



***Pseudosparna*, a new Neotropical genus of Acanthocinini (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae: Lamiinae), with description of three new species**

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Abstract

Pseudosparna **new genus** is proposed to include four species: *P. luteolineata* **new species** (type species) from Ecuador, *P. amoena* **new species** and *P. aragua* **new species** from Venezuela, and *P. flavipes* (Bates, 1863) **new combination**, transferred from *Lepturtrigona* Gilmour, 1957. The four species are illustrated and keyed.

Key words: Acanthocinini, Lamiinae, Neotropical, new taxa, new combination, taxonomy

Resumo

Pseudosparna gen. nov. é proposto, para três novas espécies descritas e ilustradas: *P. luteolineata* **sp. nov.** do Equador (espécie-tipo), e da Venezuela, *P. amoena* **sp. nov.** e *P. aragua* **sp. nov.** *Lepturgotrichona flaviceps* (Bates, 1863) é transferida para *Pseudosparna*. Uma chave para as quatro espécies é apresentada.

Palavras-chave: Acanthocinini, Lamiinae, novos táxons, nova combinação, Região Neotropical, taxonomia

Introduction

The tribe Acanthocinini currently consists of 149 genera and 1,000 species and subspecies in the Neotropical Region where it is the largest and most diversified tribe of Lamiinae (Monné, 2005; Hovore & Toledo, 2006; Monné & Monné, 2008). Here we propose a new genus *Pseudosparna*, which is related to *Piezochaerus* Melzer, 1932, recently revised (Mermudes, 2008), and discuss the differences between these two genera in particular. We describe three new species assigned to the new genus, and propose the transference of *Lepturgotrichona flaviceps* (Bates, 1863).

Material and methods

Abbreviations cited in the text:

ACMT	American Coleoptera Museum, San Antonio, Texas, United States.
CASC	California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, California, United States.
CMNC	Canadian Museum of Nature, Ontario, Ottawa, Canada.
FAUV	Facultad de Agronomía, Universidad Central de Venezuela, Aragua, Maracay, Venezuela.