

A REVIEW OF THE DIAMESINAE (DIPTERA, CHIRONOMIDAE) FROM THE USSR,  
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**ABSTRACT** - List of species Diamesinae from the USSR and their distribution are provided. It includes II genera with 72 valid species and 26 species of nomena dubia. The distribution for the majority of species is confined to the Palaearctic and 22 species are characterized by the Holarctic ranges. Systematics of Pseudodiamesa and Pagastia is discussed and separation of Pagastia as the subgenus Pseudodiamesa is substantiated. Males of Pseudodiamesa (Pagastia) oliveri sp.n., Ps.(Ps.) latistyla sp.n. and Ps.(Ps.) vetusta sp.n. are described. Specimens of Ps.(P.) orientalis Tshern. from the Sakhalin and Kurile Islands are singled out as subspecies Ps.(P.) orientalis insularis subsp.n.

**Key words:** Diamesinae, Pseudodiamesa, Pagastia, systematics, distribution

Off 6 tribes of Diamesinae, 3 tribes (Boreoheptagyini, Protanypodini, Diamesini) including 98 species belonging to II genera are represented in the USSR fauna. Among them 72 species are valid: Arctodiamesa appendiculata (Lundstr.), Diamesa aberrata Ldb., D.alpina Tok., D.amplexivirilia Hansen, D.arctica (Boh.), D.baicalensis Tshern., D.bertrami G., D.bohemani G., D.caucasica Kown. et Kown., D.cinerella Mg., D.corrupta Makar.\* D.dactiloidea Makar.\*

*D.davisi* Edw., *D.geminata* K., *D.gregsoni* Edw., *D.hamaticornis* K., *D.incallida* (Walk.), *D.insignipes* K., *D.japonica* Tok., *D.kasymovi* Kown. et Kown., *D.khumbugelida* Saether et Willassen, *D.latitarsis* (G.), *D.lavillei* Ser.-Tos., *D.leona* Rob., *D.lindrothi* G., *D.longipes* G., *D.martae* Kown. et Kown., *D.moderata* Ser.-Tos., *D.pankratovae* Makar. et Bulgak., *D.sakartvella* Kown. et Kown., *D.sommermani* Hansen, *D.steinboecki* G., *D.tonsa* K., *D.thienemanni* K., *D.tomasi* Ser.-Tos., *D.ts komelidzei* Kown. et Kown., *D.tsutsuii* Tok., *D.vaillanti* Ser.-Tos., *D.vernalis* Makar., *D.zelentzovi* Makar.,<sup>\*</sup> *D.zernyi* Edw., *D.zhiltzovae* Makar.,<sup>\*</sup> *Kaluginia lebetiformis* Makar., *Lappodiamesa vidua* (Kieff.), *Potthastia longimana* K., *P.montium* (Edw.), *Potthastia* sp., *Pseudodiamesa* (*Pseudodiamesa*) *branickii* (Now.), *Ps.(Ps.) nivosa* (G.), *Ps.(Ps.) gorodkovi* Makar., *Ps.(Ps.) subnivosa* Linev. et Makar.,<sup>\*</sup> *Ps.(Ps.) stackelbergi* (G.), *Ps.(Pagastia) angarensis* (Linev.), *Ps.(Pagastia) oliveri* sp.n.,<sup>\*\*</sup> *Ps.(P.) orientalis* (Tshern.), *Ps.(Ps.) latistyla* sp.n.,<sup>\*\*</sup> *Ps.(Ps.) vetusta* sp.n.,<sup>\*\*</sup> *Pseudokiefferiella parva* (Edw.), *Sympotthastia zavreli* Pag., *S.khorensis* Makar., *S.fulva* (Joh.), *S.repentina* Makar., *Syndiamesa mira* (Makar.), *S.rara* (Makar.), *S.hypopetrica* K., *Protanypus caudatus* Edw., *P.gracilis* Makar., *P.morio* (Zett.), *P.pseudomorio* Makar., *P.tshereleshnevi* Makar., *Boreoheptagyia brevitarsis* Tok., *B.legeri* (G.).

Nomena dubia of Diamesinae from the USSR: *Diamesa adumbra* Pankr., *D.angustimentum* Tshern., *D.coronata* Tshern., *D.gemella* Pankr., *D.heterodentata* Botn. et Cind.-Cure, *D.impunctata* K., *D.inaequabilis* Pankr., *D.incisiolabiata* Linev., *D.longicapitis* Linev., *D.longipes* Tshern., *D.mohelnicensis* Hrabe, *D.nivalis* Pankr., *D.pseudostylata* Tshern., *D.punctata* K., *D.quadridentata* Linev., *D.quingaesetosa* Pankr., *D.stylata* Tshern., *D.telezkensis* Lip., *Syndiamesa bathyphila* Lip., *S.fraterna* Pankr., *S.gelida* K., *S.jacutica* Zver., *S.komensis* Zver., *S.lepnevae* Lip., *S.monstrata* Pankr.

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\* Description of species are to be published soon.

\*\* Description of species is in the present paper.

## TYPES OF THE DIAMESINAE DISTRIBUTION

Types of distribution	Typical species
I. West Palaearctic	D.latitarsis, D.tonsa
2.Caucasian	D.caucasica
3.South European-Caucasian	D.tskskemelidzei, D.lavillei, D.longipes, D.tomasi, D.vaillanti, Ps.gorodkovi
4.Mediterranean-Caucasian	D.kasymovi, D.moderata, D.sakartvelta
5.Amphipalaearctic Arcto-Alpine	D.steinboecki
6.Euroasian Arctic	L.vidua (Kieff.),
7.Euroasian Arcto-Alpine	D.zernyi, Ps.nivosa
8.Endemics of Himalayas and Pamirs	D.khumbugelida
9.East Palaearctic(latitudinally)	D.tsutsuii, Ps.(P.)orientalis
IO.East Palaearctic Arctomontane	A.appendiculata
II.South Far East Palaearctoarctic	D.alpina, D.vernalis, S.mira, S.rara, S.khorensis, S.repentina, K.lebetiformis
I2. Far East Beringian	P.gracilis, P.tshereshevni
I3.Far East Boreomontane	B.brevitarsis
I4.Baikal	D.baicalensis
I5.Panholarctic Circumpolyzonal	P.longimana, Ps.branickii, D.aberrata, D.bohemani, D.cinerella, D.insignipes, D.bertrami, P.caudatus
I6.Circumpolar Arctomontane	D.arctica, D.geminata, D.gregsoni, D.davisi, Ps.parva
I7.Beringian	D.amplexivirilia, D.sommermanni, P.pseudomorio
I8.Siberian-American Arctomontane	D.leona, S.fulva, Ps.(P.)angarensis
I9.Amphipacific	D.japonica

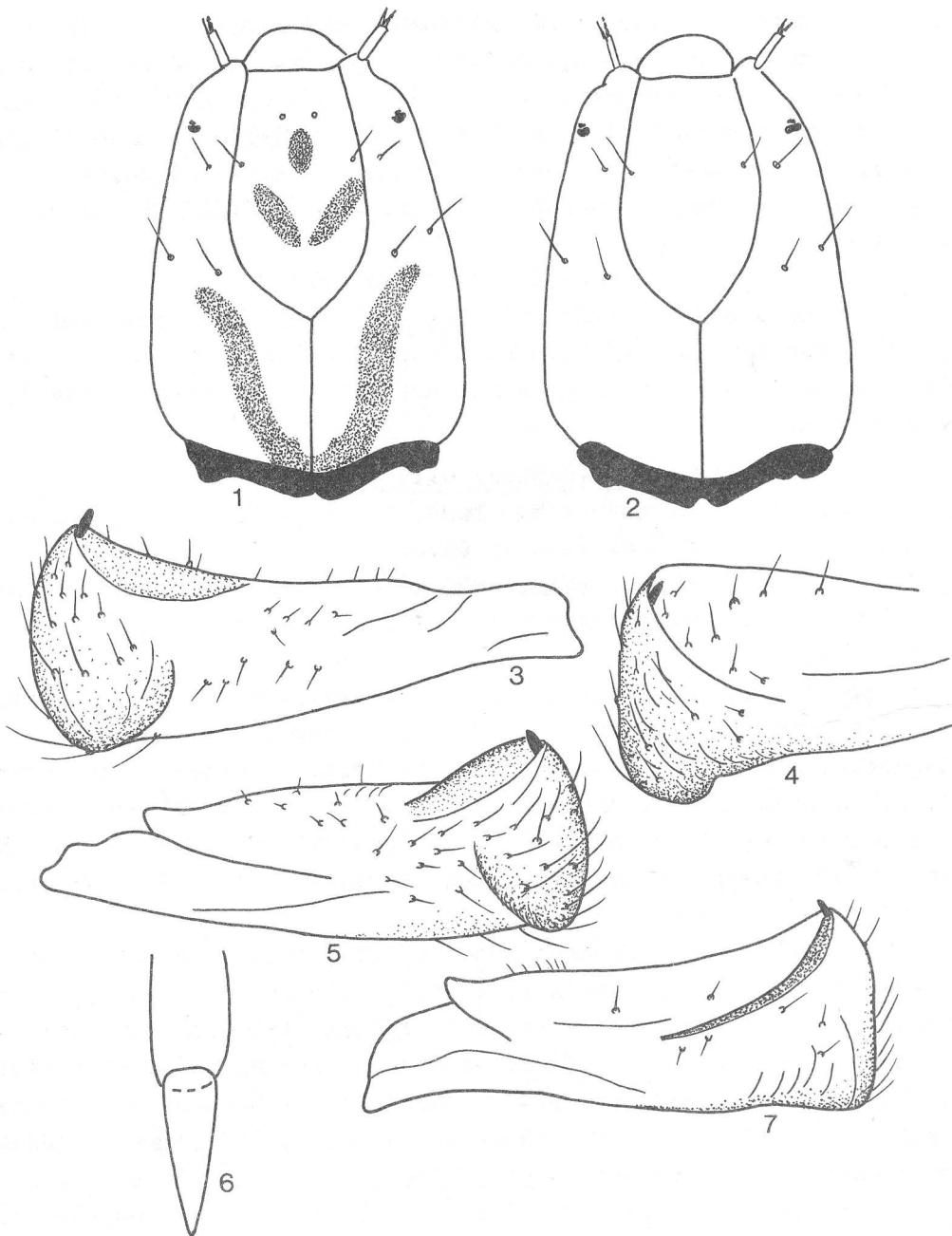
Pseudodiamesa and Pagastia from the USSR Diamesinae are poorly studied. Species Ps.gr.nivosa are widely spread but a lot of specialists for the time being, and me also (MAKARCHENKO 1985) determine all forms as a Ps.nivosa. In revising Ps.gr.nivosa (the work has not finished yet) turned out that Ps.stackelbergi occupies the European part of the country and many regions of the East Siberia and the Soviet Far East besides Ps.nivosa; Ps.gorodkovi occurs in the Caucasus (MAKARCHENKO 1983), Ps.subnivosa in the Baikal territory (LINEVICH and MAKARCHENKO 1989), Ps.latistyla sp.n. in the Okhotsk coast of the Magadan region, Ps.vetusta sp.n. in Semipalatinsk re-

gion. At least two species *Ps.gr.nivosa* appear to occur in the Arctic regions, mountains of the Middle Asia and will be described in the near future. Most probably the same goes for *Ps.branickii*. This species widely spread in Holarctic. However, karyotypes of European and Middle Asian forms with  $2n=6-8$  chromosome number (ZACHARIAS 1984, MICHAILOVA and PETROVA in litt) have been found to differ from those of East Siberia and Far East which have the chromosome number  $2n=12$  (KUBERSKAYA in litt.). The first three authors might have dealt with *Ps.branickii* larvae, and Kuberskaya with a new species.

In comparing species of *Pseudodiamesa* and *Pagastia* I have come to the conclusion that at various stages of metamorphosis these two genera are very similar. Imago *Pagastia* is characterised by dorsomedial and ventrolateral antepronotals, a pupa has blades of anal segment in inner parts with a couple of setae split into 6 branches, a larva possessing a wide middle tooth of labium. The above mentioned features are not sufficient for genus status of *Pagastia* and, to my mind, it should be considered as subgenus of *Pseudodiamesa*. OLIVER (1959), while describing the genus *Pagastia*, was of the same opinion and he wrote "until the immature stages are described the genus *Pagastia* must be regarded as tentative as it well be a subgenus of *Pseudodiamesa*." Basing on the Oliver key of determination for males, subgenera can be currently identified by following features:

- 1(4). Ventrolateral antepronotals are present only.....2
- 2(3).  $LR_I$  more than 0.56.....*Pseudodiamesa* G.
- 3(2).  $LR_I$  less than 0.56.....*Pachydiamesa* Ol.
- 4(1). Dorsomedial and ventrolateral antepronotals are present ...  
.....*Pagastia* Ol.

To my mind, *Ps.(P.)orientalis*, *Ps.(P.)angarensis* and *Ps.(P.) oliveri* sp.n. belong to subgenus *Pagastia* of the USSR. In my previous paper (MAKARCHENKO 1985) I have mentioned that larvae from the Sakhalin and Kurile Islands differ from the continental ones by spotted colouring of the head (fig.1-2). Later, comparing male hypopygiums from various populations, I have found, that island specimens differ from the continental ones by the form of gonostylus, namely, by a wider distal part in the form of a bulb (fig.3-5,7). As a result I have divided *Ps.(P.)orientalis* into 2 subspecies: *Ps.(P.)orientalis orientalis* and *Ps.(P.)orientalis insularis* subsp.n. A more detailed description of the subspecies will be given in a pa-



Figs. I-7. *Pseudodiamesa (Pagastia) orientalis insularis* subsp.n. (I,3-6) and *Ps.(P.) orientalis orientalis* (2,7). I-2 - head of larva, 3-5,7 - gonostylus, 6 - distal part of anal point.

per devoted to revision of *Pseudodiamesa* and *Pagastia*. LINEVICH (1953) described *Ps.(P.)angarensis* as *Syndiamesa angarensis* by a larva. Later, she considered it as *Potthastia* (LINEVICH 1984) and then as *Pagastia* (LINEVICH and MAKARCHENKO 1989). The male of this species has not been found yet. I think, the larva of *Ps.(P.)angarensis* is identical to *Pagastia* sp.A from Alaska (OLIVER and ROUSSEL 1982).

#### DESCRIPTIONS OF NEW SPECIES

The terminology follows SATHER (1980). Holotypes and paratypes of the new species have been deposited in the Institute of Biology and Pedology Far East Branch Academy of Sciences of the USSR, Vladivostok.

##### *Pseudodiamesa (Pagastia) oliveri* sp.n.

Type locality: USSR, Soviet Far East, Primorye Territory, the Sichote-Alyn reservation, the Jasnaja River.

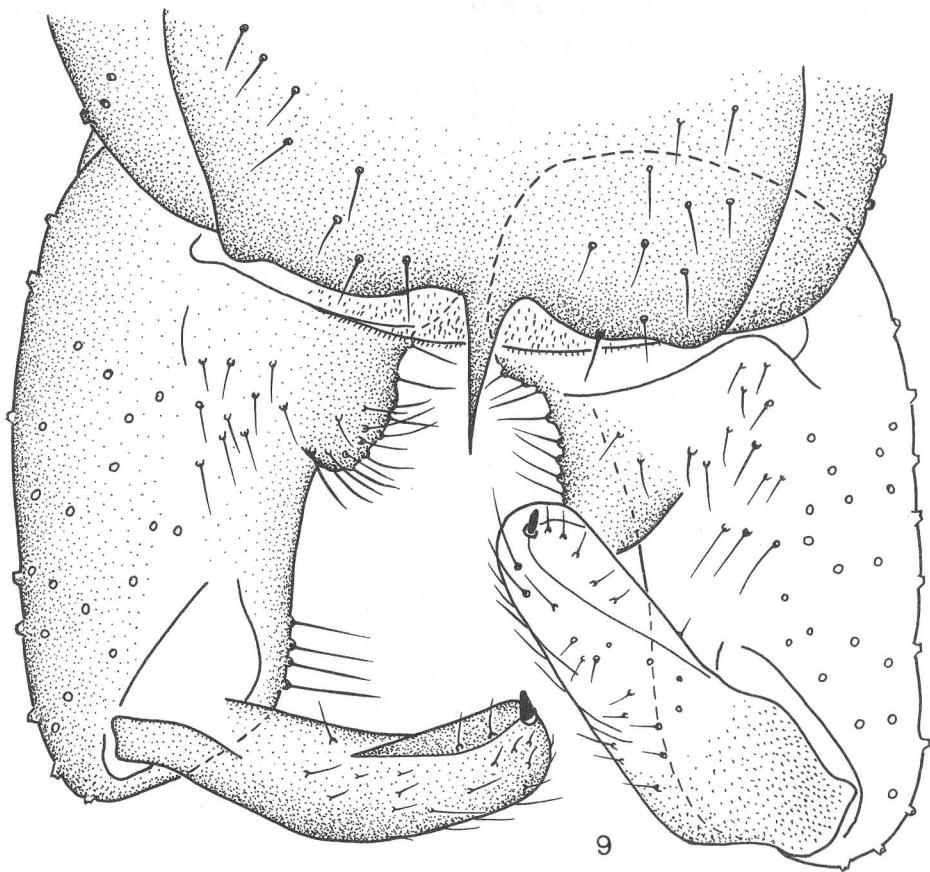
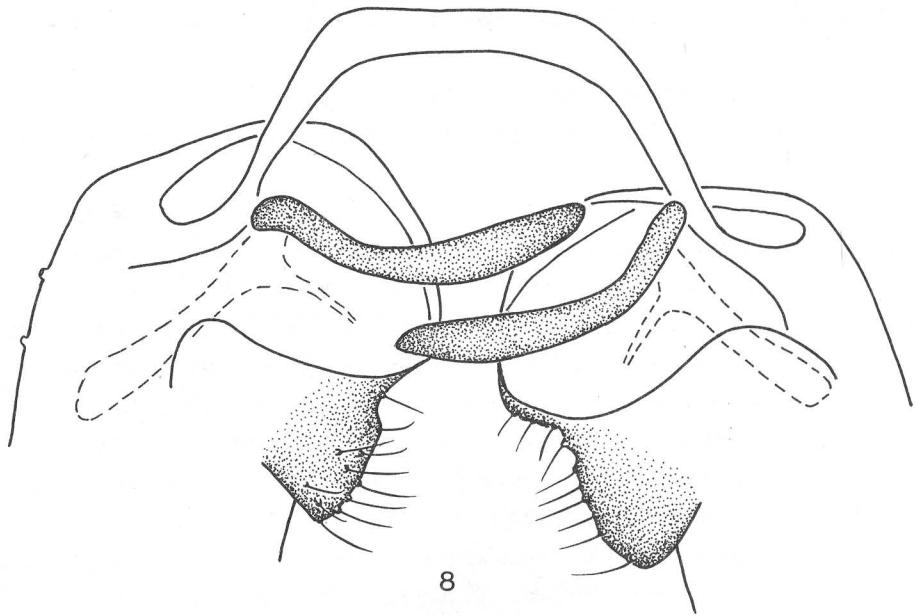
Type material: Holotype, male, USSR, Soviet Far East, Primorye Territory, the Sichote-Alyn reservation, Jasnaja River, II.IX.1983, E. Poticha.

Etymology: Named in honour of Dr.D.R.Oliver from the Biosystematics Research Institute, Agriculture Canada, Ottawa.

Diagnostic characters: *Ps.(Ps.) oliveri* sp.n. is close to the species *Ps.(P.) orientalis* but can easily separated from them as follows: gonocoxite with small inferior volsella; superior volsella is simple, slender and long; gonostylus with wide basal part and apical arounded.

Male imago. Generelly color dark brown. Length 4.3 mm.

Head. Verticals 6-7, coronals 4, postorbitalis I4-I5, clypeals I5-I6. Antenna and maxillar palp are absent. Thorax. Antepronotum with 2 dorsomedial and 6 ventrolateral setae. Acrostichals 20, dorsocentrals 18, prealars 10. Wing. With microtrichia and without macrotrichia. Length 3.9 mm. R and  $R_I$  with 40 setae,  $R_{4+5}$  with 19 setae;  $RM/MC_{u_1}=2.5$ ; squama with 37-39 setae. Legs.  $BR_{I-2}=2.3$ ,  $BR_3=4.6$ ,  $LR_I=0.78$ ,  $LR_2=0.49$ ,  $LR_3=0.61$ ,  $SV_I=2.33$ ,  $SV_2=3.93$ ,  $SV_3=3.08$ ,  $BV_I=3.04$ ,  $BV_2=3.36$ ,  $BV_3=3.41$ . Front tibial spur length 75.9 mkm, middle tibial spurs equal length 66 mkm, hind tibial spurs length 76 mkm and 60 mkm; hind tibial comb consisting of 9 spines. Hypopygium (figs.8-9). Anal point length 26.4 mkm. Tergite IX with 10-13 setae, laterosternite IX with 9-II setae. Gonocoxite with small inferior volsella. Gonostylus with



Figs.8-9. Male hypopygium of *Ps.(P.) oliveri* sp.n.

wide basal and rounded apical parts, ending with short magaseta and yellow seta.

Pseudodiamesa (Ps.) latistyla sp.n.

Type locality: USSR, Soviet Far East, Magadan region, Ola River basin.

Type material: Holotype, male, USSR, Soviet Far East, Magadan region, Ola River basin, Uglican River, 3.V.I980, V.Samokhvalov. Paratypes: 6 males, same locality, 3.V.I980, V.Samokhvalov.

Diagnostic characters: Ps.(Ps.) latistyla sp.n. is close to the species Ps.nivosa and Ps.stackelbergi and differ from them as follows: gonostylus is typical of nivosa but very broad, AR=5.3.

Male imago. Generally color dark brown. Length 7.9 mm.

Head. Preoculars I9-2I, coronals 4, clypeals 56-58, Antennal plume well developed, subapical setae of terminal flagellomere length 72.6 mkm, AR=5.2-5.3. Last 4 maxillary palp segments length (mkm) - 247.5 : 283.8 : 270.6 : 250.8. Thorax. Antepronotum with 20-29 ventrolateral setae. Acrostichals absent, dorsocentrals 38-43, prealars 43-47, scutellars 68. Wing. Length 6 mm. R and RI with I8 setae, R<sub>4+5</sub> with 3 setae. Legs. BR<sub>I</sub>=6.5, BR<sub>2</sub>=3.7, BR<sub>3</sub>=4, LR<sub>I</sub>=0.7I, LR<sub>2</sub>=0.44, LR<sub>3</sub>=0.50, SV<sub>I</sub>=2.68, SV<sub>2</sub>=4.42, SV<sub>3</sub>=3.7I, BV<sub>I</sub>=2.96, BV<sub>2</sub>=3.5I, BV<sub>3</sub>=3.5I. Front tibial spur length I6I.7 mkm, middle tibial spurs length 82.5 mkm and 85.8 mkm, hind tibial spurs length I58.4 mkm and 95.7 mkm; hind tibial comb consisting of II spines. Hypopygium (figs.IO-II). Anal point long (I48.5 mkm). Tergite IX with 2I-25 setae, laterosternite IX with 5-8 setae. Gonostylus is typical of Ps.gr.nivosa but very broad, without megaseta in distal part.

Pseudodiamesa (Ps.) vetusta sp.n.

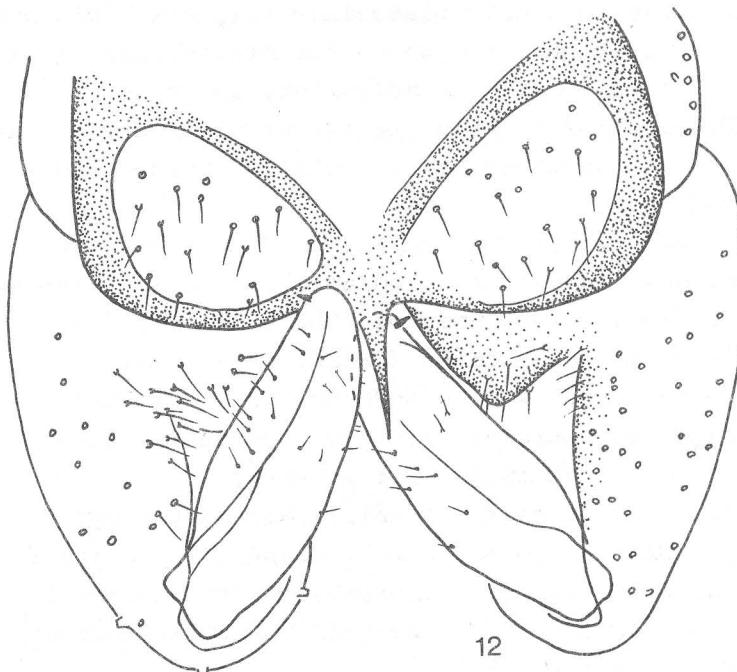
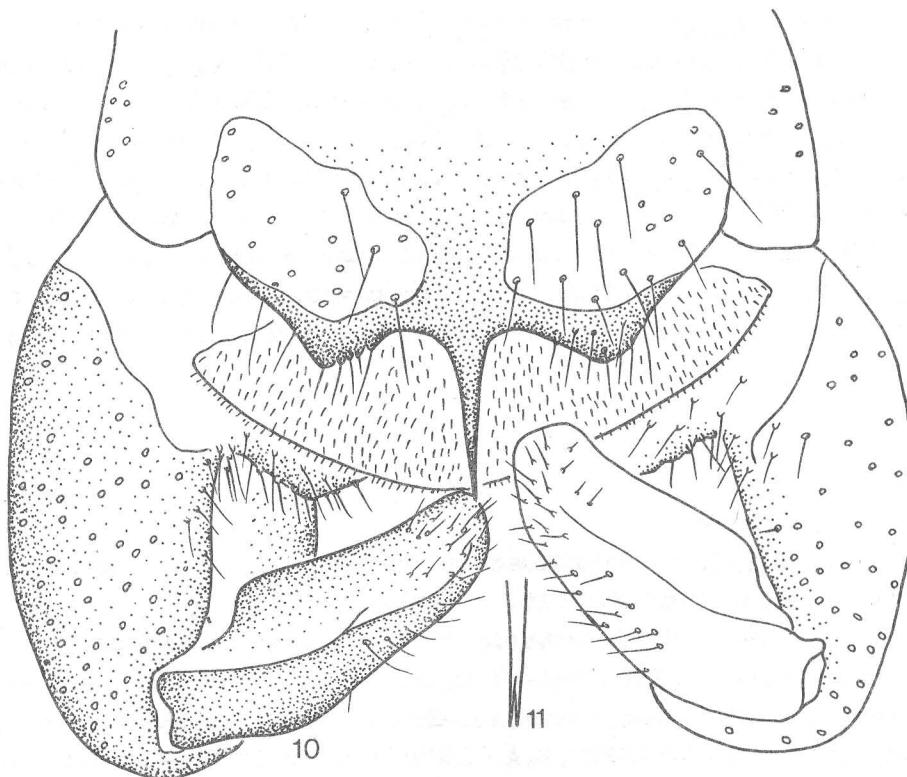
Type locality: USSR, Semipalatinsk region, Saur, Chagan-Obo village.

Type material: Holotype, male, USSR, Semipalatinsk region, Saur, Chagan-Obo village, 25.VIII.I910, B.Karavaev. Paratype: male, same locality, 25.VII.I910, B.Karavaev.

Diagnostic characters: Ps.(Ps.) vetusta is a typical species of Ps.(Ps.) gr.nivosa and differ from other species by the form of gonostylus and a small size of body.

Male imago. Generally color brown. Length 6.5 mm. Head.

Preoculars I6, coronals 4, clypeals 3I. Antennal plume well developed, subapical setae of terminal flagellomere length 42.9 mkm, AR=3.77. Last 4 maxillary palp segments length (mkm) - I68.3 : 280.5



Figs.10-12. Male hypopygium of *Ps.(Ps.) latistyla* sp.n. (10-11) and *Ps.(Ps.) vetusta* sp.n. (12).

: 268 : I87.2. Thorax. Antepronotum with 10 ventrolateral setae. Dorsocentrals 42, prealars 35-37, scutellars 72. Wing. Length 5.25 mm. R and R<sub>I</sub> with 14 setae, setae of R<sub>4+5</sub> absent; RM/MCu=3.5. Legs. BR<sub>I</sub>=6.5, BR<sub>2</sub>=3.7, BR<sub>3</sub>=4, LR<sub>I</sub>=0.71, LR<sub>2</sub>=0.44, LR<sub>3</sub>=0.50, SV<sub>I</sub>=2.68, SV<sub>2</sub>=4.42, SV<sub>3</sub>=3.71, BV<sub>I</sub>=2.96, BV<sub>2</sub>=3.51, BV<sub>3</sub>=3.51. Front tibial spur length 171.6 mkm, middle tibial spurs equal length 99 mkm, hind tibial spurs length 170 mkm and 98 mkm; hind tibial comb consisting of 14 spines. Hypopygium (fig. 12). Typical of *Ps.gr.nivosa*. Gonostylus is narrow, close to gonocoxite, lanceolate and of about the same thickness.

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