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# New camaenid genus and species from Zhejiang, East China (Eupulmonata, Helicoidea)

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#### Abstract

We report a new land snail species representing a new genus from the mountainous area of Zhejiang, China. The snail has a depressed shell with granules all over the surface. The soft part of the new taxon is characterized by the presence of a mantle lobe whose form is reviewed herein across a wide range of helicoid snails, the presence of a developed epiphallic papilla, and the absence of a penial sheath, a dart sac apparatus and a flagellum. As indicated by a molecular-based phylogeny (16S + ITS2), the new taxon is deeply nested in the eastern Asian camaenid genera and shows a close relationship with the camaenids distributed in Central China.

**Key words:** Anatomy, Camaenidae, mantle lobe, molecular phylogenetics, new genus, new species, taxonomy



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# Introduction

The first camaenid described in Zhejiang (= Dshè-dshiang, Chekiang [浙江]), China, was Acusta ravida (Benson, 1842). So far, there are about 20 species of camaenid land snails known from Zhejiang, grouped into seven genera, namely Acusta Martens, 1860, Aegista Albers, 1850, Bradybaena Beck, 1837, Nesiohelix Kuroda & Emura, 1943, Plectotropis Martens, 1860, Satsuma A. Adams, 1868 and Traumatophora Ancey, 1887. Acusta ravida, a widespread species in Central and East China (Möllendorff 1875, 1884; Gredler 1878; Heude 1882; Pilsbry 1888, 1934; Gude 1902b; Yen 1935, 1936, 1938, 1939, 1942, 1948; Hwang et al. 2021; etc.), is known from Zhoushan (= Chusan, Chowshan, the type locality [舟 山]), Tonglu [桐庐], Moganshan [莫干山], Fuyang [富阳], Jiande [建德](= Yenchow [严州]), Lutzepu [?芦茨村], Xiaoshan (= Hsiaoshan [萧山]) of Zhejiang (Benson 1842; Möllendorff 1884, 1899; Gude 1902a, 1902c; Yen 1948) and the neighboring provinces (Möllendorff 1875, 1899; Yen 1936). The congener A. redfieldi (Pfeiffer, 1852), widespread in Central and South China (Heude 1882; Möllendorff 1884, 1899; Pilsbry 1888; Gude 1902a, 1902c; Yen 1938, 1939, 1942), was recorded with imprecise localities from Zhejiang (Möllendorff 1884, 1899).

*Bradybaena cremata* (Heude, 1882), may not be a Zhejiang member because its only locality Wuyuan (= Wu-yüan [婺源]) (Heude 1882; Möllendorff 1884;

Pilsbry 1887; Yen 1939; Zilch 1968) belongs to Jiangxi [江西] but not mistakenly "Zhejiang" (Möllendorff 1884), which some authors subsequently followed (e.g., Gude 1902c). However, the distribution of this species in Zhejiang is possible because Wuyuan is close to West Zhejiang. A similar situation is also evident for *B. dichroa* (Pfeiffer, 1846), originally described from Shanghai [上海] (Möllendorff 1884; Pilsbry 1888; Yen 1942) neighboring northern Zhejiang, but treated as a species from Zhejiang (Gude 1902c). *Bradybaena similaris* (Rang, 1831), from Central China [including synonym *B. similaris nucleus* (Deshayes, 1873)] and Southeast China (Heude 1882; Möllendorff 1884; Gude 1902a, c; Jones and Preston 1904; Pilsbry and Hirase 1905; Yen 1936, 1939, 1942; Kuroda and Habe 1949; Zilch 1968, 1974) and "Nördlich von Shanghai scheint sie zu fehlen" (Möllendorff 1884), is also distributed in Zhejiang (Gude 1902c; Yen 1948). Interestingly, the distribution of *B. similaris* in northern China (e.g., Yen 1935) is possibly anthropogenic (personal observation by Wu M).

Considering that *Mastigeulota kiangsiensis* (Martens, 1875) is distributed in Central China including Hubei [湖北], Jiangxi, and Sichuan [四川], which are west of Hongzehu Lake [洪泽湖] of Anhui [安徽] (Heude 1882; Gredler 1884; Möllendorff 1884; Pilsbry 1934; Yen 1942; etc.), the distribution record of one of its subspecies *M. kiangsiensis hilberi* (Kobelt, 1894) in Zhejiang (Gude 1902c) rather than Hubei (Hankow = Hankou [汉口] is the possible locality, Zilch 1968) is quite doubtful. Another species whose distribution was falsely recorded as Zhejiang is *Pseudiberus tectumsinense* (Martens, 1873) (Gude 1902a), as all evidence shows that it is a species geographically limited to Jinan [济南] of Shandong [山东] (Martens 1873; Möllendorff 1884; Pilsbry 1888; Gude 1902c; Yen 1939, 1942; Zilch 1968; Wu and Qi 2006; Zhang et al. 2021).

Aegista chinensis (Philippi, 1845) was recorded from Moganshan, Fengshiu (= Fenshui [分水] of Tonglu) and Tonglu (Yen 1948). Four Plectotropis were found in Zhejiang. Plectotropis brevibarbis (Pfeiffer, 1859) has the widest distribution as it is widespread in Wongkiang (= Oujiang [瓯江]), Fengshiu of the SE region (Yen 1948) and the NW region (Zhou et al. 2011) of the province or so-called "north of China", possibly referring more to Zhejiang (Pfeiffer 1859; Pilsbry 1887) than northern China in the present sense. Plectotropis brevibarbis is also known from Ningguo [宁国] of Anhui and the region between Shanghai and Wuyuan, both bordering northern Zhejiang (Heude 1882; Möllendorff 1884; Yen 1939). The species P. sedentaria (Heude, 1885), originally described from Fengjie [奉节] of Chongqing [重庆] (previously a part of Sichuan) (Heude 1885; Yen 1938) is present in Chiangshan [江山], Zhejiang (Yen, 1948). Plectotropis barbosella (Heude, 1882), the third species of the genus, was reported from Shanghai, Taihu Lake [太湖], and a variety of localities in Zheijang (Heude 1882; Möllendorff 1884; Pilsbry 1888; Gude 1902c; Yen 1939, 1942 1948; Zilch 1968). P. scitula (Pilsbry & Hirase, 1908) was originally reported from Hangzhou [杭州] (Pilsbry and Hirase 1908). Plectotropis trichotropis trichotropis (Pfeiffer, 1850) was reported from Shanghai alongside northern Zhejiang, Wuyuan and Dongliu [东流] adjacent to western Zhejiang (Gredler 1881; Möllendorff 1884; Heude 1885; Pilsbry 1888; Yen 1942) and was listed as a species in Zheijang by Gude (1902c) who similarly treated P. trichotropis laciniata (Heude, 1882) (Heude 1882; Pilsbry 1888; Gude 1902c; Yen 1939, 1942; Zilch 1968) as a species from Zhejiang. Another subspecies P. trichotropis ningpoensis (Boettger, 1892) was found in eastern Zhejiang (Pilsbry 1892; Gude 1902c; Yen 1939; Zilch 1968).

Three or four *Satsuma* species, with only one verified for generic position, have been reported from Zhejiang. *Satsuma* (?) *fortunei* (Pfeiffer, 1850) has been reported from several localities in Zhejiang (Yen 1948), from which the species from Anhui and Shanghai, each bordering West and North Zhejiang, has been reported (Heude 1882; Pilsbry 1887). *Satsuma laeva* (Pilsbry & Hirase, 1908) was first described from Hangzhou (Pilsbry and Hirase 1908; *= Satsuma uncopila* sensu Wang et al. 2014, see Zhang et al. 2019) and then Yen (1948) found it in nearby Tonglu and Lutzepu. *Satsuma* (?) *uncopila* (Heude, 1882), a species common in the Yangtze River valley (Heude 1882; Möllendorff 1884; Pilsbry 1887; Yen 1939, 1942; Zilch 1968; Zhang et al. 2019), was found in Moganshan at Southeast Anhui and South Jiangsu (Yen 1948). *Satsuma* (?) *latilabris* (Möllendorff, 1874) is distributed in Jiujiang [ $\hbar$   $\Xi$ ], Jiangxi (Möllendorff 1874, 1884; Zilch 1968; Zhang et al. 2019), which is located spatially near to West Zhejiang and was listed by Gude (1902c) as a member of Zhejiang.

*Cathaica fasciola* (Draparnaud, 1801), usually seen in horticulture environments, is a synanthropic species in Zhejiang (personal observation by Wu M).

With regard to the large-sized camaenids in the province, Nesiohelix cecillei (Philippi, 1849) is known from Tiantong (= Tien-tung or Tien-tong [天童]) of the east region (Möllendorff 1884; Pilsbry 1890; Gude 1902c; Yen 1939, 1942; Zilch 1968). Nesiohelix moreletiana (Heude, 1882) is distributed in Hangzhou and Moganshan (Pilsbry 1890; Gude 1902c; Yen 1939, 1948; Habe 1945; Wu and Asami 2017), and in Ningde [宁德] of NE Fujian and Guangde [广德] of Anhui neighboring North Zhejiang (Heude 1882; Möllendorff 1884). Nesiohelix yeni Wu & Asami, 2017 was found sympatrically with N. moreletiana in Hangzhou (Wu and Asami 2017). Another large camaenid distributed in Zhejiang is Traumatophora triscalpta (Martens, 1875), which is also known from Jiangxi (Boyanghu = Poyanghu [鄱阳湖], Fuzhou [抚州]), Hubei, and Zhejiang (Heude 1882; Gredler 1884; Möllendorff 1884; Pilsbry 1890; Gude 1902c; Yen 1939, 1942; Wu 2019). The fossils of T. triscalpta, along with those of A. ravida, A. redfieldi, and B. similaris, were found in the sedimentary outcrops of the Upper Pleistocene near Zhenjiang and Nanjing [南京] of Jiangsu [江苏], whose sites lie approximately 100 km north to North Zhejiang (Yen 1943).

In contrast to the northern parts of East China, more than 74% of the mountainous area in Zhejiang provides a considerable variety of microhabitats where speciation of land snails is expected. We have recently found a camaenid slightly smaller than *Nesiohelix moreletiana* and *N. yeni* in shell size that represents an unknown camaenid in terms of genital anatomy and molecular systematics. The presence of a lobe on the mantle collar in this new snail impels us to compare this body part in a wider range of helicoid snails.

# **Materials and methods**

# Morphology

Living specimens were relaxed by drowning in water and then fixed in 70% ethanol. The shell and genital system were measured with digital vernier calipers and from photograph to the nearest 0.1 mm, respectively. Whorl number was counted as described by Kerney and Cameron (1979), with 0.125 (=  $1/_{8}$ ) whorls accuracy. Parts of the genital system were measured after the specimens were sufficiently fixed in 70% ethanol. Radula preparation: The buccal mass was removed and treated in 10% sodium hydroxide solution below 60 °C for up to 10 min before the radula was extracted. The released radula was cleaned with water using a sonic cleaner and then transferred into 75% ethanol before being mounted. The radula was examined under a scanning electron microscope (SEM; Sigma 500). To observe the possible lobe near the mantle edge, the hard-ened mucus and small pieces of dirt were carefully removed with a soft brush under water. Directions used in descriptions: proximal = towards the genital atrium; distal = away from the genital atrium.

The Chinese name for the person, new taxon or locality is provided only once in square brackets when necessary.

# Molecular phylogenetic analyses

Whole genomic DNA was extracted from a piece of pedal muscle of the ethanol-preserved specimens using TIANamp Marine Animals DNA Kit. Each 25  $\mu$ L PCR mixture consisted of 12.5  $\mu$ L cwbio 2× Es Taq MasterMix Dye, 9.5  $\mu$ L ddH<sub>2</sub>O, 1  $\mu$ L template DNA, 1  $\mu$ L forward primer (10  $\mu$ L/L) and 1  $\mu$ L reverse primer (10  $\mu$ L/L). Primers used for ITS2 were LSU1: 5'-CTAGCTGCGAGAAT-TAATGTGA-3', LSU3: 5'-ACTTTCCCTCACGGTACTTG-3' (Wade and Mordan 2000), for 16S were 16SAR: 5'-CGCCTGTTTATCAAAAACAT-3', 16SBR: 5'-CCG-GTCTGAACTCAGATCACGT-3' (Palumbi et al. 1991). The conditions for thermal cycling, performed on an Eastwin ETC811 Cycler, for 16S were 60 s at 96 °C for pre-denaturing, 35 cycles of 30 s at 94 °C, 30 s at 55 °C and 60 s at 72 °C, and a final extension at 72 °C for 10 min; for ITS2 4 min at 94 °C for pre-denaturing, 30 cycles of 20 s at 94 °C, 20 s at 55 °C and 40 s at 72 °C, and a final extension at 72 °C for 10 min. The amplicons were examined on a 1% agarose gel for quality and fragment size, then were purified and sequenced on an automated sequencer.

Chromatographs and sequences were studied and compiled in Sequencher v.4.5. For phylogenetic analysis, sequences of the new taxon (GenBank accession numbers: 16S, OR209732; ITS2, OR209722) and all those from a recently published work (see Wu et al. 2023, table 3) were included. The alignment of ITS2 and 16S was performed in batches with MAFFT v.7.505 (Katoh and Standley 2013) in PhyloSuite v.1.2.3 (Zhang et al. 2020; Xiang et al. 2023) using '--auto' strategy and normal alignment mode. Gap sites of rRNA genes were removed with trimAl v.1.2rev57 (Capella-Gutiérrez et al. 2009) using "-automated1" command. DAMBE v.7.3.32 (Xia 2018) was employed to make the saturation tests. Unsaturated sequences were concatenated in the same order for subsequent analyses. The best-fit partition model (Edge-linked) was selected under the BIC criterion using ModelFinder (Kalyaanamoorthy et al. 2017). Bayesian inference phylogenies were inferred using MrBayes v.3.2.7a (Ronquist et al. 2012) under a partition model (2 parallel runs, 800,000 generations), in which the initial 25% of sampled data were discarded as burn-in. Maximum-likelihood phylogenies were inferred using IQ-TREE (Nguyen et al. 2015) under the Edge-linked partition model for 5000 ultra-fast (Minh et al. 2013) bootstraps, as well as the Shimodaira-Hasegawa-like approximate likelihood-ratio test (Guindon et al. 2010).

#### Abbreviations

At – atrium; BC –bursa copulatrix; BCD – bursa copulatrix duct; Ep – epiphallus; EpP – epiphallic papilla; FO – free oviduct; P – penis; PR – penial retractor muscle; Va – vagina; VD – vas deferens.

#### **Depositories**

HBUMMmollusc collection of the Museum of Hebei University, Baoding, ChinaIZCASZoological Museum, Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China

# Results

#### Phylogeny of the studied taxa

A concatenated matrix of 80 terminals (including outgroup) × 1045 bp (296 bp from partial 16S sequence and 749 bp from partial ITS2 sequence) was used in the subsequent analyses. Both 16S and ITS2 were unsaturated. For the Bayesian method, GTR+F+I+G4 was selected as the best evolution model for 16S, as well as K2P+G4 for ITS2. For the ML method, GTR+F+I+G4 was the best model for 16S I and K2P+I+I+R2 was the best model for ITS2.

The obtained phylograms using Bayesian inference and the maximum-likelihood analysis are topologically similar to each other except for two positions, as indicated in Fig. 7. Most clades received high support. The genera *Nesiohelix* Kuroda & Emura, 1943, *Traumatophora* Ancey, 1887, *Camaenella* Pilsbry, 1893, *Aegista, Plectotropis* Martens, 1860 are basal on the tree. *Sinocamaena* gen. nov. is inside the clade consisting of a variety of taxa that are almost exclusively endemic to the Southern Gansu Plateau. The phylogram topologically agrees well with that of Wu et al. (2023).

# Comparative study of the mantle lobe in helicoids, especially for eastern Asian taxa

In some preserved specimens, the mantle lobe is covered with curdled mucus and is difficult to observe. At the mantle collar, the lobe-like flesh (literally indistinguishable from "lobe", e.g., in Chen et al. 2021) near the anus+ pneumostome, forms a more or less developed elongating part of the structure of the anus orifice, i.e., the suprapneumostomal and subpneumostomal lobes (e.g., in *Napaeus nanodes*, fig. 6A in Henríquez et al. 1993). In this work, the mantle lobe refers to a single separate piece of fleshy lamina (e.g., Fig. 3B) on the opposite side of the lobe-like structure near the anus + pneumostome (e.g., Fig. 3A), which appears as a thin fleshy flap that is usually attached to the inner wall of the mantle collar. If present, the mantle lobe of a dextral-shelled snail is on the left side, and in the case of a sinistral-shelled snail on the right side of the mantle collar.

We observed mantle lobes in the voucher specimens phylogenetically investigated here and in other specimens including *Acusta, Aegista, Bradybaena, Camaena* Albers, 1850, *Camaenella, Euhadra* Pilsbry, 1890, *Nesiohelix, Plectotropis* Martens, 1860, *Satsuma, Sinocamaena* gen. nov. (see below), and *Traumatophora* (Table 1).

Table 1	Material	examined	for the	comparative	morphology	of the	mantle	lobe in	some	helicoid	S.

Species	Collection information of the examined specimens					
Acusta ravida (Benson, 1842)	HBUMM06242, Xiuning, Anhui, China, coll. Zheng W, Liu JY, 2007-V-19					
Aegista chinensis (Philippi, 1845)	HBUMM06481, Nanshan, Zhenjiang, China, coll. Wu M & Xu Q, 2011-VI-12					
Angiomphalia (Angiomphalia) guljaensis Wu, 2004	HBUMM05177, Gulja, Xinjiang, China, coll. Wu M, Ayken A, 2002-VI					
Bradybaena brevispira (H. Adams, 1870)	HBUMM04167, Baidicheng, Fengjie, China, coll. Wu M, 2004-VII-20					
Bradybaena circula (Pfeiffer, 1846)	HBUMM06859, Yoron-to Island, Japan. Individual, No. 3, coll. Hou L & Asami T, 2012-VI					
"Bradybaena" eris pachychila (Möllendorff, 1899)	HBUMM05493, Wenxian, Gansu, coll. Wu M et al., 2006-IX-28					
Bradybaena linjun Wu & Chen, 2019	HBUMM08241, types					
Bradybaena qixiaensis Wu & Asami, 2017	HBUMM06841, paratypes, Qixiashan, Nanjing, China, coll. Wu M, Fang YX & Wang DB, 2012-6-26					
Bradybaena similaris (Rang, 1831)	HBUMM006861, Matsumoto, Nagano, Japan. No. 3; coll. Hou L & Asami T, 2012-VI-13					
"Bradybaena" strictotaenia (Möllendorff, 1899)	HBUMM05467, Wenxian, Gansu, China, coll. Wu M, Liu JM, Zheng W and Gao LH, 2006-IX-27					
"Buliminidius" achatininus (Möllendorff, 1899)	HBUMM00523, Gansu, China					
"Buliminidius" hirsutus (Möllendorff, 1899)	HBUMM06565, Jiuzhaigou, Sichuan, coll. Wu, Xu & Buhda, 2011-VIII-14					
Camaena menglunensis Chen & Zhang, 1999	HBUMM01701, Bubang, Yunnan, China, coll. Wu M & Wiktor A, 2002-VII-25					
Camaenella platyodon (L. Pfeiffer, 1846)	HBUMM08457, Hainan, China, 2020-IX					
Cathaica buvigneri (Deshayes, 1873)	HBUMM08140, Huanxian, Gansu, China, coll. Sheng XF et al., 2017-VII-29					
Cathaica fasciola (Draparnaud, 1801)	HBUMM08144, Qingyang, Gansu, colln. Sheng XF et al., 2017-VII-28					
"Cathaica" gansuica Möllendorff, 1899	HBUMM05666, Dangchang, Gansu, China, coll. Liu JM, Zheng W, 2006-X-02					
"Cathaica" pulveratricula (Martens, 1882)	HBUMM08208, Dingxi, Gansu, coll. Sheng XF et al., 2017-VIII-4					
Cepaea hortensis (Müller, 1774)	HBUMM05979, Slagelse, Denmark, coll. Guo JY, 2003-V-7-8					
Eueuhadra sp.	HBUMM03341, Heishui, Sichuan, coll. Zhou HZ, 2001-VII-24-26					
Euhadra amaliae (Kobelt, 1875)	HBUMM06851, Kyoto, Japan, No. 3, coll. Asami T, 2010; HBUMM06868–Kyoto, Japan, No. 2, coll. Asami T, 2010					
Euhadra sandai communis Pilsbry, 1928	HBUMM06856, Kyoto, Japan, coll. Asami T					
Fruticicola fruticum (Müller, 1774)	HBUMM01006, Lower Silesia Reserve Muszkowicki Las Bukowy near Henry Kow, Poland, coll. Wu M & Wiktor A, 1999-VI-26					
Helix pomatia Linnaeus, 1758	HBUMM05972a, Nyborg, Denmark. coll. Guo JY, 2003-V-15					
Karaftohelix middendorffi (Gerstfeldt, 1859)	HBUMM05924, Cypancebua, Russia, coll. Sayenko EM, 2002-IX-27					
Laeocathaica spp.	All known species, see Wu et al. 2023					
Mastigeulota kiangsiensis (Martens, 1875)	HBUMM04190, Badong, Hubei, China, coll. Wu M, Wu Q, Qi G, 2004-VIII-1					
Metodontia wenxianensis Chen & Zhang, 2004	HBUMM03335, Wenxian, Gansu, China, coll. Chen DN & Zhang GQ, 1998-V-17 (synonym: Metodontia bidentatus Wu & Prozorova, 2006)					
Nesiohelix moreletiana (Heude, 1882)	HBUMM00054, Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China, coll. Chen DN, 1979-VIII-12					
Nesiohelix sp.	HBUMM06873, Jiahe, Hunan, China, coll. Liu ZP, 2016-V-29					
Plectotropis sterilis (Heude, 1890)	HBUMM04568, Badong, Hubei, China, coll. Wu M, 2003-VIII-20					
Ponsadenia (Mesasiata) duplocincta (Martens, 1879)	HBUMM05886, Xinyuan, Xinjiang, China, coll. Wu M, Ayken A, 2002-VI-05					
Pseudiberus liuae Wu, 2017	HBUMM06759, Shijiba, Wenxian, Gansu, China, types, coll. Wu M, Xu Q & Buhda P, 2011-VI-10					
"Pseudobuliminus" piligerus (Möllendorff, 1899)	HBUMM05428, Wenxian, Gansu, China, coll. Wu M et al., 2006-IX-27					
Pseudobuliminus strigatus (Möllendorff, 1899)	HBUMM05773, Wenxian, Gansu, China, coll. Wu M, 2006-IX-28					
Pseudobuliminus subcylindricus (Möllendorff, 1899)	HBUMM04457, Wenxian, Gansu, coll. Chen DN & Zhang GQ, 1998-IV-27					
Pseudostegodera qiului Chen, 2021	IZCAS TM206978, holotype					
Satsuma guandi Zhang, Zhu & Lyu, 2019	HBUMM08239, Wenyuan, Shaoguan, Guangdong, China, coll. Yu D					
Satsuma uncopila (Heude, 1882)	HBUMM03296, Zhongshanling, Nanjing, China, coll. Wu M, 2000-V-1. HBUMM06839, Tangshan, Nanjing, China, coll. Xu Q, Wang SY & Hou L, 2012-VI-29					
Sinochloritis lii Wu & Chen, 2019	HBUMM08294, types					
Sinochloritis sp.	HBUMM04525, Lushui, Yunnan, coll. Chen DN, 1981-VI-5					
"Stilpnodiscus" entochilus Möllendorff, 1899	HBUMM00076, Jiuzhaigou, Sichuan, China, coll. Chen DN & Zhang GQ, 1998-V-18					
Traumatophora triscalpta (Martens, 1875)	HBUMM06875, Tianmushan, Zhejiang, China, coll. Zhou DK, 2016-V					
Trichobradybaena submissa (Deshayes, 1873)	HBUMM01504, Meitan, Guizhou, China, coll. Wu M, 2003-VIII-2					

The groups that do not have a mantle lobe are the following: "*Bradybaena*" in Central China, *Buliminidius* Heude, 1890, *Cathaica* Möllendorff, 1884, *Fruticicola* Held, 1837, *Metodontia* Möllendorff, 1886, *Pseudiberus* Ancey, 1887, *Pseudobuliminus* Gredler, 1886, *Stilpnodiscus* Möllendorff, 1899, and *Trichobradybaena* Wu & Guo, 2003 (Table 1).

Other groups of helicoids from Camaenidae, Hygromiidae and Helicidae, which are not included in the present phylogenetic study but have been anatomically examined, have mantle lobes as in Hygromiidae: *Angiomphalia* Schileyko, 1978; in Camaenidae: *Eueuhadra* Wu, 2004, *Mastigeulota* Pilsbry, 1894, *Ponsadenia* Schileyko, 1978, *Pseudostegodera* Wu & Chen, 2021, *Sinochloritis* Wu & Chen, 2019 (Wu et al. 2019b) and *Sinorachis* Wu & Chen, 2019 (Wu et al. 2019a); and in Helicidae: *Cepaea* Held, 1837 and *Helix* Linnaeus, 1758 (Table 1).

#### **Systematics**

Helicoidea Rafinesque, 1815 Camaenidae Pilsbry, 1895

#### Sinocamaena Wu, gen. nov.

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Chinese name. 中华坚螺属.

Type species. Sinocamaena cheni Wu, gen. et sp. nov.

**Diagnosis.** Shell depressed. Protoconch and teleoconch granulate. Protoconch strongly sculptured. Peristome expanded. Head wart low and tiny. Between the ommatophore insertions, a gland pore present. A mantle lobe present. Penial sheath absent. Epiphallus very short. Epiphallic papilla well developed. Flagellum absent.

**Description.** Shell depressed. Whorls slightly convex. Suture slightly impressed. Umbilicus broad. Protoconch with granules on strong radial sculpture. Peristome expanded. Adult shell surface without ribs, hairs or scales. Growth lines fine and evenly broken into granules on teleoconch. Shell with several thin bands above and beneath carina.

General anatomy. A small pore externally present between ommatophore insertions. Eversible head wart very weakly developed. A mantle lobe present.

Genitalia. Penial sheath absent. Penis externally without penial caecum. Pilasters inside penis low and weak. Epiphallus very short. Epiphallic papilla rather developed. Flagellum absent.

**Etymology.** This new genus is named after "sino" (= China) and "camaena" which is a camaenid genus that includes many large-sized helicoid species.

Distribution. China: Zhejiang.

**Remarks.** The new genus is conchologically close to many camaenids, such as *Camaena* Albers, 1850 and *Burmochloritis* Godwin-Austen, 1920, in having a large helicoid shell with multiple slender bands. In comparison to *Camaena* (sensu Schileyko 2003), the new genus has a strongly sculptured protoconch and an extremely short epiphallus (the part between penial retractor muscle insertion and vas deferens insertion), but has neither the axial corrugated pilasters within penis nor the flagellum. The new genus differs from *Burmochloritis* (Páll-Gergely et al. 2023) in the absence of the flagellum, the long cylin-

drical epiphallus, the penial caecum and the dart sac. Sinocamaena gen. nov. shares with Sinochloritis the possession of granules on the protoconch and the characters from both general and genital anatomy, including the presence of a visible gland pore between the ommatophore insertions, a mantle lobe, a well-developed epiphallic papilla and the absence of a penial sheath and a dart sac apparatus. Compared to Sinochloritis, the new taxon has neither a flagellum nor a long epiphallus with the cylindrical trunk, nor prominent penial pilasters. In terms of shell morphology, generally, the new genus looks different from any other Chinese indigenous camaenid genus. Regardless of the shell morphology, all the other Chinese camaenid genera having no dart sac apparatus, i.e., Amphidromus Albers, 1850, Landouria Godwin-Austen, 1918, Pancala Kuroda & Habe, 1949, Satsuma, Yakuchloritis Habe, 1955, Pseudostegodera and the above mentioned Sinochloritis, possess a well-developed flagellum in the male part of genitalia (table 1 in Wu 2023). The present phylogeny (Fig. 7) suggests that the new taxon is possibly the nearest relative of almost all the members of dart sac-bearing bradybaenines endemic to the South Gansu Plateau or Central China.

It is noteworthy that the taxa that are basal on the phylogram, i.e., *Nesiohelix*, *Traumatophora*, *Acusta*, *Bradybaena*, *Plectotropis*, *Aegista*, *Euhadra*, *Satsuma*, *Camaena*, have mantle lobes. In general, the camaenids from Central China constitute a monophyly that receives high support values (clade X in Fig. 7), in which all terminals have a dart sac apparatus but lack a mantle lobe. The extended study of mantle lobes in helicoids taken here suggests that the presence of the mantle lobe could be a widely distributed and possibly a plesiomorphic character in the superfamily Helicoidea.

#### Sinocamaena cheni Wu, gen. et sp. nov.

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#### Chinese name. 陈氏中华坚螺.

**Type material.** *Holotype*: a fully mature living snail, HBUMM08381-spec. 1, Zhangjiadi [张家地], Yunhe County [云和县], Lishui [丽水], Zhejiang Province; around oaks in remote forest, 27.974°N, 119.379°E, c. 820 m a.s.l., 2019-VIII, coll. Chen, Tian [陈天]; molecular voucher specimen HBUMM08381a. *Para-types*: five fully mature empty shells, HBUMM08381-spec. 2–6, same collection data as holotype; HBUMM08367, a fully mature living snail; Zhangjiadi, Yunhe County, Lishui, Zhejiang Province; oak woods, coll. Chen, Tian; molecular voucher specimen HBUMM08367a-1; HBUMM08382-spec. 1, a living snail that reared to maturity at laboratory, same collection data as holotype; a fully mature empty shell, HBUMM08370-spec. 1, Mihougu [猕猴谷], Fengyangshan [凤阳山], Longquan County [龙泉县], Lishui, Zhejiang Province; 27.897°N, 119.159°E, 1100 m a.s.l., 2019-VIII-26, coll. Ye, Shi-Han [叶诗涵].

**Measurement of holotype.** Shell height 19.2 mm, shell breadth 44.3 mm, aperture height 15.9 mm, aperture breadth 22.2 mm, embryonic shell whorls  $1^{1}/_{a'}$  whorls  $4^{5}/_{8}$ .

**Description.** Shell (Fig. 1) large, depressed. Whorls slightly convex. Suture shallowly impressed. Umbilicus broad with embryonic whorls visible, approximately one-fifth of shell major diameter. Bottom-umbilicus transition



Figure 1. *Sinocamaena cheni* Wu, gen. et sp. nov. A holotype, HBUMM08381-spec. 1 B paratype, HBUMM08382-spec. 1, reared to maturity in laboratory C, D HBUMM08381, holotype C shell apex D shell surface. Upper scale for A, B; lower scale for C, D.



**Figure 2.** *Sinocamaena cheni* Wu, gen. et sp. nov., paratype, HBUMM08382-spec. 1, a specimen reared to maturity in laboratory.

changed gently. Columella oblique or obliquely curved. Columellar lip slightly covering umbilicus. Protoconch evenly granulate with strong radial sculpture (Fig. 1C). Teleoconch granulate, without hairs, scales or spiral furrows (Fig. 1D). Peristome evenly expanded, minutely sinuate. Aperture oblique, slightly expanded. Body whorl large, straight in front, sharply carinate above periphery. Aperture without inner ring-like thickening. Peristome thin, in faint purple. Shell dull and brownish yellow, with many clear thin brown bands above and beneath carina. Measurements (types, N = 8): shell height 17.5–21.0 mm (18.7 ± 1.15 mm), shell breadth 41.2–46.8 mm (43.9 ± 1.89 mm), aperture height 14.2–16.8 mm (15.4 ± 0.86 mm), aperture breadth 20.6–23.8 mm (22.3 ± 1.34 mm), embryonic shell whorls  $1-1^{1}/_{4}$  (1.125 ± 0.1157 whorls), whorls  $4^{3}/_{8}-4^{5}/_{8}$  (4.531 ± 0.1108 whorls), shell height/breadth ratio 0.41–0.45 (0.43 ± 0.013).

General anatomy (Figs 2–4). Externally, a small pore present between ommatophore insertions. Eversible head wart surrounding the pore very weakly present. A



Figure 3. Sinocamaena cheni Wu, gen. et sp. nov., general anatomy A–C holotype, HBUMM08381-spec.1 A lobe-like structure near the anus+ pneumostome B mantle lobe on the left margin of mantle collar C anterior part of the animal, dorsal view, between ommatophore tentacles, showing the head gland where the pore/opening is not obvious D–H paratype, HBUMM08367-spec.1 D lobe-like structure near the anus+ pneumostome E mantle lobe on the left margin of mantle collar F dorsal view of anterior part of the animal, showing the pore among the contractive head gland G internal body wall of head, showing the head gland pore between the ommatophore tentacles H jaw, with basal muscle tissue remaining.

mantle lobe present. Tentacles and body in dark leaden-black; sole in color lighter than dorsal side. Jaw arcuate; with 12 more or less projecting ribs (Fig. 3H). Radula (HBUMM08367-spec. 1) comprises numerous transverse rows of teeth, each row containing approximately 131 teeth, 38+27+1+27+38. Central tooth symmetrically conic, without cuspid. Lateral tooth about more than two times larger than central tooth, strong conic medially, weakly uni-cuspid at both sides. Marginal teeth gradually changing from broadly tri-cuspid to tetra-cuspid (Fig. 4).



Figure 4. Sinocamaena cheni Wu, gen. et sp. nov. SEM photos. Paratype, HBUMM08367-spec.1 A section of radula, symmetry axis of radula arrowed B central teeth and lateral teeth; central teeth arrowed C lateral teeth D marginal teeth.

Genitalia (Figs 5, 6). Penial sheath absent. Penis club-shaped, swollen near insertion of penial retractor muscle. Penis externally simple, internally with numerous longitudinal arranged low projections like scales, which do not connect to each other into pilasters along the penial inner wall. Epiphallic papilla rather developed, on side of penial retractor muscle insertion with about several longitudinal pilasters which join apically. Epiphallus very short and stout, internally with a septum longitudinally dividing epiphallus into two separate chambers which one is empty and another one with about 10 pieces of high and low pilasters among which middle one is the strongest (Fig. 6). Flagellum absent. Membranous sac surrounding terminal genitalia absent. Dart sac apparatus absent. Vas deferens thin, slightly thickened near epiphallus. Vagina thick, subequal to penis in length. Bursa copulatrix duct thin, proximally not expanded. Measurement in holotype: P – 9.9 mm; Ep – 2.4 mm; VD – 19.4 mm; PR – 4.8 mm; Va – 7.2 mm; FO – 5.4 mm; BC plus BCD – 55.3 mm.

**Ecology.** This species was found in the litter layer in broad-leaved forest where oaks dominate (Fig. 8). However, the rediscovery of this species failed at one of the known localities (Zhangjiadi, Lishui) in April 2023.

**Etymology.** This new species is named in memory of Professor Chen De-Niu [陈德牛 Nov 1939 – March 2024], a known malacologist working on Chinese land molluscs. Prof. Chen was one of the doctoral supervisors for Wu M.

Distribution. Zhejiang (only from type localities: Yunhe, Longquan).



Figure 5. *Sinocamaena cheni* Wu, gen. et sp. nov., genitalia, holotype, HBUMM08381-spec.1 A general view of genitalia B exposed penis C exposed penial papilla.

**Remarks.** The new species and *Camaena vulpis* (Gredler, 1887) are superficially similar in having the densely and minutely granulate surface, numerous spiral thin bands and the general shape of shell. However, besides possessing a distinctly larger shell and a higher spire, the latter species has a totally differ-



**Figure 6.** *Sinocamaena cheni* Wu, gen. et sp. nov., holotype, HBUMM08381-spec.1. exposed penis and exposed penial papillae, showing cross-sections.

ent genital system, which has a long flagellum (HBUMM08664, Liannan [连南], Nature Reserve of Giant Salamander, Guangdong, China, 2023-VII, coll. Wang Chong-Rui [王崇瑞], Chen Hui [陈辉]). The new species can be promptly distinguished from all the other Chinese camaenid taxa in genitalia because of the absence of the dart sac apparatus and the flagellum.

The phylogenetic analysis suggested that the new species/genus and the taxa distributed in Central China are possibly close relatives (Fig. 7). For other comments see the genus.

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**Figure 7.** Maximum-likelihood phylogram based on the concatenated partial mitochondrial 16S and partial ITS2 sequences of East Asian camaenid species. The tree is rooted on *Helix pomatia*. Numbers near nodes indicate the Shimodaira and Hasegawa-approximate likelihood-ratios (SH-aLRT)/approximate Bayes test (aBayes)/ultra-fast bootstrap (IQ-TREE, maximum likelihood)/posterior probability (MrBayes, Bayesian inference). An asterisk on the branch indicates a clade with all well-supported values (SH-aLRT  $\geq$  80%, aBayes  $\geq$  0.95, BS  $\geq$  95%, PP  $\geq$  0.95). The broken branch indicates that the branch is shortened to exactly 1/2 the original length. Scale bar is for substitutions per site. Orange branches indicate where the BI tree topologically differs from the ML tree. Red dot/green dot indicates every terminal on that branch that has/has not a mantle lobe. An asterisk after the species name indicates that observation of the mantle lobe failed due to the bad condition of the specimen. The species under the genera in quotes are thought to be questionable generic assignments (Wu et al. 2023).



Figure 8. Habitat of Sinocamaena cheni Wu, gen. et sp. nov., Zhangjiadi, Yunhe County, Lishui.

# **Additional information**

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The authors have declared that no competing interests exist.

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