Miscellanea Miridologica V. Taxonomy and chorology of new or little known taxa of Continental New Guinea and neighboring islands (Insecta, Heteroptera, Miridae)

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Abstract

Gressitocoris henryi (Deraeocorinae, Deraeocorini) is described as a new species on the basis of the female holotype from Syoubri vill(age), Arfak Mounts, Doberai Peninsula, Papua Barat, Indonesia. Additional data on distribution are provided for 17 species of Cylapinae, Deraeocorinae, Mirinae, Orthotylinae and Phylinae. Trigonotylus tenuis is cited for the first time from Papua New Guinea.

Keywords

Gressitocoris henryi, new species, Miridae, New Guinea, chorology, host-plants

Introduction

The recent study of several public and private collections of Miridae (Insecta, Heteroptera) from Iran Jaya or Papua Barat, Papua New Guinea and the Moluccas islands provided several interesting taxonomic and chorological (distributional) data on new or poorly known taxa. When available, data on habitat or assumed host-plants are also given.
Material and methods

The material used in this work comes mostly from four public and two private collections: the Institut Royal des Sciences Naturelles de Belgique, Brussels (ISNB); the Muséum National d’Histoire Naturelle, Paris (MNHN); the Natural History Museum, London (NHMUK); the National Museum of Natural History, Praha (NMPC); the collection of D. Telnov in the Erfurt Museum of Natural History, Erfurt (ex DTPC, NME); and the private collection of J. Gorczyca (JGKP).

In the descriptions, measurements are given in millimeters (mm). The photos showing morphological details were taken with a Nikon DXM1200 digital camera.

Results

Cylapinae Kirkaldy, 1903
Fulviini Uhler, 1886

Cylapofulvius punctatus Poppius, 1909

Material examined. Indonesia: 1♂, Papua Barat, Doberai Peninsula, Arfak Mounts, Syoubri village (coordinates provided on the label: 1°07'16"S, 133°54'34"E), 1570–2100 m, primary lower mountain rainforest, 11–12.ix.2015, Telnov D. leg. (FC n° 7580) (ex DTPC, NME).

Distribution. Described from Papua New Guinea and also known from Papua Barat and Solomon Islands (Chérot et al. 2017).

Fulvius subnitens Poppius, 1909

Material examined. Papua New Guinea: 2♀♀, Madang Province, Nagada Binatang Research Center (coordinates provided on the label: 05°09'23"S, 145°47'41"E), 20 m, 20.v.2011, Votýpka J. & Lukeš J. leg. (FC n° 6420) (NMPC).

Distribution. Described at least in part from Papua New Guinea. Widely distributed from Africa (Tanzania, Togo) and the Seychelles to Taiwan and Pacific Islands and from Malaysia to Papua New Guinea (Chérot et al. 2017); recently introduced but not established in several European countries.

Fulvius variegatus Poppius, 1909

Material examined. Papua New Guinea: 1?, Madang Province, Baitbag (coordinates provided on the label: 05°08'46"S, 145°46'36"E), 40 m, 17.v.2011, dissected for parasites, dissection number 716, negative, Votýpka J. & Lukeš J. leg. (FC n° 6437) (NMPC).
**Distribution.** Described from Papua New Guinea and widely distributed in Pacific Islands (Chérot et al. 2017).

_Deraeocorinae Douglas & Scott, 1865_
_Deraeocorini Douglas & Scott, 1865_

*Deraeocoris finisterrensis* Carvalho, 1985

**Material examined.** Indonesia: 1♀, Papua Barat, Doberai Peninsula, Arfak Mounts, Syoubri vill(age) (coordinates provided on the label: 1°06'40"S, 133°54'36"E), 1510 m, edge of secondary lower mountain rainforest, at white light, 11–12.ix.2015, Telnov D. leg. (FC n° 7565) (ex DTPC, NME); 8♀♀, Papua Barat, Doberai Peninsula, Arfak Mounts, Anggi Gigi Lake S(outh), upper vill(age) (coordinates provided on the label: 1°18'0.5"S, 133°54'24"E), 2200 m, edge of primary mid mountain rainforest, 09–11.ix.2015, Telnov D. leg. (FC n°s 7560–7564, 7567, 7569, 7571) (ex DTPC, NME); 1♀, 1?, Papua Barat, Doberai Peninsula, Arfak Mounts, Anggi Gigi Lake S(outh), upper vill(age) and surroundings (coordinates provided on the label: 1°18'10"S, 133°54'0.3"E), 1985 m, primary mid montain rainforest, at white light, 08–09.xi.2015, Telnov D. leg. (FC n°s 7562, 7562bis) (ex DTPC, NME).

**Distribution.** Endemic to New Guinea (Schuh 2002–2013).

*Gressitocoris henryi* sp. n.

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**Material examined.** Indonesia: Holotype ♀, Papua Barat, Doberai Peninsula, Arfak Mounts, Syoubri vill(age) (coordinates provided on the label: 1°06'40"S, 133°54'36"E), 1510 m, edge of secondary lower mountain rainforest, at white light, 12–13.ix.2015, Telnov D. leg. (FC n° 7565). Holotype deposited in DTPC, NME.

**Description.** Female: **Measurements (mm):** Total length (dorsal view): 7.00, maximal width of hemelytra: 2.95, width of head across eyes (“diatone”): 1.25, width of vertex: 0.45, length of antennal segments: I: 0.70, II: 1.68, III: 1.10, IV: 0.75, medial pronotal length (pronotal collar included): 1.45, posterior pronotal width (between humeral angles): 2.40, lateral length of pronotum (between anterior and humeral angles): 1.25, length of scutellum: 1.20, width of scutellum: 1.30, length of cuneus: 1.08, width of cuneus: 0.60 (0.75 with paracuneus).

**External morphology and coloration.** Dorsally glabrous on pronotum, scutellum and hemelytra. Head (Figs 1–3): Elongate, smooth, slightly declivous in dorsal view. Clypeus medially black, laterally yellowish (Figure 2). Mandibulary and maxillary plates dark brown to black (Figure 3). Frons smooth, shining black. Vertex slightly carinate, carina brown, surface of vertex narrowly and shallowly punctate posteriorly, smooth anteriorly, dark brown to shining black medially, with two small yellowish
Figures 1–10. *Gressitocoris henryi* sp. n. female holotype. 1 Habitus in dorsal view 2 Head in dorsal view 3 Head in lateral view 4 Pronotal callosities 5 Pronotal disk in dorsal view 6 Scutellum in dorsal view 7 Endo-corium and apex of clavi in dorsal view 8 Membrane and cunei in dorsal view 9 Left antenna: first antennal segment and base of the second 10 Evaporative area. Scale bar = 0.1 mm (except in Figs 1, 2 and 8, scale = 1.0 mm).
areas near inner margins of eyes, prolonged on frons. Eyes reddish with several black patches medially (Figure 2), occupying head height in lateral view (Figure 3). First antennal segment thickened sub-basally, after small concavity, slightly longer than vertex width, yellowish brown, with apical black ring (Figure 9), apparently devoid of erect setae. Second segment narrower, significantly longer, yellowish brown, darker apically, with several erect setae obviously longer than width of segment. Third and fourth segments dark brown to black, with same erect pilosity. Labium reaching metacoxae, yellowish brown. Pronotum (Figs 1, 4–5): Pronotal collar (Figure 4) very short, brown, almost smooth, with very narrow and shallow punctuation. Pronotal callosities (Figure 4) rounded, medially separated and separated from pronotal lateral margins, shining black, smooth. Pronotal lateral margins slightly concave to sigmoid medially, carinate, carina yellowish, easily visible in lateral view. Pronotal posterior margin (Figure 1) convex but medially almost straight and laterally, near humeral angles, slightly concave. Humeral angles rounded. Pronotal disk widely and deeply punctate (Figure 5), punctuation dense, black, surface of disk dark brown. Mesoscutum covered (Figure 6). Scutellum (Figure 6) slightly swollen, reddish brown to dark brown, more narrowly punctate. Clavus and corium (Figure 7), including embolium, widely and deeply punctate, punctuation black, surface of hemelytra evenly dark brown. Cuneus (Figure 8) dark brown bearing inner reddish sub-basal spot with wide whitish inner margin. Membrane (Figure 8) slightly declivous, greyish, veins thick, blackish to greenish, larger cell curved inward submedially. Coxae yellow. Pro- and mesofemora yellowish, darker apically. Metafemora dark brown to black. Metatibiae yellowish brown, as tarsi. Claws reddish. Pilosity of legs elongate, stiff, about as long as tibial spine. Propleura almost black, narrowly and shallowly punctate. Meso- and metapleura dull, blackish with yellowish areas. Abdomen dark brown, with elongate white setae.

**Genital structures.** Not dissected to preserve the holotype.

**Male unknown.**

**Etymology.** I am pleased to dedicate this new species to Dr T. J. Henry (United States National Museum of Natural History, Washington D.C, United States of America) in recognition of his major contributions to Heteroptera taxonomy, particularly to the classification and phylogeny of Berytidae and Lygaeoidea, but also to the study of several difficult plant bug genera such *Ceratocapsus* Reuter, 1876, *Hyalochloria* Reuter, 1907, *Neurocolpus* Reuter, 1876 and *Ranzovius* Distant, 1893.

**Discussion.** Through the courtesy of Dr T. J. Henry, I was able to compare the new species to the dorsal and lateral views of a paratype of *G. sedlaceki* Carvalho, 1985, the type species of *Gressitocoris* and, until now the only species of the genus. The female holotype of the new species concords with Carvalho’s (1985) original description of *Gressitocoris* in a majority of character states. The antennal segments are covered by dense pilosity with some sparse, erect setae longer than width of the segment, the second antennal segment is slightly thickened apically, the posterior margin of pronotal disk is rounded but slightly concave laterally near humeral angles, the lateral margins are carinate, the pronotal disk and hemelytra (including wide embolium) are widely and deeply punctate, the scutellum is more narrowly punctate, the vein of larger areolar cell
of the membrane is thick, expanded posteriorly, curved inward submedially and a red-
dish sub-basal spot with wide whitish inner margin is present on inner part of cuneus.

A very narrow and shallow punctuation is apparently present on the pronotal collar
of both species (contra Carvalho 1985).

*Gressitocoris henryi* sp. n. differs from *G. sedlaceki* Carvalho, 1985 by the length of
the third antennal segment shorter than the length of the second antennal segment (ver-
sus slightly longer in *G. sedlaceki*), the eyes less wide, the covered mesoscutum and the
darker dorsal coloration, particularly the medial black stripe of clypeus, the medial black
patch of frons and vertex (both absent in *G. sedlaceki*), the almost even dark brown to
black pronotum (yellowish brown lateral areas and posterior margin absent), the reddish
brown scutellum (yellowish lateral stripes absent), the almost even dark brown heme-
lytra, and absence of an elongate yellowish stripe lining the clavo-corial suture.

As pointed out by T. Yasunaga (in litt. 2017-08-22), the validity of the genus
*Gressitocoris* Carvalho, 1985 should be analyzed and compared with the large genus
*Deraeocoris* Kirschbaum, 1856, whose monophyly remains to be established. However,
*Gressitocoris henryi* sp. n. differs in habitus from all Papuan species of *Deraeocoris*
described or redescribed by Carvalho (1985).

**Distribution.** Indonesia, Papua Barat, Doberai Peninsula. Type locality: Syoubri
vill(age) (1°06'40"S, 133°54'36"E).

### Saturniomirini Carvalho, 1952

*Imogen bicolor* (Poppius, 1912a)

**Material examined.** Indonesia: 1♂, North Moluccas, Central Halmahera, creek N(orth)-
E(ast) of Kobe vill(age), creek side (coordinates provided on the label: 0°28'41"N, 127°53'53"E), 10 m, 07.vii.2013, Telnov D. leg. (FC n° 7559) (ex DTPC, NME).

**Distribution.** According to Chérot et al. (2017), this species was described from
a small series of males from Ighibirei, Central Province, Papua New Guinea and is
known from continental Papua Barat, Indonesia, and from Papua New Guinea. This is
apparently the first citation from the North Moluccas.

### Mirinae Hahn, 1833

*Mirini Hahn, 1833*

*Moroca giluwensis* Carvalho, 1986

**Material examined.** Papua New Guinea: 1♀, Eastern Highlands, Goroka (coor-
dinates provided on the label: 6°4'44"S, 145°22'56"E), 1600 m, 13.v.2011, dissected for
parasites, dissection number 627, negative, Votýpka J. & Lukeš J. leg. (FC n° 6420)
(NMPC); 1?, M(oun)t Gahavisuka Provincial Park (coordinates provided on the label:
Moroca lineaticolle Poppius, 1912b

**Material examined.** Indonesia: 1♀, Papua Barat, Doberai Peninsula, Arfak Mountains, Anggi Gigi Lake S(outh), upper vill(age) (coordinates provided on the label: 1°18′0.5″S, 133°54′24″E), 2200 m, edge of primary mid mountain rainforest, 09–11.ix.2015, Telnov D. leg. (FC n° 7574) (ex DTPC, NME); 1♀, Papua Barat, Doberai Peninsula, Arfak Mountains, Syoubri vill(age) (coordinates provided on the label: 1°06′40″S, 133°54′36″E), 1510 m, edge of secondary lower mountain rainforest, at white light, 12–13.ix.2015, Telnov D. leg. (FC n° 7575) (ex DTPC, NME).

**Distribution.** Endemic to New Guinea (Schuh 2002–2013).

Moroca verticillata Carvalho, 1986

**Material examined.** Indonesia: 1♂, 1♀, Papua Barat, Doberai Peninsula, Arfak Mountains, Syoubri vill(age) (coordinates provided on the label: 1°06′40″S, 133°54′36″E), 1510 m, edge of secondary lower mountain rainforest, at MV light, 12–13.ix.2015, Telnov D. leg. (FC n°s 7572–7573) (ex DTPC, NME).

**Distribution.** Endemic to New Guinea (Schuh 2002–2013).

Peltidopeplus annulipes Poppius, 1912b

**Material examined.** Indonesia: 1♀, Papua Barat, Doberai Peninsula, Arfak Mountains, Anggi Gigi Lake S(outh), upper vill(age) and surroundings (coordinates provided on the label: 1°18′0.5″S, 133°54′24″E), 2200 m, primary mid mountain rainforest, at white light, 10–11.ix.2015, Telnov D. leg. (FC n° 7551) (ex DTPC, NME); 1♀, Papua Barat, Doberai Peninsula, Arfak Mountains, Anggi Gigi Lake S(outh), upper vill(age) and surroundings (coordinates provided on the label: 1°18′10″S, 133°54′0.3″E), 1985 m, primary mid mountain rainforest, at white light, 08–09.xi.2015, Telnov D. leg. (FC n° 7552) (ex DTPC, NME).

**Distribution.** Endemic to New Guinea (Chérot and Pauwels 2000; Schuh 2002–2013).

Prolygus albescutellata Carvalho, 1987a

**Material examined.** Papua New Guinea: 1♂, 1♀, 1?, Eastern Highlands, Kegsugl, under M(oun)t Wilhelm (coordinates provided on the label: 05°49′52″S, 145°05′10″E),
2780 m, 13.v.2012, dissected for parasites, dissection numbers 623–625, negative, Votýpka J. & Lukeš J. leg. (FC n° 6420) (NMPC).

**Distribution.** Endemic to New Guinea (Schuh 2002–2013).

*Prolygus papuanus* (Poppius, 1914)

**Material examined.** Indonesia: 11♂, 13♀♀, 2??, Papua Barat, Doberai Peninsula, Arfak Mounts, Anggi Gigi Lake S(outh), upper vill(age) (coordinates provided on the label: 1°18'0.5"S, 133°54'24"E), 2200 m, edge of primary mid mountain rainforest, at white light, 09–11.ix.2015, Telnov D. leg. (FC n°s 7595–7621) (ex DTPC, NME); 34♂♂, 20♀♀, 5??, Papua Barat, Doberai Peninsula, Arfak Mounts, Syoubri vill(age) (coordinates provided on the label: 1°06'40"S, 133°54'36"E), 1610 m, edge of secondary lower mountain rainforest, 12–13.ix.2015, Telnov D. leg. (FC n° 7622–7681) (ex DTPC, NME).

**Distribution.** Endemic to New Guinea (Schuh 2002–2013).

**Remark.** The genital structures of the male FC n° 7771 conform to Carvalho’s (1987a: 148, figs 44–46) drawings.

*Tinginotum knolwesi* (Kirkaldy, 1908)

**Material examined.** Indonesia: 2♂, 2♀♀, Papua Barat, Paniai (? Regency), Sinak (no coordinates on the label, approximate coordinates available via Google Earth for Paniai Regency: 3°47’S, 136°21’E), 14–17.xii.1995, Riedel A. leg. (FC n°s 7335–7338) (JGKP).

**Distribution.** Widely distributed in New Guinea and Pacific Islands (Schuh 2002–2013, Chérot et al. 2017).

*Tinginotum rubrovenosus* Carvalho, 1987b

**Material examined.** Indonesia: 1♂, Papua Barat, Doberai Peninsula, Arfak Mounts, Anggi Gigi Lake S(outh), upper vill(age) (coordinates provided on the label: 1°18'0.5"S, 133°54'24"E), 2200 m, edge of primary mid mountain rainforest, at white light, 09–11.ix.2015, Telnov D. leg. (FC n° 7576) (ex DTPC, NME); 2♂♂, 1♀(?), Papua Barat, Doberai Peninsula, Arfak Mounts, Syoubri vill(age) (coordinates provided on the label: 1°06'40"S, 133°54'36"E), 1510 m, edge of secondary lower mountain rainforest, 12–13.ix.2015, Telnov D. leg. (FC n° 7577–7579) (ex DTPC, NME).

**Distribution.** Endemic to New Guinea (Schuh 2002–2013).

*Warrissia huonensis* (Poppius, 1914a)

**Material examined.** Indonesia: 1?, Papua Barat, Doberai Peninsula, Arfak Mounts, Syoubri vill(age) (coordinates provided on the label: 1°07'16"S, 133°54'34"E),
1570–2100 m, primary lower mountain rainforest, 11–12.ix.2015, Telnov D. leg. (FC n° 7558) (ex DTPC, NME); 2♀♂, 3♀♀: Papua Barat, Doberai Peninsula, Arfak Mounts, Syoubri village (coordinates provided on the label: 1°06′40″S, 133°54′36″E), 1510 m, edge of secondary lower mountain rainforest, MV light, 12–13.ix.2015, Telnov D. leg. (FC n°s 7553–7557) (ex DTPC, NME); Papua New Guinea: 1♂, Madang Province, Nagada Harbour (no coordinates on the label, approximate coordinates available via Google Earth: Latitude: -5.16667 Longitude: 145.81667), 18.iii.1990, Lansbury I. leg. (FC n° 7333) (JGKP); 1♀, Madang Province, Nagada Harbour (no coordinate on the label, approximate coordinates available via Google Earth: Latitude: -5.16667 Longitude: 145.81667), 16.v.1992, Lansbury I. leg. (FC n° 7334) (JGKP).

**Distribution.** Widespread in Southeast Asia and New Guinea (Yasunaga et al. 2002, Schuh 2002–2013, Chérot et al. 2017).

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**Stenodemini China, 1943**

*Trigonotylus tenuis* Reuter, 1893

**Material examined.** Papua New Guinea: 2♂♀, Madang Province, Nagada Harbour (no coordinates on the label, approximate coordinates available via Google Earth: Latitude: -5.16667 Longitude: 145.81667), 18.iii.1990, Lansbury I. leg. (FC n°s 7340, 7342) (JGKP); 1♂, 1♀, Madang Province, Nagada Harbour (no coordinates on the label, approximate coordinates available via Google Earth: Latitude: -5.16667 Longitude: 145.81667), 16.v.1992, Lansbury I. leg. (FC n°s 7339, 7341) (JGKP).

**Distribution.** World distribution widespread (Schuh 2002–2013), but apparently not previously recorded from Papua New Guinea.

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**Orthotylineae Van Duzee, 1916**

**Austromirini Carvalho, 1976**

*Irianocoris italae* Carvalho, 1971

**Material examined.** Papua New Guinea: 1♂, Madang Province, Baiteta Forest (no coordinates provided on label; according to Chérot et al. 2017, Baiteta lies at the following coordinates: 05°01′S, 145°45′E), 11.v.1995, O. Missa leg., host unknown, fogging (FC n°4083) (ISNB); 2♂♂, 4♀♀, same locality, 25.v.1995, O. Missa leg., *Planchonella thyoidis* or *Dysoxylum arnoldicum* (Sapotaceae + Melicaceae), fogging (FC n°s 4084–4089) (ISNB); 3♀♀, same locality, 08.vi.1995, O. Missa leg., *Hapholobus sp.* (Burseraceae), fogging (FC n°s 4090–4092) (ISNB); 2♂♂, same locality, 09.vi.1995, O. Missa leg., *Sarcocephalus sp.* (Rubiaceae), fogging (FC n°s 4093–4094) (ISNB); 1♂, 2♀♀, 1♀, same locality, 14.vi.1995, O. Missa leg., *Chisocheton ceramicus* (Melicaceae), fogging (FC n°s 4095–4097, 4173) (ISNB); 6♂♂, 2♀♀, same locality,
14.vii.1995, O. Missa leg., *Neonauclea sp.* (Rubiaceae), fogging (FC n°s 4098–4103, 4105, 4109) (ISNB); 3♂♂, same locality, 17.vii.1995, O. Missa leg., *Chisocheton wenlandia* (Melicaceae), fogging (FC n°s 4106–4108) (ISNB); 3♂♂, 5♀♀, 3?, same locality, 1995, O. Missa leg., *Celtis latifolia* (Ulmaceae) or *Planchonella sp.* (Sapotaceae), fogging (FC n°s 4110–4120) (ISNB); 6♀♀, 1?, same locality, 1995, O. Missa leg., *Chisocheton ceramicus* (Melicaceae), fogging (FC n°s 4121–4127) (ISNB); 1♂, same locality, 10.iv.1996, O. Missa leg., *Litesia irianensis* (Liliaceae), light trap (FC n°4128) (ISNB); 1♂, 2♀♀, same locality, 17.iv.1996, O. Missa leg., host unknown, fogging (FC n°s 4129–4131) (ISNB); 1♂, same locality, ?.iv.1996, O. Missa leg., host unknown, light trap (FC n°4102b) (ISNB); 2♀♀, same locality, 01.v.1996, O. Missa leg., host unknown, fogging (FC n°s 4132–4133) (ISNB); 2♂♂, 2♀♀, same locality, 07.vi.1996, O. Missa leg., host unknown, fogging (FC n°s 4134–4137) (ISNB); 1?, same locality, 04.vii.1996, O. Missa leg., on *Sloanea sogeriensis* (Elaeocarpaceae), fogging (FC n° 4138) (ISNB); 1♂, same locality, 10.vii.1996, O. Missa leg., *Celtis philippinensis* (Ulmaceae) or *Polyorthia sp.* (Annonaceae), light trap (FC n°4139) (ISNB); 1♂, 1♀, 1?, same locality, 25.vii.1996, O. Missa leg., host unknown, fogging (FC n°s 4140–4142) (ISNB).

**Distribution.** Endemic to New Guinea. Described by Carvalho (1971) from Maffin Bay, Dutch New Guinea, the species was recently cited for the first time from Papua New Guinea (Cassis et al. 2012).

**Remark.** The genus *Irianocoris* was transferred from Orthotylini to Austromirini by Cassis, Cheng and Tatarnic (2012).

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**Phylinae Douglas & Scott, 1865**

**Hallodapini Van Duzee, 1916 sensu Schuh & Menard 2013**

**Linacoris viridescens** Carvalho, 1983

**Material examined.** Papua New Guinea: 4♂♂, 2♀♀, 2??, Madang Province, Nagada Binatang Research Center (coordinates provided on the label: 05°09'23"S, 145°47'41"E), 20 m, 20.v.2011, two specimens dissected for parasites, dissection numbers 892–893, negative, Votýpka J. & Lukeš J. leg. (FC n°s 6450–6453, 6455–6458) (NMPC); 2♂♂, 1♀, Madang Province, Ohu (coordinates provided on the label: 05°08'46"S, 145°46'36"E), 06.v.2011, dissected for parasites, dissection numbers 205–207, negative, Votýpka J. & Lukeš J. leg. (FC n°s 6454, 6459–6460) (NMPC).

**Distribution.** Described by Carvalho (1983) from Papua New Guinea and Iran Jaya. Additional species of the genus *Linacoris* Carvalho, 1983 remain to be described in Southeast Asia (Schuh and Menard 2013).

**Remark.** The genus *Linacoris* was recently transferred from Orthotylinae, Orthotylini to Phylinae, Hallodapini by Schuh and Menard (2013) on the basis of phylogenetic analyses by Menard et al. (2013).
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