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ABSTRACT

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- A new myxozoan species belonging to the genus Henneguya was isolated from the 26 serous membrane of the visceral cavity of the hognosed catfish *Brochis multiradiatus* 27 28 from Peruvian Amazon. Whitish plasmodia, macroscopically visible, were found in four 29 of the thirty examined fishes. Mature myxospores were ellipsoidal in shape in frontal view and had a total length of $44.5 \pm 0.6 \,\mu m$ (43.9–45.1), spore body measured 18.7 \pm 30 31 $0.9 \mu m (16.8-19.6)$ in length, $7.1 \pm 0.2 \mu m (6.6-7.4)$ in width and $5.5 \pm 0.3 \mu m (4.9-19.6)$ 5.6) in thickness. The two polar capsules were elongated and equal in size, measuring 32 33 $9.1 \pm 0.1 \,\mu\text{m}$ (8.8–9.4) in length and $1.7 \pm 0.1 \,\mu\text{m}$ (1.6–1.8) in width, occupying half of 34 the myxospore body. Polar tubules coiled in 10 to 11 turns perpendicular to the long axis of the polar capsule. The caudal appendage was not bifurcated and measured 25.8 \pm 35 0.6 µm (24.7–26.5) in length. The sequencing of the 18S rDNA gene resulted in 1400 36 bp and this sequence did not match any of the myxozoans available in GenBank. 37 Phylogenetic analysis placed the new species in a well-supported subclade of 38 39 Henneguya spp. infecting callichthyid fishes, with Henneguya loretoensis being the 40 closest species. This study is the first description of a myxozoan species, Henneguya multiradiatus n. sp. from a fish of the genus Brochis. 41
- 42 Keywords: Cnidaria, Endocnidozoa, Hognosed catfish, Myxosporean, 18S rDNA
- 43 sequencing, Peru

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1. Introduction

- 45 Myxozoans are microscopic endoparasites with complex life cycles involving
- invertebrate and vertebrate hosts [1]. Recently, due to synapomorphies and cnidarian-
- 47 specific genes, myxozoans were placed within the phylum Cnidaria and currently
- represent about 20% of the known chidarian species diversity around the world [1].

While predominantly known to infect freshwater and marine fishes, myxozoans can also 49 50 infect other groups of vertebrates such as amphibians, reptiles, birds, and terrestrial small mammals [2]. Within fish-infecting myxozoans, Henneguya Thélohan, 1892, is 51 52 one of the largest genera, with more than 195 described species within a wide geographical range [3]. Henneguya spp. are histozoic parasites and they show high host-53 specificity and organ- or tissue tropism, with some species inducing severe 54 55 henneguyosis in wild and cultured fish [4–7]. It is well known that the growing global pet trade, including aquarium market, plays a 56 57 role in the spread of pathogens [8]. According to Hallett et al. [9], the aquatic pet trade 58 would very likely stand as a primary mode for international transport of myxozoan parasites. In fact, there are some reports about the introduction of myxosporeans 59 through commercial transfers of pets with some cases of ecological and economic 60 impacts [10-12]. As such, there is a growing need for myxozoans screening during 61 parasitological surveys in these aquatic pet animals. 62 63 The armored catfish corydoradines are members of the family Callichthyidae. With over 190 described species, it is one of the most diverse siluriform assemblages in the 64 Neotropics [13]. These neotropical freshwater catfishes are endemic to South America 65 66 [13]. Among these corydoradines, Brochis multiradiatus Orcés V., 1960 is found in the Napo River in Ecuador and Peru [14]. It can reach up to 6.7 cm in length and is largely 67 marketed in the aquarium trade, being one of the most popular in the Chinese 68 69 ornamental fish market [15]. Although corydoradines are highly appreciated in the 70 international aquarium trade, there are few parasitological surveys about this fish, 71 especially those concerning myxozoan parasites. To our knowledge, nothing is known about myxozoan parasites infecting any member 72 of the genus Brochis. Herein, based on morphological, biological/ecological traits and 73

- molecular data, we described a new *Henneguya* species infecting the ornamental fish *B*.
- 75 multiradiatus from the Amazon region of Peru, a key supply region of wild ornamental
- 76 fishes for the international aquarium trade.

2. Material and methods

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In September 2019, thirty wild specimens of B. multiradiatus were collected by a local 78 fisherman. The fishes were caught in the Napo River, in an adjacent area of the village 79 80 Cabo Pantoja (0°57′25″S, 75°27′11″W), Department of Loreto, Peru. The fish were transported alive to the field laboratory where they were euthanized by neural pithing 81 and examined. The procedures were approved by the Federal University of São Paulo-82 83 UNIFESP Ethics Committee (CEUA No. 9209080214), in accordance with Brazilian law for scientific use of animals (Federal Law No. 11794, dated 8 October 2008). The 84 85 family and current status of the host fish (valid species name or synonym) were reviewed using FishBase [14]. 86 Morphometric analyses were performed on mature myxospores following the criteria 87 outlined by Lom and Arthur [16]. Measurements and photographs were taken from 30 88 myxospores using a computer equipped with Axiovision 4.1 image capture software 89 coupled to an Axioplan 2 Zeiss microscope (Carl Zeiss AG, Oberkochen, Germany). 90 The dimensions of the myxospores were given in micrometers (µm) and expressed as 91 92 the mean ± standard deviation, followed by the range in parentheses. Prevalence of 93 infection [(number of infected fish/total number of fishes examined) ×100] was calculated according to Bush et al. [17]. Smears containing free myxospores were air-94 dried, fixed with methanol and stained with Ziehl-Neelsen to mount on permanent slides 95 that were deposited in the cnidarian collection of the zoology Museum of the University 96

of São Paulo - USP, São Paulo, Brazil (MZUSP).

For molecular studies, a plasmodium was dissected from the host tissue and fixed in 98 absolute ethanol. The genomic DNA was extracted from a single plasmodium using 99 DNeasy® Blood & Tissue Kit (Qiagen, Valencia, USA), in accordance with the 100 101 manufacturer's instructions. The DNA concentration was measured using a NanoDrop 102 2000 spectrophotometer (Thermo Scientific, Wilmington, USA). Polymerase chain reactions (PCRs) were performed in accordance with Milanin et al. [18] and conducted 103 in a final volume reaction of 25 µL, which comprised 10–50 ng of extracted DNA, 0.2 104 105 pmol for each primer, 12.5 µL of Dream Taq Green PCR Master Mix (Thermo Scientific) and nuclease-free water. Partial 18S rDNA sequence was amplified using the 106 primer pairs ERIB1 [19] - ACT1r [20] and Myxgen4F [21] - ERIB10 [19] (Table 1), 107 which amplified two fragments containing approximately 1.000 and 1.200 bp 108 respectively. PCR amplification was done by initial denaturation at 95 °C for 5 min, 109 110 followed by 35 cycles at 95 °C for 1 min, 64 °C (ERIB1-ACT1r) or 58 °C (Myxgen4F-ERIB10) for 1 min, 72 °C for 2 min, and then final elongation at 72 °C for 5 min. PCRs 111 112 were performed in an AG22331 Hamburg Thermocycler (Eppendorf, Hamburg, 113 Germany). PCR products were subjected to electrophoresis in 2.0% agarose gel (BioAmerica, Irvine, USA) in a TAE buffer (Tris-Acetate EDTA: Tris 40 mM, acetic 114 acid 20 mM, EDTA 1 mM), stained with Sybr Safe DNA gel stain (Invitrogen by Life 115 116 Technologies, Carlsbad, USA), and then analyzed with a Stratagene 2020E trans illuminator (Stratagene California, San Diego, USA). The size of the amplicons was 117 estimated by comparison with the 1 Kb Plus DNA Ladder (Invitrogen by Life 118 119 Technologies). PCR products were purified using USB® ExoSap-IT® (Thermo Fisher Scientific) in accordance to the manufacturer's instructions and sequenced using the 120 121 same PCR primers plus two additionally MC5 and MC3 primers used to overlap the obtained amplification fragments [22]. Sequencing was performed at Paulista Medical 122

School, Federal University of São Paulo, using a BigDye® Terminator v3.1 Cycle 123 124 Sequencing kit (Applied Biosystems Inc., California, USA) in an ABI 3130 automatic DNA analyzer (Applied Biosystems Inc.TM). The obtained sequence was visualized, 125 126 assembled and edited using BioEdit 7.1.3.0 software [23]. A standard nucleotide BLAST (blastn) search was conducted to verify the similarity of the sequence obtained 127 128 in this study with other sequences available in GenBank [24]. Phylogenetic analysis was 129 conducted using the most closely related myxozoans sequences with similarity > 80%. 130 The sequences were aligned with ClustalW within BioEdit version 7.1.3.0 [23]. Phylogenetic analysis was performed using Maximum Likelihood (ML) method with a 131 132 Kimura 2-parameter (K2P) evolution sequence model in MEGA 6.0 [25]. Bootstrap analysis (1000 replicates) was employed to assess the relative robustness of the 133 134 branches in ML tree. Ceratonova shasta sequence was used as outgroup. The pairwise 135 method with the p-distance model in MEGA 6.0 [25] was performed to evaluate the genetic distance between the myxozoan species clustering together with the new 136 137 sequence obtained.

3. Results

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Whitish plasmodia macroscopically visible measuring 2.1 to 3 mm in diameter and containing large quantities of myxospores belonging to the genus *Henneguya* were found in the serous membrane of the visceral cavity of wild specimens of B. *multiradiatus* (Fig. 1A). The prevalence of the myxozoan parasites in these fish hosts was 13.3% (4/30) and no signs of diseases were observed in the infected individuals.

Henneguya multiradiatus n. sp.

Taxonomic summary

146 Phylum: Cnidaria Verrill, 1865

- 147 Class: Myxosporea Bütschli, 1881
- 148 Order: Bivalvulida Shulman, 1959
- 149 Family: Myxobolidae Thélohan, 1892
- 150 Genus: Henneguya Thélohan, 1892
- Type host: *Brochis multiradiatus* (Orcés V., 1960) (Siluriformes: Callichthyidae)
- 152 Site of infection: Serous membrane of the visceral cavity
- 153 Type locality: Napo River, adjacent area of the village Cabo Pantoja (0°57′25″S,
- 154 75°27′11″W), Department of Loreto, Peru.
- 155 Prevalence: 13.3 % (4/30).
- Type of material: Syntypes-air-dried slide stained with Ziehl-Neelsen deposited in the
- 157 cnidarian collection of Zoology Museum of the University of São Paulo USP, São
- Paulo, Brazil (MZUSP 8508). Partial 18S rDNA sequence (1400bp) was deposited in
- 159 GenBank under accession number MT415832.
- Etymology: The specific name (*H. multiradiatus*) is based on host species name.

161 Morphological characterization

- Mature myxospores were ellipsoidal in shape from the frontal view, measuring $44.5 \pm$
- 163 0.6 μ m (43.9–45.1) in total length, 18.7 \pm 0.9 μ m (16.8–19.6) in spore body length, 7.1
- $\pm 0.2 \,\mu m \,(6.6-7.4)$ in width and $5.5 \pm 0.3 \,\mu m \,(4.9-5.6, \, n=5)$ in thickness (Figs. 1B and
- 165 2). Two elongated polar capsules, equal in size, measuring $9.1 \pm 0.1 \, \mu m \, (8.8-9.4)$ in
- length and $1.7 \pm 0.1 \,\mu m$ (1.6–1.8) in width, occupying half of myxospore body (Figs.
- 167 1B-C and 2). Polar tubules had 10 to 11 coils, perpendicular to long axis of polar

capsule (Figs. 1C and 2). Non-bifurcate caudal appendage, measuring 25.8 \pm 0.6 μ m (24.7–26.5) in length (Figs. 1B and 2).

Molecular characterization and phylogenetic analysis

171 Partial 18S rDNA sequence obtained from mature myxospores of *H. multiradiatus* n. sp. 172 resulted in 1400 bp with a CG content of 49.4% and did not match any other myxozoans available in GenBank. The comparison of the new sequence obtained by BLAST 173 174 revealed the highest sequence similarity to Henneguya loretoensis Mathews, Naldoni 175 and Adriano 2017 (GenBank accession number MF434827.1, query coverage 99%, maximum identities 98.2%). The phylogenetic analysis placed H. multiradiatus n. sp. in 176 177 a well-supported subclade of *Henneguya* parasites of callichthyids fish, including 178 Henneguya loretoensis, and Henneguya guanduensis Abdallah, Azevedo, Luque and 179 Bomfim 2007 (Fig. 3). This subclade, was close to a lineage formed by Henneguya species described from Amazonian cichlids. 18S rDNA pairwise comparisons between 180 181 H. multiradiatus n. sp. described and the closest relatives resulted in 1.8% to H. 182 loretoensis, 5.3% to H. guanduensis, 6.1% to Henneguya peruviensis Mathews, 183 Mertins, Pereira, Maia and Adriano 2018, 7.6% to Hennguya jariensis, 9.5% to Henneguya tapajoensis, 7.2% to Henneguya tucunarei Zatti, Atkinson, Maia, 184 185 Bartholomew and Adriano 2018 and 8.6% to Henneguya paraensis Velasco, Videira, Nascimento, Matos, Gonçalves and Matos 2016. 186

4. Discussion

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The Peruvian Amazon is the second largest portion of the Amazon rainforest concentrating a high aquatic biodiversity, with several commercially exploited fish species for human consumption and global aquarium trade [26,27]. However, little is known about the diversity of myxozoans in this region, with only three species

described to date: Henneguya loretoensis, Henneguya peruviensis and Myxidium 192 193 peruviensis [28–30]. In contrast, over 40 myxozoan species have been described in the 194 Brazilian Amazon region [31–33], indicating that there are likely many more myxozoan 195 parasites to be identified in Peruvian Amazon, considering the recognized high 196 diversity. This study reports, for the first time, a myxozoan species infecting a fish from the genus *Brochis* in the Amazon basin. 197 198 For robust identification and description of new myxosporeans taxa, it has been recommended, that the studies integrate multiple characters, including morphology, 199 200 biological traits, host ecology factors and molecular data [34]. Following these 201 delineated criteria for classifying myxozoans, we described a novel *Henneguya* species, 202 Henneguya multiradiatus n. sp. from an important Amazonian ornamental fish. In the 203 morphological comparison, considering the twenty-two *Henneguya* species previously 204 described to infect fishes from Amazon basin, the most morphologically similar species to the new species were Henneguya torpedo Azevedo, Casal, Matos, Alves and Matos, 205 206 2011 and Henneguya testicularis Azevedo, Corral and Matos, 1997. Nevertheless, these differ from H. multiradiatus n. sp. in myxospore body length (28.5 \pm 0.3 μ m in length 207 208 for H. torpedo, 14.0 μ m for H. testicularis and 18.7 \pm 0.9 μ m to the new species), 209 number of coils of the polar tubule (12 to 13 in H. torpedo, six to seven in H. testicularis and ten in the new species) and in the length of the caudal appendage, which 210 is substantially larger in the new species (19.6 \pm 0.4 μ m in H. torpedo, 13.5 μ m in H. 211 212 testicularis, and 25.8 \pm 0.6 μ m in H. multiradiatus n. sp.). Plasmodia of H. multiradiatus n. sp. were located in the serous membrane of the visceral cavity, while 213 214 H. torpedo and H. testicularis were described infecting brain, spinal cord, and testis respectively [35,36]. On the same premise, host species and locality of collection are 215 216 indispensable traits for accurately distinguishing new histozoic platysporines species,

since host-specificity and geography may play an important role in speciation [37]. Accordingly, differences were observed in the infected host, e.g., H. multiradiatus n. sp. infecting B. multiradiatus, a Siluriform fish; H. torpedo infecting Brachyhypopomus pinnicaudatus (Hopkins 1991), a Gymnotiform fish; and H. testicularis infecting Moenkhausia oligolepis (Günther 1864), a Characiform fish. Besides, differences in the locality of these species were noted, with H. multiradiatus n. sp. found in the Napo River, a tributary of the upper Amazon River, near the village of Cabo Pantoja in Department of Loreto, Peru, and H. torpedo and H. testicularis found in the lower Amazon River, both near Belém city in Pará state, Brazil. In addition to the large geographic distance between these species (2, 965 km in straight line), the nonmigratory behavior of their hosts is an important ecological character for the separation of these species, taking in account that host behavior may drive both parasite endemism and the radiation within the Amazon basin [32]. Unfortunately, there is no molecular data available for *H. torpedo* and *H. testicularis* in GenBank, so it is not possible to compare them with H. multiradiatus n. sp. However, differences observed in the integrative comparison, including morphology, geography, biological traits in conjunction with the ecological characters of their hosts, are sufficient arguments to conclude that H. multiradiatus n. sp. is a separate species. In our phylogenetic analysis, *Henneguya* spp. showed tendency to cluster, largely based on vertebrate host fish family, and this corroborates the results pointed out by other authors who evidenced that host group is a strong evolutionary signal within the Myxobolidae [32,38,39]. Henneguya multiradiatus n. sp. was placed in a wellsupported subclade of parasites of callichthyids fishes, with H. loretoensis as the closet related species (Fig. 3). This close phylogenetic relationship was corroborated by the pairwise analysis, which showed a slight genetic divergence of 1.8% on their 18S rDNA

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sequences. Nevertheless, there is no exact value for determining the level of genetic variation in 18S rDNA that equates to species differentiation within this enigmatic group of parasites [38,40]. In this context, species differentiation should be assessed for each individual case and always with the aid of biology and/or ecology traits of the organisms, such as their morphology, tissue and/or organ tropism, host species, geography, and host ecological aspects such as endemic character, migratory behavior and distribution [16,40]. In our study, remarkable morphometrical differences can be observed between these two corydoradines *Henneguya* parasites, with myxospores substantially larger in total length and width in the newly identified species (44.5 \pm 0.6 μ m × 7.1 ± 0.2 μ m vs 36.2 μ m × 5.1 μ m for H. loretoensis), larger body length (18.7 ± $0.9 \mu m vs 14.3 \pm 0.1 \mu m$ for H. loretoensis), longer polar capsules $(9.1 \pm 0.1 \mu m vs 5.1)$ \pm 0.1 µm in H. loretoensis), higher number of coils in the polar tubule (ten to eleven coils vs five coils in H. loretoensis) and the caudal appendage which is substantially longer (25.8 \pm 0.6 μ m vs 21.9 \pm 0.1 in H. loretoensis). Furthermore, H. multiradiatus n. sp. the caudal appendage is not bifurcated, as occurs in *H. loretoensis*. Differences can also be outlined concerning the host-, tissue- and organ infected, with the new species proposed found in the serosa layer of the visceral cavity of B. multiradiatus n. sp. whereas H. loretoensis is found in gill filaments of Corydoras leucomelas Eigenmann and Allen, 1942, a host of a different genus. While these two corydoradines parasites inhabit the Amazon biome of Peru (H. multiradiatus n. sp. in Napo River and H. loretoensis Nanay River), they are separated by 381 km from each other. Another important point to consider in establishing *H. multiradiatus* n. sp. as a new species, is in regards to the endemic character and the absence of migratory reproduction, characteristics which are highly recognized to corydoradines fish [33].

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In the present study, an integrative taxonomy approach was employed in the description of an unknown myxosporean. Given that these criteria are compelling evidence for the characterization of new species [16,40], we confidently considered that this isolate is a new species, *H. multiradiatus* n. sp. Hence, this new data contributes to increase the knowledge of the myxosporean diversity from the Amazon biome, as well to clarify the relationships of myxozoan parasites of corydoradines, an economic important assemblage of catfishes in the lucrative global aquarium industry.

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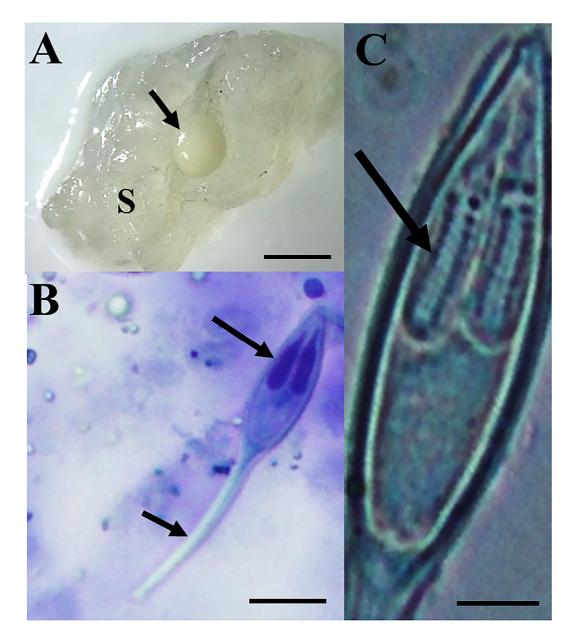
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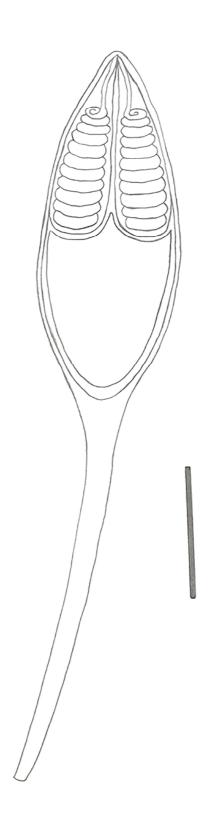
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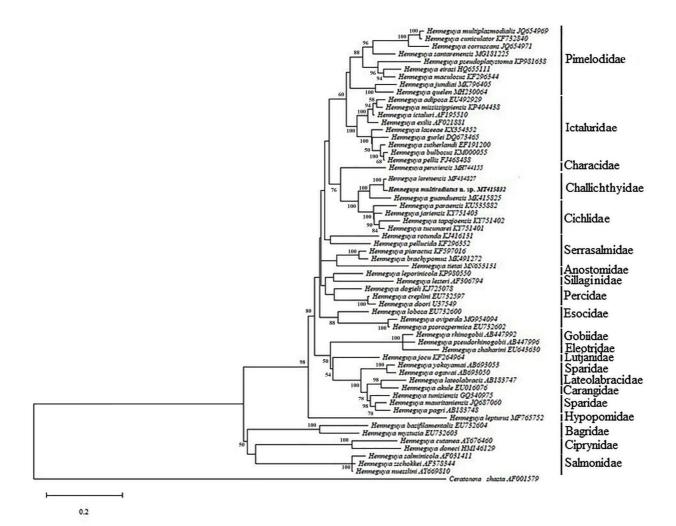
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- 463 **Legends**
- **Table 1.** Primers used in the amplification and sequencing of the 18S rDNA gene of
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- **Table 2.** Comparative data of *Henneguya multiradiatus* n. sp. with other *Henneguya*
- species parasites of Amazon fish. Spore dimensions, infection sites, and fish host are
- 468 given. TL: total length; BL: body length; APCL: caudal appendage length; SW: spore
- width; ST: spore thickness; PCL: polar capsule length; PCW: polar capsule width;
- NCT: number of coils of polar tubules; –: no data. All measurements are range in μm
- 471 and/or means \pm SD.
- 472 **Fig. 1.** Plasmodium and myxospores of *Henneguya multiradiatus* n. sp. from *Brochis*
- 473 multiradiatus. A- Whitish plasmodium macroscopically visible (black arrow) in the
- serosa of the visceral cavity (S). Scale bar= 3 mm. B- Mature myxospore stained with

475	Ziehl-Neelsen showing two elongated equal polar capsules (black large arrow) and
476	caudal appendage not bifurcated (black small arrow). Scale bar= 10 µm. C: Myxospore
477	showing polar coiled tubules (black arrow) perpendicular to the long axis of the polar
478	capsule. Scale bar= 3 μm.
479	Fig. 2. Schematic representation of myxospore of <i>Henneguya multiradiatus</i> n. sp. from
480	Brochis multiradiatus. Scale bar= 7 μm.
481	Fig. 3. Maximum likelihood phylogenetic tree based on partial 18S rDNA sequences
482	containing Henneguya multiradiatus n. sp. and closely related myxozoans based on
483	BLAST. GenBank accession numbers and host family are given in front of species.
484	Bootstrap values above 50 are indicated at the nodes.







Primers	Sequences (5'-3')	References
ACT1r	AATTTCACCTCTCGCTGCCA	Hallett and Diamant [20]
ERIB1	ACCTGGTTGATCCTGCCAG	Barta et al. [19]
ERIB10	CTTCCGCAGGTTCACCTACGG	Barta et al. [19]
Myxgen4F	GTGCCTTGAATAAATCAGAG	Diamant et al. [21]
MC5	CCTGAGAAACGGCTACCACATCCA	Molnár et al. [22]
MC3	GATTAGCCTGACAGATCACTCCACGA	Molnár et al. [22]

Species	TL	BL	APCL	SW	ST	PCL	PCW	NCT	Site of infection	Fish species
Henneguya multiradiatus n. sp.	44.5 ± 0.6	18.7 ± 0.9	25.8 ± 0.6	7.1 ± 0.2	5.5 ± 0.3	9.1 ± 0.1	1.7 ± 0.1	10-11	Abdominal cavity serosa	Brochis multiradiatus
[This study]	(43.9–45.1)	(16.8–19.6)	(24.7–26.5)	(6.6-7.4)	(4.9-5.6)	(8.8-9.4)	(1.6-1.8)			
Henneguya peruviensis	24.2 ± 1.3	13.4 ± 0.9	10.7 ± 1.2	3.9 ± 0.1	-	3.3 ± 0.2	1.6 ± 0.2	4-5	Gill filaments	Hyphessobrycon loretoensis
[30]	(22.9–25.5)	(12.5–14.3)	(9.5-11.9)	(3.8-4.0)		(3.1-3.5)	(1.4-1.8)			
Henneguya loretoensis	36.2 ± 0.2	14.3 ± 0.1	21.9 ± 0.1	5.1 ± 0.2	-	5.1 ± 0.2	2.4 ± 0.3	5	Gill filaments	Corydoras leucomelas
[29]	(36.1–36.3)	(14.2–14.4)	(21.8-22)	(4.9-5.3)		(4.9–5.3)	(2.1-2.7)			
Henneguya tucunarei [32]	43.8 ± 4.1 (36.1–49.6)	14 ± 0.8 (12.1–15.7)	28.1 ± 4.3 (19.6–35.6)	6.1 ± 0.7 (4.9–7.8)	-	3.4 ± 0.5 (2.5–4.6)	1.98 ± 0.3 $(1.3-2.6)$	3–4	Gill filaments	Cichla monoculus
Henneguya tapajoensis [32]	54.6 ± 3.9 (47.2–62.2)	16.4 ± 1.2 $(14.5-19.1)$	39 ± 3.9 (31.7–46.5)	7 ± 0.4 (5.7–9.3)	5 ± 0.1 (4.8–5.1)	4.2 ± 0.5 $(2.9-5.0)$	2.1 ± 0.4 $(1.5-2.8)$	4–5	Gill filaments	Cichla pinima
Henneguya jariensis [32]	46.7 ± 1.5 (43.9–49.2)	13.4 ± 0.7 (11.9–14.6)	33.1 ± 1.7	6.5 ± 0.5 (4.9–7.3)	-	4 ± 0.3 $(3.4 - 4.3)$	2 ± 0.1 (1.7-2.4)	4	Fins	Cichla monoculus
Henneguya paraensis [41]	42.3 ± 0.3 (41.6–42.9)	12.8 ± 0.42	29.5 ± 0.73	8.6 ± 0.32 (8.18-8.92)	-	7.4±0.16 (6.67-7.5)	2.6 ± 0.1 (2.52–2.68)	5–7	Gill filaments	Cichla temensis
Henneguya melini	40.8 ± 0.3	(12.5-13.2) 15.5 ± 0.2	(28.7-30.2) 25.3 ± 0.1	(6.16-6.92) 4.7 ± 0.1	_	4.8 ± 0.5	(2.32-2.08) 1.7 ± 0.3	5–6	Gill filaments	Corydoras melini
[42]	(40.3–41.1)			(4.6–4.8)		(4.3-5.3)	(1.4–2)			201,000100
Henneguya aequidens [43]	41 ± 1.5	15 ± 0.9	27 ± 0.6	6 ± 0.8	-	3 ± 0.3	3 ± 0.3	4–6	Gill filaments	Aequidens plagiozonatus
Henneguya torpedo	48.62 ± 0.51	28.53 ± 0.36	19.64 ± 0.44	7.25 ± 0.31	3.06 ± 0.2	6.41 ± 0.26	1.84 ± 0.19	5-6	Brain and spinal cord	Brachyhypopomus pinnicaudatus
[36]	(48.3-48.9)	(28.3-30.1)	(19.219.9)	(7-7.5)	(2.9 - 3.1)	(6.3-6.6)	(1.7-1.9)			
Henneguya arapaima [44]	51.6 ± 3.4 (48.4–53.1)	14.2 ± 0.8 $(13.5-15.2)$	38.3 ± 2.9 $(38-41.2)$	5.7 ± 0.5 (5.1–6.1)	4.9 ± 0.2 $(4.7-5.3)$	6.5 ± 0.2 $(6.3-6.8)$	6.3 ± 0.1 $(6.3-6.8)$	5	Gill arch	Arapaima gigas
Henneguya rondoni [45]	17.7 (16.9–18.1)	7 (6.8–7.3)	10.7 (10.3–11)	3.6 (3–3.9)	2.5 (2.2–2.8)	2.5 (2.2–2.8)	0.85 (0.79–0.88)	6–7	Lateral nerves	Gymnorhamphichthys rondoni
Henneguya rhamdia [46]	50 ± 1.8	13.1 ± 1.1	36.9 ± 1.6	5.2 ± 0.5	-	4.7 ± 0.4	1.1 ± 0.2	10-11	Gill filaments	Rhamdia quelen
Henneguya schtzodon [47]	28.9 (27–30)	13.1 (12–14)	16.3 (15–17)	3.3 (3–4)	-	5.4 (5–6)	1.3 (1–1.5)	8-10	Kidney	Schtzodon fasciatum
Henneguya friderici [48]	33.8 (28.7–39.3)	10.4 (9.6–11.8)	23.3 (19.1–28.7)	5.7 (4.8–6.6)	4.9	4.9 (4.25–5.9)	2.1 (1.59–2.62)	7–8	Gut, gill, kidney and liver	Leporinus friderici
Henneguya astyanax [49]	47.8 ± 0.71	15.2 ± 0.77	32.6 ± 1.11	5.7 ± 0.71	4.2 ±0.31	5.0 ± 0.13	1.5 ± 0.07	8–9	Gill filaments	Astyanax bimaculatus
Henneguya curimata [50]	35.4 (4.2–36)	16.6 (16–17.4)	19.1 (18.3–19.9)	6.2 (5.8–6.6)	-	3.3 ± 0.02 (2.7–3.6)	1.5 ± 0.04 $(1.1-1.9)$	10-11	Kidney	Curimata inormata
Henneguya testicularis [35]	27.5 (27–28.5)	14 (14–14.5)	13.5 (13–14.5)	6.5 (6–6.5)	-	9 (8.5–9.5)	2 (2–2.5)	12-13	Testicle	Moenkhausia oligolepis
Henneguya malabarica [51]	28.3 (26.6–29.8)	12.6 (11.8–13.1)	17.1	4.8	-	3.7 (3.0–4.3)	1.8 (1.6–2.2)	6–7	Gill filaments	Hoplias malabaricus

Henneguya adherens	32.3	12.4	20.5	5.8	-	3.1	1.2	3–4	Gill filaments	Acestrorhynchus falcatus
[52]	(30.7 - 35.1)	(10.5-13.8)	(18-21.7)	(5.1-6.5)		(2.8 - 3.5)	(1-1.6)			
Henneguya amazonica	59.3 ± 0.56	13.9 ± 0.16	45.4 ± 0.61	5.7 ± 0.06	_	3.3 ± 0.02	1.5 ± 0.04	6	Gill lamellae	Crenlcichla lepldota
[53]	(55-65.9)	(11.5-14.9)	(41.7-52.1)	(5.2-6.3)		(2.7-3.6)	(1.1-1.9)			

