# Morphological, Molecular, and Chromosomal Discrimination of Cryptic Anopheles (Nyssorhynchus) (Diptera: Culicidae) from South America

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ABSTRACT Based on similarity of male genitalia, the malaria vector Anopheles trinkae Faran from the eastern Andean piedmont of Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia was determined by Peyton (1993) to be a junior synonym of An. dunhami Causey, then known from a single locality in Amazonian Brazil. Following an appraisal of molecular, chromosomal, and morphological characters, we conclude herein that the 2 taxa are specifically distinct and remove An. trinkae from synonymy with An. dunhami. Eggs of the 2 species are distinguished easily by the anterior crown, long floats, and closed deck that occur only in An. trinkae. The X chromosome of larval polytenes is divisible into R and L arms in An. dunhami, but not in An. trinkae. A phenogram based on banding pattern scores from 18 random amplified polymorphic DNA primers separated with 100% resolution An. dunhami, An. trinkae, Anopheles nuneztovari Gabaldón and Anopheles darlingi Root. In the ITS2 region of rDNA, 25% of base sites distinguished An. trinkae from An. dunhami and 21% from the related An. nuneztovari; males of these 3 species had accessory glands of significantly different sizes. Preliminary isoenzyme screening indicated that 3 of 11 loci were diagnostic for separating An. trinkae from An. dunhami. The results indicate that An. dunhami is related more closely to An. nuneztovari than to An. trinkae and illustrate the merits of a multidisciplinary approach to mosquito systematics.

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IDENTIFICATION OF CRYPTIC species of malaria vectors by standard morphological characters is known to be problematic and frequently unsatisfactory (White 1979). Within the Neotropical subgenus *Nyssorhynchus* of *Anopheles*, intraspecific variation of traits used for keys to adult females often exceeds interspecific variation (Gabaldón and Aguilera 1940, Kitzmiller et al. 1973). The limitations of morphological taxonomy for resolving species boundaries stimulated the advocacy of multidisciplinary approaches to mosquito systematics (Faran 1979a).

Anopheles (Nys.) trinkae was described by Faran (1979b), on the basis of morphological characteristics of larvae, pupae, and adult male genitalia of specimens collected in lowlands near the eastern slopes of the Andes, as specifically distinct from its presumed relatives An. nuneztovari Gabaldón and An. rangeli Ga-

baldón, Cova Garcia and Lopez. Owing to difficulties in separating these 3 taxa by adult female morphology, Faran (1979b) cautioned that some malaria transmission formerly attributed to *An. nuneztovari* in Colombia (Elliot 1968) or *An. rangeli* in Ecuador (Forattini 1962) might have been by *An. trinkae*. Subsequently, *An. trinkae* was incriminated as the primary vector of malaria attributable to *Plasmodium vivax* (Grassi and Feletti) among indigenous inhabitants of Junín Department, Peru (Hayes et al. 1987).

Based on morphological characteristics of specimens collected in Amazonian Brazil, An. (Nys.) dunhami was described by Causey (1945) and recognized as specifically distinct from An. nuneztovari. Although An. dunhami was captured commonly at animal baits at its type locality in Tefé, it was not recognized elsewhere in the Brazilian Amazon in the comprehensive collections of Deane et al. (1948). Lane (1953) regarded An. dunhami as a synonym of An. nuneztovari, and Faran (1980) accepted this opinion. Based on characters of the male genitalia, Peyton (1993) resurrected An. dunhami as a distinct species and sunk An. trinkae as its junior synonym. Recent regional keys for identifying anopheline species have followed Peyton (1993) and regarded An. trinkae as a synonym of An. dunhami (Calderón-Falero 1994).

In recent publications we also accepted Peyton's (1993) use of An. dunhami as a senior synonym of An.

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Table 1. Sources and methods of analyses of An. dunhami and An. trinkae

| Collection site                        | Coordinates          | Dates        | Methods                    | No. specimens (families) <sup>a</sup> |
|--|----------------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| An. dunhami                            |                      |              |                            |                                       |
| Tefé, BR                               | 3° 22′ N, 64° 43′ W  | VIII-1994    | MOL, CHR, MOR(A,P,L,E,ACC) | 156 (6)                               |
| Tabatinga, BR                          | 4° 13′ S, 69° 55′ W  | VIII-1995    | MOR(E)                     | 1                                     |
| An. trinkae                            |                      |              | • •                        |                                       |
| Puerto Grether, Santa Cruz Dept., BO   | 17° 10′ S, 64° 20′ W | XI-1991      | MOL                        |                                       |
| Villa Tunari, Cochabamba Dept., BO     | 16° 53′ S, 65° 24′ W | XII-1992     | MOL                        |                                       |
| Chapare, Cochabamba Dept., BO          |                      | I-1982, 1983 | MOR(A)                     | 38                                    |
| Carasco Tropical, Cochabamba Dept., BO |                      | I-1995       | MOR(A,P,L)                 | 28 (5)                                |
| Coca, Napo Prov., EC                   | 0° 28′ S, 76° 58′ W  | VIII-1992    | MOL                        |                                       |
| Sardina Yacu, Napo Prov., EC           | 0° 5′ S, 77° 5′ W    | VIII-1992    | MOL, CHR, MOR(A,P,L,E,ACC) | 141 (11)                              |
| Coca, Napo Prov., EC                   | 0° 28′ S, 76° 58′ W  | VIII-1992    | MOL                        |                                       |
| Lago Agrio, Sucumbios Prov., EC        | 0° 5′ N, 76° 53′ W   | VIII-1992    | MOL                        |                                       |
| Puyo, Pastaza Prov., EC <sup>b</sup>   |                      | V-1977       | MOR(A,P,L)                 | 74                                    |
| Villavicencio, Meta Dept., CO          |                      | 1948-1949    | MOR(A)                     | 9                                     |
| La Reforma, Meta Dept., CO             |                      | 1964-1965    | MOR(A)                     | 1                                     |
| Puerto Ocopa, Junin Dept., PE          |                      | V-1983       | MOR(A)                     | 1                                     |
| Satipo, Junin Dept., PE                |                      | 1985         | MOR(A)                     | 48                                    |

BR, Brazil; BO, Bolivia; CO, Colombia; EC, Ecuador; PE, Peru; MOL, molecular; CHR, chromosomes; MOR, morphology; A, adults; P, pupae; L, larvae; E, eggs; ACC, accessory glands.

trinkae and applied the former epithet to refer to specimens from subandean Ecuador and Bolivia (Linley and Lounibos 1993, Lounibos 1994). However, after examining specimens collected in 1994 from the type locality of An. dunhami in Tefé, Brazil, we concluded that An. dunhami and An. trinkae should be regarded as separate species and noted this distinction in subsequent publications (Fritz et al. 1995, Conn et al. 1997, Lounibos et al. 1997). The purpose of the current article is to present multifaceted evidence that An. trinkae and An. dunhami are specifically distinct and to compare their relationships to the better-known An. nuneztovari.

## Materials and Methods

Blood-fed females captured in Brazil, Ecuador, and Bolivia (Table 1) at human or animal baits yielded eggs of An. dunhami and An. trinkae that were distinguished from related species and one another based on the analyses described below. Portions of selected egg clutches were preserved for scanning electron microscopy (SEM) or link-reared to provide other life stages for morphological analyses or dissections. Other progeny from these broods were frozen at -70°C or preserved in 95% EtOH for subsequent molecular characterizations. Salivary glands were dissected from freshly killed F<sub>1</sub> 4th instars according to the protocol of Conn (1990), and accessory glands were dissected from unmated, 2- to 4-d-old F<sub>1</sub> males as described in Lounibos (1994). Adult, larval, and pupal specimens borrowed from the Smithsonian Institution were examined for morphological characters (Table 1). Adults of An. nuneztovari and An. darlingi Root used for random amplified polymorphic DNA (RAPDs) comparisons were progeny of field collections from Peixoto de Azevedo, Mato Grosso State, Brazil. Sources of An. nuneztovari used for other comparisons are indicated elsewhere in the text, tables, or figure legends.

Link-rearing and preserving of larvae, pupae, and adults were performed as described in Belkin et al. (1965), and voucher specimens of these acquisitions have been deposited at the Walter Reed Biosystematics Unit of the Smithsonian Institution and at the Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory of the University of Florida. Adult wings were examined under polarized light to discriminate subtle scale colors, as recommended by Peyton and Ramalingam (1988). Eggs fixed in alcoholic Bouin's solution were prepared and examined with a Hitachi S-510 SEM according to methods in Linley and Lounibos (1993). Detailed descriptions of chorionic ultrastructure are provided elsewhere for An. trinkae (Linley and Lounibos 1993), An. dunhami (Lounibos et al. 1997), and An. nuneztovari (Linley et al. 1996). Lengths and widths of accessory glands dissected in saline were measured at 80x with an ocular micrometer, and gland volumes estimated by applying the formula for a cylinder (Lounibos 1994).

The DNA was extracted from previously frozen specimens of An. dunhami, An. nuneztovari, An. trinkae, and An. darlingi according to methods described in Fritz et al. (1994) and Wilkerson et al. (1993). Twenty decamer RAPD primers were selected from Operon primer sets A, B, and C (Operon, Alameda, CA). These primers were used to polymerase chain reaction (PCR)-amplify random fragments of the total DNA extract, after which the amplified fragments were separated on agarose minigels (Wilkerson et al. 1993, 1995). Eighteen of the 20 primers produced consistent scorable bands in at least 1 of the 4 species under consideration (Table 2; Appendix 1). The resultant data set was formatted as described in Black (1995), and a 1-S distance matrix was generated using the similarity option in the RAPDPLOT program

<sup>&</sup>quot;Refers only to specimens examined morphologically.

b Includes allotype and paratype male.

Table 2. Summary of RAPD primers, resultant fragment sizes, and corresponding columns in Appendix No. 1

| Primer | Sequence         | Band size, bp                                       | Columns (Appendix No. 1) |
|--------|------------------|---|--------------------------|
| OPC10  | 5'-TGTCTGGGTG-3' | 3,024; 1,956; 1,537; 1,043                          | 1-4                      |
| OPC06  | 5'-GAACGGACTC-3' | 1,381; 954; 663; 544; 430                           | 5–9                      |
| OPB17  | 5'-AGGGAACGAG-3' | 1,254; 1,089; 1,013; 854                            | 10-13                    |
| OPA07  | 5'-GAAACGGGTG-3' | 1,212; 1,137; 955; 846; 779; 622; 561               | 14–20                    |
| OPA09  | 5'-GGGTAACGCC-3' | 1,410; 1,137; 1,004; 829; 394                       | 21-25                    |
| OPB04  | 5'-GGACTGGAGT-3' | 1,187; 1,078; 766; 507; 470; 455                    | 26-31                    |
| OPB12  | 5'-CCTTGACGCA-3' | 1,921; 1,535; 962; 748; 609                         | 32-36                    |
| OPA20  | 5'-GTTGCGATCC-3' | 1,021; 785; 770; 382                                | 37-40                    |
| OPB03  | 5'-CATCCCCCTG-3' | 2,431; 1,918; 1,524; 1,278; 959; 373                | 41-46                    |
| OPB15  | 5'-GGAGGGTGTT-3' | 1,948; 1,478; 1,377; 1,068; 582; 374                | 47-52                    |
| OPB05  | 5'-TGCGCCCTTC-3' | 1,423; 1,182; 986; 872; 855; 823; 791; 534          | 53-60                    |
| OPB08  | 5'-GTCCACACGG-3' | 1,454; 1,423; 1,336; 758; 676; 727; 536; 476; 321   | 61-69                    |
| OPA18  | 5'-AGGTGACCGT-3' | 1,337; 775  | 70-71                    |
| OPA05  | 5'-AGGGGTCTTG-3' | 1,462; 1,306; 1,264; 962; 796; 767; 716             | 72-78                    |
| OPC18  | 5'-TGAGTGGGTG-3' | 1,729; 1,548; 1,294; 1,154; 754; 701                | 79–84                    |
| OPB01  | 5'-GTTTCGCTCC-3' | 1,725; 1,570; 1,482; 1,033; 704; 612; 573; 482; 357 | 85-93                    |
| OPA04  | 5'-AATCGGGCTG-3' | 1,288; 1,020; 955; 714; 603; 354                    | 94-99                    |
| OPA08  | 5'-GTGACGTAGG-3' | 1,753; 1,478; 1,399; 996; 939; 725; 621; 230        | 100-107                  |

(Black 1995). The formula is derived from the Nei and Li (1985) similarity index:  $S = 2N_{AB}/(N_A + N_B)$  where N<sub>AB</sub> are the fragments that 2 individuals share in common, and NA and NB are the number of fragments in individuals A and B, respectively. The matrix was analyzed in PHYLIP 3.5C using the NEIGHBOR program by the unweighted pair-group method with arithmetic mean average option, and a phenogram was produced with DRAWGRAM, also in PHYLIP 3.5C (Felsenstein 1993). RAPDBOOT (West and Black 1998) was used to generate 100 pseudoreplicate distance matrices, which were collapsed to form 100 trees with the unweighted pair-group method with arithmetic mean average. The bootstrap consensus tree was derived from the 100 the unweighted pair-group method with arithmetic mean average trees with the CONSENSUS program in PHYLIP 3.5C

The ITS2 region of rDNA of 4 individuals of An. dunhami from 1 collection site and 7 individuals of An. trinkae from 4 sites was amplified by PCR and sequenced according to instructions for Perkins-Elmer Applied Biosystems DNA kits (J. A. Danoff-Burg and J.E.C., unpublished data). The ITS2 sequence of An. nuneztovari is the consensus sequence derived from 10 collections of this species in 5 countries (Fritz et al. 1994).

Starch gel electrophoresis was performed on 3 individuals of An. dunhami by using protocol established for analyses of the isoenzymes Hk-1, Pgi, Gdh, Mdh, Me, Fum, Had, Idh-1, Pgm, Adk-1, and Aat-1 of An. trinkae, An. nuneztovari, and An. rangeli (Fritz et al. 1995), whose allele frequencies were compared with those of An. dunhami. Polytene chromosomes were observed and photographed after squashing salivary glands of 4th instars and staining with aceto-lactic-orcein according to methods in Conn (1990).

## Results

Biogeography. To date, An. dunhami has been identified only from its type locality in Tefé and from a recent collection at Tabatinga, Brazil (Lounibos et al.

1997), both sites are located on the Rio Solimões (Fig. 1). By contrast, the known range of *An. trinkae* now extends into Peru and Bolivia as a consequence of collections that followed Faran's (1979b) original description based on specimens from Colombia and Ecuador (Table 1). All records of *An. trinkae* come from lowland areas in close proximity to the eastern slopes of the Andes ranges (Fig. 1).

Morphology. Examinations of prepared slides confirmed Peyton's (1993) observation that male genitalia of An. dunhami and An. trinkae are indistinguishable. Pale wing spots of female An. dunhami (n = 25) were cream to tan, whereas the homologous spots of female An. trinkae (n = 25) were white to cream. Seta 9-VIII of the pupa was longer in all An. trinkae examined (mean segment length/setal length = 4.4 for An. dunhami, range = 4.2-4.7; mean = 2.6 for An. trinkae, range = 2.4-2.8; n = 4 for each species).

The most prominent morphological differences between An. dunhami and An. trinkae were observed in the eggs (Fig. 2). All An. trinkae eggs possessed an

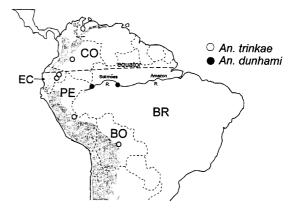
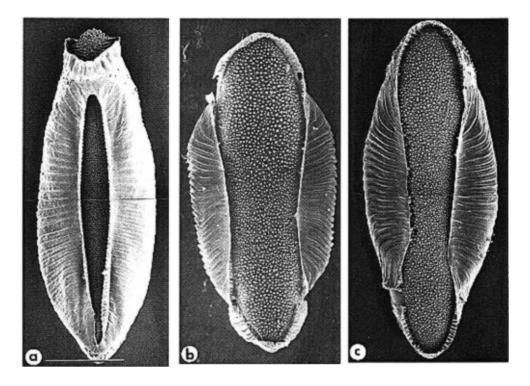


Fig. 1. Major collection localities of this study for An. trinkae and An. dunhami in South America. Shaded area represents the Andes mountains. Country abbreviations are in Table 1.



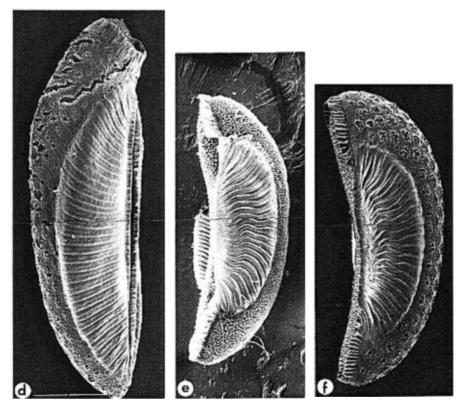


Fig. 2. Ventral (a-c) and lateral (d-f) views of eggs of An. trinkae (a and d) from Sardina Yacu, Ecuador; An. dunhami (b and e) from Tefé, Brazil, and An. nuneztovari (c and f) from Manaus, Brazil. Scale bar  $= 200 \ \mu m$ .

Table 3. Comparison of mean accessory gland volumes of 3 Nyssorhynchus species

| Species         | Site/country    | No.ª | $Vol^b$ $(\times 10^{-2}mm^3)$ (SE) |
|-----------------|-----------------|------|-------------------------------------|
| An. nuneztovari | Belém BR        | 14   | 1.60A (0.07)                        |
| An. nuneztovari | Manaus BR       | 13   | 1.63A (0.08)                        |
| An. nuneztovari | Porto Velho BR  | 10   | 1.34A (0.08)                        |
| An. dunhami     | Tefé BR         | 11   | 0.54B (0.08)                        |
| An. trinkae     | Sardina Yacu EC | 32   | 0.10 <b>C</b> (0.05)                |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Laboratory-raised male progeny of field-collected females.

anterior crown and a narrow deck region enclosed by ventrally positioned floats (Fig. 2 a and d), whereas An. dunhami had an exposed deck region flanked by smaller, more laterally positioned floats and open anterior and posterior frills (Fig. 2 b and e). The An. dunhami egg resembles more closely that of An. nuneztovari, but is distinguished from the latter by the absence of the raised, pore-ridden mounds of the dorsal plastron that are common to all An. nuneztovari (Fig. 2 e compare f, Linley et al. 1996). The ventral deck region usually is more exposed in An. dunhami than in An. nuneztovari (Fig. 2 b compare c).

The adjusted mean volume of male accessory glands from An. dunhami was slightly >5-fold the volume of the same glands from An. trinkae (Table 3). Both species had significantly smaller accessory glands than An. numeztovari, whose mean gland volumes did not differ significantly among 3 geographic samples from Brazil (Table 3, Lounibos 1994).

Molecular Characterizations. The 18 scorable primers used in this study produced 107 scorable bands ranging from ≈3.024 to 0.230 kbp (Table 2). Individuals clustered into 4 groups corresponding to their presumptive species (Fig. 3). Branch lengths within clusters were small in comparison to lengths among clusters. All 4 clusters were supported by bootstrap values of 100. Although not supported strongly by genetic distance and bootstrap values, An. dunhami and An. nuneztovari were more similar to each other than they were to An. trinkae and An. darlingi.

Anopheles dunhami and An. trinkae differed at 25% of nucleotide sites of the ITS2 region, and An. nuneztovari and An. trinkae differed at 21% (Fig. 4). By contrast, An. dunhami and An. nuneztovari differed in 6% of base pairs of this same region of rDNA. Intraspecific variation in ITS2 nucleotide sites was 0.0% for An. dunhami (n=4), 1.7% for An. trinkae (n=7), and 1.1% for An. nuneztovari (n=10) (J. A. Danoff-Burg and J.E.C., unpublished data).

Three of 11 isoenzyme loci were diagnostic for separating An. trinkae from An. dunhami, which was homozygous at Hk-1 (rf = 102), Pgi (rf = 96) and Gdh (rf = 76). An. trinkae does not have an allele in common with An. dunhami at these loci (Fritz et al. 1995; Hk-1, rf = 117; Pgi, rfs = 108,100; Gdh, rfs = 95,100). Of 11 loci tested, only Gdh diagnosed An. dunhami

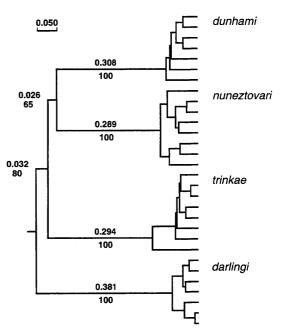


Fig. 3. Phenogram derived from RAPD fragment analyses showing relationships among individuals belonging to 4 species of Anopheles (Nyssorhynchus). Branch lengths are proportional to 1-S, where S is the similarity index defined in the text. The top number on selected branches is 1-S phenetic distance and the bottom the number of bootstrap replicates out of 100 supporting the topology.

from 2 Venezuelan populations of An. nuneztovari (Fritz et al. 1995).

Chromosomes. The X chromosome of salivary polytenes of  $An.\ dunhami$  from Tefé (n=5, progeny of 3 females) was divisible into XR and XL arms. By contrast, the X chromosome of all  $An.\ trinkae$  from Ecuador (n=8, progeny of 5 females) was telocentric (i.e., not divisible into XR and XL arms). Progeny of each of the 2nd group of families were confirmed as  $An.\ trinkae$  by the mtDNA profiles described in Conn et al. (1997).

#### Discussion

Our study demonstrated the merits of investigating related taxa across all levels of organization (i.e., from the molecular to the organismic) (Wilson 1989). This approach to mosquito systematics required the multiple use of field-collected specimens that exceeded the traditional scope of museum-based taxonomy.

Peyton (1993) concluded that An. trinkae and An. dunhami were conspecific based on their indistinguishable male genitalia. Isomorphic male genitalia are common among members of anopheline species complexes (e.g., Anopheles gambiae Giles [Gillies and DeMeillon 1968] and Anopheles culicifacies Giles [Harrison 1980]). However, in contrast to the genetic affinities of sibling members of species complexes, An. dunhami is related more closely to An. nuneztovari

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Means adjusted after analysis of covariance with wing length as covariate are significantly different (P < 0.05) if followed by different letters after testing by a Ryan-Einot-Gabriel-Welsch multiple comparisons test with PROC GLM of SAS Institute (1985).

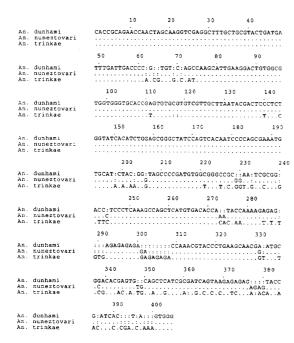


Fig. 4. Sequence alignment of the ITS2 region of rDNA for An. trinkae (consensus sequence from 4 sites), An. dunhami (Tefé, Brazil) and An. nuneztovari (consensus sequence from 10 sites in Fritz et al. [1994]). GenBank accession numbers are U92346 and U92355 (An. trinkae); U92326 (An. dunhami); U92343, U92350, and U92351 (An. nuneztovari).

than to An. trinkae, and we therefore speculate that the isomorphic male genitalia may have arisen by convergent evolution.

The egg stage offered the most obvious morphological structures for separating An. trinkae from An. dunhami (Fig. 2), as it has for identifying other cryptic species of Anopheles since Falleroni (1926) recognized members of the An. maculipennis complex from egg structures. Our SEM examinations corroborated the description of the An. dunhami egg based on the light microscope observations of Causey (1945) and resolved much more morphological detail, as depicted in Lounibos et al. (1997). Characters that separate An. dunhami and An. trinkae, such as the presence or absence of the anterior crown, or size and position of the floats, can be distinguished readily under a dissecting microscope. In egg morphology, An. trinkae and An. rangeli are relatively similar to each other (Linley and Lounibos 1993), as are An. dunhami and An. nuneztovari. The length of pupal seta 9-VIII also may diagnose An. dunhami from An. trinkae, but this character warrants validation with larger sample sizes.

Currently available collection records of the 2 species indicate no overlap in their geographic distributions, although it is possible that female specimens from eastern Peru and western Brazil may have been misidentified by collectors as An. rangeli or An. nuneztovari. From comprehensive collections throughout the Brazilian Amazon in the 1940s, Deane et al. (1948) recorded An. dunhami only from Tefé. The Tefé area

is known for its endemic plants (Prance 1987) and butterflies (Brown 1987) and also may have provided a refugium for the isolation and divergence of *An. dunhami* from *An. nuneztovari*.

The 2 species also differ in their importance as malaria vectors. An. trinkae was incriminated as a vector of human malaria in eastern Peru (Hayes et al. 1987) and commonly bites humans in eastern Ecuador and central Bolivia where malaria is endemic but vector incriminations remain incomplete (L.P.L., L.J.H., J.E.C., and G.N.F., unpublished data). An. darlingi does not occur in such subandean localities but is the primary vector in Tefé, Brazil, where An. dunhami was captured only in rural areas of relatively low human density (L.P.L. and J.E.C., unpublished data). In Amazonian Peru where An. darlingi is currently the vector of epidemic malaria, wild-caught females identified morphologically as An. nuneztovari have tested positive for human malaria in sporozoite enzyme immunoassays (Fernandez et al. 1997). In this zone of possible geographic overlap of An. nuneztovari with An. dunhami and An. trinkae, identifications should be corroborated with one or more of the methods used in the current study to separate cryptic species.

Between sibling species of Anopheles, base pair differences in the ITS2 regions of rDNA may either be common or rare. For example, 18.5-28.7% of base sites separated species pairs of the 5 members of the An. quadrimaculatus complex (Cornel et al. 1996), but 5 species of the An. gambiae complex differed by only 0.4-1.6% in this same region (Paskewitz et al. 1993). Given the low intraspecific variability observed for the ITS2 of An. dunhami (0.0% for n = 4) and An. trinkae (1.7% for n = 7), we conclude that the 25% interspecific difference in ITS2 nucleotide sites demonstrates substantial genetic divergence between these 2 species. The RAPD data also support the existence of An. trinkae as a genetic entity distinct from An. dunhami and corroborate other evidence that An. dunhami is phenetically closer to An. nuneztovari than to either An. darlingi or An. trinkae.

Although our isoenzyme results should be interpreted cautiously because only 3 An. dunhami were screened for 11 loci, 3 of these (27.3%) were diagnostic for separating this species from An. trinkae. By contrast, 3 of 24 (12.5%) loci were diagnostic for distinguishing An. trinkae from 8 geographic populations of An. rangeli (Fritz et al. 1995). These preliminary results indicate that An. trinkae may be related more closely to An. rangeli than to An. dunhami.

Species of Nyssorhynchus are separable by their X chromsomes (Kitzmiller et al. 1973, Kitzmiller 1977). Variation in the position of the centromere determines whether the X has L and R arms, as in An. dunhami, or is telocentric owing to a terminal centromere, as in An. trinkae. With respect to gross morphology of the X chromosome, An. dunhami would appear to be more similar to An. nuneztovari which has L and R arms (Kitzmiller et al. 1973, Conn 1990).

In conclusion, An. trinkae is a valid species that we herein resurrect from synonymy from An. dunhami. The latter species is related more closely to An. nun-

eztovari. An. trinkae probably is related more closely to An. rangeli. All 3 conclusions are further supported by a recent, revised phylogeny of the subgenus Nyssorhynchus that synthesizes morphological and molecular characters (J.A. Danoff-Burg and J.E.C., unpublished data).

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Appendix 1. RAPD fragment data matrix for 4 species of Anopheles (Nyssorhynchus). Individual specimen numbers correspond to terminal branches read from top to bottom on the phenogram in Fig. 3. Sec Table 2 for a summary of the primers used, the fragments produced, and the column to which each fragment corresponds

| Column no.        | 10          | 20         | 30         | 40         | 20         | 09         | 20         | 80         | 06         | 100        |         |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------|
| 4 Jl. 2! 1        | 0010111000  | 0001000000 | 011000110  | 111010010  | 110000100  | 0001001000 | 000010000  | 1000001000 | 0000001010 | 000010000  | 1010000 |
| An dunhama 1      | 000111100   | 0000000000 | 0011000010 | 111010010  | 1100001100 | 0001001000 | 000010000  | 1000001000 | 0000001000 | 0000110000 | 1010000 |
| An dembami 2      | 0001101100  | 0000001000 | 001100010  | 111010000  | 010000100  | 0001001000 | 0000100000 | 1000001000 | 0000001010 | 0000110000 | 001000  |
| An dimhami 4      | 0001101100  | 0000001000 | 0011000110 | 1110100010 | 1100000100 | 0001001000 | 000010000  | 1000001000 | 0000001010 | 0000110000 | 0010001 |
| An dimhami 5      | 0001101100  | 0000001001 | 0011000010 | 1110101000 | 1100000100 | 0001001000 | 100010000  | 1000001000 | 0100001010 | 0000110000 | 1010001 |
| An dunhami 6      | 0001101100  | 00000000   | 0011000010 | 1110100000 | 0000000100 | 0001001000 | 000010000  | 1000001000 | 0100001001 | 0000110000 | 1010000 |
| An dunhami 7      | 0001111100  | 00000000   | 0001000010 | 1110100010 | 0000000100 | 0000001000 | 0000100000 | 1000001000 | 0000001010 | 000010000  | 1010000 |
| An trinkae 1      | 111010001   | 1000110101 | 0000001000 | 1010010011 | 0011000110 | 1000001000 | 1011001000 | 0110001011 | 0100110100 | 0010001101 | 0100100 |
| An trinkae 9.     | 111010001   | 1000110101 | 0000001000 | 1010010011 | 0001101010 | 1000001010 | 1001000100 | 0110000011 | 0100110100 | 0010001101 | 0100100 |
| An trinkae 3      | 111010001   | 1000110101 | 0000001000 | 1010010011 | 0001101010 | 1000001000 | 1001000000 | 0110001011 | 0100110100 | 0010001101 | 0100100 |
| An trinkae 4      | 1110000001  | 0000110101 | 0000001000 | 1010010011 | 0011001010 | 1000001010 | 1001001000 | 0110001010 | 0100110100 | 0010001101 | 0100100 |
| An trinkae 5      | 111000001   | 1000100101 | 0000001000 | 101001001  | 0001001010 | 1000001010 | 1001001100 | 011000110  | 0100110100 | 0010001101 | 0100100 |
| An trinkae 6      | 1110000001  | 1000110101 | 0000001000 | 1010010011 | 0011001100 | 000000000  | 1001000100 | 0110001011 | 0100110100 | 0010001101 | 0100000 |
| An trinkae 7      | 1110000011  | 0000110101 | 0000001000 | 1010010001 | 000110000  | 1000001000 | 1001001000 | 0110001011 | 0000110100 | 0010001101 | 0100100 |
| An trinkae 8      | 11100000111 | 1000110000 | 000000000  | 101000001  | 000110000  | 1000001000 | 1001000101 | 0111001010 | 0000110100 | 000000000  | 0100100 |
| An darling 1      | 000000000   | 0111000010 | 1101101100 | 1011001000 | 0000100001 | 0010010101 | 0000010010 | 0000010100 | 1010000000 | 0100000010 | 0011010 |
| An darlingi 2     | 000000000   | 0111000000 | 1101100100 | 1011001000 | 0000100001 | 0010010101 | 0000010010 | 0000010100 | 101000001  | 0100000010 | 0011010 |
| An darlingi 3     | 000000000   | 0111000010 | 1101100100 | 1011001000 | 0000100001 | 0010000100 | 0000010010 | 0000110100 | 101000001  | 0100000010 | 0011010 |
| An. darlingi 4    | 000000000   | 0111000000 | 0101100100 | 1011001000 | 0000100001 | 0010000100 | 0000010010 | 0000010100 | 1010000001 | 0100000010 | 0010010 |
| An darlingi 5     | 000000000   | 0111000010 | 1101101101 | 1010001000 | 0000010001 | 0010000100 | 0000010010 | 0000110000 | 1010000000 | 0100000010 | 0011010 |
| An darlingi 6     | 000000000   | 0111000000 | 1101100101 | 1011001000 | 0000010001 | 0010000100 | 0000010010 | 0000110000 | 1010000000 | 0100000010 | 0001010 |
| An darlingi 7     | 000000000   | 0111000000 | 1101100101 | 1011001000 | 0000010001 | 0010000100 | 0000010010 | 0000110000 | 1010000000 | 0100000010 | 0011010 |
| An nuneztovari 1  | 0000100011  | 0000001001 | 0000010011 | 0001100010 | 0000000000 | 0100101011 | 0110001001 | 0011000000 | 000100000  | 000100000  | 0000001 |
| An nuneztonari 2  | 0000100011  | 100000011  | 0000010011 | 0001100100 | 0000000000 | 0100101001 | 0110000001 | 0011001000 | 000100000  | 1001000000 | 0000001 |
| An nuneztonari 3  | 0000100011  | 1000001011 | 110010000  | 0001100100 | 0000000000 | 0100101001 | 0110000001 | 0001000000 | 000100000  | 1001000000 | 0000001 |
| An nuneztonari 4  | 0000100011  | 0000001010 | 0000010011 | 0001100100 | 0000000000 | 0100101001 | 0110000001 | 0010001000 | 1001000000 | 1001000000 | 1000000 |
| An nuneztovari 5  | 0000100011  | 0000001010 | 0000010011 | 0000100100 | 0000000000 | 0100101000 | 0110000001 | 0011001000 | 000000000  | 1001000000 | 0000001 |
| An. nuneztovari 6 | 000010000   | 0000001000 | 000000011  | 0001100100 | 0000000000 | 0100101000 | 0110001001 | 0011000000 | 000100000  | 1001000000 | 0000001 |
| An. nuneztovari 7 | 000010000   | 0000000000 | 0000010011 | 0001100100 | 0000000000 | 0100001000 | 0110001001 | 0011000000 | 0000000000 | 1001000000 | 0000001 |
| An. nuneztovari 8 | 0000100010  | 0000000010 | 0000010011 | 0001000100 | 0000000000 | 0000001000 | 0110001001 | 0011000000 | 000100000  | 0001000000 | 0000001 |
|                   |             |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |         |

