

## Early osmylids (Neurotera: Osmylidae) from the Lower-Middle Jurassic of Kyrgyzstan

### Ранние осмилиды (Neurotera: Osmylidae) из нижней-средней юры Киргизии

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**ABSTRACT.** Three new genera and five new species of osmylids are described from the late Early Jurassic — early Middle Jurassic of Kyrgyzstan: *Tengriosmylus magnificus* **gen. et sp.n.**, *Erlikosmylus obscurus* **gen. et sp. n.**, *Mesosmylina shurabica* **sp. n.** and *M. angusta* **sp. n.**, *Sauktangida aenigmatica* **gen. et sp.n.** The fossil record of Jurassic osmylids is briefly discussed. The proposal is made that *S. aenigmatica* **gen. et sp.n.** represents the ancestral condition of MA in hindwings of Osmylidae.

**РЕЗЮМЕ.** Из верхов нижней — низов средней юры Киргизии описываются три новых рода и пять новых видов осмилид: *Tengriosmylus magnificus* **gen. et sp.n.**, *Erlikosmylus obscurus* **gen. et sp.n.**, *Mesosmylina shurabica* **sp.n.** и *M. angusta* **sp.n.**, *Sauktangida aenigmatica* **gen. et sp.n.** Кратко обсуждаются ископаемые находки Osmylidae юрского возраста. Выдвинуто предположение, что строение МА в заднем крыле *S. aenigmatica* **gen. et sp.n.** отражает предковое состояние этого признака у осмилид.

#### Introduction

Nowadays, family Osmylidae is distributed over all continents, except North America, and comprises about 200 species in 23 genera [Beutel et al., 2010]. It appeared in the fossil record in the Early Jurassic, but forms which are similar to osmylids and probably ancestral to them, are known from the Triassic. Such forms are placed by Makarkin et al. [2014] in the family Archeosmylidae Riek, 1953. According these authors, Archeosmylidae contains, besides the type species *Archeosmylus pectinatus* Riek, 1953 from the Upper Permian of Belmont (Australia), *Babykamenia eskovi* Ponomarenko et Shcherbakov, 2004 from the terminal Permian locality Babii Kamen' (Russia) and three species of *Lithosmylidia* Riek, 1955 from the Middle and Upper Triassic of Australia [Lambkin, 1988]. Makarkin et al.

point out that this family is also represented by some undescribed lacewings from the Middle-Upper Triassic Madygen Formation (Kyrgyzstan). Archeosmylidae differs from Osmylidae mostly by non-pectinate CuP in the forewing, by more oblique branches of CuA and A1 and by smooth branches of Rs.

Only three osmylid species are known from the Lower Jurassic: *Sogjuta* Martynova, 1958, *Petrushevskia* Martynova, 1958 and *Mesosmylina* Bode, 1953. Makarkin et al. [2014] assigned all of them to the extinct subfamily Mesosmylininae.

The oldest osmylids, *Sogjuta speciosa* Martynova 1958 and *Petrushevskia borisi* Martynova 1958, were described from the locality Soguty. Lacewings, as well as other insects from Soguty, were found in the deposits of Dzhlil formation, whose age is estimated to be the Early Lias based on the spore-pollen analysis [Aliev et al., 1981]. The total number of lacewings from Soguty is 30, among them osmylids are the most numerous group (10 specimens, including holotypes). Despite of their relative abundance, osmylids from Soguty are not diverse, all of them likely belong to the genus *Petrushevskia*, except 1–2 representatives of the genus *Sogjuta* [pers. obs.]. The fragment of wing which presumably could be assigned to *Lithosmylidia* also was found in Soguty. The genus *Petrushevskia* is only known from the type locality, the other species of *Sogjuta*, *S. shartegica* Khramov, 2011, was described from the Upper Jurassic locality Shar-Teg. So this archaic genus existed throughout most of the Jurassic period.

*Mesosmylina*, the third known osmylid genus, which appeared in the Early Jurassic, comprises four species. *M. exornata* Bode, 1953 and *M. falciferum* Ansonge, 1996 were found in the Upper Lias of Braunschweig and Grimmen (Germany) respectively; *M. mongolica* Ponomarenko, 1984 was described from the Mongolian locality Oshin-Boro-Udzur-Ula (the upper Lower Jurassic). *M. sibirica* Ponomarenko, 1985 from the Middle Jurassic locality Kubekovo (Krasnoyarsk Krai, Rus-

sia) is represented by the very incomplete wing, so the generic and even family affiliation of this species is under question.

The second-oldest representatives of the family after the above-mentioned Early Jurassic taxa are numerous and diverse osmylids from the Middle Jurassic (Bathonian) of Daohugou, China [Ren & Yin, 2002; Ren & Engel, 2007; Wang et al., 2009a, b, 2010, 2011; Yang et al., 2010]. Osmylids make up about half of all findings of Neuroptera in Daohugou, and approximately 50 percent of them belong to the extant subfamily Kempyninae [pers. obs.]. The osmylid fauna from the Upper Jurassic of Karatau, Kazakhstan (Upper Callovian to Kimmeridgian according [Doludenko & Orlovskaya, 1976]) is the most similar to osmylids from Daohugou. Some osmylids from both localities belong to the same genera, the representatives of Kempyninae are the most abundant in Karatau as in Daohugou [Khramov, 2014]. But as opposed to Daohugou, osmylids from Karatau make up only 5–6% of the total number of lacewings.

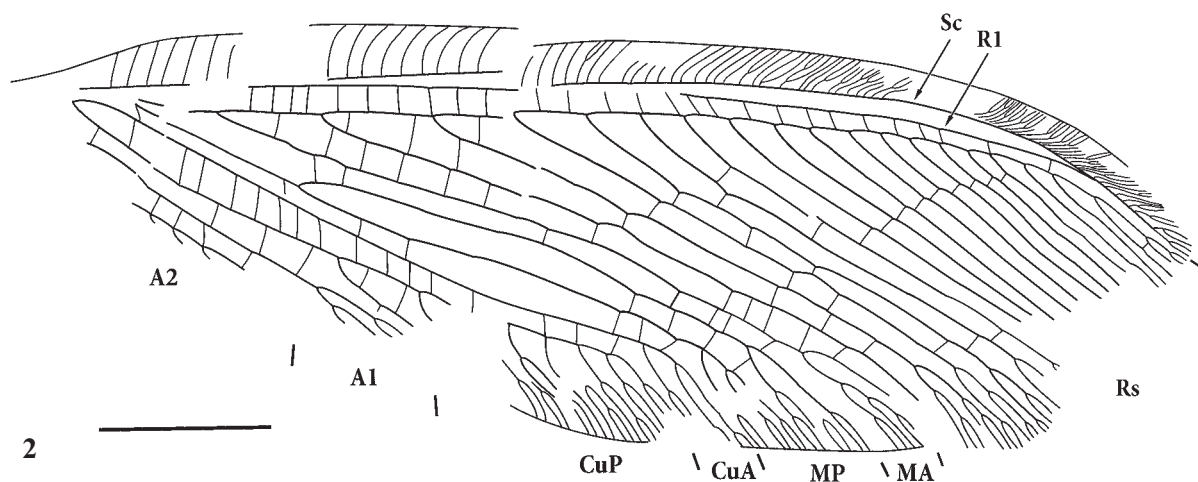
Thus a significant gap exists in the fossil record of Osmylidae between the earliest relatively uniform Lower Jurassic forms belonging to extinct subfamily Mesos-

mylinae and younger diverse faunas from Daohugou and Karatau, which consist mostly of representatives of extant subfamilies (Kempyninae, Gumillinae etc.). Fossil osmylids which are described in the present paper partially fill this gap. They were found in two Kirgiz localities of the similar age, Sai-Sagul and Sauk-Tanga.

The Jurassic locality Sai-Sagul (also known as Shurab III) is situated in Batken Province of Kyrgyzstan near the border with Tajikistan. All insects from Sai-Sagul (more than 3000 specimens) were found in the upper part of Sogul Formation. Analysis of leaf flora, spores and pollen demonstrates that the Sogul Formation is late Early Jurassic in age [Aliev et al., 1981], but there is no distinct border between Sogul Formation and overlying coal-bearing Samarkandek Formation of the early Middle Jurassic (Aalenian-Bajocian) age. Sukacheva and Rasnitsyn [2004] estimated the age of Sogul Formation as the late Early Jurassic to the early Middle Jurassic based on the fossil entomofauna. Locality Sauk-Tanga is situated about 15 km east of Sai-Sagul. Insects from this locality were found in the Jurassic deposits overlying the Triassic Madygen Formation [Dobruskina, 1995]. Stoneflies *Mesoleuctra* and corixoid aquatic bugs *Shurbella*, which are known from Sauk-Tanga, are quite



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Figs 1–2. *Tengriosmylus magnificus* gen. et sp.n., Sai-Sagul, holotype PIN No. 2389/513, forewing. Scale bar = 5 mm.

Рис. 1–2. *Tengriosmylus magnificus* gen. et sp.n., Сай-Сагул, голотип ПИН № 2389/513, переднее крыло. Длина масштабной линейки 5 мм.

typical for Sai-Sagul [Shcherbakov, 2008]. This fact could indicate that the age of both localities is similar.

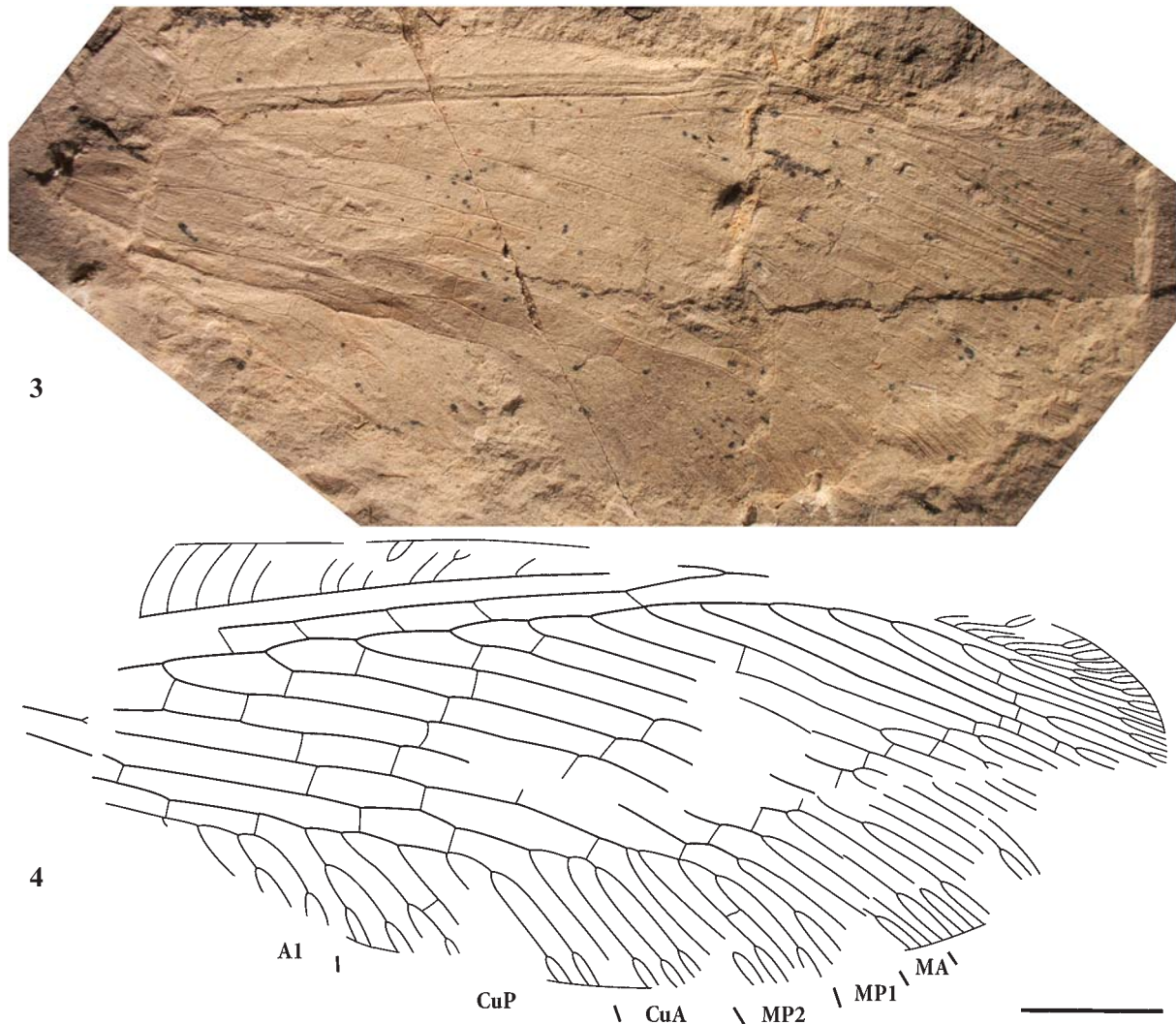
There are relatively few osmylids in Sai-Sagul: only 14 specimens (mostly fragmentary) could be assigned to Osmylidae (5–6% of all lacewings from the locality). At the same time osmylids of Sai-Sagul are characterized by high diversity — it is possible to state, nevertheless the fragmentary preservation, that nearly all of them belong to different taxa. For example, the new taxa described herein are each represented by only single specimens. There are large osmylids (as *Tengriosmylus magnificus* **gen. et sp.n.**; forewing length 34 mm) in Sai-Sagul, while all the Early Jurassic members of the family are small (forewing length less than 16 mm), like Triassic Archeosmylidae. *Tengriosmylus* and *Erlikosmylus* **gen.n.** probably belong to the different subfamilies than the earliest osmylids (i.e. not to Mesosmylininae), but it will be too early to establish new subfamilies for them until examination of additional material. Single osmylid from Sauk-Tanga, *Sauktangida aenigmatica* **gen. et sp.n.**, is large in size (forewing length more than 40 mm), even in

comparison with recent Osmylidae. Sauktangida seems to be close to extant Kempyninae, the most abundant group of osmylids in the Middle and Late Jurassic. Thus it is possible to make a conclusion, that osmylid fauna of Sai-Sagul and Sauk-Tanga is intermediate between the Early Jurassic osmylids and osmylids from the Middle and Upper Jurassic.

### Material and methods

This study is based on specimens that are housed in the fossil insect collection of the Paleontological Institute (PIN) of the Russian Academy of Science in Moscow, Russia.

The specimens were examined using a Leica MZ 9.5 and a MPS-2 dissecting microscope. Line drawings were performed using Adobe Photoshop CS3 and photographs were taken by Leica M165C stereomicroscopes. The wing venation terminology follows Carpenter [1943].



Figs 3–4. *Erlikosmylus obscurus* **gen. et sp.n.**, Sai-Sagul, holotype PIN No. 1724/325, forewing. Scale bar = 3 mm.

Рис. 3–4. *Erlikosmylus obscurus* **gen. et sp.n.**, Сай-Сагул, ПИН № 1724/325, переднее крыло. Длина масштабной линейки 3 мм.

## Systematic paleontology

Order Neuroptera Linnaeus, 1758

Family Osmylidae Leach, 1815

*Tengriosmylus* Khramov, **gen.n.**

TYPE SPECIES: *T. magnificus* **sp.n.**

DIAGNOSIS. Forewing elongate, crossveins abundant in proximal part of wing and between R1 and Rs along total wing length, 3 gradate series of crossveins present in distal part of wing, CuA almost unbranched, A1 and A2 dichotomously and pectinately branched respectively.

COMPARISON. May be distinguished from other osmylids by dichotomously branched A1, which goes under the branches of CuP. All other genera of Osmylidae have pectinate A1 in forewings.

ETYMOLOGY. From Tengri, the chief deity in Turkic mythology, and the genus *Osmylus*. Gender masculine.

*Tengriosmylus magnificus* Khramov, **sp.n.**

Figs 1–2.

MATERIAL. Holotype PIN No. 2389/513, nearly complete forewing, part and counterpart.

LOCALITY AND HORIZON. Sai-Sagul, 12 km southwest of town Shurab, Batken Province of Kyrgyzstan, Sogul Formation, the late Early Jurassic to early Middle Jurassic.

DESCRIPTION. Forewing: costal space narrow, MP forked at about level of separation of first branch of Rs from Rs, crossveins abundant between CuA and CuP, CuA with 3 branches, as well as MP2, CuP with no more than 8 branches, first branches of CuP inclined at an acute angle to stem of CuP, last ones — at nearly right angle, A1 starts to branch under first branch of CuP.

MEASUREMENTS: forewing length 34 mm, maximal forewing width — 11 mm.

ETYMOLOGY. From the Latin word magnificus, meaning “eminent”.

*Erlikosmylus* Khramov, **gen.n.**

TYPE SPECIES: *E. obscurus* **sp.n.**

DIAGNOSIS. Forewing: crossveins scarce, most of them arranged in three gradate series, first series nearly vertical, located in proximal part of wing, second and third are parallel to each other and to hind margin of wing; Sc and R1 fused at the beginning of the last third of wing; MP forked distally to point of separation of MA from RS; CuP has much more branches, than CuA.

COMPARISON. *Erlikosmylus* is similar to members of subfamily Protosmylinae by scarcity of crossveins, but differs from them by developed CuP in forewings, which branched more abundantly than CuA.

ETYMOLOGY. From Erlik, the god of underworld in Turkic mythology, and the genus *Osmylus*. Gender masculine.

*Erlikosmylus obscurus* Khramov, **sp.n.**

Figs 3–4.

MATERIAL. Holotype PIN No. 1724/325, incomplete forewing, part and counterpart.

LOCALITY AND HORIZON. Sai-Sagul, 12 km southwest of town Shurab, Batken Province of Kyrgyzstan, Sogul Formation, the late Early Jurassic to early Middle Jurassic.

DESCRIPTION. Forewing: costal space narrowed significantly at about half its length, Rs with 12 branches, branches of MP2 more numerous than branches of CuA, CuP with 6 branches, A1 with no less than 4 branches.

MEASUREMENTS: forewing length, as preserved, 24 mm, maximal forewing width — 9 mm.

ETYMOLOGY. From the Latin word obscurus, meaning “obscure”.

Genus *Mesosmylina* Bode, 1953

*Mesosmylina shurabica* Khramov, **sp.n.**

Figs 5–6.

MATERIAL. Holotype PIN No. 3073/460, nearly complete forewing, part and counterpart.

LOCALITY AND HORIZON. Sai-Sagul, 12 km southwest of town Shurab, Batken Province of Kyrgyzstan, Sogul Formation, the late Early Jurassic to early Middle Jurassic.

DESCRIPTION. Forewing: Rs with 16 branches, three long gradate series of crossveins situated in distal part of wing; MP forked distally to point of separation of MA from RS, CuA with 4–5 branches that connected with each other by one row of crossveins, branches of CuP occupied less area than branches of CuA, A1 pectinate, A2 with 2–3 branches.

MEASUREMENTS: forewing length 22 mm, maximal forewing width — 7 mm.

COMPARISON. *M. shurabica* is larger than other members of genus (forewing length of *M. exornata*, the largest of them, is 17 mm). *M. shurabica* could be distinguished from *M. mongolica* and *M. exornata* by MP, which is forked distally to the of separation of MA from RS; from *M. falciferum* by the presence of crossveins between branches of CuA and by the bigger size (forewing length of *M. falciferum* is 13 mm).

ETYMOLOGY. Derived from the name of the locality Shurab III (Sai-Sagul).

*Mesosmylina angusta* Khramov, **sp.n.**

Figs 7–8.

MATERIAL. Holotype PIN No. 2389/480, incomplete forewing.

LOCALITY AND HORIZON. Sai-Sagul, 12 km southwest of town Shurab, Batken Province of Kyrgyzstan, Sogul Formation, the late Early Jurassic to early Middle Jurassic.

DESCRIPTION. Forewing: three long gradate series of crossveins situated in distal part of wing and one — in proximal part, MP unforked, CuA with 4 branches that connected with each other by one row of crossveins, branches of CuA occupied about the same area as branches of CuP (in quantity of 5). A1 pectinate, A2 with 3 branches.

MEASUREMENTS: forewing length, as preserved, 16 mm, estimated complete length 19–20 mm.

COMPARISON. *M. angusta* is very similar to *M. shurabica* from the same locality, differs from it by smaller size, additional gradate series of crossveins and unforked MP in forewings. Except *M. angusta*, no other members of *Mesosmylina* have unforked MP. This trait is not typical for the most of osmylids. Representatives of recent subfamilies Stenosmylinae, Porisminae and Eidoporisminae have such one branched MP, but they retain the distal bifurcation of MP near the wing margin, which is absent in forewings of *M. angusta*.

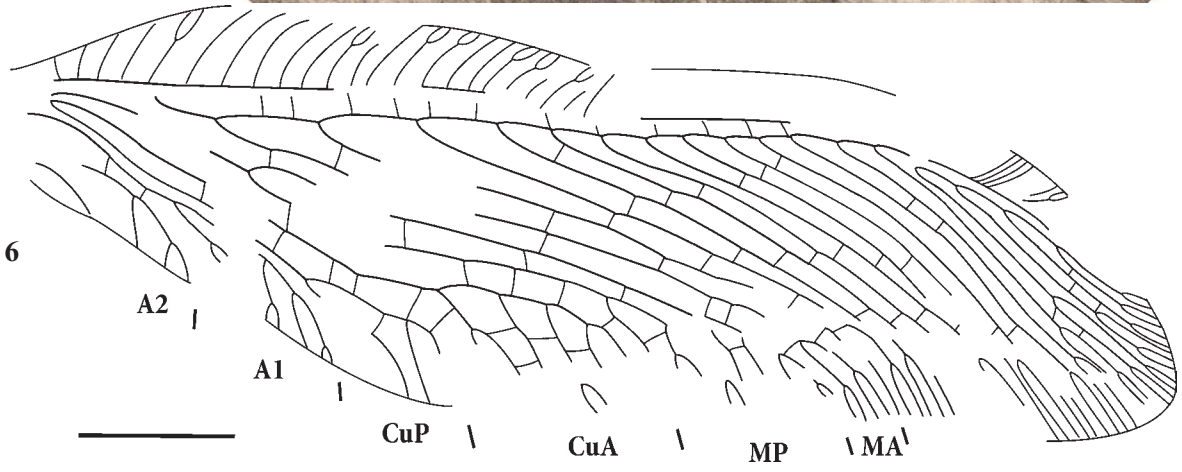
ETYMOLOGY. From the Latin word angustus, meaning “narrow”.

Figs 5–8. *Mesosmylina*, Sai-Sagul, forewings: 5–6 — *M. shurabica* **sp.n.**, holotype PIN № 3073/460; 7–8 — *M. angusta* **sp.n.**, holotype PIN No. 2389/480. Scale bar = 3 mm.

Рис. 5–8. *Mesosmylina*, Сай-Сагул, передние крылья: 5–6 — *M. shurabica* **sp.n.**, голотип ПИН № 3073/460; 7–8 — *M. angusta* **sp.n.**, голотип ПИН № 2389/480. Длина масштабной линейки 3 мм.



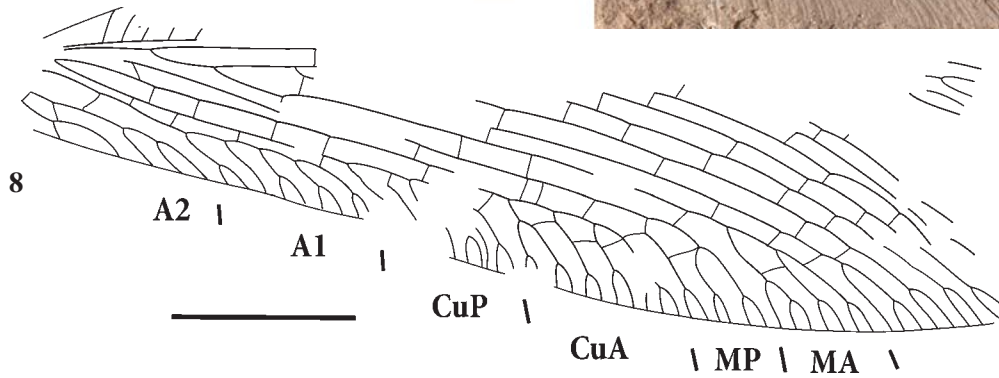
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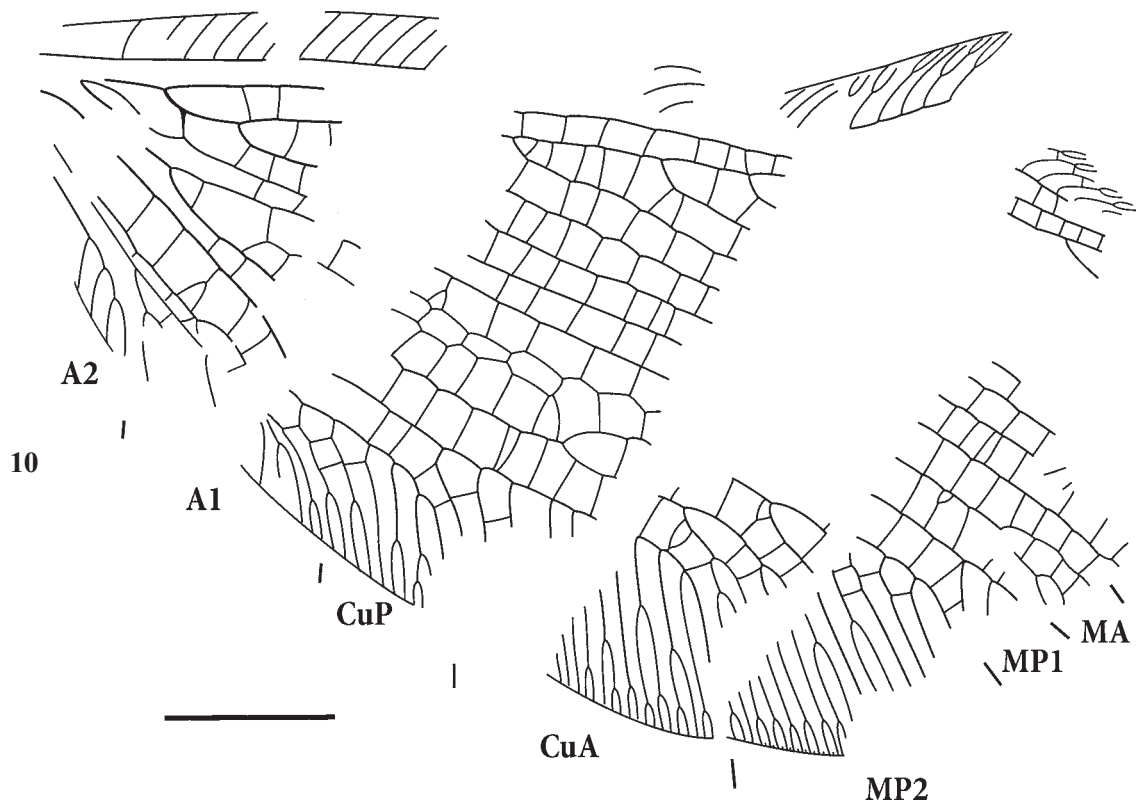
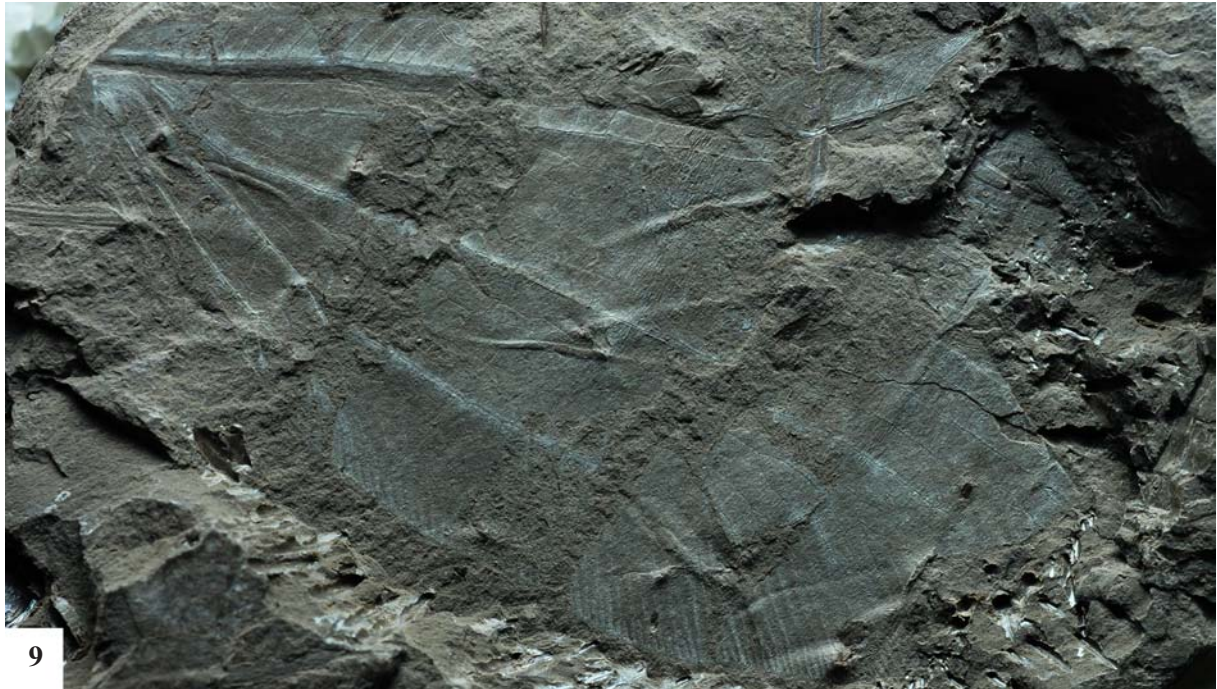
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*Sauktangida* Khramov, **gen.n.**TYPE SPECIES: *S. aenigmatica* **sp.n.**

DIAGNOSIS. Large wide wings (length more than 40 mm) with abundant crossveins in proximal part, costal veinlets could be forked and connected with each other by one row of crossveins in some sections of costal space, branches

of CuA and CuP long, sometimes multi-branched, here and there connected by a few crossveins. Hindwing: 2–3 rows of cells situated in space between MP1 and MP2, distal part of MP2 strongly branched, A2 pectinate.

COMPARISON. *Sauktangida* looks slightly unusual in comparison with other osmylids because of wide wings. Nev-



Figs 9–10. *Sauktangida aenigmatica* **gen. et sp.n.**, Sauk-Tanga, holotype PIN No. 5346/71, hindwing. Scale bar = 5 mm.

Рис. 9–10. *Sauktangida aenigmatica* **gen. et sp.n.**, Саук-Танга, голотип ПИН № 5346/71, заднее крыло. Длина масштабной линейки 5 мм.

ertheless belonging of *Sauktangida* to Osmylidae is corroborated by the presence of pectinated CuA, CuP, A1 and A2. The ratio of sizes of branching patterns of CuA and CuP in hindwing of *Sauktangida* is the same as in hindwings of other osmylids. It seems that *Sauktangida* is the closest to Kempyninae. Some fossil (*Euporismites balli* Tillyard, 1916 from the Paleocene of Australia and *Jurakempynus bellatulus* Wang et al., 2011 from the Middle Jurassic of Daohugou) and recent kempynins have MP2 in hindwings, which is strongly branched

in its distal part, like MP2 of *Sauktangida*. Recent Australian genus *Clydosmylus* New, 1983, *Arbusella* Khranov, 2014 from the Upper Jurassic of Karatau [Khranov, 2014], *Jurakempynus* Wang et al., 2011 from the Daohugou [Wang et al., 2011], Karatau and the Upper Jurassic of Mongolia [Khranov, 2014], as well as *Sauktangida*, are characterized by the presence of 2–3 rows of cells between MP1 and MP2 in hindwings. So it could not be excluded that *Sauktangida* is the sister taxon of Kempyninae or the member of this subfamily.

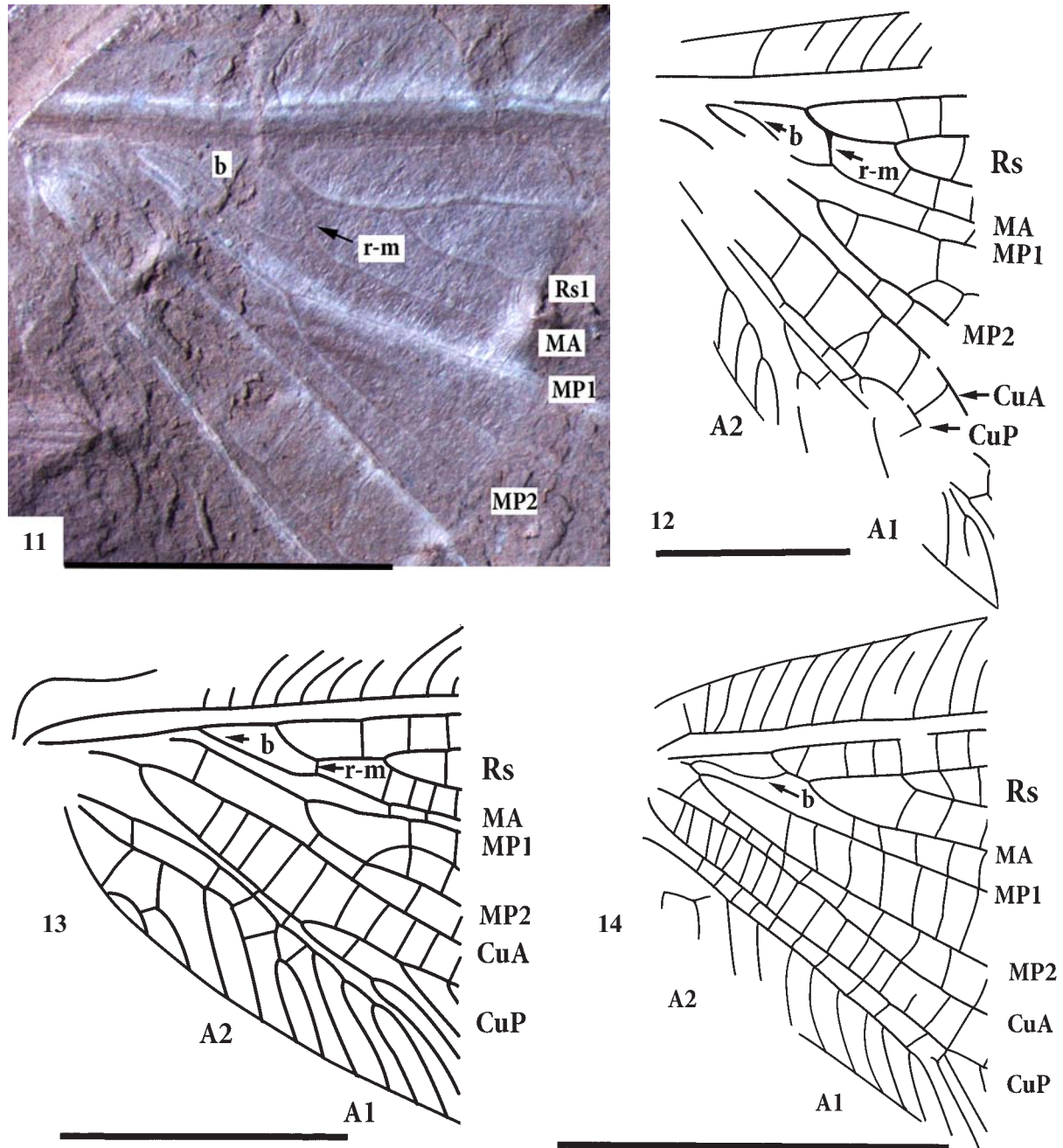


Fig. 11–14. MA in hindwings of osmylids: 11–12—*Sauktangida aenigmatica* gen. et sp.n., holotype; 13—*Jurakempynus bellatulus* Wang et al. 2011 (Kempyninae), Middle Jurassic of Daohugou (China), holotype [from Wang et al., 2011]; 14—*Euporismites balli* Tillyard, 1916 (Kempyninae), Palaeocene of Queensland (Australia) [from Lambkin, 1987]; b — basal part of MA. Scale bars = 5 mm (everywhere).

Рис. 11–14. МА в задних крыльях осмилид: 11–12 — *Sauktangida aenigmatica* gen. et sp.n., голотип; 13 — *Jurakempynus bellatulus* Wang et al. 2011 (Кемпунинае), средняя юра Даохугоу (Китай), голотип [из Wang et al., 2011]; 14 — *Euporismites balli* Tillyard, 1916 (Кемпунинае), палеоцен Квинсленда (Австралия) [из Lambkin, 1987]; b — основание МА. Длина масштабных линеек везде 5 мм.

ETYMOLOGY. Derived from the name of the type locality. Gender feminine.

REMARKS. Osmylids with wide wings looking similar to *Sauktangida* are also present among lacewings from Dao-hugou [pers.obs.]. Fragments of wings, which could belong to *Sauktangida*, occur in the collection of lacewings from Sai-Sagul, but the fragmentary preservation precludes their taxonomic attribution.

*Sauktangida aenigmatica* Khramov, **sp.n.**  
Figs 9–12.

MATERIAL. Holotype PIN No. 5346/71, the proximal part of hindwing, part and counterpart.

LOCALITY AND HORIZON. Sauk-Tanga, 70 km south-east of Khujand (former Leninabad), Osh Province of Kyrgyzstan, Jurassic deposits overlying of Madygen Formation, late Early Jurassic to early Middle Jurassic.

DESCRIPTION. Hindwing: MA not fused with Rs, branches of MP2 occupied about the same area as branches of CuA, 3 rows of cells situated between MP1 and MP2 until bifurcation of the latter, stems of CuP and A1 are close to each other, A2 with no more than 4 branches.

MEASUREMENTS: hindwing length, as preserved, 32 mm, maximal hindwing width 18 mm, estimated complete length 40–42 mm.

REMARKS. MA in hindwing of *Sauktangida aenigmatica*, in contrast to the most of lacewings, is not fused with Rs and retains the connection with MP (Figs 11–12). As regards hindwings of some osmylids, the base of MA, after the fusion of MA with Rs, was transformed into a short longitudinal vein (vein “b”, [Carpenter, 1943]), which joins the common stem of Rs (see Fig. 14). The first stage of this fusion was beginning in hindwings of *Sauktangida*, as the thickened crossvein r-m demonstrates. This crossvein served probably as a connecting link between MA and R, when MA “switched” to Rs from MP. Interestingly, that Kempyninae, the closest relatives of *Sauktangida* among Osmylidae, in some cases retain shortcut crossvein r-m (see Fig. 13), thereby not completing the fusion of MA with Rs. Thus *Sauktangida* represents the ancestral condition of MA in hindwings of other osmylids.

ETYMOLOGY. From the Latin word aenigmaticus, meaning “enigmatic”.

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