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Kubanius wittmeri n.sp. from Pakistan (Coleoptera, Melyridae, Dasytinae)

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Abstract: *Kubanius wittmeri* n.sp. from Pakistan is described and illustrated.

Key words: Coleoptera Melyridae – Dasytinae – *Kubanius wittmeri* n.sp. – Pakistan.

The subject of this paper is a description of the species from the genus *Kubanius* described by me (Majer, 1983). This new species is morphologically very distant from *Kubanius elegans* Majer, 1983.

Kubanius wittmeri n.sp. Figs 1–7.

♂. Small, subparallel, subconvex species. Colouring black with dark brassy lustre, legs lightbrown. Integument with light, yellowish, not very long pubescence.

Head scarcely punctate, eyes rather reniform, ocular notch deep and broad (Fig. 1), antennae similar to those in *K. elegans* (Fig. 2).

Pronotum transversely ovate, bordered on perimeter, pronotal base emarginate at sides; puncturation of pronotum nearly like that in *K. elegans*.

Elytra subparallel, apices not dehiscent as much as in *K. elegans;* surface coarsely punctate, intervals among punctures with flat, network microstructure.

Pygidium with very short basal corners, slightly conical, apex broadly rounded. Sternum VII broadly, regularly and shallowly emarginate. Sternum VIII (Fig. 7) transverse with short medial process. Spicular fork (Fig. 6) with rudimentary interspicular plate. Tegmen with paramerae which bear broad inner lobes touching one another (Fig. 5). Phallus (Figs 3–4) slender with single dorsal lever bearing several irregular denticles at apex, these are conspicuous only under the magnification of 200× and more.

Length: 2.9 mm; Width: 1.1 mm.

♀. Unknown.

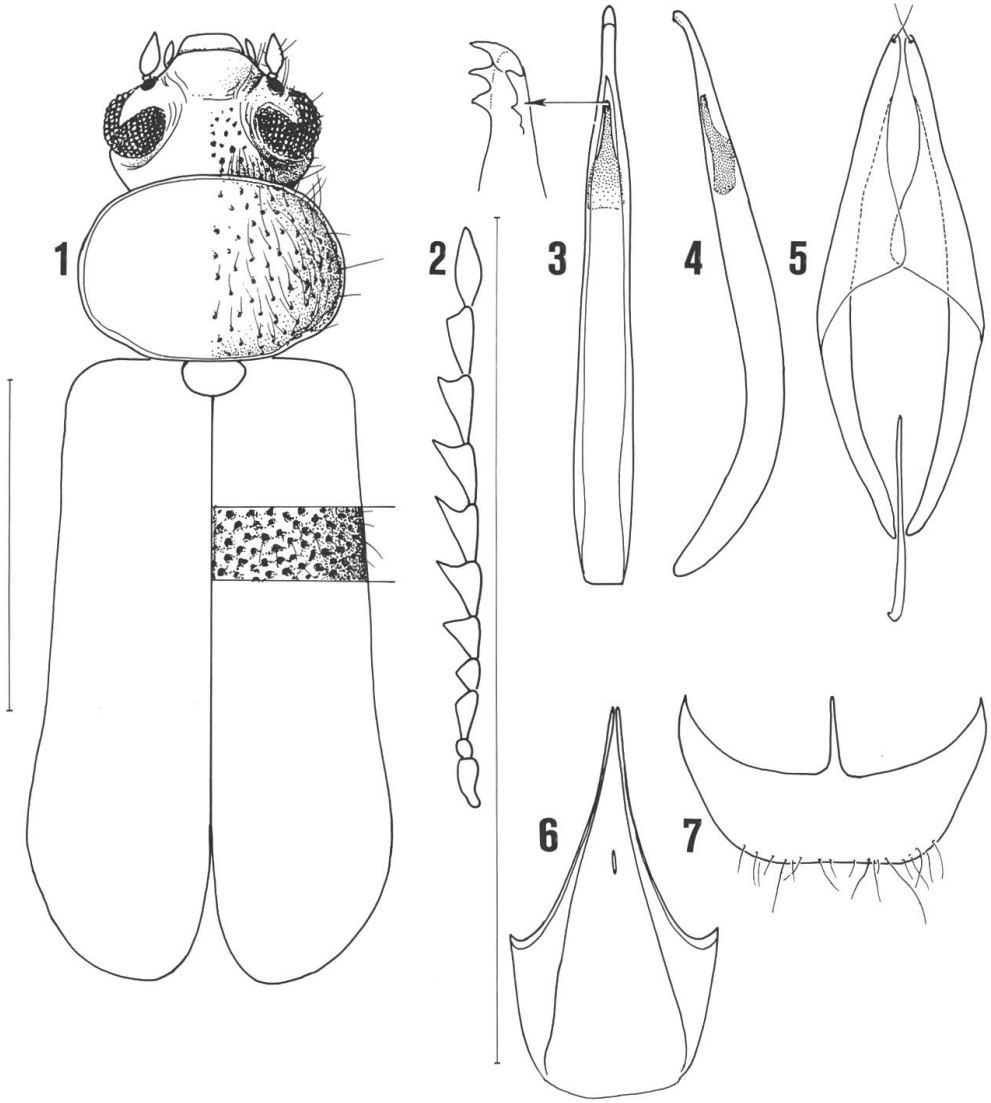
Holotype ♂ (NHM–Basel);

Locality: Pakistan: Swat, Kalam, 5.VI.1978, 2000–2400 m, W. Wittmer.

Diferential diagnosis of this species ensues from the following identification key:

– Size 5 mm. Upper body surface with bronze lustre and brownish pubescence. Legs (except tarsi) dark with bronze lustre. Pronotal base subarcuate. Elytra finely punctate, intervals among punctures nearly glabrous. Male sternum VIII rather crescent, emarginate at apex. Paramerae slender. Phallus robust, dorsal lever emarginate at apex.

Kubanius elegans Majer, 1983



Figs 1–7: *Kubanius wittmeri* n. sp., holotype ♂: 1, semischematic picture of body. 2, right antenna. 3, phallus, dorsal view (arrow-head indicates enlarged apical portion of dorsal lever). 4, phallus, side view. 5, tegmen, dorsal view. 6, spicular fork. 7, sternum VIII. Scale = 1 mm.

– Size 3 mm. Upper body surface with brassy lustre and yellowish pubescence. Legs entirely light-brown. Pronotal base emarginate at sides. Elytra coarsely punctate, intervals among punctures with flat, network microstructure. Male sternum VIII transverse, broadly truncate at apex. Paramerae with broad inner lobes touching one another. Phallus slender, dorsal lever not emarginate at apex, bearing several irregular denticles. **Kubanius wittmeri** n. sp.

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