

Description of *Lutzomyia (Helcocyrtomyia) tolimensis*, a new species of phlebotomine sandfly (Diptera: Psychodidae) from Colombia

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A description is presented of Lutzomyia tolimensis sp. nov., a new species of the subgenus Helcocyrtomyia, series sanguinaria. It was collected in dwellings, peridomestic environment and in nearby forest patches located in the foothills of the Andean Central Cordillera, where in 2004-2006 occurred the largest epidemic ever recorded of leishmaniasis in Colombia. The male of this species is differentiated from other members of the series sanguinaria based on the following combination of characters: (i) base of coxite with 0-3 subequal setae, (ii) spines of gonostyle organized in positions 2.1.2, (iii) spines inserted on distal half of gonostyle and (iv) relationship of alar indices. The female is recognized principally by the following characters: (i) palpomere V longer than III, (ii) length of labroepipharynx and (iii) relationship of the alar indices.

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Within the subfamily Phlebotominae (Young & Duncan 1994, Galati 2003), genus *Lutzomyia* Franca, 1924, the subgenus *Helcocyrtomyia* Barreto, 1962 has public health importance because four of its 36 known species have been incriminated as vectors of *Leishmania*: *Lutzomyia ayacuchensis* Cáceres & Galati, 1988 and *Lutzomyia peruensis* (Shannon, 1929) of *Leishmania peruviana* (Cáceres 1996, Cáceres et al. 2004), *Lutzomyia hartmanni* (Fairchild & Hertig, 1957) of *Leishmania colombiensis* (Kreutzer et al. 1991) and *Lutzomyia tortura* Young & Rogers, 1984 of *Leishmania naiffi* (Kato et al. 2008). Furthermore, in Colombia where *Lutzomyia ceferinoi* (Ortiz & Alvarez, 1963) was misidentified by Young and Morales (1987) as *Lutzomyia erwindonaldi* (Ortiz, 1978) (Galati & Cáceres 1994), it was found naturally infected in a leishmaniasis focus in Arboledas, department of Norte de Santander, with unidentified flagellate forms resembling *Leishmania* (Young et al. 1987). Eleven species of the subgenus have been reported in Colombia, distributed among the Andean, Amazonian and Pacific Coast regions (Bejarano 2006, Bejarano et al. 2010, Galati 2010). Four of the species recorded in Colombia are placed within the series *osornoi*: *Lu. ceferinoi*, *Lu. erwindonaldi*, *Lutzomyia osornoi* (Ristorcelli & Van Ty, 1941) and *Lutzomyia strictivilla* Young, 1979, and seven belong to the series *sanguinaria*: *Lutzomyia cirrita* Young & Porter, 1974, *Lutzomyia velezi* Bejarano, Vivero & Uribe, 2010, *Lutzomyia sanguinaria* (Fairchild

& Hertig, 1957), *Lutzomyia scorzai* (Ortiz, 1965), *Lutzomyia* sp. of Pichinde Young, 1979, *Lu. tortura* and *Lu. hartmanni*. No species of the series *peruensis* have been found in Colombia (Galati & Cáceres 1994).

The most severe epidemic of cutaneous leishmaniasis ever recorded in Colombia occurred in 2004-2006 in Chaparral (Morales et al. 2004), a municipality lying at 1,000-2,000 m above sea level in the Andean foothills of the department of Tolima (Valderrama-Ardila et al. 2010). *Lutzomyia longiflocosa* was responsible of domestic transmission based on the distribution of cases by age group, abundance of phlebotomines inside houses and their blood meal source and natural infections with *Leishmania* (Morales et al. 2004, Ferro et al. 2011). Among the phlebotomines captured in the study area were three species of the subgenus *Helcocyrtomyia* Barreto 1962: *Lu. ceferinoi*, *Lu. erwindonaldi* and the new species described herein.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Phlebotomines were collected in the *vereda* (township) of Agua Bonita in Chaparral. The ecological characteristics of the region have been described by Valderrama-Ardila et al. (2010). Forest fragments, cropland and human dwellings were the predominant habitats in the *veredas* where the highest rates of *Leishmania* infection in humans were recorded.

The phlebotomines were sampled between April 2008-June 2009. CDC light traps were operated between 06:00 pm-06:00 am and placed indoors, in the peridomestic environment and in nearby forest patches; sand flies were aspirated from a Shannon trap between 06:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. set in the peridomestic area.

Specimens were cleared in 10% KOH for 10 min at approx 60°C and then immersed in saturated liquid phenol for 24-72 h. Permanent mounts were made on glass slides with a mixture of Canada balsam and liquid phenol. Species-discriminant characters were measured

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with an eyepiece micrometer in a Leitz Laborlux D microscope. All measurements are expressed in microns. The initial value represents the holotype (male) or allotype (female). Mean values \pm 1 standard deviation (SD) for the paratypes are shown in parentheses.

RESULTS

Lutzomyia (Helcocyrtomyia) tolimensis Carrasquilla, Munstermann, Marín, Ocampo & Ferro, sp. nov. (Figs 1-10)

Diagnosis (male and female adults are described) - *Lu. tolimensis* is predominantly brown, with mesonotum, terminalia, vertex and occipitum dark brown.

Male (Figs 1, 5, 8-10) - Large phlebotomine sandfly, length approximately 3,090 (3,306 \pm 200; n = 9), including thorax and abdomen.

Head (Fig. 1): length 395 (437.8 \pm 17.6; n = 9) including clypeus, width 376 (407.4 \pm 18.1; n = 9). Eyes large, 240 (258.3 \pm 10.3; n = 9) long by 150 (156 \pm 7.4; n = 9) wide. Interocular distance 83.5 (91.4 \pm 6.8; n = 9), equivalent to the diameter of four (4 \pm 0.2; n = 9) facets. Interocular sutures not united with the interantennal suture. Interocular suture incomplete. Clypeus 121.8 (132.0 \pm 9.4; n = 9) long bearing 21 setal scars. Length of labro-epipharynx 294.4 (325.1 \pm 10.5; n = 7). Labial sutures forming a furca. Flagellomere lengths: I 387.2 (434.9 \pm 39.0; n = 9), II 162 (178.3 \pm 7.8; n = 9), III 159 (172.2 \pm 8.9; n = 9), IV 150 (159.8 \pm 9.3; n = 9), V 144 (154.3 \pm 9.7; n = 9), VI 138 (144.2 \pm 8.6; n = 9), VII 130.5 (134 \pm 9.2; n = 8), VIII 127 (120 \pm 8.3; n = 8), IX 105 (117.9 \pm 9.8; n = 8), X 96 (111.2 \pm 9.7; n = 8), XI 90 (102.4 \pm 8.9; n = 7), XII 66 (73.1 \pm 6.7; n = 7), XIII 63.4 (63 \pm 4.7; n = 7), XIV 57 (61.5 \pm 4.2; n = 7). Flagellomere I longer than labro-epipharynx. Ascoids simple and paired: internal and external ascoids implanted at same level (Fig. 8), except in flagellomere I where internal ascoid was more proximal than the external one. Distal prolongation extended beyond middle of flagellomere. End of ascoid on flagellomere II reached 0.62 (0.62 \pm 0.03) (n = 3) distal portion of the flagellomere. Ascoids of flagellomere I arose before middle of segment. Ascoids of flagellomere XIV not seen. Papilla (Fig. 8) on flagellomere II inserted on the distal portion 0.71 (0.73 \pm 0.026; n = 3) of internal face of the segment; ascoids did not reach level of papilla. Length of palpomeres: PI 50.8 (51.2 \pm 4.1; n = 9), PII 142.1 (151.7 \pm 15.0; n = 9), PIII 172.6 (180.9 \pm 15.5; n = 9), PIV 71.1 (88.1 \pm 6.1; n = 9) and PV 304.6 \pm 14.4 (n = 6). One of the Palpomeres V is collapsed and the other is missing in the holotype. Palpal formula 1.4.2.3.5; in the ratio 1.00:2.96:3.53:1.72:5.95. Newstead's spines on internal surface of third palpal segment (Fig. 1). Pharynx unarmed. Widest part of pharynx bore some grooves. Length of pharynx 203 (213.0 \pm 9.8; n = 9), maximum width 45 (44 \pm 3; n = 9). Cibarium without teeth. Pigment patch well-defined and cibarial arch not discernible.

Thorax: scutum, scutellum, coxae, katapimere, katapisternon and part of anepisternum dark brown. Pleura with seven (7.0 \pm 1.6; n = 9) proepimeral setae and 14 (17.7 \pm 2.5; n = 9) superior anepisternal setae. Setae on anterior edge of katapisternum absent. Wing length 2,452.7

(2,623.1 \pm 183.5; n = 8), maximum width 761.3 (840.0 \pm 36.8; n = 8); length of vein sections: α 741.0 (837.3 \pm 45.7; n = 8), β 223.3 (241.9 \pm 19.3; n = 8), γ 284.2 (339.1 \pm 37.7; n = 8), δ 304.5 (329.5 \pm 21.2; n = 8), π 151.2 (144.4 \pm 15.3; n = 8) and R5 1,424.1 (1,605.0 \pm 52.5; n = 8) (Fig. 5).

Length of femora, tibiae, basitarsi and tarsi II + III + IV + V: foreleg 909 (1,084.3 \pm 44.5; n = 7), 1,621.1 (1,882.9 \pm 75.6; n = 7), 1,121.1 (1,305.1 \pm 72.4; n = 7), 1,060.5 (1,201.2 \pm 56.5; n = 7), midleg 848.4 (952.3 \pm 55.6; n = 7), 1,787.7 (1,993.3 \pm 115.3; n = 7), 1,166.6 (1,367.8 \pm 113.6; n = 7), 1,045.4 (1,209.8 \pm 60.9; n = 7), hindleg 999.9 (1,069.6 \pm 91.9; n = 5), 2,045.3 (2,302.8 \pm 121.2; n = 5), 1,363.5 (1,502.9 \pm 139.8; n = 7), 1,030.2 (1,269.6 \pm 89.2; n = 5).

Abdomen: length 2,514.9 (2,599.1 \pm 171.3; n = 9) including genitalia. Coxite length 345.1 (360.0 \pm 14.1; n = 9), maximum width 81 (81.5 \pm 3.4; n = 9). Base of coxite with zero-three persistent subequal setae (Fig. 9), slightly shorter than width of coxite. Length of gonostyle 182.7 (195.6 \pm 8.9; n = 9), maximum width 33 (35.3 \pm 0.1; n = 9). Gonostyle with five spines, arranged 2.1.2, with two apical spines implanted at same level, one upper external spine in basal portion 0.83 (0.85 \pm 0.01; n = 9) and two basal spines on basal 0.59 (0.61 \pm 0.01; n = 9). Paramere simple, base slightly widened, apex slightly inclined toward the coxite. Paramere: dorsal margin length 183 (184.4 \pm 69.2; n = 9) and ventral margin 186 (197.28 \pm 80.12; n = 9). Two-thirds of dorsal margin covered with relatively long setae inclined toward coxite. Median area of ventral margin covered with setae, these being shorter than those found on dorsal part. Lateral lobe 268.4 (299.0 \pm 10.6; n = 9) long, extending beyond tip of paramere, but not passing apex of coxite. Aedeagus conical, slender and pigmented. Length of genital pump 132.6 (140.7 \pm 8.7; n = 9), length of genital filaments 381 (406.3 \pm 50.3; n = 9). Genital filaments slender and not modified at tips (Fig. 10). Cercus 210 (228.3 \pm 10.8; n = 9). Pavilion approximately two times length of piston.

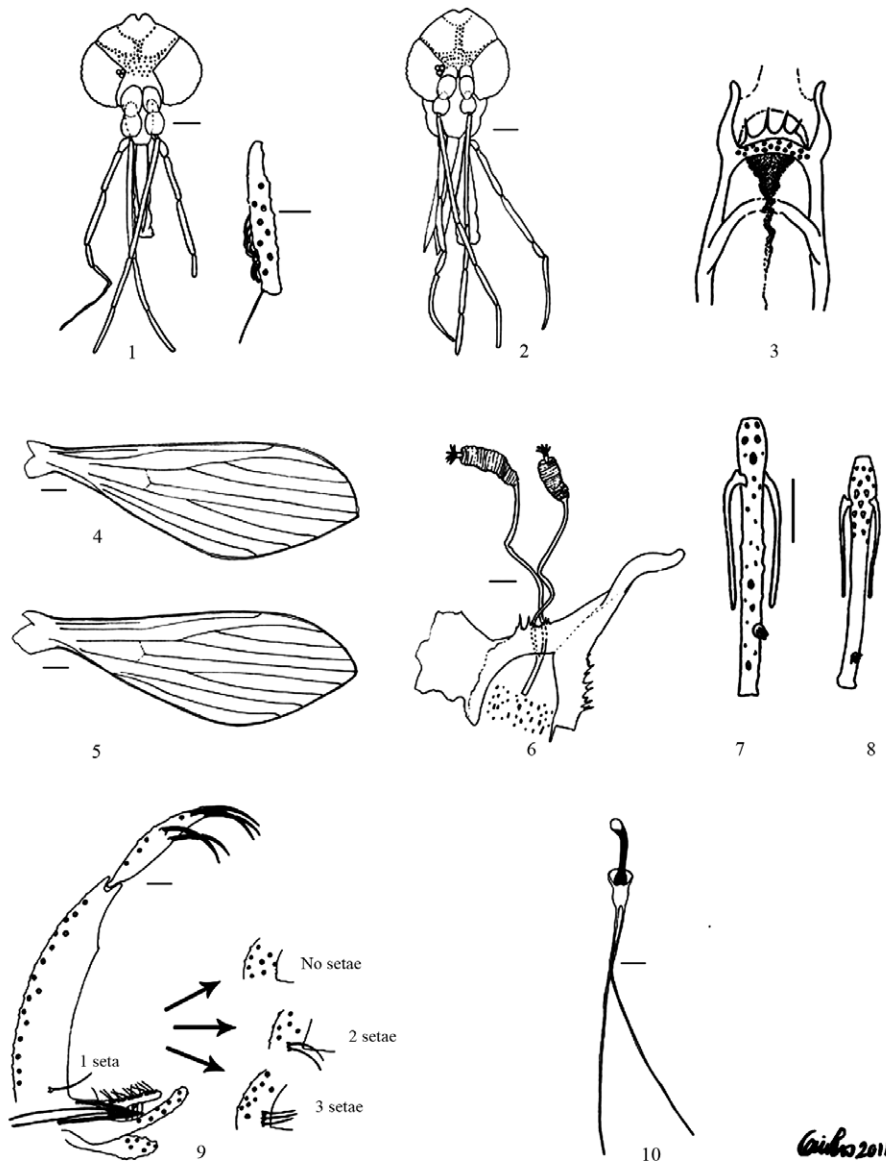
Female (Figs 2-4, 6, 7) - General colouration as in male.

Head (Fig. 2): length 578 (540.8 \pm 31.4; n = 9) including clypeus, width 466 (447.6 \pm 19.4; n = 10). Eyes large, 300 (289.2 \pm 14.2; n = 10) long by 165 (170.4 \pm 8.1; n = 10) wide. Interocular distance 129 (126.9 \pm 12.2; n = 10), equivalent to diameter of 5.8 (5.9 \pm 0.6; n = 10) facets. Interocular sutures not united with interantennal suture. Interocular suture incomplete. Clypeus 203 (184.9 \pm 19.8; n = 10) long bearing 27 (26.4 \pm 2.6; n = 6) setal scars. Length of labro-epipharynx 568.4 (535.9 \pm 35.4; n = 10). Labial sutures forming a furca. Flagellomere lengths: I 496.1 (497.3 \pm 18.7 n = 10), II 213 (198.3 \pm 9.2; n = 10), III 216 (192.3 \pm 9.3; n = 10), IV 198 (181.0 \pm 8.8; n = 6), V 195 (175.0 \pm 10.8; n = 6), VI 180 (169.0 \pm 11.6; n = 6), VII 165 (158.4 \pm 14.0; n = 5), VIII 165 (146.1 \pm 9.1; n = 5), IX 147 (137.7 \pm 7.5; n = 5), X 138 (133.9 \pm 9.4; n = 4), XI 120 (113 \pm 15.4; n = 3), XII 90 (87.5 \pm 2.3; n = 3), XIII 72 (75; n = 2), XIV 66 (60; n = 2). Flagellomere I shorter than labro-epipharynx. Ascoids simple and paired: internal and external ascoids

implanted at same level (Fig. 7), except in flagellomere I, where internal ascoid was more proximal than external one. End of ascoid of flagellomere II reached 0.69 ± 0.07 ($n = 4$) distal portion of flagellomere. Ascoids of flagellomere I arise before middle of segment. Ascoids of flagellomeres XIII and XIV not seen. Papilla (Fig. 7) inserted on the distal portion 0.72 ± 0.02 ($n = 4$) of the internal face of flagellomere II, ascoids not reaching level of papilla. Length of palpomeres: PI 78 (84.0 ± 14.9 ; $n = 9$), PII 234 (227.5 ± 18.2 ; $n = 9$), PIII 274.1 (264.0 ± 18.6 ; $n = 9$), PIV 104 (106.8 ± 10.9 ; $n = 9$) and PV 342 (329.9 ± 21.5 ; $n = 2$). Palpal formula for allotype and paratypes 1.4.2.3.5, in the ratio 1.00:3.00:3.51:1.33:4.38 (1.00:2.71:3.14:1.27:3.92). Newstead's spines covering internal surface of third palpal segment. Pharynx un-

armed, bearing some grooves. Length of pharynx 263.9 (263.4 ± 19.6 ; $n = 10$), maximum width 105 (103.5 ± 9.1 ; $n = 8$). Cibarium (Fig. 3) with 16 reduced anterior vertical teeth and four posterior teeth. Lateral teeth reduced. Pigment patch and posterior bulge well-developed and cibarial arch incomplete.

Thorax: pleura with seven (6.8 ± 0.8 ; $n = 7$) proepimeral setae and 15.7 ± 0.5 ($n = 7$) superior anaepisternal setae. Setae absent from anterior edge of katepisternum. Wing length $3,279.2$ ($3,064.9 \pm 137.3$; $n = 10$), maximum width $1,119.7$ (982.1 ± 72.9 ; $n = 9$); length of the vein sections: α $1,066.4$ (983.1 ± 57.2 ; $n = 10$), β 355.3 (301.5 ± 25.8 ; $n = 10$), γ 406 (377.6 ± 22.3 ; $n = 10$), δ 446.6 (406.0 ± 28.7 ; $n = 10$), π 181.5 (180.3 ± 33.0 ; $n = 10$) and R5 $1,999.8$ ($1,857.4 \pm 68.6$; $n = 10$) (Fig. 4).



Lutzomyia (Helcocyrtomyia) tolimensis. 1: male head (Bar = 87 μ m) with detail of Newstead's spines in PIII (Bar = 38 μ m); 2: female head (Bar = 110 μ m); 3: female cibarium; 4: female wing (Bar = 250 μ m); 5: male wing (Bar = 178 μ m); 6: spermathecae (Bar = 24 μ m); 7: female flagellomere II (Bar = 47 μ m); 8: male flagellomere II antennal segment (Bar = 30 μ m); 9: male terminalia (Bar = 37 μ m) with detail of different number of setae that may be found in the coxite; 10: genital pump and filaments (Bar = 37 μ m).

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Length of femora, tibiae, basitarsi and tarsi II + III + IV + V: foreleg 1,151.4 (1,141.3 ± 56.4; n = 6), 1,999.8 (1,963.4 ± 193.3; n = 5), 1,332.2 (1,418.0 ± 279.7; n = 5), 1,272.6 (1,302.9 ± 30.3; n = 5), midleg 1,030.2 (1,022.7 ± 75.3; n = 6), 2,181.6 (2,085.7 ± 72.8; n = 6), 1,484.7 (1,430.2 ± 78.4; n = 5), 1,363.5 (1,308.0 ± 86.58; n = 6), hindleg 1,181.7 (1,151.4 ± 52.5; n = 3), 2,545.2 (2,393.7 ± 171.4; n = 2), 1,636.2 (1,575.6 ± 85.7; n = 2), 1,424.1 (1,393.8 ± 85.7; n = 2).

Abdomen: spermathecae (Fig. 6) with approximately 21 annuli (20.5 ± 1.4; n = 5), 58.5 (53.3 ± 14.6; n = 5) long x 13.5 (12.9 ± 1.3; n = 6) wide, individual ducts: 150 (141.0 ± 7.9; n = 3) long x 3 (3.1 ± 0.2; n = 6), common duct: 34.0 ± 3.5 (n = 3) long x 6.2 ± 0.7 wide (n = 4).

Type locality - Holotype male: Colombia, department of Tolima, Chaparral, *vereda* (township) of Agua Bonita (3°49'91"N 75°33'57"W) 21/07/08, D. Marín Coll.

Type data and depository - Holotype: permanent mount on a microscope slide (INS-7191) deposited at Laboratorio de Entomología, Instituto Nacional de Salud in Bogotá, Colombia. Allotype female and paratypes (9 males and 10 females) same data as holotype, but collected between April 2008-June 2009. Allotype, three paratype males and four paratype females deposited at Laboratorio de Entomología, Instituto Nacional de Salud, three paratype males and three paratype females deposited at the Yale Peabody Museum and at the Centro Internacional de Entrenamiento e Investigaciones Médicas.

Bionomics - Males and females were collected in dwellings, peridomestic environment and in nearby forest patches in the township of Agua Bonita located in the foothills of the Andean Central Cordillera in elevations between 1,460-1,704 m. Agua Bonita's main coverages were forest (43.2%) followed by cultivation (23.7%), shrubs (19.4%) and grasslands (13.7%). Crops include corn and sugar cane. Shrubs include shaded coffee plantation, thickets, small trees and cacao trees. According to Holdridge Life Zones, Agua Bonita township is located in premontane very humid forest (Valderrama-Ardila et al. 2010, Ferro et al. 2011).

Etymology - The new species is dedicated to the department of Tolima and its people.

DISCUSSION

According to the characteristics established by Galati and Cáceres (1994) for the subgenus *Helcocyrtomyia*, *Lu. tolimensis* sp. nov. has been introduced as a new member of the series *sanguinaria* because (i) the length of the clypeus was less than 1/3 that of the head, (ii) in males the length of the coxite was greater than that of the lateral lobe and (iii) the coxite usually lacked a basal tuft of setae; if the tuft was present it consisted of up to six setae and occasionally a dispersed setal tuft. In females, the length of palpomere IV was equivalent to 1/2 the length of palpomere III and palpomere V was less than or equal to 1.25 x the length of palpomere III.

The male of *Lu. tolimensis* was differentiated from other members of the series *sanguinaria* as follows: (i) base of coxite with zero-three subequal setae, (ii) spines

of gonostyle organized in positions 2.1.2, (iii) spines of gonostyle inserted on distal half of structure and (iv) length of alar indices. Position 2.1.2 of the five spines of the gonostyle permitted *Lu. tolimensis* sp. nov. to be distinguished from *Lu. velezi*, *Lutzomyia* sp. of Pichinde, *Lutzomyia kirigetiensis*, *Lutzomyia gonzaloi* and *Lu. hartmanni*. It was also distinguished from *Lu. velezi* by the length of the ascoids, which in this species reached the level of the papilla, whereas in *Lu. tolimensis* they were shorter. It was distinguished from *Lutzomyia* sp. of Pichinde by the δ/β ratio; in this species β is longer than δ , whereas in *Lu. tolimensis* the converse is true. The new species differed from *Lu. kirigetiensis*, *Lu. hartmanni* and *Lu. gonzaloi* based on the setae of the coxite: *Lu. kirigetiensis* had four-six setae, one of which was slightly wider and longer than the others, *Lu. hartmanni* had one-four setae, one of which was longer than the others, *Lu. gonzaloi* had four or five setae at the base of the coxite and *Lu. tolimensis* had zero-three setae on the coxite, all of the same length. Although *Lutzomyia guderiani*, *Lutzomyia caceresi*, *Lu. tortura*, *Lutzomyia adamsi*, *Lu. scorzai*, *Lutzomyia monzonensis* and *Lu. cirrita* also have five spines organized in positions 2.1.2, *Lu. tolimensis* was differentiated from them by the following characteristics: (i) from *Lu. caceresi* and *Lu. tortura* by the length of palpomere V. In *Lu. tolimensis* the palpomere V (304.6 μm ± 14.4) was clearly longer than palpomere III, 172.6 μm (180.9 ± 15.5); in *Lu. caceresi* and *Lu. tortura* the palpomere V was only slightly longer than III. The lengths of the palpal segments V and III in *Lu. caceresi* were 168 μm and 152 μm respectively, and in *Lu. tortura* the corresponding values were 150 μm and 140 μm . (ii) The alar index δ in *Lu. caceresi* (115-196 μm) was shorter than in *Lu. tolimensis* 304.5 μm (329.47 ± 21.2; min = 304.5, max = 367.0). (iii) The new species was separated from *Lu. tortura* and *Lu. adamsi* by the length of the labro-epipharynx. *Lu. tolimensis* has a labro-epipharynx of 294.4 μm (325.1 ± 10.5; min = 294.4, max = 345) longer than that of *Lu. tortura* (220 μm) and shorter than in *Lu. adamsi* (410 μm). Furthermore, *Lu. adamsi* is clearly bigger and flagellomere I (550 μm) is longer than in *Lu. tolimensis*, 387.2 μm (434.9 ± 39.0). (iv) *Lu. cirrita* had 28-35 diffuse setae on the median part of the coxite and the genital filaments were five times longer than the genital pump. In *Lu. tolimensis* the genital filaments were approximately three times longer than the genital pump. (v) In *Lu. sanguinaria*, the aedeagus and genital filaments had truncated tips and the pavilion was approximately four times the length of the piston and the posterior basitarsus was subequal in length to the posterior femur. In *Lu. tolimensis* the pavilion is approximately twice the length of the piston and the posterior basitarsus is longer than the posterior femur. (vi) In *Lu. scorzai* two-three setae occur on the coxite and one was clearly stronger and longer than the other(s). (vii) The new species was separated from *Lu. guderiani* and *Lu. monzonensis* by the α/δ ratio. In these two species α was twice δ , whereas in *Lu. tolimensis* α is 2.3-2.7 times δ . Furthermore, in *Lu. monzonensis* δ was twice β and in *Lu. tolimensis* the δ/β ratio varied

from 1.2-1.6. In *Lu. guderiani* the two basal spines were inserted on the basal half of the gonostyle whereas in *Lu. tolimensis* all the spines were located on the distal part of this structure. Furthermore, *Lu. monzonensis* had three-four setae on the coxite. *Lu. guderiani* had zero-one seta and *Lu. tolimensis* had zero-three setae.

The female of *Lu. tolimensis* differed from the other species in the following characteristics: (i) *Lu. cirrita* had a very elongated spermatheca and palpomere III was longer than V. In *Lu. tolimensis* palpomere V was longer than III. (ii) In *Lu. hartmanni* palpomere V was shorter than or equal to palpomere III and in *Lu. sanguinaria* the two palpomeres were the same length. Furthermore *Lu. sanguinaria* had a long, carrot-shaped spermatheca and the hind basitarsus was shorter than or subequal in length to the hind femur; in *Lu. tolimensis* the hind basitarsus was longer than the hind femur and the spermatheca was not carrot-shaped. (iii) Females of *Lu. gonzaloi*, *Lu. kirigetiensis* and *Lu. hartmanni* were distinguishable because in all three the labro-epipharynx was shorter than or subequal to 400 μm , whereas in *Lu. tolimensis* the labro-epipharynx measured 568.4 μm (535.9 \pm 35.4). (iv) The alar index δ in *Lu. guderiani* (460-610 μm) and in *Lu. monzonensis* (497.2 $\mu\text{m} \pm$ 43.9) was longer than in *Lu. tolimensis* (406.0 \pm 28.7; min = 355, max = 456). The α/δ ratio in *Lu. guderiani* varied from 1.8-2.0 and in *Lu. monzonensis* it was 2.0, whereas in *Lu. tolimensis* α was 2.3-2.7 times δ . In *Lu. monzonensis*, δ was 2-2.5 the length of β and in *Lu. tolimensis* the δ/β ratio varied from 1.16-1.61. (v) The new species was differentiated from *Lutzomyia botella* by the shape of the spermathecae and the length of the ducts; in *Lu. botella* the spermathecae were inflated and the individual ducts were shorter than the spermathecae. *Lu. tolimensis* did not have this spermatheca shape and the individual ducts were longer than the spermathecae. (vi) *Lu. adamsi* is larger, had a labro-epipharynx of 620 μm and a flagellomere I of 550 μm . In *Lu. tolimensis* the labro-epipharynx is shorter and the length of flagellomere I is 496.1 (497.3 \pm 18.7) μm . *Lutzomyia* sp. of Pichinde differed because δ (320 μm) was subequal to β (320 μm), whereas in *Lu. tolimensis* δ was longer than β . In *Lu. scorzai* the tibia, basitarsus and tarsi II, III, IV and V of the anterior, median and posterior legs were shorter than in *Lu. tolimensis*.

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