Description of a New *Pseudocoptolabus* (Coleoptera, Carabidae) from Fugong of Northwestern Yunnan, Southwest China

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Abstract A new species of the subgenus *Pseudocoptolabus* of the genus *Carabus* (s. lat.) is described from Fugong of northwestern Yunnan, Southwest China, under the name *Carabus* (*Pseudocoptolabus*) *zuzkae*.

*Pseudocoptolabus* is a unique component of the carabid ground beetles, which is currently recognized as one of the subgenera of the grand genus *Carabus* (=subtribe Carabina). It was originally established by REITTER (1896, p. 95) for a single Chinese species, *Carabus taliensis* FaIRMAIRE, 1886, and totally eight species have been known up to the present (IMURA, 2011).

We recently had an opportunity to examine a pair of strange specimens apparently belonging to this subgenus collected from the high altitudinal area of the Nu Shan Mountain Range near Fugong in northwestern Yunnan. After a careful examination, we have come to the conclusion that the Fugong race is distinguishable from all the hitherto known members of the subgenus *Pseudocoptolabus* and worth describing as the ninth representative. In the following lines, we are going to describe it under the name of *Carabus* (*Pseudocoptolabus*) *zuzkae* sp. nov. Key to all the known species of *Pseudocoptolabus* is given at the end of the text.

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**Carabus** (*Pseudocoptolabus*) *zuzkae* IMURA et BŘEZINA, sp. nov. (Figs. 1–16, 18)

Length (including mandibles): ♂, 23.3 mm; ♀, 26.8 mm. Entirely black with a faint dark bronze tinge.

Readily recognized by small body size, long antennae, strongly cordate pronotum, uniquely profiled elytra, characteristically featured male protarsus and penis.

Head almost normal or somewhat hypertrophic; dorsal surface of frons to neck moderately rugulose, vertex minutely punctate; frontal furrows widely guttered but not so deep; retinacula of both mandibles bidentate, with the posterior tooth longer than the anterior; terminal segments of palpi a little more strongly dilated in male than in female; penultimate segment of labial palpus basically bisetose, though the left one of male holotype has the third, accessory seta near the base, maybe due to malformation (Fig. 6); mentum sporadically scattered with small granules, with the median tooth apparently shorter than lateral lobes, its apex vaguely re-entrant at middle in ventral view and not protruded ventrad in lateral view; submentum asetose; antennae very long in male, obviously extending beyond basal four-sevenths of elytra, much shorter in female, not reaching
middle of elytra.

Pronotum relatively small and cordate, more remarkably so in male, 1.14 (male) to 1.17
(female) times as wide as long, and widest apparently before middle; front angles obtusely rounded and not protruded anteriad; lateral sides narrowly margined throughout, gently rounded in front, sinuately and rather strongly narrowed towards hind angles which are hardly produced.
posteriad with rounded tips; disc weakly convex above, with the surface scabrous throughout, minutely and sporadically granulate in lateral portions, and vaguely punctate in frontal part of basal foveae; basal foveae very small and shallowly concave; median longitudinal line narrowly but clearly impressed throughout; only a single marginal seta inserted near middle of pronotum on each side.

Elytra not strongly adhered at sutural part, elongated oval in profile, widest obviously behind middle, more gradually narrowed towards bases than towards apices, with effaced shoulders; sculpture triploid heterodyname; primaries the strongest though not so remarkably convex above, rather irregularly segmented by large, deep primary foveoles to form rows of short costae; both secondaries and tertiaries much weaker than primaries, vaguely convex above, indicated by irregularly set rows of granules; striae between intervals indicated by irregularly set rows of vague punctures though often unclear; elytral disc and elevated part of each intervals coarsely scattered with small granules; umbilicate series indicated by irregularly and sporadically set rows of larger granules, becoming unclear in posterior half; preapical emargination shallowly but distinctly recognized in both sexes.

Episterna smooth; sides of sternites weakly rugulose; sternal sulci unclear; metacoxa trisectose; male protarsus with second segment longer than wide, third one almost as long as wide, fourth one triangularly shaped with hair pads on whole area of its ventral surface.

Male genitalia as shown in Figs. 9–16; penis similar to that of *C. (P.) watanabei* (Imura, 2003, p. 22), though the apex is a little slenderer and more strongly bent ventrad in lateral view, with the right side apparently emarginate in dorsal view; ostium lobe short, robust and not bilobed at tip; prepreputial lobe not strongly protruded; aggonoporus not strongly sclerotized, though rather prominently protruded apicad.


*Derivatio nominis.* The present new species is named after Miss Zuzana Březinová, a daughter of the second author, who goes by the name of Zuzka.

*Notes.* The present new species is morphologically most similar to *C. (P.) watanabei* described from Imau Bum of northern Myanmar, but readily discriminated from that species by the following respects: 1) size much smaller; 2) terminal segments of palpi less strongly dilated in male; 3) penultimate segment of labial palpus bisetose, though it is quadrisetose in *C. (P.) watanabei*; 4) pronotum with a pair of marginal setae, though it is asetose in *C. (P.) watanabei*; 5) legs apparently shorter; 6) third segment of male protarsus almost as long as wide, while it is apparently longer than wide in *C. (P.) watanabei*; 7) fourth segment of male protarsus with hair pads on ventral surface, while they are completely absent in *C. (P.) watanabei*; 8) penis and internal sac different in profile. All the nine species of *Pseudocoptolabrus* including the present new species are distinguished from one another by the following key.

**Key to the Species of Pseudocoptolabrus**

1. Second segment of male protarsus longer than wide. ........................................ 2
2. Second segment of male protarsus wider than long. ........................................ 3
3. Third segment of male protarsus longer than wide; body larger (ca. 29–33 mm); terminal
segments of male palpi strongly dilated; penultimate segment of labial palpus quadrisetose; pronotum asetose; fourth segment of male protarsus without hair pads on ventral surface; N. Myanmar. ................................................................. C. (P.) watanabei IMURA, 2003

— Third segment of male protarsus almost as long as wide; body smaller (ca. 23–27 mm); terminal segments of male palpi weakly dilated; penultimate segment of labial palpus basically bisetose; pronotum setiferous, with a pair of median marginal setae; fourth segment of male protarsus with hair pads on ventral surface; NW. Yunnan. ................................................................. C. (P.) zuzkae sp. nov.

3. Penultimate segment of labial palpus multisetose. ................................................................. 4

— Penultimate segment of labial palpus bisetose. ................................................................. 6

4. Sternal sulci clearly impressed; S. Sichuan, NW. Yunnan, N. Myanmar. ................................................................. C. (P.) taliensis FAIRMAIRE, 1886

— Sternal sulci unclear. .................................................................................................................. 5

5. Pronotum asetose; terminal segment of male palpi strongly dilated; penultimate segment of labial palpus usually quadrisetose; elytral surface remarkably rugged to form uneven sculpture; fourth segment of male protarsus without hair pads on ventral surface; S. Sichuan. ................................................................. C. (P.) armiger IMURA, 1997

— Pronotum with a pair of median marginal setae; terminal segment of male palpi not strongly dilated, almost as in female; penultimate segment of labial palpus usually trisetose; elytral surface not remarkably rugged; fourth segment of male protarsus with hair pads on ventral surface; S. Sichuan. ................................................................. C. (P.) belousovianus IMURA, 2011

6. Pronotum basically asetose; terminal segments of palpi moderately dilated; male antennae short, not reaching middle of elytra; N. Myanmar, E. Xizang. .' .C. (P.) nosei IMURA, 1997

— Pronotum with a pair of median marginal setae; terminal segments of palpi not strongly dilated, almost as in female. ........................................................................................................ 7

7. Male antennae very long, reaching basal three-fifths of elytra; hair pads of fourth segment of male protarsus wide, wholly recognized on ventral surface; N. Myanmar. ................................................................. C. (P.) masahiroi IMURA, 2006

— Male antennae short, not reaching or barely extending middle of elytra; hair pads of fourth segment of male protarsus narrow. ......................................................................................................... 8

8. Male antennae not reaching middle of elytra; hair pads of fourth segment of male protarsus rudimentary; body smaller and robust. N. Myanmar, NW. Yunnan. ................................................................. C. (P.) branaungi IMURA, 1999

9. Male antennae barely extending middle of elytra; hair pads of fourth segment of male protarsus recognized in basal half; body larger and slenderer; N. Myanmar. ................................................................. C. (P.) burmanensis BREUNING, 1932

DEUVE (1990, p. 2) described a strange alpine species, Carabus businskyi from Mt. Yulongxue Shan of Northwest Yunnan. It was originally described as a member of the subgenus Acoptolabrus, once transferred in the following year to a unique subgenus Imaibiodes (type species: C. businskyi, monotypical subgenus; DEUVE, 1991, p. 20), then combined to the subgenus Pseudocoptolabrus also by DEUVE (2004, p. 341, etc.). However, C. businskyi does not show any close affinity to Pseudocoptolabrus on the molecular genealogical tree constructed by using mitochondrial ND5 gene sequence (cf. KIM et al., 2003, pp. 278–281, fig. 7). In our view, it should be placed again in the subgenus Imaibiodes which belongs to rather independent lineage in the procrustimorphous carabids (Neocarabini BENGTSSON, 1927) of China. DEUVE’s species is
therefore excluded from the present key. Anyway, *C. businskyi* is readily discriminated from all the known species of *Pseudocoptolabrus* by a remarkable macrocephalism, uniquely featured median tooth of the mentum and characteristically shaped internal sac of the male genital organ.

要 約

井村有希・Boleslav Březina: 中国云南省北西部福贡から発見されたヌパタマキンオサムシの 1 新種（コウチュウ目オサムシ科）。—— 中國雲南省北西部福貢 Fugong 北東方の怒山 Nu Shan 山塊高所から得られたオサムシの一新種を認め、*Carabus* (*Pseudocoptolabrus*) *zuzkae* という名を与えて記載した（本論文では、世界的にもっとも普遍的に採用されている上位分類体系、すなわちオサムシ亜族を広義の *Carabus* 属として扱い、その下に亜属を設ける方式に従った）。*Pseudocoptolabrus* （ヌパタマキンオサムシ亜属）は中国南部西部からミャンマー北部にかけての山岳地帯に分布するヨロイオサムシ類の一群で、これまでに 8 種が知られている（ただし、Deuve により *Pseudocoptolabrus* に置かれている *Carabus businskyi* は別の系統に属する種と考えられるため、ここでは除外した）。本新種はミャンマー北部の Imau Bum から記載された *C. (P.) watanabei* (Imura, 2003) にもっとも類縁が近いと考えられるが、はるかに小型で、♂口肢末端節の拡がりがより弱く、下唇肢亜端節の剛毛は基本的に 2 本で、下唇基節中央歯がより長く、前胸背板の側縁には一対の剛毛をなさず、♂前附節の第 4 节が長幅ほぼ等しく、鞘翅横刻と陰茎先端、内囊の形態も異なるので、識別は容易である。論文末尾に、今回の新種を含むヌパタマキンオサムシ亜属全 9 種の検索表を示した。

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