

Zoogeographical and stratigraphical distribution of the genus *Zonocypris*: Supportive evidence for Anatolian Diagonal and description of a new species from Turkey

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Abstract – Since its first description from Madagascar, there are about 16 living (Recent) species of the genus *Zonocypris* reported from Afrotropical, Neotropical and Palearctic regions. Similarly, there are about 16 fossil with two (sub)species of the genus known from the Early Cretaceous (*e.g.*, India, France, Russia, China, Brazil) to Holocene (*e.g.*, Albania). Among the species, the only species known with fossil and living species is *Zonocypris costata*. In Turkey, *Zonocypris membranae* with two subspecies (*Z. m. membranae*, *Z. m. quadricella*) is the only fossil species known while living individuals of *Z. costata* were encountered the southeast Anatolia. Additionally, *Zonocypris mardinensis* n. sp. is now proposed as a new species which shows clear differences in the soft body parts (*e.g.*, aesthetasc ya in A1, knife-type G2 claw, shapes of clasping organs and hemipenis) and carapace structure (*e.g.*, LV with extension, RV with posterior denticles). Overall, living species reported herein seem to inhabit comparatively warm (15–30 °C) within the ranges of slightly acidic to alkaline (pH 6.81–8.44) and low to well oxygenated waters (3.05–18.8 mg/l) where they can tolerate salinity (electrical conductivity 103–1910 µS/cm) values within a limited elevational range (336–991 m). Our results suggest that geographic distribution of the living species of the genus is limited within southern parts of Turkey while fossil forms seem to exhibit much wider distribution in northern parts. Anatolian Diagonal as physical barrier may be considered to play a critical role on separating fossil (east-north regions) and extant (southeast region) species of the genus in Turkey. This is the first supportive evidence provided by the species of the genus *Zonocypris* that geographic barrier could have played the main role on its distribution.

Keywords: Early Cretaceous / Recent / *Zonocypris* / new species / ecology / Anatolian diagonal / global distribution

Résumé – Répartition zoogéographique et stratigraphique du genre *Zonocypris* : preuves à l'appui de la diagonale anatolienne et description d'une nouvelle espèce de Turquie. Depuis sa première description à Madagascar, il y a environ 16 espèces vivantes (récentes) du 17 genre *Zonocypris* signalées dans les régions afrotropicales, néotropicales et paléarctiques. De même, il existe environ 16 fossiles avec deux (sous) espèces du genre connu du Crétacé inférieur (*e.g.*, Inde, France, Russie, Chine, Brésil) à l'Holocène (*e.g.*, Albanie). Parmi les espèces, la seule espèce connue avec des espèces fossiles et vivantes est *Zonocypris costata*. En Turquie, *Zonocypris membranae* avec deux sous-espèces (*Z. m. membranae*, *Z. m. quadricella*) est la seule espèce fossile connue alors que des individus vivants de *Z. costata* ont été rencontrés dans le sud-est de l'Anatolie. De plus, *Zonocypris mardinensis* n. sp. est maintenant proposée comme une nouvelle espèce qui montre des différences nettes dans les parties molles du corps (par exemple, aesthetasc ya en A1, griffe G2 de type couteau, formes des organes de serrage et de l'hémipénis) et de la structure de la carapace (par exemple, VG avec extension, RV avec postérieur denticules). Dans l'ensemble, les espèces vivantes signalées ici semblent habiter relativement chaudes (15–30 °C) dans les plages d'eaux

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légèrement acides à alcalines (pH 6,81–8,44) et faiblement à bien oxygénées (3,05–18,8 mg/l) où elles peuvent tolérer valeurs de salinité (conductivité électrique 103–1910 mS/cm) dans une plage d'élévation limitée (336–991 m). Nos résultats suggèrent que la répartition géographique des espèces vivantes du genre est limitée dans les parties méridionales de la Turquie tandis que les formes fossiles semblent présenter une distribution beaucoup plus large dans les parties nord. La diagonale anatolienne en tant que barrière physique peut être considérée comme jouant un rôle essentiel dans la séparation des espèces fossiles (régions est-nord) et existantes (région sud-est) du genre en Turquie. Il s'agit de la première preuve à l'appui fournie par l'espèce du genre *Zonocypris* que la barrière géographique aurait pu jouer le rôle principal sur sa distribution.

Mots clés : Crétacé précoce / récent / *Zonocypris* / nouvelles espèces / écologie / diagonale anatolienne / distribution mondiale

1 Introduction

In Turkey, estimated numbers of non-marine ostracods are more than 160 species but this number is certainly an underestimation (Kulköylüoğlu *et al.*, 2015). Similarly, Özulug *et al.* (2018) listed about 185 (sub)fossil ostracod species limited to Quaternary period but this number is too a very low estimation to show true ostracod species diversity of the country. Turkey, as a big natural bridge, plays an important role among three continents (Asia, Europe, Africa) providing possible corridors and alternative modes of distribution for many species. This is probably one of the reasons of high species diversity found in the country. In contrast, some parts of the country are known to create ecological and/or geographical barriers for some species' populations. The Anatolian Diagonal, a NE-SW-directed high mountain belt ranging from south of Gümüşhane-Bayburt in the northeastern to the Kahramanmaraş in the southwestern part of Turkey where it is bifurcated and/or divided into two branches, namely Amanos Mountains and Taurus Mountains, is an example of such eco/geographical barriers for many plant (Davis, 1971; Ekim and Güner, 1986) and animal species (Çıplak *et al.*, 1993; Rokas *et al.*, 2003; Mutun, 2010). It appears that since late Miocene, the diagonal plays critical role for the distribution of many species (Çıplak *et al.*, 1993; Mutun, 2010; Manafzadeh *et al.*, 2016; Meijers *et al.*, 2020). Most recently, Gür (2016) provided a detailed review on the geographical and geological information of the diagonal. Including historical background information supported by the contemporary studies, he found out supportive evidence that the diagonal along with a steep environmental gradient was actually playing a critical role on species distribution coped with especially in seasonal temperature changes in the area. Accordingly, Anatolian Diagonal seems to be responsible for limiting geographical distribution of many animal and plant species at different genetic levels (Çıplak, 2003; Mutun, 2010; Gür, 2016). Previous studies offered evidences about the eco/geographical (and historical as well) role of the diagonal but there is no study on aquatic invertebrates, especially on ostracod species in the region. Hence, the aims of the present study were to (1) compare the distribution of the fossil and live species of the genus *Zonocypris* worldwide, (2) discuss the first supportive evidence for the role of Anatolian Diagonal by means of using geographical distribution of the genus *Zonocypris*, and (3) describe a new species of the genus *Zonocypris*.

2 Materials and methods

A total of 14 samples (ca. 200 ml sediment) were collected from different water bodies (Tab. 1) with a standard sized hand-net (150 µm mesh size) and fixed in 70% of ethanol in 250 ml plastic bottles *in situ* (Fig. 1). In laboratory, they were washed under tap water and filtered through four different sized sieves (0.5, 1.0, 1.5 and 2.0 mm mesh size) and kept in 70% ethanol. Ostracod specimens were separated from the sediment and hand-picked under a stereomicroscope (Olympus ACH 1X) with pipets. Adult specimens were dissected in lactophenol solution for the species identification, during which both carapace and soft body parts were examined under Olympus BX-51 light microscope. Carapace and/or valves of the dissected specimens were separated from the soft body parts and kept in the micropaleontological slides. Each slide was numbered with the laboratory catalog number. We primarily used the taxonomic key of Karanovic (2012) and some other earlier sources during the identification. Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) images acquisition of the carapaces and valves were performed with Carl Zeiss EVO-50 type SEM-EDX at the Department of Geological Engineering, Hacettepe University. We keep the samples and slides at the Limnology Laboratory of Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University, and they can be available upon request from the first author. Six environmental variables (pH, air (Ta, °C) temperature, water temperature (Tw, °C), dissolved oxygen (DO, mg/L), electrical conductivity (EC, µS/cm), and salinity (ppt)) were measured *in situ*, during which a YSI-Professional Plus device was used (for details see Kulköylüoğlu *et al.*, 2015).

All specimens collected from the type locality deposited separately in the vials at the Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University, Department of Biology, Subdivision of Hydrobiology (Bolu, Turkey).

3 Results

Including the new species described herein, total of 16 live (Recent) species of the genus was reported in here (Tab. 2). Among the species, *Z. costata* is the only species known from both fossil and recent reports. The most northern fossil and Recent (live) records of the genus are so far known from Western Siberia and Turkey, respectively (Figs. 1 and 2). The fossil of the species are generally reported from Miocene to the

Table 1. Ecological variables collected from 14 different sampling sites in Turkey where living taxa of genus *Zonocypris* were reported. Type locality of new species is bold.

St.No.	St. Type	Alt.	T(a)	T(w)	pH	DO	EC	Sal	Sampling date
Adıyaman 10*	Spring	991	40.5	15.6	7.53	6.48	565	0.34	16.07.2012
Gaziantep 11*	Rheocrene spring	517	40	19.8	7.23		103	0.05	20.07.2010
Gaziantep 16*	Rheocrene spring	527	40	20.3	6.81		549	0.28	20.07.2010
Gaziantep 43*	River	336	44	30.9	8.30		414	0.20	23.07.2010
Gaziantep 68*	Creek	669	43	23	7.35		1910	0.07	29.07.2010
Diyarbakır 23 ^a	Creek	832	29.1	18.4	7.07	7.97	476.4	0.20	18.07.2007
Diyarbakır 79 ^a	Spring	754	32.6	21.6		8.5	247.1	0.10	13.08.2007
Diyarbakır 80 ^a	Water body	762	32.6	28.6		5.72	414	0.20	13.08.2007
Diyarbakır 81 ^a	Water body	825	32.6	29.2		6.75	600	0.30	13.08.2007
Hatay 68*	Creek	591	31.5	22.7	8.44	8.29	755	0.39	07.08.2012
Mardin 4**	Pool	932	38.9	18.1	7.55	9.17	401.8		13.08.2013
Mardin 22 ^{*,b}	Irrigation channel	954	30.9	17.5	7.56	7.51	353.2		15.08.2013
Mardin 61 ^{*,b}	Creek	785	36.7	21.4	7.78	8.53	699		16.08.2013
Mardin 63 ^{*,b}	Pool	941	37.8	20.2	8.29	18.8	484.7		16.08.2013
	Min.	336	29.1	15.6	6.81	5.72	103	0.05	
	Max.	991	44	30.9	8.44	18.8	1910	0.39	
	Mean	749.83	40.8	21.32	7.63	8.01	560.73	0.20	

Abbreviations: Alt.: Altitude (m); T(a): Air temperature (°C); T(w): Water temperature (°C); DO: Dissolved oxygen in water (mg/L); EC: Electrical conductivity (µS/cm); Sal: Salinity (ppt). Note that original sampling sites (St. No.) are shown with the numbers nearby the city name. *: *Z. costata*; **: *Z. mardinensis* n. sp.; ^a: *Zonocypris* sp.; ^b: *Zonocypris* cf. sp. Note that *Z. cf. costata* was reported from Malatya by Hartmann (1964) but no measurement of water variables was provided.

present while the oldest fossil record (*Zonocypris* sp 1) of the genus seem to be listed from Early Cretaceous (ca. 120 Ma) in Brazil (Do Carmo *et al.*, 2004) (Tab. 3). The youngest fossil record is known from Holocene in Tanzania, Albania, and Ethiopia (Fig. 2). In Turkey, while the fossil taxa are distributed above (northern parts) the Anatolian Diagonal, recent living taxa are apparently located below (southern parts) the diagonal (Fig. 1). *Zonocypris mardinensis* n. sp. displays several characteristics (e.g., presence of extension on RV, carapace ornamentation, numbers of setae on A1 and A2, Mx1, Md-palp, shape of clasping organs, hemipenis etc.) different from the other species of the genus (see details in Figs. 3–6). Although limited with the current knowledge, values of some of those ecological variables suggest that the species of the genus tend to be found in shallow fresh to brackish water bodies where water temperature may range between 15–30 °C in alkaline waters (average pH 7.63). This suggests the fact that the species appears to prefer warm waters. If this is true, such information can be useful tool for paleontological studies to estimate past historical conditions of the habitats.

3.1 Systematics

Subphylum: Crustacea Pennant, 1777
 Class: Ostracoda, Latreille, 1802
 Order: Podocopida Sars, 1866
 Suborder: Podocopina, Müller, 1894
 Superfamily: Cypridacea Baird, 1845
 Family: Cyprididae Baird, 1845
 Subfamily: Cypridopsinae Kaufmann, 1900
 Tribe: Zonocypridini Higuti and Martens, 2012
 Genus: *Zonocypris* G.W. Müller, 1898

3.2 Diagnosis

In ventral view, carapace globular, ornamented with coarse, concentric ridges. LV overlapping RV. In dorsal view, posterior end rounded, anterior end pointed. Hinge adont. Second antenna four segmented with strong claws. Maxillular palp with cylindrical terminal segment. Uropod absent in males, flagelliform in females.

3.3 Diagnosis

Zonocypris mardinensis n. sp. (Figs. 3–6) [urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:6370E72C-FF47-42B4-9412-5134FA01AAB0](https://zoobank.org/act:6370E72C-FF47-42B4-9412-5134FA01AAB0)

Carapace ventrally slightly concave. LV with an extension posteriorly, RV with fine denticles posteriorly. Ridges on carapace surface circular to oval and thinner. Carapace surface with a few (or without) pits. Posterior end of LV with double list. Asthetasc ya on A1 relatively long, G2 claw not knife-type in males, clasping organs asymmetric in T1 and b-d setae absent in male. Mx1-palp with a claw-like seta on the first section, Md with four smooth bunch of setal group, hemipenis short with lobe a rounded, Zenker Organ with ca. 12 whorls. Uropod flagellum like in females, ramus triangular with a subapical posterior seta (Fig. 6G). Genital organ weakly rectangular shape.

Holotype: One male with soft body parts and carapace dissected and sealed in a slide; valves kept in a micropaleontological slides for SEM photography (Collection number: OK-TR-Mardin: 01-02). Collected from type locality by M. Yavuzatmaca, O. Yılmaz, M. Tanyeri on 13 August 2013.

Allotype: One female with soft body parts and carapace dissected and sealed in a slide

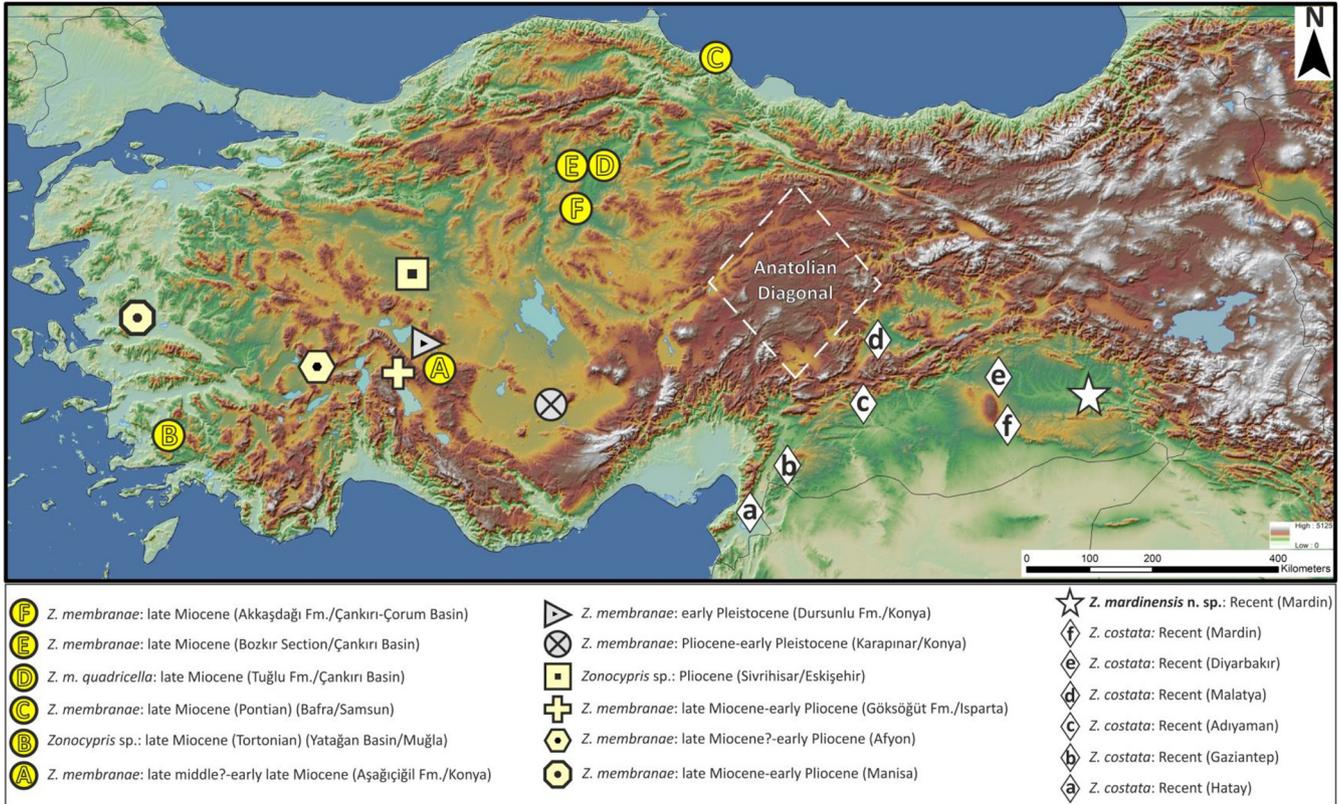


Fig. 1. Digital Elevation Model (DEM) image showing the distribution of the genus *Zonocypris* in Turkey. Anatolian Diagonal (dashed diagonal) represents high mountain ranges (*i.e.*, eco-geographical barrier) between fossil and living species of the genus.

Table 2. List of 16 recent (live) and 16 fossil species of the genus *Zonocypris* G.W. Müller, 1898 in the world.

Living species***	Fossil species
<i>Zonocypris alveolata</i> Klie, 1936	<i>Zonocypris costata</i> Vávra, 1897
<i>Zonocypris calcarata</i> Klie, 1936	<i>Z. digitalis</i> Babinot, 2003
<i>Zonocypris cordata</i> Sars, 1924	<i>Z. elongata</i> Schneider, 1963
<i>Zonocypris corrugata</i> Rome, 1965	<i>Z. expansa</i> Tian, 1982
<i>Zonocypris costata</i> (Vávra, 1897)	<i>Z. gujarantensis</i> Bhandari and Colin, 1999
<i>Zonocypris elegans</i> G.W. Müller, 1898	<i>Z. jintanensis</i> Chen, 1982*
<i>Zonocypris glabra</i> Klie, 1944	<i>Z. labyrinthicos</i> Nagori and Khosla, 2007
<i>Zonocypris inconspicua</i> Schäfer, 1952	<i>Z. maghrebinensis</i> Helmdach, 1988**
<i>Zonocypris inornata</i> Klie, 1936	<i>Z. mckenziei</i> (Raghavan <i>et al.</i> , 2007)
<i>Zonocypris laevis</i> Sars, 1910	<i>Z. membranae</i> Livental, 1929
<i>Zonocypris lata</i> Rome, 1962	<i>Z. oliviformis</i> Huang, 1979
<i>Zonocypris peralta</i> Rome, 1969	<i>Z. privis</i> Zhao (Mei-Yu), 1982
<i>Zonocypris pilosa</i> Rome, 1962	<i>Z. rippeae</i> Mostafawi, 1994
<i>Zonocypris tuberosa</i> G.W. Müller, 1908	<i>Z. spirula</i> Whatley and Bajpai, 2000
<i>Zonocypris uniformis</i> Rome, 1962	<i>Z. viriensis</i> Khosla and Nagori, 2005
<i>Zonocypris mardinensis</i> n. sp., this study	<i>Z. pseudospirula</i> Khosla <i>et al.</i> , 2010

(OK-TR-Mardin: 03-04); valves kept in a micropaleontological slide for SEM photography.

Paratype: Three adult males (OK-TR-Mardin: 05-07) and three females (OK-TR-Mardin: 08-10) dissected and sealed in slides. Twenty three other individuals (6 males, 11 females, 6

juveniles, 3 broken valves) collected from the type locality were kept in 70% ethanol.

Type locality: A shallow (ca. 50 cm) pool in the town Dargeçit, Mardin, Turkey.

N 37°35'621" – E041° 43'084", ca. 932 m a.s.l.



Fig. 2. Worldwide distribution of the recent (large red star) and fossil (small yellow x) records of the genus *Zonocypris* (for details see [Tabs. 2 and 3](#)).

Description of male. A medium-sized ostracod, with oval shape (mean L = 0.62 mm, H = 0.34 mm, W = 0.37 mm; n = 6). Carapace surface with circular ridges ([Figs. 3A and 3B](#)). LV larger than RV ([Fig. 3E](#)). Greatest height near the centre of the carapace. Anterior end slightly more rounded than posterior end. Valves dorsally slightly arched. Four large and one small muscle scars around the center ([Fig. 3D](#)). Marginal ends of carapace without tubercles in external view. In dorsal view, carapace ovoid, posteriorly broadened, anteriorly slightly pointing. In internal view, LV posteriorly with an extension part ([Fig. 4A](#)), RV posteriorly with row of fine denticles on calcified inner lamella ([Fig. 4B](#)). Calcified inner lamella anteriorly wider (about $\frac{1}{4}$ of carapace length) than posterior end, double inner list prominent posteriorly. Ventral margin slightly concave. Pore canals with thin seta ([Fig. 4E](#)). Hinge-like structure with a weak posterodorsal tooth on LV ([Figs. 4A and 4B](#)). Colour of valves opaque to white.

A1 ([Fig. 5A](#)): Seven-segmented. First segment ventrally with two well developed long setae slightly plumose, longer one extending almost the base of the penultimate (6th) segment, shorter reaching to the fifth segment. One dorso-medial seta slightly plumose on A1 barely reaching to the next segment. Rome or Wouters organs not seen. Second segment broaden with a short dorsal seta about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the segment. Third segment with a long dorsal-apical smooth seta, reaching end of fifth segment. Fourth segment with two almost equally long smooth dorsal-apical setae and one smooth medium-sized ventral-apical seta extending about to midpoint of sixth segment. Fifth segment with three long dorsal-apical setae and one short ventral-apical smooth setae. Sixth segment

with four unequally long and smooth setae. Terminal segment with two very long smooth setae and ya seta about $\frac{1}{3}$ of long setae.

A2 ([Fig. 5B](#)): Four-segmented. Basal segment with a well-developed long smooth seta, slightly extending t-setae. Exopodial plate with long and two very short smooth setae. Second (first endopodial) segment well-developed, aesthetasc Y with three lobes and placed near middle of segment. Same segment with one long plumose posteroproximal seta extending to tips of terminal claws. Five long and one short (slightly plumose barely reaching end of same segment) natatory setae present, long setae extending tips of the claws ([Fig. 5C](#)). Penultimate (third) segment with two t-setae in medium size, and two unequally long setae anterodorsally. G1 and G2 claws equal in size and well developed, G3 seta-like about half of the claws. Setae z1 claw-like shorter than G2 and G3, z2 and z3 setae thin (length ratio: $z2 > z1 > z3$). Terminal segment with a well-developed GM, Gm about half of GM and seta-like (length ratio: $G1 = G2 > GM > G3 > Gm$). Seta y3 twice longer than terminal segments.

Md ([Fig. 5D](#)): with a well-developed Md-coxa ending with about 8 coxal teeth and two slightly plumose short setae dorsally. Md palp four-segmented. First segment wider than length, with one long and smooth setae, and S1–S2 setae plumose about size of next two segment, alpha seta short about $\frac{1}{4}$ of S1. Vibratory plate with six (five almost equally long and one shorter) pappose setae. Second segment externally with three smooth setae (two very long reaching tips of terminal claws, one shorter seta about half of others), and four (3 + 1) medium-sized smooth setae seen internally almost reaching

Table 3. Zoogeographical and geochronological distribution of the species *Zonocypris*. Note that no records from Eocene.

Taxon	Geological age	Location	Reference
<i>Zonocypris?</i> sp.	Early Cretaceous (Aptian-early Albian)	Araripe Basin/Brasil	Do Carmo <i>et al.</i> , 2004
<i>Zonocypris?</i> <i>expansa</i>	Early Cretaceous (Aptian-Albian)	NE China	Tian and Zhao, 1982
<i>Zonocypris?</i> sp.	Late Cretaceous (late Cenomanian)	Cedar Canyon/Utah	Tibert <i>et al.</i> , 2009
<i>Zonocypris</i> sp.	Late Cretaceous	India	Whatley and Bajpai, 2000
<i>Z. digitalis</i>	Late Cretaceous (Campanian)	Auriol/SE France	Babinot, 2003
<i>Z. labyrinthicos</i>	Late Cretaceous (Maastrichtian)	Madhya Pradesh/India	Nagori and Khosla, 2007
<i>Z. gujaratensis</i>	Late Cretaceous (Maastrichtian)	Madhya Pradesh/India	Nagori and Khosla, 2007
<i>Z. gujaratensis</i>	Late Cretaceous (Maastrichtian)	Madhya Pradesh/India	Rathore <i>et al.</i> , 2017
<i>Z. spirula</i>	Late Cretaceous	Gujarat/India	Khosla and Nagori, 2005
<i>Z. spirula</i>	Late Cretaceous (Maastrichtian)	Madhya Pradesh/India	Nagori and Khosla, 2007
<i>Z. spirula</i>	Late Cretaceous (Maastrichtian)	Gujarat/India	Khosla <i>et al.</i> , 2009b
<i>Z. viridensis</i>	Late Cretaceous (Maastrichtian)	Gujarat/India	Khosla <i>et al.</i> , 2009b
<i>Z. gujaratensis</i>	Late Cretaceous (late Maastrichtian)	Gujarat/India	Bhandari and Colin, 1999
<i>Z. pseudospirula</i>	Late Cretaceous	Maharashtra/India	Khosla <i>et al.</i> , 2010
<i>Z. gujaratensis</i>	Late Cretaceous (Maastrichtian)	Madhya Pradesh/India	Khosla <i>et al.</i> , 2011
<i>Z. pseudospirula</i>	Late Cretaceous (Maastrichtian)	Madhya Pradesh/India	Khosla <i>et al.</i> , 2011
<i>Z. spirula</i>	Late Cretaceous (Maastrichtian)	Madhya Pradesh/India	Khosla <i>et al.</i> , 2011
<i>Z. gujaratensis</i>	Late Cretaceous (Maastrichtian)	Madhya Pradesh/India	Kapur <i>et al.</i> , 2018
<i>Z. spirula</i>	early Paleocene	Madhya Pradesh/India	Khosla <i>et al.</i> , 2009a; Sharma and Khosla, 2009
<i>Z. viridensis</i>	early Paleocene	Madhya Pradesh/India	Khosla <i>et al.</i> , 2009a; Sharma and Khosla, 2009
<i>Z. spirula</i>	Paleocene?	Uttar Pradesh/India	Sharma <i>et al.</i> , 2008
<i>Z. jintanensis</i>	Oligocene	Jiangsu/China	Hou <i>et al.</i> , 1982
<i>Z. maghrebinensis</i>	middle Miocene (Serravalian)	Maghreb/Morocco	Helmdach, 1988
<i>Z. membranæ</i>	late middle?-early late Miocene	Aşağıçığıl Fm./Konya, Turkey	Tuncer, 2020
<i>Z. membranæ</i> (cf. <i>Paracyprretta?</i> sp.)	late Miocene (early Tortonian)	Kythira Island/Greece	Mostafawi, 1990
<i>Z. m. quadricella</i>	late Miocene (Tortonian)	Southern Italy	Ligos <i>et al.</i> , 2012
<i>Z. membranæ</i>	late Miocene (Tortonian?)	Tabriz/NW Iran	Reichenbacher <i>et al.</i> , 2011
<i>Zonocypris</i> sp.	late Miocene (Tortonian)	Yatağan Basin/Muğla, Turkey	Becker-Platen, 1970
<i>Z. membranæ</i>	late Miocene (middle Pontian)	Romania	Stoica <i>et al.</i> , 2013
<i>Z. membranæ</i>	late Miocene (middle Pontian)	Romania	Floroiu <i>et al.</i> , 2013
<i>Z. membranæ</i>	late Miocene (Pontian)	Bafra/Samsun, Turkey	Tunoğlu <i>et al.</i> , 1997
<i>Z. m. quadricella</i>	late Miocene	Tuğlu Fm./Çankırı Basin, Turkey	Mazzini, 2011; Mazzini <i>et al.</i> , 2013
<i>Z. membranæ</i>	late Miocene	Bozkır Section/Çankırı Basin, Turkey	Mazzini, 2011
<i>Z. membranæ</i>	late Miocene	Akkaşdağı Fm./Çankırı-Çorum Basin, Turkey	Kayseri-Özer <i>et al.</i> , 2017
<i>Z. membranæ</i>	late Miocene	Turkey	
<i>Z. membranæ</i>	late Miocene-early Pliocene	Manisa, Turkey	Witt, 2003
<i>Z. membranæ</i>	late Miocene?-early Pliocene	Afyon, Turkey	Demirel <i>et al.</i> , 2017
<i>Z. membranæ</i>	late Miocene-Pliocene	Göksöğüt Fm./Isparta, Turkey	Tuncer <i>et al.</i> , 2017; Tuncer, 2020
<i>Z. membranæ</i>	early Pliocene (Dacian)	Serbia	Krstić, 1993, 1995 ¹
<i>Z. aff. membranæ</i>	early Pliocene (Dacian)	Siliistra, Bulgaria (Romania Boundary)	Jiríček, 1983
<i>Zonocypris</i> sp.	early Pliocene	Lake Qinghai/NE Tibetan Plateau	Lu <i>et al.</i> , 2017

Table3. (continued).

Taxon	Geological age	Location	Reference
<i>Eucypris membranæ</i>	Pliocene	Azerbaijan	Agalarova, 1956
<i>Z. m. membranæ</i>	Pliocene (Levantine)	Bulgaria	Stancheva, 1966
<i>Z. m. quadricella</i>	Pliocene (Levantine)	Bulgaria	Stancheva, 1966
<i>Zonocypris</i> sp.	Pliocene	Sivrihisar/Eskişehir, Turkey	Tunoğlu <i>et al.</i> , 1995
<i>Z. membranæ</i>	Pliocene	Turfan/NW China	Huanga <i>et al.</i> , 2004
<i>Z. membranæ</i> (cf. <i>Virgatocypris</i> sp.)	Pliocene	Israel	Rosenfeld <i>et al.</i> , 1981
<i>Z. membranæ</i>	Pliocene	Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan	Mandelstam and Schneider, 1963
<i>Z. m. quadricella</i>	Pliocene	Pannonian Plain (Serbia)	Krstić, 2006
<i>Z. elongata</i>	Pliocene	Uzbekistan	Mandelstam and Schneider, 1963
<i>Z. membranæ</i>	late Pliocene	Caspian Basin	Krijgsman <i>et al.</i> , 2019
<i>Zonocypris</i> sp.	late Pliocene	Kos and Evia Islands/Greece	Mostafawi, 1988, 1994a
<i>Z. membranæ</i>	late Pliocene (Dacian-Romanian boundary)	Romania	Olteanu, 1995 ¹
<i>Z. membranæ</i>	Pliocene-early Pleistocene	Karapınar/Konya, Turkey	Beker <i>et al.</i> , 2008
<i>Z. membranæ</i>	Pliocene-early Pleistocene	Western Siberia	Kazmina, 1975
<i>Z. membranæ</i>	late Pliocene-early Pleistocene (Romanian)	Romania	Van Baak <i>et al.</i> , 2015
<i>Z. membranæ</i>	late Pliocene-early Pleistocene (Romanian)	Caspian Basin	Olteanu and Jipa, 2006
<i>Z. m. quadricella</i>	late Pliocene-early Pleistocene (Piacenzian-Gelasian)	Central Italy	Spadi <i>et al.</i> , 2019
<i>Z. rippeæ</i>	late Pliocene-Late Pleistocene	N-Peloponnes, Griechenland	Mostafawi, 1994b
<i>Z. membranæ</i>	Pliocene-Pleistocene (Dacian-Romanian)	Caspian Basin/Azerbaijan	Van Baak <i>et al.</i> , 2013
<i>Z. membranæ</i>	late Pliocene-early Pleistocene (Akechagilian)	Grozny/Chechen Republic	Suzin, 1956 ²
<i>Z. oliviformis</i>	early Pleistocene	Qinghai/China	Huang, 1979
<i>Z. mckenziei</i>	early Pleistocene	India	Raghavan <i>et al.</i> , 2007
<i>Z. costata</i>	early Pleistocene	India	Raghavan <i>et al.</i> , 2007
<i>Z. membranæ</i>	early Pleistocene	Dursunlu Fm./Konya, Turkey	Tuncer, 2020
<i>Z. costata</i>	early Pleistocene	Kashmir Valley/NW India	Singh, 1977
<i>Z. cf. costata</i>	Pleistocene	Benot Ya'akov Fm./Israel	Kalbe <i>et al.</i> , 2015
<i>Z. cf. costata</i>	early-Middle Pleistocene transition	Lake Hula/Israel	Mischke <i>et al.</i> , 2014
<i>Z. membranæ</i>	Late Pleistocene	Western Siberia	Konvalova, 2016
<i>Zonocypris</i> sp.	Late Pleistocene	Western Siberia	Konvalova, 2016

Note to cross-references for ¹Witt (2003); ²Reichenbacher *et al.* (2011).

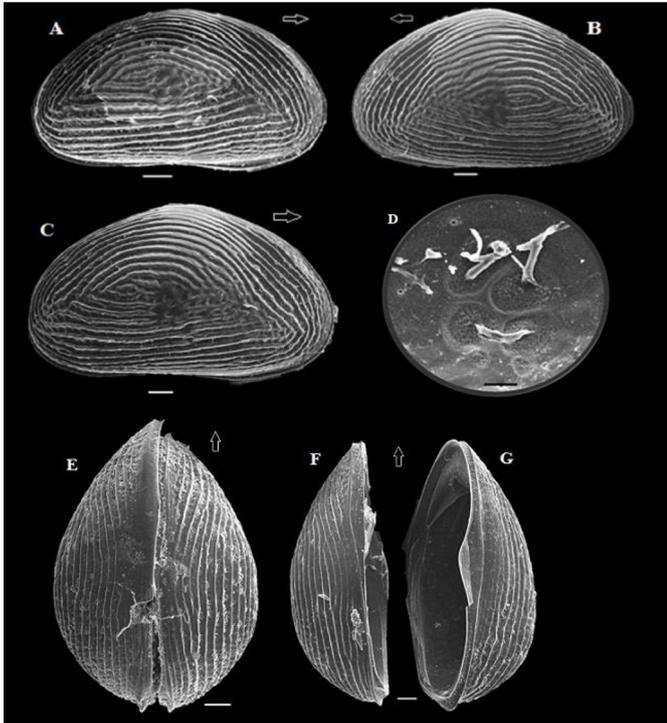


Fig. 3. *Zonocypris mardinensis* n. sp. A) external view of RV and B) LV, C) external view of RV, D) internal view of muscle scars, E) dorsal view, carapace, F) ventral view of RV, and G) LV. Male (A, B, D, E), Female (C, F, G). Scale: 50 μ m for A, B, C, E, F, and 20 μ m for D.

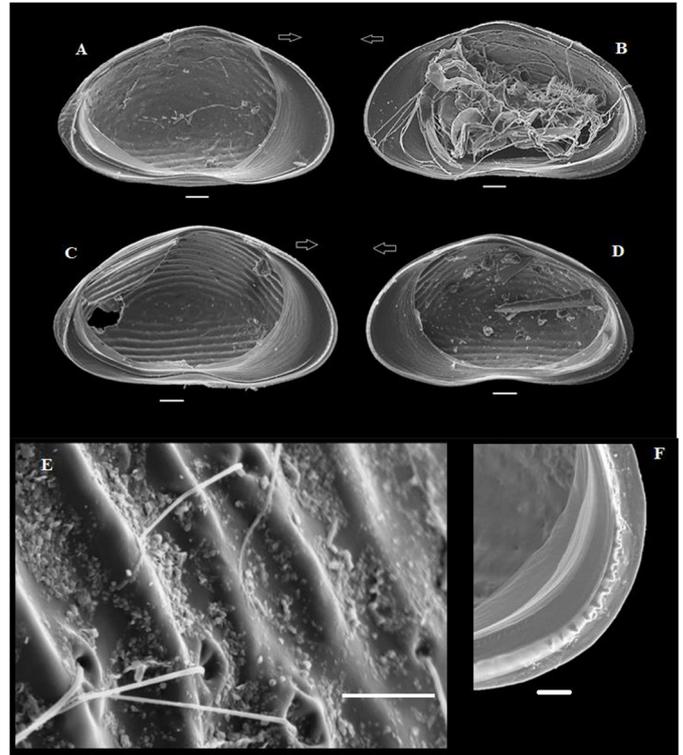


Fig. 4. *Zonocypris mardinensis* n. sp. A) male, internal view of LV and B) RV, C) female, internal view of LV and D) RV, E) pore openings with seta in male from Gaziantep, F) posterior end of RV with denticles in female from Diyarbakır. Scale bar: 55 μ m for A–D, 45 μ m for E, 20 μ m for F.

tips of terminal claws, beta seta short and plumose. Penultimate (third) segment with four equally long and smooth extero-lateral setae barely reaching tips of terminal claws and four (3 + 1 gamma) equally long and smooth setae intero-distally, two other smooth setae (one long and one short) seen distally. Terminal segment (slightly longer than width) with one very strong and smooth claw in middle, and two almost seta-like claws, one very short seta, all smooth. Claw and setae not fused with terminal segment.

Mx1 (Fig. 5E): with Mx1 palp, three endites and vibratory plate with 14 plumose setae; base of first endite with two unequally long and slightly plumose setae, and with five well developed setae terminally, second endite with three setae and one almost bristle-like seta. Third endite with three claw-like plumose, and two smooth setae. Mx1 palp with two segments; first segment with four equally long smooth setae, one claw-like plumose, and one long smooth setae, second (terminal) segment rectangular in shape, with four smooth claw-like setae. Distal segment of Mx1-palp elongated, ca 2 \times as long as basal width.

Rake-like organ (Fig. 6D): small with about 6-7 very small teeth.

T1 (Figs. 5F and 5G): Transformed into clasping organs. Left and right palps asymmetric with well-developed fingers. Right finger wide, hook-like, lower part with a long tongue-shaped extension and a short a seta (Fig. 5F). Left finger, hook-like and slender, lower part of trunk ending with a long pointing process (Fig. 5G). Vibratory plate with five medium sized plumose setae. One short a seta present, others

(b, c, d) setae absent (diagnostic character). Masticatory process with 8 almost equally long smooth setae.

T2 (Fig. 5H): Five-segmented with a medium-sized d2 basal seta, d1 seta absent, e-g setae plumosed (length ratio: e > f > g), g seta half of seta e. Terminal segment with one short h3 and h1 setae (both smooth) and h2 long claw-like.

T3 (Fig. 6A): Three-segmented (penultimate segment undivided). First segment with three slightly plumose (dp > d1 = d2) setae; dp seta barely reaching to the end of next segment.

Seta e about half of the segment, f seta short about half of seta e. Terminal segment with hook-like pincer organ, h2 short and curved, h3 seta slightly plumose, long about length of penultimate segment.

Zenker organ (Fig. 6B): with 12 whorls of spines, ending with 12-14 corrugated opening.

Hemipenis (Fig. 6C): Lobe a (outer lobe) short with a rounded end. Lobe b (inner lobe) broadly rounded. Medial lobe (lobe h) with nose-shaped expansion directed inwardly.

Etymology. The species is named by adding the suffix -ensis to the type locality (Mardin).

Accompanying taxa. *Ilyocypris* sp.

Description of female. Female similar in shape and size (mean L = 0.59 mm, H = 0.35 mm, W = 0.37 mm; n = 6) to male (Figs. 3C, 3F, 3G, 4C, 4D, 4E).

A2 (Fig. 6E): Four-segmented. First and second segments similar to male in size and length. This part is at least twice longer in males than females. Second segment with one long (two setae in male) well developed plumose posteroproximal

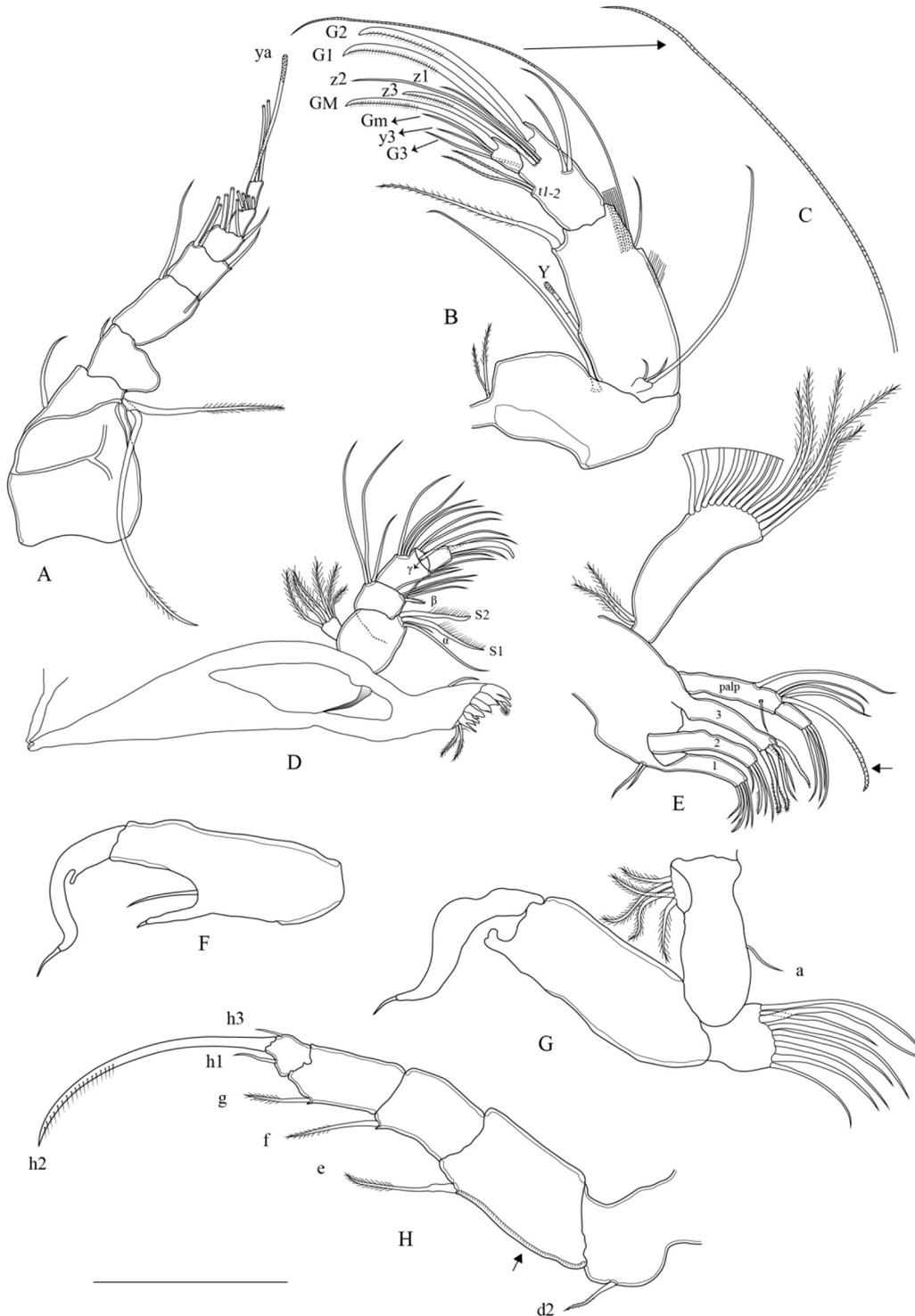


Fig. 5. *Zonocypris mardinensis* n. sp. A) Male, antennule (A1), B) antenna (A2), C) swimming setae detail, D) mandible (Md), E) maxillule (Mx1), F) left clasper of T1, G) T1 with right clasper, H) second thoracopod (T2, walking leg). Scale: 80 μm for A, B, D, E, H; 40 μm for C, F, G.

seta extending to tips of terminal claws. Penultimate (third) segment with three t-setae (two t-setae in male) in medium size, and two unequally long plumose setae anterodorsally. G1 and G2 claws well developed, G3 seta-like about $\frac{3}{4}$ of other claws. G2 very strong knife-shaped (normally shape in male). Setae z1-3 seta-like about length of G2, z3 slightly shorter than

z1 and z2. Terminal segment with a smooth GM claw, Gm about z3 seta (length ratio: $G1 \approx G2 > GM \approx G3 > Gm$). T1 (Fig. 6F) normally developed with three endopodial setae ($h2 > h1 > h3$), h2 seta very long and plumose almost equal to length of all T1. Five short and plumose vibratory setae present in T1, seta a smooth, very short and thin, seta b not seen clearly

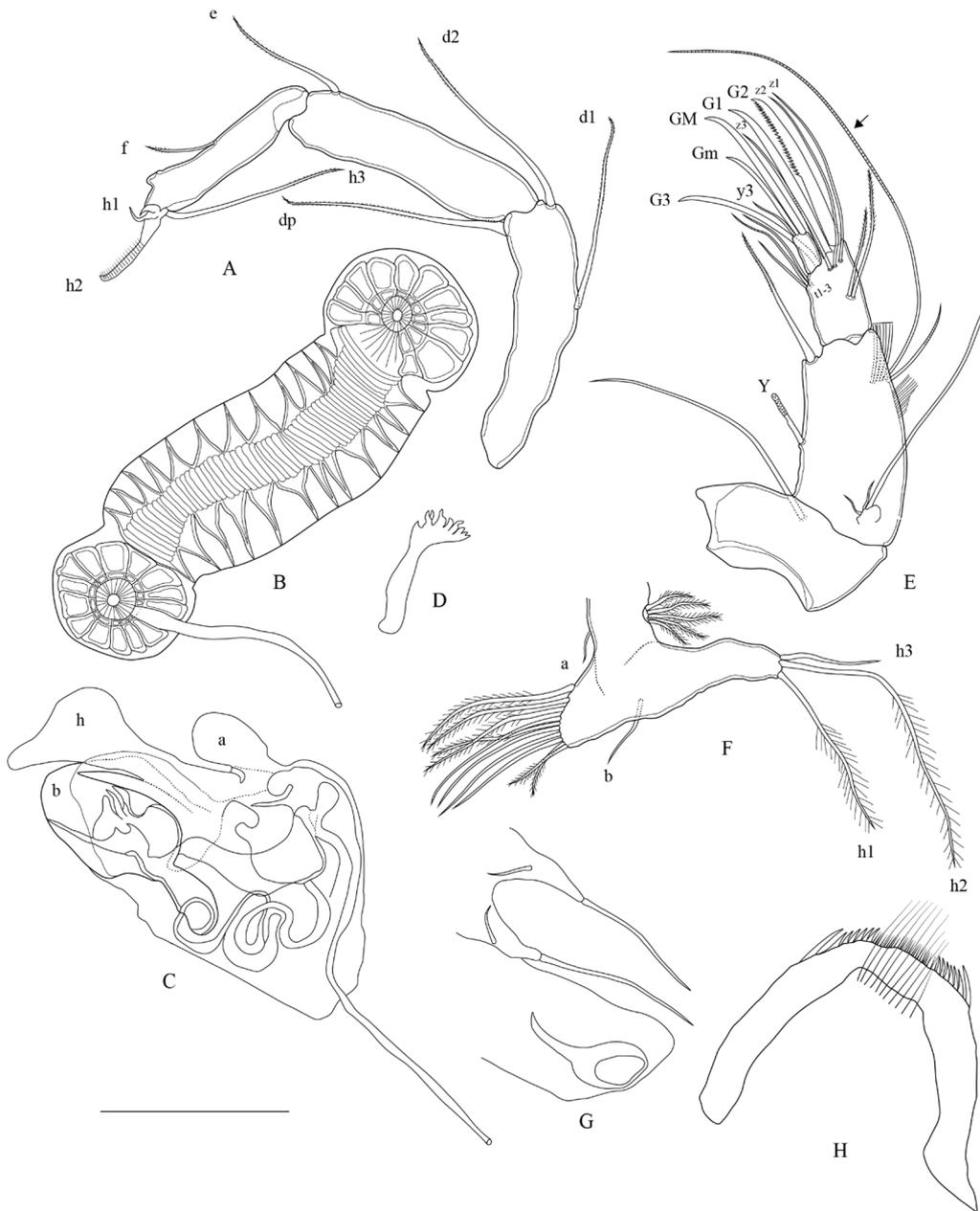


Fig. 6. *Zonocypris mardinensis* n. sp. A) third thoracopod (T3, cleaning leg), B) Zenker organ, C) hemipenis, D) rake-like organ, E) antenna (A2), F) first thoracopod (T1), G) uropod or furca with genital lobe of female, H) labium. A–D, male; E–H, female. Scale: 80 µm for A, E, F; 40 µm for B, C, H; 10 µm for D, G.

(b–c–d setae absent in males). Masticatory process short, distally with 8 + 2 plumose setae. Uropod flagellum like with a triangular ramus and a subapical posterior seta (uropod absent in males) (Fig. 6G). Genital organ smooth weakly rectangular shape (Fig. 6G). Labium (Fig. 6H) wide with short spine-like teeth and medium-sized setae.

4 Discussion and conclusion

4.1 Paleobiogeography and biogeography of *Zonocypris*

Among the fossil taxa of the genus *Zonocypris*, *Z. membranæ* is the only fossil species reported from late

middle?-early late Miocene to early Pleistocene in Turkey and some other countries in Europe, Africa, Asia and Caucasian region including Russia (Siberia, Crimea), Azerbaijan and Iran (NW Iran, Tabriz Basin) (Tab. 3). Living populations of the species are not known. In contrast, extant (and fossils as well) populations of *Z. costata* are common from African countries including Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Kenya, Malawi, and Pliocene forms of Ethiopia, as well as Madagascar (*e.g.*, see Müller, 1898; Sars, 1910; Brehm, 1911; Delachaux, 1919; Klie, 1933; Lindroth, 1953; Fryer, 1957; Carbonel and Peypouquet, 1979) while distribution of fossil species is limited in Europe (see Cabral *et al.*, 2004). According to McKenzie (1971) *Z. costata* was also known

from the Isle Aldabra. Comparing to other species (see *e.g.*, Mischke *et al.*, 2014; Kalbe *et al.*, 2015), *Z. costata* seems to be the only species with live and (sub)fossil species known from the world. For example, samples gained from about 100 cm long sediment core from Lake Oloidien (Kenya) located at 1885 m. a.s.l. included *Z. costata* whose live specimens were also known from ponds and lakes in western Uganda and central Kenya (Verschuren, pers. comm., and see details in Rumes *et al.*, 2016). Although the members of the genus, either live or fossil species, are known from many other continents, it is interesting to note that the genus has not been reported from North America, and no fossil forms known from Australia yet.

4.2 Biogeographical separation and ecology

Live individuals of *Z. costata* and *Zonocypris* spp. are known from six provinces (*e.g.*, (Adıyaman, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Mardin, Malatya and Hatay) in Turkey where they are all located below the Anatolian Diagonal. Hartmann (1964) was the first to report living females of the species from a river basin in Gaziantep and from ponds near a spring in Malatya (Turkey). Such finding inhere appears to be a good supportive evidence for inquiring the role of the diagonal on species distribution not only for the recent forms but also for the distribution of the fossil forms. As far as we know, this is probably the first report of a non-marine invertebrate species subjected to comparison for both fossil and recent geographical distribution of the members of the genus *Zonocypris*, meaning that below and above the diagonal. Accordingly, it can be seen that while fossil taxa are widely distributed above the diagonal, extant (living) taxa are restricted to the areas below it. From the global perspective, this actually corresponds to the northernmost occurrences of the fossil taxa of the genus when living species are much common in southern parts of the world. Up to now, including *Z. mardinensis* n. sp., there are two (or three) living species of the genus known from Turkey. Schäfer (1952) providing some line drawings of the soft body parts described *Z. inconspicua* from a pool in the central dry steppe of Turkey but since then the species has not been reported from other parts of the region. Besides, although Schäfer (1952) mentioned about the name “Ilgar-Sea” or “Ilgar Lake”, it should be noted that we have failed to find any water bodies in the region called by Schäfer as “Ilgar Lake”. Therefore, we were not able to find type locality of *Z. inconspicua*. We are also aware of the fact that repository of the type materials of the species is also not known (Scharf, pers. comm.). Karanovic (2012, p.203) provided coordinates (37°09'N 38°13'E) for Ilgar Lake in Turkey. This coordinate is located in the town of Birecik, Şanlı Urfa (Turkey) that the site of Anatolian Diagonal. However, because of such uncertainties about the type locality of the lake, presence of *Z. inconspicua* is not clearly known and deserves further investigation. Considering such clear cut on the species distribution above the diagonal for fossil and below it for living species can be deduced in at least two possible explanations as ecological-geographical and/or temporal-historical ways. In ecological explanation, from the contemporary studies, we know that the species of the genus tend to be found from variety of warm and relatively shallow fresh to brackish aquatic habitats (*e.g.*, littoral zone of lakes, ponds, springs,

creeks etc.) located from about sea level up to about 1000 m a. s.l. (this study). The Anatolian Diagonal consisting of high mountain ranges is shown to create a physical barrier for many species (Davis, 1971; Çıplak, 2003; Mutun, 2010; Gür, 2016; Manafzadeh *et al.*, 2016; Mutun, pers. comm.). Thus, it is possible that species of the genus have not been able to pass through high mountain ranges and reach to the west-northern parts of Anatolia. Such a barrier basically creates geographical and ecological limits for species dispersion. Synthesis of this view for individual species (*i.e.*, *Zonocypris mardinensis* n. sp.) may highlight the importance of species ecological tolerances to different aquatic conditions. For example, changes in geographical (*e.g.*, elevation) conditions can eventually be effective on changes in water conditions, simply temperature decreases with increasing elevation. Thereby, air temperature differences, for example, at high altitudes can be effective on species survival probabilities. During our study, mean values of water temperature and pH where the new species found were about 22 °C (15–31 °C) and 7.63 (6.81–8.44), respectively. These values are found in accordance with the measurements of Martens *et al.* (1996) in different shallow water bodies of Verlorenvlei (Western Cape, South Africa) where two other members of the genus (*Z. cordata* and *Z. tuberosa*) were found from wet season within the ranges of water temperature (21–27 °C), (pH 6.9–7.7), and electrical conductivity (3230–4340 µS/cm). These results imply that the species are not able to tolerate (or prefer) cold waters. If so, these species with such preference for warm waters are not supposed to survive in cold waters at high mountain ranges lined up on the Anatolian Diagonal. In another example, Külköylüoğlu *et al.* (2015) reported a new species, *Gomphocythere besni*, from a man-made pool in Adıyaman province located in the south-eastern part of Anatolia, below the diagonal. Species of the genus *Gomphocythere* are mostly known from Afrotropical region but *G. besni* is the only species known with the most northern distribution. Besides, there is only one fossil Holocene species *G. geareyi* Boomer (2010) described from Kahramanmaraş region (Boomer and Gearey, 2010), and later reported from Pleistocene materials of Adıyaman region of Turkey (Karayığit *et al.*, 2016). Similarly, type locality of *G. geareyi* was also located below the diagonal. Up to now, no other live or fossil of the genus have been reported from western or upper parts of the diagonal. Külköylüoğlu *et al.* (2015) pointed out that ecological barrier (*e.g.*, temperature differences due to geographical constraints related to the Anatolian Diagonal) could have been played important role on species distribution since species with African origin preferred relatively warm waters and have not been able to pass through the other side of the high mountain ranges of the diagonal. Although these studies favor critical role of the diagonal, due to lack of ecological information about many ostracod species, this view needs to be confirmed with future studies.

In temporal/historical explanation: This is another way to explain limited distribution of the species below (southern parts) and above (northern parts) of the diagonal. It is just a manner of time. Hence, species of the genus *Zonocypris* have not been able to reach to the northern part of the diagonal. It means that if the conditions are suitable, species may survive above the diagonal. We argue that it is now evidenced that Anatolian Diagonal has been playing critical role on

geographical distribution of several (if not many) different taxonomic groups (see above) from south to northern parts of Turkey. Although such studies are diverse, the present study provides the first evidence of the relationship between fossil and live species of the genus *Zonocypris* along with their historical distribution.

As stated above, the genus seems to be mostly related to warm and shallow fresh to brackish water bodies. Including the new species, total of 16 living (but consider about the situation for *Z. inconspicua*) and 16 fossil species of the genus is now reported in the present study. Among the species, *Z. costata* was the only species known from both fossil (from early Miocene) and recent reports. The most northern fossil and living records are known from Western Siberia and Turkey, respectively. The fossil *Zonocypris* were generally reported from Miocene to the present while the oldest fossil (*Zonocypris*, sp 1) seems to be listed from Early Cretaceous (ca. 120 Ma) in Brazil. The youngest fossil record is known from Holocene in Tanzania, Albania, and Ethiopia. Since taxonomic position of this taxon (*Zonocypris* sp 1) from Brazil has not been confirmed at species level, one may subjectively and cautiously consider excluding the presence of the fossil species from Brazil. Indeed, if this is true, fossil distribution of the species would only be limited within the countries in Africa, Asia and Europe. This approach based on supportive fossil and recent records may also explain limited geographical distribution of the genus.

4.3 Systematic position

We propose *Zonocypris mardinensis* n. sp., as a new species because of the following morphological differences from the other species of the genus. Basically, comparisons can be made with the other four sexual (*Z. corrugata*, *Z. costata*, *Z. glabra*, *Z. tuberosa*) species. As shown above in the descriptions, *Z. mardinensis* n. sp. is different from these (and other parthenogenetics) species based on differences in carapace structure (e.g., presence of an extension on LV posteriorly, and fine denticles on RV posteriorly) and soft body parts (e.g., A1 (relatively long aesthetasc ya), A2 (G2 claw normal in males, not knife-type), T1 (claspings organs and absence of b-d setae), Mx1 (presence of a claw-like seta on the first section of the Mx1-palp, and a claw-like seta on the third endite), Md (presence of 3 + 1 smooth bunch of setal group), hemipenis (short and rounded lobe a), Zenker Organ (with ca. 12 whorls). As much as these differences, some other differences can also be found between *Z. mardinensis* n. sp. and *Z. costata*; for instance, ridges are deeper, thicker, and more circular in latter species than the former species. Besides, *Z. costata* is more globular than *Z. mardinensis* n. sp. Extension part is missing on LV of *Z. costata*. Also, *Z. costata* has 17 whorls in Zenker Organ while there are 12 whorls in *Z. mardinensis* n. sp.

Zonocypris mardinensis n. sp. has also some differences with the most common fossil species *Z. membranae*: (i) *Z. membranae* has fine denticles on the inner calcified lamella of RV located anteriorly and postero-ventrally while such denticles are only located posteriorly in *Z. mardinensis* n. sp.; (ii) LV with an extension part posteriorly in *Z. mardinensis* n. sp. This part is missing in *Z. membranae* whose RV (not LV)

may have a weakly developed part ventrally; (iii) Ridges on carapace surface are circular to oval and thinner in *Z. mardinensis* n. sp. while they are thicker, deeper and much circular in *Z. m. quadricella*. Note that these ridges are also very much thicker in some other fossil forms (cf. *Z. viriensis*, *Z. gujaratensis*, *Z. spirula*, *Z. pseudospirula*). There is no or a few pits may be seen on carapace of *Z. mardinensis* n. sp. while pits are prominent in *Z. m. quadricella* (and in *Z. cordata* whose carapace surface lacks the ridges but is only covered with pits); (iv) *Z. mardinensis* n. sp. ventrally slightly concave when ventral margin of the carapace is concave in *Z. m. quadricella*; (v) Double inner list present posterior end of LV in *Z. mardinensis* n. sp. This list is not (or if present, weakly developed) present in *Z. membranae*. Including the new species but questioning the taxonomic status of *Z. inconspicua*, there are now possibly 16 living and 15 fossil species of the genus in the world. Based on the current data available, however, the genus, *Zonocypris*, requires more detailed studies due to several issues in lack of ecological, taxonomic, and geographical knowledge. Future studies are suggested.

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