

Prosciurus lohculus 的分类位置

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内 容 提 要

Prosciurus lohculus 过去被不同的作者归入 *Prosciurus* 或 *Plesispermophilus*。笔者认为它既不是 *Prosciurus*, 也不是 *Plesispermophilus*, 而代表一新属: 异鼠属 *Anomoemys*。此属不能归入 Aplodontidae, 而应是 Cylindrodontidae 科的成员。

Prosciurus lohculus 是 Matthew 和 Granger (1923) 根据在蒙古中渐新统 Hsanda Gol 组中发现的上颌骨确定的。六十多年来, 关于这个种的分类位置, 一直存在着争论。起因最初是因为 Argyropulo (1939) 将在苏联哈萨克斯坦上渐新统发现的一件下颌骨归入这个种: *Prosciurus* sp. (?*lohculus*)。Stehlin 和 Schaub (1951, p. 278) 认为哈萨克斯坦的下颌应属 *Plesispermophilus*。Wood (1962, p. 236) 将蒙古的上颌骨与苏联哈萨克斯坦的下颌一起归入 *P. lohculus*, 但改为 *Plesispermophilus* 属。Mellett (1968, p. 6) 和 Shevyreva (1976, p. 22) 大体上也是这种意见。Kowalski (1974, p. 153) 明确指出哈萨克斯坦的下颌齿不属于 *P. lohculus*, 而将在蒙古 Tatal Gol 地区中渐新统发现的几件下颌归入 *Prosciurus lohculus*。Schmidt-Kittler 和 Vianey-Liaud (1979) 赞同 Kowalski 的看法, 并且指出: 如果 Argyropulo 描述的哈萨克斯坦的下颌是 *Plesispermophilus* 的话, 蒙古 Hsanda Gol 组的 *P. lohculus* 上颌齿则应归入 *Prosciurus*。王伴月等 (Wang 和 Heissig, 1984) 也赞同后一种意见。显然, 这些争论都只涉及到该种属于 *Prosciurus* 属或 *Plesispermophilus* 属, 并未离开 Prosciurinae 的范围。

最近笔者研究了内蒙古渐新世啮齿动物化石。其中有一件上颌骨 (V7956) 显然是属于 *P. lohculus* 的。在研究该化石的过程中, 笔者对 *P. lohculus* 的正型标本、Kowalski (1974) 描述过的蒙古标本的模型和 Argyropulo (1939) 描述过的哈萨克斯坦标本的模型进行了比较详细地观察研究, 并将它们与北美真正的 *Prosciurus* 标本或模型进行了比较。

笔者认为, Kowalski (1974) 描述的采自蒙古中渐新统的 No. MgM-III/71, No. MgM-III/72 和 No. MgM-III/74 等下颌在颊齿的大小, 单面高冠, 横脊较发达, 并有相应的发育的纵脊等特点与 *P. lohculus* 的正型标本的上颌齿是能互相对应的。与哈萨克斯坦的下颌的颊齿显然不同。后者颊齿齿冠较低, 无单面高冠现象, 横脊较弱, 主尖较明显, 也无相应的纵向结构等。这些都表明它代表不同于 *P. lohculus* 的另一种类型。笔者赞同

Kowalski (1974) 和 Schmidt-Kittler 和 Vianey-Liaud (1979) 的意见: 哈萨克斯坦的下颌 (No. 1442/93) 很可能是一种 *Plesispermophilus*, 而蒙古的 No. MgM-III/71, No. MgM-III/72 和 No. MgM-III/74 则可能代表 *P. lohculus* 的下颌。

将 *P. lohculus* 归入 *Plesispermophilus* 的作者们主要是根据哈萨克斯坦的下颊齿的特点。正如上面已指出的, 哈萨克斯坦的下颌代表不同于 *P. lohculus* 的种类。这样, 将 *P. lohculus* 归入 *Plesispermophilus* 的基础就失去了。加之, Schmidt-Kittler 和 Vianey-Liaud (1979, p. 73) 研究了在欧洲渐新统发现的 *Plesispermophilus* 的上颊齿, 进一步证明 *P. lohculus* 的上颊齿与 *Plesispermophilus* 的上颊齿的区别的确是很明显的。因此, *P. lohculus* 显然不能归入 *Plesispermophilus* 属。

关于 *P. lohculus* 是否能归入 *Prosciurus* 的讨论。在 Aplodontidae 科中, 与 *P. lohculus* 的颊齿形态比较相似的属无疑是 *Prosciurus*。如在始啮型头骨、齿式、 P^3 为单尖、 P^4 臼齿化、以及颊齿具四脊、无中脊和外脊、次尖不明显、后小尖大、下后附尖发达、下次尖增大等特点上两者都是相似的。这也是为什么过去将 *P. lohculus* 归入 *Prosciurus* 的原因。然而, *P. lohculus* 的颊齿与 *Prosciurus* 的颊齿之间仍存在很显著的区别: 除了前人所指出的 *P. lohculus* 具有连接原小尖、后小尖和后边脊的纵脊外, 在 *P. lohculus*: 1) 颊齿为明显的单面高冠, 而 *Prosciurus* 为低冠齿; 2) 原尖前后伸长, 经磨蚀, 原尖 (原尖-次尖区) 呈前后伸长稍向内凸的脊形, 颊齿内侧较长, 而 *Prosciurus* 的原尖呈锥形, 向内明显凸出, 颊齿内面较尖突; 3) 原尖与前边脊及后边脊连续, 彼此间无明显界线, 而 *Prosciurus* 的前边脊及后边脊内端或多或少膨大, 或向内突出超过原尖棱, 与原尖有明显的界线; 4) 无原始 aplodontids 所特有的游离的原尖前臂的任何痕迹; 5) 横脊较发达, 不仅原脊和后脊较粗壮, 而且前边脊及后边脊也很发达, 几乎与原脊和后脊等高, 磨蚀面在同一水平上, 而 *Prosciurus* 的齿尖较齿脊发育, 原脊和后脊较细弱, 前边脊及后边脊也较原脊和后脊低; 6) 原脊和后脊分别连接前尖和原小尖, 后尖和后小尖的中央, 在 *Prosciurus* 原脊连接原小尖后缘, 而后脊则与后小尖的前缘相连; 7) 前尖和后尖不太明显, 前后压缩, 约呈横脊状, *Prosciurus* 的前尖和后尖呈三角形等。这些区别表明, *P. lohculus* 不能归入 *Prosciurus*, 而应代表一新属。我们将它取名为异鼠 *Anomoemys*。

关于 *Anomoemys* 的分类位置。首先需要指出的是, 上述的 *A. lohculus* 与 *Prosciurus* 的区别特征, 也是 *A. lohculus* 与整个 Aplodontidae 的不同之处。显然将 *Anomoemys* 归入 Aplodontidae 也是不合适的。

除了 Aplodontidae 之外, 与 *Anomoemys* 的齿式和颊齿形态相似的啮齿动物还有 Sciuridae 和 Cylindrodontidae。关于 *Anomoemys lohculus* 与 sciurids 在颊齿上的相似, 早在 1923 年, Matthew 和 Granger 在确立 *P. lohculus* 种时就已指出过 (p. 7)。但由于两者的头骨属于不同类型, 就将两者从根本上区分开了。

Anomoemys 的颊齿与较原始的 Cylindrodontidae 的颊齿比较, 两者除了在 *Anomoemys* 与 *Prosciurus* 的相似特点上也彼此相似外, 两者还共有一些不同于 *Prosciurus* 的特点 (如表 1 第 2—第 8 项)。这些都是 *Anomoemys* 与 cylindrodontids 在上颊齿上的近裔共性。此外, *Anomoemys* 在颊齿后脊不完全, 后小尖与后边脊相连等特点上与 cylindrodontids 的较原始的属如 *Parcumys*, *Jaywilsonomys* 和原始的 *Pseudocylindrodon* (如 *P. tobeyi*) 等

表 1 *Anomoemys Prosciurus* 与 *cylindrodontids* 原始种类的部分颊齿特征比较

	<i>cylindrodontids</i> 原始种类	<i>Anomoemys</i>	<i>Prosciurus</i>
1. P ⁴ 前附尖	无	弱—明显	明显
2. 颊齿齿冠	单面高冠	单面高冠	低冠
3. 原脊和后脊	发达, 分别与原小尖或后小尖中央相连	发达, 分别与原小尖或后小尖中央相连	细弱, 分别与原小尖后缘或后小尖前缘相连
4. 前、后边脊	很发达, 约与原脊和后脊等高; 四横脊磨蚀面在同一平面上	很发达约与原脊和后脊等高; 四横脊磨蚀面在同一平面上	较低弱, 明显低于原脊和后脊, 四横脊磨蚀面不在同一平面上
5. 原尖	前后伸长, 原尖-次尖区磨蚀后呈纵向的脊	前后伸长, 原尖-次尖区磨蚀后呈纵向的脊	约呈锥形
6. 原尖与前、后边脊内端连接关系	相连续, 彼此无明显界线	相连续, 彼此无明显界线	不连续, 彼此有明显界线
7. 游离的原尖前臂	无	无	有
8. 前尖和后尖	前后压缩约呈横脊状	前后压缩约呈横脊状	约呈三角锥状
9. 下颊齿	前缘与牙齿纵轴垂直	前缘与牙齿纵轴垂直	前缘与牙齿纵轴斜交
10. 三角座与跟座	约等高	约等高	三角座高于跟座
11. 下原尖	直立, 位于齿前端	直立, 位于齿前端	匍匐状, 位置后移
12. 下后尖	不向前移	不向前移	明显向前移
13. 下次尖	高冠, 主要向前外侧伸	高冠, 主要向前外侧伸	齿冠不增高, 主要向后外方膨大
14. P ₄ 下后脊 I	通常缺失	或多或少存在	通常缺失
15. 下白齿下后脊 I	直	直	呈向前凸的弧形
16. 下次脊	完全、发达	完全、发达	较弱, 通常不完全
17. 下外脊	直	直	呈波状曲线
18. 下中尖	无	无	发达
19. 下外中脊	无	无	发达

相似。特别是 *Pareumys lewisi* Black (1974, p. 155—156 图 6) 也具有通过后小尖连接原脊和后边脊的纵脊。这样 *Anomoemys* 与 *cylindrodontids* 在上颊齿上的区别就只剩下 *Anomoemys* 的 P⁴ 具前附尖这一特点了(图 1)。

下颊齿也有类似的情况。*Anomoemys* 的下颊齿约呈次长方形, 横脊约等高, 下外脊较直, 不象 *Aplodontidae* 的那样呈波状曲线, 也没有后者那样发达的下中尖和下外中脊。此外, *Anomoemys* 的下后尖不特别向前移, 下原尖位于齿的前端, 直立、不呈匍匐状, 下后脊 I 直, 下后脊 II 完全, 下次尖高冠, 并主要向前外侧延伸的特点都是与 *Cylindrodontidae*, 特别与 *Pseudocylindrodon* 和 *Ardynomys* 的相似, 而与 *Prosciurus* 以及 *Aplodontidae* 的不同。然而, 需要指出的是 *Anomoemys* 的 P₄ 具有下后脊 I 的特点是与已知的 *cylindrodontids* 的不同的(图 2)。

从上面的比较和分析可以看出, *Anomoemys* 无论上颊齿还是下颊齿, 其基本特征都是与 *Cylindrodontidae* 一致的。只是 *Anomoemys* 在 P⁴ 具前附尖和 P₄ 具下后脊 I 的特点上与 *cylindrodontids* 的不同。但是上述特点在 *Cylindrodontidae* 的 DP⁴ 和 DP₄ 上也是明显存在的。(如 *Cylindrodon fontis*, Wood 1937, p. 203, 图 29 和 30, 和 *Pseudocylindrodon tobeyi*, Black, 1970, p. 203—208, 图 1 和 11)。Butler (1941, p. 444) 曾指出: “在颊齿的进化过程中, 功能上最重要的牙齿是最进步的, 而功能上最不重要的前面的前

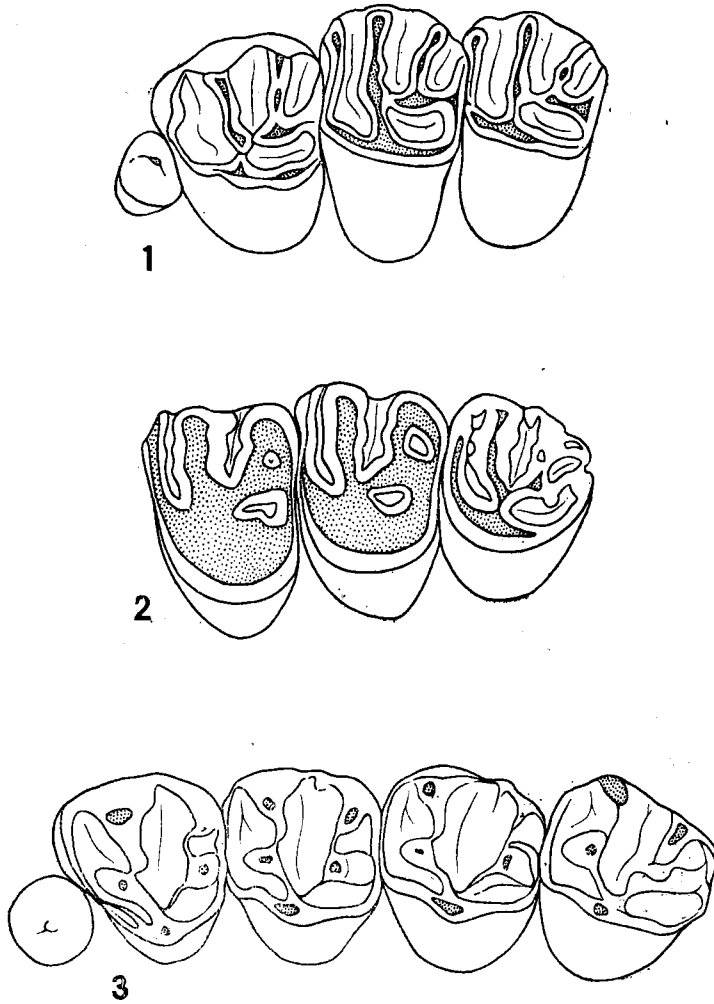


图 1. *Anomoemys*, *Pareumys* 和 *Prosciurus* 上颊齿

1. *Anomoemys lohiculus*, 正型标本, 左 P^3-M^2 , AMNH No. 19100, 依 Matthew & Granger, 1923, fig. 8; 2. *Pareumys lewisi*, 正型标本, 左 M^1-M^3 , CM 14407, 依 Black, 1974, fig. 6; 3. *Prosciurus relictus*, 右 P^3-M^3 , UCMP 36444, 依 Rensberger, 1975, fig. 5a(翻转)

臼齿和乳齿趋向于保持古老的特征”。也就是说， DP^4 具前附尖和 DP_4 具下后脊 I 可能代表 *cylindrodontids* 的原始特点。这一特点在已知的 *cylindrodontids* 的 P^4 和 P_4 中已失去，只是 *Pseudocylindrodon* 的 P_4 还具有下后脊 I 的痕迹 (Black, 1936, p. 145)，而在 *Anomoemys* 的 P^4 和 P_4 上保留了下来。*Anomoemys* 除了在保留这一原始特点上不同于其他的 *cylindrodontids* 外，在衍生性状上几乎与 *Cylindrodontidae* 的完全一致。与此相反，*Anomoemys* 在 P^4 具前附尖这一较原始特点上虽与 *Prosciurus* 的相似，但彼此的衍生性状却很不相同。因此，将 *Anomoemys lohiculus* 从 *Aplodontidae* 中排除，而归入 *Cylindrodontidae* 科似乎更合理些。

亚洲渐新世的 *cylindrodontids* 过去已知两类：一类是 *Tsaganomyinae*，它代表亚洲特

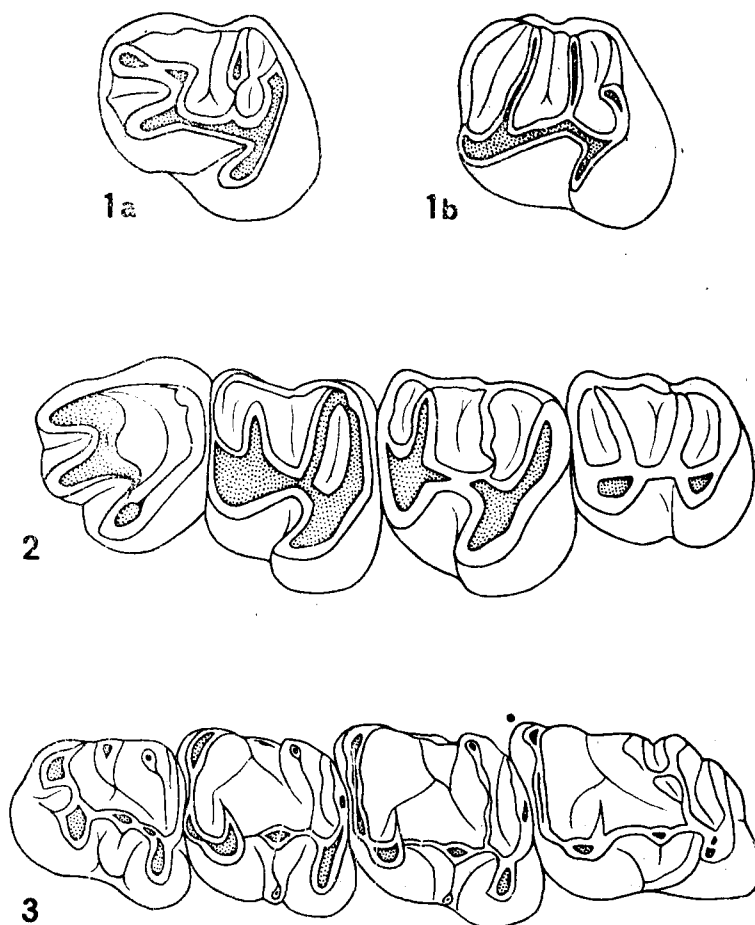


图 2. *Anomoemys*, *Pseudocylindrodon* 和 *Prosciurus* 下颊齿

1. *Anomoemys lohicolus*, 1a, left P_4 , Z. Pal. MgM-III/74, 依 Kowalski, 1974, Pl. XLIII, fig. 7; b, right M_1 , Z. Pal. MgM-III/72(翻转), 依 Kowalski, 1974, Pl. XLIII, fig. 5; 2. *Pseudocylindrodon neglectus*, 正型标本 left P_4-M_3 , USNM 13758, 依 Burke, 1935a, fig 1; 3. *Prosciurus relictus*, 正型标本 left P_4-M_3 , AMNH No. 5360, 依 Wood, 1937, fig. 12

有的土著类型;另一类 *Cylindrodontinae* 的 *Pseudocylindrodon* 和 *Ardynomys*。这两属都是与北美共有的,表明 *Cylindrodontidae* 在早、中渐新世时在亚洲与北美之间存在交流。如果上述将 *Anomoemys lohicolus* 归入 *Cylindrodontidae* 科的分析是正确的话,它显然代表从 *Cylindrodontidae* 主干分出的较原始的一类。这说明,亚洲渐新世时至少存在三类 *cylindrodontids*。*Pareumys lewisi* 也有可能属于这第三类。

综上所述,根据规范要求作如下记述:

Cylindrodontidae Miller & Gidley, 1918

异鼠(新属) *Anomoemys* gen. nov.

属型种 *Anomoemys lohicolus* (Matthew & Granger), 1923

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属的特征 颊齿单面高冠,四条横脊都较发达,几乎等高;原尖前后伸长,磨蚀后呈纵脊状,与前、后边脊相连续,无游离的原尖前臂;前尖和后尖不很明显;原小尖和后小尖明显;后脊不完全,有纵脊连接原脊、后小尖和后边脊;P⁴ 具前附尖;P₄ 具下后脊 I;下颊齿三角座开阔而封闭,下后附尖脊发达,下后脊 II 完全,伸向后内方;下外脊直;下次尖高冠,主要伸向前唇侧,下次小尖明显。

名称来源 Anomoios,不相似的,不一样的(希腊文)。

洛异鼠 *Anomoemys lohculus* (Matthew & Granger), 1923

- Prosciurus lohculus* Matthew & Granger, 1923, p. 7, fig. 8;
Prosciurus lohculus Teilhard de Chardin & Leroy, 1942, p. 25;
Prosciurus? lohculus, Stehlin & Schaub, 1951, p. 110, fig. 159;
Plesispermophilus lohculus (partim), Wood, 1962, p. 236, fig. 87D;
 ?*Plesispermophilus lohculus*, Mellett, 1968, p. 6, 8 et 10;
Prosciurus lohculus, Kowalski, 1974, p. 152—154, pl. XLIII(4—7);
Plesispermophilus lohculus (partim), Shevyreva, 1976, p. 22, fig. 3 r.

正型标本 左上颌具 P³—M³ (AMNH No. 19100)

归入标本 左上颌具 P⁴—M³ (古脊椎动物与古人类研究所标本编号V 7956), 右上颌具 P⁴—M³ (No. MgM-III/73), 左下颌具 P₄ (No. MgM-III/74), 左下颌具 M₁ (No. MgM-III/71/1), M₃ (No. MgM-III/71/2) 和右下颌具 P₄ 和 M₁ (No. MgM-III/72)。

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种的特征 同属的特征。

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ON THE SYSTEMATIC POSITION OF *PROSCIURUS LOHICULUS*

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Summary

The species *Prosciurus lohicus* was erected by Matthew & Granger (1923), based on an upper jaw from Hsanda Gol Formation (Middle Oligocene), Mongolia. Later, Argyropulo (1939) described a lower jaw from the upper Oligocene of Kazakhstan, USSR, which was identified as *Prosciurus* sp. (*lohicus*). Stehlin & Schaub (1951, p. 278) thought that the Kazakhstan lower jaw described by Argyropulo should belong to *Plesispermophilus*, leaving the holotype of *P. lohicus* from Hsanda Gol Formation still in *Prosciurus*. Wood (1962, p. 236) transferred *P. lohicus* into *Plesispermophilus* on the assumption that the Kazakhstan lower jaw belongs to the same form as the holotype from Hsanda Gol. Wood's opinion was followed by Mellett (1968, p. 6) and Shevyreva (1976, p. 22). Meanwhile, Kowalski (1974, p. 153) described several lower jaws, new material from the type locality, and believed they belong to *Prosciurus lohicus* and came to the conclusion that the Kazakhstan lower jaw was morphologically quite different from those he found in Tatal Gol, and hence could not belong to the species in question. Schmidt-Kittler and Vianey-Liaud (1979; p. 73) agreed with Kowalski and gave further

evidence that the upper teeth of true *Plesispermophilus* was also different from those of *P. lohicus* and that the lower jaw from Kazakhstan might well be of *Plesispermophilus*. Irrespective of these disagreements, all the authors consented to include *P. lohicus* in Prosciurinae (Aplodontidae).

During the study of the fossil aplodontids from the Oligocene of Nei Mongol, China, the author made comparison of the casts of the holotype of *Prosciurus lohicus* (AMNH no. 19100), the specimens described by Kowalski (1974) and by Argyropulo (1939), and some specimens and casts of the genus *Prosciurus* of North America and other closely related forms. Thorough comparison of these materials reveals that 1) the lower teeth from Kazakhstan described by Argyropulo (1939) could not belong to the same form as the upper teeth of *P. lohicus*, but is similar to those of *Plesispermophilus*; on the contrary the lower jaws described by Kowalski (1974) are quite probably attributable to *P. lohicus*; 2) *P. lohicus* as defined by Kowalski belongs neither to *Plesispermophilus* [as Schmidt-Kittler et al. (1979) did] nor to true *Prosciurus*; nor can it belong to the Aplodontidae at all.

Morphologically *P. lohicus* is rather similar to *Prosciurus* indeed. That is why *P. lohicus* was assigned to *Prosciurus* by many authors. However, detailed comparison reveals the following distinct characters of *P. lohicus* from true *Prosciurus*: 1) Its upper teeth are unilaterally hypsodont; 2) Protocone extends antero-posteriorly, wear surface of protocone-hypocone area of upper teeth aligned antero-posteriorly; 3) Protocone is connected with the anteroloph and posteroloph uninterruptedly; 4) No free anterior arm of protocone, a typical character of Aplodontidae; 5) Transverse loph developed, both anteroloph and posteroloph are as high as the developed protoloph and metaloph, so their wear surfaces are on the same level; 6) Protoloph joins the central part of protoconule, and metaloph connects the central one of metaconule, while in *Prosciurus* the protoloph joins the protoconule at its posterior border and metaloph joins the metaconule at the anterior border; 7) Paracone and metacone compressed antero-posteriorly, forming transverse crests; 8) On upper teeth there exists a longitudinal crest connecting metaconule with protoloph and posteroloph. These differences show that *P. lohicus* represents a new genus distinct from *Prosciurus*: *Anomoemys* gen. nov.

It is necessary to point out that *Anomoemys* is quite different from all aplodontids in the characters listed above as well. Therefore *Anomoemys* is to be excluded from the Aplodontidae.

Anomoemys is similar to sciurids and cylindrodontids in tooth formula and morphology. Early in 1923, the similarity between *Anomoemys* and sciurids in cheek teeth was pointed out by Matthew and Granger. However, their skulls are drastically different. It is obvious that they are representatives of different groups.

Comparison of the upper teeth of *Anomoemys* with those of cylindrodontids shows that *Anomoemys* and cylindrodontids possess some characters in common which are not shared by *Prosciurus*. In addition, *Anomoemys* is also similar to primitive cylindrodontids, such as *Pareumys*, *Jaywilsonomys* and primitive *Pseudocylindrodon* (*P. tobeyi*), in incomplete metaloph and connection of metaconule and posteroloph. It is interesting that *Pareumys lewisi* Black (1974, p. 155—156) also has a longitudinal crest connecting metaconule with protoloph and posteroloph just as *Anomoemys* does. In this way *Anomoemys* differs from known cylindrodontids only in possessing a parastyle on P⁴.

It holds true for the lower teeth as well. In *Anomoemys* the lower teeth are with hypoco-nid hypsodonty; transverse lophids are almost equal to each other in height; ectolophid is stra-

ight; both mesoconid and ectolophid are absent; metaconid does not extend forwards; protoconid is located at the anterior border of the teeth and is not procumbent but vertical; metalophid I straight; metalophid II complete; and hypoconid extends antero-externally. All these characters are shared by cylindrodontids, especially *Pseudocylindrodon* and *Ardynomys*, but neither by *Prosciurus* nor by Aplodontidae. *Anomoemys* differs from known cylindrodontids only in possessing a more or less distinct metalophid I on P₄.

As pointed out above the main distinction between *Anomoemys* and known cylindrodontids is that *Anomoemys* possesses parastyle on P⁴ and metalophid I on P₄. However, these characters occur in the deciduous teeth DP⁴ and DP₄ in cylindrodontids as well. Butler (1941, p. 444) stated: "In the evolution of the dentition the teeth that are functionally the most important have been the most progressive, while the anterior premolars and milk molars, which are functionally the least important, have tended to retain archaic characters." It means that the parastyle of DP⁴ and metalophid I of DP₄ may be primitive characters of cylindrodontids. These primitive characters are lost on P⁴ and P₄ of known cylindrodontids and only a vestige of metalophid I of P₄ still remains in *Pseudocylindrodon*, but they are still kept on P⁴ and P₄ in *Anomoemys*. So, except for the primitive characters, *Anomoemys* is similar to cylindrodontids in all derived characters. On the contrary, between *Anomoemys* and *Prosciurus* the similarity is restricted only to primitive characters, and they differ in derived characters. So, *Anomoemys* is to be classified as a cylindrodontid rather than Aplodontidae.

So far only two cylindrodontid groups (Tsaganomyinae and Cylindrodontidae) have been known in Asia in the Oligocene time. If it is true that *Anomoemys* belongs to Cylindrodontidae, it may represent a third group which split from the very base of the cylindrodontid stem. It seems also possible that *Pareumys lewisi* belongs to this third group.

Cylindrodontidae Miller & Gidley, 1918

Anomoemys gen. nov.

Type species *Anomoemys lohicolus* (Matthew & Granger), 1923.

Range Middle Oligocene of Nei Mongol, China, and The People's Republic of Mongolia.

Diagnosis Cheek teeth unilaterally hypsodont, four transverse lophs developed and almost equal to each other in height, protocone extends antero-posteriorly, wear surface of protocone-hypocone area of upper teeth aligned antero-posteriorly; no free anterior arm of protocone; paracone and metacone indistinct; protoconule and metaconule distinct; metaloph incomplete; the presence of a longitudinal crest connecting metaconule with protoloph and postero-loph; P⁴ with parastyle; P₄ with metalophid I; lower cheek teeth trigonid broad and closed, metastylid developed, metalophid II extends postero-internally and is complete, ectolophid straight, hypoconid hypsodont and extends antero-externally, hypoconulid distinct.

Anomoemys lohicolus (Matthew & Granger), 1923

Prosciurus lohicolus Matthew & Granger, 1923, p. 7, fig. 8;

Prosciurus lohicolus, Teilhard de Chardin & Leroy, 1942, p. 25;

Prosciurus lohicolus, Stehlin and Schaub, 1951, p. 110, fig. 159;

Plesispermophilus lohicolus (partim), Wood, 1962, p. 236, fig. 87D;

- ?*Plesispermophilus lohicolus*, Mellett, 1968, p. 6, 8, 10; .
Prosciurus lohicolus, Kowalski, 1974, p. 152—154, Pl. XLIII, 4—7.
Plesispermophilus lohicolus (partim); Shevyreva, 1976, p. 22, fig. 32.

Holotype Left upper jaw with P^3 - M^3 (AMNH No. 19100).

Referred specimens Left upper jaw with P^4 - M^3 (IVPP V 7956), right upper jaw with P^4 - M^3 (No. MgM-III/73), left lower jaw with P_4 (No. MgM-III/74), left lower jaw with M_1 (No. MgM-III/71/1), M_2 (No. MgM-III/71/2) and right lower jaw with P_4 and M_1 (No. MgM-III/72).

Range Middle Oligocene of Nei Mongol (Inner Mongolia), China, and The People's Republic of Mongolia.

Diagnosis The same as the diagnosis of the genus.