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## Abstract

Colatooeciidae includes the genera *Colatooecia*, *Cigclisula* and *Trematoecia*. While *Colatooecia* is considered a well-defined genus, the differences between *Cigclisula* and *Trematoecia* are poorly defined. This taxonomic review was undertaken to understand the morphological differences between *Cigclisula* and *Trematoecia*. The type species of *Cigclisula* is redescribed and the type species of *Trematoecia* is designated and redescribed. Diagnostic characters of both genera are redefined. Six new species of *Cigclisula* and one of *Trematoecia* are described: *Cigclisula australis* n. sp., *Cigclisula buski* n. sp., *Cigclisula fistulosa* n. sp., *Cigclisula osburni* n. sp., *Cigclisula perforata* n. sp., *Cigclisula winstonae* n. sp. and *Trematoecia rotunda* n. sp. Four species previously assigned to *Cigclisula* are transferred to *Trematoecia*: *Trematoecia arborescens* (Canu & Bassler, 1928) n. comb., *Trematoecia gemmea* (Winston & Woollacott, 2009) n. comb., *Trematoecia hexagonalis* (Canu & Bassler, 1930), and *Trematoecia verticalis* (Maplestone, 1910) n. comb. Two species previously assigned to *Trematoecia* are transferred to *Cigclisula*: *Cigclisula turrata* (Smitt, 1873) and *Cigclisula psammophila* (Winston & Håkansson, 1986) n. comb.

**Key words:** bryozoans, *Colatooecia*, *Cigclisula*, *Trematoecia*, new species, new combinations, redescription

*Cigclisula*, uniporous in *Trematoocia*. Subsidiary features of the frontal shield, primary and peristomial orifices and avicularia allow discrimination among the many species in these two genera, as is the case in many other cheilostome genera and families (e.g. Gordon 1993; Ostrovsky 2004; Vieira *et al.* 2010b; Vieira *et al.* 2014). However, in the absence of ooecia, it would be difficult to assign any new species of *Cigclisula* and *Trematoocia* to either genus using only morphological criteria.

Redescription of the type species of *Cigclisula* and *Trematoocia*, and characterization of the ooecium in relation to these species, has led us to several generic re-assessments, resulting in the following new combinations: *Cigclisula turrita* n. comb., *Cigclisula psammophila* n. comb., *Trematoocia arborescens* n. comb., *Trematoocia gemmea* n. comb., *Trematoocia hexagonalis* n. comb. and *Trematoocia verticalis* n. comb. Seven new species are described: *Trematoocia rotunda* n. sp., *Cigclisula australis* n. sp., *C. buski* n. sp., *C. fistulosa* n. sp., *C. osburni* n. sp., *C. perforata* n. sp. and *C. winstonae* n. sp.

Species of Colatooeciidae are distributed from tropical to subtropical waters in the Atlantic and Indo-Pacific Oceans and one species is reported from the Mediterranean Sea (Fig. 36). Some records of *Cigclisula turrita* from the Indian Ocean and Red Sea still require reexamination and may belong to distinct species. Other species are known only from their type localities and have not been collected again or recognized.

Currently, we recognize one living species of *Colatooecia*, 14 of *Cigclisula* and 11 of *Trematoocia*. The recognition of seven new species of Colatooeciidae, some of them previously included in other named species, gives evidence that the number of known species can increase with the use of SEM imaging, which aids in the recognition of diagnostic characters.

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