

**SYSTEMATICS OF THE MESOCHORINAE  
(INSECTA: HYMENOPTERA:  
ICHNEUMONIDAE)**

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A detailed scanning electron micrograph (SEM) of an insect wing, showing a complex network of veins. The veins are arranged in a hierarchical pattern, with larger veins branching into smaller ones. The overall structure is intricate and symmetrical, typical of a single wing from a specific insect species.

**Class Insecta**

**Order Hymenoptera**

**Family Ichneumonidae**

**Subfamily Mesochorinae**

## **Family Ichneumonidae**

- **World: 36 subfamilies, 60,000 species**
- **Eastern Palearctic: 22 subfamilies, 15,000 species**
- **Korea: 16 subfamilies, 355 species**
- **Japan: ???**
- **Parasitoid of a living arthropod**



## **Subfamily Mesochorinae**

- **World wide distribution**
- **10 genera, about 600 species in the world**
- **5 genera, 70 species from Eastern palearctic**
- **Koinobiont hyperparasitoids of ecto- or endoparasitic Ichneumonoidea or Tachinidae**
- **Several species recorded as primary endoparasitoids of lepidoptera**

# **Taxonomic History**

- **World**

  - Gravenhorst (1829)**

  - Ashmead (1903)**

  - Cameron (1907), Cushman (1927, 1934)**

  - Dasch (1971, 1974)**

  - Shaw (1993)**

- **Eastern Palearctic**

  - Uchida (1928, 1929, 1933, 1942)**

  - Nakanish (1969)**

  - Kusigemati (1967, 1985)**

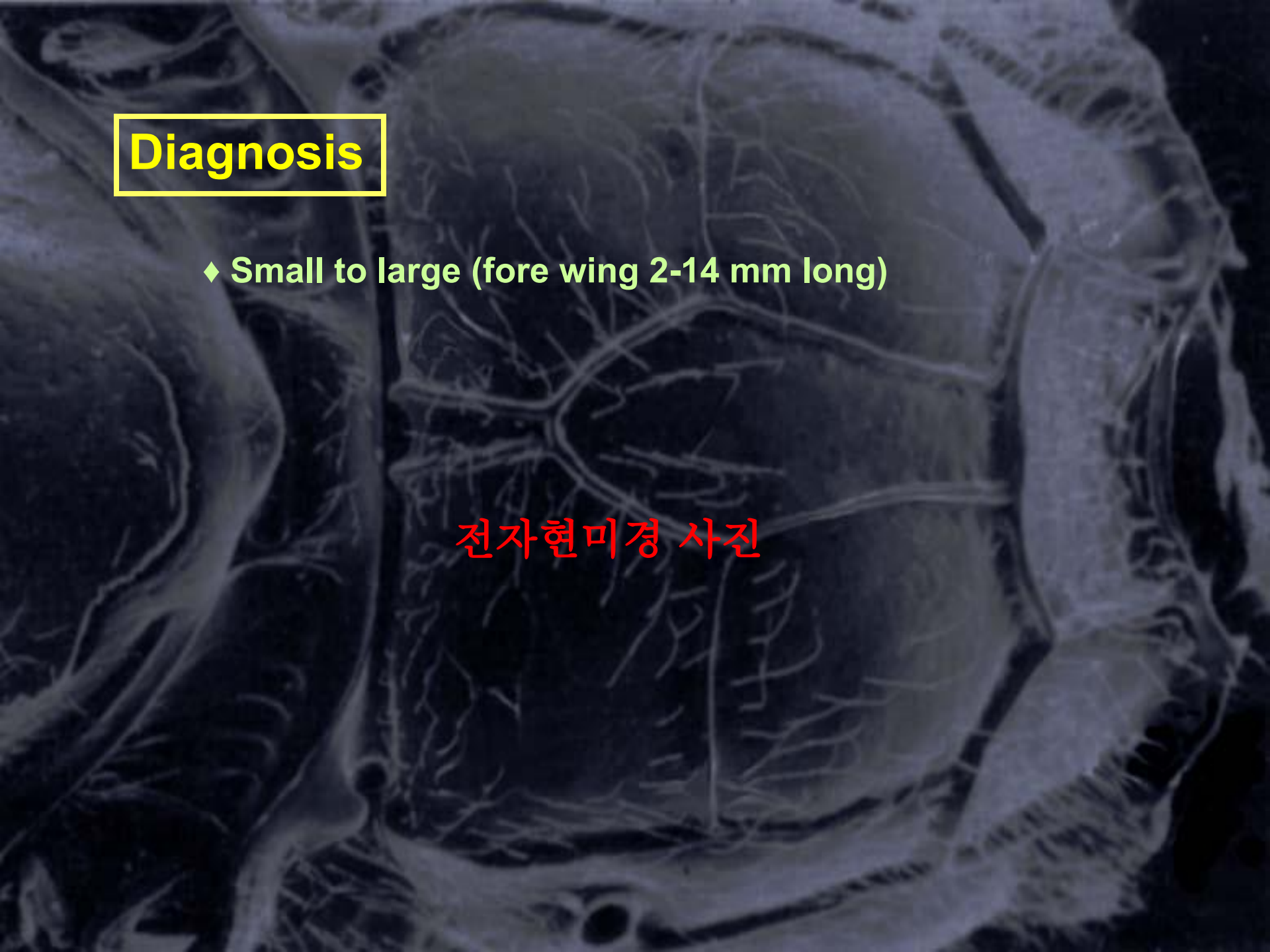
  - Chao (1976)**

  - Lee and Suh (1991, 1993, 1994, 1997, 1999)**

## Diagnosis

◆ Small to large (fore wing 2-14 mm long)

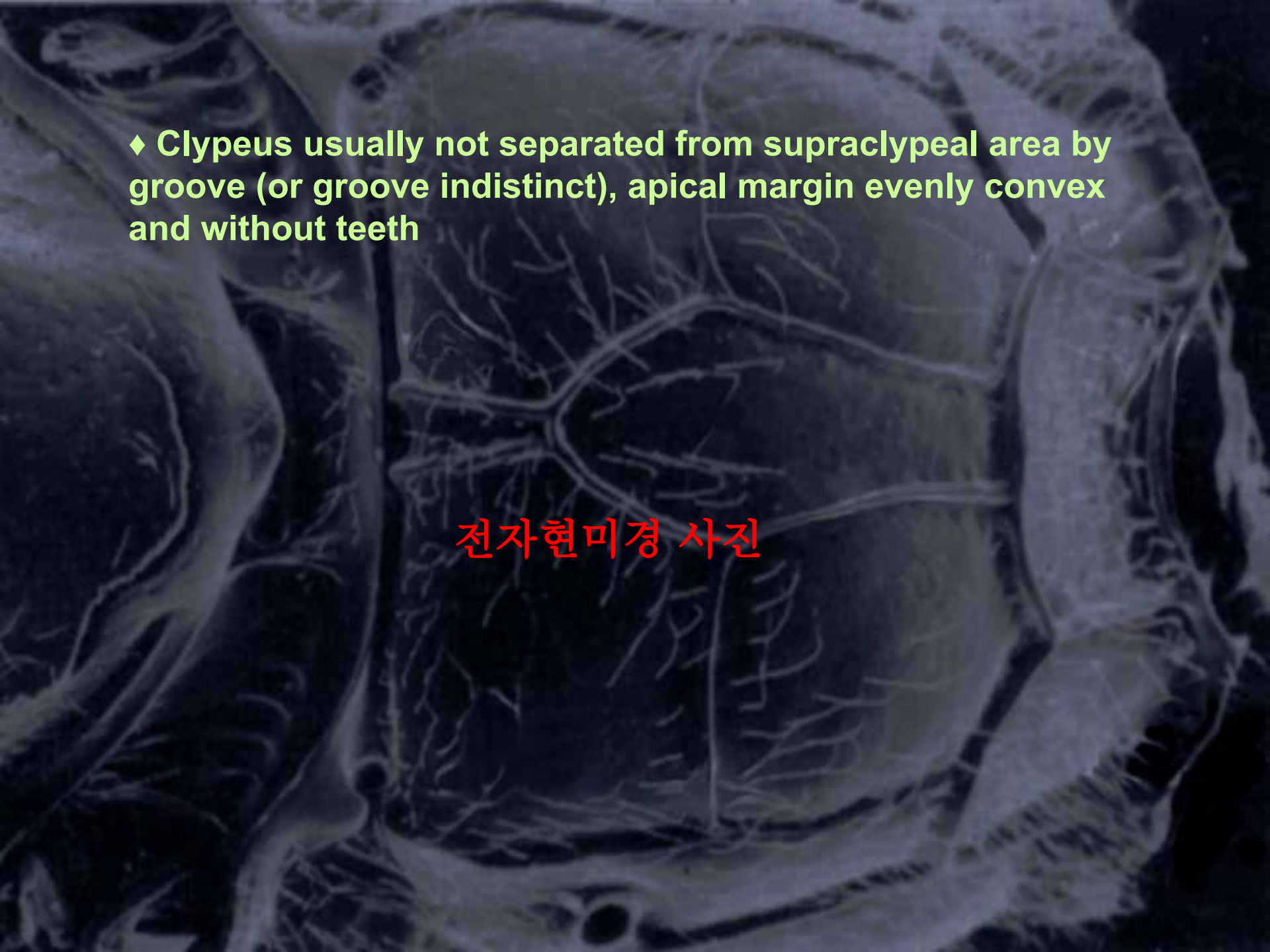
전자현미경 사진





◆ Clypeus usually not separated from supraclypeal area by groove (or groove indistinct), apical margin evenly convex and without teeth

전자현미경 사진



◆ Sternaulus of mesopleuron short or absent

전자현미경 사진





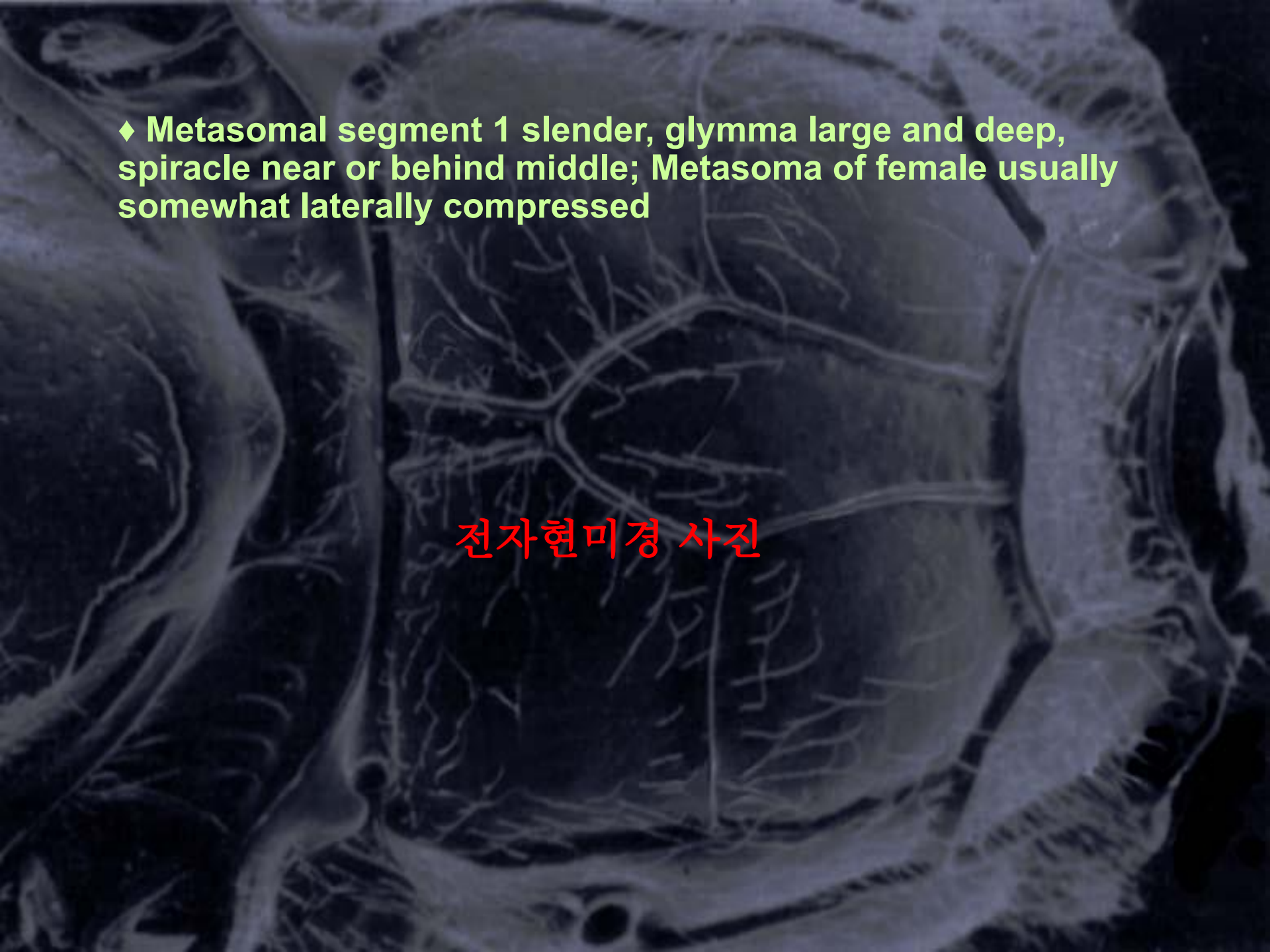
◆ Areolet of fore wing large and usually rhombic

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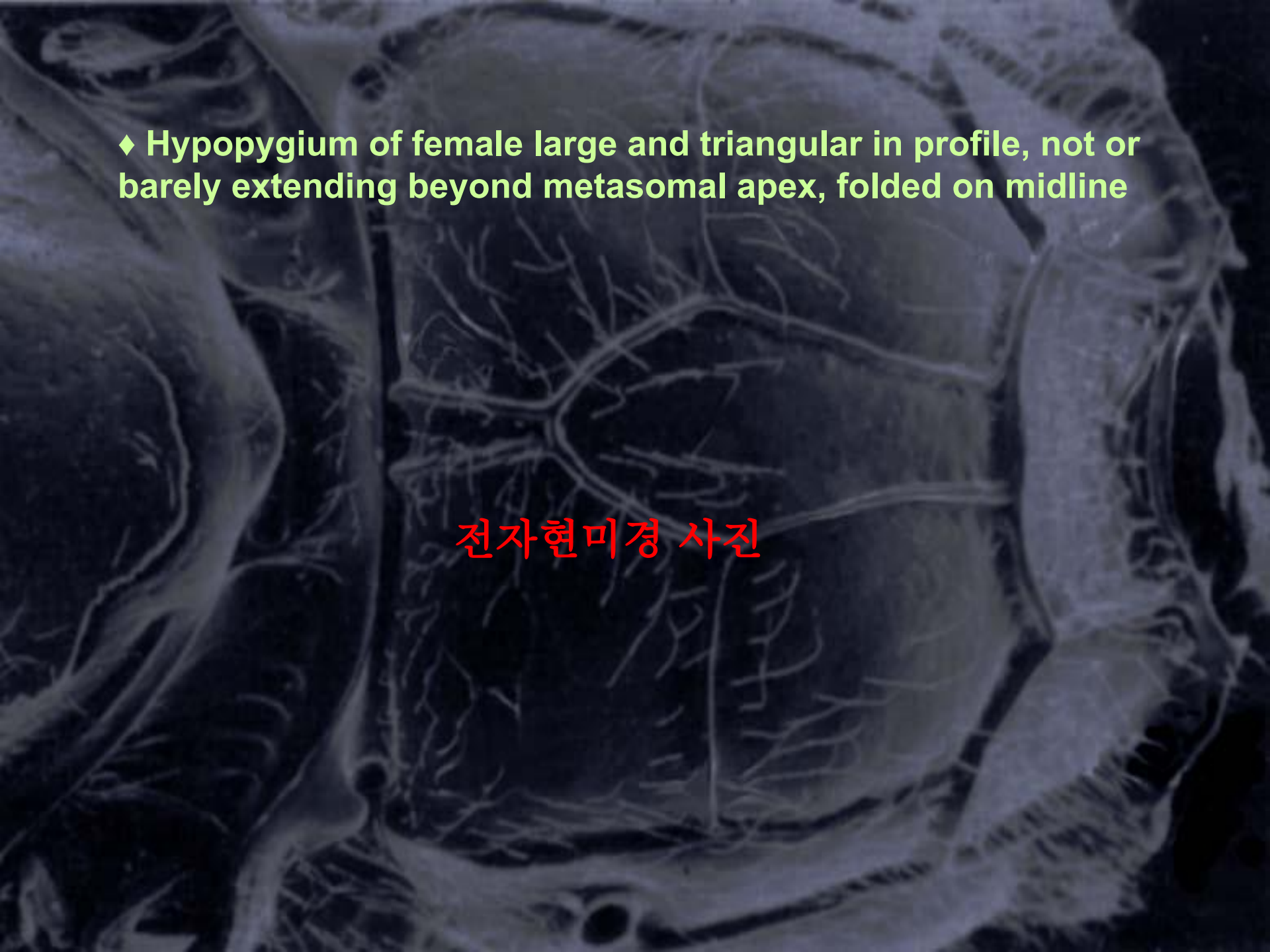
◆ Metasomal segment 1 slender, glymma large and deep, spiracle near or behind middle; Metasoma of female usually somewhat laterally compressed

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◆ Hypopygium of female large and triangular in profile, not or barely extending beyond metasomal apex, folded on midline

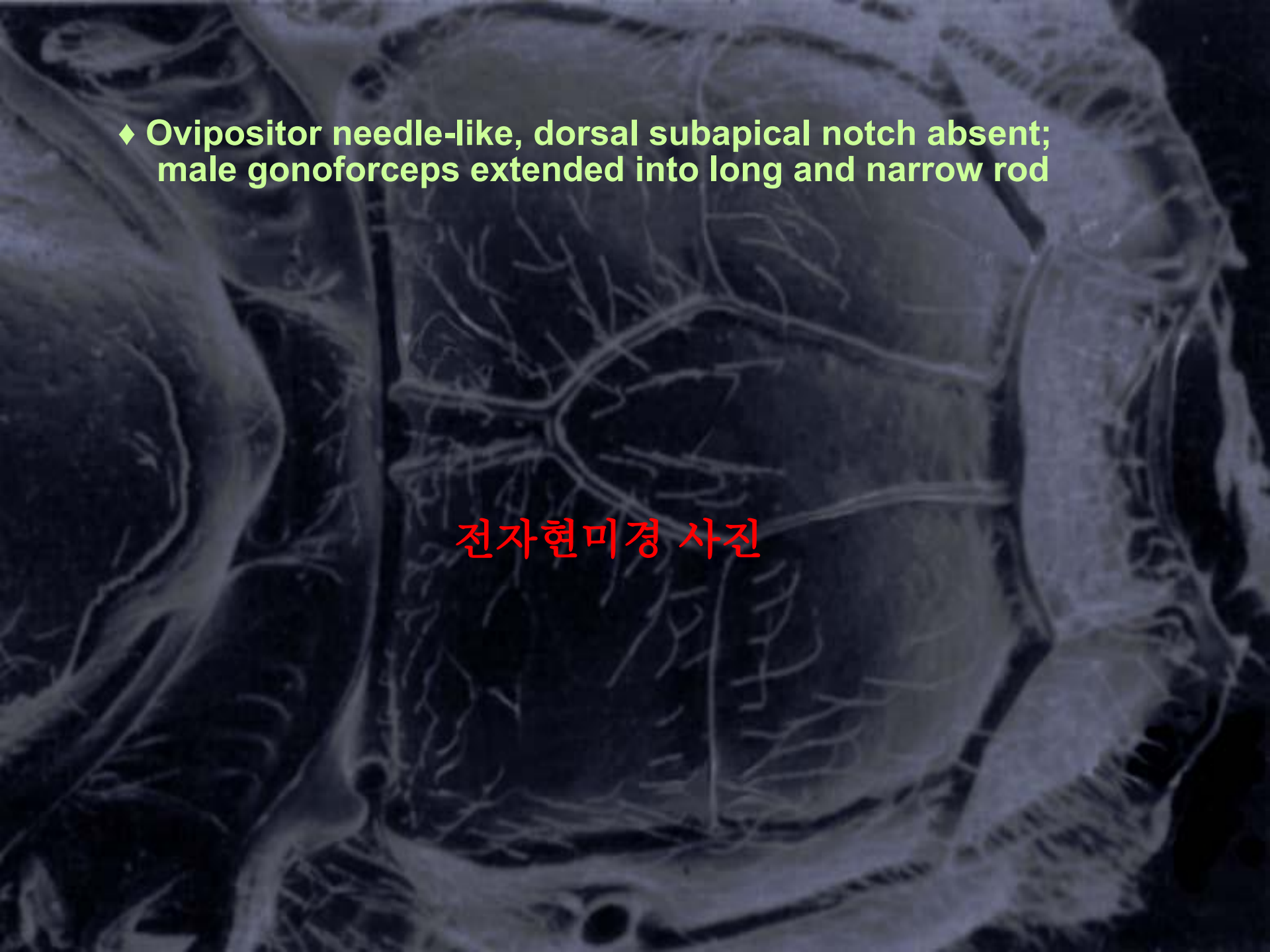
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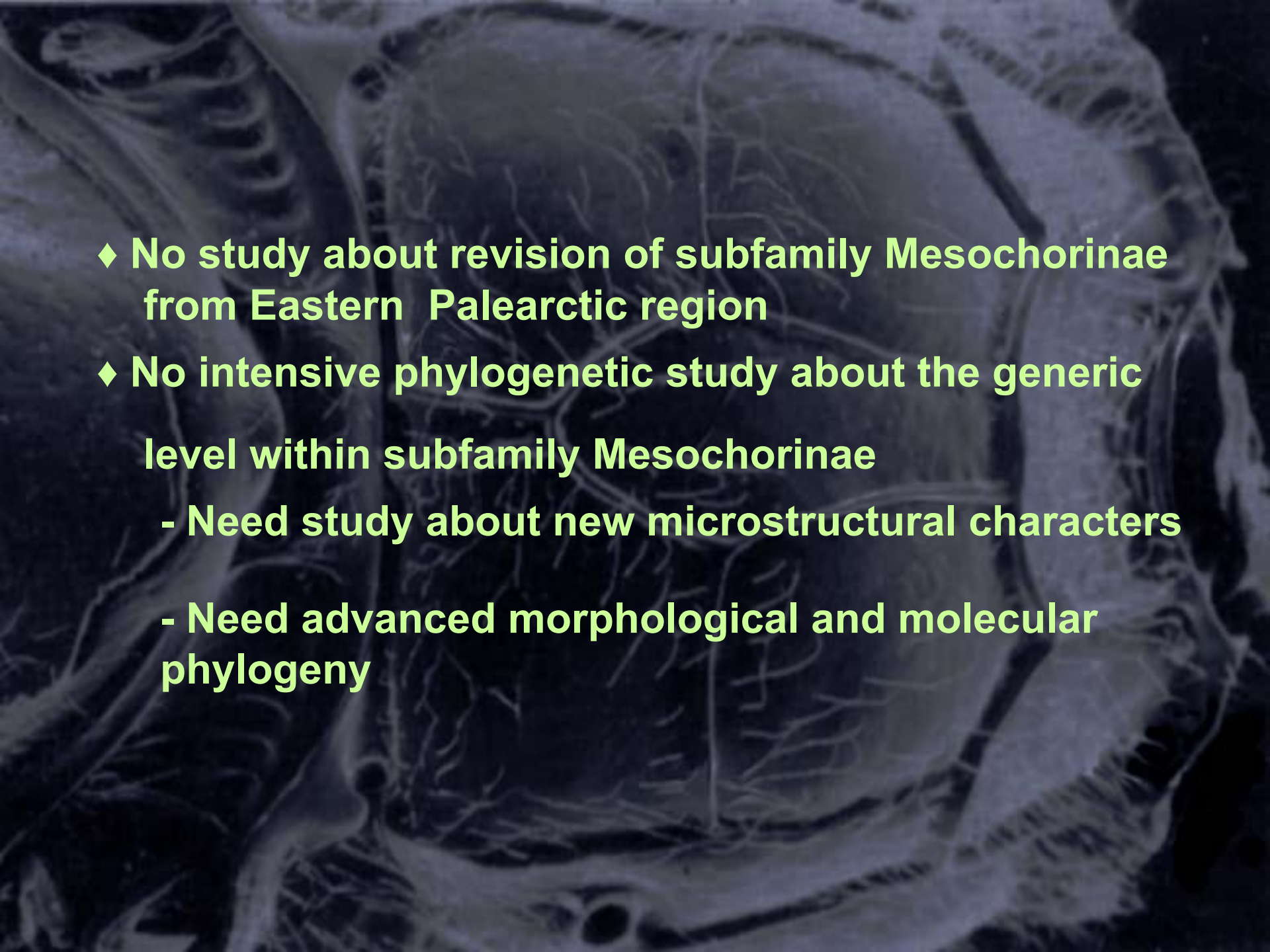




- ◆ Ovipositor needle-like, dorsal subapical notch absent; male gonoforceps extended into long and narrow rod

전자현미경 사진




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- ◆ **No study about revision of subfamily Mesochorinae from Eastern Palearctic region**
  - ◆ **No intensive phylogenetic study about the generic level within subfamily Mesochorinae**
    - **Need study about new microstructural characters**
    - **Need advanced morphological and molecular phylogeny**



## **Objectives:**

**Revises the subfamily Mesochorinae for the Eastern Palearctic region, and explores the species richness and the phylogenetic relationships of the group on a world-wide basis.**





**Revision of the subfamily Mesochorinae  
from the Eastern Palearctic region**

## **Materials**

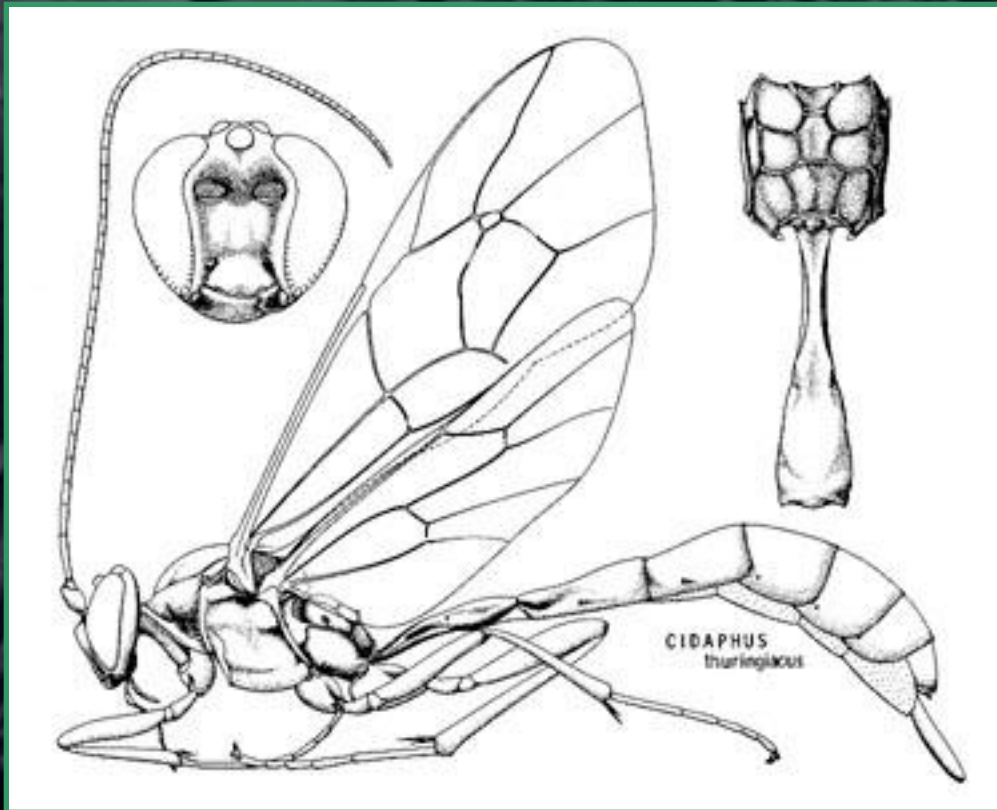
- ◆ **More than 5,000 specimens were observed in this study**
- ◆ **Specimens (including types) were assembled**
  - **by field collection**
  - **by loaning from major insect museums and collections in the world**

## **Classification and Description**

- ◆ **70 recorded species were confirmed**
- ◆ **8 new species were described**
- ◆ **6 unrecorded species were included**  
**in the Eastern Palearctic region**



# Genus *Cidaphus* Foerster, 1868.



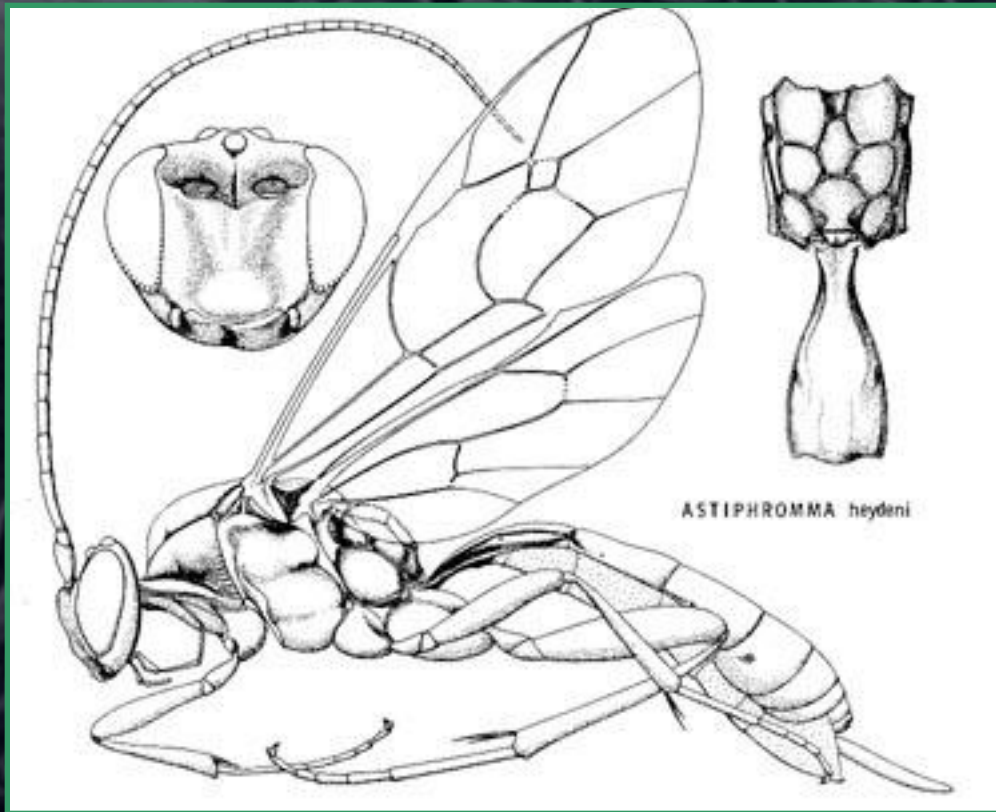
5 recorded species

No new species

No unrecorded species

Total 5 species

# Genus *Astiphromma* Foerster, 1868.



16 recorded species

4 new species

2 unrecorded species

**Total 22 species**

*Astiphromma* n.sp. 1

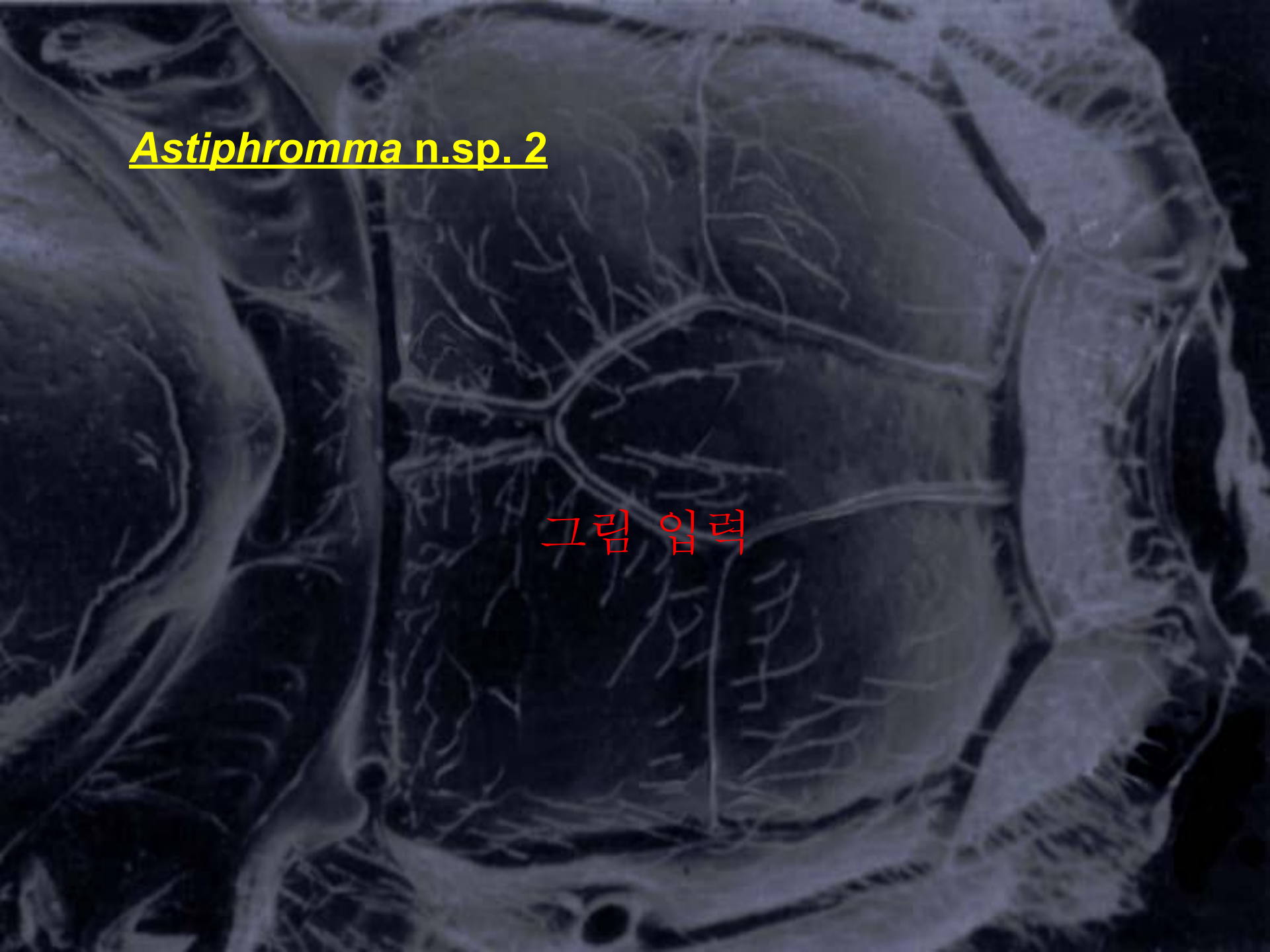
그림 입력





*Astiphromma* n.sp. 2

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*Astiphromma* n.sp. 3

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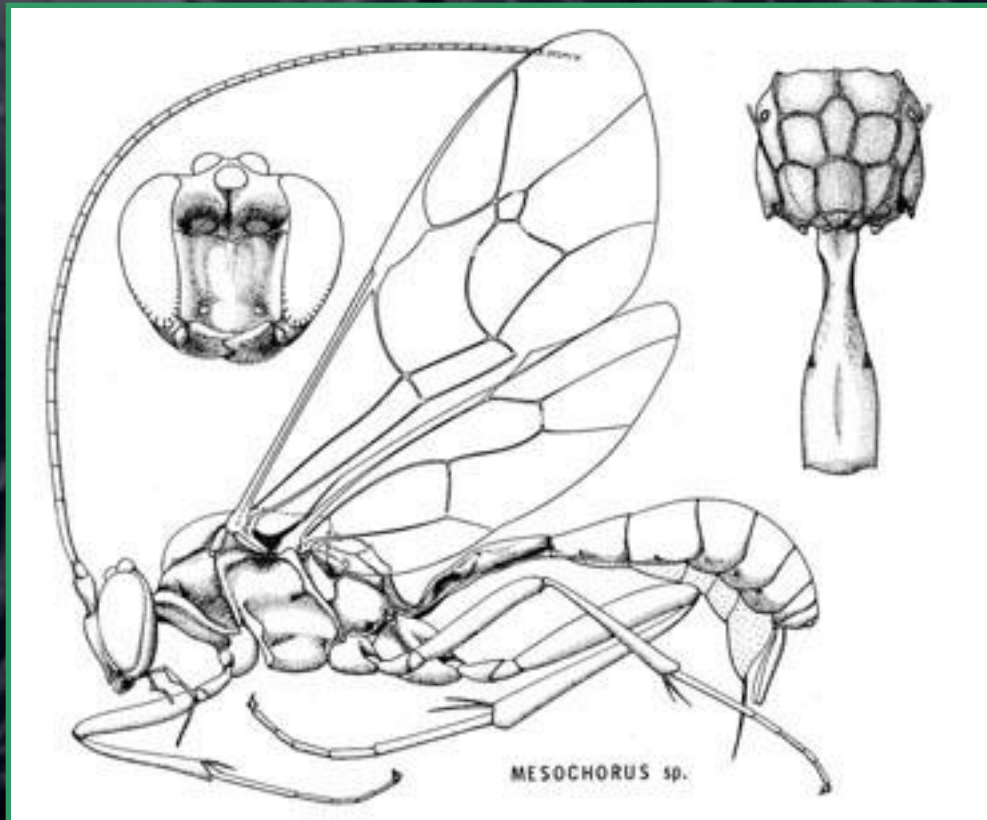
*Astiphromma* n.sp. 4

그림 입력





# Genus *Mesochorus* Gravenhorst, 1829.



37 recorded species

4 new species

4 unrecorded species

Total 45 species

Mesochorus n.sp. 1

그림 입력



Mesochorus n.sp. 2

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Mesochorus n.sp. 3

그림 입력

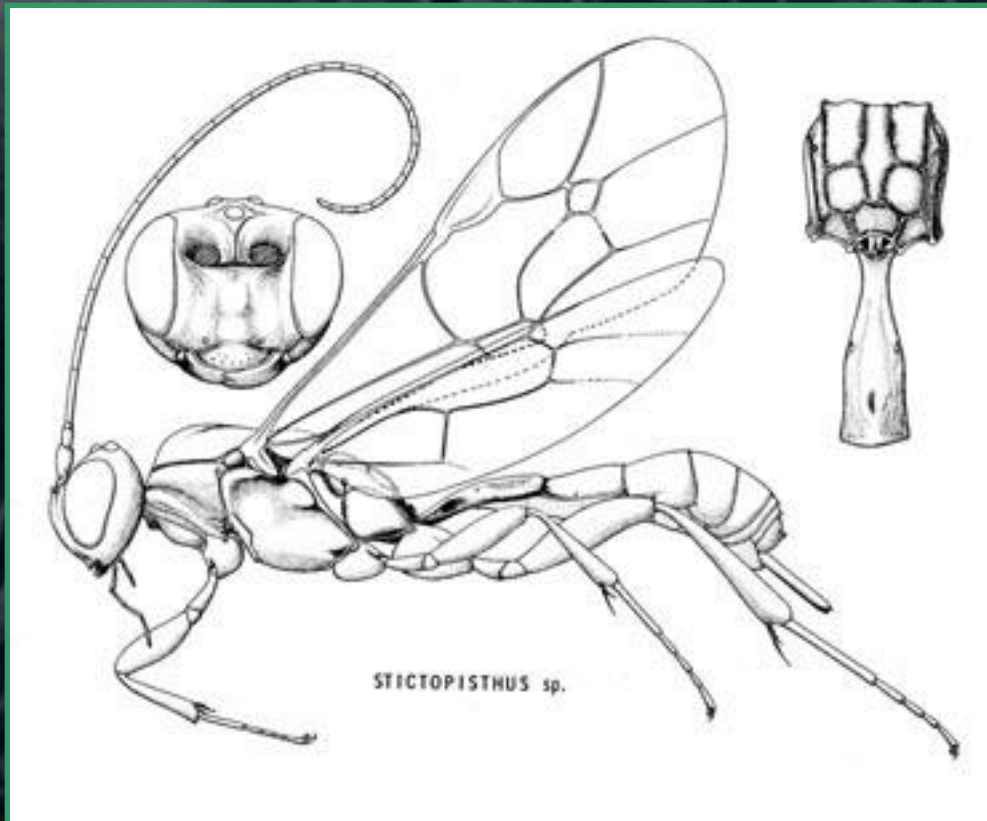


Mesochorus n.sp. 4

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# Genus *Stictopisthus* Foerster, 1886.



8 recorded species

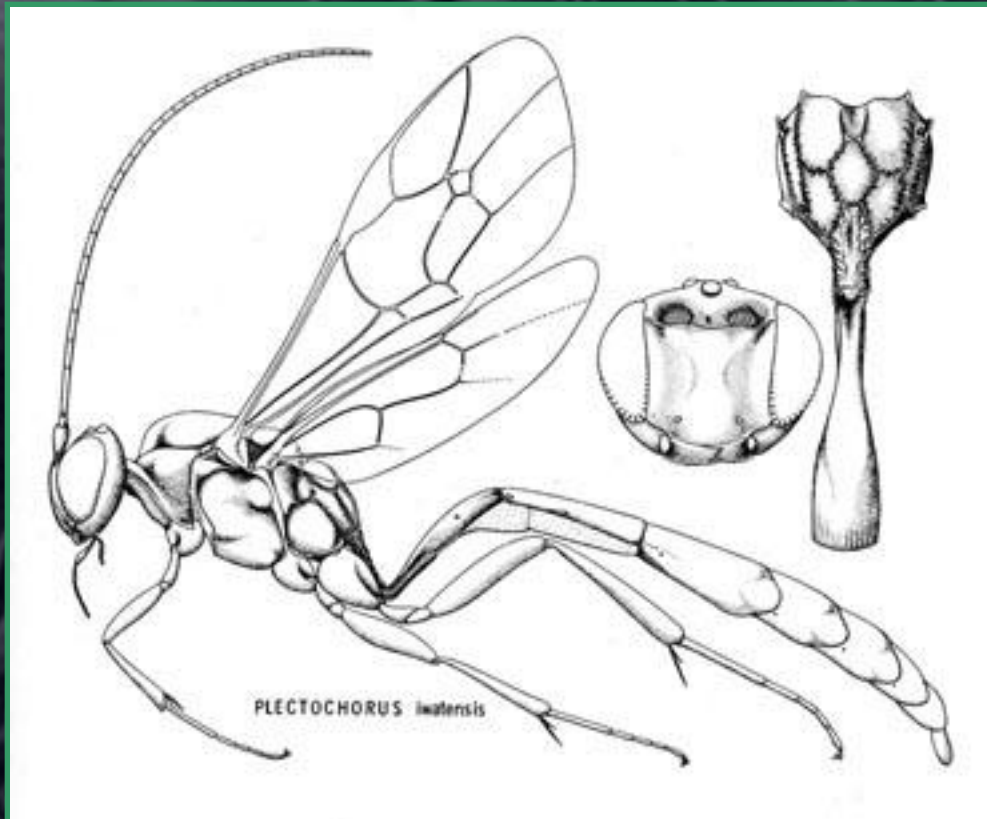
No new species

No unrecorded species

Total 8 species



## Genus *Plectochorus* Uchida, 1993.



4 recorded species

No new species

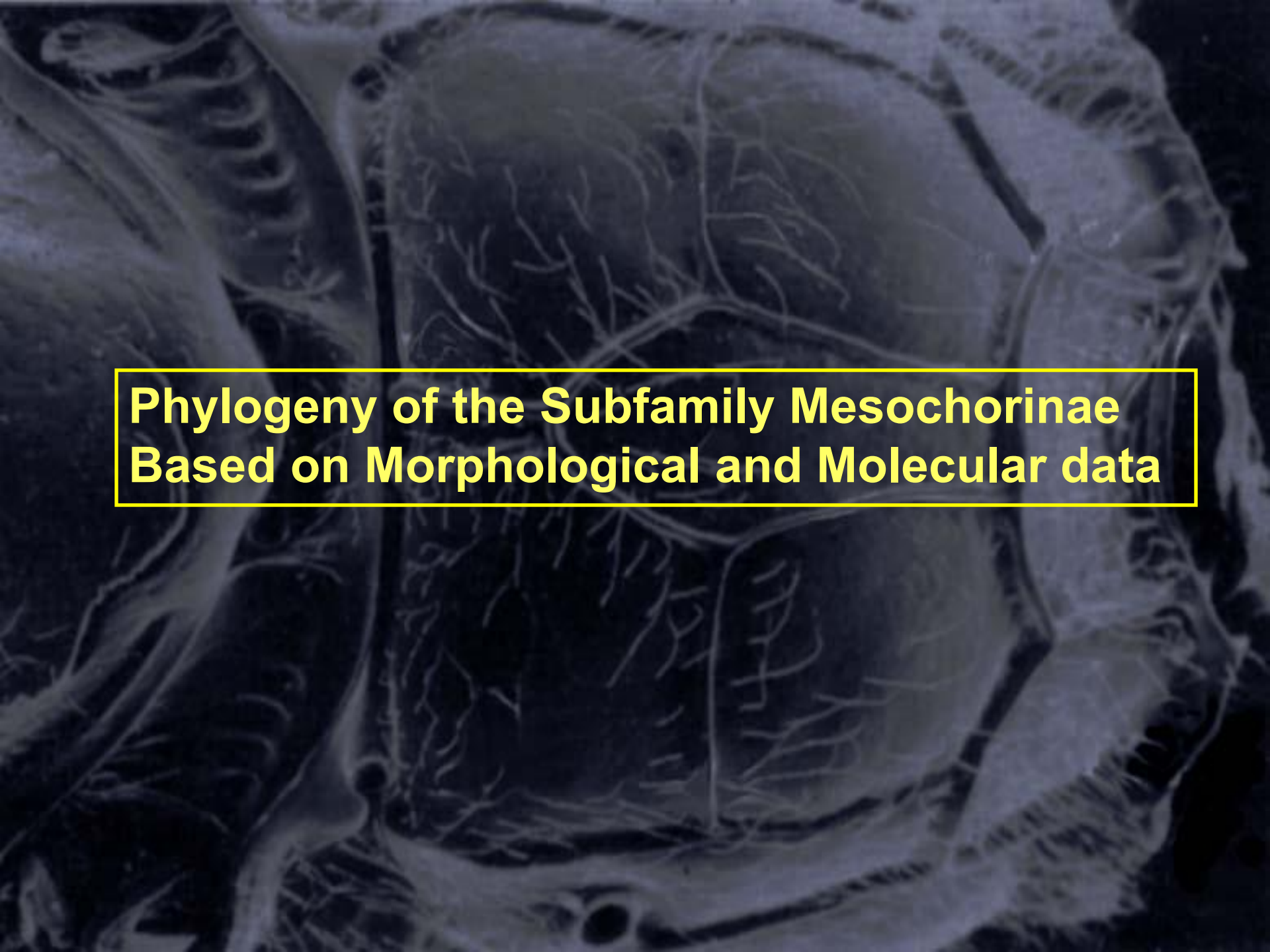
No unrecorded species

Total 4 species



## **Subfamily Mesochorinae**

**Total 5 genera, 84 Species are recorded  
from Eastern Palearctic region**



**Phylogeny of the Subfamily Mesochorinae  
Based on Morphological and Molecular data**





**· Phylogeny based on the Morphological data ·**

## Materials

◆ Ingroup:

Subfamily Mesochorinae

*Cidaphus alarius* (G.)

*Astiphromma dorsale* (H.)

*Mesochorus discitergus* (S.)

*Stictopisthus chinensis* U.

*Plectochorus iwatensis* (U.)

◆ Outgroup:

Subfamily Metopiinae

*Metopius* sp

## Method

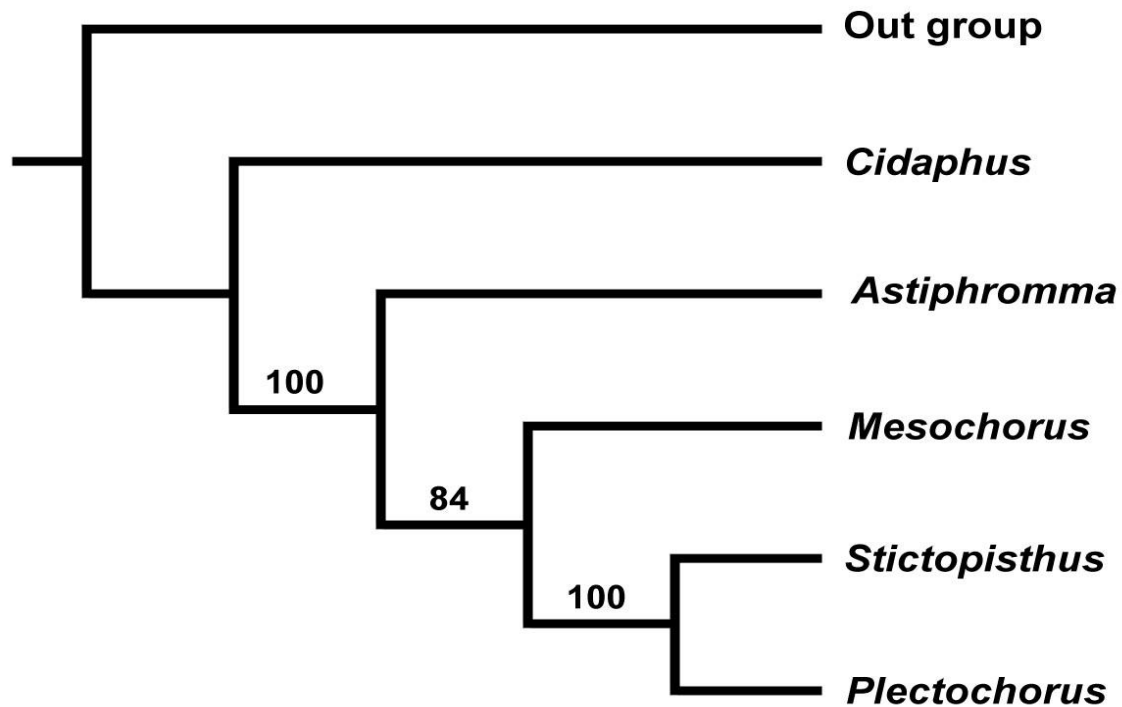
- ◆ 21 morphological characters were used
- ◆ Phylogenetic inference:
  - Maximum Parsimony analysis and
  - Bootstrap analysis (1,000 replications)

Using PAUP\* 4.0b1 (Swofford, 1998)



# ◆ Phylogenetic tree based on the Maximum Parsimony analysis of the Morphological data

- Tree length = 35, CI = 0.91, RI = 0.87
- bootstrap value above branch





**· Phylogeny based on the Molecular data ·**

A high-magnification electron micrograph of a mitochondrion, showing its characteristic internal structure of cristae. The cristae are arranged in a complex, interconnected network, with some appearing as parallel lines and others as more irregular, branching structures. The overall appearance is that of a highly folded membrane system.

## **Mitochondrial coding genes**

- ◆ **Cytochrome b:**  
424 bases were sequenced
- ◆ **Cytochrome Oxidase I:**  
430 bases were sequenced



# Materials

## ◆ INGROUP

### Subfamily Mesochorinae

*Cidaphus koreensis* L. Korea (from Dried specimen)

*Astiphromma strenuum* T. USA (from EtOH)

*Mesochorus discitergus* S. Korea (from Dried specimen)

*Stictopisthus sagamensis* L&S Korea (from Dried specimen)

## ◆ OUTGROUP

### Subfamily Metopiinae

*Metopius (M.)* sp. USA (from EtOH)

## Method

### ◆ DNA Extraction

standard procedures for Phenol- Chloroform extraction (Sambrook et al., 1989)

### ◆ Amplification

- PCR:

after an initial denaturation step of 30s at 94 °C, 35 cycle: 60s at 90°C, 60s at 48-55 °C and 60s at 72 °C

- Primers (Simon, C. 1994; Downton et al. 1997) :

CB-J-10933(5'-TATGTACTACCATGAGGACAAATATC) and  
CB-N-11367(5'- ATTACACCTCCTAATTATTAGGAAT) for  
Cytochrome b,

CI-J-2183(5'-CAACATTTATTTTGATTTTTTGG) and

MD(5'-ATTGCAAATACTGCACCTAT) for Cytochrome Oxidase I.

### ◆ Sequencing

AutoDNAsequencer (Perkin-Elmer ABI Prism 377)

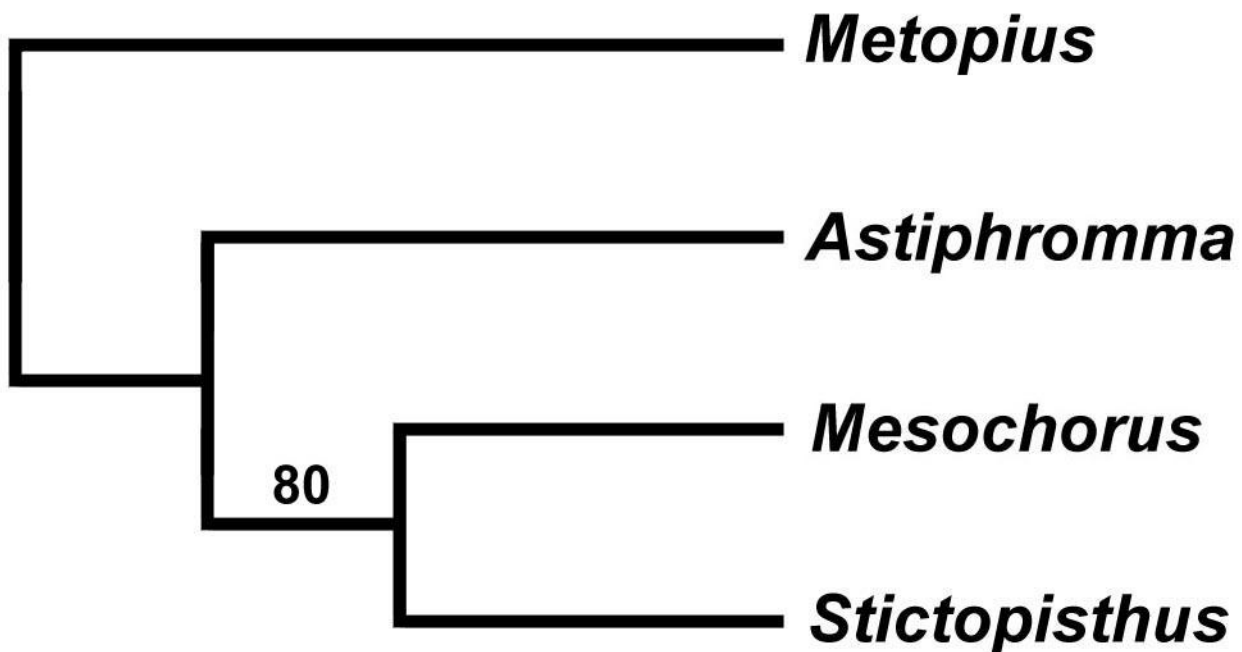
## ◆ **Sequence Analyses and Phylogenetic inferences**

- **Editing and proofreading**  
SeqApp version 1.9 (Gilbert, 1993)
- **Alignment of sequences**  
Clustal W.(Thompson et al. 1994)
- **Calculate statistical data**  
MEGA 1.0(Kumar et al, 1993)  
MacClade 3.04(Maddison & Maddison, 1992)
- **Maximum Parsimony and Maximum Likelihood**  
PAUP\* 4.0b1 (Swofford, 1998)
- **Bootstrap analysis (1,000 replications)**  
PAUP\* 4.0b1 (Swofford, 1998)



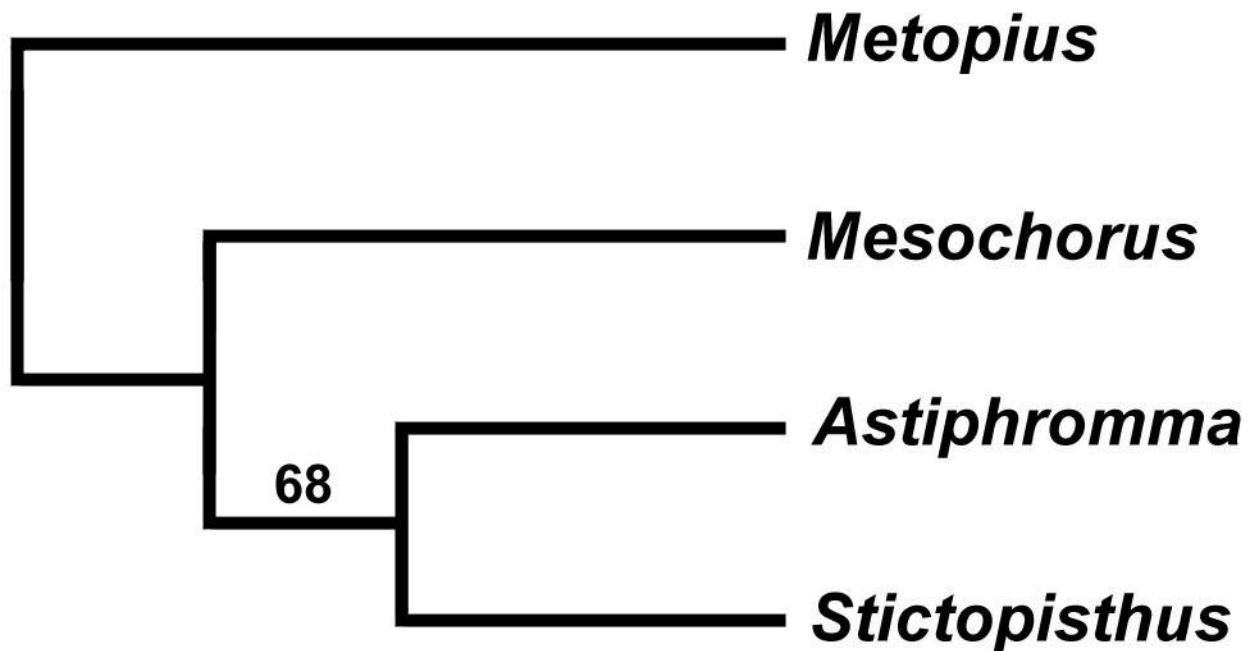
## ◆ Phylogenetic tree of CB based on MP, ML and Bootstrap analyses

- Tree length = 189, CI = 0.9101, RI = 0.4333
- -Ln likelihood = 1308.12131
- bootstrap value above branch



◆ **Phylogenetic tree of CB and COI combined data based on MP, ML and Bootstrap analyses**

- Tree length = 315, CI = 0.9111, RI = 0.4167
- -Ln likelihood = 2386.66145
- bootstrap value above branch



## **Future directions**

- ◆ **Revision of mesochorine wasps based on the world**
- ◆ **Find New morphology and molecular characters**
- ◆ **Analysis of the combined molecular and morphological data**
- ◆ **Re-establish the phylogenetic relationships of Subfamily Mesochorinae**