



The Pselaphinae (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae) of Madagascar. I. *Andasibe sahondrae*, a new, peculiar genus and species of Clavigeritae (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae: Pselaphinae)

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Abstract

Andasibe sahondrae, **gen. nov.** and **sp. nov.** is described based on one female collected by sifting in central Madagascar. The genus is a member of the supertribe Clavigeritae (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae: Pselaphinae). It is placed into the subtribe Mastigerina, and this is a first record of the subtribe for Africa.

Key words: Staphylinidae, Pselaphinae, Clavigeritae, *Andasibe*, new genus, new species, Madagascar

Introduction

The Madagascan Pselaphinae fauna is relatively well-studied due to two revisions by Jeannel (1954, 1960), but since the second revision only four papers have been published on the supertribe Clavigeritae (Célis 1969, 1970; Dajoz 1982; and Hlaváč 2005) in Madagascar.

The Clavigeritae fauna of Madagascar has a very high level of endemism - 30 genera and 64 species have been described from the island so far, all endemic to the island except for the genus, *Radamides* Wasmann, 1897 (*Radamides natalensis* Reichensperger, 1915) which is also known from the Republic of South Africa.

The aim of this paper is to describe a new genus of the subtribe Mastigerina. *Andasibe* **gen. nov.** is the first representative of this subtribe known from the Afrotropical region, with the other four genera *Longacerus* Hlaváč, 2011, *Mastiger* Motschulsky, 1851, *Tasmiger* Besuchet, 2008 and *Pseudacerus* Raffray, 1895 (Hlaváč 2011) being currently known only from the Oriental region.

Material and methods

The specimen was examined with a Leica S8APO stereo-microscope with diffuse lighting at magnifications up to 128X.

The following symbols are used in the type description: [p] denotes printed labels, ‘/’ separates different labels.

The head length was measured from the occiput to the anterior margin of the frontal rostrum; head width is measured across the eyes; the elytral length was measured along the suture, the width means maximum width of pronotum, elytra, etc. The body length is a combined length of the head, pronotum, elytra and abdomen.

The holotype is deposited in the first author’s collection (PHKS).