

**A new species of the genus *Pachybrachis*  
Chevrolat, 1832 from Pakistan  
and notes on similar Asian species**  
(Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae: Cryptocephalinae)

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**Abstract:** So far, the genus *Pachybrachis* Chevrolat, 1832 was not recorded from Pakistan. In this study, a new species, *Pachybrachis chitralensis* n. sp. from the Kalash valleys of the Chitral area is described and illustrated. The new species is compared with other species of *Pachybrachis* with similar dorsal colouration. The spermathecal duct is described for the first time for the following taxa: *Pachybrachis scripticollis* Faldermann, 1837, *P. issykensis issykensis* Jakobson, 1901, *P. transbaicalicus* Medvedev, 1974, *P. scriptidorsum* Marseul, 1875, *P. mitjaevi* Lopatin & Kulenova, 1982, *P. mongolensis* Medvedev & Rybakova, 1980, and *P. heptapotamicus* Lopatin, 1997. The spermathecal duct is shown to provide characters for species identification. The male genitalia of *Pachybrachis transbaicalicus* Medvedev, 1974 and *P. mongolensis* Medvedev & Rybakova, 1980 are illustrated from type specimens. The following synonymy is proposed: *Pachybrachis scripticollis* Faldermann, 1837 = *P. persa* Suffrian, 1860 **syn. nov.**; *P. heptapotamicus* Lopatin, 1997 is recorded for the first time from Uzbekistan.

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### Introduction

The genus *Pachybrachis* Chevrolat, 1832 is distributed with more than 350 species in the Palearctic (WARCHAŁOWSKI 2008). For the purpose of determination, the species with yellowish or testaceous elytra without well-delimited black pattern except for a humeral spot only are