A new genus and species of Tortricinae (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae) from China

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A new tortricid genus *Platyhomonopsis* is proposed. The type species, *P. dentata* sp. nov., is described based on specimens collected in Guizhou Province. Illustrations of the adult, head, wing venation and male genitalia are provided.

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1. Introduction

The genus *Platyhomonopsis* gen. n. belongs to Archipini, Tortricinae. It is very closely related to *Homonopsis* Kuznetsov. The type species, *Platyhomonopsis dentata* sp. nov., is described from Guizhou Province, China. The type specimens are deposited in the Department of Biology, Nankai University, Tianjin, China. The terminology in this paper mostly follows Horak (1984).

2. New taxa

2.1. The genus *Platyhomonopsis* gen. n.

Type species: *Platyhomonopsis dentata* sp. n.

Description. Ocellus posterior. Chaetosema developed. Labial palpus ascending, exceeding vertex. Forewing broad, termen moderately concave between R₅ and M₃, tornus broadly rounded.

Venation. Discocellular degenerate in forewing, veins M₃ and CuA₁ stalked in both forewing and hindwing.


Diagnosis. The new genus is similar to *Homonopsis* Kuznetsov in the presence of a broad, bilobed uncus and a patch of large dense thorns in the valva. It can be distinguished from the latter by the following characters: labial palpus exceeding vertex; veins M₃ and CuA₁ stalked in both forewing and hindwing; discocellular degenerate in forewing; tegumen very short and broad; uncus provided with long hairs and the distal portion with a few short thorns; gnathos absent; valva with a patch of large dense thorns in middle portion.

Distribution. China (Guizhou Province).

Etymology. The generic name is derived from the Greek prefix *platy* = broad, and the generic name *Homonopsis*, referring to the similarity of the new genus with *Homonopsis*.

Remarks. Costal 1/4 of the male hindwing in the new genus is provided with a large cluster of dark hairs and broad scales, which might be a specialized scent organ. Forewing has some large scales on the underside of costal base, which
might be an ancillary structure of the scent organ in the hindwing. But the species of Homonopsis do not have this organ in the hindwing. It is particular that veins M, and CuA are stalked in both forewing and hindwing of the new genus. However, they are not stalked in Homonopsis, but conrate from angle.

The genus Homonopsis was well studied (Obraztsov, 1967, Yasuda, 1972, 1975, Kawabe 1982, Razowski 1987, Kuznetsov 2001, Liu & Li, 2002). Both Platyhomonopsis gen. n. and Homonopsis possess very broad and bilobed uncus, which might be synapomorphy of the two genera. Bifurcate uncus occurs in several genera of Archipini, such as Chiraps, Diplocalyptis and Aphelia, but it is always slender, which may have undergone various evolutionary events.

Gnathos is absent or atrophied in Tortricini and Cochylini of Tortricinae, but it is ubiquitous in Archipini and shows variation, for example lateral process present. So gnathos might be valuable in the classification of Tortricinae. Absent gnathos of Platyhomonopsis gen. n. could be autapomorphy.

Large thorns in the valva are rare in Archipini, but common in Olethreutinae. The thorns could be synapomorphy of Platyhomonopsis gen. n. and Homonopsis Kuznetsov, but different location of thorns might be a result of diverse evolution.

2.2. Platyhomonopsis dentata sp. n.
(Fig. 1a–d)

Type material. Holotype ♂: China, Jiangkou County (33.43 N, 107.03 E), Guizhou Province, alt. 550 m a.s.l., 2.VI.2002, leg. Xinpu Wang, genitalia slide No. WXP02463. Paratype: 1 ♂, same data as holotype.

Diagnosis. The new species resembles Homonopsis illotana (Kennel) by having small
metallic spots in the forewing, but differs from the latter in the following characters: (1) ground color of forewing dark brown; (2) uncus provided with dense and long hairs, distal portion with a few short thorns; (3) gnathos absent; (4) ventral margin of valva distally with a large dent; (5) juxta inverted pentagonal-like; (6) aedeagus pointed apically.

Description. Male (Fig. 1a–b): Wing span 17.0–18.5 mm. Frons with short pale yellowish scales. Vertex provided with procumbent black scales. Labial palpus 1.5 times longer than diameter of compound eye; first segment short, with black scales in distal part; second segment slender and long, gradually dilated; third segment thin and short, yellowish brown. Antenna thick, with dense cilia on ventral surface. Thorax dark brown. Forewing broad, costa provided with an upward fold and some large scales on the underside of base; apex rounded; termen convex, sinuate beyond apex; ground color dark brown, with small blue metallic spots; basal part of costa dark gray; cilia black. Hindwing and cilia dark gray, costa with a large cluster of dark hairs in basal 1/4, posterior margin surrounded with a band of broad yellow scales at base. Tibia and tarsus of foreleg, midleg and outer spur of hindleg dark brown. Abdomen with dorsal and lateral surface pale brown, ventral surface whitish.

Venation (Fig. 1c): Forewing with Sc gently sinuate, almost straight; R₁ from behind middle of discal cell; base of R₂ slightly or twice closer to R₃ than to R₁; R₁ distinctly closer to R₄ than to R₂; R₄ and R₅ long stalked; M₁ and M₂ obviously separated at base; CuA₁ arising from 3/4 of cell; CuP degenerative, only distinct on tormis. Hindwing with Sc almost straight; Rs and M₁ long-stalked; M₁ slightly bent downwards; CuA₂ arising from 4/5 of cell.

Male genitalia (Fig. 1d): Uncus gradually narrowing toward distal, apex rounded. Valva ovate, ventral margin distally with a large dent, dorsal margin convex; sacculus narrow and short, with weakly sclerotized free termination, like a hook. Transtillia band-like, broad, weakly sclerotized, convex medially. Juxta inverted pentagonal-like. Aedeagus pointed apically, with small coecum penis; caulis rudimentary; vesica without cornuti.

Female. Unknown.

Distribution. China (Guizhou).

Host plant. Unknown.

Etymology. The new specific name is derived from the Latin word dentatus = dentate, in reference to the dent in the ventral margin of valva.

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