



## Systematic and biostratigraphy of the genera *Parasolenopleura*, *Badulesia*, and *Pardailhaniania* in the Iberian Chains: a useful zonation for the Miaolingian Series (former middle Cambrian) in the Mediterranean region

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### ABSTRACT

The trilobite species of three genera included in the Family Solenopleuridae: *Parasolenopleura*, *Badulesia*, and *Pardailhaniania* are revised. These genera have a great biostratigraphic interest due to their broad distribution in the Miaolingian Series (former middle Cambrian) of the Mediterranean Subprovince and because they constitute an evolutionary lineage, that facilitates an accurate regional correlation. Two of these genera (*Pardailhaniania* and *Badulesia*) have been used to define middle Cambrian zones in Spain (lower and middle Caesaraugustan, equivalent to the uppermost Wuliuan and the lower Drumian stages). Although, all authors have been using the same species to establish the Mediterranean biozonation of this interval time, the zone concept has been modified since Sdzuy's original idea. A thorough study of three localities from the Iberian

### RESUMEN

Se revisan las especies de tres géneros de trilobites pertenecientes a la Familia Solenopleuridae: *Parasolenopleura*, *Badulesia* y *Pardailhaniania*. Estos géneros tienen un gran interés bioestratigráfico debido a su amplia distribución en la Serie Miaolingiense (antiguo Cámbrico medio) de la Subprovincia Mediterránea y por constituir un linaje evolutivo que facilita una correlación regional precisa. Dos de estos géneros (*Pardailhaniania* y *Badulesia*) han sido utilizados para definir zonas del Cámbrico medio en España (Caesaraugustiense inferior y medio, equivalente a la parte más alta del piso Wuliuense y al Drumense inferior). A pesar de que todos los autores han utilizado las mismas especies para establecer la biozonación Mediterránea, el concepto de zona ha sido modificado desde la idea original de Sdzuy. El estudio completo de tres localidades de las Cadenas Ibéricas



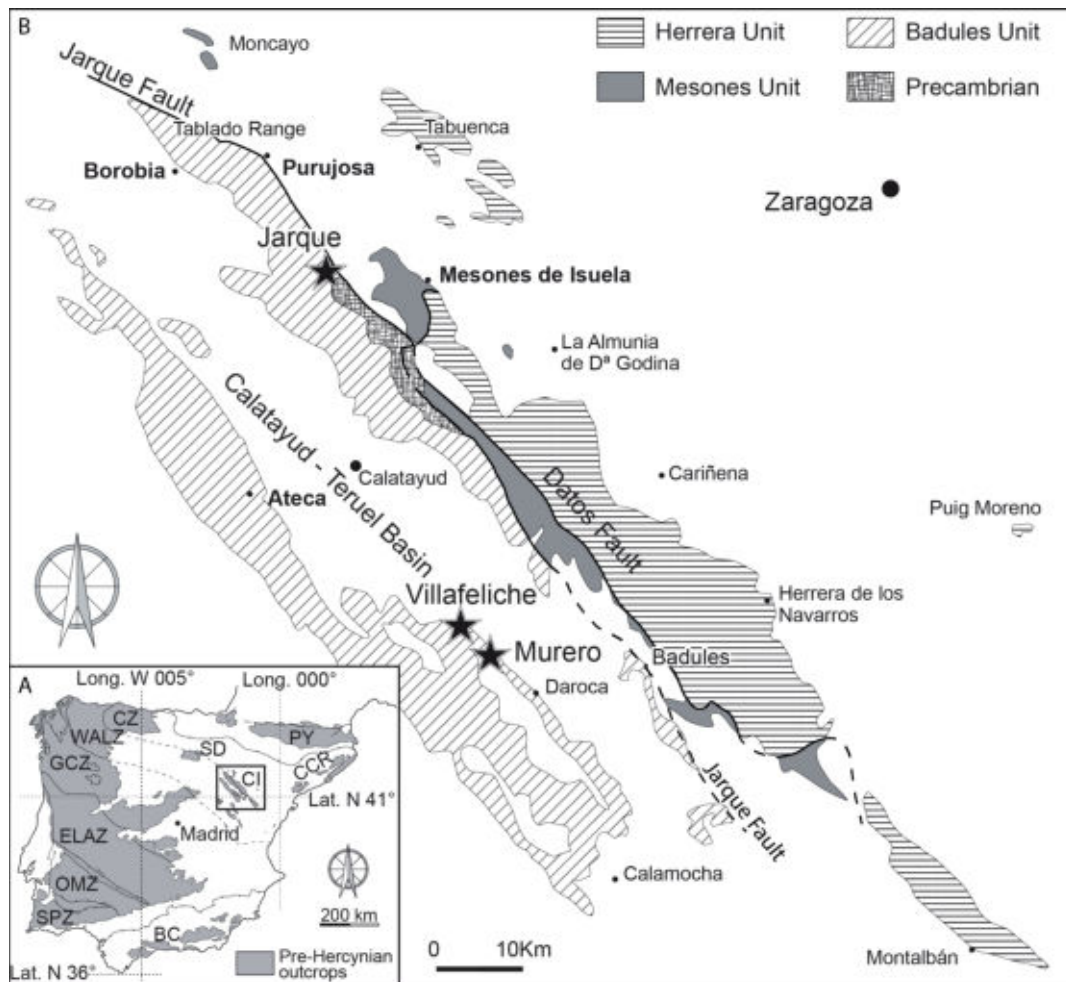
Solenopleuridae species, that in stratigraphical order are *Parasolenopleura* cf. *wurmi* Geyer, 2017, *Parasolenopleura aculeata* (Angelin, 1851), *Badulesia tenera* (Hartt in Dawson, 1868), *Badulesia granieri* (Thoral, 1935), *Badulesia paschi* (Sdzuy, 1958), *Pardailhania hispida* (Thoral, 1935), *Pardailhania multispinosa* Thoral, 1948, *Pardailhania morisca* Álvaro, 1996, and *Pardailhania szzyi* Liñán & Gozalo, 1986. Both *Parasolenopleura* species have been identified for the first time in the Iberian Chains. *P. aculeata* was defined in Sweden where it is restricted to the *Ptychagnostus gibbus* Zone (Weidner & Nielsen, 2009). Also, *P. aculeata* has been found together with *B. tenera* in Sierra de Córdoba (Spain) (Liñán *et al.*, 1995b) and Avalonia (Fletcher, 2006), the other species are endemic to the Mediterranean subprovince (Sdzuy *et al.*, 1999; Gozalo *et al.*, 2011b).

The intensive sampling and deep study of three sections in the Iberian Chains [Rambla de Valdemiedes 1 (RV1), Jarque 1 (J1) and Villafeliche 1 (Vi1)] together with the complementary data from other localities (biz Ateca, Borobia, Mesones, Murero and Purujosa) have

permitted us to establish the morphological variation range of the species using evolutionary criteria. Furthermore, the detailed analysis of the stratigraphic distribution of these species could allow us to redefine the zonation for the lower and middle Caesaraugustan (Miaolingian Series) in the Iberian Chains, which is applicable in the Mediterranean region.

## 2. GEOLOGICAL AND STRATIGRAPHIC SETTING

The Iberian Chains (NE Spain) represent one of the best places to study Cambrian fossils from lower Cambrian to Furongian in the Mediterranean region. The Cambrian rocks were discovered by Verneuil (1862) who found the Primordial Fauna in the locality of Murero (Iberian Chains) (Fig. 2). Syntheses on the Cambrian palaeontological record of the Iberian Chains have been published by Liñán *et al.* (1996c, 2008) and Gozalo *et al.* (2008).



**Figure 2.** Map of the Iberian Peninsula (a) showing pre-Hercynian outcrop areas and the location of the studied sections in the Iberian Chains (b). Modified from Gozalo & Liñán (1988).

The levels studied herein belong to the Mesones Group (Bilbilian to lower Languedocian; i.e. Stage 4 of Cambrian to Drumian). This stratigraphic group is widely known as a rich source of trilobite species and other fossils such as bradoriids, nektaspids, brachiopods, echinoderms, sponges, hyoliths, palaeoscoleuids, lobopods or radiodontans, algae and ichnofossils (Sdzuy, 1961; Liñán & Gozalo, 1986; Mergl & Liñán, 1986; Gámez-Vintaned & Mayoral, 1992, 1995; Liñán *et al.*, 1996c, 2008; Liñán & Mergl, 2001; García-Bellido *et al.*, 2007, 2011; Gozalo *et al.*, 2004, 2008, 2018; Zamora, 2010; Gámez-Vintaned *et al.*, 2011; Mergl & Zamora, 2012; Pates & Daley, 2017; Gámez-Vintaned & Zhuravlev, 2018). The Mesones Group is subdivided into three formations: Valdemiedes, Mansilla and Murero formations (Liñán *et al.*, 1992, 2002, 2004). The trilobites species revised herein have

been found from the top of the Valdemiedes Formation to the lower part of the Murero Formation and range from middle Leonian to middle Caesaraugustan (equivalent to Wuliuan to lower Drumian stages; Miaolingian Series). The stratigraphic distribution of trilobites in the Iberian Chains has been plotted (Fig. 3) from the Leonian to lower upper Caesaraugustan, along with the tentative correlation with the uppermost Stage 4, Wulian, and lower Drumian (Liñán *et al.*, 1996c, 2008; Dies *et al.*, 2004; Gozalo *et al.*, 2007, 2011b, 2013).

Although the material has been collected from several sections and localities in the Iberian Chains (Ateca, Borobia, Jarque, Mesones de Isuela, Murero, Purujosa, and Villafeliche) and Sierra Morena (Fuente de Bernardo 1 in Córdoba and La Albuera 1 in Badajoz), three sections of them have been studied in detail (Figs 4-6): Rambla de

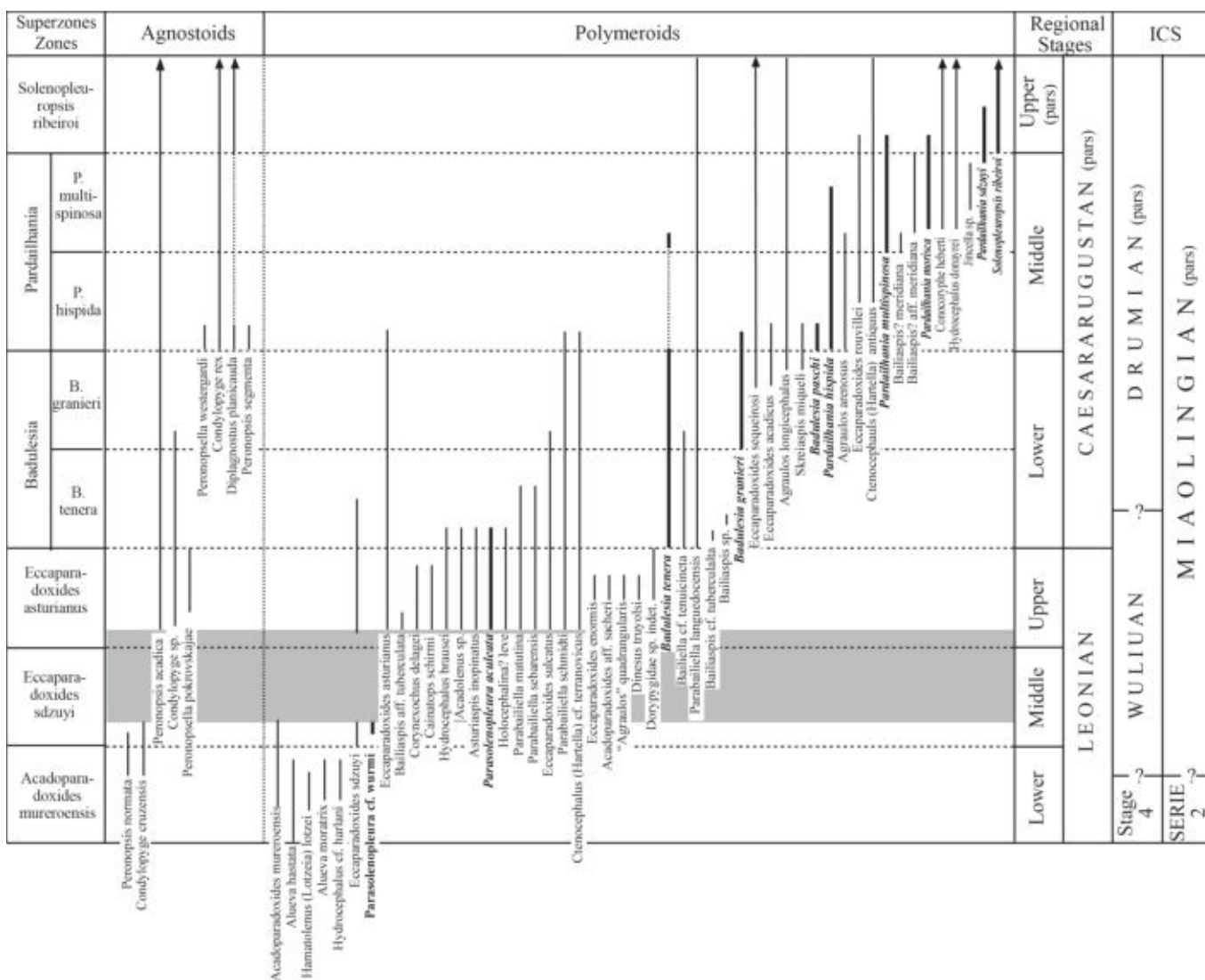
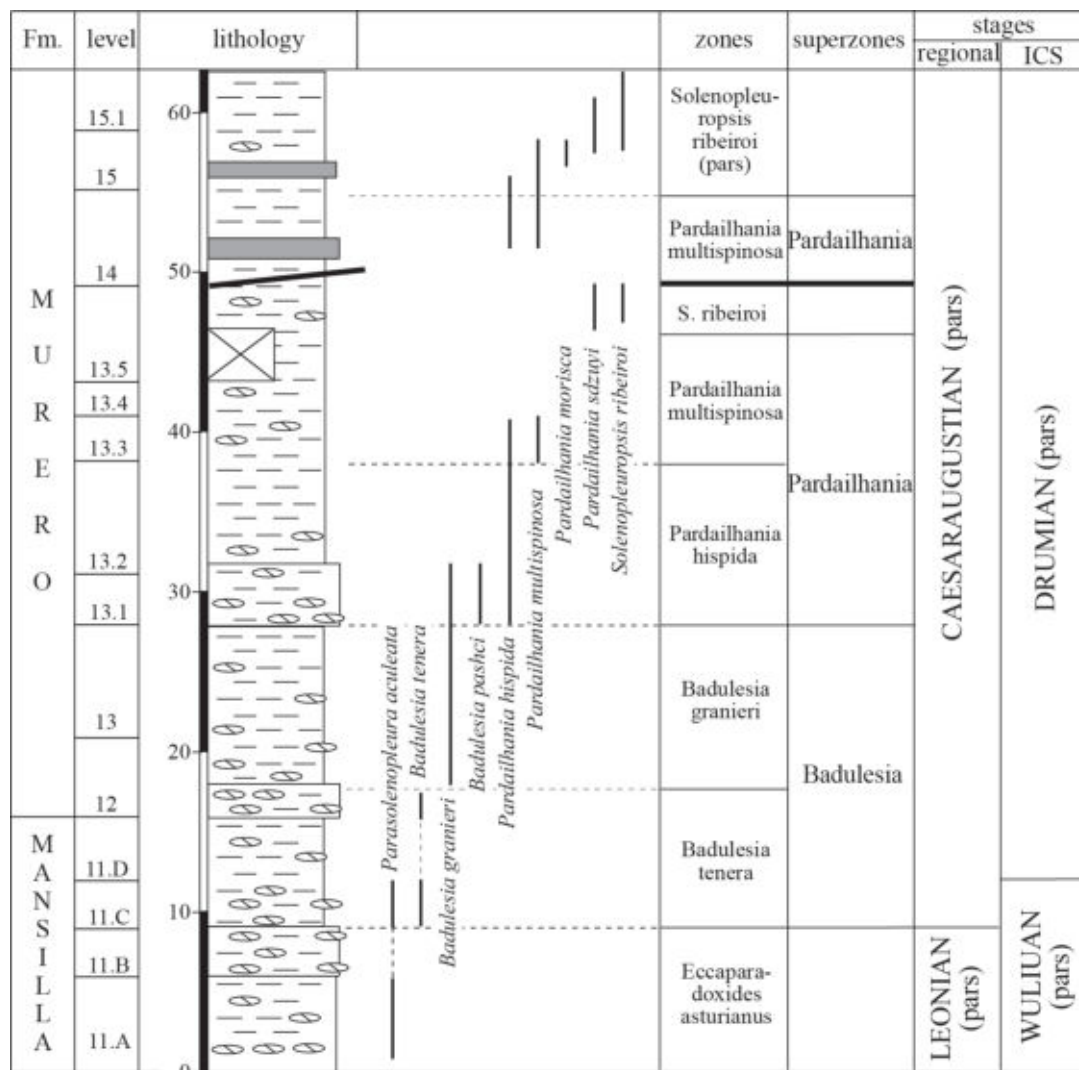


Figure 3. Stratigraphic distribution of trilobite species between the Leonian and the early middle Caesaraugustan (uppermost Stage 4 of Cambrian to Drumian). Names of species revised herein are highlighted in bold.





**Figure 4.** Stratigraphy of the Mansilla Formation and lower part of the Murero Formation in the Rambla de Valdemedies 1 section - RV1 (modified from Liñán & Gozalo, 1986; Liñán *et al.*, 2008; Gozalo, 2017). Levels with *Parasolenopleura*, *Badulesia*, and *Pardailhanian* species are indicated by vertical lines. See Figure 5 for legend.

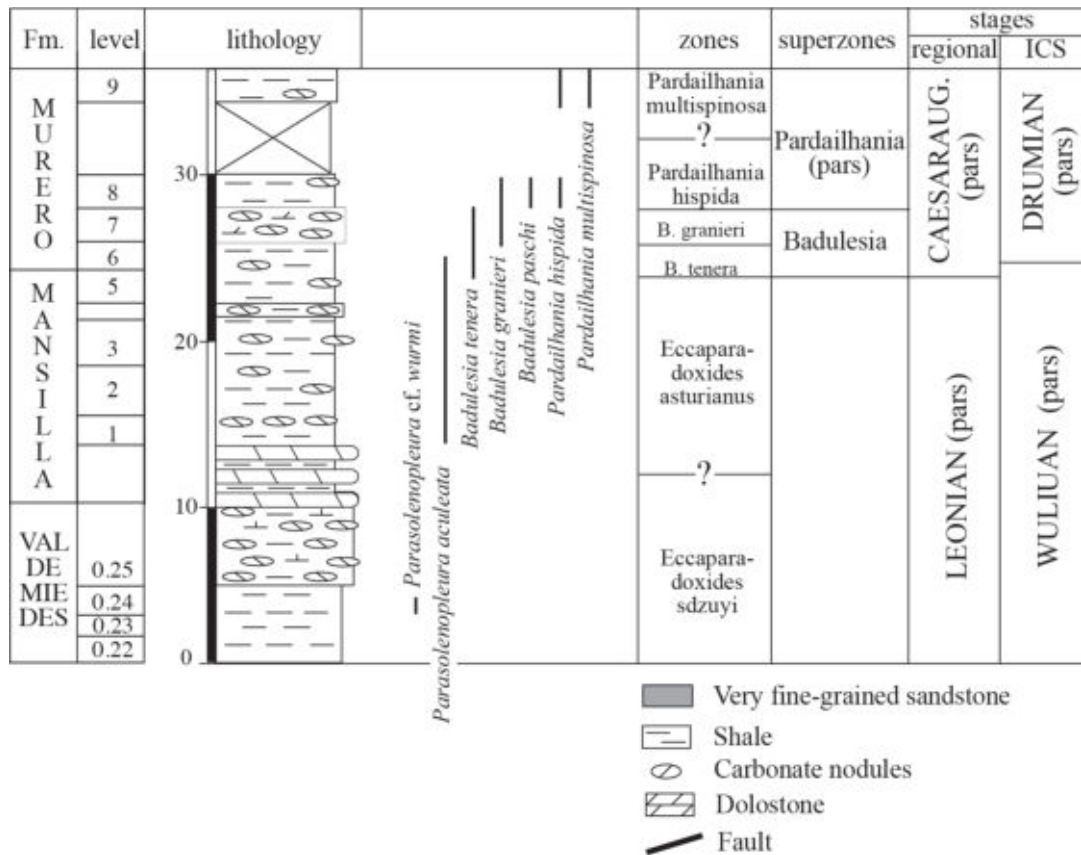
Valdemedies 1 in Murero (RV1, Fig. 4) (Liñán & Gozalo, 1986, Gozalo *et al.*, 1996; Liñán *et al.*, 2008; Gozalo, 2017), Villafeliche 1 (Vi1, Fig. 5) (Gozalo *et al.*, 1993, 1996; Dies & Gozalo, 2004) and Jarque 1 (J1, Fig. 6) (Liñán *et al.*, 1996b, 2008; Chirivella-Martorell *et al.*, 2003).

### 3. SYSTEMATIC PALAEONTOLOGY

The material studied in this work is deposited in the Museo de Ciencias Naturales de la Universidad de Zaragoza (University of Zaragoza Museum of Natural Sciences), Spain – formerly known (until 2012) as Museo Paleontológico de la Universidad de Zaragoza (University of Zaragoza Museum of Palaeontology; see Canudo, 2018).

Part of the material studied herein has been previously published (see synonym list). Nonetheless, the majority of the specimens correspond to the sampling carried out during the completion of the doctoral thesis of Chirivella-Martorell (2008) and subsequent field campaigns.

These sampling were accurately bed-by-bed and it has allowed us to observe that the stratigraphic order of appearance of species is always the same in the studied sections. In addition, it has been possible to verify the morphological variation of the different species both in the same bed and in successive beds. The new material of Solenopleuropsinae found presents the same morphological features as the previously studied material. This reinforces the evolutionary concept proposed by Sdzuy (1968) for this group since the morphological changes, variations in the number of tubercles of the preglabellar area, and



**Figure 5.** Stratigraphy of the upper Valdemiedes Formation, Mansilla Formation, and lower part of the Murero Formation in the Villafeliche 1 section - Vi1 (modified from Gozalo *et al.* 1993, 1996; Dies & Gozalo, 2004). Levels with *Parasolenopleura*, *Badulesia*, and *Pardailhanian* species are indicated by vertical lines.

presence or absence of ridges in the surface of fixigena and glabella follow a pattern in their development from the oldest specimens to the most modern. This fact has allowed designing an evolutionary scheme of the morphological variation range of the species using evolutionary criteria and the previous phylogenetic proposals by Szuy (1968) and Álvaro & Vizcaíno (2001) with slight modifications due to the publication of new material of the group (Gozalo *et al.*, 2011a) and the new data represented in Figure 7. This phylogenetic proposal corroborates the adequacy of the biozonation and its consideration as a phylozonation in this work. In addition, in other areas of the Mediterranean Subprovince, although in less detail, it could be verified that the stratigraphic order of appearance of the different species is always the same and, therefore, this zonation is useful throughout the Mediterranean Subprovince.

Order PTYCHOPARIIDA Swinnerton, 1915

Family **Solenopleuridae** Angelin, 1854

Subfamily **Solenopleurinae** Angelin, 1854

Genus *Parasolenopleura* Westergård, 1953

Type species *Calymene aculeata* Angelin, 1851, by original designation Westergård (1953: 21).

*Parasolenopleura aculeata* (Angelin, 1851)  
(Fig. 8)

\* 1851 *Calymene aculeata* Angelin, 1851; Angelin, p. 23, pl. 19, fig. 2.

1854 *Liostracus aculeatus* (Angelin); Angelin, p. 27, pl. 19, fig. 2.

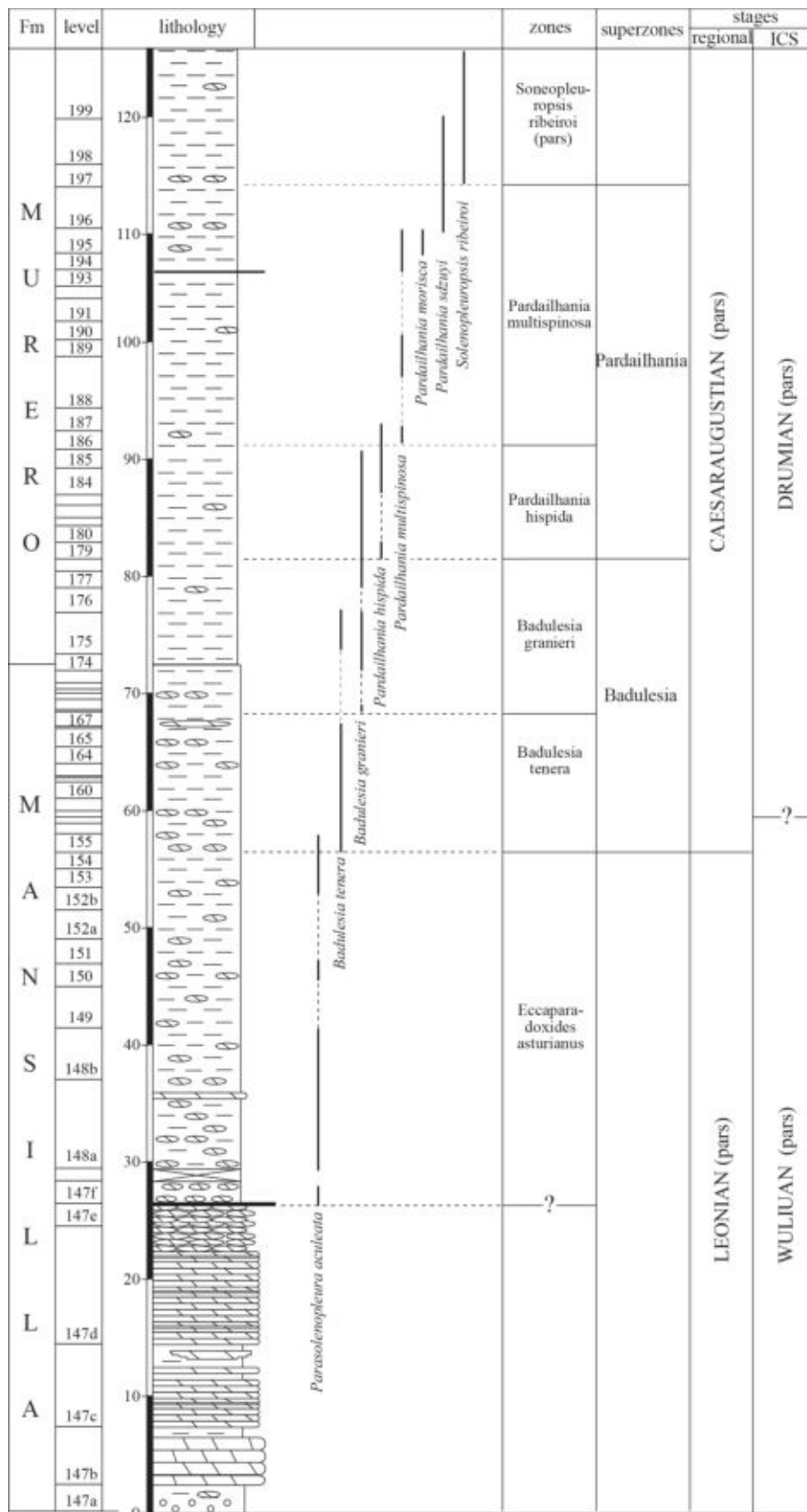
1868 *Conocephalites orestes* Hartt, MS; Hartt *in* Dawson, p. 648.

1868 *Conocephalites ouangondianus* Hartt, MS; Hartt *in* Dawson, p. 651-652, fig. 226.

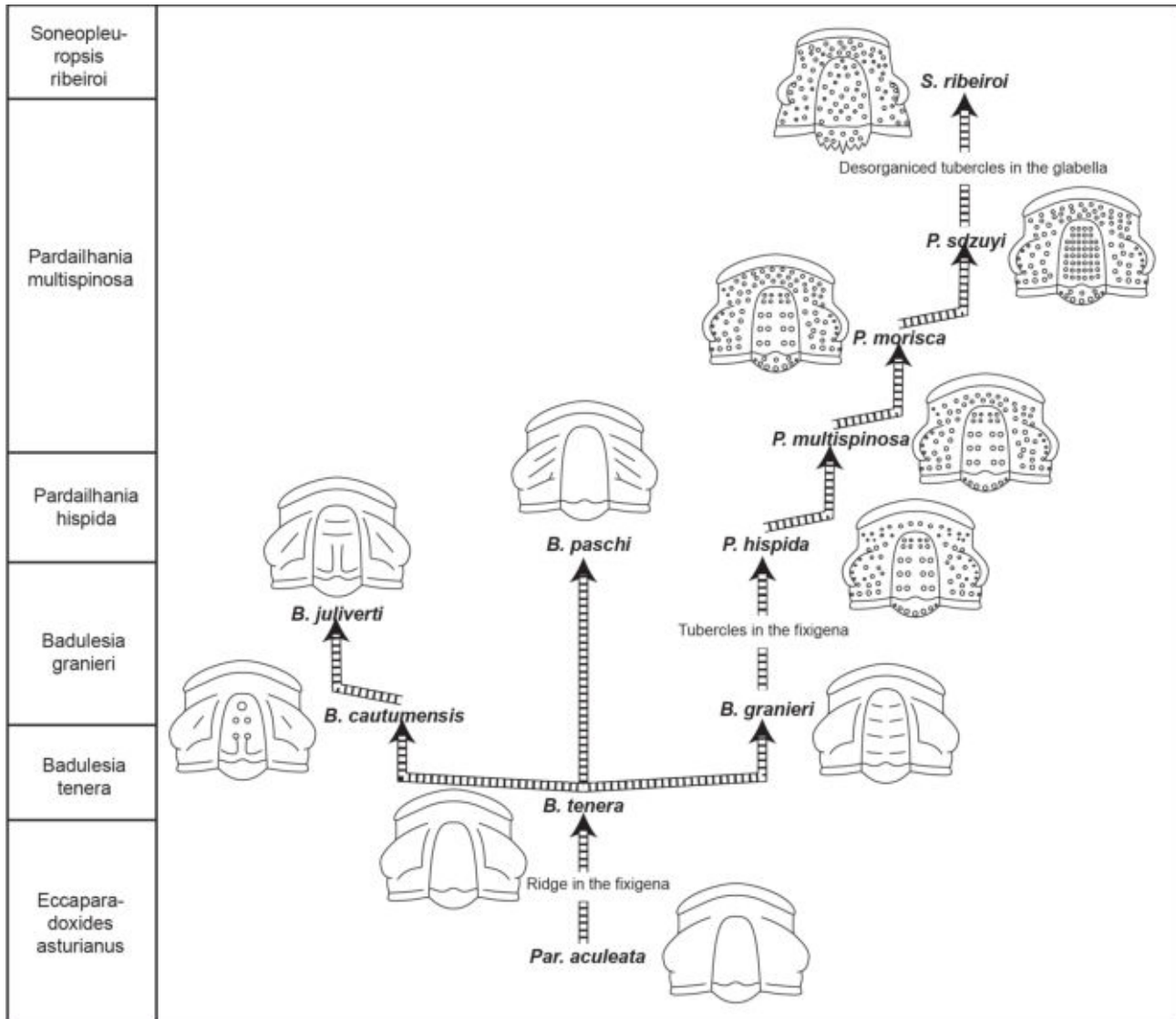
1868 *Conocephalites aurora* Hartt, MS; Hartt *in* Dawson, p. 653.

1868 *Conocephalites quadratus* Hartt, MS; Hartt *in* Dawson, p. 654.

1878 *Calymene aculeata* Angelin, 1851; Angelin, p. 23, pl. 19, fig. 2.



**Figure 6.** Stratigraphy of the Mansilla Formation and lower part of the Murero Formation in the Jarque 1 section - J1 (modified from Liñan *et al.*, 1996b, 2008) sections. Levels with *Parasolenopleura*, *Badulesia*, and *Pardailhania* species are indicated by vertical lines. See Figure 5 for legend.



**Figure 7.** Diagram showing a tentative evolution of the genus *Badulesia* and *Pardailhania*, modified from Sdzuy (1968) and Álvaro & Vizcaíno (2001), including the species *Badulesia cautumensis* Gozalo *et al.*, 2011a.

1878 *Liostracus aculeatus* (Angelin); Angelin, p. 27, pl. 19, fig. 2

? 1878 *Liostracus aculeatus* (Angelin); Brøgger, p. 46 (30), pl. 3, fig. 3 (cf. *Parasolenopleura spinigera* Westergård, *vide* Westergård, 1953, p. 23).

1879 *Liostracus aculeatus* (Angelin); Linnarsson, p. 11-13, pl. 1, figs. 12-15.

1883 *Liostracus aculeatus* (Angelin); Linnarsson, p. 22.

1884 *Ptychoparia orestes* (Hartt); Walcott, p. 37, pl. 5, fig. 4.

1884 *Ptychoparia ouangondiana* (Hartt); Walcott, p. 37, pl. 5, fig. 4.

1884 *Ptychoparia ouangondiana* var. *aurora* (Hartt); Walcott, p. 38, pl. 5, fig. 5.

1884 *Ptychoparia orestes* (Hartt); Walcott, p. 39, pl. 5, fig. 3.

1884 *Liostracus aculeatus* (Angelin); Walcott, pl. 6, fig. 6.

1888 *Liostracus ouangondianus* (Hartt); Matthew, pp. 138-142, pl. 1, fig. 4; pl. 22, fig. 7.

1889 *Liostracus aculeatus* (Angelin); Lesley, p. 351, fig.

1897 *Liostracus validus* n. sp.; Matthew, p. 179, pl. II figs., 7a-b.

1906 *Liostracus aculeatus*; Wiman, p. 287. [Listed].

1913 *Liostracus aculeatus* (Angelin); Walcott, p. 137, pl. 13, fig. 6.

1929 *Liostracus aculeatus* (Angelin); Strand, p. 351, pl. 2, fig. 5.



1937 *Andrarina aculeatus* (Angelin); Raymond, p. 1106.

1942 *Andrarina quadrata* (Hartt); Schmidt, pp. 373-374, pl. 23, fig. 4.

1944 *Andrarina ouangondiana* (Hartt); Shimer & Shrock, p. 605, pl. 276, fig. 26.

1953 *Parasolenopleura aculeata* (Angelin, 1851); Westergård, p. 23-25, pl. 5, figs. 6-10; pl. 6 figs. 1-4.

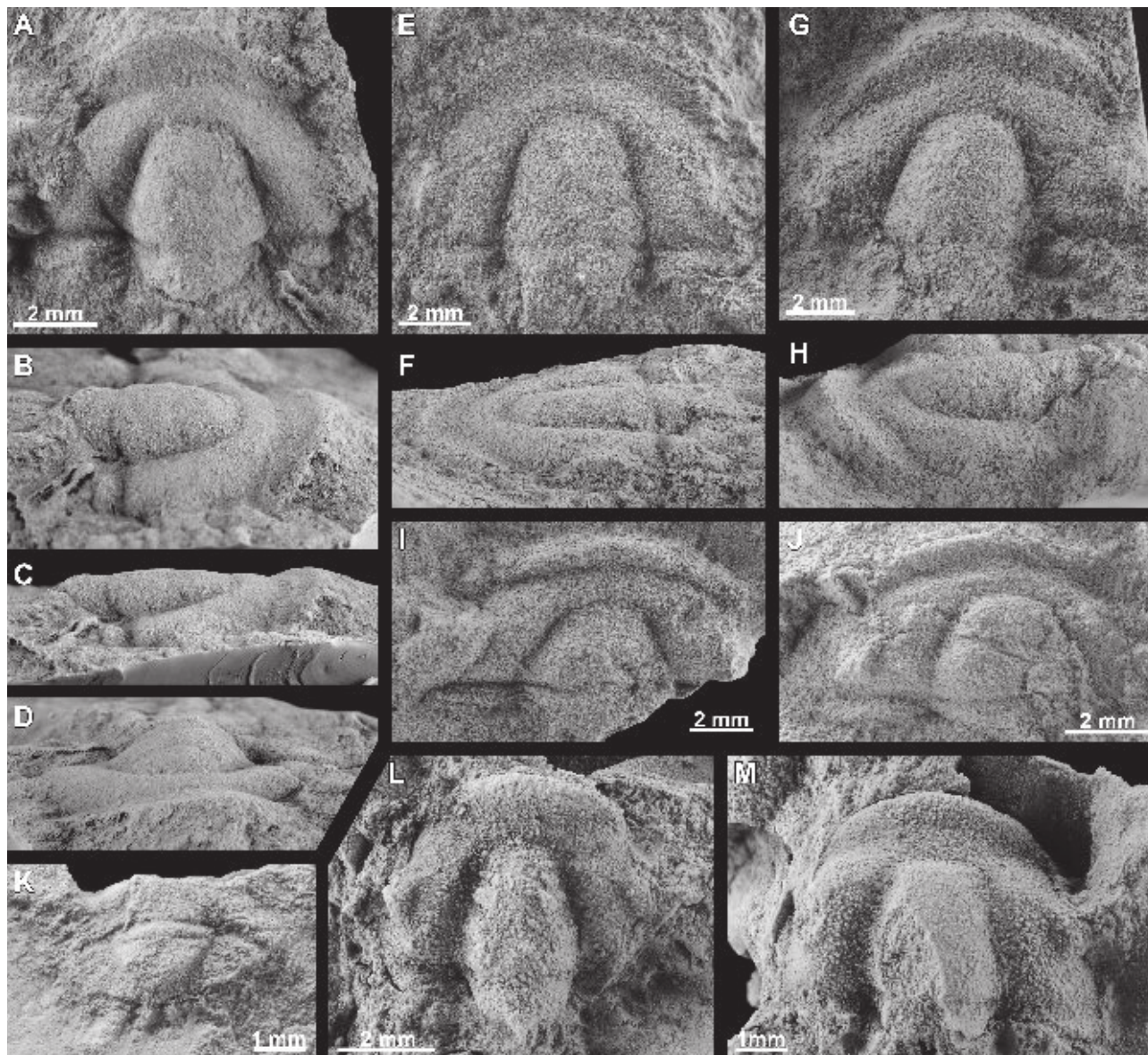
1957 *Pardailhanian* sp.; Sdzuy, p. 26, fig. 14.

1958 *Solenopleurina aculeata* (Angelin); Šnajdr, p. 200.

1966 *Parasolenopleura* cf. *aculeata* (Angelin); Rushton, 1966, p. 47, pl. 6, fig. 14.

1966 *Parasolenopleura aculeata* (Angelin); Sdzuy, p. 72.

1968 *Badulesia* n. sp. A; Sdzuy, p. 82-83, 111, table 1.



**Figure 8.** *Parasolenopleura aculeata* (Angelin, 1851). **a-d)** Cranium, latex cast, Mansilla Formation, Jarque 1 Section, MPZ2003/132, dorsal, right and frontal views. **e-f)** Cranium, internal mould, Mansilla Formation, Jarque 1 Section, MPZ2003/129, dorsal and left views. **g-h)** Cranium, internal mould, Mansilla Formation, Villafeliche 1 Section, MPZ2003/76, dorsal and left views. **i)** Cranium, internal mould, Mansilla Formation, Mesones 3 Section, MPZ2003/76, dorsal view. **j)** Cranium, internal mould, Mansilla Formation, Jarque 1 Section, MPZ2003/71, dorsal view. **k)** Pygidium, internal mould, Mansilla Formation, Villafeliche 1 Section, MPZ2003/1456, dorsal view. **l)** Cranium, internal mould, Los Villares Formation, Fuente Bernardo 1 Section (Ossa-Morena Zone, Córdoba), MPZ95-31, dorsal view. **m)** Cranium, internal mould, Los Villares Formation, Fuente Bernardo 1 Section (Ossa-Morena Zone, Córdoba), MPZ95-30, dorsal view.

? 1973 *Solenopleurina?* cf. *aculeata* (Angelin); Courtessole, p. 178, pl. 17, fig. 9.

1979 *Parasolenopleura aculeata* (Angelin); Neben & Krüger, pl. 115, fig. 12.

v 1986 *Badulesia* sp.; Liñán & Gozalo, p. 62, pl. 23, fig. 6.

1988 *Parasolenopleura* cf. *aculeata* (Angelin); Morris, p. 168.

v 1993 *Badulesia* sp. A *sensu* Sdzuy, 1968; Gozalo *et al.*, pl. I, figs. 6-7.

1994 *Parasolenopleura aculeata* (Angelin, 1851); Babcock, p. 106, fig. 21.

1994 *Parasolenopleura aculeata* (Angelin, 1851); Rudolph, p. 211-212, pl. 26, figs. 10-14.

v 1995a *Parasolenopleura* sp.; Liñán *et al.*, fig. 21-6.

v 1995b *Parasolenopleura aculeata* (Angelin, 1851); Liñán *et al.*, p. 229, pl. III, figs.5-7.

v 1996a *Parasolenopleura* sp.; Liñán *et al.*, fig. 13.

v 2001 *Badulesia* sp. A; Álvaro & Vizcaíno, 2001, pl I, fig. 1.

2002 *Parasolenopleura aculeata* (Angelin, 1851); Schöning, fig. 5.

? 2003 *Parasolenopleura* cf. *aculeata* (Angelin); Axheimer & Ahlberg, p. 150, fig. 7I.

2005 *Parasolenopleura aculeata* (Angelin, 1851); Fletcher, text-fig. 5J.

p 2005 *Parasolenopleura ouangondiana* (Hartt in Dawson, 1868); Fletcher, text-fig. 5.K, 5.L, 5.O.

? 2005 *Parasolenopleura?* sp.; Dean, p. 40, pl. 9, figs. (r), (s), (u).

2006 *Parasolenopleura aculeata* Fletcher, 79-80, 86, 117.

2009 *Parasolenopleura aculeata* (Angelin, 1851); Weidner & Nielsen, fig. 17F-G

**Material and locality.** One exuvia with cephalon and four thoracic segments, over 120 cranidia and one pygidium, as internal and external moulds preserved in red and brown dolostone and lutites from Mansilla Formation (Iberian Chains). The specimens revisited herein are housed under references MPZ 3062, MPZ 7876, MPZ 7877, MPZ 17001 and MPZ 17002, and the new material that have not published previously are MPZ 2003/37, MPZ 2003/41 to MPZ 2003/77, MPZ 2003/129, MPZ 2003/132, MPZ 2003/136, MPZ 2007/1456, MPZ 2007/1886 and MPZ 2019/1042 to MPZ 2019/1049.

**Remarks.** *Parasolenopleura aculeata* is identified for the first time in the Iberian Chains. This well-known species was defined in Sweden by the accurate description by Westergård (1953). The material studied herein shows the main characteristics of this species *sensu* Weidner & Nielsen (2009; p. 267): “the upturned anterior border and well-defined eye ridges”. However, the palpebral lobe in the Spanish material is bigger than in the Scandinavian material. We consider this difference an intraspecific variation similar to the wide variations accepted for *Parasolenopleura gregaria* (Billings, 1865) by Fletcher (2005).

The Spanish material was previously classified as *Badulesia* sp. A by Sdzuy (1968), *Badulesia* sp. by Liñán & Gozalo (1986), *Badulesia* sp. A *sensu* Sdzuy, 1968 by Gozalo *et al.* (1993) and Álvaro & Vizcaíno (2001), and *Parasolenopleura* sp. by Liñán *et al.* (1995a, 1996a). Chirivella-Martorell (2008) revisited this Spanish material and collected new samples of this taxon; he identified those specimens as *Parasolenopleura ouangondiana* in accordance with the generic assignation by Fletcher (2005).

Several authors have highlighted the similar morphology between *Parasolenopleura aculeata* and ‘*Conocephalites*’ *ouangondianus* Hartt in Dawson, 1868. Westergård (1953; p. 25) considered that the main difference is the morphology of librigena, while Sdzuy (1968; p. 111) focused the main difference on the anterior border morphology. However, the specimens of *P. aculeata* figured by Strand (1929; pl. 2 fig. 5) and Weidner & Nielsen (2009; fig. 17F) show the same border morphology than ‘*Conocephalites*’ *ouangondianus*. Furthermore, Strand (1929) and Fletcher (2006) considered *C. ouangondianus* as a junior synonym of *P. aculeata*, idea which we are agree. This variability in the anterior border is shown in samples recorded in the same level (Figs 8a-8d, 8e-8f).

Two other species with morphological similarity to *P. aculeata* are *P. lusatica* Sdzuy, 1970 and *P. wurmi* Geyer, 2017. *P. lusatica* shows a plain border and a narrower preglabellar area than *P. aculeata*. The main differences of *P. wurmi* Geyer, 2017 to *P. aculeata* are the broader (sag.) preglabellar field of this species (Geyer, 2017).

**Occurrence.** Weidner & Nielsen (2009) summarised in their figure 6 the distribution in Scandinavia of *Parasolenopleura aculeata* where it has only been recorded in the *Ptychagnostus gibbus* Zone. Fletcher (2006) cited the presence of *P. aculeata* in the *Badulesia tenera*, *Hartella bucculenta* at the base of *Paradoxides hicksi* Zones in Eastern Newfoundland that correlated with *Ptychagnostus gibbus* and *P. atavus*-*P. fissus* from Baltica. Liñán *et al.* (1995b) reported the presence of *P. aculeata* in the Los Villares Formation (Fuente Bernardo 1 Section, levels 20b, 22, 23, 24) in the *Badulesia tenera* and base of *B. granieri* Zones.

The specimens previously classified as *Parasolenopleura* sp. has been recorded in the Base of level 4 of Playón Beds



in the Section La Albuera 1 near Zafra (Badajoz province) (Liñán *et al.*, 1995a, 1996a).

The record of *P. aculeata* in the Iberian Chains belongs to *Eccaparadoxides asturianus* Zone to lowermost *Badulesia tenera* Zone, Upper Leonian to lowermost Cesaraugusta regional Stages (Liñán & Gozalo, 1986; Gozalo *et al.*, 1993; Chirivella-Martorell, 2008) correlatables with the Wuliuian Stage.

*Parasolenopleura* cf. *wurmi* Geyer, 2017  
(Fig. 9)

v 1993. *Asturiaspis* sp. 1; Gozalo *et al.*, lám. 1, fig. 3.  
? 2008. *Parasolenopleura?* sp.; Landing *et al.*, 899,  
figs. 8.9, 8.12, 8.13, 8.16.



**Figure 9.** *Parasolenopleura* cf. *wurmi* Geyer, 2017, cranidium, internal mould, Valdemiedes Formation, Villafeliche 1 Section, MPZ 7873, dorsal view.

**Material and locality.** One cranidia as external mould preserved in blue and grey lutite from Valdemiedes Formation (Iberian Chains) in the Villafeliche section (Fig. 4). The specimen studied herein is housed under reference MPZ 7873.

**Remarks.** Gozalo *et al.* (1993) classified this specimen as *Asturiaspis* sp. 1 given the great similarity with this monospecific genus. Although the specimen differs in one of the diagnostic characters used by Sdzuy (1968; 104), i.e. the frontal area is almost as long as the glabella without the occipital ring (ca. 85%); however, juvenile specimens figured by Sdzuy (1968; pl. 5 fig. 9) this relationships is lower (ca. 65%) and more similar to the aragonese specimen (ca. 50%). On the other hand, a wide morphological variation has been accepted by Fletcher (2005) at the new diagnosis of *Parasolenopleura*. The morphology of this specimen is within the accepted

variability for the genus. Recently, Geyer (2017) defined *Parasolenopleura wurmi* which cranidia are very similar to the *P. cf. wurmi* one; where it is possible recognise several of the specific diagnostic characters of this species. The main difference is the narrower preglabellar field and broader anterior border in *P. wurmi* compared with *P. cf. wurmi* that prevent us to a more confident identification.

*P. cf. wurmi* is morphologically very similar to *Parasolenopleura?* sp. figured and discussed by Landing *et al.* (2008) from the Fossil Brook Mb. at Beaver Harbour (BHR-IV-6.9) in New Brunswick (Canada), but the scarcity of specimens does not permit an unequivocal identification.

**Occurrence.** *P. cf. wurmi* has been recorded in the Villafeliche section (Valdemiedes Fm.) in the base of the *Eccaparadoxides szdzy* Zone middle Leonian (Wuliuian Stage).

Subfamily **Solenopleuropsinae** Thoral, 1947

Genus *Badulesia* Sdzuy, 1968

Type species *Liostracus granieri* Thoral, 1935, by original designation Sdzuy (1968: 111).

**Remarks.** Chirivella Martorell *et al.* (2003) emended the diagnosis of this genus. These authors proposed as generic characteristics a raised ridge shape of the anterior and lateral borders of the cephalon and at least a pair of internal ridges in the fixigena, together with the ridge formed by the palpebral lobes and ocular ridge union, these characters allow us to differ genus *Badulesia* from the rest of Solenopleuropsinae genus.

The genus *Braintreella* Wheeler, 1942 has been proposed as a senior synonym of *Badulesia*. Thus Bengtson & Fletcher (1983; 533) cited the specie *Conocephalites tener* as *Braintreella tenera*. This proposal was discussed by Dean in Martin & Dean (1988; 21), who cited the unpublished thesis of Dr. Fletcher “Evidence for considering *Badulesia* a junior subjective synonym of *Braintreella* is not yet published, and for present purposes *Badulesia* is retained provisionally” [sic].

Geyer & Landing (2001; 129-131) reviewed genus *Braintreella* and its type species *Ptychoparia rogersi* Walcott, 1884. They kept only the type species within the genus *Braintreella*. They considered this genus as a subjective synonym of other solenopleurid genus. But the poor preservation of *Braintreella rogersi* prevents they from coming to a firm conclusion.

**Stratigraphic and geographic distribution.** The age of *Badulesia* genus is lower Caesarugustan to the base the middle Cesaraugusta in the Mediterranean Subprovince. It is *Eccaparadoxides etemincus* zone in Avalonian Subprovince (Chirivella Martorell *et al.*, 2003)

and from the *Parasolenopleura tenera* Zone to the base of the *Paradoxides hicksii* Zones in St. Mary's Bay, Newfoundland (Fletcher, 2006). It is equivalent to the uppermost Wuliuan to lower Drumian (Miaolingian Series).

*Badulesia granieri* (Thoral, 1935)

(Fig. 10)

1997. *Badulesia granieri* (Thoral, 1935); Álvaro & Vizcaíno, 546 (with previous synonymy).

v 1999. *Badulesia granieri* (Thoral, 1935); Álvaro *et al.*, fig. 5.E.

2001. *Badulesia granieri* (Thoral, 1935); Álvaro & Vizcaíno, pl. 1, fig. 2.

v 2008. *Badulesia granieri*; Gozalo *et al.*, pl. 3, fig. 5.

v 2015. *Badulesia granieri*; Palacios, pl. 16, fig. 1.

**Material and locality.** 15 specimens with cephalon joined to several thoracic segments, the most complete with 16 thoracic segments, one isolated cephalon, over 300 cranidia, 2 librigena and one pygidium. All of them preserved as external and internal moulds in red, blue and yellow dolostones and lutites; from Mansilla Formation to the base of Murero Formation (Iberian Chains). The specimens revisited herein are housed under references MPZ 3066 to MPZ 3076, MPZ 7878 and MPZ 17010 to MPZ 17013, and the new material that have not published previously are MPZ 2007/1107 to MPZ 2007/1170 and MPZ 2019/1062 to MPZ 2019/1064.

**Remarks.** *Badulesia granieri* was described previously by Sdzuy (1961, 1968) and Courtessole (1973). *B. granieri* shows a glabella with four transversal ridges with a symmetrical arrangement. The thorax shows 15 thoracic segments. Each pleura has a moderately deep pleural furrow and a paddle-like lappet. The segments bear ornamentation and the axial rings show spines.

**Occurrence.** This species has been recorded in France (Thoral, 1935; Courtessole, 1973; Álvaro & Vizcaíno, 2000), Spain (Sdzuy, 1961, 1968, 1969; Liñán & Gozalo, 1986; Gozalo *et al.*, 1993; Liñán *et al.*, 1995b; Palacios, 2015), and Morocco (Geyer *et al.*, 1995; Geyer & Landing, 2006b). All of them in the *Badulesia granieri* and base of *Pardailhanian hispidus* Zones (lower and low middle Caesaraugustan; Drumian).

*Badulesia paschi* (Sdzuy, 1958)

(Fig. 11)

v 1968. *Badulesia paschi* (Sdzuy, 1961); Sdzuy, 114-115, pl. 8, figs. 3-5 (with previous synonymy).

v 1986. *Badulesia paschi* (Sdzuy, 1958); Liñán & Gozalo, 61-62, pl. 23, fig. 9.

v 1991. *Badulesia paschi* (Sdzuy, 1958); Gámez *et al.*, pl. I, fig. 6.

v 1999. *Badulesia paschi*; Álvaro *et al.*, fig. 5.I.

v 2001. *Badulesia paschi* (Sdzuy, 1958); Álvaro & Vizcaíno, pl. 1, fig. 3.

**Material and locality.** 5 cephalons joined to 15 or less thoracic segments, 20 cranidia, one of them joined to thirteen thoracic segments and one free librigena as internal and external moulds in green and light red lutites and beige dolostones. The specimens revisited herein are housed under references MPZ 3065, MPZ 7854 and MPZ 17006 to MPZ 17008, and the new material that have not published previously are MPZ 2007/1171 to MPZ 2007/1182, MPZ 2007/1185 and MPZ 2019/1058 to MPZ 2019/1061.

**Remarks.** For a detail description of this species see Sdzuy (1961, 1968). *B. paschi* shows a librigena with another ridge between the ocular crest and the posterior ridge. *B. paschi* only has been found in Northern Spain.

**Occurrence.** This species shows a narrow stratigraphic distribution in the base of *Pardailhanian hispidus* Zone (Middle Caesaraugustan; Drumian).

*Badulesia tenera* (Hartt in Dawson, 1868)

(Fig. 12)

v 2003. *Badulesia tenera* (Hartt in Dawson, 1868); Chirivella Martorell *et al.*, 89-99, figs. 3, 4 (with previous synonymy).

2005. *Parasolenopleura tenera* (Hartt, in Dawson 1868); Fletcher, text-fig. 5.M, 5.P, 5.Q.

p 2005. *Parasolenopleura ouangondiana* (Hartt, in Dawson, 1868); Fletcher, text-fig. 5.N.

2006b. *Badulesia tenera* (Hartt, 1868); Geyer & Landing, fig. 39.

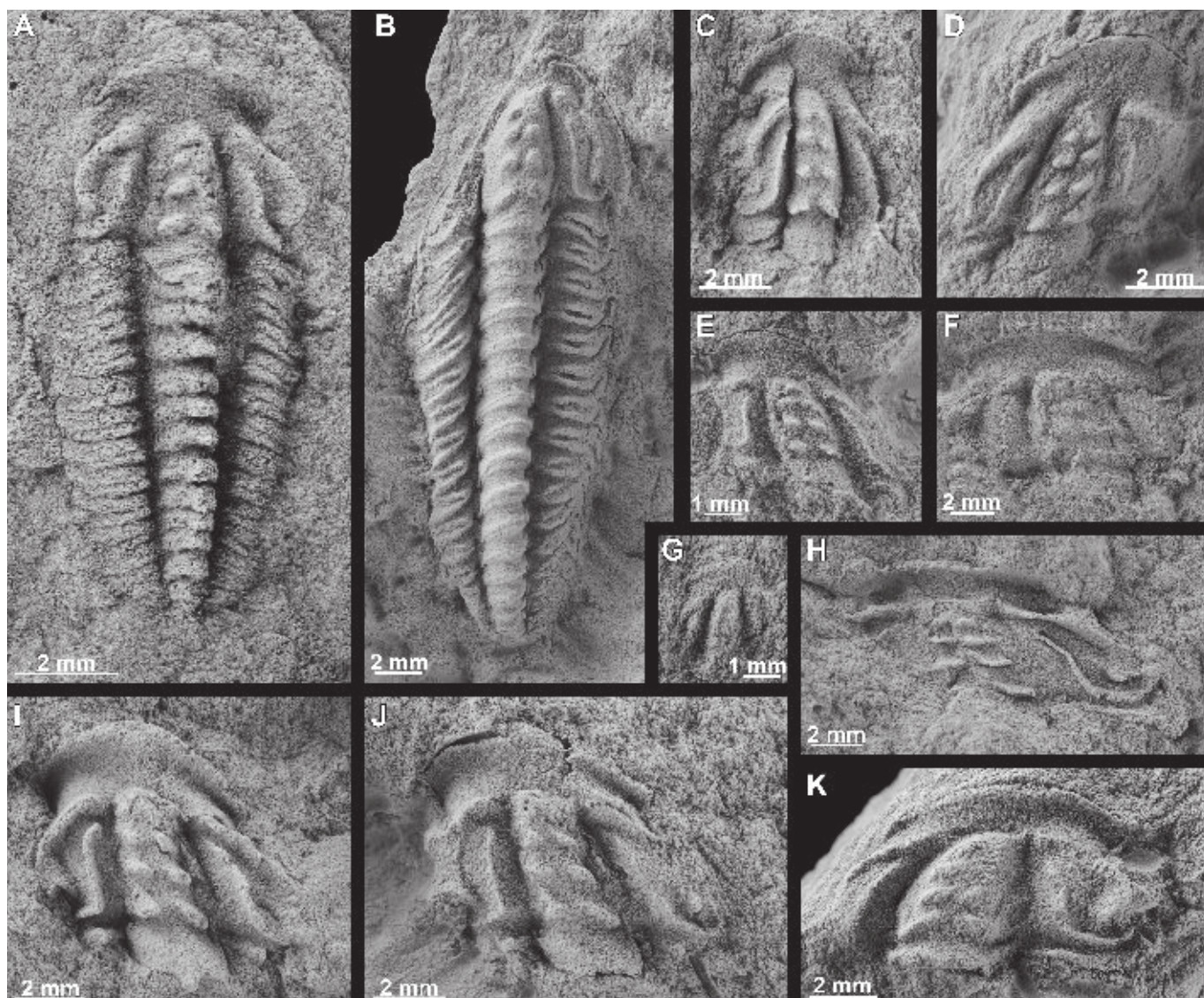
v 2008. *Badulesia tenera*; Gozalo *et al.*, pl. 3, fig. 2.

2010. *Badulesia tenera* Sdzuy 1968 [sic]; Elicki & Geyer in Heuse *et al.*, fig. 3.21.

v 2011a. *Badulesia tenera* (Hartt in Dawson, 1868); Gozalo *et al.*, 77-78, figs. 4.D, 4.E, 5.

**Material.** A complete specimen, over 200 cranidia, nine cephalons and one exuvium with five thoracic segments. All of them preserved as internal and external moulds in green and red lutites and beige dolostones. The specimens revisited herein are housed under references MPZ 3063, MPZ 3064, MPZ 7850, MPZ 17003 to MPZ 17005, MPZ 2001/131 to MPZ 2001/192 and MPZ 2001/198, and the





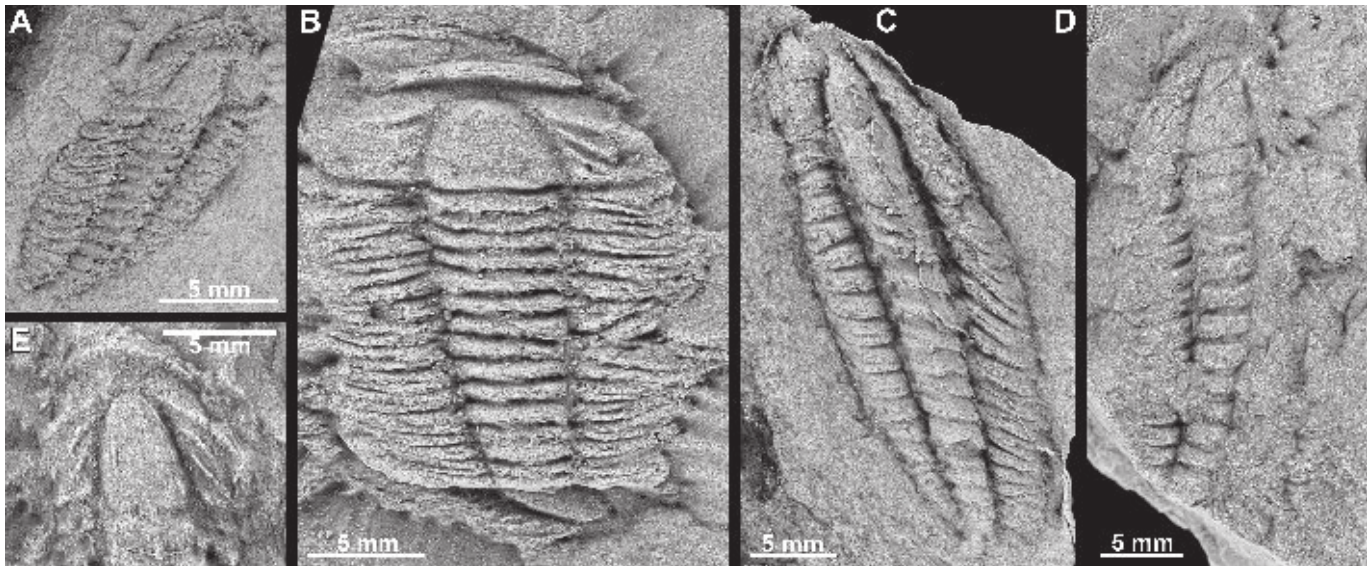
**Figure 10.** *Badulesia granieri* (Thoral, 1935). **a)** Cranidium and 13 thoracic segments, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 2 section, MPZ 2019/1062. **b)** Cephalon and 17 thoracic segments, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 2 Section, MPZ 3070. **c)** Cranidium, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 2 Section, MPZ 3069. **d)** Cranidium, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 2 Section, MPZ 3075. **e)** Cranidium, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 2 Section, MPZ 3073. **f)** Cranidium, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 2 Section, MPZ 3074. **g)** Cranidium, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 1 Section, MPZ 3067. **h)** Cranidium, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 2 Section, MPZ 3071. **i-j)** Cranidium, latex cast and internal mould of the same specimen, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 2 Section, MPZ 3066 and MPZ 3068. **k)** Cranidium, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 1 Section, MPZ2007/141.

new material that have not published previously are MPZ 2007/193, MPZ 2007/1104 to MPZ 2007/1106, MPZ 2007/1393, MPZ 2007/1445 and MPZ 2019/1050 to MPZ 2019/1057.

**Remarks.** Chirivella Martorell *et al.* (2003) studied *Badulesia tenera* biometrically and emended the genus *Badulesia* diagnosis. Fletcher (2005) proposed the

inclusion of *B. tenera* in genus *Parasolenopleura* due its strong similarity. Nevertheless, we consider *B. tenera* as a *Badulesia* species since *Parasolenopleura* does not present the typical structures of the genus *Badulesia* such as at least a pair of internal ridges in the fixigena, together with the ridge formed by the palpebral lobes and ocular ridge union, this being a defining characteristic of the genus *Badulesia* (see Chirivella Martorell *et al.*, 2003).





**Figure 11.** *Badulesia paschi* (Sdzuy, 1958). **a)** Cranidium and 13 thoracic segments, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 1 Section, MPZ2007/1185. **b)** Cranidium and 14 thoracic segments, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 1 Section, MPZ17008. **c)** Cranidium and 15 thoracic segments, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 1 Section, MPZ 3065. **d)** Cranidium and 13 thoracic segments, internal mould, Murero Formation, Villafeliche 1 Section, MPZ2007/1178. **e)** Cranidium, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 1 Section, MPZ2007/1183.

**Occurrence.** See Chirivella Martorell *et al.* (2003), later to this work, this specie has been found in the Rambla de Valdemedies 1 and Villafeliche 1 sections. Also, it has been found in the Purujosa area (Jorge Esteve, 2011, personal communication). Its biostratigraphic distribution goes from the *B. tenera* Zone to the base of the *P. hispida* Zone in the Iberian Chains. Fletcher (2006) also described a wide distribution of this species in St. Mary's Bay (Newfoundland) ranging between *Parasolenopleura tenera* Zone and the base of *Paradoxides hicksii* Zone; uppermost Wuliuan-Drumian in age.

Genus *Pardailhanian* Thoral, 1947

Type species *Solenopleura? hispida* Thoral 1935, by original designation Thoral (1947; 60).

**Remarks.** Thoral (1948; 56-60) described *Pardailhanian* and considered the number of tubercles in the preglabellar field as a diagnostic character. This author distinguished between *P. hispida* (with one row) and *P. multispinosa* (with two rows). Sdzuy (1958; 241) defined *P. hispida* also with two rows in the preglabellar field. Sdzuy (1958, 1961) differentiated *P. multispinosa* of *P. hispida* by the size and density of the spiny tubercles. Courtessole (1973) revisited the French species and described new material that revealed the morphological variability range in *P. hispida* and *P. multispinosa*. Also, he described and figured one specimen of *P. multispinosa* with three rows of tubercles in the preglabellar field.

Afterwards, Liñán & Gozalo (1986; 62-64) recognized four *Pardailhanian* species in Murero (*hispida*, *hispanica*, *multispinosa* and *sdzuyi*); they indicated that a revision of *P. hispida* and *P. multispinosa* was necessary, but maintained the species defined by Sdzuy (1958) and defined *P. sdzuyi* Liñán & Gozalo, 1986 with three spiny tubercles rows in the preglabellar field and seven or eight rows on the glabella. Álvaro (1996) defined a new species, *P. morisca* that characterised by the presence of three spiny tubercles rows in the preglabellar field and four to six in the glabella. Álvaro & Vizcaíno (1997; 546-548) emended the definitions of *P. hispida* and *P. multispinosa*. For this species proposed as main character the presence of two spiny tubercles rows in the preglabellar field.

More than 500 cranidia of *Pardailhanian* have been collected in stratigraphic order in the Iberian Chains sections. The studied specimens show three main evolutive trends in the cranidia ornamentation that have been previously commented on Sdzuy (1961, 1968), Courtessole (1973), Liñán & Gozalo (1986) and Álvaro & Vizcaíno (2001): 1) the number of spiny tubercles rows on the preglabellar area increases from one to three; 2) the number of spiny tubercles rows in the glabella (without occipital ring) in the earlier forms is four or five while in the modern forms up to nine rows. It is observed that the number of spiny tubercles increases from the earliest forms to modern forms; 3) the number of spiny tubercles rows in the occipital ring is one for the earlier forms and two for the modern.





**Figure 12.** *Badulesia tenera* (Hartt in Dawson, 1868). **a)** Exuvia, cephalon and 8 thoracic segments, latex cast, morphotype A, Mansilla Formation, Jarque 1 section, MPZ2001/142. **b-c)** Bad preserved specimen, with cephalon, thorax and pygidium, Mansilla Formation, Jarque 1 section, MPZ 2019/1050; **c,** close-up of the pygidium. **d)** Cranidium, latex cast, morphotype B, Mansilla Formation, Jarque 1 section, MPZ2001/182. **e)** Cranidium, latex cast, morphotype A, Mansilla Formation, Jarque 1 section, MPZ2001/138. **f)** Cranidium, internal mould, morphotype A, Mansilla Formation, Jarque 1 section, MPZ2001/173. **g)** Cranidium, internal mould, morphotype A, Mansilla Formation, Jarque 1 section, MPZ2001/163. **h)** Cranidium, internal mould, morphotype B, Mansilla Formation, Rambla de Valdemiedes 1 section, MPZ2007/1445.



In accordance with the different works published we keep four species of the genus *Pardailhanian*: *P. hispida*, *P. multispinosa* (*P. hispanica* is a junior subjective synonym), *P. morisca* (including the material classified as *P. multispinosa* by Liñán & Gozalo 1986) and *P. szuyi*.

*Pardailhanian hispida* (Thoral, 1935)  
(Fig. 13)

v 1995. *Pardailhanian hispida* (Thoral, 1935); Loi *et al.*, pl. 4, fig. 3.

v 1997. *Pardailhanian hispida* (Thoral, 1935); Álvaro & Vizcaíno, 546-548, fig. 3 1-4 (with previous synonymy).

v 2001. *Pardailhanian hispida* (Thoral, 1935); Álvaro & Vizcaíno, 133, pl. 1, fig. 4.

v 2001. *Pardailhanian hispida* (Thoral, 1935); Álvaro *et al.*, 230, pl. XV, fig. 3.

2005. *Pardailhanian hispida* (Thoral, 1935); Dean, 40-41, pl. 9 (a), (b), (g), (h).

2006. *Pardailhanian hispida* (Thoral, 1935); Dean, 237-238, pl. 1 (f), (g), (i), (k), (q).

v 2008. *Pardailhanian hispida*; Gozalo *et al.*, pl. 3, fig. 4.

v 2010. *Pardailhanian* cf. *hispida* (Thoral, 1935); Esteve *et al.*, fig. 6.A.

v 2011b. *Pardailhanian hispida* (Thoral, 1935); Gozalo *et al.*, fig. 6.M.

v 2013. *Pardailhanian* cf. *hispida* (Thoral, 1935); Esteve, fig. 4.B.

**Material and locality.** 60 cranidia and four cephalae with several thoracic segments preserved as external and internal moulds in grey, green and yellow lutites from Murero Formation (Iberian Chains). The specimens revisited herein are housed under references MPZ 3077 to MPZ 3082, MPZ 17017 and MPZ 17018, and the new material that have not published previously are MPZ 2007/1187 to MPZ 2007/1215, MPZ 2008/113, MPZ 2008/116 and MPZ 2008/117.

**Remarks.** For a good description of *Pardailhanian hispida* see Courtessole (1973). Sdzuy (1968) classified the oldest specimens of *P. hispida* as *Pardailhanian hispida* n. ssp. because it presented some morphological similarities with *Badulesia granieri* as the spines in the fixigena and in the ridges of the glabella located in a shallow ridge, different from the more modern *Pardailhanian*. However, he never published a description and definition of this subspecies.

The new material, recorded at successive levels in the different sections of the Iberian Chains, shows a wide

and continuous morphological variation in the cranidia, without observing morphological characters sufficiently different to separate these populations into different taxa. Thus, we accept that *Pardailhanian hispida* has a wide and continuous morphological variation within the features of cranidia (Chirivella Martorell, 2008; Esteve *et al.*, 2008), and that it is not possible to recognise two subspecies, as Sdzuy had proposed.

**Occurrence.** *Pardailhanian hispida* and *P. multispinosa* Zones (middle Cesaraugusta; Drumian) (Liñán *et al.*, 1993; Álvaro & Vizcaíno, 1998; Gozalo *et al.*, 2011b).

*Pardailhanian multispinosa* Thoral, 1948  
(Fig. 14)

\* 1948. *Pardailhanian multispinosa* nov. sp.; Thoral, 55-57, pl III, figs. 8-9.

v 1958. *Pardailhanian hispanica* nov sp.; Sdzuy, 120, pl.8, fig. 6.

v 1961. *Pardailhanian hispanica* Sdzuy, 1958; Sdzuy, 634-636, pl. 25, fig. 5-12.

1961. *Pardailhanian hispida* (Thoral); Dean & Krummenacher, pl. 10, fig. 3.

v 1968. *Pardailhanian hispanica* Sdzuy, 1958; Sdzuy, 120, pl. 8, fig. 6.

p 1973. *Pardailhanian multispinosa* Thoral, 1948; Courtessole, 163-165, pl. XV, figs. 9-13, 15-18.

n 1973. *Pardailhanian multispinosa* Thoral, 1948; Courtessole, pl. XV, fig. 14.

v 1986. *Pardailhanian hispanica* Sdzuy, 1958; Liñán & Gozalo, 63, pl. 25, figs. 2-10.

v 1993. *Pardailhanian hispanica* Sdzuy, 1958; Gozalo *et al.*, 56, pl. I, fig. 9.

v 1997. *Pardailhanian multispinosa* Thoral 1948; Álvaro & Vizcaíno, 548, fig. 3.4-5.

v 2001. *Pardailhanian multispinosa* (Thoral 1948); Álvaro & Vizcaíno, 133, pl. 1, fig. 5-6.

?v 2001. *Pardailhanian* cf. *hispanica*; Liñán & Sdzuy, 258-260, fig. 7a-c.

v 2010. *Pardailhanian multispinosa* Thoral, 1948; Esteve *et al.*, fig. 7.A-B.

v 2013. *Pardailhanian multispinosa*; Esteve, fig. 2. B.

**Material and locality.** 100 cranidia and 15 cephalae with several thoracic segments preserved as external and internal moulds in grey, green and yellow lutites from Murero Formation (Iberian Chains). The specimens





**Figure 13.** *Pardailhania hispida* (Thoral, 1935). **a)** Cranidium, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 2 section, MPZ2007/1194. **b-c)** Cranidium, internal mould and latex cast of the same specimen, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 2 section, MPZ 3078. **d-e)** Cranidium, internal mould and latex cast of the same specimen, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 2 section, MPZ 3079. **f)** Cranidium, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 2 section, MPZ 3077. **g)** Cranidium, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 1 section, MPZ 3082. **h)** Cranidium, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 1 section, MPZ 3080.

revisited herein are housed under references MPZ 3083 to MPZ 3091, MPZ 7879 and MPZ 17019 to MPZ 17021, and the new material that have not published previously are MPZ 2008/114, MPZ 2008/170 and MPZ 2019/1066.

**Remarks.** For a good description see Courtessole (1973). We agree with the proposal of Álvaro & Vizcaïno (1997) who includes all the *Pardailhania* specimens with two spiny tubercles in the preglabellar field *multispinosa*. Thus, *P. hispanica* is a junior subjective synonym of *P. multispinosa*.

**Occurrence.** *Pardailhania multispinosa* Zone to base of the *Solenopleuropsis ribeiroi* Zone (middle Caesaraugustan; Drumian).

*Pardailhania morisca* Álvaro, 1996  
(Fig. 15)

p 1973. *Pardailhania multispinosa* Thoral, 1948; Courtessole, pl. XV, fig. 14.

v 1986. *Pardailhania multispinosa* Thoral, 1948; Liñán & Gozalo, pl. 25, fig. 11, pl. 26 figs. 1-2.

v\* 1996. *Pardailhania morisca* n. sp.; Álvaro, 77, pl. 3, fig. 1.

v 1997. *Pardailhania morisca* Álvaro, 1996; Álvaro & Vicaïno, 548, fig. 3.6.





**Figure 14.** *Pardailhanian multispinosa* Thoral, 1948. **a)** Cephalon with 9 thoracic segments, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 2 section, MPZ 3089. **b)** Cranidium, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 2 section, MPZ 3085. **c)** Cranidium, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 2 section, MPZ 3083. **d)** Cranidium, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 1 section, MPZ 3087. **e)** Cranidium, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 2 section, MPZ 3084. **f)** Cranidium, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 1 section, MPZ 3091. **g)** Cranidium, latex cast, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 1 section, MPZ 3088.

**Material and locality.** 20 cranidia preserved as external and internal moulds in grey, green and yellow lutites from Murero Formation (Iberian Chains). The specimens revisited herein are housed under references MPZ 3092 to MPZ 3096, MPZ 17022 and 17023.

**Remarks.** For a good description of *Pardailhanian morisca* see Álvaro (1996).

**Occurrence.** Upper part of the *Pardailhanian multispinosa* Zone to base of the *Solenopleuropsis ribeiroi* Zone (middle Caesaraugustan; Drumian).



*Pardailhanian* *szuyi* Liñán & Gozalo, 1986  
(Fig. 16)

v 1957. (Zwischenform von *Solenopleuropsis* und *Pardailhanian*); Sdzuy, 25.

v 1961. *Solenopleuropsis* n. sp.; Sdzuy, 641-643, pl. 24, fig. 13.

? 1964. *Conocoryphe sulzeri* Schloth; Meléndez & Asensio Amor, 9-10, pl. II, fig C.

v\* 1986. *Pardailhanian* *szuyi* n. sp.; Liñán & Gozalo, 64-65, pl. 26, figs. 4-11.

v 1997. *Pardailhanian* *szuyi* Liñán & Gozalo, 1986; Álvaro & Vicaíno, 548-549, fig. 3.7.

v 1999. *Pardailhanian* *szuyi*; Sender *et al.*, 345-347, pl. 1, fig. 1.

? 2005 *Pardailhanian* sp.; Dean, 41, pl. 9, fig. c.

**Diagnosis** (as in Liñán & Gozalo, 1986; 64). Species of *Pardailhanian* with three rows of spiny tubercles in the preglabellar field, between seven to eight rows in the glabella and two rows of spines in the occipital ring.

**Material and locality.** At least 150 cranidia and 10 cephalons, some of them with four or five thoracic segments

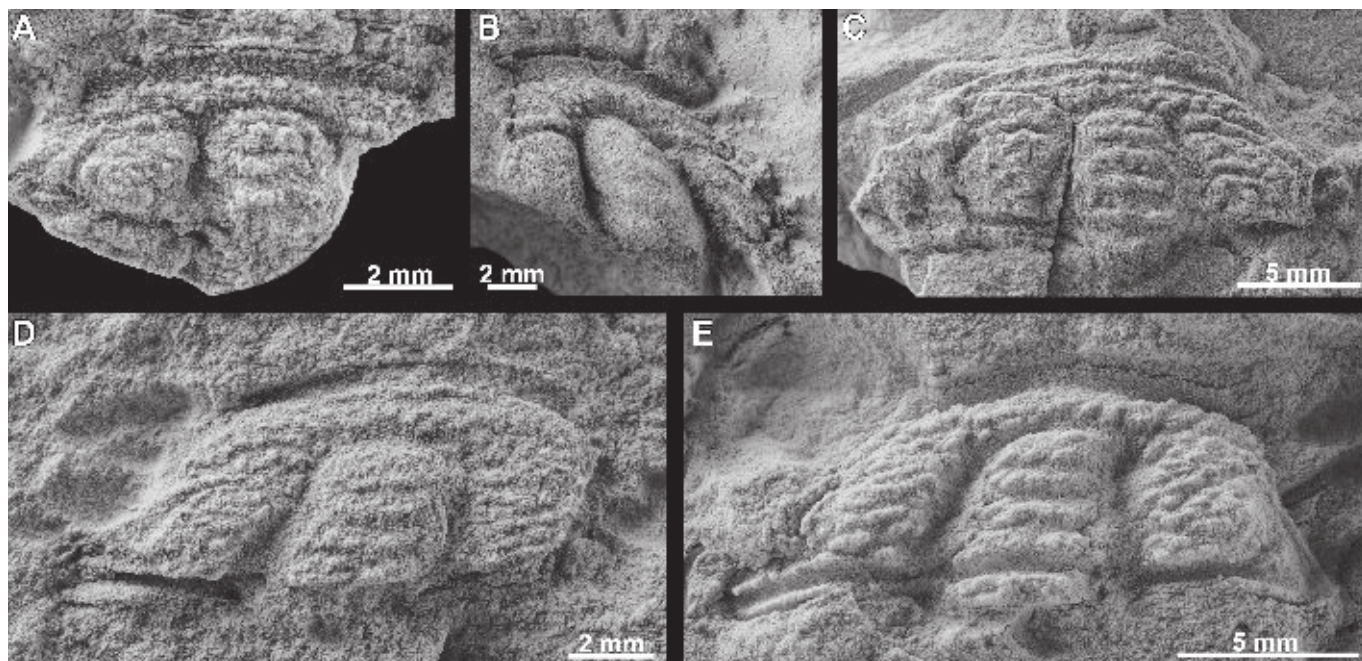
as external and internal moulds in grey, green and yellow lutites from Murero Formation (Iberian Chains). The specimens revisited herein are housed under references MPZ 3097 to MPZ 3104, MPZ 9965, MPZ 9966, MPZ 17024 and 17025, and the new material that have not published previously are MPZ 2019/1067 to MPZ 2019/1069.

**Remarks.** For a good description of *Pardailhanian* *szuyi* see Liñán & Gozalo (1986). *Pardailhanian* *szuyi* bears three rows of spines in the preglabellar field as *P. morisca*, but the number of rows in the glabella is bigger in *P. szuyi*.

**Occurrence.** Uppermost *Pardailhanian* *multispinosa* Zone and *Solenopleuropsis* *ribeiroi* Zone (middle and lower upper Caesaragustan; Drumian).

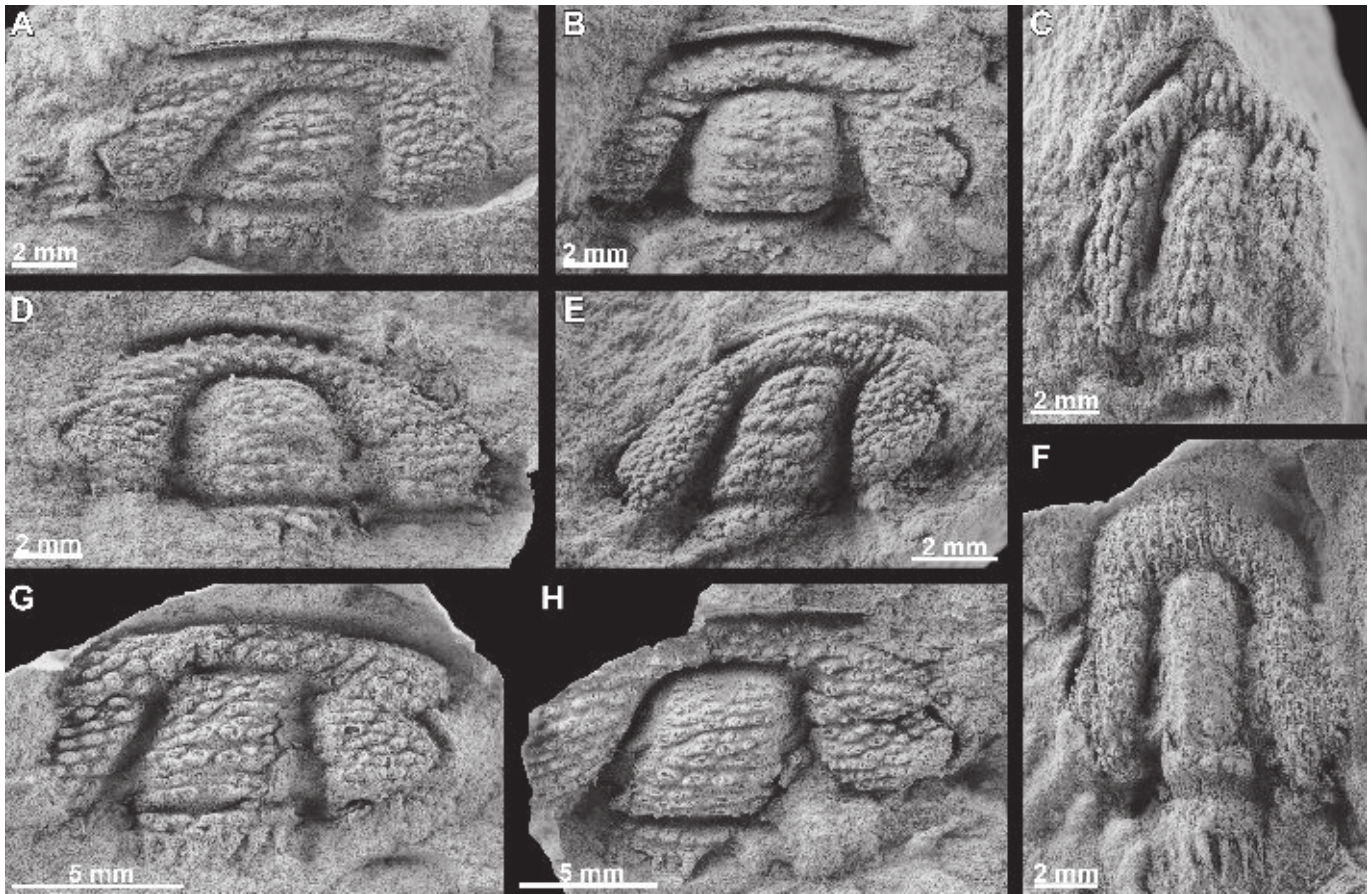
#### 4. BIOSTRATIGRAPHY

The trilobite zonation for mid middle Cambrian in the Iberian Peninsula and France has been classically established using *Solenopleuropsinae* species (Sdzuy, 1968, 1971, 1972; Liñán & Gozalo, 1986; Liñán *et al.*, 1993, 2002; Álvaro & Vizcaíno, 1998).



**Figure 15.** *Pardailhanian* *morisca* Álvaro, 1996. **a)** Cranidium, latex cast, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedes 1 section, MPZ 3096. **b)** Cranidium, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedes 1 section, MPZ 3094. **c)** Cranidium, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedes 1 section, MPZ 3092. **d)** Cranidium, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedes 2 section, MPZ 3095. **e)** Cranidium, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedes 2 section, MPZ 3093.





**Figure 16.** *Pardailhania szuyi* Liñán & Gozalo, 1986. **a)** Cranidium, latex cast, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 2 section, MPZ 3100. **b)** Cranidium, latex cast, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 1 section, MPZ 3103. **c)** Cranidium, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 2 section, MPZ 3102. **d)** Cranidium, latex cast, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 1 section, MPZ 3099. **e)** Cranidium, internal mould, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 2 section, MPZ 3101. **f)** Cranidium, latex cast, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 2 section, MPZ 3098. **g)** Cranidium, latex cast, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 2 section, MPZ 3104, Holotype. **h)** Cranidium, latex cast, Murero Formation, Rambla de Valdemedies 1 section, MPZ 3097.

However, the concepts of the different zones and biozones used in those previous works do not coincide in all. Thus, the detailed revision for the distribution of genera *Badulesia* and *Pardailhania* accomplished herein, allow us to propose a more accurate stratigraphic range for the species of both genera in the Iberian Chains completing the work published by Gozalo *et al.* (2011b).

As shown in Figure 1 (Gozalo *et al.*, 2011b, and our proposal), the phylozones for the lower and middle Caesaraugustan will be *Badulesia tenera*, *Badulesia granieri*, *Pardailhania hispida* and *Pardailhania multispinosa*; in accordance with the tentative evolutionary lineage proposed for this group (see Sdzuy, 1968; Álvaro & Vizcaíno, 2001) (Fig. 7). Furthermore, the detailed analysis of the stratigraphic distribution of the trilobite species in this time interval (Fig. 3) allow us to redefine the zonation for the lower and middle Caesaraugustan (Miaolingian Series) in the Iberian Chains, which is applicable in the Mediterranean region. However, all the index species

have been recorded in France and Spain, while in other areas of the Mediterranean Subprovince only some of the index taxa have been recorded. For this reason we define two superzones: *Badulesia* and *Pardailhania*, that have previously used as informal units.

The *Badulesia* superzone is equivalent to the early Caesaraugustan and, the *Pardailhania* superzone, to the middle Caesaraugustan. Both superzones have been used as biozones in Turkey (Dean & Monod, 1997; Dean, 2005, 2006), substages in Sardinia (Loi *et al.*, 1995) and zones in Morocco (Geyer *et al.*, 1995; Geyer & Landing, 2004, 2006a, 2006b).

#### *Badulesia* Superzone

**Synonymy.** *Badulesia* Stage (Sdzuy, 1968). *Badulesia* substage (Sdzuy, 1971, 1972; Liñán & Gozalo, 1986; Loi *et al.*, 1995). *Badulesia* Biozone (Dean & Monod, 1997; Dean,



2005, 2006). *Badulesia tenera* zone *sensu* Geyer & Landing (2004). *Badulesia* Zone (Geyer & Landing, 2006a).

*Badulesia* Superzone is composed of *B. tenera* and *B. granieri* zones. Its lower boundary is placed at the FAD of *Badulesia tenera* and characterizes the lower Caesaraugustan. Its upper boundary is placed in the previous level to *Pardailhanian hispida* FAD.

#### *Badulesia tenera* interval zone

**Synonymy.** *Badulesia tenera* level (Sdzuy, 1968, 1971), *Badulesia tenera* biozone (Liñán & Gozalo, 1986; Sdzuy *et al.*, 1996), *Badulesia tenera* Zone (Liñán *et al.*, 2002, 2004, 2008; Gozalo *et al.*, 2008, 2011b; Chirivella-Martorell *et al.*, 2015, 2017). Not the *Parasolenopleura tenera* Zone (Fletcher, 2006), that would be equivalent to the lower part of *Badulesia tenera* interval Zone.

Sdzuy (1968) established an informal division named level of *Badulesia tenera*; Liñán & Gozalo (1986) characterized this like a taxon acrozone; afterwards, Sdzuy *et al.* (1996 and posterior works) use this zone like an interval zone. The lower boundary of this zone is placed at the FAD of *Badulesia tenera*, and its upper boundary is placed in the previous level to *Badulesia granieri* FAD (Figs 1, 3).

**Trilobite assemblage.** *Peronopsis acadica* (Hartt *in* Dawson, 1868), *Condylopyge* sp., *Badulesia tenera* (Hartt *in* Dawson, 1868), *Eccaparadoxides asturianus* (Sdzuy, 1968), *E. sdzuyi* Liñán Guijarro, 1978, *E. sulcatus* Liñán & Gozalo, 1986, *Hydrocephalus brausei* (Sdzuy, 1970), *Acadolenus* sp., *Asturiaspis inopinatus* Sdzuy, 1968, *Parasolenopleura aculeata* (Angelin, 1851), *Holocephalina? leve* Gozalo & Liñán, 1996, *Parabailiella languedocensis* Thoral, 1946, *P. matutina* Sdzuy, 1968, *P. sebarensis* Sdzuy, 1968, *P. schmidti* Sdzuy, 1957, *Ctenocephalus* cf. *terranovicus* (Resser, 1937), *Bailiaspis* cf. *tuberculata* Lake, 1940, *Bailiaspis* sp. and *Bailiella* cf. *tenuicincta* (Linnarsson, 1879); in addition, *Agraulos* cf. *arenosus* Sdzuy, 1968, *Ellipsocephalus bernardi* Liñán Guijarro, 1978 and *Eccaparadoxides* cf. *pusillus* (Barrande 1846) are also in Sierra Morena.

*Badulesia tenera* is widely distributed along the Mediterranean subprovince and the eastern coast of North America (Chirivella Martorell *et al.*, 2003). It allows a correlation with the *Ptychagnostus gibbus* zone (Sdzuy *et al.*, 1999; Gozalo *et al.*, 2007). New data of acritarchs (Palacios, 2015) indicates that the lower part of *Badulesia tenera* zone correlates with the upper part of the *Ptychagnostus gibbus* zone.

#### *Badulesia granieri* interval zone

**Synonymy.** Gozalo *et al.* (2011b) revisited this interval zone, and we follow the same concept. Its base coincides with the FAD of *Badulesia granieri* and the top is the previous level to the *Pardailhanian hispida* FAD.

**Trilobite assemblage.** *Peronopsis acadica* (Hartt *in* Dawson, 1868), *Condylopyge* sp., *Eccaparadoxides asturianus* (Sdzuy, 1968), *E. sulcatus* Liñán & Gozalo, 1986, *E. sequeirosi* Liñán & Gozalo, 1986, *E. acadicus* (Matthew, 1883), *Badulesia granieri* (Thoral, 1935), *B. tenera* (Hartt *in* Dawson, 1868), *Parabailiella schmidti* Sdzuy, 1957, *P. languedocensis* Thoral, 1946, *Bailiella* cf. *tenuicincta* (Linnarsson, 1879), and *Ctenocephalus* cf. *terranovicus* (Resser, 1937); in addition, *Dolichometopus* sp., *Parasolenopleura aculeata* (Angelin, 1851), and *Eccaparadoxides* cf. *pusillus* (Barrande, 1846) are also recorded in Sierra Morena.

*Badulesia granieri* has been recorded in Montagne Noire, France (Courtessole, 1973; Álvaro & Vizcaíno, 1997, 1998), Spain (Sdzuy, 1961, 1968, 1969; Liñán & Gozalo, 1986; Gámez *et al.*, 1991; Gozalo *et al.*, 1993; Liñán *et al.*, 1995b; Palacios, 2015), and Morocco (Geyer *et al.*, 1995; Geyer & Landing, 2006b). Furthermore, it could be possible to recognise equivalent levels to this zone in Turkey and Italy, where index taxa from previous and/or posterior zones have been identified (Dean & Krummenacher, 1961; Rasetti, 1972; Shergold & Sdzuy, 1984; Dean *et al.*, 1986; Loi *et al.*, 1995; Dean, 2005, 2006).

#### *Pardailhanian* Superzone

**Synonymy.** *Pardailhanian* Stage (Sdzuy, 1968; Dean & Özgül, 1981). *Pardailhanian* substage (Sdzuy, 1971, 1972; Liñán & Gozalo, 1986; Loi *et al.*, 1995). *Pardailhanian* Biozone (Dean & Monod, 1997; Dean, 2005, 2006; Ghienne *et al.*, 2010). *Pardailhanian* Zone (Geyer & Landing, 2006a).

The *Pardailhanian* Superzone is composed of the *P. hispida* and *P. multispinosa* zones. Its lower boundary is placed at the FAD of *Pardailhanian hispida* and characterizes the middle Caesaraugustan. Its upper boundary is placed in the previous level to *Solenopleuropsis ribeiroi* FAD.

#### *Pardailhanian hispida* interval Zone

**Synonymy.** Gozalo *et al.* (2011b) revisited this interval zone, here we use the same concept; which base coincides with the *Pardailhanian hispida* FAD and the top is the level previous to the *Pardailhanian multispinosa* FAD.

**Trilobite assemblage.** *Peronopsis acadica* (Hartt *in* Dawson, 1868), *P. segmenta* Robison, 1964, *Peronopsella westergardi* (Sdzuy, 1958), *Diplagnostus planicauda* (Angelin, 1851), *Condylopyge rex* (Barrande, 1846), *Pardailhanian hispida* (Thoral, 1935), *Badulesia granieri* (Thoral, 1935), *B. paschi* (Sdzuy, 1958), *Eccaparadoxides asturianus* (Sdzuy, 1968), *E. sequeirosi* Liñán & Gozalo, 1986, *E. acadicus* (Matthew, 1883), *E. rouvillei* (Miquel, 1905), *Parabailiella schmidti* Sdzuy, 1957, *P. languedocensis* Thoral, 1946, *Ctenocephalus antiquus* Thoral, 1946, *Agraulos longicephalus* (Hicks, 1872), *A. arenosus* Sdzuy, 1968, and *Skreiaspis miqueli* Álvaro & Vizcaíno, 2000.

*Pardailhanian hispida* has been recorded in Montagne Noire, France (Thoral, 1935; Courtessole, 1973; Álvaro & Vizcaíno, 1997), Spain (Sdzuy, 1961, 1968; Palacios, 1982; Liñán & Gozalo, 1986; Gozalo *et al.*, 2011b), Italy (Rasetti, 1972; Loi *et al.*, 1995), and Turkey (Dean & Özgül, 1981; Shergold & Sdzuy, 1984; Dean, 2005, 2006). In addition Geyer *et al.* (1995) and Geyer & Landing (2006b) cited the genus *Pardailhanian* in Morocco.

#### *Pardailhanian multispinosa* interval Zone

**Synonymy.** *P. hispanica* and *P. multispinosa* (Sdzuy, 1968, 1971, 1972). *Pardailhanian hispanica* and *Pardailhanian multispinosa* biozones (Liñán & Gozalo, 1986). *P. multispinosa*, *P. morisca* and *P. szuyi* phylozones (Álvaro & Vizcaíno, 1998). *P. multispinosa* and *P. szuyi* zones (Esteve *et al.*, 2008; Gozalo *et al.*, 2008).

The concept of *Pardailhanian multispinosa* Zone used herein include the classical two last *Pardailhanian* zones named *P. hispanica* and *P. multispinosa* by Sdzuy (1968, and posterior works) which is also equivalent to the sum of *P. multispinosa*, *P. morisca* and *P. szuyi* *sensu* Álvaro & Vizcaíno (1998). The base of this zone coincides with the *Pardailhanian multispinosa* FAD and the top is the level previous to the *Solenopleuropsis ribeiroi* FAD.

**Trilobite assemblage.** *Peronopsis acadica* (Hartt in Dawson, 1868), *Condylopyge rex* (Barrande, 1846), *Badulesia tenera* (Hartt in Dawson, 1868), *Pardailhanian hispida* (Thoral, 1935), *P. multispinosa* Thoral, 1948, *P. morisca* Álvaro, 1996, *P. szuyi* Liñán & Gozalo, 1986, *Eccaparadoxides sequeirosi* Liñán & Gozalo, 1986, *E. rouvillei* (Miquel, 1905), *E. mediterraneus* Pompeckj, 1901, *Hydrocephalus donayrei* Liñán & Gozalo, 1986, *Parabailiella languedocensis* Thoral, 1946, *Conocoryphe heberti* Munier-Chalmas & Bergeron in Bergeron, 1889, *Ctenocephalus antiquus* Thoral, 1946, *Bailiaspis meridiana* Sdzuy, 1958, *B. aff. meridiana* Sdzuy, 1958, and *Agraulos longicephalus* (Hicks, 1872).

*Pardailhanian multispinosa* has been recorded in Montagne Noire, France (Thoral, 1935; Courtessole, 1973; Álvaro & Vizcaíno, 1997), Spain (Sdzuy, 1961, 1968; Palacios, 1982; Liñán & Gozalo, 1986), and Morocco (Geyer & Landing, 2006b).

## 5. CONCLUSIONS

The detailed study of nine sections in the Iberian Chains has allowed establishing a precised distribution of the trilobite species recorded in the upper part of the Valdemiedes Fm., Mansilla Fm. and the base of the Murero Fm. (Fig. 3; Leonian to middle Cesaraugusta; uppermost Stage 4 of Cambrian to lower Drumian).

The solenopleurids species recorded in this interval have been reviewed: *Parasolenopleura* cf. *wurmi*, *Parasolenopleura aculeata*, *Badulesia tenera*, *Badulesia granieri*, *Badulesia paschi*, *Pardailhanian hispida*, *Pardailhanian multispinosa*, *Pardailhanian morisca*, and *Pardailhanian szuyi*. Some of these species have been used to establish the biozonation of this time interval in the Mediterranean Subprovince (*sensu* Sdzuy *et al.*, 1999), where they have a wide distribution. Furthermore, *Parasolenopleura aculeata* and *Badulesia tenera* have also been recorded in other biogeographical areas such as Baltica or Avalonia, which allows a good correlation with these regions. From the systematic point of view the most relevant aspect is the identification for the first time in the Iberian Chains of *Parasolenopleura aculeata* and *P. cf. wurmi*.

On the other hand, the finding at the same stratigraphical order of the FAD species in the sections studied and the systematic review of taxa has allowed us to collate a phylogenetic proposal for the basal genera of the Solenopleuropsinae Subfamily: *Badulesia* and *Pardailhanian*, whose ancestor would be *Parasolenopleura aculeata* (Fig. 7).

In accordance with this phylogenetic proposal, the previous biozonation for the lower and middle Caesaraugustian has been redefined and characterized, with four phylozones (Fig. 1): *Badulesia tenera*, *Badulesia granieri*, *Pardailhanian hispida*, and *Pardailhanian multispinosa*. This zonation is widely recognizable in Spain and France. *Badulesia* and *Pardailhanian* superzones have also been defined, which are recognizable throughout the Mediterranean region and allow a precise correlation in this area and, occasionally, with other biogeographical regions such as Baltica and Avalonia.

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