Two new species of enid land snail from Sichuan, China  
(Stylommatophora: Enidae)

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Abstract. Two new species of enid land snail, Dolichena wenchuanensis n. sp. and Holcauchen multicostatus n. sp., are described from the dry-hot environment of Wenchuan, Sichuan, China based on conchological morphology. Dolichena wenchuanensis n. sp. can be easily distinguished from congeneric species by its smaller shell with fewer whorls, and H. multicostatus n. sp. can be easily distinguished from congeneric species by a ribbed post-nuclear shell. The two new species were found in a biological hotspot of the family Enidae. This discovery further enhances our understanding of the species diversity of Enidae in the dry-hot environment of China.

Key words. Conchology, taxonomy, new species, land snails

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INTRODUCTION

Wenchuan is situated on the southwestern edge of the Tibetan Plateau in China. It is renowned for its exceptional diversity of small, undescribed species of Enidae. However, very few studies have been conducted on this topic. For a long time small, elongate enids in Wenchuan were merely classified as Holcauchen Möllendorff, 1901 by shell collectors. On examination of some specimens of Enidae collected in Wenchuan in 2021 and 2022, it was discovered that they are comprised of at least two genera, Dolichena Pilsbry, 1934 and Holcauchen.

Dolichena is a monotypic genus and is characterized by its narrow, Clausiliidae-like shell with numerous whorls, a long, strong palatal tooth, and the absence of a columellar tooth (Wu 2018). It is endemic in the dry-hot valley located between Wenchuan and Maoxian, China, and it has rarely been mentioned in literature since its initial description (Pilsbry 1934; Wu 2018). Holcauchen is a group of small land snails which are characterized by the presence of two columellar teeth and, when present, one palatal tooth (Schielyko 1998; Wu 2018). Currently, it consists of 18 known species and subspecies (Chen & Zhang 2000; Zhang et al. 2003; Wang & Wu 2012; Wu & Fang 2012; Wu 2018). These species are widely distributed across southern Gansu to eastern Tibet (Wu 2018). However, this area has not been thoroughly surveyed, and there may be other undescribed species present.

In this study, one new species each of Dolichena and Holcauchen are described from the same type locality in Wenchuan, China. The discovery of these new taxa contributes to our understanding of the high level of endemism of land snails in the dry-hot valley of Sichuan. A thorough survey of the region in the future may reveal additional enid diversity.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

All specimens were collected from Wenchuan County, Sichuan Province, China from September 2021 to August 2022. Measurements were taken with digital callipers to the nearest 0.1 mm. Whorls were counted as described by Kerney & Cameron (1979). Terminology follows Wu (2018). Photographs were taken under a Leica S9i stereoscope and edited in Adobe Photoshop CC 2015.
Abbreviations.
NCU_XPWU: Laboratory of Xiao-Ping Wu, Nanchang University
SAU: Sichuan Agricultural University
WPC: collection of Ping Wang, Chengdu

RESULTS

Family Enidae Woodward, 1903
Subfamily Eninae Woodward, 1903

Genus Dolichena Pilsbry, 1934
Type species. *Ena miranda* Pilsbry, 1934, by monotypy.

*Dolichena wenchuanensis* Chen, Wang, Xie & Wu, n. sp.

Figure 1B

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Type material. Holotype. 22_NCU_XPWU_DW01, Koushan Village [孔山村], Wenchuan County [汶川县], Tibetan Qiang Autonomous Prefecture of Ngawa [阿坝藏族羌族自治州], Sichuan Province [四川省], China, 31°29′46″N 103°38′38″E, leg. Zhongguang Chen, July 2022.
Paratypes. 86 shells 22_NCU_XPWU_DW02–10, SAU 2207001–2207070, other information same as holotype; WPC 210901–210907, leg. Zhongguang Chen & Ping Wang, September 2021, other information same as holotype.

Measurements of adult shells. Height 13.4–10.9 mm, width 2.6–2.7 mm (n = 80).

Diagnosis. Adult shell small, <13 mm (vs >20 mm in *D. miranda*), with 11¼–12 whorls (vs 16–17 whorls in *D. miranda*).

Description. Shell ovate-turriform with apex not abruptly pointed; shell most swollen (broadest) at penultimate whorl, dextral, small, slender, solid, semitranslucent, glossy, not speckled, not spirally grooved; whors 11¼–12 whors. Whors rather flattened, not shouldered. Protoconch smooth, polished. Post-nuclear whors smooth. Growth lines indistinct. Suture normal, without narrow band beneath it. Body whorl gradually ascending towards aperture, rounded at periphery, with a medial spiral depression on last whorl corresponding to position of internal palatal tooth. Aperture in a plane, truncate-ovate, oblique, com-
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Figure 2. Distribution of Dolichena and Holcauchen. 1 = Dolichena wenchuanensis n. sp., Holcauchen multicostatus n. sp. 2 = D. miranda. 3 = H. anceyi, H. gregoriana. 4 = H. brookedolani, H. entocraspedus, H. kangdingensis, H. micopeas, H. rhaphis. 5 = H. clausiliarformis, H. hyacinthi, H. rhusius. 6 = H. compressicollis. 7 = H. markamensis. 8 = H. rhabdites rhabdites, H. rhabdites aculas, H. strangnlatus. 9 = H. sulcatus.

pletely attached to body whorl, with tooth. Peristome yellowish white, thickened, slightly reflexed, without distinct cuff. Parietal callus distinct. Palatal tooth one, very long and strong. Columellar margin reflexed, without tooth. Umbilicus narrowly open. Shell uniformly brown. Colour of apex like the rest of the shell.

Etymology. The species is named after Wenchuan County, where its type locality, Koushan Village, is located.

Vernacular name.汶川狭纳螺 (Pinyin: Wen Chuan Xia Na Luo).

Distribution and ecology. This species is known from only the type locality (Fig. 2). Empty shells were found in a pile of dead snail shells at the base of a cliff (Fig. 3). Other species in this pile were Bradybaena haplozona (Möllendorff, 1899), Cathaica polystigma Möllendorff, 1899, Cathaica radiata Pilsbry, 1934, Stenogyropsis chorismenostoma Chen, Huang & Páll-Gergely, 2022, Pupopsis huangi Chen, 2020, and Holcauchen multicostatus n. sp. Dolichena wenchuanensis n. sp. may live beneath fallen leaves in the crevices of the cliff.

Remarks. The placement of the new species in Dolichena is supported by its shell morphology (presence of a long, strong palatal tooth and absence of the columellar and parietal teeth). Dolichena wenchuanensis n. sp. can be easily distinguished from Dolichena miranda by its smaller adult size (<13 mm vs >20 mm in D. miranda) and fewer whors (11¼–12 vs 16–17 in D. miranda) (Fig. 1). For a long time, D. miranda was the only known species of Dolichena. Dolichena miranda resembles a clausiliid shell, making it likely to be misidentified as a member of the Clausiliidae without careful observation. Convergence of shell forms, as observed between unrelated families, may be a result of
adaptation to similar habitats. Unlike other enid genera that inhabit dry-hot environments and typically prefer to live on exposed, dry rock walls, soil walls, or bushes, *D. miranda* has only been observed living beneath wet, fallen leaves. *Dolichena wenchuanensis* n. sp. also has a shell resembling that of a clausiliid, but it is noticeably shorter than that of *D. miranda*. This difference may indicate that the two species have similar, but not identical, habitat preferences.

**Genus Holcauchen Möllendorff, 1901**

Type species. *Bulimus sulcatus* Möllendorff, 1901, by monotypy.

**Holcauchen multicostatus** Chen, Xie, Wang & Wu, n. sp. Figure 1C

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Type material. Holotype. 22 _NCU_XPWU_HM01, Kou Shan Village [孔山村], Wenchuan County [汶川县], Tibetan Qiang Autonomous Prefecture of Ngawa [阿坝藏族羌族自治州], Sichuan Province [四川省], China, 103°38′38″ E, 31°29′46″ N, leg. Zhongguang Chen, July 2022.

Paratypes. 36 shells 22_NCU_XPWU_HM02–36, other information same as holotype; WPC 210908, leg. Zhongguang Chen & Ping Wang, September 2021, other information same as holotype.

Measurements of adult shells. Height 8.3–10.5 mm, width 1.9–2.0 mm (n = 37).

Diagnosis. Post-nuclear shell ribbed (vs smooth in all congeneric species).

Description. Shell turreted with apex not abruptly pointed; shell most swollen (broadest) at penultimate whorl, dextral, small, slender, solid, opaque, sub-glossy, not speckled, not spirally grooved; with 11¼–12 whorls. Whorls rather flattened, not shouldered. Protoconch smooth; polished. Post-nuclear whorls ribbed. Growth lines indistinct. Suture normal, without narrow band beneath it. Body whorl gradually ascending towards aperture; rounded at periphery; with a medial spiral depression on last whorl matching position of internal palatal tooth. Aperture in a plane; truncate-ovate; oblique, completely adnate to body whorl, with tooth. Peristome light brown, thickened, slightly reflected, without distinct cuff. Parietal callus distinct. Palatal tooth one, very strong and long. Columellar margin reflected, with two small teeth. Umbilicus narrowly open. Shell uniformly light brown. Colour of apex region like rest of shell but usually lighter due to wear.

Etymology. The specific name is derived from the Latin *multi* (many) and *costatus* (ribbed) and alludes to the many ribs on the shell.

Vernacular name. 多肋沟颈螺 (Pinyin: Duo Lei Gou Jing Luo).

Distribution and ecology. This species is known from only the type locality (Fig. 2). Empty shells were discovered in a pile of dead snails that included *D. wenchuanensis* n. sp. and other land-snail species (see above for a list of species); these shells were at the base of a vertical cliff (Fig. 3). It is speculated that the species may live beneath fallen leaves in the crevices of the cliff.

Remarks. The placement of the new species in *Holcauchen*...
is supported by its shell morphology: the presence of a palatal tooth and two columellar teeth and the absence of a parietal tooth. Only two species of Chinese Enidae have a ribbed shell: *Clausiliopsis clathratus* (Möllendorff, 1901) and *Clausiliopsis senckenbergianus* Yen, 1939. *Holcauchen multicostatus* n. sp. can be easily distinguished from them by the absence of the parietal tooth which is present in these two other enid species. *Holcauchen multicostatus* n. sp. can be easily distinguished from congeneric species by its long, strong palatal tooth and ribbed post-nuclear shell. This discovery expands the known geographic distribution of the genus *Holcauchen* and bridges the gap between the distributions of other *Holcauchen* species in southwest China.

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