

## Contributions to the knowledge of the “Staphylinus-complex” (Coleoptera, Staphylinidae, Staphylinini) of China. Part 11. The genus *Wasmannellus* Bernhauer, 1920 and *Nelmanwaslus* gen. nov.

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### Abstract

The monotypic genus *Wasmannellus* Bernhauer, 1920 is redescribed and reevaluated; its relationship with the relevant genera of Staphylinini is briefly discussed; the appropriate portion of the key to genera in Smetana & Davies (2000) is modified to allow the inclusion of the genus. The genus *Nelmanwaslus* is described as new, with *N. ornatus* spec. nov. as the type species and another included species: *N. stevensi* (Cameron, 1932) (comb. nov., from *Wasmannellus*). *Nelmanwaslus* is the genus that was misidentified as *Wasmannellus* in Smetana & Davies (2000).

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### Introduction

The genus *Wasmannellus* was erected by Bernhauer (1920: 186) to include a single species, *W. tristis*, from Sikkim (Darjeeling). Bernhauer assigned the genus to the “Subtribus Staphylini” and suggested that it should be placed near the genus *Physetops* Mannerheim, 1830. He also mentioned that the new genus is isolated within the subtribe, in a similar way as the genus *Tympanophorus* Nordmann, 1837 is within the subtribe Xanthopygina. Since the description, the genus appeared mostly only in catalogue-type publications, only Cameron (1932: 246) repeated data contained in Bernhauer’s original description; the genus remained unknown to him, and no additional specimens of *W. tristis* were ever collected. This was the situation, until Smetana and Davies (2000) treated the genus within their reclassification of the north temperate taxa associated with *Staphylinus* sensu lato. They redescribed the genus and transferred *Staphylinus stevensi* Cameron, 1932 to *Wasmannellus* as the second species of the genus. Unfortunately, by an oversight,