Revision of the cluster flies of the *Pollenia haeretica* species-group (Diptera, Calliphoridae)

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**Abstract**

The Palaearctic *Pollenia haeretica* species-group is revised. Two species make up the group: *Pollenia haeretica* Séguy, 1928 (Algeria, Tunisia, Italy) and *Pollenia ibalia* Séguy, 1930 (Morocco). *Pollenia rungsi* Séguy, 1953 is established as a junior synonym of *Pollenia ibalia* Séguy, 1930, *syn. nov.*. *Pollenia funebris* Villeneuve, 1933 is treated as a junior synonym of *Pollenia ibalia* Séguy, 1930, *syn. nov.*, but the name is a junior primary homonym of *Pollenia funebris* Robineau-Desvoidy, 1863, and therefore permanently invalid. A lectotype is designated for *Pollenia haeretica* Séguy to fix the interpretation of the name. The syntypes of *Pollenia funebris* Villeneuve are probably lost.

**Key words**: Diptera, Calliphoridae, *Pollenia*, cluster flies, revision, new synonyms, Palaearctic Region

**Introduction**

In earlier papers I have revised the following Palaearctic species-groups in *Pollenia* Robineau-Desvoidy: the *P. labialis* group (originally called the *P. intermedia* group) (Rognes 1987a); the *P. rudis* group (Rognes 1987b); the *P. semicinerea* group (Rognes 1988); the *P. viatica* group (Rognes 1991b; see also Rognes & Baz 2008); the *P. vagabunda* group (Rognes 1992a) and the *P. venturii* group (Rognes 1992b). These and other Palaearctic species-groups were defined and keyed, and their phylogenetic relationships examined by Rognes (1988, 1992b). Contributions to the knowledge of the morphology and the nomenclature of *Pollenia* species were also given by Rognes (1991a, 1991c). Contributions on the *P. tenuiforceps* group were given by Szpila (2000) and Rognes (2002), while Szpila and Draber-Mońko (2008) contributed on the *P. amentaria* species-group. Pioneering work on the *Pollenia* first instar larvae was published by Szpila (2003).

Several species-groups have not been fully revised: the *P. amentaria*, *P. griseotomentosa*, *P. japonica* and *P. tenuiforceps* species-groups. Revisionary work on the *P. haeretica* species-group was begun by the author during a visit to MNHN back in 1990. Recent captures of specimens of *Pollenia haeretica* on Sardinia (Italy) by Pierfilippo Cerretti and his team (cf. Rognes, in press) prompted me to finish it.

**Methods**

**Acronyms for collections.**

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<td>CNC</td>
<td>The Canadian National Collection of Insects, Arachnids and Nematodes, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.</td>
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<td>IRSNB</td>
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Genus *Pollenia* Robineau-Desvoidy


Diagnosis and description of the *Pollenia haeretica* species-group

**Body.** Ground colour black. **Head.** Antennal pedicel and sometimes scape and extreme base of first flagellomere yellowish. Facial ridge, area below lower end of parafacial, area in front of genal dilation, and area behind vibrissal corner reddish. Anterior end of genal groove (between genal dilation and lower eye margin) also sometimes reddish. Frontal vitta brownish-black in male, with thin layer of greyish microtomentum, otherwise bare. In female the frontal vitta reddish anteriorly. Fronto-orbital plate, parafacial, and genal dilation covered with silvery-grey or brownish-grey microtomentum, with conspicuous shifting spots, especially on parafacial. All setae and setulae black, even all setulae at occiput. No pale setulae at lower end of postgena or elsewhere. Ocellar setae strong and almost parallel. Male frons strikingly broad, 0.100–0.158x head width at narrowest point. Female frons 0.339–0.392x head width at vertex. Male with inner vertical setae at most very slightly longer than innermost postocular setae, outer vertical setae not differentiated. Female with strongly developed inner and outer verticals. Fronto-orbital plate much narrower than frontal vitta, with 8–10 (male) or 6–7 (female) frontal setae, foremost one at level of anterior end of scape, hindmost ones very short and weak. Female with 2 proclinate and 1 lateroclinate orbital setae; no such setae in male. A single row (male) or several rows (female) of short setulae outside the row of frontal setae. Parafacial with 3–4 irregular rows of strong setulae, setulae at most as long as the width of the first
flagellomere, the setulae more densely set and even longer in upper part at level of anteriormost frontal seta. The setulae also invade the area below the parafacial and in front of the genal dilation. Lunula bare, depressed in the hind part. Facial carina very prominent with an anterior edge that is slightly convex in profile view. Antennal grooves deep. Vibrissae high above lower facial margin, distance between the right and left vibrissae about the same as or less than the distance between lower end of the facial carina and the ventral edge of the lower facial margin. Palpus black. Antenna with first flagellomere twice as long as pedicel; arista with shining brown stalk and long hairs above and below all the way to the apex, longest hairs about as long as width of first flagellomere.

Thorax. Dorsum with thin weak and uniform greyish microomentum, more conspicuous at the anteriormost parts, thin narrow vitta present between the acr and dc rows on presutural area. Under some lights there are dark and broad vittae also between acr rows and outside of dc rows. Almost all specimens examined are without the thin curly yellow or golden type of setulae usually present in Pollenia species. In very few cases such setulae are present in low numbers on dorsum. This applies to some females of *P. haeretica*, and to the male holotype of *P. ibalia*, but not to other *P. ibalia* specimens. Ground setulae black, scarce on dorsum, here sometimes curly at tip. 2+3 acr; 2+3 dc; 1+1 kepst; 1 prst; 3 h in a straight row; 1–2 ph, outer ph very often weak, absent, or asymmetrically developed; 1+2 ia; 2 npl, notopleuron also with long setulae; 4 strong marginal and 1 weak discal scutellar. Pleuron with black erect ground setulae on all sclerites, also on katepisternum. Behind the vertical row of anepisternal setae there are only black setulae. Proepisternal depression (“propleuron”), prosternum and metakatepisternum bare. Postalar wall with bundle of black setulae. Coxopleural streak long and narrow, almost reaching katepisternum. Katepimeron (“barrette”) setulose. Anterior and posterior spiracles with dark brown lappets.

Wing. Tegula and basicosta black. Subcostal sclerite brown, usually with microomentum only (in one case a small setula present). Wing membrane and wing veins dark brown proximally, paler brown distally. Cell r2+3 usually open, rarely closed in margin or even with a short stalk. Second costal sector bare below. Both calypters white, with white marginal rims, rims with fringe of white very short setulae. Setulae at fold between upper and lower calypter long and brownish. Lower calypter sometimes infuscated, but a basal circular area remains white. Halter with a black or dark knob.

Legs. Fore tibia with a full row of strong ad setae and 2 pv setae at middle. Mid tibia with 2 ad, 1 strong v, 1–2 pd and 2–3 p setae; the strongest p seta at level with the v seta, both slightly distal to the strongest ad seta. Mid femur with 2–3 pd preapicals in a transverse row, with (female) or without (male) an a preapical seta; and black pv ground vestiture. Hind tibia with 1–3 av setae of which the lowermost is about as long as tibial diameter and the other ones much shorter, 2–4 ad, 2–3 pd setae. Hind femur with black pv ground vestiture. Tarsi about as long as tibiae on all legs.

Abdomen. Covered with a thin layer of greyish microomentum, shifting along a middorsal line so that one half appears all grey and the other all dark according to lighting and angle of view. In most cases the grey and darker halves are almost totally uniform, but often there are a few irregularities so that there are small dark areas in the grey half, and vice versa. 2–4 lateral and no median marginal setae on T1–3. Complete marginal rows of setae on T4 and T5. Irregular transverse rows of discal setae on T5. Male. T1–4 dorsally with short more or less erect ground setulae, ventrally with similar but longer erect ground setulae, about as densely set as dorsally. T5 dorsally with much longer ground setulae than on T1–4 and with a transverse row of discal setae. Female. Decumbent, very closely adpressed ground setulae on T1–5 both dorsally and ventrally, though somewhat more semierect dorsally on T5.

Male genitalia. Surstyli longer than cerci, curving towards midline in anterior part in posterior view. Tip of cerci with more or less conspicuous brush of yellow or brown setulae. Aedeagus without a median hypophallic lobe; with short (narrow) ventral plates which have a regular smoothly curved distal edge; and with long low triangular hypophallic lobes, strongly sclerotised and denticulate posteriorly (proximally). Proximal edge of hypophallic lobes inserted well in front of ventral plates. Mesohypophallic rod long, rather broad in dorsal view, its proximal end smoothly connected to and continuous with ventral plate. Paraphallic processes of right and left side separated all the way from the base of the ventral plate, armed with a row of minute teeth distally.
Female genitalia. Not known for *P. ibalia*. For description of the ovipositor and internal reproductive organs of *P. haeretica*, see below under that species.

Recognition. The *P. haeretica* species-group is keyed by Rognes (1992b). Males are easily separated from all other Palaearctic species of *Pollenia* by the very broad frons in combination with a well developed facial carina and presence of a more or less dense brush of short setulae on the tip of the cerci. Females have also relatively broad frons (e.g., compared to females of *P. venturii*) and a similar facial carina, but safe assignment of single females is not possible at present.

Dark Palaearctic *Pollenia* species with a weakly dusted or shiny thorax and abdomen can be separated on external features from members of the *P. haeretica* species-group as follows.

*Pollenia alajensis* Rohdendorf (= *P. sytchevskaja* Grunin, cf. Rognes 1987a, 1988) (Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan) which has a distinct facial carina and all katepisternal ground setulae black, has an extremely narrow frons in the male (slightly less than width of anterior ocellus) and, like all males of the *P. tenuiforceps* group species, a hind tarsus that is a little shorter than the hind tibia (Grunin 1970, Rognes 1992b) and a hind tibia that has more or less complete rows of long ad and pd setae and a slightly shorter row of long av setae. In addition the hind tibia has (1) a ground setulose on the ad surface that is short (about as long as or slightly shorter than the width of the tibia), regular, almost erect, and often appearing as if combed backwards; (2) often a similar regular, semi-erect and even shorter ground vestiture on the v surface; and (3) a characteristic long and thin preapical d seta, about 3/4x length of the basal tarsomere. These three features of the *P. alajensis* male hind tibia are shared with the *P. tenuiforceps* group members *P. dasypoda* Portschinsky and *P. similis* (Jacentkovský), but in *P. tenuiforceps* Séguy itself usually only feature (3) is typically developed. Both sexes of *P. alajensis* have a halter with a yellow knob. Note that *P. alajensis* is the only *P. tenuiforceps* group member that has a black shining thorax and abdomen [4 male and 3 female paratypes of *P. sytchevskaja* in ZIN, 2 male paratypes of *P. sytchevskaja* in SMNS, and 1 male in BMNH examined].

*Pollenia amentaria* (Scopoli) (Europe, Algeria) has yellow katepisternal ground vestiture, a higher number of scutellar marginals (5–6), a bright yellow wing base and an abdomen that is very shiny, with even less microtomentosity than *P. haeretica* species-group members. Halter with a yellow knob.

*Pollenia atramentaria* (Meigen) (Europe, Georgia) lacks a facial carina, has yellow katepisternal ground vestiture, a row of small setulae on the dorsal side of stem vein and a bright yellow wing base.

*Pollenia leclercqiana* (Lehrer) (Europe, Morocco) has a very narrow frons, 1–2x width of the anterior ocellus only, black katepisternal ground vestiture, 5–6 scutellar marginals, a wing base that is light brown, a wing cell r4+5 that is conspicuously stalked and an abdomen that is very shiny, with even less microtomentosity than *P. haeretica* species-group members. Halter with a yellow knob. The tip of the cerci have an ornamentation, but not as conspicuous as in *P. haeretica*.

*Pollenia mystica* Rognes (Georgia) is described as having “[p]arafacial hairs inconspicuous”, a dark pedicel “reddened only apically” and has only a single pv seta on fore tibia (Rognes 1988: 322).

*Pollenia paragrunini* Rognes (Armenia) likewise has only a single pv seta on fore tibia (Rognes 1988: 325).

*Pollenia venturii* Zumpt (Europe) shares with *P. haeretica* and *P. ibalia* an almost total absence of yellow crinkly *Pollenia* setulae in both sexes, but has a much less prominent facial carina, and a decumbent and very closely adpressed ground vestiture on the abdominal tergites T3–4, even in males, whereas the ground vestiture is almost erect in males of *P. haeretica* and *P. ibalia*, a feature overlooked in my paper on the *P. venturii* species-group (Rognes 1992b). In females each fronto-orbital plate is narrower than half the width of the frontal vitta.

**Biology of the *Pollenia haeretica* species-group**

Almost nothing is known about the biology of the species making up the *P. haeretica* species-group. Séguy (1953) reported that a specimen of *Pollenia ibalia* Séguy (as the holotype of *P. rungsi* Séguy) had been bred from the noctuid moth *Laphygma exigua*, now most often carrying the name *Spodoptera exigua* (Hübner) and also known as the cotton moth, armyworm or beet army worm (Capiñera 2006). Capture dates of the material studied are from March, April, May, June, August and September. No immatures are known.
Key to males of the *Pollenia haeretica* species-group

1. Cerci broad in dorsal view (Fig. 4); apex appearing truncated (Fig. 4), slightly upturned in lateral view (Fig. 5) and covered with a very conspicuous and very dense brush of brownish setulae (Fig. 6). In lateral view the long erect setae present on the dorsal surface of the cerci proceed distally all the way to the tip (Fig. 5). Pregonite a broad-based triangle in lateral view (Fig. 3). Frons at narrowest / head width ratio 0.121–0.158............1. *Pollenia haeretica* Séguy

- Cerci narrow in dorsal view (Fig. 19); apex long, pointed (Fig. 19), not upturned in lateral view (Fig. 20) and covered with an inconspicuous, sparse brush of yellowish setulae (Figs. 21, 28). In lateral view the long erect setae present on the dorsal surface of the cerci are absent on the distal half (Fig. 20). Pregonite narrower, distally with almost parallel edges (Fig. 18). Frons at narrowest / head width ratio 0.100–0.108........................... 2. *Pollenia ibalia* Séguy

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1. *Pollenia haeretica* Séguy, 1928
Figs. 1–15, 30.

Lectotype male, Algeria (Skikda [“Philippeville”] [36°54' N, 6°57' E]) (MNHN), here designated. For details, see Type material, below.

*Pollenia haeretica* Séguy, 1928: 374 [justified emendation of the incorrect original spelling *haeretica* (with a ligature of the letters a and e; cf. Code Articles 27, 32.5.2 and 33.2.2), ICZN 1999].

Note. The name *haeretica* was mentioned in this paper only in a key to species of *Pollenia* Robineau-Desvoidy. Since accompanied by diagnostic characters, the name is available from this publication, although no indication was given that the name was used to denote a new species. Neither was information provided about the number or sex of the specimens before Séguy, or about localities of capture.

*Pollenia haeretica*: Séguy, 1930: 146, 148, 149 [as *haeretica*].

Note. Here *haeretica* was included in a key to *Pollenia* species (p. 146), and elsewhere (in text on p. 149 and in fig. 97 on p. 148) compared to *Pollenia ibalia* Séguy which was described as a new species in this paper. Still no information was provided about the specimens upon which the name *haeretica* was based, their number, sex or where they had been captured. Séguy illustrated (fig. 97) the tip of a cercus (labelled “fe”, and termed “extrémité apicale d’une branche du forceps externe”) and the pregonite (labelled “g”, and termed “une gonapophyse antérieure”) both obviously prepared from a microscope slide of the genitalia (Fig. 30).

*Pollenia haeretica*: Séguy, 1934: 45, 46, 47, 49.

Note. Again, *haeretica* was entered in a key to *Pollenia* (p. 46), and its aedeagus described (p. 47) and figured in lateral view (fig. 16 on p. 49). On p. 45 (fig. 4) was given a small, low quality sketch of the tip of the cercus with its dense vestiture. Localities were provided (p. 49), but no information was provided about the number of specimens or their sex.

*Pollenia haeretica*: Séguy, 1941a: 21, 23, 25, 26 [as *haeretica*].

Note. Séguy again keyed *haeretica* (p. 21) and mainly repeated the information in his 1934 paper. A figure of the aedeagus with details of the tip of the paraphallic process (fig. 22 on p. 23) was provided together with a figure of the tip of a cercus (fig. 21) (now termed “extrémité d’une branche du forceps interne”), although in his 1930 paper the term “forceps externe” was used. The latter figure (fig. 21) resembles the sketch published by Séguy (1934: fig. 4 on p. 45) but the vestiture is shown much less dense.


Note. Zumpt did not see any specimens of *haeretica*, and copied Séguy’s (1934, 1941a) figure of the aedeagus (Textfig. 31, right hand figure).

*Sachtlebeniola* (*Séguyiomia*) *haeretica*: Lehrer, 1963: 293.

Note. Lehrer grouped *haeretica* with *vagabunda* (Meigen), *contempta* Robineau-Desvoidy and *ibala* Séguy (error for *ibalia*).


Note. Lehrer again grouped *haeretica* with *vagabunda* (Meigen), *contempta* Robineau-Desvoidy and *ibala* (error for *ibalia*) Séguy, although assigning them to other nominal genera and subgenera than in 1963.


Note. Rognes did not accept that *haeretica* (and *ibalia* Séguy) belonged in the *vagabunda* species-group.


Note. Rognes keyed (p. 235) and characterised (p. 248) the *P. haeretica* species-group (p. 245) for two species, *P. haeretica* and *P. ibalia*, and provided a preliminary cladistic analysis of its relationship with other *Pollenia* species-groups.

*Pollenia haeretica*: Rognes, in press.

Note. Rognes recorded the species from several localities in Sardinia, which were the first published records of the species from Europe.

**Diagnosis. Male.** Length: 6–9mm (mean 7.3mm, n=11). **Head.** Frons at narrowest / head width ratio: 0.121–0.158 (mean 0.139, n=14). **Genitalia.** Cerci broad in dorsal view; apices appearing truncated, slightly upturned distally in lateral view and covered with a very conspicuous and very dense brush of brownish setulae at the inside of each tip. In lateral view the long erect setae present on the dorsal surface proceed distally all the way to the tip. Surstylus slightly narrowed in distal third and covered with short spiny setae on the external surface for its whole length, except at the extreme base where a couple of long setae are present and visible in dorsal view. There are also a few short spinous setae on the inside of the incurved tip. Pregonite a broad-based triangle in lateral view.

Female. Length: 5–9mm (mean 7.3mm, n=15). Head. Frons at vertex / head width ratio: 0.339–0.392 (mean 0.364, n=16). Ovipositor (Figs. 13, 14). T6 short, undivided, without microtrichiae on disc and along hind edge. ST6 with microtrichiae on disc in hind fifth. T7 with weakly sclerotised middle part narrower than
strongly sclerotised lateral halves, no microtrichiae anywhere on disc or along margin. ST7 also without microtrichiae except in a narrow zone around the marginal setae. Pleural membrane 7 microtrichiose. T8 with two narrow sclerotised lateral parts with a much broader weakly sclerotised in between, everywhere without microtrichiae; marginal setae a little in front of hind margin. ST8 narrow in middle, without microtrichiae. Pleural membrane 8 without microtrichiae. Epiproct microtrichiose. Cerci with microtrichiae in distal half, mostly along edges. Setae on epiproct and cerci of the long slightly wavy type, not spine-like. Hypoproct with microtrichiae all over and with short setae on disc and long setae along margin. (Two flat-mounted ovipositor slides examined, Gpr. 314, 315). Internal reproductive system. Spermathecae circular. Lateral sacs very slightly curved tubes with unsclerotised inner wall (Fig. 15).

Immatures. Unknown.

Biology. According to label data P. haeretica has been captured in the months of March, April, May, June, August, September. No breeding data are available.

Distribution. Algeria, Italy (Sardinia), Tunisia.

Material examined. Type material. Pollenia haeretica Séguy, 1928. The provenance of the material before Séguy was not published until his 1934 paper, where it was presented as follows “Algérie: Philippeville [now = Skikda] (Théry); Rocher-Blanc [now = ?], Rouiba [now in eastern part of the city of Alger], Alger (Surcouf)”. The last mention of Surcouf’s name obviously refers to specimens from Rocher-Blanc, Rouiba and Alger. These data were repeated by Séguy (1941a). The number and sex of the material have never been specified. I have traced all material in MNHN that possibly qualifies as syntypes of haeretica, and it is detailed below.

Specimens labelled with locality names corresponding to those listed by Séguy and placed under haeretica in the MNHN collection have been accepted prima facie as syntypes. In addition I have accepted as syntypes specimens from Algeria found under haeretica in MNHN carrying labels reading “… Dept. d’Alger / Fort de l’Eau / J. Surcouf 1921”, “...Boghari”, “… Algérie / Boghari / Coll. J. Surcouf 1919” and “Tadmit”, even though none of the localities Fort de l’Eau [now = Bordj El Kiffan, in eastern part of Alger], Boghari [now = Ksar el Boukhari, about 100km SSW of Alger] or Tadmit [between Laghouat and Djelfa, in the easternmost part of the “Saharien Atlas” mountains] have ever been published by Séguy for haeretica. However, I consider the fact that all specimens from these localities (except one, see next paragraph) were found under haeretica in the MNHN collection and all likely to have been known to Séguy, even very likely placed there by himself, constitutes “unpublished” evidence for considering them as being part of the type series, in accordance with Article 72.4.1.1 of the Code (ICZN 1999). This article allows that “[f]or a nominal species ... established before 2000, any evidence, published or unpublished, may be taken into account to determine what specimens constitute the type series.”

I have with some doubt also accepted as syntype a male from Boghari found under “P. vespillo” and which carries a single blue locality label identical to the one on a conspecific female found under P. haeretica. Likewise, I have accepted as syntype a female from Rouiba found in the collection under “P. atramentaria”, since it carries labels identical with those on a conspecific Rouiba male found under P. haeretica (including a white hand-written locality label with date of capture rendered as 15.5.12).

No type designation was made in the original publication of Séguy (1928) where the name haeretica was validly introduced. To fix the identity of the name Pollenia haeretica Séguy I have selected and labelled a lectotype (see below). I have labelled all the remaining syntypes with red paralectotype labels (haeretica Séguy). All the original syntypes are conspecific except for a female from Alger which belongs to Phyto Robineau-Desvoidy (probably P. discrepans Pandellé) (Rhinophoridae) (see below). All the paralectotypes have been given my determination label (20 Pollenia haeretica Séguy and 1 Phyto discrepans Pandellé).

Lectotype male, here designated, in MNHN, labelled (Fig. 10) (1) “PHILIPPEVILLE / ALGÉRIE / A. THERY” [printed on brownish label]; (2) “MUSEUM PARIS / ALGÉRIE / PHILIPPEVILLE / A. THÉRY 1903” [printed, except the “A” and the “3” in the last line, which are handwritten, a black frame around label]; (3) “TYPE” [black print on red label]; (4) “Pollenia / haeretica / Séguy 1928 / TYPE.” and [along the left side of the label] “2787” [all handwritten by Séguy on white label]; (5) “Prep. 289 / + 294 NB! / K. Rognes det.” [handwritten by K.R. except last line which is printed]. (6) My lectotype label (Pollenia haeretica Séguy).
The lectotype is in good shape and lacks the left wing. It has been dissected by Séguy, as witnessed by the abdominal tip which has the genitalia removed. In MNHN are two slides prepared by Séguy from this specimen. The first, slide no. 289, is a Canada balsam mount of the left wing being labelled “289 / Algérie / P / Correspond à / l’insecte 2787” [left side of slide] and “Pollenia / haeretica / Séguy / Aile gauche du / TYPE 2787” [right side of slide] [both labels handwritten by Séguy]. The second, slide no. 294, is a Canada balsam mount of the ST5 and the genitalia, being labelled “294 / Algerie / Philippeville / A. Théry” [left side of slide] and “Pollenia / haeretica / Séguy TYPE. / Correspond à / 2787” [right side of slide] [both labels handwritten by Séguy]. The number /2787 on both slides showed that they had been prepared from the lectotype which has the same number on its label. Paralectotypes (21 specimens, all in MNHN. Some MNHN specimens were badly damaged in transit when borrowed, and a few heads, legs and abdomens were broken off.): 5 females with labels identical to the two upper ones on the lectotype male (see above), and all pinned very high on the pins. One of them was dissected by K.R. in 1990, and carries two additional labels: (3) “G.pr. 314 / K. Rognes det. 90”; (4) “Pollenia ♀ ST / haeretica Ség. / K. Rognes det. 90” [both handwritten except for the text “K. Rognes det.” which is printed]. The head is pinned below the labels, and the abdomen had been glued to a card below the pinned head. Due to an accident in the mail the abdomen had come loose from the card and is now not recoverable from among the debris left in the box from the accident. The uterus and spermathecae are in glycerol in a glass microvial on the pin above label (3), and the ovipositor and ST1–5 flat-mounted in Euparal on a separate slide labelled «“Philippeville / Algérie / A. THÉRY” (1) / “… 1903” (2) / MNHN Paris / Euparal» [left side of slide] and «G. pr. 314 / Pollenia ♀ / haeretica Séguy / SYNTYPE / ST1–5 / ovipositor / K. Rognes 25/3.90» [right side of slide] [both in K.R.’s handwriting] (also in MNHN). Two females are intact. A fourth female lacks the head. The fifth female has lost both the head and the abdomen. • 2 females labelled (1) “MUSEUM PARIS / ALGER / J. SURCOUF 1922” [printed on blue labels]; (2) “JUIN” and “AOUT”, respectively. The “AOUT” specimen is a rhinophorid and belongs to Phyto Robineau-Desvoidy, probably Phyto discrepans Pandelé. It has been given a label to this effect. • 3 males and 1 female labelled “ALGÉRIE / ROCHER-BLANC / (LE CORSO) / J. SURCOUF / MAI – JUIN 1912” [printed on yellowish label]. One of the males has been dissected by Séguy as witnessed by the abdominal tip which lacks the genitalia. I have given it a second label reading “Prép. / 290 / K. Rognes det.” [handwritten except for last line]. The number “290” refers to a slide in MNHN which is a Canada balsam mount of the ST5 and the genitalia of the dissected male. The slide itself is labelled “290” [left side] and “Pollenia / haeretica Séguy / TYPE” [right side] [both labels handwritten by Séguy], but the “TYPE” reference cannot be to the lectotype specimen. There is nothing written on the slide that connects it to the dissected specimen, except for the name. But the fact that it is the only dissected specimen of Pollenia haeretica in MNHN besides the lectotype proves that the slide no. 290 belongs to this specimen. The “TYPE” reference on the slide must have been put there before Séguy decided what specimen he would give the red “TYPE” label (which turned out to be the one labelled “2787”). • 2 males and 2 females all labelled “MUSEUM PARIS / ROUIBA / (DEP’ D’ALGER) / J. SOURCOUF 1923” [printed on blue label]. Of these 1 male and 1 female carry an additional label above the printed blue label reading “Rouiba / 15.5.12” [handwritten in Surcouf’s handwriting]. The male has been dissected by K.R., and the abdominal T1–5 are glued to a piece of card on the pin above the labels and the ST1–5 and the genitalia are kept in glycerol in a glass microvial pinned below the original labels. The female was found in the MNHN collection under “Pollenia atramentaria” together with a headless female of Pollenia leclercqiana (Lehrer), and a male and a female of Pollenia venturii Zumpt, all from France. 1 male and 1 female carry an additional label below the blue printed label reading “JUIN” [printed]. • 2 females labelled “MUSEUM PARIS / ALGÉRIE / Dépt d’Alger / Fort-de-l’Eau / J. SOURCOUF 1921” [printed on yellowish label]. One of them was dissected by K.R. in 1990. The uterus (with an egg) and the spermathecae are kept in glycerol in a glass microvial on the pin. The abdominal T1–5 are glued to a card above the labels. The pin carries two additional labels: (2) “G. pr. 315 / K. Rognes det. 90” (3) “Pollenia ♀ / haeretica Ség. / K. Rognes det. 90” [both these labels handwritten except “K. Rognes det.” which is printed]. The ovipositor and ST1–5 are flat-mounted in Euparal on a separate slide labelled «“MUSEUM PARIS / ALGÉRIE / Dépt. d’Alger / Fort de l’Eau / J. SOURCOUF 1921” MNHN Euparal» [left side of slide] and “G. pr. 315 / Pollenia ♀ / haeretica Séguy / ST1–5 / ovipositor / K. Rognes 25/3.90» [right side of slide] [both in K.R.’s handwriting] (also in MNHN). • 1 male
and 1 female labelled “ALGERIE / Boghari” [printed on blue label, except last line which is handwritten]. The male carries an additional label reading “Pollenia σ / haeretica Ség. / K. Rognes det. 90” [handwritten except “K. Rognes det.” which is printed]. I dissected the male in 1990, and the abdominal T1–5 are glued to a piece of card on the pin above the labels and the ST1–5 and the genitalia are kept in glycerol in a glass microvial pinned below the red paralectotype label. The male was found in MNHN under “Pollenia vespillo” together with 1 male and 1 female of Pollenia venturii Zumpt from France and 2 females of P. amentaria Scopoli from Algeria (Rocher Blanc, Surfoc leg.). The female was found under Pollenia haeretica. • 1 male labelled “MUSEUM PARIS / ALGÉRIE / BOGHARI / Coll. J. SURCOUF 1919” [printed on yellowish label]. This male has the cerci and surstyli visible. • 1 female labelled (1) “TADMIT / AVRIL 1893” [printed]; (2) “MUSEUM PARIS / ALGÉRIE / P. LESNE 6-97” [printed on yellowish label].


2. Pollenia ibalia Séguy, 1930
Figs. 16–30.

Holotype male, Morocco (Douar Ras el Ksar [“Ras el Ksar”] [33° 55' 42" N, 3° 50' 4" W] 900m, (MNHN), by original designation. For details, see Type material, below.

Pollenia ibalia Séguy, 1930: 146, 148.

Note. Pollenia ibalia was given a place in a key (on p. 46) to Pollenia Robineau-Desvoidy in this paper, and some parts of the genitalia were described and figured (fig. 96 on p. 148) together with corresponding parts of P. haeretica (fig. 97). In text and figures Séguy compared his new ibalia with haeretica Séguy. Séguy illustrated the tip of a cercus (labelled “fe”, and termed “extrémité apicale d’une branche du forceps externe”) and the pregonite (labelled
“g”, and termed “une gonapophyse antérieure”) (Fig. 30). Details of the type material found in MNHN are given under Type material, below.


Note. Tentative synonymy. The fate of the syntypes of this species is not known. They are not present in MNHN, or in CNC, IRSNB, MRAC, USNM or ZMUK, all housing Villeneuve types, and are possibly lost. The description and country of origin (Morocco) make it likely that they belong to _Pollenia ibalia_ Séguy. The name was based on five specimens from Marrakech captured by “le D’ R. Meyer du 23 au 28 mars 1932”. Only males were described. Since the name is a primary homonym and thus permanently invalid, the true identity of the name is of academic interest only.

_Pollenia ibalia_ Séguy, 1934: 45, 46, 47, 49.

Note. *Pollenia ibalia* was keyed (p. 46). The aedeagus was described briefly (p. 47) and figured in lateral view (fig. 15 on p. 49). The cerci (now termed “[f]orceps internes”) were described (p. 50) as “brusquement tronqués à l’apex avec quelques courtes soies serrées en pinceau apical” and roughly sketched (fig. 5 on p. 45). Localities were provided (p. 50). A printing error from Séguy (1930) about the altitude of the Ras el Ksar material is repeated.

**Pollenia ibalia** Séguy, 1941a: 22, 23, 26.

Note. Séguy again keyed (p. 22) *P. ibalia* and mainly repeated information from his 1934 paper. The figure of the aedeagus with details of the tip of the paraphallic process (fig. 20 on p. 23) was copied from his 1934 paper, together with details of the tip of a cercus (fig. 19 on p. 23) (now again termed “extrémité d’une branche du forceps interne”, although in his 1930 paper “forceps externe” was used).

**Pollenia rungsi** Séguy, 1953: 88. Holotype male, Morocco (Rabat, bred from *Laphygma exigua* [= *Spodoptera exigua* (Hübner), Lepidoptera, Noctuidae]) (MNHN), by monotypy. Examined. **Syn. nov.**

**Pollenia ibalia**: Zumpt, 1956: 73.

Note. Zumpt did not see any specimens of *ibalia* and also copied Séguy’s (1934, 1941a) figure of the aedeagus (Textfig. 31, left hand figure).

**Pollenia rungsi**: Zumpt, 1956: 82.

**Sachtlebeniola** (Séguayomiya) *ibala* [error for *ibalia*]: Lehrer, 1963: 293.

Note. Lehrer grouped *ibalia* with *vagabunda* (Meigen), *contempta* Robineau-Desvoidy and *haeretica* Séguy.

**Nitellia** (Trichopolleinia) *ibala* [error for *ibalia*]: Lehrer, 1967: 258.

Note. Lehrer again grouped *ibalia* with *vagabunda* (Meigen), *contempta* Robineau-Desvoidy and *haeretica* Séguy, although assigning them to other nominal genera and subgenera than in 1963.


Note. Schumann, by an error, only cited the type locality as “Moyen Atlas, Berkine”.


**Pollenia ibalia**: Rognes, 1992a: 97.

Note. Rognes did not accept that *ibalia* (and *haeretica* Séguy) belonged in the *vagabunda* species-group.


Note. Rognes keyed (p. 235) and characterised (p. 248) a *P. haeretica* species-group (p. 245) for two species, *P. haeretica* and *P. ibalia*, and provided a preliminary cladistic analysis of its relationship with other *Pollenia* species.

**Diagnosis. Male.** Length: 6–9mm (mean 7.5mm, n=3). **Head.** Frons at narrowest / head width ratio: 0.100–0.108 (mean 0.105, n=5). **Genitalia.** Cerchi narrow in dorsal view; apices long, pointed, not upturned distally in lateral view, tip covered with an inconspicuous, sparse brush of yellowish setulae. In lateral view the long erect setae present on the dorsal surface of the cerci are absent on the distal half. Surtystylus with long thin setae on the outside in basal half, visible in dorsal view. No short spiny setae on external side. Pregonite narrow, distally with almost parallel edges.

**Female.** Length: 6–9mm (mean 7.5mm, n=2). Frons at vertex / head width ratio: 0.364–0.383 (mean 0.374, n=2). **Ovipositor.** Unknown. **Internal genitalia.** Unknown.

**Biology.** According to label data *P. ibalia* has been captured in April, June and August. One specimen (the holotype of *P. rungsi*) is on record for having been bred from *Laphygma exigua* [= *Spodoptera exigua* (Hübner), Lepidoptera, Noctuidae]. No immatures are known.

**Distribution.** Morocco.

**Material examined. Type material.** *Pollenia ibalia* Séguy, 1930. Séguy (1930: 148) described *Pollenia ibalia* on the basis of material cited as follows: “Moyen Atlas: Berkine, 1350-1400m., jardins dans le Tlet n’Rohr, 10. VI.29; type: Ras el Ksar, 1900 m, 12-13.VI.29 (F. Le Cerf).” The number of specimens or their sex was not stated. No material from Berkine has been traced in MNHN, but there are three specimens labelled “… Ras el Ksar 900m F. le Cerf …” and one of them carries Séguy labels indicating that this specimen was meant to be a name bearer. The cited “type” statement in conjunction with the red “TYPE” label and the word “TYPE” written on a second label (see below) fixes the status of this specimen as holotype by original designation. I have labelled it with a holotype label. Evidently Séguy’s 1900m is a printing error for the actual height of 900m. The other specimens have been labelled as paratypes. All specimens are conspecific, and I have labelled the paratypes with my determination label (*ibalia* Séguy). **Holotype** male, in MNHN, labelled (Fig. 25) (1) “MUSÉUM PARIS // MAROC // MOYEN ATLAS // RAS EL K SAR 900 m // F LE CERF // 12/13 VI 1929” [printed on greyish blue label]; (2) “TYPE” [printed on red label]; (3) “Pollenia / ibalia ♂ / TYPE. Séguy / E. SÉGUY det. 1929” [handwritten by Séguy except “E. SÉGUY det. 19” which is
The specimen has been dissected by K.R.. The abdominal T1–5 are glued to a card on the pin above the labels, and the ST1–5 and genitalia are kept in glycerol in a glass microvial below label (3). **Paratypes** (2 males, both in MNHN): 1 male labelled (1) “MUSÉUM PARIS // MAROC // MOYEN ATLAS // RAS EL KSAR 900 m // F LE CERF // 12/13 VI 1929” [printed on greyish blue label]; (2) “ibalia / E. Séguy det. 19” [handwritten by Séguy, except last line which is printed]; (3) “ag 292 / K. Rognes det.” [handwritten in pencil on white label, except last line which is printed; ag = appareil genital]; (4) “Genital slide / no. 292 / “Pollenia ibalia n.sp.”” [printed on red label; label prepared by K.R.]; (5) my paratype label (ibalia Séguy). Slide 292, also in MNHN, is a Canada balsam mount of the ST5 and the genitalia labelled “292” [left side of slide] and “Pollenia / ibalia / n.sp.” [right side] [all text in pencil in Séguy’s handwriting]. 1 male labelled (1) “MUSÉUM PARIS // MAROC // MOYEN ATLAS // RAS EL KSAR 900 m // F LE CERF // 12/13 VI 1929” [printed on greyish blue label]; (2) my paratype label (ibalia Séguy). Not dissected, but cerci and surstyli clearly visible.

**FIGURES 26–30.** 26–29. *Pollenia ibalia* Séguy, male (from holotype of *Pollenia rungsi* Séguy in MNHN). 26. Aedeagus, left lateral view. 27. Aedeagus, dorsal (posterior) view. 28. Tip of cerci, slightly oblique view. 29. Three original labels, determination label and holotype label by K.R. 30. Right pregonite and tip of cercus of *P. ibalia* (left) and *P. haeretica* (right) [reproduced from Séguy 1930: 148, figs. 96 and 97, by permission].

*Pollenia rungsi* Séguy, 1953. This species was described from an unspecified number of males from Rabat (Morocco), bred from *Laphygma exigua* [= *Spodoptera exigua* (Hübner), Lepidoptera, Noctuidae]) by “Ch. Rungs”, the data concerning the breeding being “..., év. 1564, 19-XI-1935”. A single specimen was found in MNHN under *Pollenia rungsi*, labelled (Fig. 29) (1) “s (?) / Laphygma / exigua / El: 1564 / 19.xi.35” [handwritten]; (2) “TYPE” [printed on red label]; (3) “Pollenia / Rungsi / TYPE Ség.” [handwritten by Séguy]. It is in good condition (but left wing is lost). I dissected it during a visit to MNHN in 1990 and added a label, (4) “Pollenia φ / ibalia Ség. / K. Rognes det. 90” [handwritten, except “K. Rognes det.” which is printed]. The abdominal T1–5 were glued to a card above label (1), and the ST1–5 and genitalia kept in glycerol in a glass microvial between labels (3) and (4). The specimen fits the description and other published data and is obviously a name-bearing type. Even though Séguy did not state in the original publication that only one specimen was before him when he described *rungsi* and neither used the expression “holotype”, “le type”, “type”, or some equivalent expression in the published text, I interpret the single specimen in MNHN...
as a holotype fixed by monotypy, in conformity with my action in similar cases regarding other Séguy species (Bengalia unicolor, Bengalia chromatella, Bengalia pallidicoxa) (Rognes 2009). I have labelled the specimen as such (Fig. 29).

Pollenia funebris Villeneuve, 1933. This species was described from five male specimens from Marrakech (Morocco). No syntypes are present in CNC (e-mail from J. O’Hara 16 April 2007), IRSNB (letter from P. Grootaert 7 January 1987; list of IRSNB holdings of various Villeneuve types), MNHN (letter from L. Matile 19 May 1987; personal visits in 1987, 1990); MRAC (e-mail from E. De Coninck 28 April 2010); USNM (not in list of holding of Villeneuve types received in e-mail from N. E. Woodley 14 February 2008) or ZMUK (letter from F. Sick 24 March 1987), all housing other Villeneuve types. The type material is possibly lost.


Note. There is a record of “Pollenia ibalia” from Morocco in Séguy (1941b: 33), from “Djebel M’Goun, cañon Tessout, 3,000-3,200 m., 1-15 septembre”. I have traced the specimen in MNHN and it is a misidentified female of Pollenia leclercqiana (Lehrer). I have labelled it as such.

Discussion

Problems with Séguy’s papers. Pollenia haeretica and P. ibalia are rare species and have so far only been known from Séguy’s papers (1928, 1930, 1934, 1941a). They have been difficult to identify with any degree of confidence because of a certain lack of precision in Séguy’s keys and descriptions, apart from a confusing terminology, the cerci being sometimes called “forceps interne”, sometimes “forceps externe”. With the results of the present revision as background knowledge, some important problems with Séguy’s papers on these species will be discussed.

Facial keel of P. ibalia. This was described (Séguy 1930: 146) in successive key options leading to P. semicinerea Villeneuve and P. ibalia (and partly to other species) variously as “[c]arène faciale bien développée” and “[c]arène faciale épaissie”. In the main description of P. ibalia, however, Séguy (1930: 148) wrote: “Carènes faciales nulles, brunies à la base...”. It is confusing that the noun is put in plural here, the facial keel being a single structure. It is possible that he is referring to other structures than the facial carina, perhaps the facial ridges, since, a little further below, he wrote that the antennae were “séparées à la base par une carène aiguë aussi longue que l’antenne, ...”. In later papers the facial carina was again described as “bien développée” (Séguy 1934: 46, 1941a: 21). The facial keel is in fact very prominent and rather similar to the one in P. haeretica which is described variously as “saillante” (Séguy 1928: 374; 1930: 146) and “… aussi épaissie que l’antenne”, (Séguy 1934: 46; 1941a: 21) (compare Figs. 8, 23).

Wing cell r₄₊₅. In Séguy’s first key (Séguy 1928: 374) there is an option for a wing character reading “Aile: première cellule postérieure fermée, à pétiole court”, as opposite to the option where this wing cell is “largement ouverte”, where P. haeretica is grouped together with P. atramentaria Meigen. While P. atramentaria specimens have a short stalk to the cell r₄₊₅, this key option does not apply to all the specimens of P. haeretica in MNHN. If we disregard the paratype female from Alger which is a rhinophorid (the cell is stalked, and the specimen possibly belongs to Phyto discrepans Pandellé), there are three type specimens that have the cell closed in margin (the lectotype male [Fig. 11], a female paratype from Alger and a female
parallectotype from Rocher-Blanc) and two female parallectotypes which have the cell with a short stalk (both from Fort de l’Eau, one of them dissected by K.R.). The remaining parallectotypes have the cell open. Among the other specimens examined, unavailable to Séguy, there are two females from Sardinia in CNBF that have the cell with a short stalk. All other specimens I examined have the cell widely open, as in Fig. 12. Such specimens of *P. haeretica* will key out to *P. semincinerea* or *P. contempta* Robineau-Desvoidy in Séguy’s (1928) key. The later keys by Séguy (1930, 1934, 1941a) included the species *P. ibalia*, and in these keys the *P. haeretica* specimens with a widely open cell r₄₅ will come out as *P. ibalia*, because of their wide frons and the presence of 2 ad setae on the mid tibia. The three syntypes of *P. ibalia* have a widely open cell r₄₅, but the right wing (the only one present) in the holotype of *P. rungsi* has this cell closed in the wing margin. So both *P. haeretica* and *P. ibalia* vary in this feature.

**Number of ad setae on the mid tibia.** This feature is described by Séguy (1930: 149) when comparing his new species *P. ibalia* with *P. haeretica*. He states that *P. ibalia* has two ad setae on the mid tibia, while “…(une seul est présente chez le *P. haeretica*), …”. However, this is inaccurate as far as *P. haeretica* is concerned. Of the specimens in MNHN only the lectotype and a male (dissected) and a female from Rouiba have 1 ad on the mid tibia. The remaining specimens in MNHN, all specimens in BMNH, CNBF and KR, and all specimens in ZMUC, except one, have 2 ad setae on the mid tibia, in so far as this leg is intact (most specimens). One male specimen in ZMUC has 3 ad on the left and 4 ad on the right mid tibia. All *P. ibalia* specimens I have seen have 2 ad on mid tibia, except the male in BMNH which has 2 ad on the left, one ad on the right mid tibia, although it is possible that a second ad has been lost (very difficult to decide whether a basal pore is present or not).

**Vestiture on tip of cerci.** This is figured by Séguy for both *P. haeretica* and *P. ibalia* three times (Séguy 1930: figs. 96, 97 on p. 148; 1934: figs. 4, 5 on p. 45; 1941a: figs. 19, 21 on p. 23). The 1930 figures are very detailed (Fig. 30). The left hand side of Fig. 30 shows Séguy’s fig. 96. Since there is only one slide (no. 292) of *P. ibalia* in MNHN this slide must have been used to prepare the figure, where the genital parts are seen from the right side. The right hand side of Fig. 30 shows Séguy’s fig. 97. Since this figure shows the view of the cercus and pregonite from the right side I am fairly confident that it has been prepared from slide no. 294, where the genital parts likewise have their right side up towards the cover-slip. Slide 290, also prepared from *P. haeretica*, has the genital parts with their left side up towards the cover-slip. Séguy’s fig. 97 shows a profile view at very high magnification (about 300x) of the extremely dense bundle of brownish setulae on the tip of the cercus in *P. haeretica* (similar to the one shown in Figs. 4–6), whereas fig. 96 shows the dramatically less dense vestiture on the tip of the cercus in *P. ibalia*, at a similar very high magnification. The 1934 figures are much less accurate, rather like small sketches, and the 1941a figures (Séguy 1941a: 23, figs. 19, 21) even less detailed. Admittedly they render the bundle of setulae in *P. haeretica* more dense than in the corresponding figure for *P. ibalia*, but not dramatically so, leaving the reader in the dark as to which one to go for. Unfortunately, Séguy never presented a dorsal (posterior) view of the cerci of *P. haeretica* or of *P. ibalia*, to document how the tips look under an ordinary stereomicroscope at moderate magnification.

**Shape of the tip of the cerci.** Séguy (1934: 50; 1941a: 22) described the tip of the cerci (“[florceps internes]”) of *P. ibalia* as “brusquement tronqués à l’apex …”. This is difficult to reconcile with the actual shape of the cerci as seen in dorsal (posterior) view with an ordinary stereomicroscope (Figs. 19, 21, 28). Under such an instrument the cerci of *P. ibalia* appear rather acute in dorsal view, whereas in *P. haeretica* they appear truncated at the tip (Figs. 4, 6). However, the illustration of the cercal tip of *P. ibalia* as figured in Séguy (1930: 96, “fê”) (Fig. 30, left-hand side) has been drawn at a very high magnification (about 300x) from the right cercal tip of the genitalia mounted on slide no. 292 in MNHN. In this slide the tip gives the impression of being abruptly truncated, but this is somewhat misleading, since the genital capsule has been flattened and the cercal tip partly twisted during the preparation of the Canada-balsam mounted slide and is not seen in dorsal view. However, the slightly oblique view of the tip of the cerci shown in Fig. 28 displays a truncation similar to the one in Séguy’s fig. 96 (Fig. 30, left-hand side).

**Monophyly and relationships of the Pollenia haeretica species-group.** The *P. haeretica* species-group is possibly monophyletic on account of the very broad male frons, a unique feature among Palaeartic *Pollenia*. Its closest relatives are not easy to determine. A black body where all thin curly setulae are black
(thus with no or almost no white or golden Pollenia setulae) is a feature shared with many specimens of P. venturii Zumpt, but the latter has a very different aedeagus. An ornamentation of the tip of the male cerci is a feature shared with Pollenia leclercqiana (Lehrer), but I have assigned this species to a Pollenia amentaria species-group (Rognes 1992b) because of the higher number of marginal scutellar setae (5–6) and a rather different aedeagus, which is identical to the one in P. amentaria (Scopoli), P. moravica (Jacentkovský) and P. vera Jacentkovský. Lehrer (1963, 1967) grouped P. haeretica and P. ibalia together with P. vagabunda (Meigen) and P. contempta Robineau-Desvoidy in the same subgenus (variously named Séguyiomysia Lehrer or Trichopollenia Enderlein, subordinated to different genera in the two papers), but gave no arguments in favour of this view. None of the synapomorphies shared by the species in the P. vagabunda species-group, viz. the male cerci bent backwards in distal 2/5, presence of 2 inner ph, and a tendency to develop supplemental setae in front of the 3 usual h, are present in P. haeretica or P. ibalia. Furthermore, the ventral plate is much longer in the vagabunda species-group members (compare with illustrations in Rognes 1992a) and the number of scutellar marginals lower (usually only 3, cf. Rognes 1992a). I therefore reject Lehrer’s view.

The systematic position of Pollenia funebris Villeneuve. The description of P. funebris (Villeneuve 1933: 284–285) is quite detailed and I believe it refers to a species in the P. haeretica species-group. Villeneuve describes the frons as broad (“[y]eux un peu distants”), noticed the very scarce amount of Pollenia setulae (“revêtement laineux grisâtre a peu près nul, même sur les pleures”) and described the characteristic pattern of dusting of the abdomen shifting along a middorsal line. Regarding the genitalia, he described only the surstyli and in these terms: “... : paralobes un peu amincis, arqués l’un vers l’autre dans leur portion distale, et hérisssés, tant sur leur face interne que sur leur face externe, de nombreux cils noir et raides, sans onguicule ni villosité.” This description may fit the sur styli of P. haeretica, but I think it very unlikely that Villeneuve would not have noticed the presence of the conspicuous and very dense brush of setulae on the tip of the cerci, had he had this species before him. Since he does not describe the cerci at all for his new Pollenia species it may not have been particularly noteworthy, which is the reason why I think the P. funebris syntypes (which have not been located and are possibly lost) belong to the taxon P. ibalia Séguy. The five syntypes were captured in Morocco, a fact also suggesting that the name is a synonym of P. ibalia. Villeneuve notes variation among his specimens of P. funebris concerning the cell r4+5, which is found to be open, but closed or even short petiolate in small specimens. He dismisses this as having no taxonomic importance: “Cette disposition anormale n’est pas très rare chez beaucoup de Larvaeoridea; les anciens auteurs y voyaient soit des espèces, soit des genres nouveaux, ce qui était excusable a leur époque; mais il est plus regrettable de voir certains auteurs de notre temps croire à la fixité absolue des caractères ici, ...” (Villeneuve 1933: 285). The same variation is found in P. ibalia.

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