

First Cretaceous (Albian) invertebrate fossil assemblage from Batavia Knoll, Perth Abyssal Plain, eastern Indian Ocean: taxonomy and paleoecological significance

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Abstract.—The first sedimentary rocks from Batavia Knoll, on the western edge of the Perth Abyssal Plain, eastern Indian Ocean, have been recovered, yielding an assemblage of invertebrate fossils hitherto undocumented from this part of the world. The fauna consists of 22 species of Mollusca, including new gastropods, a calliotropid *Planolateralus acanthanodus* n. sp.; a margaritid *Igonoia levimargarita* n. sp.; a procerithiid *Procerithium arenacollicola* n. sp.; and aporrhoids *Drepanocheilus bataviensis* n. sp. and *Anchura pelsaerti* n. sp. In addition, pleurotomariid, ringiculid, and architectonicid gastropod taxa were recovered. Bivalves are represented by members of the Nuculanidae, Inoceramidae, Pinnidae, Buchiidae, Lucinidae, Veneridae, and Hiatellidae. Scaphopods (Dentaliidae) and ammonites (two taxa, of Desmocerotidae and Hamitidae) are also present. Further recovered were one species of Serpulidae (Polychaeta), two of Trachyleberididae (Ostracoda), and a probable echinoid fragment. The fossil assemblage was dominated by shallow marine suspension-feeding taxa (39% of the suite). Detritivorous and herbivorous taxa comprised 22% and 9%, respectively, with nekic and epifaunal carnivores amounting to 30%. Taphonomic analyses of these fossils and their host sedimentary facies revealed the Batavia Knoll sandstone was deposited in a shallow marine environment during a mass-flow event. Biostratigraphic range data of the preserved macro- and microfossil assemblages imply an age of latest Albian, contemporaneous with the rifting of Batavia Knoll from Greater India during the broader India–Australia–Antarctica breakup in the mid-Cretaceous.

Introduction

In late 2011, the Australian research vessel *Southern Surveyor* undertook dredging operations on a number of bathymetric highs (Batavia Knoll, Gulden Draak Knoll, and Dirk Hartog Ridge; Fig. 1) on the eastern Indian Ocean seafloor as part of long-term research led by the University of Tasmania and University of Sydney. The primary objective was to ascertain the nature of the knolls and obtain a greater understanding of the tectonic history of the Australia–India–Antarctica divergence, for which the Perth Abyssal Plain is the focus. As a result of these studies, Williams et al. (2013) determined the knolls were microcontinents, fragments of Greater India isolated during the separation of that plate from the Australian Plate. The steep northwestern scarp of Batavia Knoll was dredged (between -25.332° , 100.285° and -25.343° , 100.298° and depths of 2,870 to 2,730 m; Whittaker et al., 2013), and rock samples of sandstone were recovered therefrom, which proved to be fossiliferous and yielded the first paleontological suite from this region. This collection includes diverse assemblages of macro-invertebrates (Mollusca: Cephalopoda, Bivalvia, Gastropoda, Scaphopoda; Annelida; probable Echinodermata fragments), microinvertebrates (Ostracoda; Foraminifera), and terrestrially derived palynomorphs of spores and pollen. Substantial

segments of pholadoid-bored wood are also recorded, attesting to shallow habitats proximal to the shoreline. This paper documents the taxonomic composition and paleoecological significance of the mollusks, annelids, and other invertebrate fossils recovered from Batavia Knoll.

Repositories and institutional abbreviations.—Specimens described herein are housed at the Western Australian Museum (WAM), Perth, and are cataloged with the call number 15.IXX. Other institutions referenced in the text are the Sedgwick Museum (SM), Cambridge; the Geological Society of London Museum (GSL) and the Natural History Museum (NHM), London; and the Geological Survey of India Museum (GSI), Kolkata.

Geological and depositional setting

Batavia Knoll sits on the western limit of the Perth Abyssal Plain, approximately 1,600 km west of the Western Australian coast, the top at a depth of between 1,700 and 2,000 m below sea level (Fig. 1.2). Sedimentary samples recovered therefrom consist of a mixture of sandstone (medium-grained laminated to coarse-grained massive) facies. Those studied herein exhibited low textural maturity, being poorly sorted, having relatively large subhedral quartz (which dominated; ~80% framework

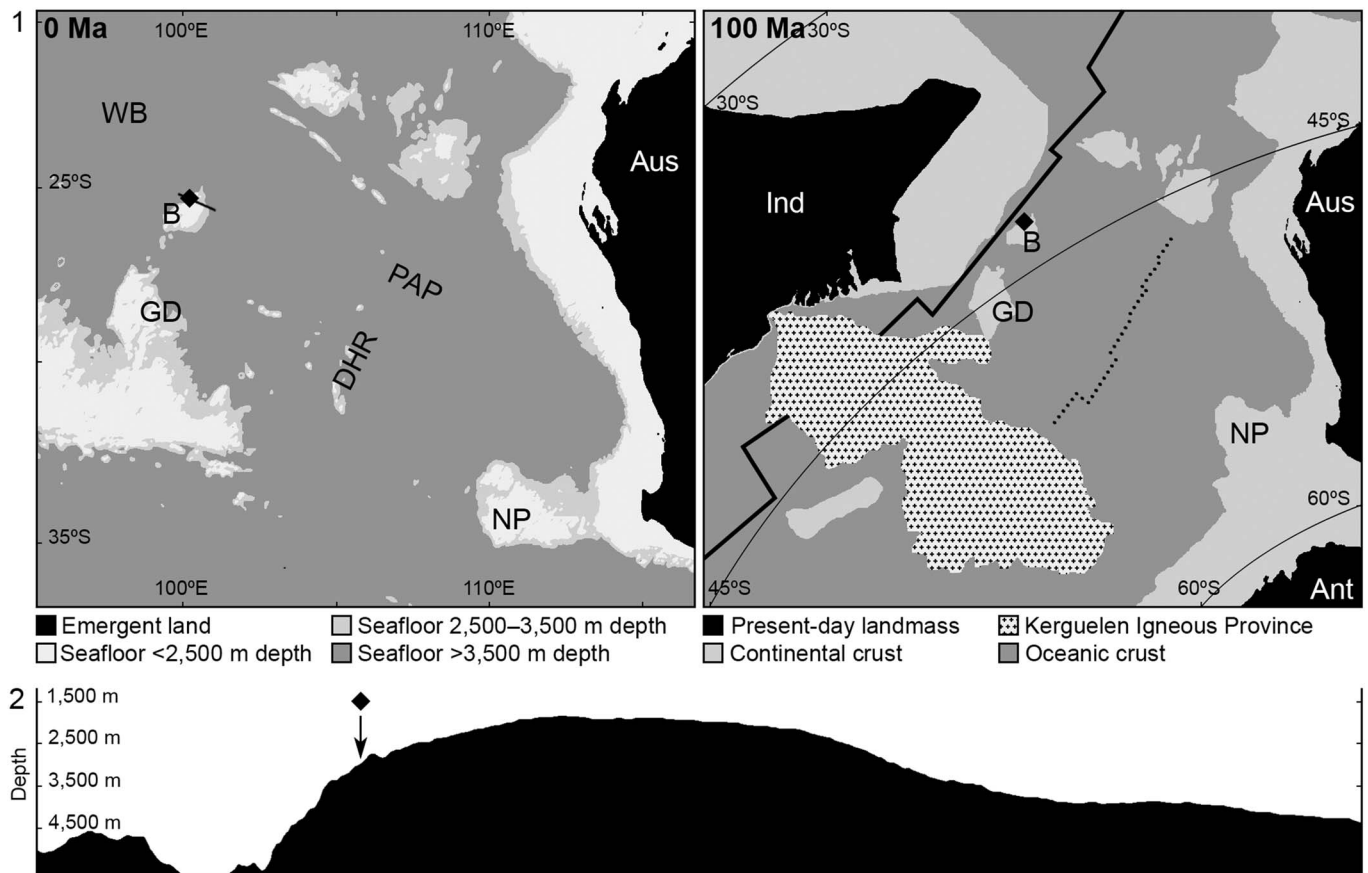


Figure 1. (1) Simplified bathymetric map showing features in and around the Perth Abyssal Plain (on left) and a reconstruction of the PAP region ca. 100 Ma (on right), with a fixed Australian reference frame (adapted from Gibbons et al., 2012). Black diamond marks the location of dredging; thin black line across knoll delineates profile; thick black line represents active spreading ridges; dotted black line indicates the extinct spreading center of the PAP. (2) East-west profile of Batavia Knoll, 5x vertical exaggeration. Aus = Australia; Ant = Antarctica; B = Batavia Knoll; DHR = Dirk Hartog Ridge; GD = Gulden Draak Knoll; Ind = India; NP = Naturaliste Plateau; PAP = Perth Abyssal Plain; WB = Wharton Basin.

composition), and smaller mica and feldspar framework grains supported by a micritic matrix. The sandstone is massive, and all fossils therein were arranged with haphazard orientations, with no bedding apparent. These fossils are primarily preserved as molds, indicating the rock was permeated by fluid, resulting in the dissolution of original, predominantly aragonitic, shell material through geologic time. Because all rocks were obtained from dredging operations, the relationship between the studied sample and other recovered lithological samples is unknown. Seismological surveys have not yet been conducted across the knoll to ascertain the subsurface structure of the rock units, though the presence of a few small half-graben basins has been inferred (Whittaker et al., 2013). Given the half-graben's similar size and orientation to basins on the Naturaliste Plateau, which is conjugate with southern Batavia Knoll, it is likely these depocenters were formed during the divergence of Australia–Antarctica from Greater India, a process that commenced ca. 132 Ma (Gibbons et al., 2012). A westward ridge jump of the spreading center between ca. 108 and 103 Ma resulted in the rifting of Batavia Knoll and Gulden Draak Knoll, further to the south, from Greater India and the opening of the Wharton Basin (Williams et al., 2013).

We surmise the separation of Batavia Knoll from its parent continent opened a narrow inlet between the two continental

blocks (at least one of which, and likely both, was subaerial), with restricted access to global oceanic currents. This supposition is founded on the level of endemism of Mollusca in the Batavia Knoll specimens, indicating poor dispersal capabilities of the marine fauna there. At least 22% of recovered mollusks (at species level) are newly described herein, a relatively high amount considering Batavia Knoll falls within a paleobiogeographic region whose fauna have been robustly studied since the 1840s (e.g., Forbes, 1846). Endemism here is also consistent with known patterns of provincialization resulting from East Gondwana breakup, though these tectonic and paleobiogeographic invertebrate patterns will be explored in a future article and are beyond the scope of this paper. It is into this embayment that the sandstones recovered from Batavia Knoll were deposited.

The poorly sorted, polymictic composition of the samples, together with the lack of sedimentary structures, indicates these rocks were formed during a mass-flow event, which propagated a short distance across the continental shelf before terminating in a shallow marine environment. Close proximity of the deposition site to the paleoshore is evidenced in the presence of a substantial quantity of wood fragments being recovered from the Batavia Knoll sandstone. The majority of these lignitic ‘clasts’ were heavily bored by pholadoid bivalves (assigned to

ichnospecies *Teredolites longissimus* Kelly and Bromley, 1984, and associated with the families Teredinidae Rafinesque, 1815 and Pholadidae Lamarck, 1809; see Fig. 4.14 in Systematic paleontology).

Age determination

The majority of macroinvertebrate taxa recovered from Batavia Knoll belong to long-ranging families, which are present throughout the Mesozoic and Cenozoic. The only families that do not exhibit this expansive range are those of the ammonites, which appeared in the Early Cretaceous—Desmocerotidae (which first appeared in the Valanginian) and Hamitidae (which arose during the Albian; Wright et al., 1996)—thus delimiting the maximum age for the associated strata to the Albian (Fig. 2). Numerous other taxa first appeared in the Albian, including the genera *Drepanocheilus* Meek, 1864, *Igonoia* Squires, 2011, and *Bhimaites* Matsumoto, 1954, which are recorded in Batavia Knoll deposits. *Nuculana socialis* Stoliczka, 1871 is only known from Albian to Cenomanian strata (Stoliczka, 1871; Berizzi and Busson, 1971). Furthermore, in his original description of the species, d'Orbigny (1843, p. 340) states that *Panopea inaequalis* is prevalent in, and characteristic of, Albian strata of France.

Aucellina gryphaeoides Sowerby, 1836 is not recorded below the base of the *Mortoniceras inflatum* Ammonite Zone in Europe (Lehmann et al., 2008), and *Bhimaites stoliczkai* Kossmat, 1898 is found to have a similarly timed first appearance datum there (Gale et al., 2011). Huang et al. (2012) dated the base of the *M. inflatum* zone to 103.94 Ma. The type specimen for *B. stoliczkai* was described from the Odiyam Member of the Karai Formation in southern India (Stoliczka, 1865), a unit that straddles the Albian–Cenomanian boundary (Sundaram et al., 2001). The temporal range of both these taxa extends only into the early Cenomanian (Mortner and Wood, 1983; Kennedy and Klinger, 2014), restricting the possible age to an approximately 6 Myr window. Further refinement comes with the extinction of *Planohamites* Monks, 2002 at the end of the Albian, 100.5 Ma (Monks, 2002; Gradstein et al., 2012).

The presence of these temporally restricted taxa resolves the age of the Batavia Knoll sandstone, constraining it to the late Albian and probably the early late Albian, ca. 103 to 101 Ma. This age estimation falls within the period of extension between Batavia Knoll and Greater India calculated by Williams et al. (2013). Given the sample site's location on the northwest edge of the knoll, an area conjugate with Greater India (and thus prior to separation a likely terrestrial environment), the genesis of this divergence allowed for the creation of marine conditions in the area, in which the Batavia Knoll fauna could inhabit shallow waters.

An Albian age of the Batavia Knoll sandstone is also supported by the microfossil taxa present. The two ostracod taxa recovered belong to the Trachyleberididae, an extant family with origins in the late Barremian (Karpuk and Tesakova, 2014) and thus present throughout the Albian. In addition, the genus *Spinoleberis* Deroo, 1966 has its first appearance datum in the mid-Albian. Foraminifera recovered are consistent with assemblages recorded by Scheibnerová (1972) during Leg 27 of the Deep Sea Drilling Program in the eastern Indian Ocean,

including the Perth Abyssal Plain. The benthic foraminiferal assemblages therefrom were deemed to be of late Albian age. This is consistent with preliminary calcareous microfossil analysis conducted by P. Quilty (personal communication, 2014). Reliable palynological data recovered from Batavia Knoll are extremely sparse (three spore-pollen grains only); investigation of it did not contradict a mid-Cretaceous age, but offered no further refinement.

Paleoecology

The fossil suite of Batavia Knoll encompasses four primary autecological groups: suspension feeders (both infaunal and epifaunal), grazers (epifaunal), deposit feeders (infaunal), and carnivores (epifaunal and nektonic). These data are summarized in Figure 3. Gastropod taxa account for 42% of the specific composition, and bivalves 31%. Cephalopoda and Ostracoda each account for 8% (with two representative taxa recovered), and Scaphopoda, Polychaeta, and probably Echinoidea, with one taxon apiece, make up 4% each of the rock's assemblage.

Suspension feeders account for 39% of the biota of the suite, represented by 10 genera (*Turritella*, *Parsimonia*, and all bivalves except *Nuculana*). Of these, the majority is infaunal, with only the serpulid and *Aucellina* occupying epifaunal niches. Most of the filter feeders obtained their nutrients singularly from suspension, though some potentially adopted a bimodal feeding habit. Modern turritellids are predominantly suspension feeders, but some species exhibit both detritivorous and grazing habits (Allmon, 1988; Allmon et al., 1992). They are here counted among the suspension feeders only.

Nuculanoid bivalves are known to obtain nutrients by sediment consumption (Bender and Davis, 1984), as are aporhaid gastropods (Barnes and Bagenal, 1952). According to Houbrick (1992) modern cerithiids graze on diatoms and microalgae, though his review of *Argyropeza* Melvill and Standen, 1901, the only extant genus of the Procerithiidae, indicates they are deposit feeders (Houbrick, 1980). Which characteristic is ascribable to fossil taxa is unknown; the cerithioid taxa herein (*Procerithium* and *Cirsocerithium*) are considered among the deposit feeders, totaling five species (22%) utilizing this feeding mode. The herbivorous, motile grazers are represented by the margaritid and calliotropid taxa.

Carnivores comprise the remainder of the recovered population (30%), represented by a pleurotomariid, two members of the Architectonicidae, a ringiculid, two ammonite taxa, and a single dentaliid species. The pleurotomariid and architectonicid gastropods were epifaunal, the dentaliid shallowly infaunal, and the two ammonites were highly active, nektonic predators.

The presence of bored wood fragments in the fossil record of Batavia Knoll is indicative of infestation by xylophagous bivalves, which inhabit and consume driftwood and other lignitic substrates (Sellius, 1733). Pholadoid bivalves can consume at least 60 cm³ in wood material per year per 100 individuals (Amon et al., 2015), suggesting that such substantial fragments of wood would not survive an extended period in marine conditions. Thus, due to their presence, the depositional site is likely in proximity to vegetated land. These autecological and paleoecological data strengthen the sedimentological

	APT.	ALBIAN	CENOMANIAN	TURO.
MOLLUSCA	~113		100.5	93.9
Bivalvia				
<i>Nuculana</i> sp. cf. <i>N. socialis</i> Stoliczka, 1871		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
<i>Inoceramus</i> sp.		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
Pinnidae gen. and sp. indet.		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
<i>Aucellina gryphaeoides</i> Sowerby, 1836		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
<i>Spondylus</i> sp.		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
<i>Astarte jugosa</i> (Forbes, 1846)		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
<i>Resatrix</i> sp.		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████*
<i>Panopea</i> sp. cf. <i>P. inaequalis</i> d'Orbigny, 1843		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
Gastropoda				
<i>Leptomaria?</i> sp.		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
<i>Planolateralus acanthanodus</i> n. sp.		████████████████████*	████████████████████*	████████████████████
<i>Igonoia levimargarita</i> n. sp.		████████████████████*	████████████████████*	████████████████████
<i>Procerithium arenacollicola</i> n. sp.		████████████████████*	████████████████████*	████████████████████
<i>Cirsocerithium</i> sp.		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
<i>Turritella</i> sp.		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
<i>Anchura pelsaerti</i> n. sp.		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
<i>Drepanocheilus bataviensis</i> n. sp.		████████████████████*	████████████████████*	████████████████████
<i>Avellana</i> sp. cf. <i>A. subincrassata</i> d'Orbigny, 1850		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
Architectonicidae? gen. and sp. indet.		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
<i>Pseudomalaxis?</i> sp.		████████████████████*?	████████████████████	████████████████████
Scaphopoda				
<i>Dentalium</i> n. sp.?		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
Cephalopoda				
<i>Bhimaites</i> sp. cf. <i>B. stoliczkai</i> Kossmat, 1898		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
<i>Planohamites</i> sp.		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
ANNELIDA				
Polychaeta				
<i>Parsimonia ootatoorensis</i> (Stoliczka, 1873)		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
ARTHROPODA				
Ostracoda				
Trachyleberididae gen. and sp. indet.		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
<i>Spinoleberis?</i> sp.		████████████████████?	████████████████████	████████████████████
ECHINODERMATA				
FORAMINIFERA				
Lagenida (Foraminifera incertae sedis)				
<i>Dentalina</i> sp.		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
<i>Lenticulina</i> sp.		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
<i>Saracenaria</i> sp.		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
Globothalamea				
<i>Lingulogavellina</i> sp.		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
<i>Gyroidinoides</i> sp.		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
<i>Hedbergella</i> sp.		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
<i>Planctostoma?</i> sp.		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
Tubothalamea				
<i>Triloculinella</i> sp.		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
PALYNOFLORA				
<i>Alisporites grandis</i> Dettmann, 1963		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
<i>Classopollis classoides</i> Pflug, 1953		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
<i>Podocarpidites</i> sp.		████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████

Figure 2. Taxonomic list of all taxa recovered from Batavia Knoll, showing mid-Cretaceous age ranges for each taxon and delimiting the age of the unit to the latest Albian. Asterisks indicate ranges established in this study. Apt. = Aptian; Turo. = Turonian. Absolute ages from Gradstein and Ogg (2012).

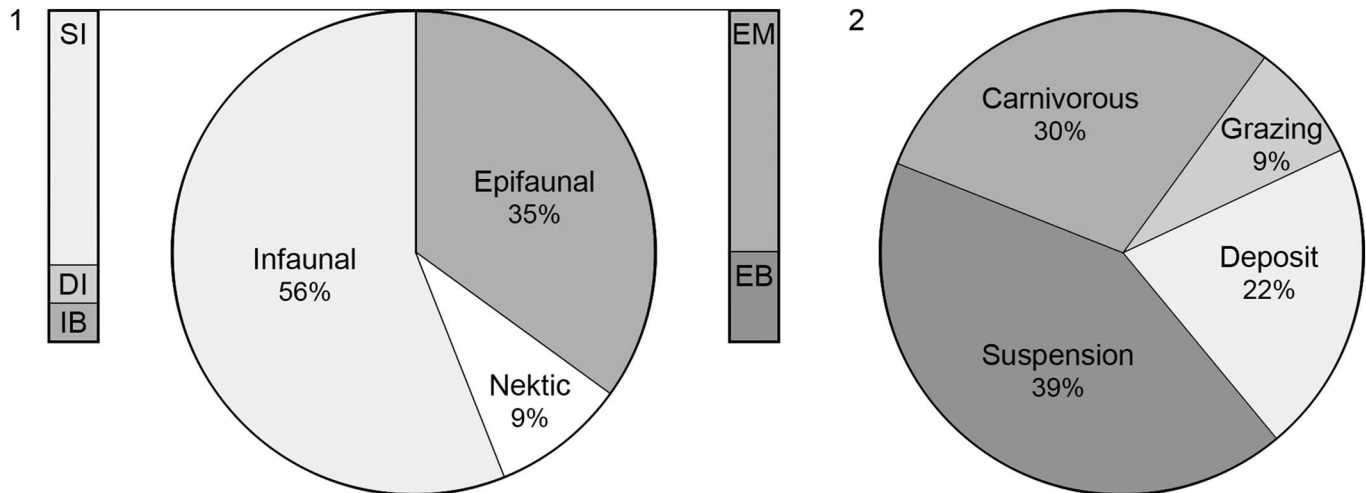


Figure 3. Pie and bar charts of the relative abundance of autecological groups within the Batavia Knoll fossil suite, excluding the recovered Ostracoda and probable echinoid. (1) Life habits. (2) Feeding mode. EB = epifaunal byssate; EM = epifaunal mobile; DI = deep infaunal; IB = semi-infaunal byssate; SI = shallow infaunal.

interpretation of the depositional site as a shallow marine environment. The ratio of carnivorous, detritivorous, and suspension-feeding taxa in the Batavia Knoll suite plot directly in the inner shelf environment in the trophic analysis model of Scott (1978). Further, the taxonomic composition and trophic structure of Batavia Knoll invertebrates can be estimated for the first time, providing insights into shallow marine Cretaceous habitats in a previously unstudied area of the planet.

Systematic paleontology

The majority of taxa are described from casts, taken using Pinkysill® Putty, a two-part silicone press putty. Bivalve taxonomic hierarchy follows Carter et al. (2011), and that of the gastropods follows Bouchet and Rocroi (2005), with addenda of relevant taxa from works post-2005.

Phylum Mollusca Linnaeus, 1758

Class Bivalvia Linnaeus, 1758

Subclass Protobranchia Pelseneer, 1889

Order Nuculanida Carter, Campbell, and Campbell, 2000

Superfamily Nuculanoidea Adams and Adams, 1858 (1854)

Family Nuculanidae Adams and Adams, 1858 (1854)

Genus *Nuculana* Link, 1807

Type species.—*Arca rostrata* Bruguière, 1789 (= *Arca pernula* Müller, 1779) by original designation.

Nuculana sp. cf. *N. socialis* Stoliczka, 1871

Figure 4.1, 4.2

1871 cf. *Nuculana socialis* Stoliczka, p. 323, pl. 17, fig. 13.

1971 cf. *Nuculana* (sensu stricto) *socialis*; Berizzi and Busson, p. 468, pl. 35, fig. 4.

Occurrence.—Northern Africa and southern India; Albian to Cenomanian.

Description.—Comparatively small shell for genus, but large for species (reconstructed length ~15 mm). Outline subovate; from beak anterior margin moderately declivous, until confluence with moderately convex ventral margin. Dorsoposterior margin not preserved. Inflation moderate. Ornamentation of at least 34 evenly spaced commarginal growth lines, which become more distinct toward the ventral margin. Umbonal region is almost smooth. Taxodont dentition comprises at least 10 small peg-like teeth along the anterodorsal margin.

Materials.—Single right valve mold and steinkern.

Remarks.—The length and posterior features of the specimen are unknown as the single recovered valve was inadvertently dissected by a rock saw during preparation of the rock. Whether it exhibits the cuneiform posterior habit of *N. socialis* is unclear and thus is left in open nomenclature. If this specimen is conspecific with *N. socialis*, it represents a very large individual of that species as its type material is a third of the size of this specimen (length 4.5 mm, height 2.9 mm; Kendrick and Vartak, 2007). Stoliczka (1871) notes it is a very common species around ‘Moraviatoor’ (now Maruvattur) in the Dalmiapurum Formation, Uttattur Group (late Albian; Sundaram et al., 2001) of southern India. Berizzi and Busson (1971) record *N.* (s.s.) *socialis* in Cenomanian strata of Djebel Zmertene, Tunisia.

Subclass Autobranchia Grobben, 1894

Infraclass Pteriomorpha Beurlen, 1944

Order Myalinida Paul, 1939

Superfamily Inoceramoidea Giebel, 1852

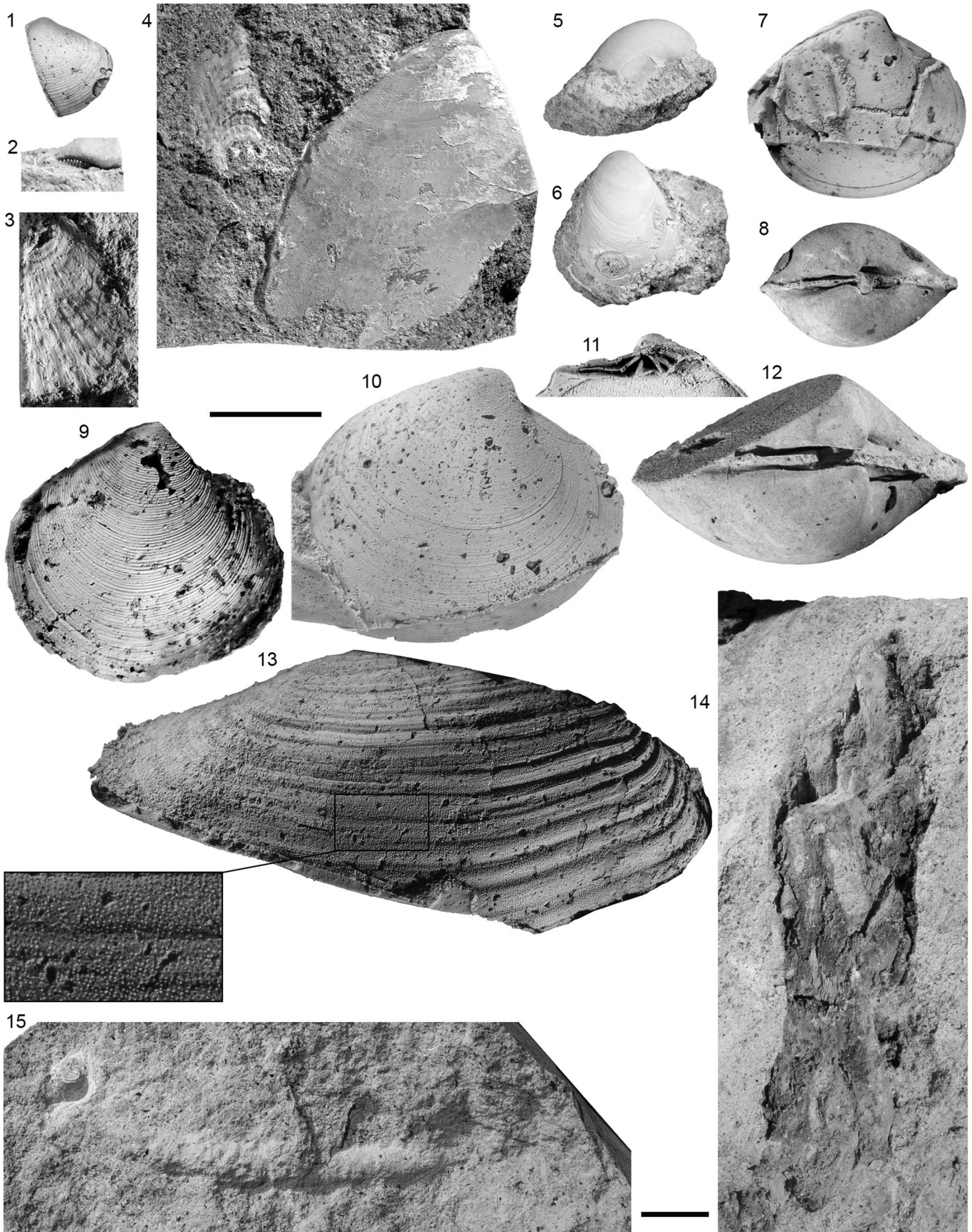
Family Inoceramidae Giebel, 1852

Genus *Inoceramus* Sowerby, 1814

Type species.—*Inoceramus cuvierii* Sowerby, 1814, by subsequent designation (Cox, 1955).

Inoceramus sp.

Figure 4.4



Description.—Shell small for genus, preserved length 22.8 mm. Anterior margin well rounded. Moderately inflated. Ornamentation of broad commarginal symmetrical rugae forming corrugations over entirety of shell, with two or three finer commarginal striations present in the interstacies. Poorly developed radial sculpture present, approximately two striae per millimeter across whole of shell disc, more distinct dorsally.

Materials.—One decorticated left valve fragment.

Remarks.—The shell margins of the recovered specimen are not preserved. Notwithstanding this, the preserved characteristics of the shell conform to those of a relatively small specimen of *Inoceramus*. It could be conferrable to *I. geinitzianus* Stoliczka, 1871 of southern India due to its dimensions (though that species can obtain lengths of 160 mm), degree of inflation, and broad rugose texture with finer interstitial threads (which Stoliczka, 1871, p. 407 states are compact and tightly spaced, a feature that may be obscured by the decorticated nature of the Batavia Knoll specimen). The fine radial sculpture, while not discussed by Stoliczka (1871) in his original description, is depicted in his figures of the species (pl. 27, fig. 5a). *Inoceramus geinitzianus* has been recorded from late Albian to late Turonian rocks in India (Stoliczka, 1871; Kendrick and Vartak, 2007).

Order Pterioidea Gray, 1847 (Goldfuss, 1820)
Superfamily Pinnoidea Leach, 1819
Family Pinnidae Leach, 1819

Pinnidae gen. indet. sp. indet.
Figure 4.4

Description.—Shell subtriangular in outline, relatively small for family (maximum measurable height 13.8 mm). Hinge and ventral margins are unknown, apical angle ~60°. Ornamentation of fine radial riblets, crossed by broad, widely spaced commarginal terraces.

Materials.—Two fragments preserving original shell material.

Remarks.—These specimens exhibit the characteristic trigonal wedge shape of Pinnidae but are quite short for the family. Both recovered specimens are fragmentary single valves.

Order Pectinida Gray, 1854
Superfamily Pectinoidea Rafinesque, 1815
Family Spondylidae Gray, 1826
Genus *Spondylus* Linnaeus, 1758

Type species.—*Spondylus gaederopus* Linnaeus, 1758, by subsequent designation (Schmidt, 1818).

Spondylus sp.
Figure 4.3

Description.—Shell small for genus. Outline obliquely broadly ovate to subtriangular. Anterior margin straight to merge with highly convex ventral margin. Umbo rounded, raised, delineated by angular ridge, which abruptly descends to shell margin. Ornament of evenly spaced coarse radial ribs, intermittently nodulate, with interstices approximately four times the width of the rib. The coarse ribs sometimes extend beyond the ventral margin of shell. Within the interstices three to five fine radial riblets are present. Slight concentric undulations result in a fine commarginal rugose texture.

Materials.—Two broken decorticated original shell fragments.

Remarks.—The ornament of these specimens is most closely akin to that of *Spondylus calcaratus* Forbes, 1846 (p. 155, pl. 18, fig. 2) from the Turonian to Santonian of southern India, though these specimens are much smaller than any recorded *S. calcaratus* and are not contemporaneous.

Superfamily Buchioidea Cox, 1953 (Fischer, 1886)
Family Buchiidae Cox, 1953 (Fischer, 1886)
Genus *Aucellina* Pompeckj, 1901

Type species.—*Avicula gryphaeoides* Sowerby, 1836 (non Sedgwick, 1829), by subsequent designation (Marwick, 1939).

Aucellina gryphaeoides Sowerby, 1836
Figure 4.5, 4.6

1836 *Avicula gryphaeoides* Sowerby, p. 335, pl. 11, fig. 3.
1893 *Avicula gryphaeoides*; von Strombeck, p. 490.
1901 *Aucellina gryphaeoides*; Pompeckj, p. 354, pl. 16, figs. 6–8.
1902 *Aucellina gryphaeoides*; Wollemand, p. 64, pl. 3, figs. 2, 3.
1905 *Aucellina gryphaeoides*; Woods, p. 72, pl. 10, figs. 6–13.
1936 *Aucellina gryphaeoides*; Rennie, p. 315.
1958 *Aucellina gryphaeoides*; Glaessner, p. 203, pl. 24, fig. 1, text fig. 2.

Holotype.—Lost. Neotype SM B21972 (Woods, 1905, pl. 10, fig. 6), selected by Morter and Wood (1983); Cambridge Greensand, England; early Cenomanian.

Occurrence.—Europe, northern Australia; Early Cretaceous (late Albian) to Late Cretaceous (mid-Cenomanian).

Description.—Moderately small for genus, maximum recorded height ~20 mm. Strongly prosocline in outline, highly inequivalved. Left valve strongly convex with projecting umbo and prosogyous beak. Right valve almost flat and sitting entirely within left valve, being suborbicular in outline. Dorsal margins of right valve subhorizontal until merging with convex, well-rounded anterior and posterior margins. Ornamentation of

Figure 4. Cretaceous Bivalvia recovered from Batavia Knoll. (1, 2) *Nuculana* sp. cf. *N. socialis* Stoliczka, 1871, WAM 15.120: (1) cast of right valve; (2) dorsal view of steinkern exhibiting taxodont dentition. (3) *Spondylus* sp., left valve, WAM 15.160. (4) Pinnidae gen. indet. sp. indet., WAM 15.106 (on left) and *Inoceramus* sp., WAM 15.105 (on right). (5, 6) *Aucellina gryphaeoides* Sowerby, 1836, left valves: (5) WAM 15.148; (6) WAM 15.150. (7, 8) *Resatrix* sp., WAM 15.130: (7) cast of right valve; (8) steinkern. (9) *Astarte jugosa* Forbes, 1846, cast of right valve, WAM 15.135. (10–12) *Resatrix* sp.: (10) cast of right valve, WAM 15.139; (11) cast of right valve detailing hinge dentition, WAM 15.126; (12) steinkern, WAM 15.104. (13) *Panopea* sp. cf. *P. inaequivalvis* d'Orbigny, 1842, cast of right valve, with inset showing shagreen texture (height of box 5 mm), WAM 15.137. (14) Oxidized wood fragment showing pholadoid *Teredolites longissimus* Kelly and Bromley, 1984 bore traces, WAM 15.153. (15) Probable venerid bivalve escape burrow traces, WAM 15.103. (1–13) Specimens coated with ammonium chloride. Scale bar = 1 cm; (1–13) use bar above 9, 10; (14, 15) use bar between them.

left valve is of thin commarginal growth lirae, widely spaced near to beak (one to three per millimeter) becoming coarser and more concentrated toward ventral margin (about six per millimeter). Fine radial sculpture on umbo, becoming rapidly indistinct. Right valve similarly adorned with radial striae.

Materials.—Numerous fragmentary original shell fragments, the majority of them preserving the beak, including two juvenile specimens, while some preserve the disc only.

Remarks.—All specimens of this species were of original shell material, predominantly found clustered near the exterior of the sandstone boulder. The majority of specimens were broken, with only the beak region of the left valve preserved in most cases. Many of the unidentifiable shell fragments found in the same area of the boulder likely belong to *Aucellina*. The only right valve recovered was from a single minute juvenile specimen. The paucity of right valves is possibly due to their smaller size and relatively flat profile, making them easier to overlook when examining the rock, or the fact that many of the preserved left valves have not been completely prepared out of the rock. Two juveniles and a subadult specimen were also found. The umbo and byssal ear/notch of right valve are often obscured due to sediment impediment, and the specimens are too small and fragile to clean further.

Aucellina gryphaeoides is an index species for late Albian to mid-Cenomanian strata throughout Europe (Morter and Wood, 1983).

Infraclass Heteroconchia Hertwig, 1895
Order Carditida Dall, 1889
Superfamily Crassatelloidea Férussac, 1822
Family Astartidae d'Orbigny, 1844
Subfamily Astartinae d'Orbigny, 1844
Genus *Astarte* Sowerby, 1817

Type species.—*Venus scotica* Maton and Racket, 1807 by original designation.

Astarte jugosa Forbes, 1846
Figure 4.9

1846 *Lucina jugosa*, Forbes, p. 142, pl. 17, fig. 7.

1871 *Grotriania jugosa*; Stoliczka, p. 289, pl. 10, figs. 12–14.

Holotype.—GSL R10593 (Forbes, 1846, pl. 17, fig. 7); 'Pondicherry,' southern India; Late Cretaceous. (Note: this specimen has been held by the NHM since 1911 [J. Todd, personal communication, 2016] but had not been formally registered within their collection at time of writing [March 2016], and thus does not yet have an official NHM number.)

Description.—Shell average size for genus (25 mm long). Outline suborbicular, slightly longer than high. Umbo is prominent, angular, and protruding. Posterior margin suborthogonal from beak to junction with highly convex ventral margin. Anterior margin slightly convex until merging with ventral margin. Low inflation (laterally compressed), suggesting both lunule and escutcheon are narrow. Ornamentation of ~95 regularly spaced

commarginal ribs, highly concentrated toward apex of umbo, strengthening ventrally.

Occurrence.—India; Early Cretaceous (middle Albian) to Late Cretaceous (Cenomanian).

Materials.—Single right valve.

Remarks.—There is a great need to revise the descriptions and taxonomic positions of superficially orbicular bivalves from southern India, as the majority of work done in this area was completed in the nineteenth century and has not undergone significant revision since. The specimen recovered from Batavia Knoll could be reasonably assigned to several genera. The lack of a distinct anterior abductor scar on the preserved specimen, however, precludes it from being considered a member of the Lucinidae, and it is likely to be an astartid.

Stoliczka (1871) recorded '*Grotriania jugosa*' from limestone near Odiyam in the Uttatur Group. The only limestone in the vicinity of Odiyam is the Dalmiapuram Formation of late Albian age (Sundaram et al., 2001). Forbes (1846) only gives the locality of his specimens as 'Pondicherry.' The Pondicherry subbasin, within Cauvery Basin, is dated between late Campanian to Maastrichtian and into the Paleocene (Sundaram et al., 2001). *Astarte jugosa* (as *Grotriania*) is noted as being in the Bagh Beds of central India (Chiplonkar, 1939), which have dated to the Cenomanian (Chiplonkar, 1941).

Order Cardiida Férussac, 1822
Superfamily Veneroidea Rafinesque, 1815
Family Veneridae Rafinesque, 1815
Subfamily Meretricinae Gray, 1847 (Gray, 1838)
Genus *Resatrix* Casey, 1952

Type species.—*Resatrix dolabra* Casey, 1952 by original designation.

Resatrix sp.
Figure 4.7, 4.8, 4.10–4.12

1871 cf. *Cytherea lassula* Stoliczka, p. 171, pl. 7, figs. 10–17.

Description.—Shell size typical for the genus; shell trigonally ovate to subcircular in outline, posterior and ventral margins convex, anterior margin subangular. Umbo prominent and projecting toward anterior. Inflation moderate. Escutcheon narrow, lunule shallow, almost absent. Ornamentation of at least 80 fine commarginal striations strengthening from almost smooth umbonal region to ventral margins. Heterodont dentition, right valve with narrow 3a and 1, strongly bifid 3b, anterior laterals AIII and AI elongate, posterior laterals absent. Dentition of left valve unknown.

Materials.—Numerous articulated (or almost so) molds and steinkerns.

Remarks.—This species is similar to bivalves described from the Ariyalur Group (Santonian to Maastrichtian; Sundaram et al., 2001) in southern India by Stoliczka (1871). He assigned them to *Cytherea* Lamarck, 1806, a genus since invalidated as a

junior homonym of a hexapod genus, and gave them the specific epithet *lassula*. Species within *Cytherea* were transferred into *Meretrix* Lamarck, 1799, though the general form of *Meretrix* is not consistent with the Batavia Knoll samples. Tapaswi (1987) assigned Stoliczka's *Cytherea* species to *Mesocallista* Cox, 1952. Dentition of Batavia Knoll specimens, however, places them within *Resatrix*, extending the temporal range of *Resatrix* from the early Albian (Casey, 1961) to the late Albian and potentially into the Cenomanian.

Order Hiatellida Carter in Carter et al., 2011
 Superfamily Hiatelloidea Gray, 1824
 Family Hiatellidae Gray, 1824
 Genus *Panopea* Ménéard de la Groye, 1807

Type species.—*Mya glycimeris* Gmelin, 1791, by subsequent designation (Schmidt, 1818).

Panopea sp. cf. *P. inaequalvis* d'Orbigny, 1843
 Figure 4.13

1843 cf. *Panopea inaequalvis* d'Orbigny, p. 340, pl. 358, figs. 5–7.

1949 cf. *Panopea inaequalvis*; Collignon, p. 25, pl. 4, fig. 1.

Occurrence.—Madagascar and France; Early Cretaceous (Albian).

Description.—Elongate to subquadrately shell, relatively small and narrow for genus. Posterior edge is elongated, with well-rounded, slightly gaping margins. Umbonal region is positioned about one-third of the way in from the obliquely truncated anterior margin. Moderate inflation. Ornamentation dominated by ~25 prominent, equally spaced commarginal ribs. These become broader and more widely spaced toward the ventral margin. Smaller commarginal striations present on the ridges and interstices of the larger better developed ribs. Entire surface of the shell textured with numerous, subequidistant, radial rows of minute tubercles.

Materials.—Single slightly disarticulated mold with steinkern preserved.

Remarks.—The identification of this specimen as *Panopea inaequalvis* is uncertain due to the unusual microtuberculate texture found across the disc of the shell. Extensive texture of this nature is not a feature before observed in the Hiatellidae, and the only microtuberculate ornamentation recorded for the family is on the juvenile dissoconch of *Hiatella (Pseudosaxicava)* Chavan, 1952 from the mid-Jurassic of Europe (Schneider and Kaim, 2011). Otherwise, this specimen conforms well to the characteristics of *P. inaequalvis*, with the possible exception of not having quite so abrupt truncations of its anterior and posterior margins, as observed in some individuals of this species.

Class Gastropoda Cuvier, 1795
 Subclass Vetigastropoda von Salvini-Plawen, 1980
 Superfamily Pleurotomarioidea Swainson, 1840

Family Pleurotomariidae Swainson, 1840
 Genus *Leptomaria* Eudes-Deslongchamps, 1864

Type species.—*Pleurotomaria amoena* Eudes-Deslongchamps, 1849 by original designation.

?*Leptomaria* sp.
 Figure 5.1, 5.2

Description.—Last whorl of average size for the family, 40.7 mm in diameter. Last whorl is subcircular, and the large central void (umbilicus) is suggestive of a strongly phanero-omphalous shell when complete. Whorl profile is slightly convex, with rounded periphery. No ornamentation is discernible, apart from possible weak orthocline growth lines.

Materials.—Single fragmentary last whorl mold.

Remarks.—This specimen is provisionally assigned to *Leptomaria* due to its convex, rounded whorl margins. Other pleurotomariid genera usually exhibit greater angularity in their whorl margins. The lack of external sculpture, including the position and form of the selenizone, prohibits more specific identification. Given the fragility of the shells of this family, it is reasonable to assume that the gastropod shell broke apart, perhaps during the mass-flow event that created the Batavia Knoll sandstone, leaving this whorl isolated and fractured.

According to a review of the genus by Monari and Gatto (2013), *Leptomaria* ranged from the Aalenian (Middle Jurassic) to lower Cenomanian (Late Cretaceous) in Europe, from the Pliensbachian to Toarcian (Early Jurassic) in Argentina, and was found during the Callovian (Middle Jurassic) in southern India.

Superfamily Eucycloidea Koken, 1896
 Family Calliotropidae Hickman and McLean, 1990
 Genus *Planolateralus* Sohl, 1960

Type species.—*Calliomphalus argenteus* Wade, 1926 by original designation.

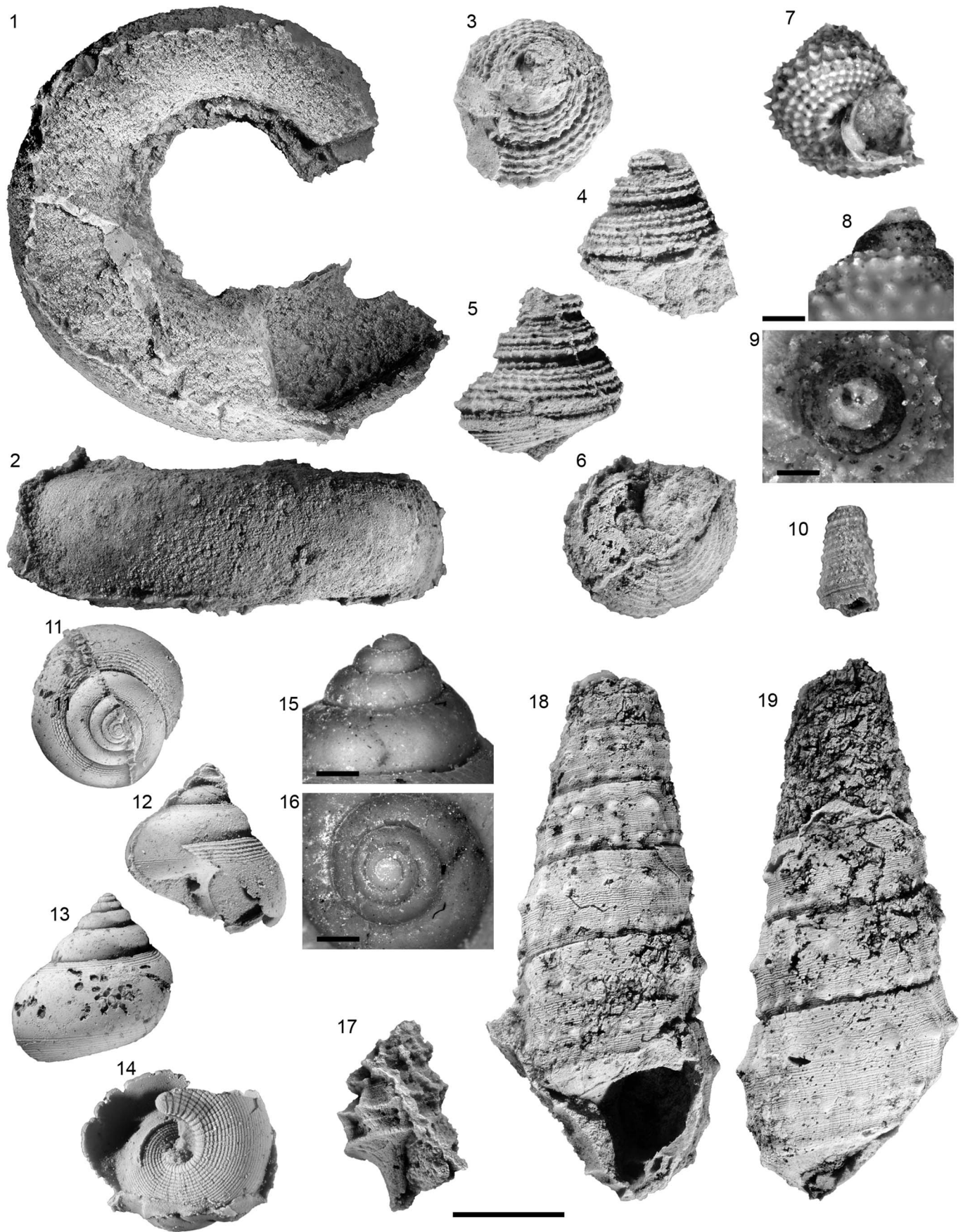
Planolateralus acanthanodus new species
 Figure 5.3–5.9

Holotype.—WAM 15.143, an external mold; Batavia Knoll, eastern Indian Ocean; late Albian.

Diagnosis.—Large *Planolateralus*, with deep, channeled sutures; whorls ornamented by up to six sharply nodulate spiral ribs, the fifth of which (from the apical suture) is dominant.

Occurrence.—Batavia Knoll, eastern Indian Ocean; Early Cretaceous (late Albian).

Description.—Trochiform shell, large size for genus (reconstructed height ~17 mm), of at least three teleoconch whorls, sides straight to slightly convex. Protoconch not preserved. Early whorls slightly convex, becoming slightly uni- to biangular on appearance of spiral ornament (two riblets) on second



preserved whorl. Narrowly phaneromphalous. Spiral angle of 54°. Sutures deeply channeled, angled at 12°. Teleoconch sculpture consists of strong spiral nodulate ribs, three per whorl in early whorls (central rib strongest), increasing to six per whorl by penultimate whorl. Interstices subequal in width to spiral ribs, devoid of spiral ornament. On later whorls, two spiral ribs (third and fifth from apical suture) maintain greater strength than others until last whorl when third rib weakens to be of equal strength with others; fifth rib remains dominant. Ribs obliquely crossed by strong prosocline growth lines. Last whorl develops an abapical weak nodulate keel, demarcating the slightly convex base. Base ornamented by at least nine equidistant spiral cords on adult shell; juvenile shell possesses three beaded spiral cords on base, crossed by numerous fine axial threads (growth lines). Umbilicus narrow, with crenulated margin, interior of umbilicus ornamented with evenly spaced axial riblets. Aperture rounded to subquadrate, inner lip smooth, columella slightly twisted.

Etymology.—From Latin *acanthus* (spine) and *nodus* (knot/node), referring to the shell's sharp nodulate ornamentation.

Materials.—Single entire mold and fragment of adult shell, six molds of juvenile shells.

Remarks.—Of congeneric taxa, *Planolateralus acanthanodus* is probably most similar to *C. argenteus* Wade, 1926 (p. 179, pl. 55, figs. 4–7, 11), particularly the subspecies *C. (P.) argenteus spinosum* Sohl, 1960 (p. 56, pl. 5, figs. 19, 23–25), from the Ripley Formation (Maastrichtian) of Tennessee. *Planolateralus argenteus spinosum* bears a well-developed, stronger, nodulate spiral rib near to the abapical suture on its later whorls, consistent with *P. acanthanodus*. The Batavia Knoll species, however, has deeper interstices between the spiral cords and displays sharper nodes than either Wade's or Sohl's figured specimens.

It is probable that the reduced sharpness of the spiral nodes in the adult shell herein, and the corded yet apparently unnoded base, are the result of cumulative abrasion over the life of the snail. It is also possible that these features are due to taphonomic factors.

Superfamily Trochoidea Rafinesque, 1815

Family Margaritidae Thiele, 1924

Genus *Igonoia* Squires, 2011

Types species.—*Igonoia onoensis* Squires, 2011 by original designation.

Igonoia levimargarita new species

Figure 5.11–5.16

Holotype.—WAM 15.114, an external mold; Batavia Knoll, eastern Indian Ocean; late Albian.

Diagnosis.—Large *Igonoia*, bearing up to seven fine beaded ribs on apical surface (subsuture) of whorls; whorl sides smooth or displaying subtle prosocline growth lines.

Occurrence.—Batavia Knoll, eastern Indian Ocean; Early Cretaceous (late Albian).

Description.—Shell large for genus at an average of ~14 mm high, turbiniform, and phaneromphalous. Protoconch conical with one to two convex whorls. Five to six convex whorls in teleoconch. Spire 45% to 50% of total shell height. Pleural angle 80° to 81° and sutural angle 9° to 10°. Sutures impressed, slightly canalliculate. Protoconch and early teleoconch whorls devoid of sculpture; ornamentation begins about fourth whorl with two subsutural spiral ribs of equal strength. The number of subsutural ribs increases with growth, seven present on last whorl. Spiral ribs weaken anteriorly and become rapidly indistinct, leaving whorl sides almost smooth apart from weak prosocline growth lines. Intersection of growth lines and ribs results in beaded texture. Ornament on base consists of ~20 closely spaced spiral ribs, becoming broader and beaded toward umbilicus, resulting in cancellate texture. Umbilicus wide and deep, ornamented with faint reticulated texture. Rim of umbilicus angular and demarcated by moderately strong crenulate spiral rib. Aperture subcircular with thin outer lip.

Etymology.—From Latin *levis* (fine/delicate) and *margarita* (bead/pearl), referring to the subtle, weakly developed beaded ornamentation on the teleoconch whorls.

Materials.—Three external molds.

Remarks.—The species described here is most similar to the late Albian species *Igonoia kieli* Squires, 2011, of which it is undoubtedly phylogenetically allied. The specimens recorded by Squires (2011) in his description of that species are generally smaller than the ones here—no more than 9 mm in height and slightly wider than high. Specimens from Batavia Knoll are marginally taller than wide and reach a reconstructed height of almost 18 mm, though average approximately 14 mm. The ornamentation of the Batavia Knoll specimens is subtler than that of the specimens recorded by Squires (2011) and consists of a greater number of spiral ribs. These specimens also do not exhibit the concave ramp of *I. kieli*. The pleural angle of these specimens is also sharper (81° compared to *I. kieli*'s 87°). The differences here, as well as the paleogeographic distance between recorded species in northwestern North America and the eastern Indian Ocean, warrant the erection of a new species within *Igonoia* for the Batavia Knoll specimens.

Subclass Caenogastropoda Cox, 1960
Superfamily Cerithioidea Fleming, 1822

Figure 5. Cretaceous Gastropoda recovered from Batavia Knoll. (1, 2) ?*Leptomaria* sp., WAM 15.102: (1) apical view; (2) adapertural view. (3–9) *Planolateralus acanthanodus* n. sp.: (3–6) adult specimen, WAM 15.143: (3) apical view; (4) apertural view; (5) adapertural view; (6) abapical view. (7–9) Oblique view of juvenile specimen, WAM 15.177: (7) showing basal ornamentation, umbilicus, and aperture details; (8, 9) detail of protoconch. (10) *Turritella* sp., apertural view, WAM 15.154. (11–16) *Igonoia levimargarita* n. sp. (11, 12) WAM 15.114: (11) apical view; (12) apertural view. (13) Adapertural view, WAM 15.132. (14) Abapical view, WAM 15.144. (15, 16) Detail of protoconch, WAM 15.132. (17) *Cirsocerithium* sp., apertural view, WAM.147. (18, 19) *Procerithium arenacolicola* n. sp., WAM 15.136: (18) apertural view; (19) adapertural view. All specimens are casts and coated with ammonium chloride. (1–6, 11–14, 18, 19) Scale bar = 1 cm; (8, 9, 15, 16) scale bars = 1 mm; (7, 10, 17) scale bar = 5 mm.

Family Procerithidae Cossmann, 1906
 Subfamily Procerithiinae Cossmann, 1906
 Genus *Procerithium* Cossmann, 1902

Type species.—*Procerithium quinquegranosum* Cossmann, 1902 by original designation.

Procerithium arenacollicola new species
 Figure 5.18, 5.19

Holotype.—WAM 15.136, cast and external mold (with spire broken and steinkern preserved); Batavia Knoll, eastern Indian Ocean; late Albian.

Diagnosis.—Average- to moderately large-sized procerithiid ornamented with two smooth, pointed, nodulate spiral ribs, located centrally and abapically on the whorl, asymmetrically aligned, with fine spiral striae between.

Occurrence.—Batavia Knoll, eastern Indian Ocean; Early Cretaceous (late Albian).

Description.—High-spined turritiform shell composed of at least seven slightly convex whorls with a spiral angle of 18° to 20°. Average sized for genus (reconstructed height ~65 mm). Suture weakly impressed and canaliculate, almost flush, with angle of 9° to 10°. Ornamentation of two nodulate spiral ribs; one central and one abapical near the suture, with fine secondary interstitial spiral striations (approximately four per millimeter) between. Tubercles pointed and devoid of sculpture. Nodules on central rib markedly stronger than those lower on whorl. Tubercles asymmetrically aligned. Base of last whorl exhibits additional, slightly tuberculated rib, forming a weak keel. Aperture not well preserved, though appears subcircular with slight angular margins. Anterior canal missing. Apex broken in all specimens, inhibiting protoconch description.

Etymology.—From Latin *arena* (sand), *collis* (hill), and *incola* (resident), referring to both its sandy-substrate life environment and preservation in sandstone on Batavia Knoll.

Materials.—Four external molds, two almost complete and two fragmentary.

Remarks.—The generic assignment of this species is difficult, as no specimen recovered preserves the protoconch. In terms of gross morphology, it is closest to either *Procerithium* Cossmann, 1906 or *Cryptaulax* Tate, 1869, two genera whose similarity is so great that it has been suggested they were based on the same species (Bandel, 2006). Ferrari (2012) argues, however, that certain distinctions can be made between the genera. In the absence of a protoconch, we rely on the diagnostic patterns of teleoconch ornamentation, as described by Ferrari (2012), to place this species within *Procerithium* according to the following criteria: the shell is nonturriculate in outline; axial ornamentation is not well developed on the teleoconch and disappears in mature whorls; and the ornamentation of mature whorls is spiral, noded, and includes distinct secondary spiral striae.

This species appears similar to the rare *Cerithium limbatum* described by Stoliczka (1868, p. 194, pl. 15, figs. 13, 14; non Deshayes, 1864) from the Ariyalur Group (Santonian to Maastrichtian) of southern India. *Cerithium limbatum* possesses two nodulate ribs of even strength, unlike the differing strength of ribs on this specimen. It also exhibits stronger axial ornamentation and a slightly undulating suture. Considering Stoliczka's (1868) specimens were recovered from Upper Cretaceous strata, it is possible the species described here is ancestral to *C. limbatum*. The ornamentation of this species is similar to ?*Metacerithium* sp. of Kiel and Bandel (2004, p. 118, fig. 7C) from the Cenomanian of Germany, which may be conspecific with *C. limbatum* from India and thus may indicate that this species belongs in Campanilidae Douvillé, 1904.

Subfamily Paracerithiinae Cossmann, 1906
 Genus *Cirsocerithium* Cossmann, 1906

Type species.—*Cerithium subspinosum* Deshayes in Leymerie, 1842 by original designation.

Cirsocerithium sp.
 Figure 5.17

Description.—Slightly small for genus (height 7.8 mm), high-spined shell composed of three biconcave, uniaxial whorls. Spiral angle 44°. Sutures impressed. Ornamentation of strong, evenly spaced prosocline axial ribs and a prominent single spiral carina. Sharp nodules at intersection of axial and spiral sculpture. Secondary spiral ribs present midway between central carina and sutures, marginally stronger on adaxial half of whorl, and abutting sutures. Last whorl possesses strong peribasal keel. Base strongly concave and adorned with sigmoidal axial lirae, connecting to axial ribs on teleoconch, and fine spiral striations. Aperture obliquely ovate, descending into a short, straight anterior canal.

Materials.—Single external mold.

Remarks.—The Batavia Knoll specimen differs from other *Cirsocerithium* by the strength of its peribasal keel (usually far more moderate) and concavity of its base (normally ranging from weakly convex to concave). It also possesses fewer teleoconch whorls (three, compared to the typical five or more) than other species in the genus. Its ornament is similar to the type species, *C. subspinosum*, though it has far fewer secondary spiral cords and the nodules on the whorls are much sharper than seen in *C. subspinosum*. Regarding the basal characteristics, *C. collignoni* Kiel, 2006 (p. 459, fig. 3.11–3.14) is nearest in form to the species described here, possessing a relatively sharp keel and concave base. The ornamentation of *C. collignoni*, however, differs too significantly for it to be considered conspecific.

Superfamily Turritelloidea Lovén, 1847
 Family Turritellidae Lovén, 1847
 Genus *Turritella* Lamarck, 1799

Type species.—*Turritella terebra* Linnaeus, 1758, by monotypy.

Turritella sp.
Figure 5.10

Description.—Small, high-spired turritiform shell composed of at least three orthogonal whorls with a spiral angle of ~12°. Suture flush to slightly impressed. Ornamentation of four evenly spaced spiral ribs; abapical cord, abutting suture, is unadorned, all others weakly nodulate; second from abapical suture is marginally stronger than other nodulate ribs (all of which are stronger than anteriormost rib); fine secondary unnoded spiral striations in interspaces. Tubercles asymmetrically aligned. Apex and later whorls unknown.

Materials.—Single fragmentary mold.

Remarks.—Only three minute volutions of a single individual of this species have been recovered from Batavia Knoll. Several mid-Cretaceous *Turritella* species bear nodulate ornamentation, so without a more complete specimen or better preservation, it is difficult to assign the species here to any one previously documented with any conviction. It is probably most similar to *T. infralineata* Gabb, 1864, from the late early Albian of northern California. The Batavia Knoll specimen exhibits weakly noded spiral ribs with relatively wide interspaces containing unadorned riblets, features seen in *T. infralineata*. The spire angle of the specimen here (12°) is similar to that of *T. infralineata* (11°). It differs in the strength of ribs across the whorl, however, particularly those abutting the sutures. According to Squires and Saul (2006), the posteriormost rib is of equal strength to the others in *T. infralineata*, whereas in the specimen here it is somewhat reduced.

Order Littorinimorpha Golikov and Starobogatov, 1975
Superfamily Stromboidea Rafinesque, 1815
Family Aporrhaidae Gray, 1850
Genus *Anchura* Conrad, 1860

Type species.—*Anchura abrupta* Conrad, 1860 by monotypy.

Anchura pelsaerti new species
Figure 6.1–6.4

Holotype.—WAM 15.113, cast and external mold; Batavia Knoll, eastern Indian Ocean; late Albian.

Diagnosis.—Small *Anchura* possessing unique adapertural digitation on rear of wing; teleoconch ornamented with both spiral and radial elements, the latter diminishing abapically, and the former characterized by a strong subcentral carina between weaker cords.

Occurrence.—Batavia Knoll, eastern Indian Ocean; Early Cretaceous (late Albian).

Description.—Strongly alate aporrhaid, small for genus (maximum height 32 mm). Spiral angle 35°. Sutures impressed. Protoconch unknown. Inflation moderate and relatively uniform from early teleoconch whorls to last whorl. Growth lines prosocline and opisthocyrt below whorl midpoint, and opisthocline

and opisthocyrt above. Last whorl strongly biangulate, bearing strong subcentral smooth carina and equally strong peribasal keel above onset of strong basal constriction. Ornament of last whorl consists of three secondary spiral cords, two above and one below the subcentral carination; below peribasal keel, whorl is ornamented with ten subequally spaced spiral threads. Moderately high spire of six convex whorls, occupying approximately 45% of total height. First visible whorl smooth, later spire whorls bear reticulate ornament. Transverse element consists of subequidistant ribs, arising on second visible whorl, decreasing in strength anteriorly, becoming obsolete on penultimate whorl. Spiral element primarily consists of a strong subcentral cord and slightly weaker cord midway between subcentral cord and abapical suture. Secondary spiral ornament of three subequally spaced weak cords posterior to subcentral carination, and a single cord adjacent to abapical suture. Smooth between cords, no interstitial threads. Aperture elongate and teardrop shaped, rounded posteriorly and drawn out into a long, narrow anterior canal, which follows left-curving rostrum. Inner lip with moderately thick callus pad, slightly raised from last whorl at apical limit, forming thin ridge to posterior of aperture. Outer lip slightly callused, expanding to a strongly adaxially developed wing. Wing does not encroach on penultimate whorl and extends orthogonally into an elongate spur reinforced by the spiral carination of the body, with a corresponding incised groove on the interior surface. Shaft divides into two thin spurs approximately 5 mm along length (in type), with posterior spur curving apically. Both spurs are broken, so extent and habit unknown. Minor rounded digitation occurs on the outer lip, approximately halfway between spur and rostrum, projecting anteriorly. Adapertural surface of wing possesses additional short (approximately 2 mm in length on type) blunt projection, formed at the junction of the peribasal keel of the body and ridges running from the rostrum and along base of shaft. Abapical and adaxial of this digitation, between the basal spur ridge and rostral ridge, the wing is devoid of ornamentation.

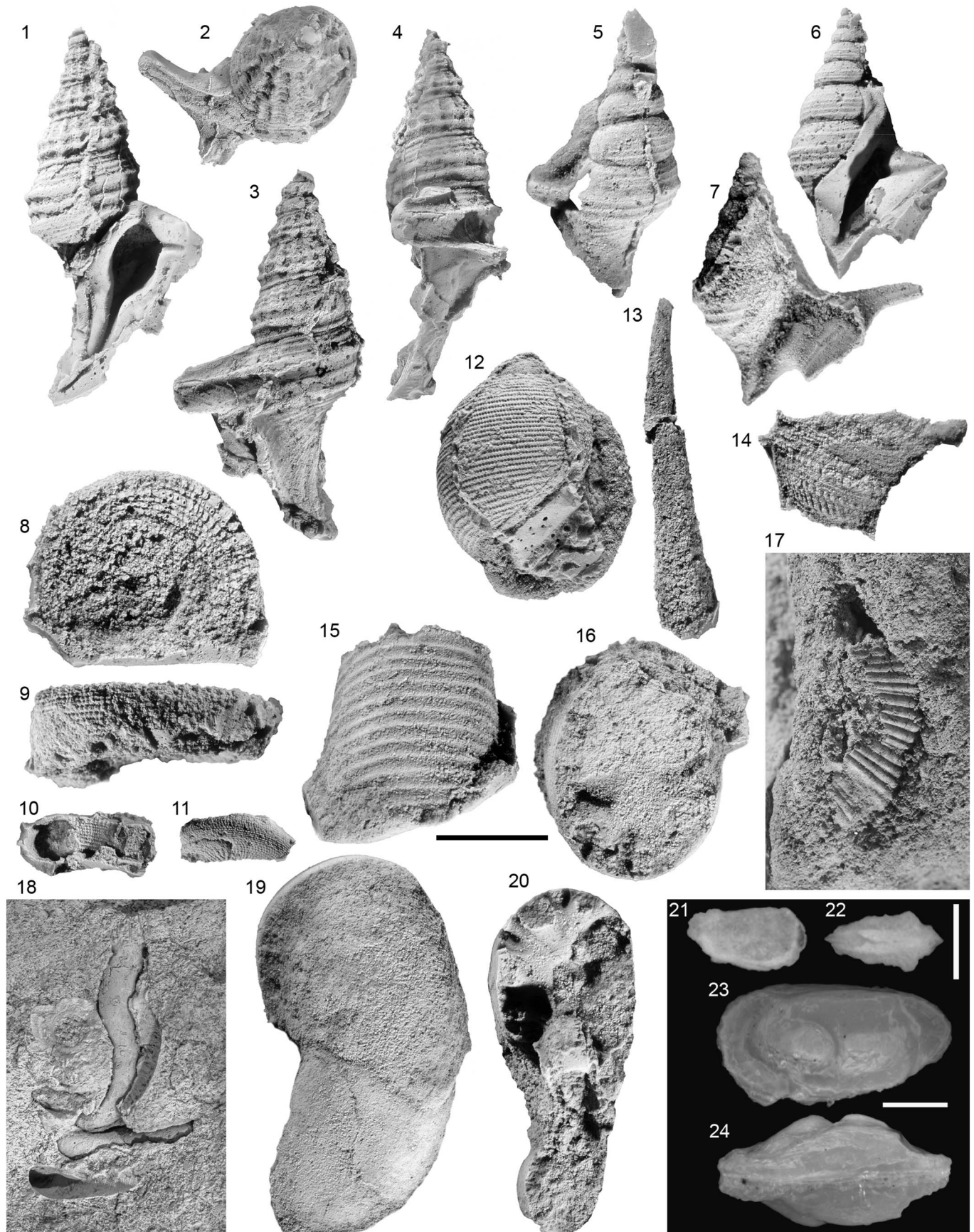
Etymology.—For Francisco Pelsaert (d. 1630), commander of the Dutch East India Company trading ship *Batavia*, for which the knoll is named.

Materials.—Single external mold, designated holotype.

Remarks.—A single specimen was recovered in good preservation state. Ornamentation of this species is not perfectly comparable to any currently described species of *Anchura*, and the third, adaperturally projecting digitation is not previously recorded for the genus. Among smaller *Anchura* species, it is probably closest in morphology to the early Campanian *A. halberdopsis* Elder and Saul, 1996 (p. 384, fig. 3.1–3.4), from which it differs by the spiral, rather than nodulate, sculpture on the body whorl, the penultimate whorl-encroaching wing, and the digitation pattern on the wing.

Genus *Drepanocheilus* Meek, 1864

Type species.—*Rostellaria americana* Evans and Shumard, 1857 (= *Drepanocheilus evansi* Cossmann, 1904) by original designation.



Drepanocheilus bataviensis new species

Figure 6.5–6.7

Holotype.—WAM 15.112, cast and external mold; Batavia Knoll, eastern Indian Ocean; late Albian.

Diagnosis.—Small *Drepanocheilus* possessing fine spiral sculpture and devoid of axial ornamentation.

Occurrence.—Batavia Knoll, eastern Indian Ocean; Early Cretaceous (late Albian).

Description.—Small for genus (height of reconstructed shell maximum 25 mm), shell moderately thick, strongly alate. Spiral angle 35° to 38°, sutural angle 9°. Sutures impressed. Protoconch unknown. Teleoconch inflation moderate and uniform to last whorl. Growth lines shallowly opisthocline. Last whorl strongly uniangulate, bearing strong subcentral non-tubercle-bearing carina, and poorly developed peribasal keel just below carina and above onset of strong basal constriction. Last whorl ornamented with at least 10 spiral cords, decreasing in strength away from carina. Spire relatively high, occupying approximately 45% of total height and consisting of six strongly convex whorls. Spire whorls ornamented with six subequally spaced spiral cords that increase in strength away from protoconch. Spiral cords weakly developed above midpoint of each whorl. Smooth between cords, with no interstitial threads. No axial sculpture. Ramp angular on early whorls, becoming convex on later whorls. Aperture elongate, sublenticular to subovate with narrow notch, extending into a short, straight anterior canal. Inner lip with thick callus pad, extending from base of siphonal canal to antepenultimate whorl. Outer lip moderately callused, expanding to a strongly adaxially developed wing. Wing encroaches on lower part of penultimate whorl and extends into an elongate, weakly curved, tapering spike reinforced by the spiral carination of the body, with a corresponding incised groove on the interior surface. Small lobe on anterior margin of wing. Length of spike subequal to height of spire.

Etymology.—For its occurrence on Batavia Knoll.

Materials.—Three fragmentary molds (WAM 15.124, 15.129, and 15.158).

Remarks.—This specimen was assigned to *Drepanocheilus* due to the form of the anterior canal and outer lip (Sohl, 1960; Kollmann, 2009). The lack of transverse sculpture in this species is anomalous among *Drepanocheilus*, a genus usually characterized by strong axial ornamentation. This is the

only currently documented species of *Drepanocheilus* to exhibit spiral threads to the complete exclusion of axial sculpture. This lack of axials is consistent over all specimens recovered, so is unlikely to be the result of abrasion on the shell removing such sculpture. On comparison with the type species for this genus, *D. evansi*, apart from the aforementioned lack of axial sculpture, this species possesses a thicker callus pad on the inner lip, as well as a more pronounced lobe on the anterior margin of the wing. This species is most similar to *D. herberti* Kiel and Bandel, 2002 from the Santonian of South Africa, though that species is smaller (~11 mm compared with ~23 mm height), possesses more angular late teleoconch whorls, and maintains some axial sculpture through its entire height.

Subclass Heterobranchia Burmeister, 1837

Superfamily Acteonoidea d'Orbigny, 1843

Family Ringiculidae Fischer, 1883

Genus *Avellana* d'Orbigny, 1842

Type species.—*Avellana avellana* Brongniart, 1822 in Cuvier and Brongniart, 1822 by tautonymy.

Avellana sp. cf. *A. subincrassata* d'Orbigny, 1850

Figure 6.12

1842 cf. *Avellana incrassata* d'Orbigny, p. 133, pl. 168, figs. 13–16.

1850 cf. *Avellana subincrassata* d'Orbigny, p. 128.

2015 cf. *Avellana subincrassata*; Ayoub Hannaa et al., p. 56, figs. 14G–14J (further synonymy therein).

Occurrence.—Europe; Early Cretaceous (Albian) to Late Cretaceous (Turonian).

Description.—Shell globular, subovate, average size for genus (height 21.8 mm; width 16.1 mm). Low-spined teleoconch of one or two subtrapezoid, slightly convex whorls; spire somewhat gradate, pleural angle 76°. Inflation moderate in spire, then rapid between penultimate and final whorl. Protoconch not preserved. Sutures moderately impressed, slightly canalliculate. Ornamentation of evenly spaced spiral ribs (at least 31 on body whorl) crossed by thin evenly spaced orthocline axial lirae (four to five per millimeter), resulting in fine clathrose texture; spiral cords three to four times thicker than axials. Aperture holostomatous, teardrop shaped, well rounded anteriorly; labrum strongly thickened; callus projecting approximately halfway up visible surface of penultimate whorl; inner side smooth.

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Figure 6. Cretaceous Gastropoda, Scaphopoda, Cephalopoda, Ostracoda, Annelida, and Echinoidea recovered from Batavia Knoll: (1–4) *Anchura pelsaerti* n. sp., WAM 15.113: (1) apertural view; (2) apical view; (3) adapertural view; (4) lateral view. (5–7) *Drepanocheilus bataviensis* n. sp.: (5) adapertural view, WAM 15.119; (6) apertural view, WAM 15.112; (7) apertural view of a somewhat abraded specimen, showing full habit of wing, WAM 15.145. (8, 9) *Pseudomalaxis* sp., WAM 15.121: (8) apical view; (9) adapertural view. (10, 11) *Architectonica* sp. whorl fragment, WAM 15.122, showing (10) umbilical and (11) external ornamentation. (12) *Avellana* sp. cf. *A. subincrassata* d'Orbigny, 1850, apertural view, WAM 15.181. (13) *Dentalium* sp., WAM 15.134. (14) Echinoid? fragment, WAM 15.117. (15–17) *Planohamites* sp. (15, 16) WAM 15.149: (15) dorsal view; (16) transverse view. (17) Impression of lateral surface, WAM 15.182. (18) *Parsimonia ootatoorensis* (Stoliczka, 1873), from surface of the boulder; partial dissolution of calcareous wall reveals growth lines as sharp ridges, WAM 15.101. (19, 20) *Bhimaites* sp. cf. *B. stoliczkai* Kossmat, 1898, dorsal views, WAM 15.142. (21, 22) Trachyleberididae gen. indet. sp. indet., WAM 15.163: (21) left carapace; (22) ventral view. (23, 24) *Spinoleberis* sp., WAM 15.161: (23) left carapace; (24) ventral view. (1–16, 19, 20) Specimens are casts; (15–20) specimens coated with ammonium chloride. (1–20) Scale bar = 1 cm; (21–24) Scale bars = 200 µm.

Materials.—One mold, with steinkern.

Remarks.—The poor preservation of apertural characteristics severely inhibits the accurate identification of this species, as the columella and inner labral features are key in distinguishing between Cretaceous ringiculids (see Squires and Saul, 2001; Stilwell and Henderson, 2002 for brief discussions on the generic significance of these characteristics). On the Batavia Knoll specimen, the columellar folding is not preserved or not observable, nor is it apparent whether the inner surface of the thickened outer lip bears any dentition. The presence and position of an apertural notch is also unknown. Despite these, the specimen conforms well to *Avellana subincrassata* in its size, dimensions, and ornamentation.

Superfamily Architectonicoidea Gray, 1850
Family Architectonicidae Gray, 1850

?Architectonicidae gen. indet. sp. indet.
Figure 6.10, 6.11

Description.—Of average to slightly small size for family (12 mm basal diameter). Markedly phaneromphalus; umbilicus is approximately one-third the diameter of the whorl. Whorl profile is trapezoidal, with rounded basal periphery. Apical surface of single preserved whorl maintains a smooth concentric depression, indicating position of preceding whorl and impressed sutures. Aperture absent. Whorl ornamentation consists of thin, evenly spaced, spiral and axial striations, resulting in a weak reticulate texture. Base ornamented with predominantly axial striations, forming crenulations on meeting the angular umbilical margin. Umbilicus displays same reticulate texture as exterior, though spiral elements are marginally stronger.

Materials.—Single last whorl fragmentary mold.

Remarks.—This specimen is provisionally assigned to Architectonicidae due to its compressed and highly umbilicate form with a trapezoid whorl profile. It possesses ornamentation similar to that of ‘*Solarium*’ *vylapaudiense* Stoliczka, 1868 (p. 257, pl. 20, figs. 5, 6) from the Sillakkudi Formation of southern India (Santonian to Campanian), though *S. vylapaudiense* possesses a strong carination on its body whorls. Indeed, most compressed architectonicid genera exhibit a moderately sharp to strong peribasal keel, which is not seen in the Batavia Knoll specimen. This may indicate that it should instead be considered a member of the Solariellidae (Trochoidea), which also embraces low-spined, compressed forms. The whorl profiles of solariellids, however, are generally well rounded and evenly convex, as opposed to the angularity displayed by this species.

Genus *Pseudomalaxis* Fischer, 1885

Type species.—?*Bifrontia zanclea* Phillipi, 1836 by monotypy.

?*Pseudomalaxis* sp.
Figure 6.8, 6.9

Description.—Shell large for genus, discoidal, broadly umbilicate (umbilicus ~50% of diameter). Spire flat, suture slightly impressed. Whorl margins subquadrate. Coarse sculpture of spiral noded ribs, six per whorl. Rib proximal to outside whorl limit is strongest, giving margin a crenulated appearance. Inside this rib is a weak rib succeeded by a stronger rib, followed by three weaker ribs of equal strength to the second, all of which are noded due to the intersection of axial striae. Lateral whorl surfaces are similarly ornamented, with at least seven spiral beaded ribs of equal strength.

Materials.—Single fragmentary mold, with some original shell preserved.

Remarks.—The subquadrate whorl margins of this specimen are characteristic of *Pseudomalaxis* and its close relatives, though they are usually on the order of a few millimeters in diameter, making this quite a large specimen for the group. The provisional assignment here is due to the poor preservation of the specimen, obscuring much detail, including the protoconch. In addition, this genus is so far unknown from Lower Cretaceous rocks. *Pseudomalaxis* is a predominantly Quaternary genus, with Bieler and Petit (2005) suggesting it definitively only ranges down to the Pliocene. In their catalog of Architectonicidae genera, however, they maintain Cretaceous species as valid members of the genus. The earliest of these, *Pseudomalaxis pateriformis* Stephenson, 1955, is documented from Campanian strata of the southeastern United States (Dockery, 1993). Cladistic studies conducted by Bieler (1988) indicate the *Pseudomalaxis*/*Spirolaxis* Monterosato, 1913 group within the architectonicids diverged from the rest of the family in the Cretaceous, before the divergence of both *Pseudotorinia* Sacco, 1892, and *Heliacus* d’Orbigny, 1842/*Solatisonax* Iredale, 1931 clades. *Heliacus* is well documented from Campanian and younger rocks (e.g., Dockery, 1993), so it stands to reason that *Pseudomalaxis*, which diverged first, is found in older strata than *Heliacus*.

The sculpture of *P. pateriformis* is much finer than that of the Batavia Knoll specimen, with spiral lirae across the whorls (Dockery, 1993, pl. 34, figs. 6–11), rather than the beaded sculpture of the species described herein. Of interest, *P. pateriformis* is also a larger-than-average member of the genus (holotype 13 mm in diameter; Stephenson, 1955), perhaps suggesting a pattern of size reduction within the genus over time.

Class Scaphopoda Bronn, 1862
Order Dentaliida da Costa, 1778
Family Dentaliidae Gray, 1847
Genus *Dentalium* Linnaeus, 1758

Type species.—*Dentalium elephantium* Linnaeus, 1758 by subsequent designation (de Montfort, 1810).

Dentalium sp.
Figure 6.13

Description.—Shell weakly curved, tapering, of average to small size for family (reconstructed fragment length 36.7 mm). Aperture broken. Apex possibly exhibits two or three lateral notches. Circular in cross section at apex, becoming elliptical

aperturally. No clear ornamentation visible on exterior, though possible longitudinal ribs and oblique striae present.

Materials.—One fragment in two parts, mold and steinkern.

Remarks.—Only a single dentaliid test of significant size was recovered, with a few possible impressions noted in the rock also. Poor preservation inhibited a more specific identification, and more certain description, of this specimen. Aperture of the specimen is missing, so full length is unknown. Overall, its size, degree of curvature, and longitudinal ornamentation place it within *Dentalium*, some species of which do exhibit lateral notches at their apices (Lamprell and Healy, 1998). The Southern Hemisphere Cretaceous scaphopod record is extremely poor, with only 19 species identified from Aptian to Maastrichtian strata, exhibiting a high level of endemicity throughout the period (Stilwell, 1999; Stilwell and Henderson, 2002). Of these, only six are known from mid-Cretaceous (Aptian to Turonian) deposits, and merely two of those are ascribable to *Dentalium*. *Dentalium* sp. A and *Dentalium* sp. B of Stilwell (1999) are recorded from Aptian and Cenomanian rocks, respectively. Neither of these is conspecific with the Batavia Knoll species, the primary difference being the ovate nature of the species here toward its aperture. Given the highly endemic character of Cretaceous Scaphopoda, and the significant paleodistances between known coeval species, it may be necessary to erect a new species to accommodate the Batavia Knoll specimen as new specimens come to light.

Class Cephalopoda Cuvier, 1797
Subclass Ammonoidea von Zittel, 1884
Order Ammonitida Hyatt, 1889
Suborder Ammonitina Hyatt, 1889
Superfamily Desmoceratoidea von Zittel, 1895
Family Desmoceratidae von Zittel, 1895
Subfamily Puzosiinae Spath, 1922
Genus *Bhimaites* Matsumoto, 1954

Type species.—*Ammonites bhima* Stoliczka, 1865 by original designation.

Bhimaites sp. cf. *B. stoliczkai* Kossmat, 1898
Figure 6.19, 6.20

1865 cf. *Ammonites beudanti* Stoliczka, p. 142, pl. 71, figs. 1–4, pl. 72, figs. 1, 2.

1898 cf. *Puzosia stoliczkai* Kossmat, p. 119, pl. 24, fig. 6.

2014 cf. *Puzosia (Bhimaites) stoliczkai*; Kennedy and Klinger, p. 10, fig. 11a–c (full synonymy therein).

Occurrence.—Spain, France, Persia, northern South America, southern Africa, Madagascar, southern India; Early Cretaceous (late Albian) to Late Cretaceous (early Cenomanian).

Description.—Small for genus (approximately 30 mm in whorl diameter), subinvolute and laterally compressed with rounded venter and slightly concave flanks. Surface ornamentation of poorly developed growth lines and relatively

widely spaced ribs. Suture trace is complexly ammonitic and has a dendritic profile.

Materials.—Single fragmentary mold and several steinkern (chamber) fragments.

Remarks.—Due to the incomplete nature of the material and suboptimal preservation of sutural contacts, doubt is cast onto the identification of this specimen. It does, however, conform well to *Bhimaites stoliczkai* in its dimensions, degree of compression, and minimal external ornamentation. It represents a rather small individual, as the species generally reaches an excess of 70 mm in diameter, though specimens of this size have been documented (e.g., Collignon, 1961).

Suborder Ancyloceratina Wiedmann, 1966
Superfamily Turrilitoidea Gill, 1871
Family Hamitidae Gill, 1871
Genus *Planohamites* Monks, 2002

Type species.—*Hamites compressus* Sowerby, 1814 by original designation.

Planohamites sp.
Figure 6.15–6.17

Description.—Average size for genus. Shaft straight to slightly bent, with compressed, ovate cross section (whorl breadth:whorl height = 0.75), possibly tapering to a slight keel along venter. Ornamentation of numerous fine concentric ribs, approximately one per millimeter (eight ribs in 10 mm), with interstices slightly wider than the ribs. Suture ammonitic with subquadrate profile.

Materials.—Single mold with steinkern, with possible fragments (whether of the same or separate individuals is unknown), two impressions of the lateral surface of the shaft.

Remarks.—The compressed transverse whorl section and closely spaced ribs place this species within *Planohamites* Monks, 2002, though the poor preservation and fragmentary nature of specimen(s) inhibit more specific identification. The sutural trace is inconclusive as only a general pattern can be discerned and it could be applied to several genera in a number of families. The ribs of this specimen are finer and subtler than is typical for the genus, and the apparent weak keel is also an anomalous feature.

Phylum Annelida Lamarck, 1809
Class Polychaeta Grube, 1850
Subclass Canalipalata Rouse and Fauchald, 1997
Order Sabellida Fauchald, 1977
Family Serpulidae Rafinesque, 1815
Genus *Parsimonia* Regenhardt, 1961

Type species.—*Parsimonia parsimonia* Regenhardt, 1961 by original designation.

Parsimonia ootatoorensis (Stoliczka, 1873)
Figure 6.18

- 1873 *Serpula ootatoorensis* Stoliczka, p. 64, pl. 12, figs. 9, 10.
 non 1875 *Serpula ootatoorensis*, Geinitz, p. 283, pl. 63, figs. 4, 5.
 1959 *Serpula ootatoorensis*; Besairie and Collignon, p. 199.
 1973 *Parsimonia ootatoorensis* (Stoliczka); Chiplonkar and Tapaswi, p. 121, pl. 8, fig. 8.

Holotype.—GSI 01840 (Stoliczka, 1873, pl. 12, fig. 9); Uttatur Group, southern India; Albian to Cenomanian.

Occurrence.—Southern India, Madagascar; late Albian to Cenomanian.

Description.—Straight to submeanderiform tube, moderate to slightly small for species (average diameter approximately 5 mm). Subcircular to subovate in cross section with subcircular, unadorned lumen. Tube wall ranging from thin to comparatively thick. Exterior surface ornamented by regular, concentric growth lines, but otherwise smooth.

Materials.—Numerous tubes throughout the rock, one slightly dissolved specimen from surface of boulder.

Remarks.—*Parsimonia ootatoorensis* is known from numerous specimens within the Batavia Knoll sandstone; however, the majority of these remain within the rock and have not been extracted. They primarily appear as single, isolated tubes (found in cross section during dissection of the boulder) though one cluster of 13 tubes was discovered. Due to their entombment within the rock, their general tube-building habits are unknown, as are their relationships with the substrate. Two instances of colonization of this serpulid on molluscan shells within the Batavia Knoll sandstone are documented; one on the external surface of the *?Pseudomalaxis* sp. specimen, and several individuals were observed on the external and internal surfaces of a *Procerithium arenacollicola* n. sp. One tube was partially excavated from its block, which revealed an increase in diameter of that specimen from 4.4 mm to 6.3 mm over a length of approximately 40 mm.

The single occurrence of this species at the surface of the boulder (Fig. 6.18) preserves four tube sections, though whether they are attributable to single or multiple individuals is unknown. Partial dissolution of the internal layer of the calcareous tube here results in the growth lines being visible as a series of sharp concentric ridges on the interior surface.

Jäger (2014) emended the identification from Geinitz (1875; and subsequent authors) of this species from upper Cenomanian rocks in Saxony, noting specimens there should correctly be ascribed to *Sabella* Linnaeus, 1767. This leaves *P. ootatoorensis*, with occurrences in Madagascar, southern India, and now Batavia Knoll, as being a purely Gondwanan annelid.

Phylum Arthropoda von Siebold, 1848
 Subphylum Crustacea Brünnich, 1772
 Class Ostracoda Latreille, 1802
 Subclass Podocopa Sars, 1866
 Order Podocopida Müller, 1894

Suborder Cytherocopina Baird, 1850
 Superfamily Cytheroidea Baird, 1850
 Family Trachyleberididae Sylvester-Bradley, 1948
 Genus *Spinoleberis* Deroo, 1966

Type species.—*Cythere eximia* Bosquet, 1854 by original designation.

?*Spinoleberis* sp.
 Figure 6.23, 6.24

2009 ?*Spinoleberis* Babinot et al., p. 9, pl. 4, figs. 7, 8.

Description.—Carapace average size for genus, at 0.75 mm long, subtrigonal in outline, anterior margin broadly rounded, thickened, and crenulated. Posterior margin narrower, convex, and crenulated. Dorsal margin straight, ventral margin slightly sinuous; margins subparallel, converging toward the posterior. Moderate inflation, having almost equal height to width of articulated carapace. Subcentral tubercle hemispherical and prominent on both valves. Left valve possesses a strong subcentral ridge with a tubercle. Right valve is devoid of this tubercle. Lateral surface appears smooth, excepting crenulations along anterior and posterior margins.

Materials.—Single articulated shell and possible hinge fragment.

Remarks.—This ostracod appears to be aligned with the Albian to Maastrichtian trachyleberidid genus, *Spinoleberis* Deroo, 1966, but *Rehacythereis* Gründel, 1973 or *Cythereis* Jones, 1849 cannot be entirely discounted, although this specimen does not appear to possess the reticulate sculpture of the latter genera. This specimen is herein tentatively assigned to *Spinoleberis* due to its morphological affinity with specimens described by Babinot et al. (2009) from mid to late Albian strata of Madagascar and provisionally assigned by them to the same genus. Due to its size, it is probable the specimen recovered from Batavia Knoll is male.

?Trachyleberididae gen. indet. sp. indet.
 Figure 6.21, 6.22

Description.—Small carapace for family at just over 0.3 mm long, subtrigonal in lateral view, moderately inflated in dorsal view (subequal height and width). Anterior margin narrow and quadrate, posterior margin well rounded. Dorsal margin straight, ventral margin convex. Subcentral ridge connects to prominent orbicular tubercle on both valves. Second, slightly less prominent, tubercle sits ventral to orbicular tubercle on ventral margin. In ventral view, lateral margins angular and taper to a point. Surface is finely reticulated.

Materials.—One articulated specimen.

Remarks.—A single extracted ostracod, broadly similar in shape to ?*Spinoleberis* above, yet has a more convex ventral margin and appears to be reverse oriented, with the narrow end being anterior to the wider. Alternatively, the prominent tubercles could be located posteriorly, rather than anteriorly, as is typical. Either of these assertions calls into question the assignment of this specimen within the Trachyleberididae, which do not

generally exhibit singular strong posterior tubercles or a narrow anterior margin.

Phylum Echinodermata Klein, 1734

Class Echinoidea Leske, 1778

Echinoidea ord. indet. fam. indet.

Figure 6.14

Description.—Convex shell fragment ornamented predominantly by longitudinal striations. ‘Lower’ sector (approximately half the width of the fragment) slightly depressed from the ‘upper’ and striations thereon broadly sigmoidal, curving into the ‘point’ of the fragment. ‘Upper’ portion dominated by strong striations crosscutting longitudinal lines at approximately 50° from horizontal. Where these crosscutting striae meet the line of depression a slight crenulated ridge forms.

Materials.—Isolated fragment, mold.

Remarks.—The texture displayed by this shell fragment is not common among any molluscan class, resulting in its tentative identification as an echinoderm fragment. Echinoderm spines are evident in thin sections of the Batavia Knoll sandstone, indicating that this phylum did inhabit the area of deposition. The minute size of the echinoderm spines is indicative of irregular urchins, such as heart urchins and sand dollars. The angled texture of the ‘upper’ portion could be synonymous with ambulacral groove (petal) patterns. Heart urchins and sand dollars preferentially reside in sandy substrates (Chao, 2000), which is consistent with the other fauna described herein from the Batavia Knoll sandstone.

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