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ABSTRACT

Using a fossilized birth-death model, a new phylogeny of the superfamily Evanioidea (including ensign wasps, nightshade wasps or hatchet wasps) is proposed with estimates of divergence times for its constitutive families, also corroborating the monophyly of Evanioidea. Additionally, our Bayesian analyses demonstrate the monophyly of †Anomopterellidae, †Othniodellithidae, †Andreneliidae, Aulacidae, Gasteruptiidae, and Evaniidae, while the †Praeaulacidae and †Baissidae appear to be paraphyletic lineages. *Vectevania vetula* and *Hyptiogastrites electrinus* are transferred in the Aulacidae. We estimate the divergence of Evanioidea in the Late Triassic (~203 Ma). Additionally, three new othniodellithid wasps are described and figured from mid-Cretaceous Burmese amber as *Keradellitha basilici* Jouault, Maréchal, Wang & Perrichot, **gen. et sp. nov.**, *Keradellitha anubis* Jouault, Maréchal, Wang & Perrichot, **sp. nov.**, and *Keradellitha kirina* Maréchal, Jouault & Perrichot **sp. nov.** We also document a temporal shift, in relative specific richness, between Ichneumonoidea and Evanioidea.

ADDITIONAL KEYWORDS: Bayesian inferences, fossilized birth-death, morphological phylogeny, time divergence, calibration

INTRODUCTION

Recent advances in phylogenomics have clarified relationships within the hymenopteran lineages and shown the monophyly of all superfamilies except Vespoidea (Sharkey et al., 2012; Ronquist et al., 2012a; Peters et al., 2017; Sharanowski et al., 2021). Nonetheless, the monophylies of these clades are not so clear-cut when fossils are considered. The most recent works have estimated robust time-calibrated phylogenies for Hymenoptera based on analyses of genomic data, and have found evidence that Evanioidea is the sister lineage of Stephanoidea (Peters et al., 2017; Tang et al., 2019). Additionally, molecular and morphological studies strongly support the monophyly of Evanioidea (Dowton & Austin, 1994; Dowton et al., 1997; Vilhelmsen et al., 2010; Heraty et al., 2011; Sharkey et al., 2012; Klopfstein et al., 2013; Payne et al., 2013; Li et al., 2018; Sharanowski et al., 2018). The superfamily Evanioidea is currently composed of five fossil families (†Praeaulacidae, [†]Anomopterellidae, [†]Andreneliidae, [†]Baissidae, and [†]Othniodellithidae) that are widely represented in Mesozoic deposits, plus three extant families (Evaniidae, Aulacidae, Gasteruptiidae) with a rather extensive fossil record. The Evanioidea may have arisen during the Late Triassic (Sharkey et al., 2012; Peters et al., 2017; Tang et al., 2019) but the evolutionary history and the molecular age estimates within the superfamily have not yet been studied, except for its extant families (Sharanowski et al., 2018; Parslow et al., 2020a).

Extant evanioid wasps are known from 310 aulacid, 580 evaniid, and about 500 gasteruptiid species (see details in Ramage & Jouault, 2020) but data on their biology are limited. Several studies report aulacid wasps as koinobiont endoparasitoids of wood-boring larvae of Hymenoptera Xi-phydriidae and Coleoptera Cerambycidae and Buprestidae (e.g. Deyrup, 1984; Gauld & Hanson, 1995; Jennings & Austin, 2004; Kuroda et al., 2020). Adults of gasteruptiids apparently feed on nectar and pollen (Jennings & Austin, 2004), while their larvae are predator-inquiline, feeding on larvae or larval food of solitary bees (Antophila of the families Apidae, Colletidae, Halictidae,

Megachilidae, and Stenotritidae) and of more inclusive apoid wasps (Crabronidae) (Malyshev, 1968; Jennings & Austin, 2004; Bogusch *et al.*, 2018; Perioto et al., 2020; Parslow *et al.*, 2020b). Lastly, evaniid larvae are considered as predators of cockroach eggs in oothecae (Brown, 1973; Huben, 1995).

Recent efforts to reconstruct the phylogeny of Evanioidea took into account only molecular data and used fossils as calibration points, which may lead to under-integrations of the fossil lineages unearthed so far. This could induce conflicting interpretations of the phylogeny and the fossil record, and hinder a clear understanding of the evolutionary history of the superfamily Evanioidea. It is crucial to include the abundant evanioid fossil diversity in a phylogenetic framework, especially to study the origin and timing of diversification of their stem- and crown-groups. To incorporate extinct and extant taxa, the use of morphological-based matrix and total-evidence dating are required (e.g. Ronquist et al., 2012a; Gavryushkina et al., 2016; Pyron, 2017; Spasojevic et al., 2020). The developments of the fossilized birth-death (FBD) (Heath et al., 2014) model implemented in Bayesian inference allow integrating fossil species in a time-calibrated phylogeny, an approach also known as "tip-dating". This approach has mostly been used for vertebrate clades (e.g. Zhang et al., 2016; Gavryushkina et al., 2016; Pyron, 2017) and remains little used for invertebrates (but see Ronquist et al., 2012a; Vea & Grimaldi, 2016; Paterson et al., 2019; Jouault et al., 2021a). The tip-dating approach allows revisiting long-standing questions in macroevolution, such as the time of origin of a clade, its periods of diversification, or extinction events.

In the case of Evanioidea, uncertainty surrounds their timing of origin and diversification. Although incomplete, the fossil record suggests that the evanioid diversity was important during the Jurassic and decreased after the Cretaceous (Li *et al.*, 2018; Jouault *et al.*, 2021b). It is assumed that this change in diversification pattern was likely due to the diversification and expansion of a potentially competitive group, the Ichneumonoidea (Jouault *et al.*, 2021b). Both lineages show a shift in fossil abundance after the Cretaceous (Jouault *et al.*, 2021b). Ichneumonoidea and Evanioidea are known from numerous specimens in the highly fossiliferous Burmese amber, representing respectively 2.4% and 5.2% of the valid species (Jouault *et al.*, 2021b). Thus it seems that the dominance of the ichneumonoids occurred during the middle to Late Cretaceous even if the evanioids are already abundant during this period (Tabl. 1).

In this study we present and describe three new species of othniodellithid wasps belonging to a new genus. We also revise the fossil record of Evanioidea and propose a time-calibrated phylogeny for the group using a tip-dating approach. The analysis of the fossil record of the superfamilies Evanioidea and Ichneumonoidea is used to document the shift in specific richness between Evanioidea and Ichneumonoidea in the Cretaceous. We also discuss the record of two species belonging to a same genus but originating from two deposits of different ages.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

SPECIMEN SAMPLING AND MORPHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

The two dark orange amber pieces containing *Keradellitha basilici* Jouault, Maréchal, Wang & Perrichot gen. et sp. nov. and *K. anubis* Jouault, Maréchal, Wang & Perrichot sp. nov. originate from the deposits of Noije Bum in the Hukawng Valley ($26^{\circ} 29^{\circ}$ N, $96^{\circ} 35^{\circ}$ E), Kachin State, Northern Myanmar (see Grimaldi & Ross, 2017: fig 2). Radiometric data established an early Cenomanian age (98.79 ± 0.62 Ma) for Kachin amber, based on zircons from volcanic clasts found within the amber-bearing sediments (Shi *et al.*, 2012). Some ammonites found in the amber-bearing bed and within amber corroborates a late Albian / early Cenomanian age (Cruickshank & Ko, 2003; Yu *et al.*, 2019). The amber piece, also dark orange, containing *Keradellitha kirina* Maréchal, Jouault & Perrichot sp. nov., originates from the Hkamti site (about 80 km southwest of the Angbamo site), Hkamti District, Sagaing Region, Myanmar; see detailed map in Zheng *et al.* (2018: supplementary figure 2) or in Xing & Qiu, (2020: fig 1). An early Albian age (109.7 ± 0.4 Ma) was established for Hkamti amber based on zircon U-Pb analyses of clastic sediments (Xing & Qiu, 2020).

The descriptions are based on complete and well-preserved individuals, except for *K. anubis* Jouault, Maréchal, Wang & Perrichot gen. et sp. nov. which is based on an individual missing the apices of legs and antennae. The type specimens from Kachin (Noije Bum) amber are housed in the collection of the Nanjing Institute of Geology and Palaeontology, Chinese Academy of Science, China (NIGP), while the type specimen from Hkamti amber is housed in the amber collection of the Geological Department and Museum of the University of Rennes, France (IGR). The specimens were examined and photographed using a Leica MZ APO stereomicroscope equipped with a Canon EOS 5D Mark II camera. All images are digitally stacked photomicrographic composites of several individual focal planes, which were obtained using Helicon Focus 6.7. Figures were composed with Adobe Illustrator CC2019 and Photoshop CC2019. Wing venation terminology and description structures follow Engel (2017).

MORPHOLOGICAL DATA

The morphological data originated from Li *et al.* (2018) and were updated with the most recent taxonomic descriptions (Ronquist *et al.*, 1999; Jennings & Austin, 2000; Basibuyuk *et al.*, 2002; Turrisi *et al.*, 2009; Peñalver *et al.*, 2010; Rasnitsyn & Zhang, 2010; Sharkey *et al.*, 2012; Li *et al.*, 2013a,b; Li *et al.*, 2018; Turrisi & Ellenberger, 2019; Shih *et al.*, 2019; Poinar, 2020; Jouault & Nel, 2021). We used 81 adult characters (Appendix S1), coded for the 104 ingroup taxa and three outgroup taxa: *Orussus* sp., *Acephialtitia colossa* and *Praeproapocritus flexus*. All characters were treated as unordered and with equal weight. Inapplicable and unknown characters were coded with '-' and '?', respectively. The character matrix was established with Mesquite 3.61 (Maddison and Maddison, 2019). All consensus trees were visualized and drawn using FigTree 1.4.4 (Rambaut, 2009), and modified with Adobe Illustrator CC2019.

MAXIMUM PARSIMONY

Maximum parsimony (MP) analyses of the morphological dataset (Appendix S1) were conducted with PAUP 4.0a166 (Swofford, 2002). Outgroup taxa were treated as paraphyletic with respect to the ingroup. Tree searches were performed using a heuristic search method with the following options: maximum number of trees saved equal to 10,000, only optimal trees retained, collapse of zero-length branches, and a tree bisection and reconnection (TBR) swapping algorithm. When searches produced more than one optimal cladogram, a strict consensus was performed (Suppl. Fig. 1). To measure the robustness of the parsimony cladograms, bootstrap analyses (Felsenstein, 1985, Hillis & Bull, 1993) were executed using the full heuristic search option for 100 replicates. We considered values of bootstrap support (BS) equal or above 70 as strong node supports (Hillis & Bull, 1993).

BAYESIAN PHYLOGENETIC INFERENCE AND DIVERGENCE TIME ESTIMATES

We carried out Bayesian inferences (BI) using a relaxed clock model in MrBayes 3.2.7a (Huelsenbeck & Ronquist, 2001; Ronquist & Huelsenbeck, 2003; Ronquist *et al.*, 2012b). We performed tip-dating analyses with a fossilized birth-death (FBD) model wherein fossil taxa are terminals. Analyses were computed with a Markov one parameter (Mkv) model (Lewis, 2001) with or without a gamma rate variation across characters and with the independent gamma relaxed clock model (Lepage *et al.*, 2007; *lset rates = invgamma*, *prset clockvarpr = igr*, *prset igrvarpr = exp(10)*; no rate variation was computed with *lset rates = equal*). Following Ronquist *et al.* (2012a), the prior used for the mean clock rate was gamma (2, 200), except in one analysis wherein we tested a normal but very flat prior (*prset clockratepr = normal(0.0025,1)* and a flat uniform speciation prior (*prset speciationpr = uniform(0,10*); Matzke & Wright, 2016). The proportion of extant taxa was set to 0.015 (21 extant species out of *ca.* 1,400 species). Sampling strategy of taxa was either set to diversity (*prset samplestrat = diversity* wherein fossils are sampled randomly and can be tips or ancestors), random (*prset samplestrat = random* wherein fossil can be tips or

ancestors) or fossil tip (prset samplestrat = fossiltip wherein fossil and taxa are assumed to be sampled randomly and fossil ancestor is not allowed). An exponential prior and a beta prior were used for the net speciation rate and the relative extinction rate using the following functions: prset speciation pr = exp(100), and prset extinction pr = beta(1,1), respectively. In all our tip-dating analyses, the node age prior was set to 'calibrated'. All analyses comprised two runs and four Markov chains Monte Carlo (MCMC), and were launched for 50 million generations. MCMC were sampled every 5000 generations and a burn-in fraction of 0.25 was used. Convergence diagnostics were checked for each analysis with the average standard deviation of split frequencies < 0.01, PRSF close to 1.0 in MrBayes outputs, and ESS > 200 in Tracer 1.7.1 (Rambaut *et al.*, 2018). We performed two tip-dating analyses: (1) we used extinct taxa calibrated with uniform distributions bounded according to the minimum and maximum ages of their deposits (Barido-Sottani et al., 2019; Appendix S2), and (2) we used extinct taxa calibrated with fixed distributions bounded according to the minimum ages of their deposits. In the FBD model, all fossils were set as tips (r = 1). The prior probability distribution on branch lengths was set to *clock:fossilization*. Three nodes were assigned offset exponential priors: (1) the root of the tree (minimum age: 183 Ma, mean age: 245 Ma), (2) the clade Apocrita (183, 236 Ma), and (3) the ingroup (164 Ma, 178 Ma). Those ages were set according to the latest studies (Ronquist et al., 2012a; Peters et al., 2017; Tang et al., 2019). All scripts are provided as Supporting Information.

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SYSTEMATIC PALEONTOLOGY

CLASS INSECTA LINNAEUS, 1758

ORDER HYMENOPTERA LINNAEUS, 1758

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SUBORDER APOCRITA GERSTAECKER, 1867

SUPERFAMILY EVANIOIDEA LATREILLE, 1802

FAMILY †OTHNIODELLITHIDAE ENGEL & HUANG, 2016

GENUS KERADELLITHA JOUAULT, MARECHAL, WANG & PERRICHOT, gen. nov.

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Type species: Keradellitha basilici Jouault, Maréchal, Wang & Perrichot, sp. nov.

Other species included: *Keradellitha anubis* Jouault, Maréchal, Wang & Perrichot, sp. nov.; *Keradellitha kirina* Maréchal, Jouault & Perrichot sp. nov.

Etymology. The new generic name is a Latinised combination of the Greek words, *kéras* ('horn') and *dellithos* ('a kind of wasp'). The gender of the name is feminine.

Diagnosis. Head with vertex flat to slightly convex; cephalic horn without apical teeth, with two transverse and parallel ridges, anterior ridge being slightly wider than second but both similar in shape; compound eye ovoid, without circum-ocular carina, inner lateral margins slightly concave; toruli widely separated by cephalic horn, located on lateral surfaces, opening dorso-laterally; malar space shorter than width of mandibular base; mandible with apical teeth slightly pointing, not over-lapping tooth of opposite mandible; gena shorter than compound eyes; antenna with 22 flagellomeres, flagellum gradually decreasing in length and slightly in width towards apex; pronotum extending forward as short neck; legs bearing tarsal plantulae; fore wing with lcu-a confluent to 1M; veins M+Cu et Cu aligned; 2m-cu tubular; 2cu-a and 2A present; hind wing with numerous hamuli (five or more).

KERADELLITHA BASILICI Jouault, Maréchal, Wang & Perrichot, sp. nov. urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:C67E5240-F1BC-4836-86F7-3B9D1D375AA8

(Figs. 1-2)

Holotype: NIGP174738, preserved in a rectangular piece of amber measuring $17 \times 10 \times 6$ mm.

Type locality and horizon: Noije Bum Hill, Hukawng Valley, Kachin State, Myanmar; upper Albian to lower Cenomanian, mid-Cretaceous.

Etymology. The specific epithet refers to a mythical beast (*Basilicus*) that intermingled the traits of several animals, and is a general allusion to the fierce and enigmatic habitus of the species. The specific epithet is to be treated as a noun in a genitive case.

Diagnosis. Scape long, about 3,5 times longer than pedicel; outer (external) pretarsal claw of fore leg with two pre-apical teeth; fore wing vein Rs+M as long as 2Rs; third submarginal cell as long as second one; 1rs-m meeting Rs slightly before r-rs; 2rs-m tubular; second discal cell short (twice as long as wide); hind wing with six hamuli; gaster laterally compressed (as in Evaniidae), rounded-shape.

Description. Female. Total length as preserved 4.4 mm (excluding antennae and ovipositor); fore wing 2.7 mm long; integument dark brown except metasoma lighter; body largely glabrous except legs bearing short, thick setae; integument without pronounced sculpturing or punctation, largely finely imbricate; propodeum coarsely and strongly areolate; wings clear and hyaline, veins brown to light brown in preserved color.

Head slightly shorter than wide in frontal view, width 0.95 mm and length 0.87 mm; genal width 0.2 mm; compound eyes ovoid, without prominent circum-ocular carina, 0.51 mm long, 0.3 mm wide; ocelli present and situated in a small triangle on top of vertex above compound eyes and immediately behind facial prominence, ocelli separated by approximately their diameter and from posterior border of head by about twice their diameter. Prominent facial horn projecting to length of 0.37 mm in profile (from anterior toruli margin to apex of the horn). Antenna with scape about 3.5 times pedicel length, 0.43 mm long, 0.07 mm wide; pedicel more than twice as long as wide; flagel-lomeres each longer than wide except two apical most; flagellomere I the longest (0.31 mm long). Clypeal base indistinct from froms (epistomal sulcus lacking), with strong medial longitudinal ridge,

ridge extends posteriorly with a small sharp tooth and anteriorly projects as small triangular prominence between mandibles. Palp formula (maxillary-labial) at least 6-3. Mandible massive, squareshaped in frontal view, with straight outer and apical margins meeting in a rounded orthogonal angle; inner margin with ridges demarcating blunt 'teeth', apical tooth well projected without overlapping opposing mandible.

Mesosoma laterally compressed, longer than high, length 2.2 mm long, height 1.41 mm; pronotum prominent, with well-developed concave anterior surface, with poorly defined raised posterior surface, medially longer than wide, lateral surfaces large and slightly depressed; propleura long but not projecting anterior to pronotum; mesoscutum 0.53 mm long, notauli distinct; mesoscutellum convex in profile, 0.27 mm in its medial length; mesopleuron with small, oblique row of faint areolae demarcating border with pronotal lateral surface and more distinct, single row of areolae along border with metepisternum; propodeum weakly areolate, with prominent dorsal surface, dorsal length between metanotum and articulation with petiole equal to 0.3 mm. Legs long, with slender tarsi; meso- and meta-coxae closer to each other than to procoxa; metafemur 1.81 mm long, metatibia 1.71 mm long; metabasitarsus elongate but slightly shorter than combined lengths of remaining tarsomeres, metabasitarsus length 0.8 mm, lengths of remaining tarsomeres (from base to apex), 0.34 mm, 0.3 mm, 0.16 mm, and 0.23 mm. Tibial spurs formula 1-2-2. Apex of all tarsi with a plantula. Outer pretarsal claw of fore leg tridentate (bearing two small pre-apical teeth), all other claws bidentate (with a single pre-apical tooth).

Fore wing with costal space apically slightly broader than pterostigma; pterostigma longer than wide, tapering gradually in width to acute apex, margin inside marginal cell faintly convex; vein M+Cu forking after Sc+R mid-length; 1M straight, nearly aligned with and longer than 1Rs; 1Rs originating prior to pterostigma a distance inferior to its length; 1rs-m meeting Rs slightly before r-rs; 2Rs longer than 1Rs; 2M very small, meeting 1m-cu, then M abscissa extend toward wing apex; 2Rs slightly curved; r-rs originating from basal third of pterostigmal length, elongate, softly sinu-

ous, as long as 2Rs; marginal cell broad, three time as long as wide, greatest width near tangent of pterostigmal apex; 3Rs mostly straight for majority of marginal cell length; two rs-m crossveins present; second submarginal cell about as long as third, and slightly widening towards the wing margin; third submarginal cell slightly wider posteriorly than anteriorly; first discal cell almost forming strongly slanted rhomboid (not distinctly pentagonal owing to exceptionally short 2M); 1m-cu straight and sub-parallel to 1M; cu-a originating at M+Cu fork, nearly aligned with 1M; 2m-cu present but weaker than surrounding veins; A2 present and meeting Cu apically in a small 2cu-a vein (demarcating second sub-basal cell); vein 2A present. Hind wing with venation nearly complete, only lacking C; R with six distal hamuli and not meeting 2Rs apically; rs-m oblique, about twice as long as 1Rs, shorter than first free abscissa M; Cu+cu-a present, nearly orthogonal to M+Cu; apical abscissa Cu not visible if present; jugal lobe lacking.

Metasoma with first segment forming tubular petiole 0.57 mm long, tergum and sternum fused without apparent indication of individual sclerites; gaster 1.72 mm long, compressed laterally, ovoid in profile, obviously longer than high, maximum height 0.84 mm, widening to the third gastral segment and then narrowing toward apex; ovipositor exerted, at least 1 mm long (not totally visible), with five minute teeth present on apical declivitous face; sheaths slightly longer than ovipositor.

Male unknown.

KERADELLITHA ANUBIS Jouault, Maréchal, Wang & Perrichot sp. nov.

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(Figs 3-4)

Holotype: NIGP174739, preserved in a rectangular piece of amber measuring $5 \times 5 \times 4$ mm. *Type locality and horizon:* Noije Bum Hill, Hukawng Valley, Kachin State, Myanmar; upper Albian to lower Cenomanian, mid-Cretaceous. *Etymology*. Named in reference to the mythological Egyptian god Anubis, protector of graves and the deceased. The specific epithet 'anubis' is to be treated as a noun in apposition.

Diagnosis. Scape short, about twice as long as pedicel; pretarsal claws of all legs bidentate; Rs+M slightly longer than 2Rs; third submarginal cell longer than second one; 1rs-m aligned with r-rs; 2rs-m not fully tubular; second discal cell long, about three times as long as wide; hind wing with five hamuli; metasoma with cylindrical gaster.

Description. Male. Total length as preserved 4.06 mm (excluding antennae and ovipositor); fore wing length at least 2.2 mm; integument largely dark brown and largely glabrous; integument without pronounced sculpturing or punctation, only finely imbricate; propodeum coarsely and strongly areolate; wings clear and hyaline, veins brown to light brown in preserved color.

Head wider than long; clypeus and frons vertical and flat; genal width at about midlength 0.1 mm; compound eye 0.41 mm long, 0.27 mm wide; ocelli protruding, large, arranged in small triangle on top of vertex above compound eyes, separated by approximately their diameter and from posterior border of head by twice their diameter. Prominent facial horn projecting to length of 0.25 mm in profile (from anterior toruli margin to apex of horn); scape longer than wide, twice as long as pedicel, 0.2 mm long, 0.07 mm wide; pedicel more than twice as long as wide; flagellomere I the longest (about 0.25mm long). Clypeal base indistinct from frons, without medial longitudinal ridge. Palpal formula at least 5-3. Mandible large, square in frontal view, with straight outer and apical margins, margins meeting at rounded obtuse outer angle; inner margin with four blunt teeth and with one stout and longer, pointed apical tooth.

Mesosoma laterally compressed, longer than high, 1.35 mm long, at least 0.8mm high; pronotum well developed, with well-developed concave anterior surface, apparently slightly longer than wide, lateral surfaces large and slightly depressed; mesoscutum with weak notauli not meeting, mesoscutum 0.5 mm long; mesoscutellum well separated from mesoscutum, slightly convex in profile, 0.2 mm long; mesopleuron with oblique depression and small, single row of weak areolae demarcating

border with pronotal lateral surface, and even weaker row of areolae along border with metepisternum; propodeum coarsely and strongly areolate, dorsal length between metanotum and articulation with petiole equal to 0.23 mm. Legs not fully preserved except right hind legs; long, with meso- and meta-coxae closer than pro-coxa; hind femur medially swollen.

For wing with costal space apically about as broad as pterostigma; pterostigma much longer than wide, tapering gradually in width in apical half to acute apex; marginal cell narrow with vein 1Rs slightly convex; vein M+Cu forking distally to midlength of Sc+R; 1M slightly curved, forming faint angle at junction with 1Rs, 1M subequal to 1Rs; 1Rs originating basal to pterostigma at distance subequal to pterostigmal width; 1rs-m aligned with r-rs; Rs+M straight; 2Rs much longer than 2M but slightly shorter than Rs+M; 2M exceedingly short and directed posteriorly to meet lm-cu; 3M slightly convex basally then longitudinal; 2Rs slightly curved near Rs+M then almost straight; r-rs originating before pterostigmal midlength, weakly sinuous, elongate, slightly shorter than 2Rs; marginal cell damaged and partial; two rs-m crossveins present, second one distinctly weaker and thinner than surrounding veins (but not nebulous); second submarginal cell with posterior border 0.7 times shorter than posterior border of third one; third submarginal cell about 1.3 times longer than second; discal cell almost forming strongly slanted rhomboid (not distinctly pentagonal owing to exceptionally short 2M), Im-cu straight, 1.3 times longer than ICu; ICu-a slightly distal with 1M; 2m-cu conspicuous and tubular; 2cu-a present, enclosing subdiscal cell. Hind wing with venation nearly complete except lacking C; R with five distal hamuli, not meeting 2Rs apically; rs-m oblique, longer than 1Rs, about twice as short as first 1M; Cu present, virtually orthogonal to M+Cu; jugal lobe lacking.

Metasoma 2.0 mm long; first segment forming trapezoidal petiole, narrower basally, 0.44 mm long; tergum I and sternum I fused without apparent indication of individual sclerites; gaster compressed laterally, gradually and slightly tapering in height from mid-length to apical segment. Parameres directed backward, keel-shaped, protruding about 0.2 mm. Aedegus not clearly visible.

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Female unknown.

KERADELLITHA KIRINA Maréchal, Jouault & Perrichot sp. nov.

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Holotype: IGR.BU-021, preserved in rectangular piece of amber measuring $9 \times 6 \times 3$ mm.

Type locality and horizon: Hkamti site, Hkamti District, Sagaing Region, Myanmar; early Albian (ca. 110 Ma), early Cretaceous.

Etymology. Named in reference to the fabulous animal from Chinese mythology: Qilin or Kirin that intermingled the traits of several animals, and is a general allusion to the fierce and enigmatic habitus of the species. The specific epithet is to be treated as a noun in a genitive case.

Diagnosis. Scape short, about twice as long as pedicel; pretarsal claws of all legs bidentate; fore wing vein Rs+M longer than 2Rs; second and third submarginal cells equal in length; 1rs-m meeting Rs slightly after r-rs; 2rs-m complete and tubular; second discal cell short (about twice as long as wide); hind wing with five hamuli; metasoma with cylindrical gaster.

Description. Female. Total length as preserved 4.87 mm (excluding antennae and ovipositor); fore wing at least 2.35 mm long; hind wing ca. 1.5 mm long; integument largely dark brown or clear brown, glabrous mesosoma without pronounced sculpturing or punctation except on propodeum, which is coarsely and strongly areolate; wings clear and hyaline, veins brown to light brown.

Head wider than long, 0.64 mm wide; genal space about 0.2 mm; compound eye 0.42 mm long, 0.30 mm wide; three ocelli arranged in an equilateral triangle on vertex, about 0.05 mm in diameter each and distant from each other by 2.5 times their diameter; prominent facial horn projecting for 0.44 mm long (measured at apex); scape longer than wide, about 0.24 mm long; pedicel about 0,13 mm long, conical and shorter than flagellomere I; flagellomere I the longest, about 0.30 mm long; clypeal area partially hidden by debris within amber matrix; mandibles massive, rectangular, about

0.15 mm wide, the masticatory margin with large, blunt apical tooth followed by 2(?) blunt teeth; outer margin of mandible covered by setae; palp formula (maxillary-labial) at least 5-3.

Mesosoma laterally compressed, thinner than head, longer than high, 1.4 mm long, 0.94 mm high; pronotum well-developed, 0.28 mm in maximal length; mesoscutum 0.55 mm long, slightly arched anteriorly; notauli not visible due to preservation; mesopleuron wide, ca. 0.80 mm in maximal length, with small, oblique row of weak areolae along pronotal margin, and even weaker row of areolae along metepisternal margin; propodeum coarsely and strongly areolate, distinctly setose around petiolar insertion; length of propodeal dorsal surface between metanotum and articulation with metasomal petiole about 0.30 mm; legs long, thin, with five thin tarsomeres; meso- and meta-coxae closer to each other than to procoxa; metacoxa 0.67 mm long, metatrochanter 0.29 mm long, metafemur 1.49 mm long, metatibia 1.29 mm long; metabasitarsus elongate, combined length of tarsomeres ca. 1.65 mm long; tibial spurs formula 1-2-2, protibial spur bifid; pretarsal claws ca. 0.05 mm long, each with a single pre-apical tooth situated at about 2/3 of claw length.

Fore wing with costal space apically about as broad as pterostigma; pterostigma much longer than wide, tapering gradually in width; marginal cell narrow, with vein 1Rs slightly convex; vein M+Cu forking distally of midlength of Sc+R; 1M straight to slightly curved, forming faint angle at junction with 1Rs; 1M shorter than 1Rs; 1Rs originating basal to pterostigma at distance subequal to pterostigmal width; 1rs-m meeting Rs slightly after r-rs; Rs+M nearly straight; 2Rs greatly longer than 2M but conspicuously shorter than Rs+M; 2M exceedingly short and directed posteriorly to meet lm-cu; r-rs originating slightly before pterostigmal midlength, elongate, longer than 2Rs; marginal cell long and wide; two rs-m crossveins present, both tubular; second submarginal cell with posterior border 0.66 times shorter than that of third submarginal cell; second and third submarginal cells subequal in length; discal cell almost forming strongly slanted rhomboid (not distinctly pentagonal owing to exceptionally short 2M); lm-cu slightly concave, slightly shorter than ICu; 2m-cu conspicuous and tubular; 2cu-a present, enclosing sub-basal cell. Hind wing with venation nearly

complete, only lacking C; R with five distal hamuli, not meeting 2Rs apically; rs-m oblique, longer than 1Rs; Cu orthogonal to M+Cu; jugal lobe absent.

Metasoma about 2.50 mm long; first metasomal segment forming a tubular petiole (0.,66 mm long) slightly widening posteriorly, with tergum I and sternum I fused without apparent indication of individual sclerites; gaster slightly ovoid, elongate and laterally compressed (nearly flat, maybe due to conservation), broadest at about its midlength; six tergites visible, respectively 0.32 mm, 0.40 mm, 0.40 mm, 0.48 mm, 0.72 mm, and 0.16 mm long; ventral base of apical tergite covering ovipositor insertion; ovipositor exerted, moderately long, ca. 0.90 mm long (not totally visible), sheaths slightly longer than ovipositor.

Male unknown.

RESULTS

We summarized the fossil diversity of Evanioidea and Ichneumonoidea (Fig. 7) using the function count taxa in Paleobiology Database (http://fossilworks.org; last access November 25, 2020). Although diversity changes through time as estimated by this analysis are biased by the incompleteness of the fossil record, we could extract one general pattern showing that Evanioidea were already diversified in the Jurassic period with more than 70 species (Fig. 7), while the earliest record of Ichneumonoidea (*Cretobraconus maculatus* Rasnitsyn & Sharkey, 1988) was described from the Lower Cretaceous Ulugei Formation (Rasnitsyn & Sharkey, 1988; Kopylov *et al.*, 2020). Afterwards, the species number of Ichneumonoidea increased, until becoming almost equivalent to that of Evanioidea during the Early Cretaceous. After the Cretaceous, the number of species of Ichneumonoidea clearly exceeded the number of Evanioidea species with a peak during the Eocene (Fig. 7).

Adding 41 species to the morphological matrix has provided a relatively strong support for the monophyly of Evanioidea (PP = 1; BS = 63). The resulting phylogeny has also clarified the rela-

tionships among and between extant and extinct taxa (Fig. 8; Supplementary Fig. 1). We found the genus *Hyptiogastrites* as an early-diverging lineage within the Aulacidae, and *Vectevania vetula* Cockerell, 1922 among the Aulacidae as an early-diverging taxon relative to the crown-Aulacidae (*Aulacus + Pristaulacus*). Although weakly supported, the Nevaniinae were recovered as a monophyletic subfamily within the Praeaulacidae (PP = 0.61; BS = 68), and sister lineage of the genus *Eosaulacus* (PP = 0.13). The two species of *Keradellitha* gen. nov. coded in the matrix were found nested within the †Othniodellithidae in BI and MP, confirming our taxonomic attributions (Fig. 8; Supplementary Fig. 1). We summarized the phyletic states of each family in Tabl. 2.

In all our Bayesian analyses, Evanioidea, \dagger Anomopterellidae (PP = 0.93; BS = 72), Gasteruptiidae (PP = 0.91; BS = 66), \dagger Othniodellithidae (PP = 1; BS = 99), \dagger Andreneliidae, Aulacidae (PP = 0.67), and Evaniidae (PP = 0.99; BS = 50) were recovered as monophyletic lineages, while \dagger Praeaulacidae (PP = 0.24) and \dagger Baissidae were recovered as paraphyletic. In the MP analysis, the family Aulacidae was polyphyletic (Tabl. 2; Supplementary Fig. 1). Based on these results, we proposed a new hierarchical suprageneric classification of Evanioidea (Tabl. 3).

Following our modified suprageneric classification of Evanioidea, the 'protoevanioides' clade (\dagger Praeaulacidae + \dagger Othniodellithidae) (PP = 0.24) corresponds to the earliest radiation of the evanioid wasps, characterized by their similarities shared with \dagger Ephialtitidae. The second and main radiation of evanioid wasps, the 'neoevanioides' clade (PP = 0.95), comprises the families \dagger Anomopterellidae, \dagger Baissidae, Gasteruptiidae, \dagger Andreneliidae, Aulacidae, and Evaniidae.

Besides the relationships of the new fossil taxa, we estimated divergence dates within Evanioidea (Fig. 8). Using tip-dating analyses (run with the Mkv+G, FBD model, uniform distribution, and *samplestrat* = *fossiltip*), we estimated the divergences of stem- and crown-Evanioidea to the Late Triassic and Early Jurassic: 203 Ma (95% HPD = 188-220 Ma) and 176 Ma (95% HPD = 159-194 Ma), respectively. The tip-dating analysis also indicated that the crown-protoevanioides originated around 201 Ma (95% HPD = 186-215 Ma). Among 'protoevanioides',

[†]Othniodellithidae were estimated to have diverged from their Praeaulacidae ancestor about 117 Ma (95% HPD = 110–127 Ma). The crown-'neoevanioides' was estimated at 190 Ma (95% HPD = 175-208 Ma). Among neoevanioides, we have also estimated the crown-euaulacides (Aulacidae + Gasteruptiidae) around 139 Ma (95% HPD = 121–158 Ma). Aulacidae were recovered as sister lineage to Gasteruptiidae and their crown-groups would date back to 68 Ma (95% HPD = 52–89 Ma) and 20 Ma (95% HPD = 6–36 Ma), respectively. Extant Evaniidae have a crown age at 58 Ma (95% HPD = 42–75 Ma), while their oldest relatives would date back to the Middle Jurassic (155 Ma, 95% HPD = 142–168 Ma). Divergence time estimates for the main evanioid lineages are summarized in Tabl. 4.

DISCUSSION

SYSTEMATIC PLACEMENT OF NEW TAXA

Our fossils present all the diagnostic characters of the family †Othniodellithidae as described by Engel *et al.* (2016a) and emended by Engel (2017), including the complete wing venation with two rs-m crossveins and 2m-cu usually present (see Engel *et al.*, 2016a: fig 3); vein M+Cu forking distad midlength of Sc+R; vein lcu-a confluent to slightly distal to 1M; marginal cell large, wide near tangent with apex of pterostigma and elongate, nearly reaching to wing apex. With a nearly complete hind wing venation, the fossils may be confused with †Praeaulacidae, except that othniodellithids are lacking the vein C and a jugal lobe. Also, our new taxa cannot be assigned to †Praeaulacidae as they have fewer antennomeres (22 vs. at least 31 in Praeaulacidae). Overall, they possess the typical horn of the †Othniodellithidae (synapomorphy); the same wing venation (with minor variations in the presence of vein 2m-cu or alignment of vein M+Cu and Cu); and the typical habitus of the family with well-developed pronotum and mesoscutum, and a metasoma separated from mesosoma with a petiole. The new genus *Keradellitha* differs from all other othniodellithid genera by the antenna with 22 flagellomeres (vs. 20 or 21 in the other genera); the cephalic horn without apical teeth (vs. with apical teeth in *Othniodellitha mantichora*); the gena shorter than compound eyes (vs. wider than compound eyes in *O. mantichora*); the fore wing with M+Cu and Cu aligned (vs. non-aligned in *O. mantichora*), 2cu-a and 2m-cu present (vs. both veins absent in *O. mantichora*), 2rs-m tubular (vs. non tubular in the other genera), 2A present (vs. absent in *O. mantichora* and *Xenodellitha preta*); the hind wing with five or more hamuli (vs. three in *Xenodellitha*); and legs with tarsal plantulae present (vs. absent in the other genera, but maybe not mentioned).

KEY TO GENERA OF †OTHNIODELLITHIDAE:

The three species of Keradellitha gen. nov. can be distinguished mainly by the characters given in the key below.

KEY TO SPECIES OF KERADELLITHA gen. nov.:

Additionally, *K. anubis* differs from *K. basilici* Jouault, Maréchal, Wang & Perrichot gen. et sp. nov. by the antenna with a short scape (vs. long); the fore wing Rs+M longer than 2Rs (vs. equal), third submarginal cell longer than the second one (vs. equal), subdiscal cell long (vs. short and wide), 2rs-m incomplete (vs. complete and tubular); the hind wing with five hamuli (vs. six); and its metasoma cylindric (vs. rounded). For additional comparisons, see the keys proposed above.

COMPARISONS OF DIVERGENCE TIME ESTIMATES FOR EVANIOIDEA

As previously mentioned, divergence time estimates have only been proposed for the superfamily Evanioidea, including the Aulacidae, Evaniidae, and Gasteruptidae. Our result from the tipdating approach of the superfamily Evanioidea is congruent with previous studies (Ronquist *et al.*, 2012a; Peters *et al.*, 2017; Li *et al.*, 2018; Sharanowski *et al.*, 2018; Tang *et al.*, 2019), which estimated the origin of Evanioidea in the Middle Jurassic, or possibly the Late Triassic. A recent paper has proposed the divergence of Evaniidae around 136.8 Ma (134.1–141.4 Ma, with lognormal prior) and around 151.5 Ma (135.9-166.7 Ma, with normal prior) (Sharanowski et al., 2018). Our estimates are congruent with these results since our minimum and maximum time estimates range between 140 and 186 Ma. Based on our analyses, the first known diversification of the stem-Aulacidae is estimated during the Early Cretaceous (around 130 Ma, Fig. 8), which would be earlier than the first known diversification of the stem-Gasteruptiidae, estimated in the mid-Cretaceous (around 105 Ma, Tabl. 4, Fig. 8). Interestingly, the age of the first diversification of the Gasteruptiidae that we recovered corresponds to the oldest records of the Antophila that they predate (Debevec et al., 2012; Cardinal et al., 2018; Genise et al., 2020). Sharanowski et al. (2018) proposed the divergence between Aulacidae and Gasteruptiidae around 111.6 Ma, which is likely underestimated because the earliest fossil record of aulacid wasp is dated from the mid-Cretaceous (Engel & Wang, 2016a). The most recent study investigating the Gasteruptiidae phylogeny estimated that the clade (Aulacidae + Gasteruptiidae) has diverged from Evaniidae ca. 151 Ma (Parslow et al., 2020a). This is younger than our divergence estimate *ca*. 176 Ma, congruent with the numerous Evaniidae known from the Early Cretaceous Lebanese amber (Tabl. 1). According to Parslow et al. (2020a), the divergence between Aulacidae and Gasteruptiidae occurred ca. 83 Ma, which is highly incongruent with the oldest representatives of both families both known from mid-Cretaceous Burmese amber. However, they estimated the crown-Aulacidae to arise ca. 52 Ma, close to the 68 Ma estimate in our analysis. They proposed that the crown-gasteruptiids arose *ca*. 60 Ma while we only recover them ca. 20 Ma. This latter difference is directly influenced by the scarcity of the gasteruptiid fossil record. As for the estimate of crown-Aulacidae, Parslow et al. (2020a) may have slightly underestimated the age of stem-Evaniidae (ca. 137 Ma vs. 163 Ma in our analyses). Alternatively, analyses with the FBD process might, in certain circumstances that still need to be clearly identified, overestimate datings (Arcila et al., 2015; O'Reilly & Donoghue, 2016; Matschiner, 2019).

REFINING STEM AND CROWN-AGES WITHIN EVANIOIDEA

Recently, a hierarchical, suprageneric classification of Evanioidea was proposed without reconstruction of a phylogenetic hypothesis to support this classification (Engel, 2017: tabl. 2). However, the former classification was almost similar to the one derived from our Bayesian analyses (Engel, 2017: tabl. 2). Therefore, we only slightly modified it to fit with our phylogenetic results (Tabl. 2).

Contrary to many other hymenopteran taxa, the Evanioidea had a greater diversity (in terms of family) in the deep past than today. This peculiar diversity pattern implies the extinctions or declines of several lineages. The study of this fossil record allows differentiating stem- from crown-groups, which is key to our understanding of how lineages waxed and waned (Budd & Mann, 2020). Since no phylogenetic analyses integrated both fossil and extant representatives in a time-calibrated phylogeny, the delimitation and age estimates of these groups were not clearly established in evanioids. Our study thus brings the first phylogeny-based attempt in this regard.

Among the 'Neoevanioides', the delineation of stem- and crown-groups has been challenged by the misplacement of controversial taxa, namely *Hyptiogastrites* Cockerell, 1917, *Vectevania* Cockerell, 1922, and †Andreneliidae. The monospecific genus *Hyptiogastrites* has been assigned to †Baissidae (Li *et al.*, 2018). However, following the description of a new male specimen (Turrisi & Ellenberger, 2019) and its coding in the current phylogenetic matrix, it is now recovered in the Aulacidae. This placement is congruent with a detailed morphological study and cladistic analysis (Jennings *et al.*, 2004) but also with the former suprageneric classification proposing *Hyptiogastrites* in an early-diverging position within Aulacidae (Engel, 2017). As a result, *Hyptiogastrites* should be transferred from †Baissidae to Aulacidae. Initially described from a single partially preserved specimen, from the latest Eocene Bembridge Marls in England (Cockerell, 1922), *Vectevania vetula* Cockerell, 1922 was formerly ascribed to the Evaniidae. Recently, its position was revised (Rasnitsyn, 2013), and *V. vetula* was placed among the 'Aulacinae' (= Aulacidae). The most recent morphology-based phylogenetic analysis of the Evanioidea (Li *et al.*, 2018) has led its authors to erect a monogeneric family for this taxon. It seems, however, unlikely that *Vectevania* belongs to a family distinct from the other evanioid families because Vectevaniidae was not supported by any putative autapomorphic trait (Li *et al.*, 2018: fig 24). We recovered *Vectevania vetula* among the Aulacidae as an early-diverged taxon close to the extant genera (*Aulacus + Pristaulacus*).

The phylogenetic position of the family †Andreneliidae has long been controversial since Rasnitsyn (pers. comm. in Turrisi & Ellenberger, 2019) proposed the †Andreneliidae as an 'intermediate' clade between Evaniidae and (Aulacidae + Gasteruptiidae + †Baissidae) (Turrisi & Ellenberger, 2019). Here, the family †Andreneliidae occupies an early-diverging position relative to Evaniidae, consistent with the results of the recent morphology-based phylogeny (Li *et al.*, 2018). The challenging placement of the †Andreneliidae results from the poor preservation of the unique known andreneliid specimen, which does not allow confident discussion on its placement. In this way, we define the stem- and crown-groups of Gasteruptiidae, Aulacidae and Evaniidae as shown in Figure 8.

Therefore, we consider that the Evanioidea comprise eight families: †Andreneliidae, †Anomopterellidae, Aulacidae, †Baissidae, Evaniidae, Gasteruptiidae, †Othniodellithidae, and †Praeaulacidae.

OPPOSITE DIVERSITY PATTERN BETWEEN EVANIOIDEA AND ICHNEUMONOIDEA

A recent study provided new data about variations in the species richness of hymenopteran taxa, from the Early Cretaceous to present, and showed that the Evanioidea represented more than 20% of the hymenopteran species (at least 64 species) among non-aculeate apocritan wasps during the Early Cretaceous (Jouault *et al.*, 2021b: fig 6). Based on these previous results, it appears that a shift in relative proportions between Evanioidea and Ichneumonoidea occurred during the Cretaceous. The evanioids flourished during the Jurassic while no ichneumonoids are known during this

period. During the Early Cretaceous the proportion of evanioids and ichneumonoids varies and depends on the deposits: in the Khasurty deposits (Transbaikalian) the abundance of both superfamilies are similar (Kopylov et al., 2020), while the evanioids prevail in the Gurvan-Eren Formation (western Mongolia: Rasnitsyn, 1990a). On the contrary the ichneumonoids are more diverse in the Bon-Tsagan deposits (Mongolia: Rasnitsyn, 1980b). The relative species richness of ichneumonoids and evanioids among non-aculeates shifted from ca. 25% during the middle to Late Cretaceous to more than 50% (for ichneumonoids) vs. less than 5% (for evanioids) after the early Late Cretaceous (Jouault et al., 2021b: fig 6). This significant proportion of ichneumonoids almost invariably dominate the Late Cretaceous with an abundant ichneumonoid fauna described from the Yantardakh deposits (Taimyr) or from the Ola Formation (Rasnitsyn, 1980b). Similarly, they are abundant in the Late Cretaceous amber deposits (New Jersey and Canada ambers: see respectively (Grimaldi et al., 2000; McKellar & Enel, 2012). The only exception is in Orapa, Botswana (Brothers & Rasnitsyn, 2003). It is possible that the shift in proportions between the two superfamilies' occurred earlier than the Cretaceous (see for instance dating estimates of Spasojevic et al, 2021), although this hypothesis would need additional support as no ichneumonoid fossils are known from this period so far. In addition, these changes in diversity and abundance are not underestimated in the fossil record because the relative abundances of the ichneumonoid and evanioid wasps in the Burmese amber biota show that ichneumonoids were slightly less abundant than evanioids (Zhang et al., 2018), while ichneumonoids are clearly more abundant than evanioids in the Cenozoic fossil record. However, data from the latest Cretaceous are too poor to be evaluated due to the lack of any deposits. Nowadays, Ichneumonoidea are hyper-diversified, hyper-abundant, and widespread with more than 44,000 known species, while Evanioidea are clearly less diversified with only ca. 1,400 species described (data compiled from http://fossilworks.org/ and https://hol.osu.edu; both accessed November 25, 2020).

Numerous hypotheses could be proposed to explain this shift. For instance, a host-related diversification may have contributed to this pattern, with a decrease in host abundance favourable to Evanioidea and an increase in those favourable to Ichneumonoidea. However, any hypothesis will be difficult to verify. It is also worth mentioning that the decline of evanioids (except the family Evaniidae) occurs in parallel with, and is probably correlated to, the diversification of the xy-lophilous ichneumonoids. In contrast, the rise of Evaniidae parallels that of the modern Dictyoptera that appeared temporally close to the Jurassic-Cretaceous boundary and diversified during Cretaceous and Cenozoic (Rasnitsyn & Quicke, 2002).

ONE GENUS & TWO DEPOSITS: A DIRECT EVIDENCE OF THE ISOLATION OF THE WEST BURMA BLOCK

The record of three new othniodellithid wasps from two different Cretaceous Burmese amber provides new clues to investigate the stability and the isolation of the West Burma Block (WBB). In fact, the WBB has experimented a tumultuous geological history with a long migration from Gondwana. During the Early Jurassic, the WBB was located near the Australian block in East Gondwana (Seton *et al.*, 2012; van Hinsbergen *et al.*, 2012) and was separated from East Laurasia (Asian region) by the Meso-Tethys Ocean. Numerous studies have investigated the break-up of the WBB + Indian block and they estimated that the break-up from the Gondwana + Australian block occurred between the Late Jurassic and the Early Cretaceous (Heine *et al.*, 2004; Heine and Müller, 2005). A recent study (Westerweel *et al.*, 2019) refined these estimates and agreed with previous works (Metcalfe, 1990, 1996; Scotese, 2014), suggesting that the separation dated back *ca.* 125 Ma. They also assumed that the Terrane became an isolated island only after *ca.* 120 Ma. During the resin formation and production, both deposits (Hkamti and Noije Bum) were isolated geographically and occupied an island position in the Tethys Ocean (Westerweel *et al.*, 2019), during more than 20 Ma (Heine *et al.*, 2004; Seton *et al.*, 2012; Licht et al., 2020). Interestingly, the geological history of the WBB and the othniodellithid fossil record confirm this isolation. In fact, the †Othniodellithidae are endemic to the Burmese amber biota and representatives of the family are now found in two Cretaceous Burmese deposits of different ages, respectively early Albian and Cenomanian. These records are direct evidence of the stability of the WBB biota during at least 10 Ma, which also supports the hypothesis of a long journey of the isolate plate through the Tethys Ocean from Gondwana to Asia. These new discoveries suggest that the WBB has remained isolated long enough for the development of a unique biota. If a part of Burmese amber biota shares affinities with the South Gondwana (*e.g.* de Sena Oliveira *et al.*, 2016; Poinar, 2018; Jouault and Nel, 2020) or Laurasia fauna (e.g. Gumovsky *et al.*, 2018; Martynova *et al.*, 2019; Jouault, 2021), an even larger part is endemic and results from the isolation of WBB for at least 10 to 20 Ma.

CONCLUSION

Our study presents the currently most complete phylogenetic hypothesis of Evanioidea, including most extinct genera, and provides divergence times for all known evanioid families. Bayesian inferences support the monophyly of the Evanioidea and of the families †Anomopterellidae, †Othniodellithidae, †Andreneliidae, Aulacidae, Gasteruptiidae, and Evaniidae. Praeaulacidae and †Baissidae appear to be paraphyletic. The Bayesian tree also allows the transfer of *Vectevania* and *Hyptiogastrites* among Aulacidae. The inferred divergence times of Evanioidea indicate that they have probably originated in the Late Triassic-Early Jurassic, which corroborates previous estimations. The evolutionary history of evanioid wasps seems to be a succession of appearances and extinctions of families, the most recent replacing the oldest in their ecological niches or conquering new ones thanks to clade-specific adaptations (viz. †Othniodellithidae). Additionally, the relative abundance and diversity of the evanioid and ichneumonoid wasps in the deep past seem to follow an opposite pattern. However, further works are necessary to deepen our understanding of the various drivers of evanioid diversification, especially in relation to their competitors and hosts.

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Supplementary files/figures:

Supplementary Figure 1. Strict cladogram generated from parsimony analysis. Tree length 829 steps; consistency index (CI) 0.1496; homoplasy index (HI) 0.8504; retention index (RI) 0.6597). Values above branches represent bootstrap percentages > 50% (majority-rule consensus).

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Table 1. Diversity and distribution of evanioid fossil genera.

Families/Subfami- lies / Genera	Species	Distribution	Period	References
Praeaulacidae				
Cretocleistogastri- nae				
<i>Cretocleistogaster</i> Rasnitsyn	3	Russia	Late Cretaceous	Rasnitsyn, 1975
<i>Miniwestratia</i> Ras- nitsyn	1	Mongolia	Late Cretaceous	Rasnitsyn, 1990a
Nanowestratia Ras- nitsyn	1	Russia	Late Cretaceous	Rasnitsyn, 1990a
Sinowestratia Zhang & Zhang	1	China	Late Cretaceous	Zhang & Zhang, 2000
Westratia Rasnitsyn	3	Russia	Late Cretaceous	Rasnitsyn, 1990a, 1990b
	4	Mongolia	Late Cretaceous	Rasnitsyn, 1990a
	1	Australia	Late Cretaceous	Jell & Duncan, 1986
Praeaulacinae				
Archaulacus Li, Shih & Ren	1	China	Middle Jurassic	Li et al., 2014a
<i>Aulacogastrinus</i> Rasnitsyn	1	Kazakhstan	Late Jurassic	Rasnitsyn, 1972, 1983
	3	China	Middle Jurassic	Zhang and Rasnitsyn, 2008
<i>Eonevania</i> Rasnitsyn & Zhang	1	China	Middle Jurassic	Rasnitsyn and Zhang, 2010
<i>Eosaulacus</i> Zhang & Rasnitsyn	1	China	Middle Jurassic	Zhang and Rasnitsyn, 2008
<i>Evanigaster</i> Rasnit- syn	1	Kazakhstan	Late Jurassic	Rasnitsyn, 1972
Evaniops Rasnitsyn	1	Kazakhstan	Late Jurassic	Rasnitsyn, 1972
<i>Gulgonga</i> Oberprie- ler, Rasnitsyn & Brothers	1	Australia	Late Jurassic	Oberprieler et al., 2012
<i>Habraulacus</i> Li, Rasnitsyn, Shih & Ren	1	Myanmar	Late Cretaceous	Li et al., 2015

Families/Subfami- lies / Genera	Species	Distribution	Period	References
<i>Nevania</i> Zhang & Rasnitsyn	8	China	Middle Jurassic	Zhang and Rasnitsyn, 2007; Li et al., 2014b
	1	Kazakhstan	Late Jurassic	Zhang and Rasnitsyn, 2008
Praeaulacinus Ras- nitsyn	3	Kazakhstan	Late Jurassic	Rasnitsyn, 1972, 1973
Praeaulacites Ras- nitsyn	5	Kazakhstan	Late Jurassic	Rasnitsyn, 1972
Praeaulacon Rasnit- syn	4	Kazakhstan	Late Jurassic	Rasnitsyn, 1972
Praeaulacops Ras- nitsyn	1	Kazakhstan	Late Jurassic	Rasnitsyn, 1972
Praeaulacus Rasnit- syn	6	Kazakhstan	Late Jurassic	Rasnitsyn, 1972
	2	Mongolia	Late Jurassic	Rasnitsyn, 2008
	9	China	Middle Jurassic	Zhang and Rasnitsyn, 2008; Li et al., 2014a, 2018; Li and Shih, 2015
Paleosyncrasis Poi- nar	1	Myanmar	Late Cretaceous	Poinar, 2019
Rasnitsevania Jouault, Nel & Per- richot	1	Myanmar	Late Cretaceous	Jouault et al., 2020
Andreneliidae				
Andrenelia Rasnit- syn & Martínez- Delclòs	1	Spain	Early Cretaceous	Rasnitsyn & Martínez-Delclòs, 2000
Anomopterel- lidae				
Anomopterella Ras- nitsyn	1	Kazakhstan	Middle Jurassic	Rasnitsyn, 1975
	1	Mongolia	Late Jurassic	Rasnitsyn, 2008

Families/Subfami- lies / Genera	Species	Distribution	Period	References
	8	China	Middle Jurassic	Zhang & Rasnitsyn, 2008; Li et al. 2013b; Li et al. 2014b
<i>Choristopterella</i> Li et al.	1	Kazakhstan	Middle Jurassic	Rasnitsyn, 1975
<i>Synaphopterella</i> Li et al.	1	China	Middle Jurassic	Li et al. 2013a
Baissidae				
<i>Baissa</i> Rasnitsyn	2	Russia	Early Cretaceous	Rasnitsyn, 1975, 1991
	1	Mongolia	Early Cretaceous	Rasnitsyn, 1991
Electrobaissa Engel	1	USA	Late Cretaceous	Engel, 2013
<i>Heterobaissa</i> Li et al.	1	China	Early Cretaceous	Li et al. 2018
<i>Humiryssus</i> Lin	5	China	Early Cretaceous	Lin, 1980; Hong & Wang, 1990; Zhang and Rasnitsyn 2004
	1	United Kingdom	Early Cretaceous	Rasnitsyn et al., 1998
Manlaya Rasnitsyn	3	China	Early Cretaceous	Ren, 1995; Li et al., 2019
	8	Mongolia	Early Cretaceous	Rasnitsyn, 1980a; 1986
	2	Russia	Early Cretaceous	Rasnitsyn, 1980b
	2	Spain	Early Cretaceous	Rasnitsyn & Martínez-Delclòs, 2000
	3	United Kingdom	Early Cretaceous	Rasnitsyn et al., 1998
Mesepipolaea Zhang & Rasnitsyn	2	China	Early Cretaceous	Zhang & Rasnitsyn, 2004; Li et al., 2019
<i>Tillywhimia</i> Rasnit- syn & Jarzembowski	2	United Kingdom	Early Cretaceous	Rasnitsyn et al., 1998

Families/Subfami- lies / Genera	Species	Distribution	Period	References
Othniodelli- thidae				
<i>Keradellitha</i> gen. nov. Jouault, Wang & Perrichot	2	Myanmar	Late Cretaceous	This study
	1	Myanmar	Early Cretaceous	This study
<i>Othniodellitha</i> Engel & Huang	1	Myanmar	Late Cretaceous	Engel et al., 2016a
Xenodellitha Engel	1	Myanmar	Late Cretaceous	Engel, 2017
Aulacidae				
Paleoaulacus Jouault & Nel	1	Myanmar	Late Cretaceous	Jouault & Nel, 2021
Vectevania Cockerell	1	United Kingdom	Eocene	Cockerell, 1922
Aulacinae				
Aulacus Jurine	1	France	Eocene	Nel et al., 2004
	2	Baltic amber	Eocene	Brues, 1933;
	1	USA	Oligocene	Brues, 1910
<i>Electrofeonia</i> Jouault et al.	1	Myanmar	Late Cretaceous	Jouault et al., 2020
Electrofoenops En- gel	3	Myanmar	Late Cretaceous	Engel, 2017; Turrisi & Ellenberger, 2019
<i>Electrofoenus</i> Co- ckerell	1	Myanmar	Late Cretaceous	Cockerell, 1917
<i>Exilaulacus</i> Li et al.	2	Myanmar	Late Cretaceous	Li et al., 2018
Pristaulacus Kieffer	3	USA	Eocene	Brues, 1910; Cockerell, 1916
	3	Baltic amber	Eocene	Brues, 1933; Jennings & Krogmann, 2009
Hyptiogastritinae				

Families/Subfami- lies / Genera	Species	Distribution	Period	References
Archeofoenus Engel	2	Myanmar	Late Cretaceous	Engel, 2017; Turrisi & Ellenberger, 2019
Hyptiogastrites Co- ckerell	1	Myanmar	Late Cretaceous	Cockerell, 1917
Protofoenus Cocke- rell	1	Myanmar	Late Cretaceous	Cockerell, 1917
Gasteruptii- dae				
Hypselogastriinae				
Hypselogastrion Engel & Wang	1	Myanmar	Late Cretaceous	Engel & Wang, 2016
Kotujellitinae				
<i>Kotujellites</i> Rasnit- syn	1	Russia	Late Cretaceous	Rasnitsyn, 1975
Kotujisca Rasnitsyn	1	Mongolia	Late Cretaceous	Rasnitsyn, 1991
Evaniidae				
<i>Botstvania</i> Rasnitsyn & Brothers	1	South Africa	Late Cretaceous	Rasnitsyn & Brothers (2007)
Brachygaster Leach	1	Dominican Republic	Miocene	Nel et al., 2002
<i>Burmaevania</i> Shih et al.	2	Myanmar	Late Cretaceous	Shih et al., 2019
<i>Cretevania</i> Rasnit- syn	2	Russia	Late Cretaceous	Rasnitsyn, 1975
	1	Mongolia	Early Cretaceous	Rasnitsyn, 1991
	1	United Kingdom	Early Cretaceous	Rasnitsyn et al., 1998
	5	Spain	Early Cretaceous	Peñalver et al., 2010; Pérez-de la Fuente et al., 2012
	2	Myanmar	Late Cretaceous	Jennings et al., 2013; Li et al. 2018

Families/Subfami- lies / Genera	Species	Distribution	Period	References
	4	China	Early Cretaceous	Zhang & Zhang, 2000; Zhang et al., 2007; Li et al. 2014c; Li et al. 2018
	1	Jordan	Early Cretaceous	Kaddumi, 2007
	1	Lebanon	Early Cretaceous	Deans, 2004
<i>Curtevania</i> Li et al.	1	Myanmar	Late Cretaceous	Li et al. 2018
<i>Eoevania</i> Nel et al.	1	France	Eocene	Nel et al., 2002
Evaniella Bradley	1	Baltic amber	Eocene	Sawoniewicz & Kupryjanowicz, 2003
	2	Dominican Republic	Miocene	Poinar, 2020
<i>Grimaldivania</i> Basi- buyuk et al.	2	USA	Late Cretaceous	Basibuyuk et al., 2000
Hyptia Illiger	2	Mexico	Miocene	Jennings et al., 2012; Poinar, 2020
	1	Baltic amber	Eocene	Jennings et al., 2013
<i>Iberoevania</i> Peñal- ver et al.	1	Spain	Early Cretaceous	Peñalver et al., 2010
<i>Lebanevania</i> Basi- buyuk & Rasnitsyn	1	Lebanon	Early Cretaceous	Basibuyuk et al., 2002
<i>Mesevania</i> Basi- buyuk & Rasnitsyn	1	Myanmar	Late Cretaceous	Basibuyuk et al., 2000
<i>Newjersevania</i> Basi- buyuk et al.	2	USA	Late Cretaceous	Basibuyuk et al. 2000
	3	Myanmar	Late Cretaceous	Li et al., 2018; Shih et al., 2019
Praevania Rasnitsyn	1	Mongolia	Early Cretaceous	Rasnitsyn, 1991
<i>Protoparevania</i> Deans	1	Lebanon	Early Cretaceous	Deans, 2004
Semaeomyia Bradley	1	Dominican Republic	Miocene	Poinar, 2020
Sinuevania Li et al.	1	Myanmar	Late Cretaceous	Li et al. 2018
Sorellevania Engel	1	Myanmar	Late Cretaceous	Engel, 2006

Table 2. Comparison of results from maximum parsimony (MP) analysis and Bayesian analyses

(BI).

Таха	MP analysis (from Li et al., 2018)	Bayesian analy- sis (from Li et al., 2018)	MP analysis (this study)	Fossilized Birth- Death process analyses (this study)
Evanioidea	Monophyly	Monophyly	Monophyly	Monophyly
Praeaulacidae	Paraphyly	Paraphyly	Paraphyly	Paraphyly
Anomopterelli- dae	Monophyly	Paraphyly	Monophyly	Monophyly
Aulacidae	Monophyly	Monophyly	Paraphyly	Monophyly
Baissidae	Monophyly	Paraphyly	Paraphyly	Paraphyly
Gasteruptiidae	Monophyly	Paraphyly	Monophyly	Monophyly
Othniodellithi- dae	Monophyly	Paraphyly	Monophyly	Monophyly
Andreneliidae	Monophyly	Paraphyly	Monophyly	Monophyly
Evaniidae	Monophyly	Paraphyly	Paraphyly	Monophyly

Table 3. Hierarchical, and suprageneric classification of Evanioidea.

Superfamily Evanioidea Latreille					
	Protoevanioides Jouault et al.				
				Family (f)Praeaulacida e Rasnitsyn	
					Subfamily (f)Praeaulacina e Rasnitsyn Subfamily (f)Cretocleistog astrinae Rasnitsyn Subfamily (f)Nevaniidae Zhang and Rasnitsyn
				Family (f)Othniodellith idae Engel and Huang	
	Neoevanioides Engel				
				Family (f)Anomopterel lidae Rasnitsyn	
		Aulaciformes Grimaldi and Engel			
				Family (f)Baissidae Rasnitsyn	
			Euaulacides Engel		
				Family Gasteruptiidae Ashmead	

Superfamily Evanioidea Latreille			
			Subfamily (f)Hypselogastr iinae Engel Subfamily (f)Kotujellitinae Rasnitsyn Subfamily Hyptiogastrinae Crosskey Subfamily Gasteruptiinae Ashmead
		Family Aulacidae Shuckard	
			Subfamily fHyptiogastritin ae Engel. Tribe (f)Archeofoenin i, Engel. Tribe (f)Hyptiogastrit ini Engel Subfamily Aulacinae Shuckard Tribe (f)Electrofoenin i Cockerell Tribe Aulacini Shuckard
	Evaniiformes Grimaldi and Engel		
		Family Evaniidae Latreille	
		Family (f)Andreneliida e Rasnitsyn and Martinez- Delclos	

Table 4. Divergence time estimates of Evanioidea and its constitutive families under different mod-

els and priors.

	MK fixe Foss	MKv MKv_u MKv0 fixed ni_fos- fixed Fossiltip siltip divers		/G d rsity	MKv fixe Foss	/G d siltip	MKv fixe ranc	/G d dom	Mł G_u dive	(v- ni rsity	Mł G_u flatp	(v- ni prior	Mł G_u foss	(v- ni siltip	Mł G_u ranc	(v- ni dom		
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Cr ow n- Ev ani oi de a	17 5	16 0- 19 2	17 8	16 1- 19 6	19 7	17 8- 21 9	17 3	15 6- 18 9	19 9	18 0- 22 1	20 6	18 6- 22 7	17 6	16 0- 19 4	17 6	15 9- 19 4	21 4	19 3- 23 8
Pr ot va ni oi de s	19 9	18 5- 21 4	19 6	19 1- 22 3	21 4	19 4- 23 7	19 5	18 1- 21 0	21 6	19 4- 23 7	22 4	20 2- 24 6	20 0	18 5- 21 5	20 1	18 6- 21 5	22 7	20 5- 24 9
Pr ae aul aci da e	19 9	18 5- 21 4	19 6	19 1- 22 3	21 4	19 4- 23 7	19 5	18 1- 21 0	21 6	19 4- 23 7	22 4	20 2- 24 6	20 0	18 5- 21 5	20 1	18 6- 21 5	22 7	20 5- 24 9
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