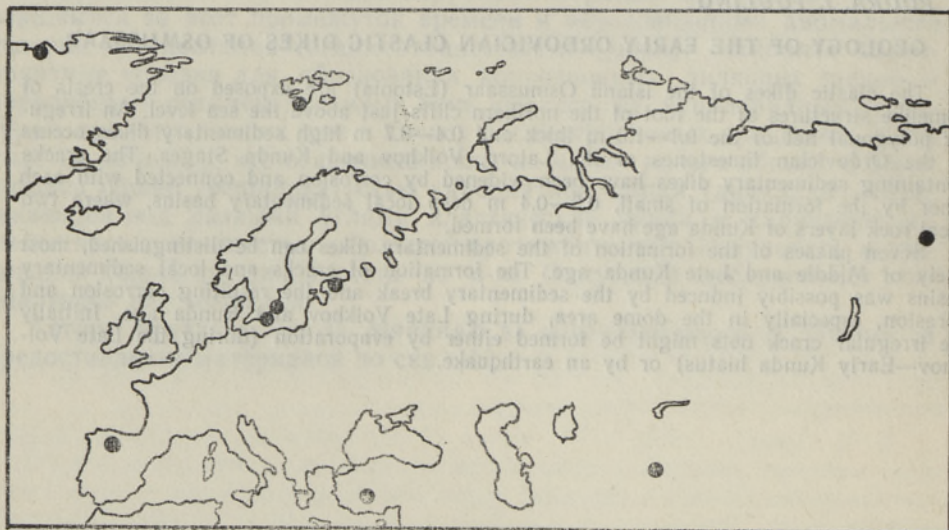


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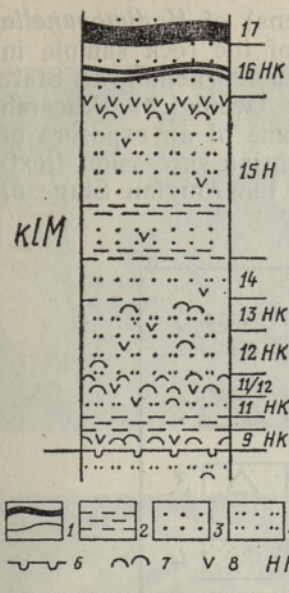
## EARLY PALAEOZOIC HADIMOPANELLIDS OF ESTONIA AND KIRGIZIA (USSR)

The phosphatic microremains of problematic Cambrian fossil, *Hadimopanella*, were first described by I. Gedik (1977) from Turkey. Since this time the number of species of this genus has increased (Bengtson, 1977; Gedik, 1981; Wrona, 1982; van den Boogaard, 1983; Peel, Larsen, 1984; Berg-Madsen, 1985) and the distribution area of the genus considerably widened (text-figs 1 and 2). However, the structure of the skeletal elements, sclerites, of this animal, and, particularly its systematic position which is unclear so far need the further study. Due to morphological diversity of sclerites, the established species may be of some help in the subdivision and correlation of the Cambrian deposits. All the previously recorded specimens of *Hadimopanella* come of carbonate deposits, limestones and dolomites.



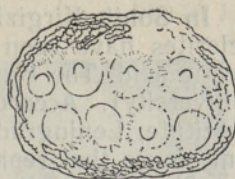
Text-fig. 1. Location map of hadimopanellids (see also text-fig. 2).

Text-fig. 2. Distribution of the Early Palaeozoic hadimopanellids. In the upper part of the drawing there has been given the distribution of sclerites in the Cambrian and Ordovician boundary beds of the Turjekelder outcrop (see also Kaljo et al., 1986). 1 — kerogen-bearing argillite, 2 — claystone, 3 — sandstone, 4 — silty sandstone, 5 — siltstone, 6 — discontinuity surface, 7 — shells of inarticulate brachiopods, 8 — detrite of shells, 9—17 — the numbers of beds, H and K — the finds of *Hadimopanella collaris* sp. n. and *Kaimenella reticulata* gen. n. sp. n. in section. The scale 1:50.



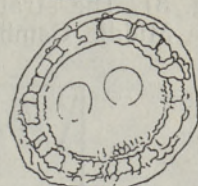
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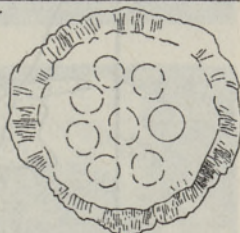
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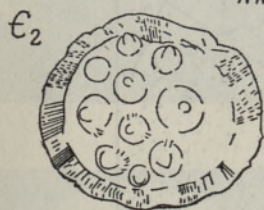
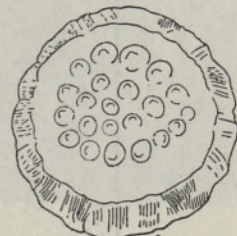
Turkey  
(Gedik, 1977, pl. V, fig. 1b)

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*Hadimopanella oezgueli* Gedik  
NW Spain (van den Boogaard, 1984, fig. 3a)

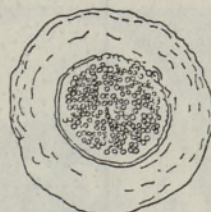
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S Kirgizia (Pl. I, fig. 5)  
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*Hadimopanella* sp.  
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S Spitsbergen (Wrona, 1982, pl. 2, fig. 4a)

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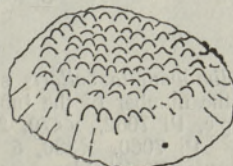
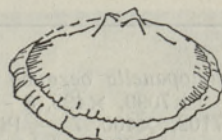
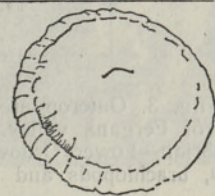
*Hadimopanella apicata* Wrona

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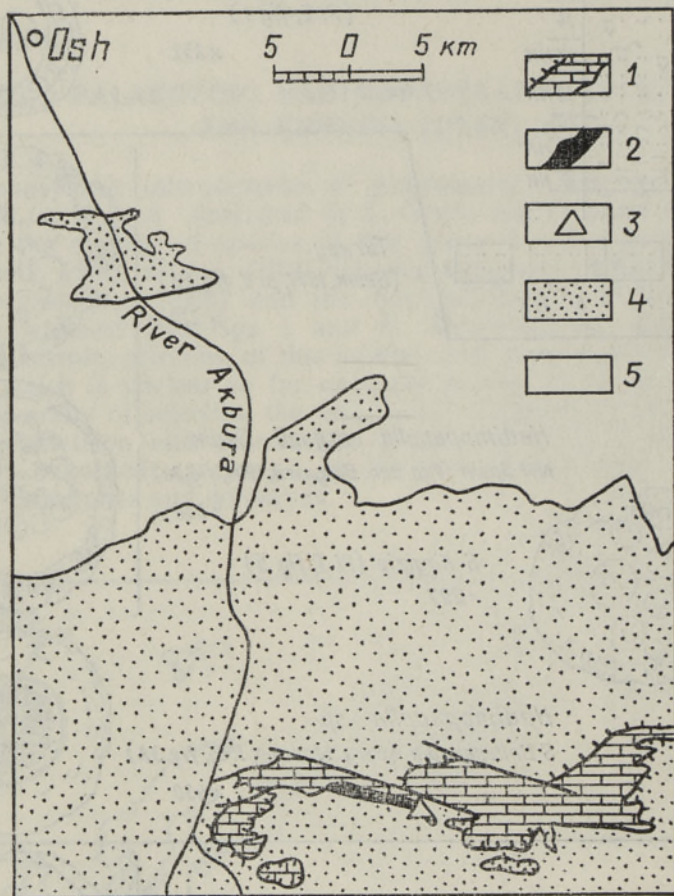
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*Hadimopanella knappologica* (Bengtson)  
Siberian Platform (Bengtson, 1977, fig. 2)

x 125



In South Kirgizia a small number (24 specimens) of *Hadimopanella* sclerites have been received through dissolution of the rock sample in acetic acid. The sample was collected by Yu. Tikhonov (Leningrad State University). According to L. Popov (All-Union Geological Research Institute, Leningrad, pers. comm.) the sclerites come of an exposure of limestones that represents the majority of the Cambrian succession (text-fig. 3). The stratigraphical level with sclerites is the Amgian Stage of the Middle Cambrian.



Text-fig. 3. Outcrop area of the *Hadimopanella oezgueli* Gedik in South Kirgizia, SE part of Fergana valley. 1 — Silurian—Lower carboniferous limestone deposits, 2 — Cambrian—Lower Ordovician limestone deposits, 3 — locality of Cambrian *Hadimopanella*, brachiopods and trilobites, 4 — different Palaeozoic rocks, 5 — Mesozoic and Kainozoic rocks.

#### PLATE I

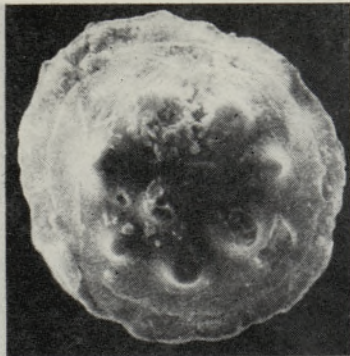
*Hadimopanella oezgueli* Gedik. SEM micrographs of the sclerites 1 — Pi 7101,  $\times 690$ , 2 — Pi 7099,  $\times 495$ , 3 — Pi 7096,  $\times 470$ , 4 — Pi 7103,  $\times 470$ , 5 — Pi 7104,  $\times 440$ , 6 — Pi 7102,  $\times 400$ , 7 — Pi 7107,  $\times 500$ , 8 — Pi 7098,  $\times 445$ , South Kirgizia, SE part of Fergana valley, right bank of Chalkuiriuk stream, Sulutor hill, Middle Cambrian, Amgian Stage.

#### PLATE II

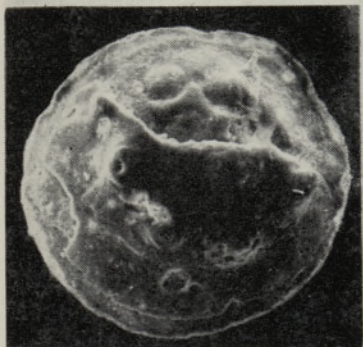
*Hadimopanella collaris* sp. n. SEM micrographs of the sclerites showing the variability of the number of the tubercles and the ornamentation of the marginal brim. 1 — holotype, Pi 7062,  $\times 470$ , 2 — Pi 7058,  $\times 625$ , 3 — Pi 7051,  $\times 455$ , 4 — Pi 7057,  $\times 525$ , 5 — Pi 7060,  $\times 380$ , 6 — Pi 7059,  $\times 810$ , 7 — Pi 7065,  $\times 450$ , 8 — Pi 7067,  $\times 590$ , Estonia, Turjekelder outcrop, Cambrian and Ordovician boundary beds, Kallavere Formation, Maardu Member.



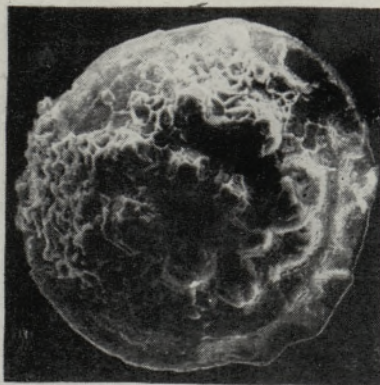
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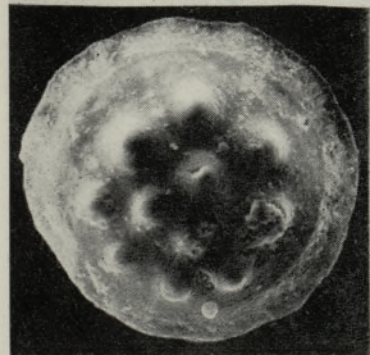
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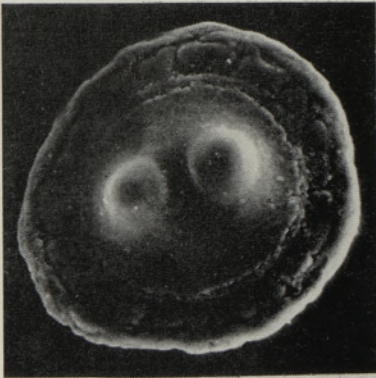
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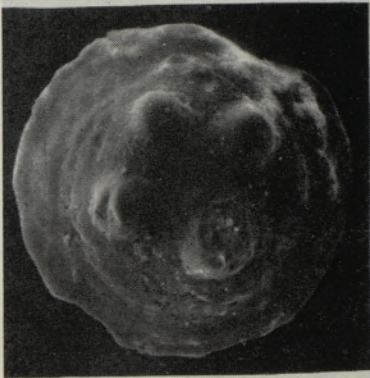
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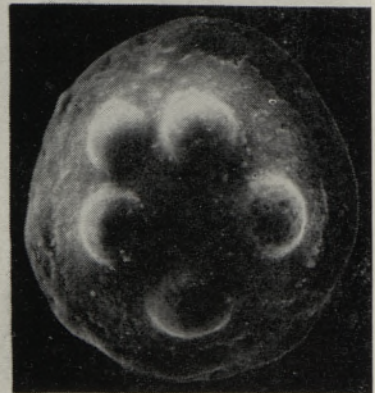
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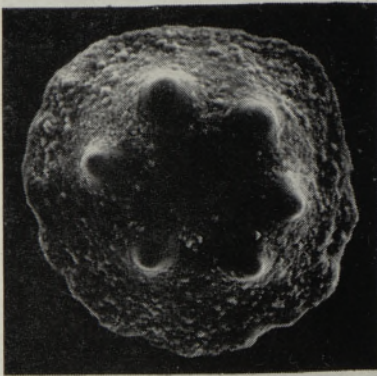
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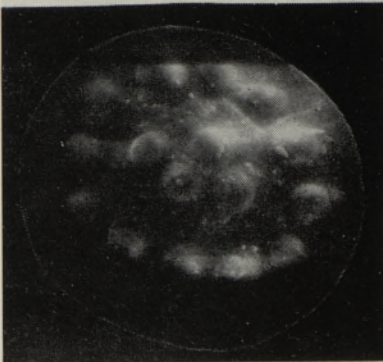
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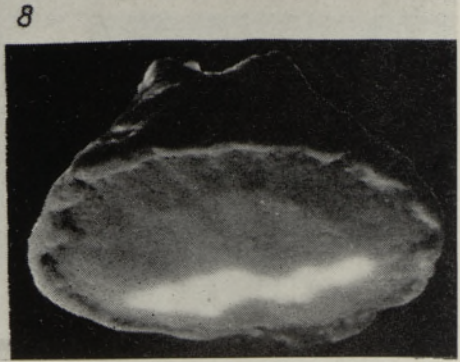
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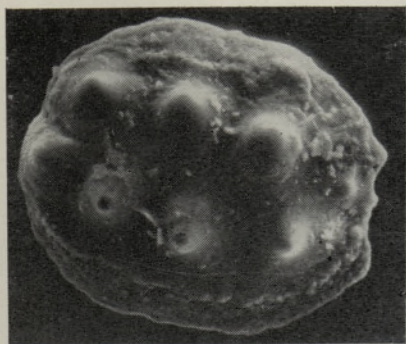
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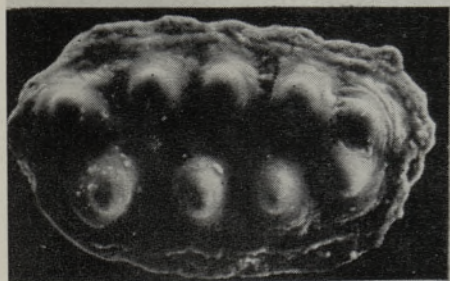
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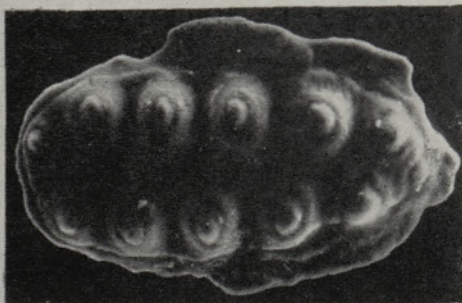
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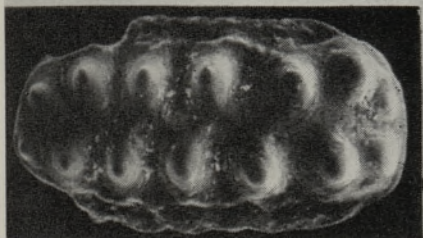
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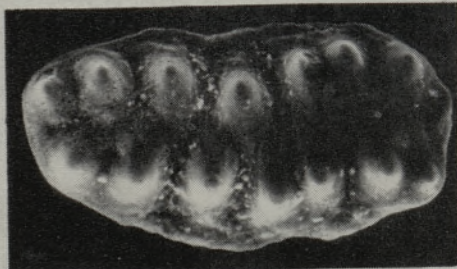
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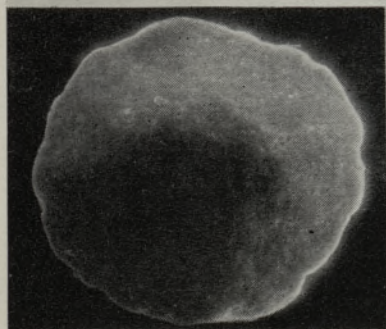
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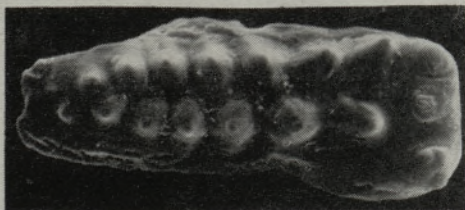
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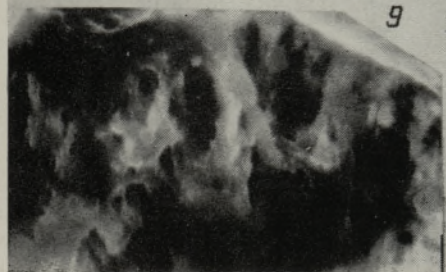
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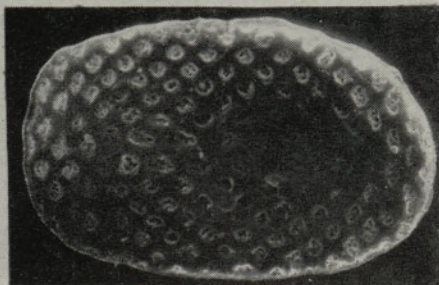
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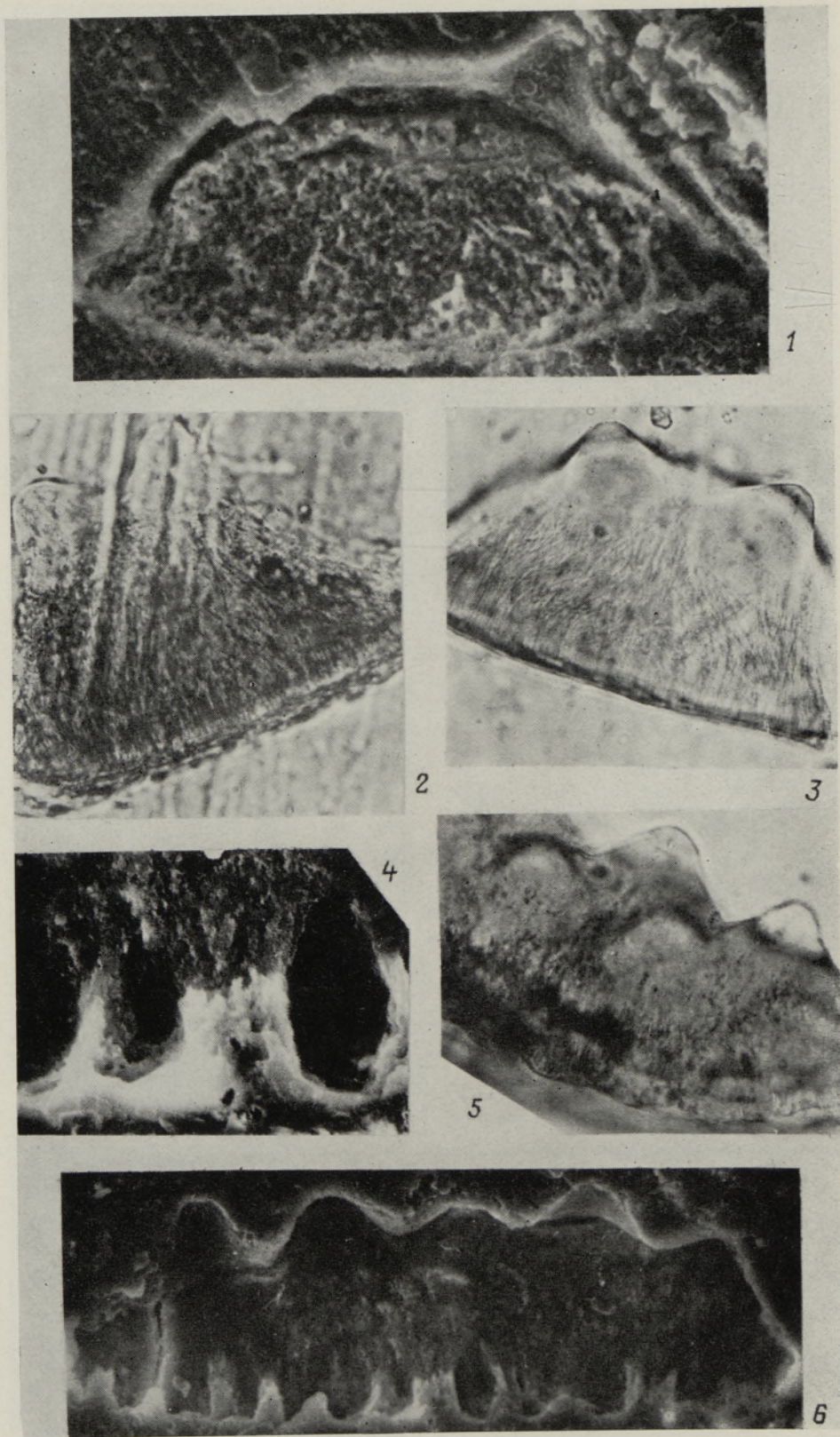


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In Estonia phosphatic sclerites (about 280 specimens) of a very different morphology and microstructure were discovered by K. Mens (Institute of Geology, Tallinn) in samples of the Turjekelder outcrop in North Estonia. This section is represented by terrigenous rocks of the Upper Cambrian Ülgase and Kallavere Formations. The latter includes also a part of the Lower Ordovician (for location map, lithology and stratigraphical discussion see Kaljo et al., 1986). Sclerites have been recorded from the lower part of the Kallavere Formation in the Maardu Member below the first level with eoconodonts *Eoconodontus notchpeakensis* and *Cordylodus andresi*, occurring in siltstones and sandstones, but being completely absent in claystones.

The samples of terrigenous rocks have not been dissolved in any acid. The weakly cemented sandstones and siltstones were sieved and sclerites were picked out from different fractions. The diameter of these skeletal elements mostly ranges from 0.1–0.05 mm, in some cases exceeding 0.1 mm. Sclerites of two different morphotypes were found: circular and strongly elongated, with rather great variations in the number and arrangement of tubercles, in the sculpture of the marginal brim, the nature of the visceral surface of the base and the internal structure of sclerites. On the basis of these differences both *Hadimopanella* and a new genus, *Kaimenella* were distinguished.

The histology of the vertical thin sections of the sclerites was studied in two ways: 1) investigating the unetched specimens under the light microscope, and 2) observing the polished and etched (with 1% HCl during 20–30 secs) sclerites under the SEM.

The author agrees with S. Bengtson (1977) and R. Wrona (1982) that the elements were external dermal sclerites of a problematic animal. They were attached to soft tissues to the extent of the marginal brim whereas the tuberculated area remained out of these tissues. In *Hadimopanella* fine sparse pores have been found on the visceral surface of the sclerites. The visceral surface of elongated *Kaimenella* sclerites differs from that of *Hadimopanella* ones. It is penetrated by relatively large pores arranged in a very regular pattern, thus resembling the Middle Ordovician problematic fossil *Milaculum ethinclarci* Müller from South Ontario (Müller, 1973, Taf. 34, Fig. 8 a, b).

Though the sclerites reveal some common characters with the skeletal elements of the early vertebrates, i.e. agnathans, their origin remains problematical at present. The sclerites of *Hadimopanella* resemble in their three-layered microstructure, in the presence of canals (fine tubules of fibres) and their arrangement the remains of some heterostracans on the

### PLATE III

*Kaimenella reticulata* gen. n. sp. n. SEM micrographs of the sclerites: 1–6, 8 — showing the variability of the shape of sclerites and the number of the tubercles, 9 — spongy middle layer of sclerite, 10 — visceral surface of sclerite.

*Hadimopanella collaris* sp. n. 7 — visceral surface of the sclerite.

1 — Pi 7061,  $\times 430$ , 2 — holotype, Pi 7052,  $\times 420$ , 3 — Pi 7063,  $\times 510$ , 4 — Pi 7056,  $\times 510$ , 5 — Pi 7054,  $\times 320$ , 6 — Pi 7055,  $\times 380$ , 7 — Pi 7066,  $\times 410$ , 8 — Pi 7053,  $\times 270$ , 9 — Pi 7077,  $\times 3000$ , 10 — Pi 7064,  $\times 350$ , Estonia, Turjekelder outcrop, Cambrian and Ordovician boundary beds, Kallavere Formation, Maardu Member.

### PLATE IV

Vertical thin sections of sclerites. 1–3. *Hadimopanella collaris* sp. n. 1 — polished and etched cross section of sclerite under the SEM, 2, 3 — polished cross sections of sclerites under the light microscope. 4–6 — *Kaimenella reticulata* gen. n. sp. n. 4, 6 — polished and etched cross section of sclerite under the SEM, 5 — polished cross section of sclerite under the light microscope. 1 — Pi 7068,  $\times 900$ , 2 — Pi 7071,  $\times 750$ , 3 — Pi 7070,  $\times 700$ , 4, 6 — Pi 7075,  $\times 2100$ ,  $\times 780$ , 5 — Pi 7076,  $\times 700$ .

one hand and these of anaspids on the other. The spongy internal structure of *Kaimenella* sclerites may be considered as being close to that of some heterostracans. In a number of Heterostraci including the early representative (*Astraspis*), the middle layer of skeletal elements consists of the spongy tissue. Rather large pores in the basal layer similar to these of *Kaimenella* are also known in the scales of early fishes, e.g. in *Poracanthodes* and *Tylodus*.

The terminology of S. Bengtson (1977) and R. Wrona (1982) is used with some supplements.

The specimens with indexes Pi are housed at the Institute of Geology, Academy of Sciences of the Estonian SSR.

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### Description

Phylum, class and order — incertae sedis

Hadimopanellidae fam. n.

**Diagnosis.** Problematic animal with circular to elongated phosphatic sclerites, the latter ones covered on the external surface with tubercles, and having marginal brim. Visceral surface pierced by sparse pores.

Genus *Hadimopanella* Gedik, 1977

**Type species.** *Hadimopanella oezgueli* Gedik, 1977.

**Diagnosis.** Small phosphatic sclerites with circular to slightly oval outline. The external surface conical with a flat crest and covered with minute tubercles. The number of tubercles ranges from 2 to 30. The visceral surface of the base smooth. Internal structure three-layered, consisting of base, core and cap. Fine canals (tubules) of the core rise independently from the base.

**Species content.** *Hadimopanella oezgueli* Gedik, 1977, *H. knappologica* (Bengtson), 1977, *H. apicata* Wrona, 1982, *Hadimopanella* sp. Berg-Madsen, 1985, *Hadimopanella collaris* n. sp.

*Hadimopanella oezgueli* Gedik, 1977

Pl. I, figs. 1—8

**Diagnosis.** Phosphatic sclerites circular to slightly oval. The tubercles on the external surface (4 to 30 in number) vary in size. The marginal brim radially finely striated.

**Distribution.** Middle Cambrian of Taurids in Turkey, the Lancara Formation in NW Spain, Amgian Stage of South Kirgizia.

**Material and locality.** 24 sclerites of variable degree of preservation; South Kirgizia, SE part of Fergana valley, right bank of Chalkuiriuk stream, Sulutor hill.

**Description. Morphology.** The sclerites in our material have mostly irregular circular outline (Pl. I, figs. 1—8), some of them being also oblong (Pl. I, figs. 5, 6). The greatest diameter is 0.12 mm. The slightly raised

external surface is covered with 4 to 12 conical tubercles. Like the material from NW Spain (van den Boogaard, 1983, Figs. 3 and 4), the tubercles on a sclerite vary in size, the smaller ones generally being placed marginally (Pl. I, figs. 2, 6—8). The outermost tubercles may be arranged in a circle (Pl. I, figs. 2, 7, 8) or in an oval (Pl. I, figs. 5, 6) enclosing in the middle 1—2 or more tubercles. In elongated sclerites between the tuberculated area and marginal brim there remains a wider smooth surface (Pl. I, figs. 5—7). The downstepped marginal brim bears fine radial striae (Pl. I, figs. 1, 2, 5). Some specimens have «scratches» (Pl. I, figs. 1, 8). The visceral surface is smooth, slightly convex to concave. **Histology** has not been studied.

**Associated fauna.** *Chancelloria* sp., *Micromitra* sp., *Linnarssonina* sp.

*Hadimopanella collaris* sp. n.

Pl. II, figs. 1—8, Pl. III, fig. 7, Pl. IV, figs. 1—3

**Derivation of name:** collar, to call attention to the sculpture of the marginal brim.

**Holotype and type locality.** Pi 7062 (Pl. II, fig. 1), Estonia, Turjekelder outcrop, Cambrian and Ordovician boundary beds, Kallavere Formation, Maardu Member.

**Material.** About 250 specimens.

**Diagnosis.** Sclerites circular and covered with tubercles of uniform size. The number of tubercles varies from 2 to 16. Marginal brim with a mosaic pattern. The brim curves down bordering the base.

**Description. Morphology.** Sclerites are somewhat irregularly circular in outline (Pl. II, figs. 1—7, Pl. III, fig. 7). The diameter of sclerites is predominantly 0.05—0.1 mm. The external surface («nodular surface» after S. Bengtson, 1977; «outer/upper side» after R. Wrona, 1982) is smooth and conical (Pl. II, fig. 8). The marginal area of the external surface shows fine radial striae (Pl. II, fig. 1). The central part of this surface bears 2 to 16 smooth convex or conical tubercles (Pl. II, figs. 1—7), rather even in size. Depending on their number, the tubercles tend to be arranged in circles, but sometimes one of them is placed irregularly (Pl. II, figs. 3, 4). Some tubercles on their worn surface show the pores (Pl. II, fig. 4). The marginal brim is separated from the external surface with 1—2 rows of the pores (Pl. II, figs. 2—4, 6) or shallow grooves. The marginal brim has a mosaic pattern (Pl. II, fig. 1), which is usually abraded. The external surface and the marginal brim of the sclerite on Pl. II, fig. 5 seems to be recrystallised. The marginal brim curves down bordering the base (Pl. II, fig. 8). The visceral surface with pores is smooth, may be slightly convex (Pl. III, fig. 7), flat or concave.

**Histology.** The internal structure of *Hadimopanella collaris* sp. n. can be observed better in unetched thin sections (Pl. IV, figs. 2, 3). Three layers can be distinguished: 1) lamellar basal layer (base), 2) middle «fibrous» layer (core), and 3) transparent almost homogeneous enamel-like layer (cap). The base is very thin and lamellar composed of 4—5 lamellae (Pl. IV, figs. 2, 3), and penetrated with sparse pores (Pl. III, fig. 7). Lamellar base was not visible (or not preserved?) in etched specimens (Pl. IV, fig. 1). «Fibrous» core («core» by S. Bengtson, «basal core» by R. Wrona) forms the major part of the sclerite. At present it remains unclear whether the fine canals of the core are either the canals through which metabolism of the sclerites took place, or they represent fine tubules housing the organic fibres (Sharpey's fibres) which served for attachment of the sclerites to skin. The fine canals or tubules seem to start already from the lower part of the lamellar base and are directed up towards the middle

portion of the sclerites. Single canals or tubules of fibres are present also in the tubercles. The latter ones are still of a more homogeneous composition. The external surface of the sclerite is covered with a transparent layer, called «capping» by S. Bengtson and «hyaline cap» by R. Wrona. This layer is less subjected to HCl (Pl. IV, fig. 1).

**Comparison.** *Hadimopanella collaris* sp. n. differs from *H. oezgueli*, *H. knappologica* and *H. apicata* in having mosaic pattern and concentric furrows on the marginal brim. On the latter area radial fine striae or folds are present in *H. oezgueli* and *H. apicata*, respectively. The number of tubercles in *H. collaris* sp. n. is larger than in *H. apicata*, about the same as in *H. oezgueli*, but smaller than in *H. knappologica* or in *Hadimopanella* sp. from South Baltoscandia.

**Associated fauna.** *Phakelodus tenuis* (Müller), *Furnishina* cf. *furnishia* Müller, *Prooneotodus* cf. *gallatini* (Müller), *Westergaardodina* cf. *bicuspidata* Müller, *Muellerodus* sp., *Schmidtites celatus* (Mickwitz), *Ungula ingrica* (Eichwald).

### Genus *Kaimenella* gen. n.

Derivation of name. After Dr. Kaisa Mens, who discovered the first hadimopanellids in Estonia.

**Type and only species.** *Kaimenella reticulata* sp. n., Estonia, Turjekelder outcrop, Cambrian and Ordovician boundary beds, Kallavere Formation, Maardu Member.

**Diagnosis.** Phosphatic sclerites elongated. On the external surface two subparallel rows of tubercles. The marginal brim ornamented with dentated ribs. The visceral surface convex to concave, pierced by pores.

**Comparison.** *Kaimenella* gen. n. resembles *Hadimopanella* in having phosphatized sclerites with tubercles and sculptured marginal brim. Characteristic of *Kaimenella* gen. n. is the arrangement of tubercles in subparallel rows, different pattern of sculpture of marginal brim and, most important, the high porosity of the visceral surface and the spongy internal structure.

### *Kaimenella reticulata* sp. n.

Pl. III, figs. 1—6, 8—10, Pl. IV, figs. 4—6

**Holotype and type locality.** Pi 7052 (Pl. III, fig. 2), Estonia, Turjekelder outcrop, Cambrian and Ordovician boundary beds, Kallavere Formation, Maardu Member.

**Material.** 30 specimens.

**Diagnosis.** The same as for genus.

**Description. Morphology.** The small phosphatic sclerites are oval (Pl. III, figs. 1, 2) to strongly elongated (Pl. III, figs. 6, 8) in outline, so that the length may exceed the width three times. Their maximum length is 0.25 mm. Somewhat raised external surface is covered with convex or conical tubercles. Their number varies from 8 to 18. The tubercles are placed in two subparallel or parallel rows. The terminal tubercles, as a rule, are smaller (Pl. III, figs. 4—8). A slight asymmetry of some sclerites and the difference in the number of their tubercles in both rows seem to indicate the presence of right and left elements (Pl. III, figs. 6, 8). In a specimen (Pl. III, fig. 4) the older tubercles are overgrown by the thorn-like younger ones. Quite characteristic are the furrows (Pl. III, figs. 3, 4, 6, 8) and small pores (Pl. III, figs. 3, 5) around the tubercles. The marginal brim occurs as a downstepped or downcurved area. The marginal brim of the holotype (Pl. III, fig. 2) is covered with longitudinal dentated ribs. As a rule, this sculpture is not preserved, and we can find

shallow grooves and small pores on the marginal brim. The visceral surface is perforated (Pl. III, fig. 10). The apertures of the cavities are diamond-shaped and arranged in regular diagonal pattern.

**Histology.** Sclerites of *Kaimenella reticulata* sp. n. can be subdivided into 1) a lower reticular layer, 2) a middle spongy core and 3) an upper enamel-like layer. In the etched vertical longitudinal section of the sclerite it is visible that the base pore cavities are of an unequal depth (Pl. IV, fig. 6). The lamellar basal layer was not observable. Spongy core contains fine vertical canals and cavities with rough surfaces (Pl. III, fig. 9, Pl. IV, fig. 4). The upper surface of the sclerites is of the enamel-like matrix (Pl. IV, fig. 5) which is less subjected to the effect of HCl like *Hadimopanella*.

**Associated fauna.** *Kaimenella reticulata* gen. n. sp. n. occurs together with *Hadimopanella collaris* sp. n. (for other forms see p. 16).

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## VARAPALEOSOIKUMI HADIMOPANELLIIDID EESTIST JA KIRGIISIAST

Artiklis on käsitletud kesk-kambriumi ning kambriumi ja ordoviitsiumi piirikihtide problemaatiliste organismide fosfaatseid skleriite. On kirjeldatud liike *Hadimopanella oezgueli* Gedik ja *H. collaris* sp. n. ning *Kaimenella reticulata* gen. n. sp. n., mis on paigutatud sugukonda *Hadimopanellidae* fam. n.

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## РАННЕПАЛЕОЗОЙСКИЕ ХАДИМОПАНЕЛЛИДЫ ИЗ ЭСТОНИИ И КИРГИЗИИ

Кембрийские фосфатные скелетные элементы проблематичного организма *Hadimopanella* еще мало изучены. Они описаны до сих пор из Турции, Сибирской платформы, Шпицбергена, Гренландии, Испании и южной части Балтоскандии (см. список литературы). В статье рассмотрены два вида из Киргизии и Эстонии — *Hadimopanella oezgueli* Gedik и *H. collaris* sp. n. соответственно. Кроме того, из Северной Эстонии описана новая форма *Kaimenella reticulata* gen. n. sp. n. Представители обоих родов объединены в семейство *Hadimopanellidae* fam. n. Хадимопанеллиды Эстонии происходят из пограничных кембрийско-ордовикских слоев.