



## ***Polistes (Polistella)* wasps (Hymenoptera: Vespidae: Polistinae) from mountainous areas of northern Vietnam, with description of five new species**

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### Abstract

A total of 14 species of subgenus *Polistella* Ashmead 1904 of genus *Polistes* Latreille 1802 are recognized in the mountainous areas of northern Vietnam, the eastern margin of the eastern slope of the Himalayas. A key to these species is provided. Five new species are described: *P. curcipunctum* Nguyen, Kojima & Saito, **sp. nov.**; *P. relicinicypeus* Nguyen, Kojima & Saito, **sp. nov.**; *P. gilvus* Nguyen, Kojima & Saito, **sp. nov.**; *P. paco* Nguyen, Kojima & Saito, **sp. nov.**; and *P. clandestinus* Nguyen, Kojima & Saito, **sp. nov.** The male of *P. dawnae* Dover & Rao is described for the first time. Nests of *P. lepcha* Cameron, *P. dawnae* Dover & Rao, *P. relicinicypeus* and *P.*