

## One new and two little-known species of the millipede family Polydesmidae from southern China (Diplopoda: Polydesmida)

### Один новый и два малоизвестных вида диплопод семейства Polydesmidae из Южного Китая (Diplopoda: Polydesmida)

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ABSTRACT. The small, basically Himalayan genus *Glenniea* Turk, 1945 is formally new to the fauna of China due to the discovery of *G. prima* sp.n., a species that lives epigeically in Guangxi Province. *Epanerchodus orientalis* Attems, 1901, a highly polymorphous species very common in Japan and Taiwan, is formally reported from China for the first time as well, based on a cave population in Guangxi Province. A new cave locality is also presented for *E. stylotarseus* Chen & Zhang, 1990, a species already known from three other caves in the same Guanling County, Guizhou Province.

РЕЗЮМЕ. Небольшой, в основном гималайский род *Glenniea* Turk, 1945 — формально новый для фауны Китая, благодаря находке *G. prima* sp.n., живущей в лесной подстилке в провинции Гуанси. *Epanerchodus orientalis* Attems, 1901, крайне полиморфный вид, очень обычный в Японии и на Тайване, формально тоже впервые зарегистрирован в Китае, благодаря находке пещерной популяции в провинции Гуанси. Дана новая находка в пещере вида *E. stylotarseus* Chen & Zhang, 1990, который до сих пор был известен из других трех пещер в том же районе Гуанлин в провинции Гуйчжоу.

### Introduction

The millipede family Polydesmidae is currently known as being represented in China by species of only three genera: *Epanerchodus* Attems, 1901 (= *Usbekodesmus* Lohmander, 1932, synonymized by Golovatch et al. [2011]), *Polydesmus* Latreille, 1803 and *Pacidesmus* Golovatch, 1991. *Epanerchodus* is by far the largest polydesmid genus in eastern Asia, counting about 60 nominal species ranging from Central Asia and the Russian Far East in the north to the Himalaya and southern China in the south; yet only eight unquestioned species have hitherto been described or reported from China [Geoffroy & Golovatch, 2004; Golovatch et al., 2006]. *Polydesmus* is a huge, basically Mediterranean genus encompassing over 80 species or subspecies, but only a handful are known from Japan, China and Vietnam, including *P. liber* Golovatch, 1991 from Hong Kong [Golovatch, 1991]. There are a few more species from China (and Japan) which are still formally assigned to *Polydesmus*, but, since they were described from females, their identities remain obscure (see review by Golovatch [1991]). *Pacidesmus* is a fairly small genus which currently includes only seven species, of which six occur solely in caves in southern China [Golovatch et al., 2010].

Prompted by the recent discovery of an unusual new polydesmid in Guangxi and one each poorly-known species in Guangxi and Guizhou provinces, southern China, we put these novelties on record in the present paper. The new species appears to belong to a genus reported from China for the first time, and one more is a species new to the Chinese list. The holotype will be deposited in the collection of the Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China (IZAS), whereas non-type duplicates will be shared between the collections of the South China Agricultural University, Guangzhou, China (SCAU), Guangxi Normal Uni-

versity, Guangzhou, China (SCAU), Guangxi Normal Uni-

versity, Guilin, China (GNUG), Zoological Museum, University of Moscow, Russia (ZMUM), and Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, Paris, France (MNHN).

### Taxonomic part

*Epanerchodus orientalis* Attems, 1901

Figs 1–9.

**MATERIAL.** 1 ♂ (IZAS), 1 ♂ (GNUG), 1 ♂ (MNHN JC 133), 1 ♂ (ZMUM), 1 ♀ (SCAU), China, Guangxi Prov., Fuchuan County, Bainiu, Cave Banbianshan Dong, 25.01.2012, leg. Li Youbang, Li Youting and Tang Kewen (CHIgx12-LYB06).

**REDESCRIPTION.** Regardless of sex, length 10–17 mm, width of their midbody pro- and metazona 1.4 and 1.9 to 1.8 and 2.5 mm, respectively. Coloration in alcohol mostly uniformly pallid (Figs 1–4), only rarely front part of body, including antennae, faintly pinkish.

Body with 20 segments. Head very densely pilose, only vertex nearly bare; epicranial suture distinct. Antennae short and stout (Fig. 1), overreaching segment 3 dorsally; antennomere 3 longest; antennomere 7 with an evident dorsoparabasal cone. In width, collum < head = segment 2 < 3=4 < 5=17, thereafter body gently tapering towards telson. Paraterga rather strongly developed (Figs 2–4), upturned starting from collum, ending above level of dorsum on collum and following segments 2–4, level to dorsum and subhorizontal until segment 17, slightly below dorsum thereafter. Starting from segment 4, paraterga increasingly well protruded behind rear tergal margin, caudal tips very narrowly rounded to pointed. Paraterga with two rows of small, but evident bosses, 2+2 and 4+4, respectively. Paraterga of collum and paraterga 2–4 with an evident indentation at margin in front of caudal corner; subsequent poreless paraterga each with three, all pore-bearing paraterga with four, increasingly poorly developed indentations at lateral margin. Front margin slightly rebordered and upturned, in paraterga 2–4 very faintly convex, nearly straight, thereafter first subrectangular, then increasingly obtusangular, more convex, forming a distinct shoulder with anterior indentation at lateral margin until segment 19, on 19<sup>th</sup> broadly rounded. Pore formula normal, ozopores evident, dorsolateral, located just behind 4<sup>th</sup> indentation. Metatergal sculpture typical, with three transverse rows of setiferous bosses: bosses in anterior row especially large, polygonal, paramedian 2+2 a little higher; those in both middle and posterior rows much smaller, paramedian 2+2 and 2+2 also a little higher; anterior one set off by a vague transverse sulcus. Surface of prozona, of metaterga below paraterga and of stricture between pro- and metazona finely shagreened and alveolate, poorly shining; only metaterga, albeit with same texture, more evidently shining due to smooth bosses in middle and posterior rows, as well as to paraterga. Tergal setae very short, pointed, partly retained only on collum. Very small pleurosternal carinae present only on segment 2. Epiproct short, conical. Hypoproct roundly subtrapeziform; caudal, paramedian, setiferous papillae very long and only rather slightly separated.



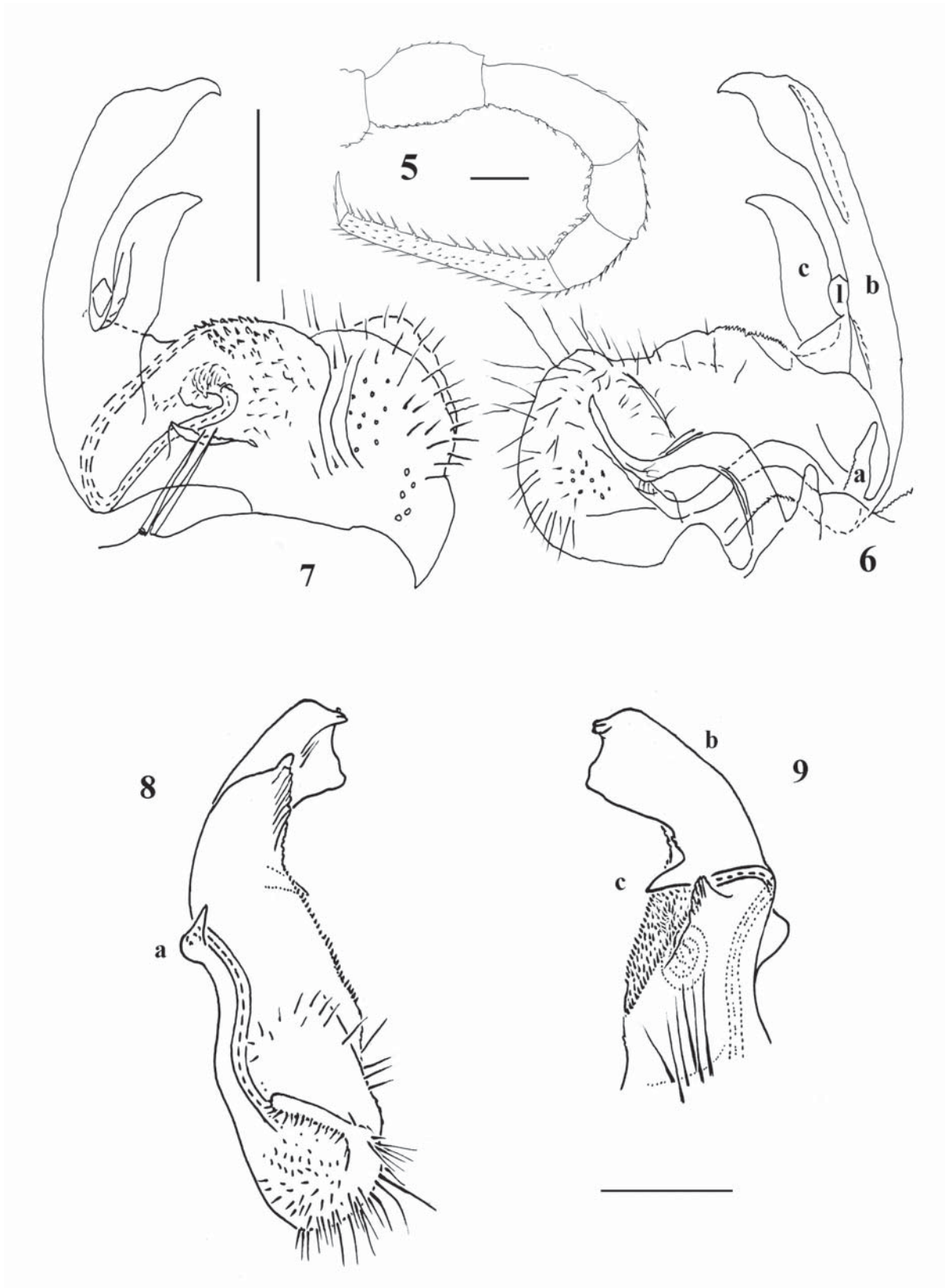
Figs 1–4. *Epanerchodus orientalis* Attems, 1901, ♂. 1 & 2 — anterior body portion, lateral and dorsal views, respectively; 3 — midbody segments, dorsal view; 4 — posterior body portion, dorsal view. Photographed not to scale.

Рис. 1–4. *Epanerchodus orientalis* Attems, 1901, ♂. 1, 2 — передняя часть тела, соответственно сбоку и сверху; 3 — среднетелувищные сегменты, сверху; 4 — задняя часть тела, сверху. Сфотографировано без масштаба.

Sterna without modifications, modestly setose; cross-impressions evident. Legs rather long and slender (Fig. 5), evidently incrassate in ♂, ca 2.2 times as long as midbody height; sphaerotrichomes well visible on virtually all telopoditomers.

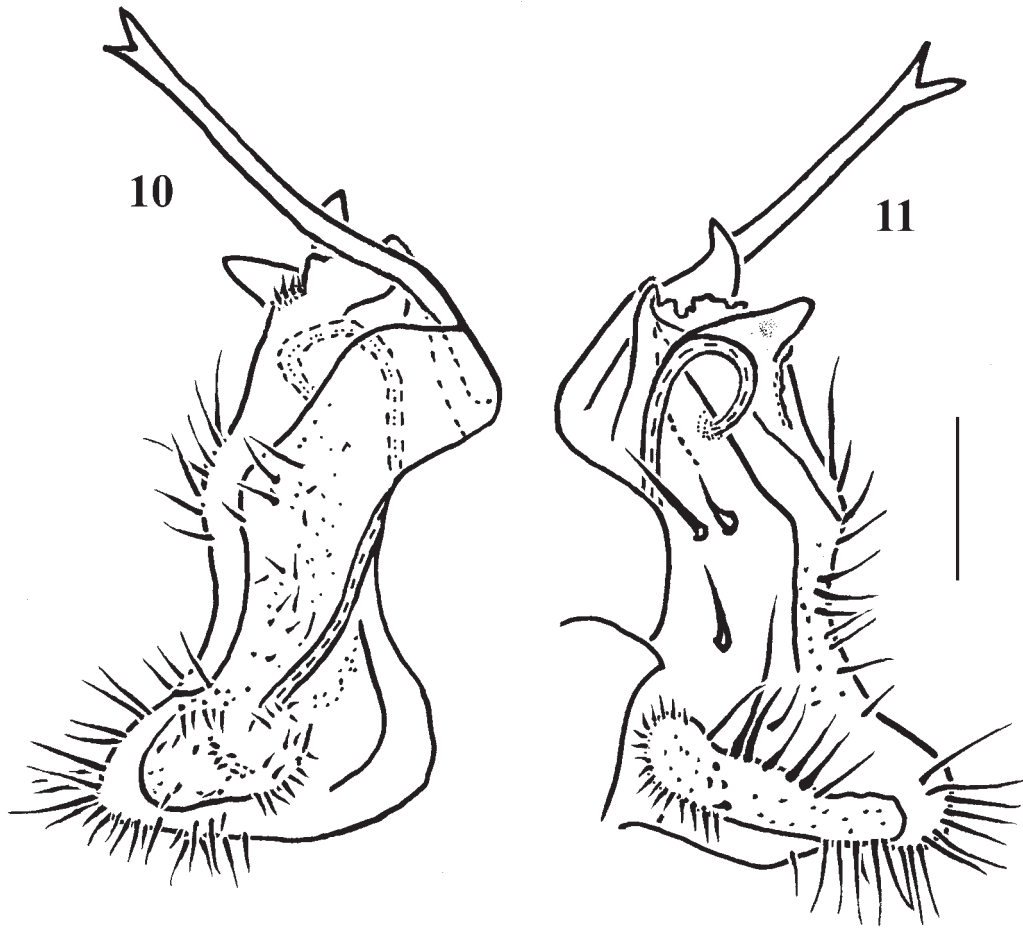
Gonopods (Figs 6–9) in two dissected ♂♂ strongly different, but showing all basic elements characteristic of *E. orientalis*. Coxa with two distodorsal macrochaetae. Exomere (**a**) very simple, short to very short. Both branches of endomere (**b** and **c**) very prominent (Figs 6 & 7) to moderately well-developed, especially **c** (Figs 8 & 9), sometimes with a small subtriangular lobule (**l**) at base in-between. Seminal groove typical of the genus, starting on mesal face to rather rapidly move onto lateral side between **a** and **b**, continuing there at bottom of a distinct or rather distinct cavity to finally enter a well-developed accessory seminal chamber; the latter opening with a clear-cut hairy pulvillus.

**REMARKS.** As the above redescription shows, there are virtually no characters that would allow us to clearly distinguish the above material from the known diagnoses of *E. orientalis*, a widespread East Asian species with several suspected synonymies still to be verified [e.g. Golovatch et al., 2010]. Based on the quite ordinary appearance of this population, we are inclined to consider it as troglomorphic at most. In Japan, some more populations are known to occur in caves as well, but basically *E. orientalis* is largely an epigeal species, in many places likely anthropochore; it has already been noted as probably the most widespread and polymor-



Figs 5–9. *Epanerchodus orientalis* Attems, 1901, ♂♂. 5 — midbody leg, caudal view; 6 & 7 — right gonopod, mesal and lateral views, respectively; 8 & 9 — left gonopod, mesal and lateral views, respectively. Scale bars: 0.25 (5) & 0.2 mm (6–9).

Рис. 5–9. *Epanerchodus orientalis* Attems, 1901, ♂♂. 5 — среднетеловишная нога, сзади; 6, 7 — правый гонопод, соответственно изнутри и сбоку; 8, 9 — левый гонопод, соответственно изнутри и сбоку. Масштаб: 0,25 (5), 0,2 мм (6–9).



Figs 10 & 11. Right gonopod of *Epanerchodus stylotarseus* Chen & Zhang, 1990, ♂ from Cave Jiang Jia Da Dong, mesal and lateral views, respectively. Scale bar: 0.2 mm.

Рис. 10–11. Правый гонопод *Epanerchodus stylotarseus* Chen & Zhang, 1990, ♂ из пещеры Jiang Jia Da Dong, соответственно изнутри и сбоку. Масштаб: 0,2 мм.

phous among congeners [Golovatch et al., 2010]. It lives almost all over Japan, yet leaving a considerable gap in Kyushu and the Ryukyus before reappearing in Taiwan. It always shows pronounced variation in gonopod traits, as well as some peripheral characters (coloration, height and breadth of paraterga, distribution of sphaerotrichomes etc.). This variation has been documented as being mostly individual at least in Taiwan [Golovatch et al., 2010]. The same obviously concerns the Guangxi population, in which the gonopods differ quite considerably from one male to another (cf. Figs 6 & 7 and 8 & 9).

Before more material has been accumulated from China and elsewhere, especially as regards molecular data, we refer the Chinese cave population to *E. orientalis*. We simply provide its redescription and illustrations to assist further studies on this taxonomically confusing species. Only genetic investigations are deemed to be capable of ultimately solving the riddle

concerning the true identity and range, both morphological and geographic, of *E. orientalis*.

*Epanerchodus stylotarseus* Chen & Zhang, 1990  
Figs 10 & 11.

**MATERIAL.** 3 ♂♂, 3 ♀♀ (SCAU), China Guizhou Prov., Guanling County, Cave Jiang Jia Da Dong, 20.07.2009, leg. Zhi-hong Xue & Chuanchang Chen (CHIgz09-LWX09).

**REMARKS.** The above material is in good agreement with the original description by Chen & Zhang [1990]. New drawings of a gonopod are presented (Figs 10 & 11) to document the identification. This species has been known from three caves (Cave Gan-zi Dong, Cave Yin Jia Dong 2 and Cave San Ge Dong) in Guanling Bouyeizu Miazu Autonomous County, Guizhou Province, China [Chen & Zhang, 1990; Golovatch et al., 2006], while the new samples come just from another cave in the same county.



*Glenniea prima* sp.n.

Figs 12–17.

**MATERIAL.** Holotype ♂ (IZAS), China, Guangxi Prov., Longzhou City, Nonggang Natural Reserve forest, pass on karst soil, 16.04.2010, leg. L. Deharveng & A. Bedos (CHIgx10-24).

**DIAGNOSIS.** Comes out as *G. perarmata* Golovatch, 1988, from Bhutan, in the key [Golovatch, 1988], but differs readily from all congeners by its much larger size (> 7 mm versus 4.5 mm in length), but narrower paraterga (0.6 mm versus 0.8 mm), by the shape of the paraterga (caudal corner invariably acute and protruding behind rear tergal margin versus neither acute nor protruding behind rear tergal margin), the presence of sphaerotrichomes (versus absent), as well as by the peculiar gonopod structure showing a deeply bipartite and strongly ornamented telopodite.

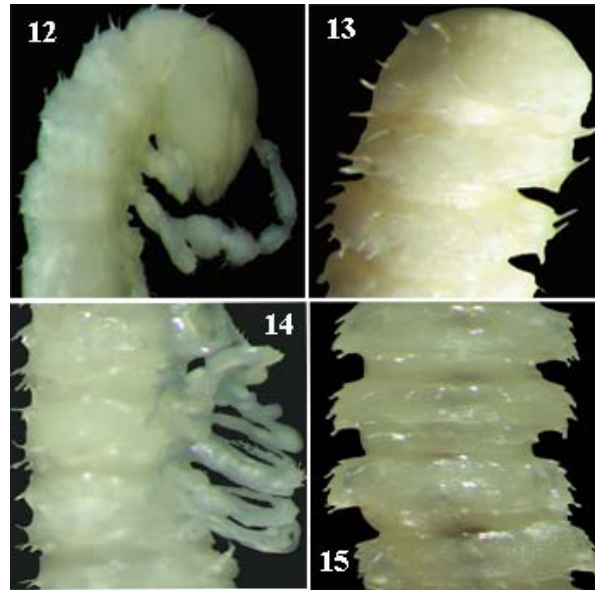
**NAME.** To emphasize the first species of *Glenniea* to be reported from China.

**DESCRIPTION.** Length ca 7 mm (incomplete, with 17 segments, the last ?two segments being missing), width 0.4 and 0.6 mm on midbody pro- and metazona, respectively. Coloration uniformly pallid (Figs 12–15). Head densely pilose. Antennae rather long and evidently clavate (Fig. 12), reaching the end of segment 3 dorsally, with typical distodorsal groups of bacilliform sensilla on antennomeres 5 and 6, and a minute dorso-parabasal knob on antennomere 7.

In width, collum << head < segment 2 = 4 < 5 = 17. Tergal and sternal surface evidently granulate-tuberculate, but shining. Collum rounded anteriorly, acute laterally, straight at base. Metatergal sculpture distinct, represented by usual three transverse rows of setigerous tubercles/bosses, metaterga very slightly convex (Figs 14 & 15). Tergal setae simple, long, considerably longer on collum, only slightly shorter on metatergum 2 (Figs 12–15). Paraterga poorly developed, lying clearly below level of dorsum (Figs 12 & 14). Each of poreless paraterga with three, each of pore-bearing ones with four, evident setigerous indentations. Front corner of paraterga largely roundly obtusangular, lateral edge slightly convex, caudal corner invariably acute and protruding behind rear tergal margin (Figs 13 & 15). Ozopores lying dorsally near last indentation (Fig. 15). Limbus irregularly microdentate.

Pleurotergal carinae absent. Sterna without modifications. Legs rather long and obviously incrassate, in midbody part ca 1.8 times as long as body height. Prefemora not bulged laterally. Sphaerotrichomes well-developed, present only on tarsi.

Gonopods (Figs 16 & 17) highly complex. Coxae evidently micropapillate and poorly setose ventrally. Telopodite clearly bipartite, both branches representing an endomere, both forming a nearly circular structure without traces of an exomere; clivus (**c**) margin beset with subbacilli- to dentiform structures extending until base of a long, digitiform, caudoventral process (**p**) similarly ornamented at dorsal edge. Main, frontoventral branch (**b**) with two distinct lobules (**d** and **e**) and, distally, with a number of spinules at ventral edge. A



Figs 12–15. *Glenniea prima* sp.n., ♂ holotype. 12 & 13 — anterior body portion, lateral and dorsal views, respectively; 14 & 15 — midbody segments, lateral and dorsal views, respectively. Photographed not to scale.

Рис. 12–15. *Glenniea prima* sp.n., голотип ♂. 12, 13 — передняя часть тела, соответственно сбоку и сверху; 14, 15 — среднетеловишние сегменты, соответственно сбоку и сверху. Сфотографировано без масштаба.

small, complex, folded outgrowth (**o**) near pulvillus. Seminal groove in about basal half running on mesal face, then turning laterad to make a retrorse loop before debauching into a well-developed accessory seminal chamber.

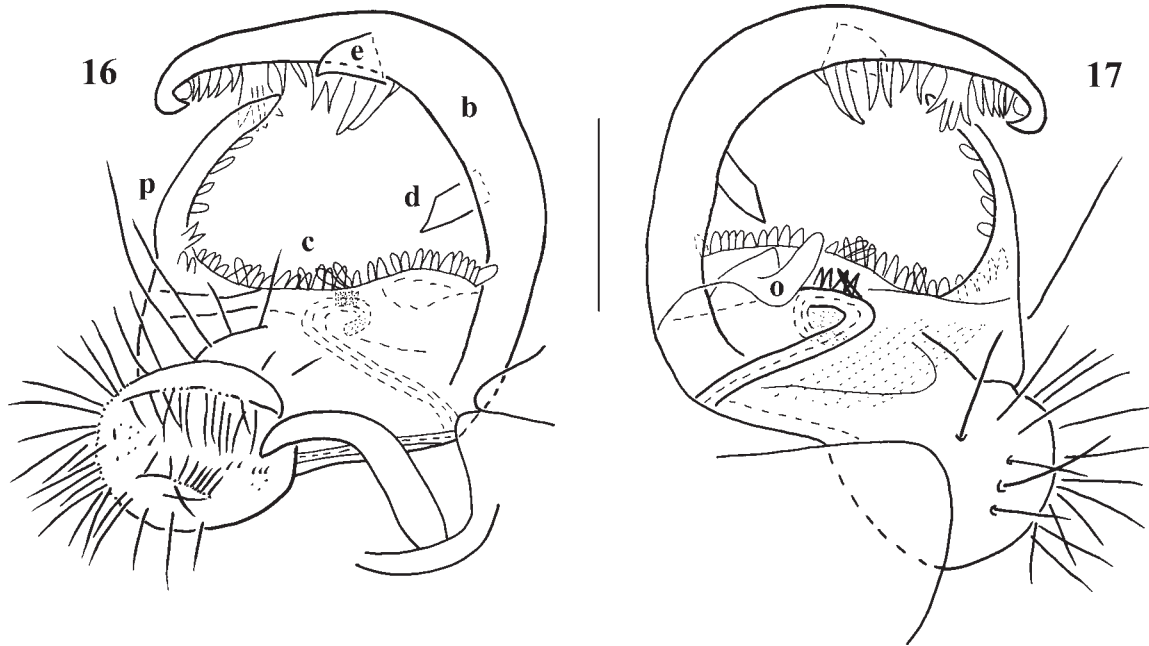
**REMARKS.** The genus *Glenniea* Turk, 1945 has hitherto been known to comprise only five valid species, all keyed, and all confined to the Himalaya of India (Kumaon), Nepal and Bhutan [Golovatch, 1987, 1988].

The present discovery of *G. prima* sp.n. in Guangxi Province, southern China provides a very important range extension for the entire genus far to the east, also representing the first formal record of *Glenniea* in China. There can hardly be any doubt that more congeners will be revealed with further progress in collecting and studying millipedes in China.

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Figs 16 & 17. Right gonopod of *Glenniea prima* sp.n., ♂ holotype, mesal and lateral views, respectively. Scale bar: 0.2 mm.  
 Рис. 16–17. Правый гонопод *Glenniea prima* sp.n., голотип ♂, соответственно изнутри и сбоку. Масштаб: 0,2 мм.

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