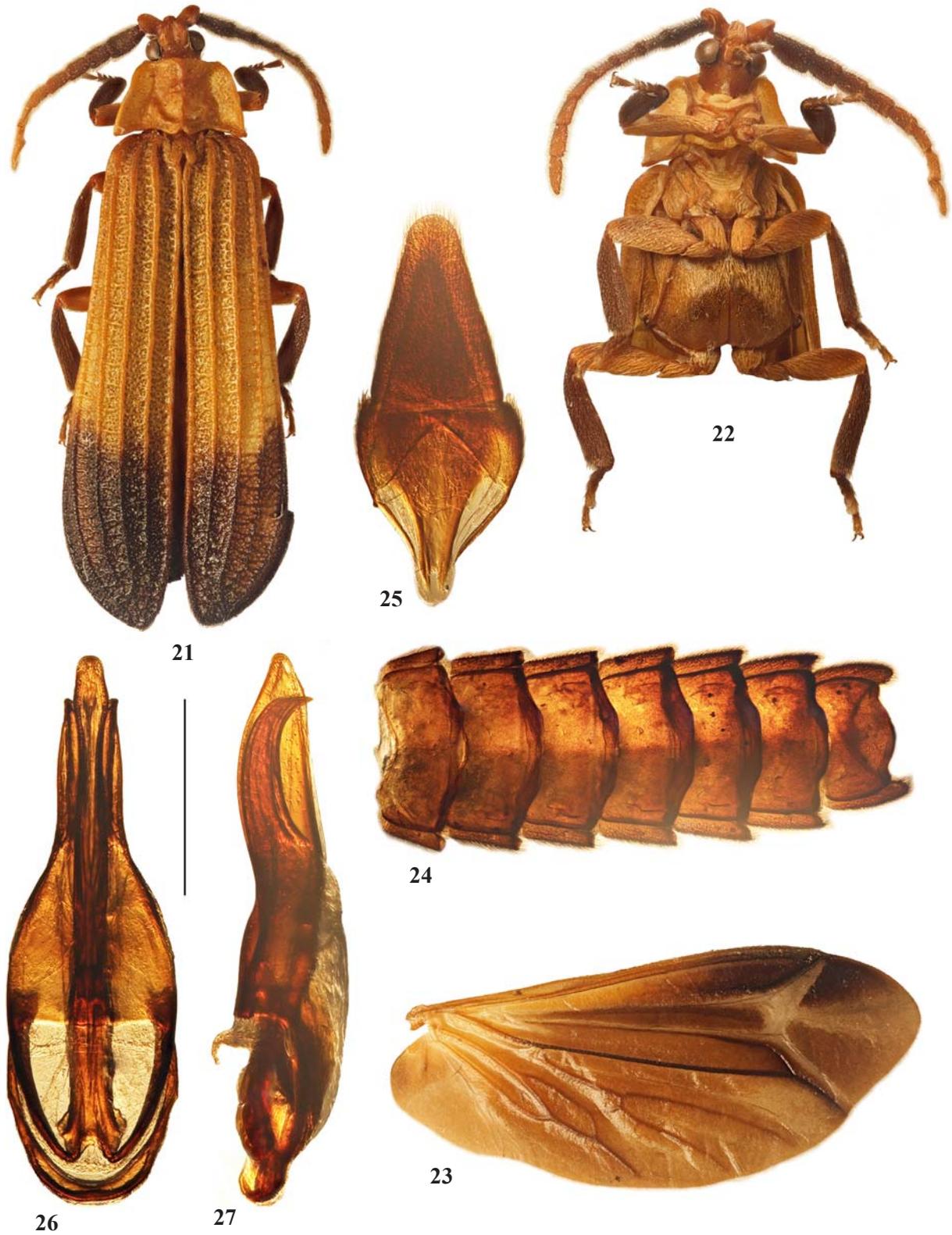
*Lampyrolycus bicolor* Kazantsev, 1999: 10.

**MATERIAL.** Holotype, ♂, 'Equatorial Guinea, Evinayong, VII.1976, Petrov', 'Holotype', '*Lampyrolycus bicolor* S. Kazantsev des. 1999' (printed labels) (ICM).

**DISTRIBUTION.** Known only from Equatorial Guinea (Fig. 1).

#### A KEY TO MIMOLIBNETINAE

1. Larger, over 11 mm. Antennae strongly flattened (Figs 21–22). Pronotum with prominently raised median keel (Fig. 21). Hind coxae short, separated (Fig. 22). Abdominal spiracles located at edge of sternites (Fig. 24). Penultimate tergite triangularly incised posteriorly and nearly straight anteriorly (Fig. 25). Phallobase very narrow (Figs 26–27) (*Lampyrolycini tr.n.*) (*Lampyrolycus*). ..... 2
- Smaller, less than 5 mm. Antennae cylindrical, at least in terminal antennomeres; pronotum with inconspicuous flattened median keel at most (Figs 3–5, 8–9). Hind coxae elongate, contiguous (Fig. 4). Abdominal spiracles located at edge of tergites (Fig. 16). Penultimate tergite semi-circularly incised posteriorly and anteriorly



Figs 21-27. General view and details of *Lampyrolycus bicolor*, holotype, male: 21 — general view; 22 — anterior half; 23 — hind wing; 24 — abdomen; 25 — terminal abdominal segments; 26-27 — aedeagus; 21, 24-25 — dorsally; 22-23, 26 — ventrally; 27 — laterally. Scale bar: 1.0 mm.

Рис. 21-27. Общий вид и детали строения *Lampyrolycus bicolor*, голотип, самец: 21 — общий вид; 22 — передняя половина; 23 — заднее крыло; 24 — брюшко; 25 — вершинные сегменты брюшка; 26-27 — эдеагус; 21, 24-25 — сверху; 22-23, 26 — снизу; 27 — сбоку. Масштабная линейка: 1,0 мм.

- (Fig. 16). Phallobase broader (Figs 10–15, 17–20) (*Mimolibnetini*) ..... 3
2. Elytra uniformly testaceous, antennomeres 3–10 dark brown to black (Congo) ..... *L. hulstaerti*  
— Elytra bicoloured, antennomeres 3–6 dark brown to black, 6–10 rufous (Fig. 21). (Aedeagus — Figs 26–27) (Eq. Guinea) ..... *L. bicolor*
3. Tergites 6–7 prominently semi-circularly produced at distal margin, not pointed medially (e.g., Fig. 3). Phallobase short, broadly rounded posteriorly; median lobe subequal in length to parameres (Figs 10–13) (*Mimolibnetis*) ..... 4  
— Tergites 6–7 only slightly produced at distal margin and pointed medially (Figs 5, 16). Phallobase tapering posteriorly, usually elongate; median lobe about twice as long as parameres (Figs 14–15, 17–20) (*Eulycus* **gen.n.**) .. 7
4. Elytra shortened, leaving half of abdomen exposed, testaceous (Fig. 3) (Ruwenzori, E Congo) .....  
..... *M. ruwenzoriensis*  
— Abdomen fully covered by elytra. Elytra dark brown to black or bicoloured (e.g., Fig. 2) ..... 5
5. Elytra dark brown to black, with testaceous humeri (Congo) ..... *M. indigenus*  
— Elytra mostly testaceous, only apices dark brown to black (e.g., Fig. 2) ..... 6
6. Abdomen (except two apical segments), tibiae and tarsi dark brown to black (Fig. 2) (Congo) ..... *M. apicalis*  
— Uniformly testaceous, only apical part of elytra dark brown to black (Eq. Guinea) ..... *M. baguenai*
7. Phallobase about as long as wide, its lateral apodemes prominent; median lobe in lateral aspect straight (Figs 14–15). Antennomere 1 lighter than other antennomeres (Fig. 5) (*Eulycus* s.str.) (Cameroon) ..... *E. (s.str.) patruelis*  
— Phallobase noticeably elongate, its lateral apodemes inconspicuous; median lobe curved or bent in lateral aspect (Figs 17–20). Antennomere 1 darker or similar in coloration to other antennomeres (Figs 8–9) (*Eulycus* subg. *Lobentis*, **subgen.n.**) ..... 8

8. Larger, about 4 mm, and broader (Fig. 9). Median lobe of aedeagus noticeably widened distally, both in frontal and lateral aspects (Figs 19–20) (Cameroon) .....  
..... *E. (L.) obscurus*  
— Smaller, 2.3 mm, and more narrow (Fig. 8). Median lobe of aedeagus distally tapering in frontal and round and sharpened at apex in lateral aspect (Figs 17–18) (Gabon) .....  
..... *E. (L.) telnovi* **sp.n.**

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