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On the *Nepalota* fauna of China II. Two new synonymies and an additional record (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae: Aleocharinae)

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A b s t r a c t : Two synonymies are proposed: *Nepalota cuneata* ASSING, 2015 = *N. gibbera* PACE, 2017, nov.syn.; *N. tuberifera* ASSING, 2015 = *N. tengchongensis* PACE, 2017, nov.syn. A new record of *N. chinensis* PACE, 1998 from the Chinese province Jiangxi is provided.

K e y w o r d s : Coleoptera, Staphylinidae, Aleocharinae, *Nepalota*, East China, taxonomy, new synonymies, new record.

Introduction

According to a recent synopsis, 20 species of *Nepalota* PACE, 1987 have reliably been recorded from China (ASSING 2015). In an article containing numerous descriptions of miscellaneous Aleocharinae from China, PACE (2016) also described two *Nepalota* species from Yunnan without reference to the synoptic paper published in the preceding year. Both names, however, were unavailable until they were validated in a subsequent article (PACE & HARTMANN 2017). They undoubtedly represent junior synonyms of names made available in 2015.

Results

Nepalota chinensis PACE, 1998

M a t e r i a l e x a m i n e d : China: 1♂, Jiangxi, Wuyi Shan, Huanggang Shan, 27.83°N, 117.76°E, 2000 m, broadleaved forest with bamboo, litter sifted, 5.VI.2001, leg. Cooter & Hlaváč (coll. Assing).

C o m m e n t : *Nepalota chinensis* had been recorded from Shaanxi and Hubei (ASSING 2015); PACE (1998, 2011) doubtfully reported the species also from Yunnan, based on two females. The above male represents the first record of the species and the second record of the genus from Jiangxi.

Nepalota cuneata ASSING, 2015

Nepalota gibbera PACE, 2016: 308; unavailable name.
Nepalota gibbera PACE, 2017: 299; **nov.syn.**

C o m m e n t : The illustrations of the highly distinctive aedeagus provided by PACE

(2016) leave no doubt that the unique holotype of *N. gibbera* is conspecific with that of *N. cuneata*.

***Nepalota tuberifera* ASSING, 2015**

Nepalota tengchongensis [sic] PACE, 2016: 308 f; unavailable name.

Nepalota tengchongensis PACE, 2017: 299; **nov.syn.**

C o m m e n t : Based on the illustrations of the distinctive aedeagus (PACE 2016), the type material of *N. tengchongensis* is undoubtedly conspecific with that of *N. tuberifera*. The holotypes of both names were collected in the same locality and on the same date.

Zusammenfassung

Zwei Namen werden synonymisiert: *Nepalota cuneata* ASSING, 2015 = *N. gibbera* PACE, 2017, nov.syn.; *N. tuberifera* ASSING, 2015 = *N. tengchongensis* PACE, 2017, nov.syn. *Nepalota chinensis* PACE, 1998 wird aus der chinesischen Provinz Jiangxi nachgewiesen.

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