New and known species of the genus *Campylaimus* Cobb, 1920 (Nematoda: Araeolaimida: Diplopeltidae) from North European marine habitats

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Abstract

Background

The genus *Campylaimus* is a broadly distributed but relatively uncommon genus of marine and brackish nematodes with 20 nominal species and one *nomen nudum*. Many species descriptions and redescriptions are based on very few (single) individuals, which limits our understanding of inter- and intra-specific variability and morphology-based species boundaries.

New information

Two new species were found in the Skagerrak off the west coast of Sweden. *Campylaimus triclados* sp. n. is characterised by body 0.59–0.69 mm long; cuticle without longitudinal striation; anteriormost edge of the amphid anterior to the oral opening; dorsal limb of the
amphid equal to 1.6–2.5 labial region diameters in male, 1.9 labial region diameters in female; ventral limb of the amphid extends towards anterior part of the intestine in male and midpharynx in female, 4.3–5.5 times the length of the dorsal limb in male and 2.2–2.8 times the length of the dorsal limb in female; ventral limb of the amphid is as wide as the dorsal limb; interamphideal space extends further than the posterior end of the dorsal limb but not reaching the posterior end of the ventral limb; secretory-excretory pore opens posterior to the cardia; spicules 19–24 µm long; two precloacal supplements; tail equal to 4.3–5.6 anal body diameters in length, with conoid terminal part. *Campylaimus longispiculus* sp. n. is characterised by body 0.56–0.65 mm long; cuticle without longitudinal striation; anteriormost edge of the amphid anterior to the oral opening; dorsal limb of the amphid equal to 1.8–2.1 labial region diameters in male; ventral limb of the amphid extends towards anterior part of the intestine in male, 2.8–3.5 times the length of the dorsal limb in male; ventral limb of the amphid is as wide as the dorsal limb; interamphideal space absent; secretory-excretory pore opens posterior to the cardia; spicules 28–35 µm long; two precloacal supplements; tail equal to 4.9–5.3 anal body diameters in length, with clavate terminal part. In addition, following nine species are new records for the fauna of Sweden: *Campylaimus amphidialis*, *C. inaequalis*, *C. lefeverei*, *C. minutus*, *C. orientalis*, *C. rimatus*, *C. siwaschensis*, *C. striatus* and *C. tkatchevi*.

**Keywords**

Bratten, Diplopeltidae, Gullmarn fjord, identification key, new species, revision, Skagerrak, Sweden, taxonomy

**Introduction**

The genus *Campylaimus* Cobb, 1920 is one of the few nematode genera with its oral opening positioned subterminally, shifted to the dorsal side of the body. This unusual feature, subdorsal position of the mouth in nematodes, was even discussed by Fitch and Sudhaus (2002) in a context of evolution of body plans. However, precise morphology of the foregut in this genus was not always clearly understood by the researchers. The original description of the type species of the genus *Campylaimus*, *C. inaequalis* Cobb, 1920 stated that "the mouth is ... on the ventral side of the head a little behind the anterior extremity" (Cobb 1920). Even though this error was quickly corrected by Gerlach (1950), who clearly described the mouth to be placed on the dorsal side of the anterior end, Timm (1961) and Huang and Zhang (2006) followed the mistake made by Cobb (1920). Fortunately, all other publications, including most recent revisions by Villares et al. (2013) and Fadeeva et al. (2016), correctly describe the subdorsal to dorsal position of the mouth opening in all 20 known species of the genus *Campylaimus* (*Campylaimus abditus* Bussau, 1993 was described in an unpublished doctoral thesis (Bussau 1993) and must be considered a *nomen nudum*).
Twelve species of the genus *Campylaimus* were found during ongoing studies of marine nematodes along Swedish coasts and one species was collected in Germany. Two species are described as new to science and nine species are new to the fauna of Sweden. One species, *Campylaimus gerlachi* Timm, 1961 has already been recorded from the Baltic (Ólafsson and Elmgren 1997), but is re-described here in order to clarify its taxonomic status and its affinities to closely-related species.

**Materials and methods**

Bottom sediment samples were collected in multiple locations along the coast of Sweden: in the Baltic, Bothnia Sea and Bothnia Gulf, southern part of the Skagerrak and in Gullmarn Fjord. All samples were collected with a bottom dredge or box corer and further sieved in the laboratory before fixation. Nematodes were extracted from samples using a decanting and sieving method (smallest mesh sizes: 45 µm or 70 µm). Freshwater was used during sieving to induce an osmotic shock in nematodes, inducing their detachment from the substrate. Material retained on the sieves was immediately fixed in a 4% formaldehyde solution in the sea water.

For light microscopy, formaldehyde-preserved specimens were transferred to pure glycerine using the Seinhorst (1959) rapid method as modified by De Grisse (1969). Permanent nematode mounts on the glass slides were prepared using the paraffin wax ring method. All curved structures were measured along the curved median line. Measurements in all tables are presented in µm as mean ±SD and (range) where appropriate. Species descriptions and illustrations include only diagnostic, species-specific characters and are written in a "telegraphic style", while features characteristic to all species of the genus *Campylaimus* are given in the extended genus diagnosis only. Terminology follows Maggenti (2005). Abbreviations follow Decraemer and Hunt (2006). Specimens are deposited in the invertebrate collection of the Department of Zoology, Swedish Museum of Natural History, Stockholm, Sweden (SMNH).

**Taxon treatments**

*Campylaimus* Cobb, 1920

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**Type species**

*Campylaimus inaequalis* Cobb, 1920

**Description**

Adult. Body cylindrical or fusiform, tapering anteriorly in the pharyngeal region and posteriorly in the tail region, straight or curved, either ventrally or dorsally, upon
fixation. Cuticle annulated along the entire body, annules equal in width; annulation starts at a level with the cephalic setae bases and extends towards the tail terminus; annules visually smooth or with fine longitudinal striation as seen under the light microscope. When present, longitudinal striation covers annules over the entire body length. Lateral alae present; anterior end of lateral alae may connect with the amphideal fovea in some species; posterior end extends towards tail terminus, ending at a certain distance from the tail tip. Body pores and epidermal glands absent. Somatic sensilla present. Labial region bluntly rounded, lips fused, tip of the anterior end often with much thicker cuticle. There are no cuticularised plates or other refractive structures around the anterior end. Inner labial sensilla invisible if present. Outer labial sensilla on the apical surface of the labial region. Of the outer labial sensilla, only lateral ones are often clearly visible under the light microscope, located half way between the tip of the lip region and the anterior margin of the amphid. Cephalic sensilla setiform; their bases located at the base of the labial region, at various levels relative to the anterior edge of the amphid. Subcephalic and cervical sensilla, deirid and ocelli absent. Amphids usually similar in shape and size between sexes, sexual dimorphism, if present, is reflected in the relative length of the amphid or its sections: amphidial fovea an inverted U-shape with its ventral limb as long as or longer than the dorsal limb. Space between the amphidial limbs is variable in size (narrow or wide). Two species with the amphid in a shape of a longitudinal slit, assumed to be formed due to the reduction of the dorsal limb (Thanh and Gagarin 2011, Thanh et al. 2012). Amphidial glands often large, located at the level with the posterior part of the pharynx. Secretory-excretory system usually present; renette cell located opposite to the anterior part of intestine. Secretory-excretory ampulla present, located at the level of the intestine in the majority of species (if known). Cuticularised secretory-excretory duct very short, opens to the exterior via a pore, located at the level of the anterior part of intestine, except for *C. amphidialis*, in which it opens to the outside on the labial region. Nerve ring surrounding pharyngo-intestinal junction, just posterior to the muscular pharynx. Buccal cavity small and undifferentiated: cheilostom broad cylindrical, without rhabdia or sclerotisations; gymnostom and stegostom undifferentiated, closed or funnel-shaped, its slender lining continuous with that of the pharynx. Pharyngeal tubes absent. Pharynx uniformly muscular, cylindrical or fusiform, without visible subdivisions, with evenly distributed myofilaments; pharyngeal lumen uniform in thickness along the entire pharynx length; valves absent. Number and arrangement of pharyngeal glands and their orifices unclear. Cardia elongate, glandular. Tail conoid or subcylindrical, in some species with clavate terminal part. Three caudal glands present, their bodies and nuclei are incaudal; they open via a common spinneret.

**Female** reproductive system didelphic-amphidelphic with equally developed branches, ovaries outstretched. Spermatheca present in some species. Vulva equatorial, transverse (when described). Vagina straight; *pars proximalis vaginae* encircled by single sphincter muscle; *pars refringens vaginae* and epiptygmata absent. Tail most commonly with one pair of ventrosublateral setae located along the middle of the tail and one pair of sublateral setae located subterminally. Rectum short.
Male reproductive system doric, testes opposed: anterior testis outstretched and posterior testis reflexed. Spicules paired and symmetrical, arcuate, with weakly defined manubrium and subcylindrical shaft. Gubernaculum plate-like, without strongly developed apophysis. Some species with 2-5 precloacal supplements arranged midventrally; ventrosublateral precloacal and postcloacal sensilla absent. Tail most commonly with two pairs of ventrosublateral setae located along the posterior half of the tail and one pair of sublateral setae located subterminally.

Valid species

Campylaimus abnormis Nguyen Vu Thanh & Gagarin, 2011 (Thanh and Gagarin 2011)

Campylaimus amphidialis Fadeeva, Mordukhovich & Zograf, 2016 (Fadeeva et al. 2016)

Campylaimus arquatus Villares, Martelli, Lo Russo & Pastor, 2013 (Villares et al. 2013)

Campylaimus bonariensis Villares, Martelli, Lo Russo & Pastor, 2013 (Villares et al. 2013)

Campylaimus cylindricus Gerlach, 1956 (Gerlach 1956)

Campylaimus gerlachi Timm, 1961 (Gerlach 1950, Timm 1961)

Campylaimus gracilis Nguyen Vu Thanh, Nguyen Thanh Hien & Gagarin, 2012 (Thanh et al. 2012)

Campylaimus inaequalis Cobb, 1920 (Cobb 1920)

Campylaimus lefeverei Gerlach, 1956 (Gerlach 1956)

Campylaimus longispiculus sp. n.

Campylaimus minor Timm, 1961 (Timm 1961)

Campylaimus minutus Fadeeva, Mordukhovich & Zograf, 2016 (Fadeeva et al. 2016)

Campylaimus mirus Gerlach, 1950 (Gerlach 1956)

Campylaimus orientalis Fadeeva, Mordukhovich & Zograf, 2016 (Fadeeva et al. 2016)

Campylaimus patagonicus Villares, Martelli, Lo Russo & Pastor, 2013 (Villares et al. 2013)

Campylaimus ponticus Sergeeva, 1981 (Sergeeva 1981)

Campylaimus pulcher Fadeeva, Mordukhovich & Zograf, 2016 (Fadeeva et al. 2016)

Campylaimus rimatus Vitiello, 1974 (Vitiello 1974)
Campylaimus siwaschensis Sergeeva, 1981 (Sergeeva 1981)

Campylaimus striatus Boucher & Helléouët, 1977 (Boucher and Helléouët 1977)

Campylaimus tkatchevi Tchesunov, 1978 (Tchesunov 1978)

Campylaimus triclados sp. n.

Nomen nudum

Campylaimus abditus Bussau, 1993 (Bussau 1993)

Campylaimus gerlachi Timm, 1961

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Materials

a. waterBody: Baltic; country: Sweden; maximumDepthInMeters: 0.02; verbatimLatitude: 58°46,00'N; verbatimLongitude: 17°49,52'E; year: 2011; month: 5; day: 26; habitat: Soft sediment; individualCount: 3; sex: 2 females, 1 male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177084; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

b. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäcks skil; minimumDepthInMeters: 8; maximumDepthInMeters: 15; verbatimLatitude: 58°15,09'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,54'E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 11; habitat: Muddy sand; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177085; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

c. waterBody: Baltic; country: Sweden; locality: Öregrund; minimumDepthInMeters: 38; maximumDepthInMeters: 38; verbatimLatitude: 60°24,21'N; verbatimLongitude: 18°29,10'E; year: 2011; month: 5; day: 19; habitat: Soft mud with clay; individualCount: 2; sex: 1 female, 1 juvenile; catalogNumber: SMNH-177086; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

d. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 45; maximumDepthInMeters: 55; verbatimLatitude: 58°17,32'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°11,24'E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 9; habitat: Coarse sediment with algae; individualCount: 2; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177087; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

e. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 30; maximumDepthInMeters: 70; verbatimLatitude: 58°22,14'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°05,00'E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 9; habitat: Gravel, mud, algae; individualCount: 2; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177088; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

f. waterBody: Baltic; country: Sweden; maximumDepthInMeters: 0.02; verbatimLatitude: 58°46,00'N; verbatimLongitude: 17°49,52'E; year: 2011; month: 5; day: 26; habitat: Soft sediment; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177089; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

g. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 139; maximumDepthInMeters: 153; verbatimLatitude: 58°34,19'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°38,20'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 12; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 1;
amphid. It originates at level with anterior edge of amphid, extends posteriorly as two alae narrow, appearing externally as two straight lines encompassing entire length of amphid. Space between dorsal and ventral limbs of amphid not developed (Fig. 2a). Lateral alae narrow, appearing externally as two straight lines encompassing entire length of amphid. It originates at level with anterior edge of amphid, extends posteriorly as two alae narrow, appearing externally as two straight lines encompassing entire length of amphid. Space between dorsal and ventral limbs of amphid not developed (Fig. 2a). 

**Description**

**Measurements.** Table 1. Adult. Figs 1, 2, 3. Cuticle without longitudinal striation. Space between dorsal and ventral limbs of amphid not developed (Fig. 2a). Lateral alae narrow, appearing externally as two straight lines encompassing entire length of amphid. It originates at level with anterior edge of amphid, extends posteriorly as two
lines parallel and very close to ventral limb of the amphid (Fig. 2b) and ends at level of posterior fifth of tail by merging with posterior end of ventral limb of amphid (Fig. 3c, d). Secretory-excretory pore opens posterior to cardia, at level with anterior part of intestine (Fig. 2d). Tail with clavate terminal part. **Male.** Anteriormost edge of amphid positioned just posterior to oral opening. Dorsal limb of amphid extends for a short distance posteriorly, equal to 2.2–2.7 labial region diameters in length. Ventral limb of amphid extends along entire body to posterior fifth of tail. Ventral limb of amphid is 1.0–1.5 wider than dorsal limb. Spicules with rounded manubrium and subcylindrical, arcuate shaft (Fig. 3a). Gubernaculum with dorsal apophysis (Fig. 3b). Precloacal supplements/sensilla invisible in current specimens. Two pairs of ventrosublateral setae located along posterior half of tail and one pair of sublateral setae located subterminally. **Female.** Anteriormost edge of amphid positioned just posterior to oral opening. Dorsal limb of amphid extends for a short distance posteriorly, equal to 2.1–2.3 labial region diameters in length. Ventral limb of amphid extends along entire body to posterior fifth of tail. Ventral limb of amphid is 1.5 wider than dorsal limb. Vagina straight (Fig. 2e, f). One pair of ventrosublateral setae located along middle of tail and one pair of sublateral setae located subterminally.

Table 1.
Morphometrics of *Campylaimus gerlachi* Timm, 1961 and *Campylaimus minutus* Fadeeva, Mordukhovich & Zograf, 2016.

| Species          | C. gerlachi     | C. minutus     |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Number and gender| 3 males | 4 females | 2 males | 5 females |
| Body length      | 416 (373–471) | 449 (343–515) | 504; 382 | 422±80 (355–555) |
| Body diameter    | 15 (14–16) | 20 (18–23) | 14; 14 | 19±5 (12–26) |
| Pharyngeal region length | 84 (77–91) | 94 (68–110) | 84; 86 | 85±15 (70–107) |
| Tail length      | 68 (61–75) | 84 (65–98) | 58; 60 | 59±12 (49–79) |
| Cloacal/anal body diameter | 13 (12–13) | 12 (11–12) | 12; 12 | 12±5 (8–19) |
| a                | 28 (26–30) | 22 (19–26) | 35; 28 | 24±5 (20–32) |
| b                | 5.0 (4.8–5.2) | 4.8 (4.4–5.2) | 6.0; 4.4 | 5.2±0.5 (4.6–5.7) |
| c                | 6.1 (5.9–6.3) | 5.3 (5.3–5.5) | 8.7; 6.4 | 7.2±0.2 (7.0–7.5) |
| c’               | 5.3 (4.7–5.7) | 7.3 (5.5–8.9) | 4.6; 5.1 | 5.3±0.9 (4.1–6.0) |
| V                | –              | 52 (50–53) | – | 53±1 (52–54) |
| Labial region diameter | 8       | 8 (8–9) | 7; 6 | 6±1 (5–8) |
| Cephalic setae length | 2        | 2 (1–2) | 2; 2 | 1 |
| Subdorsal setae bases from anterior end | 9 (9–10) | 10 (8–13) | 8; 7 | 8±3 (6–10) |
| Subventral setae bases from anterior end | 9 (8–10) | 8 | 7; 7 | 7±2 (5–8) |
| Oral opening from anterior end | 5 (3–6) | 5 (4–6) | 5; 5 | 4±1 (3–6) |
Species | C. gerlachi | C. minutus
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Amphid from anterior end | 6 (6–7) | 5; 5 | 6±1 (5–6)
Dorsal amphideal limb length | 19 (18–21) | 19 (17–19) | 15; 14 | 13±2 (11–17)
Dorsal amphideal limb width | 2 (1–2) | 1; 1 | 2 (1–2)
Ventral amphideal limb width | 2 | 2 | 1; 2 | 2±1 (2–3)
Annules width at mid-body | 2 | 1 (1–2) | ?; 1 | 1 (1–2)
Lateral field width | 3 (2–3) | 3 (2–3) | 2; 3 | 3±1 (2–4)
Vagina or spicules length | 18 (14–22) | 4 (3–5) | 16; 16 | 4±1 (3–6)
Rectum or Gubernaculum length | 4 (3–5) | 14 (11–17) | 3; 3 | 11±3 (9–16)

Figure 1. Campylaimus gerlachi Timm, 1961 (scale bars = 20 µm, PIJ = pharyngo-intestinal junction/cardia, EP = secretory-excretory pore): a: female tail; b: female pharyngeal region; c: male pharyngeal region; d: male caudal region.

**Diagnosis**

Body 0.34–0.52 mm long; cuticle without longitudinal striation; anteriormost edge of amphid just posterior to oral opening; dorsal limb of amphid equal to 2.2–2.7 labial region diameters in male, 2.1–2.3 labial region diameters in female; ventral limb of amphid extends towards posterior fifth of tail in both female and male; ventral limb of amphid is 1.0–1.5 wider than dorsal limb; interamphideal space absent; secretory-excretory pore opens posterior to cardia; spicules 14–22 µm long; precloacal supplements indistinct; tail equal to 4.7–8.9 anal body diameters in length, with clavate terminal part.
Figure 2.
Campyliamus gerlachi Timm, 1961 (scale bars = 20 µm):

a: anterior end, surface view showing amphid (ventral side to the left)  doi
b: lateral alae at mid-body, surface view  doi
c: nerve ring surrounding pharyngo-intestinal junction (arrow)  doi
d: secretory-excretory pore at level with anterior part of intestine (arrow)  doi
e: vulval region  doi
f: vulval region  doi
Taxon discussion

Originally described as *C. inaequalis* by Gerlach (1950) and subsequently renamed into *C. gerlachi* by Timm (1961), the species was described from the Kiel Bay (Gerlach 1950), the Bay of Bengal (Timm 1961) and from the Yellow Sea (Huang and Zhang 2006), not accounting for published records from other parts of the world which were not accompanied by the proper species descriptions. Recent specimens and populations described by Gerlach (1950), Huang and Zhang (2006), Timm (1961) are united by a combination of the following characters: body less than 0.7 mm long, dorsal limb of the amphid equal to 2–3 labial region diameters in length, ventral limb of the amphid extends towards the posterior part of the tail, but does not reach the tail tip,
both limbs of roughly equal width and the tail terminus clavate in shape. Villares et al. (2013) found a single male from Argentina with two precloacal supplements, which they also described under the name C. gerlachi. Unfortunately, since the description of this specimen does not cover all diagnostic features, it is impossible to verify the taxonomic position of the specimen and compare it to the population of C. gerlachi found in Sweden.

Campylaimus minutus Fadeeva, Mordukhovich & Zograf, 2016

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### Materials

| a. | waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 139; maximumDepthInMeters: 153; verbatimLatitude: 58°34,19'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°38,20'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 12; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 4; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177090; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018 |
| b. | waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 139; maximumDepthInMeters: 153; verbatimLatitude: 58°34,19'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°38,20'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 12; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177091; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018 |
| c. | waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, Kristineberg-Lysekil; minimumDepthInMeters: 53; maximumDepthInMeters: 53; verbatimLatitude: 58°15,73'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°26,10'E; year: 2014; month: 8; day: 14; habitat: Mud; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177093; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018 |
| d. | waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, Kristineberg-Lysekil; minimumDepthInMeters: 53; maximumDepthInMeters: 53; verbatimLatitude: 58°15,73'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°26,10'E; year: 2014; month: 8; day: 14; habitat: Mud; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177093; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018 |
| e. | waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 139; maximumDepthInMeters: 153; verbatimLatitude: 58°34,19'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°38,20'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 12; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 3; sex: 2 females, 1 male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177124; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018 |
| f. | waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 139; maximumDepthInMeters: 153; verbatimLatitude: 58°34,19'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°38,20'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 12; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177125; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018 |

### Description

**Measurements.** Table 1. Adult. Figs 4, 5. Cuticle without longitudinal striation. Space between dorsal and ventral limbs of amphid not developed. Lateral alae narrow, appearing externally as two straight lines encompassing entire length of amphid. It
originates at level with anterior edge of amphid, extends posteriorly as two lines parallel and very close to ventral limb of amphid and ends close to tail tip by merging with posterior end of ventral limb of amphid (Fig. 5d). Secretory-excretory pore opens posterior to cardia, at level with anterior part of intestine. Tail with conoid terminal part. Male. Anteriormost edge of amphid positioned at level with oral opening. Dorsal limb of amphid extends for a short distance posteriorly, equal to 2.2 labial region diameters in length. Ventral limb of amphid extends along entire body to terminal part of tail. Ventral limb of the amphid is 1.0–1.5 wider than dorsal limb. Spicules with rounded manubrium and subcylindrical, arcuate shaft. Gubernaculum platelike, without apophysis. Precloacal supplements indistinct/absent. Female. Anteriormost edge of amphid positioned just posterior to or at level with oral opening. Dorsal limb of amphid extends for a short distance posteriorly, equal to 1.6–2.6 labial region diameters in length. Ventral limb of amphid extends along entire body to terminal part of tail. Ventral limb of amphid is 1.5–2.0 wider than dorsal limb. Vagina straight (Fig. 5c). One pair of ventrosublateral setae located along the middle of tail and one pair of sublateral setae located subterminally.

Figure 4. doi
Campylaimus minutus Fadeeva, Mordukhovich & Zograf, 2016 (scale bars = 20 µm, PIJ = pharyngo-intestinal junction/cardia, EP = secretory-excretory pore): a: female tail; b: female pharyngeal region; c: male pharyngeal region; d: male caudal region.

Diagnosis

Body 0.36–0.56 mm long; cuticle without longitudinal striation; anteriormost edge of amphid at level with oral opening; dorsal limb of amphid equal to 2.2 labial region diameters in male, 1.6–2.6 labial region diameters in female; ventral limb of amphid extends towards terminal part of tail in both female and male; ventral limb of amphid is 1.0–2.0 times wider than dorsal limb; interamphideal space absent; secretory-excretory pore opens posterior to cardia; spicules 16 µm long; precloacal supplements indistinct; tail equal to 4.1–6.0 anal body diameters in length, with conoid terminal part.
Taxon discussion

Recent specimens are nearly identical with the type population of *C. minutus* from the Sea of Japan (Fadeeva et al. 2016) in qualitative and quantitative characters. *C. minutus* was originally distinguished from *C. gerlachi* in having relatively shorter cephalic setae (equal to 20% vs. 50% of the labial region width in length) and relatively shorter tail (<5 vs. >5 anal body diameters in length). As pointed out in the discussion, length of cephalic setae is often impossible to measure correctly, while the relative length of the tail in the *C. gerlachi* from Kiel Bay is exactly 5 (Gerlach 1950). Two species can however be distinguished from each other by the shape of the tail (clavate in *C. gerlachi* vs. conoid in *C. minutus*, see also Figure 5B in Fadeeva et al. (2016)) and in the position of the posterior end of the amphid (at a distance from the tail
terminus in *C. gerlachi* vs. close to the tail terminus in *C. minutus*). Female specimen depicted on the Figures 5F-G in Fadeeva et al. (2016) could belong to *C. gerlachi* instead.

**Campylaimus tchatchevi** Tchesunov, 1978

- Nemys [http://nemys.ugent.be/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&id=878597](http://nemys.ugent.be/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&id=878597)

**Materials**

- **a.** waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäckskil; minimumDepthInMeters: 40; maximumDepthInMeters: 50; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,40'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,46'E; year: 2010; month: 8; day: 21; habitat: Mud; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177075; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; datadefined: 2018

- **b.** waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, Kristineberg-Lysekil; minimumDepthInMeters: 53; maximumDepthInMeters: 53; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,73'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°26,10'E; year: 2014; month: 8; day: 14; habitat: Mud; individualCount: 1; catalogNumber: SMNH-177094; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; datadefined: 2018

- **c.** waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäckskil; minimumDepthInMeters: 8; maximumDepthInMeters: 15; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,09'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,54'E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 11; habitat: Muddy sand; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177096; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; datadefined: 2018

- **d.** waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 352; maximumDepthInMeters: 374; verbatimLatitude: 58°19,18'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°29,34'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 10; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177103; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; datadefined: 2018

- **e.** waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 55; maximumDepthInMeters: 70; verbatimLatitude: 58°22,19'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°04,55'E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 9; habitat: Mud and clay; individualCount: 2; sex: 1 female, 1 male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177113; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; datadefined: 2018

- **f.** waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, Kristineberg-Lysekil; minimumDepthInMeters: 53; maximumDepthInMeters: 53; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,73'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°26,10'E; year: 2014; month: 8; day: 14; habitat: Mud; individualCount: 2; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177114; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; datadefined: 2018

- **g.** waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, Klubban; verbatimLatitude: 58°15,03'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,54'E; year: 2014; month: 8; day: 14; habitat: Shells, gravel, sand, mud; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177117; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; datadefined: 2018

- **h.** waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäckskil; minimumDepthInMeters: 44; maximumDepthInMeters: 44; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,63'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,72'E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 11; habitat: Soft mud; individualCount: 3; sex: 1 female, 2 juveniles; catalogNumber: SMNH-177118; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; datadefined: 2018
Description

**Measurements.** Table 2. Adult. Figs 6, 7. Cuticle without longitudinal striation. Space between dorsal and ventral limbs of amphid not developed. Lateral alae broad, appearing externally as two crenate lines encompassing entire length of amphid. It originates at level with anterior edge of amphid, extends posteriorly as two lines parallel to and widely spaced from ventral limb of the amphid (Fig. 7c, d) and ends at level of posterior fourth of tail by merging with posterior end of ventral limb of amphid. Secretory-excretory pore opens posterior to cardia, at level with anterior part of intestine (Fig. 7f). Tail with clavate terminal part. Male. Anteriormost edge of amphid positioned at level with oral opening. Dorsal limb of amphid extends for a short distance posteriorly, equal to 2.1–2.6 labial region diameters in length. Ventral limb of amphid extends along entire body to terminal part of tail. Ventral limb of amphid is 1.7–2.0 times wider than dorsal limb. Spicules with rounded manubrium and conoid, arcuate shaft. Gubernaculum platelike, without apophysis. Precoecal supplements absent/indistinct. Two pairs of ventral sublateral setae located along posterior half of tail and one pair of sublateral setae located between posterior end of lateral alae and tail terminus. Female. Anteriormost edge of amphid positioned at level with oral opening. Dorsal limb of amphid extends for a short distance posteriorly, equal to 1.8–2.4 labial region diameters in length. Ventral limb of amphid extends along entire body to terminal part of tail. Ventral limb of amphid is 1.7–2.5 times wider than dorsal limb. Vagina straight (Fig. 7e). One pair of ventral sublateral setae located along middle of tail and one pair of sublateral setae located close to posterior end of lateral alae.

| Species                        | C. tkatchevi | C. siwaschensis | C. lefeverei |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Number and gender              | 4 males      | 3 females       | 1 female     | 1 female     |
| Body length                    | 658 (604–704)| 636 (562–730)   | 606          | 959          |
| Body diameter                  | 26 (23–28)   | 29 (23–34)      | 28           | 25           |
| Pharyngeal region length       | 120 (116–124)| 117 (110–126)   | 88           | 131          |
### Table 1: Measurements of the species of Campylaimus Cobb, 1920

| Species          | C. tkatchevi | C. siwaschensis | C. lefeverei |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Tail length      | 116 (109–128)| 109 (100–119)   | 93           | 210          |
| Cloacal/anal body diameter | 21 (19–23)  | 20 (19–21)      | 16           | 14           |
| a                | 25 (24–27)   | 22 (18–25)      | 22           | 39           |
| b                | 5.5 (5.1–6.1)| 5.4 (5.1–5.8)   | 6.9          | 7.3          |
| c                | 5.7 (5.4–6.0)| 6.2 (6.1–6.2)   | 6.5          | 4.6          |
| c'               | 5.5 (5.2–5.6)| 5.4 (4.8–5.9)   | 5.8          | 14.5         |
| V                | –            | 52 (52–53)      | 49           | 47           |
| Labial region diameter | 11 (10–12)  | 11 (11–12)      | 12           | 14           |
| Cephalic setae length | 2 (2–3)     | 2 (1–2)         | 2            | 4            |
| Subdorsal setae bases from anterior end | 14 (14–15)  | 13 (12–14)      | 8            | 8            |
| Subventral setae bases from anterior end | 11 (10–13)  | 11 (10–13)      | 6            | 7            |
| Oral opening from anterior end | 9 (8–10)    | 8 (8–9)         | 2            | 1            |
| Amphid from anterior end | 8 (8–10)    | 9 (8–11)        | 3            | 4            |
| Dorsal amphideal limb length | 27 (26–28) | 24 (20–28)     | 14           | 22           |
| Dorsal amphideal limb width | 2           | 2 (1–2)        | 2            | 2            |
| Ventral amphideal limb width | 4 (3–4)    | 4 (3–4)        | 3            | 6            |
| Annules width at mid-body | 3 (2–3)     | 2               | 1            | 2            |
| Lateral field width | 8 (7–8)     | 7 (5–8)        | 3            | 12           |
| Vagina or spicules length | 28 (27–30) | 7 (6–8)        | 6            | 5            |
| Rectum or Gubernaculum length | 7 (6–8)    | 23 (22–26)     | 18           | 19           |

**Figure 6.** [doi](#)

*Campylaimus tkatchevi* Tchesunov, 1978 (scale bars = 20 µm, PIJ = pharyngo-intestinal junction/cardia, EP = secretory-excretory pore): a: female tail; b: female pharyngeal region; c: male pharyngeal region; d: male caudal region.
Figure 7.

*Campylaimus tkatchevi* Tchesunov, 1978 (scale bars = 20 µm):

a: anterior end, surface view showing anterior part of amphid (ventral side to the left)

b: anterior end, surface view showing anterior part of amphid (ventral side to the left)

c: lateral alae at mid-body, surface view

d: lateral alae at mid-body, surface view

e: vulval region

f: secretory-excretory pore at level with anterior part of intestine (arrow)
Diagnosis

Body 0.56–0.73 mm long; cuticle without longitudinal striation; anteriormost edge of amphid at level with oral opening; dorsal limb of amphid equal to 2.1–2.6 labial region diameters in male, 1.8–2.4 labial region diameters in female; ventral limb of amphid extends towards posterior fourth of tail in both female and male; ventral limb of amphid is 1.7–2.5 wider than dorsal limb; interamphideal space absent; secretory-excretory pore opens posterior to cardia; spicules 27–30 µm long; precloacal supplements indistinct; tail equal to 4.8–5.9 anal body diameters in length, with clavate terminal part.

Taxon discussion

In having relatively long dorsal branch of the amphid, broad ventral branch of the amphid and clavate tail, recent specimens are most similar to C. tkatchevi described from the Caspian Sea (Tchesunov 1978), differing only in somewhat longer body (0.56–0.73 mm vs. 0.45–0.61 mm in the type population) and spicules (27–30 µm vs. 23 µm in the type population).

Campylaimus siwaschensis Sergeeva, 1981

- Nemys [http://nemys.ugent.be/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&id=230033](http://nemys.ugent.be/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&id=230033)

Material

Holotype:

- waterBody: Baltic; country: Sweden; maximumDepthInMeters: 0.02; verbatimLatitude: 58°46.00'N; verbatimLongitude: 17°49.52'E; year: 2011; month: 5; day: 26; habitat: Soft sediment; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177089; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

Description

Measurements. Table 2. Adult. Figs 8, 9. Cuticle without longitudinal striation. Space between dorsal and ventral limbs of amphid not developed. Lateral alae narrow, appearing externally as two straight lines encompassing entire length of amphid. It originates at level with anterior edge of amphid, extends posteriorly as two lines parallel and very close to ventral limb of amphid and ends at level of posterior fifth of tail (Fig. 9c) by merging with posterior end of ventral limb of amphid. Secretory-excretory pore opens posterior to cardia, at level with anterior part of intestine. Tail with clavate terminal part. Male. Not found. Female. Anteriormost edge of amphid positioned just posterior to oral opening. Dorsal limb of amphid extends for a short distance posteriorly, equal to 1.2 labial region diameters in length. Ventral limb of amphid extends along entire body to terminal part of tail. Ventral limb of amphid is 1.3 times wider than dorsal limb. Vagina straight. One pair of ventrosublateral setae located along middle of tail and one pair of dorsosublateral setae located half way between posterior end of lateral alae and tal terminus.
Figure 8. *Campyloximus siwaschensis* Sergeeva, 1981 (c-d) and *C. lefeverei* Gerlach, 1956 (a-b) (scale bars = 20 µm, PIJ = pharyngo-intestinal junction/cardia, EP = secretory-excretory pore): a, c: female pharyngeal region; b, d: female tail.

Figure 9. *Campyloximus siwaschensis* Sergeeva, 1981 (scale bars = 20 µm):

a: anterior end, median section (ventral side to the left)

b: anterior end, surface view showing anterior part of amphid (ventral side to the left)

c: caudal region, surface view showing posterior end of amphid and lateral alae (arrow)
Diagnosis

Body 0.6 mm long; cuticle without longitudinal striation; anteriormost edge of amphid posterior to oral opening; dorsal limb of amphid equal to 1.2 labial region diameters in female; ventral limb of amphid extends towards posterior fifth of tail; ventral limb of amphid is 1.3 wider than dorsal limb; interamphideal space absent; secretory-excretory pore opens posterior to cardia; tail equal to 5.8 anal body diameters in length, with clavate terminal part.

Taxon discussion

This species was originally described from the Lake Syvash, based on a single female (Sergeeva 1981). The original description has crucial disagreements between the text and the illustration of the species regarding the size of the dorsal amphideal limb: the text states that the dorsal limb of the amphid is 23.3 µm long, but the illustration shows it to be only around 12–13 µm long. Recent specimen collected in the Baltic is similar to the holotype female in most body measurements and specifically in relatively short dorsal amphideal limb (12–13 µm vs. 14 µm in recent specimen), if the illustration of the holotype is to be trusted.

Campylaimus lefeverei Gerlach, 1956

- Nemys http://nemys.ugent.be/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&id=121402

Material

- waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, Kvarnbukten; minimumDepthInMeters: 5; maximumDepthInMeters: 5; year: 2010; month: 8; day: 27; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177077; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

Description

Measurements. Table 2. Adult. Figs 8, 10. Cuticle without longitudinal striation. Space between dorsal and ventral limbs of amphid not developed. Lateral alae broad, appearing externally as two crenate lines encompassing entire length of the amphid. It originates at level with anterior edge of amphid, extends posteriorly as two lines parallel to and widely spaced from ventral limb of amphid (Fig. 10f) and ends at level of posterior fourth of tail by merging with posterior end of ventral limb of amphid. Interamphideal space absent. Cardia extremely long, more than corresponding body diameter in length. Secretory-excretory pore opens posterior to cardia, at level with anterior part of intestine (Fig. 10d). Tail with clavate terminal part. Male. Not found. Female. Anteriormost edge of amphid posterior to oral opening. Dorsal limb of amphid extends for a short distance posteriorly, equal to 1.6 labial region diameters in length. Ventral limb of amphid extends along entire body to posterior fourth of tail. Ventral limb of amphid is 3 times wider than dorsal limb. Vagina straight (Fig. 10e). Spermatheca absent, spermatheza in uterus. One pair of ventrosublateral setae located along
middle of tail and one pair of dorsosublateral setae located just behind posterior end of the lateral alae.

Figure 10. 
Campylaimus lefeverei Gerlach, 1956 (scale bars = 20 µm):

a: anterior end, median section (ventral side to the right)

b: anterior end, surface view showing anterior part of amphid (ventral side to the right)

c: nerve ring surrounding pharyngo-intestinal junction (arrow)

d: secretory-excretory pore at level with anterior part of intestine (arrow)

e: vulval region

f: lateral alae at mid-body, surface view
Diagnosis

Body 0.96 mm long; cuticle without longitudinal striation; anteriormost edge of amphid posterior to oral opening; dorsal limb of amphid equal to 1.6 labial region diameters in female; ventral limb of amphid extends towards posterior fourth of tail; ventral limb of amphid is 3 times wider than dorsal limb; interamphideal space absent; secretory-excretory pore opens posterior to cardia; tail equal to 14.5 anal body diameters in length, with clavate terminal part.

Taxon discussion

Original description of this species is based on two specimens, a male and a female (Gerlach 1956) while the recent specimen is a female. Both populations are similar in the morphology of the anterior end: position of the oral opening anterior to the anteriormost edge of the amphid and in the shape of the amphid without interamphideal space, with ventral limb of the amphid extending towards tail tip and the dorsal limb of the amphid 1.6–1.7 times the labial region diameter in length. Observed differences between the two populations include much smaller body of the recently collected female (959 µm vs. 1553–1555 µm in the original description) and thus smaller measurements of a number of characters (length of cephalic setae, length of dorsal limb of the amphid etc.). Since inter- and intraspecific variability in species of the genus *Campylaimus* are currently poorly understood and since no qualitative differences can be found between these two populations, they are considered here to belong to the same species.

*Campylaimus rimatus* Vitiello, 1974

- Nemys [http://nemys.ugent.be/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&id=161218](http://nemys.ugent.be/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&id=161218)

**Materials**

a. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 352; maximumDepthInMeters: 374; verbatimLatitude: 58°19.18’N; verbatimLongitude: 10°29.34’E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 10; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177072; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

b. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 232; maximumDepthInMeters: 240; verbatimLatitude: 58°27.40’N; verbatimLongitude: 10°33.56’E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 12; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177073; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

c. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 139; maximumDepthInMeters: 153; verbatimLatitude: 58°34.19’N; verbatimLongitude: 10°38.20’E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 12; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 2; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177074; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

d. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 390; maximumDepthInMeters: 428; verbatimLatitude: 58°22.30’N; verbatimLongitude:
10°20,33'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 10; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177095; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

e. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäckskil; minimumDepthInMeters: 30; maximumDepthInMeters: 39; verbatimLatitude: 58°15,13'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,31'E; year: 2010; month: 8; day: 21; habitat: Mud; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177097; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

f. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 180; maximumDepthInMeters: 216; verbatimLatitude: 58°28,16'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°37,04'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 11; habitat: Hard bottom; individualCount: 2; sex: 1 female, 1 male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177102; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

g. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 232; maximumDepthInMeters: 240; verbatimLatitude: 58°27,40'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°20,33'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 10; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 3; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177104; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

h. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 248; maximumDepthInMeters: 316; verbatimLatitude: 58°28,22'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°29,39'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 11; habitat: Mixed bottom; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177105; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

i. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 390; maximumDepthInMeters: 428; verbatimLatitude: 58°22,30'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°20,33'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 10; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 2; sex: 1 female, 1 male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177106; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

j. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 351; maximumDepthInMeters: 387; verbatimLatitude: 58°22,19'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°23,50'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 10; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 3; sex: 2 females, 1 male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177107; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

k. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 221; maximumDepthInMeters: 260; verbatimLatitude: 58°28,30'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°33,22'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 11; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 2; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177123; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

l. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäckskil; minimumDepthInMeters: 30; maximumDepthInMeters: 30; verbatimLatitude: 58°15,25'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,30'E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 11; habitat: Soft mud; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH TYPE-9206 (same slide as C. triclados); identifiedBy: Oleksandr Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

Description

Measurements. Table 3. Adult. Figs 11, 12, 13, 14. Cuticle without longitudinal striation. Lateral pair of outer labial sensilla distinct in some specimens, located halfway between tip of lip region and anterior margin of amphid (Fig. 12a). Space between
dorsal and ventral limbs of amphid developed. Lateral alae narrow, appearing externally as smooth uniform band with straight margins (Fig. 13e), but with distinct subcuticular channel and crenate margins when focused midway (Fig. 13f). It originates at posterior end of dorsal limb of amphid and ends in a small expansion at basis of clavate part of tail. Secretory-excretory pore opens posterior to cardia, at level with anterior part of intestine (Fig. 13c, d). Tail with clavate terminal part. Male. Anteriormost edge of amphid positioned anterior to oral opening. Dorsal limb of amphid extends for a short distance posteriorly, equal to 2.2–2.6 labial region diameters in length. Ventral limb of amphid extends along pharyngeal region to level of midpharynx; 1.9–2.4 times the length of dorsal limb. Ventral limb of amphid is as wide as dorsal limb. Interamphideal space extends along pharyngeal region to same level as ventral limb. Spicules with rounded manubrium and conoid, arcuate shaft; distinct velum. Gubernaculum with weak caudal apophysis, often hard to discern. One small precloacal papilliform sensillum located on 5th–6th annule anterior to cloacal opening (Fig. 14a, b). Second precloacal pore-like sensillum located on 11th annule anterior to cloacal opening (Fig. 14a, b). Two pairs of ventrosublateral setae located along posterior half of tail and one pair of dorsosublateral setae located subterminally. Female. Anteriormost edge of amphid positioned anterior to oral opening. Dorsal limb of amphid extends for a short distance posteriorly, equal to 1.9–2.2 labial region diameters in length. Ventral limb of amphid extends along pharyngeal region to level of midpharynx; 1.6–1.9 times the length of dorsal limb. Ventral limb of amphid is as wide as dorsal limb. Interamphideal space extends along pharyngeal region to same level as ventral limb. Vagina straight. One pair of ventrosublateral setae located along posterior third of tail and one pair of dorsosublateral setae located subterminally.

Table 3.
Morphometrics of *Campylaimus rimatus* Vitiello, 1974 and *Campylaimus orientalis* Fadeeva, Mordukhovich & Zograf, 2016.

| Species          | C. rimatus          | C. orientalis       |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Number and gender| 5 males 4 females   | 3 males 5 females   |
| Body length      | 687±36 (649–732)    | 663 (634–700)       |
|                  | 605 (583–625)       | 616±35 (579–653)    |
| Body diameter    | 28±1 (26–29)        | 34 (28–40)          |
|                  | 25 (22–29)          | 35±8 (25–44)        |
| Pharyngeal region length | 115±4 (112–121)  | 109 (103–119) |
|                  | 93 (88–98)          | 101±4 (95–107)      |
| Tail length      | 102±5 (98–109)      | 95 (88–103)         |
|                  | 90 (89–91)          | 92±6 (84–98)        |
| Cloacal/anal body diameter | 23±1 (21–25)   | 20 (17–22)         |
|                  | 21 (19–23)          | 21±2 (18–23)        |
| a                | 25±1 (23–25)        | 20 (17–23)          |
|                  | 24 (21–26)          | 19±4 (15–23)        |
| b                | 6.0±0.2 (5.6–6.2)   | 6.1 (5.8–6.5)       |
|                  | 6.4 (6.2–6.7)       | 6.1±0.5 (5.7–6.9)   |
| c                | 6.7±0.4 (6.3–7.2)   | 7.0 (6.6–7.2)       |
|                  | 6.7 (6.4–7.0)       | 6.7±0.1 (6.6–6.9)   |
| c’               | 4.5±0.5 (4.1–5.1)   | 4.8 (4.4–5.3)       |
|                  | 4.3 (3.9–4.7)       | 4.6±0.5 (4.3–5.3)   |
| Species | C. rimatus | C. orientalis |
|---------|------------|--------------|
| V       | –          | 51 (50–52)   | –                     | 50±1 (49–51) |
| Labial region diameter | 12 (11–12) | 12 (12–12) | 13 (13–14) | 14±1 (13–16) |
| Cephalic setae length | 2 (2–3) | 2 (2–3) | 2 (2–3) | 2 (2–3) |
| Subdorsal setae bases from anterior end | 11 (11–12) | 13 (12–14) | 12 (12–12) | 11±1 (10–12) |
| Subventral setae bases from anterior end | 11±1 (10–12) | 11 (10–12) | 11 | 9±1 (9–11) |
| Oral opening from anterior end | 7 (6–8) | 7 (7–8) | 5 (3–7) | 7±2 (6–10) |
| Amphid from anterior end | 5±1 (3–6) | 4 (4–6) | 4 (2–6) | 3±1 (2–5) |
| Dorsal amphideal limb length | 28±2 (26–31) | 25 (23–26) | 27 (26–30) | 27±2 (26–30) |
| Dorsal amphideal limb width | 2 | 2 | 2 (2–3) | 2±1 (1–3) |
| Ventral amphideal limb length | 62±4 (59–66) | 45 (42–48) | 35 (33–37) | 35±4 (32–43) |
| Ventral amphideal limb width | 2 | 2 | 3 (2–3) | 2 (1–2) |
| Interamphideal space length | 60±3 (57–64) | 42 (39–46) | 32 (31–34) | 31±3 (28–35) |
| Interamphideal space width | 2±1 (2–3) | 2 (2–3) | 3 (2–3) | 3 (2–3) |
| Annules width at mid-body | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Lateral field width | 3±1 (2–4) | 3 (2–3) | 1 | 2 (1–2) |
| Vagina or spicules length | 25±1 (23–26) | 6 (6–7) | 26 (23–27) | 7±1 (7–8) |
| Rectum or Gubernaculum length | 6±2 (4–8) | 19 (18–20) | 6 | 21±2 (18–23) |

**Figure 11.**
*Campylaimus rimatus* Vitiello, 1974 (scale bars = 20 µm, PIJ = pharyngo-intestinal junction/cardia, EP = secretory-excretory pore): a: female tail; b: female pharyngeal region; c: male pharyngeal region; d: male caudal region.
Diagnosis

Body 0.63–0.73 mm long; cuticle without longitudinal striation; anteriormost edge of amphid anterior to oral opening; dorsal limb of amphid equal to 2.2–2.6 labial region diameters in male, 1.9–2.6 labial region diameters in female; ventral limb of amphid extends towards midpharynx in both sexes, 1.9-2.4 times the length of dorsal limb in male and 1.6-1.9 times the length of dorsal limb in female; ventral limb of amphid is as wide as dorsal limb; interamphideal space extends to same level as ventral limb; secretory-excretory pore opens posterior to cardia; spicules 23–26 µm long; two

Figure 12.

Campylaimus rimatus Vitiello, 1974 (scale bars = 20 µm):

a: anterior end of a female, surface view showing amphid (ventral side to the left)
b: anterior end of a female, surface view showing amphid (ventral side to the left)
c: anterior end of a male, surface view showing amphid (ventral side to the left)
d: anterior end of a male, surface view showing amphid (ventral side to the left)
precloacal supplements; tail equal to 4.1–5.3 anal body diameters in length, with clavate terminal part.

Figure 13.
Campylaimus rimatus Vitiello, 1974 (scale bars = 20 µm):
a: anterior end, median section (ventral side to the left)  doi
b: nerve ring surrounding pharyngo-intestinal junction (arrow)  doi
c: secretory-excretory pore at level with anterior part of intestine (arrow)  doi
d: secretory-excretory pore at level with anterior part of intestine (arrow)  doi
e: lateral alae at mid-body, surface view  doi
f: lateral alae at mid-body, subsurface view  doi
Taxon discussion

Original description of this species is based on one male and two females (Vitiello 1974), while recent material includes 11 specimens. Both populations are similar in most body measurements and in the morphology of the anterior end: position of the oral opening posterior to the anteriormost edge of the amphid and in the shape of the amphid with developed interamphideal space, ventral limb of the amphid two times the length of the dorsal limb and extending to the level of the middle of the pharynx. Observed differences between two populations are limited to spicule length (31 µm in the holotype male and 23-26 µm in recent specimens).
Campylaimus orientalis Fadeeva, Mordukhovich & Zograf, 2016

- Nemys [http://nemys.ugent.be/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&id=883821](http://nemys.ugent.be/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&id=883821)

Materials

a. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäckskil; minimumDepthInMeters: 40; maximumDepthInMeters: 50; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,40'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,46'E; year: 2010; month: 8; day: 21; habitat: Mud; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177075; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

b. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 25; maximumDepthInMeters: 50; verbatimLatitude: 58°09,26'E; verbatimLongitude: 11°22,20'N; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 9; habitat: Muddy sand; individualCount: 2; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177078; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

c. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, Kristineberg-Lysekil; minimumDepthInMeters: 53; maximumDepthInMeters: 53; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,73'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°26,10'E; year: 2014; month: 8; day: 14; habitat: Mud; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177079; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

d. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, Kristineberg-Lysekil; minimumDepthInMeters: 20; maximumDepthInMeters: 30; verbatimLatitude: 58° 16,04'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,34'E; year: 2010; month: 8; day: 21; habitat: Mud; individualCount: 3; sex: 1 female, 2 males; catalogNumber: SMNH-177080; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

e. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, Kristineberg-Lysekil; minimumDepthInMeters: 53; maximumDepthInMeters: 53; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,73'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°26,10'E; year: 2014; month: 8; day: 14; habitat: Mud; individualCount: 2; sex: 1 female, 1 male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177081; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

f. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäckskil; minimumDepthInMeters: 40; maximumDepthInMeters: 50; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,40'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,46'E; year: 2010; month: 8; day: 21; habitat: Mud; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177082; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

g. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 139; maximumDepthInMeters: 153; verbatimLatitude: 58°34,19'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°38,20'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 12; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177083; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

h. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, Kristineberg-Lysekil; minimumDepthInMeters: 53; maximumDepthInMeters: 53; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,73'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°26,10'E; year: 2014; month: 8; day: 14; habitat: Mud; individualCount: 4; sex: 3 females, 1 male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177093; identifiedBy: Oleksandr Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

i. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäckskil; minimumDepthInMeters: 30; maximumDepthInMeters: 39; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,13'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,31'E; year: 2010; month: 8; day: 21; habitat: Mud;
j. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäckskil; minimumDepthInMeters: 8; maximumDepthInMeters: 15; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,09'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,54'E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 11; habitat: Muddy sand; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177099; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

k. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 53; maximumDepthInMeters: 53; verbatimLatitude: 58°20,06'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°09,24'E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 9; individualCount: 2; sex: 1 female, 1 male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177100; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

l. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 25; maximumDepthInMeters: 50; verbatimLatitude: 58°22,20'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°09,26'E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 9; habitat: Muddy sand; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177101; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

m. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, Kristineberg-Lysekil; minimumDepthInMeters: 53; maximumDepthInMeters: 53; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,73'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°26,10'E; year: 2014; month: 8; day: 14; habitat: Mud; individualCount: 3; sex: 1 female, 2 males; catalogNumber: SMNH-177114; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

n. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, Klubban; verbatimLatitude: 58°15,03'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,54'E; year: 2014; month: 8; day: 14; habitat: Shells, gravel, sand, mud; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177117; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

o. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäckskil; minimumDepthInMeters: 44; maximumDepthInMeters: 44; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,63'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,72'E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 11; habitat: Soft mud; individualCount: 2; sex: 1 female, 1 male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177118; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

p. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, Kristineberg-Lysekil; minimumDepthInMeters: 53; maximumDepthInMeters: 53; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,73'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°26,10'E; year: 2014; month: 8; day: 14; habitat: Mud; individualCount: 2; sex: 1 female, 1 male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177119; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

q. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord; minimumDepthInMeters: 54; maximumDepthInMeters: 54; verbatimLatitude: 58° 16,00'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°28,00'E; year: 1976; month: 4; day: 12; habitat: Very fine sediment; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177120; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

r. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäckskil; minimumDepthInMeters: 30; maximumDepthInMeters: 30; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,25'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,30'E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 11; habitat: Soft mud; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177122; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

s. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäckskil; minimumDepthInMeters: 30; maximumDepthInMeters: 30; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,25'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,30'E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 11; habitat: Soft mud; individualCount: 2; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH TYPE-9205 (same slide as C. tricladus); identifiedBy: Oleksandr Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018
Measurements. Table 3. Adult. Figs 15, 16, 17. Cuticle without longitudinal striation. Lateral pair of outer labial sensilla distinct in some specimens, located half way between tip of lip region and anterior margin of amphid. Space between dorsal and ventral limbs of amphid developed. Lateral alae narrow, appearing externally as smooth uniform band with straight margins. It originates at posterior end of dorsal limb of amphid and ends in a small expansion at basis of tail tip (Fig. 17f). Secretory-excretory pore opens posterior to cardia, at level with anterior part of intestine. Tail with conoid, gradually narrowing terminal part. Male. Anteriormost edge of amphid positioned anterior to oral opening. Dorsal limb of amphid extends for a short distance posteriorly, equal to 1.9–2.3 labial region diameters in length. Ventral limb of amphid extends along pharyngeal region to level of anterior third of pharynx; 1.2–1.4 times the length of dorsal limb. Ventral limb of amphid is as wide as dorsal limb. Interamphideal space extends along pharyngeal region to same level as ventral limb. Spicules with rounded manubrium and conoid, arcuate shaft. Gubernaculum plate-like, without apophysis. One small precloacal papilliform sensillum located on 6th annule anterior to cloacal opening (Fig. 17c, d). Second precloacal pore-like sensillum located on 10th–11th annule anterior to cloacal opening (Fig. 17c, d). Two pairs of ventrosublateral setae located along posterior half of tail and one pair of dorsosublateral setae located subterminally. Female. Anteriormost edge of amphid positioned anterior to oral opening. Dorsal limb of amphid extends for a short distance posteriorly, equal to 1.6–2.3 labial region diameters in length. Ventral limb of amphid extends along pharyngeal region to level of anterior third of pharynx; 1.2–1.4 times the length of dorsal limb. Ventral limb of amphid is as wide as dorsal limb. Interamphideal space extends along pharyngeal region to same level as ventral limb. Vagina straight. Vulva a transverse slit. One pair of ventrosublateral setae located along posterior third of tail and one pair of dorsosublateral setae located subterminally.

Diagnosis

Body 0.58–0.65 mm long; cuticle without longitudinal striation; anteriormost edge of amphid anterior to oral opening; dorsal limb of amphid equal to 1.9–2.3 labial region diameters in male, 1.6–2.3 labial region diameters in female; ventral limb of amphid extends towards anterior third of pharynx in both sexes, 1.2–1.4 times the length of dorsal limb in both sexes; ventral limb of amphid is as wide as dorsal limb; interamphideal space extends to same level as ventral limb; secretory-excretory pore opens posterior to cardia; spicules 23–27 µm long; two precloacal supplements; tail equal to 3.9–5.3 anal body diameters in length, with conoid terminal part.
Figure 15.  
*Campylaimus orientalis* Fadeeva, Mordukhovich & Zograf, 2016 (scale bars = 20 µm, PIJ = pharyngo-intestinal junction/cardia, EP = secretory-excretory pore): a: female tail; b: female pharyngeal region; c: male pharyngeal region; d: male caudal region.

Figure 16.  
*Campylaimus orientalis* Fadeeva, Mordukhovich & Zograf, 2016 (scale bars = 20 µm):  

a: anterior end, median section (ventral side to the right)  
b: anterior end, surface view showing amphid (ventral side to the right)  
c: nerve ring encircling pharyngo-intestinal junction (arrow)  
d: secretory-excretory pore just posterior to pharyngo-intestinal junction (arrow)
Figure 17.

*Campyliamius orientalis* Fadeeva, Mordukhovich & Zograf, 2016 (scale bars = 20 µm):

a: vulval region

b: male cloacal region showing spicules

c: male cloacal region showing precloacal papilla in lateral view (arrows)

d: male cloacal region showing precloacal papilla in ventrosublateral view (arrows)

e: tail terminus and spinneret in lateral view

f: male tail terminus and spinneret in ventral view showing subterminal caudal setae
**Taxon discussion**

The main distinguishing feature of *C. orientalis* is the shape of the amphid, where the ventral limb is only slightly longer than the dorsal limb and the inter-amphideal space is equal in width to either of the limbs of the amphid (Fadeeva et al. 2016). This feature unites both type population from the Sea of Japan and recently collected specimens from the Skagerrak, with recent specimens only being somewhat smaller in size (0.58–0.65 mm vs. 0.61–0.85 mm in type specimens), which also proportionally affects a number of other characters.

**Campylaimus triclados** Holovachov, 2019, sp. n.

- **ZooBank** urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:E9BF6AF6-E7CF-4EB5-AA10-0F308AF8616E

**Materials**

**Holotype:**

a. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäckskil; minimumDepthInMeters: 30; maximumDepthInMeters: 30; verbatimLatitude: 58°15,25'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,30'E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 11; habitat: Soft mud; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH TYPE-9205; identifiedBy: Oleksandr Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

**Paratypes:**

a. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäckskil; minimumDepthInMeters: 30; maximumDepthInMeters: 30; verbatimLatitude: 58°15,25'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,30'E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 11; habitat: Soft mud; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH TYPE-9207; identifiedBy: Oleksandr Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

b. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäckskil; minimumDepthInMeters: 30; maximumDepthInMeters: 30; verbatimLatitude: 58°15,25'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,30'E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 11; habitat: Soft mud; individualCount: 2; sex: 1 female, 1 male; catalogNumber: SMNH TYPE-9206; identifiedBy: Oleksandr Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

c. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 248; maximumDepthInMeters: 316; verbatimLatitude: 58°28,22'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°29,39'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 11; habitat: Mixed bottom; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177105; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

d. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 248; maximumDepthInMeters: 316; verbatimLatitude: 58°28,22'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°29,39'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 11; habitat: Mixed bottom; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177106; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

e. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 248; maximumDepthInMeters: 316; verbatimLatitude: 58°28,22'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°29,39'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 11; habitat: Mixed bottom; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177107; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

**Other materials:**

a. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 390; maximumDepthInMeters: 428; verbatimLatitude: 58°22,30'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°20,33'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 10; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 2; sex: 1 female, 1 juvenile; catalogNumber: SMNH-177106; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

b. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 390; maximumDepthInMeters: 428; verbatimLatitude: 58°22,30'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°20,33'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 10; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 2; sex: 1 female, 1 juvenile; catalogNumber: SMNH-177106; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

c. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 351; maximumDepthInMeters: 387; verbatimLatitude: 58°22,19'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°23,50'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 10; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 1;
sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177107; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018
d. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäckskil; minimumDepthInMeters: 44; maximumDepthInMeters: 44; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,63′N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,72′E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 11; habitat: Soft mud; individualCount: 2; sex: 1 female, 1 male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177118; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018
e. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäckskil; minimumDepthInMeters: 30; maximumDepthInMeters: 30; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,25′N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,30′E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 11; habitat: Soft mud; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177122; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

Description

Measurements. Table 4. Adult. Figs 18, 19, 20, 21. Cuticle without longitudinal striation. Space between dorsal and ventral limbs of amphid developed. Lateral alae narrow, appearing externally as smooth uniform band with straight margins, but with crenate margins when focused midway. It originates at posterior end of dorsal limb of amphid and gradually disappears at a short distance from the tail tip. Secretory-excretory pore opens posterior to cardia, at level with anterior part of intestine (Fig. 20c, d). Tail with conoid terminal part. Male. Anteriormost edge of amphid positioned anterior to oral opening. Dorsal limb of amphid extends for a short distance posteriorly, equal to 1.6–2.5 labial region diameters in length. Ventral limb of amphid extends along pharyngeal region to level of anterior part of intestine; 4.3–5.5 times the length of dorsal limb. Ventral limb of amphid is as wide as dorsal limb. Interamphideal space extends along pharyngeal region further than posterior end of dorsal limb but not reaching posterior end of ventral limb. Spicules with rounded manubrium and conoid, arcuate shaft; distinct velum. Gubernaculum platelike, without apophysis. One small precloacal papilliform sensillum located on 5th-6th annule anterior to cloacal opening (Fig. 21a). Second precloacal pore-like sensillum located on 9th annule anterior to cloacal opening (Fig. 21a). Two pairs of ventrosublateral setae located along posterior half of tail and one pair of dorsosublateral setae located subterminally. Female. Anteriormost edge of amphid positioned anterior to oral opening. Dorsal limb of amphid extends for a short distance posteriorly, equal to 1.9 labial region diameters in length. Ventral limb of amphid extends along pharyngeal region to level of midpharynx; 2.2–2.8 times the length of dorsal limb. Ventral limb of amphid is as wide as dorsal limb. Interamphideal space extends along pharyngeal region further than posterior end of the dorsal limb but not reaching posterior end of ventral limb. Vagina straight. One pair of ventrosublateral setae located along posterior third of tail and one pair of dorsosublateral setae located subterminally.
### Table 4.
Morphometrics of *Campylaimus triclados* sp. n. and *Campylaimus mirus* Gerlach, 1950.

| Species | C. triclados sp. n. | C. mirus |
|---------|---------------------|---------|
| **Number and gender** | holotype male | 5 males (incl. holotype) | 2 females |
| **Body length** | 588 | 615±19 (588–632) | 551; 691 |
| **Body diameter** | 23 | 24±2 (21–28) | 27; 29 |
| **Pharyngeal region length** | ? | 109±6 (102–116) | 107; 107 |
| **Tail length** | 84 | 92±5 (84–98) | 77; 93 |
| **Cloacal/anal body diameter** | 19 | 19±1 (19–21) | 16; 17 |
| **a** | 26 | 26±2 (23–29) | 21; 24 |
| **b** | ? | 5.7±0.3 (5.5–6.2) | 5.2; 6.5 |
| **c** | 7.0 | 6.7±0.2 (6.4–7.0) | 7.2; 7.5 |
| **c’** | 4.3 | 4.7±0.3 (4.3–5.1) | 4.9; 5.6 |
| **V** | – | – | 50; 48 |
| **Labial region diameter** | 10 | 11±2 (8–14) | 11; 10 |
| **Cephalic setae length** | 2 | 2 (1–2) | 2; 2 |
| **Subdorsal setae bases from anterior end** | 9 | 9±0 (9–10) | 8; 9 |
| **Subventral setae bases from anterior end** | 7 | 7±1 (7–8) | 6; 6 |
| **Oral opening from anterior end** | 6 | 6±1 (4–7) | 6; 4 |
| **Amphid from anterior end** | 4 | 3±1 (2–4) | 2; 3 |
| **Dorsal amphideal limb length** | 21 | 22±1 (21–23) | 21; 20 |
| **Dorsal amphideal limb width** | 2 | 2±1 (1–3) | 1; 1 |
| **Ventral amphideal limb length** | 106 | 107±14 (89–126) | 46; 55 |
| **Ventral amphideal limb width** | 2 | 2 (1–2) | 2; 2 |
| **Interamphideal space length** | 37 | 35±5 (29–41) | 35; 33 |
| **Interamphideal space width** | 2 | 2 (1–2) | 3; 2 |
| **Annules width at mid-body** | 2 | 2 | 2; 3 |
| **Lateral field width** | 1 | 2 (1–2) | 1; 1 |
| **Vagina or spicules length** | 22 | 22±2 (19–24) | 6; 6 |
| **Rectum or Gubernaculum length** | ? | 6 (6–6) | 20; 18 |
Figure 18. *Campylaimus triclados* sp. n. (scale bars = 20 µm, PIJ = pharyngo-intestinal junction/cardia, EP = secretory-excretory pore): a: female tail; b: female pharyngeal region; c: male pharyngeal region; d: male caudal region.

Figure 19. *Campylaimus triclados* sp. n. (scale bars = 20 µm):

a: female anterior end, surface view showing amphid (ventral side to the left)  doi
b: female anterior end, surface view showing amphid (ventral side to the left)  doi
c: male anterior end, surface view showing amphid (ventral side to the right)  doi
d: male anterior end, surface view showing amphid (ventral side to the right)  doi
**Diagnosis**

Body 0.59–0.69 mm long; cuticle without longitudinal striation; anteriormost edge of amphid anterior to oral opening; dorsal limb of amphid equal to 1.6–2.5 labial region diameters in male, 1.9 labial region diameters in female; ventral limb of amphid extends towards anterior part of intestine in male and midpharynx in female, 4.3–5.5 times the length of dorsal limb in male and 2.2–2.8 times the length of dorsal limb in female; ventral limb of amphid is as wide as the dorsal limb; interamphideal space extends further than posterior end of dorsal limb but not reaching posterior end of ventral limb; secretory-excretory pore opens posterior to cardia; spicules 19–24 µm long; two
precloacal supplements; tail equal to 4.3–5.6 anal body diameters in length, with conoid terminal part.

Figure 21.

*Campylaimus triclados* sp. n. (scale bars = 20 µm):

- a: male cloacal region showing precloacal papilla (arrows)
- b: male cloacal region showing spicules
- c: tail terminus and spinneret
- d: caudal region, surface view showing posterior end of lateral alae (arrow)

**Etymology**

The specific epithet refers to the three-partite shape of the amphid, with three "branches": strongly developed dorsal and ventral limbs and prominent interamphideal space.

**Taxon discussion**

This new species can be easily differentiated from all currently known species of the genus *Campylaimus* by the shape of the amphid, with interamphideal space being longer than the dorsal limb of the amphid, but shorter than the ventral limb of the
amphid. In all other known species with developed interamphideal space (C. rimatus, C. mirus and C. orientalis), it is usually as long as the ventral limb of the amphid.

**Campylaimus mirus** Gerlach, 1950

- Nemys [http://nemys.ugent.be/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&id=121403](http://nemys.ugent.be/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&id=121403)

**Material**

- a. country: Germany; locality: Helgoland; georeferenceProtocol: label; year: 2011; month: 5; day: 31; habitat: Sediment; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177076; identifiedBy: Oleksandr Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

**Description**

**Measurements.** Table 4. Adult. Figs 22, 23. Cuticle without longitudinal striation. Space between dorsal and ventral limbs of amphid developed. Lateral alae narrow, with crenate margins. It originates at posterior end of ventral limb of amphid and ends in a long expansion along posterior third of tail. Secretory-excretory pore opens posterior to cardia, at level with anterior part of intestine. Tail with clavate terminal part.

**Male.** Not found. **Female.** Anteriormost edge of amphid positioned anterior to oral opening. Dorsal limb of amphid extends for a short distance posteriorly, equal to 1.7 labial region diameters in length. Ventral limb of amphid extends along pharyngeal region to level of anterior third of the pharynx; 1.4 times the length of dorsal limb. Ventral limb of amphid 1.3 wider than dorsal limb. Interamphideal space very broad, extends along pharyngeal region to same level as ventral limb. Vagina straight. Spermatheca absent, spermathozoa in uterus. One pair of ventrosublateral setae located along middle of tail and one pair of dorsosublateral setae located half way between posterior end of lateral alae and tal terminus.

![Figure 22](image-url)

**Figure 22.** [doi](https://doi.org/)

*Campylaimus mirus* Gerlach, 1950 (a-b) and *Campylaimus longispiculus* sp. n. (c-d) (scale bars = 20 µm, PIJ = pharyngo-intestinal junction/cardia, EP = secretory-excretory pore): a: female pharyngeal region; b: female tail; c: male pharyngeal region; d: male caudal region.
Figure 23.

_Campylaimus mirus_ Gerlach, 1950 (scale bars = 20 µm):

a: anterior end, median section (ventral side to the left)  [doi](#)

b: anterior end, surface view showing amphid (ventral side to the left)  [doi](#)

c: nerve ring encircling pharyngo-intestinal junction and secretory-excretory pore at level with anterior part of intestine (arrows)  [doi](#)

d: vulval region  [doi](#)

e: lateral alae at mid-body, surface view  [doi](#)

f: caudal region, surface view showing posterior end of lateral alae (arrow, left) and tail terminus and spinneret (right)  [doi](#)
Diagnosis

Body 0.93 mm long; cuticle without longitudinal striation; anteriormost edge of amphid anterior to oral opening; dorsal limb of amphid equal to 1.7 labial region diameters in female; ventral limb of amphid extends towards anterior part of pharynx, 1.4 times the length of dorsal limb in female; ventral limb of amphid is 1.3 wider than dorsal limb; interamphideal space extends to same level as ventral limb; secretory-excretory pore opens posterior to cardia; tail equal to 7.3 anal body diameters in length, with clavate terminal part.

Taxon discussion

Original description of this species is based on a single male specimen (Gerlach 1950), while the recent specimen is a female. Both specimens are similar in most body measurements and in the morphology of the anterior end: position of the oral opening posterior to the anteriormost edge of the amphid and in the shape of the amphid with developed interamphideal space, ventral limb of the amphid 1.4 times the length of the dorsal limb and extending to the level of the anterior third of the pharynx. Observed differences between the two specimens include slender body (a = 42) shorter amphid (36 µm) and broader annules (5 µm) in the male (vs. a = 28, 46 µm and 2 µm, respectively, in the female).

Campylaimus inaequalis Cobb, 1920

- Nemys [http://nemys.ugent.be/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&id=121401](http://nemys.ugent.be/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&id=121401)

Materials

a. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 25; maximumDepthInMeters: 50; verbatimLatitude: 58°22,20'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°09,26'E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 9; habitat: Muddy sand; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177115; identifiedBy: Oleksandr Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

b. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, Klubban; verbatimLatitude: 58°15,03'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,54'E; year: 2014; month: 8; day: 14; habitat: Shells, gravel, sand, mud; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177116; identifiedBy: Oleksandr Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

c. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, Klubban; verbatimLatitude: 58°15,03'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,54'E; year: 2014; month: 8; day: 14; habitat: Shells, gravel, sand, mud; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177117; identifiedBy: Oleksandr Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

d. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäckskil; minimumDepthInMeters: 30; maximumDepthInMeters: 30; verbatimLatitude: 58°15,25'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,30'E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 11; habitat: Soft mud; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH TYPE-9205 (same slide as *C. triclados*); identifiedBy: Oleksandr Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018
Description

**Measurements.** Table 5. Adult. Figs 24, 25. Cuticle without longitudinal striation. Space between dorsal and ventral limbs of amphid not developed. Lateral alae narrow, with straight margins. It originates at posterior end of ventral limb of amphid and ends along posterior third of the tail. Secretory-excretory pore opens posterior to cardia, at level with anterior part of intestine. Tail with clavate terminal part. **Male.** Anteriormost edge of amphid positioned anterior to oral opening. Dorsal limb of amphid extends for a short distance posteriorly, equal to 2.3 labial region diameters in length. Ventral limb of amphid extends along pharyngeal region to level of mid-pharynx; 1.7 times the length of dorsal limb. Ventral limb of amphid two times wider than dorsal limb. Spicules with rounded manubrium and conoid, arcuate shaft. Gubernaculum platelike, without apophysis. One small precloacal papilliform sensillum located on 5th annule anterior to cloacal opening. Second precloacal pore-like sensillum located on 8th annule anterior to cloacal opening. Two pairs of ventrosublateral setae located along posterior half of tail and one pair of sublateral setae located subterminally. **Female.** Anteriormost edge of amphid positioned anterior to oral opening. Dorsal limb of amphid extends for a short distance posteriorly, equal to 1.9–2.0 labial region diameters in length. Ventral limb of amphid extends along pharyngeal region to level of midpharynx; 2.0–2.3 times the length of dorsal limb. Ventral limb of amphid two times wider than dorsal limb. Vagina straight. One pair of ventrosublateral setae located along middle of tail and one pair of dorsosublateral setae located subterminally.

| Table 5. Morphometrics of *Campylaimus inaequalis* Cobb, 1920 and *Campylaimus striatus* Boucher & Helléouo¬t, 1977. |
|----------------------------------------------------------|
| **Species** | **C. inaequalis** | **C. striatus** |
| Number and gender | male | 2 females | 2 males | 4 females |
| Body length | 642 | 567; 525 | 728; 618 | 516–557 |
| Body diameter | 21 | 27; 27 | 24; 25 | 28–34 |
| Pharyngeal region length | ? | 109; 96 | 119; 105 | 100–107 |
| Tail length | 100 | 98; 88 | 112; 107 | 82–89 |
| Cloacal/anal body diameter | 17 | 19; 19 | 21; 19 | 17–19 |
| a | 30.0 | 21.1; 19.5 | 30.1; 24.9 | 15.4–19.2 |
| b | ? | 5.2; 5.5 | 6.1; 5.9 | 5.1–5.2 |
| c | 6.4 | 5.8; 6.0 | 6.5; 5.8 | 5.8–6.4 |
| c’ | 5.8 | 5.3; 4.5 | 5.4; 5.7 | 4.6–5.1 |
| V | – | 53.1; 49.7 | – | 49.7–51.9 |
| Labial region diameter | 13 | 12; 12 | 12; 12 | 9–11 |
| Species                        | C. inaequalis | C. striatus |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Cephalic setae length         | ?             | 3; 3        |
| Subdorsal setae bases from anterior end | ?             | 13; 13      |
| Subventral setae bases from anterior end | ?             | 9; 9        |
| Oral opening from anterior end | 7             | 8; 6        |
| Amphid from anterior end      | 3             | 3; 4        |
| Dorsal amphideal limb length  | 30            | 25; 23      |
| Dorsal amphideal limb width   | 2             | 2; 2        |
| Ventral amphideal limb length | 50            | 50; 44      |
| Ventral amphideal limb width  | 4             | 4; 5        |
| Annules width at mid-body     | ?             | 2; 2        |
| Lateral field width           | 1             | 2; 2        |
| Vagina or spicules length     | 24            | 9; 6        |
| Rectum or Gubernaculum length | 6             | 21; 19      |

**Diagnosis**

Body 0.53–0.64 mm long; cuticle without longitudinal striation; anteriormost edge of amphid anterior to oral opening; dorsal limb of amphid equal to 2.3 labial region diameters in male, 1.9–2.0 labial region diameters in female; ventral limb of amphid extends towards mid-pharynx in both sexes, 1.7 times the length of dorsal limb in male and 2.0–2.3 times the length of dorsal limb in female; ventral limb of amphid is twice as
wide as dorsal limb; interamphideal space absent; secretory-excretory pore opens posterior to cardia; spicules 24 µm long; precloacal supplements indistinct; tail equal to 4.5–5.8 anal body diameters in length, with clavate terminal part.

Figure 25. *Campylaimus inaequalis* Cobb, 1920 (scale bars = 20 µm):

a: anterior end, median section (ventral side to the left)  
b: anterior end, surface view showing amphid (ventral side to the left)  
c: anterior end, surface view showing amphid (ventral side to the right)  
d: nerve ring encircling pharyngo-intestinal junction (arrow)  
e: secretory-excretory pore just posterior to pharyngo-intestinal junction (arrow)  
f: vulval region
Taxon discussion

The original description of *C. inaequalis* is detailed and well illustrated (Cobb 1920), although without most of the morphometric characters which are currently considered important. The identification of recent specimens is based on the combination of the following two morphological features: ventral limb of the amphid is roughly twice (1.7–2.3) as long as the dorsal limb and clavate terminal part of the tail. Specimens described by Vitiello (1970) under the name *Campylaimus* *cf.* *inaequalis* cannot be identified to any known species because of the unclear description of the amphid given in the text of an article, in particular the length of the ventral amphideal limb cannot be deduced from either the drawings or the text.

*Campylaimus striatus* Boucher & Helléouët, 1977

- Nemys [http://nemys.ugent.be/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&id=230034](http://nemys.ugent.be/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&id=230034)

**Materials**

a. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäckskil; minimumDepthInMeters: 44; maximumDepthInMeters: 44; verbatimLatitude: 58°15,63'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,72'E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 11; habitat: Soft mud; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177109; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

b. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäckskil; minimumDepthInMeters: 30; maximumDepthInMeters: 39; verbatimLatitude: 58°15,13'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,31'E; year: 2010; month: 8; day: 21; habitat: Mud; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177112; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

c. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, Kristineberg-Lysekil; minimumDepthInMeters: 53; maximumDepthInMeters: 53; verbatimLatitude: 58°15,73'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°26,10'E; year: 2014; month: 8; day: 14; habitat: Mud; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177114; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

d. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäckskil; minimumDepthInMeters: 30; maximumDepthInMeters: 30; verbatimLatitude: 58°15,25'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,30'E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 11; habitat: Soft mud; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH TYPE-9206 (same slide as *C. triclados*); identifiedBy: Oleksandr Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

e. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 139; maximumDepthInMeters: 153; verbatimLatitude: 58°34,19'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°38,20'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 12; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 3; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH TYPE-9208 (same slide as *C. longispiculus*); identifiedBy: Oleksandr Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

**Description**

**Measurements.** Table 5. **Adult.** Figs 26, 27, 28. Cuticle with distinct longitudinal striation. Space between dorsal and ventral limbs of amphid not developed. Lateral alae narrow, appearing externally as smooth uniform band with straight margins. It
originates at posterior end of ventral limb of amphid and ends along posterior fifth of tail. Secretory-excretory pore opens posterior to cardia, at level with anterior part of intestine. Tail with digitate terminal part. **Male.** Anteriormost edge of amphid positioned at level with oral opening. Dorsal limb of amphid extends for a short distance posteriorly, equal to 1.9-2.0 labial region diameters in length. Ventral limb of amphid extends along pharyngeal region to level of anterior part of intestine; 8.3-9.5 times the length of dorsal limb. Ventral limb of amphid 1.7-2.5 wider than dorsal limb. Spicules with rounded manubrium and conoid, arcuate shaft. Gubernaculum platelike, without developed apophysis, but with proximal part bent caudally. Precloacal supplements indistinct/absent. Two pairs of ventrosublateral setae located along posterior half of tail and one pair of dorsosublateral setae located just posterior end of the lateral alae. **Female.** Anteriormost edge of amphid positioned at level with oral opening. Dorsal limb of amphid extends for a short distance posteriorly, equal to 1.8-2.6 labial region diameters in length. Ventral limb of amphid extends along pharyngeal region just anterior or just posterior to pharyngo-intestinal junction; 3.4-5.7 times the length of dorsal limb. Ventral limb of amphid 1–2 times wider than dorsal limb. Vagina straight. One pair of ventrosublateral setae located along middle of tail and one pair of sublateral setae located just posterior to end of lateral alae.

**Figure 26.**

*Campylaimus striatus* Boucher & Helléouët, 1977 (scale bars = 20 µm, PIJ = pharyngo-intestinal junction/cardia, EP = secretory-excretory pore): a: female pharyngeal region; b: male pharyngeal region; c: male caudal region; d: female tail.

**Diagnosis**

Body 0.52–0.73 mm long; cuticle with longitudinal striation; anteriormost edge of amphid at level with oral opening; dorsal limb of amphid equal to 1.9–2.0 labial region diameters in male, 1.8–2.6 labial region diameters in female; ventral limb of amphid extends towards anterior part of intestine in male and towards pharyngo-intestinal
junction in female, 8.3–9.5 times the length of dorsal limb in male and 3.4–5.7 times the length of dorsal limb in female; ventral limb of amphid is 1–2 wider than dorsal limb; interamphideal space absent; secretory-excretory pore opens posterior to cardia; spicules 26–27 µm long; precloacal supplements indistinct; tail equal to 4.6–5.7 anal body diameters in length, with digitate terminal part.

Taxon discussion

*Campylaimus striatus* is so far the only known species of the genus with distinctly striated cuticular annulation. Original description of this species is based on three males and two females (although only two males and one female were measured, Boucher and Helléouët (1977)) while recent population includes two males and four females. Both populations are similar in the morphology of the cuticle (presence of longitudinal striations), in the size and proportions of the amphid and presence of sexual dimorphism in amphid size (ventral limb of the amphid extends towards anterior part of the intestine in male and towards the pharyngo-intestinal junction in female). Type specimens are relatively larger (*L* = 0.83–0.89 mm vs. 0.52–0.73 mm), with longer cephalic setae (6–7 µm vs. 1–3 µm) and longer tail (144–154 µm, *c*’ = 6.3–9.6 vs. 82–112 µm, *c*’ = 4.6–5.7). Since no qualitative differences between the two populations can be found and since differences in morphometrics can be explained by geographical variability or difficulty in measuring (cephalic sensilla), both populations are herefore considered to be conspecific.
Figure 28.

Campylaimus striatus Boucher & Helléouët, 1977 (scale bar = 20 µm):

a: male anterior end, surface view showing anterior end of amphid and cuticle (ventral side to the right) [doi]
b: anterior end, median section (ventral side to the right) [doi]
c: vulval region [doi]
d: spermatheca and ovocytes [doi]

Campylaimus amphidialis Fadeeva, Mordukhovich & Zograf, 2016

- Nemys [http://nemys.ugent.be/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&id=883817]

Materials

a. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, Kristineberg-Lysekil; minimumDepthInMeters: 53; maximumDepthInMeters: 53; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,73'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°26,10'E; year: 2014; month: 8; day: 14; habitat: Mud; individualCount: 2; sex: 1 female, 1 male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177093; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

b. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, Kristineberg-Lysekil; minimumDepthInMeters: 53; maximumDepthInMeters: 53; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,73'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°26,10'E; year: 2014; month: 8; day: 14; habitat: Mud;
individualCount: 2; catalogNumber: SMNH-177094; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018
c. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 390; maximumDepthInMeters: 428; verbatimLatitude: 58°22,30'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°20,33'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 10; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 3; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177095; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018
d. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 139; maximumDepthInMeters: 153; verbatimLatitude: 58°34,19'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°38,20'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 12; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 5; sex: 3 females, 2 males; catalogNumber: SMNH-177098; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018
e. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäckskil; minimumDepthInMeters: 8; maximumDepthInMeters: 15; verbatimLatitude: 58°15,09'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,54'E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 11; habitat: Muddy sand; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177099; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018
f. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 180; maximumDepthInMeters: 216; verbatimLatitude: 58°28,16'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°37,04'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 11; habitat: Hard bottom; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177102; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018
g. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 352; maximumDepthInMeters: 374; verbatimLatitude: 58°19,18'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°29,34'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 10; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177103; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018
h. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 232; maximumDepthInMeters: 240; verbatimLatitude: 58°27,40'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°33,56'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 12; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 2; sex: 1 female, 1 male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177104; identifiedBy: Oleksandr Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018
i. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 248; maximumDepthInMeters: 316; verbatimLatitude: 58°28,22'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°29,39'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 11; habitat: Mixed bottom; individualCount: 3; sex: 2 males, 1 female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177105; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018
j. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 390; maximumDepthInMeters: 428; verbatimLatitude: 58°22,30'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°20,33'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 10; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177106; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018
k. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 351; maximumDepthInMeters: 387; verbatimLatitude: 58°22,19'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°23,50'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 10; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177107; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018
l. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 180; maximumDepthInMeters: 216; verbatimLatitude: 58°28,16'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°37,04'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 11; habitat: Hard bottom; individualCount: 1;
sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177108; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

m. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, Kristineberg-Lysekil; minimumDepthInMeters: 53; maximumDepthInMeters: 53; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,73'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°26,10'E; year: 2014; month: 8; day: 14; habitat: Mud; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177110; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

n. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäckskil; minimumDepthInMeters: 30; maximumDepthInMeters: 39; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,13'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,31'E; year: 2010; month: 8; day: 21; habitat: Mud; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177112; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

o. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 55; maximumDepthInMeters: 70; verbatimLatitude: 58°22,19'N; verbatimLongitude: 11° 04,55'E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 9; habitat: Mud and clay; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177113; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

p. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, Kristineberg-Lysekil; minimumDepthInMeters: 53; maximumDepthInMeters: 53; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,73'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°26,10'E; year: 2014; month: 8; day: 14; habitat: Mud; individualCount: 1; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177114; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

q. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, Klubban; verbatimLatitude: 58°15,03'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,54'E; year: 2014; month: 8; day: 14; habitat: Shells, gravel, sand, mud; individualCount: 2; sex: 1 female, 1 male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177117; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

r. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäckskil; minimumDepthInMeters: 44; maximumDepthInMeters: 44; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,63'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,72'E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 11; habitat: Soft mud; individualCount: 2; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177118; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

s. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, Kristineberg-Lysekil; minimumDepthInMeters: 53; maximumDepthInMeters: 53; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,73'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°26,10'E; year: 2014; month: 8; day: 14; habitat: Mud; individualCount: 2; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177119; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

t. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäckskil; minimumDepthInMeters: 30; maximumDepthInMeters: 30; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,25'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,30'E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 11; habitat: Soft mud; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177122; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

u. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 221; maximumDepthInMeters: 260; verbatimLatitude: 58°28,30'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°33,22'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 11; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 2; sex: female; catalogNumber: SMNH-177123; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

v. waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Gullmarsfjord, near Fiskebäckskil; minimumDepthInMeters: 8; maximumDepthInMeters: 15; verbatimLatitude: 58° 15,09'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°27,54'E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 11; habitat: Muddy
Description

Measurements. Table 6. Adult. Figs 29, 30, 31, 32. Cuticle without longitudinal striation. Space between dorsal and ventral limbs of amphid not developed. Lateral alae narrow, appearing externally as smooth uniform band with straight margins along most of body, but with distinct subcuticular channel and crenate margins when focused midway (Fig. 32a, b) along cloacal/anal region and anterior part of tail. It originates at posterior end of ventral limb of amphid and ends along posterior third of tail. Secretory-excretory pore opens apically on anterior end (Fig. 31b, c, d, e). Tail with clavate terminal part. Male. Anteriormost edge of amphid positioned at level with oral opening. Dorsal limb of amphid extends for a short distance posteriorly, equal to 2.7–3.5 labial region diameters in length. Ventral limb of amphid extends along pharyngeal region to level of anterior part of intestine; 4.6–5.3 times the length of dorsal limb. Ventral limb of amphid 1.3–1.7 wider than dorsal limb. Spicules with rounded manubrium and conoid, arcuate shaft. Gubernaculum platelike, without apophysis. One small precloacal papilliform sensillum located on 2nd annule anterior to cloacal opening (Fig. 32c, d). Second precloacal pore-like sensillum located on 7th-8th annule anterior to cloacal opening (Fig. 32c, d). Two pairs of ventrosublateral setae located along posterior half of tail and one pair of dorsosublateral setae located half way between posterior end of lateral alae and tail terminus. Female. Anteriormost edge of amphid positioned at level with oral opening. Dorsal limb of amphid extends for a short distance posteriorly, equal to 2.8–3.2 labial region diameters in length. Ventral limb of amphid extends along pharyngeal region just anterior to pharyngo-intestinal junction; 3.2–3.3 times the length of dorsal limb. Ventral limb of amphid 1.3–2.0 times wider than dorsal limb. Vagina straight (Fig. 31f). One pair of ventrosublateral setae located along middle of tail and one pair of sublateral setae located 1/3 way between posterior end of lateral alae and tail terminus.
Table 6.
Morphometrics of *Campylaimus amphidialis* Fadeeva, Mordukhovich & Zograf, 2016 and *Campylaimus longispiculus* sp. n.

| Species | *C. amphidialis* | *C. longispiculus* sp. n. |
|---------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Number and gender | 6 males | 2 females | holotype male | 3 males (incl. holotype) |
| Body length | 582±30 (534–627) | 571; 588 | 635 | 615 (560–649) |
| Body diameter | 24±3 (20–28) | 23; 28 | 21 | 20 (19–21) |
| Pharyngeal region length | 105±8 (93–114) | 128; 107 | 114 | 107 (100–114) |
| Tail length | 102±7 (91–107) | 103; 95 | 98 | 94 (86–98) |
| Cloacal/anal body diameter | 19±2 (17–21) | 17; 19 | 20 | 18 (17–20) |
| a | 25±4 (21–29) | 24; 21 | 30 | 30 |
| b | 5.6±0.3 (5.3–6.2) | 4.5; 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.7 (5.6–6.0) |
| c | 5.7±0.5 (5.0–6.4) | 5.5; 6.2 | 6.5 | 6.5 (6.5–6.6) |
| c' | 5.6±0.8 (4.5–6.4) | 6.2; 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.1 (4.9–5.3) |
| V | – | 52; 52 | – | – |
| Labial region diameter | 10±1 (9–10) | 9; 10 | 10 | 10 (10–11) |
| Cephalic setae length | 2 (2–3) | 1; 3 | 3 | 2 (2–3) |
| Subdorsal setae bases from anterior end | 11±1 (10–12) | 10; 12 | 13 | 12 (11–13) |
| Subventral setae bases from anterior end | 9±1 (8–10) | 8; 10 | 10 | 9 (8–10) |
| Oral opening from anterior end | 6±1 (4–7) | 8; 8 | 8 | 7 (7–8) |
| Amphid from anterior end | 7±1 (6–8) | 6; 8 | 3 | 3 |
| Dorsal amphideal limb length | 31±3 (28–37) | 28; 29 | 22 | 21 (20–22) |
| Dorsal amphideal limb width | 2 (2–3) | 2; 2 | 3 | 2 (1–3) |
| Ventral amphideal limb length | 150±14 (132–171) | 94; 92 | 67 | 66 (57–73) |
| Ventral amphideal limb width | 4 (3–4) | 3; 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Annules width at mid-body | 2 | 2; 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Lateral field width | 2 (1–2) | 1; 2 | 2 | 2 (1–2) |
| Vagina or spicules length | 25±2 (24–29) | 6; 7 | 35 | 32 (28–35) |
| Rectum or Gubernaculum length | 7±1 (6–8) | 17; 21 | 7 | 7 |
Figure 29. *Campylaimus amphidialis* Fadeeva, Mordukhovich & Zograf, 2016 (scale bars = 20 µm, PIJ = pharyngo-intestinal junction/cardia, EP = secretory-excretory pore): a: female tail; b: female pharyngeal region; c: male pharyngeal region; d: male caudal region.

Figure 30. *Campylaimus amphidialis* Fadeeva, Mordukhovich & Zograf, 2016 (scale bars = 20 µm): a: female anterior end, surface view showing amphid (ventral side to the left); b: male anterior end, surface view showing amphid (ventral side to the right).
Figure 31.
Campylaimus amphidialis Fadeeva, Mordukhovich & Zograf, 2016 (scale bars = 20 µm):
a: anterior end, median section (ventral side to the left)  doi
b: anterior end, surface view showing lateral outer labial sensillum (arrow) (ventral side to the right)  doi
c: anterior end, median section showing secretory-excretory pore (arrow) (ventral side to the right)  doi
d: anterior end, median section showing secretory-excretory pore (arrow) (ventral side to the left)  doi
e: anterior end, median section showing secretory-excretory pore (arrow) (ventral side to the left)  doi
f: vulval region  doi
Diagnosis

Body 0.53–0.63 mm long; cuticle without longitudinal striation; anteriormost edge of amphid at level with oral opening; dorsal limb of amphid equal to 2.7–3.5 labial region diameters in male, 2.8–3.2 labial region diameters in female; ventral limb of amphid extends towards anterior part of intestine in male and pharynx base in female, 4.6–5.3 times the length of dorsal limb in male and 3.2–3.3 times the length of dorsal limb in female; ventral limb of amphid is 1.3–2.0 times wider than dorsal limb; interamphideal space absent; secretory-excretory pore opens apically on anterior end; spicules 24–29 µm long; two precloacal supplements; tail equal to 4.5–6.4 anal body diameters in length, with clavate terminal part.
Taxon discussion

The original description of *C. amphidialis* is based only on three females, males not being known to the authors (Fadeeva et al. 2016). Recent specimens are nearly identical to the type population in measurements and general morphology, including size and shape of the amphid. Furthermore, images of the type specimens kindly provided by Dr. N. Fadeeva, clearly show modified lateral alae along the caudal region in one of the specimens, confirming the conspecificity of both populations.

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Materials

*Holotype:*

- waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 139; maximumDepthInMeters: 153; verbatimLatitude: 58°34,19'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°38,20'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 12; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH TYPE-9208; identifiedBy: Oleksandr Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

*Other materials:*

- waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 351; maximumDepthInMeters: 387; verbatimLatitude: 58°22,19'N; verbatimLongitude: 10°23,50'E; year: 2012; month: 10; day: 10; habitat: Soft bottom; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177107; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

- waterBody: Skagerrak; country: Sweden; locality: Bratten; minimumDepthInMeters: 53; maximumDepthInMeters: 53; verbatimLatitude: 58°20,06'N; verbatimLongitude: 11°09,24'E; year: 2011; month: 8; day: 9; habitat: Muddy sediment; individualCount: 1; sex: male; catalogNumber: SMNH-177111; identifiedBy: O. Holovachov; dateIdentified: 2018

Description

**Measurements.** Table 6. **Adult.** Figs 22, 33. Cuticle without longitudinal striaion. Space between dorsal and ventral limbs of amphid not developed. Lateral alae narrow, appearing externally as smooth uniform band with straight margins. It originates at posterior end of ventral limb of amphid and fades away along posterior third of tail. Secretory-excretory pore opens posterior to cardia, at level with anterior part of intestine. Tail with clavate terminal part. **Male.** Anteriormost edge of amphid positioned anterior to oral opening. Dorsal limb of amphid extends for a short distance posteriorly, equal to 1.8–2.1 labial region diameters in length. Ventral limb of amphid extends along pharyngeal region to level of anterior part of intestine; 2.8–3.5 times the length of dorsal limb. Ventral limb of amphid equal to or slightly wider than dorsal limb. Spicules with rounded manubrium and elongate, arcuate shaft. Gubernaculum without apophysis. One small precloacal papilliform sensillum located on 2nd annule anterior to
cloacal opening (Fig. 33d). Second precloacal pore-like sensillum located on 7th–8th annule anterior to cloacal opening (Fig. 33d). These sensilla are less obvious in the holotype. Two pairs of ventrosublateral setae located along posterior half of tail and one pair of dorsosublateral setae located subterminally. **Female.** Not found.

Figure 33.

*Campylaimus longispiculus* sp. n.

a: male anterior end, surface view showing amphid (ventral side to the right)  
b: lateral alae at mid-body, surface view  
c: secretory-excretory pore just posterior to pharyngo-intestinal junction (arrow)  
d: male cloacal region showing precloacal papilla (arrows)  

**Diagnosis**

Body 0.56–0.65 mm long; cuticle without longitudinal striation; anteriormost edge of amphid anterior to oral opening; dorsal limb of amphid equal to 1.8–2.1 labial region diameters in male; ventral limb of amphid extends towards anterior part of intestine in
male, 2.8–3.5 times the length of dorsal limb in male; ventral limb of amphid is as wide as dorsal limb; interamphideal space absent; secretory-excretory pore opens posterior to cardia; spicules 28–35 µm long; two precloacal supplements; tail equal to 4.9–5.3 anal body diameters in length, with clavate terminal part.

**Etymology**

Specific epithet refers to relatively long spicules in this species.

**Taxon discussion**

The new species is most similar to *C. amphidialis* and *C. striatus* in the size and shape of the amphid, with ventral limb being more than three times as long as the dorsal limb, especially in males. It differs from both *C. amphidialis* and *C. striatus* in having relatively shorter ventral limb of the amphid, equal to 2.8–3.5 times the dorsal limb (in male), vs. 8.3–9.5 in *C. striatus* and 4.6–5.3 in *C. amphidialis*. It further differs from *C. striatus* in having smooth annulation of cuticle (vs. with longitudinal striation in *C. striatus*) and from *C. amphidialis* in the position of the excretory pore at the level with the anterior part of intestine (vs. apically on the anterior end in *C. amphidialis*) and simple lateral alae along the posterior part of the body (vs. with crenate margins in *C. amphidialis*).

**Identification keys**

| Identification key to species of the genus *Campylaimus* Cobb, 1920 |
|---|---|
| 1 | Amphid in the shape of a long longitudinal slit | 2 |
| – | Amphid loop-shaped | 3 |
| 2 | Amphid extends along the entire body towards the tail tip | *C. abnormis* |
| – | Amphid extends along the anterior part of the pharyngeal region only | *C. gracilis* |
| 3 | Ventral limb of the amphid extends along the anterior part of the body and does not reach the tail | 4 |
| – | Ventral limb of the amphid extends along the entire body towards the tail tip | 15 |
| 4 | Amphid with widely spaced limbs, appearing as three limbs instead of two | 5 |
| – | Amphid without space between the limbs, appearing as two limbs only | 8 |
|   | Description                                                                 | Species                  |
|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5 | All three limbs of different length                                          | *C. triclados sp.n.*     |
|   | Middle and ventral limb equal in length                                     | 6                        |
| 6 | Ventral limb of the amphid 2-3 times as long as the dorsal limb              | *C. rimatus*             |
|   | Ventral limb of the amphid less than 1.5 times as long as the dorsal limb   | 7                        |
| 7 | Inter-amphideal space wider than either one of the limbs of the amphid; tail clavate | *C. mirus*               |
|   | Inter-amphideal space is as wide as either one of the limbs of the amphid; tail conoid | *C. orientalis* |
| 8 | Ventral and dorsal limbs of the amphid equal in length                       | 9                        |
|   | Ventral and dorsal limbs of the amphid unequal in length                     | 10                       |
| 9 | Body longer than 1 mm; amphid longer than 45 µm                             | *C. cylindricus*         |
|   | Body shorter than 0.8 mm; amphid shorter than 40 µm                         | *C. pulcher*             |
| 10| Dorsal limb of the amphid equal to or shorter than 1/2 of the labial region diameter in length | 11                       |
|   | Dorsal limb of the amphid longer than the labial region diameter in length   | 12                       |
| 11| Body shorter than 0.4 mm                                                    | *C. minor*               |
|   | Body longer than 0.8 mm                                                     | *C. ponticus*            |
| 12| Ventral limb of the amphid = 2 times as long as the dorsal limb              | *C. inaequalis*          |
|   | Ventral limb of the amphid > 3 times as long as the dorsal limb              | 13                       |
| 13| Cuticle with longitudinal striations                                         | *C. striatus*            |
|   | Cuticle without longitudinal striations                                     | 14                       |
| 14| Excretory pore opens posterior to the pharyngo-intestinal junction          | *C. longispiculus sp.n.* |
|   | Excretory pore opens apically on the lip region                              | *C. amphidialis*         |
| 15| Precloacal papilliform sensilla present                                     | 16                       |
|   | Precloacal papilliform sensilla absent                                       | 18                       |
Discussion

In the past, identification and differentiation of various species of *Campylaimus* was based not only on the shape and size of the amphid, but also on the position of the oral opening, various body measurements and, lately, on the number of pre-cloacal supplements (Fadeeva et al. 2016, Huang and Zhang 2006, Villares et al. 2013). Regarding the position of the oral opening, all recent studies showed that in all species of this genus, it is located subdorsally and the subventral position of the oral opening in *C. gerlachi* (Huang and Zhang 2006, Timm 1961), *C. minor* (Timm 1961) and *C. inaequalis* (Cobb 1920) was a misinterpretation that should not be repeated in future publications.

Amongst a large number of morphometric characters used for species differentiation, one feature should be discussed in detail here. The length of the cephalic setae was used to separate *C. minutus* (Fadeeva et al. 2016) and *C. siwaschensis* (Sergeeva 1981) from *C. gerlachi*. As experienced during preparation of this publication, the length of cephalic setae can only be measured precisely when such setae are located perpendicular to the optical axis of the microscope, which is most commonly not the case. Most of the species

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 16 | Anterior end of the body cylindrical; cephalic setae equal to one labial region diameter in length | *C. patagonicus* |
|   | Anterior end of the body conoid; cephalic setae less than 0.5 labial region diameters in length | 17 |
| 17 | Three precloacal papilliform sensilla | *C. bonariensis* |
|   | Five precloacal papilliform sensilla | *C. arcuatus* |
| 18 | Ventral limb of the amphid is two times broader/wider than the dorsal limb | 19 |
|   | Both limbs of the amphid are equally broad/wide | 20 |
| 19 | Body 0.9–1.5 mm long; c’ = 10–15 | *C. lefeverei* |
|   | Body 0.4–0.8 mm long; c’ = 4.8–6.0 | *C. tkatchevi* |
| 20 | Dorsal limb of the amphid equal to 1.5 labial region diameters in length | *C. siwaschensis* |
|   | Dorsal limb of the amphid equal to 2-3 labial region diameters in length | 21 |
| 21 | Tail tip clavate | *C. gerlachi* |
|   | Tail tip conoid | *C. minutus* |
descriptions thus underestimate the actual length of the cephalic setae, making this morphometric value of limited use for species identification and differentiation.

Another interesting and potentially useful morphological character is the presence and number of precloacal supplements in males. Besides current work, precloacal supplements in males of *Campylaimus* were described only once (Villares et al. 2013), where they were used to separate new species from each other and from other species of the genus. It is clear that these structures are easy to overlook and that they were not included in species descriptions of those species which are now known to possess them, such as *C. amphidialis*, *C. inaequalis*, *C. orientalis* and *C. rimatus* (Cobb 1920, Fadeeva et al. 2016, Vitiello 1970).

The position of the secretory-excretory pore is another feature mentioned only in few species descriptions (Tchesunov 1978). Although it is most frequently located at the level with the anterior part of the intestine, one species was found to be different – secretory-excretory pore in *C. amphidialis* is located apically, on the top of the anterior end and is one of the unique features separating this species from the rest of the congeners.

However, the most striking, variable and commonly used character to identify and differentiate *Campylaimus* species is the shape of the amphid, whose origin and evolution was discussed in detail by Tchesunov (2006). Despite a certain level of intraspecific variability and sexual dimorphism, the overall structure of the amphid and relative size of its components (ventral and dorsal limb and, if present, interamphideal space) are so far the most reliable and, in fact, easiest to observe and interpret diagnostic characters. However, it is crucially important to correctly describe the posterior end of the ventral limb of the amphid and to distinguish it from the lateral alae. The description of *C. ponticus* in this sense is a good example where the text of the description contradicts the illustrations (Sergeeva 1981).

In conclusion, the most stable taxonomic characters to be used in the taxonomy and identification of the genus *Campylaimus* are the size and shape of the amphid and its elements (absolute and relative length and width of limbs, presence, length and width of inter-amphideal space), morphology of the cuticle and lateral alae, position of the secretory-excretory pore, length and shape of the spicules and shape of the tail terminus.

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