ABSTRACT

Spider wasps (Hymenoptera: Pompilidae) constitute a monophyletic family supported by numerous morphological and behavioral traits. The subfamilial and tribal classifications, however, have a history of conflicting and confusing designations and nomenclature. Here, we reconstruct a molecular phylogeny of Pompilidae from Bayesian and maximum-likelihood analyses of four nuclear molecular markers (elongation factor- 1α F2 copy, long–wavelength rhodopsin, RNA polymerase II, and 28S ribosomal RNA). A Bayesian divergence-time estimation was performed using four calibration points. An ancestral-area reconstruction was performed with a Bayesian binary Markov chain Monte Carlo method. New relationships are recovered, and new subfamilial delimitations are proposed and discussed based on the phylogeny. The origin of Pompilidae was ca. 43.3 Ma, probably in the Nearctic region. Most of the extant subfamilies originated during the late Eocene through Oligocene, and their current distributions are the product of various dispersal events that occurred over the course of ~ 40 Ma. This is the first phylogenetic reconstruction of Pompilidae from molecular characters, with broad geographic and taxonomic sampling. The following subfamilies and relationships are recognized: Ctenocerinae + (Ceropalinae + Notocyphinae) + Pompilinae + Pepsinae. We revalidate Notocyphinae, which contains only *Notocyphus*, and define a new tribe in Pompilinae: Sericopompilini. Priochilini is reinstated. Sericopompilini contains Sericopompilus as the sole representative; Priochilini contains Priochilus and Balboana. Epipompilus and Chirodamus are now classified as Pepsinae.

KEYWORDS

Ceropalinae – Ctenocerinae – Eocene – Notocyphinae – Pepsinae – Pompilinae – Systematics

Molecular phylogeny and systematics of spider wasps (Hymenoptera: Pompilidae): redefining subfamily boundaries and the origin of the family

INTRODUCTION

Spider wasps (Hymenoptera: Pompilidae) are solitary, predatory insects that provision their offspring with spiders as the sole food source. The family contains approximately 4,855 described species grouped into 125 genera (Aguiar *et al.*, 2013) and four subfamilies (Pitts, Wasbauer & von Dohlen, 2006). Although the family has a cosmopolitan distribution, species diversity is highest in tropical regions (Wasbauer, 1995).

Spider wasps exhibit a wide array of nesting and foraging behavior. Females hunt spiders in short flights or while crawling along trails. They usually nest in burrows prepared by scraping soil backward with their forelegs (Evans & Shimizu, 1996; Kurczewski, 2010; Kurczewski & Edwards, 2012), but some species use spider burrows (Williams, 1928), pre-existing cavities (Kurczewski, 1981), or construct aerial nests from mud (Evans & Shimizu, 1996; Barthélémy & Pitts, 2012). Prey-carrying mechanisms also vary considerably throughout the family; these include pulling, pushing, carrying, or flying with the spider to the nest (Evans & Yoshimoto, 1962).

Pompilidae are unquestionably a monophyletic family (Shimizu, 1994; Fernández, 2006; Pitts *et al.*, 2006; Pilgrim, von Dohlen & Pitts, 2008; Debevec, Cardinal & Danforth, 2012), distinguished morphologically by presence of a straight transverse carina on the mesopleuron, dividing it into upper and lower regions (Townes, 1957), and behaviorally by provisioning nest cells exclusively with a single spider. Divergence-time estimation (Wilson *et al.*, 2013) and the fossil record (Rodriguez *et al.*, 2015) suggest that stem-group Pompilidae appeared in the Upper Cretaceous and crown-group taxa diversified in the early Eocene.

PHYLOGENETIC POSITION OF POMPILIDAE WITHIN ACULEATA

Historically, there has been disagreement regarding the relationship of Pompilidae to other families of aculeate (stinging) Hymenoptera (reviewed in Brothers, 1999; Pilgrim *et al.*, 2008). Pompilidae has been proposed as the sister group to (1) Rhopalosomatidae (Brothers, 1975, 1999); (2) Sapygidae + Mutillidae (Brothers & Carpenter, 1993); (3) Mutillidae + (Sapygidae + Myrmosinae) (Pilgrim *et al.*, 2008); (4) Mutillidae (excluding Myrmosinae) (Debevec *et al.*, 2012); and (5) Chrysididae (Heraty *et al.*, 2011). More recently, a phylogenomic study recovered Pompilidae as sister to Mutillidae in a clade composed of (Pompilidae + Mutillidae) + a paraphyletic Bradynobaenidae (Johnson *et al.*, 2013). However, this study did not include representatives of Myrmosinae or Sapygidae. The superfamily Pompiloidea was proposed by Pilgrim *et al.* (2008) to include the families Pompilidae, Mutillidae, Sapygidae, and Myrmosidae.

PHYLOGENETIC RELATIONSHIPS IN POMPILIDAE

The internal classification of Pompilidae has remained unsettled (see Fig. 1 in Pitts *et al.*, 2006). The family and its component subfamilies and tribes have had different names throughout their taxonomic history. Süstera (1912) was the first to group

Pompilidae into subfamilies, dividing the family into three: Pepsinae, Ceratopalinae (=Ceropalinae) and Psammocharinae (=Pompilinae). After Süstera (1912), as many as eight authors have proposed conflicting subfamilial and tribal classifications (e.g., Haupt, 1927, 1930; Arnold, 1932a,b, 1934, 1935, 1936a,b, 1937; Banks, 1912, 1934; Bradley, 1944; Priesner, 1955; Townes, 1957; Shimizu 1994; Pitts *et al.* 2006). Townes' (1957) scheme has been the classification used most often. He suggested three subfamilies: Pepsinae, Pompilinae and Ceropalinae, with Ceropalinae composed of three tribes: Notocyphini, Minageniini and Ceropalini. This last tribe was elevated to subfamily status based on cladistic analyses in subsequent studies (Shimizu, 1994; Pitts *et al.*, 2006). More recently, two studies proposed subfamilial boundaries in Pompilidae based on maximumparsimony analyses of morphology. Shimizu (1994) proposed six subfamilies: Ceropalinae + (Notocyphinae + (Pepsinae + Pompilinae + Ctenocerinae + Epipompilinae)), and Pitts *et al.* (2006) proposed four subfamilies: Ceropalinae + (Pepsinae + (Ctenocerinae + Pompilinae)).

Tribal classification of Pompilidae has been similarly contentious, with no consensus reached as yet. Some tribes have had as many as seven different names in the past, and the monophyly of most tribes has never been tested. For example, Bradley (1944) divided Pompilinae into seven tribes: Aporini, Ctenocerini, Epipompilini, Pompilini, Pedinaspini, Allocharini, and Allocyphononychini. Allocharini and Allocyphononychini were transferred to Pompilini by Evans (1951). Ctenocerini included taxa currently classified as both Aporini and Ctenocerinae, while Epipompilini was elevated to subfamily level by Shimizu (1994) and transferred to Ctenocerinae by Pitts *et al.* (2006). Similar problems abound in other subfamilies, and the taxonomic confusion extends to the generic level. Fernández (2006) suggested that several genera in Pompilidae are probably not natural groups and are in need of taxonomic revisions.

The majority of problems and disagreements in Pompilidae classification likely stem from the homogeneous morphology of many spider wasp species. In addition, authors working in different zoogeographical regions have used different upper-level classifications. This discordance between authors at tribal and generic levels has generated a plethora of names, causing further confusion. Some higher classifications of Pompilidae were proposed based on characters that are either non-apomorphic or are probably homoplasious (Shimizu, 1994), which has contributed to unstable taxa. Informative, homologous characters in pompilids are usually subtle and often less conspicuous than the convergent features developed in different clades (Shimizu, 1994).

Herein, we conducted a molecular phylogenetic study to address the lack of consensus in higher-level Pompilidae classification. This work is based on a comprehensive sampling of genera and geographic areas, and four nuclear molecular markers. Our aim was to 1) determine the phylogenetic relationships of major lineages within Pompilidae, 2) estimate the ages and ancestral areas of these lineages, and 3) test the validity of prior subfamily classifications. In addition, we briefly discuss the generic classification of Pompilidae and point to areas needing further studies.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

TAXON SAMPLING

We sampled 150 specimens representing 74 Pompilidae genera (Support Information, Table S1). Specimens were selected from a variety of genera, in an effort to cover the breadth of morphological and geographical variation in the family. Based on the subfamilies defined by Pitts *et al.* (2006), we sampled six genera of the previously defined Ctenocerinae, including *Epipompilus* Kohl that was tentatively placed in this subfamily; the two representatives of Ceropalinae; 38 genera of Pompilinae, including questionable pompiline taxa as *Chirodamus* Haliday, *Notocyphus* Smith, and *Balboana* Banks; and 28 genera of Pepsinae. Samples were obtained on loan from various entomological collections (Table S1) and field collecting trips. Vouchers are deposited as indicated in Table S1.

Outgroup taxa were chosen based on previous studies indicating (Sapygidae + Mutillidae) (Brothers & Carpenter, 1993; Pilgrim *et al.*, 2008) and (Pompilidae + Mutillidae) + a paraphyletic Bradynobaenidae (Johnson *et al.*, 2013) as sister taxa of Pompilidae. Taxa selected were: *Ephuta grisea* Bradley and *Timulla divergens* Mickel (Mutillidae); *Typhoctoides aphelonyx* Brothers (Chyphotidae); and *Sapyga centrata* Say and *Sapyga pumila* Cresson (Sapygidae).

DNA EXTRACTION, PCR AMPLIFICATION AND SEQUENCING

DNA was extracted from the entire individual after puncturing the top of the mesosoma (small-medium specimens), or from 2-3 legs (large individuals). Extractions were performed with the Roche High Pure PCR Template Purification Kit (Roche Diagnostics Corp., Indianapolis, IN) following the manufacturer's protocol.

The nuclear genes elongation factor–1 α F2 copy (EF), long–wavelength rhodopsin (LWRh), RNA polymerase II (Pol2) and the D2–D3 regions of the 28S ribosomal RNA (28S) were amplified from each individual with the polymerase chain reaction (PCR. Double-stranded amplifications were performed with 20 μ L reaction volume containing genomic DNA (10 ng), 1.5 mm MgCl₂, 0.2 mM of each dNTP, 1 μ M primer of each primer, 2 units of Qiagen taq (Qiagen, Valencia, CA), and buffer supplied by the manufacturer. In some reactions, GoTaq (Promega, Madison, WI) was used in the following amounts: 6 μ l of ddH₂O, 10 μ l of GoTaq Green Master Mix, and 1 mM of each primer. The optimal cycling parameters varied for each primer pair used.

Molecular markers were chosen based on phylogenetic investigations in other Hymenoptera families (e.g. Pilgrim *et al.*, 2008; Danforth, Fang & Sipes, 2006). Primers from previous studies and modified primers were used (Table 1). All PCR products were sequenced in forward and reverse directions at Utah State University's Center for Integrated Biosystems and were assembled into complete contigs using Sequencher 4.1 (Gene Codes Corp., Ann Arbor, MI).

PHYLOGENETIC ANALYSES

Sequences were aligned using Geneious Alignment (Geneious 6.1) followed by manual refinement. Introns of LWRh and EF markers were removed from the alignment. The model of molecular evolution was determined for each gene by codon position using Partition Finder 1.01 (Lanfear *et al.*, 2012). Single-gene phylogenies were estimated in a Bayesian framework implemented in MrBayes 3.2 (Ronquist *et al.*, 2012) to check for topological incongruences. Single-gene matrices were then concatenated using Geneious 6.1 to produce a combined-gene matrix. The models of molecular evolution were determined for the combined data by gene and codon position using Partition Finder 1.01 (Lanfear *et al.*, 2012), and then analyzed in MrBayes 3.2 (see partitions and models in Table 2). Bayesian analyses included four independent runs with three heated chains and one cold chain in each run. The MCMC chains were set for 100,000,000 generations and sampled every 10,000 generations. Trace plots and effective sample size (ESS) were examined in Tracer v1.5 to determine MCMC mixing and convergence. Trees from the first 25% of the samples were removed as burn-in. A consensus of the post-burnin trees was visualized in FigTree v1.3.1.

Maximum-likelihood analysis (ML) was performed using RAxML, under the GTRCAT model carried out at the CIPRES website (Stamatakis, 2006; Stamatakis, Hoover & Rougemont, 2008). For this analysis, the combined alignment was partitioned by gene. Rapid-bootstrap heuristic searches were calculated to estimate support levels, from 100 replicates.

DIVERGENCE TIME ESTIMATION

A chronogram was inferred in a Bayesian framework using BEAST 1.7.5 (Drummond *et al.*, 2012) under an uncorrelated lognormal relaxed-clock model (Drummond *et al.*, 2006; Drummond & Rambaut, 2007). Best-fit substitution models were unlinked among partitions with the underlying clock and trees linked. Four calibration points were used for the analysis. Three were obtained from reliable fossil data of Pompilidae species (Rodriguez *et al.*, in press), and one from the age of the crown group of Pompilidae as inferred by a dating analysis of all stinging wasps (Wilson *et al.*, 2013). The common ancestor of *Anoplius* Dufour + *Dicranoplius* Haupt was given a lognormal prior of 25 Ma (mean in real space) (LogSD=0.5) based on the fossil of *Anoplius* sp. n. (Rodriguez *et al.*, in press) from Dominican amber, which belongs to the stem group of *Anoplius*. The common ancestor of *Cryptocheilus* Panzer + (*Entypus* Dahlbom + (*Diplonyx* Saussure + (*Hemipepsis* + (*Leptodialepis* Haupt + *Dinosalius* Banks)))), as well as the common ancestor of *Agenioideus* Ashmead + (*Homonotus* Dahlbom + *Ferreola* Lepeletier), were given a lognormal prior, with mean in real space. of 33 Ma (LogSD=0.5) based on the fossils of *Cryptocheilus hypogaeus* Cockerell and *Agenioideus saxigenus* (Cockerell) found in the Colorado Florissant beds (Cockerell, 1908, 1914). The crown group node of Pompilidae was assigned a normal prior of (mean) 43 Ma (SD=10), based on the data published by Wilson *et al.* (2013). Two separate Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) searches were performed for 100,000,000 generations. Effective sample sizes (ESS), mixing, and graphical chain convergence were examined in Tracer 1.5. Independent runs were combined with LogCombiner 1.7.5. Twenty-five percent of samples was discarded as burn–in.

ANCESTRAL AREAS RECONSTRUCTION

The possible ancestral ranges of the family and its main lineages were reconstructed on the Pompilidae chronogram. We used a Bayesian binary MCMC approach (BBM; Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)) implemented in RASP 2.1b (Yan, Harris & Xingjin, 2012). We scored the area of occurrence at the genus-level, to minimize sampling bias (see Table S2). The number of maximum areas allowed at the nodes was six, which corresponded to Wallace's zoogeographic realms (Wallace, 1876) and were coded as follows: Australian region (A); Oriental region (B); Ethiopian region (C); Neotropical region (D); Nearctic region (E); and Palearctic region (F). Two MCMC chains were run simultaneously for 5,000,000 generations, sampled every 1000 generations. The model used was a fixed JC+G (Jukes-Cantor+Gamma).

RESULTS

PHYLOGENETIC ANALYSES

The concatenated sequence alignment of four molecular markers included 2,931 bp after trimming. GenBank accession numbers for all markers are indicated in Table S1. Bayesian and ML analyses produced congruent topologies, displaying only minor differences in resolution and topology (Supporting Information, Fig. S1). Both approaches recovered Pompilidae as a well-supported monophyletic group (posterior probability (PP)=1.0; bootstrap (BS)=100%). However, none of the approaches was able to support relationships among the deeper lineages. These earliest-branching lineages mostly correspond to previously recognized, major subfamilies, but with some differences (explained below). The BEAST analysis increased PPs of nodes overall and found support for monophyly of several major clades. Such "relaxed" phylogenetic approaches typically produce more accurate and precise topologies than do unrooted and strict-clock methods (Drummond *et al.*, 2006; Pybus, 2006). Thus, we use the topology resulting from the relaxed-clock analysis (Fig. 1) as our most accurate estimate of Pompilidae phylogeny in the discussion below.

We recovered four, large, well-supported clades (A, B, C, and D; Fig. 1). Within these four major clades, two contained additional lineages that are supported by morphology, behavior, and/or by phylogenetic support measures (E, F, G, H, and I; Fig. 1), as presented below.

The basal split in Pompilidae is formed by the African species of Ctenocerinae, clade A (*sensu* Arnold, 1932b) *versus* all remaining taxa. African Ctenocerinae, here represented by *Trichosalius* (Arnold), *Ctenocerus* Dahlbom, *Paraclavelia* Haupt, and *Pseudopedinaspis* Brauns, were well supported as monophyletic (PP=0.99); however, their position as sister group to remaining Pompilidae was weak (PP=0.72). The

Neotropical and Australian Ctenocerinae genera (*Lepidocnemis* Haupt and *Maurillus* Smith, respectively) were independently nested among Pepsinae genera.

The second major split is between clade B and the remaining pompilids. Clade B is composed of *Notocyphus* Smith, *Ceropales* Latreille, and *Irenangelus* Schulz. This clade is further divided into two well-supported lineages: E (*Notocyphus*) (PP=1.0) and F (*Irenangelus* + *Ceropales*) (PP=0.93).

The remaining pompilids are split into two large, well-supported lineages, clades C and D. Clade C (PP=1.0) comprises species of Pompilinae, as defined by Pitts *et al.* (2006), but excluding *Chirodamus* Holiday. We recognize three major lineages within clade C: clades G, H, and I. The sister relationship of clade G and H is poorly supported (PP=0.51); clade G is monotypic and includes only *Sericopompilus*, whereas clade H is formed by (*Balboana + Priochilus*) (PP=0.82). Clade I (PP=1.0) includes most of the Pompilinae *sensu stricto* taxa.

Clade D (PP=0.93) includes most of the Pepsinae (*sensu stricto*) genera and some taxa traditionally treated separately (e.g. *Epipompilus* Kohl, *Chirodamus* Haliday, *Lepidocnemis*). The internal relationships in this group are somewhat uncertain, with only few genera recovered as monophyletic with high support (e.g. *Psoropempula* Evans, *Pepsis* Fabricius). Some larger genera were monophyletic with less-than-significant support, such as *Epipompilus* Kohl (PP = 0.88), or rendered paraphyletic by the inclusion of only one or two other taxa, such as *Auplopus* Spinola and *Ageniella* Banks. One large clade within clade D was recovered with high support: clade J. Within this lineage we further recognize two well-supported clades: K, containing *Priocnessus* Banks +

(*Cryptocheilus* + (*Entypus* + (*Diplonyx* + (*Hemipepsis* + (*Leptodialepis* + *Dinosalius*)))) (PP=1.0), and L, containing *Cyphononyx* Dahlbom + Ageniellini genera (PP=1.0).

DIVERGENCE-TIME ESTIMATION

The estimated age of crown-group Pompilidae was recovered as 43.3 Ma (95% highest posterior probability density [HPD]=112.2–27.1), i.e. in the mid Paleogene – Eocene (Fig. 1). The internal age estimates indicate that extant species of the most diverse groups, e.g. Pepsinae and Pompilinae, began to diverge during the late Eocene, about 38.6 Ma (HPD=65.1–19.4). The diversification of extant Ctenocerinae (clade A) began around 29.8 Ma (HPD=53.3–12.2), similar to Ceropalinae (31.0 Ma, HPD=54.8–14.7), (*Sericopompilus* + *Balboana* + *Priochilus*) (31.3 Ma, HPD=52.7–15.3), and Pompilinae *sensu stricto* (28.8 Ma, HPD=52.7–15.3) (Table 3). Crown-group *Notocyphus* emerged more recently (25.5 Ma, HPD=45.4–11.3), whereas crown-group Pepsinae emerged earlier (34.7 Ma, HPD=58.3–17.0), as compared to other major clades (Table 3).

ANCESTRAL AREAS RECONSTRUCTION

The combined results of the BBM analysis indicated the Nearctic region as the most probable ancestral area for crown-group Pompilidae (Fig. 2 and Supporting Information, Fig. 2). The Ethiopian region was recovered as the ancestral area for Ctenocerinae (clade A) (Fig. 2). The ancestor of *Notocyphus, Ceropales,* and *Irenangelus* (clade B) more likely had a range including the Neotropical and Nearctic regions, which is the same as the current and ancestral distribution of *Notocyphus* (clade E) (Fig. 2). The ancestor of Ceropalinae (clade F) dispersed to and occupied all other zoogeographic regions, except for the Palearctic. The ancestral range of clade C (Pompilinae) was

ambiguous; it was equally likely to be the New World or the Neotropical region only (Fig. 2). Within this group, the ancestral area of clade I could not be reconstructed with confidence. The ancestry of clade D (most of Pepsinae) was reconstructed as ranging from the Neotropical to Nearctic regions (Fig. 2).

DISCUSSION

The diverse family Pompilidae is a well-supported monophyletic group of aculeate wasps. With the application of molecular data to the problem of Pompilidae phylogenetics, many internal lineages are well supported as monophyletic, yet certain relationships remain somewhat ambiguous. However, morphological and behavioral characteristics, coupled with phylogenetic signal, justify the taxonomic decisions we present here concerning subfamily delimitations and nomenclatural changes. We recognize the following subfamilies and their relationships: Ctenocerinae + ((Ceropalinae + Notocyphinae) + Pompilinae + Pepsinae) (Fig. 2; Table 4). Our delimitations differ from previous phylogenetic studies in number, structure, and relationship of subfamilies. Shimizu (1994) proposed six subfamilies: Ceropalinae + (Notocyphinae + (Pepsinae + Pompilinae + Ctenocerinae + Epipompilinae)); whereas Pitts *et al.* (2006) proposed four subfamilies: Ceropalinae + (Pepsinae + (Ctenocerinae + Pompilinae)). We propose five subfamilies, with Ctenocerinae as the sister group to all other pompilid taxa. This is a major departure from the previous schemes derived from morphology, which proposed Ceropalinae as the sister group to all other pompilid wasps (Shimizu, 1994; Pitts et al., 2006). In agreement with Shimizu (1994), however, our analyses favor reinstatement of Notocyphinae.

The position of Ctenocerinae as emerging from the basal node of Pompilidae rather than Ceropalinae as in previous schemes—has implications for the evolution of spider wasp nesting behavior. It has been suggested that nesting behavior in Pompilidae has evolved in a step-wise fashion of increasing complexity. The secondary loss of some of the steps, such as transporting the host and building a nest, has been proposed to descend from some of the most complex nesting sequences (Evans, 1953). Similarly, cleptoparasitism has been suggested as a case of secondary loss from an ancestral, more complex state (Evans, 1953). Previous phylogenetic schemes reconstructing cleptoparasitic Ceropalinae at the base of Pompilidae (Shimizu, 1994; Pitts *et al.*, 2006) might imply that cleptoparasitism was an ancient strategy not descended from complex behavior, and possibly represents the ancestral behavior of the family. In contrast, our results suggest that cleptoparasitism is likely not ancestral, as discussed below.

The biology of most ctenocerine species remains unknown, but morphology suggests that they are parasitoids of trap-door spiders (Waichert & Pitts, 2011). In addition, a female Ctenocerinae has been collected from the nest of a trap-door spider (Arnold, 1932a), and Ctenocerinae specimens have been reared from trap-door spiders in the laboratory (Evans, 1972). Furthermore, ctenocerines have converged on morphology similar to Aporini (Pompilinae), a group known to parasitize trap-door spiders. Aporini spider wasps have been observed using the spider burrow as a nest (Jenks, 1938), thus reducing the nesting sequence by eliminating carrying and nest building steps.

Our reconstruction of the basal Pompilidae node is consistent with the idea that ancestral pompilids used a generalist strategy involving attacking and paralyzing spiders in their own nest. Cleptoparasitism—such as observed in Ceropalinae—as an ancestral strategy is logically inconsistent, as (a) it is a highly specialized behavior, and (b) it requires the prior existence of pompilid lineages with more complex behavior from which to steal prey (e.g., other females that leave prey unattended while digging nests). A generalist ancestral strategy of attacking spiders in their own nest could conceivably evolve from the unspecialized wasp behavior of capturing any arthropod prey. We do not necessarily suggest that the earliest pompilid ancestors were trap-door spider specialists. It is more logical to propose that ctenocerine trap-door spider specialists concentrated on trap-door spiders after their evolutionary origin, and their specialized morphology followed. A more detailed discussion on the evolution of behavior in the family will require comparative phylogenetic analyses and quantitative ancestral state reconstruction of behavioral traits. This is beyond the scope of this particular paper, but will be addressed in future publications.

SUBFAMILIAL DIVERGENCE TIMES AND ANCESTRAL AREAS RECONSTRUCTION

The age of crown-group Pompilidae inferred here is consistent with the date proposed by Wilson *et al.* (2013) of ~47 Ma. Our findings support the origin of spider wasps in the mid-Paleogene, and possibly in the Nearctic region. Wilson *et al.* (2013) suggested that the increased diversity of spider families at the beginning of the Paleogene (Penney, 2004) might have driven the diversification of Pompilidae. Our results, however, show that most of the subfamilies diverged around 25–35 Ma in the late Paleogene. These results are puzzling, however, given that the cooling temperatures at the Eocene-Oligocene boundary were thought to have affected biodiversity negatively (Katz *et al.*, 2008; Zhonghui *et al.*, 2009). Neotropical floras, for example, show a decrease in diversity at this time (Jaramillo, Rueda & Mora, 2006). Nevertheless, abiotic factors, such as high volcanic and tectonic activity in Southeast Asia, could have provided refugia for certain taxa, which may have triggered diversification in some groups (Buerki *et al.*, 2013). It is possible that local climatic and geological changes such as these might have affected pompilid diversification.

Because of the recent divergence of Pompilidae lineages, their current distribution patterns cannot be attributed to continental drift. Therefore, the current geographic distribution of spider wasps appears to have resulted from several dispersal events at different geological times, rather than as a consequence of vicariant processes. Recent historical biogeography analyses of more recently diverged spider wasp groups support this pattern (Rodriguez *et al.*, 2015). Spider wasp dispersal events occurred during a time span of ~40 Ma and expanded spider wasp distribution from a single biogeographic area to a cosmopolitan distribution.

Pompilinae, the most diverse subfamily, originated around 34 Ma, possibly in the Neotropical and/or Nearctic region. The diversification of most of the clades apparently occurred between 13–29 Ma during the late Oligocene to early Miocene. Pepsinae taxa show a similar range of diversification dates and similar geographic origin, but origins of more genera in this subfamily appear to have occurred earlier in the history of the subfamily.

CTENOCERINAE

This subfamily was first proposed by Haupt (1929), as Claveliinae, to separate its members from Pepsinae; it includes two genera in the Neotropics, four in Australia and 11 in Africa. The name was changed to Ctenocerinae (Shimizu, 1994), but the composition of this subfamily remained mostly stable, except for a suggestion to include

Apinaspis Banks and *Epipompilus* (Pitts *et al.*, 2006). *Epipompilus* is discussed below (see Pepsinae section), whereas *Apinaspis* is an Oriental monotypic genus (Banks, 1938) and has characteristics similar to the Australian genera described by Evans (1972). We support the classification of *Apinaspis* in Pepsinae, as proposed by Shimizu (1994) and Banks (1938), until further analyses suggest otherwise. Although these African, Neotropical and Oriental/Australian taxa share several morphological features – a large antennal scrobe, a transverse groove on the second sternite that is usually prolonged to vertex, and a hind tibia with short spines directed straight backwards – these may be adaptations for preying on trap-door spiders (Evans, 1972) that were independently acquired. More information on behavior is needed, as the natural history of these taxa remains poorly understood.

Our analyses did not recover the monophyly of Ctenocerinae. The Neotropical *Lepidocnemis* and the Australian *Maurillus* are nested within different non-ctenocerine lineages with high support. The morphological similarities of these and the African ctenocerine genera must now be interpreted as convergent traits. Four Australian taxa assigned to Ctenocerinae by Evans (1972) (*Cteniziphontes* Evans, *Apoclavelia* Evans, *Maurillus*, *Austroclavelia* Evans) and the three genera discussed by Waichert & Pitts (2011) (*Abernessia* Arlé, *Lepidocnemis*, *Hypoferreola* Ashmead) are herein transferred to Pepsinae on the basis of the molecular phylogeny and of morphology.

The monophyly of African Ctenocerinae (clade A) was recovered in all analyses. While support for this clade was low in the unconstrained analyses, it was high in the clock-constrained analysis. We redefine Ctenocerinae as the lineage represented by clade A, as it includes the nominal genus, *Ctenocerus*. The 11 Afro-tropical genera recognized by Arnold (1932b), with distribution extending into Java and India, should retain their classification as Ctenocerinae until further analyses are performed. Males of all 11 Ctenocerinae genera designated by Arnold (1932b) are distinguished from Pepsinae by having flagellum uni- or biramous, or crenulate antennae. These character states are not observed in Pepsinae. The subfamily is now recognized by 1) the metasomal sternum 2 with a distinct sharp transverse groove; 2) the mesofemur and the metafemur without subapical spine-like setae set in grooves or pits; 3) the metatibia without scale-like spines or serrate carina and with short, subequal spines directed straight backwards; and 4) the fore wing with vein Cu1 simple at base, without any definite downward deflection; 5) the clypeus plate-like in shape; and 6) males with crenulate antennae. As far as we know, ctenocerine spider wasps prey on trap-door spiders.

CEROPALINAE

Ceropalinae was first erected by Haupt (1929) to comprise only two genera, *Ceropales* and *Irenangelus*. Townes (1957) later included several genera that have been transferred since to Pepsinae and Notocyphinae. Our analyses are congruent with those of Shimizu (1994) and Pitts *et al.* (2006) in recovering Ceropalinae as monophyletic (clade F), and we confirm that *Ceropales* and *Irenangelus* are the sole representatives of Ceropalinae. Although this lineage was poorly supported in the unconstrained analyses, support in the relaxed-clock analysis was high. The position of this group in the family, however, diverges from results of previous authors. Shimizu (1994) and Pitts *et al.* (2006) recovered Ceropalinae as the sister group to all other Pompilidae. In our study, Ceropalinae is strongly supported as the sister group to Notocyphinae. Shimizu (1994) and Pitts *et al.* (2006) defined the subfamily by a set of non-unique homoplasies, including a reniform compound eye, the inner margin of eye converging below, and females with a straight stinger. However, Ceropalinae shares a large and exposed labrum and a compressed subgenital plate with its sister group, Notocyphinae. The exposed labrum is present in other spider wasp genera (e.g. *Paracyphononyx* Gribodo and *Pepsis*), but the extended labrum observed in Ceropalinae and Notocyphinae distinguishes them from other genera by being large and almost as long as the clypeus, which gives the clypeus+labrum a diamond shape. Ceropalines are distinguished by their mode of cleptoparasitism specialized on other pompilid species.

NOTOCYPHINAE

Notocyphus, the sole representative of Notocyphinae, was elevated to subfamily status by Haupt (1929), Banks (1934), and Shimizu (1994). The morphological analyses conducted by Pitts *et al.* (2006) did not support this subfamily. Townes (1957) moved *Notocyphus*, along with *Minotocyphus* Banks, into the tribe Notocyphini within Ceropalinae. Pitts *et al.* (2006) considered *Notocyphus* (and so Notocyphinae) to be a member of Pompilinae. Our molecular analyses recover *Notocyphus* (and therefore Notocyphinae; clade E) as monophyletic with high support, and sister to Ceropalinae. Morphological and behavioral characters confirm the status of *Notocyphus* as a subfamily. Distinguishing morphology of Notocyphinae includes the sting curved downward, the claws bifid in both sexes and the eyes subparallel along the internal margin. Behaviorally, *Notocyphus* are parasitoid wasps, paralyzing their prey temporarily without constructing a nest. In contrast, all Ceropalinae are cleptoparasitic on other pompilid species. For these reasons we abstain from merging these two subfamilies.

Notocyphinae is monotypic and defined by the character states discussed above. The other genus included in Notocyphini by Townes (1957), *Minotocyphus*, is a small Oriental group with morphological resemblance to *Notocyphus* (Townes, 1957; Wahis, 1981). Wahis (1981) discussed several character states that separate *Minotocyphus* from *Notocyphus*, such as having the fore wing with the vein Cul deflected downward at the base and the second sternite with a sulcus with the end curved towards the apex of metasoma. *Minotocyphus* is currently placed in Pompilinae (Wahis, 1981); we were not able to obtain suitable samples for this study.

POMPILINAE

Pompilinae has been historically the most diverse group in Pompilidae. Although several diagnostic character states apparently define this group, its classification and taxonomic composition have been a continuing topic of discussion for systematists. *Notocyphus* and *Chirodamus* were previously included in Pompilinae (Pitts *et al.*, 2006). *Epipompilus* was previously classified as Pompilinae (Harris, 1987), until it was elevated to Epipompilinae (Shimizu, 1994), and then transferred to Ctenocerinae (Pitts *et al.*, 2006). *Cordyloscelis* Arnold was also considered a member of Pompilinae (Arnold, 1935).

Sericopompilus Howard + *Priochilus* Fabricius + *Balboana* form an earlybranching lineage (clades G and H) within the pompilines *sensu lato*. Although the placement of this lineage with respect to clade I (remaining Pompilinae) was uncertain, clade I is a well-supported, separate lineage (Fig. 1). The taxa of clades G and H have unique morphology and behavior among the Pompilinae, which would justify elevating both clades to subfamily level. However, we abstain from defining these as different subfamilies until further data are available; instead, we propose the tribes Sericopompilini and Priochilini. It is possible that future studies will provide the necessary support to consider these taxa as subfamilies with unique evolutionary histories.

Our analyses recovered a lineage (clade I) composed of most of the genera traditionally placed in Pompilinae. The large pompiline lineage excluded several contentious genera, namely, *Cordyloscelis, Chirodamus, Notocyphus* and *Epipompilus*. Our analyses placed *Chirodamus* and *Cordyloscelis* within Pepsinae. Several clades within the large pompiline lineage received high support and could be good candidates for tribal revisions.

Pompilinae are herein characterized by: 1) the metatibia with apical spine-like setae long, of irregular lengths and spacing, the setae distinctly splayed (except in species of *Balboana* and some species of *Priochilus*); 2) the fore wing with vein Cul usually distinctly deflected downward at base (second discal cell (2D) with a posterior "pocket") (except in species of *Balboana* and *Priochilus*); 3) the mesofemur and metafemur usually with 1 or more distinct subapical dorsal spine-like setae set in grooves or pits, but rarely without such setae; and 4) the tarsomere 5 (last tarsal segment of hind leg) with ventral preapical setae often forming a distinct median row, but the setae sometimes absent. Not all pompilines have spiny legs. Some have smooth legs that could mislead subfamilial classification, for example, in the African genus *Kyphopompilus* Arnold and the genera of Aporini. Nesting behavior within this group is variable and contains most of the states observed in Pompilidae, such as nesting in pre-existing cavities, using the spider's burrow, digging a burrow on the ground, and cleptoparasitism.

SERICOPOMPILINI (NEW RANK)

Three species of *Sericopompilus* are found in North America and one in Australia (Evans 1950). Evans (1950) suggested that the disjunct distribution and lack of morphological specialization indicate that *Sericopompilus* is an old lineage within Pompilinae. Evans (1966) further proposed, without formal cladistic analysis, that *Sericopompilus* was related to *Poecilopompilus* Howard and *Episyron* Schiödte, but had retained "ancestral conditions" compared to these genera. Shimizu (1994) placed *Sericopompilus* as sister to (*Austrochares* Banks + *Parabatozonus* Yasumatsu + *Poecilopompilus* + *Batozonellus* Arnold + *Episyron* Schiødte). Later, Shimizu (1997) concluded that *Agenioideus* Ashmead should be considered sister to *Sericopompilus*, a conclusion supported by Pitts *et al.* (2006). Our analyses suggest that *Sericopompilus* are possibly an old lineage within this subfamily (clade G), as suggested by Evans (1950).

Sericopompilus have slender bodies, long wings (Wasbauer, 1995) and are distinguished from Pompilinae by having the apical tarsal segments without spines beneath and all claws of both sexes dentate (Evans, 1966). Little is known about hunting and nest behavior of *Sericopompilus* but *S. apicalis* (Say) have been observed nesting in holes in the ground (Evans, 1950).

PRIOCHILINI (REINSTATED)

Priochilus and *Balboana* are morphologically enigmatic genera; consequently, their classification has varied according to author. Both genera exhibit a Neotropical distribution. Two aspects of their characteristic morphology have also been historically associated with pepsines and ctenocerines – a sharp transverse groove on the second

metasomal sternite and the fore wing with vein Cu1 not deflected downward at base. Another character state is shared with pompilines – the metatibia with apical spine-like setae of irregular lengths and spacing. This morphological similarity has generated conflicting classifications. Both genera were classified in Cryptocheilinae (Pepsinae) by Banks (1944, 1946). Haupt (1959) included *Priochilus* in Macromerinae (currently Ageniellini (Pepsinae)). Both *Priochilus* and Ageniellini species have slender bodies, a petiolate metasoma, and build nests using mud. Evans (1966) considered the morphological features as convergences associated with the unusual mud-nesting behavior, and placed *Priochilus* in Pompilinae.

Priochilus and *Balboana* are smaller genera, with only 21 and 6 described species, respectively (F. Fernandez pers. comm.). However, this is likely an underestimate, based on our qualitative assessment of the diversity of unassigned specimens present in collections. Priochilini is distinguished by 1) lacking malar space; 2) having the propodeum with an angled declivity; and 3) having males with short pronotum, which slopes abruptly. The natural history of *Balboana* remains unknown, while *Priochilus* species use mud pellets to build aerial nests (Evans & Shimizu, 1996; Auko, Silvestre & Pitts, 2013) similar to those of Ageniellini (Pepsinae).

PEPSINAE

Pepsinae is also a diverse group with a conflicting history of classification, and several genera of uncertain membership. For example, *Epipompilus* was previously considered a monotypic subfamily (Shimizu, 1994), and then transferred to Ctenocerinae (Pitts *et al.*, 2006). More recently, cladistic morphological analyses with qualitative and quantitative characters suggested *Epipompilus* to be the sister to *Minagenia* Banks (E. F.

Santos pers. comm.). *Minagenia* has suffered similar inconsistencies. *Minagenia* species are morphologically homogeneous, but difficult to assign to a subfamily (Dreisbach, 1953). Townes (1957) placed *Minagenia* in Ceropalinae; Haupt (1959), Evans (1973), and Pitts *et al.* (2006) considered it a member of Pepsinae. Another example concerns the variable *Chirodamus* Haliday. Roig Alsina (1989) split *Chirodamus* into six Neotropical genera: *Chirodamus s.s., Plagicurgus* Roig Alsina, *Calopompilus* Ashmead, *Pompilocalus* Roig Alsina, *Aimatocares* Roig Alsina, and *Anacyphononyx* Banks. *Chirodamus s.s.* was placed in Pompilinae by Pitts *et al.* (2006), but the other genera of *Chirodamus s.l.* have been considered Pepsinae.

Our results recovered a monophyletic Pepsinae in the relaxed-clock analysis, only, with good support. Most of the deeper relationships within this clade were not supported, while several lineages of more recent origin were highly supported. The molecular phylogeny supports the assignment of the controversial genera, discussed above, as members of Pepsinae. *Epipompilus* is monophyletic, although its position within Pepsinae is ambiguous. It has a disjunct distribution, with species found in the Neotropics and Australasia. In both our molecular phylogeny and a morphological phylogenetic study (E. F. Santos pers. comm.), *Epipompilus* is recovered as two major clades, one Neotropical and the other Australasian. *Epipompilus* hunt spiders inside their burrows and permanently paralyze them before oviposition (Pollard, 1982).

Our analyses also support *Minagenia* and *Chirodamus s.l.* as members of Pepsinae. *Minagenia* is strongly supported as monophyletic, but its position within Pepsinae is uncertain. Species of *Minagenia* differ from other Pepsinae by having a straight stinger, a compressed metasoma, bifid claws and the cells 2 r-m and 3 r-m continuously curved outward and with similar appearance. They are ectoparasitoids, paralyzing their prey only temporarily. Our results also confirm Roig Alsina's (1989) division of *Chirodamus* into several genera, to the extent that we have sampled these taxa.

Among Pepsinae tribes, the most morphologically and behaviorally diverse is Ageniellini (clade L, excluding Cyphononyx). The monophyly of Ageniellini was recovered by Shimizu (1994), Pitts et al. (2006), and Shimizu, Wasbauer & Takami (2010), but this tribe is made paraphyletic in our analyses by the position of Melanagenia. Melanagenia was recently described by Wahis, Durand & Villemant (2009), and was defined and placed in Ageniellini by having the metasoma petiolate and by the first tergite lacking a transverse carina. Our results indicate that *Melanagenia* is unrelated to other Ageniellini. Rather, it emerges as sister to *Sphictostethus*, with which *Melanagenia* shares states of facial characters (lacking of malar space with eyes touching mandibles and a clypeus somewhat rectangular and convex), pronotal characters (rounded with a deep sulcus laterally), and wing-venation characters. However, since *Melanagenia* species lack a carina on the first tergite and have a petiolate metasoma, these two character states-although useful in identifying Ageniellini taxa-can no longer be considered unique synapomorphies of the tribe. The observation that *Phanagenia* Banks (Ageniellini) possesses a carina on the first metasomal segment further undermines the diagnostic value of this metasomal character. *Melanagenia* is herein removed from Ageniellini and placed in Pepsini. As discussed above (see *Ctenocerinae*), Lepidocnemis is sister to Pompilocalus and Aimatocares, within a larger lineage including Sphictostethus and Melanagenia. Lepidocnemis is the only representative of

Neotropical Ctenocerinae in our study and is herein transferred to Pepsinae. Pepsini and the other tribes are in dire need of further studies and redefinition of most of their taxa. Our samples and analyses are not sufficient to make further nomenclatural decisions regarding tribes.

Pepsinae (clade D) are now defined by: 1) the metasomal sternum 2 with a distinct sharp transverse groove; 2) the mesofemur and the metafemur without subapical spine-like setae set in grooves or pits; 3) the metatibia with apical spine-like setae of uniform length, the setae not splayed; and 4) the fore wing with vein Cu1 simple at base, without any definite downward deflection, such that the second discal cell (2D) is without a "pocket" posterior. A broad range of nesting behavior occurs within this subfamily, including nesting in pre-existing cavities, using the spider's burrow, digging a burrow in the ground, building nests of mud, and behaving as true parasitoids and cleptoparasites.

GENERIC RELATIONSHIPS IN POMPILIDAE

Several genera represented in our analyses were not recovered as monophyletic. In Pompilinae, both *Agenioideus* and *Arachnospila* Kincaid are paraphyletic. Generic validation and phylogenetic relationships of Pompilinae will be discussed in more detail elsewhere (Rodriguez *et al.* unpubl. data). In Pepsinae, *Hemipepsis* is paraphyletic, with a Neotropical clade nesting within *Epipompilus* and *Minagenia*, and an Old World clade sister to *Leptodialepis*. *Caliadurgus, Priocnemis* and *Sphictostesthus* have species nesting within different clades; in addition, *Auplopus* and *Ageniella* are paraphyletic. The relationships and the status of genera in Ageniellini will be discussed in detail elsewhere (Waichert *et al.* unpub. data). Dipogon was divided into five genera by Lelej & Loktionov (2012): Dipogon,

Deuteragenia, *Nipponodipogon* Ishikawa, *Stigmatodipogon* Ishikawa, and *Winnemanella* Krombein. The divisions were based on morphological phylogenetic analyses of 13 species. Our study included only representatives of *Deuteragenia* and *Dipogon*; the latter genus nested within *Deuteragenia*. Thus, we did not recover *Deuteragenia* as a monophyletic genus, as suggested by Lelej & Loktionov's (2012) analyses.

CONCLUSION

Five subfamilies are now recognized for Pompilidae. Pompilidae has accumulated a plethora of names over the years, mostly due to specialists in different regions having worked on different groups, and a lack of worldwide catalogues, revisions, and keys to several genera. Spider wasps share a number of morphological features that must be interpreted as examples of convergence between unrelated lineages. Such convergence is likely due to ecological factors that have driven similar morphology in different groups of spider wasps in distinct geographic areas. Spider wasps that hunt and nest in similar ecological niches are likely to evolve similar morphological adaptations (e.g. Ctenocerinae genera, Aporini genera in Pompilinae, and Lepidocnemis and Abernessia Arlé in Pepsinae). Moreover, it is apparent that several groups have not accumulated sufficient morphological differences to distinguish them reliably. These results suggest that morphological features should be evaluated very carefully when defining and classifying pompilid taxa. Geographical characters can help in delimiting genera and certain tribes and subfamilies, as many such lineages are restricted to one or a few zoogeographic regions. Crown-group Pompilidae originated in the middle Paleogene (ca. 43 Ma) in the Nearctic region, and appear to have experienced various dispersal events

and episodes of rapid diversification (Rodriguez *et al.* unpubl. data). It is possible that the increased diversity of spider families at the beginning of the Paleogene helped to drive the later diversification of Pompilidae (Penney, 2004; Wilson *et al.*, 2013).

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FIGURE LEGENDS

Figure 1. Consensus phylogenetic reconstruction for Pompilidae resulting from two Bayesian MCMC runs performed in BEAST. BEAST Posterior Probability (PP) values are displayed on nodes. Colors indicate subfamilial boundaries proposed.

Figure 2. A summarized phylogeny from Fig. 1 transformed to show newly proposed subfamilial relationships in Pompilidae; dashed line represents PP below 90%. For each node a color circle corresponds to the area with highest probability resulting from the BBM analysis. Ranges with probability less than 10% are reported as black. The bottom circles represent the areas code and ancestral area range assigned in the model: A, Australian; B, Oriental; C, Ethiopian; D, Neotropical; E, Nearctic; F, Palearctic.

TABLES

Primer name	Primer sequence	Reference
28S		
CF2	TGG TAA CTC CAT CTA AGG CTA AAT A	Campbell et al. 2000
CF	CGTGTTGCTTGATAGTGCAGC	Heraty et al. 2004
D5R	CCC ACA GCG CCA GTT CTG CTT ACC	Schulmeister 2003
EF-1a		
F2for1	GGTTCCTTCAAATATGCTTGG	Pilgrim et al. 2008
F2for4	CGT GGT ATC ACG ATC GA	Danforth & Ji 1998
F2for2 ??	GCCGAACGTGAGCGTGG	Modified from Pilgrim <i>et al.</i> 2008
F2rev4	GCT TCG TGG TGC ATT TC	Pilgrim et al. 2008
F2rev1	AATCAGCAGCACCTTTAGGTG	Danforth & Ji 1998
LWRh		
LWRhR	ATA TGG AGT CCA NGC CAT RAA CCA	Mardulyn & Cameron 1999
MutiOpsin1F	ACG CGA TGT GCG GTT CAC TGT TCG G	Pilgrim et al. 2008
Pol2		
Polfor2a	AAYAARCCVGTYATGGGTATTGTRCA	Danforth et al. 2006
PL758R	ACGACCATAGCCTTBAGRTTR	Wild & Maddison 2008
Polfor5	AACAACCCGGTCATGGGTATTGTGCA	Modified from Danforth <i>et al.</i> 2006
Pol2rev5	GAATTCTCGACGAATCCTCT	Modified from Danforth <i>et al.</i> 2006
Wg		
LepWg1 for	GAR TGY AAR TGY CAY GGY ATG TCT GG	Brower & DeSalle 1998
LepWg2	ACTGCGCARCACCARTGGAATGTGCA	Modified from Pilgrim <i>et al.</i> 2008
modLepWg2 rev	ACT ICG CRC ACC ART GGA ATG TRC A	Brower & DeSalle 1998
Wg290F	GCW GTR ACT CAC AGY ATC GC	Pilgrim et al. 2008

Table 1. Primers used for PCR amplification and sequencing processes.

	PartitionFinder	MrBayes
28 S	SYM+I+G	nst=6 rates=invgamma statefreqpr=fixed(equal)
		codon1= nst=2 rates=invgamma
		statefreqpr=fixed(equal) codon2= nst=6
EF-1a	codon1=K80+I+G	rates=invgamma statefreqpr=fixed(equal)
	codon2=SYM+I+G	codon3=nst=6 rates=gamma
	codon3= SYM+G	statefreqpr=fixed(equal)
		codon1= nst=6 rates=invgamma
LWDL	codon1=SYM+I+G	statefreqpr=fixed(equal) codon2= nst=6
LWKI	codon2=SYM+I+G	rates=invgamma statefreqpr=fixed(equal)
	codon3=GTR+I+G	codon3= nst=6 rates=invgamma
		codon1=nst=1 rates=gamma
D.17	codon1=JC+G	codon2= nst=2 rates=invgamma
r 012	codon2=K80+I+G	statefreqpr=fixed(equal)
	codon3=GTR+I+G	codon3= nst=6 rates=invgamma

Table 2. Best partitioning scheme determined by PartitionFinder, with the corresponding model of molecular evolution and the loci included in each.

Table 3. Age estimates and mean (in Myr) from BEAST for subfamilies of Pompilidae.

Subfamily	Mean age	Range (HPD 95%)	Clade (Figure 1)
Ceropalinae	28.4	54.8-14.7	F
Ctenocerinae	27.9	53.3-12.2	А
Notocyphinae	23.1	45.4–11.3	Е
Pepsinae	31.4	58.3-17.0	D
Pompilinae	30.5	52.7-15.3	С

Table 4. Newly proposed subfamilial groups, clades in Fig. 1, number of genera, and

biological traits.

Subfamily	Clade in Fig. 1	Number Genera	Life History
Ceropalinae	F	2	Cleptoparasite* of other pompilids
Ctenocerinae	А	11	Likely idiobiont* ectoparasitoid of trap-door spiders
Notocyphinae	Е	1	Koinobiont* ectoparasitoid of Theraphosidae spiders

Pepsinae	D	~34**	Cleptoparasite of other pompilids; idiobiont or koinobiont ectoparasitoid of various spider families nesting in pre- existing cavity, self-constructed burrow, or in a mud nest
Pompilinae	С	~42**	Cleptoparasite of other pompilids; idiobiont ectoparasitoid of various spider families nesting in pre-existing cavity, self- constructed burrow, or in a mud nest

*Cleptoparasite=takes its host from another wasp; idiobiont=parasitoid that prevents further development of the host; koinobiont=parasitoid that allows further development of the host.

**There are likely more genera than the number presented here in geographical areas where the taxa are understudied.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Figure S1. Consensus phylogenetic reconstruction for Pompilidae resulting from two Bayesian MCMC runs performed in MrBayes and 100 Bootstrap replicates through a ML search. Bayesian Posterior Probabilities (PP) of nodes shown as the first value, Maximum Likelihood Bootstrap pseudoreplicates (BP) shown as the second value. Asterisk (*) indicates nodes not recovered in the analysis. Only BP> 50% and PP> 0.5 are displayed on nodes.

Figure S2. Chronogram for Pompilidae derived from a Bayesian analysis employing a relaxed molecular clock (bottom). Asterisks below branches indicate calibration nodes. Branch lengths are drawn proportional to time and 95% intervals for the ages of select nodes are indicated by horizontal bars.

Figure S3. Ancestral area reconstruction obtained from a Bayesian binary Markov Chain Monte Carlo (BBM) approach. The bottom right box represents the areas code and ancestral area range assigned in the model: A, Australian; B, Oriental; C, Ethiopian; D, Neotropical; E, Nearctic; F, Palearctic. For each node a color circle corresponds to the area with highest probability resulting from the BBM analysis. Ranges with probability less than 10% are reported as black. Asterisks designate nodes used to calibrate the beast analysis.

GenBank Accession Numbers Subfamily **Species name** ID Locality Collec. 28S EF-1a LWRh Pol2 Ceropales tenuatus Turner PO227 Australia EMUS U.S.A Ceropales pacifica Townes PO233 EMUS Ceropalinae Ceropales sp. PO232 Argentina EMUS Irenangelus furtiva Evans Peru PO262 EMUS Irenangelus sp. PO392 EMUS Argentina Ctenocerus klugi Dahlbom PO165 South Africa EMUS Ctenocerus klugi Dahlbom PO326 South Africa EMUS Paraclavelia crudelis (Smith) PO164 South Africa EMUS Ctenocerinae Paraclavelia crudelis (Smith) PO173 South Africa EMUS PO277 Madagascar EMUS Pseudopedinaspis sp. Trichosalius sp. PO336 South Africa EMUS Notocyphus bipartitus Banks PO987 Colombia EMUS Notocyphus dorsalis Cresson PO27 U.S.A EMUS Notocyphinae PO28 Costa Rica Notocyphus sp. **EMUS** Notocyphus sp. PO289 Argentina EMUS Ageniodeus (Ridestus) PO189 U.S.A EMUS *biedermani* (Banks) Ageniodeus (Gymnochares) PO191 U.S.A EMUS birkmanni (Banks) Agenioideus (Agenioideus) PO141 U.S.A EMUS humilis (Cresson) PO340 Agenioideus sp. Madagascar EMUS Allochares azureus (Cresson) PO387 U.S.A EMUS Ammosphex occidentalis PO7 U.S.A EMUS Pompilinae (Dreisbach) Anoplius (Lophopompilus) PO8 U.S.A EMUS *aethiops* (Cresson) Anoplochares apicatus PO171 U.S.A EMUS Provancher Aporinellus atristylus (Saussure) PO43 Madagascar EMUS Aporinellus fuscatus (Kohl) PO148 Chile EMUS Aporinellus sinuatus Evans PO42 U.S.A EMUS Aporus bicolor Spinola EMUS PO333 Israel

Table S1. Voucher and collection information for specimens used in the molecularanalyses, and GenBank accession number for sequences.

Aporus bicolor Spinola	PO310	Spain	EMUS
Aporus luxus (Banks)	PO6	U.S.A	EMUS
Aporus niger (Cresson)	PO11	U.S.A	EMUS
Aporus unicolor Spinola	PO311	Spain	EMUS
Arachnospila scelestus (Cresson)	PO158	U.S.A	EMUS
Arachnospila (Ammosphex) smaragdina (Herbst)	PO153	Chile	EMUS
Aridestus jaffueli (Herbst)	PO144	Chile	EMUS
Atelostegus thrinax Kohl	PO342	Madagascar	EMUS
Atopopompilus nr. carinatus (Radoszkowski)	PO281	Madagascar	EMUS
<i>Atopopompilus nefas</i> (Dalla Torre)	PO32	Madagascar	EMUS
Batozonellus fuliginosis (Klug)	PO204	South Africa	EMUS
Batozonellus madecassus (Saussure)	PO169	Madagascar	EMUS
Ctenostegus hilli Turner	PO131	Australia	EMUS
Dicranoplius cujanus (Holmberg)	PO199	Argentina	EMUS
Dicranoplius diphonicus (Spinola)	PO151	Chile	EMUS
Entomobora crassitarsis (Costa)	PO312	Spain	EMUS
Epiclinotus sp.	PO352	South Africa	EMUS
Euplaniceps saussurei (Kohl)	PO145	Chile	EMUS
Euplaniceps sima Bradley	PO290	Argentina	EMUS
Euryzonotulus nigeriensis Arnold	PO356	Madagascar	EMUS
<i>Evagetes</i> nr. <i>argenteodecoratus</i> (Cameron)	PO349	South Africa	EMUS
Evagetes nitidulus (Guérin)	PO400	Chile	EMUS
Ferreola erythrocephala (Guérin)	PO339	Madagascar	EMUS
Ferreola saussurei (Banks)	PO26	Madagascar	EMUS
<i>Ferreola</i> sp.	PO343	South Africa	EMUS
Homonotus sp.	PO224	Australia	EMUS
Homonotus sp.	PO388	Thailand	EMUS
<i>Kyphopompilus atriventris</i> Wahis	PO36	Madagascar	EMUS
Microphadnus sp.	PO278	Madagascar	EMUS
Microphadnus sp.	PO159	Madagascar	EMUS
Perissopompilus phoenix (Evans)	PO70	U.S.A	EMUS
Perissopompilus sp.	PO121	U.S.A	EMUS
Poecilopompilus algidus (Smith)	PO49	Costa Rica	EMUS
Pompilus cinereus (Fabricius)	PO270	Madagascar	EMUS
Psorthaspis connexa (Cresson)	PO64	Costa Rica	EMUS

	Schistonyx aterrimus Arnold	PO257	Namibia	EMUS	
	Schistonyx sp.	PO346	Madagascar	EMUS	
	Schistonyx nyassae (Dalla Torre)	PO353	Madagascar	EMUS	
	Tachypompilus ferrugineus Say	PO38	U.S.A	EMUS	
	Telostegus sp.	PO329	Israel	EMUS	
	<i>Turneromyia ahrimanes</i> (Turner)	PO222	Australia	EMUS	
	Turneromyia wiluna (Evans)	PO220	Australia	EMUS	
	Xenopompilus tarascanus Evans	PO116	Costa Rica	EMUS	
	Xenopompilus nugador (Evans)	PO119	Mexico	EMUS	
	Balboana sp.	PO395	Bolivia	EMUS	
	Priochilus captivum (Fabricius)	PO964	Brazil	UFES	
	Priochilus sericeifrons (Fox)	PO260	Peru	EMUS	
	Priochilus sp.	PO398	Guyana	EMUS	
	Priochilus sp.	PO264	Bolivia	EMUS	
	Priochilus sp.	PO347	Bolivia	EMUS	
	<i>Priochilus splendidum</i> (Fabricius)	PO385	Guyana	EMUS	
	Sericopompilus neotropicalis (Cameron)	PO53	U.S.A	EMUS	
Pepsinae	Ageniella (Ageniella) accepta	PO52	U.S.A	EMUS	
	(Cresson) Ageniella (Cyrtagenia) fallax	PO535	Brazil	UFES	
	Anc Ageniella (Ageniella) coronata Banks	PO75	U.S.A	EMUS	
	Ageniella (Priophanes) faceta faceta (Cresson)	PO354	U.S.A	EMUS	
	Ageniella (Priophanes) sanguinolenta (Smith)	PO812	Brazil	UFES	
	Ageniella (Alasagenia) sartoriana (Cresson)	PO288	Mexico	EMUS	
	Ageniella (Priophanes) sp.	PO526	Peru	EMUS	
	Ageniella (Ameragenia) zeteki Banks	PO512	Nicaragua	EMUS	
	Aimatocare longula (Banks)	PO263	Bolivia	EMUS	
	Auplopus adjunctus (Banks)	PO78	U.S.A	EMUS	
	Auplopus mellipes (Say)	PO2	U.S.A	EMUS	
	Auplopus smithi (Dalla Torre)	PO265	Peru	EMUS	
	Auplopus sp.	PO20	Madagascar	EMUS	
	Auplopus sp.	PO16	Madagascar	EMUS	
	Auplopus sp.	PO293	Papua New Guinea	EMUS	
	Auplopus sp.	PO350	Madagascar	EMUS	
	Auplopus sp.	PO302	Papua New Guinea	EMUS	

Caliadurgus cinereus (Fox)	PO161	Chile	EMUS
Caliadurgus sp.	PO320	Australia	EMUS
Calopompilus feroculis (Banks)	PO284	U.S.A	EMUS
Calopompilus pyrrhomelas (Walker)	PO57	U.S.A	EMUS
Chirodamus hirsutulus (Spinola)	PO168	Chile	EMUS
Cordyloscelis sp.	PO338	South Africa	EMUS
Cryptocheilus idoneum birkmanni Banks	PO62	U.S.A	EMUS
terminatus (Say)	PO283	U.S.A	EMUS
Cyphononyx vitiensis Turner	PO875	Fiji	EMUS
<i>Diplonyx campanulatus</i> Saussure	PO970	Madagascar	EMUS
Deuteragenia sayi (Banks)	PO81	Madagascar	EMUS
Deuteragenia sericea (Banks)	PO5	U.S.A	EMUS
Deuteragenia sp.	PO348	Hungary	EMUS
Dipogon graenicheri Banks	PO77	U.S.A	EMUS
Dinosalius flavifrons (Cameron)	PO301	Malaysia	EMUS
Epipompilus bushi Evans	PO317	Australia	EMUS
Epipompilus incompletus Evans	PO163	Australia	EMUS
Epipompilus insularis Kohl	PO304	New Zealand	EMUS
Epipompilus tucumanus Evans	PO213	Bolivia	EMUS
Epipompilus sp.	PO389	Colombia	EMUS
Entypus unifasciatus (Say)	PO184	U.S.A	EMUS
Hemipepsis australasiae (Smith)	PO221	Australia	EMUS
Hemipepsis nr. capensis	PO24	Madagascar	EMUS
Hemipepsis ustulata ochroptera Stal	PO30	U.S.A	EMUS
Herbstellus pachylopus (Kohl)	PO149	Chile	EMUS
Lepidocnemis antiquus Haupt	PO402	Argentina	EMUS
Leptodialepis (Nyctalosalius) sp.	PO300	India	EMUS
Machaerothrix sp.	PO672	Thailand	EMUS
Macromeris sp.	PO256	Papua New Guinea	EMUS
Maurillus australis Smith	PO404	Australia	EMUS
Maurillus sp.	PO405	Australia	EMUS
Maurillus sp.	PO406	Australia	EMUS
Maurillus sp.	PO225	Australia	EMUS
Melanagenia sp.	PO100 3	New Caledonia	RW
Minagenia julia (Brimley)	PO230	U.S.A	EMUS
Minagenia sp.	PO274	Madagascar	EMUS
Minagenia sp.	PO973	India	EMUS

	Minagenia sp.	PO967	South Africa	EMUS				
	Pepsis formosa (Say)	PO360	U.S.A	EMUS				
	Pepsis pallidolimbata Lucas	PO358	U.S.A	EMUS				
	Phanagenia bombycina (Cresson)	PO916	U.S.A	UFES				
	<i>Pompilocalus caupolican</i> Roig Alsina	PO150	Chile	EMUS				
	Priocnemella micans (Fabricius)	PO545	French Guyana	EMUS				
	Priocnemis minorata Banks	PO34	U.S.A	EMUS				
	Priocnemis pertubator (Harris)	PO313	Hungary	EMUS				
	Priocnemis parvula Dahlbom	PO309	Spain	EMUS				
	Priocnemis sp.	PO201	South Africa	EMUS				
	Priocnemis sp.	PO321	Australia	EMUS				
	Priocnessus nuperus (Cresson)	PO286	U.S.A	EMUS				
	Priocnessus sp.	PO66	Costa Rica	EMUS				
	Psoropempula erythrostethus (Smith)	PO200	Australia	EMUS				
	Psoropempula perpulchra (Turner)	PO223	Australia	EMUS				
	Sphictostethus fugax (Fabricius)	PO296	New Zealand	EMUS				
	Sphictostethus xanthopus (Spinola)	PO167	Chile	EMUS				
Outgroup	Chyphotes mellipes (Blake)	Chyph otes	U.S.A	EMUS	Pilgrim et al. 2008	Pilgri m et al. 2008	Pilgrim et al. 2008	
	Dasymutilla chiron (Blake)	JP256	U.S.A	EMUS	Pilgrim et al. 2008	Pilgri m et al. 2008	Pilgrim et al. 2008	Pilgrim et al. 2008

Table S2. Genera of spider wasps used in the analyses and current range distribution. Areas are coded as followed: Australian region (A); Oriental region (B); Ethiopian region (C); Neotropical region (D); Nearctic region (E); and Palearctic region (F).

Taxon	Distribution
PO262_Irenangelus_furtiva	ABCD
PO392_Irenangelus_sp.	ABCD
PO232_Ceropales_sp.	ABCDE
PO233_Ceropales_pacifica	ABCDE
PO227_Ceropales_tenuatus	ABCDE
PO289_Notocyphus_sp.	DE
PO28 Notocyphus sp.	DE
PO27_Notocyphus_dorsalis	DE

PO987_Notocyphus_bipartitus	DE
PO284_Calopompilus_feroculis	DE
PO57 Calopompilus pyrrhomelas	DE
PO338 Cordyloscelis sp.	С
PO201 Priocnemis sp.	ABCDEF
PO200 Psoropempula ervthrostethus	А
PO223 Psoropempula perpulchra	A
PO81 Deuteragenia savi	BCDEF
PO348 Deuteragenia sp	BCDEF
PO77 Dinogon graenicheri	DE
PO5 Deuteragenia sericea	BCDEF
PO313 Priocnemis pertubator	ABCDEF
PO34 Priochemis minorata	ABCDEE
PO300 Priocentis namula	ABCDEE
PO206 Sphietostethus fugar	
PO1003 Malanagania sp	AD D
PO402 Lonidoanomia antiquus	D
PO402_Leptaochemis_antiquas	D D
PO150_Pompliocalus_caupolican	D
PO203_Aimatocare_longula	
PO163_Epipompilus_incompletus	AD
PO304_Epipompilus_insularis	AD
PO317_Epipompilus_bushi	AD
PO389_Epipompilus_sp.	AD
PO213_Epipompilus_tucumanus	AD
PO149_Herbstellus_pachylopus	D
PO321_Priocnemis_sp.	ABCDEF
PO405_Maurillus_sp.	А
PO406_Maurillus_sp.	А
PO404_Maurillus_australis	А
PO225_Maurillus_sp.	А
PO320_Caliadurgus_sp.	DEF
PO168_Chirodamus_hirsutulus	D
PO358_Pepsis_pallidolimbata	D
PO360_Pepsis_formosa	D
PO167 Sphictostethus xanthopus	AD
PO161 Caliadurgus cinereus	DEF
PO24 Hemipepsis nr capensis	ABCDE
PO30 Hemipepsis ustulata	ABCDE
PO286 Priocnessus nuperus	DE
PO300 Leptodialepis sp.	А
PO301 Dinosalius flavifrons	А
PO221 Heminensis australasiae	ABCDE
PO970 Diplonyx campanulatus	AB
PO184 Entypus unifasciatus	D
PO62 Cryptocheilus idoneum	ACDE
PO283 Cryptocheilus terminatus	ACDE
PO672 Machaerothrix sp	R
PO016 Phanagenia hombycina	BE
PO52 Agamialla accepta	DE
PO812 Ageniella sanguinolonta	DE
PO545 Fragenia migans	D
PO535 Agonialla fallar	DE
PO66 $Prior and start start$	DE
DO100 Friochessus sp.	DE
r0208_Ageniella_sartoriana	DE

PO512_Ageniella_zeteki	DE
PO526_Ageniella_sp.	DE
PO354_Ageniella_faceta	DE
PO75_Ageniella_coronata	DE
PO2_Auplopus_mellipes	ABCDEF
PO78_Auplopus_adjunctus	ABCDEF
PO256_Macromeris_sp.	AB
PO302 Auplopus sp.	ABCDEF
PO293 Auplopus sp.	ABCDEF
PO16 Auplopus sp.	ABCDEF
PO20 Auplopus sp.	ABCDEF
PO265 Auplopus smithi	ABCDEF
PO350 Auplopus sp.	ABCDEF
PO875 Cyphononyx vitiensis	BF
PO274 Minagenia sp.	BCDEF
PO973 Minagenia sp.	BCDEF
PO967 Minagenia sp.	BCDEF
PO230 Minagenia iulia	BCDEF
PO53 Sericopompilus neotropicalis	EA
PO964 Priochilus captivum	D
PO347 Priochilus sp.	D
PO264 Priochilus sp.	D
PO260 Priochilus sericeifrons	D
PO385 Priochilus splendidum	D
PO398 Priochilus sp	D
PO395 Balboana sp.	D
PO169 Batozonellus madecassus	BCF
PO204 Batozonellus fuliginosis	BCF
PO43 Aporinellus atristylus	BCDEF
PO42 Aporinellus sinuatus	BCDEF
PO148 Aporinellus fuscatus	BCDEF
PO222 Turneromvia ahrimanes	A
PO220 Turneromyia_wiluna	A
PO131 Ctenostegus hilli	A
PO270 Pompilus cinereus	ABCF
PO116 Xenopompilus tarascanus	DE
PO119 Xenopompilus nugador	DE
PO281 Atopopompilus nr carinatus	C
PO342 Atelostegus thrinax	Č
PO346 Schistonyx sp.	CF
PO278 Malgaporus sp.	C
PO257 Schistonyx aterrimus	CF
PO353 Schistonyx nyassae	CF
PO352 Epiclinotus sp	C
PO32 Atopopompilus nefas	C
PO145 Euplanicens saussurei	D
PO290 Euplaniceps sima	D
PO310 Aporus bicolor	DEF
PO311 Aporus unicolor	DEF
PO6 Aporus luxus	DEF
POII Aporus niger	DEF
PO64 Psorthaspis connexa	DE
PO333 Aporus bicolor	DEF
PO70 Perissopompilus phoenix	E

PO121_Perissopompilus_sp.	E
PO312_Entomobora_crassitarsis	F
PO171_Anoplochares_apicatus	EF
PO158_Arachnospila_scelestus	EF
PO7 Ammosphex occidentalis	Е
PO153 Arachnospila smaragdina	EF
PO144 Aridestus jaffueli	D
PO349 Evagetes nr argenteodecoratus	BCDEF
PO400_Evagetes_nitidulus	BCDEF
PO387_Allochares_azureus	DE
PO199_Dicranoplius_cujanus	D
PO151_Dicranoplius_diphonicus	D
PO8_Anoplius_aethiops	ABCDEF
PO159_Microphadnus_sp.	ACF
PO329_Telostegus_sp.	AF
PO36_Kyphopompilus_atriventris	С
PO49_Poecilopompilus_algidus	DE
PO141_Agenioideus_humilis	ABCDEF
PO38_Tachypompilus_ferrugineus	BCDE
PO191_Ageniodeus_birkmanni	ABCDEF
PO356_Euryzonotulus_nigeriensis	С
PO340_Agenioideus_sp.	ABCDEF
PO388_Homonotus_sp.	FC
PO224_Homonotus_sp.	FC
PO339_Ferreola_erythrocephala	F
PO26_Ferreola_saussurei	F
PO343_Ferreola_sp.	F
PO189_Ageniodeus_biedermani	ABCDEF
PO336_Trichosalius_sp.	С
PO326_Ctenocerus_klugi	С
PO165_Ctenocerus_klugi	С
PO277_Pseudopedinaspis_sp.	С
PO164_Paraclavelia_crudelis	С
PO173_Paraclavelia_crudelis	С
Sapyga_centrata	EF
Sapyga_pumila	EF
Typhoctoides_aphelonyx	D
Timulla_divergens	Е
Ephuta_grisea	DE

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