

Synonymy of *Harpinoderes cicheroi* Martínez & Carcavallo, 1989 with *Aradomorpha crassipes* Champion, 1899 (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Reduviidae)

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Abstract

Harpinoderes cicheroi Martínez & Carcavallo (Physoderinae) is here synonymized with *Aradomorpha crassipes* Champion (Reduviinae) based on similarity of morphological characters as the short antennae, elongated maxillary plates, wing venation, and hemelytral and connexival coloration.

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Introduction

Martínez and Carcavallo (1989) described a new genus and species, *Harpinoderes cicheroi*, as the second New World genus in the subfamily Physoderinae. Their description was based on 3 male specimens from Salta, Argentina. Martínez and Carcavallo (1989) stated similarity of shape of antenna and legs as arguments for inclusion of this new taxon in Physoderinae. Their diagnosis focused strongly on a comparison with the only other described Neotropical Physoderinae, *Cryptophysoderes fairchildi* Wygodzinsky & Maldonado, 1972.

A comparison of the original description and photographs of the paratype of *Harpinoderes cicheroi*, deposited at the Instituto Oswaldo Cruz (FIOC), with the original description and specimens of the reduviinae *Aradomorpha crassipes* Champion, 1899, deposited at the American Museum of Natural History (AMNH), let us conclude that these names refer to the same genus as well as the same species. In this paper we therefore synonymize *H. cicheroi* with *A. crassipes* and provide arguments for our decision.