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Biostratigraphy of Neoproterozoic strata based on invertebrate species from South America

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It is proposed for discussion three biostratigraphic unities for Neoproterozoic strata in South America: Cloudina lucianoi/Corumbella werneri Interval Zone, Corumbella werneri Range Zone and Corumbella werneri/Cloudina lucianoi Interval Zone. These two species occur in the upper portion of Tamengo Formation, where ash beds levels with zircons dated as 543±3Ma. This absolute dating suggest that Cloudina lucianoi and Corumbella werneri in Tamengo Formation have, at least, 543±3Ma. As well as, in the Ediacaran of Paraguay, occurrences of Cloudina lucianoi and Corumbella werneri are recorded in Itapucumi Group, Tagatiya Guazú Formation (Warren et al., 2011; 2013).

For the first time, it presented a biostratigraphic proposal for a discussion based on stratigraphic distribution of *Cloudina lucianoi* and *Corumbella werneri*. All recommendations of the International Stratigraphic Code are followed in order to present a clear concept for this cronobiostratigraphic approach. Two kinds of biozones were selected to apply herein: range and interval zones (Figure 1).

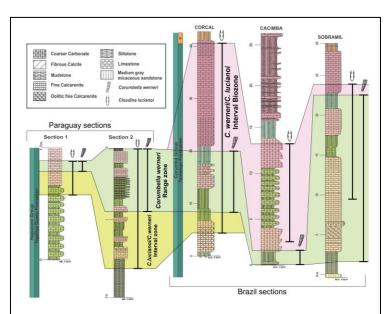


Figure 1. Biostratigraphic proposal with stratigraphic distribution of Cloudina lucianoi (Beurlen & Sommer, 1957) and Corumbella werneri Hahn et al., 1982 on studied outcrops, municipality of Corumbá and Ladário, Mato Grosso do Sul State, Brazil and correlation with the sections 1 and section 2, in the eastern portion of the Itapucumi Group, northeastern Paraguay (LOCALITIES)

A correlation approach shows to be possible to correlate three sections Brazil with two section in Paraguay. In Brazil, locations are in Corumbá and Ladário cities, Mato Grosso do Sul State: Corcal quarry, Cacimba Ecopark, Port Sobramil. It is possible to indicate a more complete section at Corcal quarry and, for the other two classic localities in Corumbá area, the lower zone is missing. A biostratigraphic correlation with coeval strata of the Itapucumi Group in Paraguay is conducted and shows to predict a useful tool for correlation of Neoproterozoic sections of both countries. When correlating these biozones stablised in Brazil with coeval interval in Paraguay, it is possible to note that the upper zone is missing.

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