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33 Serville), *Neoclytus pusillus* (Laporte & Gory), *Achryson unicolor* (Bruch, 1908) and *Achryson*  
34 *surinamum* (Linnaeus), *Megacyllene mellyi* (Chevrolat) and *Thelgetra adustus* (Burmeister) were also  
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## 55 Introduction

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2 56 There has been a remarkable progress in the identification of cerambycid beetle pheromones in the past  
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4 57 fifteen years. As new pheromones were discovered, it became evident that cerambycids show a high  
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6 58 degree of biosynthetic parsimony of male-emitted sex-aggregation pheromones. The same or similar  
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8 59 pheromone components are shared by several species across genera, tribes, and even subfamilies  
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11 60 [reviewed by (Hanks and Millar 2016)].  $\alpha$ -Hydroxyketones and 2,3-alkanediols are the most conserved  
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13 61 chemical motifs within the subfamily Cerambycinae, with (*R*)-3-hydroxyhexan-2-one as the most  
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15 62 widespread major or sole pheromone component (Hanks and Millar 2016). Indeed, this compound has  
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17 63 been fully identified or suggested as a pheromone component for cerambycine species belonging to at  
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19 64 least 25 genera across 10 tribes (Millar et al. 2019), including several sympatric and synchronic species  
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21 65 (Mitchell et al. 2013). Research on chemical communication of Neotropical cerambycids also indicate  
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23 66 that this compound is also used by many species native to the region (Aguirre Gil et al. 2021; Amorós  
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25 67 et al. 2020; Silva et al. 2020; Silva et al. 2016; Silva et al. 2018; Silva et al. 2017).

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29 68 Cerambycids are also know for using plant volatiles as kairomonal cues for resources such as food or  
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31 69 refuge. Moreover, since many cerambycid species mate on the same host plants on which the adults and  
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33 70 larvae feed, these plant chemical cues may also serve to bring the sexes together (Hanks and Millar  
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35 71 2016; Wang 2017). Many cerambycid species are attracted to stressed hosts, so research on host plant  
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37 72 attractants has naturally focused on volatiles associated with plant stress. This is the case of ethanol,  
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39 73 which is produced by stressed or diseased plants and has been reported to attract many species of wood-  
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41 74 boring insects. Indeed, ethanol is commonly used as a general attractant for monitoring and quarantine  
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43 75 surveillance programs in forests (Brockerhoff et al. 2006; Fan et al. 2018; Hanks and Millar 2013; Hanks  
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45 76 et al. 2012; Miller et al. 2017). Plant volatile kairomones have also been shown to synergize with  
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47 77 pheromones in the attraction of cerambycids, possibly adding specificity to the unspecific pheromone  
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49 78 communication systems of cerambycids (reviewed by cerambycidae of the world (Hanks and Millar  
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51 79 2016; Wang 2017)).

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57 80 In this study, we have conducted field trapping experiments specifically targeted to the citrus borer  
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59 81 *Diploschema rotundicolle* (Audinet-Serville) (Cerambycidae: Cerambycinae), which also produces *R*-

82 3-hydroxyhexan-2-one (Amorós et al. 2020). As a side experiment of this work, we have systematically  
83 recorded captures of other native cerambycines in traps baited with generic pheromone components, and  
84 more recently we have added plant kairomone compounds to study potential pheromone-kairomone  
85 synergistic effects. Here we report these results, which represent a contribution to the knowledge of  
86 chemical communication systems of native cerambycines in southern South America.

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## 88 **Material and Methods**

### 89 *Field experiments*

90 Field trials were performed in peach and citrus groves located in southern Uruguay. Homemade cross-  
91 vane traps (74 x 40 cm, black corrugated plastic) were used as trapping devices. Trap panels were coated  
92 with Fluon® (Insect-A-Slip, PTFE DISP30, BioQuip Products, Inc) (Graham et al. 2010). Trap basins  
93 (adapted Mc Phail traps, 19 cm height, 13 cm diameter) were partially filled with soapy water and salt  
94 to kill and preserve captured beetles.  
95 Different trapping setups were laid out during summer and early fall (December to April) in 2015-2016  
96 (season I), 2017-2018 (season II), 2018-2019 (season III), 2019-2020 (season IV). Two trapping  
97 experiments were also set up in the 2020-2021 (season V, Experiment 1: December-March; Experiment  
98 2: March-May). Variables such as trap height, pheromone dispenser and combinations of attractant  
99 volatile stimuli were evaluated throughout the seasons (Table 1). To control for trap position bias, the  
100 treatments were assigned randomly to each trap on the day of trap set up, then rotated within the blocks  
101 when traps were serviced. Combined lures were hung as separate dispensers within a single trap.  
102 Captured beetles were removed from the traps once a week.

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### 104 *Chemicals*

105 Racemic 3-hydroxy-2-hexanone (hereafter ketol) was purchased from ChemTica International, S.A. and  
106 Bedoukian Inc. (*R*)-3-Hydroxy-2-hexanone and 2,3-hexanediol (hereafter diol) were synthesized  
107 according to (Heguaburu et al. 2017). Lemon essential oil (hereafter LEO) was kindly provided by  
108 Novacore S.A (Paysandú, Uruguay).

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### 110 *Insect identification*

111 Identification of the captured beetles was carried out in collaboration with a specialist on Neotropical  
112 Cerambycidae (MM, Museu Nacional, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brasil). Comparison  
113 with reference specimens from the entomological collection of Facultad de Agronomía (Universidad de  
114 la República, Uruguay), as well as online databases and specialized checklists were also used (Barriga-  
115 Tuñón 2009; Bezark and Monné 2019; Monné 2021; Monné and Bezark 2009)

### 117 *Statistical analysis*

118 Data was analyzed using R statistical software (0.99.892 version – © 2009-2016 RStudio, Inc.)  
119 (RStudioTeam 2015). Beetle trap captures (*i.e.* total catches per block/replicate throughout the seasons)  
120 were subjected to a generalized linear mixed model (GLM) with Poisson distribution. Treatment means  
121 were compared using Tukey’s HSD test ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ) (multcomp package (Hothorn et al. 2008). Treatments  
122 with zero catches were not considered in the analysis.

## 124 **Results**

125 Overall, 13 diurnal species of Cerambycinae belonging to seven tribes were captured (Figure 1) (it was  
126 not possible to photograph the *Thelgetra adustus* (Burmeister) individual). All but one species  
127 (*Achryson surinamum* (Linnaeus)) are endemic to the Neotropics (Monné 2021) (Table 2).

128 In all cases, catches obtained in pheromone-baited traps were higher than control traps (Table 3).  
129 *Retrachydes thoracicus thoracicus* (Olivier) was the most common species attracted to pheromone traps,  
130 with more than three hundred beetles captured. Adults were clearly attracted to the ketol in comparison  
131 with control traps (2 catches throughout the whole study); a result that was consistently observed over  
132 all seasons and different study sites (Table 3). During seasons II and III, the high numbers of *R. t.*  
133 *thoracicus* captured allowed for a comparison of captures using the pure enantiomer (3*R*) or adding the  
134 diol as a minor component. In both cases, no significant differences were observed with respect to the



135 traps lured with racemic ketol (GLM  $P = 0.424$  y  $P = 0.578$ ). Almost all catches were females, with 357  
136 females and only 2 males obtained throughout the whole study.

137 *Megacyllene acuta* (Germar) (71 individuals), *Compsocerus violaceus* (White) (42 individuals) and  
138 *Cotyclytus curvatus* (Germar) (40 individuals), were the next most abundant trapped species. Almost all  
139 catches were obtained in ketol lured traps (Table 3). A few specimens of *Odontocroton flavicauda*  
140 (Bates) (4 individuals) and *Chydarteres striatus striatus* (Fabricius) (5 individuals) were also caught  
141 exclusively in ketol lured traps (Table 3).

142 The addition of ethanol to the ketol traps in season V showed a dramatic increase in the numbers of *R.*  
143 *t. thoracicus* and *M. acuta* captures (Figure 2) (GLM, Tukey's HSD,  $P < 0.00$ ). In addition, *Chrysoprasia*  
144 *aurigena* (Germar) was captured for the first time in season V, only trapped in Ketol:EtOH traps (7  
145 individuals) (Table 3).

146 Experiment 2 allowed us to confirm the synergistic effect of ethanol in the attraction of ketol to *R.*  
147 *thoracicus* when compared with the attraction of ethanol-lured traps (GLM, Tukey's HSD:  $P = 0.00013$ ).  
148 However, in the case of *M. acuta* the attractivity of the combined ketol:EtOH lures was not significantly  
149 different from ethanol alone (GLM, Tukey's HSD:  $P = 0.08239$ ) (Figure 3).

150 Single catches of *Trachelissa maculicollis* (Audinet-Serville), *Neoclytus pusillus* (Laporte & Gory),  
151 *Megacyllene mellyi* (Chevrolat) and *Thelgetra adustus* (Burmeister) were obtained in ketol taps. One  
152 *Achryson unicolor* (Bruch) and one *Achryson surinamum* (Linnaeus) in Ketol:LEO and Ketol:EtOH  
153 traps, respectively. These were only found in pheromone-baited traps, but they may be regarded as  
154 anecdotic due to their low numbers.

## 155 Discussion

156 In this study, 13 species of cerambycines were trapped (Table 2) in cross-vane traps lured with different  
157 pheromone-plant volatile combinations. All these species but one are native to the Neotropics (Table 2).  
158 Pheromone records are available for five of these species: *M. acuta*, *C. curvatus*, *C. aurigena*, *N. pusillus*  
159 and *A. surinamum* (Hanks and Millar 2016; Silva et al. 2017).

160 *Retrachydes thoracicus thoracicus* was the species with highest trapping numbers. This is a very  
1 polyphagous Neotropical cerambycine that belongs to the Trachyderini tribe, with yet unknown  
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4 162 pheromone chemistry. It has been recorded in various host plants (Bentancourt and Scatoni 2010; Monné  
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6 163 2021), including fruit and forestry crops such eucalyptus, where it can potentially cause economic  
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9 164 damage (Bentancourt and Scatoni 2010; Lindemberg Martins Mesquita et al. 2017; Monné et al. 2002).  
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11 165 It is considered a pest of plants of the families Fabaceae (Costa et al. 2019), Moraceae, Ulmaceae (Di  
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13 166 Lorio 1997) and Salicaceae (Machado et al. 2012). Regarding the knowledge of the chemical  
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15 167 communication system in species of the Trachyderini tribe, reports are available for four species. 3-  
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17 168 Hydroxyhexan-2-one, the ketol in our study, has been identified in *Batyle suturalis* (Say) and *Tragidion*  
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19 169 *armatum* (LeConte) (Hanks and Millar 2016). Silva et al. reported field trapping of *Chydarteres*  
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21 170 *dimidiatus dimidiatus* (Fabricius) and *Trachyderes succinctus duponti* (Aurivillius) in traps with racemic  
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23 171 ketol and racemic 2-methylbutan-1-ol (Silva et al. 2018). These results suggest that the ketol may be an  
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25 172 important compound in the pheromone communication of species within this tribe. We also observed  
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27 173 catches of another trachyderini species, *C. striatus striatus*, all of them in traps lured with ketol (Table  
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29 174 3). Even though pheromone collection and analysis have not been yet reported for *R. t. thoracicus*, the  
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31 175 consistent attraction of adults to the ketol strongly suggests this compound as an important component  
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33 176 of the chemical communication system in this species. Millar et al. (2017, 2018) discussed the value of  
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35 177 field screening bioassays as tools for initiating research on the chemical ecology of cerambycid beetles.  
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37 178 Specifically, chemicals or blends of chemicals that attract cerambycid species in the field are likely  
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39 179 pheromone components of these species (Millar et al. 2018; Millar et al. 2017). This seems logical and  
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41 180 highlights the value of screening studies such as ours, given the difficulty of collecting or raising live  
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43 181 cerambycid adults in enough numbers for volatile collections in the laboratory.  
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49 182 When ethanol was added as a potential plant kairomone to the traps, we observed a strong synergistic  
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51 183 effect of ethanol and the ketol in the attraction of *R. t. thoracicus*. Ethanol is produced by stressed or  
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53 184 diseased plants, or by woody plants that are long dead and decaying, so it is not surprising that ethanol  
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55 185 attracts many species of wood-boring insects. Consistent with their attraction to ethanol, some  
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57 186 cerambycid species whose larvae develop in deciduous woody plants are attracted to fermenting  
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187 molasses or sugar solutions. It also has been suggested that fermenting baits might attract cerambycids  
188 because they mimic the volatiles from fermenting sap on which adult beetles feed, rather than volatiles  
189 from larval hosts (reviewed by (Wang 2017)). As it has been mentioned, *R. t. thoracicus* is highly  
190 polyphagous and has been reported both on healthy as well as decaying woody plants. The adults also  
191 visit fruits, and attraction to fermenting lures has been reported (Bentancourt and Scatoni 2010; Bruhn  
192 and Beltrame 1980; Holdefer Woldan 2007; Lindemberg Martins Mesquita et al. 2017). In addition to a  
193 potential role as a cue for adult or larval feeding resources, the ketol-ethanol synergic effect may provide  
194 the insect with a mechanism to avoid cross-attraction with other sympatric and synchronic species in the  
195 context of shared pheromone compounds, as it has been reported for several other cerambycines  
196 (reviewed by (Wang 2017)).

197 *Compsocerus violaceus* (tribe Compsocerini) was another commonly trapped species which lacks  
198 reports on pheromone chemistry. Silva et al. had also reported field catches of *C. violaceus* with racemic  
199 ketol and racemic 2-methylbutan-1-ol (Silva et al. 2018), so our results are in line with previous  
200 observations.

201 *Megacyllene acuta* and *C. curvatus*, belong to the Clytine tribe, in which (3*R*)-ketol has been identified  
202 as an important or even sole component of male-emitted pheromones in Neotropical species (Silva et al.  
203 2017). Pheromone chemistry reports are available for these two species: Silva et al. reported that *C.*  
204 *curvatus* males emit exclusively (*R*)-3-hydroxyhexan-2-one, whereas *M. acuta* produces the same  
205 compound along with lesser amounts of (2*S*,3*S*)-2,3-hexanediol and (*S*)-2-methylbutan-1-ol (Silva et al.  
206 2018). This may explain that more catches were observed in ketol traps across all seasons for *C. curvatus*  
207 (20) than for *M. acuta* (6) (Table 3), which may need minor compounds to enhance attraction. Another  
208 Clytine species, *N. pusillus*, has been shown to emit exclusively the ketol (Silva et al. 2017). We obtained  
209 one capture of this species in ketol traps.

210 *Megacyllene acuta* was strongly attracted to Ketol:EtOH and ethanol alone, without significant  
211 differences between these treatments. This species is known to visit flowers and feed on rotting fruit  
212 (Martins and Galileo 2011), and poses a threat as an invasive species in other regions of the world  
213 because their larvae are easily transported overseas in wooden cratings (Duffy 1953). Along with *C.*

214 *curvatus* larvae, *M. acuta* can cause economic damage to fruit trees such as apple, pear, quince  
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2 215 (Rosaceae), avocado (Lauraceae), and fig (Moraceae) (Martins and Galileo 2011), so finding attractants  
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4 216 may have applied significance for surveillance programs. As mentioned for *R. t. thoracicus*, attraction  
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6 217 to ethanol may be explained by the natural history of these species, and pheromone specificity may be  
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8 218 in this case provided by minor compounds (Silva et al. 2018).

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11 219 In our experiments, *C. aurigena* was only captured in Ketol:EtOH traps early in the summer of season  
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13 220 V. Although no pheromone chemistry has been reported for *C. aurigena*, Silva et al. reported field  
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15 221 catches in pheromone traps (blends of ketol plus 1-(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)-1,2-propanedione and ketol plus 1-  
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17 222 (1H-pyrrol-2-yl)-1,2-propanedione plus 3-methylthiopropyl-1-ol) (Silva et al. 2017). Their follow up  
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19 223 experiments, however, revealed that the adults did not produce either of these compounds. While our  
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21 224 results suggest that ethanol may be important in attracting this species, no catches were obtained in traps  
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23 225 lured with ethanol alone, so further experiments possibly targeting different flight periods are needed.

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27 226 Species trapped in lesser amounts in ketol-lured traps include *O. flavicauda*, which belongs to the  
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29 227 Rhinotrugini tribe n has no reports of pheromone composition. *Trachelissa maculicollis*, *M. mellyi*, *A.*  
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31 228 *unicolor*, *A. surinamum* may be considered incidental catches, or they may be the result of low  
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33 229 populations of these species in the agro-ecosystems in which we based our study. *Achryson surinamum*  
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35 230 is a widely distributed species that has been reported to produce anti-2,3-octanediol and traces of 2-  
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37 231 methylbutan-1-ol (Hanks and Millar 2016). In our study, one individual of *A. unicolor* and one of *A.*  
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39 232 *surinamum* were caught in Ketol:LEO and Ketol:EtOH traps, with no other *Achryson* species caught in  
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41 233 any of our experiments.

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45 234 It is likely that the species captured in our study either use ketol in their chemical communication  
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47 235 systems, or that they “eavesdrop” on the pheromone communication system of other guild members,  
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49 236 which may serve as an efficient method of finding suitable hosts for mating and oviposition, as has been  
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51 237 reported for other species (Hanks and Millar 2013). Our results open possibilities for new trapping and  
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53 238 surveillance devices for these potentially damaging cerambycids. Furthermore, valuable information  
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55 239 about the chemical ecology of Neotropical cerambycid beetles is provided, which keeps proving the  
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57 240 remarkable parsimony in pheromone chemistry among cerambycines from all over the world.  
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243 The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

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20 353 **Fig. 1** Photographs of representative specimens of cerambycine beetles trapped in pheromone-baited  
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22 354 traps. **a)** *Retrachydes thoracicus thoracicus* (Olivier); Trachyderini. **b)** *Megacyllene acuta* (Germar);  
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24 355 Clytini. **c)** *Compsocerus violaceus* (White); Compsocerini. **d)** *Cotyclytus curvatus* (Germar); Clytini. **e)**  
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26 356 *Odontocroton flavicauda* (Bates); Rhinotragini. **f)** *Chydarteres striatus striatus* (Fabricius);  
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28 357 Trachyderini. **g)** *Chrysoprasia aurigena* (Germar); Dichophyiini. **h)** *Neoclytus pusillus* (Laporte &  
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30 358 Gory); Clytini. **i)** *Megacyllene mellyi* (Chevrolat); Clytini. **j)** *Achryson unicolor* (Bruch); Achrysonini.  
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32 359 **k)** *Trachelissa maculicollis* (Audinet-Serville); Trachyderini. **l)** *Achryson surinamum* (Linnaeus);  
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42 362 **Fig. 2** Field results of Season V - Experiment 1. The bars show the mean catches  $\pm$  sd (n = 3) for each  
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52 366 **Fig. 3** Field results of Season V - Experiment 2. Boxplots show the catches over the season for each  
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54 367 evaluated attractant (n = 6) from March through May. Asterisks show significant differences (GLM,  
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56 368 Tukey's HSD,  $P < 0.05$ ), ns stands for not significant  
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Table 1. Materials and methods details of all experiments performed throughout the seasons of study.

	Season	Treatments	Abbreviation	Loading	Dispenser	Hunged on	Replicates	Trap height <sup>a</sup>	Lure replace (weeks)
Multiple seasons	Isolated traps	Racemic 3-hydroxy-2-hexanone	Ketol	50 mg/1 mL of isopropanol	Double press seal bags 5 x 7 cm plus a 5 cm cottong wick	Citrus trees	4	60 cm	3
2015-2016	I	Racemic 3-hydroxy-2-hexanone	Ketol	50 mg/1 mL of isopropanol	Simple press seal bags 5 x 7 cm plus a 5 cm cottong wick	Citrus trees	2	60 cm	2
		2,3-hexanediol (mixture of stereoisomers)	Diol	50 mg/1 mL of isopropanol					
		Isopropanol	Control	1 mL isopropanol					
2017-2018	II	Racemic 3-hydroxy-2-hexanone	Ketol	50 mg/1 mL of isopropanol	Double press seal bags 5 x 7 cm plus a 5 cm cottong wick	Citrus trees	10	60 cm	2
		( <i>R</i> )-3-hydroxy-2-hexanone	3 <i>R</i> -Ketol	25 mg/1 mL of isopropanol					
		Racemic 3-hydroxy-2-hexanone plus lemon essential oil	Ketol : LEO	50 mg/1 mL of isopropanol : 10 mL					
		Isopropanol	Control	1 mL isopropanol					
2018-2019	III	Racemic 3-hydroxy-2-hexanone	Ketol	50 mg/1 mL of isopropanol	Double press seal bags 5 x 7 cm plus a 5 cm cottong wick - separate bags for each stimuli	Citrus, peach and eucalyptus trees	6	60 cm	2
		Racemic 3-hydroxy-2-hexanone plus 2,3-hexanediol (mixture of stereoisomers)	Ketol : diol	50 mg/1 mL of isopropanol : 25 mg/1 mL of isopropanol					
		Isopropanol	Control	1 mL isopropanol					
2019-2020	IV	Racemic 3-hydroxy-2-hexanone	Ketol	50 and 500 mg neat	Eppendorf tube (1 mL) with a perforated cap (1 mm) (low emission rate) - Simple press seal bags 5 x 7 cm plus a 5 cm cottong wick (high emission rate)	Citrus trees : PVC Water pipes next to citrus trees	5	60 cm (low traps) - 180 cm (high traps)	1
		Dispenser materials	Control	x	x				
2020-2021	V - E1	Racemic 3-hydroxy-2-hexanone	Ketol	500 mg neat	Simple press seal bags 5 x 7 cm plus a 5 cm cottong wick	PVC Water pipes next to citrus trees	3	180 cm (high traps)	2
		Racemic 3-hydroxy-2-hexanone plus ethanol 95%	Ketol:EtOH	500 mg neat: 100 mL	Simple press seal bags 5 x 7 cm plus a 5 cm cottong wick : Simple press seal bags 10 x 15 cm				
		Racemic 3-hydroxy-2-hexanone plus lemon essential oil	Ketol:LEO	500 mg neat : 10 mL	Simple press seal bags 5 x 7 cm plus a 5 cm cottong wick : two separate press seal bags 5 x 7 cm plus two 5 cm cottong wick				
		Dispenser materials	Control	x	x				
	V - E2	Racemic 3-hydroxy-2-hexanone	Ketol:EtOH	500 mg neat	Simple press seal bags 5 x 7 cm plus a 5 cm cottong wick : Simple press seal bags 10 x 15 cm		6		Not needed
		Ethanol 95%	EtOH	100 mL	Simple press seal bags 10 x 15 cm				

<sup>a</sup> Ground level to collector bucket

Table 3. Total sum of cerambycine beetles captured in pheromone-baited traps in different setups and seasons.

	Monitoring isolated traps <sup>a</sup>	season I: 2015-2016 <sup>b</sup>			season II: 2017-2018 <sup>c</sup>				season III: 2018-2019 <sup>d</sup>		
	Ketol	Ketol	Diol	Control	Ketol	3R-Ketol	Ketol:LEO	Control	Ketol	Ketol:diol	Control
<i>Retrachydes t. thoracicus</i>	8	5	0	0	23	31	23	0	34	31	2
<i>Megacyllene acuta</i>	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	0
<i>Compsocerus violaceus</i>	5	0	4	0	1	0	6	0	17	3	3
<i>Cotyclytus curvatus</i>	17	5	0	0	0	3	3	0	3	1	0
<i>Odontocroton flavicauda</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
<i>Chydarteres s. striatus</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
<i>Chrysoprasia aurigena</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	season IV: 2019-2020 <sup>e</sup>		season V: 2020-2021 Experiment 1 <sup>f</sup>				season V: 2020-2021 Experiment 2 <sup>g</sup>		Totals		TOTAL
	Ketol	Control	Ketol	Ketol:EtOH	Ketol:LEO	Control	Ketol:EtOH	EtOH	All pheromone treatments	Controls	
<i>Retrachydes t. thoracicus</i>	13	0	3	130	2	0	42	12	345	2	359
<i>Megacyllene acuta</i>	0	0	1	17	0	2	25	14	55	2	71
<i>Compsocerus violaceus</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	39	3	42
<i>Cotyclytus curvatus</i>	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	2	38	0	40
<i>Odontocroton flavicauda</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
<i>Chydarteres s. striatus</i>	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
<i>Chrysoprasia aurigena</i>	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	0	7

<sup>a</sup>- 4 monitoring isolated traps; <sup>b</sup>- citrus grove - 4 traps/treatment; <sup>c</sup>- citrus grove - 10 traps/treatment; <sup>d</sup>- citrus and peaches groves - 16 traps/treatment;

<sup>e</sup>- citrus grove - 5 traps/treatment; <sup>f</sup>- citrus grove - 3 traps/treatment; <sup>g</sup>- citrus grove - 6 traps/treatment.





