

## New species of *Estlandia* (Clitambonitidina, Brachiopoda) in the Upper Ordovician of the East Baltic

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**Abstract.** A new species of the gonambonitid genus *Estlandia*, *E. hispida*, is described from the lower part of the Upper Ordovician in Estonia and northwestern Russia (Ingria). The new species differs clearly from the most similar species *E. marginata* (Pahlen) in the external sculpture, in having less convex valves, and in the stratigraphical distribution.

**Key words:** Brachiopoda, Rhynchonelliformea, Gonambonitidae, Upper Ordovician, Estonia, northwestern Russia.

### INTRODUCTION

The gonambonitid genus *Estlandia* is one of the endemic brachiopods in the Ordovician of Baltoscandia (Jaanusson 1979; Cocks & Fortey 1998). Up to now, eight species and subspecies of the genus have been recorded from the Aseri to Keila stages of Estonia and Russia (Öpik 1930, 1934; Rubel 1963; Alikhova 1953, 1969; Vinn 2001). A possible occurrence of pre-Aseri *Estlandia* is mentioned in Rubel (1961).

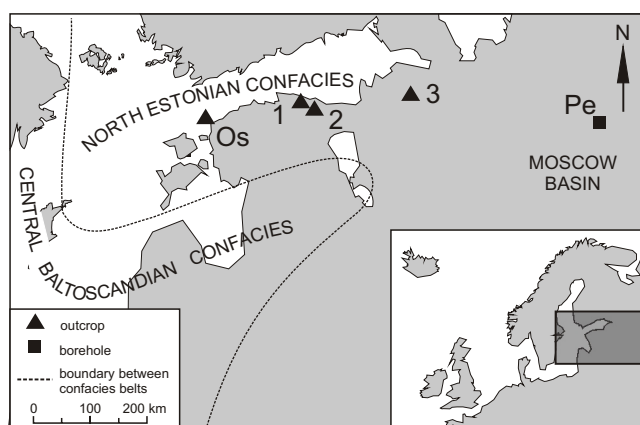
The aim of this paper is to legalize the early Upper Ordovician (lower Caradoc) species, described first by Männil as *Estlandia* n. sp. in his manuscript of 1947 and mentioned later by Rõõmusoks (1970, table 12). Only few specimens were known to Männil, which clearly differed from those of the most similar species *E. marginata* (Pahlen), the type species of the genus. New finds, including the

ventral and dorsal interiors, enable us to present a more complete description of this, as yet unpublished species.

The specimens figured here are deposited in the Institute of Geology at Tallinn Technical University (GI TTU, under the collection number 321) and in the Central Scientific-Research Geological Exploration Museum named after F. N. Chernyshev (CNIGR, under the collection number 13071), St. Petersburg. The figured specimen of *E. marginata* (Pahlen) (1209/g9:24) belongs to the Estonian Natural History Museum in Tallinn (NHMT).

### DISTRIBUTION OF *ESTLANDIA*

The distribution of the genus *Estlandia* is confined to the Middle and Upper Ordovician of the North Estonian Confacies Belt and the northwestern part of the Moscow Basin (Rubel 1963; Alikhova 1969). The westernmost finds of *Estlandia* (*E. catellatus odini* Vinn in the uppermost Middle Ordovician Uhaku Stage) are known from Osmussaar Island, NW Estonia (Vinn 2001), and the easternmost ones (*E. marginata* (Pahlen) and *E. pyron silicificata* Öpik) from the Pestovo drill core in the eastern part of the Novgorod region, Russia (Alikhova 1969) (Fig. 1). In the Pestovo drill core, the last two species are identified in the Upper Ordovician Kukruse and Haljala stages, respectively. Thus the distribution area of that genus extends over 700 km in the shallow water facies of the Baltic Basin. *E. hispida*, described here, occurs (Fig. 1) in the argillaceous limestones of the Gryazno Formation (lower Idavere Substage, Haljala Stage) in the western part of the St. Petersburg region (Zuykov & Hints 2001), and of the Vasavere Formation (upper Idavere Substage) in North Estonia (Fig. 2).



**Fig. 1.** Localities with *Estlandia hispida*: 1, Kavastu; 2, Aluvere; 3, Klyasino. Os, Osmussaar, the westernmost and Pe, Pestovo drill core, the easternmost locality with *Estlandia*.

System	British series	Scandinavian graptolite zone	North Atlantic conodont zone	North Estonia (Jaanusson 1995; Nõlvak 1997)			NW Russia, St. Petersburg region (Popov 1997)		
				Stage	Substage	Formation	Stage	Substage	Formation
ORDOVICIAN	CARADOC	<i>multidens</i>	<i>tvaerensis</i>	Haljala	Jõhvi		Jõhvi		
					Idavere	Vasavere *	Idavere	Schundorovo	Schundorovo
						Tatruste		Ojamaa	Gryazno *

**Fig. 2.** Correlation scheme and stratigraphical distribution of *Estlandia hispida* (marked by asterisk).

## SYSTEMATIC DESCRIPTION

Suborder CLITAMBONITIDINA Öpik, 1934  
 Superfamily CLITAMBONITOIDEA Winchell & Schuchert, 1893  
 Family GONAMBONITIDAE Schuchert & Cooper, 1931  
 Genus *Estlandia* Schuchert & Cooper, 1931

*Estlandia hispida* sp. nov.

Plate I, figures 1–11; Figures 3 and 4

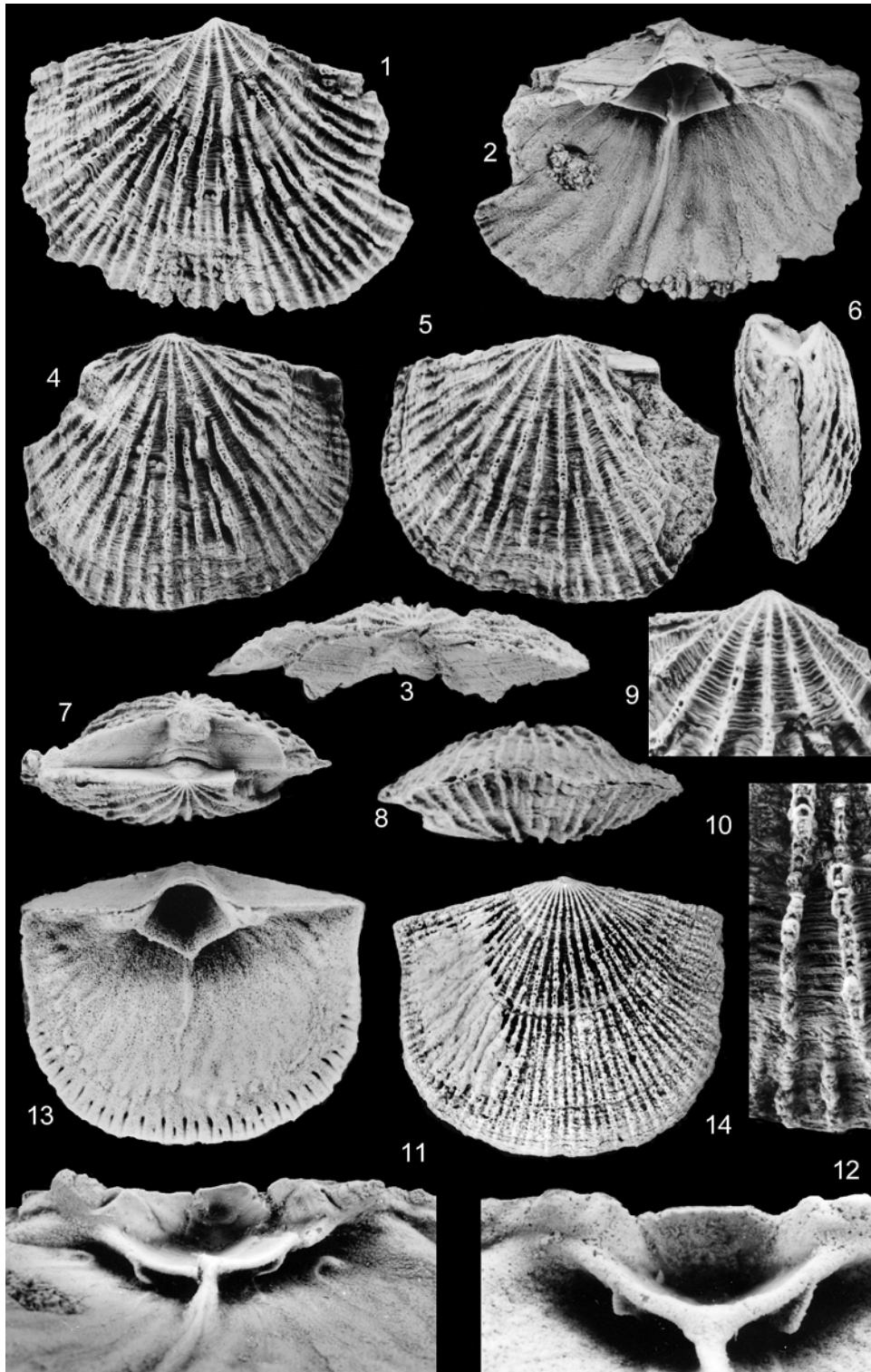
**Derivation of name:** Latin *hispidus*, rough, referring to the specific ornamentation. The term *hispida* was written on a label in the box with the holotype and supposedly was used by Männil as a species name.

**Holotype.** Complete shell GI TTU, No. 321-1, Pl. I, figs. 4–8; northern Estonia, Aluvere quarry, Vasavere Formation, Idavere Substage of the Haljala Stage, lowermost Upper Ordovician (Caradoc).

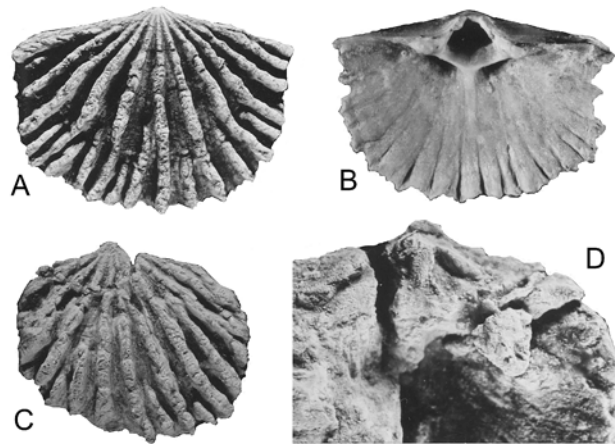
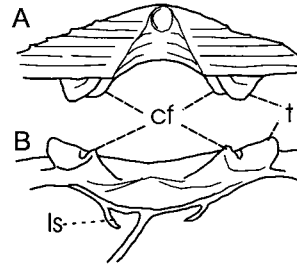
**Material and distribution.** A complete shell from Aluvere quarry and a ventral valve from Kavastu old quarry, North Estonia, Vasavere Formation; a ventral valve and two dorsal valves from Klyasino quarry, St. Petersburg region, Russia, Gryazno Formation.

**Diagnosis.** Medium-sized *Estlandia* with 4–5 costae per 5 mm at 5 mm anterior to umbo, and along anterior margin, separated by interspaces two to three times width of costae; concentric filae forming chain-like crests on top of ribs; spondylium wide and relatively short; subperipheral rims absent from both valves.

PLATE I



**Fig. 3.** *Estlandia hispida*. Pedicle valve No. 321-2 (GI TTU collection); view of the ventral area (A), and spondylium from the anterior side (B); cf, crural fossette; ls, lateral septa; t, teeth. A, B  $\times 2.9$ .



**Fig. 4.** *Estlandia hispida*. A, B, exterior and interior views of the ventral valve No. 1/13071 (CNIGR collection); C, D, exterior, and the posterior part of the interior of the dorsal valve No. 2/13071 (CNIGR collection). A–C  $\times 2$ , D  $\times 5$ .

**Description.** Unequally biconvex shell with posteriorly weakly convex, anteriorly flat ventral valve and evenly convex dorsal valve. Maximum width at hinge line or at mid-valve of the shell. Outline subrectangular, cardinal extremities acute or obtuse at later growth stages (Pl. I, figs. 1, 4, 5). Anterior commissure weakly

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#### Explanation of Plate I

Figs. 1–11. *Estlandia hispida* Zuykov & Hints. 1–3, 9–11, ventral valve No. 321-2 (GI TTU) North Estonia, Kavastu: 1–3, exterior, interior, and posterior views,  $\times 2$ ; 9–11, view of the posterior part of the valve with concentric filae, chain-like crests on the costellae, and anterior view of spondylium triplex,  $\times 6$ . 4–8, holotype, complete shell No. 321-1 (GI TTU) North Estonia, Aluvere, Haljala Stage: 4, 5, ventral and dorsal exteriors; 6–8, lateral, posterior, and anterior views. All  $\times 1.5$ .

Figs. 12–14. *Estlandia marginata* (Pahlen); No. 1209/g9:24 (NHMT), North Estonia, Kohtla, Kukruse Stage; view of the spondylium triplex, interior and exterior of the ventral valve; 13 and 14  $\times 1.5$ , 12  $\times 4$ .

sulcate. Ventral interarea triangular, apsacline, flat, about one quarter as high as wide. Delthyrium in a form of isosceles triangle, covered by convex deltidium with large sealed foramen extending for about half of the deltidium height (Fig. 3B). Parallel growth lines cover the ventral interarea and deltidium. Dorsal interarea flat, anacline, about half as high as ventral interarea. Notothyrium covered by convex chilidium, about as wide as high.

Radial ornamentation costellate, with 10 and 11 primary costae respectively on the dorsal and the ventral valve (Table 1). New costellae originate by intercalation at different growth stages, with the first one appearing about 5 mm from the umbo. The costae and costellae form high, narrow ridges of about the same width for the most part of the valve surface, with 4–5 ribs per 5 mm at 5 mm from the umbo and along the anterior margin (Pl. I, figs. 1, 4, 5, 9, 10). The intercostal spaces are two to three times wider than the ribs. Regular concentric filae, 5–6 per mm, cover the entire shell surface, including intercostal space. The closely spaced filae cut back anteriorly, forming chain-like crests on the ribs (Pl. I, fig. 10). Growth lines are more clearly developed only in the lateral parts of the shell (Pl. I, figs. 1, 4). The asymmetry of radial ornamentation occurs on all specimens.

Ventral interior with triangular teeth located laterally from the sides of delthyrium. From the side of spondylium the teeth are supported by the secondary shell material which forms an additional (inner) plate of the teeth, folded anteriorly and serving as “raised” crural fossette (see Wright & Rubel 1996). Spondylium triplex about two-fifths as long as ventral valve, weakly concave, with anterior margin extending slightly anteriorly in the middle part. Median septum narrow and short. Lateral septa thin, free anteriorly, converging towards the median septum (Fig. 3C). Inner shell surface covered by shallow pits.

The simple ridge-like cardinal process of the dorsal valve fused with the chilidium (Fig. 4). Socket ridges long, widely divergent. Median septum low, blade-like, extending anteriorly for about half of the valve length.

Shell substance pseudopunctate.

**Table 1.** Measurements and number of ribs of *Estlandia hispida*

Specimen	Length of valve, mm		Width, mm	Number of ribs	
	Ventral	Dorsal		Primary	In 5 mm
Holotype, complete shell, No. 321-1	26.1	25.4	31.5	11	4–5
Ventral valve, No. 321-2	21.2+	–	28.4	11	4–5
Ventral valve, No. 1/13071	13.0	–	19.0	10+	3–4
Dorsal valve, No. 2/13071	–	12.0	14.0	9+	4

**Discussion.** The described species closely resembles *Estlandia marginata* (Öpik 1934) from the Kukruse Stage of North Estonia in general shape and size of the shell (see Pl. I, compare figs. 1, 5, and 11). *E. hispida* differs from *E. marginata* in a somewhat larger shell and less convex valves. The new species differs from all other representatives of *Estlandia* in its external ornament with a small number of high primary costae, relatively large interspaces between them, and the absence of the subperipheral rim.

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## ***Estlandia* (Clitambonitidina, Brachiopoda) uus liik Ida-Baltikumi Ülem-Ordoviitsiumist**

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On kirjeldatud perekonna *Estlandia* uus liik Põhja-Eesti ja Leningradi oblasti Ülem-Ordoviitsiumi alumisest osast, vastavalt Vasavere ja Grjazno kihistust. Liiki on esialgselt lühidalt kirjeldanud R. Männil oma käsikirjalises töös (1947), kus on esile toodud uue liigi erinevus perekonna tüüpliigist *E. marginata* (Pahlen).

## **Новый вид *Estlandia* (Clitambonitidina, Brachiopoda) из верхнего ордовика Восточной Балтики**

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На основе отобранных образцов брахиопод из отложений верхнего ордовика (нижнего карадока) Северной Эстонии и Ленинградской области описан новый вид рода *Estlandia*. Первые краткие сведения об этом виде приведены в рукописи Р. Мянниля (1947).