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PARASITIC GASTROPODS FOUND IN ECHINODERMS FROM JAPAN*

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With Plate VI

Hitherto twenty one species of gastropods parasitic on echinoderms have been recorded from Japan by various authors, such as RANDALL et HEATH (1912), S. HIRASE (1920, 1927, 1932), DALL (1925), GISLÉN (1927), Is. TAKI (1929), IWANOFF (1933), MORTENSEN (1940, 1943), KAWAHARA (1943), HABE (1944, 1950, 1951), KURODA (1949) and KURODA et HABE (1950). In this paper eight more species are added to this list. Of these six are new to science; and also parasitic habits are confirmed in other two species which have never been noticed in this country.

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Family EULIMIDAE

Genus Balcis LEACH 1847

1. Balcis kuronamako new species

(Pl. VI, Fig. 20)

Shell subulate, slightly bending backwardly on the early whorls, rather solid, milky white except for the snowy white early whorls, smooth and polished; apex rather small but blunt; whorls 11 in number, each whorl rather

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flattened; suture appressed; body whorl two-fifths of the shell length, gently arcuate on the base; varices irregularly disposed on the right side; aperture ovate; outer margin arcuate forwardly; columellar margin thickened and rather straightened; umbilicus closed. Operculum thin, horny, paucispiral as in other eulimids.

Length 8.3 mm, breadth 2.6 mm (figured type specimen).


Type locality: Shirahama, Wakayama Pref., Honshu.

Distribution: The coast of Wakayama Pref., Honshu (Shirahama, Fukuro, Mirotsu and Satono).

Remarks: Balcis aciculatus (Pease 1860)1, 2 from Hawaii and Balcis venusius (Pease 1867)3 from Tahiti are very much allied to this new species. However, both are smaller even in the adult stage and unknown about the parasitic features. Balcis soliduloides Habe 1951 is also smaller in size and stouter than the present new species.

2. Balcis soliduloides Habe

(Pl. VI, Fig. 25)

1943 Eulima sp. Kawahara, Botany and Zoology (Japan), 11, p. 976, figs. 3B, C.

Length 7.5 mm, breadth 2.8 mm (figured type specimen).

Habit: On the surface of Holothuria atra Jaeger, Holothuria argus (Jaeger) and Stichopus chloronotus Brandt.

Distribution: Suō, Formosa (type locality) and Ishigaki-jima.

3. Balcis yamazii new species

(Pl. VI, Figs. 6, 9)

Shell acutely pyramidal, somewhat bent to the right side, milky white except for the snowy early whorls, rather solid, smooth and polished; whorls 8 in number; each whorl slightly convex and suture impressed distinctly; all varices decidedly impressed on the right side of each whorl and form a slowly receding ascending line; body whorl one-third of shell length, of which the

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Periphery obtusely angulated and the base rather flattened; aperture rather small, ovate; outer margin roundly curved, somewhat thickened and forwardly arcuate, columellar margin short, curved and thickened; umbilical fissure present on the outside of it.

Length 7.5 mm, breadth 3.1 mm (figured type specimen).

Habit: On the surface of Holothuria lubrica var. moebii (Ludwig).

Type locality: Shirahama, Wakayama Pref., Honshu.

Remarks: Balcis bovicornus (Pilsbry 1905) from Ogasawara Islands has the quite round body whorl. Balcis tortuosus (A. Adams et Reeve 1850) from the China Sea is another allied species, but it has slenderer and more distinctly tortuous form. Balcis kanaka (Pilsbry 1917) from Hawaii is a robuster species.

4. Balcis astropectenicola Kuoda et Habe

(Pl. VI, Fig. 16)


Length 7.2 mm, breadth 2.4 mm (figured type specimen).

Habit: On the oral side of Astropecten polyacanthus Müller et Troschel and Luidia maculata Müller et Troschel—littoral sea-stars.

Distribution: Tanabe Bay, Wakayama Pref. (type locality) and Miho Bay, Tottori Pref., Honshu.

5. Balcis robustus (A. Adams)

(Pl. VI, Fig. 4)

1886 Eulima robusta Tryon, Man. Conch., 8, p. 271, pl. 68, fig. 25.

Length 4.8 mm, breadth 2.4 mm (figured specimen collected from Ago Bay, Mie Pref., Honshu).

Habit: On the oral side of Astropecten polyacanthus Müller et Troschel—littoral sea-star.

Distribution: Mishima (=Mino-shima), in the Japan Sea (type locality); Shirahama, Wakayama Pref. and Ago Bay, Mie Pref., Honshu.

6. *Balcis acicula* (GOULD)

1854 *Eulima vitrea* A. ADAMS, Thees. Conch., 2, p. 799, pl. 169, fig. 35.
1862 *Stilifer acicula* GOULD, Otie Conch., pp. 54, 245.
1885 *Eulima vitrea* SOWERBY, Conch. Icon., p. 19.
1886 *Eulima acicula* TRYON, Man. Conch., 8, p. 282, pl. 70, figs. 92-95.
1899 *Eulima vitrea* CLESSIN, Conch. Cab., 1 (28), p. 10, pl. 2, fig. 7.
1903 *Eulima vitrea* SCHEPMAN, Siboga Exped., monogr. 49c, p. 235.
1943 *Mucronula* sp. KAWAHARA, Botany and Zoology (Japan), 11 (12), p. 976, fig. 3A.

Shell straight, slender, elongate, thin, transparent, smooth and highly polished; apex small, milky white; whorls 12 or 13; each whorl flattened; suture weakly appressed and coloured with lucid white; aperture elongate oval; columellar margin dilated and thickened; outer margin strongly arched forwardly; operculated.

Length 8.7 mm, breadth 2.2 mm (examined specimen collected from Palao).

Habit: In the coelom or on the surface of *Stichopus chloronotus* BRANDT.

Distribution: Fejee Islands (type locality); Hawaii Islands; Palao; Ishigaki Island, Loochoo.

7. *Balcis teramachii* new species

(Pl. VI, Figs. 26, 27)

Shell straight, smooth, glossy and semitransparently milky white; whorls 15 in number, each whorl flattened and suture weakly appressed; body whorl about one-third of the shell length, of which the base is rounded; aperture ovate; outer margin roundly arched and arcuate forwardly; columellar margin slightly curved and thickened; the callus dilated over the umbilical fissure.

Length 8.2 mm, breadth 2.6 mm (figured type specimen).


Type locality: Tosa Bay, Shikoku.
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8. *Balcis peronelllicola* KURODA et HABE

(Pl. VI, Fig. 17)


Length 4.3 mm, breadth 1.5 mm (figured type specimen).

Distribution: Yura, Wakayama Pref. (type locality); Suiken in Wakayama City and Mukai-jima near Onomichi City, Hiroshima Pref., Honshu.

Habit: Around the mouth of *Peronella japonica* Mortensen—a sand-dwelling cake-urchin.

9. *Balcis auratus* (S. HIRASE)

(Pl. VI, Fig. 11)


Length 4.0 mm, breadth 1.5 mm (figured specimen collected from Shirahama, Wakayama Pref., Honshu).


Distribution: Naruto, Tokushima Pref. (Type locality) and Shirahama, Wakayama Pref., Honshu.

10. *Balcis langfordi* (DALL)


Habit: On the shell of *Anthocidaris crassispina* (A. AGASSIZ).

Type locality: Shimoda, Izu Peninsula, Honshu.

11. *Balcis komaii* HABE

(Pl. VI, Fig. 10)

1950 *Balcis komaii* HABE, Illust. Cat. Jap. Shells, No. 6, p. 44.

Length 4.1 mm, breadth 1.9 mm (figured type specimen).

Habit: On the arm of *Comanthus japonicus* (J. MÜLLER)—littoral crinoid.

Type locality: Shirahama, Wakayama Pref., Honshu.
12. *Balcis akauni* new species

(Pl. VI, Fig. 5)

Shell slender, acutely attenuate above, slightly bent to the left side backwardly, thin semitransparent and glassy; whorls 10 in number, each whorl flattened and suture appressed; apex small but blunt; varices impressed and marked with brown-colored stripes, one on each whorl, and they are all on the right side, where they form a stepped ascending line; body whorl rather large and high, a half of shell length, decorated with a narrow brown spiral dotted line at the periphery; aperture elongate oval; outer margin gently curved and arcuate forwardly; columellar margin rather straight, thickened and dilated on the umbilical fissure.

Length 4.6 mm, breadth 1.5 mm, (figured type specimen).

Habit: On the shell of *Pseudocentrotus depressus* (A. AGASSIZ)—littoral sea-urchin.

Type locality: Shirahama, Wakayama Pref., Honshu.

Remarks: This new species may be distinguished from the allied species *Balcis langfordi* (DALL) in having the more slender shell and a dotted brown line at the periphery.

Genus *Stilapex* IREDALE 1925

13. *Stilapex philippinarum* (SOWERBY)

(Pl. VI, Figs. 23, 24)

1944 *Mucronalia mittrei* HABE, l. c., p. 312.

Height 10.4 mm, breadth 5.3 mm (figured specimen collected from Shirahama, Wakayama Pref., Honshu).

Height 9.8 mm, breadth 4.8 mm (figured specimen from the same locality).

Habit: On the peristome of *Coscinasterias acutispina* (STIMPSON) — littoral sea-star.

Distribution: Cebu, Philippines (type locality); Amami Islands; Shirahama, Wakayama Pref. and Sagami Bay, Honshu.

Remarks: The head of the animal of this species is white, except for the fleshy orange tentacles. The Siboga specimens obtained from the Pasir Pandjang, Binongka Island (Siboga Station No. 220) and so named, was paras-
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On Heterocentrotus mammillatus (sea-urchin) and seems to be a distinct species closely allied to this species.

**Genus Mucronalia A. ADAMS 1860**

14. *Mucronalia lactea* (A. ADAMS)

*(Pl. VI, Fig. 15)*

1950 *Mucronalia lactea* KURODA et HABE, Illust. Cat. Jap. Shells, No. 9, p. 58, pl. 10, fig. 11.

Length 4.8 mm, breadth 1.8 mm (figured specimen collected from Hatakejima in the Tanabe Bay, Wakayama Pref., Honshu).

Habit: In the coelom of *Leptosynapta oophax* (MARENZELLAR)—sand-dwelling sea-cucumber.

Distribution: Tanabe Bay, Wakayama Pref. (type locality) and Mukaijima near Onomichi City, Hiroshima Pref., Honshu.

15. *Mucronalia exilis* A. ADAMS

*(Pl. VI, Fig. 14)*

1929 *Mucronalia exilis* MAKYAMA, Venus, 1, p. 168.

Length 2.8 mm, breadth 1.1 mm (figured specimen collected from Suiken, Wakayama City, Honshu).

Distribution: Shimonoseki, Yamaguchi Pref. (type locality); Suiken, Wakayama City and Tanabe Bay, Wakayama Pref., Honshu.
Family **STILIFERIDAE**

Genus **Stilifer** **BRODERIP** 1832

16. **Stilifer ovoides** (H. et A. ADAMS)

(Pl. VI, Fig. 18)

1850 *Stylifer ovoides* H. A. ADAMS et REEVE, Zool. Voy. Samaran, Moll., p. 47, pl. 17, fig. 5 (non BRODERIP 1832)
1853 *Stylifer ovoides* H. et A. ADAMS, Gen. Rec. Moll., 1, p. 239, pl. 25, fig. 4.
1878 *Stylifer ovoides* SOWERBY, Conch. Icon., sp. 2.
1884 *Stylifer ovoides* SOWERBY, Thees. Conch., 5, p. 159, pl. 479, fig. 7.
1927 *Stylifer celebensis* S. HIRASE, Nippon Dobutsu-Zukan, p. 1462.

Length 7.4 mm, breadth 5.3 mm (figured specimen collected from Tomioka, Amakusa Island, Kyushu).

Habit: In the arm of *Certonardoa semiregularis* (MÜLLER et TROSCHEL).
Distribution: Borneo (type locality); Tomioka, Amakusa, Kyushu; Kushimoto, Wakayama Pref., Misaki and Hayama, Kanagawa Pref., Honshu.

17. **Stilifer utinomii** **HABE** (emend.)

(Pl. VI, Fig. 22)


Length 8.9 mm, breadth 5.0 mm (figured type specimen).
Habit: In the arm of *Linckia guildingii* GRAY—Deep-sea sea-star.
Type locality: Shirahama, Wakayama Pref., Honshu.

18. **Stilifer ophidiastericola** **HABE**

(Pl. VI, Fig. 19)


Length 3.5 mm, breadth 2.2 mm (figured type specimen).
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Habit: In the arm of *Ophidiaster cribrarium* Lütken and *Ophidiaster loliori* Fisher.

Distribution: Tomioka, Amakusa, Kyushu (type locality) and Kushimoto, Wakayama Pref., Honshu.

Genus *Rosenia* Scheiman 1913

19. *Rosenia castanea* (Dall)  
(Pl. VI, Figs. 7, 8)

1925 *Stilifer pordepressus* Dall, l. c., p. 97.  
1943 *Littorina*-like form Mortensen, Monogr. Echinoidea, 3 (1), Camarodonta 1, p. 545.  

Length 3.5 mm, breadth 3.1 mm (figured specimen collected from Emi, Chiba Pref., Honshu).

Habit: On the shell of *Pseudocentrotus depressus* (A. Agassiz)—littoral sea-urchin.

Distribution: Emi and Chikura, Chiba Pref.; Kurosaki, Miura Peninsula, Kanagawa Pref. and Goza, Mie Pref., Honshu.

20. *Rosenia yamamotoi* new species  
(Pl. VI, Fig. 21)

Shell small, ovate, yellowish white, smooth and polished, with weak growth lines; whors 4 in number, of which two nuclear whors are obliquely mucronate; body whorl very large, roundly inflated, separated from the penultimate whorl by the distinctly margined suture; aperture wide; outer margin arched, thin and sharp; columellar margin also curved, slightly thickened and dilated; umbilicus not perforated. No operculum.

Length 2.2 mm, breadth 1.7 mm (figured type specimen).

Habit: On the shell of young specimen of *Pseudocentrotus depressus* (A. Agassiz).

Type locality: Shisōjima, off Shirahama, Wakayama Pref., Honshu.

Remarks: This new species closely resembles *Stilifer sibogae* Scheumann 19097 from the East Indies, but it may be distinguished from the latter in the obliquely mucronate apex and less globular body whorl.

21. *Rosenia tokiokai* new species

(Pl. VI, Figs. 3, 12, 13)

1940 *Nucronaria* (? sp. MORTENSEN, Monogr. Echinoidea, 3 (1), Aurodicta, p. 251, pl. 65, figs. 2, 3.

Shell ovate, semitransparent, milky white, smooth and polished; apex pointed as in *Stilifer* and coloured snowy white; whorls 9 in number, each whorl somewhat convex, suture considerably impressed; body whorl large, rounded, being contained a half of the shell length; aperture ovate; outer margin arculate. arched forwardly; columellar margin also curved, somewhat thickened; umbilicus closed. No operculum.

Length 8.6 mm, breadth 5.2 mm (figured type specimen).

Habit: On the peristome of *Diadema setosum* (GRAY)—littoral sea-urchin.

Type locality: Shirahama, Wakayama Pref., Honshu.

Remarks: This new species is allied to *Stilifer mittrei* PETIT (1851) found on a Hawaiian *Diadema*, but the latter has less pointed early whorls in the young stage.

Genus *Kiramodulus* KURODA 1949

22. *Kiramodulus lacteus* KURODA

(Pl. VI, Figs. 1, 2)


Length 6.3 mm, breadth 7.6 mm (figured type specimen).

Habit: On the arm of a deep-sea sea-star, probably belonging to *Paragonaster* or *Perissogonaster* (according to the identification by Dr. R. HAYASHI).

Type locality: Tosa Bay, Shikoku.

Remarks: The systematic position of this genus and species was quite obscure at its establishment, but later the original author (1950) noticed the fact that the protoconch of this species is *Stilifer*-like, quite characteristic in gastropods. I also could confirm that the animal of this species has no radula. Thus I think that this genus should be placed in the family Stiliferidae.

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8) Jour. de Conchyl., 2, p. 27, pl. 2, figs. 8, 9.
10) Yumehamaguri, no. 51, p. 79, textfig. (a mimeographed journal).
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Incertae sedis

23. "Eulima" sp.


Habit: On the arm of *Stenometra diadema* (A. H. Clark).

Distribution: Off Kyushu (lat. 32°17"N., long. 128°11"E.), 201 m; southern Japan, from 80 to 170 fathoms.

24. "Eulima" sp.


1947 *Eulima* (probably *Sabellina* or *Melanelia*) sp. A. H. Clark, Monogr. Exist. Crinoids, 1, Comatulids 4b, p. 373.


Locality: Goto Islands, Kyushu, 164 m.

25. "Mucronalia" sp.

1943 *Mucronalia* (?) sp. Mortensen, Monogr. Echinoidea, 3 (2), Camarodonta 1, p. 251.

Habit: On the young specimen of *Temnotrema sculptum* A. Agassiz.

Locality: Mutsu Bay, Honshu.


Habit: On *Temnotrema sculptum* A. Agassiz.

Locality: Off Okino-shima, Kyushu.

27. "Stilifer" sp.


Habit: At the genital slits of *Ophiothrix macrobrachia* Clark.

Locality: Sagami Sea and Uraga Channel.
Family Paedophoropidae
Genus Paedophoropus Iwanoff 1933

28. Paedophoropus dicoelobius Iwanoff

Habit: In the polian vesicle of Eupyrus pacificus Östergren—deep-sea sea-cucumber.
Locality: Japan.

Family Asterophilidae
Genus Asterophila Randall et Heath 1912

29. Asterophila japonica Randall et Heath

Habit: In the coelom of the arm of Pedicellaster (= P. magister orientalis Fisher)—sea-star.
Locality: Off the coast of Corea, 150-163 fathoms. (Albatross Stations 4861-4867).
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EXPLANATION OF PLATE VI

(Each figure is unequally magnified.)

Figs. 1, 2. *Kiramodulus lacteus* KURODA (type specimen) (6.3 mm × 7.6 mm)
3. *Rosenia tokiokai* n. sp. (6.0 mm × 3.6 mm)
4. *Balcis robustus* (A. ADAMS) (4.8 mm × 2.4 mm)
5. *Balcis akauni* n. sp. (type specimen) (4.6 mm × 1.5 mm)
6, 9. *Balcis yamazii* n. sp. (type specimen) (7.5 mm × 3.1 mm)
7. *Rosenia castanea* (DALL) (3.5 mm × 3.1 mm)
8. *Rosenia castanea* (DALL) (perdepressus-form) (2.8 mm × 2.8 mm)
10. *Balcis komaii* HABE (type specimen) (4.1 mm × 1.9 mm)
11. *Balcis auratus* (S. HIRASE) (4.0 mm × 1.5 mm)
12, 13. *Rosenia tokiokai* n. sp. (type specimen) (8.6 mm × 5.2 mm)
14. *Mucronalia exilis* (A. ADAMS) (2.8 mm × 1.1 mm)
15. *Mucronalia lactea* (A. ADAMS) (4.8 mm × 1.8 mm)
16. *Balcis astropectenicola* KURODA et HABE (type specimen) (7.2 mm × 2.4 mm)
17. *Balcis peronelllicola* KURODA et HABE (type specimen) (4.3 mm × 1.5 mm)
18. *Stilifer ovoideus* (H. et A. ADAMS) (7.4 mm × 5.3 mm)
19. *Stilifer ophidiastericola* HABE (type specimen) (3.5 mm × 2.2 mm)
20. *Balcis kuronamako* n. sp. (type specimen) (8.3 mm × 2.8 mm)
21. *Rosenia yamamotoi* n. sp. (type specimen) (2.2 mm × 1.7 mm)
22. *Stilifer utinomi* HABE (type specimen) (8.9 mm × 5.0 mm)
23. *Stilapex philippinarum* (SOWERBY) (10.4 mm × 5.3 mm)
24. *Stilapex philippinarum* (SOWERBY) (9.8 mm × 4.8 mm)
25. *Balcis soliduloides* HABE (type specimen) (7.5 mm × 2.8 mm)
26, 27. *Balcis teramachii* n. sp. (type specimen) (8.2 mm × 2.6 mm)
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