

Batricavus tibialis, a new genus and species
of Batrisini from South China
(Coleoptera: Staphylinidae: Pselaphinae)

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Abstract. A new monotypic genus *Batricavus* Yin & Li, gen. nov. and species *B. tibialis* Yin & Li, sp. nov. are described from Guangdong Province, South China. The male and female habitus are illustrated as well as diagnostic characters of the new taxa. The new genus may be distinguished from the allied genera by the presence of a pair of sub-anterior impressions on the pronotum in both sexes.

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Introduction

The Asian genera of Batrisini were classified into four genus-groups according to NOMURA & IDRIS (2003). The *Batrisocenus* genus-group (= Jeannel's fifth division (JEANNEL 1959); = *Batrisocenus* complex (NOMURA 1991)), containing about 20 genera, is characterized mainly by the pronotum having a pair of lateral longitudinal sulci and a complete or partially broken antebasal sulcus, each elytron possessing two basal foveae and an asymmetrical aedeagus with a movable dorsal apophysis. The group is very diverse in South China, with several undescribed genera and numerous new species known to us. The purpose of this paper is to describe a new genus and species and to discuss their taxonomic placement.

Material and methods

A slash (/) is used to separate different lines on the same label. The terminology of the foveal system follows CHANDLER (2001), which of the female genitalia follows NOMURA (1991).

The following acronyms are used in the text: **BL** – length of the body (= HL+PL+EL+AL); **HL** – maximum length of the head, measured from anterior margin of the clypeus to the