

## BADENIAN SMALL GASTROPODS FROM LĂPUGIU DE SUS (FĂGET BASIN, ROMANIA). RISSOIDAE FAMILY

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**Abstract** We have sampled two outcrops along Coşului Valley (Lăpugiu de Sus, Romania). The processed samples have revealed a rich and diverse small gastropod fauna. The Rissoidae family is dominating. We have systematically assigned, described and illustrated 15 species. The Rissoinae subfamily (12 species) is represented by seven species of genus *Alvania*: *Alvania (Alvania) productilis*, *Alvania (Alvania) perregularis*, *Alvania (Alvania) ampulla*, *Alvania (Alvania) helenae*, *Alvania (Alvania) transiens*, *Alvania (Alvania) oceani* and *Alvania* sp., two species of genus *Manzonina*: *Manzonina (Manzonina) scalaris*, and *Manzonina* sp., as well as three species of genus *Rissoa*: *Rissoa clotho*, *Rissoa acuticosta*, and *Rissoa costeiensis*. Additionally, subfamily Rissoininae is represented by three species of genus *Rissoina*: *Rissoina (Phosinella) steinabrunnensis*, *Rissoina (Rissoina) vindobonensis*, and *Rissoina (Rissoina) pusilla*.

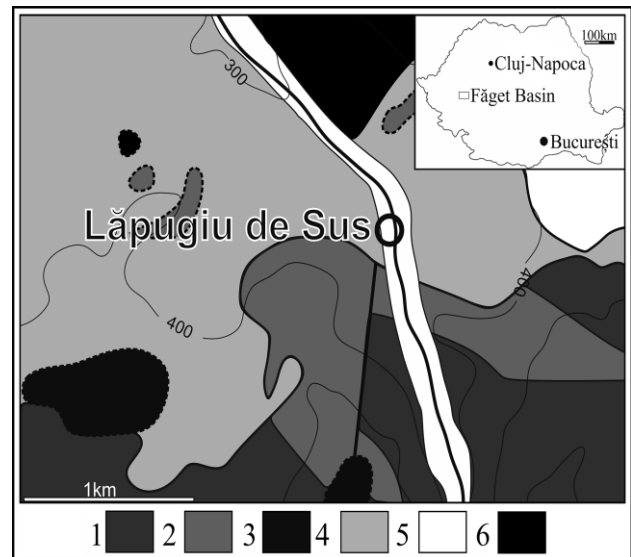
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### INTRODUCTION

Lăpugiu de Sus is located south from Mureş River, in Făget Basin, a post-tectonic Neogene basin representing an eastwards extension of the Pannonian Basin (Mutihac, 1990) (Fig. 1).

The basement is represented by the Poiana Ruscă crystalline rocks consisting of graphitic schists, chloritic-sericitic schists, sericitic-chloritic schists, sericitic phyllites, black quartzites, crystalline limestones and dolomites of the Ghelar and Padeş Series (Gherasi et al., 1968). The oldest sedimentary rocks in the region are Mesozoic in age, and are represented by limestones and flysch deposits overlain by epicontinental neritic sediments (Duşa, 1969). On their top, Badenian marly-clayey deposits with thin interlayers of sands and coralline limestones (Niţulescu, 1930; Moisescu, 1955; Duşa, 1958, 1969), Sarmatian clays, marls and sands (Huică and Dragu, 1970), Pannonian sands and clayey-sands (Duşa, 1969), Pontian sands, gravels and clays (Orăşanu et al., 1970) and Quaternary sediments mainly consisting of terraces (Duşa, 1969), develop. Magmatic products were also described from this area, *i.e.*, andesitic agglomerates petrographically represented by andesites with pyroxenes and amphiboles (Duşa, 1958) (Fig. 1).

The Badenian deposits from Lăpugiu de Sus contain a rich fauna and flora; accordingly, they have been intensely studied. A large number of mollusc species, especially bivalves and large gastropods have been published already in the 19<sup>th</sup> century by Neugeboren (1858), Höernes (1851–1856), Hauer & Stache (1863), Halavats (1876), or Koch (1900). After that, numerous other authors have contributed to a better understanding of the regional geology and to an increase of the faunal inventory of the area (Niţulescu, 1930; Moisescu, 1955; Petrescu et al., 1990; Chira, 2000; Chira and Voia, 2001; Caze et al., 2010). However, small gastropods have been only mentioned, for example by Koch (1900), Niţulescu (1930), or Moisescu (1955), while Şuraru and Papp (1993)



**Fig. 1** - Simplified geological map of the studied area (after Lupu et al. 1991). **1** Dolomite and dolomitic limestone (Lower Carboniferous). **2** Limestone and dolomitic limestone (Lower Carboniferous). **3** Quartzitic boulders (Albian). **4** Fossiliferous sandy clays, sands, gravels, tuffs, lapilli (Lower Badenian). **5** Quaternary deposits. **6** Igneous rocks (Maastrichtian-Paleocene).

describe and illustrate several species of small gastropods, among which six species of rissoids. The rissoids are small gastropods that are still omnipresent in marine environments. As a rule, they prefer shallow waters, while the greatest species diversity is present in littoral areas (Ponder, 1985). A few genera, such as *Rissoa* and *Rissoina* are exclusively littoral organisms (Ávila et al., 2012). Most of the rissoids live on the surface of algae, underneath rock fragments, corals or any other sheltering objects. In Central Paratethys, genera *Rissoa* and *Alvania* are known at least starting with the Lower Miocene (Eggenburgian). The Rissoidae's greatest diversity was recorded in the Lower Badenian (Kowalke and Harzhauser, 2004).

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## MATERIAL AND METHODS

We have sampled two outcrops along Coşului Valley near Lăpuşiu de Sus. Thirteen samples were taken from each outcrop, numbered L1 to L13 for the first one and Lp1 to Lp13 for the second one. The samples have been processed following standard sample processing protocols: drying at 104,5°C into an oven, rehydration, boiling in water with Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, and rinsing by using the 63 µm-mesh sieve. After processing we found that the most abundant and well preserved rissoids were present in the samples L5, Lp2, Lp4 and Lp10. The fossils were selected, measured, identified, described and systematically classified based on microscopic observations under binocular. Photographs of the specimens were taken by using a Cannon PowerShot A640 camera attached to the Zeiss Stemi 2000-C stereomicroscope, while image processing was achieved by using the Photoshop CS6 software.

All the specimens illustrated in this paper have been registered in the collection of the Museum of Paleontology of the Babeş-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca (PMBBU).

## SYSTEMATIC PALEONTOLOGY

The gastropods' systematic assignment below follows the principles of Bouchet and Rocroi (2005).

Class Gastropoda Cuvier, 1797

Subclass Caenogastropoda Cox, 1959

Order Littorinimorpha Golikov and Starobogatov, 1975

Superfamily Rissoidae Gray, 1847

Family Rissoidae Gray, 1847

Subfamily Rissoidae Gray, 1847

Genus *Rissoa* Desmarest, 1814

Type species: *Rissoa ventricosa* Desmarest, 1814

*Rissoa acuticosta* (Sacco, 1895)

Fig. 2a

1895 *Turbella* [sic!] *acuticosta* Sacc. - Sacco, p. 23

1954 *Turbella acuticosta* Sacco - Friedberg, p. 368, pl. 22, fig. 1

1973 *Rissoa acuticosta* Sacco - Bohn - Havas, 1039, pl. 3, fig. 7

1975 *Turboella (Turboella) acuticosta* Sacco - Bałuk, p. 69, pl. 8, figs. 9, 10

partim 1981 *Turboella acuticosta* Sacco - Krach, p. 47, pl. 15, fig. 20

1981 *Turboella (Turboella) acuticosta* Sacco - Švagrovský, p. 121, pl. 37, figs. 8, 9

2000 *Turboella (Turboella) acuticosta* Sacco - Popa and Ianoliu, p. 84, pl. 2, fig. 3

2004 *Rissoa acuticosta* (Sacco) - Kowalke and Harzhauser, p. 116, fig. 4C

Material: 11 specimens, (four from L5, one from Lp2, two from L3 and four from Lp10) (one specimen PMBBU 23850)

Description: Conic, turruculated shell, consisting of six spire whorls up to 2.90 mm in height and 1.60 mm in width. The protoconch consists of about 2.5 convex spire whorls. The teleoconch shows slightly flattened profile, more convex above the incised sutures. On the first

whorl, the ornaments are represented by finer, sinusoidal axial ribs that become more prominent and straight towards the last whorl. Fine spiral threads are noticeable in the interspaces between the axial ribs. The last whorl represents about 65% of the total height of the shell; it displays 12-14 axial ribs as ornaments. Five spiral threads are present on the base of the shell. The aperture is drop-like, the inner lip partly covering the umbilicus, while the external one is thickened because of the varices.

Distribution: identified in Austria (Kowalke and Harzhauser, 2004), Poland (Friedberg, 1954; Bałuk, 1975; Krach, 1981), Slovakia (Švagrovský, 1981), Hungary (Bohn - Havas, 1973), Romania (Popa and Ianoliu, 2000).

*Rissoa clotho* Hörnes, 1856

Fig. 2b

1856 *Rissoa clotho* sp. nov. - Höernes, p. 574, pl. 48, fig. 20 a,b

1975 *Turboella (Turboella) clotho* (Hörnes) - Bałuk, p. 70, pl. 8, fig. 8

2004 *Rissoa clotho* Hörnes - Kowalke and Harzhauser, p. 117, fig. 4D

Material: 13 specimens, five from L5, four from Lp2, one from Lp3 and three from Lp10 (one specimen PMBBU 23851)

Description: Conical-elongated shell consisting of six whorls reaching up to 3 mm in height and 1.5 mm in width. The protoconch is build-up of 2.25 convex whorls. The teleoconch displays convex whorls separated by an incised suture. Ornamentation consists of prominent axial ribs that become more convex over the suture. On the last whorls, in their lower half, one can notice fine spiral threads, more obvious on the last whorl. This latter represents about 55% of the total shell height and is ornamented with 12 axial ribs. Oval aperture, the inner lip covers the umbilicus while the external lip displays varices.

Distribution: identified in Austria (Kowalke and Harzhauser, 2004), Poland (Bałuk, 1975).

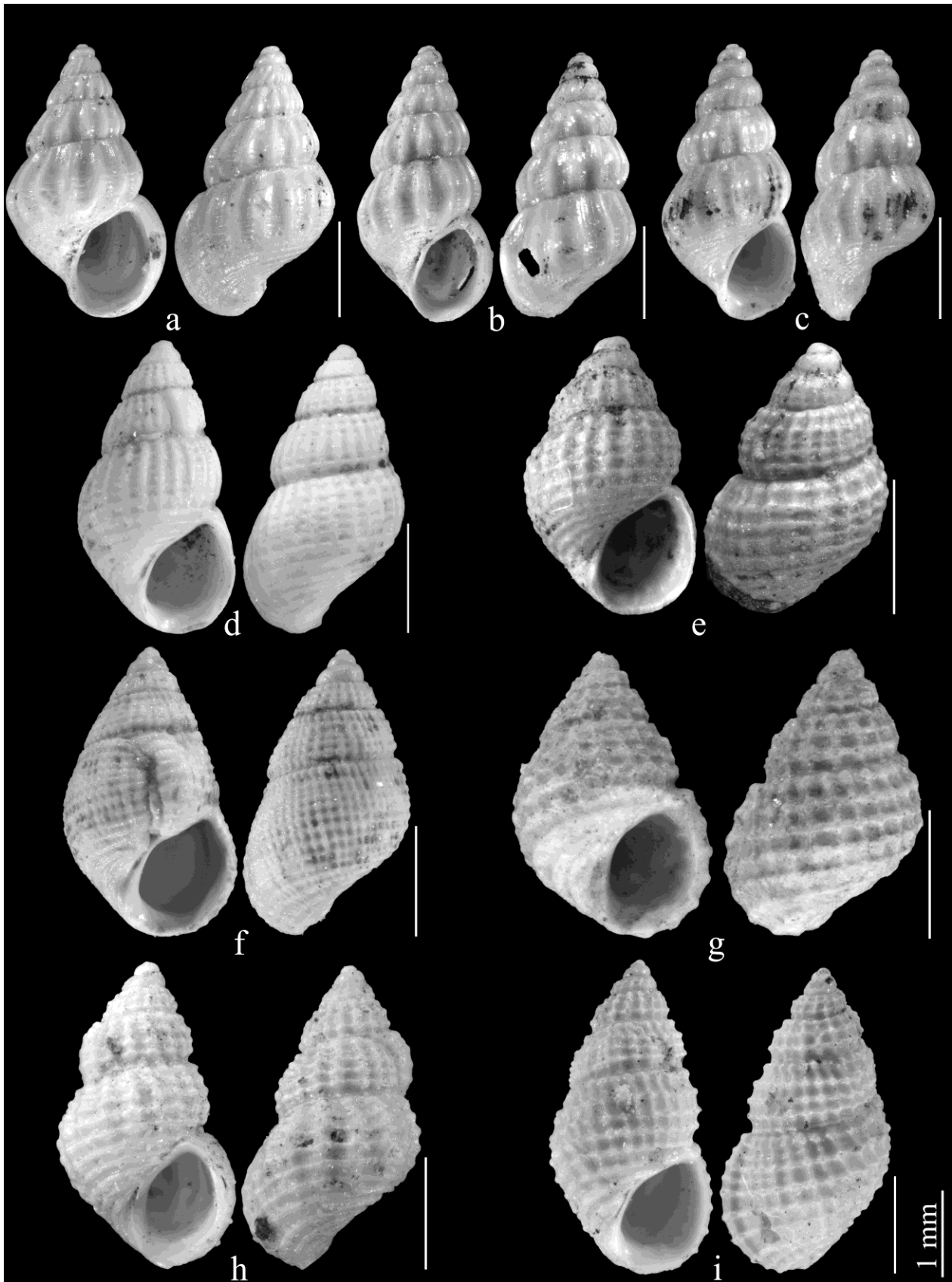
*Rissoa costeiensis* Kowalke and Harzhauser, 2004

Fig. 2c

2004 *Rissoa costeiensis* sp. nov. - Kowalke and Harzhauser, p. 117, fig. 5B

Material: 12 specimens, 10 from L5, one from Lp2 and one from Lp10 (one specimen PMBBU 23852)

Description: Conical, elongated shell reaching up to 3 mm in height and 1.5 mm in width, with six whorls. The protoconch includes three convex whorls. The teleoconch shows convex whorls with incised suture and ornamentation consisting of prominent axial ribs with higher convexity in their median part. Fine spiral threads noticeable in the interspaces between the axial ribs, more prominent in the inferior half of the whorl. The last whorl is about 60% from the total height of the shell. It is ornamented with 16 axial ribs intersected by 12 spiral threads. Toward the base, 6-8 additional spiral threads are visible. Oval aperture, the inner lip partly covers the umbilicus, while the external one is thickened because of the varix.



**Fig. 2** - **a** *Rissoa acuticosta* (Sacco, 1895). **b** *Rissoa clotho* Hörmes, 1856. **c** *Rissoa costeiensis* Kowalke & Harzhauser, 2004. **d** *Alvania (Alvania) oceani* (d'Orbigny, 1852). **e** *Alvania (Alvania) productilis* Boettger, 1906. **f** *Alvania (Alvania) perregularis* (Sacco, 1895). **g** *Alvania (Alvania) ampulla* (Eichwald, 1853). **h** *Alvania (Alvania) helenae* Boettger, 1901. **i** *Alvania (Alvania) transiens* (Sacco, 1895).

Distribution: identified in Romania (Kowalke and Harzhauser, 2004).

Genus *Alvania* Risso, 1826

Subgenus *Alvania* Risso, 1826

Type species: *Turbo cimex* Linnaeus, 1758

*Alvania (Alvania) oceani* (d'Orbigny, 1852)

Fig. 2d

1852 *Rissoa oceani* d'Orb. - d'Orbigny, p. 29, nr. 368

1954 *Alvania oceani* d'Orb. - Friedberg, p. 377, pl. 22, fig. 13

1975 *Alvania (Alvania) oceani* (d'Orbigny) - Bałuk, p. 82, pl. 9, fig. 17

1981 *Alvania oceani* d'Orbigny - Krach, p. 49, pl. 15, fig. 1

2004 *Alvania (Alvania) oceani* (d'Orbigny) - Kowalke and Harzhauser, p. 120, fig. 7A.

Material: two specimens, one from L5 and one from Lp2 (one specimen PMBBU 23859)

Description: Elongated conical shell with five whorls; up to 2.7 mm in height and 1.40 mm in width. The protoconch is only partly preserved, as more than 2 convex whorls. Ornamentation is not visible under the stereomicroscope. Teleoconch with flattened first whorls and a last convex whorl with canaliculate suture. Ornamentation consisting of rounded axial ribs intersected by finer spiral threads; the latter become more pronounced towards the base of the shell. The last whorl represents about 65% of the total shell height. It is ornamented with 21 axial ribs intersected by 8 spiral threads. The shell base is covered by 5 spiral threads. Drop-like aperture, with inner lip covering the umbilicus and external lip showing inner denticles. Varices are present on the last-but-one whorl and in the aperture area. Distribution: identified in Austria (Kowalke and Harzhauser, 2004), Poland (Friedberg, 1954; Bałuk, 1975; Krach, 1981).

*Alvania (Alvania) productilis* Boettger, 1906

Fig. 2e

1906 *Alvania (Alvania) productilis* n. sp. - Boettger, p. 156, nr. 539

1934 *Alvania (Alvania) productilis* Boettger - Zilch, p. 212, pl. 5, fig. 83

1975 *Alvania (Alvania) productilis* Boettger - Bałuk, p. 81, pl. 9, fig. 6

1981 *Alvania (Alvania) productilis* (Boettger) - Švagrovský, p. 117, pl. 36, fig. 6, 7

Material: two specimens from L5 (one specimen PMBBU 23854)

Description: Conical shell consisting of five whorls, up to 2.10 mm in height and 1.25 mm in width.

Protoconch consists of two convex whorls ornamented with spiral threads; the transition to the teleoconch is not well noticeable. Teleoconch with convex whorls and a well-defined suture. On the first whorl there are 20 axial ribs intersected by four spiral threads. The last whorl represents about 70% of the total shell height; it is ornamented with 20 axial ribs intersected by spiral threads. The base is ornamented with four spiral threads. The aperture is drop-like. The inner lip covers the

umbilicus, while the external none is thickened due to a varix; it presents inner denticles.

Distribution: identified in Poland (Bałuk, 1975), Slovakia (Švagrovský, 1981), Romania (Boettger, 1906; Zilch, 1934)

*Alvania (Alvania) perregularis* (Sacco, 1895)

Fig. 2f

1895 *Acinus Mariae?* var. *perregularis* Sacc.– Sacco, 18, p. 25

1954 *Alvania perregularis* Sacco - Friedberg, p. 377, pl. 22, fig. 14, 15

1960 *Alvania (Alvania) perregularis* (Sacco) - Kojumdgieva and Strachimirov, p. 100, pl. 30, fig. 16 a, b

1966 *Rissoa (Alvania) perregularis* Sacco - Strausz, p. 73, pl. 46, fig. 12, 13

1973 *Alvania perregularis* Sacco – Bohn-Havas, p. 1037, pl. 3, fig. 1,2

partim 1975 *Alvania (Turbona) perregularis* (Sacco) – Bałuk, p. 85, pl. 9, fig. 14,15

1981 *Alvania (Turbona) perregularis* (Sacco) - Švagrovský, p. 118, pl. 36, fig. 4

partim 1981 *Alvania perregularis* Sacco - Krach, p. 51, pl. 15, fig. 6

1993 *Alvania perregularis* Sacco - Şuraru and Papp, pl. V, fig. 18

2000 *Alvania (Turbona) perregularis* (Sacco) - Popa and Ianoliu, p. 84, pl. 2, fig. 6

2004 *Alvania (Alvania) perregularis* (Sacco) – Kowalke and Harzhauser, p. 120, fig. 7B

Material: eight specimens, one from L5, one from L2, one from Lp4, and five from Lp10 (one specimen PMBBU 23855)

Description: Conical shell consisting of six whorls; up to 2.63 mm in height and 1.55 mm in width. Protoconch is consisting of about 2.75 convex whorls ornamented with finely grained spiral threads. The transition to the teleoconch is well-defined. The teleoconch shows flat whorls with canaliculate suture. Ornamentation represented by up to 37 axial ribs intersected by up to 14 spiral threads resulting in reticulated pattern with fine knots at the junctions. The last whorl represents about 70% of the total shell height. Drop-like aperture with inner lip partly covering the umbilicus. External lip with inner denticles. The shell shows varices both on the aperture area, and on other locations on the whorls.

Distribution: identified in Czech Republic (Kowalke and Harzhauser, 2004), Poland (Friedberg, 1954; Bałuk, 1975; Krach, 1981), Slovakia (Švagrovský, 1981), Hungary (Strausz, 1966; Bohn – Havas, 1973), Bulgaria (Kojumdgieva and Strachimirov, 1960), Romania (Şuraru and Papp, 1993; Popa and Ianoliu, 2000).

*Alvania (Alvania) ampulla* (Eichwald, 1853)

Fig. 2g

1853 *Riss. ampulla m.* - Eichwald, p. 274

1954 *Alvania montagui* var. *ampulla* Eichw. - Friedberg, p. 376, pl. 22, fig. 12

1966 *Rissoa (Alvania) montagui miocaenica* Sacco - Strausz, p. 74, pl. 46, fig. 19, 20

1971 *Alvania (Alvania) montagui ampulla* (Eichwald) - Rado, pl. 4, fig. 70, 86

1975 *Alvania (Alvania) montagui ampulla* (Eichwald) - Bałuk, p. 79, pl. 9, fig. 9

1981 *Alvania montagui ampulla* (Eichwald) - Krach, p. 49, pl. 15, fig. 13-15

2000 *Alvania (Alvania) montagui ampulla* (Eichwald) - Popa and Ianoliu, p. 84, pl. 2, fig. 5

2004 *Alvania (Alvania) ampulla* (Eichwald) - Kowalke and Harzhauser, p. 119, fig. 6D

Material: 44 specimens, 19 from L5, 11 from Lp2 and 14 Lp10 (one specimen PMBBU 23856)

Description: Conical shell with 5-6 whorls; up to 2.25 mm in height and 1.37 mm in width. In adult specimens, the protoconch is only partly preserved; juvenile specimens show protoconch with two convex whorls ornamented with fine spiral threads. Teleoconch with slightly convex whorls and canaliculate suture. The last whorl is about 70% of the total shell height. It is ornamented with more-pronounced 16-20 axial ribs intersected by 6 spiral threads. Towards the base, additional 3-4 spiral threads. Oval aperture, slightly sharper towards the top. The inner lip partly covers the umbilicus while the external one shows inner denticles and external varix.

Distribution: identified in Austria (Kowalke and Harzhauser, 2004), Poland (Friedberg, 1954; Bałuk, 1975; Krach, 1981), Hungary (Strausz, 1966), Romania (Rado, 1971; Popa and Ianoliu, 2000).

*Alvania (Alvania) helenae* Boettger, 1901

Fig. 2h

1901 *Alvania (Alvania) helenae* n. sp. - Boettger, p. 140, nr. 432

1934 *Alvania (Alvania) helenae* Boettger - Zilch, p. 211, pl. 5, fig. 81

1975 *Alvania (Alvania) helenae* Boettger - Bałuk, p. 81, pl. 9, fig. 10

Material: four specimens from L5 (one specimen PMBBU 23857)

Description: Elongated conical shell with 5 whorls; up to 2.75 mm in heights and 1.63 mm in width. Protoconch consisting of about two convex whorls ornamented with spiral threads. Teleoconch with convex whorls ornamented with pronounced axial ribs intersected by finer spiral threads; knots form at the intersection. The last-but-one whorl shows one varix. The last whorl represents 65-70% of the total shell height; ornamented with 14-18 axial ribs intersected by 6 spiral threads. Towards the base, four additional spiral threads are noticeable. Drop-like aperture, with the inner lip covering the umbilicus. External lip with inner denticles and external varix.

Distribution: identified in Poland (Bałuk, 1975), Romania (Boettger, 1901; Zilch, 1934).

*Alvania (Alvania) transiens* (Sacco, 1895)

Fig. 2i

1895 *Alvania sculpta?* var. *transiens* - Sacco, 18, p. 27

1954 *Alvania venus* var. *danubiensis* Cossm. et Peyr. - Friedberg, p. 379, pl. 22, fig. 17

1966 *Rissoa (Alvania) venus danubiensis* Cossmann and Peyrot - Strausz, p. 72, pl. 46, fig. 17,18

1975 *Alvania (Acinulus) venus transiens* Sacco - Bałuk p. 86, pl. 9, fig. 18,19

1981 *Alvania venus transiens* Sacco - Krach, p. 51, pl. 15, fig. 9-12

2004 *Alvania (Alvania) transiens* (Sacco) - Kowalke and Harzhauser, p. 121, fig. 7C

Material: five specimens, three from L5 and two from Lp10 (one specimen PMBBU 23858)

Description: Elongated conical shell consisting of six whorls; up to 3.25 mm in heights and 1.60 mm in width. Protoconch consisting of about 2.75 convex whorls ornamented with spiral threads. Teleoconch with slightly convex whorls and canaliculate suture. Ornamentation consisting of axial ribs intersected by spiral threads of equal intensity. This leads to the formation of a reticulated network with sharp knots at the intersection. The last whorl is about 65% of the total shell; ornamented with 16-21 axial ribs and six spiral threads. Two additional well-defined spiral threads are noticeable towards the base. Drop-like aperture; the inner lip covers the umbilicus, external lip shows an external varix and inner denticles.

Distribution: identified in Poland (Friedberg, 1954; Bałuk, 1975; Krach, 1981), Hungary (Strausz, 1966), Austria (Kowalke and Harzhauser, 2004).

*Alvania* sp.

Fig. 3a

Material: one specimen (PMBBU 23853)

Description: Conical shell consisting of 6 whorls up to 2.38 mm in height and 1.55 mm in width. The protoconch consists of 2.5 convex whorls ornamented with very fine grained spiral threads. Teleoconch flattened profile and with canaliculated suture are. The ornamentation consists of axial ribs intersected by spiral threads; prominent, rounded knots result at the junction. On the first whorl, the ornamentation is represented by three spiral threads intersected by 11 axial ribs. The last whorl represents about 70% of the total shell height. The ornamentation includes 23 axial ribs and 10 spiral threads covering also the base of the shell. The aperture is rounded and slightly sharpened towards the upper part. The inner lip covers the umbilicus. The external lip is thickened due to an external varix; it presents inner denticles.

Remarks: This species is similar to recent *A. cimex* (Pliocene-Recent) in general shape (see Garilli & Parrinello, 2012, fig. 6A, B). Sacco (1895, p.24, pl. 1, fig. 56) described from Miocene of Italy *Acinulus cimex* var. *tauroparva* that resemble our specimen (see Ferrero Mortara et al, 1984, pl.38, fig. 9 who illustrates the collection of type species describer by Bellardi and Sacco).

Genus *Manzonia* Brusina, 1870

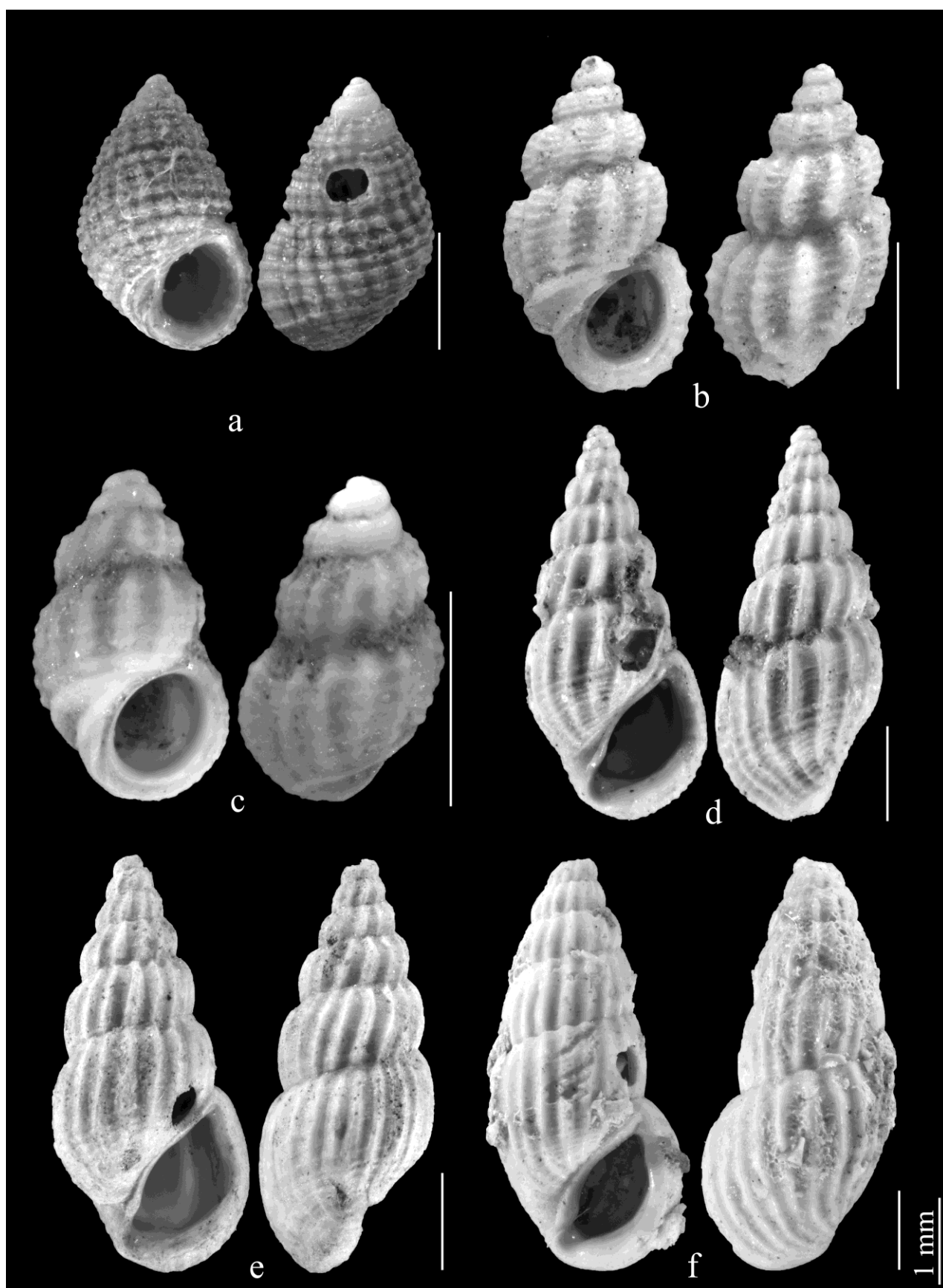
Subgenus *Manzonia* Brusina, 1870

Type species: *Turbo crassus* Kanmacher in J. Adams, 1798

*Manzonia (Manzonia) scalaris* (Dubois, 1831)

Fig. 3b

1831 *Cyclostoma scalare* Nov. - Dubois de Montpereux, p. 47, pl. 3, fig. 40, 41.



**Fig. 3** - **a** *Alvania* sp. **b** *Manzonina (Manzonina) scalaris* (Dubois, 1831). **c** *Manzonina* sp. **d** *Rissoina (Phosinella) steinabrunnensis* Sacco 1895. **e** *Rissoina (Rissoina) vindobonensis* Sacco, 1895. **f** *Rissoina (Rissoina) pusilla* (Brocchi, 1814).

1954 *Manzonina scalaris* Dub. - Friedberg, p. 383, pl. 23, fig. 4

1973 *Rissoia (Manzonina) scalaris* Dubois. - Nicorici pl. 2, fig. 15-18

1975 *Alvania (Taramellia) scalaris* (Dubois) - Bałuk p. 75, pl. 8, fig. 13

1981 *Alvania scalaris* (Dubois) - Krach, p. 51, pl. 15, fig. 17,18

2004 *Manzonina (M.) scalaris* (Dubois, 1831) - Kowalke & Harzhauser, p. 124, fig. 8D

2012 *Manzonina scalaris* (Dubois, 1831) - Garilli & Parrinello, fig. A1

Material: two specimens from L5 (one specimen PMBBU 23860)

Description: Scalariform conical shell consisting of five whorls; up to 2.30 mm in height and 1.25 mm in width. Poorly preserved protoconch; thus, transition towards teleoconch or ornamentation could not be observed. Teleoconch with convex whorls separated by a strongly incised suture. Ornamentation consists of strong varicose axial ribs intersected by fine spiral threads. The interspaces between spiral threads are covered by extremely fine spiral threads. The last whorl represents about 65% of the total shell height. It is ornamented by 12 axial ribs intersected by seven spiral threads. Of these, two are very pronounced; they represent the ornamentation of the shell basis. Rounded aperture with strongly thickened holostome-type peristome.

Distribution: identified in: Austria (Kowalke and Harzhauser, 2004), Poland (Friedberg, 1954; Bałuk, 1975; Krach, 1981), Romania (Nicorici, 1973; Garilli and Parrinello, 2012).

*Manzonina* sp.

Fig. 3c

Material: one specimen from L5 (PMBBU 23861)

Description: Juvenile specimen with five scalariform whorls; 1.55 mm in height and 0.9 mm in width. Protoconch contains about two convex whorls. Ornamentation is not visible under stereomicroscope. Teleoconch ornamented with axial ribs intersected by less-pronounced spiral threads; in-between the main threads one can notice other extremely fine spiral threads. The last whorl represents about 65% of the total shell height. Ornamentation consists of 14 axial ribs intersected by five spiral threads. Two additional, well-defined spiral threads are present towards the base. Round aperture with strongly thickened peristome.

Remarks: This specimen is similar with a juvenile *Manzonina scalaris* in general shape but differ in protoconch larger diameter and more flattened whorls and it also differ from *M. subzetlandica* by its broad opisthocline axial ribs and subordinate spiral threads.

Subfamily Rissoiinae Stimpson, 1865

Genus *Rissoina* d'Orbigny, 1840

Subgenus *Phosinella* Mörch, 1876

Type species: *Rissoina inca* d'Orbigny, 1840

*Rissoina (Phosinella) steinabrunnensis* Sacco 1895

Fig. 3d

1895 *Rissolina lamellosa* var. *steinabrunnensis* Sacc. - Sacco, 18, p. 37

1966 *Rissoina (Phosinella) steinabrunnensis* Sacco - Strausz, p. 80, pl. 12, fig. 15-18

1975 *Rissoina (Phosinella) steinabrunnensis* Sacco - Bałuk, p. 95, pl. 10, fig. 4,5

1981 *Rissoina steinabrunnensis* Sacco - Krach, p. 52, pl. 15, fig. 27, 28

2006 *Rissoina (Phosinella) steinabrunnensis* Sacco - Bałuk, p. 189, pl. 4, fig. 1

Material: two specimens from L5 (one specimen PMBBU 23862)

Description: Slender and elongated turriculated shell with about seven whorls; up to 4.20 mm in height and 1.90 mm in width. Protoconch consisting of about 2.5 convex whorls lacking ornamentation. Teleoconch with convex whorls and deep suture. Ornamentation consisting of prominent axial ribs, arched underneath the suture; this leads to an overall scalariform shell morphology. Fine spiral threads cross-cut the axial ribs. The last whorl represents about 55% of the total shell height. It is ornamented with 17 axial ribs intersected by 13 fine spiral threads, more pronounced towards the base. The oval aperture has an oblique orientation. Weakly incised anterior canal peristome and labrum with external varix.

Distribution: identified in: Poland (Bałuk, 1975, 2006; Krach, 1981), Hungary (Strausz, 1966).

Subgenus *Rissoina* d'Orbigny, 1840

*Rissoina (Rissoina) vindobonensis* Sacco, 1895

Fig. 3e

1895 *Rissoina bruguieri vindobonensis* Sacc.- Sacco, 18, p. 35

1960 *Rissoina (Rissoina) vindobonensis* (Sacco) - Kojumdzieva and Strachimirov, p.102, pl. 30, fig. 20 a, b

1975 *Rissoina (Rissoina) vindobonensis* Sacco - Bałuk, p. 91, pl. 10, fig. 6,7

1981 *Rissoina (Rissoina) vindobonensis* (Sacco) - Krach, p. 52, pl. 15, fig. 23, 24, 29, 30

Material: one specimen from L5 (PMBBU 23863)

Description: Slender, elongated turriculated shell with more than six whorls; up to 4.3 mm in height and 1.90 mm in width.

Protoconch not fully preserved. Teleoconch with 5.5 slightly-convex whorls and incised suture. Ornamentation consisting of opisthocline axial ribs, more pronounced on the first whorls and finer on the last one. Fine spiral threads in the interspaces between the axial rib area. The last whorl represents 60% of the total shell height. Ornamentation is represented by 22 axial ribs alternating with fine spiral threads. The shell's base is ornamented with fine more pronounced spiral threads. Large and inclined aperture; covered umbilicus and external lip thickened by varix.

Distribution: identified in: Polonia (Bałuk, 1975; Krach, 1981), Bulgaria (Kojumdzieva and Strachimirov, 1960).

*Rissoina (Rissoina) pusilla* (Brocchi, 1814)

Fig. 3f

1814 *Turbo pusillus* nob. - Brocchi, p. 181, pl. 6, fig. 5

1954 *Rissoina pusilla* Brocc. - Friedberg, p. 356, pl. 20, fig. 22

1960 *Rissoina (Rissoina) podolica* Cossmann - Kojumdzieva & Strachimirov, p. 102, pl. 30, fig. 19

1960 *Rissoina pusilla podolica* Cossmann - Strausz, p. 79, pl. 12, fig. 23-28  
part 1975 *Rissoina (Rissoina) podolica* Cossmann - Bałuk, p. 90, pl. 10, fig. 11

1981 *Rissoina (Rissoina) podolica* Cossmann - Švagrovský, p. 122, pl. 38, fig. 1-4

1981 *Rissoina podolica* Cossmann - Krach, p. 51, pl. 15, fig. 25, 26, 34, 35

1993 *Rissoina podolica* Cossmann - Şuraru & Papp, pl. V, fig. 22

2004 *Rissoina (Rissoina) pusilla* (Brocchi) - Landau et al., p. 52, pl. 12, fig. 1

Material: two specimens from Lp4 (one specimen PMBBU 23864)

Description: Elongated, incompletely preserved shell; up to 5.25 mm in height and 2.5 mm in width, first whorls not included. Teleoconch with more than five flattened whorls and incised suture. Ornamentation consisting of fine axial ribs showing a straight orientation on the first whorls and a slightly sinusoidal one towards the last ones. There are 22 to 24 ribs on the last whorl. Numerous extremely fine spiral threads present in the interspaces between the axial rib areas. Three spiral threads are more prominent on the last-but-one supra-suture whorl and nine on the last whorl towards the base of the shell. Oval, siphonostome oblique aperture; umbilicus covered by labrum, the latter thickened due to the presence of a varix.

Distribution: identified in: Austria (Kowalke & Harzhauser, 2004), Poland (Friedberg, 1954; Bałuk, 1975; Krach, 1981), Slovakia (Švagrovský, 1981), Hungary (Strausz, 1966), Bulgaria (Kojumdgieva and Strachimirov, 1960), Romania (Şuraru and Papp, 1993).

## CONCLUSIONS

Rissoids were well-represented in the Badenian seas of the Central Paratethys. They have been described from Austria and Czech Republic (Kowalke and Harzhauser, 2004), Bulgaria (Kojumdgieva and Strachimirov 1960), Poland (Friedberg, 1954; Bałuk, 1975, 2006; Krach, 1981), Slovakia (Švagrovský, 1981) and Hungary (Strausz, 1966; Bohn-Havas, 1973).

In Romania, Rissoids are known from the Transylvanian Basin and from western basins like Făget Basin, with Coştei (Boettger, 1901-1907; Zilch, 1934) and Lăpugiu de Sus being the occurrences with the highest specimen abundance and diversity.

From samples collected from two outcrops along Coşului Valley (Lăpugiu de Sus) we have described, systematically assigned and illustrated 15 Rissoidae species: *Rissoa acuticosta*, *Rissoa clotho*, *Rissoa costeiensis*, *Alvania (Alvania) productilis*, *Alvania (Alvania) perregularis*, *Alvania (Alvania) ampulla*, *Alvania (Alvania) helenae*, *Alvania (Alvania) transiens*, *Alvania (Alvania) oceani*, *Alvania sp.*, *Manzonia (Manzonia) scalaris*, *Manzonia sp.*, *Rissoina (Phosinella) steinabrunnensis*, *Rissoina (Rissoina) vindobonensis*, *Rissoina (Rissoina) pusilla*. They were assigned to two subfamilies: Rissoinae and Rissoininae, and to four genera: *Rissoa*, *Alvania*, *Manzonia* and *Rissoina*.

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