

**Contributions to the knowledge of the “Staphylinus-complex”
(Coleoptera, Staphylinidae, Staphylinini) of China.
Part 10. A new species of the genus *Platydracus* Thomson, 1858**

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Abstract

Platydracus juang Smetana, sp. nov., similar and closely related to the Japanese species *Platydracus brachycerus* Smetana & Davies, 2000, is described from one specimen taken in the province of Fujian.

Key words: Coleoptera, Staphylinidae, Staphylininae, Palearctic, *Platydracus*, taxonomy, new species

Introduction

Among the material of Chinese Staphylinini received recently for study from the Naturhistorisches Museum, Wien, there was one specimen of an interesting species of the genus *Platydracus* Thomson, 1858, similar and closely related to the Japanese species *Platydracus brachycerus* Smetana & Davies, 2000.

Platydracus brachycerus Smetana & Davies, 2000 is a replacement name for *Ocypus brevicornis* Weise, 1877 (*nec* Motschulsky, 1862). *Platydracus brachycerus* is rather isolated among the Palearctic species of *Platydracus*, due to its small size, the general habitus (slender, parallelsided body shape), the head that is hardly dilated posteriad, and to the distinctive male secondary character in the form of a large, densely setose field in the middle of the seventh abdominal sternite. These characters apparently caused difficulties in generic assignment of this taxon. It was originally assigned by Weise (1877: 367) to the genus *Ocypus* Leach, 1819, and subsequently Müller (1925: 41) erected for it even a separate subgenus *Neotasgius* (of *Staphylinus*). Smetana and Davies (2000: 24) recognized that *Ocypus brevicornis* is in fact a member of the genus *Platydracus* and at the same time