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Introduction

Clausiliidae, also known as door snails, is a species-rich land snail family widely distributed in Asia, Europe, Africa, South America and the Greater Antilles (Nordsieck 2007a; Mamos et al. 2021). The Clausiliidae fauna of China has been frequently studied by H. Nordsieck (Nordsieck 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007a, 2007b, 2012a, 2012b, 2012c, 2016, 2021), who made a foundation for Chinese Clausiliidae taxonomic study. Even so, more new taxa continued being reported from China recently (e.g., Hunyadi & Szekeres 2016; Grego & Szekeres 2008, 2011, 2017, 2019, 2020; Do et al. 2019; Chen 2020, 2021; Chen & Ouyang 2021; Qiu 2021; Chen et al. 2022).

Oospira Blanford, 1872 is a species-rich door snail genus, with more than 100 species known from Southeast Asia (Szekeres et al. 2021), and more than half of those species were recorded from China (Nordsieck 1997, 2007a, 2012b). The recent molecular phylogenetic works had indicated some problems within this genus (Uit de Weerd & Gittenberger 2013; Motochin et al. 2017). However, some studies also pointed that the current knowledge is not enough to propose a better solution for this genus (Do et al. 2019; Bui & Szekeres 2019; Szekeres et al. 2021).

Here, I report a new *Oospira* species from Beibei District, Chongqing City based both on shell and genitalia characters.

Material and methods

Photographs were taken using a Canon® EOS RP plus a Laowa® Mini FFII 85 mm F5.6 Macro 2:1 lens (Figs 1–3). All the figures were modified in Adobe Photoshop® CC 2019. The concept of

Oospira follows Nordsieck (2007a), as suggested by Do et al. (2019), Bui & Szekeres (2019) and Szekeres et al. (2021). The shell nomenclature follows Nordsieck (2007a, 2021). The studied specimens are deposited in the Invertebrate Collection of Mianyang Normal University, Sichuan, China (MYNU) and Xin-Xing Luo's Private Collection (XXLC). The collecting data is quoted verbatim (in Chinese) in quotation marks. English translation of the data is given in square brackets.

Systematics

Family **Clausiliidae** Gray, 1855

Subfamily **Phaedusinae** Wagner, 1922

Genus ***Oospira*** Blanford, 1872

Oospira xinxingae Qiu, sp. nov.

(Fig. 1-4)

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Holotype, empty shell and separated ethanol-preserved soft body (MYNU 00022), “2022.VI.27 重庆北碚鸡公山八桥叠翠观景台 490m 邱鹭, 王仪姝” [27.VI.2022, Baqiao Diecui viewing platform, Jigongshan hill, Beibei District, Chongqing City, 490m, Lu Qiu & Yi-Shu Wang leg.].

Paratypes

– 8 empty shells (6/MYNU 00023-00028, 2/XXLC) and separated ethanol-preserved soft bodies (8/MYNU), same data as holotype;

– 1 empty shell (MYNU 00029), “2020.XI.7 重庆北碚金刀峡景区上峡到下峡沿途813-400m 邱鹭, 罗新星” [7.XI.2020, Shangxia

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down to Xiaxia, Jindaoxia Valley Scenic Spot, Beibei District, Chongqing City, 813–400m, Lu Qiu & Xin-Xing Luo leg.];

– 2 empty shells (MYNU 00030-00031), same data as the paratype MYNU 00029, except the collecting date: “2020.XI.14”;

– 3 empty shells (2/MYNU 00032-00033, 1/XXLC) and 1 separated ethanol-preserved soft body (MYNU), same data as the paratype MYNU 00029, except the collecting date and collector: “2021.V.1, Xin-Xing Luo”.

Diagnosis. – A medium-sized *Oospira* species with thick apex, superior lamella separated or weakly connected with spiral lamella. Inferior lamella visible through aperture, steeply descending. Subcolumellar lamella not visible through aperture. Principal plica initiates ventrolaterally and extending laterally, not reaching peristome. Five to seven clearly palatal plicae.

Comparison. – *Oospira xinxingae* sp. nov. differs from most other Chinese congeners by its thick apex in shell. The most comparable *Oospira* in Beibei District is *Oospira magnaciana*, both species are similar in coloration, five to seven palatal plicae and the steeply descending inferior lamella. However, the new species markedly differs from *O. magnaciana* by its thick apex (while it's tapered in *O. magnaciana*), the disconnected or weakly connected between superior lamella and spiral lamella (while markedly connected between the two lamellae in *O. magnaciana*), invisible subcolumellar lamella through aperture (while visible through aperture in oblique view in *O. magnaciana*); the slender penis and epiphallus (while moderate long and thick penis and epiphallus in *O. magnaciana*).

Description

Measurements (mm).

–Shell height: 19.0–24.6 (mean: 21.8);

–Shell width: 4.5–5.6 (mean: 5.1);

–Aperture height: 4.2–5.1 (mean: 4.7);

–Aperture width: 3.3–3.8 (mean: 3.6).

Shell (Fig. 1). – Medium-sized, sinistral, chestnut to light brown, with stout apical part, consisting of 8½ to 11½ whorls. Protoconch of 3½ whorls, glossy, lighter in color. Teleoconch spindle-shaped, body whorl and penultimate whorl same in width; surface generally smooth, with indistinctly small spiral lines, weak ribs present near the neck. Aperture white, some individuals with brown hue, slightly narrower than the width of the body whorl, oval-piriform. Peristome thick, expanded and slightly reflexed, detached to the body whorl. Superior lamella (Fig. 2) short, disconnected or weakly connected with spiral lamella, in one line. Spiral lamella (Fig. 2) stronger at lateral side, ending ventrally. Inferior lamella visible through aperture, steeply descending, its end slightly shorter than the end of spiral lamella. Subcolumellar lamella (Fig. 2) not visible through aperture, its end shorter than the end of spiral lamella, but slightly longer than inferior lamella. Lamellae formula: v–vl→vl. Principal plica initiates ventrolaterally and extending laterally, not reaching peristome. Five to seven distinct, parallel palatal plicae; upper palatal plica longer than other lower palatal plicae. Clausilium plate in oblique view partly visible.

Genitalia (Fig. 3). – Penis moderately long, thickened, simple outside. Penial pilasters visible through the wall. Epiphallus fusiform, thickened and slightly short than penis. A distinct muscleless zone between penis and epiphallus present, approximately two times longer than the penis. Penial retractor muscle situated at the middle of epiphallus. Diverticulum long, adherent to spermoviduct, apex rounded. Bursa copulatrix ellipsoid (bursa copulatrix missing in holotype, this character was observed from paratypes).

Etymology. – Named after Xin-Xing Luo (Southwest University, Chongqing), who firstly discovered this new species together with the author in Jindaoxia.

Distribution. – China (Chongqing).

Ecology. – This species mainly inhabits in the Karsts of Beibei District. It can be found in the deep, wet Jindaoxia Valley (Fig. 4 a-b), or the limestone area of Jigongshan (Fig. 4 c-d).

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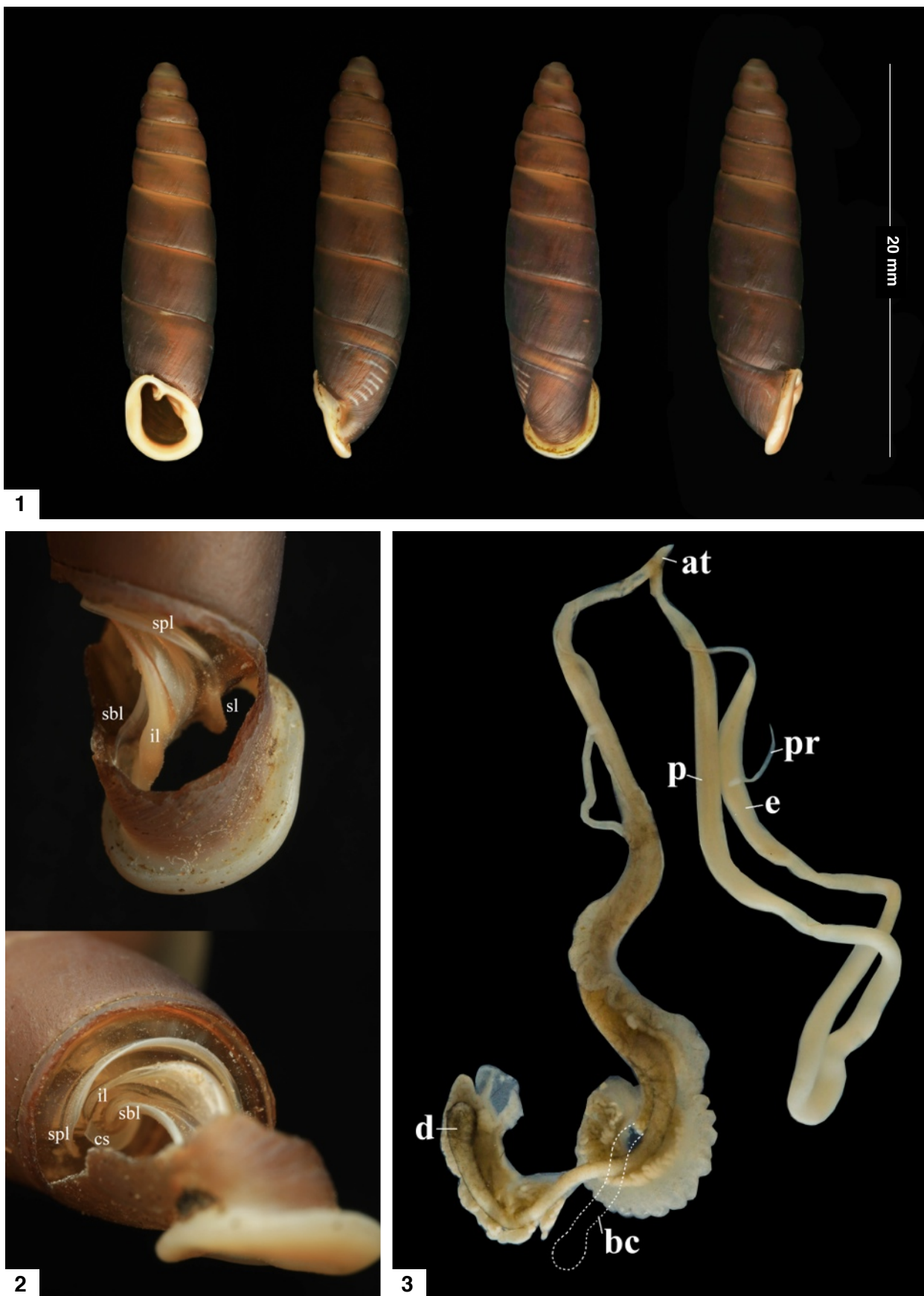


Fig. 1-3. *Oospira xinxingae* sp. nov.

Fig. 1. Shell, holotype MYNU 00022, from Jigongshan, Beibei, Chongqing, China. Shell height 19.9 mm.

Fig. 2. Shell characters, paratype MYNU 00023. Abbreviations. **il** – inferior lamella. **sbl** – subcolumellar lamella. **sl** – superior lamella. **spl** – spiral lamella. **cs** – clausilium stalk. Not to scale.

Fig. 3. Genital anatomy, holotype MYNU 00022. Abbreviations. **at** – atrium. **bc** – bursa copulatrix. **d** – diverticulum. **e** – epiphallus. **p** – penis. **pr** – penial retractor muscle. Not to scale.

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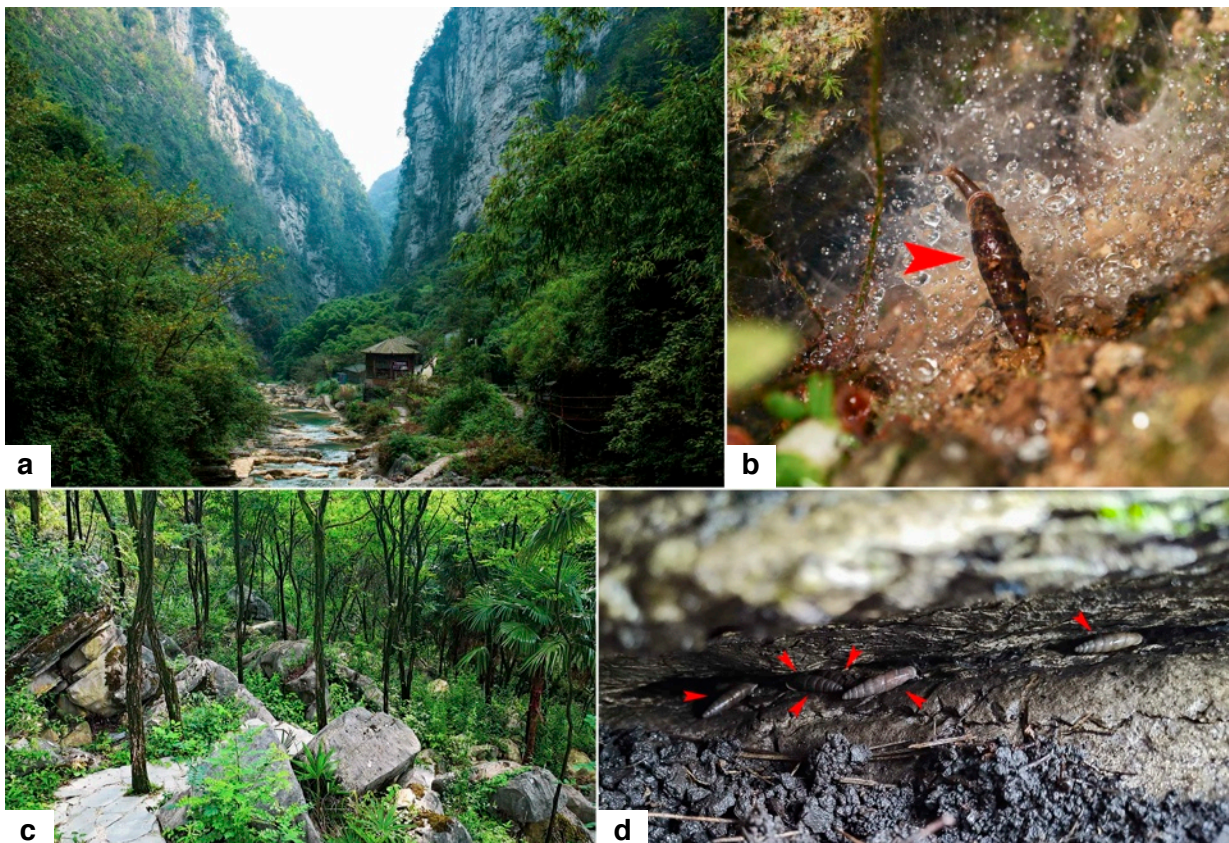


Fig. 4. Habitats of *Oospira xinxiingae* sp. nov., Beibei District, Chongqing.

- a.** environment of Jindaoxia Valley. **b.** a living individual from Jindaoxia. **c.** environment of Baqiao Diecui of Jigongshan hill. **d.** living individuals found in the crack of a stone in Baqiao Diecui. The red arrows indicate the living individuals.

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Oospira xinxingae **sp. nov.** est décrite du district de Beibei, ville de Chongqing, en Chine. La coquille et les caractères génitaux de la nouvelle espèce sont illustrés. L'habitat de la nouvelle espèce est indiqué.

Mots-clés. – Gastropoda, Stylommatophora, Clausiliidae, Phaedusinae, *Oospira*, escargot, mollusques, taxonomie, description, nouvelle espèce, Chine.

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Illustration de la couverture : Landscape of Beibei District and the eight bridges across the Jialingjiang River: a sight from Baqiao Diecui, Jigongshan (A living *Oospira xinxiingae* **sp. nov.** is shown at bottom left).

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