Redescription of the monotypic erigonine genus *Oculocornia* Oliger, 1985 from the Russian Far East (Araneae, Linyphiidae)

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Abstract

The holotype male of *Oculocornia orientalis* Oliger, 1985 (Linyphiidae, Erigoninae) from the Russian Far East is redescribed and its relationships are discussed.

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Introduction

The monotypic genus *Oculocornia* Oliger, 1985 was described from a single male of *O. orientalis* Oliger, 1985 collected in the Russian Far East. The description was brief and the figures were very schematic. The standard information for linyphiid descriptions such as chaetotaxy (spination) and position of trichobothrium on metatarsus I was not given and the occurrence or absence of a trichobothrium on metatarsus IV was not mentioned in Oliger's text. Judging from the figures of the male palp it was suspected that the author dealt with the nesticid genus *Howaia* (long embolus, lack of embolic division, large paracymbium stretching out of the tibia axis, lack of linyphiid paracymbium, lack of typical subdivision to tegulum and subteglum, etc.).

Oliger placed the new genus near *Cornicularia* Menge, 1868 and *Wideria* Simon, 1864 (now treated as junior synonyms of *Walckenaeria* Blackwall, 1833), although no rationale was given for this. Perhaps the new genus was treated as relative of *Walckenaeria* due to the carapace modification, as many *Walckenaeria* have a similar type of carapace.

Recently we had an opportunity to study the holotype of *O. orientalis* Oliger, 1985 stored in Zoological Institute in St. Petersburg (ZISP). Our study revealed that this species and genus really belongs in the Linyphiidae, but is not related to *Walckenaeria*. Most of