

SYNONYMY: *Elassocumella* sp SD1 Nestler 2005

LITERATURE:

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DIAGNOSTIC CHARACTERS (See figures following page.) Based on females, n=5; City of San Diego Monitoring Program, 97 – 101m.

- Mandibular molar process truncate
- Ocular elements medially fused into single, rounded mid-dorsal lobe not reaching tip of pseudorostrum
- Carapace with spines along middorsal crest, continuing onto pereonites, and frequently on to some pleonites
- Pereonites laterally flaring
- Exopods absent (in female)
- Abdomen shorter than cephalothorax
- Uropodal peduncle short, shorter than pleonite 6

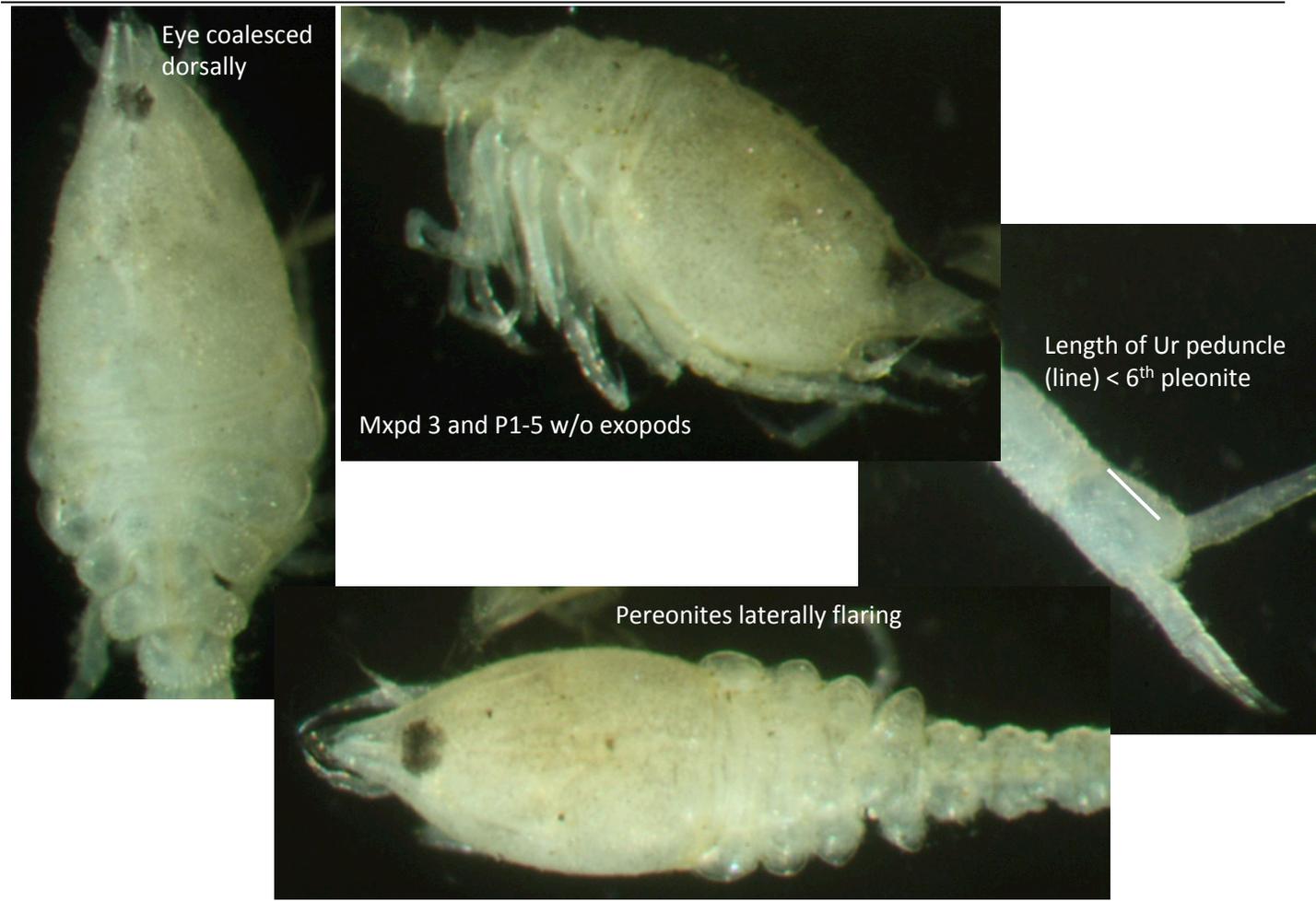
Similarities:

- Differs from *Elassocumella micruropus* (Zimmer 1943) in having spines along the mid-dorsal crest of the carapace, as well as lacking a distinct bump posteriorly and more elongate uropod (peduncle and rami).
- Differs from *Elassocumella krakeri* Jarquin-Gonzalez & Garcia-Madrigal 2013 in having spines along the mid-dorsal crest of the carapace, the absence of long setae on the carapace and pereonites, as well as having more elongate uropod (peduncle and rami).
- Differs from all members of *Cumella*, including *Cumella californica* Watling and McCann 1997, which also has dorsal spines on the carapace, in the absence of exopods on every pereopod and the 3rd maxilliped.

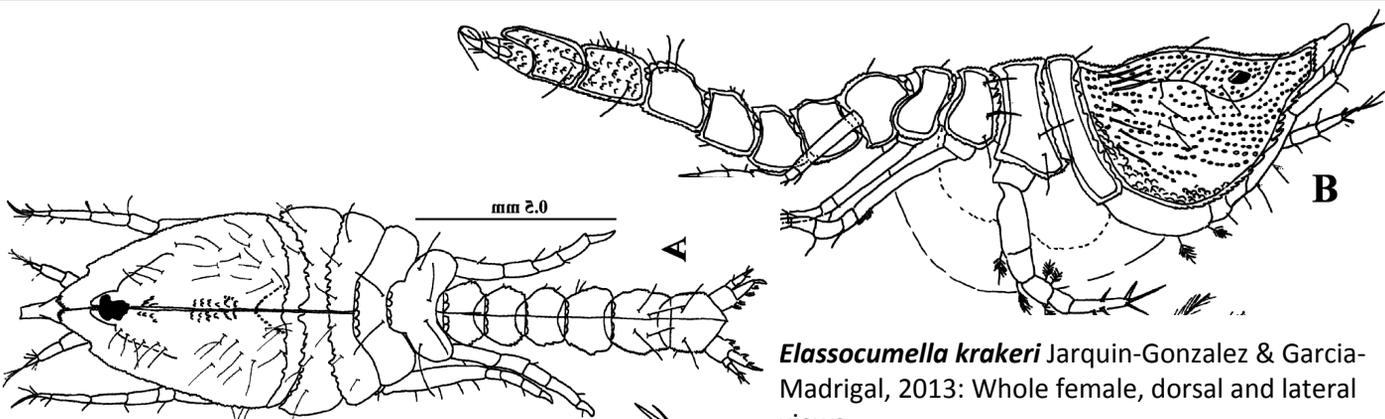
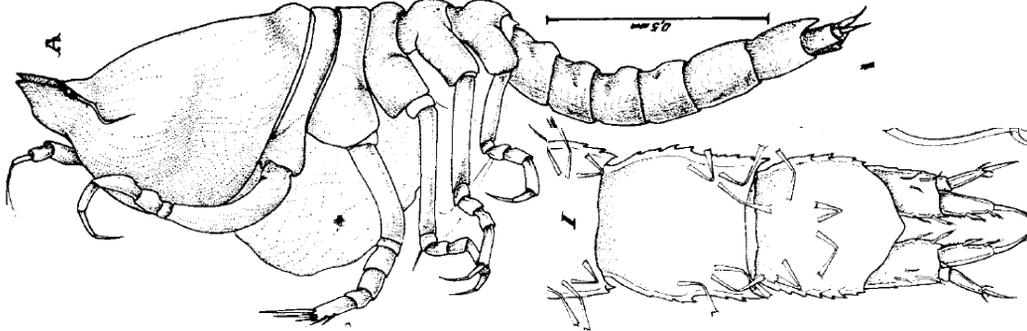
Notes: Cadien 2021 provides a brief but detailed commentary on the history and current status of *Elassocumella*.

Nannastacidae: *Elassocumella* sp A, lateral view; 19-April-2019, Station unknown





Elassocumella micruropsus (Zimmer 1943), from Bacescu & Muradian 1977: Whole female, lateral view; urosomite 5, pleotelson, uropods.



Elassocumella krakeri Jarquin-Gonzalez & Garcia-Madrigal, 2013: Whole female, dorsal and lateral views.