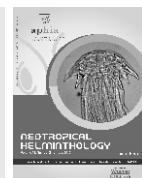


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## ABSTRACT

In this study, 41 species of Monogenea were recorded parasitizing the gills, body surface, and nasal cavity of Characiform fishes from State of São Paulo, Brazil. The hosts were caught in Batalha River and Peixe's River between 2010 and 2015. The monogenean species recorded were: *Anacanthorhus sciponophallus* Van Every & Kritsky, 1992, *Cacatuocotyle guaibensis* Gallas, Calegaro-Marques & Amato, 2014, *Cacatuocotyle paranaensis* Boeger, Domingues & Kritsky, 1997, *Calpidothecium* sp., *Characithecium* sp., *Curvianchoratus hexacleidus* Hanek, Molnar & Fernando, 1974, *Curvianchoratus singularis* (Suriano, 1980) Suriano, 1986, Dactylogyridae gen. sp. 1, Dactylogyridae gen. sp. 2, *Demidospermus paravalenciennesi* Gutiérrez & Suriano, 1992, *Diaphorocleidus* sp.1, *Diaphorocleidus* sp.2, *Diaphorocleidus* sp.3, *Diaphorocleidus* sp.4, *Diaphorocleidus kabatai* (Molnar, Hanek & Fernando, 1974) Jogunoori, Kritshy & Venkatanarasaiyah, 2004, *Diaphorocleidus orthodusus* Mendonza-Franco, Reina & Torchin, 2009, *Jainus* sp., *Jainus amazonensis* Kritsky, Thatcher & Kayton, 1980, *Jainus hexops* Kritsky & Leiby, 1972, *Jainus leporini* Abdallah, Azevedo & Luque, 2012, *Notothecium deleastoideum* (Kritsky, Boeger & Jégu, 1998), *Notozothecium minor* Boeger & Kritsky, 1988, *Palombitrema triangulum* (Suriano, 1981) Suriano, 1997, *Pavanelliella* sp., *Philocorydoras margolisi* (Molnar, Hanek & Fernando, 1974), *Rhinoxenus arietinus* (Kritsky, Boeger & Thatcher, 1988), *Rhinoxenus curimbatae* Domingues & Boeger, 2005, *Rhinoxenus piranhus* Kritsky, Boeger & Thatcher, 1988, *Sciadicleithrum* sp.1, *Tereancistrum ornatus* Kritsky, Thatcher & Kayton, 1980, *Tereancistrum toksonum* Lízama, Takemoto & Pavanelli, 2004, *Trinibaculum altiparanae* (Abdallah, Azevedo & Silva, 2013), *Urocleidooides* sp., *Urocleidooides aimarai* Moreira, Scholz & Luque, 2015, *Urocleidooides cuiabai* Rosim, Mendoza-Franco & Luque, 2011, *Urocleidooides eremitus* Kritsky, Thatcher & Boeger, 1986, *Urocleidooides malabaricus* Rosim, Mendoza-Franco & Luque 2011, *Urocleidooides paradoxos* (Kritsky, Thatcher & Boeger, 1986), *Urocleidooides trinidadensis* Molnar, Hanek & Fernando, 1974, Gyrodactylidae gen. sp. and *Gyrodactylus* sp.2. Of these species, 29 species are new host records. Besides that, 22 and 14 species are new geographical records for Batalha River and Peixe's River, respectively.

**Key words:** Dactylogyridae – gills – Gyrodactylidae – nasal cavity – Platyhelminthes – body surface

## RESUMO

Neste estudo, 41 espécies de Monogenea foram registradas parasitando as brânquias, superfície corporal e cavidade nasal de peixes Characiformes do Estado de São Paulo, Brasil. Os hospedeiros foram coletados no rio Batalha e no rio do Peixe entre 2010 e 2015. As espécies de monogenéticos registrados foram: *Anacanthorhus sciponophallus* Van Every & Kritsky, 1992, *Cacatuocotyle guaibensis* Gallas, Calegaro-Marques & Amato, 2014, *Cacatuocotyle paranaensis* Boeger, Domingues & Kritsky, 1997, *Calpidothecium* sp., *Characithecium* sp., *Curvianchoratus hexacleidus* Hanek, Molnar & Fernando, 1974, *Curvianchoratus singularis* (Suriano, 1980) Suriano, 1986, *Dactylogyridae* gen. sp. 1, *Dactylogyridae* gen. sp. 2, *Demidospermus paravalenciennesi* Gutiérrez & Suriano, 1992, *Diaphorocleidus* sp.1, *Diaphorocleidus* sp.2, *Diaphorocleidus* sp.3, *Diaphorocleidus* sp.4, *Diaphorocleidus kabatai* (Molnar, Hanek & Fernando, 1974), *Diaphorocleidus orthodusus* Mendonza-Franco, Reina & Torchin, 2009, *Jainus* sp., *Jainus amazonensis* Kritsky, Thatcher & Kayton, 1980, *Jainus hexops* Kritsky & Leiby, 1972, *Jainus leporini* Abdallah, Azevedo & Luque, 2012, *Notothecium deleastoideum* (Kritsky, Boeger & Jégu, 1998), *Notozothecium minor* Boeger & Kritsky, 1988, *Palombitrema triangulum* (Suriano, 1981) Suriano, 1997, *Pavanelliella* sp., *Philocorydoras margolisi* Molnar, Hanek & Fernando, 1974, *Rhinoxenus arietinus* (Kritsky, Boeger & Thatcher, 1988), *Rhinoxenus curimbatae* Domingues & Boeger, 2005, *Rhinoxenus piranhus* Kritsky, Boeger & Thatcher, 1988, *Sciadicleithrum* sp.1, *Tereancistrum ornatus* Kritsky, Thatcher & Kayton, 1980, *Tereancistrum toksonum* Lizama, Takemoto & Pavanelli, 2004, *Trinibaculum altiparanae* (Abdallah, Azevedo & Silva, 2013), *Urocleidoides* sp., *Urocleidoides aimarai* Moreira, Scholz & Luque, 2015, *Urocleidoides cuiabai* Rosim, Mendoza-Franco & Luque, 2011, *Urocleidoides eremitus* Kritsky, Thatcher & Boeger, 1986, *Urocleidoides malabaricus* Rosim, Mendoza-Franco & Luque 2011, *Urocleidoides paradoxos* (Kritsky, Thatcher & Boeger, 1986), *Urocleidoides trinidadensis* Molnar, Hanek & Fernando, 1974, *Gyrodactylidae* gen. sp. e *Gyrodactylus* sp.2. Destas espécies, 29 espécies apresentaram novos registros de hospedeiro. Além disso, 22 e 14 espécies são novos registros geográficos para o rio Batalha e rio do Peixe, respectivamente.

**Palavras-chave:** Dactlogyridae – brânquias – Gyrodactylidae – cavidade nasal – Platyhelminthes – superfície do corpo

## INTRODUCTION

Fishes are considered the most parasitized vertebrates. The characteristics of the aquatic environment facilitates the spread, reproduction, and the life cycle of parasites, which creates high levels of infection/infestation in fishes (Malta, 1984).

Characiformes are distinguished by species diversity, ecological, morphological, and the amplitude size. The diversity of sizes is marked both by very small species that do not exceed 26 mm, as species of more than one-meter standard length (Weitzman & Vari, 1988). In Characiform, monogeneans can be found parasitizing gills, skin, fins, nostrils, ureters, and few in bowel ducts (Boeger & Vianna, 2006). They are

hermaphrodites, with direct life cycle, which make easier parasitic reinfestations, one of the major problems for fish farming (Dominguez, 2004).

The presence of monogeneans in fish gills can cause cell hyperplasia, mucus hypersecretion, and fusion of filaments of gill lamellae resulting in death. Injuries in the skin can cause secondary infections (Pavanelli *et al.*, 1998; Pavanelli *et al.*, 2008). Thus, global biodiversity has been very currently discussed as through the study of parasites, upgrading our knowledge about diseases affecting aquatic organisms, to recognize aspects of the habitat and biology of their hosts. In addition, parasite diversity are important biological indicators for local water quality (MacKenzie *et al.*, 1995).

Therefore, analysis of the parasites on the Batalha

River and Peixe's River can help on the understanding of river quality impact. From the Batalha River, only records of Castro (1997) and Santos & Heubel (2008) reported as 35 the number of fish species. The Batalha River covers 167 km, and is considered one of the most important tributaries of Tiete River. The water is considered good quality, furthermore, this river is responsible for supplying 45% for Bauru population. However, actually the Batalha River is undergoing an intense pollution process. Thereby changing the water quality, contributing to the silting of the river and pollution the water (Silva *et al.*, 2009). Meanwhile, the Peixe's River has its sources located in the municipality of Torre de Pedra, São Paulo State, in the region of the Environmental Protection Area (APA) of the Basaltic Cuesta of Botucatu covering a sub-basin of equivalent drainage 584.0 Km<sup>2</sup> in the direction of the axis South North. In the Peixe's River has been observed an increasing human settlement and intensive agricultural activities and cattle ranching activities (Novaes, 2008) which change the water quality. Therefore, these two rivers have a wide variety of fishes to be exploited in ichthyologic studies and the present study offers information about the ectoparasites through a checklist of monogeneans species of Characiformes fishes from Batalha River and Peixe's River.

## MATERIAL AND METHODS

In Batalha River were collected 318 fish specimens of nine species: *Astyanax altiparanae* Garutti & Britski, 2000, *Astyanax bockmanni* Vari & Castro, 2007, *Astyanax fasciatus* (Cuvier, 1819), *Cyphocharax modestus* (Fernández-Yépez, 1948), *Hoplitas malabaricus* (Bloch, 1794), *Leporinus friderici* (Bloch, 1794), *Moenkhausia intermedia* Eigenmann, 1908, *Roeboides descalvadensis* Fowler, 1932, *Serrasalmus maculatus* (Kner, 1858). In Peixe's River were collected 180 fish specimens of nine species: *Acestrorhynchus lacustris* (Lütken, 1875), *A. altiparanae*, *C. modestus*, *Cyphocharax nagelii* (Steindachner, 1881), *Prochilodus lineatus* (Valenciennes, 1837), *Roeboides paranensis* (Pignalberi, 1975), *S. maculatus*, *Steindachnerina insculpta* (Fernández-Yépez, 1948), *Triportheus angulatus* (Spix &

Agassiz, 1829). Fish collection was conducted with the authorization of SISBIO (n° 40998-3).

Fish were collected along the Batalha River (22°24'46"S and 49°08'05"W) between August 2013 and June 2015 and in Peixe's River (22°12'41"S and 49°39'52"W) between 22 and 26 March 2010 and from 9 to 13 August 2010. For the collection gillnets with different mesh and trawls were used.

The fish were necropsied and their gills, skin, and nasal cavity were washed in 53 µm sieve and surveyed for monogeneans under stereomicroscope. Some specimens were stained with Gomori's trichrome and mounted in Canada balsam while other specimens were mounted in Gray & Wess' medium (Humason, 1979) for study of sclerotized structures. The prevalence was calculated according to Bush *et al.* (1997). Trinocular microscopy (Nikon E200) was used for morphological analysis. The list follows the classification and systematic arrangements of the Boeger & Vianna (2006). The parasites are arranged according to the phylum, class, order, and family, and the species are presented in alphabetical order. Species of fishes are arranged in alphabetical sequence and valid names are adopted from FishBase (Froese & Pauly, 2017). The following conventions in relation to the parasite records were observed: NHR refers to a new host record and \* and \*\* refers to Batalha River and Peixe's River as news geographical records, respectively. Voucher specimens were deposited in Coleção Helmintológica do Instituto de Biociências (CHIBB), UNESP, campus de Botucatu/SP.

## RESULTS

In total, 41 species of monogeneans were registered in this study. Of these species, 29 species are new host records. Besides that, 22 and 14 species are new geographical records for Batalha River and Peixe's River, respectively.

*Anacanthorus sciponophallus* Van Every & Kritsky, 1992 was the most prevalent species (73,33% for Batalha River and 70% for Peixe's River) paraziting *S. maculatus*, followed by *Jainus*

*hexops* Kritsky & Leiby, 1972 paraziting *R. descaldavensis* (66,7%) from Batalha River and *Palombitrema Triangulum* (Suriano, 1981) Suriano, 1997, parasitizing *C. nagelli* (67%) from Peixe's River. The species with the lowest prevalence were Dactylogyridae gen. sp. 1 and *Sciadicleithrum* sp.1 (2.5%), both in Batalha River. In Peixe's River, the species with the lowest prevalence was Dactylogyridae gen. sp. 1 (5%). Only in Peixe's River species belonging to different family of Dactylogyridae were registered, both of the family Gyrodactylidae. Some species were found in both rivers: *A. sciponophallus*, *Curvianchoratus singularis* (Suriano, 1980) Suriano, 1986, Dactylogyridae gen. sp. 1, *Diaphorocleidus* sp. 1, *Diaphorocleidus kabatai* (Molnar, Hanek & Fernando, 1974), *J. hexops*, *P. triangulum*, *Urocleidoides* sp., and *Urocleidoides eremitus* Kritsky et al., 1986. *Leporinus friderici* was the more parasitized species of fish in Batalha River, being parasitized by nine species of parasites. On the Peixe's River, the most parasitized fish species was *A. altiparanae* with eight parasite species recorded.

Phylum Platyhelminthes Gegenbaur, 1859  
 Class Monogenea (Van Beneden, 1858)  
 Order Dactylogyridae Bychowsky, 1937  
 Family Dactylogyridae Bychowsky, 1933  
*Anacanthorus sciponophallus* Van Every & Kritsky, 1992 \*/\*\*  
 Host: *S. maculatus* (NHR) (Prevalence: 73.33% for Batalha River and 70% for Peixe's River)  
 Specimen deposited: 325 L  
 Location: Batalha River and Peixe's River  
 Site of infection: body surface, gills, and nasal cavity  
 Other hosts: *S. maculatus*, *Serrasalmus elongatus* Kner, 1858, *Serrasalmus rhombeus* (Linnaeus, 1766), *Serrasalmus spilopleura* Kner, 1858, *Serrasalmus* sp.  
 References: Van Every & Kritsky (1992), Córdova & Parisielle (2007)

*Cacatuocotyle guaibensis* Gallas, Calegaro-Marques & Amato, 2014 \*  
 Host: *A. altiparanae* (NHR) (Prevalence: 36.36%); *A. bockmanni* (NHR) (Prevalence: 31.58%)  
 Specimen deposited: 326 L  
 Location: Batalha River  
 Site of infection: body surface and gills  
 Other hosts: *A. fasciatus*, *Astyanax jacuhiensis*

(Cope, 1894).  
 References: Gallas et al. (2014).

*Cacatuocotyle paranaensis* Boeger, Domingues & Kritsky, 1997  
 Host: *C. nagelii* (Prevalence: 10.8%)  
 Location: Peixe's River  
 Site of infection: body surface  
 Other hosts: *Characidium lanei* Travassos, 1967, *Characidium pterostictum* Gomes, 1947, *C. nagelii*, *A. fasciatus*.  
 References: Boeger & Vianna (2006), Vieira et al. (2013), Acosta et al. (2015).

*Calpidothecium* sp. \*  
 Host: *C. modestus* (NHR) (Prevalence: 3%)  
 Specimen deposited: 328 L  
 Location: Batalha River  
 Site of infection: gills  
 Reference: Kritsky et al. (1997).

*Characithecium* sp. \*  
 Host: *A. altiparanae* (NHR) (Prevalence: 13.63%); *A. bockmanni* (NHR) (Prevalence: 26.31%); *A. fasciatus* (Prevalence: 16.13%)  
 Location: Batalha River  
 Site of infection: body surface and gills  
 Other hosts: *A. aeneus*  
 References: Mendonza-Franco et al. (2009).

*Curvianchoratus hexacleidus* Hanek, Molnar & Fernando, 1974  
 Host: *C. modestus* (NHR) (Prevalence: 10%); *C. nagelii* (Prevalence: 21,7%)  
 Location: Peixe's River  
 Site of infection: body surface, gills and nasal cavity  
 Other hosts: *Curimata argentea* (Gill, 1858) and *C. nagelii*.  
 References: Boeger & Vianna (2006), Vieira et al. (2013).

*Curvianchoratus singularis* (Suriano, 1980) Suriano 1986  
 Host: *C. modestus* (NHR) (Prevalence: 23.33% for Batalha River); *C. nagelii* (Prevalence: 43.2% for Peixe's River); *S. insculpta* (NHR) (Prevalence: 20% for Peixe's River)  
 Specimen deposited: 327 L  
 Location: Batalha River and Peixe's River  
 Site of infection: body surface, gills and nasal cavity

Other hosts: *Pseudocurimata gilbert* (Quoy & Gaimard, 1824) and *C. nagelii*.  
References: Boeger & Vianna (2006), Vieira *et al.* (2013).

Dactylogyridae gen. sp. 1 \*/\*\*  
Host: *C. modestus* (NHR) (Prevalence: 5% for Peixe's River); *C. nagelii* (NHR) (Prevalence: 8% for Peixe's River); *H. malabaricus* (Bloch, 1794) (Prevalence: 2.5% for Batalha River)  
Specimen deposited: 318 L  
Location: Batalha River and Peixe's River  
Site of infection: gills  
Other hosts: *H. malabaricus* and *H. aff. malabaricus*  
References: Rosim *et al.* (2011), Graça *et al.* (2013).

Dactylogyridae gen. sp. 2 \*  
Host: *C. modestus* (NHR) (Prevalence: 3%)  
Specimen deposited: 320 L  
Location: Batalha River  
Site of infection: gills  
Other hosts: *C. nagelii*, *Astyanax aeneus* (Günther, 1860), *Characidium lanei* Travassos, 1967.

*Demidospermus paravalenciennesi* Gutiérrez & Suriano, 1992 \*  
Host: *L. friderici* (NHR) (Prevalence: 3%)  
Specimen deposited: 332 L  
Location: Batalha River  
Site of infection: body surface  
Other hosts: *Pimelodus clarias* (Bloch, 1794), *Pimelodus maculatus* Lacepède, 1803, and *Pimelodus* sp.  
References: Kritsky & Gutierrez (1998), Santos *et al.* (2007), Cohen & Kohn (2008), Azevedo *et al.* (2010) and Monteiro *et al.* (2010).

*Diaphorocleidus* sp. 1 \*/\*\*  
Host: *A. altiparanae* (Prevalence: 38.63% in Batalha River and 42.8% for Peixe's River); *A. bockmanni* (Prevalence: 5.26% in Batalha River); *A. fasciatus* (Prevalence: 41.93% in Batalha River); *R. paranensis* (NHR) (Prevalence: 25% for Peixe's River)  
Specimen deposited: 329 L  
Location: Batalha River and Peixe's River  
Site of infection: body surface and gills  
Other hosts: *Gymnocorymbus ternetzi* (Boulenger, 1895).  
References: Jogunoori *et al.* (2004).

*Diaphorocleidus* sp. 2 \*/\*\*  
Host: *A. altiparanae* (Prevalence: 47.43%); *A. bockmanni* (Prevalence: 10.52%); *A. fasciatus* (Prevalence: 32.26%)  
Specimen deposited: 330 L  
Location: Batalha River  
Site of infection: body surface and gills  
Other hosts: *Gymnocorymbus ternetzi* (Boulenger, 1895).  
References: Jogunoori *et al.* (2004).

*Diaphorocleidus* sp. 3 \*/\*\*  
Host: *A. altiparanae* (Prevalence: 20.45%); *A. fasciatus* (Prevalence: 22.58%)  
Location: Batalha River  
Site of infection: body surface and gills  
Other hosts: *Gymnocorymbus ternetzi* (Boulenger, 1895).  
References: Jogunoori *et al.* (2004).

*Diaphorocleidus* sp. 4 \*/\*\*  
Host: *A. lacustris* (NHR, NGR\*\*) (Prevalence: 20%)  
Specimen deposited: 331 L  
Location: Peixe's River  
Site of infection: gills  
Other hosts: *Gymnocorymbus ternetzi* (Boulenger, 1895).  
References: Jogunoori *et al.* (2004).

*Diaphorocleidus kabatai* (Molnar, Hanek & Fernando, 1974) Jogunoori, Kritsky & Venkatanarasaiah, 2004 \*  
Host: *A. altiparanae* (NHR) (Prevalence: 22.73% in Batalha River and 40% for Peixe's River); *A. fasciatus* (Prevalence: 25.80% for Batalha River)  
Location: Batalha River and Peixe's River  
Site of infection: body surface and gills  
Other hosts: *Astyanax bimaculatus* (Linnaeus, 1758), *A. fasciatus*, *A. aeneus*, *S. insculpta*, *A. fasciatus*, and *A. altiparanae*.  
References: Molnar *et al.* (1974), Kritsky *et al.* (1986), Jogunoori *et al.* (2004), Boeger & Vianna (2006), Mendonza-Franco *et al.* (2009), Acosta *et al.* (2013), Acosta *et al.* (2015), Camargo *et al.* (2016).

*Diaphorocleidus orthodusus* Mendonza-Franco, Reina & Torchin, 2009  
Host: *A. altiparanae* (Prevalence: 13.3%)  
Location: Peixe's River  
Site of infection: gills

Other hosts: *Astyanax orthodus* Eigenmann, 1907 and *A. altiparanae*.

References: Mendonza-Franco *et al.* (2009), Camargo *et al.* (2016).

*Jainus* sp. \*\*

Host: *T. angulatus* (NHR) (Prevalence: 10%)

Specimen deposited: 333 L

Location: Peixe's River

Site of infection: gills and nasal cavity

References: Mizelle *et al.* (1968).

*Jainus amazonensis* Kritsky, Thatcher & Kayton, 1980 \*

Host: *M. intermedia* (NHR) (Prevalence: 6.7%); *L. friderici* (NHR) (Prevalence: 9%)

Specimen deposited: 335 L

Location: Batalha River

Site of infection: body surface

Other hosts: *Brycon melanopterus* (Cope, 1872), *Brycon cephalus* (Günther, 1869), and *Brycon amazonicus* (Spix & Agassiz, 1829).

References: Kritsky *et al.* (1980), Andrade *et al.* (2001), Andrade & Malta (2006), Delgado *et al.* (2014).

*Jainus hexops* Kritsky & Leiby, 1972 \*

Host: *A. altiparanae* (Prevalence: 25% in Batalha River and 7.6% for Peixe's River); *A. fasciatus* (Prevalence: 22.58% in Batalha River); *M. intermedia* (NHR) (Prevalence: 56.7% in Batalha River); *R. descalvadensis* (NHR) (Prevalence: 66.7% in Batalha River); *R. paranensis* (Prevalence: 60% for Peixe's River).

Specimen deposited: 334 L

Location: Batalha River and Peixe's River

Site of infection: body surface, gills and nasal cavity

Other hosts: *A. fasciatus*, *A. altiparanae*, *Moenkhausia sanctaefilomenae* (Steindachner, 1907) and *Hemibrycon surinamensis* Géry, 1962.

References: Boeger & Vianna (2006), Takemoto *et al.* (2009), Hoshino *et al.* (2014), Camargo *et al.* (2016).

*Jainus leporini* Abdallah, Azevedo & Luque, 2012 \*

Host: *H. malabaricus* (NHR) (Prevalence: 10%); *L. friderici* (NHR) (Prevalence: 18.8%)

Specimen deposited: 321 L

Location: Batalha River

Site of infection: body surface and gills

Other hosts: *Leporinus copelandii* Steindachner, 1875.

References: Abdallah *et al.* (2012).

*Notothecium deleastoideum* (Kritsky, Boeger & Jégu, 1998) \*\*

Host: *S. maculatus* (NHR) (Prevalence: 33.3%)

Location: Peixe's River

Site of infection: gills and body surface

Other hosts: *Serrasalmus* sp., and *S. rhombeus*.

References: Kritsky (1998b), Boeger & Vianna (2006), Córdova & Pariselle (2007).

*Notozothecium minor* Boeger & Kritsky, 1988 \*

Host: *S. maculatus* (NHR) (Prevalence: 30%)

Specimen deposited: 336 L

Location: Batalha River

Site of infection: body surface, gills and nasal cavity

Other hosts: *Sternarchogiton nattereri* (Steindachner, 1868), *Pygocentrus nattereri* Kner, 1858, *S. elongatus*, *S. rhombeus*, *S. spilopleura*, and *Serrasalmus* sp.

References: Boeger & Kritsky (1988), Kritsky (1996).

*Palombitrema triangulum* (Suriano, 1981)

Suriano, 1997 \*

Hosts: *C. modestus* (Prevalence: 17% for Batalha River and 47% for Peixe's River); *C. nagelii* (Prevalence: 67% for Peixe's River)

Location: Batalha River and Peixe's River

Specimens deposited: 338 L

Site of infection: gills

Other hosts: *C. gilbert* (Quoy & Gaimard, 1824), *C. nagelii*, and *C. modestus*.

References: Vieira *et al.* (2013), Abdallah *et al.* (2015).

*Pavanelliella* sp. \*\*

Host: *P. lineatus* (NHR) (Prevalence: 10%)

Specimen deposited: 337 L

Location: Peixe's River

Site of infection: nasal cavity

Other hosts: *Calophysus macropterus* (Lichtenstein, 1819), and *Pseudoplatystoma corruscans* (Spix & Agassiz, 1829).

References: Kritsky & Boeger (1998c).

*Philocorydoras margolisi* (Molnar, Hanek & Fernando, 1974) Yamada, Brandão, Yamada & Da Silva, 2015 \*\*

Host: *S. insculpta* (NHR) (Prevalence: 6.6%)

Specimen deposited: 313 L

Location: Peixe's River

Site of infection: gills

Other hosts: *Corydoras aeneus* (Gill, 1858).

References: Molnar *et al.* (1974), Boeger & Vianna (2006), Yamada *et al.* (2015).

*Rhinoxenus arietinus* (Kritsky, Boeger & Thatcher, 1988)\*

Host: *L. friderici* (NHR) (Prevalence: 9%)

Location: Batalha River

Site of infection: body surface

Other hosts: *Schizodon fasciatus* Spix & Agassiz, 1829, and *Leporinus agassizii* Steindachner, 1876.

References: Kritsky *et al.* (1988), Domingues & Boeger (2005), Guidelli *et al.* (2009), *L. lacustris* (Campos, 1945).

*Rhinoxenus curimbatae* Domingues & Boeger, 2005 \*\*

Host: *P. lineatus* (Prevalence: 13.3%)

Specimen deposited: 339 L

Location: Peixe's River

Site of infection: nasal cavity

Other hosts: *P. lineatus*.

References: Domingues & Boeger (2005), Boeger & Vianna (2006).

*Rhinoxenus piranhus* Kritsky, Boeger & Thatcher, 1988 \*

Host: *S. maculatus* (NHR) (Prevalence: 70%)

Specimen deposited: 340 L

Location: Batalha River

Site of infection: body surface, gills, and nasal cavity

Other hosts: *P. nattereri*, *S. nattereri*, *Serrasalmus altuvei* Ramírez, 1965, and *S. spilopleura*.

References: Kritsky *et al.* (1988), Leão *et al.* (1991), Iannaccone & Luque (1993), Domingues & Boeger (2005), Vital *et al.* (2011).

*Sciadicleithrum* sp. 1 \*

Host: *H. malabaricus* (NHR) (Prevalence: 2.5%)

Location: Batalha River

Site of infection: Gill

Other hosts: *Aequidens coeruleopunctatus* (Kner, 1863), *A. fasciatus*, *Geophagus brasiliensis* (Quoy & Gaimard, 1824), *Piabucina panamensis* Gill, 1877, *Poecilia gillii* (Kner & Steindachner, 1863)

*Rhamdia guatemalensis* (Günther, 1864), and *Satanopercajurupari* (Heckel, 1840).

References: Kritsky *et al.* (1989).

*Tereancistrum ornatus* Kritsky, Thatcher & Kayton, 1980 \*\*

Host: *P. lineatus* (NHR) (Prevalence: 33.3%)

Specimen deposited: 342 L

Location: Peixe's River

Site of infection: gills and nasal cavity

Other hosts: *Prochilodus reticulatus* Valenciennes, 1850

References: Kritsky *et al.* (1980).

*Tereancistrum toksonum* Lizama, Takemoto & Pavanello, 2004 \*\*

Host: *P. lineatus* (Prevalence: 33.3%)

Specimen deposited: 341 L

Location: Peixe's River

Site of infection: gills and nasal cavity

Other hosts: *P. lineatus*.

Remarks: Lizama *et al.* (2004), Takemoto *et al.* (2009), Chemes & Gervasoni (2013).

*Trinibaculum altiparanae* (Abdallah, Azevedo & Silva, 2013)

Host: *A. altiparanae* (Prevalence: 50%)

Specimen deposited: 343 L

Location: Peixe's River

Site of infection: gills

Other hosts: *A. altiparanae*.

References: Abdallah *et al.* (2013), Camargo *et al.* (2016).

*Urocleidoides* sp.

Host: *A. altiparanae* (Prevalence: 13,3% for Peixe's River); *L. friderici* (Prevalence: 15,5% for Batalha River)

Location: Batalha River and Peixe's River

Site of infection: gills

Other hosts: *Characidium caucanum* Eigenmann, 1912, *Ctenolucius beani* (Fowler, 1907), *C. argentea*, *H. malabaricus*, *Rhytidodus microlepis* Kner, 1858, and *Saccodon dariensis* (Meek & Hildebrand, 1913).

*Urocleidoides aimarai* Moreira, Scholz & Luque, 2015 \*

Hosts: *H. malabaricus* (NHR) (Prevalence: 5%), *L. friderici* (NHR) (Prevalence: 3%)

Specimen deposited: 316 L

Location: Batalha River

Site of infection: body surface and gills

Other hosts: *H. aimara* (Valenciennes, 1847).

References: Moreira *et al.* (2015).

*Urocleidoides cuiabai* Rosim, Mendoza-Franco & Luque, 2011 \*

Hosts: *H. malabaricus* (Prevalence: 22.5%); *L. friderici* (NHR) (Prevalence: 3%)

Specimen deposited: 314 L

Location: Batalha River

Site of infection: body surface and gills

Other hosts: *H. malabaricus*.

References: Rosim *et al.* (2011), Graça *et al.* (2013).

*Urocleidoides eremitus* Kritsky, Thatcher & Boeger, 1986 \*/\*\*

Host: *H. malabaricus* (Prevalence: 5% for Peixe's River); *L. friderici* (NHR) (Prevalence: 3% for Batalha River)

Specimen deposited: 317 L

Location: Batalha River and Peixe's River

Site of infection: gills

Other hosts: *H. malabaricus*.

References: Kritsky *et al.* (1986), Iannacone & Luque (1993), Boeger & Vianna (2006), Rosim *et al.* (2011), Graça *et al.* (2013), Corrêa *et al.* (2013), Alcântara & Tavares-Dias (2015), Gonçalves *et al.* (2016).

*Urocleidoides malabaricus* Rosim, Mendoza-Franco & Luque 2011 \*

Host: *H. malabaricus* (Prevalence: 7.5%)

Specimen deposited: 315 L

Location: Batalha River

Site of infection: gills

Other hosts: *H. malabaricus*, and *Zungaro zungaro* (Humboldt & Valenciennes, 1821) (=*Cephalosilurus zungaro*).

References: Rosim *et al.* (2011), Kritsky & Thatcher (1986), Graça *et al.* (2013), Gasques *et al.* (2015).

*Urocleidoides paradoxus* (Kritsky, Thatcher & Boeger, 1986)\*

Host: *L. friderici* (Prevalence: 3%)

Location: Batalha River

Site of infection: gills

Other hosts: *L. friderici*, *L. lacustris*, *Leporinus obtusidens* (Valenciennes, 1837) e *Leporinus elongatus* Valenciennes, 1850, and *Rhytidodus microlepis* Kner, 1858.

References: Kritsky *et al.* (1986), Guidelli *et al.* (2006), Takemoto *et al.* (2009), Guidelli *et al.*

(2011).

*Urocleidoides trinidadensis* Molnar, Hanek & Fernando, 1974

Host: *A. altiparanae* (Prevalence: 53.8%)

Specimen deposited: 344 L

Location: Peixe's River

Site of infection: gills

Other hosts: *A. bimaculatus*, *A. fasciatus*, and *A. altiparanae*.

References: Molnar *et al.* (1974), Boeger & Vianna (2006), Camargo *et al.* (2016).

Order Gyrodactylidea Bychowsky, 1937

Family Gyrodactylidae Van Beneden & Hesse, 1863

*Gyrodactylidae* gen. sp.

Host: *T. angulatus* (NHR) (Prevalence: 50%)

Specimen deposited: 323 L

Location: Peixe's River

Site of infection: gills

*Gyrodactylus* sp. 2 \*\*

Host: *A. altiparanae* (NHR) (Prevalence: 13.3%)

Specimen deposited: 324 L

Location: Peixe's River

Site of infection: nasal cavity

Other hosts: Clupeiformes, Cyprinodontiformes, Perciformes, Siluriformes, Characiformes

## DISCUSSION

According Boeger & Vianna (2006), in the class Monogenea, Dactylogyridae is the most abundant in the waters of South America, followed by species of Gyrodactylidae, which are systematically being described, which corroborates the results obtained in this study for both rivers.

In this study, 25 monogenean species obtained from nine species of hosts were found in both rivers studied. Among the species of monogeneans found, eight were present in both rivers. *Jainus hexops* was the species that has the lowest parasitic specificity in the Batalha River, being found in four species and *C. singularis* was the one with the smallest host specificity in Peixe's River, found in three species of hosts. Monogeneans are a diverse group of parasites that exhibit a relatively high

degree of host specificity when compared to other groups of parasites (Takemoto et al., 2009). According Morand *et al.* (2002) one parasite that infects a host species is considered a specialist, while the parasites which infect multiple host species may be considered generalist, having a relationship between species richness and host specificity of monogeneans, where high parasitic richness communities are formed by specialists and generalists, while low richness with communities are formed by generalist species. According to this quote, this work presents communities with high parasite richness in both rivers.

Some of the hosts studied in this work have also been studying targets in other rivers and its parasitic fauna was analyzed using species lists, as is the case *A. altiparanae*, *A. fasciatus*, *H. malabaricus*, *L. friderici*, *S. insculpta*, and *S. maculatus*. When we compare the results obtained in this study with those conducted in other rivers, we observed that the diversity of monogeneans was higher in Batalha River and Peixe's River for all species, with the exception of *A. fasciatus* that showed a higher diversity in the Amazon according to Boeger & Vianna (2006). According to Kennedy (1982), abiotic factors can affect the abundance and prevalence of parasites. Among the main abiotic factors can be cited depth, habitat, environmental damage, pollution, temperature, and composition of hosts community. Second Sures (2008) parasites with direct life cycles are in permanent contact with the water and are therefore likely to have developed a resistance to changes in water quality. Consequently, populations of such monoxenous parasites are expected to be less affected by changing environmental conditions compared to heteroxenous parasites. These comments corroborate with the results obtained in this study, because in spite of the rivers Batalha River and Peixe's River showed good water quality, they are subject to different types of pollution and have high diversity of monogeneans compared to rivers like Paraná, Amazonas, and Guandu for the species of fish studied in this work.

This study, in addition to expanding the geographical distribution of many parasites, is also increasing the number of hosts for some species.

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