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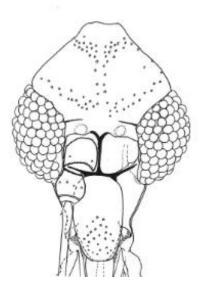


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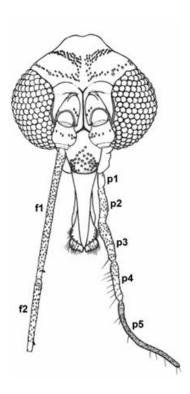
The Phlebotominae are a subfamily of the family Psychodidae, they have the following characteristics:

1. Phlebotominae have the absence of an eye bridge (eyes are separated).



Sandfly (*Lutzomyia tejadai*) with separated eyes. Source: Galati *et al.* (2017).

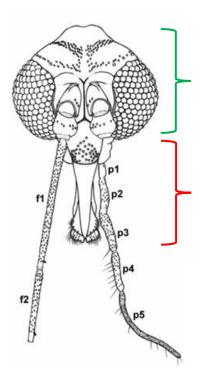
2. Phlebotominae have five-segmented palps



Sandfly (*Lutzomyia olmeca nociva*) with five-segmented palps Source: Curler (2011)

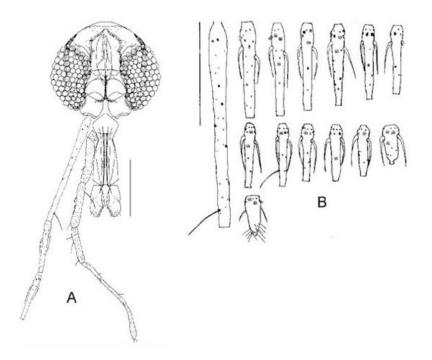


3. The mouthparts of Phlebotominae are at least as long as the head



Sandfly (Lutzomyia olmeca nociva). Mouthparts (red) are at least as long as the head (green). Source: Curler (2011)

4. The antennal segments of Phlebotominae are almost cylindrical

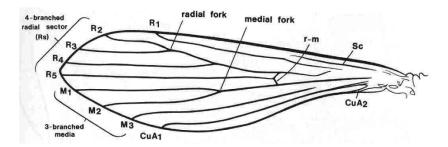


Sandfly (Lutzomyia falquetoi). A: head. Bar: 0.2mm; B: antenna segments.

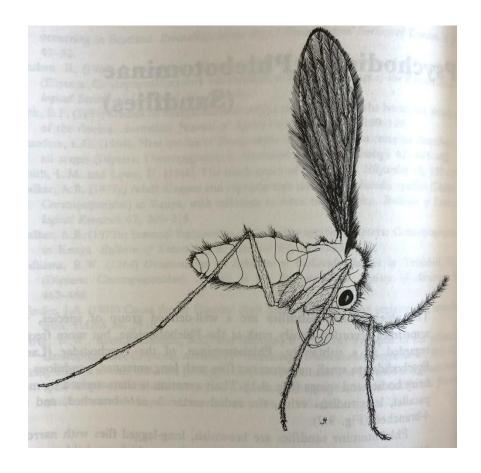
Source: Curler (2011)



5. Phlebotominae have five-branched radial veins on their wings.



Sandfly wing with five-branched radial veins: R1-R5 Source: Lane & Crosskey (1993)



Lateral view of a female Phlebotomus. Source: Kettle (1995)