Thoracican cirripedes (Crustacea) from the Hauterivian (Lower Cretaceous) of Hannover, northern Germany

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Abstract. Diverse thoracican cirripedes from the Hauterivian of the Hannover district of northern Germany are described, including seven species, belonging to five genera. Of these, a new genus belonging to the Scalpellidae, *Jaegerscalpellum*, includes one Hauterivian species, *J. elegans* sp. nov., an Aptian species, *J. comptum* (Withers, 1910) and an Albian species, *J. politum* (Darwin, 1851) are also referred to it. A new *Cretiscalpellum, C. mutterlosei* sp. nov. is described from the Hauterivian, and *C. matrioni* sp. nov. is described from the Middle Albian of France. The oldest record of the Unilatera Gale, 2018, *Pedupycnolepas pulcher* sp. nov. is described from the Hauterivian; this displays typical shell structure of the group, retained by living Verrucidae. Finally, four species of Zeugmatolepadidae, subfamily Martillepadinae, are recorded from the Hauterivian, including *Martillepas hausmanni* (Koch and Dunker, 1836), *M. decoratus* sp. nov., *M. auriculum* sp. nov. and *Etcheslaepas borealis* (Collins, 1990). The Hauterivian fauna from Hannover shows affinities both with Late Jurassic and later Cretaceous (Aptian-Cenomanian) forms, and includes the earliest scalpellids, unilateran (*Pedupycnolepas*) and *Cretiscalpellum* species known. It constrains the age of the Cretaceous cirripede evolutionary radiation to the earliest Cretaceous.

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1. Introduction.

The earlier part of the Lower Cretaceous (Berriasian-Barremian) has yielded very few cirripedes, which presents palaeontologists with a dilemma, because the interval was a critical period in their evolutionary history (Gale 2018). In the Lower Aptian, the living family Scalpellidae appeared quite suddenly (Withers 1935, 1946), represented by the genera *Arcoscalpellum* and *Virgiscalpellum*, and in the Upper Aptian, the typical later Cretaceous genus *Cretiscalpellum* first occurred. Cirripede valves are common fossils in the Albian Gault Clay of the Anglo-Paris Basin, which has yielded about fourteen species (Collins 1974). Late Jurassic cirripedes are now quite well known, thanks largely to the collecting of Steve Etches in the Kimmeridge Clay of Dorset (Gale 2014a, 2018), and the fauna was dominated by the Zeugmatolepadidae.

There are only four certain records of Berriasian-Barremian cirripedes, worldwide.

1. *Zeugmatolepas hausmanni* (Koch and Dunker, 1837) was described from the Lower Cretaceous (Hauterivian) of the Hannover district, northern Germany, based on loose valves.
2. *Loriolepas decora* (Harbort, 1905), from the Lower Valanginian of Musingen, northern Germany. Complete individuals and valves This is a basal calcareous-shelled form (Gale 2015).
3. *Eolepas fimbriata* (Withers, 1912) from the Lower Berriasian of the Czech Republic (Koci et al. 2014). This is the last occurrence of this phosphate-shelled genus which appeared in the Triassic (Gale and Schweigert 2015).

So where were the cirripedes during the first 20 million years of the Cretaceous? I asked Dr Manfred Jaeger if he know of material, and he told me that they were locally common fossils in the Hauterivian clays of the
Hannover district, and sent me numerous specimens, which proved to be of great interest. A visit to Hannover provided some additional material from an Upper Hauterivian section, an actively working claypit, Resse, which yielded a single species. Overall, the fauna proved to be unexpectedly diverse, and includes seven species, incorporated into four genera. This material thus goes some way towards filling in the gap in the fossil record.

2. Localities and Stratigraphy

The basinal Lower Cretaceous in the Hannover district comprises an expanded succession dominated by fossiliferous marine clays. Formerly well exposed in numerous brick pits, there are now few available localities (Mutterlose et al. 1998; Figs 1,2). However, the available material represents a significant segment of the Hauterivian of the district (Figs 1,2).

Engelbostel. A clay pit, now infilled, 5km north of Hannover, exposed early Hauterivian strata of the Endemoceras amblygonium Zone (Mutterlose et al. 1998). These yielded abundant cirripede valves to Dr Manfred Jaeger, who kindly passed the material on to me.

Resse. The uppermost 3m of the currently working claypit at Resse, which falls in the Upper Hauterivian Simbirskites staffi Zone (Mutterlose 2010) yielded cirripede material by surface pick and washing bulk residues. The valves are mostly broken and coated with cement.

Sarstedt (Gott). A large former working, 30km south of Hannover, formerly exposed upper Hauterivian and Barremian strata overlain unconformably by Upper Aptian (Mutterlose et al. 1998). Cirripede valves from the uppermost Hauterivian, Simbirskites discofalcatus Zone were collected by Dr Manfred Jaeger.

Family Zeugmatolepadidae Newman, 1996

Subfamily Martillepadinae Gale, 2014a

Genus *Martillepas* Gale, 2014a

**Type species.** *Calantica (Scillaelepas) ovalis* Withers, 1928

**Diagnosis.** Zeugmatolepadidae which possess a reduced number of lateral plates, including two subcarinae, two rostrolatera, two carinolatera, an inframedian latus, and three accessory latera situated between the inframedian latus and rostrolatera.

**Discussion.** *Martillepas* is abundant in the Kimmeridgian of southern Germany (Gale et al. in press), and in the Tithonian Kimmeridge Clay of southern England (Gale 2014).

*Martillepas hausmanni* (Koch and Dunker, 1837)  
Fig. 3A,B, I-R, Fig. 4A-C

1837 *Pollicipes Hausmanni* Koch and Dunker, p. 52, pl. 6, figs 6a-u.  
1851 *Pollicipes Hausmanni* Koch and Dunker, Darwin, p. 53, pl.3 figs a-d.  
1935 *Zeugmatolepas (?) hausmanni* (Koch and Dunker) Withers, p. 80, pl. 3 figs 1-6

**Types.** The carina figured by Dunker and Koch (1837, 3a,b) was chosen by Withers (1935) as lectotype, refigured here (Fig. 4B). Hauterivian, Elligser Brink, near Delligsen, ca. 5 km southeast of Alfeld, Hannover. Present whereabouts unknown.
**Diagnosis.** Large, robustly constructed *Martillepas*; terga tall, with sharp, gently curved apicobasal ridge; scuta with convex occludent margin and obtuse rostral angle; carina has flat basal margin.

**Material.** Numerous valves (100+) from the Lower Hauterivian *Endemoceras amblygonium* Zone of Engelbostel, including NHM IC 1347-1355. The species also occurs in the Hauterivian of Speeton, Yorkshire, UK (Withers 1935).

**Description.** Terga kite-shaped, tall, with acute basal and apical angles (Fig. 3A,B). A strong, curved apicobasal ridge is present, which is inflected towards the carina. The carinal surface is narrower than the scutal-occludent surface. The valves are essentially smooth, but some (e.g. Fig. 3A) bear weak, fine, radial ridges on a depressed region of the scutal surface. The scuta (Fig. 3I-K) are robustly constructed, and triangular in outline; the occludent margin is gently convex, the rostral angle slightly obtuse and the apex acuminate and curved ventrally. A weakly defined apicobasal ridge is present, which is flat-topped. On the interior of the valve (Fig. 3J) a deep tergal notch is present. The carina (Fig. 3L,M) is gently incurved towards the tergum, and subcircular in cross-section. The basal margin is slightly convex, and the external sculpture consists of irregularly undulose growth lines. A probable rostrum (Fig. 3P) is kite-shaped in outline and the surfaces are angled to a central ridge. Two probable subcarinae (Fig. 3Q,R) are kite-shaped, with a broad central ridge, flanked by two depressed surfaces. A probable lateral plate (Fig.3O) is asymmetrically triangular, and has a smooth surface.

**Remarks.** The outline of the terga, which are tall, with an evenly curved single carinal margin, a short occludent margin and an acute basal angle separate this species from other *Martillepas* species.

*Martillepas decoratus* sp. nov.
Fig. 3C,D, F-H

**Diagnosis.** *Martillepas* in which the strong radial ridges bear prominent, elongated nodes where they intersect with growth increments.
**Material.** Five terga from the Lower Hauterivian *Endemoceras amblygonium* Zone of Engelbostel, Hannover.

**Types.** The tergum figured (fig. 3D) is holotype (NHMUK IC 1357), the other three figured valves (Fig. 3C,F,G) are paratypes (NHMUK IC 1356, 1358, 1359).

**Description.** Outline of terga rhombic, with a weakly convex upper carinal margin, and slightly concave occludent margin (Fig. 3C,D,F-H). The occludent surface bears a well developed ridge for scutal articulation, and a curved apicobasal ridge is present. In some specimens (Fig. 3C,F) there is a depressed, ornate region adjacent to the scutal ridge. The sculpture consists of fine, closely spaced round-topped ridges which carry blunt nodes where these intersect with the regular growth increments (Fig. 3 H). In two specimens, the sculpture is confined to the depressed region of the occludent surface (Fig. 3C,F).

**Remarks.** The sculpture of *M. decoratus* is highly distinctive and unique. The species possibly evolved from *M. hausmanni* by the development of this sculpture, as the valve shapes are similar.

*Martillepas auriculum* sp. nov.

Fig. 5A-D, J,K

**Diagnosis.** *Martillepas* which bears a broad, finely striated auricle adjacent to the occludent margin and has an apical angle of 90°.

**Types.** The broken tergum (Fig. 5B; NHMUK IC 1375) is holotype. The other figure valves are paratypes (NHMUK IC 1374, 1376).

**Material.** Ten scuta, a probable subcarina, and two lateral plates from the Upper Hauterivian *S. staffi* Zone of Resse, Hannover (Mutterlose 2010). A
single tergum from the Hauterivian Speeton Clay (Bed C6) of Speeton, Yorkshire, UK. NHMUK In. 35295.

**Derivation of name.** Latin auriculum, an ear, in allusion to the process on the occludent margin of the tergum.

**Description.** Terga (Fig. 5A-C) rhombic, with apical angle of $90^\circ$; a strong, gently curved apicobasal ridge separates a depressed carinal surface from a higher scutal-occludent surface. A large, ear-like triangular surface extends from the apex to the apical part of the scutal margin; this bears very fine, curved ridges which run from the apex to the scutal margin. The rest of the valve surface is smooth. A possible subcarina (Fig. 5D) is triangular with a convex basal margin. Two possible lateral plates (Fig. 5J,K) are associated with the terga; one is taller than broad and bears irregular growth lines (Fig. 3J), the other asymmetrically triangular and smooth (Fig. 3K).

**Remarks.** The apical angle of $90^\circ$, and the large auricle on the occludent margin of the tergum are unique to this species. It possibly evolved from the early Hauterivian *M. hausmanni* by acquisition of these characters.

Genus *Etcheslepas* Gale, 2014a

**Type species.** *E. durotrigensis* Gale, 2014a


**Diagnosis.** Capitulum broad, with tall upper latus and rostrolatus, and numerous (50+) imbricating smaller lateral plates. Rostrum strongly convex, with four discrete surfaces.

*Etcheslepas borealis* (Collins, 1990)
1990 *Zeugmatolepas*? *borealis* Collins, in Århus et al., 183-9, figs 9,10.

**Diagnosis.** *Etcheslepas* in which the valves bear strong apicobasal ribs and nodes where these intersect the growth increments.

**Types.** The scutum figured by Collins, fig. 9F (in Århus et al. 1990) is holotype. PMO 116.475 stub SK 19, Palaeontologisk Museum, Oslo, Norway. Berriasian, borehole 7425/9-U-1, Barents Sea. The other valves figured by Collins (figs 9,10) are paratypes.

**Material.** 55 valves from the Lower Hauterivian *Endemoceras amblygonium* Zone of Engelbostel, Hannover, including NHMUK IC 1363-1373.

**Description.** The valves can be readily assigned to this taxon on account of the very similar sculpture which they possess, comprising regularly spaced radial ribs and grooves, and regular margin-parallel growth increments. Where these intersect the ribs, nodes are developed. Terga asymmetrically rhombic, with shorter lower carinal and occludent margins; apical angle acute (Fig. 6F-H). The strong sculpture consists of 12-16 coarse radial ridges. A weak ridge for scutal articulation is present, and the apicobasal ridge is variably developed. Scuta kite-shaped, with basal and lateral margins shorter than the occludent and tergal ones (Fig. 6A-C). The basitergal angle is acute, and a slightly curved apicobasal ridge is present, which forms a short spur at the basitergal angle. The sculpture consist of strong, rather coarse radial ribs, of which two to three form the apicobasal ridge. The carinae (Fig. 6D,E) have a semicircular cross section, and the outer surface bears eight string apicobasal ridges, with intervening grooves. Probable rostra (Fig. 6I,J) are concavo-convex, triangular, and bear apicobasal ridges. The basal margin has an apically directed, shallow V-shaped notch. A possible subcarina (Fig. 6K) is convex and triangular, with strong margin-parallel ridges.
Remarks. *E. borealis* is morphologically similar to *E. fragilis* (Withers, 1928), and a selection of valves of this species from the Tithonian *P. rotunda* Zone of Portland, Dorset, UK are illustrated here (Fig. 6L-W). There are significant differences in valve sculpture between the two species; *E. borealis* is more strongly ribbed, especially on the terga (Fig. 6F-H), and has better developed nodes on the carina. The rostra of *E. borealis* are flatter than those of *E. fragilis* (compare fig. 6I,J with 6U,V).


Genus *Cretiscalpellum* Withers, 1922

Type species. *C. unguis* (J. de C. Sowerby, 1836)

Diagnosis. Scalpellomorphs which possess a capitulum comprised of seventeen plates, including two carinolatera and a subcarina.


Remarks. Work on *Cretiscalpellum* since Withers’ 1935 monograph includes Collin’s (1973) description of new species from the Cretaceous of the USA Gulf Coast, and Alekseev’s (2009) description of material from the Upper Cretaceous of Kazakhstan. Additional records of valves of species from the Albian of the UK were provided by (Collins 1974) and those from the later Cretaceous of Belgium by Jagt and Collins (1989). It is now clear that *Cretiscalpellum* species fall into a number of well-defined groups.
1. *Cretiscalpellum aptiensis* Withers, 1935 Group. Capitulum tall and narrow, tergum with strongly curved apicobasal ridge and concave scutal margin. Scutum bears a second ridge, running from the apex to the basal margin. I had originally thought that terga of *C. matrioni* sp. nov. actually belonged to *Martillepas*, as the shape is comparable (compare the tergum of *C. matrioni* sp. nov. in Fig. 3E with those of *M. hausmanni*, Fig. 3A,B), as also pointed out by a referee for this paper. However, valve shapes are similar to those in *C. aptiensis*, which is certainly a *Cretiscalpellum*. This group probably represents the most basal *Cretiscalpellum*, in view of the similarities with *Martillepas*, which is its plesiomorphic sister taxon (Gale et al. in press). Included species: *C. aptiensis*, *C. matrioni* sp. nov.


*Cretiscalpellum aptiensis* Group

*Cretiscalpellum matrioni* sp. nov.

Fig. 3E, 7C,D.

**Diagnosis.** Smooth *Cretiscalpellum* with terga in which the carinal margin is strongly convex, and the carinal surface narrow. The occludent margin is as long as the scutal margin. Scutum bears two ridges, one apicobasal and a further one running to the basal margin.
**Derivation of name.** After Bertrand Matrion, who has published extensive studies of the Albian of the Aube, and took the author to Le Gaty where the holotype was collected.

**Material.** A tergum, collected from the Middle Albian *H. bennettianus* Zone of Le Gaty, Aube, France, by ASG in December 2016 is holotype. NHMUK IC 1382. A scutum, from the same locality, is paratype. Collection of B. Matrion, University of Dijon.

**Description.** Carinal margin of tergum strongly convex, lower and upper regions set at an obtuse angle (Fig. 3E, 6C). Apicobasal ridge sharp and strongly bowed towards the carinal margin. Occludent margin long and slightly concave, with well-developed ridge for scutal articulation on valve surface. Closely spaced, fine growth lines cover entire plate, radial sculpture lacking. Scutum subtriangular in outline, slightly taller than broad, apicobasal ridge gently curved (Fig. 7D). A stronger, slightly broader ridge runs from the apex to the basal margin. The surface bears faint, irregular radial striations close to the basal margin.

**Remarks.** The single well preserved tergum is very different from terga of *C. unguis* which are common at the same locality (Fig. 5N). In *C. unguis*, the subrhombic terga have almost straight margins, excepting the upper carinal margin which is gently convex, and the apicobasal ridge is also straight (see also Withers 1935 pl. 14), whereas in *C. matrioni* sp. nov. the carinal margin and apicobasal ridge are strongly convex. The scutum is relative tall, and bears an additional ridge running to the basal margin, as in *C. aptiensis*. The species is close to *C. aptiensis* Withers, 1935 (pl.13 fig. 1) in the shape of the tergum and scutum, but lacks the radial ribbing of that species.

*Cretiscalpellum unguis* Group

*Cretiscalpellum mutterlosei* sp. nov.
**Diagnosis.** *Cretiscalpellum* in which the valve surfaces bear fine grooves radiating from the apices. Infra mediian latus short and tall.

**Derivation of name.** After Professor Joerg Mutterlose of Hannover, whose work on the Lower Cretaceous has described the stratigraphy and palaeoenvironments of the Hannover region.

**Types.** The figured tergum (Fig. 5O; NHMUK IC 1380) is holotype, the inframedian latus is paratype (Fig. 5M; NHMUK IC 1381).

**Material.** Two valves, a tergum and an inframedian latus, from the uppermost Hauterivian *Simberskites discofalcatus* Zone of Gott, Sarstedt, Hannover.

**Description.** The tergum (Fig. 5O) is asymmetrically rhombic, and taller than broad. A sharply defined, very gently curved, apicobasal ridge divides the carinal part of the surface from the slightly raised scutal region. The lower carinal margin is longer than the upper, and the apicobasal angle is acute. A rounded fold for scutal articulation broadens proximally along the length of the occludent margin. The surface of the scutal half of the valve bears about ten fine grooves which radiate from the apex of the valve. The carinal surface bears only rather prominent growth lines. A single plate can be identified as an inframedian latus (Fig. 5M) from the concavo-convex, asymmetrical form and the presence of a strong oblique ridge separating two surfaces. It also bears fine grooves radiating from the apex.

**Remarks.** *C. mutterlosei* is closest to *C. unguis* from the Albian of the Anglo-Paris Basin (Fig. 5N) in the shape of the tergum, but differs in the sculpture of fine grooves on the surface. The inframedian latus is proportionately taller than that of *C. unguis* (compare Fig. 5 L, M here, also Withers 1935 pl 14 figs 8 and 9a) and also bears fine, radiating grooves like those on the tergum. This is the oldest *Cretiscalpellum* known, predating *C. aptiensis* Withers, 1935 from the Late Aptian of the UK by about 13 myr.
Family Scalpellidae Pilsbry, 1907

**Diagnosis.** Scalpellomorphs that possess a maximum of 14 plates (carina, rostrum, paired scuta, terga, upper latera, carinolatera, rostrolatera, and inframedian latera), rarely 13, by secondary loss of the rostrum.

**Remarks.** Although living Scalpellidae, and fossil forms known from articulated material have a very distinctive and consistent plate number and arrangement, this cannot always be confirmed in species known from isolated valves, unless a full complement of valves has been obtained. The problem is particularly acute in basal scalpellids, which must at some stage have lost the subcarina and second carinolatera (Gale 2015, Gale et. al. 2019). However, the morphology of the carina, terga and scuta of scalpellids are quite distinctive (Withers 1935).

Genus  *Jaegerscalpellum* nov.

**Diagnosis.** Scalpellids characterized by a discrete, weakly ribbed triangular region on the tergum, and a carina with a smooth, low tectum.

**Remarks.** *Jaegerscalpellum* form a small group of distinctive Lower Cretaceous scalpellid species, characterized especially by the flat, smooth tectum of the carina and a weakly sculptured triangular region on the terga. The earliest species, *J. elegans* sp. nov is only known from the Hauterivian of Engelbostel. *J. comptum* (Withers, 1910) from the Aptian of the UK, and *J. politum* (Darwin, 1851) from the Albian of the UK and France. The three successive species perhaps represent an evolutionary lineage.

*Jaegerscalpellum elegans* sp. nov.
Fig. 8A,E,J, O,P; Fig. 9A-D, F-J

**Diagnosis.** *Jaegeroscalpellum* in which the carinal and scutal surfaces of the terga bear evenly spaced, strong apicobasal ribs; carina thin, with narrow
parietes.

**Material.** 35 valves from the Lower Hauterivian Endemoceras amblygonium Zone of Engelbostel, Hannover.

**Types.** The tergum figured here (Fig. 8A, 9A) is holotype (NHMUK IC 1383). The other figured valves are paratypes (NHMUK IC 1384-1392).

**Description.** Terga (Fig. 8A-C) asymmetrically rhombic, almost a parallelogram in outline; lower carinal and occcludent margins shorter than upper carinal and scutal margins. Approximately twice as tall as broad, with acute apical and basal angles. Ridge subparallel to occcludent margin weak, but forms short rounded prominence on uppermost scutal margin. Apicobasal ridge variably developed, strong and gently curved towards the carinal side (Fig. 8A, B) on some, weak in others (Fig. 8C). A smooth or very weakly ribbed triangular zone extends from the apicobasal ridge across half of the scutal-occlusal surface, demarcated by a second ridge running to the lower third of the scutal margin. Ribbing variable on the rest of the tergum; strong radial ribs are present on the carinal surface of the holotype (Fig. 8A), and all valves possess strong radial ribbing running from the apex to the upper two thirds of the scutal margin. Scuta (Fig. 8D, J) triangular in outline, with a gently convex occcludent margin, and lack an apicobasal ridge. A depressed region adjacent to the occcludent margin bears variably developed radial ribs, which are also present in a small region adjacent to the tergal margin. Intersection of the growth increments and radial ribs produces a cancellate sculpture in these regions. The rostral angle is close to 90°. Carinae (Fig. 8F-I) gently curved in lateral aspect, thin, with low, flat parietal surfaces, tapering strongly adapically. Basal margin V-shaped, angled at approximately 120°; tectum flat, with weak ridges towards the lateral margins. Two lateral plates include a probable upper latus (Fig. 7J) which is equilaterally triangular in outline and weakly ribbed, and an inframedian latus (Fig. 7O, P). The inframedian latus is triangular, broader than tall, and bears strong radial ribbing. Rostrum unknown.
Remarks. *J. elegans* gen. et sp. nov. is closely comparable in the morphology of the terga, scuta and carinae with the later species *J. comptum* and *J. politum* (see below). It differs from these in the stronger ribbing on the terga. The scuta are comparable in shape to those of *J. politum* (see fig. 7E,F) but differ in the presence of radial ribs and cancellate sculpture. The carinae differ from those of *J. politum* in their flat form, and very shallow parietes. *J. elegans* gen. et sp. nov. is the oldest known member of the Scalpellidae, and extends the history of the family back by approximately 8 myr.

*Jaegerscalpellum comptum* (Withers, 1910)

Fig. 7B,C, 9B,D

1910 *Scalpellum comptum* Withers, p. 153, text-fig. 5.
1935. *Scalpellum (Arcoscalpellum) comptum*, Withers p. 202, pl. 23 figs 7,8
1946 *Arcoscalpellum comptum* Withers, p. 552, pl. 2 figs 1,2
non1965 *Arcoscalpellum comptum* Withers, Collins pp 629-633, pl. 90 figs 1-11, 18

 Diagnosis. *Jageroscalpellum* in which there is a smooth or weakly ribbed sulcus on the tergum between the triangular central region and the occludent ridge.

Remarks. The Aptian material here referred to *J. comptum* includes four valves, two from the Lower Aptian *deshayesi* Zone, Crackers Member of the Isle of Wight (NHMUK I. 21512 carina, I. XXXX tergum), and two terga from an unknown horizon in the Lower Greensand Group of Sevenoaks, Kent (In. 13403, holotype; I. 13404, paratype), figured by Withers (1910, 1935). The material is all refigured here. There appear to be consistent differences between this Lower Aptian species, and the form common the Middle and Upper Albian figured by Collins (1965) as *A. comptum*, here referred to *J. politum* (Darwin, 1851). Most importantly, there is a marked sulcus in *J. comptum* between the triangular, relatively smooth region on the central part of the tergum and the occludent ridge (Fig. 7B,C; Fig. 9B), which is lacking in *J. politum* (Fig. 7D, fig. 9C). Secondly, the ridge adjacent to the occludent
margin is marked in *J. comptum*, but absent in *J. politum*. Although minor, these differences are consistent.

*Jaegerscalpellum politum* (Darwin, 1851)
Fig. 8D, F-H, L,M; Fig. 9E; Fig. 10A,C

1851 *Scalpellum politum* Darwin, p.54, pl. 3 figs 4a,b
1935 *Scalpellum (Arcoscalpellum) politum* Darwin, Withers p.263, pl 23 figs 2a,b
1965 *Arcoscalpellum comptum* Withers, Collins pp 629-633, pl. 90 figs 1-11, 18

**Diagnosis.** *Jaegerscalpellum* which lack a sulcus between the central smooth triangular region of the tergum, and in which an occludent ridge is absent.

Material. Two scuta, one tergum, a carina and a carinolatus (NHMUK IC 1384, 1393-1396) from the Upper Albian *D. cristatum* Subzone of Folkestone, Kent.

**Remarks.** *Scalpellum politum* Darwin, 1851 (pl.3 figs 4a,b) was based on a well preserved scutum in the collection of Mr. J. Bowerbank, probably from the Gault Clay of Folkestone, Kent, UK (reproduced here, Fig. 10A). It was characterized by the ridged occludent margin (Withers 1935). However, the unique specimen was lost, and no further material was collected subsequently. Material picked from a residue of Bed VIIIi (*Dipoloceras cristatum* Zone) included numerous terga (Fig. 8D) belonging to a species referred by Collins (1965) to *Arcoscalpellum comptum* (Withers, 1910), associated with several scuta bearing an occludent ridge, exactly like that in Darwin’s 1851 figure of *S. politum* (Fig. 8G,H). It therefore appears that the Albian Gault species should correctly be referred to as *Jaegerscalpellum politum* (Darwin, 1851). The material from the Aptian Lower Greensand is morphologically distinct, and is referred to as *J. comptum* (see above).

Clade Unilatera Gale, 2018
Diagnosis. Thoracicans plesiormorphically characterized by possession of a single, tall, lateral plate, the upper latus, on each side of the capitulum, independently and secondarily lost in verrucomorphs and balanomorphs. A distinctive valve sculpture consisting of evenly spaced, ridged terraces is retained in the verrucomorph lineage (Gale 2014) but lost in balanomorphs.

Genus Pedupycnolepas Gale, 2014b

Diagnosis. Basal Unilatera which possess an elongated peduncle.

Type species. Pycnolepas articulata Collins, 1980, original designation of Gale 2014b.

Remarks. Pedupycnolepas was established on the basis of the unique holotype of Pycnolepas articulata (a cluster of specimens) from the lower Aptian of Alexander Island, Antarctica (Gale 2014b). This has a well developed peduncle (Gale 2014b, Fig. 1B). The sculpture of the terga is distinctive, comprising rather widely spaced ridges parallel to the lower carinal margin on the carinal surface of the valves. An isolated, very well preserved tergum from Engelbostel displays similar tergal sculpture and shape, and a single rostrum from the same locality is also referred to this genus.

P. pulcher sp. nov.
Fig. 11B, F

Diagnosis. Pedupycnolepas in which a broad apicobasal ridge bears apically imbricating flanges where the ridge intersects with growth increments. Terraced growth increments on carinal surface are closely spaced. Rostrum low, concavo-convex, equilaterally triangular.

Derivation of name. Pulcher, latin, meaning beautiful, with reference to the complex sculpture of the tergum.
**Material.** A single well preserved tergum and a rostrum from The Lower Hauterivian *Endemoceras amblygonium* Zone, Engelbostel, Hannover.

**Types.** NHMUK IC 1397, paratype NHMUK IC 1398.

**Description.** The tergum (Fig. 11B) is nearly symmetrically rhombic, but for the scutal margin being slightly longer than the occludent margin. The height of the valve is twice that of the breadth, and a strong apicobasal ridge runs from the apex to the tergal angle. This ridge is gently bowed towards the carinal side and is made up of apically imbricating, flange-like nodes, each of which has a terminal swelling. A ridge for tergal articulation is present adjacent to the occludent margin. The valve sculpture is complex and variable across the valve, and is dominated by evenly spaced, terraced, growth increments, each approximately 50 microns apart. Simple ridges cover the carinal surface of the valve, but on the scutal/occludent surface, these ridges bear evenly spaced (50 microns) tooth-like structures, directed towards the scutal margin. The flanges on the apicobasal ridge develop where the regularly spaced terracing crosses the ridge. The rostrum (Fig. 11F) is concavo-convex, equilaterally triangular in ventral view and has a gently curved proximal margin. The strong sculpture comprises proximally imbricating, evenly spaced ridges, which are interrupted to form poorly defined tubercles on the lateral surfaces of the plate. A rostrum of *Faxoepycnolepas* (Fig. 11G) is provided for comparison; it is taller, the ridges are less sharply defined, and a stronger radial sculpture is developed.

**Discussion.** *P. pulcher* sp. nov. differs from *P. articulata* in the broader, strongly nodose, apicobasal ridge and the more closely spaced, narrower, terracing on the carinal surface of the tergum.

The sculpture of *P. pulcher* sp. nov. is remarkably similar to that developed on many verrucids (Gale 2014b), and a selection of these are illustrated for comparison (Fig. 11 C,D,E,H). The main elements of this sculpture are:
evenly spaced, apically imbricating terraces of calcite which protrude slightly on the occludent margin of the terga, and represent regular growth increments.

Scalloped, strongly imbricating proximal extensions of the terraces on the apicobasal ridge.

A weak, variably developed radial sculpture, confined to the lower scutal surface of the terga.

*Pedupycnolepas* falls close to the base of the unilateran clade, which includes both verrucomorphs and balanomorphs (Gale 2018), and the distinctive sculpture is evidently plesiomorphic for the group. However, it is retained on the moveable scuta of all verrucids (e.g. Fig. 11H) but lost on the wall plates of derived verrucids and all balanomorphs (Gale 2014b).

*Etcheslepas durotrigensis* Gale, 2014a, from the Tithonian Kimmeridge Clay, shows incipient development of this sculpture type (e.g. Gale 2018 Fig. 2), in the form of regularly spaced, weak terracing or ribbing, particularly on the scuta adjacent to the occludent margin. The Unilatera may have originated from a form like *E. durotrigensis*, which lost all lateral plates except the tall upper latus and further elaborated the sculpture.

**Discussion.**

The new cirripede faunas from the Hauterivian of the Hannover district provide important new information on the history of the group during the Lower Cretaceous, summarized in Fig. 12. Firstly, zeugmatolepadids of the subfamily Martillepadinae (i.e. those with apical scutal umbones) belonging to the dominantly Late Jurassic genera *Martillepas* and *Etcheslepas* extended up as common elements of the fauna into the Late Hauterivian. Secondly, the early occurrences (Hauterivian) of typically later Cretaceous genera such as *Cretiscalpellum* and the scalpellid *Jaegerscalpellum* gen nov. extend their history back by many millions of years. Also, the early Hauterivian occurrence of the unilateran genus *Pedupycnolepas* constrains the date of the evolution of this group, which ultimately gave rise to the balanomorphs and
verrucomorphs (Gale 2018). Thus, the Cretaceous radiation of the thoracicalarean cirripedes was underway by the Hauterivian. It appears likely that zeugmatolepadids gave rise to all later calcareous cirripedes, although the details of the phylogeny remain obscure. However, it is likely that Martillepas gave rise to Cretiscalpellum by reduction in lateral plates (Gale et al. 2019).

Conclusions.

Cirripedes described from the Hauterivian of Germany include seven species which are placed in five genera, They include an admixture of typically upper Jurassic forms belonging to the zeugmatolepadid subfamily Martillepadinae (Martillepas hausmanni, M. decoratus sp. nov., M. auriculus sp. nov and Etcheslepas borealis), together with forms typical of the later Cretaceous, including the oldest species of Cretiscalpellum (C. mutterlosei sp. nov.) and the oldest Scalpellidae (Jaegerscalpellum gen nov., species J. elegans sp. nov.). Additionally, Pedupycnolepas pulcher sp. nov, is the earliest member of the Group Unilatera, which gave rise to the verrucomorphs and balanomorphs in the later Cretaceous.

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Fig. 1. Map of the Hannover district, to show the locations of Lower Cretaceous exposures at Resse (1), Engelbostel (2) and Gott (3). After Mutterlose et al. 1999 Fig. 2.
**Fig. 2.** Lithology and biostratigraphy of the Hauterivian of NW Germany, to show the levels exposed in the claypits at Engelbostel, Resse and Gott. After Mutterlose et al. 1999, Fig. 4.

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Scale bars. E, 4mm. F-M, P, 2mm. A-C, 1mm. D,G, 0.5mm. O,Q,R, 0.2mm. H, 0.1mm.

Fig. 4. Reproduction of original figure of *Pollicipes Hausmanni* Koch and Dunker, 1836, to show original material of scutum (A), carina (B) and tergum (C). The carina was selected as lectotype by Withers (1935). Hauterivian, Elligser Brinkes, Hannover. Whereabouts unknown.

Scale bars. A-C, 5mm. H-K, L-O 2mm. e-G, 0.5mm.
scutum, NHMUK IC 1366A. O-P, carina, original of Gale 2014a Fig. 6, J,K, NHMUK IC 1099. Q, subcarina, original of Gale 2014a, Fig. 6p, NHMUK 1100. R-T, terga. R, NHMUK IC 1366B. S, original of Gale 2014a, Fig. 6a, NHMUK IC 1094. T, original of Gale 2014a, Fig. 6b, NHMUK IC 1095. U,V, rostrum, original of Gale 2014a, Fig. 6f,g, NHMUK IC 1097. W, possible upper latus, original of Gale 2014a, Fig. 6h, NHMUK IC 1098. All from the upper *Pavlovia pallasioides* Zone, Tithonian, Portland, Dorset, UK.

Scale bars. A,R, 1mm. B-E, G,H, L-P, S,T, 0.5mm. I-J, Q, U-W, 0.2mm.

Fig. 7. A,B, *Cretiscalpellum aptiensis* Withers, 1935. Lateral (A) and carinal (B) aspect of holotype, BGS 49533. Late Aptian, Bargate Stone, Lydling, near Guildford, Surrey, UK. C,D, *Cretiscalpellum matrioni* sp. nov. C, holotype tergum, external view. NHMUK IC 1380. D, paratype scutum, external view. B. Matron coll., University of Dijon. Middle Albian, *Hoplites bennettianus* Zone, Le Gaty, Aube, France.

Scale bars. A,B, 10mm; C,D, 4mm.
Fig. 8 A, E, J, O, P, *Jaegerscalpellum elegans* sp. nov. A, holotype tergum, NHMUK IC 1383. E, scutum, paratype, NHMUK IC 1384. J, possible upper latus, NHMUK IC 1385. O, P, inframedian latus, NHMUK IC 1386. Lower Hauterivian *Endemoceras amblygonium* Zone, Engelbostel, near Hannover.


Scale bars. A-D,F,H,I, 1mm. E,G,J-L, N-P, 0.5mm. M, 0.2mm.

Fig. 9. A-D, F-J,Jaegerscalpellum elegans sp. nov. A-C, terga. A, holotype, NHMUK IC 1383. B,C, paratypes, NHMUK IC 1387, 1388. D,J, scuta in external view. NHMUK IC 1389, 1392. F-I, carinae, in dorsal (F,I) and lateral views (G,H), paratypes, NHMUK IC 1390, 1391. Lower Hauterivian

Scale bars. A, 1mm. B-J, 0.5mm.

Fig. 10. A, original figure *Pollicipes politum* Darwin, 1851, pl. 3 fig. 4. Collection of Mr J. Bowerbank, presumed to be from the Gault Clay. Specimen lost. B, D, *Jaegerscalpellum comptum* (Withers, 1910) NHMUK In 63507a. D, carina, in dorsal view. Original of Withers 1946, figs. 1,2. NHMUK In 63507b. Lower Aptian, *Deshayesites deshayesi* Zone, Crackers Member, Atherfield, Isle of Wight, UK. C, *Jaegerscalpellum politum* (Darwin, 1851). Tergum. Middle Albian, *Hoplites bennettianus* Zone, Le Gaty, Aube, France. B. Matrion collection. Scale bars. 2mm.
tergum. NHMUK IC 1401. C, D, H, Late Pliocene, off Rodrigues Ridge, Indian Ocean. E, *Eoverruca hewitti* Withers, 1935. Fixed tergum. Santonian, *Uintacrinus socialis* Zone, Hinderclay Lane, Wattisfield, Suffolk, UK. G, *Faxoelepas bruennichi* (Withers 1914a), rostrum. After Gale 2014 Fig. 4C, NHMUK IC 1023. Middle Danian (Palaeocene), Faxoe, Denmark. Note the similarity of surface sculpture between the tergum of *P. pulcher* sp. nov. (B) and that of Verrucidae (C-E, H). This comprises regularly spaced, proximally imbricating growth increments, which form a serrated occludent margin, and scalloped processes over the apicobasal line.

Scale bars. A, 5mm; B-D, H, 1mm; E-G, 0.5mm.
Fig. 12. Distribution of cirripedes in the Late Jurassic and Lower Cretaceous. The dotted line represents the position of the Engelbostel Fauna. Note the extension of Jurassic genera into the Hauterivian, in which calanticids and scalpellids first appear.