

CONFACIES DIFFERENTIATION AND UPPER MIDDLE ORDOVICIAN CORRELATION IN THE BALTOSCANDIAN BASIN

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Abstract. It is suggested that the Ordovician belt with the distinctive North Estonian lithology and benthic fauna — the North Estonian Confacies Belt — does not extend as far to the west as previously believed. The considerable thickness of the post-Tremadocian Lower Ordovician sequence in the submarine South Bothnian district, revealed by borings, is comparable to that in the Jelgava depression of western Latvia, indicating that the Ordovician depositional history of the Baltoscandian basin is more complicated than has been assumed. The new term Haljala Stage is introduced for the portion of the upper Middle Ordovician sequence in the Baltoscandian basin that comprises the previous North Estonian Idavere and Jõhvi stages; the rank of the two latter units is reduced to substages. It is emphasized that the boundaries of biozones based on planktic organisms, such as conodonts, graptoloids and chitinozoans, seldom coincide with the levels at which benthic faunas change. A new species, *Amplexograptus baltoscandicus* n. sp., is described.

Key words: Ordovician, Baltoscandia, confacies, graptolites.

INTRODUCTION

During much of the Ordovician Period the benthic fauna of northern Estonia differed conspicuously from that of the adjacent belt to the west and south (Мяньиль, 1966; Jaanusson, 1976; Jaanusson & Bergström, 1980). In the Middle and Upper Ordovician the faunal differences between these major composite facies belts, which are referred to as “confacies belts” (Jaanusson, 1976), are so pronounced that the benthic fauna provides very few clues for regional correlation. This is especially true for the sequence from about the base of the *Diplograptus multidentatus* Zone upwards. For the upper part of the Middle Ordovician it has therefore been difficult to apply a uniform stage classification for much of the Baltoscandian basin.

The intention of this paper is to discuss some problems related to the boundaries between the confacies belts and to summarize the available evidence pertinent to the correlation of the upper part of the Middle Ordovician between the North Estonian and Central Baltoscandian Confacies Belts. A complicating factor is that in the latter belt the sequence is mostly poorly exposed and known mainly from borings. For this reason, in the Central Belt attention is focused on the Siljan district in Dalarna and on the Fjäckå section (Jaanusson & Martna, 1948; Jaanusson, 1963, 1976, 1982) in particular. The advantage of the Siljan district is that the sequence appears to be reasonably complete.

REMARKS ON BALTOSCANDIAN CONFACIES BELTS

Confacies belt has proven to be a useful concept for classifying the composite spatial distribution of Ordovician lithofacies and faunas not only in the Baltoscandian region but also in the Appalachians (Jaanusson & Bergström, 1980). In the former region new data have accumulated, mainly from borings, which must be integrated with the previously known evidence.

In Estonia, Põlma (Пылма, 1967) distinguished a transitional belt between the "Estonian and axial facies zones". The relation of the "transitional belt" to the concept of confacies belts requires some explanation. As defined by Põlma (Пылма, 1967), the transitional belt is characterized by an interlocking pattern of various lithofacies from these two main composite belts, and by the occurrence of some transitional lithologies. It is preponderantly a lithofacial concept and should preferably be referred to as "lithofacially transitional belt". The definition of a confacies belt is based on a combination of faunal and lithofacies characters (Jaanusson, 1976; Jaanusson & Bergström, 1980), but the remarkable feature is the fairly abrupt change in much of the benthic fauna (in the case of the southern Appalachian belts even in the conodont fauna) at the boundary between some belts, even in the cases where a lithofacies is reasonably continuous from one belt to the other. The fauna is more sensitive to changes in environment than sedimentation and therefore the factors that cause differences in the fauna are not always distinctly reflected in the composition of the sediment. In southern Estonia the benthic fauna in much of the lithologically transitional belt (see, for example, Laeva boring; Мянний, 1966, fig. 15) is still basically the same as in the Central Confacies. Based on faunal criteria, much of Põlma's "transitional belt" appears to belong to the Central Baltoscandian Confacies Belt.

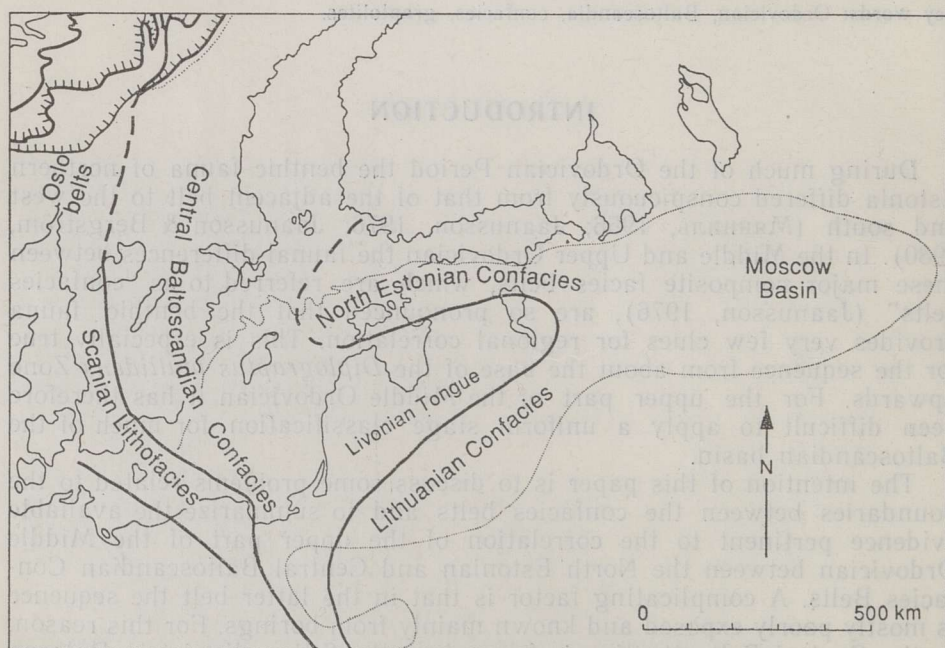


Fig. 1. Approximate boundaries between the post-Tremadoc Ordovician confacies belts in the Baltoscandian region.

The boundaries between various Baltoscandian confacies belts are, of course, not so sharp and unequivocal as depicted on the modified version of the confacies map (Fig. 1). Transitional areas must exist also in the distribution of the benthic faunas but they are at present difficult to define. There was some spatial fluctuation of the boundaries in time but details are still unclear.

New data from borings in eastern Sweden have shown that the North Estonian Confacies Belt does not extend as far to the west as previously suggested (Мяньниль, 1966, fig. 2; Jaanusson, 1976, text-fig. 7).

Southern Gotland (borings at Grötlingbo and När; Snäll, 1977; Grahn, 1982) is situated within the Central Baltoscandian Confacies Belt, both lithologically and faunally. The File Haidar boring on northern Gotland (Thorslund & Westergård, 1938) is lithologically in several respects "transitional" but the benthic fauna (V. Jaanusson, unpublished data) appears to be predominantly that of the Central Belt. In the boring on Gotska Sandön the lithology of the Ordovician sequence is very similar to that of the File Haidar boring, but in the benthic fauna (V. Jaanusson, unpublished data) the influx of species that otherwise are restricted to the North Estonian Belt is somewhat more noticeable.

On the previous maps (Мяньниль, 1966, fig. 2; Jaanusson, 1976, text-fig. 7) the boundary between the North Estonian and Central Confacies belts was, conditionally, drawn within the submarine South Bothnian Cambro-Ordovician district (for the extent of the Ordovician submarine outcrop area of the district see Axberg & Flodén, 1977; and Axberg, 1980, fig. 13). At that time the available information on the Ordovician sequence of the district was based solely on erratic boulders deposited by the continental glacier on adjacent land areas, especially in the provinces of Gästrikland and Uppland in east-central Sweden and on islands of the Åland Archipelago (Wiman, 1903, 1907). The faunal evidence from various boulders seemed to indicate an eastwards increasing influence from North Estonia. A boring at Finngrundet (Tjernvik & Johansson, 1980; Löfgren, 1985), in the eastern part of the South Bothnian district, pierced most of the Lower Ordovician sequence and yielded unexpected results. The thickness of parts of the post-Tremadocian Lower Ordovician is considerable, 19 m for the Volkhov Stage and exceeding 20.8 m for the Kunda Stage (Tjernvik & Johansson, 1980), comparable to the greatest thickness of these beds known elsewhere in the limestone sequence of the Baltoscandian basin (Jelgava depression in western Latvia; Мяньниль, 1966, figs. 52, 53; Ульст et al., 1982, figs. 42, 43). As in the Jelgava depression, the rock of these units is a red, argillaceous limestone. A re-examination of the faunal evidence from the erratic boulders showed that in the South Bothnian district the North Estonian influence was previously overestimated. The Middle Ordovician sequence of the district appears to be similar to that of the Siljan district, with regard to both lithology and fauna. Thus, the eastern boundary of the Central Belt was situated some, probably considerable, distance east and southeast of the Gulf of Bothnia. The location of the boundary is difficult to estimate since no Ordovician deposits are preserved on the mainland of Finland and between the Åland Archipelago and northern Estonia.

The classification of Männil (Мяньниль, 1966) "Scanian Facial Zone" in terms of confacies presents difficulties. In the Lower and Middle Ordovician the characters of the belt are mainly those of a lithofacial unit in which the rock is preponderantly graptolitic shale. The belt includes a few relatively thin limestone units (Komstad and Skagen limestones) with a benthic fauna close to that of the Central Belt. Conversely, some graptolitic shale units (Tøyen, Mossen, and Fjäckå shales) are widespread in the Central Belt. Higher up in the Upper Ordovician, above the *Pleuro-*

graptus linearis Zone, the sequence of the Scanian region consists of mudstones (Jerrestad and Tommarp formations) with a varied shelly fauna, and then the region forms an extension of the Central Baltoscandian Confacies Belt, both lithologically and faunally. The change from graptolitic shale to a shelly facies (or to virtually barren mudstones) at about that level is not a feature specific to Scania and Bornholm but a comparable change takes place also in several other regions of the world where the graptolitic shale lithofacies extends into the *Pleurograptus linearis* Zone.

Lindholm (1991) emphasized that the belt of graptolitic shales from Scania over Hunneberg in Västergötland to the Oslo district represents a single depositional basin at least until the end of Arenig time. Above about the *Hustedograptus teretiusculus* Zone, the Oslo Region developed a different, fairly complicated pattern of composite facies belts (Bockelie, 1978) that do not include any shale lithofacies. The rocks of that age referred to as "shale" in the Oslo Region (such as in Arnestad and Venstöp formations) by Owen et al. (1990) represent mainly mudstones (non-fissile argillite), in some areas with an appreciable content of silt.

THE STATUS OF THE IDAVERE AND JÕHVI STAGES

The Idavere ("Itfer") Stage was distinguished by Schmidt (1881) in his basic classification of the Ordovician sequence in northern Estonia. The beds included in the stage were accessible to Schmidt only in a few small exposures in northeastern Estonia, above all in the quarry of the manorial estate of Idavere. The quarry was fairly extensive but shallow, became soon overgrown (Raymond, 1916, p. 198), and subsequently even its location was forgotten. The site of the former Idavere quarry was rediscovered only quite recently and previous difficulties in determining its location were explained (Сарв & Пылма, 1989).

The difficulties in examining the original Idavere Beds in the field led to a misinterpretation of Schmidt's concept of the unit (Bekker, 1924, 1925; Õpik, 1927, 1930). The Idavere Beds were believed to constitute the upper portion of the Kukruse Stage or belong to a composite Kukruse—Idavere Stage, but in reality the Idavere Beds in Schmidt's sense were mostly included in the Jõhvi Stage (for a detailed historical review see Рымыусокс, 1970, pp. 184—187). A contributing factor to the misinterpretation may have been that Schmidt (1882) vastly overestimated the thickness of his Idavere Beds, reporting it to be 20—30 feet.

On the basis of an examination of both old collections from the Idavere type locality and cores of some borings in northeastern Estonia, Jaanusson (1945) was able to clarify Schmidt's original concept of the Idavere Stage and to define the base of the stage at its former level. In the outcrop area of northeastern Estonia the thickness of the unit proved to be much less than previously believed, in the type area only some 1.5 m (see Пылма et al., 1988). Following a suggestion by Raymond (1916), it was proposed to increase the scope of the Idavere Stage by drawing the upper boundary somewhat higher, at the level of the appearance of the macrofauna characteristic of the Jõhvi Stage. The increase in the scope of the Idavere Stage was generally accepted but, for practical reasons, Männil (Мяньниль, 1963) suggested that the stage boundary be drawn at a bentonite bed, some 1.5—2 m below the macrofaunal boundary.

Thus defined, the Idavere Stage is a useful unit for the North Estonian sequence (Рымыусокс, 1970), but outside the spatial range of the key bentonite bed, which moreover is not always easy to identify with certainty, the recognition of the upper boundary proved to be difficult (see also Männil, 1990, p. 17). The boundary does not coincide with a distinct

change in either macro- or microfauna and it is situated within a lithologically uniform sequence. The ostracode fauna, in particular, does not change at that level (Пылма et al., 1988). The appearance of *Amplexograptus* cf. *fallax* Bulman (= *A. baltoscandicus* n. sp., described below) has been used for recognition of the boundary level (Мянниль, 1976) but the importance of this event for correlation appears to be limited. The appearance of a few macrofaunal species higher up in the Jõhvi Stage is not conspicuous; the level is difficult to determine, and it is not known whether all these species appear at the same level. For the Baltoscandian basin as a whole the usefulness of these two chronostratigraphic units (Idavere and Jõhvi stages) is therefore limited.

For the entire Baltoscandian basin a useful unit would be a stage which comprises, as substages, both the Idavere and Jõhvi units. For this reason it is here proposed to include the beds from the base of the Idavere Beds to the base of the Keila Stage in a single stage, the *Haljala Stage*. It is named for Haljala parish, where the type area of the Idavere Stage is situated and which comprises some of the outcrop area of the Jõhvi Substage (Сапв & Пылма, 1989, fig. 1). The base of the Haljala Stage is defined as that of the Idavere Substage. In its type area the base of the substage is marked by a distinct discontinuity surface (Jaanusson, 1945), indicating a break in the sequence. Hints et al. (1993; see also Nõlvak & Grahn, 1993) proposed therefore to define the boundary further southwards, in the Laeva region, as the base of the chitinozoan subzone of *Armoricochitina granulifera* which, according to Nõlvak and Grahn (1993, fig. 6), coincides with the top of *Laufeldochitina stentor* Zone. The top of the Haljala Stage coincides with the base of the Keila Stage.

The base of the Haljala Stage is slightly above the base of the conodont subzone of *Baltoniodus gerdae* (Мянниль, 1986). According to the evidence from conodonts (Bergström, 1971) and chitinozoans (Laufeld, 1967) the level of the base of the stage in the Fjäcka section of the Siljan district is approximately 6.5–7.0 m below the base of the complex of bentonite beds as defined by Jaanusson & Martna (1948) and Jaanusson (1963). In that section the lithology is uniform across the stage boundary, but Männil (Мянниль, 1966) suggested the existence of a slight change in the benthic fauna at about that level. In a limestone sequence the level of a graptolite zone boundary is notoriously difficult to determine since biostratigraphically important graptolite species rarely occur together with index species of conodonts. Bergström (1971) suggested that the base of the *Diplograptus multidentis* Zone as defined in the Scanian succession (Nilsson, 1977) is fairly close to the base of the *Baltoniodus gerdae* Subzone, and subsequently no evidence has come forth that would contradict this suggestion. According to Hughes (1989) *D. multidentis* is a junior subjective synonym of *D. foliaceus*, but there is no need to change the name of the zone, provided that the name cannot be replaced by that of some other species that is more distinctive for the zone.

BASE OF THE KEILA STAGE

The base of the Keila Stage is defined (Jaanusson, 1948; Jaanusson & Martna, 1948, p. 192; Мянниль, 1958) as that of the so-called Main Bentonite Bed. It is the thickest bentonite bed, up to 0.45 m thick on north-eastern Estonian mainland (Рымыусокс, 1970, fig. 46; Вингисаар, 1972, fig. 1), in the boundary region between the Jõhvi Substage and the Keila Stage.

In Sweden the thickest bentonite bed, up to 1.8 m thick on Kinnekulle in Västergötland, is termed the Big Bentonite Bed, and it defines the base

of the Skagen Limestone (Jaanusson, 1964). A recent revision of the interpretation of the stratigraphy in some southeastern Estonian borings has revealed that beds which contain elements of the Skagen fauna but which were previously correlated with the Jõhvi Stage (Мяньиль, 1966) are of Keilan age (R. Männil, pers. comm., 1988). This removes a serious discrepancy in previous correlations (Jaanusson, 1976) because now the biostratigraphic evidence also supports the suggestion (Мяньиль, 1966; Вингисаар, 1972) that the thickest bentonite beds on both sides of the Baltic Sea are contemporaneous. Further support is provided by an identical "chemical fingerprint" for this K-bentonite across the Baltic Sea (Huff et al., 1992).

The Main Bentonite forms a most useful key horizon over a substantial area of the Baltoscandian basin. It is located at about the middle of the Arnestad Mudstone in the Oslo—Asker district of Norway (Hagemann & Spjeldnaes, 1955), at the base of the Skagen Limestone in many districts of Sweden, in the upper part of the Sularp Mudstone in Scania (Bergström & Nilsson, 1974; Nilsson, 1977), near the base of the *Dicellograptus* Shale as developed on the Island of Bornholm (Bergström & Nilsson, 1974), and at the base of the Keila Stage in northern and western Estonia, western Ingria, and northwestern Latvia. It is interesting to note that according to current correlations it is not the Main Bentonite that has the widest extent toward southeast but beds which appear to belong to the complex of bentonite beds in the boundary region between the Idavere and Jõhvi substages. Thin bentonite beds of that complex reach as far as to central Lithuania (Сидаравичиене, 1979).

The Main Bentonite is slightly below the base of the *Amorphognathus superbis* Zone (S. M. Bergström, pers. comm., 1992). The level of the base of the *Dicellograptus clingani* Zone is situated somewhat higher, probably somewhere in the middle of the Skagen Limestone (Bergström & Nilsson, 1974).

According to Huff et al. (1992) the Main Bentonite is the same as the Millbrig K-bentonite in eastern North America. In this case, according to them, the bed belongs to one of the largest, if not the largest, volcanic ash falls recorded in the Phanerozoic of the earth. Despite that, the effect of the volcanic event on faunas and floras was minimal, not least on probable planktic organisms such as graptoloids, conodonts, and chitinozoans (Huff et al., 1992, fig. 5).

Many benthic organisms are very susceptible to changes in the physical properties of the substrate upon or within which they are living. The extensive ash fall must have caused a marked change in these conditions over vast areas of the seafloor, affecting the environment especially for communities that were adapted to a comparatively coarse grained substrate. However, in Baltoscandia the change in the benthic fauna across the Main Bentonite is slight. It is more pronounced in the Central Baltoscandian Confacies Belt than in the North Estonian Belt, but in both belts a number of species cross the ash bed. Thus, despite of the vastness of the seafloor area covered with volcanic ash, the effect of the changed physical properties of the substrate on the benthic fauna was trifling.

The faunal change is best documented in ostracode faunas since information on vertical ranges of macrofossils, such as trilobites or brachiopods, is less exact. In the North Estonian Belt the ostracode assemblage, which consists of species appearing mainly in the Idavere Substage, continues with insignificant changes into the Keila Stage (Пылма et al., 1988, figs. 17, 26, 27). In the Central Baltoscandian Belt the proportion of immigrants above the Main Bentonite is larger (Jaanusson, 1976, fig. 9), as is the number of species not known to cross the ash bed, but the overall faunal change is still comparatively small.

CORRELATION OF THE BASE OF THE OANDU STAGE

During Oanduan and Rakverean times the differences in the benthic faunas between the North Estonian Confacies Belt and the Central Baltoscandian Confacies Belt were especially conspicuous and the faunas provide very few clues for correlation. The level of the base of the Oandu Stage does not appear to coincide with a graptolite or conodont zonal boundary, and this contributes to the difficulty of correlating this level.

According to Männil (Мяннийль, 1966) the base of the Oandu Stage corresponds most likely to that of the "Macrourus Limestone" (= Moldâ Topoformation; Jaanusson, 1973) in the Siljan district. This correlation is now known to be supported by ranges of some chitinozoan taxa. In Estonia, *Desmochitina nodosa* reaches the base of the Oandu Stage, and *Spinachitina cervicornis* (s. lato) to a slightly higher level (Nölvak, 1990; Nölvak & Grahn, 1993; J. Nölvak, pers. comm.). In the Siljan district both taxa have a similar range relative to the base of the Moldâ Topoformation (Laufeld, 1967). At the base of both the Oandu Stage (Рымыусокс, 1970, table 17; Пылма et al., 1988, figs. 28, 36, 37) and the Moldâ Topoformation (Jaanusson, 1976, fig. 9, 1982, fig. 7) the change in the benthic faunas is pronounced although the composition of the faunas is quite different.

Further support for the correlation of the base of the Oandu Stage with that of the Moldâ Topoformation is provided by the occurrence of *Toxochasmops extensus* in the lower Oanduan Hirmuse and Saku beds of northern Estonia (*Chasmops macrourus* in Рымыусокс (1953), identification subsequently (Рымыусокс, 1970) corrected to *C. extensus*). In the Siljan district this species appears at the base of the Moldâ Topoformation (Jaanusson, 1982, fig. 7).

DISCUSSION

The introduction of the concept of Haljala Stage makes it possible to extend a workable chronostratigraphic classification in the carbonate facies of the Baltoscandian basin from the Kukruse Stage to the Oandu Stage. Kukruse, Haljala, and Keila stages appear to be recognizable with a sufficient precision over much of the basin. The base of the Oandu Stage seems to be fairly well defined over much of the region but because of the uncertainties pertaining to the correlation of the base of the Rakvere Stage, the application of the concept of Oandu Stage is at present difficult outside northern Estonia and Ingria.

In the Baltoscandian basin the biostratigraphic information is more detailed than in the Ordovician sequences elsewhere, even if much additional work remains to be done. The precision of the data is especially good for vertical ranges of ostracodes, conodonts, chitinozoans, and graptoloids, and also for several groups of macrofossils. Information is now accumulating also on acritarchs (Uutela & Tynni, 1991) and inarticulate brachiopods (Holmer, 1986, 1989).

An interesting result is that, as shown in Fig. 2, the levels of important changes in the probable planktic graptolite and conodont faunas mostly do not coincide with the levels at which the benthic fauna changes, suggesting that the factors that affected planktic faunas were largely different from those that caused changes in the regional benthic faunas (Jaanusson, 1976). The spatial range of planktic species is mostly considerable, although in the Ordovician Period, in which biogeographic differentiation is more pronounced than in most other Phanerozoic periods, also planktic faunas display a distinct provincialism. Ordovician benthic faunas, on the

other hand, were biogeographically differentiated into numerous provinces, and the spatial range of individual species is mostly limited. The factors that caused changes in the widespread planktic faunas and floras did not necessarily affect regional environmental conditions of the seafloor. Changes in the regional conditions, in turn, are not always reflected in the succession of organisms with a semicosmopolitan distribution. Thus, diachronism of the changes in local benthic and widespread planktic faunas may have been a rule rather than an exception.

Stages and substages	Siljan district	Graptolite zones	Conodont zones and subzones	
? Oandu	Moldå Limestone	<i>Dicranograptus</i> <i>clingani</i>	<i>Amorphognathus</i> <i>superbus</i>	
Keila	Skagen Limestone			
The Main K-bentonite →				
Haljala	Jõhvi Idavere	<i>Diplograptus</i> <i>multidens</i>	<i>Amorpho-</i> <i>gnathus</i> <i>tvaerensis</i>	<i>B. alobatus</i>
Kukruse	Dalby Limestone		<i>Nemagraptus</i> <i>gracilis</i>	<i>B. g.</i> <i>B. v.</i>
			<i>Pygodus</i> <i>anserinus</i>	

Fig. 2. Correlation of the upper Viruan sequence in the Siljan district, Dalarna, with North Estonian stages and with the graptolite and conodont zonation. In the Siljan district the thickness of the probable equivalents to the Jõhvi Substage is apparently inconsiderable.

APPENDIX

Amplexograptus baltoscandicus n. sp. (Fig. 3)

- 1932 *Climacograptus* sp.: Bulman, pp. 16—17, pl. 3, figs. 21—23.
(non pl. 3, figs. 24—25 and 28—32 = *Climacograptus skagensis*
Jaanusson & Skoglund, 1963; non pl. 3, figs. 26—27 =
Pseudoclimacograptus sp. indet.).
- 1960 *Amplexograptus?* n. sp.: Jaanusson, p. 351,

- 1962 *Amplexograptus fallax* n. sp. (partim): Bulman, p. 463 (non text-fig. 2 = *A. leptotheca* Bulman, 1946).
- 1963 *Amplexograptus* cf. *fallax* Bulman: Jaanusson & Skoglund, pp. 348—350, fig. 3.
- 1976 *Amplexograptus* cf. *fallax* Bulman: Мяннийль, figs. 4, 5 (range in borings).
- ?1977 *Amplexograptus* cf. *fallax* Bulman: Nilsson, pp. 39—40, table 1 (range in a boring).

Holotype. Rhabdosome RM Cn 1516 from the Jõhvi Substage of Põõsaspea (Spitham) in northwestern Estonia (Fig. 3; Bulman, 1932, pl. 3, figs. 21—22).

Diagnosis. Rhabdosome increasing in width from 0.9—1.1 mm at th 2¹—2² to 1.2—1.3 mm at th 6¹—6². Supragenicular wall concave, distinctly inclined relative to the rhabdosome axis, its height equal to, or only slightly greater than, that of apertural excavation. Supragenicular wall of th 2¹ normally distinctly longer than that of th 3¹. Antivirgellar spines paired, th 1¹ with a subapertural spine. Aseptate.

Discussion. Bulman (1962) considered the Estonian specimens that he had previously figured (1932, pl. 3, figs. 21—23) to belong to his new species *A. fallax* based on specimens from Scotland. Jaanusson & Skoglund (1963) followed Bulman's identification, but only conditionally and with considerable doubt. On the basis of a revision of the holotypes and additional syntypes of *A. fallax* and *A. leptotheca* Bulman, 1946, Hughes

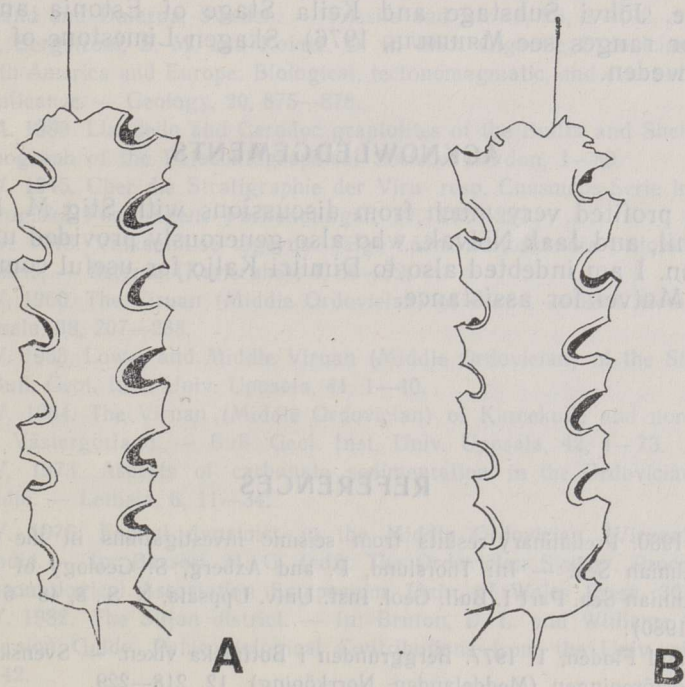


Fig. 3. *Amplexograptus baltoscandicus* n. sp. Drawing of the holotype, based on the figures in Bulman (1932, pl. 3, figs. 21, 22). Northern Estonia, Põõsaspea (Spitham); Jõhvi Substage. $\times 20$.

A obverse and B reverse aspect.

(1989, pp. 56—58) concluded that these two species are subjective synonyms. It is now clear that the Baltoscandian specimens that were previously identified as *A. cf. fallax* belong to a different species.

A. baltoscandicus n. sp. is adequately figured by Bulman (1932, pl. 3, figs. 21—23) and Jaanusson & Skoglund (1963, fig. 3A—D), who also provide a description of the species. It differs from *A. leptotheca* in comparatively higher apertural excavations and a stronger inclination of the supragenicular wall even on distal thecae (Bulman, 1932, pl. 3, fig. 23). The supragenicular wall of th 2¹ is normally conspicuously higher than that of the next thecae. It is strange that in his "diagrammatic reconstructions" of *A. leptotheca* Bulman (1946, text-figs. 22, 23) figured the proximal end with paired antivirgellar spines even if none of the figured specimens (Bulman, 1946, pl. 4) show this feature. The specimens from the Shelve inlier also have only a single antivirgellar spine (Hughes, 1989, p. 58). In Bulman's (1962) description of *A. fallax* antivirgellar spines are not mentioned, and his figures (1962, text-fig. 2 A—B) show only a single spine. *A. baltoscandicus* has consistently paired antivirgellar spines.

Specimens from the Platteville Limestone of Wisconsin, identified as *A. maxwelli* Decker, 1935, have paired antivirgellar spines and resemble *A. baltoscandicus* also in some other features (Walker, 1953; Crowther, 1981, pl. 8, fig. 1, text-fig. 17). However, in that species the supragenicular wall is almost parallel to the axis of the rhabdosome and the rhabdosome is slightly narrower.

The identification of specimens from the upper *Dicranograptus clingani* Zone of the Koängen core in Scania, which Nilsson (1977) referred to *A. cf. fallax*, requires further study.

Occurrence. Jõhvi Substage and Keila Stage of Estonia and western Latvia (for ranges see Мянний, 1976). Skagen Limestone of Västergötland in Sweden.

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BALTOSKANDIA BASSEINI KONFAATSIESED JA KESKORDOVIITSIUMI ÜLAOSA KORRELATSIOON

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Ordoviitsiumi väga iseloomulike kivimite ja bentilise fauna kivististe võõnd, mida käsitletakse Põhja-Eesti konfaatsiesena, ei levi nii kaugele läände, nagu seni arvati. Botnia lahe lõunaosas puurimisel tuvastatud Tremadoci-järgse alamordoviitsiumi kihi suur paksus, mis on võrreldav nende kivimite paksusega Jelgava nõos Lääne-Lätis, näitab, et sedimentatsioon oli Baltoskandia basseini ordoviitsiumis seniarvatust keerukam. On tehtud ettepanek nimetada Haljala lademeks Baltoskandia keskordoviitsiumi ülaosa, mida seni käsitati Idavere ja Jõhvi lademenä, ning kaht viimast pidada amlademeks. On märgitud, et planktilistel organismidel, nagu konodontidel, graptoliitidel ja kitinosaadel baseeruvate biotsoonide piirid langevad harva kokku bentilise fauna muutumise tasemetega. On kirjeldatud uut liiki *Amplexograptus baltoscandicus*.

КОНФАЦИАЛЬНАЯ ДИФФЕРЕНЦИАЦИЯ И КОРРЕЛЯЦИЯ ВЕРХОВ СРЕДНЕГО ОРДОВИКА БАЛТОСКАНДИИ

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Зона со специфическими ордовикскими отложениями и бентосной фауной, рассматриваемая в качестве Северо-Эстонской конфации, распространяется не столь далеко на запад, как предполагалось до сих пор. Бурением в южной части Ботнического залива установлены толщи пост-тремадокского ордовика, сравнимые по мощности с теми же отложениями в Елгавском прогибе в Западной Латвии. Это указывает на более сложную историю седиментации в ордовике Балтоскандии, чем считалось до настоящего времени. Предлагается новое название — хальяласский горизонт — для верхов среднего ордовика Балтоскандии, ранее рассматриваемых в качестве идавереского и йыхвиского горизонтов; последние переводятся в ранг подгоризонта. Отмечается, что границы биозон, проводимые на основе планктонных организмов (конодонт, граптолиты и хитинозой), редко совпадают с уровнями, на которых изменяется состав бентосной фауны. Описывается новый вид *Amplexograptus baltoscandicus*.