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## Cretaceous Burmese amber

Une nouvelle guêpe anaxyelide (Hymenoptera: 'Symphyta’) de l'ambre du Crétacé moyen du Myanmar

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## Abstract

A new genus and species of anaxyelid wasp is described and figured from the midCretaceous Burmese amber as Curvitexis kopylovi gen. et sp. nov. The placement of this new genus within the Anaxyelidae is corroborated by its wing venation and the configuration of its mesosoma. This new genus differs from all other Syntexinae from the mid-Cretaceous Burmese amber biota, inter alia, owing to its forewing with the vein 1Rs curved and longer than 1 M , the crossvein $1 \mathrm{r}-\mathrm{rs}$ absent, the vein $2 \mathrm{Rs}+\mathrm{M}$ present; the hind wing with the abscissa $2 \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Cu}$ present, the vein m -cu absent, and the cell r closed. The recently described Paraxiphydria resinata Gao et al., 2022 is transferred to Anaxyelidae: Syntexinae, and the subfamily Paraxiphydriinae Gao et al., 2022 is synonymized under Syntexinae.

## Résumé

Un nouveau genre et espèce de guêpe anaxyelide est décrit et illustré de l'ambre du Crétacé moyen du Myanmar : Curvitexis kopylovi gen. et sp. nov. Le placement de ce nouveau genre dans les Anaxyelidae est corroboré par sa nervation alaire et la configuration de son mesosoma. Ce nouveau genre diffère de tous les autres Syntexinae du biote de l'ambre du Crétacé moyen du Myanmar, en raison de son aile antérieure avec la nervure 1Rs courbe et plus longue que 1 M , la nervure transversale $1 \mathrm{r}-\mathrm{rs}$ absente, la nervure 2Rs + M présente; l'aile postérieure avec l'abscisse $2 \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Cu}$ présente, m -cu absente et la cellule r fermée. L'espèce récemment décrite Paraxiphydria resinata Gao et al., 2022 est transférée dans les Anaxyelidae : Syntexinae, et la sous-famille Paraxiphydriinae Gao et al., 2022 synonymisée sous Syntexinae.

Keywords: Anaxyelidae, Xphydriidae, fossil record, new species, sawfly

Mots clés: Anaxyelidae, Xphydriidae, registre fossile, nouvelle espèce, sawfly

## Introduction

The family Anaxyelidae has a particular evolutionary history because it flourished during the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods and strongly declined after or during the Late Cretaceous. Today, the family is known by only one species Syntexis libocedrii Rohwer, 1915 commonly called the incense cedar wood wasp - which occurs in western North America (Rohwer, 1915; Wickman, 1967). The monophyly of the family Anaxyelidae and its placement as the sister family to the Siricidae is corroborated by molecular and morphological data, and its origin is dated back to the Early Jurassic-Late Triassic (e.g., Ronquist et al., 2012; Malm and Nyman, 2014; Nyman et al., 2019). This dating is in agreement with the oldest occurrences of the family known from the Middle Jurassic (Kopylov et al., 2020a). To date, the fossil record of the Anaxyelidae encompasses 18 genera and 44 species (Gao et al., 2021). It is mainly com- posed of imprint or compression fossils (= rock fossils) while only four species are formally described from amber deposits: Eosyntexis parva OrtegaBlanco et al., 2008, Sclerosyntexis hirsuta Wang et al., 2020, Orthosyntexis elegans Gao et al., 2021, and Orthosyntexis thanti Gao et al., 2021 (Ortega-Blanco et al., 2008; Wang et al., 2020; Gao et al., 2021). Recently, a new species of 'Symphyta', namely Paraxiphydria resinata Gao et al., 2022, was described from the mid-Cretaceous Burmese amber and assigned to the family Xiphydriidae (Gao et al., 2022). This placement makes it the oldest known Xiphydriidae but we rather argue that it's a new anaxyelid wasp belonging to the subfamily Syntexinae.

Herein, a new genus and species of anaxyelid wasp is described from the midCretaceous Burmese amber.

## Material and methods

The amber piece containing the specimen comes from the deposits of Noije Bum in the Hukawng Valley ( $26^{\circ} 29^{\prime}$ N, $96^{\circ} 35^{\prime}$ E), Kachin State, Northern Myanmar (see detailed map in Grimaldi and Ross, 2017: fig. 2). Radiometric data established an early Cenomanian age $(98.79 \pm 0.62 \mathrm{Ma})$ for Kachin amber, based on zircons from volcanic clastes found within the amber-bearing sediments (Shi et al., 2012). Some ammonites found in the amber-bearing bed and within amber corroborate a late Albian-early Cenomanian age (Cruickshank \& Ko, 2003; Yu et al., 2019).

The amber piece was polished to facilitate the observation of the specimen using a grinder polisher (Buehler EcoMet 30), and a silicon carbide sanding paper (grit size 1/4 7000). The specimen was examined and photographed with a Nikon SMZ 25 with an attached Sony $\alpha 7$ IV camera. All images are digitally stacked photomicrographic composites of several individual focal planes, which were obtained using Helicon Focus 6.7. The figures were composed with Adobe Illustrator CC2019 and Photoshop CC2019 software. Wing venation nomenclature follows Gao et al. (2021). The amber piece is housed in the Geological Department and Museum of the University of Rennes, France (IGR) under collection number IGR.BU-064.

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## Systematic paleontology

Order Hymenoptera Linnaeus, 1758

Family Anaxyelidae Martynov, 1925

Subfamily Syntexinae Benson, 1935
(= Paraxiphydrinae J. Gao, Engel, \& T. Gao, 2022, syn. nov.)

Genus Curvitexis gen. nov.

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Type species. Curvitexis kopylovi sp. nov.

Etymology. The genus name is a combination of the word "curve" referring to the curved vein 1Rs and the genus Syntexis (itself from Ancient Greek súntēxis ( $\sigma v ́ v \tau \eta \xi ̆ \varsigma, ~ m e a n i n g, ~$ "colliquescence", "emaciating", or "wasting away")), type genus of the subfamily Syntexinae. Gender feminine.

Diagnosis. Distance between notauli and mesoscuto-mesoscutellar sulcus equal to mesoprescutum length (or nearly equal). Forewing with pterostigma normal-sized, uniformly sclerotized; 1Rs curved and longer than 1 M (1.14×); 1r-rs absent; 2Rs reclival; 2Rs+M present; 2r-rs extremely short, slightly inclined toward wing apex; cell 1 mcu with parallel sides ( 1 Rs +M and 2 Cu ), length to width ratio slightly more than $2 ; 1 \mathrm{Cu}$ shorter than 2 Cu ;
$2 \mathrm{~m}-\mathrm{cu}$ slightly longer than $1 \mathrm{~m}-\mathrm{cu} ; 3 \mathrm{Cu}$ shorter than $4 \mathrm{Cu} ; 2 \mathrm{~m}-\mathrm{cu}$ separated from $3 \mathrm{rs}-\mathrm{m}$ by a long 4M (longer than 1 Rs); cell 2 mcu longer than cell 1 mcu . Hind wing with abscissa $2 \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Cu}$ longer than 1 M ; 1 M slightly bend before meeting point with $1 \mathrm{rs}-\mathrm{m}$; $\mathrm{m}-\mathrm{cu}$ absent, cell r closed at wing anterior margin.

Curvitexis kopylovi sp. nov.
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Fig. 1-2

Holotype. IGR.BU-064, housed in the Geological Department and Museum (IGR) of the University of Rennes (France).

Etymology. The specific epithet honors Dr. Dmitry S. Kopylov for his contribution to the knowledge of fossil Anaxyelidae; and is to be treated as a noun in a genitive case.

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

Diagnosis. As for the genus (vide supra).

## Description.

Thorax wide, width across tegulae $c a .1 .40 \mathrm{~mm}$; pronotum short $c a .0 .50 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, having prominent anterior notch, dorsally with median longitudinal furrow. Mesoscutum with median longitudinal sulcus and notauli strongly impressed, lateral lobes posteriorly finely and transversely striate or rugose anteriorly, medially with well spaced rugae, and laterally tuberculate; mesoscutellum tapering to acute apex; mesoprescutum ca. 0.35 mm long, median
longitudinal sulcus between notauli and mesoscuto-mesoscutellar sulcus well impressed; mesoscutellum ca. 0.56 mm long, notauli terminating close to mesoscutellum; ratio of lengths of prescutum, median longitudinal sulcus between notauli and mesoscuto-mesoscutellar sulcus, and mesoscutellum about $1 / 1 / 1.6$. Mesoscutellum covered with coarse punctuations. Legs elongate (only one mid- and two hind legs are preserved), metafemora shorter than associated tibia. Metatibia thickening toward apex, $c a .0 .87 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, with only one apical spur visible; all tarsomeres with stiff apical setae; basitarsi long (ca. 0.64 mm long) but slightly shorter than remaining tarsomeres combined (length of remaining tarsomeres from base to apex: $0.31,0.21,0.06,0.20 \mathrm{~mm}$ long); tarsomere V shorter than basitarsomere, attached to tarsomere IV extremely basally; pretarsal claws long and simple, with curved apices.

Forewing $c a .5 .3 \mathrm{~mm}$ long and $c a .1 .6 \mathrm{~mm}$ wide, covered with dense microtrichia, without coloration pattern. C and R thick, costal area narrower than C and R widths. Sc absent; 2r-rs issuing from pterostigma near its midlength; 1Rs basally subvertical to $R$ then oblique, longer than 1 M , meeting 1 M at acute angle. $2 \mathrm{Rs}+\mathrm{M}$ distinct but short (ca. 0.1 mm long), shorter than 2 r -rs (ca. 0.15 mm long). 2 r -rs slightly proclival. $2+3 \mathrm{M}$ about $1.7 \times$ as long as 4 M . Cell 1mcu pentagonal, more than twice longer than wide; cell 2 mcu hexagonal, widest in its proximal part, longer than wide. 2 Cu about $2.15 \times$ as long as 1 Cu (respective length $c a .0 .54$ mm and $c a .0 .24 \mathrm{~mm}$ long). 1cu-a ( $c a .0 .27 \mathrm{~mm}$ long) strongly reclival, slightly longer than $1 \mathrm{Cu} .1 \mathrm{~m}-\mathrm{cu}$ (ca. 0.35 mm long) slightly shorter than 3 Cu ( $c a .0 .39 \mathrm{~mm}$ long), 3 Cu shorter than 4 Cu (ca. 0.78 mm long). $2 \mathrm{~m}-\mathrm{cu}$ (ca. 0.40 mm long) shorter than 4 M ( $c a .0 .50 \mathrm{~mm}$ long) and slightly longer than $1 \mathrm{~m}-\mathrm{cu}$. 1A nearly straight, curved after $1 \mathrm{cu}-\mathrm{a}$ toward wing posterior
margin. Interanal crossvein short, moderately oblique. $2 \mathrm{~A}+3 \mathrm{~A}$ sinuate and in part far from posterior margin of wing. Anal cells ordinary (not narrow).

Hind wing ca. 3.5 mm long. Cell r closed at wing anterior margin. 1 Rs longer than 1 M and equal to $2 \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Cu}$. 1rs-m subvertical, not aligned with 1 M and shorter than 1 Rs $(0.74 \times)$. 1 M straight except bend slightly before meeting point with $1 \mathrm{rs}-\mathrm{m} ; 2 \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Cu}$ (ca. 0.36 mm long) present, nearly equal to length of cu-a; 1 Cu well developed, nearly straight, reaching wing margin; cu-a slightly curved, ca. 0.33 mm long; 1A and 2 A meeting before cu-a at distance slightly superior to length of $2 \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Cu}$. Nine hamuli distad 1Rs originating point, at least five before.

Abdomen partially preserved, only slightly narrower than mesothorax; abdominal tergum I split medially, abdominal tergum II $c a .0 .47 \mathrm{~mm}$ long and 1.37 mm wide.

Remark. Currently, the delineation of several syntexine genera is mainly based on differences in the $1 \mathrm{Rs} / 1 \mathrm{M}$ ratio. Although this ratio clearly indicates three different clusters of genera (see discussion), its value is difficult to establish and it is not impossible that additional specimens will blur the limits of each genera leading to their ulterior synonymization. Nevertheless, in the current state of knowledge, the description of a new genus appears to be the only viable solution.

Identification key for genera of Syntexinae (updated from Kopylov, 2019):
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2. Forewing with 2 r -rs originating from the distal quarter of pterostigma; $\mathrm{Rs}+\mathrm{M}$ as long as 2M $\qquad$ Cretosyntexis Rasnitsyn et Martinez-Delclos, 2000 -Forewing with 2 r -rs originating from the middle of pterostigma; Rs +M much longer than 2 M , sometimes bifurcating at or beyond $1 \mathrm{~m}-\mathrm{cu}$ when 2 M is lost .3
3. 1Rs longer than 1 M (at least $1.1 \times$ ) ........................................................................................ 4
-1Rs shorter than 1M .5
4. 1Rs straight or nearly so, and conspicuously longer than 1 M (at least $1.68 \times$ ) Eosyntexis Rasnitsyn, 1990

- 1 Rs strongly curved and slightly longer than 1 M (1.14×) Curvitexis Jouault et al., gen. nov.

5. Pterostigma wide. Anal cell narrow, with crossvein long and slanting, reaching midlength of cell 2a. Hind wing with Rs meeting posterior wing margin
$\qquad$ Sclerosyntexis Wang et al. 2020

- Pterostigma narrow. Anal cell wide, with crossvein much shorter. Hind wing with Rs reaching or at least directed toward anterior wing margin 6

6. $2 \mathrm{~m}-\mathrm{cu}$ closer to $3 \mathrm{rs}-\mathrm{m}$ than to $1 \mathrm{~m}-\mathrm{cu}$. Hind wing with cell 3 r closed. Orthosyntexis J. Gao, Engel, Shih, \& T. Gao, 2021

- $2 \mathrm{~m}-\mathrm{cu}$ closer to $1 \mathrm{~m}-\mathrm{cu}$ than to $3 \mathrm{rs}-\mathrm{m}$. Hind wing cell with 3 r open Paraxiphydria J. Gao, Engel, \& T. Gao, 2022

7. Forewing with 1 r -rs incomplete and not reaching R ; tubular veins not developed in the apical third of the wing $\qquad$ Curiosyntexis Kopylov, 2019
8. Forewing with pterostigma reaching the middle 3 r cell; 2 r -rs originating from the basal third of pterostigma Dolichosyntexis Kopylov, 2019
-Forewing with pterostigma not reaching the middle 3 r cell; 2 r -rs originating from the middle of pterostigma ..... 9
9. 1 M half as long as $1 \mathrm{Cu} ; 2 \mathrm{M}$ half as long as $1 \mathrm{~m}-\mathrm{cu}$ $\qquad$ Daosyntexis Kopylov, Rasnitsyn, Zhang \& Zhang, 2020

- 1 M much longer; 2 M absent or much shorter 10

10. Hind wing with $\mathrm{m}-\mathrm{cu}$ present; distal parts of $\mathrm{Rs}, \mathrm{M}, \mathrm{Cu}$ and A tubular Parasyntexis Kopylov, 2019
-Hind wing with $\mathrm{m}-\mathrm{cu}$ absent; distal parts of $\mathrm{Rs}, \mathrm{M}, \mathrm{Cu}$ and A nebulous
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## Discussion

The new specimen can be attributed to the Anaxyelidae because of its typical fore- and hind wings each with a single rs-m, a configuration rarely find in 'Symphyta'. The new specimen cannot be attributed to the Xiphydriidae because the mesonotum of the new specimen is not divided by a nearly straight, transverse groove between the bases of forewings and because it possesses a pronotum with a longitudinal medial groove or articulation typical of extant Anaxyelidae (Goulet \& Hubert, 1993). Following the key to the subfamily of Anaxyelidae proposed by Kopylov (2019: 342) our specimen keys out in the subfamily Syntexinae
because of the couplets: forewing with pterostigma usually not reaching the midlength of cell 3 r ; cell 2 r less than $3 \times$ as long as wide and usually significantly shorter than cell 1 r ; Rs+M present; forewing with Sc absent or present as a crossvein; forewing with cell 2 r short and wide (less than $1.5 \times$ as long as wide), widened basally, or united with 1 r (1r-rs completely or partly reduced); Rs +M usually longer than $2-\mathrm{M}$, sometimes bifurcating beyond $1 \mathrm{~m}-\mathrm{cu}$. Gao et al. (2021) also proposed the following characters, also present on the new specimen, to support an attribution to the Syntexinae: forewing with the maximum width of pterostigma not shorter than $2 \mathrm{r}-\mathrm{rs}$, $1 \mathrm{r}-\mathrm{rs}$ absent and hind wing m-cu absent. Following the key to genera of Syntexinae proposed by Kopylov (2019: 346) the new specimen keys out close to Eosyntexis Rasnitsyn, 1990 because of the following couplets: forewing with $1 \mathrm{r}-\mathrm{rs}$ completely lost; forewing with $2 \mathrm{r}-\mathrm{rs}$ issuing from the middle of pterostigma; Rs+M much longer than 2-M, sometimes bifurcating beyond $1 \mathrm{~m}-\mathrm{cu}$. However, some wing venation characters preclude a confident placement within this genus (vide infra).

Gao et al. (2021) discussed the delineation of the four subfamilies of Anaxyelidae, as treated by Zhang \& Rasnitsyn (2006) and Kopylov (2019) (viz., Anaxyelinae, Dolichostigmatinae, Kempendajinae, and Syntexinae), and provide a phylogenetic analysis of the family (Gao et al., 2021: fig. 8). Their results suggest that only the subfamilies Syntexinae and Anaxyelinae are monophyletic while the characters used to delineate the Dolichostigmatinae and Kempendajinae may have to be revised, but the poor support of the tree hampers their conclusions. Nevertheless, the wing venation of the new specimen precludes affinities with the genera Dolichostigma Rasnitsyn, 1968 and Sclerostigma Kopylov \& Rasnitsyn, 2020 (Dolichostigmatinae) and Kempendaja Rasnitsyn, 1968 and Mangus Kopylov, 2019 (Kempendajinae) because its vein 1Rs is comparatively short (vs.
long), and the presence of only one r-rs vein (vs. two) (Rasnitsyn, 1968; Kopylov, 2019; Kopylov et al., 2020b).

To date, the Syntexinae encompasses 13 species ( 12 fossils and one extant) (Gao et al., 2021: supp. mat. 1). Recently, three anaxyelid species were described from Burmese amber, namely Sclerosyntexis hirsuta Wang et al. 2020, Orthosyntexis elegans Gao et al. 2021, and Orthosyntexis thanti Gao et al. 2021 (Wang et al., 2020; Gao et al., 2021). All these species were placed in the Syntexinae and this placement was corroborated by the phylogeny of Gao et al. (2021).

Recently, Paraxiphydria resinata was described from Burmese amber and placed within the family Xiphydriidae (Gao et al., 2022). However, this species possesses several wing venation and body characters precluding its placement in the previously known xiphydriid subfamilies, which resulted in the creation of the Paraxphydriinae to accommodate P. resinata (Gao et al., 2022: fig. 1). At the same time, this fossil wasp lacks the most important diagnostic character of Xiphydriidae, that is, the transverse mesonotal suture, a putative synapomorphy of Xiphydriidae, Siricidae, Orussomorpha, and Apocrita. Additionally, the wing venation of this species resembles that of other Syntexinae and is, inter alia, similar to Orthosyntexis (Gao et al., 2021, 2022). P. resinata differs from the other known Anaxyelidae, inter alia, by its elongate neck, a common adaptation found in numerous lineages of xylobiotic Hymenoptera (Cephidae, Stephanidae, Gasteruptiidae s.l.).

Our specimen strongly differs from S. hirsuta because of its forewing venation with 1 Rs curved and longer than 1 M ( $v s$. straight), 2 m -cu longer than $1 \mathrm{~m}-\mathrm{cu}(\mathrm{ca} .1 .4 \times \mathrm{vs} .1 .2 \times$ in the new specimen), 2 r -rs extremely short (compared to the long 2 r -rs of $S$. hirsuta), the wide anal region ( $v s$. arrow); its hind wing with a developed $2 \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Cu}$ ( $v s$. absent). The wing
venation of our specimen resembles that of the genera Orthosyntexis and Paraxiphydria but differs in having a forewing with 1 Rs distinctly curved and conspicuously longer than 1 M ( $v s$. 1Rs straight and shorter than 1M in Orthosyntexis and Paraxiphydria). The ratio of 1Rs/ 1 M in the new specimen is equal to 1.14 while respectively 0.6 and 0.78 in $O$. elegans and $O$. thanti. Similarly, it strongly differs from $P$. resinata that possesses a $1 \mathrm{Rs} / 1 \mathrm{M}$ ratio equal to 0.64. Note that Gao et al. (2021) indicate in the diagnosis of the genus Orthosyntexis that the forewing is inter alia characterized by a vein 3rs-m twice shorter than 4M but this character is only found in the species $O$. thanti and not in $O$. elegans in which the vein 3 rs-m is ca. $0.74 \times$ the length of 4 M . Nevertheless, the forewing ratio of $1 \mathrm{Rs} / 1 \mathrm{M}$ clearly indicates three clusters of morphological similarities for the genera Orthosyntexis, Eosyntexis, Curvitexis gen. nov., and Paraxiphydria. The first one with a short 1 Rs (shorter than 1M) and is composed of Paraxiphydria and Orthosyntexis (ratio between 0.60 and 0.78 ). A second cluster with all the Eosyntexis species (ratio between 1.68 and 2.20), and between these two clusters Curvitexis gen. nov (ratio equal 1.14).

As aforementioned, the major difference between the new specimen and the genera Orthosyntexis and Paraxiphydria is the configuration of the 1 Rs and 1 M veins (comparative length and shape). Because the diagnoses of the above genera will be altered with the addition of the new specimen in any of them, we create a new genus. Note that the relative length of these veins is a key character used to delineate numerous fossil and extant families, subfamilies and genera belonging to early diverged families of Hymenoptera (e.g., Gao et al., 2013; Dai et al., 2022). Therefore, the differences recorded for this character combined with the other characters listed in the diagnosis are sufficient to erect a new genus of Syntexinae.

The new specimen strongly differs from the genus Cretosyntexis at least because of its vein 1Rs comparatively short ( $v s$. long in Cretosyntexis), the presence of a 2Rs+M (vs. absent), the vein 2 Rs subvertical ( $v s$. strongly oblique), the cell $1 \mathrm{~m}-\mathrm{cu}$ with parallel $1 \mathrm{Rs}+\mathrm{M}$ and 2 Cu ( $v s$. not parallel) (Rasnitsyn \& Martínez-Delclòs, 2000). It also differs from the genus Curiosyntexis because its forewing lacks a vein 1r-rs (vs. present in Curiosyntexis), the vein 1 Rs is curved ( $v s$. straight), and the vein 2 r -rs is slightly inclined toward the apex of the wing (vs. vertical) (Kopylov, 2019). Similarly, the presence of the vein 1r-rs in Daosyntexis precludes affinities with our specimen (Kopylov et al., 2020a). Additionally, the lack of a vein $2 R s+\mathrm{M}$ (vs. present in the new fossil), the presence of a very long 1Rs i.e., more than twice as long as 1 M ( $v s$. not twice as long as 1 M ), and the crossvein $2 \mathrm{~m}-\mathrm{cu}$ located close to 3rs-m ( $v s$. separated from 3rs-m by a length longer than 1Rs) are sufficient characters to refute any affinities of the new fossil with the genus Daosyntexis. The genus Dolichosyntexis has a forewing with $1 \mathrm{r}-\mathrm{rs}$ present ( $v s$. absent in the new specimen), the vein 1Rs straight and strongly inclined toward wing apex ( $v s$. curved and subvertical), the vein 2 r -rs located slightly before pterostigma mid-length (vs. at or slightly distad) (Kopylov, 2019). The genus Eosyntexis is inter alia characterized by a long vein 1 Rs i.e., at least $1.5 \times$ as long as 1 M (vs. comparatively shorter in the new specimen, only $1.1 \times$ as long as 1 M ), the vein 1 Rs is also straight or feebly curved (vs. abruptly curved) (Rasnitsyn, 1990; Rasnitsyn \& MartínezDelclòs, 2000; Ortega-Blanco et al., 2008). Note that the curvature of 1Rs as figured in Ortega-Blanco et al. (2008: fig. 1f) for in Eosyntexis senilis is exaggerated when compared to the original drawing of Rasnitsyn (1990: fig. 148). The new specimen also differs from all the Eosyntexis, except Eosyntexis parva, in possessing a vein $2 \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Cu}$ (Rasnitsyn, 1990; Rasnitsyn et al., 1998; Rasnitsyn \& Martínez-Delclòs, 2000; Ortega-Blanco et al., 2008). The genus Parasyntexis has a wing venation with 1 r -rs present ( $v s$. absent in the new specimen),

1Rs long and strongly inclined toward wing apex (vs. comparatively short and not strongly inclined), and a hind wing with a completely different configuration of the veins (Kopylov, 2019: fig. 2A). Finally, our specimen differs from the only extant genus of the family (viz., Syntexis) because of its forewing with only one r-rs crossvein (vs. two), the vein 1Rs comparatively shorter and curved (vs. longer and straight), the vein 2Rs +M present (vs. absent), and the vein 2r-rs slightly inclined (vs. vertical) (Goulet \& Huber, 1993: fig. 33). The hind wing of Syntexis strongly differs from that of our specimen, inter alia, because of the absence of the abscissa $2 \mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Cu}$ ( $v s$. present the new specimen), the crossvein m-cu present ( $v s$. absent), and the cell r opened ( $v s$. closed).

## Conclusion

The diversity of 'Symphyta' from the mid-Cretaceous Burmese amber is still underestimated and the description of Curvitexis kopylovi gen. et sp. nov. serves to increase the diversity of anaxyelid documented from the Burmese amber biota during the mid-Cretaceous. It also adds to the morphological diversity of the clade and suggests that the decline of the Anaxyelidae likely happened after the Cenomanian.

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Figure captions


Figure 1. Curvitexis kopylovi gen. et sp. nov., holotype IGR.BU-064. A: Photograph of the
specimen. B: Detailed view of the mesosoma. C: Detailed view of metatarsus. Abbreviations: mms, mesoscuto-mesoscutellar sulcus; mls, median longitudinal sulcus; na, notaulus; psc2, mesoprescutum; scl2, mesoscutellum. Scale bars: $1 \mathrm{~mm}(A, B) ; 0.5 \mathrm{~mm}(B)$.

Curvitexis kopylovi gen. et sp. nov., holotype IGR.BU-064. A : Photographie du spécimen. $B$ : Vue détaillée du mesosoma. C : Vue détaillée du metatarsus. Abréviations : mms, sulcus mesoscuto-mesoscutellaire ; mls, sulcus longitudinal médian ; na, notaulus ; psc2, mesoprescutum ; scl2, mesoscutellum. Barres d'échelle $1 \mathrm{~mm}(A, B) ; 0.5 \mathrm{~mm}(B)$.


Figure 2. Curvitexis kopylovi gen. et sp. nov., holotype IGR.BU-064. Interpretative line drawing of the wings venation with names of veins and cells labeled. Scale bar equal 1 mm .

Curvitexis kopylovi gen. et sp. nov., holotype IGR.BU-064. Dessin interprétatif de la nervation des ailes avec les noms des veines et des cellules indiqués. Barre d'échelle égale à 1 mm .

