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Taxonomy of the subgenus *Quedius* (*Raphirus*) Stephens (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae: Staphylinini: Quediina) with descriptions of four new species from China

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Abstract

Four new species of the subgenus *Raphirus* Stephens, 1829 of the genus *Quedius* Stephens, 1829 (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae: Staphylinini: Quediina) are described based on specimens collected from China: *Q. (Raphirus) hubeiensis* **sp. nov.** from Hubei, *Q. (Raphirus) ningxiaensis* **sp. nov.** from Ningxia, *Q. (Raphirus) spissus* **sp. nov.** from Sichuan, and *Q. (Raphirus) tenuculus* **sp. nov.** from Fujian. The females of *Q. (Raphirus) oros* Smetana, 2011 and *Q. (Raphirus) shunichii* Smetana, 2010 are described for the first time. *Q. (Raphirus) kuiro* Smetana, 1988 is recorded for the first time from China. Line drawings and color illustrations of adults and genitalia of all these species and some other ones are provided.

Key words: Coleoptera, Staphylinidae, Quediina, *Quedius*, *Raphirus*, new species, new record, China

Introduction

Raphirus Stephens, 1829 is a very large subgenus of the genus *Quedius* Stephens, 1829 in the subtribe Quediina