

## Correspondence



## Scleraspis nom. nov., replacement name for Pycnaspis Van Syoc & Dekelboum, 2011

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In the recently published revision of the barnacle family Oxynaspididae (Van Syoc & Dekelboum 2011), the genus name Pycnaspis was proposed for oxynaspidids with the following characteristics: scutum with shallow adductor muscle pit, lacking distinct ridge running from umbo to apex; tergum proximal to scutum and carina, without prominent projections on margins or raised bumps on surface; carina with surface smooth, basal end rounded, not forked.

The name Pycnaspis is pre-occupied by an extinct genus of fish (Ørvig, 1958). Therefore, we propose the replacement new name Scleraspis (from the Greek, scler- hard, and aspi-, shield, scutum) for this genus of barnacles in the Oxynaspididae, with type species Oxynaspis connectens Broch, 1931.

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