

INSECTA MUNDI

A Journal of World Insect Systematics

0693

Amphicoma gandhara, a new species of Glaphyridae
(Coleoptera: Scarabaeoidea) from Swat District
in northern Pakistan

Milan Nikodým
Wolkerova 1261
25263 Roztoky, Czech Republic

Guido Sabatinelli
Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle, Département d'Entomologie
1208 Geneva, Switzerland

Date of issue: March 29, 2019

Milan Nikodým and Guido Sabatinelli

Amphicomma gandhara, a new species of Glaphyridae (Coleoptera: Scarabaeoidea) from Swat District in northern Pakistan

Insecta Mundi 0693: 1–5

ZooBank Registered: urn:lsid:zoobank.org:pub:4774A311-748B-4D03-932F-2FA60A2DEDD7

Published in 2019 by

Center for Systematic Entomology, Inc.

P.O. Box 141874

Gainesville, FL 32614-1874 USA

<http://centerforsystematicentomology.org/>

Insecta Mundi is a journal primarily devoted to insect systematics, but articles can be published on any non-marine arthropod. Topics considered for publication include systematics, taxonomy, nomenclature, checklists, faunal works, and natural history. *Insecta Mundi* will not consider works in the applied sciences (i.e. medical entomology, pest control research, etc.), and no longer publishes book reviews or editorials. *Insecta Mundi* publishes original research or discoveries in an inexpensive and timely manner, distributing them free via open access on the internet on the date of publication.

Insecta Mundi is referenced or abstracted by several sources, including the Zoological Record and CAB Abstracts. *Insecta Mundi* is published irregularly throughout the year, with completed manuscripts assigned an individual number. Manuscripts must be peer reviewed prior to submission, after which they are reviewed by the editorial board to ensure quality. One author of each submitted manuscript must be a current member of the Center for Systematic Entomology.

Guidelines and requirements for the preparation of manuscripts are available on the *Insecta Mundi* website at <http://centerforsystematicentomology.org/insectamundi/>

Chief Editor: David Plotkin, insectamundi@gmail.com

Assistant Editor: Paul E. Skelley, insectamundi@gmail.com

Head Layout Editor: Robert G. Forsyth

Editorial Board: J. H. Frank, M. J. Paulsen, Michael C. Thomas

Review Editors: Listed on the *Insecta Mundi* webpage

Printed copies (ISSN 0749-6737) annually deposited in libraries

CSIRO, Canberra, ACT, Australia

Museu de Zoologia, São Paulo, Brazil

Agriculture and AgriFood Canada, Ottawa, ON, Canada

The Natural History Museum, London, UK

Muzeum i Instytut Zoologii PAN, Warsaw, Poland

National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan

California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, CA, USA

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Gainesville, FL, USA

Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL, USA

National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, USA

Zoological Institute of Russian Academy of Sciences, Saint-Petersburg, Russia

Electronic copies (Online ISSN 1942-1354, CDROM ISSN 1942-1362) in PDF format

Printed CD or DVD mailed to all members at end of year. Archived digitally by Portico.

Florida Virtual Campus: <http://purl.fcla.edu/fcla/insectamundi>

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Digital Commons: <http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/insectamundi/>

Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt am Main: <http://nbn-resolving.de/urn/resolver.pl?urn:nbn:de:hebis:30:3-135240>

Copyright held by the author(s). This is an open access article distributed under the terms of the Creative Commons, Attribution Non-Commercial License, which permits unrestricted non-commercial use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original author(s) and source are credited. <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/3.0/>

Layout Editor for this article: Robert G. Forsyth

Amphicoma gandhara, a new species of Glaphyridae (Coleoptera: Scarabaeoidea) from Swat District in northern Pakistan

Milan Nikodým

Wolkerova 1261
25263 Roztoky, Czech Republic
nikodym@cbox.cz

Guido Sabatinelli

Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle, Département d'Entomologie
1208 Geneva, Switzerland
g.sabatinelli@hotmail.com

Abstract. *Amphicoma gandhara* Nikodým and Sabatinelli (Coleoptera: Scarabaeoidea: Glaphyridae), a new species from Swat District of northern Pakistan, is described and illustrated. The new species is compared with related taxa, in particular with the most similar species, *A. schneideri* Nikodým, 2005.

Key words. New species, systematics.

Introduction

The genus *Amphicoma* Latreille, 1807 as currently defined by Bezděk et al. (2005), includes 47 species, one of which has three subspecies. Most of the species are mainly distributed in East and South East Asia. The first comprehensive work of the genus *Amphicoma* by Endrödi (1952) provided an overview of known species with a key for their identification, including description of five new species. Medvedev (1960) presented a partial overview of Chinese species. Other new species have since been described by Petrovitz (1965, 1972), Drioli (1980), Miyake (1982), Nikodým (2005, 2007, 2009a, 2009b), Keith (2007, 2008), and Chun-Lin et al. (2011). The latter includes an analysis of new character sets. The most recent key for identification of species by Nikodým (2005) divided the genus into four groups of species based on external characters of adult males for easier differentiation of the species. A checklist of Palaearctic species is provided by Nikodým and Bezděk (2016).

Recently, Mawlood et al. (2016) described *Amphicoma hirani* from Iraq – Kurdistan. One of us (GS), traveled to Erbil in May 2017 and October 2018 to examine the type series. However, the holotype nor any other specimens were available at the Museum in Erbil where they were reported to be deposited in the original description. In addition, one of us (GS) met personally Prof. Mawlood who was not able to provide any specimens that could be referred to the described species. According to the paramere illustrations in the original description, *A. hirani* probably belongs to the genus *Eulasia* Truqui, 1848 but in this case, the apex of the scutellum should be rounded and not pointed as indicated in the *A. hirani* description.

Materials and Methods

All three specimens of the new species were kindly provided by H.-P. Tauzin who obtained them from a Pakistani entomologist with an imprecise collecting locality of “Swat”.

We added red labels with name of the taxon n. sp., HOLOTYPE or PARATYPE, names of the authors and year 2019. The genitalia of each male specimen are mounted separately under each specimen. Complete label data are cited using the following symbols: / = different lines; // = different labels.

***Amphicoma gandhara* Nikodým and Sabatinelli n. sp.**

Fig. 1–6

Type series. Holotypus ♂, Paratypus ♂#1 and Paratypus ♂#2, labeled as follow: white label, printed, “ex H.-P. Tauzin / collection” // white label, printed “PAKISTAN - Khyber / Pakhtunkhwa Prov., Swat / District, July 2008, Arihta leg.” // red label printed: “HOLOTYPUS ♂ / *Amphicoma gandhara* n. sp. / M. Nikodým and G. Sabatinelli, 2019” // (deposited in Muséum d’Histoire Naturelle, Geneva, Switzerland). // “PARATYPUS ♂#1” // with other data as the holotype in G. Sabatinelli collection, Prévessin, France. // “PARATYPUS ♂#2” with other data as the holotype in M. Nikodým collection, Roztoky, Czech Republic.

Diagnosis. *Amphicoma gandhara* belongs to the “*A. dubia* group-species” (Nikodým 2005) based on the following characters: mesotibia with apical spur, antennal club more than 1.5 times longer than stalk and markedly out curved. The most similar species is *Amphicoma schneideri* Nikodým, 2005, having similar body length 14 mm, antennomeres 5–7 disc-shaped, elytra uniformly coppery green and terminal maxillary palpomere quite long. In *A. gandhara*, the elytra are rather dull with sutural angles right but with blunt angle while in *A. schneideri* elytra are shiny with sutural angles broadly rounded.

Description of the holotype (adult male). Body elongate, length (from clypeal anterior margin to apex of elytra) 13 mm, width across elytral humeri 5 mm (Fig. 1).

Color. Head from above dark green with irregular golden luster, pronotum black green with weak golden luster. Scutellum and elytra even darker, luster is irregular from golden green to dark purple. Pygidium yellowish brown without reflection. Antennae brown, legs black-brown, tarsi lighter brown.

Vestiture. Dorsal setation yellow-brown, erect on clypeus and scutellum. Head setation longer, light brown and oblique toward apex. Elytra setation as long as on pronotum, irregularly inclined or erect and with solitary long brown setae in posterior quarter. Ventral setation yellow, legs setation light yellowish brown.

Head. Anterior margin of labrum slightly emarginate medially. Clypeus $1.1 \times$ wider than long, lateral margins slightly rounded, anterior angles rounded, clypeofrontal suture fine but clearly distinct. Head strongly and densely punctuate. Clypeal punctation clearly weaker and not closely spaced. Antenna consisting of 10 antennomeres; 5, 6 and 7 disc-shaped; antennal club markedly out-curved, more than $2 \times$ longer than wide. Terminal maxillary palpomere long, slightly widened in the middle, truncate at the end, without impression and with several punctures in apical quarter.

Pronotum. Width $1.1 \times$ length, widest medially, narrowing anteriorly. Anterior angles produced and 90° , posterior angles obtuse. Basal margin markedly emarginate medially. Punctation dense and coarse, distance between punctures. With median longitudinal depression.

Scutellum. Triangular, elongate with slightly rounded apex, punctation similar to pronotum.

Elytra. Punctation finer than that of pronotum, slightly irregularly wrinkled. Posterolateral angles broadly rounded, sutural angles 90° but with blunt angles. Sutural margin distinctly raised apically from second third of elytra.

Legs. Protibia tridentate, mesotibia with apical spur shorter, less than half of mesotarsomere length. Basal metatarsomere $1.6 \times$ longer than second metatarsomere.

Aedeagus. Parameres asymmetrical with the right paramere larger than the left one (Fig. 4–6).

Relevant variability. The three specimens known so far show a remarkable difference in the integument color. Paratypus ♂#1 (Fig. 2) has the dorsal surface black violet and irregular golden luster. Paratypus ♂#2 (Fig. 3) has the dorsal surface black green and irregular golden luster. In Paratypus ♂#1 the antennal club is markedly deformed, segments are narrowed and distorted apically. This feature is also known in other species of the genus *Amphicoma*.

Type locality. Pakistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province, Swat District.

Female. Unknown.

Etymology. The specimens were collected in Swat, a valley and an administrative district in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan. Swat is renowned for its outstanding natural beauty and this region was also a major center of early Buddhist thought as part of the Gandhara kingdom. The new species

is named after this ancient Indo-Aryan kingdom. Noun in apposition.

Remarks. The genus *Amphicoma* is known from Europe (Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Greece and Albania) and Asia (China, Burma, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Taiwan, Japan and Ryukyu Islands). The new location from northern Pakistan is disjoint from all known localities for the genus *Amphicoma*. This indicates a potential for more species to be found in the Himalayan region: Glaphyridae can be expected from the eastern part of India (Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram regions) or Cambodia.

For comparisons with the most similar species, we studied 47 specimens of *A. schneideri* from China: Sichuan, Guan Xian and Songpan and Shaanxi, Luoyang. The two species can be easily distinguished

Table 1. Comparative analysis of main characters in *Amphicoma gandhara* n. sp. and *Amphicoma schneideri* Nikodým.

| <i>Amphicoma gandhara</i> n. sp. | <i>Amphicoma schneideri</i> Nikodým |
|--|--|
| Anterior margin of labrum slightly emarginate medially | Anterior margin of labrum straight |
| Clypeus with slightly rounded lateral margins | Clypeus parallel sided |
| Clypeofrontal suture fine but clearly distinct | Clypeofrontal suture slightly distinct |
| Head setation light brown | Head setation yellow and clearly longer |
| Pronotum with longitudinal, partly interrupted, median depression | Pronotum without depression or only partially and very weakly indicated |
| Pronotal basal margin markedly emarginated medially | Pronotal basal margin medially nearly straight |
| Elytra rather dull, sutural angles right but with a blunt angle | Elytra shiny, sutural angles broadly rounded |
| Basal metatarsomere $1.6 \times$ longer than second metatarsomere | Basal metatarsomere $1.8 \times$ longer than second metatarsomere |
| Right paramere shorter than left one (Fig. 5), right paramere slender in the half distal part (Fig. 4) | Parameres subequal in length (Fig. 8); right paramere not slender in the half distal part (Fig. 7) |

by several characters as indicated in Table 1.

Acknowledgments

We thank H.-Pierre Tauzin (Vanves, France) for graciously making available the specimens of the new species. David Carlson (Fair Oaks, CA U.S.A) and Denis Keith (Chartres, France) provided helpful reviews of the manuscript. We thank Stefano Ziani (Meldola, Italy) for his advice and Paul Skelley for the final editing of the manuscript.

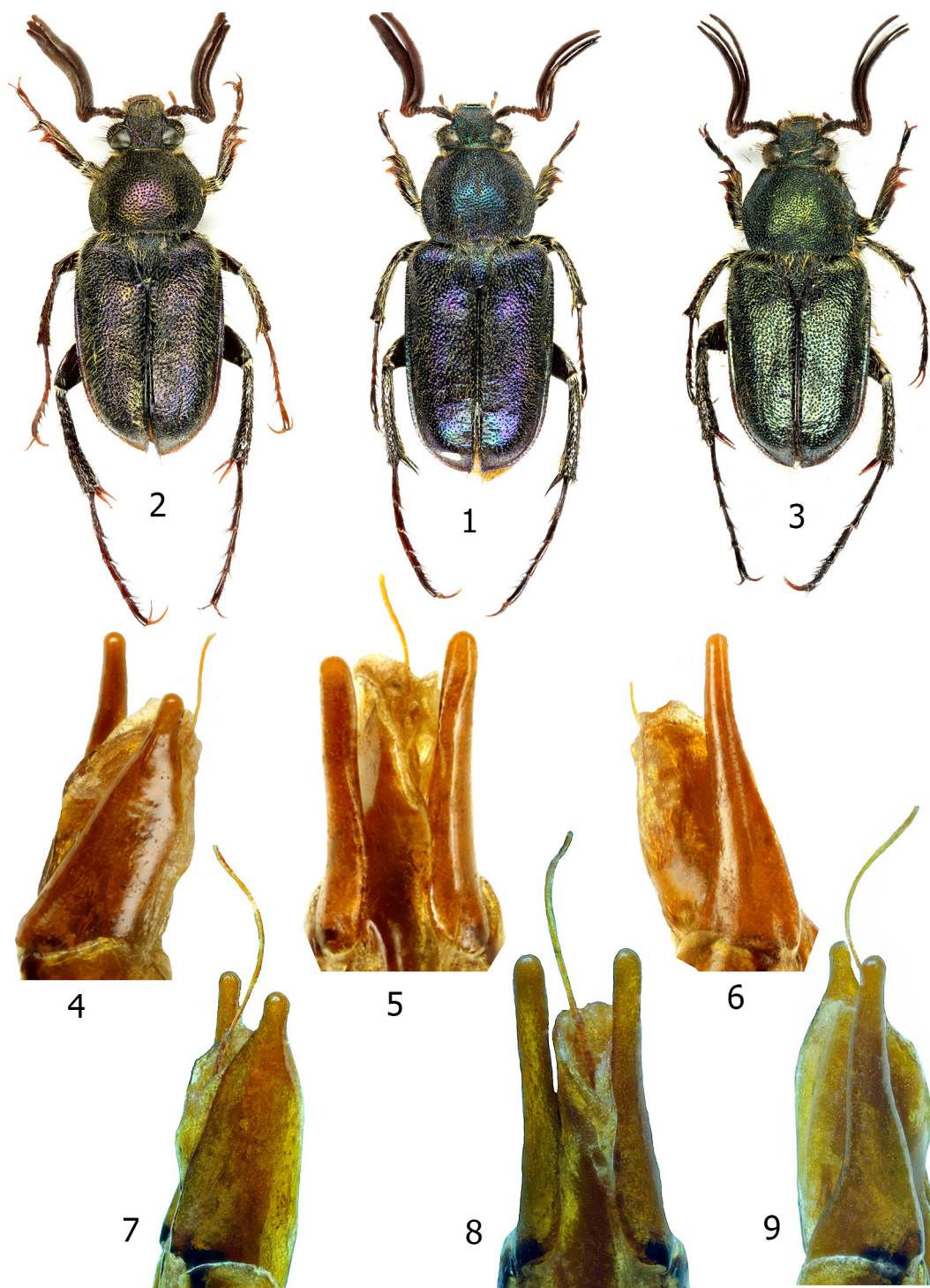
Literature Cited

- Bezděk, A., M. Nikodým, and S. J. Hawkins. 2005 Nomenclatural notes on the genera *Amphicoma* and *Anthypna* (Coleoptera: Scarabaeoidea: Glaphyridae). *Folia Heyrovskyana* 12: 205–211.
- Drioli, G., 1980. *Anthypna iberica*, nuova specie (Coleoptera, Scarabaeidae). *Fragmenta Entomologica* 15: 345–352.
- Endrődi, S. 1952. Monographie der Gattung *Anthypna* Latr. *Folia Entomologica Hungarica* (N. S.) 5: 1–40.
- Keith, D. 2007. Une nouvelle *Amphicoma* du Laos (Coleoptera Glaphyridae). *L'Entomologiste* 63(1): 3–4.
- Keith, D. 2008. A new species of the genus *Amphicoma* Latreille, 1807 from China (Coleoptera, Scarabaeoidea, Glaphyridae). *Kogane* 9: 23–26.
- Li, C.-L., C.-C. Wang, and H.-J. Chen. 2011. Synopsis of the genus *Amphicoma* Latreille (Coleoptera: Glaphyridae) of Taiwan with special reference to the male genitalia. *Zootaxa* 2790: 23–34.
- Mawlood, N. A., S. A. Hazim, and B. K. Nawzad. 2016. A new species of bumble bee scarab beetles,

- Amphicoma* Latreille 1807 (Coleoptera: Glaphyridae) from Kurdistan region-Iraq. ZANCO Journal of Pure and Applied Sciences ZJPAS 28(1): 26–28.
- Medvedev, S. I. 1960.** *Plastinchatousye* (Scarabaeidae), podsem. Euchirinae, Dynastinae, Glaphyrinae, Trichiinae. Fauna SSSR, zhestkokrylye, tom 10, vyp. 4. Izdatelstvo Akademii Nauk SSSR; Moscow – St. Petersburg. 398 p. (in Russian).
- Miyake, Y. 1982.** On the *Amphicoma*-species of the Ryukyu-Islands and Taiwan. (Coleoptera: Glaphyridae). Kita-kyûshû no Konchû 29: 171–175.
- Nikodým, M. 2005.** New species of the genus *Amphicoma* from China, Vietnam, Laos and Thailand (Coleoptera: Scarabaeoidea: Glaphyridae). Animma.X (Plzeň) 10: 1–35.
- Nikodým, M. 2007.** New species of the genus *Amphicoma* from China (Coleoptera: Scarabaeoidea: Glaphyridae). Animma.X 20: 21–24.
- Nikodým, M. 2009a.** A new species of the genus *Amphicoma* Latreille 1807 from the Sichuan province, China (Coleoptera: Scarabaeoidea: Glaphyridae). Animma.X 28: 25–29.
- Nikodým, M. 2009b.** Two new species of the genus *Amphicoma* Latreille 1807 from Greece and China – Fujian province (Coleoptera: Scarabaeoidea: Glaphyridae). Animma.X 30: 14–21.
- Nikodým, M., and A. Bezděk. 2006.** Glaphyridae. p. 97–103. In: I. Löbl and A. Smetana (eds.). Catalogue of Palaearctic Coleoptera, volume 3. Apollo Books; Stenstrup. 690 p.
- Nikodým, M. and A. Bezděk. 2016.** Glaphyridae. p. 87–97. In: I. Löbl and D. Löbl (eds.). Catalogue of Palaearctic Coleoptera, volume 3. Brill; Leiden. 983 p.
- Petrovitz, R. 1965.** Coleoptera, Scarabaeidae, Glaphyrinae. Bonner zoologische Beiträge 16: 350–351.
- Petrovitz, R. 1972.** Paläarktische und orientalische Glaphyrinae-formen (Coleoptera, Scarabaeidae). Mitteilungen aus dem Zoologischen Museum in Berlin 48: 26–30.

Received January 27, 2019; accepted February 15, 2019.

Review editor Paul Skelley.



Figures 1–9. *Amphicoma* spp. 1–3) *Amphicoma gandhara*, new species, dorsal habitus. 1) Holotypus ♂. 2) Paratypus ♂#1. 3) Paratypus ♂#2. 4–6). *Amphicoma gandhara*, new species, parameres. 4) Right view. 5) Dorsal. 6) Left. 7–9) *Amphicoma schneideri* Nikodým, parameres. 7) Right view. 8) Dorsal. 9) Left.

