

Two new species of serpulid polychaetes (Annelida) from the Barents Sea

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Although Scandinavian Arctic polychaete fauna has been extensively investigated, new species are still being found in the Barents Sea. Polychaetes of the family Serpulidae are calcareous tubeworms that are most abundant at low latitudes and less common in Arctic and Antarctic waters. Because recent phylogenetic data indicate that the family Spirorbidae is a clade nested inside Serpulidae, spirorbins are treated here as subfamily Spirorbinae and their traditionally recognized subfamilies are thus lowered to the tribes Paralaeospirini, Spirorbini, Circeini, Romanchellini, Pileolariini and Januini. Here we report two new serpulid species, a filogranin *Protis akvaplani* sp. n. and a spirorbin *Bushiella (Bushiella) barentsii* sp. n. collected from off the northern Norwegian coast. *Protis akvaplani* differs from other species of within the genus by its tube with a high longitudinal keel, six thoracic chaetigerous segments, and short thoracic membranes ending after the 3rd segment. Generic diagnosis of the genus *Protis* has been emended. *Bushiella (B.) barentsii* differs from other species of the subgenus *Bushiella* by morphology of the opercular talon of operculum, incomplete fusing of primary operculum with brood chamber, and large tubes (up to 5 mm in coil diameter) with 1-2 distinct longitudinal ridges.

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INTRODUCTION

The European Arctic and especially Scandinavian polychaete fauna has been extensively investigated, although less is known about the fauna of the Western and Central Arctic. Even in the Barents Sea, the most thoroughly studied area, new species are still being found (e.g., Chambers & Woodham 2003, Koh et al. 2003, Ramos et al. 2010). Polychaetes of the family Serpulidae are obligate sedentary suspension-feeders that secrete calcareous tubes and use the anterior crown of branchial radioles for both feeding and respiration. Serpulids are most abundant at low latitudes and less common in Arctic

and Antarctic waters (ten Hove & Kupriyanova 2009).

The family was traditionally subdivided into the subfamilies Serpulinae Rafinesque, 1815, Filograninae Rioja (1923) and Spirorbinae Chamberlin, 1919, until Pillai (1970) erected the Spirorbidae. The new family was widely accepted for over 20 years, until new phylogenetic data (e.g., Fitzhugh 1989, Smith 1991, Kupriyanova 2003, Kupriyanova et al. 2006, Lehrke et al. 2007) indicated that spirorbins are nested inside Serpulidae, and thus, the family status of Spirorbinae is not justified. Currently the Spirorbinae is the only monophyletic clade within the Serpulidae, whereas the traditionally defined

Serpulinae and Filograninae are paraphyletic (Kupriyanova et al. 2006). Because spirorbins are treated here as subfamily Spirorbinae, their six traditionally recognized subfamilies are thus lowered to the tribes Paralaeospirini, Spirorbini, Circeini, Romanchellini, Pileolariini and Januini, although, clearly, a revision and re-classification of the entire family Serpulidae and of the subfamily Spirorbinae are needed.

The first comprehensive account of Arctic Serpulidae was given by Wollebæk (1912), who provided descriptions and illustrations of 12 serpulid species, including two spirorbins. Wesenberg-Lund (1950a-b, 1951, 1953a-b) in a series of papers describing Arctic polychaete fauna off Iceland, Greenland, and Norway nominally mentioned 23 serpulids, including 11 spirorbins. Bergan (1953) published data on the Norwegian spirorbins, recording seven species. A new spirorbin *Bushiella* (*Jugaria*) *kofiadii* (Rzhavsky, 1988) widely distributed in the Arctic was previously misidentified by different authors (see Rzhavsky 1988, 2001), usually as *Spirorbis granulatus* (Linnaeus, 1767). Holthe (1992) compiled references for identification of polychaetes from northern European and adjacent Arctic waters, vaguely referring to “about a dozen” species of serpulids. Also Holthe (1992), who treated spirorbins as a separate family Spirorbidae, referred to “about 10 species” of spirorbids, stating that “many difficult species occur in the area”. A new species, *Metavermilium arctica* Kupriyanova, 1993, was found off South-East coast of Greenland, in Norwegian Sea near Faroes, and off Norwegian coast of the Barents Sea (Kupriyanova, 1993a). Kupriyanova & Jirkov (1997) conducted a detailed regional revision of Arctic serpulids that resulted in re-description of 12 species, but no spirorbins were included in that study. Kupriyanova & Badyaev (1998) studied ecological correlates of distribution in the species of Kupriyanova & Jirkov (1997). Rzhavsky (2001) revised the spirorbin fauna (as family Spirorbidae) of the Arctic Ocean numbering at the time 20 species with detailed descriptions. The most recent addition to the list of Arctic serpulids was *Bathyvermilium islandica* Sanfilippo (2001) described from deep locations off Iceland.

Despite a relatively low number of species of Arctic serpulids, their identification still presents some challenges, mainly because of the generally confused state of the family's taxonomy. Here we report two new species from Barents Sea off Norwegian coasts.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The serpulids were collected mainly during various monitoring cruises organized by Akvaplan-Niva, Norway and cruises within the MAREANO mapping programme of the Institute of Marine Research, Norway (see www.mareano.no). Specimens were fixed in 4% formalin and then preserved and stored in 70% ethanol. The type material is deposited in the collection of University Museum of Bergen, University of Bergen, Norway (ZMBN), Australian Museum, Sydney, Australia (AM), Zoological Institute of the Russian Academy of Science,

St. Petersburg, Russia (ZISP), and the private collection of the first author stored in A. N. Severtsov Institute of Ecology and Evolution, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow (IEE).

Before examination, intact specimens of *Protis* sp. n. were removed from their tubes and stained with methylene blue to reveal specific glandular fields. Specimens were viewed under a dissecting microscope and photographed with a digital camera, and line drawings were made with help of a camera lucida. Chaetal structure and distribution of *Bushiella* sp. n. were examined on temporal glycerin slides. One specimen of *Protis* and two specimens of *Bushiella* were examined under scanning electron microscopes Leo 435VP and Vega Tescan at the Australian Museum and A.N. Severtsov Institute of Ecology and Evolution of the Russian Academy of Sciences respectively.

RESULTS

Subfamily Filograninae Rioja, 1923

Diagnosis. Tube not spirally coiled, body symmetrical, collar chaetae simple or with special fin-and blade chaetae; thoracic sickle (*Apomatus*) chaetae present; abdominal chaetae flat geniculate.

Remarks. Subfamily Filograninae was proposed by Rioja (1923) who stated that “presence of pinnules on the opercular peduncle ... indicates that the species included in this subfamily are very primitive, ..., corroborated by a hardly developed operculum” (Rioja 1923: 107). Because Rioja (1923) mentioned *Protis* as a possible member of the group, we attributed the new species to Filograninae. However, recent phylogenetic studies (e.g., Kupriyanova et al. 2006, Lehrke et al. 2007) found that both traditional subfamilies Serpulinae and Filograninae were not monophyletic, so re-classification and re-formulation of the sub-family diagnoses are needed.

Protis Ehlers, 1887 emended

Type species: *Protis simplex* Ehlers, 1887

Diagnosis (modified from ten Hove and Kupriyanova 2009). Tube white, opaque, with or without keels, flaring peristomes absent. Granular overlay absent. Operculum absent or one or more membranous globular opercula on normal pinnulate radiole(s). Arrangement of radioles pectinate, up to 20 per lobe. Inter-radiolar membrane absent. Branchial eyes not observed. Stylodes absent. Mouth palps absent. Seven (six in *Protis akvaplanii* sp. n.) thoracic chaetigers. Collar trilobed with entire edge, tonguelets absent. Thoracic membranes typically to the end of thorax (mid-thorax in *Protis akvaplanii*) and may form ventral apron. Collar chaetae fin-and-blade and limbate. *Apomatus* chaetae present. Thoracic uncini saw-shaped with about six teeth, anterior fang simple pointed. Triangular depression absent. Abdominal chaetae flat narrow geniculate

with rounded teeth, slightly more triangular blade in *Protis hydrothermica* ten Hove & Zibrowius, 1986. Abdominal uncini rasp-shaped in all segments, with up to six teeth in profile, approximately 5-7 teeth in a row above fang. Achaetous anterior abdominal zone absent. Long posterior capillary chaetae present. Posterior glandular pad may be present.

Remarks. According to the original diagnosis, the lack of an operculum was considered a characteristic feature of *Protis* Ehlers, 1887. Ten Hove & Zibrowius (1986) reformulated the diagnosis. Following the description of the abyssal *Protis polyoperculata* Kupriyanova, 1993 the diagnosis was extended to include individuals with one or more opercula (Kupriyanova 1993; Kupriyanova & Jirkov 1997). Here we further emend the diagnosis to include the new species from the Barents Sea.

***Protis akvaplani* sp. n.**

(Figures 1-2)

Material examined.

Holotype. Body 5 mm long, without tube (ZMBN 87995), Barents Sea, 71°46'17.7"N, 21°12'40.9"E, Field Fish Sta. 9 repl. 4 and 5, 23 May 2010, 317 m, coll. Akvaplan-Niva team.

Paratypes. One specimen in tube (AM W.39543), 7 mm long,

same location as holotype; two specimens, one with operculum, other without operculum, both in tubes (AM W.39541), Barents Sea, 71°47'6.4"N, 21°7'31.9"E, Field Fish Sta. 4 repl. 1, 24 May 2010, 317 m, coll. Akvaplan-Niva team; one specimen without operculum, prepared for SEM (AM W.39542), Barents Sea, 71°46'17.9"N, 21°10'6.3"E, Field Fish Sta. 8, 23 May 2010, 317 m, coll. Akvaplan-Niva team; one specimen body 3.5 mm long with operculum (ZMBN 87996), Barents Sea, 71°46'18.0"N, 21°7'31.6"E, Field Fish Sta. 7, 24 May 2010, 71, 316 m, coll. Akvaplan-Niva team; one specimen with operculum, body 5 mm long (ZMBN 87997), Barents Sea, 71°37'34.8"N, 16°18'10.2"E, MAREANO Sta. 578, 9 August 2010, 586 m, collected by team of Norwegian Institute of Marine Research, Bergen.

Description.

Tube: White, entirely opaque, circular in cross section, mostly attached to substratum (although only tube fragments were present in the material), with very distinct high sharp longitudinal keel (Figures 1C, 2A).

Size: Total length up to 7 mm; branchiae account for approximately one third of entire length. Width of thorax 0.4 mm, operculum diameter 0.4 mm (Figure 1 A-B).

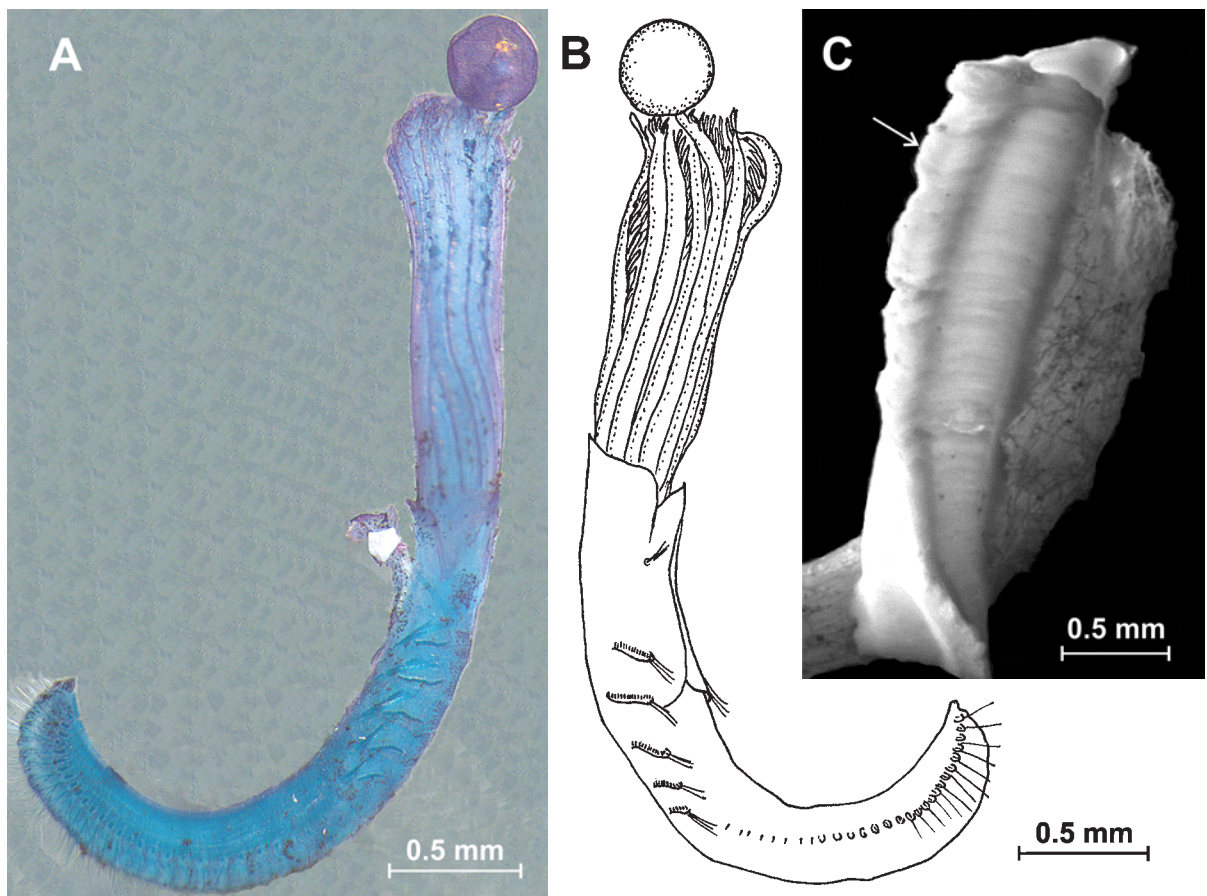


Figure 1. Photos and line drawings of *Protis akvaplani* n. sp. A: entire body photo; B: entire body line drawing; C: photo of tube fragment, arrow indicates longitudinal keel. A, B: holotype ZMBN 87995; C: paratype AM W.39543. Photo A and C: Elena Kupriyanova.

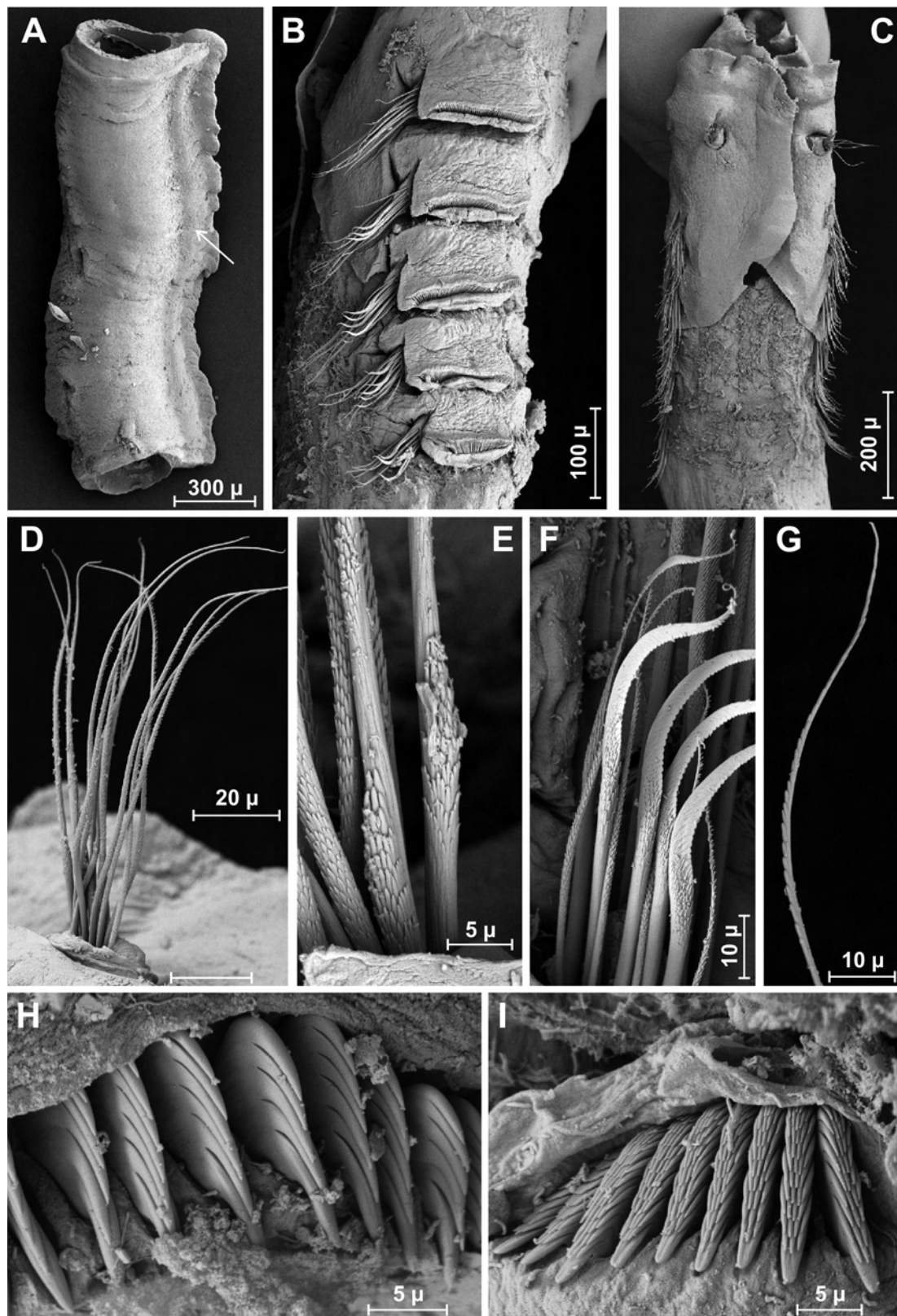


Figure 2. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) micrographs of *Protis akvapiani* sp.n. AM W.39542. A: tube, arrow points to high longitudinal keel; B: lateral view of thorax with five uncinigerous segments; C: dorsal view of thorax showing the length of thoracic membranes; D: bundle of collar chaetae; E: details of special collar chaetae structure; F: thoracic chaetal bundle with *Apomatus* chaetae; G: abdominal chaetae; H: thoracic uncini; I: abdominal uncini. Photo: Sue Lindsay.

Branchiae: Each lobe bearing five branchial radioles with long thin pinnules, arranged pectinately, not connected by a branchial membrane. Branchial eyes and distinct long terminal pinnules absent.

Operculum: Absent or present, if present, a membranous transparent globular vesicle (Figure 1 A, B) on normal pinnulated second branchial radiole. Pseudoperculum absent.

Collar and thoracic membranes: Collar with entire edge, large, covering branchial lobes. Trilobed, medio-ventral lobe distinctly higher and wider than lateral lobes; collar continuous with wide thoracic membranes ending as rounded flaps after 3th thoracic segment, no apron (Figures 1 A-B, 2 B-C). Pairs of small, wart-like protuberances of collar chaetiger absent; tonguelets between ventral and lateral collar parts absent.

Thorax: With collar chaetiger and five uncinigerous chaetigers (Figures 1 A-B, 2 B). Collar chaetae bundle (Figure 2 D) including simple limbate and special fin-and-blade chaetae, with distally blade separated from proximal dentate zone by wide gap (Figure 2 E). Subsequent chaetae simple limbate, of two sizes, *Apomatus* chaetae present in posterior thoracic segments (Figure 2 F). Uncini along entire thorax saw-shaped, with 5-6 slightly curved teeth and simple pointed fang (Figure 2 H). Prostomial eyes not observed.

Abdomen: Up to 40 abdominal chaetigers. Achaetous anterior abdominal zone absent. Uncini rasp-shaped, with simple pointed fang and 7-8 teeth in profile (Figure 2 I). Abdominal chaetae flat narrow geniculate with rounded teeth and tapered tip (Figure 2 G). Distinct long capillary chaetae present in posterior chaetigers. Posterior glandular pad present.

Colour: Colour of live specimens unknown. Preserved material white.

Differential diagnosis and remarks.

According to ten Hove and Kupriyanova (2009), the genus *Protis* contains six (or seven if nominal taxon *Salmacina chilensis* Gallardo, 1969 belongs to this genus) poorly known species mainly from bathyal and abyssal locations. The taxonomy of the genus is problematic because the chaetae, uncini, and tubes are very similar and opercula, if present, are undifferentiated membranous vesicles.

Both operculate and non-operculate species are described; moreover, *Protis arctica* (Hansen, 1878) and *P. polyoperculata* Kupriyanova, 1993 have been reported to contain both operculate and non-operculate specimens (Kupriyanova 1993, Ben-Eliahu & Fiege 1996, Kupriyanova & Jirkov 1997). *Protis hydrothermica* shows two characters not mentioned for the other species: warts between ventral and lateral collar lobes and a pair of pockets in the medio-ventral collar.

The new species appears to be similar to *P. arctica* that was originally described based on two specimens collected between Iceland and Norway from 2127 m; the same specimens were later redescribed by Wollebæk (1912). Kirkegaard (1982) reported two specimens of *P. arctica* collected from the abyssal depths of the Central Arctic, but gave neither diagnosis nor details of chaetae and uncini. Kupriyanova & Jirkov (1997) reported several specimens from the depths of 795-1820 m mostly from north of Iceland. Those specimens are relatively larger, measuring 5-25 mm less branchia, that is, over 30 mm in total length.

Although species within the genus *Protis* are difficult to distinguish, *P. akvaplani* sp. nov. shows very distinct characters, clearly setting it apart from other species of the genus: it has only six thoracic chaetigerous segments, short thoracic membranes ending after the 3rd thoracic chaetiger, and tube with a very distinct high longitudinal keel. However, because the chaetation pattern of the new species is consistent with that of the genus *Protis*, we here emend the generic diagnosis instead of erecting a new monotypic genus.

Etymology.

The species is named after Akvaplan-niva, a private company providing environmental consultancy and research, in both coastal waters and offshore, within the NIVA-group (Norwegian Institute of Water Research).

Ecology.

Found at depths of 316-317 and 586 m.

Distribution.

South-western Barents Sea, Norway.

Subfamily Spirorbinae Chamberlin, 1919

Tube spirally coiled dextrally or sinistrally; body asymmetrical, abdomen turned over thorax 90 degrees in achaetigerous zone between thorax and abdomen; thorax adjoins to substratum dorsally; 3-5(?) thoracic chaetigers; collar chaetae simple or with special fin-and-blade chaetae; thoracic sickle (*Apomatus*) chaetae usually present in 3-5 thoracic chaetigers; abdominal chaetae flat geniculate; embryos incubated in tube or in opercular brood chamber; larvae lecithotrophic, pelagic stage brief or absent.

Tribe Pileolariini Knight-Jones, 1978

Embryos within chamber (or cup) formed by invagination of opercular ampulla and may be used for more than one brood. With two types of opercula: one only distal plate with talon and another brooding chamber of various structures. Larvae with single white attachment gland. Thoracic uncini narrow (saw to rasp-shaped) with 1-3 longitudinal rows of teeth throughout most length of uncinus and blunt anterior peg. Abdominal uncini distributed symmetrically. Largest abdominal tori located in

anterior or posterior half of abdomen. Abdominal chaetae flat geniculate, pennant-shaped, usually with thick (optically dense) projecting heel; blade length usually somewhat shorter than that of largest collar chaetae, width decreases regularly toward tip.

***Bushiella* Knight-Jones, 1973**

Type-species: *Spirorbis evolutus* Bush, 1905

Diagnosis. Tubes always sinistral. Talon of distal plate peripheral and flattened, generally large; distal plate retained and fused to the brood chamber completely or only by talon; brood chamber a deeply invaginated sac totally enclosing embryos except for a pore capable of opening and closing; lining of brood chamber forming a calcified dome distally, but not calcified proximally or on side bearing the pore. Collar and thoracic membrane margins not fused over thoracic groove. Collar chaetae simple or with basal fins and finely or moderately serrated blades which usually lack distinct cross-striation; sickle chaetae present in 3rd thoracic fascicles. Three thoracic chaetigers.

Remarks. There are two subgenera *B. (Bushiella)* Knight-Jones, 1973 with simple collar chaetae and *B. (Jugaria)* Knight-Jones, 1978 with fin-and blade collar chaeta. Knight-Jones (1984) suggested them being valid genera based on this feature only. In our opinion (Rzhavsky 1991), it is not sufficient for the generic sub-division considering that in some species collar simple chaetae may have their base somewhat swollen and, thus, can be regarded as intermediate between simple and special fin-and-blade chaetae (e.g., *Bushiella (Bushiella) evoluta* (Bush, 1905); Knight-Jones 1984). Also, species of genus *Eulaeospira* have both types of collar chaetae (Knight-Jones et al. 1974, Knight-Jones & Fordy 1979) and subgenera *Paradexiospira* and *Spirorbides* of genus *Paradexiospira* also differ only in collar chaetae structure (Knight-Jones et al., 1979; Knight-Jones & Fordy 1979). Therefore, in the interests of consistency, the new species here is attributed to the subgenus *Bushiella*.

Subgenus *Bushiella* Knight-Jones, 1973

Diagnosis. Collar chaetae simple; a groove may present in basal part of their blades, sometimes very distinct and bearing teeth, but fin never forms, i.e., smooth gap between basal toothed groove and serrated blade absent. Cross-striation absent.

Type species: *Spirorbis evolutus* Bush, 1905

***Bushiella (Bushiella) barentsii* sp. n.**

(Figures 3-5)

Material examined.

Spitsbergen Bank, Barents Sea, 76°07'N, 23°51'48"E, 8 August 1992, Sta. 11-1, 11-3, 11-4, 59 m, stones, with glacial blue-gray clay in deeper layers, and recent reddish deposits in-between stones. Tubes were mostly detached from substrate, but two specimens were attached to small shell fragments.

Coll. Akvaplan-niva (wider data set analysed in Cochrane et al. 2012).

Holotype. Station 11-1. Body with tube and brood chamber (ZISP 1/50577)

Paratypes. Station 11-1. One adult specimen with brood chamber and tube fragments (ZISP 2/50578); five specimens with primary operculum (no brood chamber) and tubes (3/50579); two specimens without operculum, prepared for SEM (IEE 1/2859); two adults with brood chamber without tubes (IEE 2a/2860, 2b/2860), three specimens with primary operculum (no brood chamber) without tubes (IEE 2c/2860, 2d/2860, 2e/2860); seven partially destructed empty tubes and their fragments (IEE 2f/2860); one adult specimen with brood chamber associated with tube (ZMBN 87991).

Station 11-3. One adult specimen with brood chamber without tube (IEE 3a/2861), one specimen with primary operculum (no brood chamber) without tube (IEE 3b/2861); four specimens with primary operculum (no brood chamber) without tubes (IEE 3c/2861); four partially destructed empty tubes and their fragments (IEE 3d/2861); one adult with brood chamber without tube (ZMBN 87992); five specimens with primary operculum (no brood chamber) without tubes (ZMBN 87993); five partially destructed empty tubes and their fragments (ZMBN 87994).

Station 11-4. Two specimens with primary operculum (no brood chamber) associated with tubes (IEE 4a/2862); one empty tube (IEE 4b/2862); two adults with brood chamber without tubes (AM W.41417); four specimens with primary operculum (no brood chamber) without tubes (AM W.41418); seven partially broken empty tubes and their fragments (AM W. 41419).

Description.

Tube: Sinistral, planospiral with 2-3 (one in juveniles) distinct longitudinal ridges, up to 4-5 mm in coil diameter, white opaque (non porcellaneous) (Figure 3 A-C).

Branchiae: Number not counted due to adhesion caused by partial drying and breaking off during examination.

Operculum: Primary operculum of juveniles with concave distal plate which deeper in immature specimens of adult size (Figure 4 G-J). Talon almost lateral, large and winged laterally (Figure 4 G-H), sometimes of irregular rhomboid shape (Figure 4 I). Distal part of talon pointed or sometimes slightly bifurcated (Figure 4 H-I). Primary operculum almost completely fused with brood chamber after its complete development: distal plate of primary operculum fused with distal part of brood chamber only in the central part and side close to talon, leaving space between distal plate and brood chamber on the opposite side and laterally (Figure 4 A-D). This free edge may be broken giving an illusion that primary operculum completely fused

with brood chamber, but in this case central fused part of distal plate visible as a spot on distal part of brood chamber (Figure 4 E). Talon completely fused with lateral wall of brood chamber (Figure 4 A, D-F). Calcified zone of lateral wall very distinct and long on side of talon (Figure 4 A-B, D-F); distal edge of calcified zone irregular and rounded (Figure 4 A, D), sometimes denticulate with its surface looking somewhat fluted (Figure 4 F). On side opposite from talon calcified zone resembling a narrow belt adjacent to distal part of brood chamber. (Figure 4 B). Brooding specimens absent in studied material.

Collar and thoracic membranes: With free dorsal margins, posterior edges of thoracic membranes reach the end of the third chaetiger, apron present.

Thorax: Three pairs of the notochaetae visible from side facing substrate (Figure 3 D-E). Special collar chaetae bent, simple, with finely serrated blade without cross-striation (Figure 5 Aa, Bco), capillary chaetae also present in first fascicle (Figure

5 Ab, Bca). Chaetae of 2nd and 3rd thoracic chaetigers simple (Figure 5 Ac, C, Dsi). Sickie (*Apomatus*) chaetae (Figure 5 Ad, Dap) with coarsely serrated blades and smooth basal parts also present in the 3rd fascicle. Two thoracic tori on each side of body on 2nd and 3rd chaetigers. Thoracic uncini saw to rasp-shaped (Figure 5 Ag, E) with blunt anterior pegs and 1-3 longitudinal rows of teeth throughout most length of uncinus. Size of individual uncini in each torus significantly decreasing away from notochaetae. Smallest thoracic uncini only somewhat longer than abdominal uncini, largest about three times longer.

Abdomen: About 20-25 abdominal chaetigers in juveniles and over 35 in adults. Achaetous anterior abdominal zone present. Two abdominal chaetae per fascicle throughout length of abdomen, but some anterior abdominal chaetigers bearing three chaetae and posterior only one. Chaetae flat geniculate, with “knee” projecting beyond shaft and distinctly serrated tapering blade (Figure 5 Ae, Fag). One companion hooked capillary chaetae (Figure 5 Af, Fah) per fascicle present in the most

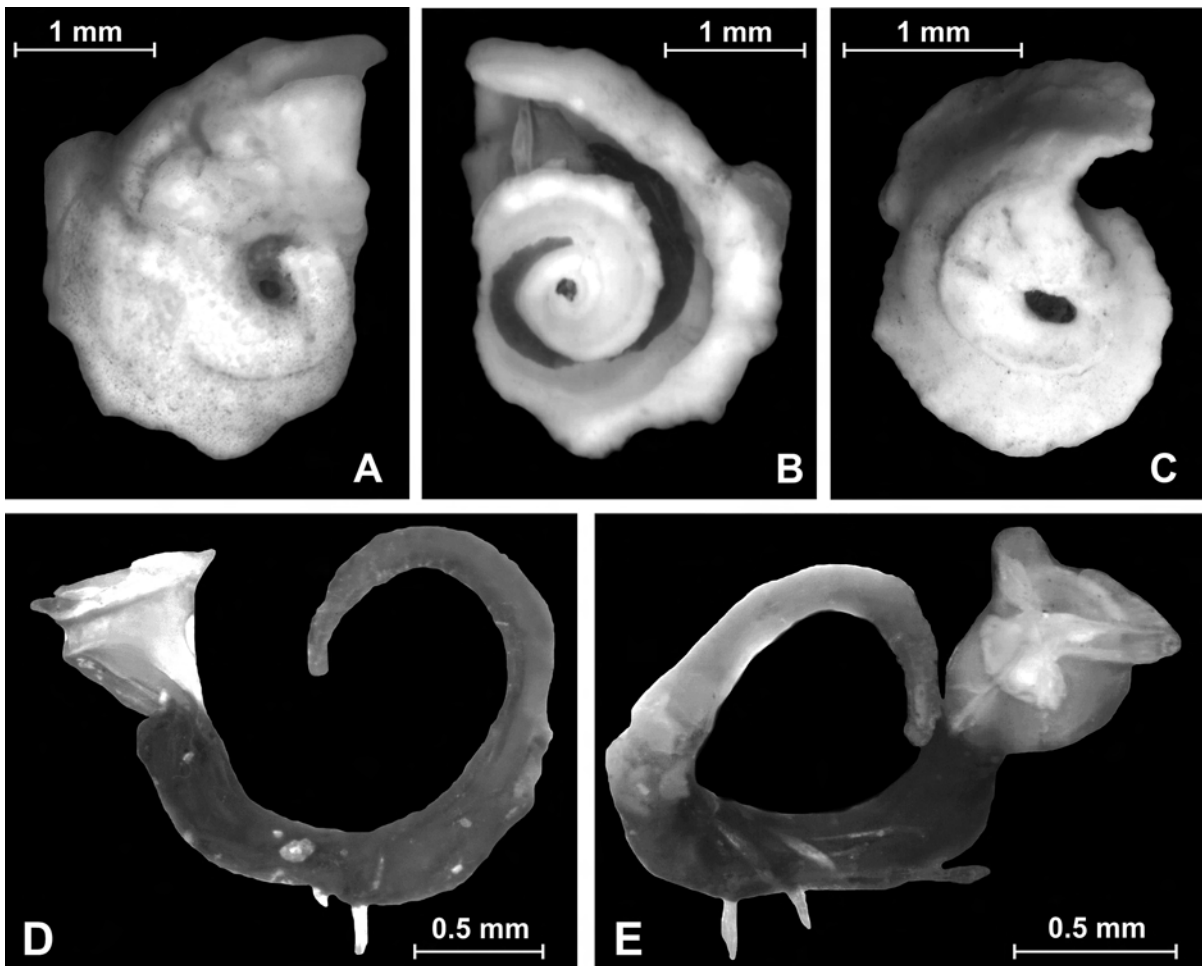


Figure 3. Photos of *Bushiella (B.) barentsii* sp. n., tube and body. A: tube with two longitudinal ridges, top view; B: body inside the tube detached from substratum, view from the side of substratum; C: tube with one longitudinal ridge, top view; D: entire body in the natural position; E: entire body, view from the substrate side, three thoracic fascicles are visible. A-B, D-E: holotype ZISP 1/50577; C: paratypes IEE 4b/2862. Photo: Alexander V. Rzhavsky.



Figure 4. Photos of *Bushiella* (*B.*) *barentsii* sp. n., operculum. A-C: empty brood chamber with completely fused primary operculum, front, lateral and top views respectively; D: brood chamber with complete fused primary operculum, distance between distal part of brood chamber and free edge of primary operculum plate is well visible, front-lateral view; E: brood chamber with bracken free edge of primary operculum plate, top-lateral view; F: brood chamber with serrated fluted edge of calcareous zone on the lateral wall, top-frontal view; G: primary operculum of the specimen of adult size, front-lateral view; H: primary operculum of juvenile (small size) specimen with typical talon, front view; I: primary operculum of juvenile (small size) specimen with rhomboid talon and bifurcated distal end, front view; J: primary operculum of juvenile (small size) specimen, lateral view. A-C: holotype; D: paratype 2a/2860; E: paratype 3a/2861; F: paratype 2b/2860; G: paratype 3b/2861; H: paratype 2d/2860; I-J: paratype 2c/2860. Photo: Alexander V. Rzhavsky.

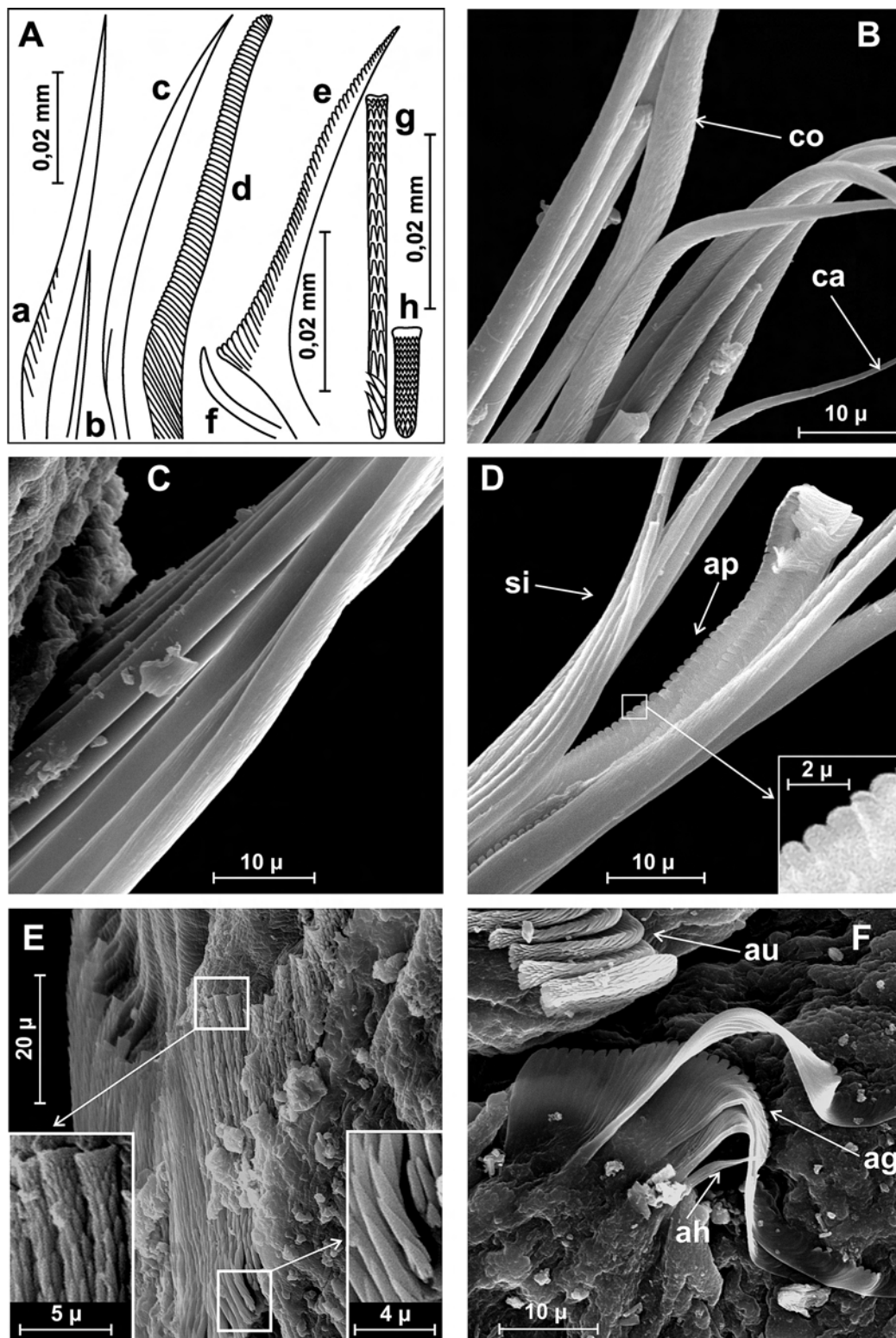


Figure 5. Line drawings (A) and scanning electron microscopy (SEM) micrographs (B-F) of *Bushiella (B.) barentsii* sp. n., chaetae. Aa: collar chaeta; Ab: companion capillary chaeta of the 1st chaetiger; Ac: simple chaeta off the 2nd chaetiger; Ad: sickle chaeta off the 3rd chaetiger; Ae: abdominal flat geniculate chaeta; Af: abdominal companion capillary hooked chaeta; Ag: large thoracic uncini; Ah: abdominal uncini; B: collar chaetae (co) and companion capillary chaeta (ca) off the 1st chaetiger; C: simple chaetae off the 2nd chaetiger; D: simple (si) and sickle (*Apomatus*) (ap) chaetae off the 3rd chaetiger; E: thoracic uncini; F: abdominal chaetae: flat geniculate (af), capillary hooked (ah) and uncini (au). A: holotype; B-F: paratypes IEE 1/2859. Photo B - F: Nadezhda Surovenkova.

fascicles. Abdominal uncini (Figure 5 Ah, Fau) rasp-shaped with blunt anterior pegs and numerous longitudinal rows of teeth, distribution fairly symmetrical on both sides of body. Largest tori in middle-posterior part of abdomen.

Colour: Colour of live specimens unknown. Preserved specimens are dark brown probably as a result of temporary period of desiccation.

Differential diagnosis and remarks.

The new species differs from all other thirteen species of *Bushiella* in having an unusual structure of its mature brood chamber. Except for *Bushiella* (*Bushiella*) *abnormis* (Bush, 1905) having multiple primary opercula (several primary opercula forming one above the other, with their talons interconnected by a sclerotized strand, see Figure 6 D (a, b) in Knight-Jones et al. 1979), all other species form only a single opercular plate that is completely fused with the distal part of brood chamber after its development (e.g., *Bushiella* (*Jugaria*) *similis* (Bush, 1905), *B. (Jugaria) quadrangularis* (Stimpson, 1854), *B. (B.) evoluta*, see Knight-Jones et al. 1979; Knight-Jones 1984) or firmly attached to the lateral wall of mature brood chamber by talon only, leaving some space between the plate of primary operculum and the distal part of the brood chamber (e.g. *Bushiella* (*Jugaria*) *granulata* (Linnaeus, 1767), *Bushiella* (*Bushiella*) *valida* (Verrill in Smith and Harger, 1874), see Knight-Jones et al. 1979; Knight-Jones 1984). Based on this feature, *B. (B.) barentsii* sp. n. occupies an intermediate position: the distal plate of primary operculum is fused with the distal part of the brood chamber only in the central part and with the side adjacent to the talon, leaving space between the distal plate and brood chamber on the opposite side and laterally. However, very careful observations are needed because the free edge of the primary operculum may be broken, giving an illusion that the primary operculum is completely fused with brood chamber; when this is the case, the central fused part of distal plate visible as a spot on the distal part of the brood chamber.

Another characteristic feature that distinguishes the new species from other species of *Bushiella* is the calcified zone of the lateral wall of brood chamber. This zone is very extensive, distinct and of irregular, approximately rounded shape; its distal edge sometimes may be denticulate and the surface looks somewhat fluted. Other species lack the lateral calcified zone like *B. (B.) evoluta* (see Knight-Jones 1984), but if the zone is present, it is either indistinct as in *Bushiella* (*Jugaria*) *acuticostalis* (Rzhavsky, 1991) (see Rzhavsky 1991) or distinct, but with smooth, even distal edge as in *B. (J.) similis*, *B. (J.) quadrangularis*, *B. (B.) valida* (see Knight Jones et al. 1979, Knight-Jones 1984).

Immature specimens of *B. (B.) barentsii* lack brood chambers and may be distinguished by the talon morphology. The talons are large and winged laterally, of irregular form. Sometimes they may resemble heart-shaped talons of *B. (B.) valida* (see

Figure 2A in Knight-Jones 1984). Finally, *B. (B.) barentsii* and *B. (B.) valida* are the only two *Bushiella* species reaching 4–5 mm or larger in coil diameter, whereas members of all the other species do not exceed 3 mm. However, *B. (B.) valida* has tubes lacking any longitudinal ridges, whereas tubes of *B. (B.) barentsii* bear 1–2 distinct longitudinal ridges. Moreover, some juvenile specimens have rhomboid (diamond-shaped) talons similar to that of *B. (J.) quadrangularis*, but the latter species has a domed distal opercular plate (see Knight-Jones et al. 1991, Figure 4 a–c) and belongs to subgenus with distinct fin-and-blade collar chaeta.

Etymology.

The species is named after the Barents Sea where it was found.

Ecology.

Found at 56 m deep. Substrate is unknown, small shell fragments were attached to the bottom of two specimens. Based on the tube morphology (Rzhavsky 1994), the new species most likely occupies hard substrata, such as shells and stones and, probably, carapaces of large decapods.

Distribution.

Spitsbergen Bank, Barents Sea.

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