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**Abstract.** Five new species of the terrestrial snail genus *Landouria* Godwin-Austen, 1918 (Camaenidae) are described from northeastern Thailand, based on shell features, radular morphology, genital anatomy, and DNA sequence data: *Landouria circinata* sp. nov., *L. tuberculata* sp. nov., *L. trochomorphoides* sp. nov., *L. chloritoides* sp. nov., and *L. elegans* sp. nov. These species are phylogenetically well separated from each other by mtDNA phylogeny and COI sequence divergences of 0.073–0.156. The record of *Thaitropis* Schileyko, 2004 (currently synonymized with *Landouria*) in Thailand is re-interpreted as referring to *L. diplogramma* (Möllendorff, 1902) comb. nov.

**Keywords.** Camaenidae, *Landouria*, Thailand, systematics, phylogeny.

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**Introduction**

The genus *Landouria* Godwin-Austen, 1918 was introduced for *Helix huttoni* L. Pfeiffer, 1842, its type species from the Himalayas of northern India, and four additional species, viz. *L. aborensis* Godwin-

Austen, 1918 from Abor Hill (Nepal), *L. damsangensis* Godwin-Austen, 1918 from Damsang in Sikhim (India), *L. hengdanensis* Godwin-Austen, 1918 from Hengdan Peak on Burrai Rang (near the frontier of Myanmar and India), and *L. radleyi* (Jousseume, 1894) from Harputtalle in Ceylon (Sri Lanka). As such, species of *Landouria* are characterized by (1) small depressed shell with umbilicus broad and open, and last whorl descending in front, (2) lack of dart apparatus and mucous glands in the genital system, (3) gametolytic sac present on vagina, and (4) fragellum present. Recently, many additional species have been described, so that currently more than 40 nominal species are known (e.g., Hirano *et al.* 2014; Dharma 2015; Köhler *et al.* 2018; Nurinsiyah *et al.* 2019; Tumpeesuwan & Tumpeesuwan 2019; Páll-Gergely *et al.* 2020). However, 19 of these nominal species were synonymized by Richardson (1985) (see Tumpeesuwan & Tumpeesuwan 2019: table 1), five of which were subsequently resurrected as accepted species by Nurinsiyah *et al.* (2019), thus illustrating the complexity of the taxonomy of the genus *Landouria*.

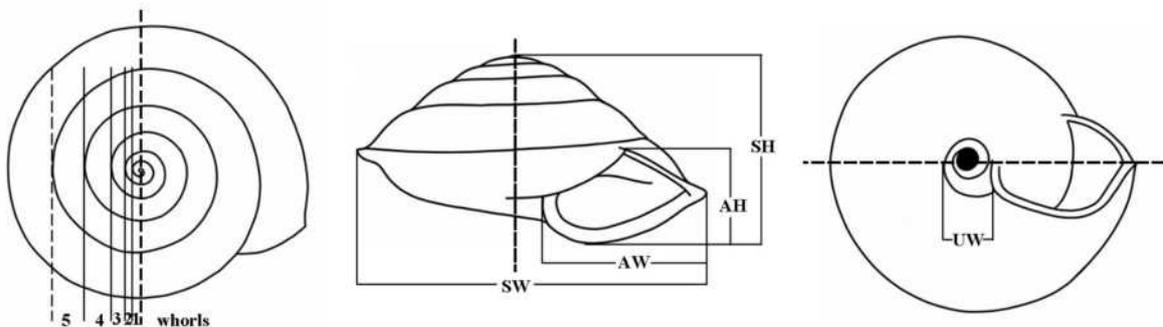
In the present study, we describe five new species of *Landouria* from northeastern Thailand based on their shell morphology, genital anatomy, radular structure, and a phylogenetic analysis of mtDNA sequence data.

## Material and methods

Empty shells and living specimens were collected from limestone and sandstone hills in northeastern Thailand. Three living adult specimens of each species were drowned in water for 24 hours. Foot muscle tissue of each specimen was cut and preserved in 80% ethanol, and keep in a freezer at -20°C. The remaining parts were preserved in 70% ethanol for anatomical study.

## Morphological studies

A digital vernier calipers was used to take the following shell measurements (Table 1): shell height (SH), shell width (SW), aperture height (AH), aperture width (AW), and umbilicus width (UW). The number of whorls of adult shells was counted by drawing straight lines to separate the whorls and then the whorls were counted as indicated in Fig. 1. Adult snails were dissected to examine their genitalia under a stereo microscope. Radulae were extracted from the buccal mass and examined under a scanning electron microscope, following the methods of Geiger *et al.* (2007). The material studied is deposited in the land snail collection of the Natural History Museum, Mahasarakham University (NHMSU-00023 to 00034).



**Fig. 1.** Schematic drawings of shell indicating how the number of whorls was counted and how the measurements were taken. Abbreviations: AH = aperture height; AW = aperture width; SH = shell height; SW = shell width; UW = umbilicus width.

**Table 1.** Shell measurements (mm) of six new species of the genus *Landouria* Godwin-Austen, 1918 from northeastern Thailand.

Species	Shell height			Shell width			Aperture height			Aperture width			Umbilicus width		
	Range	Mean±S.D.	Range	Range	Mean±S.D.	Range	Range	Mean±S.D.	Range	Mean±S.D.	Range	Mean±S.D.	Range	Mean±S.D.	Range
<i>L. circinata</i> sp. nov. (n = 11)	5.60–8.10	7.20±0.69	9.80–13.40	11.82±1.07	3.00–5.00	4.02±0.63	3.20–5.20	4.36±0.61	2.40–4.10	2.95±0.49					
<i>L. tuberculata</i> sp. nov. (n = 10)	7.00–9.60	8.19±0.86	10.50–14.60	12.56±1.39	3.80–6.00	4.87±0.64	4.00–6.00	5.07±0.58	2.10–3.50	2.88±0.52					
<i>L. trochomorphoides</i> sp. nov. (n = 17)	7.60–11.30	9.58±0.79	18.30–23.10	20.64±1.15	6.30–8.00	7.24±0.47	7.30–9.60	8.59±0.60	4.50–6.60	5.83±0.62					
<i>L. chloritoides</i> sp. nov. (n = 12)	6.10–12.00	9.33±1.99	10.30–19.00	14.53±2.58	3.80–7.70	5.97±1.32	4.10–7.30	6.01±1.14	2.10–3.90	3.06±0.73					
<i>L. elegans</i> sp. nov. (n = 11)	6.00–10.00	8.81±1.33	11.60–17.80	14.91±2.06	3.80–6.50	5.69±0.85	4.00–7.10	6.11±0.94	1.50–3.60	2.62±0.58					
<i>L. diplogramma</i> (n = 29)	6.00–8.70	7.15±0.68	9.80–13.40	11.33±0.88	3.00–4.70	3.94±0.53	3.40–5.40	4.36±0.49	1.30–2.80	2.12±0.31					

### DNA sequence analyses

DNA was extracted from foot muscle tissue using the GF-1 Nucleic Acid Extraction Kit (Vivantis Technologies Sdn. Bhd, Malaysia) following the manufacturer's protocol. Fragments of the cytochrome c oxidase subunit 1 (COI) and mitochondrial 16S rRNA (16S) genes were used to construct a phylogenetic tree of species of *Landouria*. COI was also used to evaluate genetic divergences (p-distance) between species. The fragments of COI and 16S were amplified by PCR using the primer pairs L1490 and H2198 (Folmer *et al.* 1994), and 16Scs1 (Chiba 1999) and 16S\_MN3R (Neiber *et al.* 2017) respectively. Reaction conditions were as follows: an initial denaturation step at 94°C for 2 min; 36 cycles of 94°C for 30 s, 50°C for 45 s and 72°C for 45 s; and a final extension step at 72°C for 5 min for COI, and an initial denaturation step at 94°C for 2 min; 36 cycles of 94°C for 30 s, 50°C for 30 s and 72°C for 30 s; and a final extension step at 72°C for 5 min for 16S. The PCR products were checked with 1% agarose gel electrophoresis. Successful PCR products were sent for NGS-based sequencing at Celamics DNA Sequencing Services (Seoul, Korea) and 1<sup>st</sup>BASE DNA Sequencing Services (Selangor, Malaysia).

### Phylogenetic analysis

The quality of the mtDNA sequences was checked manually with Bioedit ver. 7.0.9 (Hall 1999, 2001). Sequences were aligned using the Clustal W algorithm in MEGA X (Kumar *et al.* 2018). New sequences were deposited in GenBank under the accession numbers MN449400–MN449404, MN449408 and MN449411 for COI, and MZ435745–MZ435749, MZ435751 and MZ435752 for 16S. We included sequences of *Landouria* from Timor-Leste, China, and Sumatra, Indonesia (Köhler *et al.* 2018) in our analyses, and used sequences from *Euhadra peliomphala* (Pfeiffer, 1850) as outgroup following Hirano *et al.* (2014) and Nurinsiyah *et al.* (2019) (Table 2).

The program jModelTest ver. 2.1.10 (Posada 2008; Darriba *et al.* 2012) was used to determine the best fitting model of DNA substitution using the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) (Akaike 1974). Sequence divergences were calculated with pairwise p-distances in MEGA X. Phylogenetic trees were constructed using neighbor-joining (NJ), maximum likelihood (ML) and Bayesian inference (BI).

The NJ tree was estimated in MEGA X and node support was calculated using the bootstrapping with 1000 replicates. The ML analysis was conducted with RAxML ver. 8.0.0 (Stamatakis 2014) applying the GTR+F0+G substitution model and 1000 bootstrap replicates to assess branch support. The concatenated sequence alignment was partitioned by gene, allowing different evolution rates for COI and 16S rRNA. The BI analysis was performed in MrBayes ver. 3.2.6 (Ronquist *et al.* 2012) and run for 2 million generations, with a sampling frequency of 100 generations. The first 2000 generations of each run were discarded as burn-in, the final consensus tree was built using the last 8002 trees. Convergence was confirmed by verifying that the standard deviations of split frequencies were below 0.01. Support for nodes was defined as posterior probabilities. Finally, a 50% majority-rule consensus tree with posterior probabilities as node support was constructed. Phylogenetic trees were displayed and edited using FigTree ver. 1.4.0 (Rambaut 2012).

Following Hirano *et al.* (2014), nodal support values were considered to be meaningful if  $\geq 70\%$  for bootstrapping or  $\geq 0.95$  for posterior probabilities.

### Abbreviations used for the genital parts

- ag = albumen gland
- at = atrium
- ep1 = proximal part of epiphallus
- ep2 = distal part of epiphallus
- fl = flagellum

**Table 2.** Locality data and identification of specimens of *Landouria* Godwin-Austen, 1918 used for mtDNA sequencing, including collection catalogue numbers and GenBank accession numbers. Abbreviations: NHMSU = Natural History Museum, Maharakham University; HNHM = Hungarian Natural History Museum; AM = Australian Museum. References: 1 = Tumpeesuwan & Tumpeesuwan (2019); 2 = Hirano *et al.* (2014); 3 = Köhler *et al.* (2018).

Species	Localities	Type status	Museum No.	Specimen voucher	GenBank accession No.		References
					COI	16S	
<i>L. strobiloides</i>	Suan Hin Pha Ngam, Loei, Thailand	Paratype	NHMSU-00018	NLLESH660	MN449400	MZ435745	1
<i>L. circinata</i> sp. nov.	Phu Pha Lom Forest Park, Loei, Thailand	Paratype	NHMSU-00024	NLLEPL660	MN449401	MZ435746	this study
<i>L. tuberculata</i> sp. nov.	Wat Thepmit, Loei, Thailand	Paratype	NHMSU-00026	NLLEPR960	MN449402	MZ435747	this study
<i>L. trochomorphoides</i> sp. nov.	Pha Sawan Cave, Loei, Thailand	Paratype	NHMSU-00028	NLLEPS1060	MN449403	MZ435748	this study
<i>L. chloritoides</i> sp. nov.	Wat Thep Udom Wanaram, Khon Kaen, Thailand	Paratype	NHMSU-00030	NLKKPNB660	MN449404	MZ435749	this study
<i>L. elegans</i> sp. nov.	Phu Hua Chang, Khon Kaen, Thailand	Paratype	NHMSU-00033	NLKKHCW561	MN449408	MZ435751	this study
<i>L. diplogramma</i>	Wat Thep Phithak Punnam, Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand		NHMSU-00034	NLKRTP660	MN449411	MZ435752	this study
<i>L. omphalostoma</i>	Yunnan, China		HNHM 98758	PGB-b	MH521049	MH521069	3
<i>L. rotatoria</i>	Sumatra, Indonesia		–	PGB-b	MH521051	MH521071	3
<i>L. winteriana</i>	Timor-Leste		AM C. 477078	–	MH521065	MH521087	3
<i>L. montana</i>	Ramelau Mountains, Timor-Leste		AM C. 477070	FK-2019	MH521055	MH521075	3
<i>L. timorensis</i>	Atauro Island, Timor-Leste		AM C. 470207	–	MH521063	MH521078	3
<i>Euhadra peliomphala</i>	Izu Peninsula, Nagaoka, Japan		–	–	AB852700	AF104053	2

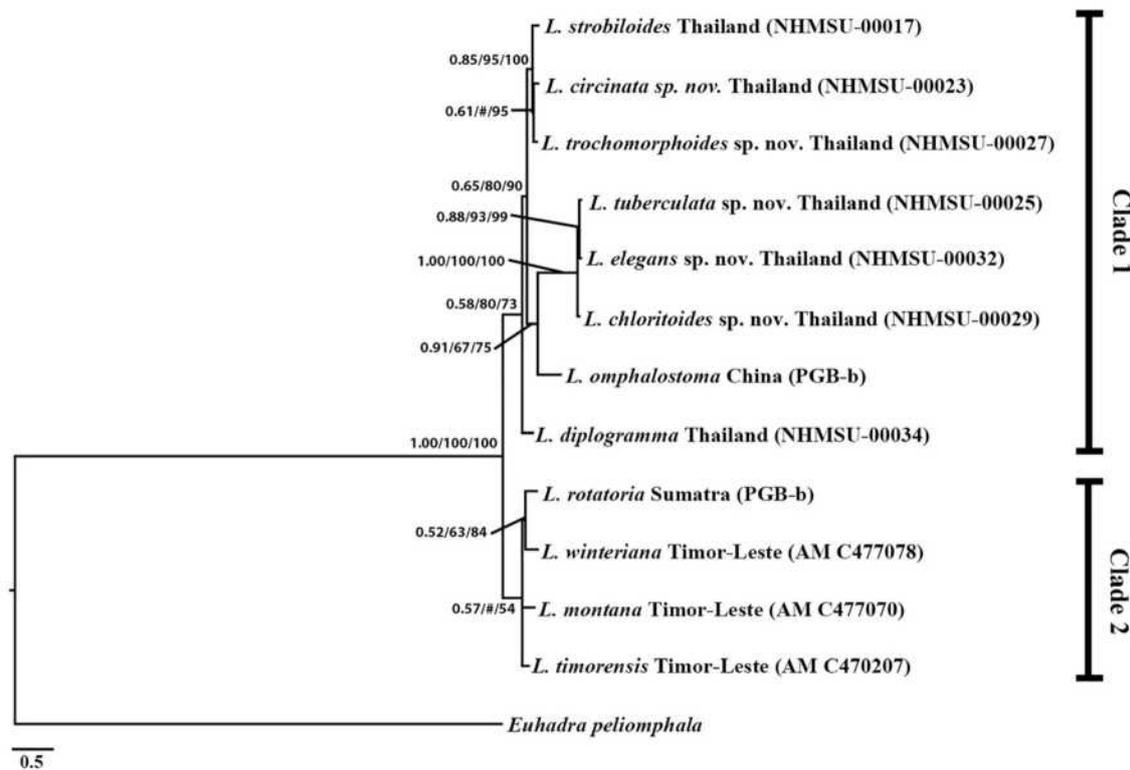
- fo = free oviduct  
 gs = gametolytic sac (= bursa copulatrix)  
 hd = hermaphroditic duct  
 p = penis  
 prm = penial retractor muscle  
 pro = prostate gland  
 ut = uterus  
 v = verge  
 va = vagina  
 vd = vas deferens

## Results

### *Molecular phylogeny*

The COI dataset included 655 bp, while the 16S rRNA dataset included 460 bp. The concatenated dataset therefore comprised 1115 bp.

The COI uncorrected p-distances within Thai species of *Landouria* ranged from 0.073 to 0.249, whereas interspecific distances among species from Thailand, Timor-Leste, China, and Sumatra, Indonesia ranged from 0.073 to 0.249 (Table 3). The BI, ML and NJ phylogenetic trees reconstructed by combined analyses of the partial COI and 16S rRNA were congruent (Fig. 2).



**Fig. 2.** Bayesian majority-rule consensus tree summarizing the phylogenetic relationships of species of *Landouria* Godwin-Austen, 1918 based on concatenated COI and 16S sequences. Numbers at nodes indicate branch support based on posterior probability (BI)/bootstrapping (ML)/bootstrapping (NJ). # indicates branches that received < 50% ML, NJ bootstrap support. Scale bar = 0.5 substitutions/site.

**Table 3.** Pairwise p-distance values of *Landouria* Godwin-Austen, 1918 based on mitochondrial COI sequences.

No.	Taxon	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	<i>L. strobiloides</i>											
2	<i>L. circinata</i> sp. nov.	0.128										
3	<i>L. tuberculata</i> sp. nov.	0.107	0.127									
4	<i>L. trochomorphoides</i> sp. nov.	0.121	0.127	0.092								
5	<i>L. chloritoides</i> sp. nov.	0.107	0.121	0.073	0.101							
6	<i>L. elegans</i> sp. nov.	0.128	0.128	0.073	0.098	0.090						
7	<i>L. diplogramma</i>	0.153	0.156	0.125	0.140	0.128	0.139					
8	<i>L. omphalostoma</i>	0.162	0.157	0.139	0.147	0.125	0.148	0.160				
9	<i>L. rotatoria</i>	0.238	0.249	0.218	0.227	0.211	0.220	0.227	0.214			
10	<i>L. winteriana</i>	0.208	0.224	0.186	0.198	0.186	0.197	0.200	0.188	0.202		
11	<i>L. montana</i>	0.198	0.188	0.177	0.188	0.171	0.179	0.195	0.180	0.203	0.169	
12	<i>L. timorensis</i>	0.211	0.205	0.195	0.203	0.189	0.185	0.203	0.183	0.192	0.173	0.125

The phylogenetic trees divided *Landouria* into two major clades which were strongly supported by a BI posterior probability of 1.00, and 100% for ML and NJ bootstrapping (Fig. 2). These clades were the Mainland Southeast Asia clade and the Archipelago clade. The Mainland Southeast Asia clade contains Chinese and Thai taxa (8 species), while the Archipelago clade contains Timor-Leste and Sumatran taxa (4 species). The 8 species of *Landouria* from the Mainland Southeast Asia clade (i.e., *L. strobiloides* C. Tumpeesuwan & S. Tumpeesuwan, 2019, *L. circinata* sp. nov., *L. tuberculata* sp. nov., *L. trochomorphoides* sp. nov., *L. chloritoides* sp. nov., *L. elegans* sp. nov., *L. diplogramma* (Möllendorff, 1902), and *L. omphalostoma*) were the sister group of the Archipelago clade with *L. rotatoria* (L. Pfeiffer, 1842), *L. winteriana* (L. Pfeiffer, 1842), *L. montana* Köhler, Shea & Kessner, 2019, and *L. timorensis* Köhler, Shea & Kessner, 2019 (Fig. 2).

### **Systematics**

Class Gastropoda Cuvier, 1797  
Order Stylommatophora A. Schmidt, 1855  
Superfamily Helicoidea Rafinesque, 1815  
Family Camaenidae Pilsbry, 1895

Genus *Landouria* Godwin-Austen, 1918

### **Type species**

*Helix huttonii* L. Pfeiffer, 1842 (new name for *Helix orbicula* Hutton & Benson, 1838), by original designation.

### **Type locality**

Himalaya near Simla, Mahasu, northern India (Hutton & Benson 1838).

### **Distribution**

The genus is also reported from northeast India, west Himalaya, Nepal, Mandalay and Shan in Myanmar (Burma), Yunnan in China (Zilch 1966; Schileyko & Kuznetsov 1998; Ramakrishna *et al.* 2010; Budha *et al.* 2015).

Schileyko & Kuznetsov (1998) tentatively argued that *Landouria* is restricted to northern India, Nepal, northern Myanmar, and Sri Lanka. Yet, recently, species of *Landouria* have been reported from China (Páll-Gergely *et al.* 2013), Laos (Hirano *et al.* 2014), Timor-Leste (Köhler *et al.* 2018), Java in Indonesia (Nurinsiyah *et al.* 2019), and Thailand (Tumpeesuwan & Tumpeesuwan 2019).

*Landouria circinata* sp. nov.

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Figs 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A–C; Tables 1–4

*Landouria* sp. – Tanmuangpak *et al.* 2012: 7, 12, fig. 5y. — Tanmuangpak 2016: 125–126, figs 4.74–4.75.

*Landouria* sp.4 – Ounchareon 2015: 40–42, figs 4.12, 4.13, 5.1, 5.7.

*Landouria* sp.2 – Yingkhamhang 2016: 21–22, 39–41, 43–45, 47–48, figs 4.3–4.4, 4.21b, 4.22c, 4.23b, 5.1b, 5.2b.

### Diagnosis

Shell brownish-corneous, periphery angular, sharply keeled. Flagellum circinate; penis cylindrical and longer than vagina; base of gametolytic sac thick and stout. Radula with unicuspid short tongue-shaped central teeth.

### Etymology

The Latin word ‘*circinata*’ refers to the coiled or curled flagellum which resembles the circinate veneration of a fern shoot.

### Type material

#### Holotype

THAILAND • shell (SH = 8.2 mm, SW = 13.8 mm, AH = 5.1 mm, AW = 5.1 mm, UW = 3.8 mm); Loei Province, Mueang District, Phu Pha Lom Forest Park; 17°33′18.03″ N, 101°52′6.71″ E; alt. 415 m; 7 Jun. 2017; B. Nahok and U. Chanlabut leg.; NHMSU-00023. (Fig. 3A)

#### Paratypes

THAILAND • 11 shells, 43 living specs; same collection data as for holotype; GenBank No. MN449401 and MZ435746; NHMSU-00024.

### Description

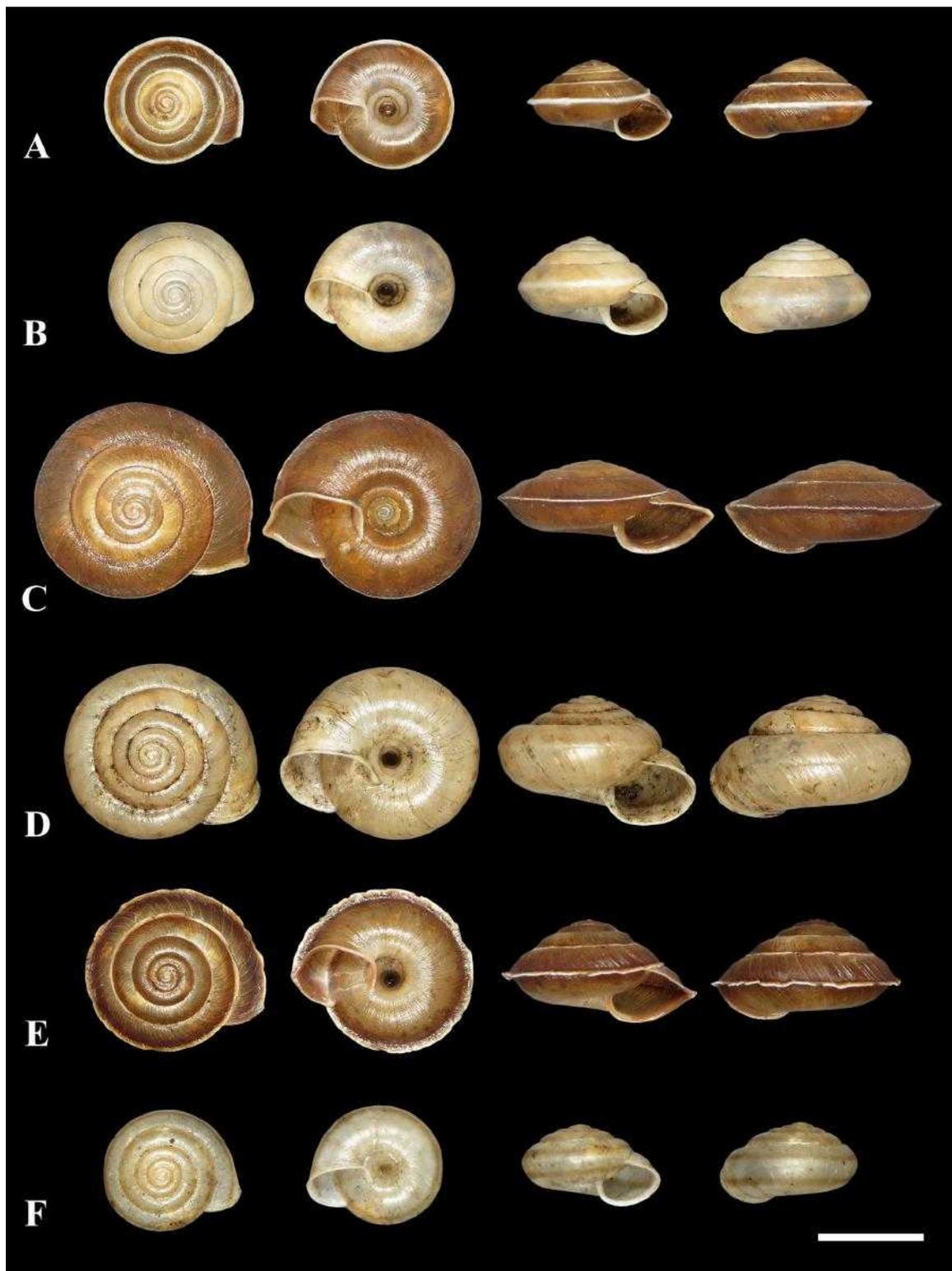
SHELL (Fig. 3A, Table 1). Dextral, medium sized, conical-lenticular, with six slightly convex whorls. Suture shallow. Apex obtuse, depressed and low-conical. Light brown at 4 early whorls, dark brown at 2 last whorls. Sharply keeled, with pale brown band on the peripheral keel. Umbilicus very deep and wide. Aperture lip somewhat thickened, rounded rhombic.

GENITAL SYSTEM (n = 3) (Fig. 5A, Table 4). Penis very long, cylindrical, and curled, divided into two portions of equal length, internally with parallel, transverse folds, containing a short, rather rounded verge. Epiphallus short cylindrical, thinner than the penis. Flagellum slightly crenated and curled up, resembling the circinate veneration of a fern shoot, with thin grooves internally and tubercles on its surface at the end, internally with transverse robust folds. Vas deferens is a slender, cylindrical tube, thicker at the end where it connects to free oviduct; entering flagellum basally. Vagina less than half as long as penis, internally with four thin longitudinal pilasters. Free oviduct shorter than vagina. Gametolytic sac thickened at base, stout and gradually tapering distally to form a slender distal tube ending in a balloon-shaped, medium-sized sac. Prostate gland very long, uterus long and swollen.

RADULA (n = 3). Comprises 95 transverse rows with 57–61 teeth per row; radular formula: (20)-(8–10)-1-(8–10)-(20). Central tooth symmetric, unicuspid, tongue-shaped; lateral teeth longer than central tooth and oblique, unicuspid, tongue-shaped (Fig. 6A). Marginal teeth tricuspid with medium-sized endocone; mesocone rather large, with rounded cusp; ectocone triangular (Fig. 6B–C).

### Remarks

*Landouria circinata* sp. nov. resembles *L. strobiloides* (see Tumpeesuwan & Tumpeesuwan 2019: fig. 3) in shell morphology, *L. circinata* sp. nov. has a smaller shell, a shallower suture, and darker peripheral zone than *L. strobiloides* (Table 4, Fig. 3A). Its central and lateral radular teeth are unicuspid and tongue-shaped, whereas they are lanceolate in *L. strobiloides* (Table 4, Fig. 6A). The unique characters of *L. circinata* sp. nov. are its circinate flagellum and its penis that is much longer than the vagina (Fig. 5A), whereas *L. strobiloides* has a strobilus-like flagellum and a penis that is shorter than the vagina.



**Fig. 3.** External shell morphology of *Landouria* spp. from northeastern Thailand. **A.** *Landouria circinata* sp. nov., holotype (NHMSU-00023). **B.** *L. tuberculata* sp. nov., holotype (NHMSU-00025). **C.** *L. trochomorphoides* sp. nov., holotype (NHMSU-00027). **D.** *L. chloritoides* sp. nov., holotype (NHMSU-00029). **E.** *L. elegans* sp. nov., holotype (NHMSU-00032). **F.** *L. diplogramma* (Möllendorff, 1902) comb. nov. (NHMSU-00034). Scale bar = 10 mm.

**Table 4.** Comparison of shells, radulae, and genital systems of *Landouria* spp. from northeastern Thailand. References: 1 = Tumpeesuwan & Tumpeesuwan (2019); 2 = Nahok (2020); 3 = this study. \*In Tumpeesuwan & Tumpeesuwan (2019) indicated the number of teeth per row in *Landouria strobiloides* varies from 3 to 53. This lowest row has only 3 teeth. It is the uppermost row, probably lacerated and peel off. Unfortunately, we could not re-checked the complete specimens in this time being, so, this point need further investigation and proof.

Characters	<i>L. strobiloides</i>	<i>L. circinata</i> sp. nov.	<i>L. tuberculata</i> sp. nov.	<i>L. trochomorphoides</i> sp. nov.	<i>L. chloritoides</i> sp. nov.	<i>L. elegans</i> sp. nov.	<i>L. diplogramma</i>
Shell:							
Shell height (mm)	7.10–9.60	5.60–8.10	7.00–9.60	7.60–11.30	6.10–12.00	6.00–10.00	6.00–8.70
Shell colour	pale brown	brownish-corneous	red brown	brownish-corneous	red brown	brownish-corneous	whitish-corneous
Suture	deep	shallow	slightly deep	shallow	deep	shallow	shallow
Peripheral band	dark brown	pale brown	absent	brown	absent	dark brown	pale brown
Peripheral keel	sharp	sharp	moderate	sharp	weak	sharp	very weak
Sculpture	absent	absent	tubercles	scaly	absent	absent	absent
Number of whorls	5½	6	6½	6	6½	6	5½
Radula:							
Number of rows	100	93–95	126–130	107–111	125–129	110–114	121–125
Number of teeth in each row	3*–53	55–63	79–87	65–73	75–83	69–77	61–69
- Lateral teeth	8–10	8–10	11–13	8–10	11–13	12–14	7–9
- Marginal teeth	15–17	19–21	28–30	24–26	26–28	22–24	23–25
Central tooth	elongate lanceolate	tongue-shaped	slender lanceolate	short lanceolate	lanceolate	tongue-shaped	triangular
Genital system:							
Penis	short, slightly stout	long cylindrical	swollen	long slender	very large and stout	long cylindrical	swollen
Flagellum	strobilus-shaped	circinate	short protrusion	slender towards tip	narrow ovate	water drop-shaped	short protrusion
Basal part of gametolytic sac	swollen	thick and stout	thin	thin	thick	stout	thick
References	1, 2	2, 3	2, 3	2, 3	2, 3	2, 3	2, 3

### Distribution

*Landouria circinata* sp. nov. is known only from the type locality.

### *Landouria tuberculata* sp. nov.

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Figs 3B, 4B, 5B, 6D–F; Tables 1–4

### Diagnosis

Shell moderately keeled, with numerous tiny tubercles on shell surface (Fig. 4B). Flagellum like a short protrusion with a pointed tip, penis swollen, base of gametolytic sac narrow. Radula with slender, lanceolate central teeth.

### Etymology

The specific epithet ‘*tuberculata*’ refers to the shell sculpture consisting of numerous tiny tubercles (Fig. 4B).

### Type material

#### Holotype

THAILAND • shell (SH = 9.6 mm, SW = 14.4 mm, AH = 5.2 mm, AW = 5.5 mm, UW = 3.5 mm); Loei Province, Phu Rua District, Wat Thepnimit; 17°26′15.09″ N, 101°16′41.46″ E; alt. 647 m; 23 Sep. 2017; B. Nahok, K. Tanmuangpak and U. Chanlabut leg.; NHMSU-00025. (Fig. 3B)

#### Paratypes

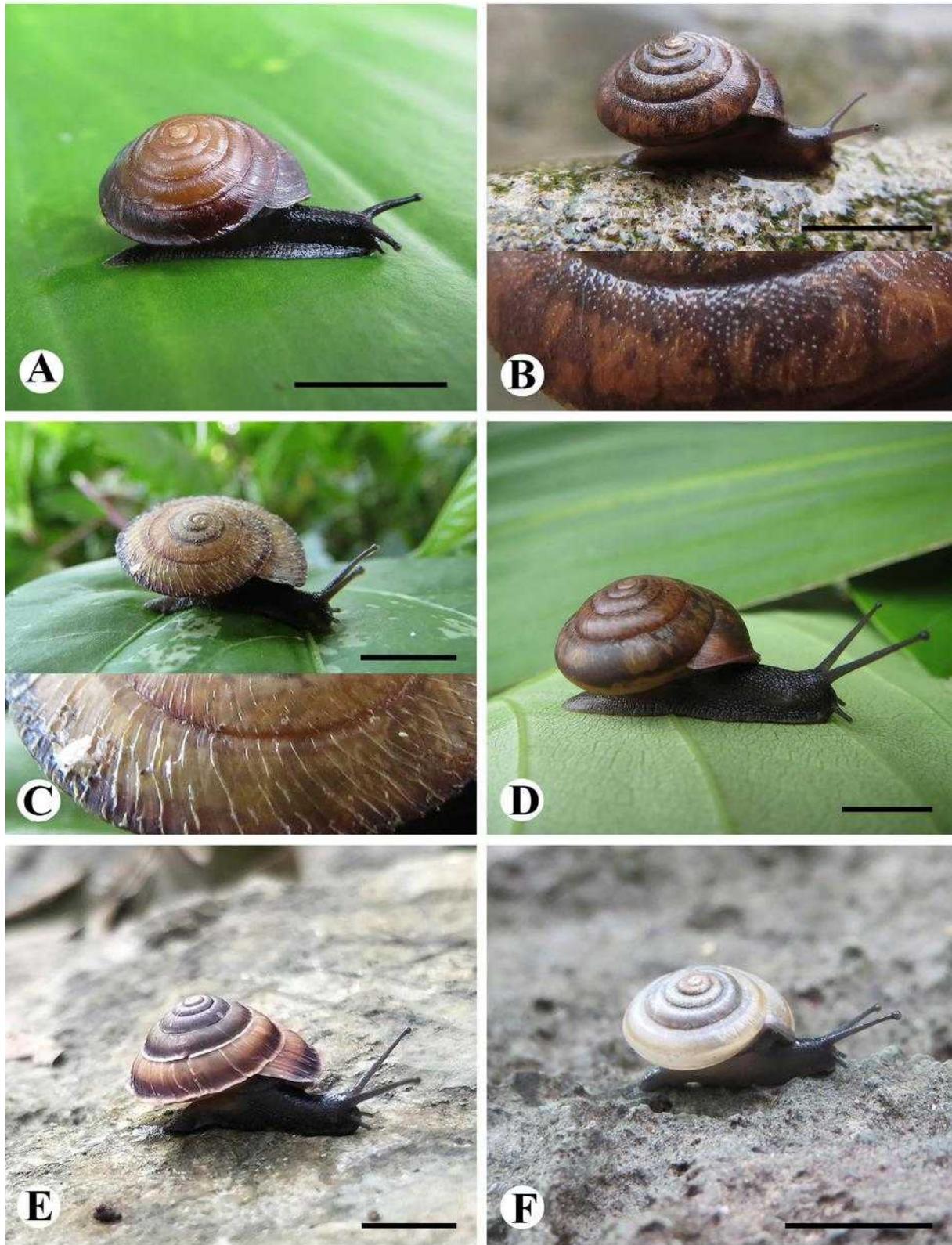
THAILAND • 10 shells, 7 living specs; same collection data as for holotype; GenBank No. MN449402 and MZ435747; NHMSU-00026.

### Description

**SHELL** (Fig. 3B, Table 1). Dextral, medium-sized, tightly coiled, with 6½ slightly convex whorls. Suture rather shallow, apex obtuse with high conical spire. Body whorl angular, with tubercles all over its surface, without distinct incised spiral lines. Colour red brown in living specimens (Fig. 4B), empty shells are paler (Fig. 3B). Umbilicus deep and wide. Aperture obliquely oval, reflexed, and slightly thickened.

**GENITAL SYSTEM** (n = 3) (Fig. 5B, Table 4). Penis cylindrical, swollen in the middle part, internally with rather wavy, corrugated longitudinal pilasters and a short, hollow verge with 2–3 lobes around its opening. Epiphallus evenly cylindrical, as long as penis. Flagellum like a short protrusion with a pointed tip, without nodes, internally with longitudinal slender pilasters. Vas deferens cylindrical, narrow, entering in the lower half of the flagellum. Vagina relatively short, internally with five corrugated longitudinal pilasters. Free oviduct very short. Gametolytic sac slightly thicker at base, with a long, narrow and thin cylindrical tube, and at its distal end a small, swollen spherical sac. Prostate gland very long. Uterus long and thin.

**RADULA** (n = 3). Comprises 126–130 transverse rows with 79–87 teeth per row; radular formula: (28–30)-(11–13)-1-(11–13)-(28–30). Central tooth symmetric, slender lanceolate, and unicuspid (Fig. 6D). Lateral teeth larger than the central tooth, lanceolate, bicuspid, with large endocone and sharp cusp (Fig. 6D). Marginal teeth tricuspid, with small sharp endocone; large, slender mesocone; and small v-shaped ectocone with two cusps (Fig. 6E–F).



**Fig. 4.** Living adults of *Landouria* spp. from northeastern Thailand. **A.** *Landouria circinata* sp. nov. **B.** *L. tuberculata* sp. nov. **C.** *L. trochomorphoides* sp. nov. **D.** *L. chloritoides* sp. nov. **E.** *L. elegans* sp. nov. **F.** *L. diplogramma* (Möllendorff, 1902) comb. nov. Scale bars = 10 mm.

### Remarks

*Landouria tuberculata* sp. nov. differs from other Thai species of *Landouria*, by the shell sculpture of numerous tiny tubercles (Fig. 4B). Lateral teeth of radula bicuspid and lanceolate (Fig. 6D–E).

### Distribution

*Landouria tuberculata* sp. nov. is currently only known from the area surrounding Phu Rua National Park, Phu Rua District, Loei Province, Thailand.

### *Landouria trochomorphoides* sp. nov.

[urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:B7DBFB2E-E7BF-46E5-AFB5-1B45CA4072DE](https://zoobank.org/act:B7DBFB2E-E7BF-46E5-AFB5-1B45CA4072DE)

Figs 3C, 4C, 5C, 6G–I; Tables 1–4

### Diagnosis

Shell with rather low spire, sharply keeled, with radial scaly processes (Fig. 4C). Basal portion of flagellum thickened, tapering towards tip; penis narrow and cylindrical; base of gametolytic sac narrow. Radula, with lanceolate central and lateral teeth.

### Etymology

The specific epithet ‘*trochomorphoides*’ refers to the conchological similarity between the shell of the new species and that of the land snail genus *Trochomorpha* Albers, 1850 (Trochomorphidae Möllendorf, 1890).

### Type material

#### Holotype

THAILAND • shell (SH = 10.0 mm, SW = 21.3 mm, AH = 7.4 mm, AW = 9.1 mm, UW = 6.2 mm); Loei Province, Pha Khao District, Pha Sawan Cave; 17°7'8.42" N, 101°56'3.59" E; alt. 359 m; 6 Oct. 2017; B. Nahok, S. Tumpeesuwan and C. Tumpeesuwan leg.; NHMSU-00027. (Fig. 3C)

#### Paratypes

THAILAND • 17 shells, 9 living specs; same collection data as for holotype; GenBank No. MN449403 and MZ435748; NHMSU-00028.

### Description

**SHELL** (Fig. 3C, Table 1). Dextral, relatively large-sized. Whorls six, suture shallow, spire only slightly elevated. Protoconch with radially elongated scars. Body whorl sharply keeled, brownish-corneous with a brown zone at periphery, scaly processes all over shell surface (Fig. 4C). Umbilicus moderately deep and very wide. Aperture lip rhombic, peristome reflexed, and expanded.

**GENITAL SYSTEM** (n = 3) (Fig. 5C, Table 4). Penis slightly longer than vagina, slender cylindrical, internally with parallel, transverse robust folds; verge absent. Epiphallus slender cylindrical with thickened end. Flagellum as long as epiphallus, basal portion thick and progressively tapering towards tip, without nodes, inner surface smooth. Vas deferens is a thin cylindrical tube, entering epiphallus apically. Vagina thinner than penis, internally with parallel, transverse robust folds. Free oviduct very short. Gametolytic sac slightly narrower at base, with a long narrow cylindrical tube, and a small, oval sac at the distal end. Prostate gland and uterus very long.

**RADULA** (n = 3). Comprises 107–111 transverse rows with 65–73 teeth per row; radular formula: (24–26)-(8–10)-1-(8–10)-(24–26). Central tooth unicuspid triangular (Fig. 6G). Lateral teeth short and broad leaf-shaped, bicuspid, larger than central tooth, with small ectocone (Fig. 6G–H). Marginal teeth

asymmetric, tricuspid with small endocone; mesocone large and long, with curved margins; ectocone triangular with two to four cusps (Fig. 6H–I).

### Remarks

*Landouria trochomorphoides* sp. nov. differs from other taxa by its very large, rather flat, sharply keeled shell with scaly surface (Figs 3C, 4C). Lateral teeth of radula are stout bicuspid (Fig. 6G–I), genital system is small and slim (Fig. 5C).

### Distribution

*Landouria trochomorphoides* sp. nov. is known only from the type locality.

#### *Landouria chloritoides* sp. nov.

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Figs 3D, 4D, 5D, 6J–L; Tables 1–4

*Landouria* sp.1 – Ounchareon 2015: 29–32, 44–50, 54–56, 59, 61, figs 4.2c, 4.3c, 4.4, 4.5i–l, 5.5, 5.7.

*Landouria* sp.2 – Buddharaksa 2016: 37–38, 41–42, figs 4.19, 4.20, 5.1, 5.2.

*Landouria* sp.4 – Yingkhamhang 2016: 25–26, 39–41, 43–45, 49–52, figs 4.7, 4.8, 4.21d, 4.22d, 5.3a, 5.4a.

### Diagnosis

Shell shape similar to that of the genus *Chloritis* Beck, 1837 (Camaenidae), but with last whorl stout and usually slightly angular, peripheral keel blunt, suture deep, aperture oval and oblique. Flagellum small ovate, penis very large and stout compared to vagina; vagina and free oviduct short (Fig. 5D). Radula with lanceolate teeth.

### Etymology

The specific epithet ‘*chloritoides*’ refers to the conchological similarity between the shell of the new species and that of the camaenid genus *Chloritis*.

### Type material

#### Holotype

THAILAND • shell (SH = 12.0 mm, SW = 19.0 mm, AH = 7.7 mm, AW = 7.3 mm, UW = 3.9 mm); Khon Kaen Province, Chum Phae District, Wat Thep Udom Wanaram; 16°45′29″ N, 101°57′55.03″ E; alt. 406 m; 9 Jun. 2017; B. Nahok, S. Tumpeesuwan and C. Tumpeesuwan leg.; NHMSU-00029. (Fig. 3D)

#### Paratypes

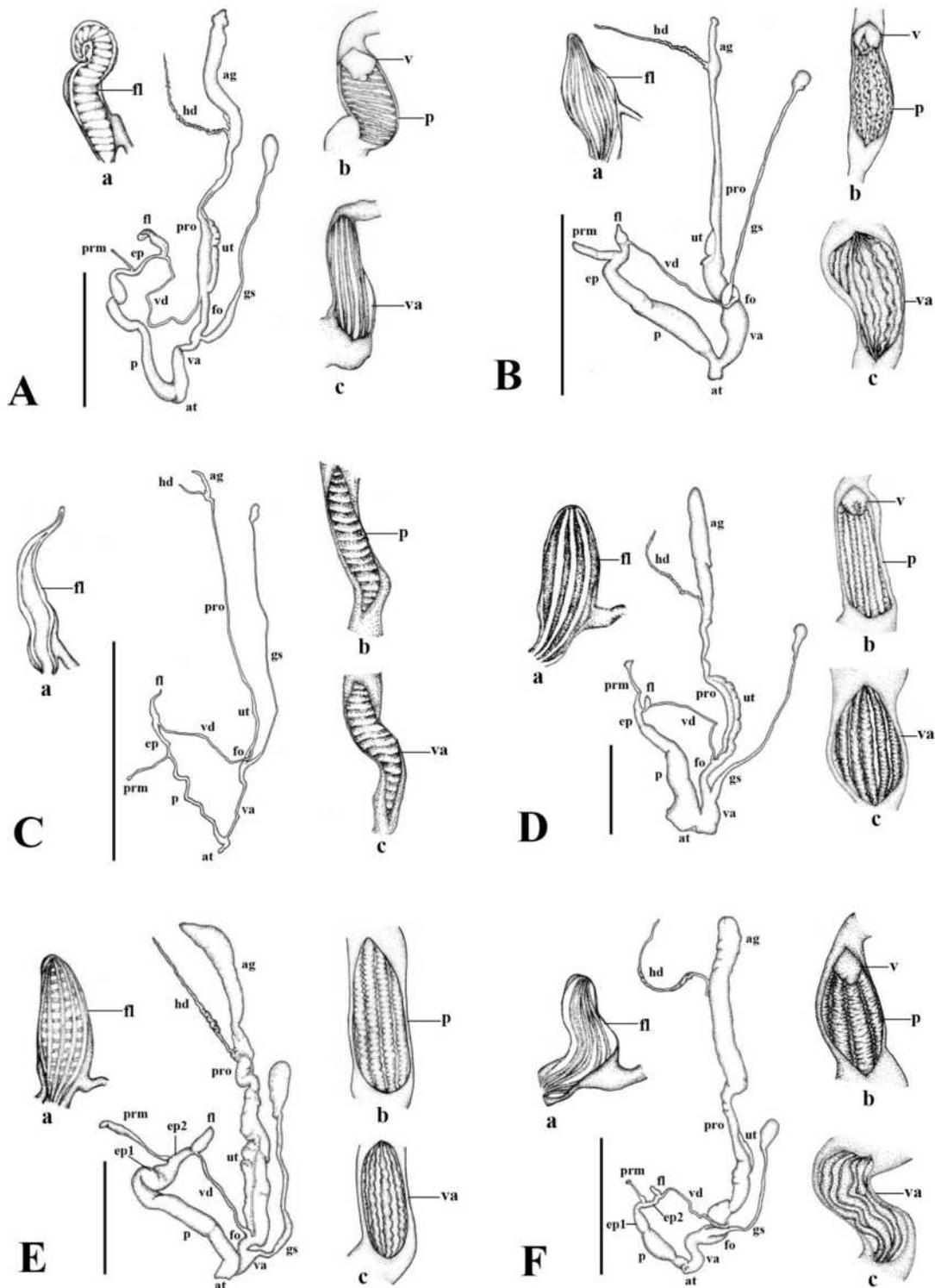
THAILAND • 8 shells, 14 living specs; same collection data as for holotype; GenBank No. MN449404 and MZ435749; NHMSU-00030.

### Other material examined

THAILAND • 4 shells, 8 living specs; North East, Khon Kaen Province, Chum Phae District, Pu Lup Cave; 16°49′49.78″ N, 101°59′9.97″ E; alt. 336 m; NHMSU-00031.

### Description

SHELL (Fig. 3D, Table 1). Dextral, somewhat depressed, relatively large-sized. Whorls 6½, suture deep, apex obtuse, and moderately depressed, with low conical spire. Body whorl rounded, slightly keeled, red-brown in living specimens (Fig. 4D), empty shells are paler (Fig. 3D). Umbilicus very deep and wide. Aperture almost circular, with slightly thickened and weakly expanded lip.



**Fig. 5.** Illustrations of the genital system of *Landouria* spp. from northeastern Thailand. **A.** *Landouria circinata* sp. nov., paratype (NHMSU-00024). **B.** *L. tuberculata* sp. nov., paratype (NHMSU-00026). **C.** *L. trochomorphoides* sp. nov., paratype (NHMSU-00028). **D.** *L. chloritoides* sp. nov., paratype (NHMSU-00030). **E.** *L. elegans* sp. nov., paratype (NHMSU-00033). **F.** *L. diplogramma* (Möllendorff, 1902) comb. nov. (NHMSU-00034). Internal sculpture of a = flagellum; b = penis; c = vagina. Scale bars = 10 mm.

GENITAL SYSTEM (n = 3) (Fig. 5D, Table 4). Penis very large and stout, longer than vagina, cylindrical, gradually tapering towards epiphallus, internally with six rather thick, corrugated longitudinal pilasters; opening of the short, grooved verge surrounded by 2–3 lobes. Epiphallus short and thick. Flagellum short, elongate ovate, without nodes, internally with three large longitudinal pilasters. Vas deferens long and slender, entering in the lower half of the flagellum. Vagina short, as long as free oviduct, internally with seven, corrugated longitudinal pilasteres varying in size. Gametolytic sac thickened at base, with a long narrow cylindrical tube, and a small oval sac at distal end. Uterus swollen, prostate gland long.

RADULA (n = 3). Comprises 125–129 transverse rows with 75–83 teeth per row; radular formula: (26–28)-(11–13)-1-(11–13)-(26–28). Central tooth short lanceolate, symmetric, unicuspid (Fig. 6J). Lateral teeth large and elongated lanceolate (Fig. 6J). Marginal teeth lanceolate, gradually changing from unicuspid to bicuspid and finally tricuspid; endocone small; ectocone slightly oblique, with wide triangular notch and two to four lateral cusps (Fig. 6K–L).

### Remarks

*Landouria chloritoides* sp. nov. can be distinguished from other species of *Landouria* in Thailand by its conchological similarity to the genus *Chloritis* and its much larger and stout penis (Fig. 5D). The radula of *L. chloritoides* sp. nov. is similar to that of *L. tuberculata* sp. nov. but differs by its unicuspid lateral teeth (Fig. 5J) vs the bicuspid lateral teeth of *L. tuberculata* sp. nov.

### Distribution

*Landouria chloritoides* sp. nov. is currently known only from the limestone area around Phu Pha Man National Park, Chum Phae District, Khon Kaen Province, Thailand.

### *Landouria elegans* sp. nov.

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Figs 3E, 4E, 5E, 6M–O; Tables 1–4

*Landouria* sp.3 – Yingkhamhang 2016: 23–24, 39–45, 47–48, 61, 74, figs 4.5, 4.6, 4.21–4.23c, 5.1c, 5.2c.

### Diagnosis

Shell similar to *Landouria circinata* sp. nov., but with a sharper and more prominent keel at the periphery and dark brown zones on the periphery, just above and below the keel. Flagellum droplet shaped, penis long and cylindrical, vagina and free oviduct very short. Radula with elongate tongue-shaped central and lateral teeth.

### Etymology

The specific epithet ‘*elegans*’ (Latin for ‘magnificent’) refers to the beauty of the shell.

### Type material

#### Holotype

THAILAND • shell (SH 10.0 = mm, SW 17.7 = mm, AH = 6.4 mm, AW = 7.1 mm, UW = 3.6 mm); Khon Kaen Province, Phu Pha Man District, Phu (mountain) Hua Chang; 16°39'10.54" N, 101°48'6.67" E; alt. 305 m; 3 May 2018; B. Nahok, S. Tumpeesuwan and C. Tumpeesuwan leg.; NHMSU-00032. (Fig. 3E)

#### Paratypes

THAILAND • 11 shells; 9 living specs; same collection data as for holotype; GenBank No. MN449408 and MZ435751; NHMSU-00033.

## Description

SHELL (Fig. 3E, Table 1). Dextral, conical, relatively large-sized. Whorls 6. Protoconch with radially elongated wrinkles. Suture rather shallow, apex obtuse depressed, with rather high conical spire. Last whorl with a sharp keel that is distinctly bent downwards. Colour brownish-corneous with a dark brown zone bordering the keel at the periphery. Umbilicus very deep and wide. Apertural lip thickened, rounded rhombic.

GENITAL SYSTEM (n = 3) (Fig. 5E, Table 4). Penis longer than vagina, cylindrical, internally with four corrugated, longitudinal pilasters; verge absent. Epiphallus shorter than penis, distal part (ep2) small, whereas proximal part (ep1) is swollen. Flagellum droplet-shaped, without nodes, internally with four corrugated, longitudinal pilasters. Vas deferens long, cylindrical, proximal part that connects to free oviduct somewhat thicker than distal part, entering the flagellum at its base. Vagina very short, internally with five corrugated longitudinal pilasters. Free oviduct shorter than vagina. Proximal part of gametolytic sac rather stout, but tapering to become a slender tube with large oval sac at distal end. Uterus and prostate gland very long and large.

RADULA (n = 3). Comprises 110–114 transverse rows with 69–77 teeth per row; radular formula: (22–24)-(12–14)-1-(12–14)-(22–24). Central and lateral teeth unicuspid, tongue-shaped. Central tooth smaller and shorter than lateral teeth (Fig. 6M–N). Marginal teeth asymmetric, tricuspid with small endocone; mesocone large with curved margins; ectocone triangular and located at tooth base (Fig. 6N–O).

## Remarks

*Landouria elegans* sp. nov. is conchologically quite similar to *L. circinata* sp. nov. and *L. strobiloides*, from which it differs by its sharper and more distinct keel with its downward bent rim (Fig. 3A vs Fig. 3E). The radula of *L. elegans* sp. nov. resembles that of *L. circinata* sp. nov., but central tooth and lateral teeth of *L. elegans* sp. nov. are longer and more slender than in *L. circinata* sp. nov. (Fig. 6A–C vs Fig. 6M–O). Epiphallus of *L. elegans* sp. nov. is similar to that of *L. chloritoides* sp. nov., but in *L. elegans* sp. nov. it is larger and connects with the vas deferens near the flagellum base (Fig. 5D vs Fig. 5E).

## Distribution

*Landouria elegans* sp. nov. is known only from the type locality.

***Landouria diplogramma*** (Möllendorff, 1902) comb. nov.  
Figs 3F, 4F, 5F, 6P–R; Tables 1–4

*Plectotropis diplogramme* Möllendorff, 1902: 158–159.

*Ganesella diplogramme* – Panha 1996: 36.

*Aegista (Plectotropis) diplogramma* – Hemmen & Hemmen 2001: 47.

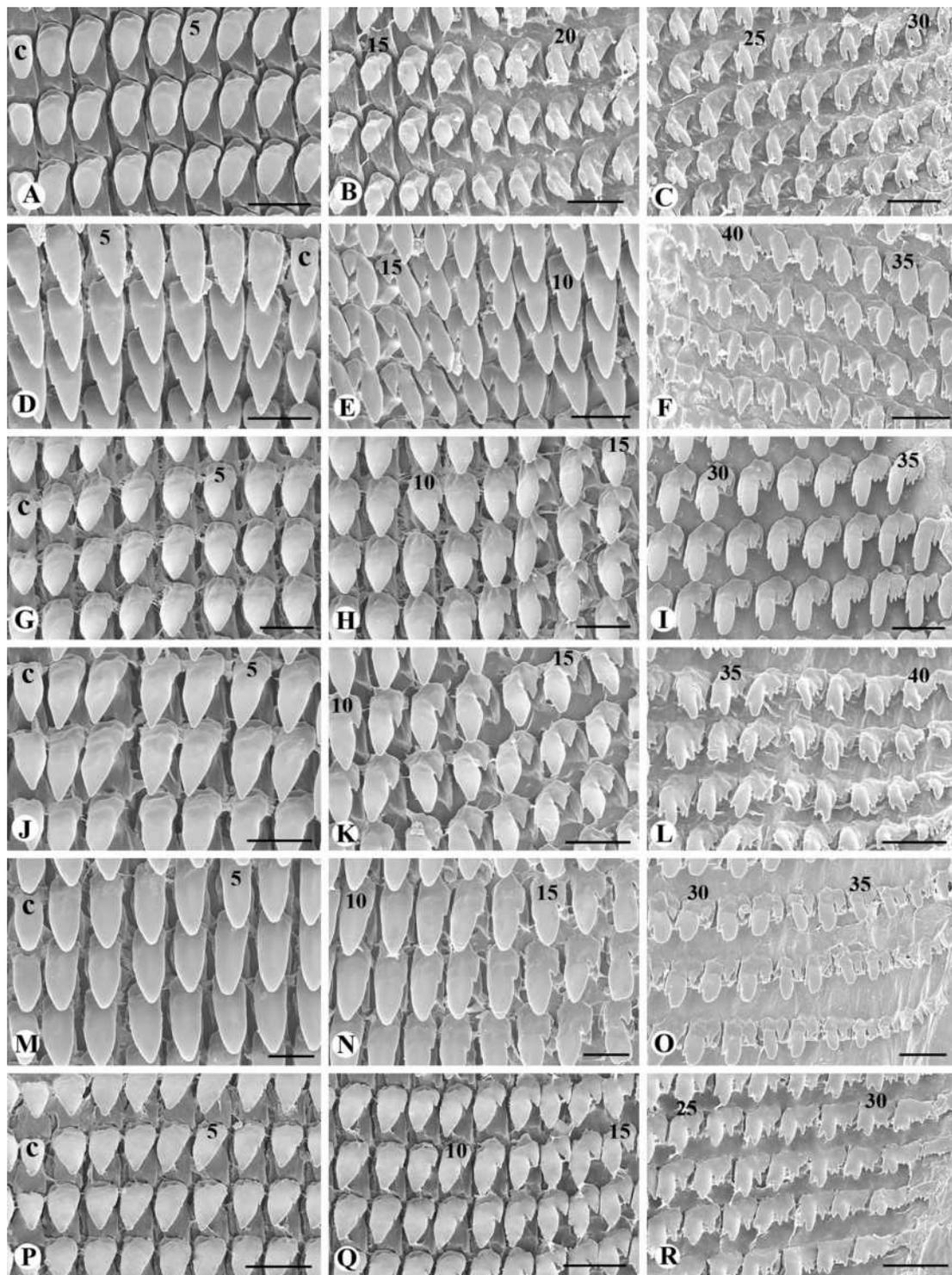
*Thaitropis* sp. – Sutcharit *et al.* 2017: 249, fig. 6–32e.

## Diagnosis

Shell small, low-conical, weakly keeled, with a slightly elevated spire, whitish corneous with a pale brown band above periphery. Flagellum like a short protrusion, with rounded tip. Penis short swollen. Central and the first few lateral radular teeth triangular.

## Material examined

THAILAND • 29 shells, 14 living specs; Nakhon Ratchasima Province, Pak Chong District, Wat Thep Phithak Punnaram; 14°36'54.57" N, 101°15'55.25" E; alt. 451 m; 23 Jun. 2017; B. Nahok and U. Chanlabut leg.; GenBank No. MN449411 and MZ435752; NHMSU-00034. (Fig. 3F)



**Fig. 6.** Radula morphology of *Landouria* spp. from northeastern Thailand. **A–C, G–R.** Right side of central teeth. **D–F.** Left side of central teeth. **A–C.** *Landouria circinata* sp. nov., paratype (NHMSU-00024). **D–F.** *L. tuberculata* sp. nov., paratype (NHMSU-00026). **G–I.** *L. trochomorphoides* sp. nov., paratype (NHMSU-00028). **J–L.** *L. chloritoides* sp. nov., paratype (NHMSU-00030). **M–O.** *L. elegans* sp. nov., paratype (NHMSU-00033). **P–R.** *L. diplogramma* (Möllendorff, 1902) comb. nov. (NHMSU-00034). Numbers indicate order of lateral and marginal teeth. Abbreviation: c = central tooth. Scale bars = 25  $\mu$ m.

## Description

SHELL (Fig. 3F, Table 1). Dextral, small, depressed conical. Whorls 5½, suture rather shallow, apex obtuse and depressed, whitish corneous, with a pale brown peripheral band. Protoconch almost smooth. Umbilicus moderately deep and wide. Aperture oval oblique, with thin, solid, and weakly reflected lip.

GENITAL SYSTEM (n = 3) (Fig. 5F, Table 4). Penis divided into two short portions, the portion that connects to epiphallus is swollen and the portion that connects to atrium is constricted; internally with three corrugated longitudinal pilasters; with short, rather rounded verge. Flagellum like a short protrusion, internally with two narrow longitudinal pilasters. Vas deferens long, cylindrical, entering the epiphallus at base. Free oviduct very short. Vagina twice as long as free oviduct, internally with five thick, corrugated longitudinal pilasters. Proximal part of gametolytic sac slightly thicker than the cylindrical tube, with a medium-sized oval sax at distal end. Uterus and prostate gland long.

RADULA (n = 3). Comprises 121–125 transverse rows with 61–69 teeth per row; radular formula: (23–25)-(7–9)-1-(7–9)-(23–25). Central tooth usually symmetric, unicuspid, triangular (Fig. 6P). Lateral teeth longer and larger than central teeth, bicuspid, ectocone small, with sharp cusp (Fig. 6Q). Marginal teeth gradually changing from bicuspid to tricuspid, small endocone; mesocone large lanceolate; ectocone triangular with two to four tiny cusps (Fig. 6R).

## Remarks

Specimens deposited in the Leiden Museum, The Netherlands, RMNH.MOL.309867 and RMNH.MOL.309851 (<https://images.app.goo.gl/PgrpqKaWuSrgjdvN9>), are identified as *Plectotropis diplogramme* Möllendorff, 1902. These specimens appear identical to specimens from Khao See Siad Ah in Nakhon Ratchasima Province, therefore we used the name “*Landouria diplogramma* (Möllendorff, 1902)” for this species in the present study. *Landouria diplogramma* differs from other Thai species of *Landouria* by its relatively small lustrous shell without peripheral keel, but with a pale brown band present above periphery (Figs 3F, 4F). Its radular teeth are relatively short (Fig. 6P–R). Its penis and flagellum are relatively short (Fig. 5F).

The genus *Thaitropis* Schileyko, 2004 was recently reported in Thailand (Schileyko 2004; Sutcharit *et al.* 2017). Yet, this genus was synonymized with *Landouria* by Nurinsiyah *et al.* (2019). Based on the illustration provided by Sutcharit *et al.* (2017: fig. 6–32e), we identify their Thai *Thaitropis* sp. as *L. diplogramma*, because it has the same shell morphology and colours: *Plectotropis diplogramme* Möllendorff, 1902, RMNH.MOL.309867, and *L. diplogramma* (Möllendorff, 1902) from Khao See Siad Ah, Nakhon Ratchasima (NHMSU-00034) (Figs 3F, 4F). Unfortunately, the whereabouts of the type specimen of *Plectotropis diplogramme* are unknown. Yet, it might be deposited in the collections of the Senckenberg Museum in Frankfurt, Germany where it should be looked up and checked in a further study.

## Distribution

*Landouria diplogramma* was collected by local people in the mountain range known as Khao See Siad Ah, Pak Chong District, Nakhon Ratchasima Province, Thailand. Other reported localities comprise Bangkok, Hinlap, Muoklek, Kanburi (Kanchanaburi) (Möllendorff 1902).

**Key to species by shell characters of *Landouria* species in northeastern Thailand**

Finally, in order to facilitate future field research, we provide a dichotomous key for the identification of the currently known *Landouria* species in northeast Thailand.

1. Shell lustrous, peripheral keel absent, brown band present .....  
..... *L. diplogramma* (Möllendorff, 1902) comb. nov.  
– Shell not lustrous, peripheral keel absent, brown band absent ..... 2
2. Peripheral keel blunt ..... *L. chloritoides* sp. nov.  
– Peripheral keel sharp ..... 3
3. Peripheral keel slightly sharp, shell surface with numerous tiny tubercles .... *L. tuberculata* sp. nov.  
– Peripheral keel very sharp, shell surface without tubercles ..... 4
4. Shell relatively large with low spire, shell surface with radial scaly processes .....  
..... *L. trochomorphoides* sp. nov.  
– Shell relatively moderate in size with high spire, shell surface without radial scaly processes ..... 5
5. Keel more sharp and distinct with its downward bent rim ..... *L. elegans* sp. nov.  
– Keel sharp, without downward bent rim ..... 6
6. Suture indented, growth line obvious .....  
..... *L. strobiloides* C. Tumpeesuwan & S. Tumpeesuwan, 2019  
– Suture not indented, growth line obscure ..... *L. circinata* sp. nov.

**Key to species by genitalia characters of *Landouria* species in northeastern Thailand**

1. Penis shorter than vagina; flagellum strobilus-like .....  
..... *L. strobiloides* C. Tumpeesuwan & S. Tumpeesuwan, 2019  
– Penis longer than vagina; flagellum non-strobilus-like ..... 2
2. Flagellum circinate ..... *L. circinata* sp. nov.  
– Flagellum like a short protrusion, ovate or elongate ovate ..... 3
3. Flagellum elongate ovate, slender towards tip; inner sculpture of flagellum simple .....  
..... *L. trochomorphoides* sp. nov.  
– Flagellum ovate or elongate ovate; inner sculpture of flagellum with longitudinal pilasters ..... 4
4. Vagina shorter than free oviduct; inner penis without verge ..... *L. elegans* sp. nov.  
– Vagina as long or longer than free oviduct; inner penis with verge ..... 5
5. Vagina as long as free oviduct ..... *L. chloritoides* sp. nov.  
– Vagina longer than free oviduct ..... 6
6. Inner wall of penis with wavy, corrugated slender longitudinal pilasters; short, hollow verge .....  
..... *L. tuberculata* sp. nov.  
– Inner wall of penis with stout, longitudinal, zigzag, pilasters; short, rounded verge .....  
..... *L. diplogramma* (Möllendorff, 1902) comb. nov.

## Discussion

Previously, Thai land snails with small, depressed conical shells were usually identified as *Aegista* Albers, 1850 (Bradybaenidae), based on their shell morphology only. Yet, recent studies of the genital system of these species showed that they lacked a dart apparatus and mucus glands, indicating that they are not species of *Aegista*, but rather belong in the genus *Landouria* (Camaenidae) (e.g., Tumpeesuwan & Tumpeesuwan 2019).

Phylogenetic analysis divided *Landouria* into two clades in accordance with the geographical boundaries between the Mainland Southeast Asia, Sumatra, and Timor-Leste. In Thailand the species form a monophyletic group, with four species endemic to Loei Province. These four species were discovered on different isolated limestone and sandstone hills or mountains, so their distribution ranges do not overlap. Furthermore, each hill or mountain was surrounded by geographic barriers, such as floodplains or other unsuitable habitats. The present study illustrates that in northeastern Thailand there remains a substantial amount of overlooked malacological diversity to be discovered. Hence further taxonomic research on the malacofauna of this region will undoubtedly uncover still many more undescribed terrestrial snail species.

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