

**Contribution to the knowledge of Clavigeritae
(Coleoptera: Staphylinidae: Pselaphinae)
from Fiji and Vanuatu,
with the catalogue of Clavigeritae of Oceania**

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Abstract. Four new genera (*Clavister* gen. nov., *Micronilon* gen. nov., *Macrotrachelos* gen. nov. and *Vanuatiella* gen. nov.) and five new species, *Clavister deplanatus* sp. nov., *Micronilon acuticollis* sp. nov., *M. kuscheli* sp. nov. and *Macrotrachelos longiceps* sp. nov. from Fiji and *Vanuatiella tishechkini* sp. nov. from Vanuatu, are described and illustrated. All genera are placed in the subtribe Clavigerodina. A catalogue of Clavigeritae of Oceania is provided.

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Introduction

Pselaphinae of Oceanic Islands, are in general, only poorly studied. Despite this fact, Clavigeritae are relatively well represented in Fiji and it seems that this group will also be widely distributed on other islands, as numerous new genera and species from New Caledonia are under study by both authors. MANN (1920) has so far been the only contributor on Clavigeritae fauna of Fiji, describing two new monotypic genera, *Kaisia* Mann, 1920 and *Nadarimanu* Mann, 1920 and five new species which were placed in the genus *Fustiger* LeConte, 1866. However, the larger work of PARK (1952) on Pselaphines, especially on Fiji, did not bring forward any new species within the Clavigeritae.

The aim of this paper is to describe three new genera and four new species from Fiji, as well as a new genus and species representing the first known occurrence of the supertribe Clavigeritae from Vanuatu.