

# Late Givetian ammonoids from Hassi Nebech (Tafilalt Basin, Anti-Atlas, southern Morocco)

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## Abstract

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The Hassi Nebech area of the SE Tafilalt (Tafilalt Basin, Anti-Atlas, Morocco) yielded the richest and most diverse late Givetian ammonoid fauna on a global scale. Above the distinctive regional “Lower Marker Bed” (*Synpharciceras clavilobum* Zone), abundant loosely collected limonitic specimens derive from hypoxic shales of the *Taouzites taouzensis* to *Petteroceras errans* zones. The ontogenetic morphometry and intraspecific variability of a total of 30 species representing five families, the Acanthoclymeniidae, Taouzitidae, Pharciceratidae, Petteroceratidae, and Tornoceratidae, are documented. New taxa are: *Pseudoproboloceras praecox* n. sp., *Scaturites minutus* n. gen. n. sp., *Darkao-ceras velox* n. sp., *Pharciceras decoratum* n. sp., *Ph. fornix* n. sp., *Ph. subconstans* n. sp., *Ph. involutum* n. sp., *Lunupharciceras incisum* n. sp., *Transpharciceras procedens* n. gen. n. sp., *Stenopharciceras progressum* n. sp., *Pluripharciceras* n. gen. (type species: *Syn-pharciceras plurilobatum* Petter, 1959), *Plu. orbis* n. sp., *Synpharciceras frequens* n. sp., *Lobotornoceras bensaïdi* n. sp., *Nebechoceras eccentricum* n. gen. n. sp., and *Phoenixites lenticulus* n. sp.. The documentation of conch and particularly suture ontogeny and intra-specific variability necessitates a revised diagnosis for ten taxa. *Manticoceras ponti-formis* Termier & Termier, 1950, *Proboloceras costulatum* Petter, 1959, and *Pseudopro-boloceras nebechense* Bensaïd, 1974 are regarded as subjective junior synonyms of *Ps. pernai* (Wedekind, 1918). *Sandbergeroceras acutum* Termier & Termier, 1950 is a sub-jjective synonym of *Taouzites taouzensis* (Termier & Termier, 1950). *Pharciceras appla-natum* Bensaïd, 1974 is transferred to *Extropharciceras*. Other forms (*Ph. aff. tridens*, *Ph. cf. subconstans* n. sp., *Extropharciceras* n. sp. 2, *Ex. cf. arenicum*, *Ex. cf. applana-tum*, *Synpharciceras* sp., *Plu. cf. plurilobatum*) are described in open nomenclature.

## Key Words

Devonian

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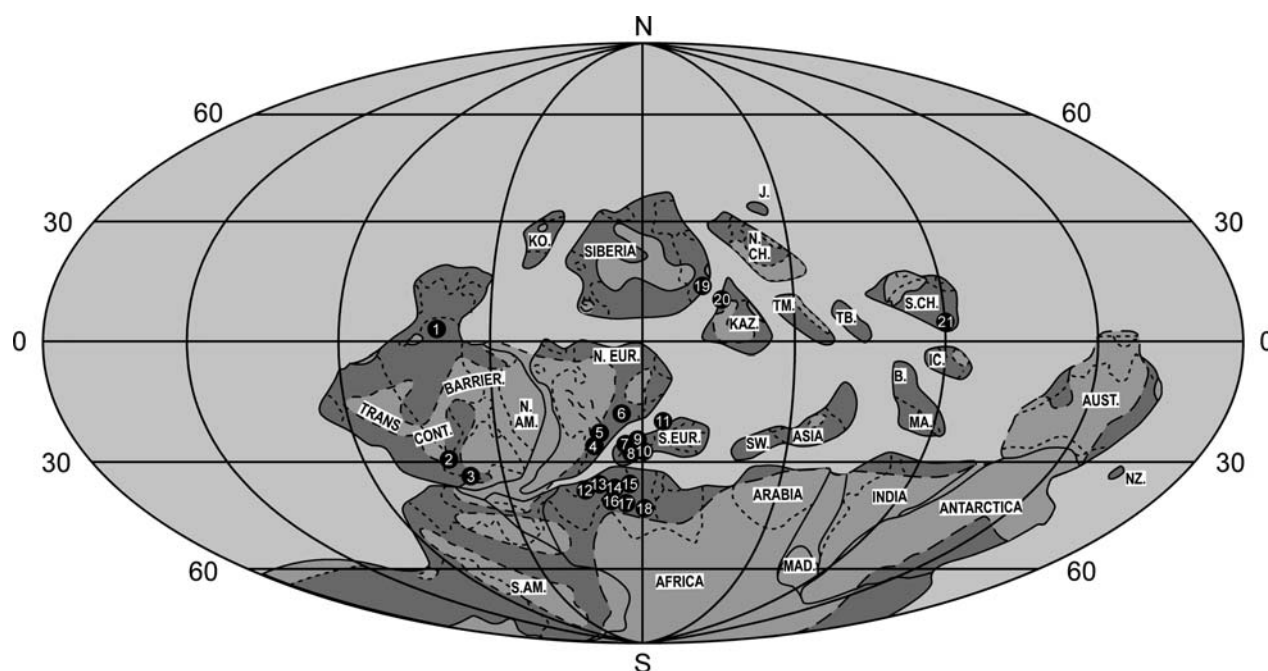
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## Introduction

The Devonian succession of the eastern Anti-Atlas (Tafilalt and Maider) of southern Morocco has been celebrated in numerous publications for its open marine faunas, notably for its ammonoids. Such a study is of particular interest, because the late Givetian was a very peculiar time in ammonoid evolution (e.g., House 1985) because of the rapid complication of septa in separate lineages of the distinctive families Taouzitidae, Pharciceratidae, and Petteroceratidae. As outlined in our first contribution on the revision and description of

Moroccan pharciceratid faunas (Bockwinkel et al. 2009), the eastern Anti-Atlas is the best region on a global scale to investigate such assemblages, based both on the sheer number of available, well-preserved specimens, and on the globally highest beta (regional) diversity. This earlier study dealt with the fauna from the “Lower Marker Bed” of Dar Kaoua, which is continued here by a detailed description of the limonitic fauna from overlying shales of the famous Hassi Nebech region in the more basinal setting of the south-eastern Tafilalt. More than 1,800 specimens have been investigated, which fall in 30 species. For comparison, there

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**Figure 1.** Global distribution of Late Givetian ammonoids. 1 = NW Territories, 2 = Kentucky, 3 = New York State, 4 = Rhenish Massif, 5 = Harz Mountains, 6 = Sudetes, 7 = Cantabrian Mountains, 8 = Westiberian Chains (Celtiberia), 9 = Pyrenees, 10 = Montagne Noire, 11 = Graz Palaeozoic, 12 = eastern Dra Valley, 13 = Maider, 14 = Tafilalt, 15 = Ben Zireg region, 16 = Ougarta, 17 = Saoura Valley, 18 = Ahnet, 19 = Rudny Altai, 20 = Semipalatinsk region, eastern Kazakhstan, 21 = Guangxi, South China. J. = Japan, KO. = Kolyma, N. EUR. = northern Europe, N. AM. = North America, S. AM. = South America, S. EUR. = southern Europe, N. CH. = North China, KAZ. = Kazakhstan, TM. = Tarim Basin, TB. = Tibet, S. CH. = South China, IC. = Indochina, B. = Burma, MA. = Malaysia, AUST. = Australia, NZ. = New Zealand, MAD. = Madagascar. Plate tectonic reconstruction altered from Heckel & Witzke (1979), preferred to other Devonian world reconstructions because of the placing of Asian plates.

are currently only ca. 20 named species for all of the late Givetian of the Rhenish Massif, the region with the next highest documented diversity.

For a brief review of the palaeogeographic distribution (Fig. 1) of pharciceratid faunas and of previous reports from the Anti-Atlas, the reader is referred to Bockwinkel et al. (2009). The late Givetian ammonoid zonation and conodont correlation within the Tafilalt region was summarized by Becker & House (2000a, 2000b) and Aboussalam & Becker (2007). The applied zonal key for correlation, with MD = Middle Devonian and UD = Upper Devonian, is also shown in the concise geological time scale of IUGS (Ogg et al. 2008). The late Givetian succession of the Tafilalt consists of the following ammonoid succession: MD III-B = *Mzerrebites erraticus* Zone; MD III-C = *Synpharciceras clavilobum* Zone; MD III-D = *Taouzites taouzensis* Zone; MD III-E = *Petteroceras errans* Zone.

## Locality and Stratigraphy

The Hassi Nebech area in the south-eastern Tafilalt (Fig. 2) exposes an Early to Late Devonian succession in an elongated, ca. WNW-ESE striking band of low outcrop for several kilometres, starting ca. 19 km east-northeast from Taouz. Following early records of pharciceratids in rather generalized faunal lists for the Er-

foud region by Termier (1929) and Clariond (1934), it is the first North African locality from which a late Givetian goniatite was illustrated (*Synpharciceras* n. sp. aff. *clavilobus* in Schindewolf 1940, here included in *Syn. clavilobum*). Based on the Marçais and Clariond Collection, Termier & Termier (1950) briefly described from the same series of outcrops, but then named Oued Kseir (which lies to the East) and Tazoult Nehra (a marker hill to the North), the following six species:

*Koenenites lamellosus* (= *Mzerrebites* sp. and *Darkao-ceras velox* n. sp.)

*Pharciceras taouzensis* (placed in *Taouzites* by Korn 2001; partly including *Synpharciceras plurilobatum*)

*Pharciceras tridens* (partly including an *Extropharciceras*)

*Pharciceras tafilense* (= *Synpharciceras frequens* n. sp.)

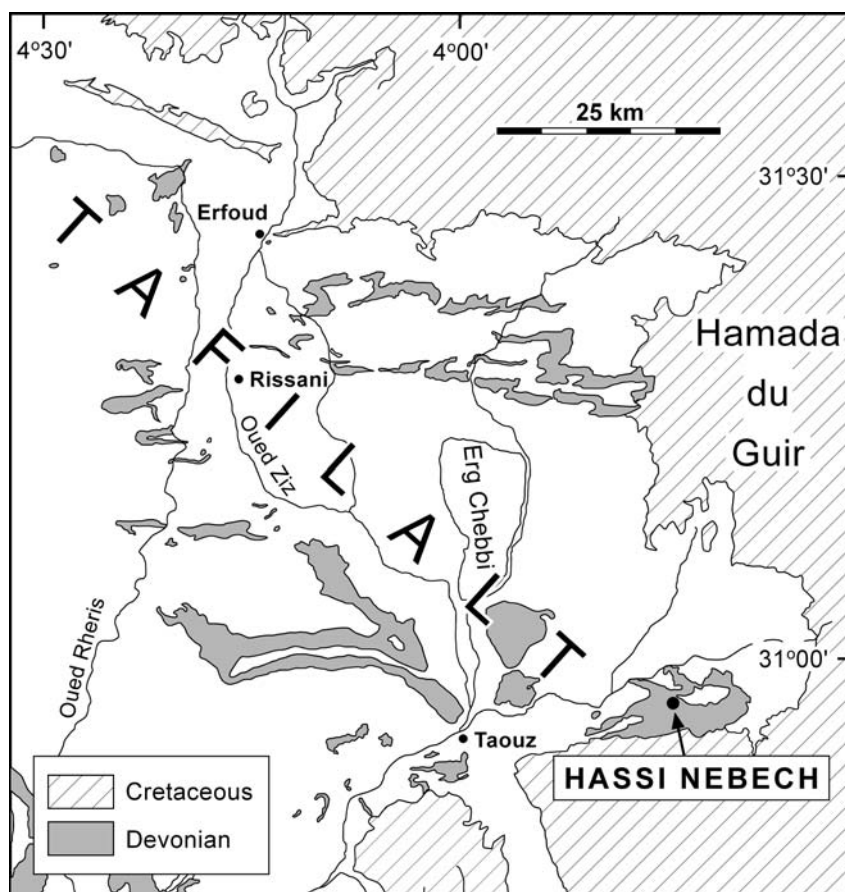
*Pharciceras kseirensis* (placed in *Stenopharciceras* by Montesinos & Henn 1986)

*Pharciceras lunulicosta* (? = *Synpharciceras frequens* n. sp.)

Bensaïd (1974) added 11 species from the main shale levels of the same locality.

*Tornoceras simplex* (= probably *Nebechoceras eccentricum* n. gen. n. sp.)

*Tornoceras frechi* (= partly *Lobotornoceras bensaïdi* n. sp.)



**Figure 2.** Location of the Hassi Nebech area in the SE Tafilalt (modified from Kaufmann 1998).

*Pharciceras* cf. *meridionale* (= *Darkaoceras velox* n. sp.)

*Pharciceras applanatum* (here re-assigned to *Extropharciceras*)

*Pharciceras* cf. *applanatum* (= *Pharciceras fornix* n. sp.)

*Pharciceras* n. sp. (e.p. = *Stenopharciceras kseirens*)

*Synpharciceras clavilobum* (= *Syn. clavilobum*, *Syn. frequens* n. sp., and *Syn. aff. frequens* n. sp.)

*Synpharciceras* aff. *clavilobum* (= *Synpharciceras frequens* n. sp.)

*Beloceras*? *disciforme* (placed in *Meropharciceras* by Becker & House 1993)

*Petteroceras errans*

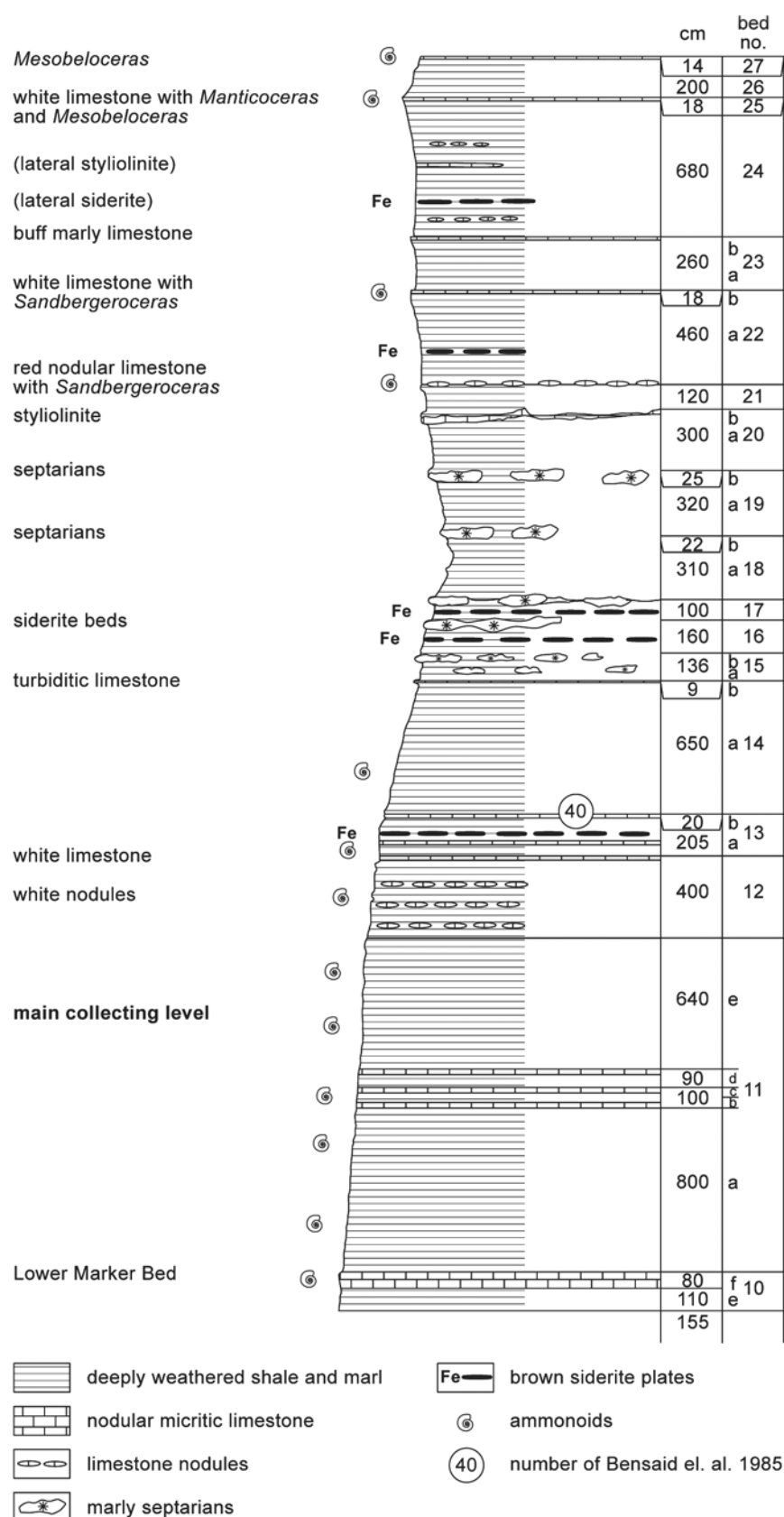
*Petteroceras* n. sp. (= *Pett. errans*)

*Pseudoproboloceras nebechense* (= *Pseudoproboloceras pernai* and *Ps. praecox* n. sp.)

Three Givetian-Frasnian sections have been measured since 1997, numbered 1a, 1b, and 2 (Becker & House field numbering, see Aboussalam 2003). Details of Section 1a have not yet been published but topmost Middle Givetian nodular limestones yielded a new, very large-eyed phacopid in association with the oldest *Pharciceras* (Stegemann 2005). Above, deeply weathered shales are very rich in slightly abraded (rounded) limonitic and haematitic pharciceratids and other goniatites. This loose collection complements the main material from Section 2 described here. Section 1b (at N

30°56'19", W 003°47'04"), just 50 m east of Section 1a, has been investigated in detail by Aboussalam (2003) and does not reach the main pharciceratid levels. Nodular limestones at its top gently dip to the South and fall in the basal late Givetian *Mzerrebites erraticus* Zone (*hermanni* and *cristatus ectypus* conodont zones). Higher strata are covered by soil.

Section 2 is the succession that first was studied by Bensaïd (1974) and Bensaïd et al. (1985). It lies ca. 2 km east of Section 1b, at N 30°56'04", W 003°46'03", and exposes middle Givetian argillaceous beds with maenioceratids to Middle Frasnian nodular limestones with *Sandbergeroceras* and *Naplesites*, followed by *Mesobeloceras*, early *Beloceras* and *Carinoceras*. As outlined in Bensaïd et al. (1985), the sedimentary sequence indicates deeper deposition than in the Givetian/Frasnian boundary section in the central Tafilalt. This is consistent with assignment of the Hassi Nebech region to a Tafilalt Basin by Wendt et al. (1984) and Wendt (1988). Bensaïd et al. (1985) proposed that Section 2 could become the type-section of a formally defined *Pharciceras* Stage but the local conodont record is poor (Aboussalam & Becker 2007; Gouwy et al. 2007). Aboussalam (2003) and Aboussalam & Becker (2011) concentrated on the interval around the Taghanic Crisis level, starting in Middle Givetian shales and limestones. These are in places very rich in *Maenioceras* and *Afro-maenioceras*, and overlain by the regional "Lower Marker Bed" (sensu Becker & House 2000a and Bockwin-



**Figure 3.** Lithological log of Hassi Nebech, Section 2, showing the position of ammonoid levels and marker units (based on joint work with the late M. R. House in 1997 and 1999, updated in spring 2011).

kel et al. 2009) of the *Synpharciceras clavilobum* and *disparilis* zones. Our study concentrates on the richly fossiliferous overlying hypoxic shales that alternate with thin layers of nodular limestone, siderite and calcareous concretions. The goniatites were collected loose

from the interval between the “Lower Marker Bed” (Bed 10f) and a second nodular limestone (Bed 13b) that forms the top of a very low, gentle slope. There is little contamination of faunas by transport during occasional flooding. Transported goniatites, especially those

from section Hassi Nebech 1a to the West, are often somewhat polished and display a distinctive, abraded preservation. The sedimentary and faunal sequence at Section 2 correlates with the lower part of the Bouia Formation of the Tafilalt Platform (Hollard 1981). The investigated succession, (Section 2, Fig. 3) is summarized in the supplementary online material (1. Investigated succession), starting at the base with the numbered sequence of Aboussalam (2003).

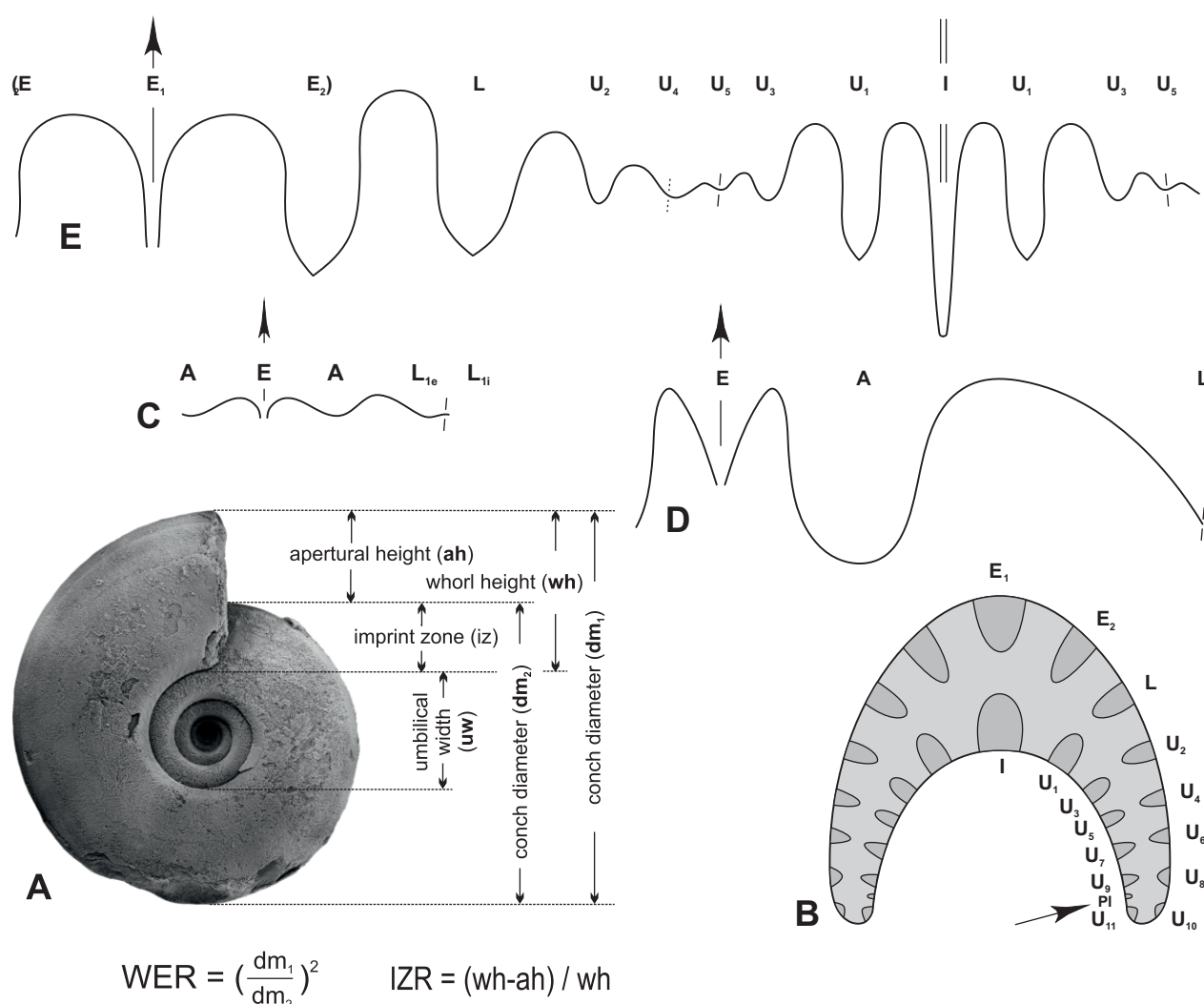
## Material and methods

All types and figured or numbered specimens from Hassi Nebech and material from Oberscheld used for comparison, except former specimens of Petter (1959) or of Bensaïd (1974) from the Bonn University collection STIPB-(old: GPI Bo)-Bensaïd numbers, are repositied in the collection of the Museum für Naturkunde, Berlin, under the numbers MB.C.22101.1–MB.C.22150; not described specimens

remain in the Bockwinkel, Becker (WWU Münster), and Ebbighausen collections (MfN Berlin). The following genus abbreviations are used throughout the text: *D.* = *Darkaoceras*, *Ep.* = *Epitornoceras*, *Ex.* = *Extropharciceras*, *L.* = *Lobotornoceras*, *Lu.* = *Lunupharciceras*, *Me.* = *Meropharciceras*, *Mz.* = *Mzerrebites*, *N.* = *Nebechoceras* n. gen., *P.* = *Phoenixites*, *Pett.* = *Petteroceras*, *Ph.* = *Pharciceras*, *Plu.* = *Pluripharciceras* n. gen., *Ps.* = *Pseudoproboloceras*, *Sc.* = *Scaturites* n. gen., *St.* = *Stenopharciceras*, *Syn.* = *Synpharciceras*, *T.* = *Taouzites*, *Tr.* = *Transpharciceras* n. gen. The abbreviations of conch parameters and suture elements are depicted in Figure 4. Plurilobes (Pl), irregular, often unilateral or episodic saddle incisions, are not recognized in suture formulae. Terminology and definitions of conch proportions follow Korn (2010).

For the understanding of evolutionary terms (parallel evolution, micromorphism) we refer to Landman (1988), Kennedy & Cobban (1990), Skelton (1993), Marchand et al. (2002), and Monnet et al. (2011).

For synonymy lists, descriptions, discussions, and stratigraphic as well as geographic distribution of taxa, see supplementary online material (2. Systematic Palaeontology); for conch dimensions and ratios, see supplementary online material (3. Conch dimensions).



**Figure 4.** Overview of used conch parameters and abbreviations of suture elements; **A.** Conch parameters, their abbreviations and calculations. WER = whorl expansion rate; IZR = imprint zone rate. **B.** Septal face and suture formula in *Synpharciceras*. **C.** Outer suture and its formula in *Lobotornoceras*. **D.** Outer suture and its formula in *Epitornoceras*. **E.** Suture and its formula in *Extropharciceras*. E = external lobe; A = adventitious lobe; L = lateral lobe; U = umbilical lobe; I = internal lobe; Pl = plurilobation.

## Systematic Palaeontology

Order **Agoniatitida** Ruzhencev, 1957

Suborder **Gephuroceratina** Ruzhencev, 1957

Superfamily **Gephurocerataceae** Frech, 1897

Family **Acanthoclymeniidae** Schindewolf, 1955

### Subfamily Ponticeratinae Korn & Klug, 2002

**Diagnosis.** Earliest whorls depressed, intermediate to mature conchs strongly compressed, subinvolute to evolute, with rounded, tabulate, or oxyconic venter, and often with ventrolateral furrows; growth lines biconvex, sometimes bundled ribs. Sutures with deep I lobe, shallow, internal U lobe, subumbilical, rounded or pointed L lobe, dominant, rounded, asymmetric or symmetric lateral saddle, incipient or deep  $E_2$  lobe, and narrow, deep or ontogenetically shortened  $E_1$  lobe; suture formula:  $(E_2E_1E_2)$  L : UI.

### *Pseudoproboloceras* Bensaïd, 1974

**Type species.** *Pseudoproboloceras nebechense* Bensaïd, 1974, a subjective junior synonym of *Ps. pernai*.

**Diagnosis:** Small to large-sized, earliest whorls depressed, intermediate to mature conchs strongly compressed, subinvolute to evolute, with rounded venter and weak ventrolateral furrows; growth lines concavo-convex, bundled to ribs in early stages. Sutures with deep I lobe, shallow, internal U lobe, rounded L lobe, dominant, rounded, slightly asymmetric flank saddle, incipient  $E_2$  lobe, and narrow, deep  $E_1$  lobe; suture formula:  $(E_2E_1E_2)$  L : UI.

### *Pseudoproboloceras pernai* (Wedekind, 1918)

Figures 5, 6

**Lectotype.** Original specimen figured by Wedekind (1918, pl. 21, fig. 1), designated in House & Ziegler (1977), Marburg University collection.

**Type locality and horizon.** Prinzkessel Ore Mine near Oberscheld, Dill Syncline, southern Rhenish Massif; late Givetian.

**Material.** More than 250 specimens up to 38 mm conch diameter, including MB.C.22134.1–MB.C.22134.26.

**Diagnosis** (emend.). Small-sized, conch ontogeny triphasic; first two whorls (up to 2 mm dm) moderately depressed, with increasing umbilical width ratio (uw/dm up to 0.45) and decreasing, low WER (down to 1.75); subsequent whorls with nearly constant conch parameters and identical ww/dm and uw/dm values; towards maturity with gradual, slight decrease of whorl (compressed from 10 mm dm on, mature ww/wh = ca. 0.75) and umbilical width rates (mature uw/dm = 0.30–0.35) and strongly rising WER, reaching almost 2.50; umbilical wall shortly rounded, flanks slightly flattened, venter broadly rounded, bordered by rounded to subangular shoulders. Growth lines concavo-convex, with high ventrolateral salient lying in faint spiral furrows and with a deep ventral sinus. Ammonitella smooth, first two post-embryonic whorls with dense ribbing on inner flanks, subsequently coarser ribbed to nodose but ribs disappear gradually between 8 and 13 mm dm. Sutures with V-shaped, narrow I lobe, very shallow, wide internal U lobe, subsymmetric, deep and wide L lobe, slightly asymmetric, prominent EL saddle, very small, step-like  $E_2$  lobe, which becomes pointed in median stages, and very deep, narrow, diverging  $E_1$  lobe.

**Table 1.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 5A–H, L–N) of *Pseudoproboloceras pernai* (Wedekind, 1918) from Hassi Nebech.

dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thinly to thickly discoidal; subevolute (ww/dm = 0.45–0.50; uw/dm = 0.40–0.45)	moderately depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh = 1.50–1.60; IZR = 0.20–0.25)	low (WER ~ 1.75)
8 mm	thinly discoidal; subevolute (ww/dm ~ 0.40; uw/dm = 0.35–0.45)	weakly depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh ~ 1.10; IZR = 0.20–0.25)	moderate to high (WER = 1.90–2.10)
20 mm	extremely discoidal; subevolute (ww/dm ~ 0.30; uw/dm = 0.30–0.35)	weakly compressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh = 0.75–0.80; IZR = 0.20–0.25)	high (WER = 2.00–2.20)

**Table 2.** Suture formula (Figs 5F, I–K), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Pseudoproboloceras pernai* (Wedekind, 1918) from Hassi Nebech.

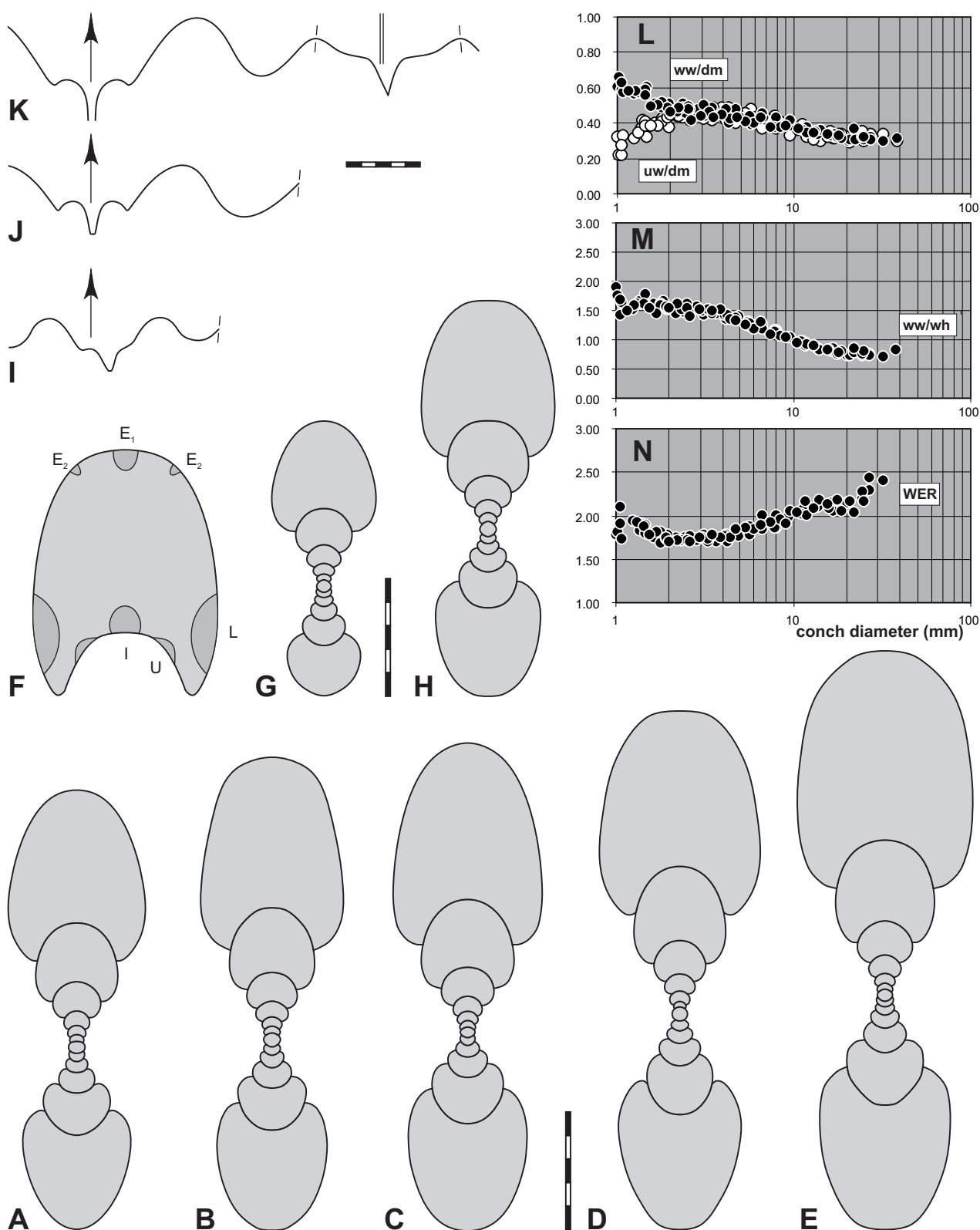
$(E_2E_1E_2)$  L : UI

$E_1$  deep and straight;  $E_2$  very small, shallow in juveniles, angular or steplike in adults;  $E_2$ L saddle moderately wide and slightly asymmetric; L lobe deeply rounded; shallow U lobe; sometimes with asymmetric position of the I lobe (MB.C.22134.11)

venter rounded, nearly flat at about 25 mm dm; umbilicus moderately wide

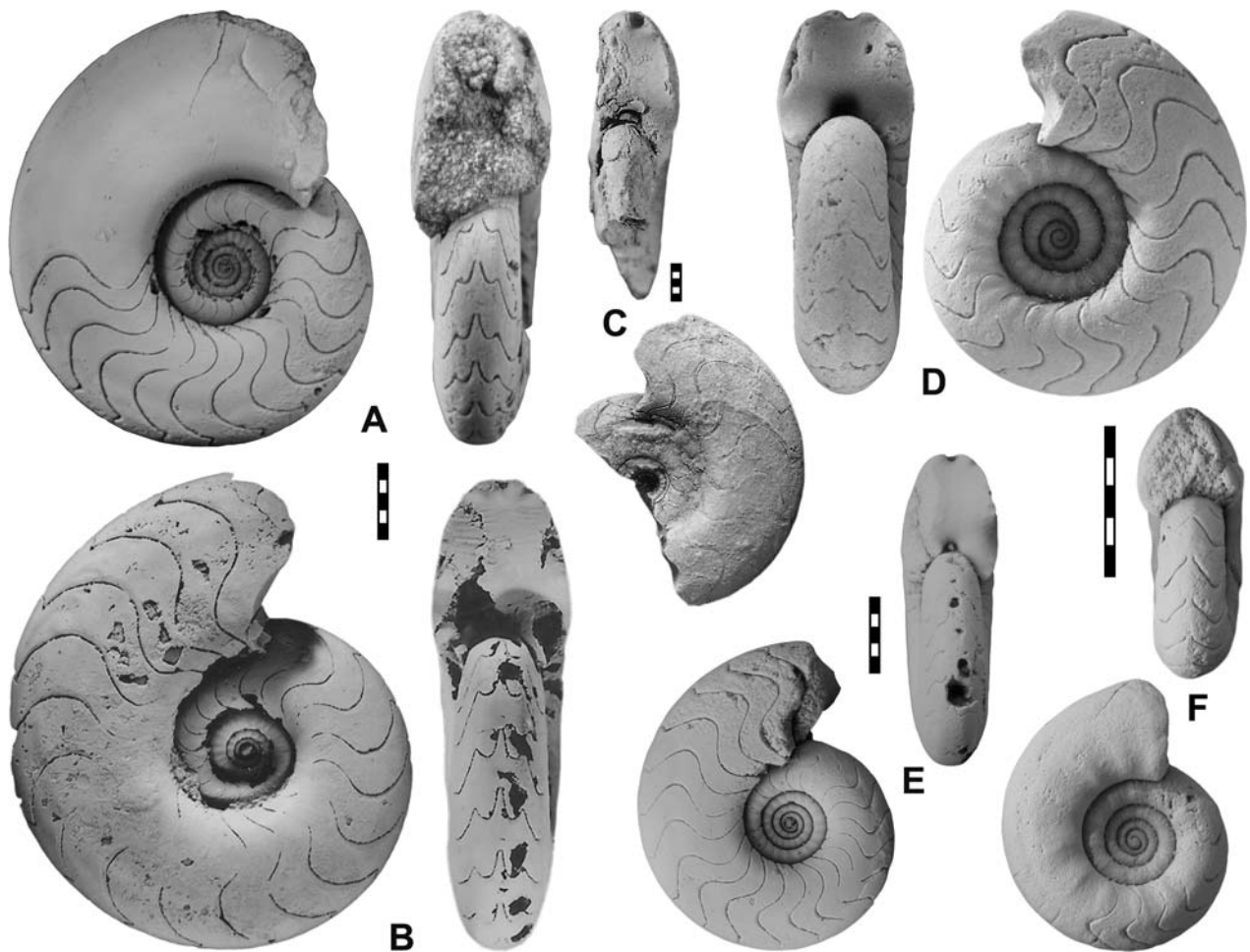
early stages until 8–13 mm dm with weak or strong (MB.C.22134.22) ribs; weak ventrolateral grooves in adults; no internal constrictions

growth lines prorsiradiate, concavo-convex, with high ventrolateral projection



**Figure 5.** *Pseudoproboloceras pernai* (Wedekind, 1918) from Hassi Nebech; **A–H.** Cross-sections, all  $\times 4$ ; **A.** MB.C.22134.1; **B.** MB.C.22134.2; **C.** MB.C.22134.3; **D.** MB.C.22134.4; **E.** MB.C.22134.5; **F.** Septal face of MB.C.22134.6,  $\times 4$ ; **G.** MB.C.22134.7; **H.** MB.C.22134.8; **I–K.** Sutures, all  $\times 2.5$ ; **I.** MB.C.22134.9 at 6 mm wh; **J.** MB.C.22134.10 at 9 mm wh; **K.** MB.C.22134.11 at 11 mm wh; **L–N.** Ontogenetic development of ww/dm, uw/dm, ww/wh, and WER. Scale bar, 1 unit (black or white) = 1 mm, also in the following Figures.





**Figure 6.** *Pseudoproboloceras pernai* (Wedekind, 1918) from Hassi Nebech (except C); **A.** MB.C.22134.10,  $\times 2$ ; **B.** MB.C.22134.12,  $\times 2$ ; **C.** Lectotype of *Manticoceras pontiforme* Termier & Termier (pl. 149, figs 3–5),  $\times 1$ ; **D.** MB.C.22134.13 with “Mortóns Syndrome”,  $\times 4$ ; **E.** MB.C.22134.14,  $\times 2$ ; **F.** MB.C.22134.15,  $\times 4$ .

### *Pseudoproboloceras praecox* n. sp.

Figures 7, 8

**Derivation of name.** From the Latin word for premature; because of the early ontogenetic expression of rapidly expanding, compressed whorls.

**Holotype.** MB.C.22135.1, illustrated in Figures 7E and 8A.

**Type locality and horizon.** Hassi Nebech, Section 2, SE Tafilalt, main collecting level, probably *Taouzites taouzensis* Zone (late Givetian).

**Material.** More than 50 specimens up to 20 mm conch diameter including MB.C.22135.1–MB.C.22135.16.

**Diagnosis.** Small-sized, post-embryonic conch ontogeny slightly biphasic; first three whorls (up to ca. 3.5 mm dm) low, depressed, with moderate WER  $< 2.00$  and rising umbilical width rate (uw/dm up to almost 0.40); subsequently with increasingly less depressed to compressed (from 9 mm dm on) and rapidly expanding whorls (WER gradually high to very high,  $> 2.50$  at maturity) and increasingly subevolute to subinvolute (uw/dm 0.20–0.25 at maturity); early whorls well-rounded, mature whorls flattened but with rounded ventral and umbilical shoulders. Early stages up to 7–9 mm dm ribbed, mature whorls smooth; growth lines concavo-convex, with projecting ventrolateral salient lying in shallow spiral furrows. Mature sutures with deep L lobe, wide and high ventrolateral saddle, both slightly asymmetric, small, pointed  $E_2$  lobe and deep, diverging  $E_1$  lobe.

**Table 3.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 7A–C, F–H) of *Pseudoproboloceras praecox* n. sp.

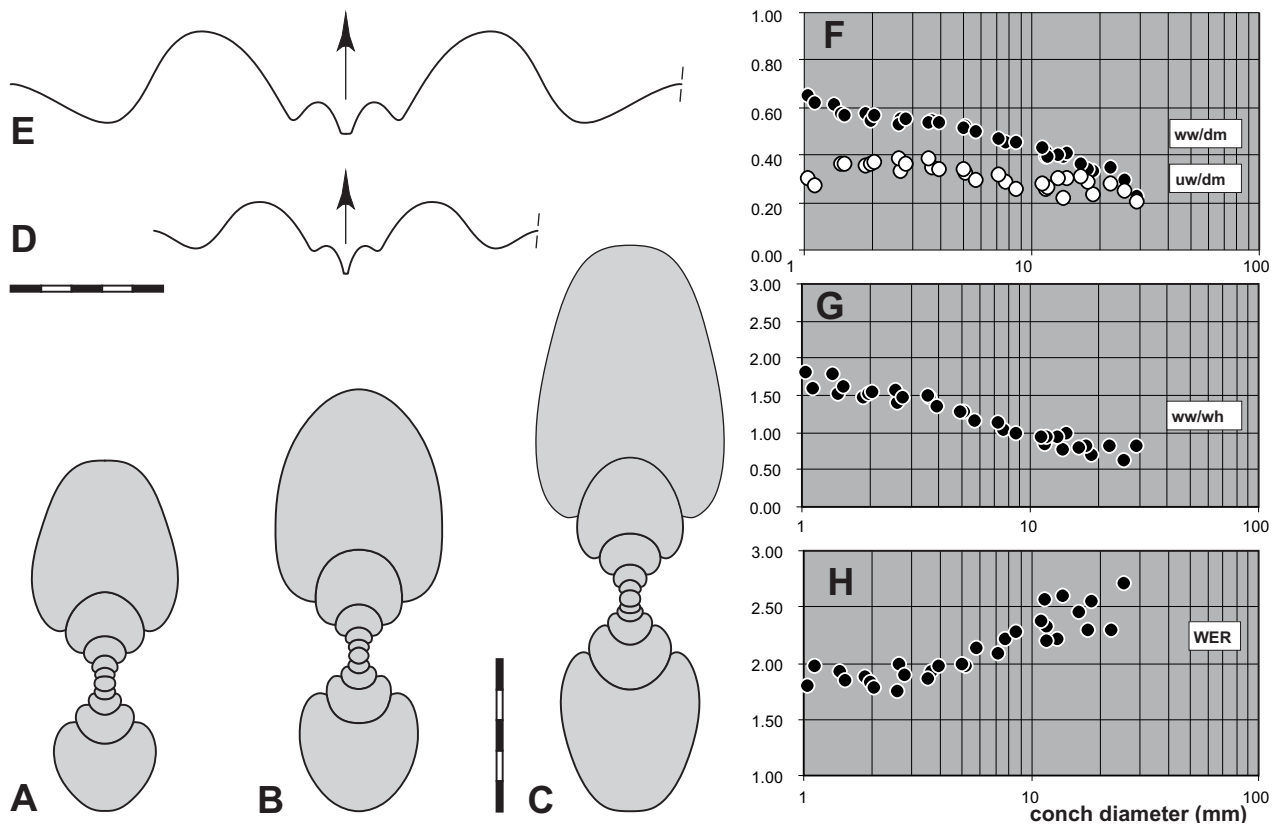
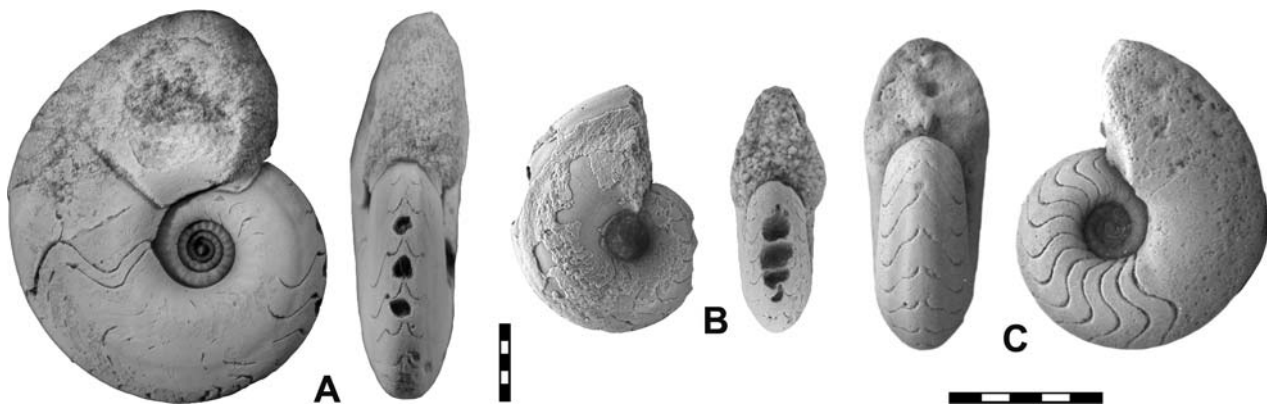
dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thickly discoidal; subevolute (ww/dm $\sim 0.55$ ; uw/dm $\sim 0.35$ )	moderately depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh $\sim 1.50$ ; IZR = 0.25–0.30)	moderate (WER $\sim 1.90$ )
8 mm	thinly discoidal; subinvolute (ww/dm $\sim 0.45$ ; uw/dm $\sim 0.30$ )	weakly depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh = 1.00–1.10; IZR $\sim 0.25$ )	high (WER = 2.10–2.20)
20 mm	extremely discoidal; subinvolute (ww/dm = 0.30–0.35; uw/dm $\sim 0.25$ )	weakly compressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh = 0.70–0.80; IZR $\sim 0.20$ )	very high (WER = 2.30–2.50)



**Table 4.** Suture formula (Figs 7D, E), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Pseudoproboloceras praecox* n. sp.(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) L : (probably U) IE<sub>1</sub> short; E<sub>2</sub> very small and steplike; L lobe deeply rounded, E<sub>2</sub>L saddle moderately wide; L lobe deeply rounded; both slightly asymmetric  
venter narrowly rounded, nearly flat at about 20 mm dm; umbilicus moderately narrow

juvenile ribs; weak furrows in adults; no internal mould constrictions

growth lines concavo-convex, with high ventrolateral salient

**Figure 7.** *Pseudoproboloceras praecox* n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Cross-section of paratype MB.C.22135.2,  $\times 4$ ; **B.** Cross-section of paratype MB.C.22135.3,  $\times 4$ ; **C.** Cross-section of paratype MB.C.22135.4,  $\times 4$ ; **D.** Suture of paratype MB.C.22135.5 at 4.7 mm wh,  $\times 4$ ; **E.** Suture of holotype MB.C.22135.1 at 9.4 mm wh,  $\times 4$ ; **F–H.** Ontogenetic development of  $ww/dm$ ,  $uw/dm$ ,  $ww/wh$ , and  $WER$ .**Figure 8.** *Pseudoproboloceras praecox* n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Holotype MB.C.22135.1,  $\times 2$ ; **B.** Paratype MB.C.22135.6,  $\times 2$ ; **C.** Paratype MB.C.22135.7,  $\times 4$ .

## Subfamily Acanthoclymeniinae Schindewolf, 1955

**Diagnosis.** Very small to medium-sized, earliest whorls depressed, median to mature conch strongly compressed, subinvolute to evolute, venter gently rounded, tabulate or bicarinate, often with ventrolateral furrows; growth lines concavo-convex to biconvex. Sutures with deep I lobe, absent, shallow or moderately deep, rounded or pointed internal U lobe, subumbilical, rounded or V-shaped L lobe, dominant, (sub)triangular ventrolateral saddle, incipient or deep  $E_2$  lobe, and narrow, deep or ontogenetically shortened,  $E_1$  lobe; suture formula:  $(E_2E_1E_2) L:I$ .

### *Scaturites* n. gen.

**Derivation of name.** After the Latin *scaturire* = to spring and the Greek *ites* = stone; due to its basal position within the Acanthoclymeniinae.

**Type species.** *Scaturites minutus* n. sp.

**Diagnosis.** Very small sized, smooth, earliest whorls depressed, intermediate to mature conch compressed, subevolute, with rounded venter and faint ventrolateral furrows; growth lines concavo-convex with high ventrolateral projection. Sutures with deep I lobe, widely rounded L lobe, strongly asymmetric, relative narrow and subtriangular ventrolateral saddle, incipient  $E_2$  lobe, and narrow, deep  $E_1$  lobe; suture formula:  $(E_2E_1E_2) L:I$ .

**Included species.** *Sc. minutus* n. sp., ?*Pseudoproboloceras* cf. *nebechense* in Göddertz (1989)

**Geographic distribution and stratigraphic range.** North Africa (Tafilalt, ? southern Algeria); late Givetian.

### *Scaturites minutus* n. sp.

Figures 9, 10

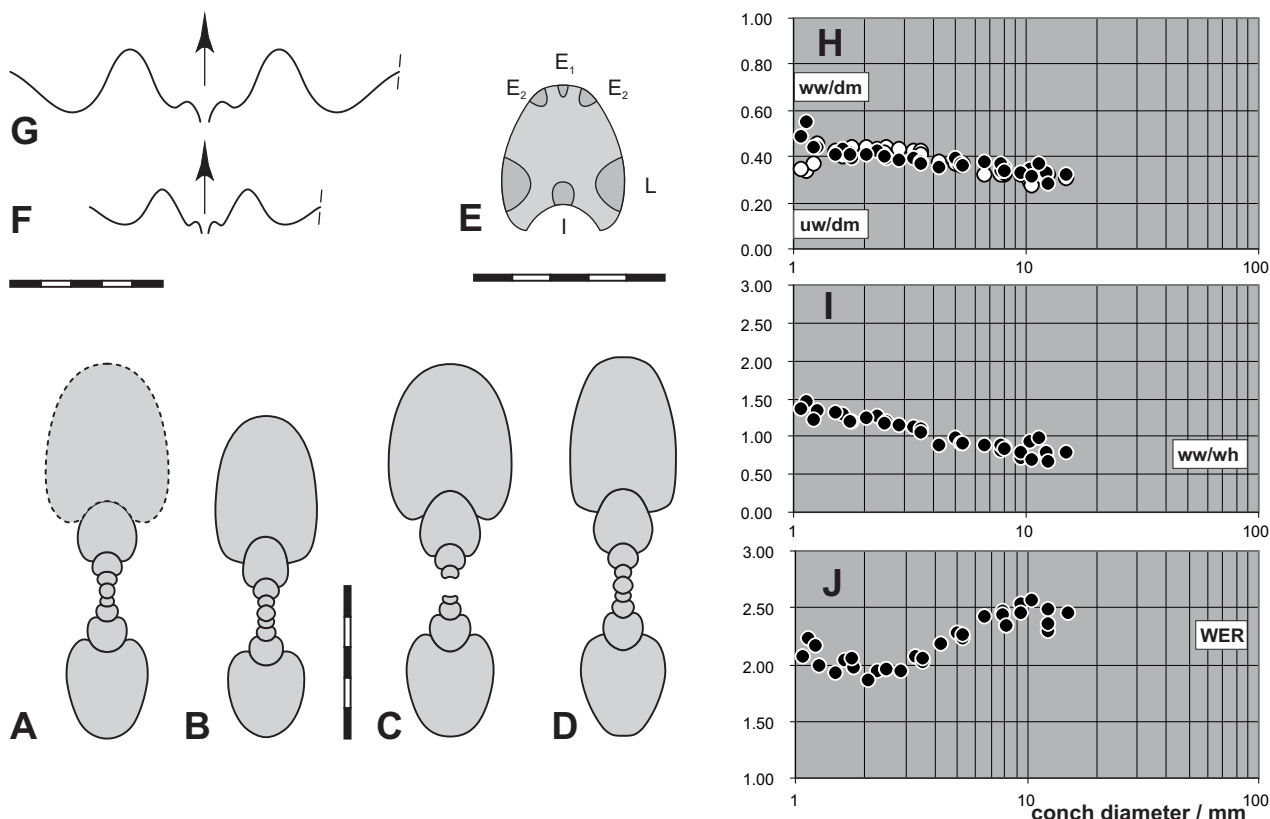
**Derivation of name.** Because of the small size.

**Holotype.** MB.C.22136.1, illustrated in Figures 9G and 10A.

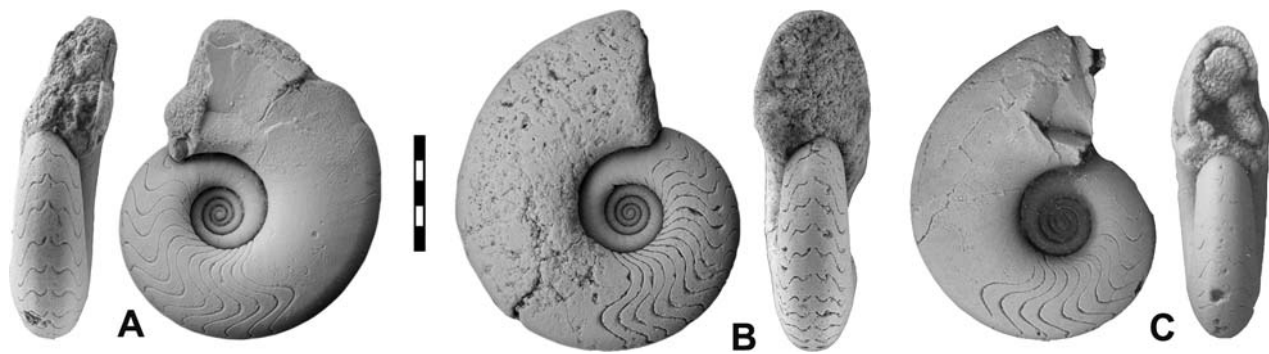
**Type locality and horizon.** Hassi Nebech, Section 2, SE Tafilalt, main collecting level, probably *Taouzites taouzensis* Zone (late Givetian).

**Material.** More than 200 specimens up to 15 mm conch diameter including MB.C.22136.1–MB.C.22136.13.

**Diagnosis.** Very small-sized, first two rounded whorls up to ca. 2.3 mm dm weakly depressed, with increasing umbilical width (uw/dm up to ca. 0.42) and decreasing whorl expansion rate (down to  $< 2.00$ ); subsequently increasingly compressed (from ca. 4 mm dm on), subevolute (mature uw/dm = ca. 0.32), and with sharply rising WER (up to 2.50); whorls laterally flattened; WER decreases on the last whorl ( $> 10$  mm dm) while



**Figure 9.** *Scaturites minutus* n. gen. n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; **A–D.** Cross-sections, all  $\times 4$ ; **A.** Paratype MB.C.22136.2; **B.** Paratype MB.C.22136.3; **C.** Paratype MB.C.22136.4; **D.** Paratype MB.C.22136.5; **E.** Septal face of paratype MB.C.22136.6,  $\times 5$ ; **F.** Suture of paratype MB.C.22136.7 at 2.9 mm wh,  $\times 4$ ; **G.** Suture of holotype MB.C.22136.1 at 4.4 mm wh,  $\times 4$ ; **H–J.** Ontogenetic development of ww/dm, uw/dm, ww/wh, and WER.



**Figure 10.** *Scaturites minutus* n. gen. n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Holotype MB.C.22136.1; **B.** Paratype MB.C.22136.8; **C.** Paratype MB.C.22136.9; all  $\times 3$ .

**Table 5.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 9A–E, H–J) of *Scaturites minutus* n. gen. n. sp.

dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thinly discoidal; subevolute (ww/dm $\sim 0.40$ ; uw/dm = 0.40–0.45)	weakly depressed; weakly to mod. embracing (ww/wh = 1.20–1.30; IZR = 0.10–0.20)	moderate (WER = 1.90–2.00)
8 mm	thinly discoidal; subevolute (ww/dm $\sim 0.35$ ; uw/dm $\sim 0.33$ )	weakly compressed; weakly to mod. embracing (ww/wh = 0.80–0.85; IZR $\sim 0.10$ –0.20)	high (WER = 2.10–2.20)
12 mm	extremely discoidal; subevolute (ww/dm = 0.30–0.35; uw/dm $\sim 0.32$ )	weakly compressed; weakly to mod. embracing (ww/wh = 0.70–0.95; IZR $\sim 0.10$ –0.20)	very high (WER = 2.35–2.50)

**Table 6.** Suture formula (Figs 9E–G), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Scaturites minutus* n. gen. n. sp.

(E <sub>2</sub> E <sub>1</sub> E <sub>2</sub> ) L : I
E <sub>1</sub> short; E <sub>2</sub> very small, rounded; E <sub>2</sub> L saddle subtriangular; L lobe deep and widely rounded
venter narrowly rounded or nearly flat; umbilicus moderately wide
no ribs in juvenils or adults; sometimes very shallow furrows; no internal constrictions
growth lines prorsiradiate, concavo-convex (MB.C.22136.12, MB.C.22136.13)

the other conch parameter ratios stagnate. Smooth throughout ontogeny apart from rare traces of ventrolateral furrows. Sutures with small, deep E<sub>1</sub> lobe, very small, step-like E<sub>2</sub> lobes, narrow, subtriangular ventrolateral saddle, deep, wide, slightly asymmetric L lobe, and deep, narrow I lobe.

## Family Taouzitidae Korn, 2001

### *Darkaoceras* Bockwinkel, Becker & Ebbighausen, 2009

*Type species.* *Timanites meridionalis* Petter, 1959.

For a detailed discussion of the genus see Bockwinkel et al. (2009).

### *Darkaoceras velox* n. sp.

Figures 11, 12

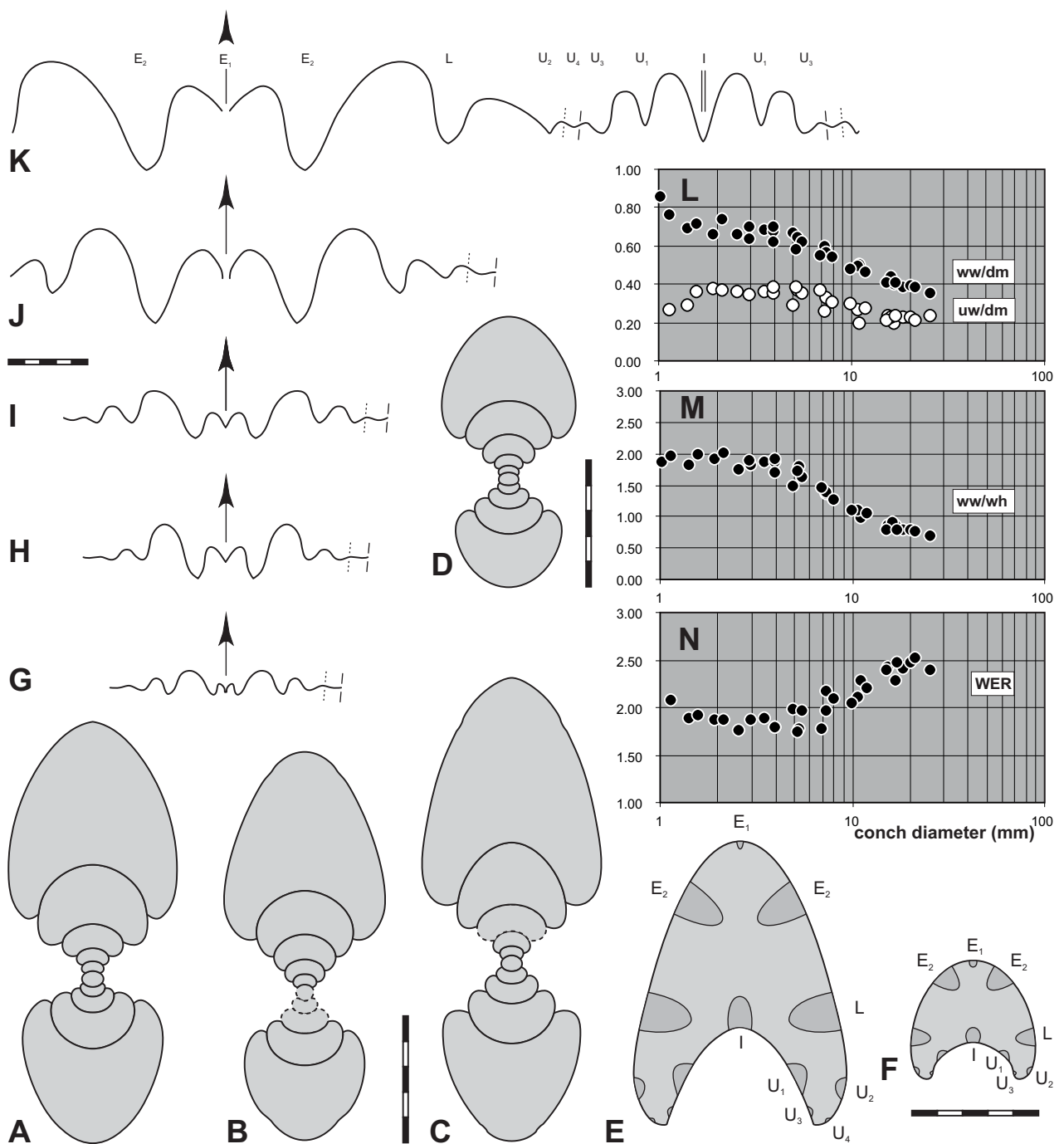
*Derivation of name.* From the Latin *velox* = fast; because of the stream-lined, compressed conch, which allowed relatively fast horizontal swimming (Klug & Korn 2004).

*Holotype.* MB.C.22105.1, illustrated in Figures 11I and 12B, one of the largest available specimens, showing the characteristic conch shape and sutures.

*Type locality and horizon.* Hassi Nebech, Section 2, SE Tafilalt, main collecting level, probably *Taouzites taouzensis* Zone (late Givetian).

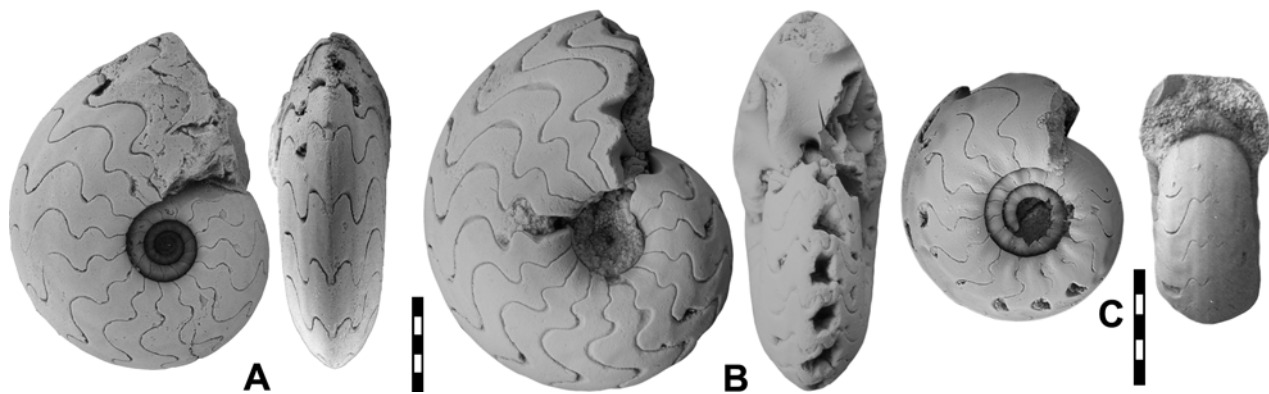
*Material.* More than 50 specimens up to 30 mm conch diameter, including MB.C.22105.1–MB.C.22105.22.

*Diagnosis.* First three whorls (until ca. 5.5 mm dm) moderately depressed (, ww/wh falling from 2.00 to 1.50), with moderate WER (1.75–2.00), subevolute (uw/dm = 0.35–0.40), and with weak to pronounced subumbilical ribbing and rounded venter; subsequent intermediate to



**Figure 11.** *Darkaoceras velox* n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; **A–D.** Cross-sections, all  $\times 4$ ; **A.** Paratype MB.C.22105.2; **B.** Paratype MB.C.22105.3; **C.** Paratype MB.C.22105.4; **D.** Paratype MB.C.22105.5; **E.** Septal face of paratype MB.C.22105.6,  $\times 4$ ; **F.** Septal face of paratype MB.C.22105.7,  $\times 4$ ; **G–K.** Sutures, all  $\times 2.5$ ; **G.** Paratype MB.C.22105.8 at 6.1 mm wh; **H.** Paratype MB.C.22105.9 at 6.9 mm wh; **I.** Holotype MB.C.22105.1 at 7.3 mm wh; **J.** Paratype MB.C.22105.10 at 13.5 mm wh; **K.** Paratype MB.C.22105.11 at ca. 21 mm wh; **L–N.** Ontogenetic development of  $ww/dm$ ,  $uw/dm$ ,  $ww/wh$ , and WER.

mature stages increasingly less depressed to compressed (from ca. 10 mm dm on), mature whorls ( $> 20$  mm dm) with  $ww/dm < 0.40$ , with gradual sharpening of the venter, decreasing umbilical width rates (mature  $uw/dm$  down to ca. 0.20) and strongly rising WER (2.50 at maturity), and disappearance of ribs. Growth lines undulose and strongly biconvex, with deep ocular sinus and high ventrolateral projection lying in a broad spiral furrow or double furrow. Mature sutures with shallow, divergent  $E_1$  lobe, high median saddle, deep, pointed, roughly V-shaped  $E_2$  lobe, high, broadly arched ventrolateral saddle, narrow, pointed L lobe, less deep than the  $E_2$  lobe, relatively wide, low, asymmetric  $LU_2$  saddle, small outer  $U_2$  and  $U_4$  lobes, small internal  $U_3$  lobe, narrow, moderately deep, pointed  $U_1$  lobe, and narrow, deep, pointed I lobe.



**Figure 12.** *Darkaoceras velox* n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Paratype MB.C.22105.12,  $\times 2.5$ ; **B.** Holotype MB.C.22105.1,  $\times 2.5$ ; **C.** Paratype MB.C.22105.13,  $\times 3$ .

**Table 7.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 11A–F, L–N) of *Darkaoceras velox* n. sp.

dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thinly to thickly pachyconic; subevolute (ww/dm = 0.65–0.75; uw/dm = 0.35–0.40)	moderately depressed ; moderately embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 2.00; IZR = 0.25–0.30)	moderate (WER $\sim$ 1.85)
5 mm	thickly discoidal to thinly pachyconic; subevolute to subinvolute (ww/dm = 0.55–0.65; uw/dm = 0.25–0.40)	moderately depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh = 1.50–1.80; IZR = 0.30–0.35 )	moderate (WER = 1.75–2.00)
15 mm	thinly discoidal; subinvolute (ww/dm = 0.40–0.45; uw/dm = 0.20–0.25)	weakly compressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh = 0.80–0.90; IZR = 0.25–0.30)	very high (WER = 2.30–2.40)
25 mm	thinly discoidal; subinvolute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.35; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.25)	weakly compressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 0.70; IZR $\sim$ 0.30)	very high (WER $\sim$ 2.40)

**Table 8.** Suture formula (Figs 11E–K), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Darkaoceras velox* n. sp.

(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub> : U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I at 9 mm dm (MB.C.22105.7)

(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub> : U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I at 13 mm dm (MB.C.22105.20)

(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub> : U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I at 20 and 40 mm dm (MB.C.22105.15, MB.C.22105.11)

E<sub>1</sub> lobe broad, V- or funnel-shaped, only  $\sim 30$  % depth of E<sub>2</sub> lobe at maturity; E<sub>2</sub> lobe deep and large; ventrolateral saddle high and broadly rounded, asymmetric; L lobe short; outer U lobes small

venter suboxyconic at ca. 13 mm dm, oxyconic at 15–30 mm dm

juvenile stages weak or distinctive ribs; ventrolateral (double) furrows; no internal constrictions

growth lines rectiradiate, strongly biconvex, with high ventrolateral salient

## **Taouzites Korn, 2001**

*Type species.* *Pharciceras taouzensis* Termier & Termier, 1950.

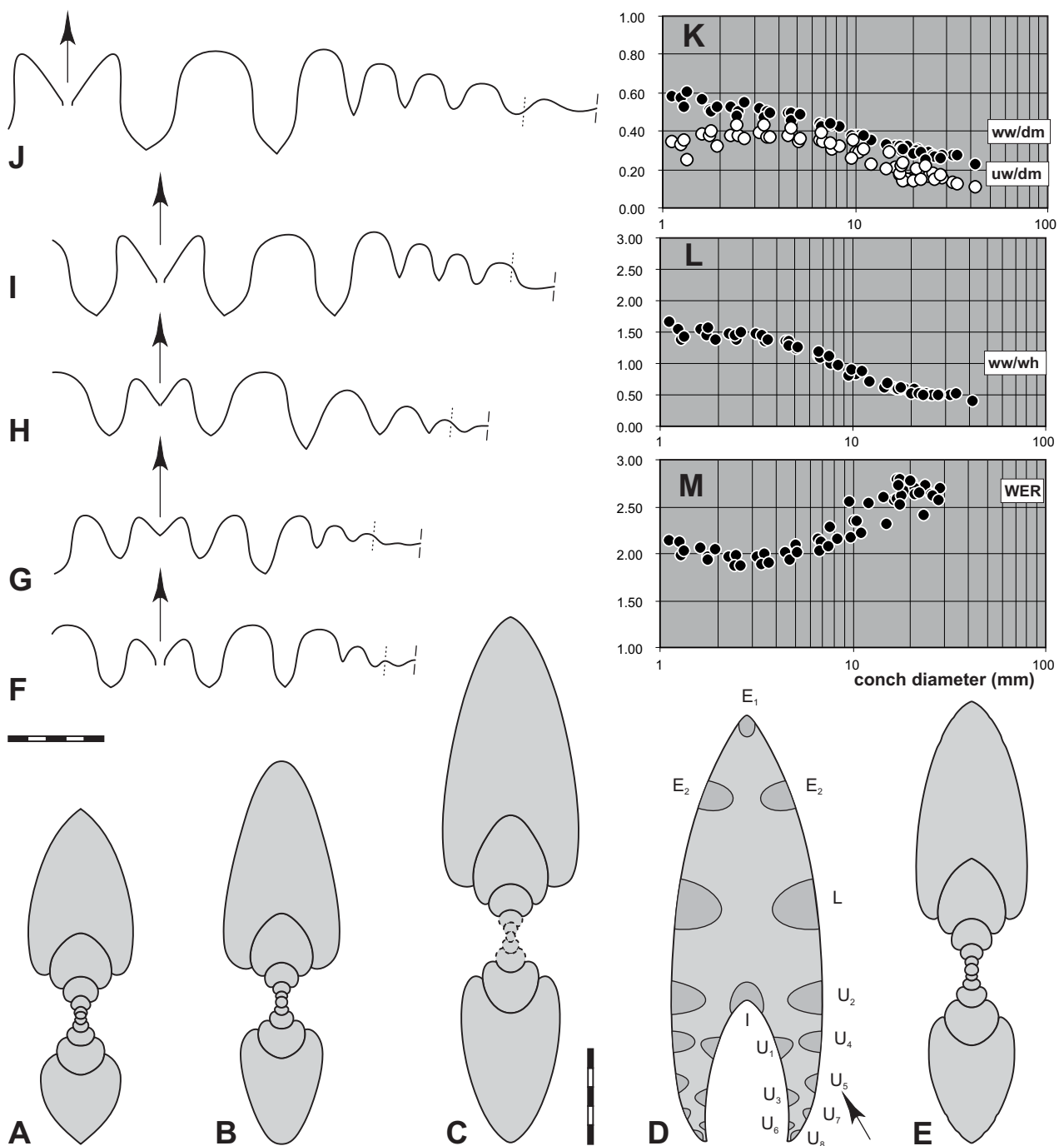
*Diagnosis* (emend.). Large-sized, early whorls weakly depressed and subevolute, ribbed and with rounded venter; intermediate to mature whorls rapidly expanding, thinly to extremely discoidal, oxyconic, without ribs and with strongly decreasing umbilical width ratios. Ornament strongly biconvex with high ventrolateral salient lying in spiral furrows, which weaken with growth. Sutures with short, strongly divergent E<sub>1</sub> lobe, high median saddle, moderately deep to deep, pointed E<sub>2</sub> lobe, dominant, wide E<sub>2</sub> L saddle, deep, pointed L lobe, and ontogenetically with up to five outer and three inner U lobes, which do not develop in a strictly alternating order. Suture formula: (E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>7</sub> : U<sub>6</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I to (E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>7</sub>U<sub>8</sub> : U<sub>6</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I.

## **Taouzites taouzensis (Termier & Termier, 1950)**

Figures 13, 14

*Lectotype.* Termier & Termier (1950) and Petter (1959) based their description of “*Pharciceras*” *taouzensis* on the Clariond collection, which contains the syntype material. Montesinos & Henn (1986) designated Petter’s original of pl. 9, figs 7, 7a, as lectotype, which is accepted here although it was not figured in the valid original description.

*Type locality and horizon.* Oued Kseir = Hassi Nebech area, SE Tafilalt, main collecting level, *Taouzites taouzensis* Zone (late Givetian).

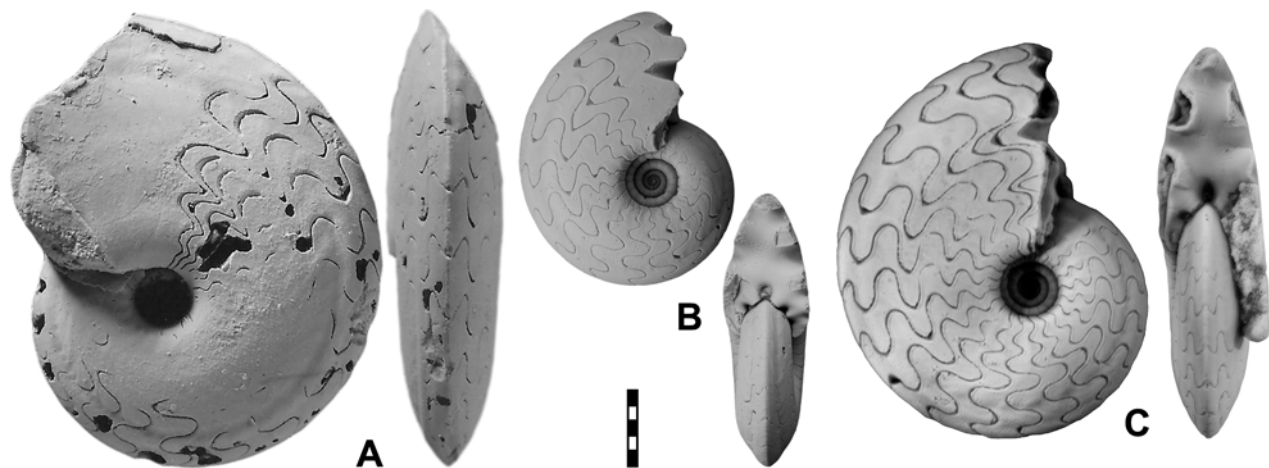


**Figure 13.** *Taouzites taouzensis* (Termier & Termier, 1950), all topotypes from Hassi Nebech (except D); **A.** Cross-section of MB.C.22106.1,  $\times 3$ ; **B.** Cross-section of MB.C.22106.2,  $\times 3$ ; **C.** Cross-section of MB.C.22106.3,  $\times 3$ ; **D.** Septal face of MB.C.22138 from Ouidane Chebbi,  $\times 3$ ; **E.** Septal face of MB.C.22106.4,  $\times 3$ ; **F–J.** Sutures, all  $\times 3$ ; **F.** MB.C.22106.4 at 10.7 mm wh; **G.** MB.C.22106.5 at 11.2 mm wh; **H.** MB.C.22106.6 at 14.5 mm wh; **I.** MB.C.22106.7 at 16 mm wh; **J.** MB.C.22106.7 at 20 mm wh; **K–M.** Ontogenetic development of ww/dm, uw/dm, ww/wh, and WER.

**Material.** More than 300 specimens (Hassi Nebech topotypes) up to 42 mm conch diameter, including MB.C.22106.1–MB.C.22106.23; one specimen from Ouidane Chebbi (eastern Tafilalt) (MB.C.22138), showing a larger septal face (Fig. 13D).

**Diagnosis.** (emend.) First two whorls (up to ca. 3 mm dm) weakly depressed (ww/wh ca. 1.50) and increasingly subevolute (uw/dm up to 0.40) and with slightly decreasing WER ( $< 2.00$ ); median stages up to ca. 20 mm dm less depressed to increasingly compressed (from ca. 8 mm dm, ww/dm falling from 0.50 to 0.30), subinvolute (uw/dm down to 0.20) and with high to very high WER (up to 2.80); mature conchs strongly compressed, strongly oxyconic, with uw/dm = ca. 0.15. Growth ornament strongly biconvex, forming dense inner flank ribs in early whorls, and with very high, narrow ventrolateral salient lying in spiral double furrows. Mature sutures with divergent, V-shaped, moderately deep  $E_1$  lobe, narrow median saddles, moderately deep to deep, bell-shaped  $E_2$  lobe, prominent, wide, slightly asymmetric  $E_2$  saddle, deep, narrow and pointed L lobe, pointed small outer  $U_2$  and  $U_4$  lobes, and three further outer U lobes, but only three inner U lobes. Mature suture formula: ( $E_2E_1E_2$ )  $LU_2U_4U_5U_7U_8 : U_6U_3U_1I$ .





**Figure 14.** *Taouzites taouzensis* (Termier & Termier, 1950) from Hassi Nebech; **A.** MB.C.22106.20; **B.** MB.C.22106.8; **C.** MB.C.22106.9; all  $\times 2$ .

**Table 9.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 13A–C, E, K–M) of *Taouzites taouzensis* (Termier & Termier, 1950) from the type locality.

dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thickly discoidal; subevolute (ww/dm = 0.50–0.55; uw/dm = 0.30–0.40)	weakly depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh = 1.40–1.50; IZR $\sim$ 0.20)	moderate to high (WER $\sim$ 2.00)
10 mm	thinly discoidal; subevolute to subinvolute (ww/dm = 0.35–0.40; uw/dm = 0.25–0.35)	weakly compressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh = 0.80–1.00; IZR $\sim$ 0.23 )	very high (WER = 2.30–2.55)
20 mm	extremely discoidal; subinvolute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.30; uw/dm = 0.15–0.25)	weakly compressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh = 0.50–0.60; IZR $\sim$ 0.28)	extremely high (WER = 2.60–2.80)

**Table 10.** Suture formula (Figs 13D, F–J), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Taouzites taouzensis* (Termier & Termier, 1950) from the type locality.

(E <sub>2</sub> E <sub>1</sub> E <sub>2</sub> ) LU <sub>2</sub> : U <sub>1</sub> I at 8 mm dm (MB.C.22106.15)
(E <sub>2</sub> E <sub>1</sub> E <sub>2</sub> ) LU <sub>2</sub> U <sub>4</sub> : U <sub>3</sub> U <sub>1</sub> I at 9.5 mm dm (MB.C.22106.21)
(E <sub>2</sub> E <sub>1</sub> E <sub>2</sub> ) LU <sub>2</sub> U <sub>4</sub> U <sub>5</sub> : U <sub>3</sub> U <sub>1</sub> I at 18 mm dm (MB.C.22106.8)
(E <sub>2</sub> E <sub>1</sub> E <sub>2</sub> ) LU <sub>2</sub> U <sub>4</sub> U <sub>5</sub> U <sub>7</sub> : U <sub>6</sub> U <sub>3</sub> U <sub>1</sub> I at 30 mm dm (MB.C.22106.11)
(E <sub>2</sub> E <sub>1</sub> E <sub>2</sub> ) LU <sub>2</sub> U <sub>4</sub> U <sub>5</sub> U <sub>7</sub> U <sub>8</sub> : U <sub>6</sub> U <sub>3</sub> U <sub>1</sub> I at 35 mm dm (MB.C.22106.7)
E <sub>1</sub> lobe broad, V- or funnel-shaped, $\sim$ 50% depth of E <sub>2</sub> lobe; ventrolateral saddle broad and as high as median saddle
L lobe as deep or sometimes significantly deeper than E <sub>2</sub> ; asymmetrical development of inner and outer U lobes from U <sub>5</sub>
venter oxyconic from 5–8 mm dm on, umbilical width variable
juvenile ribs, ventrolateral furrows; no internal constrictions
growth lines rectiradiate, strongly biconvex, with high ventrolateral projection and deep lateral sinus

Suborder **Pharciceratina** Korn, 1998

Superfamily **Pharcicerataceae** Hyatt, 1900

Family **Pharciceratidae** Hyatt, 1900

Subfamily **Pharciceratinae** Hyatt, 1900

***Pharciceras* Hyatt, 1884**

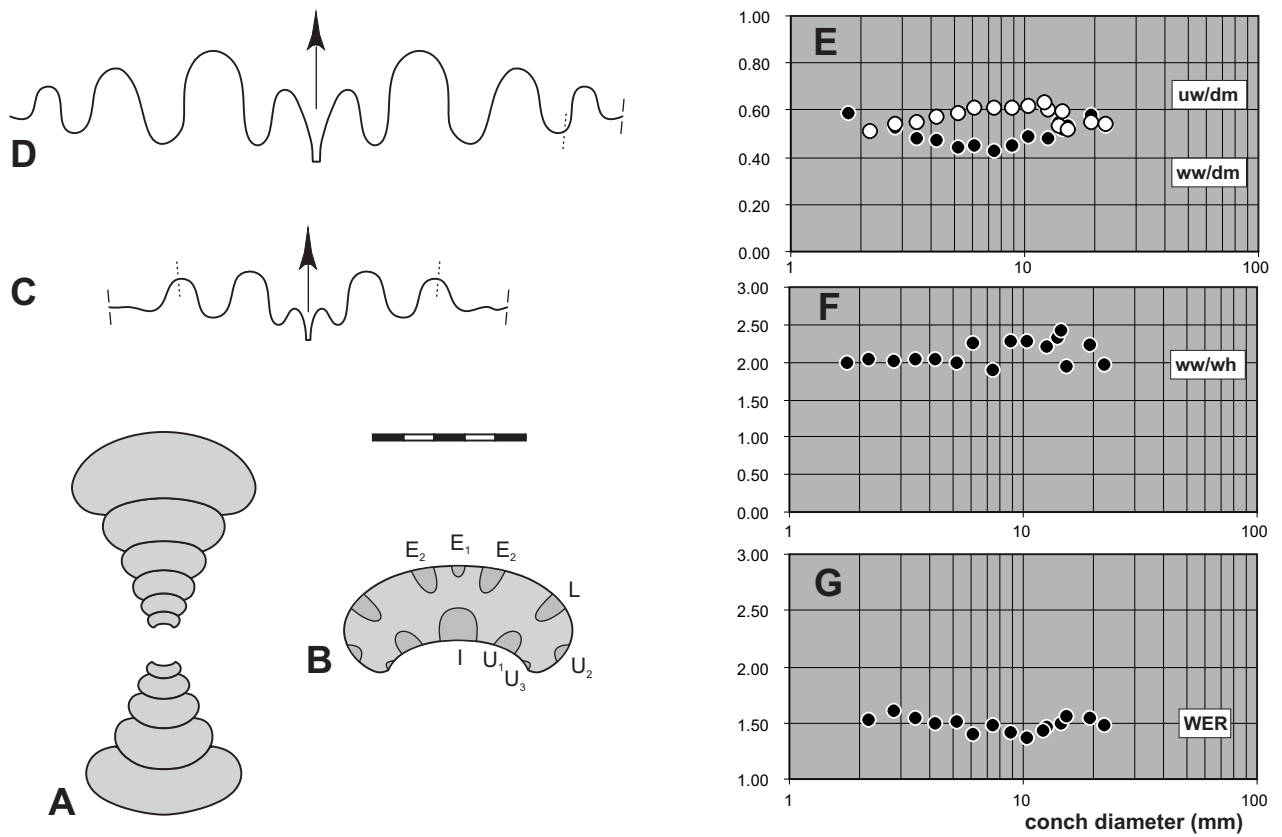
Type species. *Goniatis tridens* Sandberger & Sandberger, 1850

***Pharciceras decoratum* n. sp.**

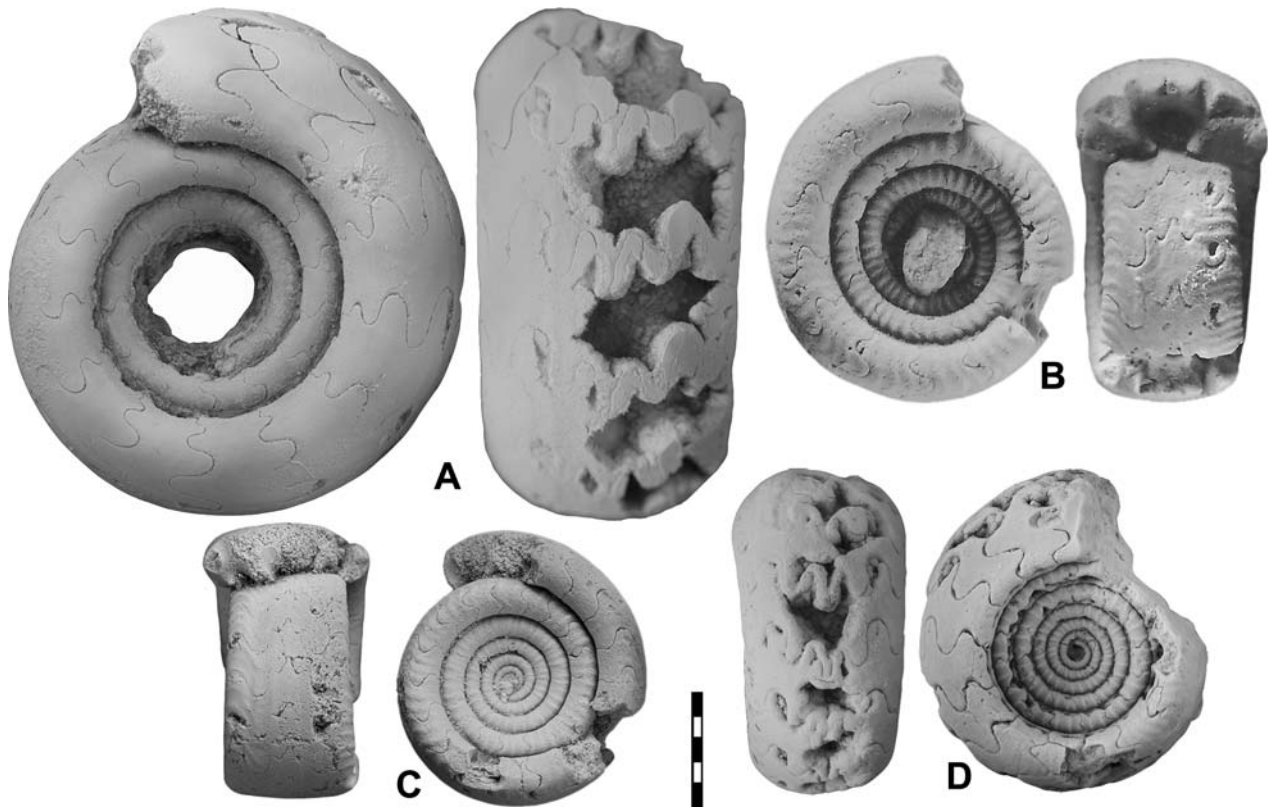
Figures 15, 16

Derivation of name. After the decorative ribbing of early to median whorls.

Holotype. MB.C.22107.1 (Figs 15B and 16B).



**Figure 15.** *Pharciceras decoratum* n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Cross-section of paratype MB.C.22107.2,  $\times 4$ ; **B.** Septal face of holotype MB.C.22107.1,  $\times 4$ ; **C.** Suture of paratype MB.C.22107.3 at 2.1 mm wh,  $\times 4$ ; **D.** Suture of paratype MB.C.22107.4 at 4.9 mm wh,  $\times 4$ ; **E–G.** Ontogenetic development of ww/dm, uw/dm, ww/wh, and WER of all available specimens.



**Figure 16.** *Pharciceras decoratum* n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Paratype MB.C.22107.4; **B.** Holotype MB.C.22107.1; **C.** Paratype MB.C.22107.3; **D.** MB.C.22107.7, more involute than typical specimens; all  $\times 3$ .

*Type locality and horizon.* Hassi Nebech, Section 2, SE Tafilalet, main collecting level, probably *Taouzites taouzensis* Zone (late Givetian).

*Material.* Seven specimens up to 22 mm conch diameter (MB.C.22107.1–MB.C.22107.7).

*Diagnosis.* Early to median stages with relatively uniform, sharply ribbed whorls, with slightly flattened venter and WER fluctuating between 1.40 and 1.60; ww/wh values vary between 2.00 and 2.50, post-embryonic ww/dm ratios first decrease from 0.60 to 0.40 (at ca. 7 mm dm) then rise back to 0.60; the umbilicus widens gradually until ca. 13 mm (uw/dm from 0.50 to > 0.60) and becomes slightly narrower subsequently, with uw/dm < ww/dm from 20 mm dm. Growth lines biconvex, with projecting ventrolateral salient in spiral double furrows. Sutures with diverging E<sub>1</sub> lobe, narrow, moderately low median saddle, narrow E<sub>2</sub> lobe, high and narrow E<sub>2</sub>L saddle, deep L lobe, and two small outer and inner U lobes.

**Table 11.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 15A, B, E–G) of *Pharciceras decoratum* n. sp.

dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thickly discoidal; evolute (ww/dm ~ 0.50; uw/dm ~ 0.50)	moderately depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh ~ 2.00; IZR ~ 0.24)	low (WER ~ 1.50)
5 mm	thinly discoidal; evolute (ww/dm ~ 0.45; uw/dm ~ 0.60)	moderately depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh ~ 2.00; IZR ~ 0.20 )	low (WER ~ 1.50)
10 mm	thickly discoidal; evolute (ww/dm ~ 0.50; uw/dm ~ 0.60)	strongly depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh ~ 2.30; IZR ~ 0.30 )	low (WER ~ 1.35)
20 mm	thickly discoidal; evolute (ww/dm ~ 0.55; uw/dm ~ 0.55)	strongly depressed; moderately to strongly embracing (ww/wh = 2.00–2.20; IZR = 0.25–0.35)	low (WER = 1.50–1.55)

**Table 12.** Suture formula (Figs 15B–D), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Pharciceras decoratum* n. sp.

(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>: U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I at 14 mm dm (MB.C.22107.1)

(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>: U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I at 22 mm dm (MB.C.22107.4)

E<sub>1</sub> lobe narrow, deep, diverging; ventrolateral saddle high, rounded; L lobe deep and rounded

juvenile venter flat, in adults broadly rounded; umbilicus wide

inner whorls sharply ribbed; adult ventrolateral double furrows; no mould constrictions

growth lines biconvex with high ventrolateral salient

### *Pharciceras* aff. *tridens* (Sandberger & Sandberger, 1850)

Figures 17, 18

*Material.* Seven specimens up to 24 mm conch diameter (MB.C.22108.1–MB.C.22108.7).

**Table 13.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 17A, B, D–F) of *Pharciceras* aff. *tridens* (Sandberger & Sandberger, 1850).

dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thickly discoidal; evolute (ww/dm ~ 0.50; uw/dm ~ 0.45)	moderately depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh ~ 1.85; IZR ~ 0.15)	low (WER ~ 1.70)
5 mm	thickly pachyconic; evolute (ww/dm ~ 0.50; uw/dm ~ 0.60)	strongly depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh ~ 2.25; IZR ~ 0.20 )	Low (WER = 1.40–1.50)
10 mm	thickly pachyconic; evolute (ww/dm ~ 0.55; uw/dm ~ 0.60)	strongly depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh ~ 2.45; IZR ~ 0.25 )	low (WER = 1.40–1.50)
20 mm	thickly discoidal; evolute (ww/dm ~ 0.55; uw/dm ~ 0.50)	moderately; moderately embracing (ww/wh ~ 2.00; IZR ~ 0.25)	low (WER ~ 1.65)

**Table 14.** Suture formula (Figs 17B, C), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Pharciceras* aff. *tridens* (Sandberger & Sandberger, 1850).

(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>: U<sub>1</sub>I at 6 mm dm (MB.C.22108.5)

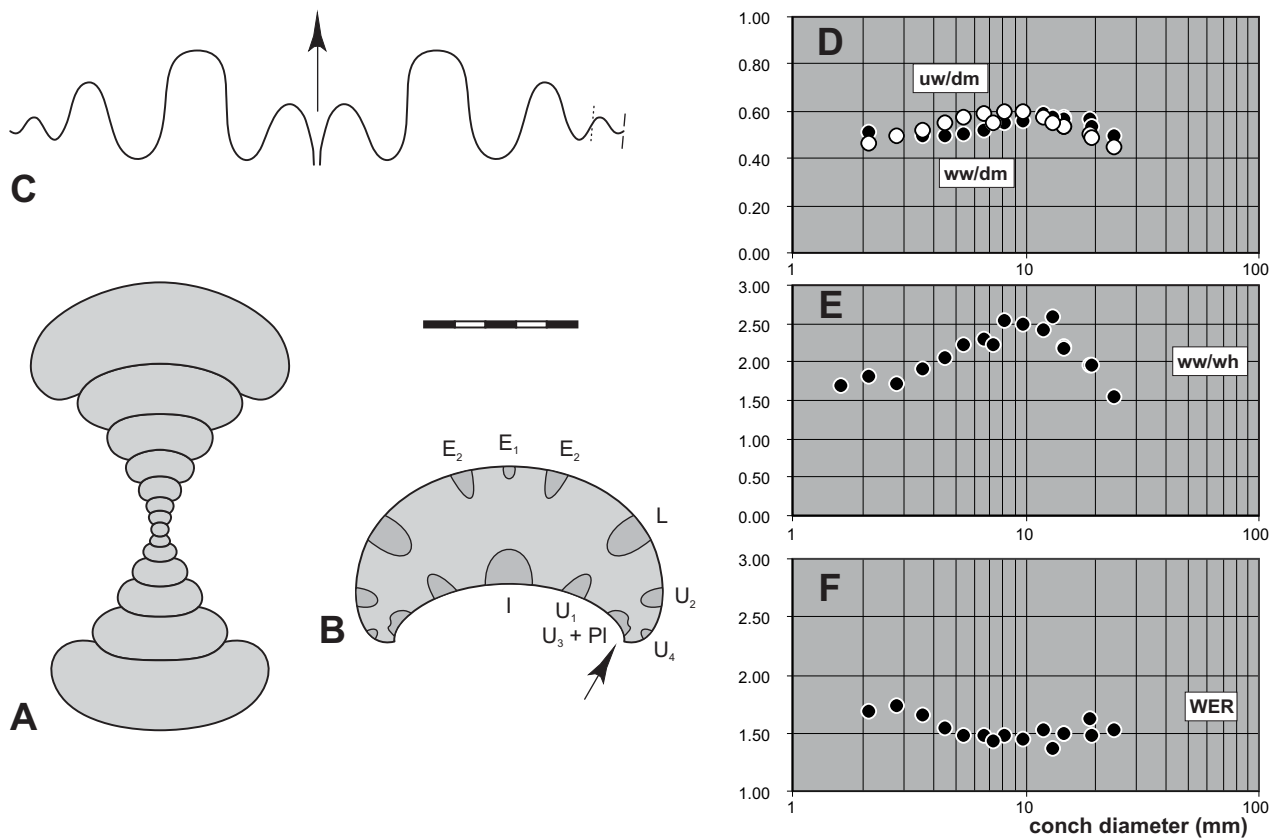
(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>: U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I at 19 mm dm (MB.C.22108.3)

E<sub>1</sub> lobe narrow, deep; ventrolateral saddle high, rounded; L lobe broad and large

juvenile venter flat, in adults broadly rounded; umbilicus moderately wide

inner whorls distinctively ribbed; adult with shallow ventrolateral double furrows; no mould constrictions

growth lines strongly biconvex, with high ventrolateral salient



**Figure 17.** *Pharciceras* aff. *tridens* (Sandberger & Sandberger, 1850) from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Cross-section of MB.C.22108.1,  $\times 4$ ; **B.** Septal face of MB.C.22108.2,  $\times 4$ ; **C.** Suture of MB.C.22108.3 at 5.5 mm wh,  $\times 4$ ; **D–F.** Ontogenetic development of ww/dm, uw/dm, ww/wh, and WER of all available specimens.



**Figure 18.** *Pharciceras* aff. *tridens* (Sandberger & Sandberger, 1850) from Hassi Nebech; **A.** MB.C.22108.3; **B.** MB.C.22108.4; **C.** MB.C.22108.5; all  $\times 3$ .

### *Pharciceras lataseptatum* Frech, 1902

Figures 19–21

**Lectotype.** Original specimen figured by Frech (1902), designated in Bockwinkel et al. (2009), which, however, probably was lost at Breslau (Wrocław) during the 2nd World War.

**Material.** Ca. 120 specimens up to 33 mm conch diameter, including MB.C.22109.1–MB.C.22109.25.

**Diagnosis (emend.).** Moderate-sized, first five whorls, ca. until 8 mm dm, increasingly depressed and evolute, with strongly increasing ww/wh (up to ca. 2.50), weakly increasing ww/dm (up to 0.60–0.80) and rapid rise of uw/dm ratios (up to 0.45 to 0.50); WER decreases to 1.50–1.60; subsequently less depressed, with decreasing relative umbilical width and rapidly expanding whorls; last whorl slightly compressed (ww/wh near 1.00 at ca. 50 mm dm) and subevolute (uw/dm 0.25 to 0.30, adult WER = 1.60 to 1.80). Early whorls markedly ribbed, subsequently with evenly spaced, strongly

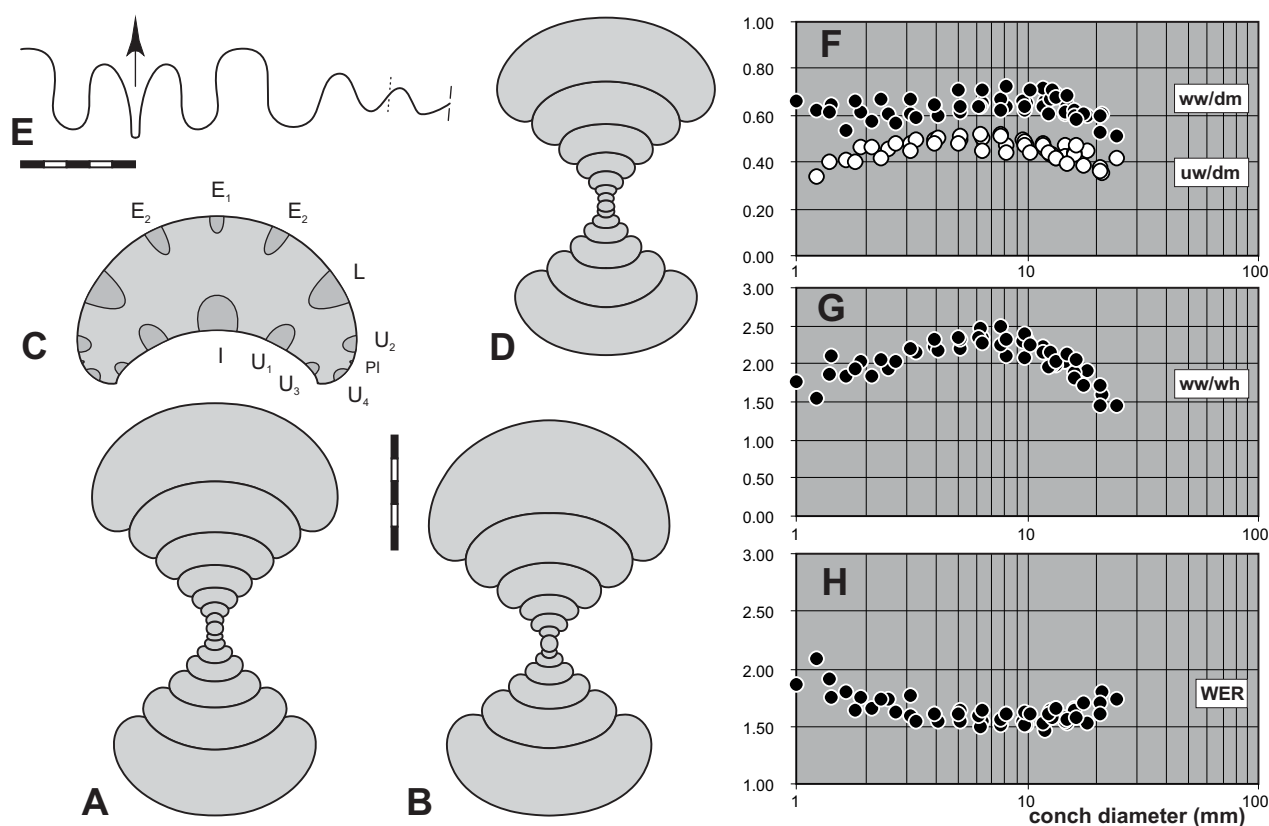
**Table 15.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 19A–D, F–H) of *Pharciceras lateseptatum* (Frech, 1902) Morphotype I from Hassi Nebech.

dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thinly pachyconic; subevolute (ww/dm ~ 0.60; uw/dm ~ 0.45)	moderately depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh ~ 2.00; IZR ~ 0.20)	low (WER ~ 1.70)
5 mm	thinly pachyconic; evolute (ww/dm ~ 0.65; uw/dm ~ 0.50)	strongly depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh ~ 2.25; IZR ~ 0.30)	low (WER ~ 1.60)
10 mm	thinly pachyconic; subevolute (ww/dm ~ 0.65; uw/dm ~ 0.45)	strongly depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh ~ 2.30; IZR ~ 0.30)	low (WER ~ 1.55)
20 mm	thinly pachyconic; subevolute (ww/dm ~ 0.60 uw/dm ~ 0.40)	moderately depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh = 1.50–2.00; IZR ~ 0.35)	low (WER ~ 1.75)

**Table 16.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 21A, D–F) of *Pharciceras lateseptatum* (Frech, 1902) Morphotype II from Hassi Nebech.

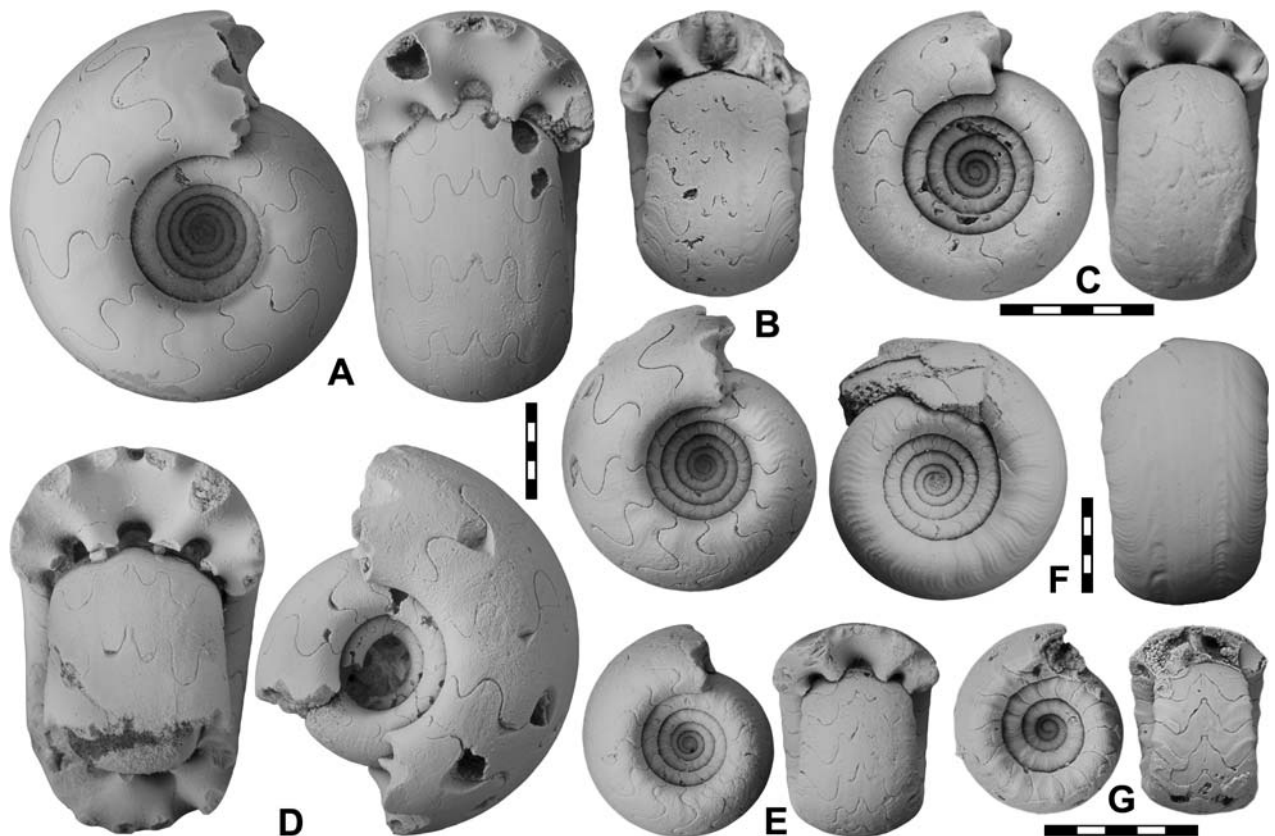
dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thinly pachyconic; subevolute (ww/dm ~ 0.60; uw/dm ~ 0.42)	strongly depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh ~ 2.05; IZR ~ 0.20)	low (WER ~ 1.75)
5 mm	thickly pachyconic; subevolute (ww/dm ~ 0.75; uw/dm ~ 0.42)	strongly depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh ~ 2.25; IZR ~ 0.30)	low (WER ~ 1.65)
10 mm	thickly pachyconic; subevolute (ww/dm ~ 0.75; uw/dm ~ 0.42)	strongly depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh ~ 2.50; IZR ~ 0.35)	low (WER ~ 1.60)
20 mm	thinly pachyconic; subevolute (ww/dm ~ 0.70; uw/dm ~ 0.38)	moderately depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh ~ 1.60; IZR ~ 0.35)	low (WER ~ 1.75)

biconvex growth lirae and ventrolateral double furrows. Mature sutures with divergent  $E_1$  lobe, moderately high to high median saddle, deep, lanceolate  $E_2$  lobe, elevated and relative narrow ventrolateral saddle, moderately deep to deep, lanceolate L lobe, moderately narrow, asymmetric, pointed  $U_2$  lobe, wide, rounded to subangular  $U_4$  lobe, small internal  $U_3$  lobe, deep and narrow  $U_1$  lobe, and deep, narrow, lanceolate I lobe.

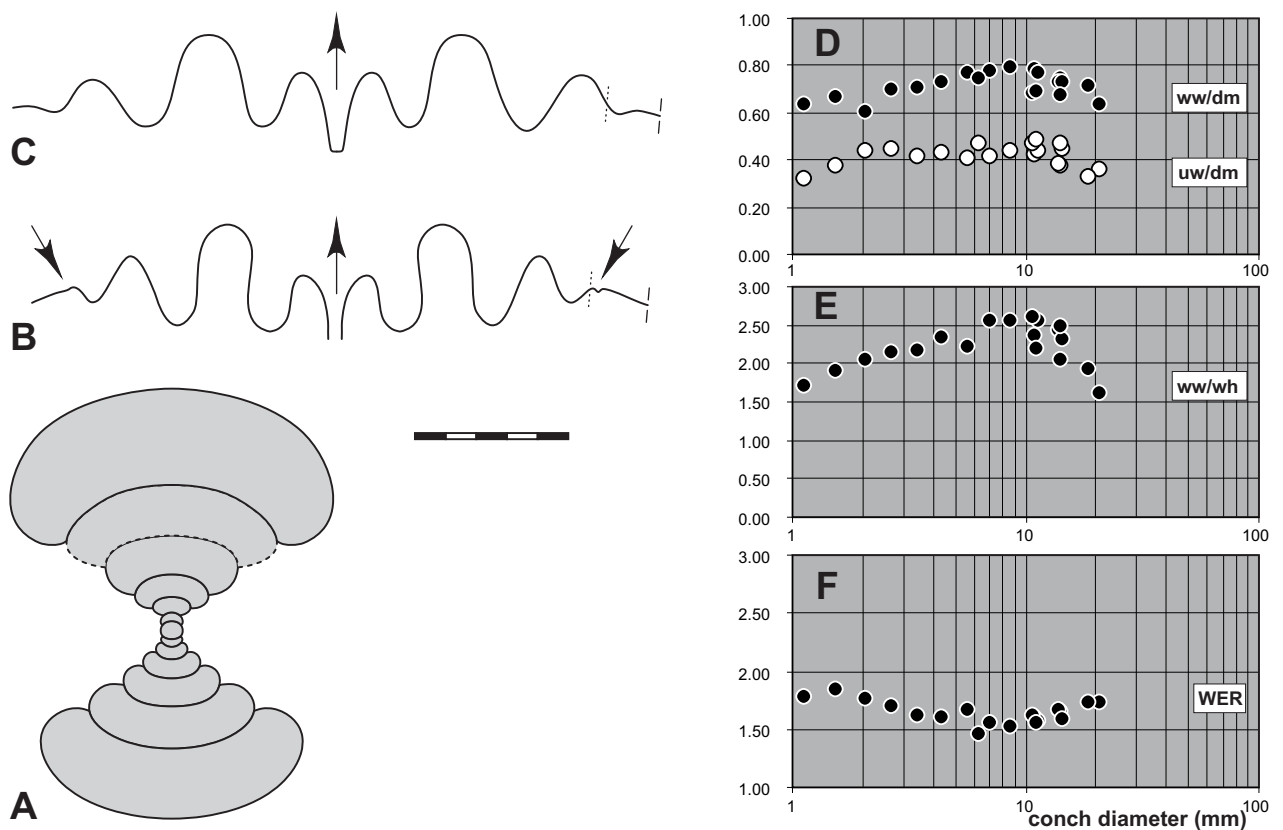


**Figure 19.** *Pharciceras lateseptatum* Frech, 1902 Morphotype I from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Cross-section of MB.C.22109.1,  $\times 3$ ; **B.** Cross-section of MB.C.22109.2,  $\times 3$ ; **C.** Septal face of MB.C.22109.3,  $\times 3$ ; **D.** Cross-section of MB.C.22109.4,  $\times 3$ ; **E.** Suture of MB.C.22109.5 at 8.6 mm wh,  $\times 3$ ; **F–H.** Ontogenetic development of  $ww/dm$ ,  $uw/dm$ ,  $ww/wh$ , and WER.





**Figure 20.** *Pharciceras lateseptatum* Frech, 1902 from Hassi Nebech; A–C. Morphotype I; A. MB.C.22109.3,  $\times 2.5$ ; B. MB.C.22109.6,  $\times 2.5$ ; C. MB.C.22109.7,  $\times 4$ ; D–G. Morphotype II; D. MB.C.22109.8,  $\times 2.5$ ; E. MB.C.22109.9,  $\times 2.5$ ; F. MB.C.22109.10,  $\times 2.5$ ; G. MB.C.22109.11,  $\times 4$ .





**Table 17.** Suture formula (Figs 19C, E, 21B, C), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Pharciceras lateseptatum* (Frech, 1902) from Hassi Nebech.(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>: U<sub>1</sub>I at 6.5 mm dm (MB.C.22109.7, Morphotype I)(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>: U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I at 12 mm dm (MB.C.22109.17, Morphotype I)(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>: U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I at 19 mm dm (MB.C.22109.3, Morphotype I)E<sub>1</sub> lobe narrow, deep, subparallel; ventrolateral saddle high, rounded; L lobe broad and large

venter of juvenile whorls flat, in adults broadly rounded

inner whorls with flank ribs; median whorls smooth or with shallow nodes, shallow ventrolateral double furrows, fading on moulds towards maturity; no internal constrictions

growth lines rectiradiate, strongly biconvex, with narrow and high projecting ventrolateral salient

**Table 18.** Comparison of typical ww/wh and uw/dm values in various Tafila *Pharciceras* species and morphotypes, with emphasis on Hassi Nebech representatives.

	ww/wh						uw/dm					
	5 mm	10 mm	15 mm	20 mm	30 mm	40 mm	5 mm	10 mm	15 mm	20 mm	30 mm	40 mm
<i>evolvens</i>	2.20	2.50	1.90	1.80– 1.90	1.50	1.40	0.56	0.60	0.58	0.54	0.50	0.47
<i>decoratum</i> n. sp.	2.00	2.30	2.00– 2.50	2.00– 2.30			0.60	0.60	0.55– 0.60	0.55		
<i>aff. tridens</i>	2.20	2.50	2.20	1.90	< 1.50		0.58	0.60	0.55	0.48	? 0.40	
<i>tridens</i>	2.30	2.50– 2.70	2.30– 2.50	2.20	1.60– 1.80	1.40	0.50	0.55– 0.60	0.50– 0.55	0.50	0.45	0.40
<i>lateseptatum</i> Morphotype I	2.30	2.10– 2.30	1.80– 2.20	1.50– 1.60	1.30	1.10– 1.20	0.50	0.43– 0.48	0.42– 0.45	0.37– 0.40	0.35– 0.37	0.27– 0.32
<i>lateseptatum</i> Morphotype II	3.20	2.40– 2.60	2.30– 2.40	1.90			0.50	0.45	0.40– 0.45	0.37	0.35– 0.37	
<i>fornix</i> n. sp.	2.20– 2.40	2.00– 2.20	1.70– 2.00	1.50	1.30		0.41	0.38– 0.41	0.31– 0.37	0.27– 0.33	0.29– 0.32	
<i>darkaouense</i>	2.01	1.80	1.60	1.55	1.30	1.15	0.40	0.41	0.39	0.38	0.37	0.35
<i>pargai</i> Morphotype I	1.65	1.78	1.50	1.40	1.10		0.42	0.42	0.36	0.33	0.31	0.28
<i>pargai</i> Morphotype II	2.00	1.70– 1.80	1.50– 1.60	1.20– 1.40	1.10– 1.20	1.00	0.40	0.38– 0.40	0.28– 0.35	0.25– 0.30	0.22– 0.26	0.22– 0.25
<i>subconstans</i> n. sp.	1.90	1.70– 1.80	1.70				0.27	0.25	0.27			

***Pharciceras fornix* n. sp.**

Figures 22, 23

*Derivation of name.* After the Latin *fornix* = rounded hall; due to the well-rounded conch.*Holotype.* MB.C.22110.1 (Figs 22H and 23B).*Material.* Ca. 50 specimens up to 35 mm conch diameter, including MB.C.22110.1–MB.C.22110.13, and paratype STIPB-Bensaïd-29 (old: GPI Bo 29), original of *Ph. cf. applanatum* in Bensaïd, 1974, pl. 3, fig. 8, here re-illustrated in Fig. 23D.**Table 19.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 22A–D, I–K) of *Pharciceras fornix* n. sp.

dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thinly pachyconic; subevolute (ww/dm ~ 0.65; uw/dm ~ 0.35)	moderately depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh ~ 1.90; IZR ~ 0.35)	moderate (WER ~ 1.80)
5 mm	thickly pachyconic; evolute (ww/dm ~ 0.75; uw/dm ~ 0.45)	strongly depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh ~ 2.30; IZR ~ 0.35)	low (WER ~ 1.60)
15 mm	thinly pachyconic; subevolute (ww/dm ~ 0.70; uw/dm ~ 0.35)	strongly depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh ~ 2.10; IZR ~ 0.35)	low (WER ~ 1.75)
30 mm	thickly discoidal; subevolute (ww/dm ~ 0.55; uw/dm ~ 0.30)	weakly depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh ~ 1.30; IZR ~ 0.40)	moderate (WER ~ 1.80)

**Table 20.** Suture formula (Figs 22C–H), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Pharciceras fornx* n. sp.(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>:U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I at 13 mm dm (MB.C.22110.12)(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>:U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I at 30 mm dm (MB.C.22110.9)

E<sub>1</sub> lobe deep, funnel-shaped; E<sub>2</sub> lobe in adults as deep as E<sub>1</sub>; ventrolateral saddle high and broadly rounded, slightly asymmetric;  
 L lobe wide, moderately deep

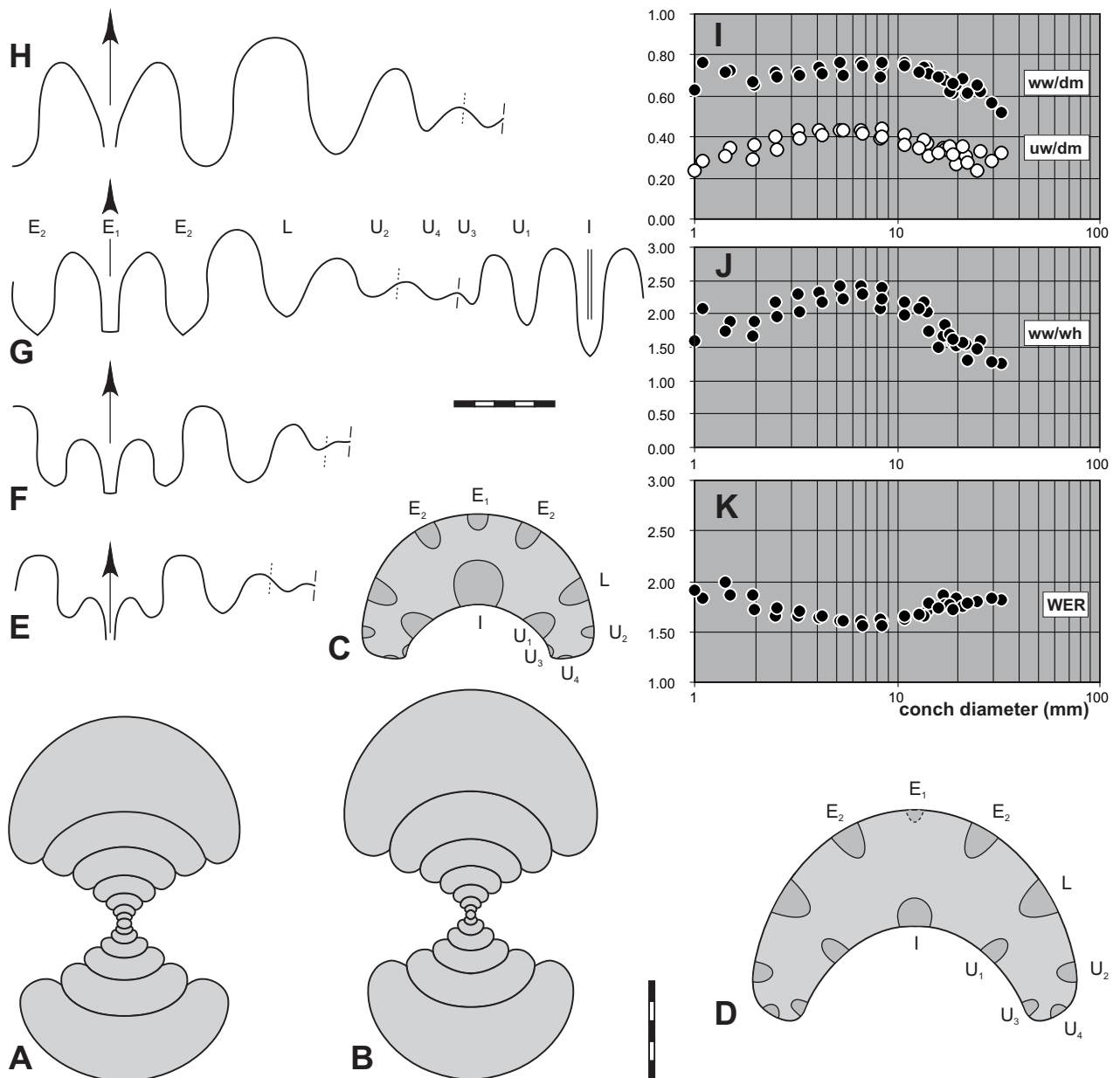
venter broadly rounded; umbilicus moderately wide

juvenile ribs; ventrolateral double furrows; no mould constrictions

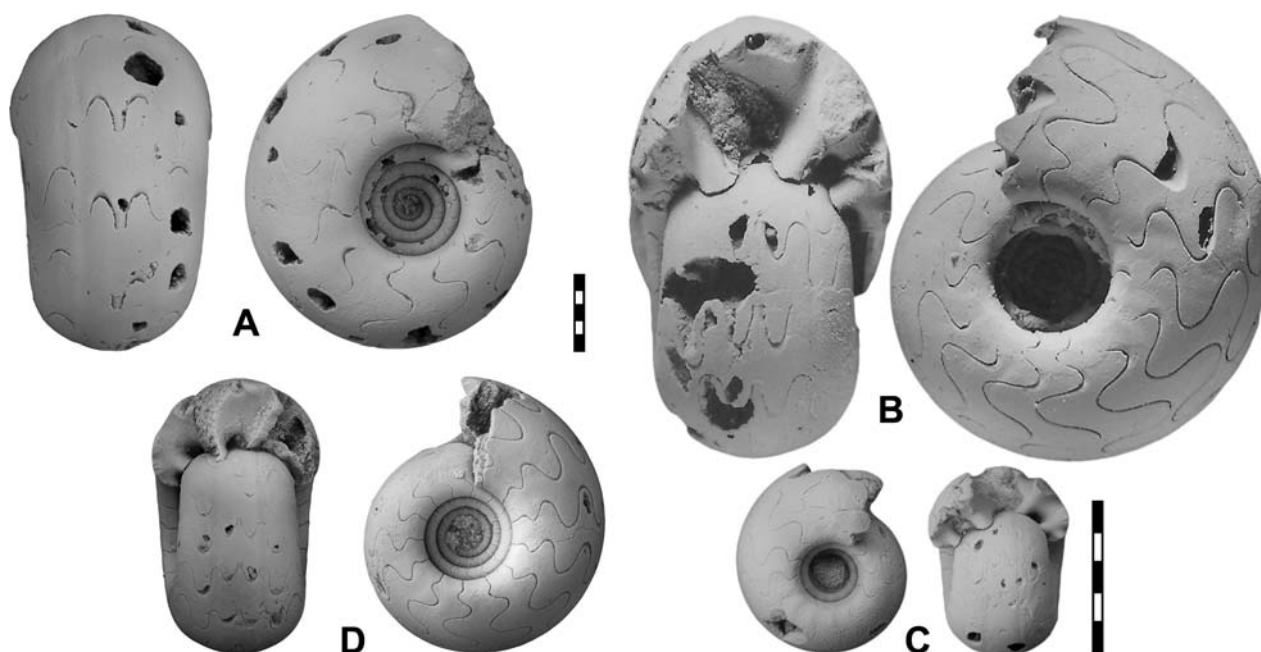
growth lines strongly biconvex, with high ventrolateral salient

*Type locality and horizon.* Hassi Nebech, Section 2, SE Tafilalt, main collecting level, probably *Taouzites taouzensis* Zone (late Givetian).

*Diagnosis.* First five whorls, until ca. 8.5 mm dm, ribbed and increasingly cadiconic, with rising whorl width (ww/dm up to 0.78, ww/wh up to 2.40) and umbilical width rates (uw/dm up to 0.40); WER values drop to 1.50–1.60; intermediate and mature stages gradually less depressed (ww/wh = 1.50 at 20 mm dm) and subevolute/subinvolute (uw/dm = 0.27 to 0.32), slightly faster expanding (WER = 1.70–1.80), smooth.



**Figure 22.** *Pharciceras fornx* n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Cross-section of paratype MB.C.22110.11,  $\times 3$ ; **B.** Cross-section of paratype MB.C.22110.2,  $\times 3$ ; **C.** Septal face of paratype MB.C.22110.3,  $\times 3$ ; **D.** Septal face of paratype MB.C.22110.4,  $\times 3$ ; **E.** Suture of paratype MB.C.22110.5 at 5.4 mm wh,  $\times 3$ ; **F.** Suture of paratype MB.C.22110.6 at 6.1 mm wh,  $\times 3$ ; **G.** Suture of paratype MB.C.22110.4 at 10.5 mm wh,  $\times 3$ ; **H.** Suture of holotype MB.C.22110.1 at 16.5 mm wh,  $\times 3$ ; **I–K.** Ontogenetic development of ww/dm, uw/dm, ww/wh, and WER.



**Figure 23.** *Pharciceras fornix* n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Paratype MB.C.22110.7,  $\times 2$ ; **B.** Holotype MB.C.22110.1,  $\times 2$ ; **C.** Paratype MB.C.22110.8,  $\times 4$ ; **D.** STIPB-Bensaïd-29 (old: GPI Bo 29), original of *Ph. cf. applanatum* of Bensaïd (1974, pl. 3, figs 8, 8a),  $\times 2$ .

Growth lines strongly biconvex, with narrow ventrolateral salient lying in spiral double furrows, which fade in intermediate stages. Mature sutures with narrow, slightly funnel-shaped  $E_1$  lobe, moderately high median saddle, deeply rounded or lanceolate  $E_2$  lobe, high  $E_2$  L saddle, pointed, divergent, moderately deep L lobe, two rounded outer U lobes separated by gradually lower, rounded saddles, small internal  $U_3$  lobe, deep and narrow  $U_1$  lobe, and very deep, narrow, lanceolate I lobe.

### *Pharciceras subconstans* n. sp.

Figures 24A, D–G, 25A, cf. 24B, C, 25B

*Derivation of name.* Due to its much more constant conch parameters throughout ontogeny than in most other *Pharciceras* species.

*Holotype.* MB.C.22111.1, which has been sectioned (Fig. 24A).

*Type locality and horizon.* Hassi Nebech, Section 2, SE Tafilalt, main collecting level, probably *Taouzites taouzensis* Zone (late Givetian).

*Material:* The holotype, paratype MB.C.22111.2, two specimens identified as cf. *subconstans* (MB.C.22112.1–MB.C.22112.2).

*Diagnosis.* First ca. 4 whorls until 10 mm dm thickly pachyconic, with nearly constant ww/dm near 0.75 and slightly falling ww/wh ratios (from ca. 2.00 to 1.60–1.70); uw/dm decreases from 0.35 to ca. 0.25; subsequently with little change of whorl width ratio and WER (1.70 to 1.80); the umbilicus re-opens slightly. Sutures until 15 mm dm with small, divergent  $E_1$  lobe, small median saddle, narrow  $E_2$  lobe, almost as deep as the  $E_1$ , high  $E_2$ L saddle, wide, deep L lobe, low dorsolateral saddle, small subumbilical  $U_2$  lobe, shallow  $U_3$  lobe just inside the umbilical seam, deep  $U_1$  and I lobe.

**Table 21.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 24A, B, E–G) of *Pharciceras subconstans* n. sp.

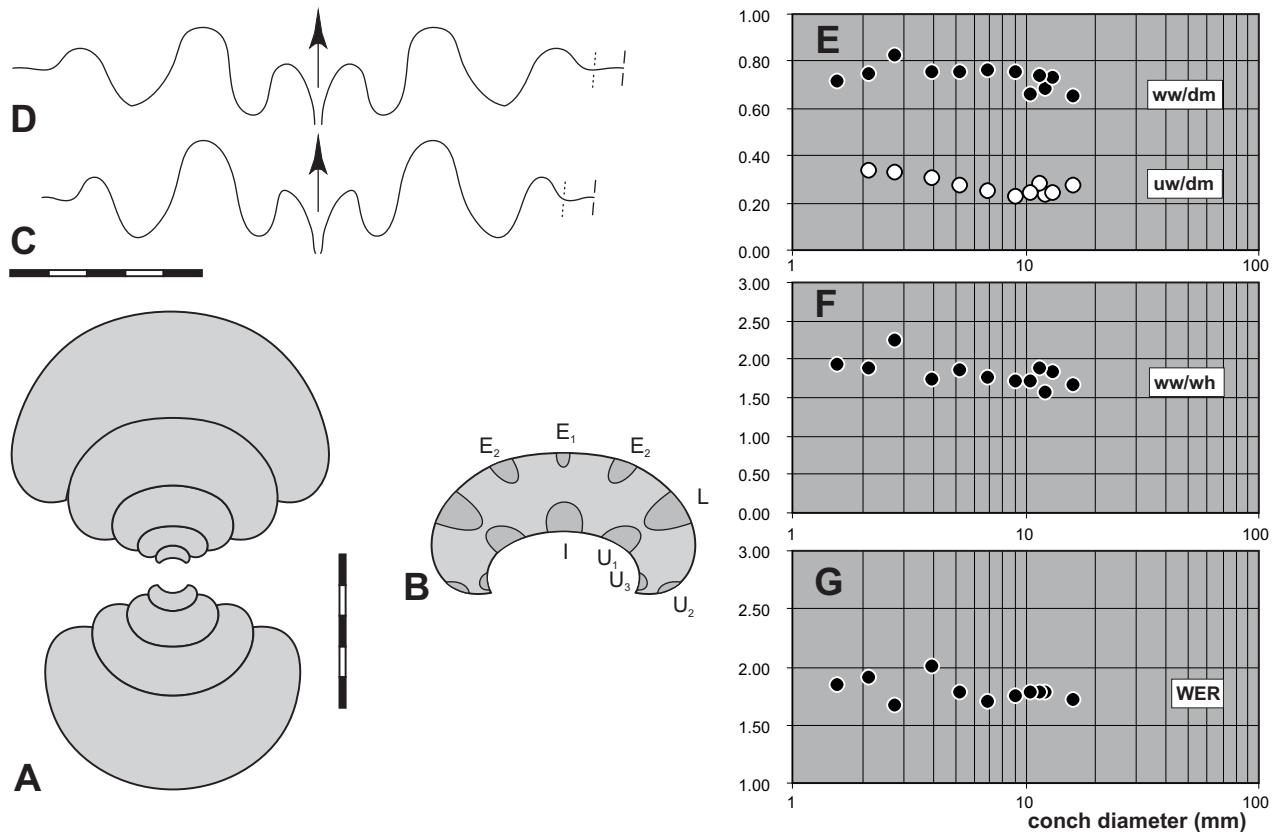
dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thickly pachyconic; subevolute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.75; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.34)	moderately depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 1.90; IZR $\sim$ 0.30)	moderate (WER $\sim$ 1.90)
5 mm	thickly pachyconic; subinvolute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.75; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.27)	moderately depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 1.80; IZR $\sim$ 0.35)	moderate (WER $\sim$ 1.80)
15 mm	thinly pachyconic; subinvolute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.70; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.27)	moderately depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh = 1.50–1.60; IZR $\sim$ 0.40)	low (WER $\sim$ 1.70)
20 mm	thinly pachyconic; subevolute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.65; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.35)	moderately depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh = 1.50–1.60; IZR $\sim$ 0.40)	moderate (WER $\sim$ 1.70)

**Table 22.** Suture formula (Figs 24B–D), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Pharciceras subconstans* n. sp.(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>:U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I at 10 mm dm (cf. MB.C.22112.1)(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>:U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I at 15 mm dm (holotype)E<sub>1</sub> lobe funnel-shaped, deep, narrow; ventrolateral saddle high, broadly rounded, symmetric; L lobe broad, slightly asymmetric

venter broadly rounded, umbilicus moderately narrow

no mould constrictions; shallow ventrolateral furrows

growth lines rectiradial, biconvex, with high ventrolateral projection

**Figure 24.** *Pharciceras subconstans* n. sp., including a cf. specimen, from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Cross-section of holotype MB.C.22111.1,  $\times 4$ ; **B.** Septal face of cf. specimen MB.C.22112.1,  $\times 4$ ; **C.** Suture of cf. specimen MB.C.22112.1 at 3.2 mm wh,  $\times 5$ ; **D.** Suture of paratype MB.C.22111.2 at 4.1 mm wh,  $\times 5$ ; **E–G.** Ontogenetic development of ww/dm, uw/dm, ww/wh, and WER of the holotype and paratype.***Pharciceras involutum* n. sp.**

Figures 25C, 26

*Derivation of name.* Due to the involute conch.*Holotype.* MB.C.22113 (Figs 25C, 26A, B).*Material.* Only the holotype, which was cast before sectioning.*Type locality and horizon.* Hassi Nebech, Section 2, SE Tafilalt, nodular level in the upper part of Bed 11, probably *Taouzites taouzensis* Zone (late Givetian).**Table 23.** Conch ontogeny (Fig. 26A) of *Pharciceras involutum* n. sp.

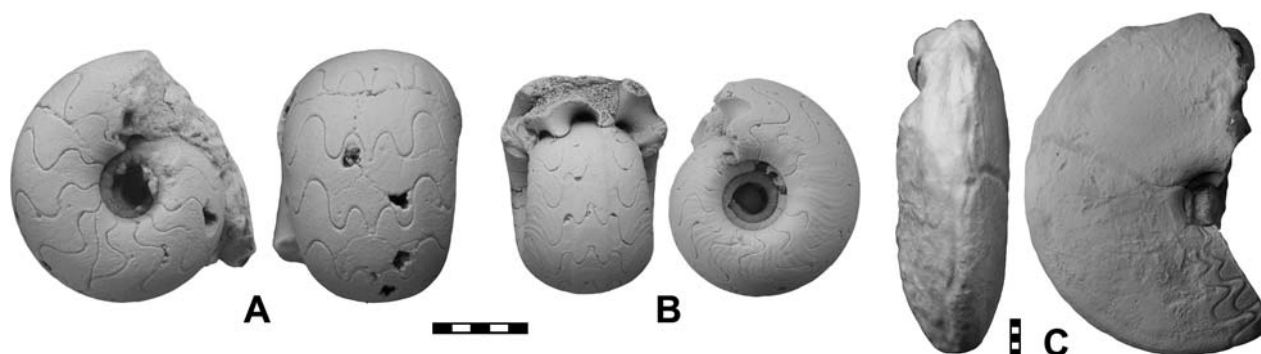
dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
20 mm	thinly discoidal; involute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.42)	weakly compressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 0.90; IZR $\sim$ 0.35)	high (WER $\sim$ 2.10)
30 mm	thinly discoidal; involute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.38; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.15)	weakly compressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 0.75; IR $\sim$ 0.40)	high (WER $\sim$ 2.05)
44 mm	extremely discoidal; involute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.33; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.15)	weakly compressed; very strongly embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 0.70; IZR $\sim$ 0.45)	moderate (WER $\sim$ 1.90)

**Table 24.** Suture formula (Fig. 26B), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Pharciceras involutum* n. sp.(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub> : probably U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I at 32 mm dmE<sub>1</sub> lobe deep, narrow, funnel-shaped; wide median saddle, narrow E<sub>2</sub> lobe, short L lobe narrow

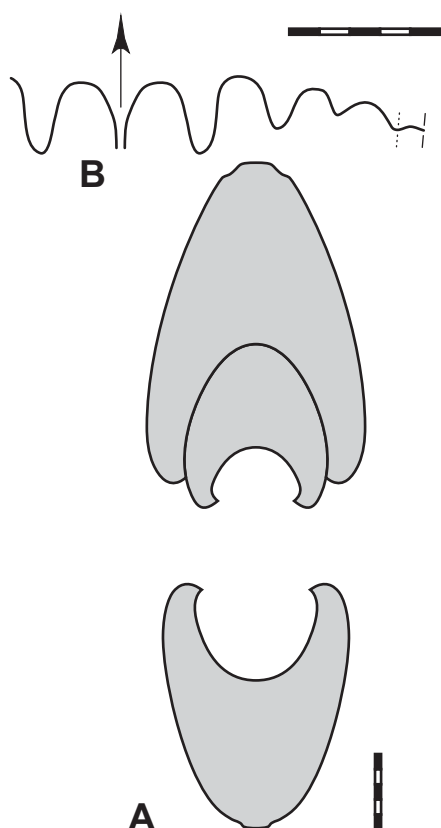
venter narrowly rounded, involute

strong ventrolateral furrows; no ribs; a single internal constriction

growth lines not visible

**Figure 25.** **A.** *Pharciceras subconstans* n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; paratype MB.C.22111.2,  $\times 2.5$ ; **B.** *Pharciceras* cf. *subconstans* n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; MB.C.22112.1,  $\times 2.5$ ; **C.** *Pharciceras involutum* n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; Holotype MB.C.22113,  $\times 1$ .

**Diagnosis.** Mature conch compressed ( $ww/dm = ca. 0.33$ ), involute ( $uw/dm = ca. 0.15$ ), with gently rounded flanks and venter, separated by a marked ventrolateral edge and a deep, narrow spiral furrow. Mature suture with narrow, funnel-shaped E<sub>1</sub> lobe, prominent, relatively wide median saddle, narrow, tongue-shaped E<sub>2</sub> lobe, slightly deeper than the E<sub>1</sub>, moderately wide, high, slightly asymmetric ventrolateral saddle, distinctively short, narrow L lobe, and two small, wide outer U lobes separated by a wide and low saddle.

**Figure 26.** *Pharciceras involutum* n. sp. from Hassi Nebech, holotype MB.C.22113; **A.** Cross-section,  $\times 2$ ; **B.** Suture at 16.5 mm wh,  $\times 4$ .

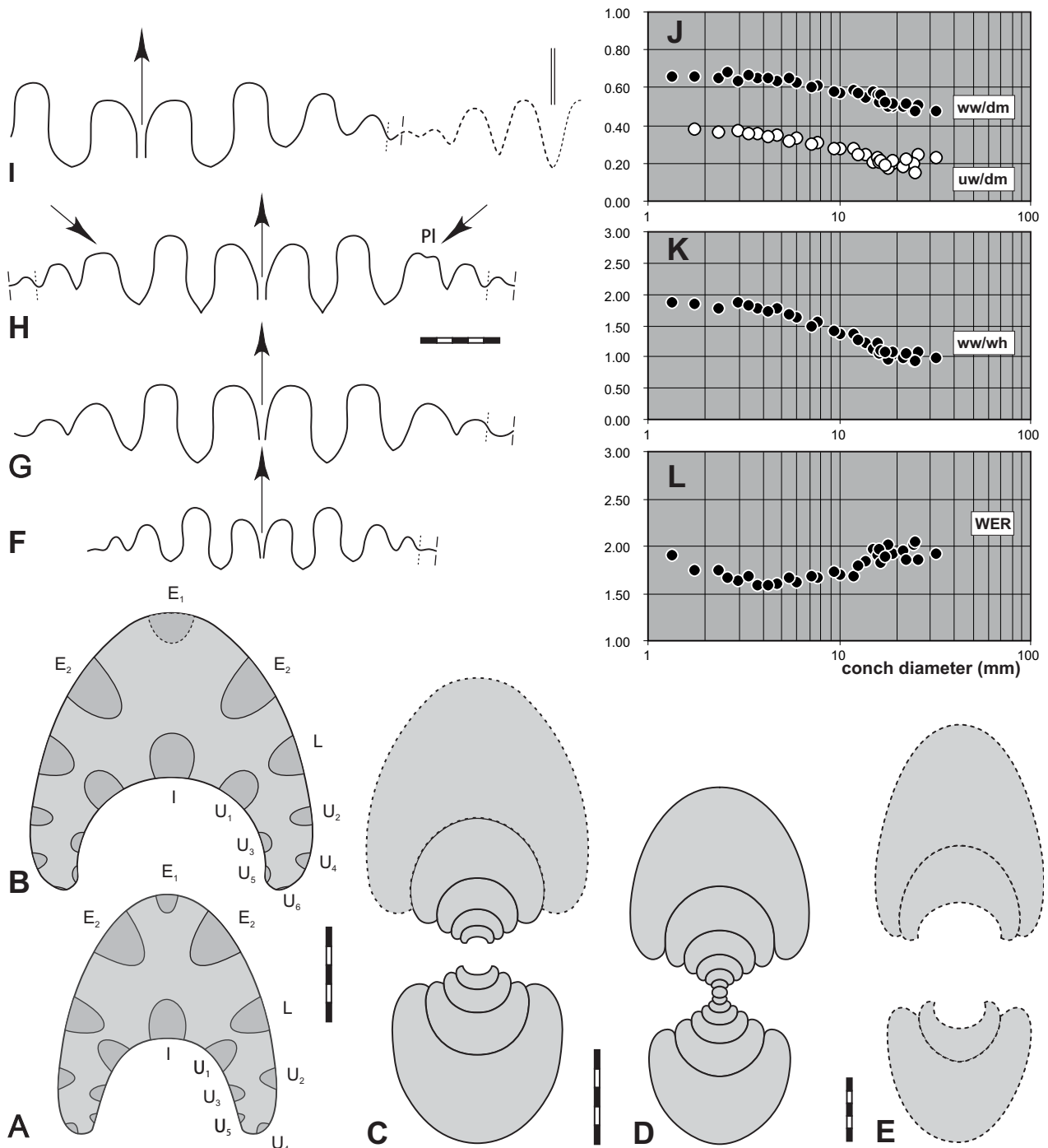
### ***Extropharciceras* Bockwinkel, Becker & Ebbighausen, 2009**

**Type species.** *Extropharciceras conex* Bockwinkel et al., 2009.

For a detailed discussion of the genus see Bockwinkel et al. (2009).

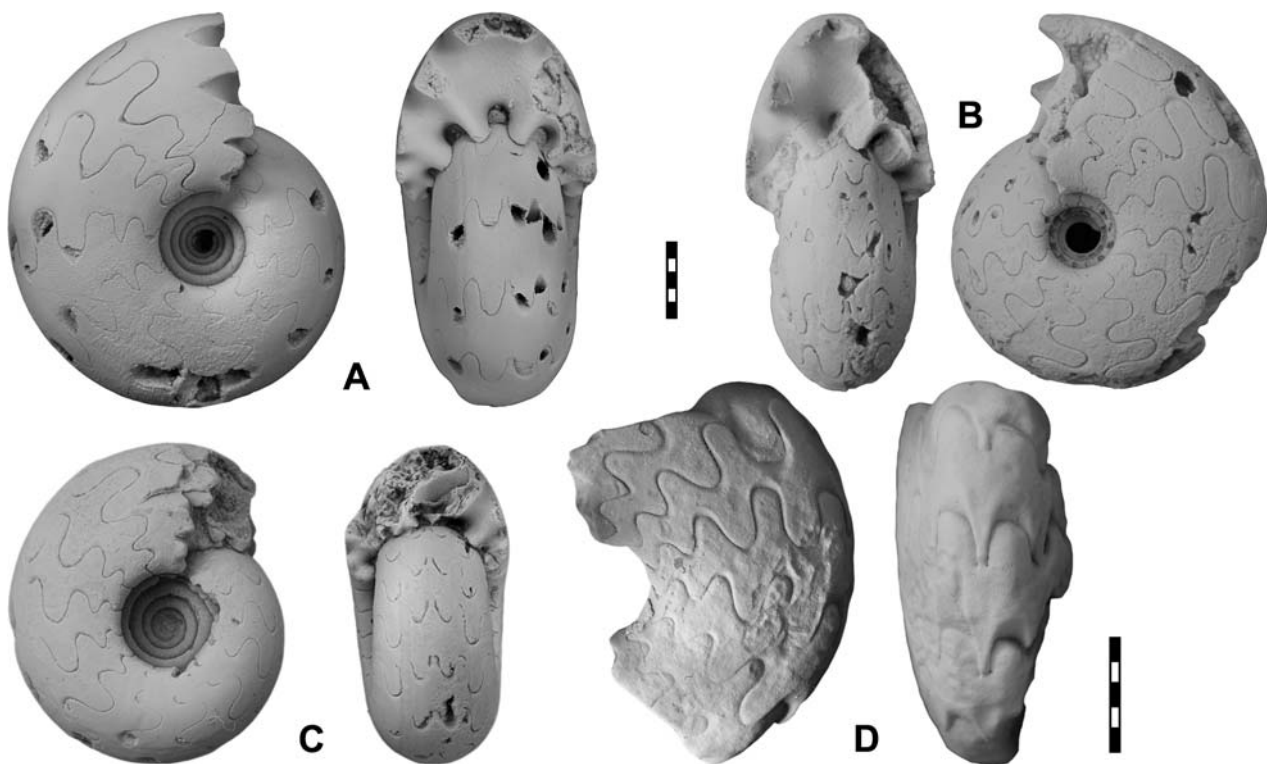
***Extropharciceras arenicum* (Petter, 1959)**

Figures 27A–D, F–H, J–L, 28A–C, cf. 27E, I, 28D

*Lectotype.* The original specimen figured by Petter (1959, pl. 9, figs 3, 3a), selected by Bockwinkel et al. (2009).*Material.* More than 30 specimens up to 35 mm conch diameter, including MB.C.22114.1–MB.C.22114.13, and four specimens identified as cf. *arenicum* (MB.C.22115.1–MB.C.22115.2 and MB.C.22139.1–MB.C.22139.2).*Diagnosis* (emend.). Medium-sized; first two whorls until 4 mm dm thinly pachyconic, with nearly constant whorl ( $ww/dm = ca. 0.65$ ) and umbilical width ( $uw/dm = 0.35–0.38$ ) and falling WER ratios (down to 1.60); intermediate stages (3rd to 6th whorl) until ca. 20 mm dm gradually weakly depressed and subinvolute ( $uw/dm$  rates down to ca. 0.20) with rapidly rising WER up to 2.00; mature whorls slightly com-

**Figure 27.** *Extropharciceras arenicum* (Petter, 1959) from Hassi Nebech, including calcareous cf. specimens; **A.** Septal face of MB.C.22114.1,  $\times 3$ ; **B.** Septal face of MB.C.22114.2,  $\times 3$ ; **C.** Cross-section of MB.C.22114.3,  $\times 3$ ; **D.** Cross-section of MB.C.22114.4,  $\times 4$ ; **E.** Reconstructed cross-section of cf. specimen MB.C.22139.2,  $\times 2$ ; **F.** Suture of MB.C.22114.5 at 7.5 mm wh,  $\times 2.5$ ; **G.** Suture of MB.C.22114.1 at 12 mm wh,  $\times 2.5$ ; **H.** Suture of MB.C.22114.6 at 12.3 mm wh,  $\times 2.5$ ; **I.** Suture of cf. specimen MB.C.22139.1 (partly reconstructed) at 8.5 mm wh,  $\times 2.5$ ; **J–L.** Ontogenetic development of  $ww/dm$ ,  $uw/dm$ ,  $ww/wh$ , and WER.





**Figure 28.** *Extropharciceras arenicum* (Petter, 1959), including a cf. specimen, from Hassi Nebech; **A.** MB.C.22114.6,  $\times 2$  (with well developed plurilobes); **B.** MB.C.22114.1,  $\times 2$ ; **C.** MB.C.22114.7,  $\times 3$ ; **D.** cf. specimen MB.C.22139.1,  $\times 2$ .

pressed (ww/wh down to 0.80) with gently rounded flanks converging to a well-rounded venter; WER, ww/wh and uw/dm values stagnate. Growth lines strongly biconvex, with high ventrolateral salient lying only in slightly ribbed early stages in weak spiral furrows. Mature sutures with moderately short, divergent  $E_1$  lobe, high and narrow median saddle, deep, lanceolate  $E_2$  lobe, very high, narrow  $E_2L$  saddle, diverging to lanceolate L lobe, not as deep as the  $E_2$ , moderately high and wide dorsolateral saddle, asymmetrically pointed  $U_2$  lobe, two descending saddles between the small rounded, U lobes, three rounded internal U lobes, and deep, pointed I lobe. Suture formula:  $(E_2E_1E_2) LU_2U_4U_6 : U_5U_3U_1I$ .

**Table 25.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 27A–D, J–L) of *Extropharciceras arenicum* (Petter, 1959) from Hassi Nebech.

dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thinly pachyconic; subevolute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.65; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.35)	moderately depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 1.80; IZR $\sim$ 0.33)	moderate (WER $\sim$ 1.75)
8 mm	thinly pachyconic; subevolute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.60; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.30)	moderately depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 1.50; IZR $\sim$ 0.43)	low (WER $\sim$ 1.70)
20 mm	thickly discoidal; subinvolute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.50; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.20)	weakly depressed; very strongly embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 1.00; IZR $\sim$ 0.45)	moderate (WER $\sim$ 2.00)
35 mm	thinly discoidal; subinvolute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.40; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.20)	weakly compressed; very strongly embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 0.80; IZR $\sim$ 0.45)	moderate (WER $\sim$ 2.00)

**Table 26.** Suture formula (Figs 27A, B, F–H), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Extropharciceras arenicum* from Hassi Nebech.

$(E_2E_1E_2) LU_2U_4 : U_3U_1I$  at ca. 10 mm dm (MB.C.22114.10)

$(E_2E_1E_2) LU_2U_4 : U_5U_3U_1I$  at ca. 16 mm dm (MB.C.22114.10)

$(E_2E_1E_2) LU_2U_4U_6 : U_5U_3U_1I$  at ca. 25–30 mm dm (MB.C.22114.6, MB.C.22114.2)

$E_1$  lobe narrow, deep, funnel-shaped; sometimes asymmetrical plurilobation of the dorsolateral saddle (MB.C.22114.4);  $U_2$  lobe partly hook-shaped;  $U_4$  lobe small, rounded

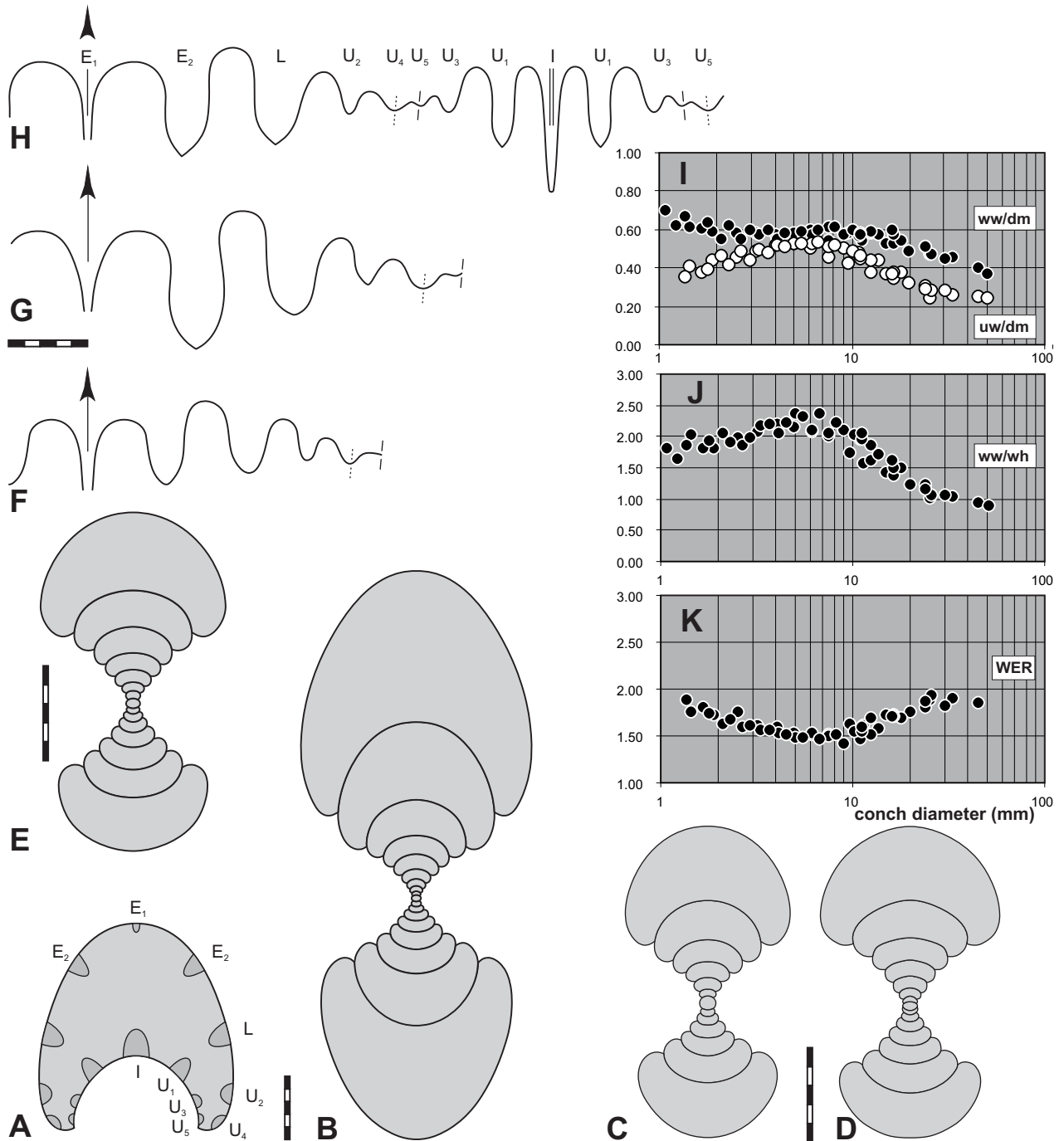
venter rounded, umbilicus moderately narrow

early stages with weak ventrolateral furrows or double furrows, weak or absent ribs, no mould constrictions

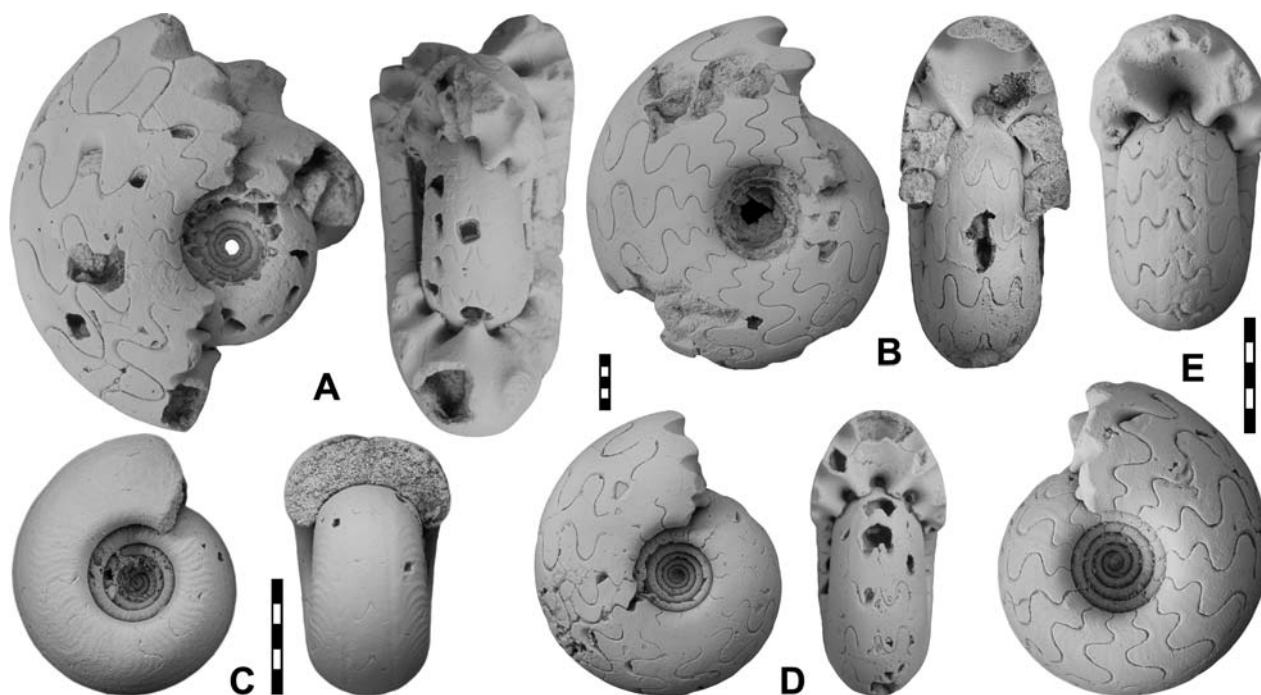
growth lines strongly biconvex, with high ventrolateral projection

***Extropharciceras applanatum* Bensaïd, 1974**

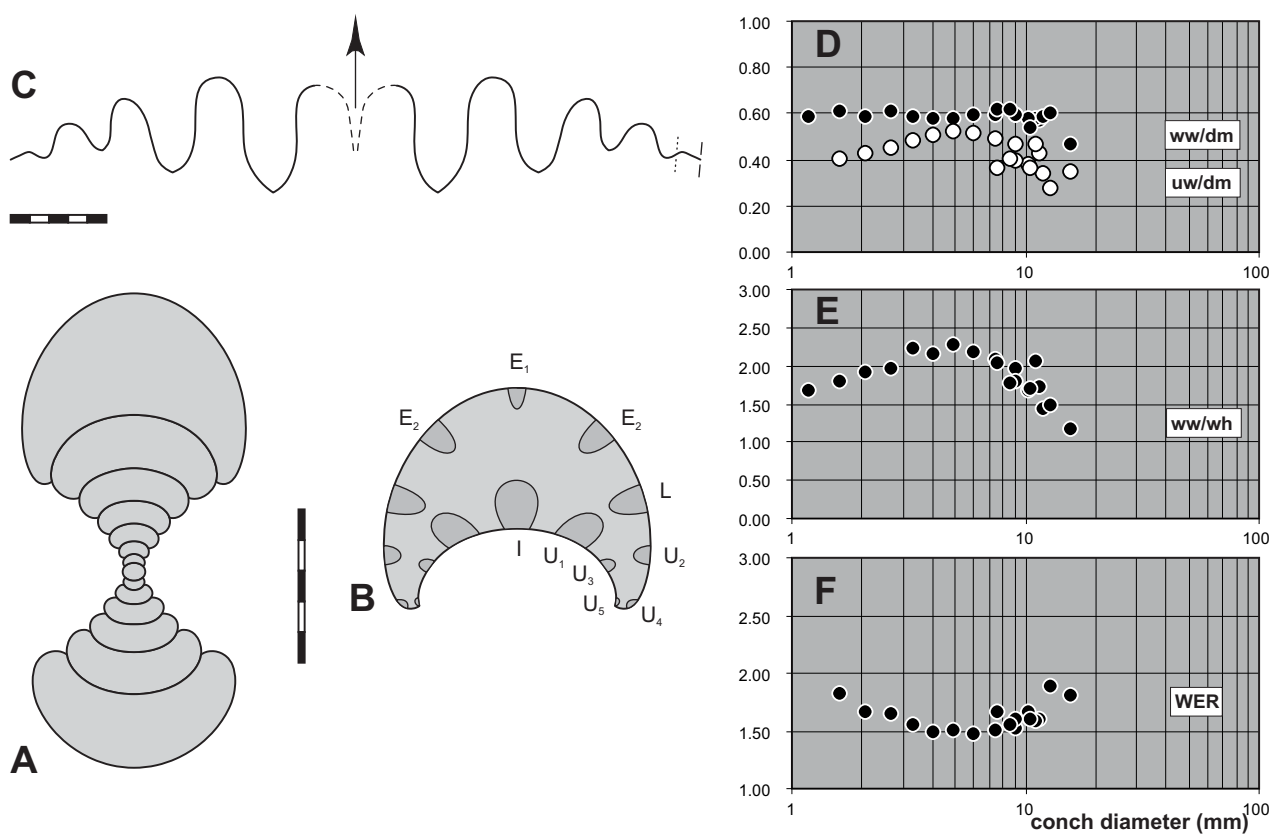
Figures 29–31

*Holotype*. STIPB-Bensaïd-36 (old: GPI Bo 36), original figured by Bensaïd (1974, pl. 4, figs 7, 7a), re-figured in Figure 30A.*Type locality and horizon*. Hassi Nebech, Section 2, SE Tafilalt, main collecting level, probably *Taouzites taouzensis* Zone (late Givetian).*Material*. The holotype, paratype STIPB-Bensaïd-39 (old: GPI Bo 39), ca. 90 topotypes up to 50 mm conch diameter, including MB.C.22116.1–MB.C.22116.14, and five specimens identified as cf. *applanatum* (MB.C.22117.1–MB.C.22117.5).*Diagnosis* (emend). Intermediate-sized, with triphasic post-embryonic conch ontogeny; first two whorls widely umbilicate with increasing umbilical and decreasing whorl widths rate; between 2 and 7 mm dm, with nearly constant ww/dm around 0.6 but increasingly depressed (ww/wh values up to 2.20–2.40), evolute (uw/dm up to 0.55) and slowly expanding (WER down to 1.50); intermediate whorls until ca.

**Figure 29.** *Extropharciceras applanatum* (Bensaïd, 1974) Morphotype I (topotypes) from Hassi Nebech; **A**. Septal face of MB.C.22116.1,  $\times 2$ ; **B–E**. Cross-sections; **B**. MB.C.22116.2,  $\times 2$ ; **C**. MB.C.22116.3,  $\times 3$ ; **D**. MB.C.22116.4,  $\times 3$ ; **E**. MB.C.22116.2, inner whorls,  $\times 3$ ; **F–H**. Sutures. all  $\times 2.5$ ; **F**. MB.C.22116.5 at 13.5 mm wh; **G**. MB.C.22116.2 at 19 mm wh; **H**. MB.C.22116.1 at 16.1 mm wh; **I–K**. Ontogenetic development of ww/dm, uw/dm, ww/wh, and WER.



**Figure 30.** *Extropharciceras applanatum* (Bensaïd, 1974) Morphotype I from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Holotype STIPB-Bensaïd-36 (old: GPI Bo 36),  $\times 1.5$ ; **B.** Topotype MB.C.22116.5,  $\times 1.5$ ; **C.** Topotype MB.C.22116.6,  $\times 3$  (relatively involute juvenile specimen); **D.** Topotype MB.C.22116.7,  $\times 1.5$ ; **E.** Topotype MB.C.22116.8,  $\times 3$ .



**Figure 31.** *Extropharciceras applanatum* (Bensaïd, 1974) Morphotype II and a cf. specimen from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Cross-section of MB.C.22116.14,  $\times 4$ ; **B.** Septal face of relatively involute cf. specimen MB.C.22117.1,  $\times 4$ ; **C.** Suture of MB.C.22116.15 at ca. 14 mm wh,  $\times 2.5$ ; **D–F.** Ontogenetic development of ww/dm, uw/dm, ww/wh, and WER of all available specimens of Morphotype II.

**Table 27.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 29A–E, I–K) of *Extropharciceras applanatum* (Bensaïd, 1974) morphotype I

dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thickly discoidal; subevolute (ww/dm = 0.50–0.60; uw/dm ~ 0.45)	moderately depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh = 1.90–2.00; IZR ~ 0.25)	low (WER ~ 1.70)
5 mm	thickly discoidal; evolute (ww/dm = 0.50–0.60; uw/dm = 0.50–0.55)	strongly depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh = 2.20–2.40; IZR = 0.25–0.30)	low (WER ~ 1.50)
10 mm	thickly discoidal; subevolute to evolute (ww/dm = 0.50–0.60; uw/dm = 0.40–0.50)	moderately depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh = 1.70–2.00; IZR = 0.30–0.40)	low (WER = 1.50–1.60)
25 mm	thinly discoidal; subinvolute (ww/dm = 0.45–0.50; uw/dm ~ 0.25)	weakly depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh = 1.00–1.20; IZR = 0.35–0.40)	moderate (WER = 1.80–1.95)
45 mm	thinly discoidal; subinvolute (ww/dm ~ 0.40 uw/dm ~ 0.25)	weakly compressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh ~ 0.90; IZR = 0.35–0.40)	moderate (WER ~ 1.85)

**Table 28.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 31A, B, D–F) of *Extropharciceras applanatum* (Bensaïd, 1974) morphotype II

dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thickly discoidal; subevolute (ww/dm ~ 0.60; uw/dm ~ 0.43)	moderately depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh ~ 1.90; IZR ~ 0.35)	low (WER ~ 1.65)
5 mm	thickly discoidal; evolute (ww/dm ~ 0.60; uw/dm ~ 0.52)	strongly depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh ~ 2.25; IZR ~ 0.30 )	low (WER ~ 1.50)
10 mm	thickly discoidal; subevolute to evolute (ww/dm ~ 0.60; uw/dm ~ 0.45)	moderately depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh ~ 1.75; IZR ~ 0.36)	low (WER ~ 1.60)
15 mm	thickly discoidal; subevolute (ww/dm ~ 0.50; uw/dm ~ 0.35)	weakly depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh ~ 1.20; IZR ~ 0.36)	moderate (WER ~ 1.80)

**Table 29.** Suture formula (Figs 29A, F–H, 31B, C), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Extropharciceras applanatum* (Bensaïd, 1974)

(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub> : U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I at 12 mm dm (MB.C.22116.12)

(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub> : U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I at ca 40 mm dm (MB.C.22116.1)

(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub> : U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I at ca 50 mm dm (MB.C.22116.9)

E<sub>1</sub> lobe narrow, subparallel; median saddle broadly rounded; ventrolateral saddle high, narrow, rounded, symmetric; L lobe moderately wide, lanceolate; U<sub>2</sub> lobe small, often hook-shaped

venter narrowly rounded; conch subinvolute in adults

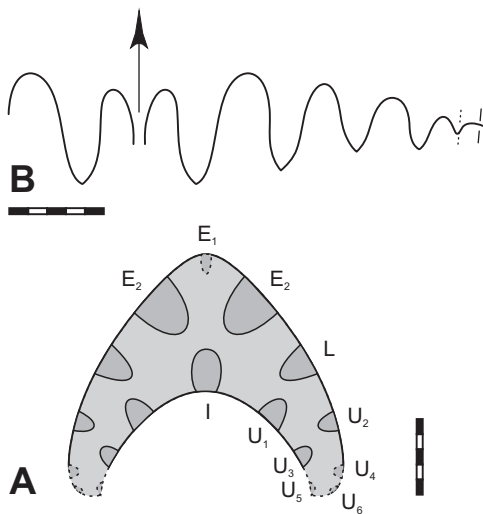
juvenile ribs; sometimes weak double furrows in small specimens; no mould constrictions

growth lines strongly biconvex, with prominent ventrolateral projection

30 mm dm gradually or abruptly less depressed and subinvolute (mature uw/dm ~ 0.25), with sharply rising WER to values slightly below 2.00; adult whorls just compressed (ww/wh ca. 0.90), with rounded to slightly flattened venter, constant uw/dm and WER values. Post-embryonic whorls until 12 mm dm with delicate, dense, falcate, subumbilical ribbing; growth lines strongly biconvex, with narrow and high ventrolateral furrows sitting in weak double furrows that disappear in median stages. Sutures from 30–35 mm dm with narrow, moderately deep, funnel-shaped E<sub>1</sub> lobe, relatively wide, high median saddle, deep, lanceolate E<sub>2</sub> lobe, high, very narrow ventrolateral saddle, deeply rounded to lanceolate L lobe, not as deep as the E<sub>2</sub>, descending height of saddles adjacent to the small, pointed U<sub>2</sub> lobe, rounded U<sub>4</sub> lobe, and very shallow U<sub>6</sub> lobe; internal U<sub>5</sub> and U<sub>3</sub> lobes small, U<sub>1</sub> lobe narrow and lanceolate, I lobe very deep and narrow. Suture formula: (E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub> : U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I.

***Extropharciceras* n. sp. 2****Figure 32**

*Material.* Only MB.C.22118.



**Figure 32.** *Extropharciceras* n. sp. 2 from Hassi Nebech, MB.C.22118; **A.** Partly reconstructed septal face,  $\times 2$ ; **B.** Suture at ca. 13 mm wh,  $\times 2.5$ .

***Lunupharciceras* Korn & Klug, 2002**

*Type species.* *Goniatis lunulicosta* Sandberger & Sandberger, 1850.

***Lunupharciceras incisum* n. sp.****Figures 33, 34**

*Derivation of name.* After the narrow, deeply incised flank lobes.

*Holotype.* MB.C.22119.1 (Figs 33A and 34C), which is fully septate and shows the characteristic inner and outer sutures and conch shape.

*Type locality and horizon.* Hassi Nebech, Section 2, SE Tafilalt, Bed 11a and main collecting interval, probably *Taouzites taouzensis* Zone (late Givetian).

*Material.* Ten specimens up to ca. 25 mm conch diameter, including MB.C.22119.1–MB.C.22119.9.

*Diagnosis.* Slightly depressed and evolute conch shape relatively uniform throughout post-embryonic ontogeny; umbilical width near 50 % dm, with slightly and gradually falling relative whorl width (ww/dm from ca. 0.40 at 5 mm dm down to ca. 0.35 at 20 mm dm, ww/wh from ca. 1.40 down to 1.10 at same sizes); WER expanding slowly (from 1.80 down to 1.60); mature stages unknown. No ribbing or ventrolateral spiral furrows; growth ornament unknown. Sutures from ca. 16 mm dm with shortened, narrow divergent  $E_1$  lobe, moderately high median saddle, very deep, narrow, lanceolate  $E_2$  lobe, high and narrow, constricted ventrolateral and dorsolateral saddles, deep, narrow, lanceolate L lobe, ascending three outer U lobes, the first two narrow and lanceolate, the third asymmetrical, subacute, a low saddle at the umbilical seam, a small internal U lobe, a deep, lanceolate  $U_1$  lobe, and a very deep, pointed I lobe. Suture formula  $(E_2E_1E_2) LU_2U_3U_4 : U_5U_1I$  or  $(E_2E_1E_2) LU_2U_3U_{4e} : U_{4i}U_1I$ .

**Table 30.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 33A–D, J–L) of *Lunupharciceras incisum* n. sp.

dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thinly discoidal; subevolute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.45; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.40)	weakly depressed; weakly embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 1.30; IZR $\sim$ 0.15)	moderate (WER $\sim$ 1.95)
8 mm	thinly discoidal; evolute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.40; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.50)	weakly depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 1.40; IZR $\sim$ 0.20)	low (WER $\sim$ 1.70)
18 mm	thinly discoidal; evolute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.35; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.50)	weakly depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh = 1.15–1.30; IZR $\sim$ 0.25)	low (WER $\sim$ 1.65)

**Table 31.** Suture formula (Figs 33A, E–I), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Lunupharciceras incisum* n. sp.

$(E_2E_1E_2) L U_2U_3 : U_4 : U_1I$  at 10 mm dm (MB.C.22119.5)

$(E_2E_1E_2) LU_2U_3U_{4e} : U_{4i}U_1I$  at 15, 18, 24 mm dm (MB.C.22119.1, MB.C.22119.5, MB.C.22119.6)

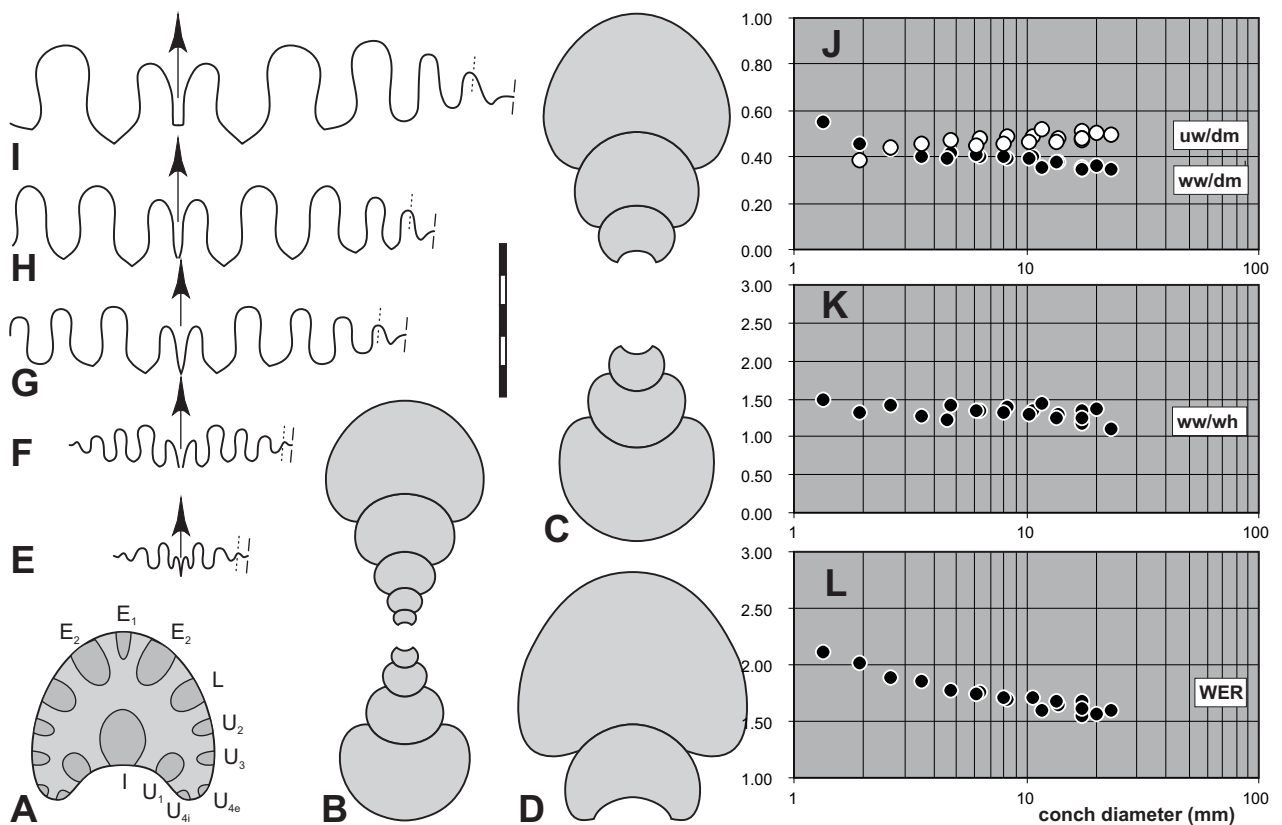
internally/externally asymmetrical development of the U lobes from  $U_3$ ; lateral saddles similarly shaped and narrow

venter broadly rounded, umbilical wall deep

no ribs of early stages; no ventrolateral furrows; no mould constrictions

growth lines not visible





**Figure 33.** *Lunupharciceras incisum* n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Septal face of holotype MB.C.22119.1,  $\times 4$ ; **B–D.** Cross-sections, all  $\times 4$ ; **B.** Paratype MB.C.22119.2; **C.** Paratype MB.C.22119.3; **D.** Paratype MB.C.22119.4; **E–I.** Sutures, all  $\times 4$ ; **E.** Paratype MB.C.22119.5 at 1.9 mm wh; **F.** Paratype MB.C.22119.5 at 2.7 mm wh; **G.** Paratype MB.C.22119.5 at 5.2 mm wh; **H.** Paratype MB.C.22119.4 at 6.5 mm wh; **I.** Paratype MB.C.22119.6 at 7.3 mm wh; **J–L.** Ontogenetic development of ww/dm, uw/dm, ww/wh, and WER of all available specimens.



**Figure 34.** *Lunupharciceras incisum* n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Paratype MB.C.22119.5; **B.** Paratype MB.C.22119.7; **C.** Holotype MB.C.22119.1; all  $\times 2.5$ .

### *Lunupharciceras lunulicosta* (Sandberger & Sandberger, 1850)

Figures 35, 36

**Lectotype.** The original of Sandberger & Sandberger (1849, pl. 3, fig. 14a) designated and re-illustrated in House & Ziegler (1977), part of No. 27 of the Sandberger Collection in the Landesmuseum Wiesbaden.

**Type locality and horizon.** Oberscheld, Lahn-Dill area, southern Rhenish Massif; Red Ironstone Formation, late Givetian, precise level unknown.

**Material.** Five incomplete or poorly preserved specimens encrusted by goethite from Hassi Nebech (MB.C.22120.1–MB.C.22120.5) and a topotype from Oberscheld, originally from the collection at Münster (MB.C.22121).

**Diagnosis (emend.).** Post-embryonic whorls up to ca. 9 mm dm smooth, increasingly subevolute (uw/dm up to 0.48), depressed, with decreasing relative whorl width (ww/dm falling from ca. 0.50 to 0.30) and slightly decreasing ww/wh values while WER values fluctuate; intermediate to mature stages increasingly subinvolute (uw/dm down to ca. 0.30 > 50 mm dm), with at first weakly depressed and finally compressed, moder-



ately expanding whorls ( $WER > 1.90$ ) with flattened flanks, ventrolateral furrows and flattened venter. Growth ornament strongly biconvex with high and narrow ventrolateral projection adjacent to the ventral margins. Mature sutures with divergent, shortened  $E_1$  lobe, moderately high median saddle, very deep, lanceolate  $E_2$  lobe, very high, narrow, constricted  $E_2L$  saddle, three descending, narrow, constricted flank saddles separating narrow, ascending, lanceolate  $L$  and  $U$  lobes, an asymmetrically pointed, small  $U_4$  lobe, a small saddle at the umbilical seam, a small internal  $U_{4i}$  and a deep, lanceolate  $U_1$  lobe, and a narrow, very deep  $I$  lobe. Suture formula:  $(E_2E_1E_2) LU_2U_3U_{4e}:U_{4i}U_1I$

**Table 32.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 35A–E, G–I) of *Lunupharciceras lunulicosta* (Sandberger & Sandberger, 1850) from Hassi Nebech.

dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thickly discoidal; subevolute	moderately depressed; weakly embracing	moderate
8 mm	thinly discoidal; subevolute ( $ww/dm \sim 0.40$ ; $uw/dm \sim 0.45$ )	weakly depressed; moderately embracing ( $ww/wh \sim 1.30$ ; $IZR = 0.20\text{--}0.25$ )	low ( $WER \sim 1.70$ )
15 mm	thinly discoidal; subevolute ( $ww/dm \sim 0.35$ ; $uw/dm \sim 0.45$ )	weakly depressed; moderately embracing ( $ww/wh \sim 1.15$ ; $IZR = 0.25\text{--}0.30$ )	moderate ( $WER \sim 1.80$ )

**Table 33.** Suture formula (Figs 35B, F), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Lunupharciceras lunulicosta* (Sandberger & Sandberger, 1850) from Hassi Nebech.

$(E_2E_1E_2) LU_2U_3:U_4:U_1I$  at 15 mm dm (MB.C.22120.1)

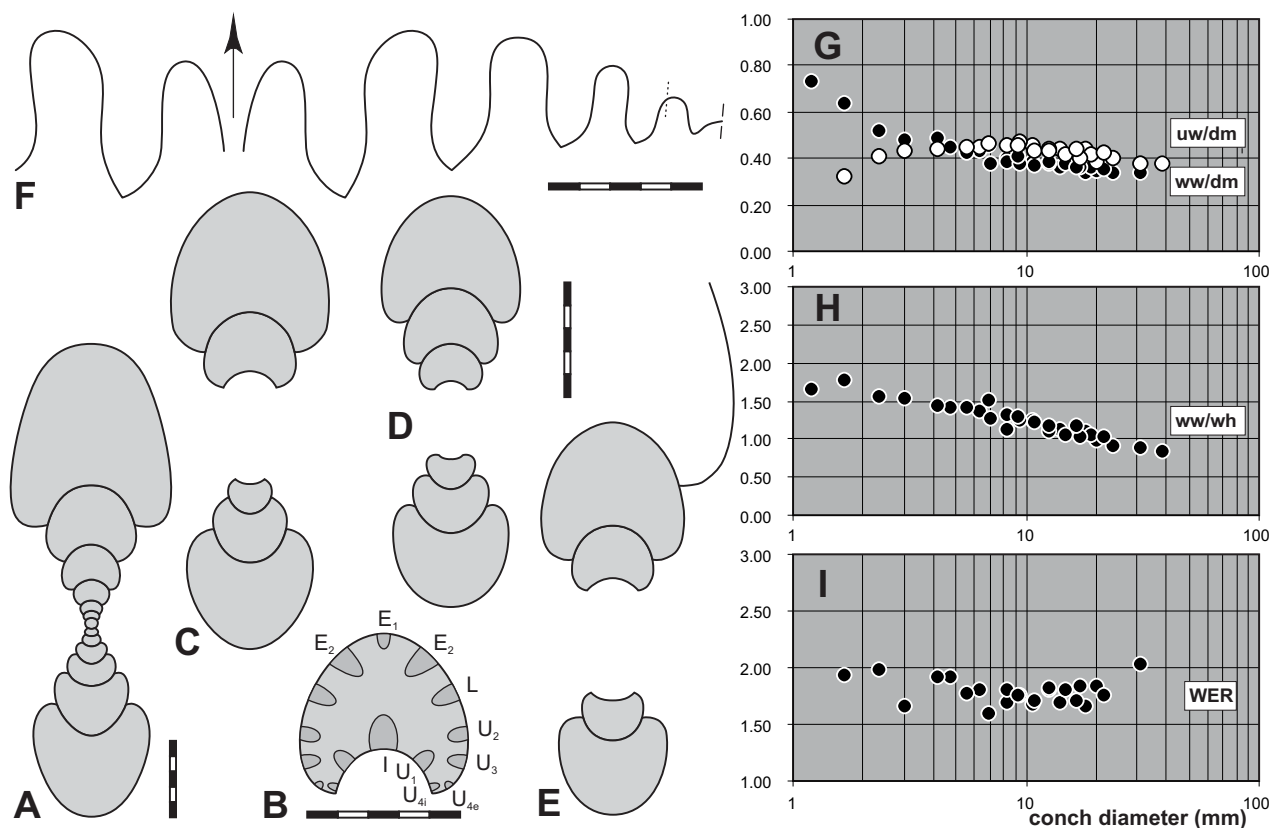
$(E_2E_1E_2) LU_2U_3U_{4e}:U_{4i}U_1I$  at ca. 30 mm dm (MB.C.22120.3)

internally/externally asymmetrical development of the  $U$  lobes from  $U_3$ ;  $E_2$  lobe deep, lanceolate

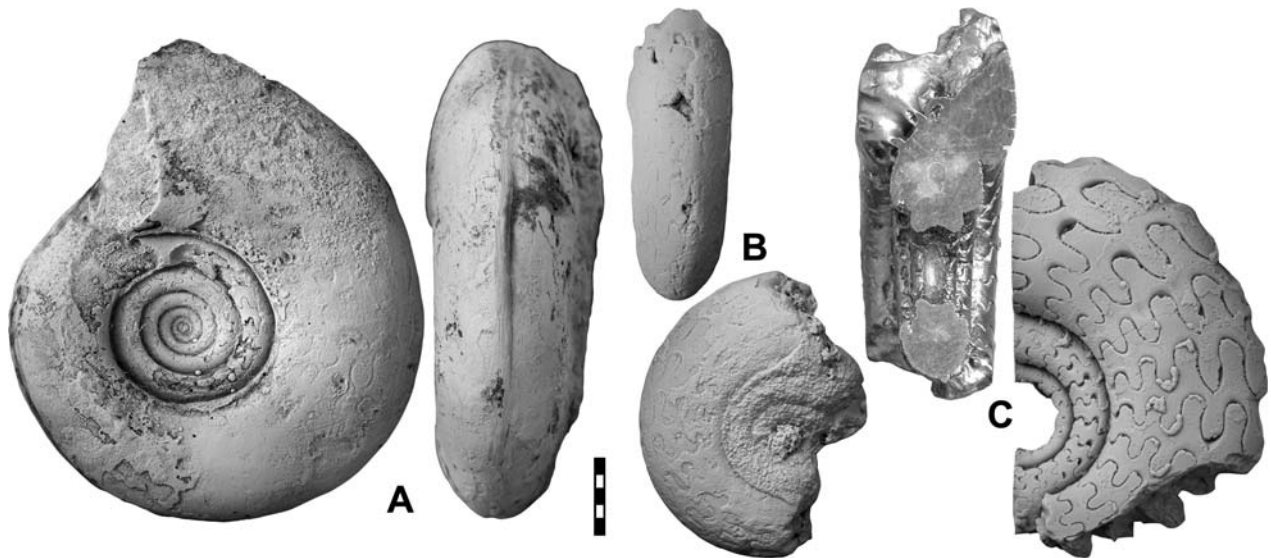
venter rounded, flanks slightly flattend; umbilical wall deep

no ribs of early stages; no ventrolateral furrows of early to median stages; no mould constrictions

growth lines not visible



**Figure 35.** *Lunupharciceras lunulicosta* (Sandberger & Sandberger, 1850); **A.** Cross-section of topotype MB.C.22121 from Sessacker, Oberscheld,  $\times 2$ ; **B–F.** Specimens from Hassi Nebech; **B.** Septal face of MB.C.22120.1,  $\times 4$ ; **C.** Cross-section of MB.C.22120.1,  $\times 3$ ; **D.** Cross-section of MB.C.22120.2,  $\times 3$ ; **E.** Cross-section of MB.C.22120.3,  $\times 3$ ; **F.** Suture of MB.C.22120.3 at ca. 12 mm wh,  $\times 4$ ; **G–I.** Ontogenetic development of  $ww/dm$ ,  $uw/dm$ ,  $ww/wh$ , and  $WER$ .



**Figure 36.** *Lunupharciceras lunulicosta* (Sandberger & Sandberger, 1850); **A.** Topotype MB.C.22121 from Sessacker, Oberscheld (cast),  $\times 2$ ; **B.** MB.C.22120.4 from Hassi Nebech,  $\times 2$ ; **C.** MB.C.22120.3 from Hassi Nebech,  $\times 2$ .

### *Transpharciceras* n. gen.

*Derivation of name.* From the Latin *trans* (= over); due to the transition from *Lunupharciceras* to species of the new genus with additional U lobes.

*Type species.* *Transpharciceras procedens* n. sp.

*Diagnosis.* Early to median stages evolute to subevolute, smooth, with well-rounded flanks and venter, slowly expanding whorls (low WER values near 1.50), decreasing umbilical width and partially lower uw/dm than ww/dm ratios. Mature whorls slightly depressed to compressed, with somewhat higher whorl expansion rates. Mature sutures with shortened, divergent  $E_1$  lobe, narrow, ascending, similarly-shaped, lanceolate lateral lobes and narrow, characteristically constricted saddles becoming lower towards the umbilicus, including three to four outer U lobes, with three internal U lobes and narrow, deep I lobe. Suture formulae not yet clearly established, probably  $(E_2E_1E_2) LU_2U_3U_5 : U_6U_4U_1I$  to  $(E_2E_1E_2) LU_2U_3U_5U_7 : U_6U_4U_1I$ .

### *Transpharciceras procedens* n. sp.

Figures 37, 38

*Derivation of name.* Due to the progressive addition of a sixth U lobe in comparison with the five U lobes in *Lunupharciceras*.

*Holotype.* MB.C.22122.1 (Figs 37A, 37F, and 38B).

*Type locality and horizon.* Hassi Nebech, Section 2, SE Tafilalt, main collecting level, probably *Taouzites taouzensis* Zone (late Givetian).

*Material.* Four specimens up to 16.5 mm conch dm (MB.C.22122.1–MB.C.22122.4).

*Diagnosis.* Early whorls up to ca. 8 mm dm smooth, moderately but increasingly depressed (ww/wh up to 1.80), evolute, with broadly rounded venter, slightly decreasing umbilical width ratio (from 0.60 to 0.50), and nearly static, low WER (1.50–1.60); intermediate stages markedly less depressed (ww slightly larger than wh at 15 mm dm), subevolute, with lower uw/dm than ww/dm ratios (ca. 0.40 at 15 mm dm), and slightly higher whorls (WER up to 1.85). No ventrolateral furrows; growth ornament not known. Sutures of intermediate stages with shortened, divergent  $E_1$  lobe, low median saddle, narrow lanceolate flank lobes ascending towards the umbilicus, descending, very narrow, constricted lateral saddles, three internal U lobes, and deep, narrow I lobe. Probable suture formula:  $(E_2E_1E_2) LU_2U_3U_5 : U_6U_4U_1I$ .

**Table 34.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 37A–C, G–I) of *Transpharciceras procedens* n. gen. n. sp.

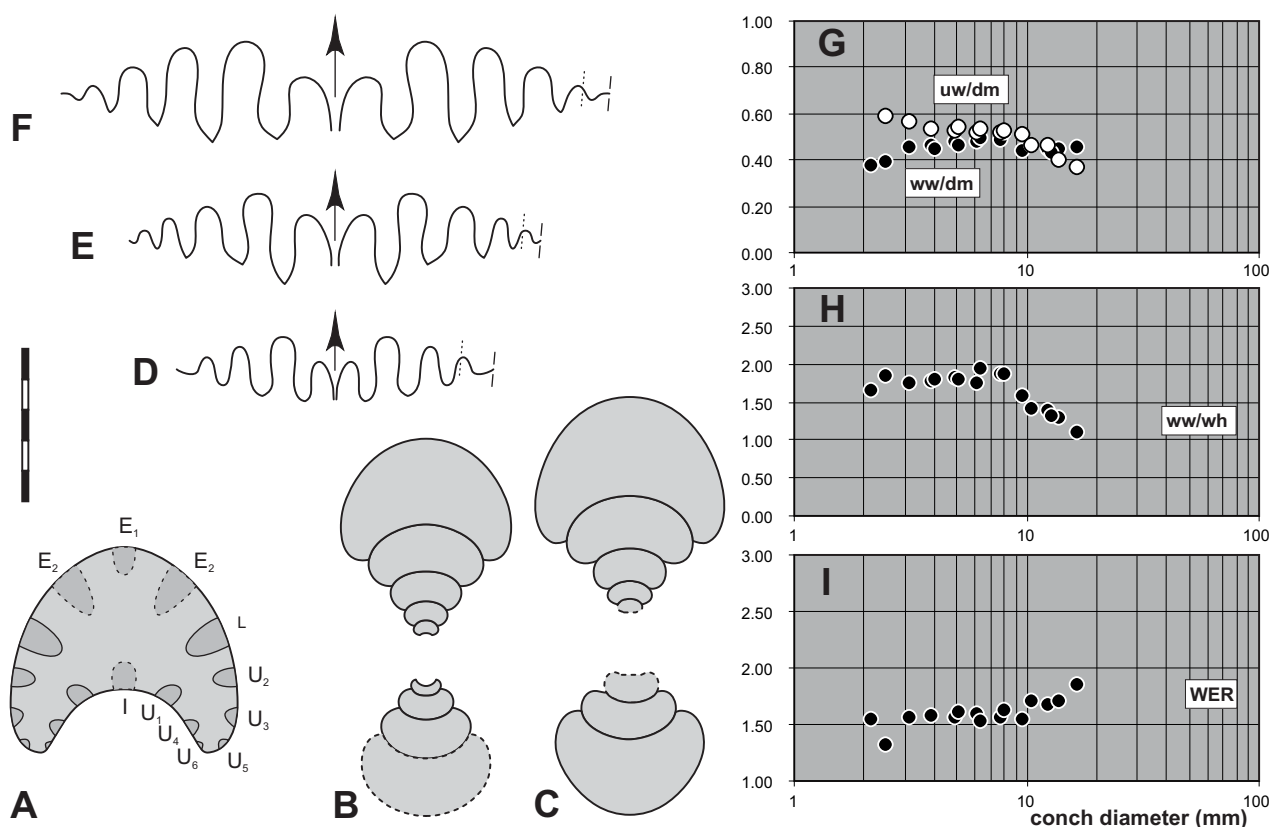
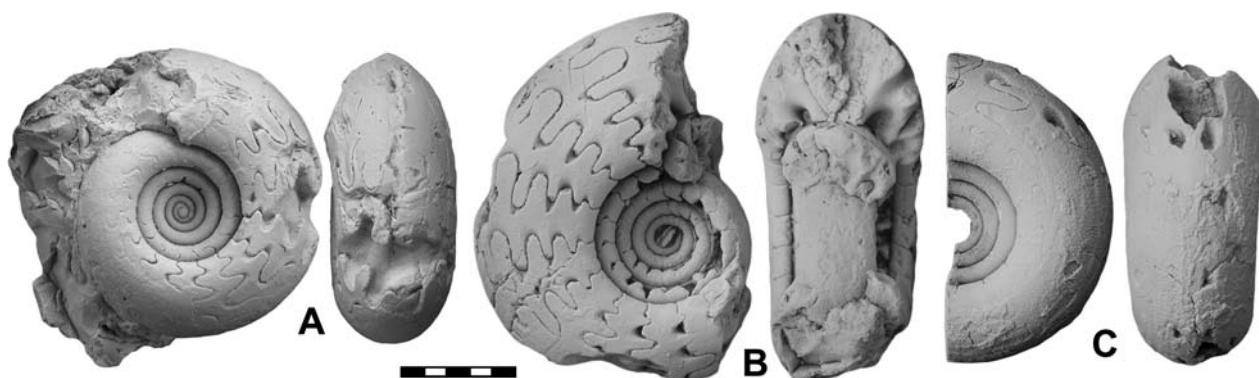
dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thinly discoidal; evolute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.35; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.60)	moderately depressed; weakly embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 1.70; IZR $\sim$ 0.15)	low (WER $\sim$ 1.55)
8 mm	thickly discoidal; evolute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.50; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.50)	moderately depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 1.80; IZR = 0.20–0.30)	low (WER $\sim$ 1.60)
13 mm	thinly discoidal; subevolute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.45; uw/dm = 0.40–0.45)	weakly depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh = 1.30–1.40; IZR $\sim$ 0.30)	low (WER $\sim$ 1.70)

**Table 35.** Suture formula (Figs 37A, D–F), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Transpharciceras procedens* n. gen. n. sp.(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>5</sub>:U<sub>6</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>1</sub>l at 15 mm dm (MB.C.22122.1)asymmetrical development of the U lobes from U<sub>3</sub>

venter rounded, umbilical wall steeply rounded

no ribs; no spiral furrows; no mould constrictions

growth lines not visible

**Figure 37.** *Transpharciceras procedens* n. gen. n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Septal face of holotype MB.C.22122.1, ×4; **B.** Cross-section of paratype MB.C.22122.2, ×4; **C.** Cross-section of paratype MB.C.22122.3, ×4; **D.** Suture of paratype MB.C.22122.4 at 1.5 mm wh, ×4; **E.** Suture of paratype MB.C.22122.3 at 1.9 mm wh, ×4; **F.** Suture of holotype MB.C.22122.1 at 7 mm wh, ×4; **G–I.** Ontogenetic development of ww/dm, uw/dm, ww/wh, and WER of all available specimens.**Figure 38.** *Transpharciceras procedens* n. gen. n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Paratype MB.C.22122.4; **B.** Holotype MB.C.22122.1; **C.** Paratype MB.C.22122.3; all ×3.

Subfamily **Synpharciceratinae** Schindewolf, 1940***Stenopharciceras* Montesinos & Henn, 1986**

Type species. *Pharciceras tridens* var. *kseirense* Termier & Termier, 1950.

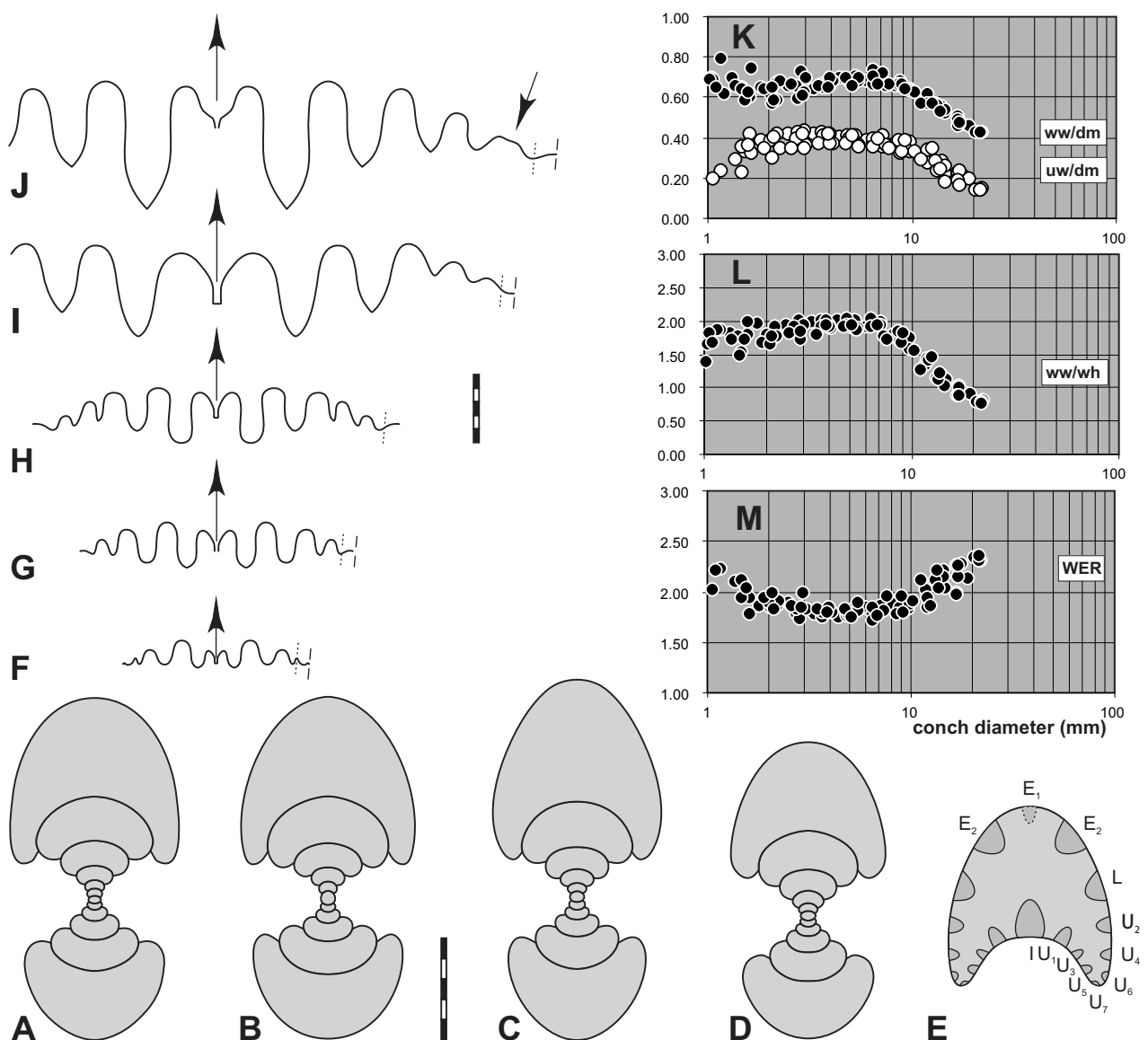
***Stenopharciceras kseirense* (Termier & Termier, 1950)**

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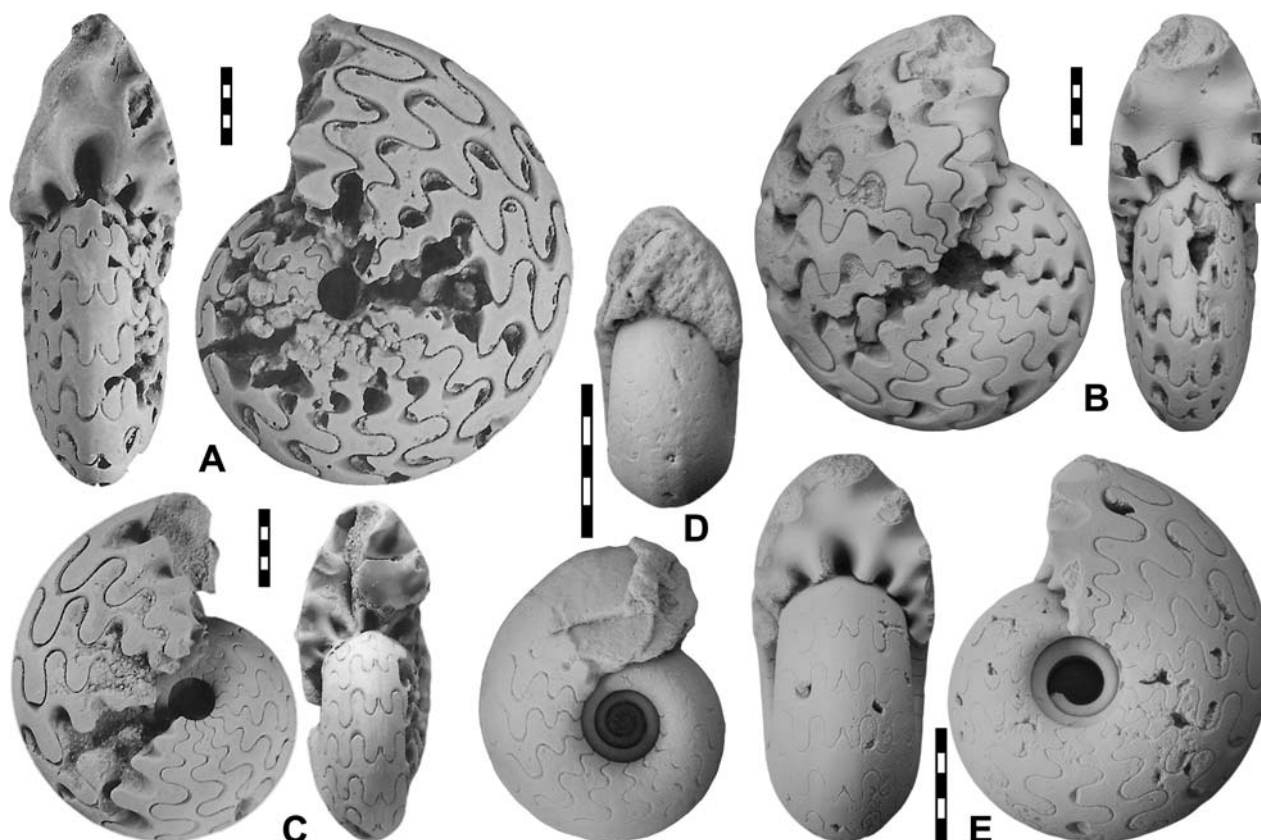
**Lectotype.** As outlined in Bockwinkel et al. (2009), the lectotype designation in Montesinos & Henn (1986) is invalid since it was not based on one of the syntypes (Clariond collection) from the Tafilalt. The valid lectotype, designated in Bockwinkel et al. (2009), is the original of Termier & Termier (1950, pl. 150, fig. 38).

**Type locality and horizon.** Oued Kseir = Hassi Nebech area, SE Tafilalt, main collecting level, probably *Taouzites taouzensis* Zone (late Givetian).

**Material.** More than 120 topotypes up to ca. 30 mm conch diameter, including MB.C.22124.1–MB.C.22124.20, a previously unfigured syntype (paralectotype) from the Clariond Collection at Musée d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris (ds 8311, Fig. 40A), and the original of *Pharciceras* n. sp. in Bensaïd (1974, pl. 5, figs 3, 3a; STIPB-Bensaïd-43, old: GPI Bo 43).



**Figure 39.** *Stenopharciceras kseirense* (Termier & Termier, 1950), topotypes from Hassi Nebech; **A–D.** Cross-sections, all  $\times 3$ ; **A.** MB.C.22124.1; **B.** MB.C.22124.2; **C.** MB.C.22124.3; **D.** MB.C.22124.4; **E.** Septal face of STIPB-Bensaïd-43 (old: GPI Bo 43), original of *Pharciceras* n. sp. of Bensaïd (1974: pl. 5, figs 3, 3a),  $\times 3$ ; **F–J.** Sutures, all  $\times 2.5$ ; **F.** MB.C.22124.5 at 3.5 mm wh; **G.** MB.C.22124.6 at 6.1 mm wh; **H.** MB.C.22124.7 at 8.5 mm wh; **I.** MB.C.22124.8 at 14.5 mm wh; **J.** MB.C.22124.9 at 20 mm wh; **K–M.** Ontogenetic development of ww/dm, uw/dm, ww/wh, and WER.



**Figure 40.** *Stenopharciceras kseirenses* (Termier & Termier, 1950) from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Paralectotype ds 8311, Clariond Collection, Musée d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris,  $\times 2$ ; **B.** Topotype MB.C.22124.10,  $\times 2$ ; **C.** Topotype MB.C.22124.11,  $\times 2$ ; **D.** Topotype MB.C.22124.12,  $\times 4$ ; **E.** STIPB-Bensaïd-43 (old: GPI Bo 43), original of *Pharciceras* n. sp. of Bensaïd (1974: pl. 5, figs 3, 3a),  $\times 3$ .

**Table 36.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 39A–E, K–M) of *Stenopharciceras kseirenses* (Termier & Termier, 1950) from the type region.

dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thickly discoidal to thinly pachyconic; subevolute (ww/dm = 0.55–0.65; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.40)	moderately depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh = 1.70–1.80; IZR $\sim$ 0.20)	moderate (WER $\sim$ 1.90)
5 mm	thinly pachyconic; subevolute (ww/dm = 0.60–0.70; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.40)	moderately depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh = 1.90–2.00; IZR $\sim$ 0.30)	moderate (WER $\sim$ 1.80)
10 mm	thinly pachyconic; subevolute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.65; uw/dm = 0.30–0.40)	moderately depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh = 1.55–1.65; IZR = 0.30–0.35)	moderate (WER $\sim$ 1.90)
20 mm	thinly discoidal; subinvolute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.45; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.20)	weakly compressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh = 0.80–1.00; IZR = 0.35–0.40)	high to very high (WER = 2.15–2.35)

**Table 37.** Suture formula (Figs 39E–J), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Stenopharciceras kseirenses* (Termier & Termier, 1950) from the type region.

(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub> : U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>l at 13,5 mm dm (MB.C.22124.16)

(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub> : U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>l at 13,5 mm dm (MB.C.22124.17)

(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub> : U<sub>7</sub>U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>l at 16 and 22 mm dm (STIPB-Bensaïd-43, MB.C.22124.13)

E<sub>1</sub> lobe subparallel in juvenils, strongly funnel-shaped in adults; E<sub>2</sub> lobe deep and lanceolate at  $\sim$  25 mm dm, rounded in juvenils; sometimes plurilobation in U<sub>4</sub> U<sub>6</sub> saddle (MB.C.22124.9)

venter narrowly rounded; umbilicus closing at the fifth whorl at steinkerns

no ribs; shallow ventrolateral furrows in juvenils, forming a cingulate venter; no mould constrictions

growth lines biconvex; *Ritzstreifung* in MB.C.22124.13



**Diagnosis** (emend.). Conch ontogeny triphasic; first two post-embryonic whorls, until ca. 3 mm dm, with increasing umbilical width, variable whorl width rate and falling WER; late juvenile whorls until 7–8 mm dm depressed, with nearly constant umbilical width ratio (ca. 0.40), slightly increasing ww/dm (up to ca. 0.70) and ww/wh ratios (up to ca. 2.00) and WER at ca. 1.80; intermediate to mature stages rapidly changing from weakly depressed to compressed, subinvolute to involute and high to very high WER (up to 2.30), with absolute reduction of the umbilical width (from ca. 14 mm dm on) and very narrowly rounded venter. No juvenile ribs and no ventrolateral furrows on intermediate and adult whorls. Growth lines biconvex. Mature sutures with funnel-shaped, short  $E_1$  lobe, very high and narrow median saddles, very deep, lanceolate  $E_2$  lobes, very high and narrow ventral saddle, moderately deep, lanceolate L lobe, lanceolate, short  $U_2$  lobe, two smaller, rounded outer U lobes, four internal U lobes, and deep I lobe. Suture formula:  $(E_2E_1E_2) LU_2U_4U_6:U_7U_5U_3U_1I$ .

***Stenopharciceras progressum* n. sp.**

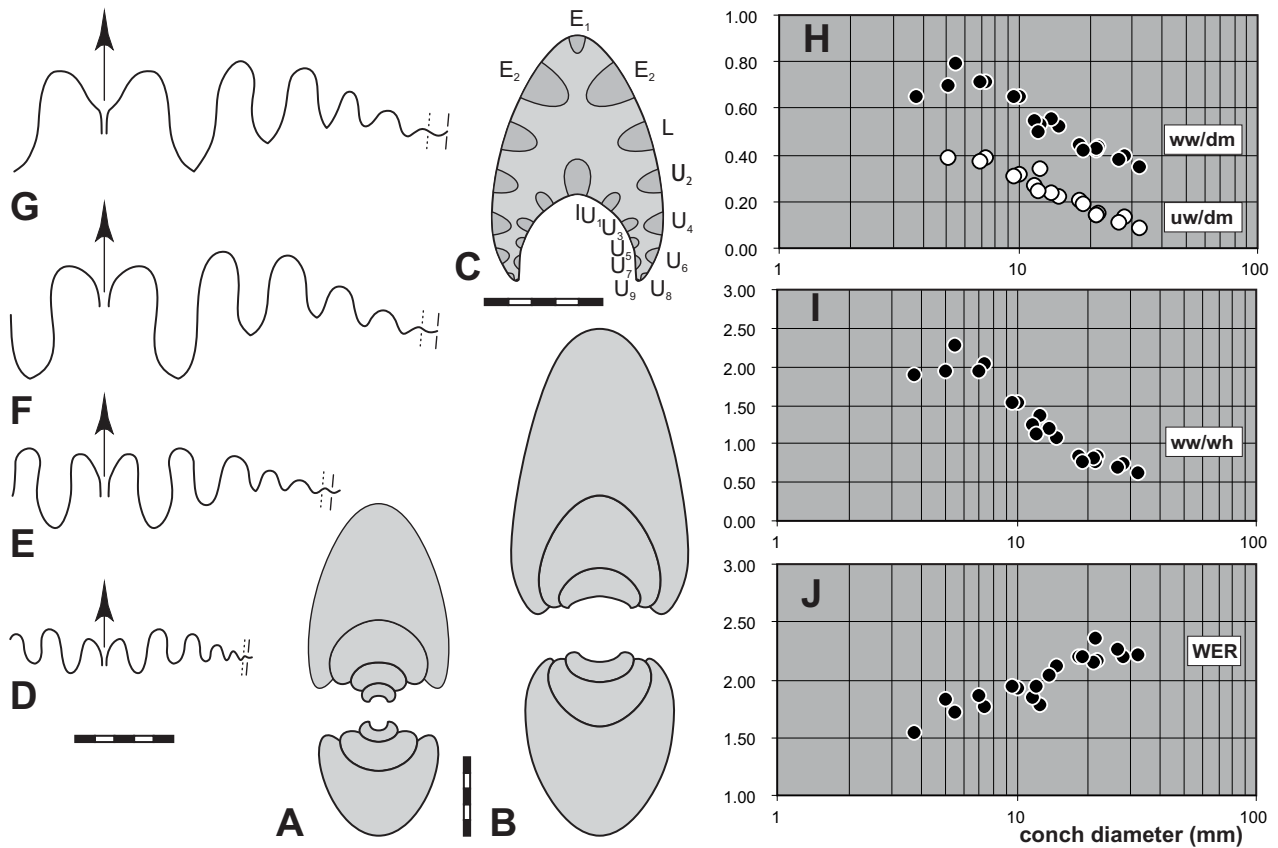
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**Derivation of name.** From the Latin word for advanced, because of the additional U lobes.

**Holotype.** MB.C.22125.1, a well-preserved, fully septate mould that displays the characteristic conch shape, inner and outer sutures (Figs 41C, F, and 42B), and *Ritzstreifung*.

**Type locality and horizon.** Hassi Nebech, Section 2, SE Tafilalt, main collecting level, probably *Taouzites taouzensis* Zone (late Givetian).

**Material.** 11 specimens up to ca. 34 mm conch diameter, including MB.C.22125.1–MB.C.22125.10.



**Figure 41.** *Stenopharciceras progressum* n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Cross-section of paratype MB.C.22125.2,  $\times 2$ ; **B.** Cross-section of paratype MB.C.22125.3,  $\times 2$ ; **C.** Septal face of holotype MB.C.22125.1,  $\times 3$ ; **D–G.** Sutures, all  $\times 2.5$ ; **D.** Paratype MB.C.22125.4 at 5.2 mm wh; **E.** Paratype MB.C.22125.5 at 9.5 mm wh; **F.** Holotype MB.C.22125.1 at 14.5 mm wh; **G.** Paratype MB.C.22125.6 at 15 mm wh; **H–J.** Ontogenetic development of ww/dm, uw/dm, ww/wh, and WER.

**Table 38.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 41A–C, H–J) of *Stenopharciceras progressum* n. sp.

dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
10 mm	thinly pachyconic; subevolute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.65; uw/dm = 0.25–0.35)	weakly depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 1.50; IZR = 0.30–0.35)	Moderate (WER $\sim$ 1.95)
20 mm	thinly discoidal; subinvolute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.45; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.20)	weakly compressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 0.85 IZR = 0.35–0.40)	high (WER $\sim$ 2.15)
30 mm	thinly discoidal; involute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.35; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.10)	weakly compressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 0.70 IZR = 0.35–0.40)	high (WER $\sim$ 2.25)



**Table 39.** Suture formula (Figs 41C–G), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Stenopharciceras progressum* n. sp.

(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub> : U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I at 12 mm dm (MB.C.22125.9)

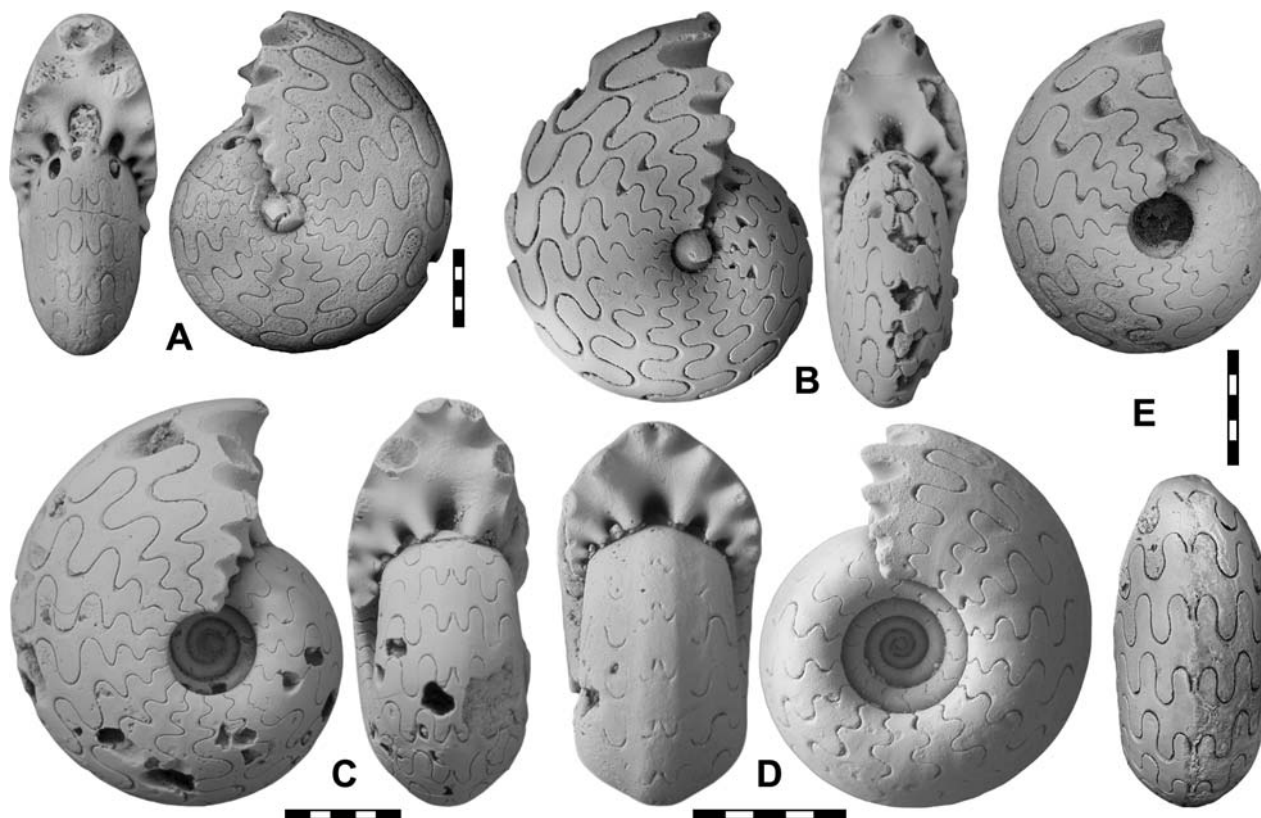
(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub>U<sub>8</sub> : U<sub>7</sub>U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I at 16,5 mm dm (holotype)

E<sub>1</sub> lobe subparallel in juveniles, funnel-shaped in adults; E<sub>2</sub> lobe deep and lanceolate at ~27 mm dm, rounded in juveniles; U<sub>2</sub> lobe often hook-shaped; one outer U lobe more than in *Stenopharciceras kseirens*

cross-section tegoid, venter narrowly rounded, umbilicus closed from ca. 20 mm dm on

no ribs; marked ventrolateral furrows in juveniles forming a ventral cingulum; no mould constrictions

growth lines biconvex, with low subumbilical and moderately high ventrolateral salient; *Ritzstreifung* in the holotype



**Figure 42.** *Stenopharciceras progressum* n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Paratype MB.C.22125.10, ×2; **B.** Holotype MB.C.22125.1, ×2; **C.** Paratype MB.C.22125.5, ×3; **D.** Paratype MB.C.22125.4, ×4, **E.** Paratype MB.C.22125.7, ×3.

**Diagnosis.** Conch shape and ontogeny as in *St. kseirens*. Growth lines biconvex, with moderately high ventrolateral salient. Mature sutures with strongly funnel-shaped, wide E<sub>1</sub> lobe, diverging in the late part, high median saddle, very deep, lanceolate E<sub>2</sub> lobe, high and very narrow E<sub>2</sub>L saddle, moderately deep, lanceolate L lobe, lanceolate U<sub>2</sub> lobe, three further, rounded outer U lobes separated by small saddles becoming lower towards the umbilicus, five, gradually deeper internal U lobes, and deep, narrow I lobe. Suture formula: (E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub>U<sub>8</sub> : U<sub>9</sub>U<sub>7</sub>U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I.

### ***Pluripharciceras* n. gen.**

**Type species.** *Synpharciceras plurilobatum* Petter, 1959.

**Derivation of name.** After the name of the type species and due to the addition of U lobes in comparison to *Stenopharciceras*.

**Diagnosis.** Early whorls increasingly depressed, subevolute and with broadly rounded venter, intermediate to adult conchs gradually moderately to strongly compressed and subinvolute to involute, with absolute reduction of the umbilical width, high to very high whorl expansion and narrowly rounded venter. Growth lines strongly biconvex, with projecting ventrolateral salient. Mature suture formula: (E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub>U<sub>8</sub>U<sub>10</sub> : U<sub>11</sub>U<sub>9</sub>U<sub>7</sub>U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I to (E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub>U<sub>8</sub>U<sub>10</sub>U<sub>12</sub> : U<sub>13</sub>U<sub>11</sub>U<sub>9</sub>U<sub>7</sub>U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I.

**Included species**

*Synpharciceras plurilobatum* Petter, 1959

*Pluripharciceras orbis* n. gen. n. sp.

?*Pharciceras arenicum* in House et al. (1985)

**Stratigraphic range and geographic distribution.** Late Givetian of the Tafilalt, possibly also of the Montagne Noire.

***Pluripharciceras plurilobatum* (Petter, 1959)**

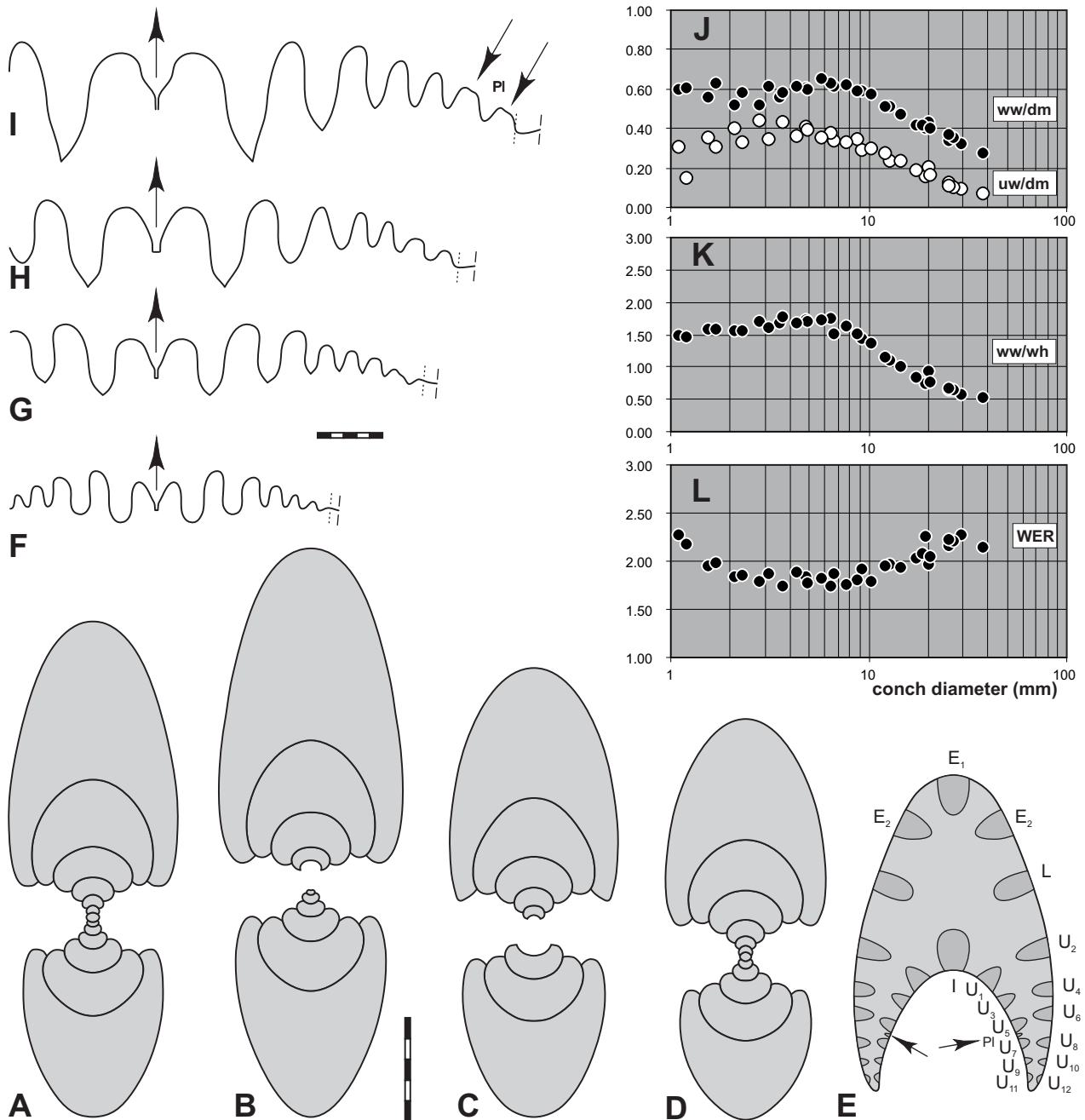
Figures 43B–F, H–L, 44, cf. 43A, G

**Lectotype.** The original of Petter (1959, pl. 8, figs 5, 5a), first illustrated by Termier & Termier (1950, pl. 151, figs 16–18) as *Pharciceras taouzensis*, Clariond Collection, Paris Natural History Museum, re-illustrated in Figure 44A, is here designated as lectotype. It is a specimen with a part of the last whorl broken off, but showing the typical conch shape and sutures, including a septal face with all inner lobes.

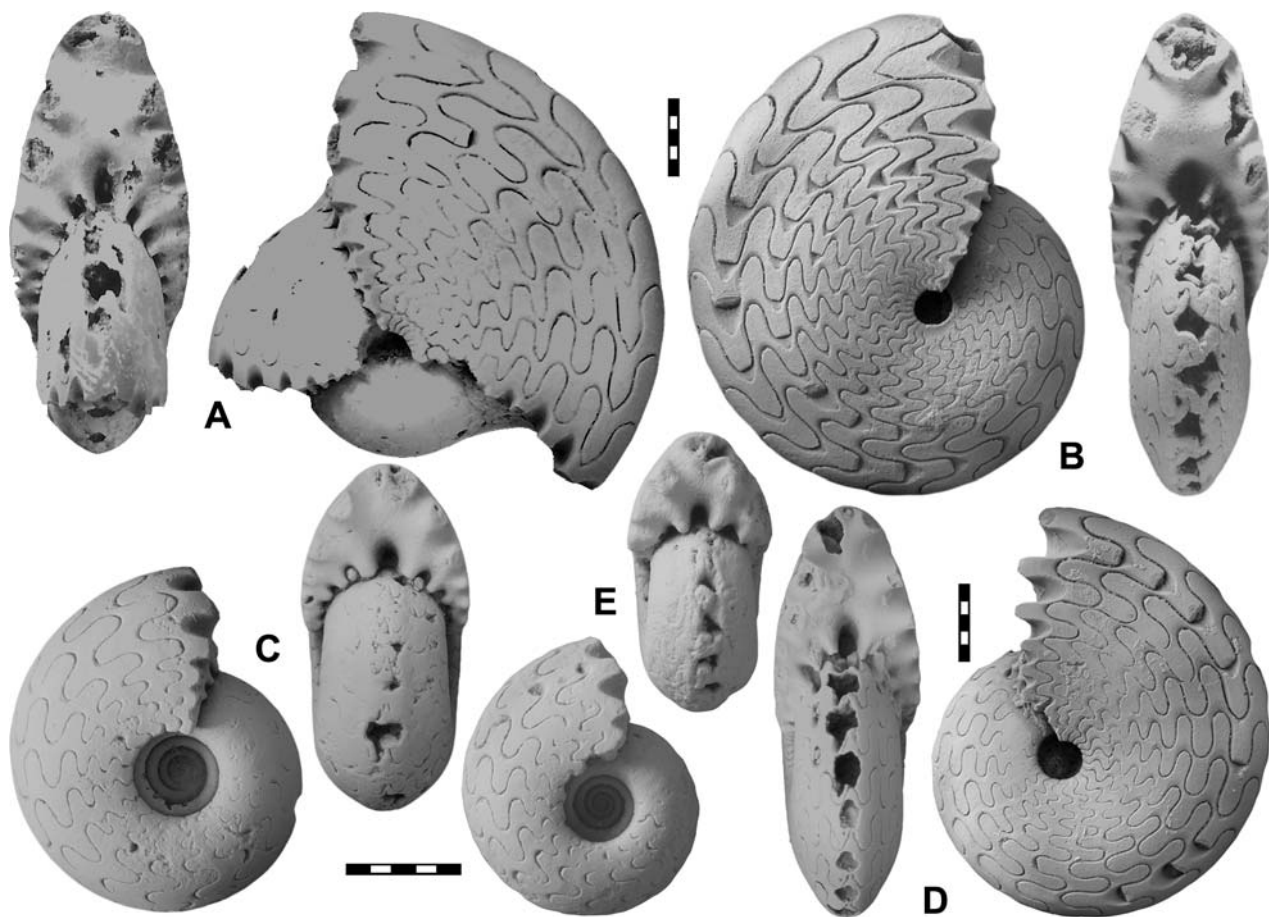
**Type locality and horizon.** Oued Kseir = Hassi Nebech area, SE Tafilalt, main collecting level, probably *Taouzites taouzensis* Zone (late Givetian).

**Material.** Ca. 65 specimens up to 37.5 mm conch diameter, including the lectotype, 18 topotypes (MB.C.22126.1–MB.C.22126.18), and two specimens identified as cf. *plurilobatum* (MB.C.22127.1–MB.C.22127.2).

**Diagnosis (emend.).** First two whorls until ca. 2 mm dm with rapidly decreasing whorl expansion rate (down to ca. 1.9–1.85) and rising umbilical width ratio (uw/dm up to 0.35); until 8–9 mm dm with nearly constant WER, increasingly depressed (ww/dm up to ca 0.60, ww/wh up to 1.70), narrowly rounded venter and subevolute; intermediate to mature whorls increasingly less depressed to compressed (from ca. 15 mm dm),



**Figure 43.** *Pluripharciceras plurilobatum* (Petter, 1959), topotypes from Hassi Nebech; A–D. Cross-sections, all  $\times 3$ ; A. cf. specimen MB.C.22127.1; B. MB.C.22126.1; C. MB.C.22126.3; D. MB.C.22126.4,  $\times 3$ ; E. Septal face of MB.C.22126.4,  $\times 3$ ; F–I. Sutures, all  $\times 2.5$ ; F. MB.C.22126.5 at 9.3 mm wh; G. cf. specimen MB.C.22127.2 at 15.5 mm wh; H. MB.C.22126.6 at 16.3 mm wh; I. MB.C.22126.11 at 21 mm wh; J–L. Ontogenetic development of ww/dm, uw/dm, ww/wh, and WER.



**Figure 44.** *Pluripharciceras plurilobatum* (Petter, 1959) from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Lectotype, original of Petter (1959: pl. 8, figs 5, 5a), Clariond Collection, Musée d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris,  $\times 2$ ; **B.** Topotype MB.C.22126.7,  $\times 2$ ; **C.** Topotype MB.C.22126.9,  $\times 3$ ; **D.** Topotype MB.C.22126.8,  $\times 2$ ; **E.** Topotype MB.C.22126.10,  $\times 3$ .

**Table 40.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 43A–E, J–L) of *Pluripharciceras plurilobatum* (Petter, 1959) from the type locality.

dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thickly discoidal; subevolute (ww/dm = 0.50–0.60; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.35)	moderately depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 1.60; IZR $\sim$ 0.25)	moderate (WER $\sim$ 1.85)
5 mm	thinly pachyconic; subevolute (ww/dm = 0.60–0.70; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.35)	moderately depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 1.70; IZR $\sim$ 0.30 )	moderate (WER $\sim$ 1.85)
20 mm	thinly discoidal; subinvolute (ww/dm = 0.40–0.50; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.15)	weakly compressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh = 0.75–0.85; IZR = 0.35–0.40)	high (WER = 2.05–2.25)
30 mm	extremely discoidal; involute (ww/dm = 0.30–0.35; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.10)	weakly compressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 0.60; IZR $\sim$ 0.40)	very high (WER $\sim$ 2.30)

**Table 41.** Suture formula (Figs 43E–I), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Pluripharciceras plurilobatum* (Petter, 1959) from the type locality.

(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub>U<sub>8</sub>:U<sub>7</sub>U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>! at 15 mm dm (MB.C.22126.16)

(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub>U<sub>8</sub>U<sub>10</sub>:U<sub>9</sub>U<sub>7</sub>U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>! at 19 mm dm (MB.C.22126.5)

(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub>U<sub>8</sub>U<sub>10</sub>U<sub>12</sub>:U<sub>11</sub>U<sub>9</sub>U<sub>7</sub>PIU<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>! at 28 mm dm (MB.C.22126.4)

E<sub>1</sub> lobe funnel-shaped, median saddle  $\sim$  50–60 % depth of E<sub>2</sub> lobe; E<sub>2</sub> lobe deep and lanceolate; plurilobation by subdivision of the dorsolateral U saddles close to the umbilicus externally and/or or internally

conch discoconic; venter narrowly rounded; umbilicus closing at steinkerns at about 20 mm dm

no ribs; ventrolateral furrows until ca. 6.5 mm dm; no mould constrictions

growth lines rectiradiate, strongly biconvex, with projecting ventrolateral salient

finally strongly compressed, with narrowly rounded venter, closure of the umbilicus by overlap of mould whorls over the umbilicus, and high to very high WER (up to 2.35). Growth lines strongly biconvex, no ribbing, no marked ventrolateral furrows. Adult sutures with short, strongly funnel-shaped  $E_1$  lobe, wide, moderately high median saddle, very deep, lanceolate  $E_2$  lobe, high and narrow  $E_2L$  saddle, moderately deep, lanceolate  $L$  lobe, high  $LU_2$  saddle, two pointed, two narrowly rounded, and one widely rounded  $U$  lobes, separated by descending saddles, which become wider towards the umbilicus; inner suture with six  $U$  lobes and a very deep, narrow  $I$  lobe; plurilobes common. Suture formula:  $(E_2E_1E_2) LU_2U_4U_6U_8U_{10}U_{12} : U_{11}U_9U_7U_5U_3U_1I$ .

### *Pluripharciceras orbis* n. sp.

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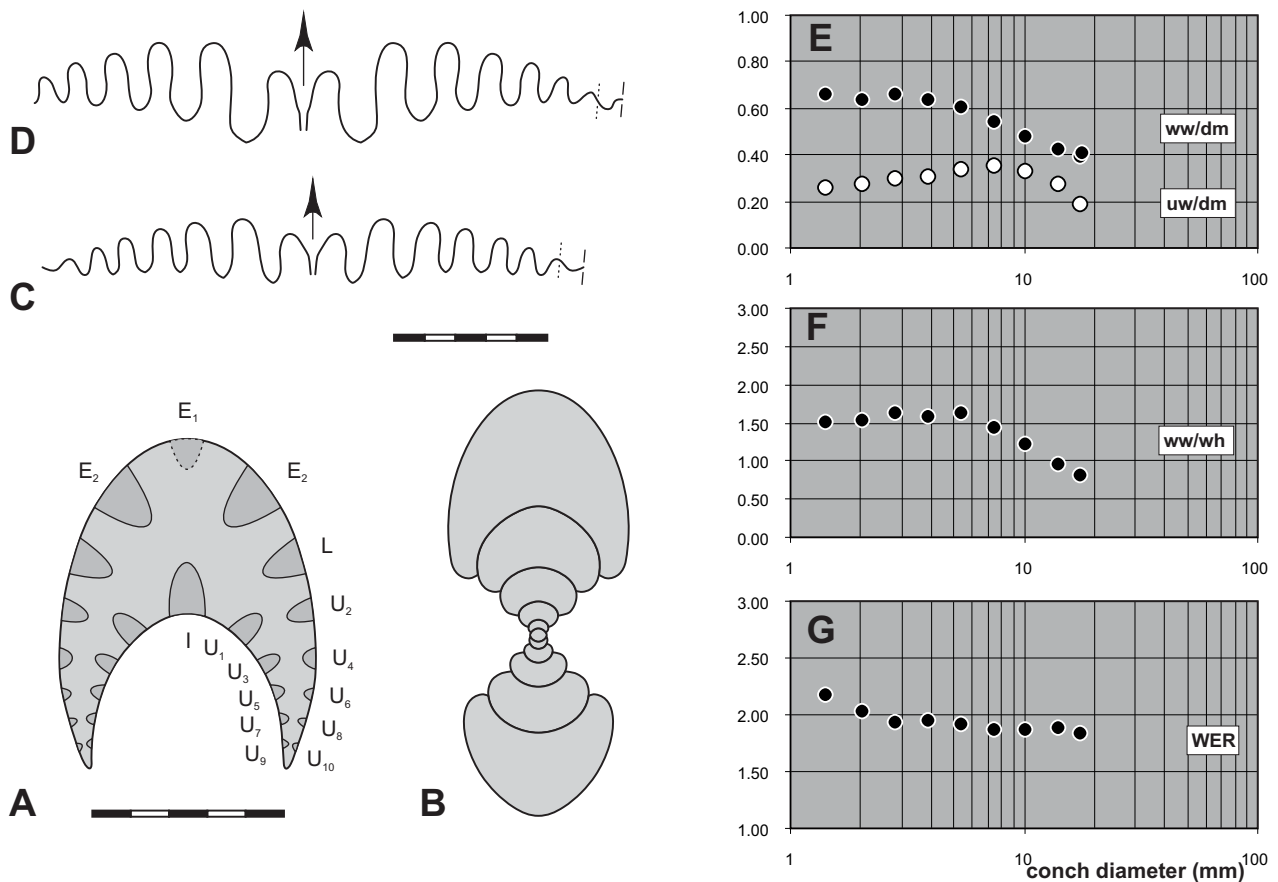
*Derivation of name.* After the Latin word *orbis* = disc; due to the thinly discoidal conch shape.

*Holotype.* MB.C.22128.1 (Figs 45A, D, and 46A).

*Type locality and horizon.* Hassi Nebech, Section 2, SE Tafilalt, main collecting level, probably *Taouzites taouzensis* Zone (late Givetian).

*Material.* Four specimens up to ca. 17 mm conch diameter (MB.C.22128.1–MB.C.22128.4).

*Diagnosis.* WER falling sharply to ca. 2.0 at the end of the second whorl; first four whorls, up to ca. 7 mm dm, increasingly subevolute (uw/dm up to ca. 0.35), thinly pachyconic and moderately depressed (ww/wh ratios reach 1.6); intermediate stages gradually more involute (uw/dm



**Figure 45.** *Pluripharciceras orbis* n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Septal face of holotype MB.C.22128.1,  $\times 5$ ; **B.** Cross-section of paratype MB.C.22128.2,  $\times 4$ ; **C.** Suture of paratype MB.C.22128.3 at 6.7 mm wh,  $\times 4$ ; **D.** Suture of holotype MB.C.22128.1 at 8.4 mm wh,  $\times 4$ ; **E–G.** Ontogenetic development of ww/dm, uw/dm, ww/wh, and WER of all available specimens.

**Table 42.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 45A, B, E–G) of *Pluripharciceras orbis* n. sp.

dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thinly pachyconic; subinvolute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.65; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.30)	moderately depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 1.55; IZR $\sim$ 0.30)	moderate (WER $\sim$ 2.00)
5 mm	thickly discoidal; subevolute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.60; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.35)	moderately depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 1.65; IZR $\sim$ 0.25)	moderate (WER $\sim$ 1.90)
15 mm	thinly discoidal; subinvolute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.40; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.20)	weakly compressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh = 0.80–0.90; IZR $\sim$ 0.45)	moderate (WER $\sim$ 1.85)

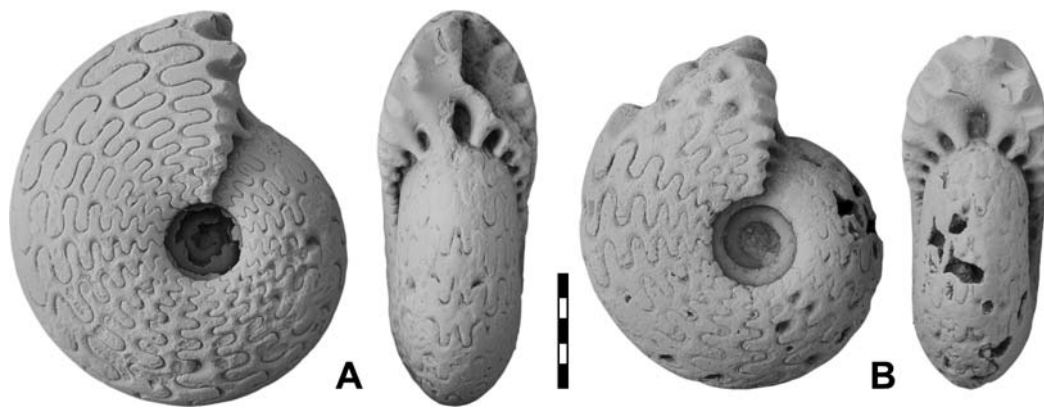


**Table 43.** Suture formula (Figs 45A, C, D), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Pluripharciceras orbis* n. sp.(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub>U<sub>8</sub>:U<sub>7</sub>U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I at 15 mm dm (MB.C.22128.2)(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub>U<sub>8</sub>U<sub>10</sub>:U<sub>9</sub>U<sub>7</sub>U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I at 17 mm dm (holotype))E<sub>1</sub> lobe short, narrow, funnel-shaped; flank saddles self-similar

venter narrowly rounded, subinvolute

no ribs; no furrows; no mould constrictions

growth lines not visible

**Figure 46.** *Pluripharciceras orbis* n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Holotype MB.C.22128.1, ×3; **B.** Paratype MB.C.22128.2, ×3.

falling below 0.20), with slight absolute reduction of the umbilicus by overlap of the moderately expanding whorls (WER = ca. 1.85), less depressed to compressed (from ca. 15 mm dm), and thinly discoidal, with gently rounded flanks and venter. Sutures at 17 mm dm with funnel-shaped, shortened, narrow E<sub>1</sub> lobe, moderately high median saddle, deep E<sub>2</sub> lobe, narrow and high ventral saddle, L and five outer U lobes of ascending depth towards the umbilicus, separated by narrow saddles of descending height, five internal U lobes, and deep, narrow I lobe. Suture formula: (E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub>U<sub>8</sub>U<sub>10</sub>:U<sub>9</sub>U<sub>7</sub>U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I.

### *Meropharciceras* Becker & House, 1993

*Type species.* *Beloceras* ? *disciforme* Bensaïd, 1974.

### *Meropharciceras disciforme* (Bensaïd, 1974)

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*Holotype.* STIPB-Bensaïd-53 (old: GPI Bo 53), original of Bensaïd (1974, pl. 5, fig. 13), re-illustrated by Becker & House (1993), and, partly (suture), by Korn & Klug (2002).

*Type locality and horizon.* Hassi Nebech, Section 2, SE Tafilalet; Late Givetian, probably *Petteroceras errans* Zone, as at Ouidane Chebbi (Belka et al. 1999).

*Material.* The holotype and six topotypes up to ca. 35 mm conch diameter (MB.C.22129.1–MB.C.22129.6).

**Table 44.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 47A–D, I–K) of *Meropharciceras disciforme* (Bensaïd, 1974).

dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thinly pachyconic; subevolute (ww/dm ~ 0.65; uw/dm ~ 0.35)	moderately depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh ~ 1.75; IZR ~ 0.30)	moderate (WER ~ 1.85)
5 mm	thinly pachyconic; subevolute (ww/dm ~ 0.60; uw/dm ~ 0.35)	moderately depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh ~ 1.70; IZR ~ 0.40)	low (WER ~ 1.70)
10 mm	thickly discoidal; subinvolute (ww/dm ~ 0.55; uw/dm ~ 0.30)	weakly depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh ~ 1.40; IZR ~ 0.45)	low (WER ~ 1.70)
15 mm	thickly discoidal; subinvolute (ww/dm ~ 0.50; uw/dm ~ 0.20)	weakly depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh ~ 1.05; IZR ~ 0.45)	moderate (WER ~ 1.80)
55 mm	extremely discoidal; involute (ww/dm ~ 0.27; uw/dm ~ 0.05)	strongly compressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh ~ 0.45; IZR ~ 0.45);	high (WER ~ 2.25)

**Table 45.** Suture formula (Figs 47D–H), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Meropharciceras disciforme* (Bensaïd, 1974).

(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub>U<sub>8</sub>: U<sub>7</sub>U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>l at 8 mm dm (MB.C.22129.6)

(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub>U<sub>8</sub>U<sub>10</sub>U<sub>12</sub>: U<sub>11</sub>U<sub>9</sub>U<sub>7</sub>U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>l at ca. 11 and 13 mm dm (MB.C.22129.6) MB.C.22129.4)

(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub>U<sub>8</sub>U<sub>10</sub>U<sub>12</sub>U<sub>14</sub>: U<sub>13</sub>U<sub>11</sub>U<sub>9</sub>U<sub>7</sub>U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>l at ca. 33 mm dm (MB.C.22129.5)

(E<sub>2</sub>(E<sub>3</sub>) E<sub>1</sub>(E<sub>3</sub>) E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub>U<sub>8</sub>U<sub>10</sub>U<sub>12</sub>U<sub>14</sub>U<sub>16</sub>: U<sub>15</sub>U<sub>13</sub>U<sub>11</sub>U<sub>9</sub>U<sub>7</sub>U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>l at ca. 55 mm dm (holotype)

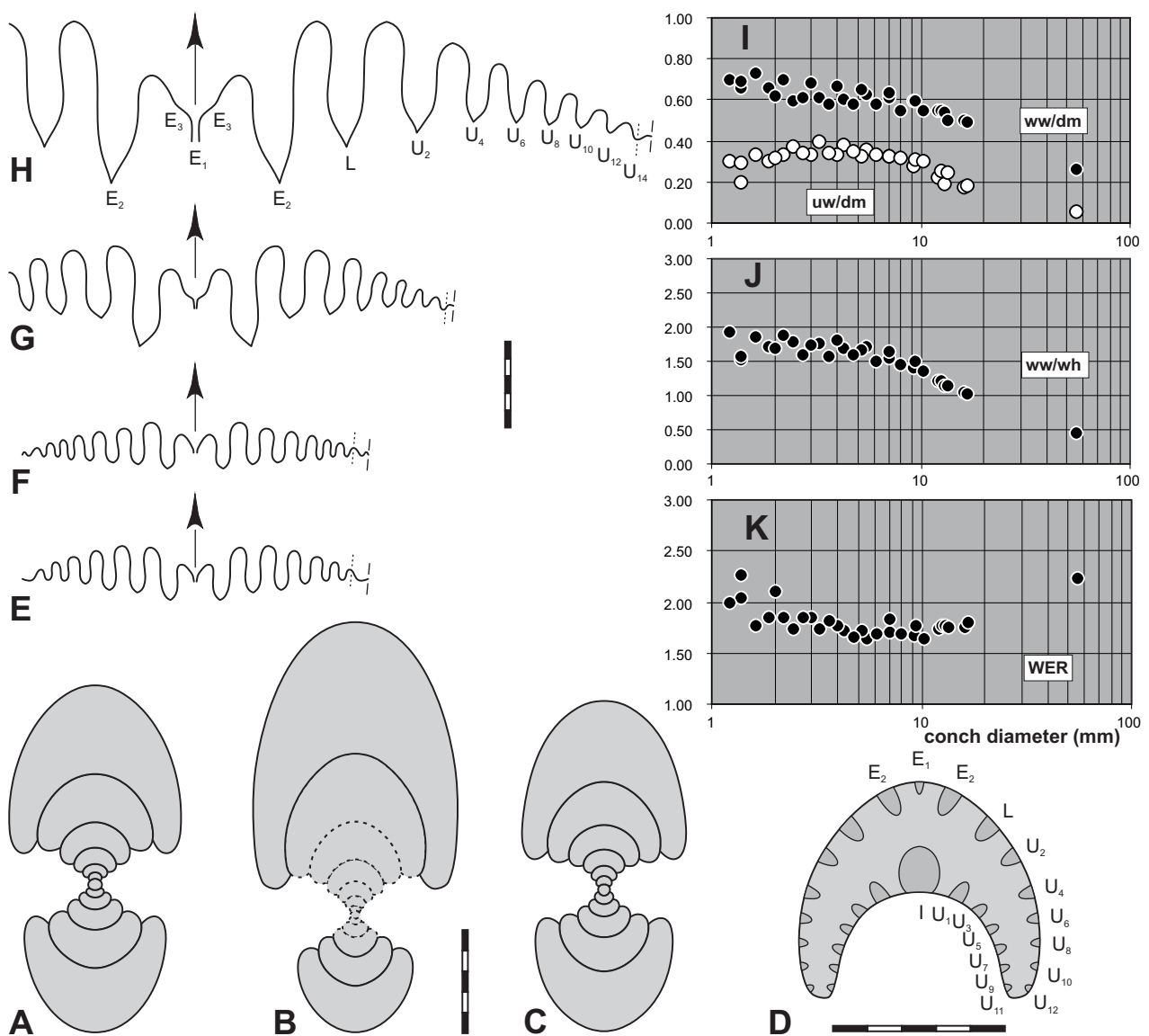
E<sub>1</sub> broad and funnel-shaped, trifid, with incipient E<sub>3</sub> lobe at latest maturity; E<sub>2</sub> lobe, L, U<sub>2</sub> and U<sub>4</sub> lobe deep and lanceolate; all saddles narrowly rounded

venter narrowly rounded; umbilicus closing by whorl overlap

no ribs; no ventrolateral furrows; no mould constrictions

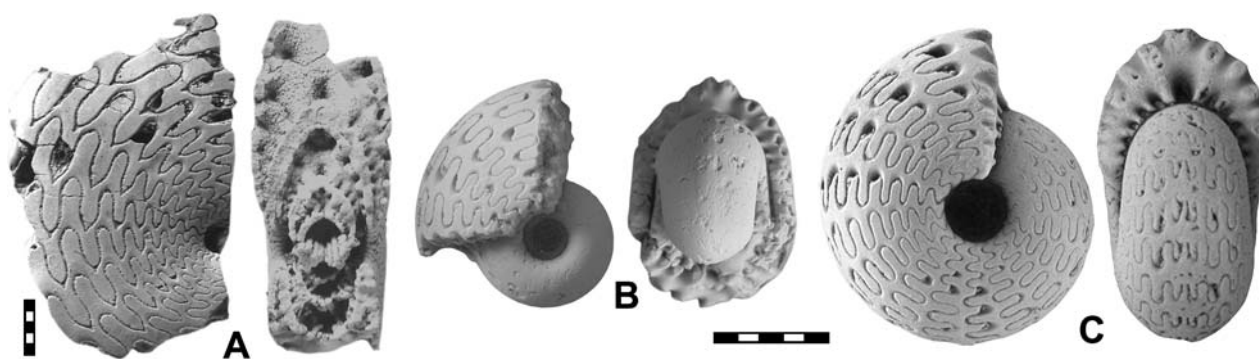
growth lines biconvex, with relative low ventrolateral salient

**Diagnosis** (emend.). First four whorls, until ca. 4 mm dm, moderately depressed, with gradually opening umbilicus (uw/dm up to 0.40), nearly constant ww/wh ratios (around 1.70) and declining WER (down to 1.70); 5th and 6th whorl gradually less depressed (ww/dm = 0.55 at 10 mm dm) and with decreasing umbilical width ratio (uw/dm down to 0.20 at 15 mm dm); from ca. the 7th whorl (17 mm dm) weakly to strongly compressed, with higher whorls (WER up to >2.20), with narrowly rounded venter, and with almost closure of the umbilicus by whorl overlap over the umbilical space. No ribbing of early whorls, no ventrolateral furrows. Growth lines biconvex. Mature sutures with very small and



**Figure 47.** *Meropharciceras disciforme* (Bensaïd, 1974), topotypes from Hassi Nebech; A–C. Cross-sections, all  $\times 3$ ; A. MB.C.22129.1; B. MB.C.22129.2; C. MB.C.22129.3; D. Septal face of MB.C.22129.4,  $\times 5$ ; E–H. Sutures, all  $\times 2.5$ ; E. MB.C.22129.1 at 2.5 mm wh; F. MB.C.22129.3 at 2.5 mm wh; G. MB.C.22129.2 at 9.5 mm wh; H. MB.C.22129.5 at 12.5 mm wh; I–K. Ontogenetic development of ww/dm, uw/dm, ww/wh, and WER of all available specimens.





**Figure 48.** *Meropharciceras disciforme* (Bensaïd, 1974), topotypes from Hassi Nebech; **A.** MB.C.22129.5,  $\times 1.5$ ; **B.** MB.C.22129.6,  $\times 3$ ; **C.** MB.C.22129.4,  $\times 3$ .

narrow  $E_1$  lobe, incipient  $E_3$  lobe forming a terrace on the diverging late part of the  $E_1$ , low median saddle, very deep, lanceolate  $E_2$  lobe, very narrow and high lateral saddles, separated by a deep, lanceolate L lobe, and with a maximum of eight lateral U lobes, becoming less lanceolate and smaller towards the umbilicus, separated by gradually less high and less narrow saddles. Suture formula:  $(E_2(E_3) E_1(E_3) E_2) LU_2U_4U_6U_8U_{10}U_{12}U_{14}U_{16} : U_{15}U_{13}U_{11}U_9U_7U_5U_3U_1L$ .

### *Synpharciceras* Schindewolf, 1940

*Type species.* *Goniatites clavilobus* Sandberger & Sandberger, 1850.

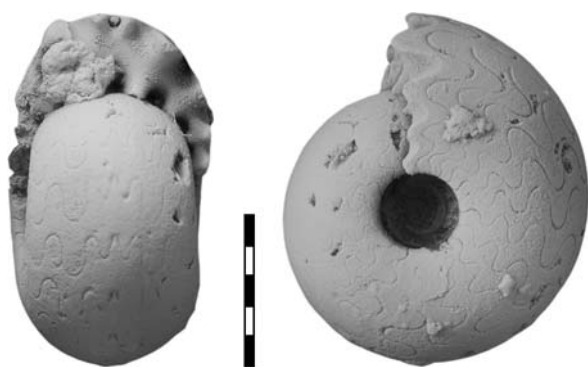
#### *Synpharciceras* sp.

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*Material.* One specimen (MB.C.22123).



**Figure 49.** Suture of *Stenopharciceras* sp. from Hassi Nebech, MB.C.22123 at 5.6 mm wh,  $\times 4$ .



**Figure 50.** *Stenopharciceras* sp. from Hassi Nebech, MB.C.22123,  $\times 4$ .

**Table 46.** Suture formula (Fig. 49), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Synpharciceras* sp.

$(E_2E_1E_2) LU_2U_4U_6 : U_5U_3U_1L$  at 13 mm dm

$E_1$  lobe funnel-shaped, as deep as  $E_2$  lobe; ventrolateral saddle broadly rounded, symmetric

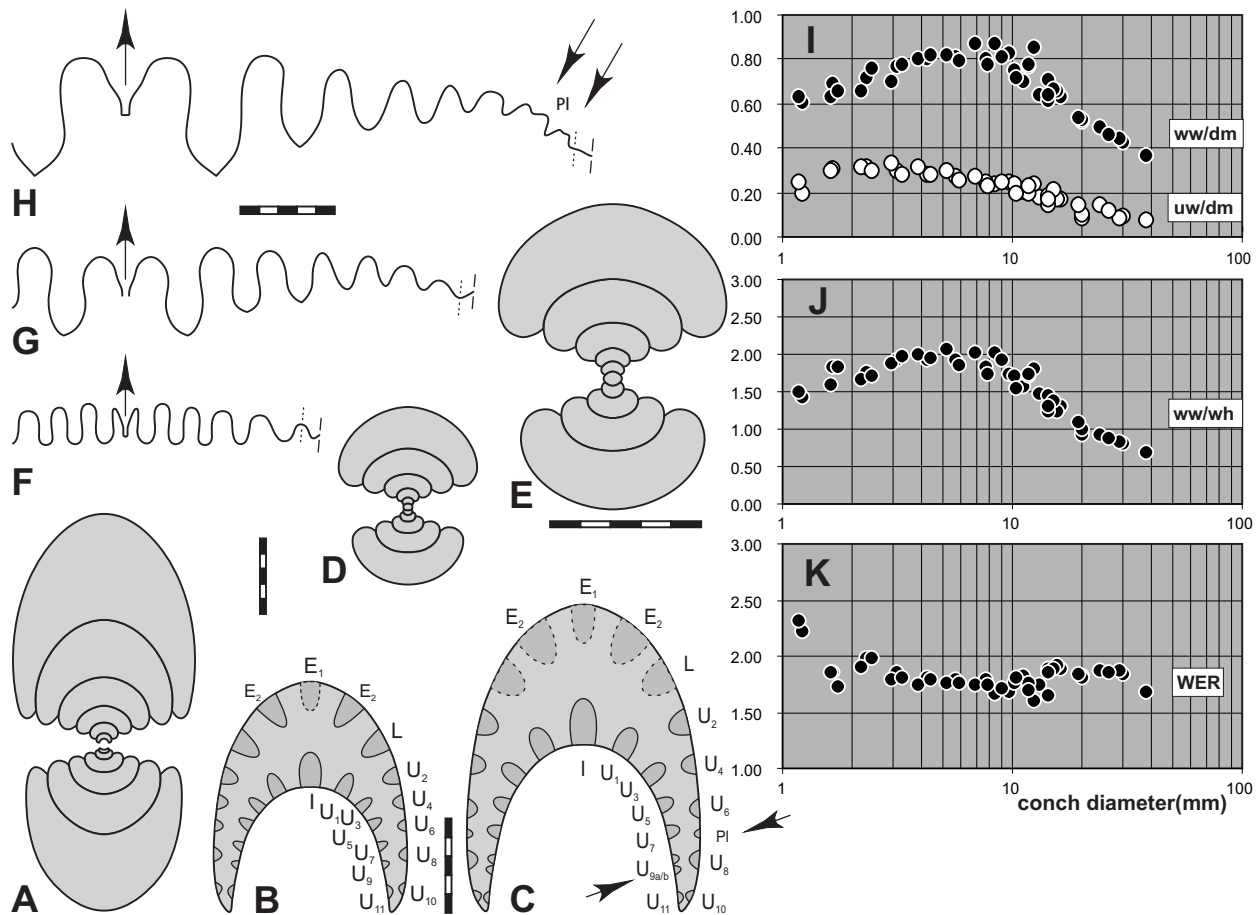
no ribs; no furrows; no mould constrictions

venter rounded, umbilicus narrow

growth lines not visible

***Synpharciceras clavilobum* (Sandberger & Sandberger, 1850)**

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*Type, Type locality, level, and diagnosis.* See Bockwinkel et al. (2009).*Material.* Ca. 50 specimens up to 40 mm conch diameter, including MB.C.22130.1–MB.C.22130.18.

**Figure 51.** *Synpharciceras clavilobum* (Sandberger & Sandberger, 1850) from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Cross-section of MB.C.22130.1,  $\times 2$ ; **B.** Septal face of MB.C.22130.2,  $\times 2.5$ ; **C.** Septal face of MB.C.22130.3,  $\times 2.5$ ; **D.** Cross-section of MB.C.22130.4,  $\times 2$ ; **E.** Cross-section of MB.C.22130.5,  $\times 4$ ; **F.** Suture of MB.C.22130.6 at 4.3 mm wh,  $\times 2.5$ ; **G.** Suture of MB.C.22130.7 at 15 mm wh,  $\times 2.5$ ; **H.** Suture of MB.C.22130.8 at 20.5 mm wh,  $\times 2.5$ ; **I–K.** Ontogenetic development of ww/dm, uw/dm, ww/wh, and WER.

**Table 47.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 51A–E, I–K) of *Synpharciceras clavilobum* (Sandberger & Sandberger, 1850) from Hassi Nebech.

dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thinly pachyconic; subevolute (ww/dm = 0.65–0.70; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.30)	moderately depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 1.70; IZR $\sim$ 0.30)	moderate (WER $\sim$ 1.90–2.00)
7 mm	thickly pachyconic; subinvolute (ww/dm = 0.80–0.85; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.25)	moderately depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh = 1.80–2.00; IZR $\sim$ 0.40)	moderate (WER $\sim$ 1.80)
10 mm	thickly pachyconic; subinvolute (ww/dm = 0.70–0.80; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.25)	moderately depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 1.70; IZR $\sim$ 0.45)	low (WER $\sim$ 1.75)
20 mm	thickly discoidal; involute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.55; uw/dm = 0.10–0.15)	weakly compressed; very strongly embracing (ww/wh = 0.90–1.00; IZR $\sim$ 0.50)	moderate (WER $\sim$ 1.80)
38 mm	thinly discoidal; involute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.37; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.08)	weakly compressed; very strongly embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 0.70; IZR $\sim$ 0.57)	moderate (WER $\sim$ 1.70)

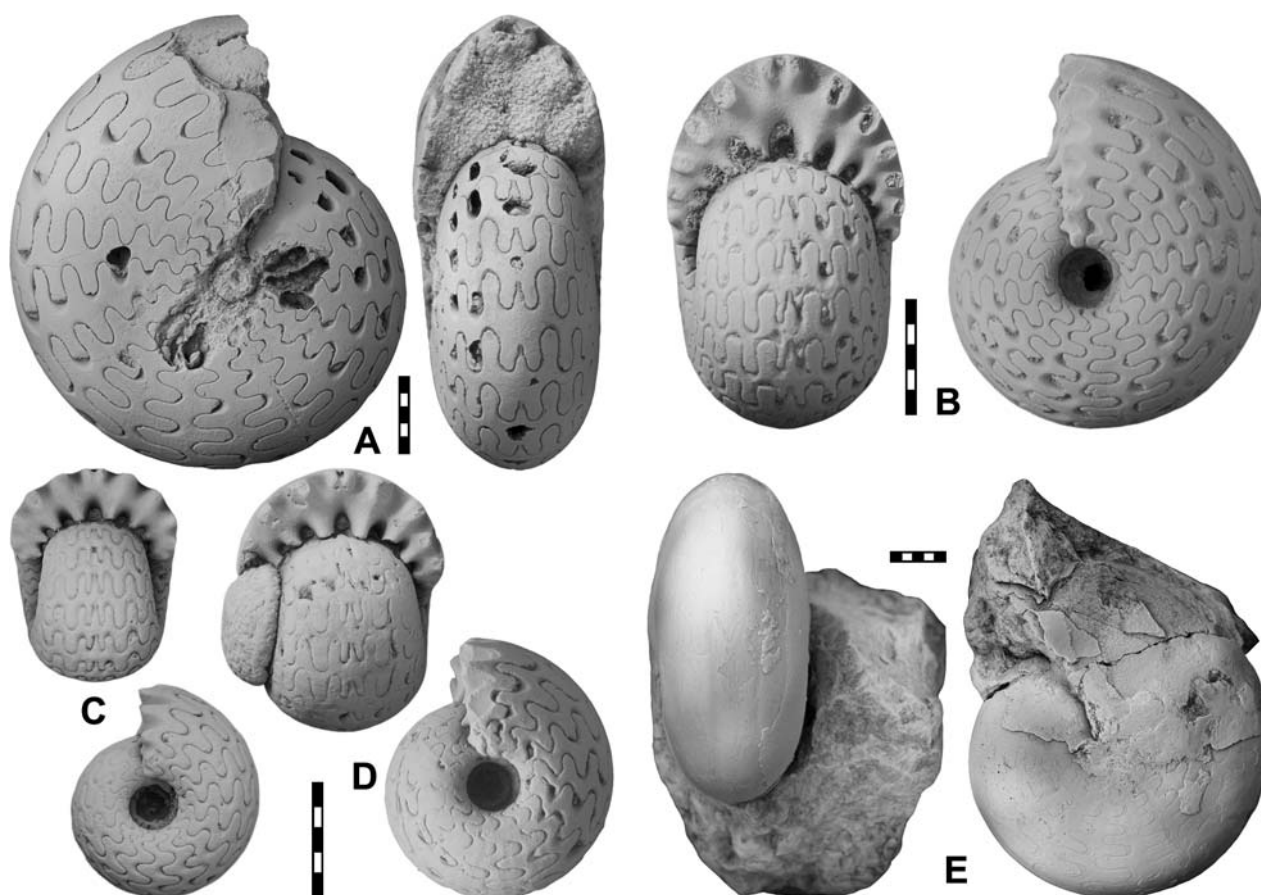
**Table 48.** Suture formula (Figs 51B, C, F–H), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Synpharciceras clavilobum* (Sandberger & Sandberger, 1850) from Hassi Nebech.(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub>:U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I at 8 mm dm (MB.C.22130.12)(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub>:U<sub>7</sub>U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I at 12 mm dm (MB.C.22130.11)(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub>U<sub>8</sub>:U<sub>9</sub>U<sub>7</sub>U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I at 15 mm dm (MB.C.22130.14)(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub>PIU<sub>8</sub>U<sub>10</sub>:U<sub>11</sub>U<sub>9ab</sub>U<sub>7</sub>U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I at 30 mm dm (MB.C.22130.3)(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub>PIU<sub>8</sub>PIU<sub>10</sub>:U<sub>11</sub>U<sub>9</sub>U<sub>7</sub>U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I at 37 mm dm (MB.C.22130.8)

plurilobation by subdivision of U saddles; subdivision of inner U lobes rare (MB.C.22130.3)

umbilicus narrow throughout ontogeny, no whorl overlap

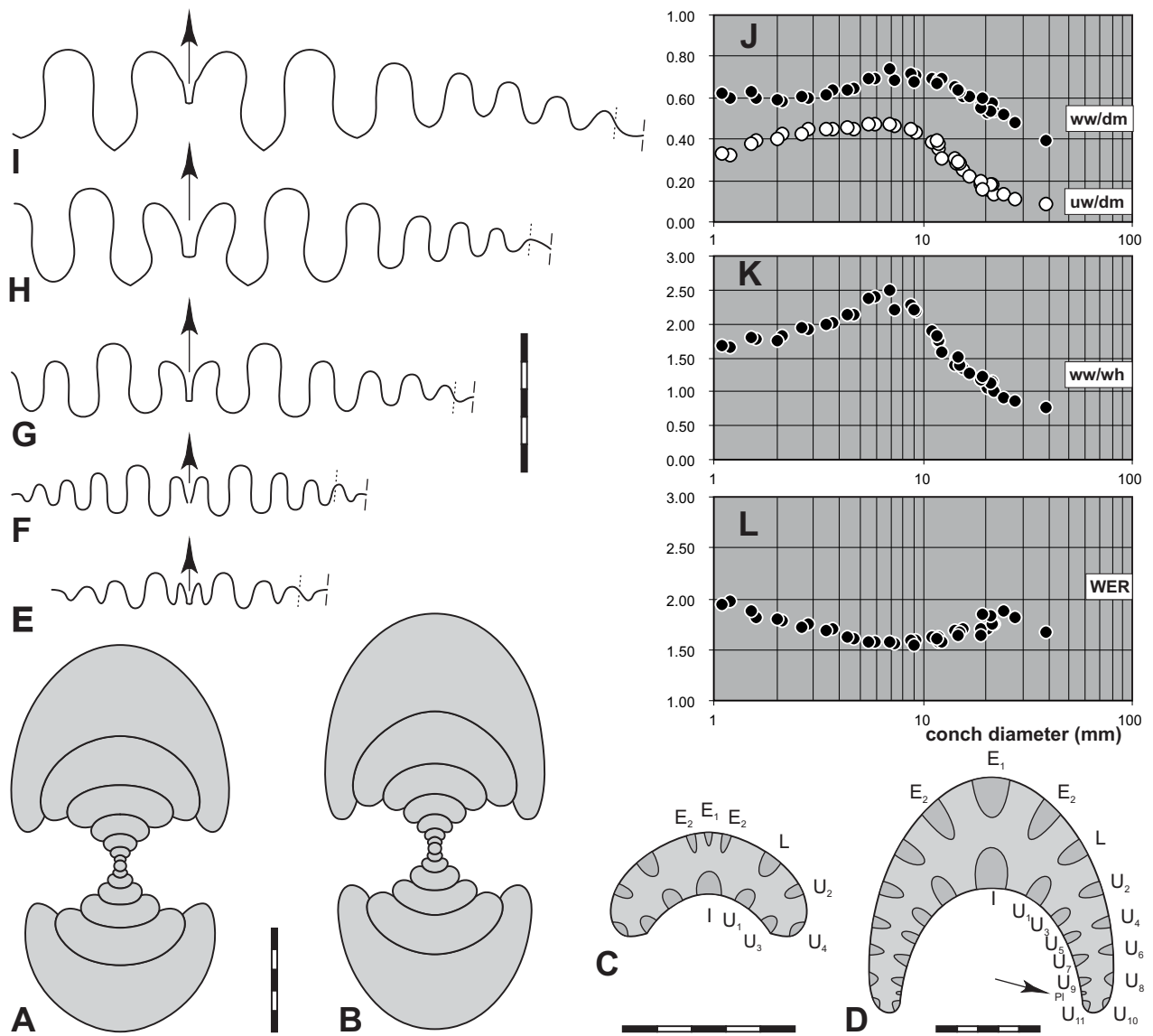
no ribs; no mould constrictions; no furrows

growth lines biconvex, with moderately high ventrolateral salient

**Figure 52.** *Synpharciceras clavilobum* (Sandberger & Sandberger, 1850) from Hassi Nebech; **A.** MB.C.22130.7,  $\times 2$ ; **B.** MB.C.22130.9,  $\times 3$ ; **C.** MB.C.22130.18,  $\times 3$ ; **D.** MB.C.22130.11,  $\times 3$ ; **E.** Reillustration of the holotype (original of Sandberger & Sandberger 1850, pl. 8, figs 3, 3a, b),  $\times 1.5$ . Museum Wiesbaden, Geology, Inv. No. 42.***Synpharciceras frequens* n. sp.**

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*Derivation of name.* Due to the frequent occurrence at Hassi Nebech.*Holotype.* MB.C.22131.1 (Fig. 54B).*Type locality and horizon.* Hassi Nebech, Section 2, SE Tafailat, main collecting level, probably *Taouzites taouzensis* Zone (late Givetian).*Material.* More than 250 specimens up to 40 mm conch diameter, including MB.C.22131.1–MB.C.22131.27.*Diagnosis.* First 2 ½ whorls, up to ca. 3 mm dm, widely umbilicate, increasingly evolute (uw/dm rising to 0.42) and with ww/dm near 0.60; subsequent two whorls up to ca. 7 mm dm smooth, slightly evolute (uw/dm up to 0.45), with depressed whorls (ww/wh up to 2.50) and with low WER (down to ca. 1.50); median stages until ca. 25 mm dm gradually less depressed to compressed (from 20 mm dm) and with WER rising to 1.70–1.80; the umbilicus closes rapidly, during the 6th whorl by absolute overlap of whorls; mature stage thinly discoidal, with narrow umbilicus (probably closed by umbilical shell flares), and with decreasing WER. Growth lines fine, sometimes bundled, strongly arched over



**Figure 53.** *Synpharciceras frequens* n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; **A**. Cross-section of paratype MB.C.22131.2,  $\times 3$ ; **B**. Cross-section of paratype MB.C.22131.3,  $\times 3$ ; **C**. Septal face of MB.C.22131.4,  $\times 5$ ; **D**. Septal face of paratype MB.C.22131.5,  $\times 3$ ; **E**–**I**. Sutures, all  $\times 4$ ; **E**. MB.C.22131.4 at 2.5 mm wh; **F**. Paratype MB.C.22131.6 at 3.4 mm wh; **G**. Paratype MB.C.22131.7 at 8 mm wh; **H**. Paratype MB.C.22131.8 at 8.8 mm wh; **I**. Holotype MB.C.22131.1 at 13.6 mm wh,  $\times 2.5$ ; **J**–**L**. Ontogenetic development of ww/dm, uw/dm, ww/wh, and WER.

the flanks. Mature sutures with divergent, funnel-shaped, short  $E_1$  lobe, moderately high median saddle, deep, lanceolate  $E_2$  lobe, high and narrow  $E_2L$  saddle, moderately deep, lanceolate  $L$  lobe, six, gradually smaller, shorter or wide and shallow  $U$  lobes, six internal  $U$  lobes, and deep, narrow  $I$  lobe. Suture formula:  $(E_2E_1E_2) LU_2U_4U_6U_8U_{10}U_{12} : U_{11}U_9U_7U_5U_3U_1I$ .

**Table 49.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 53A–D, J–L) of *Synpharciceras frequens* n. sp.

dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thickly discoidal; subevolute (ww/dm $\sim 0.60$ ; uw/dm $\sim 0.40$ )	moderately depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh $\sim 1.80$ ; IZR $\sim 0.25$ )	moderate (WER $\sim 1.80$ )
7 mm	thinly pachyconic; evolute (ww/dm $\sim 0.70$ ; uw/dm $\sim 0.45$ )	strongly depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh = 2.40–2.50; IZR $\sim 0.30$ )	low (WER $\sim 1.60$ )
10 mm	thinly pachyconic; subevolute (ww/dm $\sim 0.70$ ; uw/dm $\sim 0.40$ )	moderately depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh $\sim 2.00$ ; IZR $\sim 0.40$ )	low (WER $\sim 1.60$ )
20 mm	thickly discoidal; subinvolute (ww/dm $\sim 0.55$ ; uw/dm = 0.15–0.20)	weakly depressed; very strongly embracing (ww/wh $\sim 1.10$ ; IZR $\sim 0.55$ )	moderate (WER = 1.70–1.75)

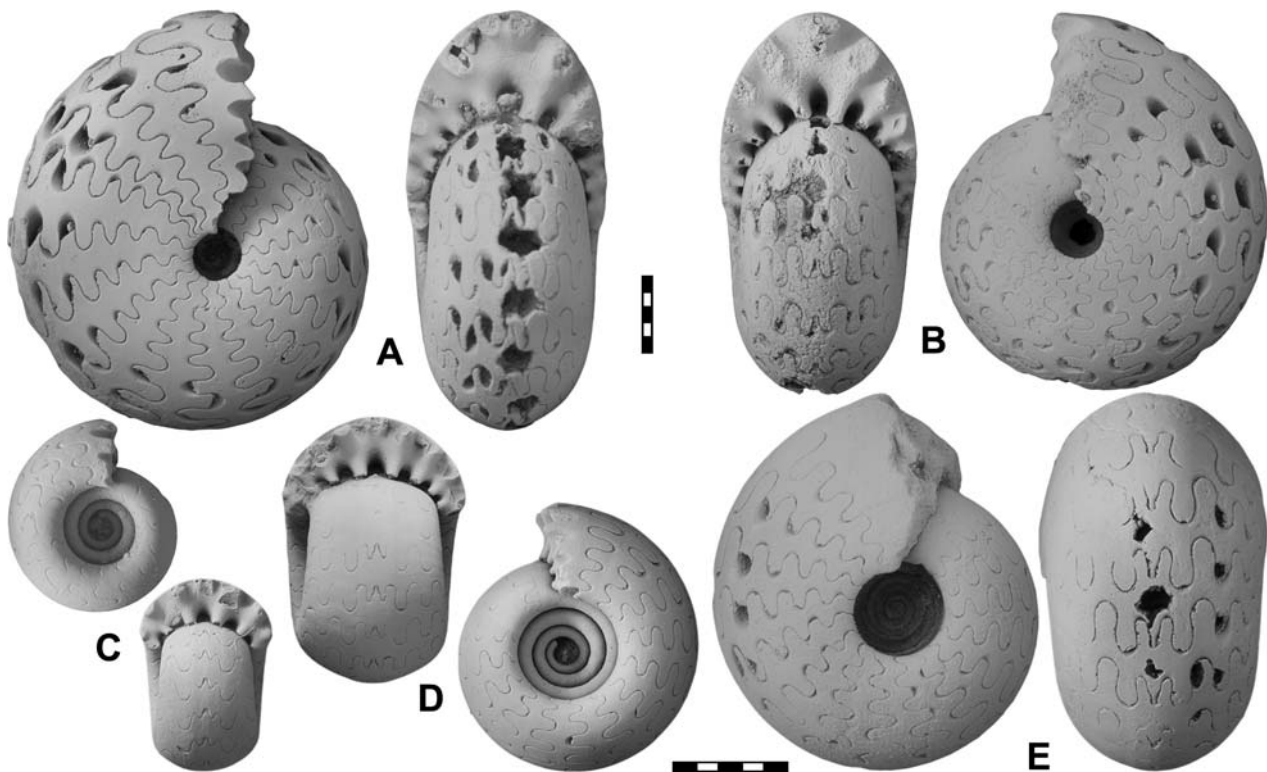
**Table 50.** Suture formula (Figs 53C–I), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Synphaciceras frequens* n. sp.(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>: U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub> I at 9 mm dm (MB.C.22131.27)(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub>: U<sub>7</sub>U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub> I at 12 mm dm (MB.C.22131.19)(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub>U<sub>8</sub>: U<sub>7</sub>U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub> I at 15 mm dm (MB.C.22131.14)(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub>U<sub>8</sub>U<sub>10</sub>: U<sub>11</sub>U<sub>9</sub>U<sub>7</sub>U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub> I at 25 mm dm (holotype)(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub>U<sub>8</sub>U<sub>10</sub>: U<sub>11</sub>PIU<sub>9</sub>U<sub>7</sub>U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub> I at 22 mm dm (MB.C.22131.5, MB.C.22131.23)(E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>6</sub>U<sub>8</sub>U<sub>10</sub>U<sub>12</sub>: U<sub>11</sub>U<sub>9</sub>U<sub>7</sub>U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub> I at 33 mm dm (MB.C.22131.17)

plurilobation by subdivision of U saddles

early whorls evolute; conch depressed; umbilicus closing by whorl overlap

no ribs; no mould constrictions; no furrows

growth lines convex, without ventrolateral salient

**Figure 54.** *Synphaciceras frequens* n. sp. from Hassi Nebech **A.** Paratype MB.C.22131.11, ×2; **B.** Holotype MB.C.22131.1, ×2; **C.** MB.C.22131.4, ×3; **D.** Paratype MB.C.22131.12, ×3; **E.** Paratype MB.C.22131.10, ×3.***Synphaciceras* aff. *frequens* n. sp.**

Figures 55

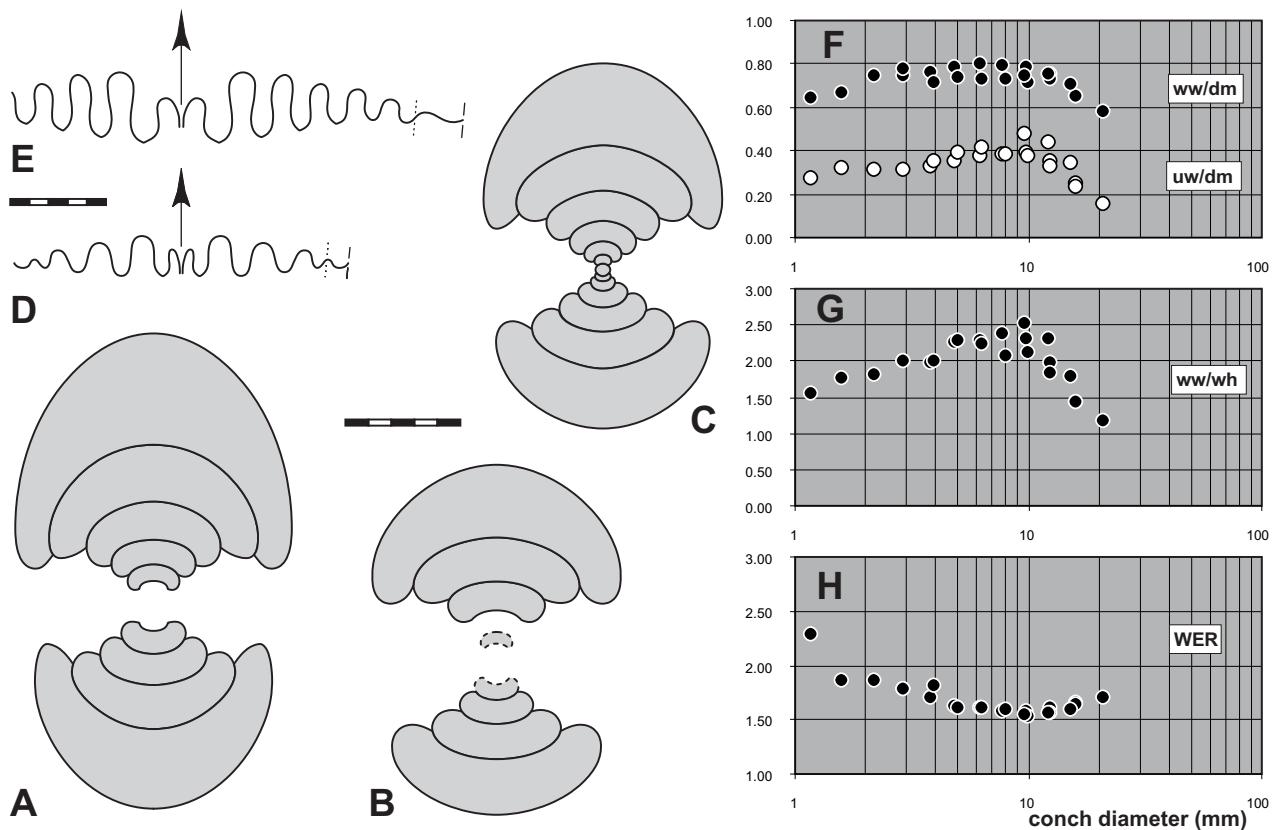
*Material.* Three sectioned specimens (MB.C.22132.1–MB.C.22132.3).**Table 51.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 55A–C, F–H) of *Synphaciceras* aff. *frequens* n. sp.

dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thickly pachyconic; subinvolute (ww/dm ~ 0.75; uw/dm ~ 0.30)	moderately depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh ~ 1.80; IZR ~ 0.35)	moderate (WER ~ 1.85)
7 mm	thickly pachyconic; subevolute (ww/dm ~ 0.80; uw/dm ~ 0.40)	strongly depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh ~ 2.35 IZR ~ 0.40 )	low (WER ~ 1.60)
10 mm	thickly pachyconic; subevolute (ww/dm ~ 0.80; uw/dm ~ 0.40)	strongly depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh ~ 2.30; IZR ~ 0.40)	low (WER ~ 1,55)
20 mm	thickly discoidal; involute (ww/dm ~ 0.60; uw/dm ~ 0.15)	weakly depressed; very strongly embracing (ww/wh ~ 1.20; IZR ~ 0.50)	low (WER ~ 1,70)



**Table 52.** Suture formula (Figs 55D, E), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Synpharciceras* aff. *frequens* n. sp.

(E <sub>2</sub> E <sub>1</sub> E <sub>2</sub> ) LU <sub>2</sub> U <sub>4</sub> U <sub>6</sub> : . . . . . at 12 mm dm (MB.C.22132.2)
(E <sub>2</sub> E <sub>1</sub> E <sub>2</sub> ) LU <sub>2</sub> U <sub>4</sub> U <sub>6</sub> U <sub>8</sub> : . . . . . at 15 mm dm (MB.C.22132.3)
(E <sub>2</sub> E <sub>1</sub> E <sub>2</sub> ) LU <sub>2</sub> U <sub>4</sub> U <sub>6</sub> U <sub>8</sub> U <sub>10</sub> : . . . . . at 20 mm dm (MB.C.22132.1)
E <sub>1</sub> lobe short, narrow; flank saddles self-similar
venter broadly rounded, involute
no ribs; no constrictions; no furrows
growth lines not visible



**Figure 55.** *Synpharciceras* aff. *frequens* n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Cross-section of MB.C.22132.1,  $\times 3$ ; **B.** Cross-section of MB.C.22132.2,  $\times 3$ ; **C.** Cross-section of MB.C.22132.3,  $\times 3$ ; **D.** Suture of MB.C.22132.2 at 5 mm wh,  $\times 2.5$ ; **E.** Suture of MB.C.22132.1 at 10.5 mm wh,  $\times 2.5$ ; **F–H.** Ontogenetic development of ww/dm, uw/dm, ww/wh, and WER of all available specimens.

### Family Petteroceratidae Becker & House, 1993

**Diagnosis** (emend). Moderate to large-sized, early whorls depressed, subinvolute to evolute, mature whorls compressed, subinvolute, with rounded or oxyconic venter. Sutures with incipient to fully developed third E lobe and six to thirteen U lobes, often with more outer than inner ones.

**Discussion.** Our new observations at Hassi Nebech specimens show that the U lobes do not develop in the regular, alternating way as in typical Pharciceratinae and Synpharciceratinae. *Petteroceras* specimens display more outer than inner U lobes, which was first noted in Petter (1959, fig. 33H<sub>2</sub>). As discussed under *Extropharciceras* n. sp., it is possible that *Clariondites*, despite its incipient E<sub>3</sub> lobe, is not related to *Petteroceras*.

### *Petteroceras* Bogoslovsky, 1962

**Type species.** *Pharciceras?* *errans* Petter, 1959.

**Diagnosis.** See Bogoslovsky (1962) or Bensaïd (1974). Suture formula: (E<sub>2</sub>E<sub>3</sub>E<sub>1</sub>E<sub>3</sub>E<sub>2</sub>) LU<sub>2</sub>U<sub>4</sub>U<sub>5</sub>U<sub>7</sub>U<sub>9</sub> : U<sub>8</sub>U<sub>6</sub>U<sub>3</sub>U<sub>1</sub>I.



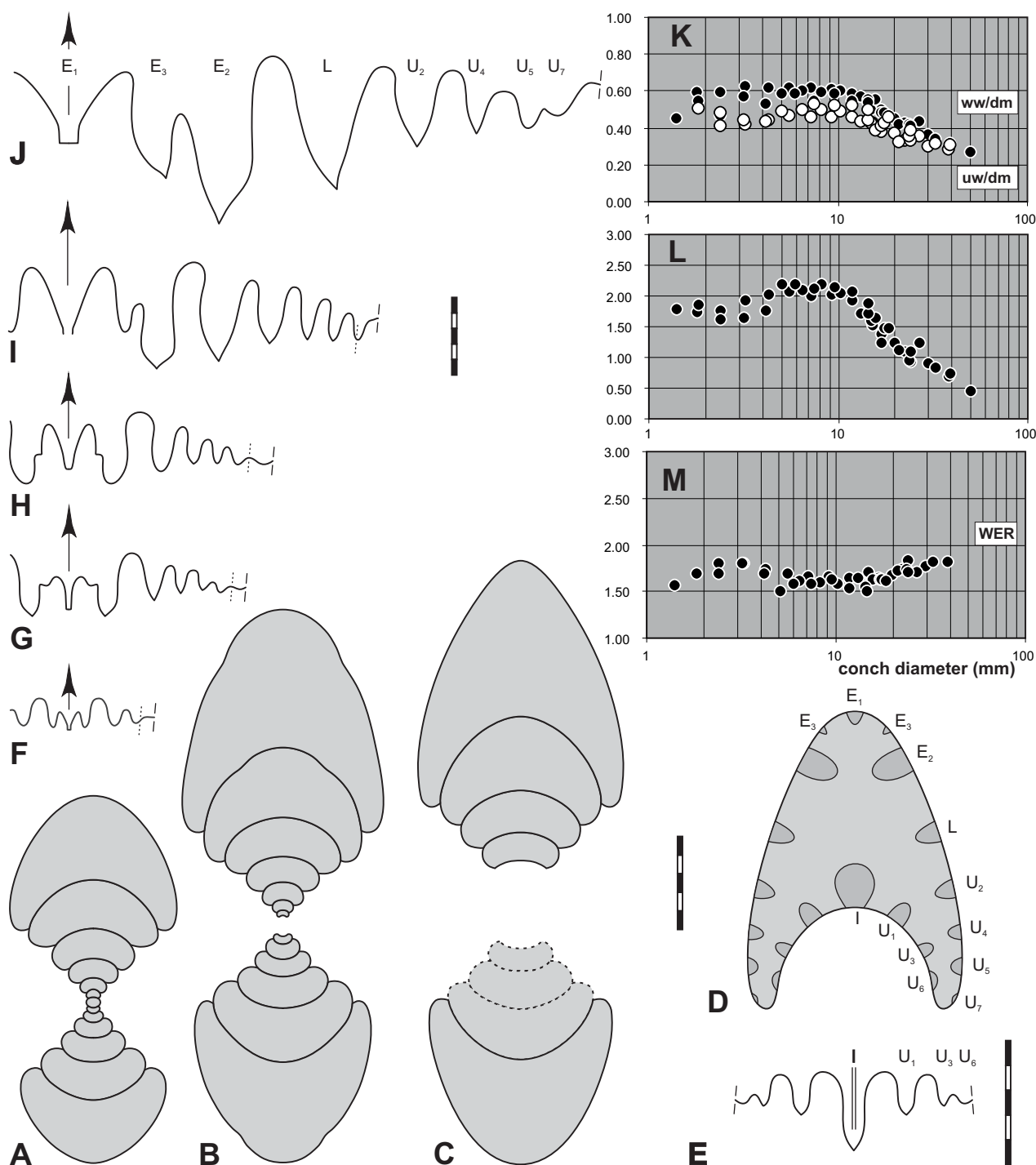
***Petteroceras errans* (Petter, 1959)**

Figures 56, 57

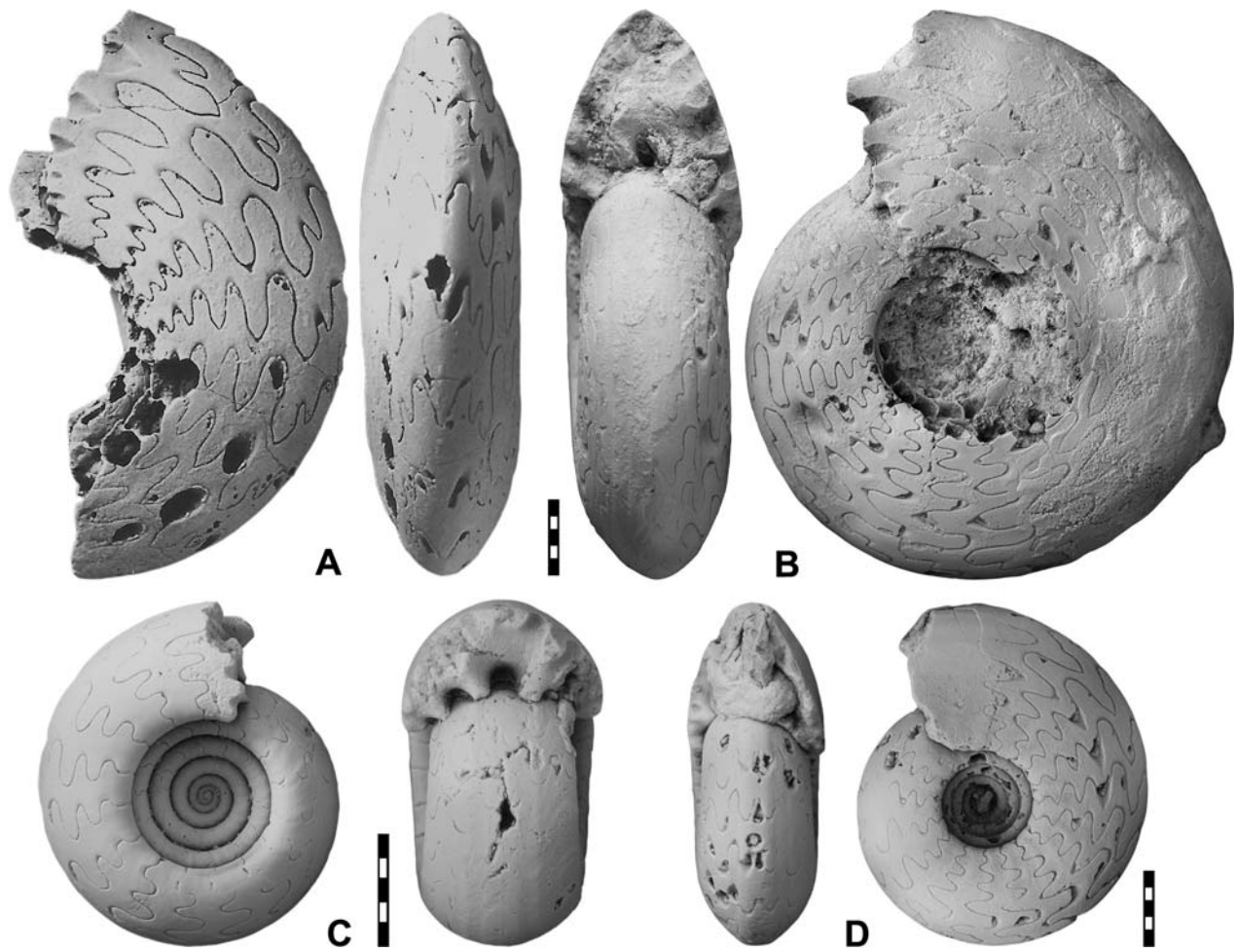
**Lectotype.** The original of Petter (1959, pl. 8, fig. 11) is here selected as lectotype and re-illustrated in Figure 57A (including for the first time a ventral view). It was first figured in Termier & Termier (1950, pl. 151, figs 27–30) as *Beloceras Denckmanni* and is stored in the Musée d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris. It is a medium-sized fragment showing conch shape and outer and inner sutures.

**Type locality and horizon.** Krib Oued Amerloh, Tafilalet; *Petteroceras errans* Zone.

**Material.** More than 30 specimens up to ca. 55 mm conch diameter, including MB.C.22133.1–MB.C.22133.19.



**Figure 56.** *Petteroceras errans* (Petter, 1959) from Hassi Nebech; **A–C.** Cross-sections, all  $\times 3$ ; **A.** MB.C.22133.1; **B.** MB.C.22133.2; **C.** MB.C.22133.3; **D.** Septal face of MB.C.22133.4,  $\times 3$ ; **E.** MB.C.22133.5, dorsal lobes at 9.5 mm ww,  $\times 4$ ; **F–J.** Sutures, all  $\times 2.5$ ; **F.** MB.C.22133.6 at 2.8 mm wh; **G.** MB.C.22133.7 at 8.8 mm wh; **H.** MB.C.22133.8 at 10 mm wh; **I.** MB.C.22133.9 at 16 mm wh; **J.** MB.C.22133.10 at 30 mm wh; **K–M.** Ontogenetic development of ww/dm, uw/dm, ww/wh, and WER.



**Figure 57.** *Petteroceras errans* (Petter, 1959); **A.** Lectotype (designated here) from Krib Oued Amerloh, original of *Beloceras Denckmanni* in Termier & Termier (1950, pl. 151, figs 27–30) and of *Ph. errans* in Petter (1959, pl. 8, fig. 11),  $\times 2$ ; **B–D.** Specimens from Hassi Nebech; **B.** MB.C.22133.9,  $\times 2$ ; **C.** MB.C.22133.11,  $\times 3$ ; **D.** MB.C.22133.12,  $\times 2$ .

**Diagnosis (emend.).** Post-embryonic conch ontogeny triphasic; first two whorls, until 3 mm dm, with decreasing umbilical width, rising whorl width (ww/dm up to 0.60) and WER values; between 3 and 10 mm dm (until 5th whorl) broadly depressed, slowly expanding (WER 1.60–1.70), with constant ww/dm ratio, rising ww/wh (up to 2.00), and increasing umbilical width rate (uw/dm up to 0.50); submature and mature stages gradually less depressed to compressed (from ca. 25 mm dm on), and finally thinly compressed and oxyconic (from 50 mm dm on); the relative umbilical width decreases to below 0.30. Early stages with dense subumbilical ribbing. Growth lines strongly biconvex, with narrow ventrolateral salient lying in spiral (double) furrows. Mature sutures with divergent, short, funnel-shaped  $E_1$  lobe, deeper, asymmetrically inward flexured  $E_3$  lobe, very narrow, low inner median saddle, very deep, asymmetric lanceolate  $E_2$  lobe, very high and narrow ventrolateral saddle, asymmetric, pointed, moderately deep L lobe, two pointed and two rounded, small outer U lobes towards the umbilicus, separated by relative high and narrow saddles, with the exception of the smallest  $U_5U_7$  saddle. Mature suture formula:  $(E_2E_3E_1E_3E_2)LU_2U_4U_5U_7U_9:U_8U_6U_3U_1I$

**Table 53.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 56A–D, K–M) of *Petteroceras errans* (Petter, 1959) from Hassi Nebech.

dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thickly discoidal; subevolute to evolute (ww/dm = 0.50–0.60; uw/dm = 0.40–0.50)	moderately depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh = 1.70–1.80; IZR = 0.20–0.25)	low to moderate (WER = 1.70–1.80)
8 mm	thickly discoidal; evolute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.60; uw/dm = 0.45–0.50)	strongly depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh = 2.00–2.20; IZR = 0.25–0.30)	low (WER = 1.60–1.70)
20 mm	thinly discoidal; subevolute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.45; uw/dm = 0.35–0.40)	weakly depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh = 1.00–1.20; IZR = 0.35–0.40)	low to moderate (WER = 1.70–1.80)
40 mm	extremely discoidal; subinvolute (ww/dm $\sim$ 0.30; uw/dm $\sim$ 0.30)	weakly compressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh $\sim$ 0.75; IZR $\sim$ 0.40)	moderate (WER $\sim$ 1.80)

**Table 54.** Suture formula (Figs 56D–J), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Petteroceras errans* (Petter, 1959) from Hassi Nebech.

(E <sub>2</sub> E <sub>1</sub> E <sub>2</sub> ) LU <sub>2</sub> U <sub>4</sub> :U <sub>3</sub> U <sub>1</sub> I at ca. 12 mm dm (MB.C.22133.6)
(E <sub>2</sub> E <sub>3</sub> E <sub>1</sub> E <sub>3</sub> E <sub>2</sub> ) LU <sub>2</sub> U <sub>4</sub> U <sub>5</sub> :U <sub>3</sub> U <sub>1</sub> I at ca. 15 mm dm (MB.C.22133.11)
(E <sub>2</sub> E <sub>3</sub> E <sub>1</sub> E <sub>3</sub> E <sub>2</sub> ) LU <sub>2</sub> U <sub>4</sub> U <sub>5</sub> U <sub>7</sub> :U <sub>6</sub> U <sub>3</sub> U <sub>1</sub> I at 40 mm dm (MB.C.22133.9)
(E <sub>2</sub> E <sub>3</sub> E <sub>1</sub> E <sub>3</sub> E <sub>2</sub> ) LU <sub>2</sub> U <sub>4</sub> U <sub>5</sub> U <sub>7</sub> U <sub>9</sub> :U <sub>8</sub> U <sub>6</sub> U <sub>3</sub> U <sub>1</sub> I at ca. 55 mm dm (MB.C.22133.5)
E <sub>1</sub> lobe funnel-shaped, moderately deep; E <sub>2</sub> lobe deep and large, pointed; E <sub>3</sub> lobe small and steplike in juveniles, deeper and acute in adults; L lobe shorter than E <sub>2</sub> lobe; all saddles narrowly rounded; L and outer U lobes pointed; asymmetrical development of the U lobes from U <sub>5</sub> venter rounded at 20 mm dm, subacute at 35 mm dm, acute at 50 mm dm; umbilicus moderately wide
weak ribs in juveniles; strongly ventrolateral furrows (MB.C.22133.7) or double furrows (MB.C.22133.8) present or not (MB.C.22133.10); no mould constrictions
growth lines rectiradial, concavo-convex with high ventrolateral projection and deep lateral sinus

Order **Goniatitida** Hyatt, 1884Suborder **Tornoceratina** Wedekind, 1918Superfamily **Tornocerataceae** von Arthaber, 1911Family **Tornoceratidae** von Arthaber, 1911Subfamily **Tornoceratinae** von Arthaber, 1911

*Diagnosis* (emend.). Conch in first post-embryonic whorl evolute, whorl cross-section depressed, subsequent whorls with completely closing umbilicus, whorl cross-section gradually weakly to strongly compressed, WER moderately high to high; venter narrowly rounded, oxyconic, or tabulate; growth lines biconvex to (secondarily) convex, ventrolateral furrows only in some derived forms; shell mostly smooth, rarely with ribs, with or without internal shell thickenings. L lobe undivided or divided, A lobe wide and shallow or deep, lingulate to asymmetrically pointed, external lobe small. Suture formulae: EALI to EAL<sub>c</sub>:L<sub>i</sub>I

***Epitornoceras* Frech, 1902**

*Type species.* *Goniatites mithracoides* Frech, 1888 (OD).

*Diagnosis, included species, stratigraphic range and geographic distribution.* See Bockwinkel et al. (2009).

***Epitornoceras mithracoides* (Frech, 1888)**

Figures 4D, 58, 59

*Lectotype.* MB.C.469, designated in Bockwinkel et al. (2009).

*Type locality and horizon.* Volpertseiche Mine near Eibach, Dill Syncline, southern Rhenish Massif; late Givetian, precise horizon unknown.

*Material.* More than 15 specimens from the main collecting horizon, up to 27.5 mm conch diameter, including MB.C.22101.1–MB.C.22101.9; MB.C.22137 from the “Lower Marker Bed”.

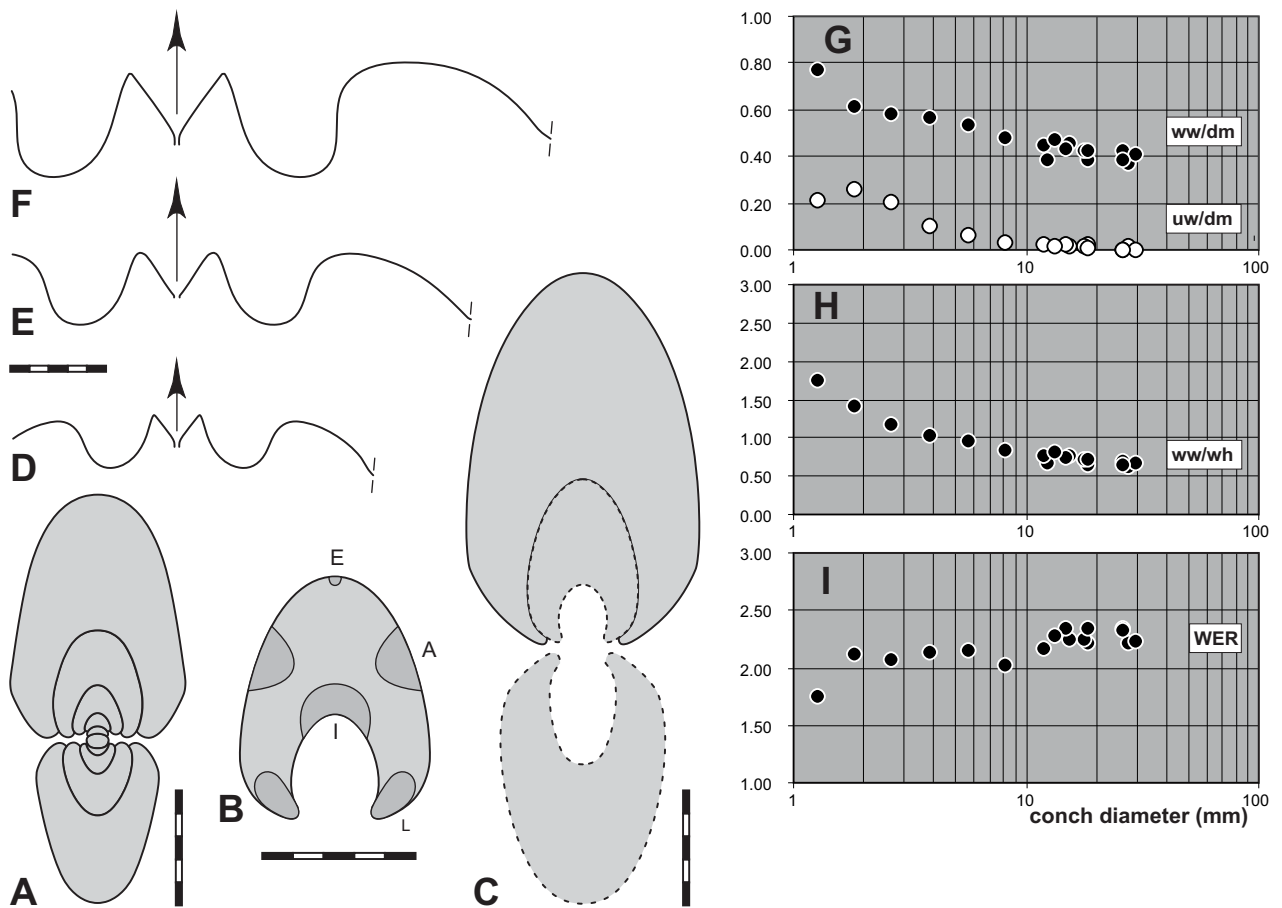
*Diagnosis.* See Bockwinkel et al. (2009).

**Table 55.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 58A–C, G–I) of *Epitornoceras mithracoides* (Frech, 1888) from Hassi Nebech.

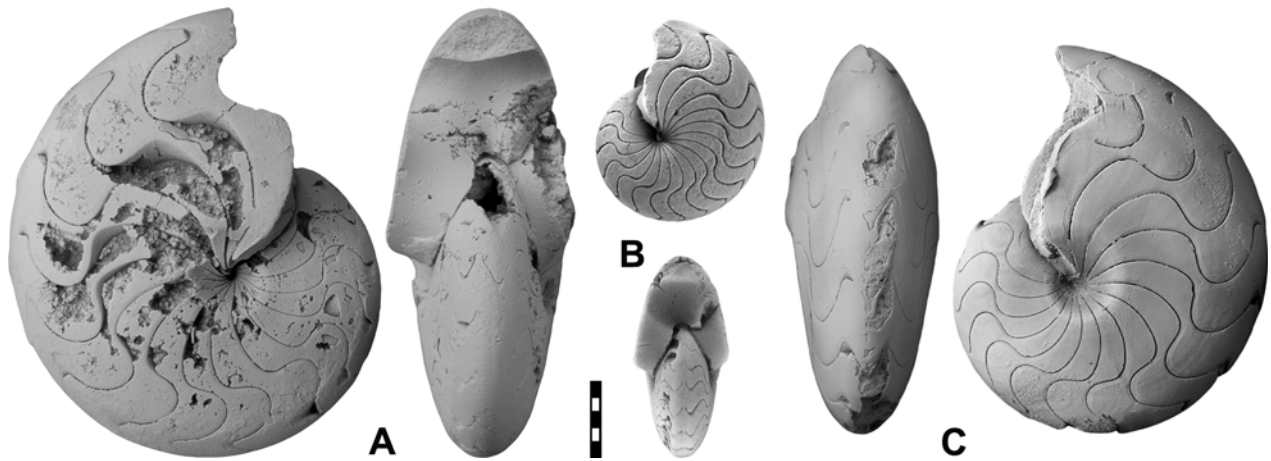
dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thickly discoidal; subinvolute (ww/dm ~ 0.60; uw/dm ~ 0.20)	weakly depressed; moderately embracing (ww/wh = 1.40–1.50; IZR ~ 0.30)	moderate (WER ~ 2.00)
5 mm	thickly discoidal; involute (ww/dm ~ 0.50; uw/dm ~ 0.10)	weakly compressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh = 0.90–1.00; IZR ~ 0.45)	high (WER ~ 2.15)
10 mm	thinly discoidal; involute (ww/dm ~ 0.45; uw/dm ~ 0.02)	weakly compressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh ~ 0.80; IZR ~ 0.45)	high (WER ~ 2.15)
25 mm	thinly discoidal; involute (ww/dm ~ 0.40; uw/dm ~ 0.01)	weakly compressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh ~ 0.65; IZR ~ 0.45)	high (WER ~ 2.20)

**Table 56.** Suture formula (Figs 58B, D–F), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Epitornoceras mithracoides* (Frech, 1888) from Hassi Nebech.

EALI
E lobe deep, wide, funnel-shaped; A lobe deeply rounded, slightly asymmetric; ventrolateral saddle very narrow, high, subacute
venter narrowly rounded in juveniles, nearly suboxyconic at 30 mm dm; umbilical ramp flat
no furrows; no ribs; no internal constrictions
growth lines biconvex



**Figure 58.** *Epitornoceras mithracoides* (Frech, 1902) from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Cross-section of MB.C.22101.1,  $\times 3$ ; **B.** Septal face of MB.C.22101.2,  $\times 4$ ; **C.** Cross-section of MB.C.22101.3,  $\times 3$ ; **D.** Suture of MB.C.22101.4 at 7 mm wh,  $\times 2.5$ ; **E.** Suture of MB.C.22101.5 at 11.5 mm wh,  $\times 2.5$ ; **F.** Suture of MB.C.22101.5 at 16.5 mm wh,  $\times 2.5$ ; **G–I.** Ontogenetic development of  $ww/dm$ ,  $uw/dm$ ,  $ww/wh$ , and WER.



**Figure 59.** *Epitornoceras mithracoides* (Frech, 1902) from Hassi Nebech; **A.** MB.C.22101.5; **B.** MB.C.22101.2; **C.** MB.C.22101.6; all  $\times 2$ .

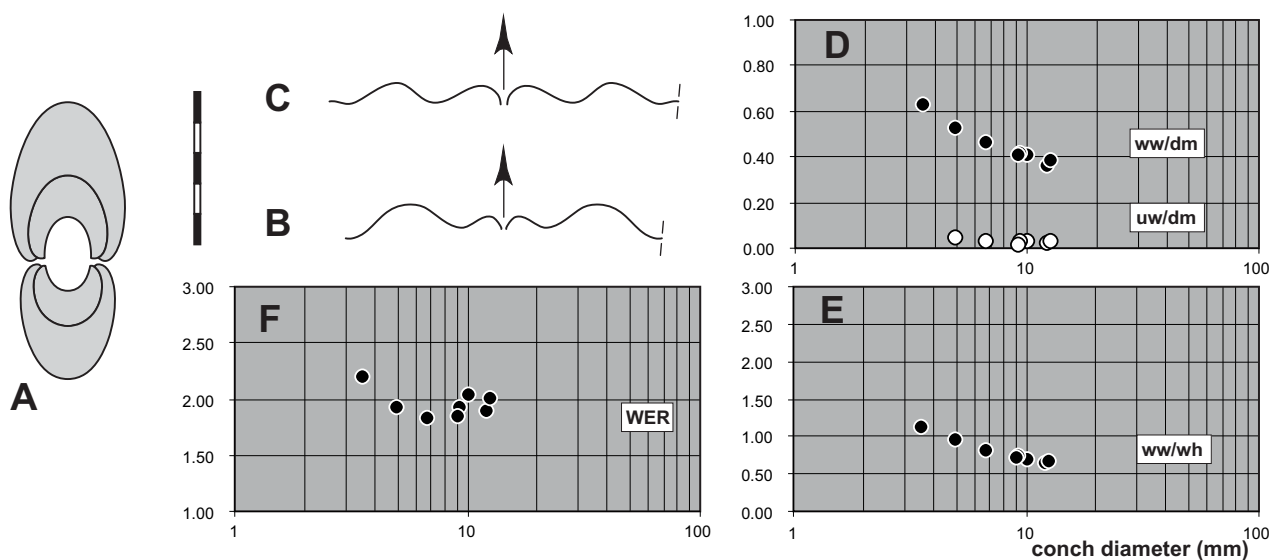
### *Lobotornoceras* Schindewolf, 1936

Type species. *Goniatis Ausavensis* Steininger, 1849.

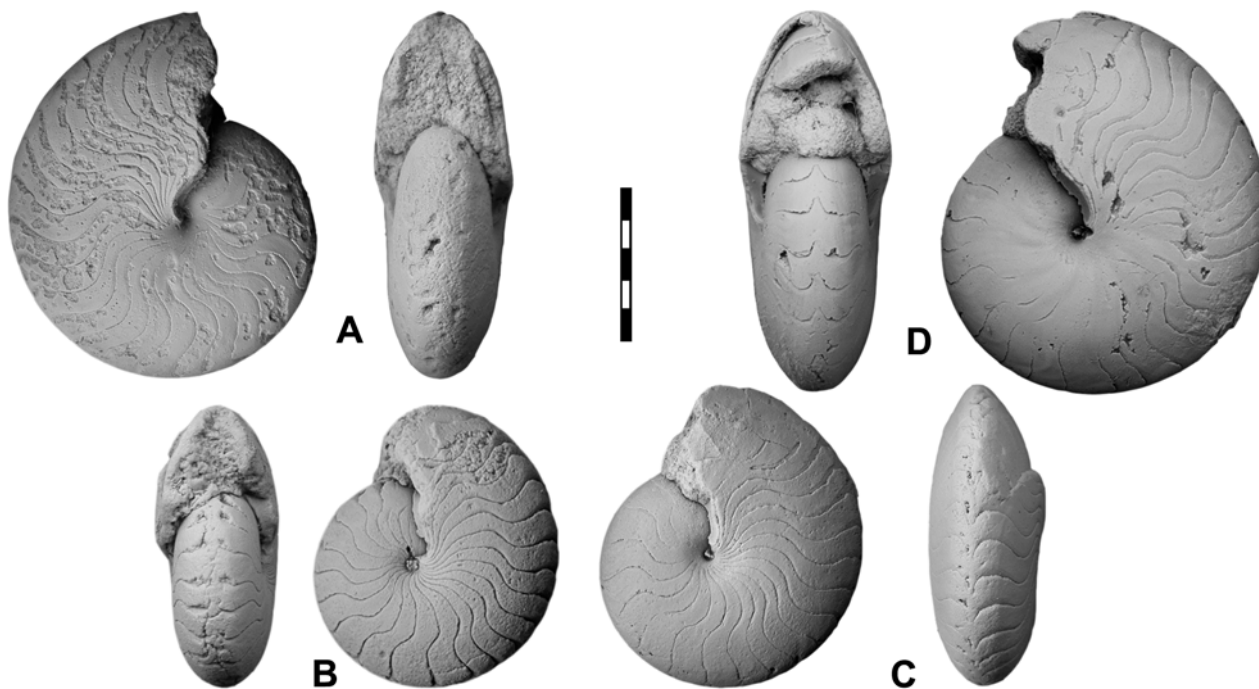
**Diagnosis (emend.).** Very small-sized, earliest whorls depressed, subsequent whorls involute or with closed umbilicus, compressed, thinly discoidal, with flattened flanks and narrowly rounded venter; WER high; growth lines slightly prorsiradiate, weakly biconvex, with shallow flank sinus and low ventrolateral projection; with or without mould constrictions, smooth, without spiral furrows; L lobe subdivided by small and low saddle at umbilical seam, lateral saddles moderately high, A lobe rounded, E lobe small. Suture formula:  $EAL_e : L_l I$

***Lobotornoceras bensaidi* n. sp.**

Figures 4C, 60, 61

*Derivation of name.* In honour of Dr. M. Bensaid (Rabat), who first illustrated the new species.*Holotype.* MB.C.22102.1 (Fig. 61D).*Type locality and horizon.* Hassi Nebech, Section 2, SE Tafilalt, main collecting level, probably *Taouzites taouzensis* Zone (late Givetian).*Material.* Four specimens up to ca. 12.5 mm conch diameter, MB.C.22102.1–MB.C.22102.3, and paratype STIPB-Bensaid-44 (old: GPI Bo 44), the original of Bensaid (1974, pl. 5, figs 4, 4a, re-illustrated here in Figure 61A).

**Figure 60.** *Lobotornoceras bensaidi* n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Cross-section of paratype MB.C.22102.2,  $\times 4$ ; **B.** Suture of paratype MB.C.22102.2 at 5.2 mm wh,  $\times 4$ ; **C.** Suture of paratype MB.C.22102.3 at 5.9 mm wh,  $\times 4$ ; **D–F.** Ontogenetic development of ww/dm, uw/dm, ww/wh, and WER of all available specimens.



**Figure 61.** *Lobotornoceras bensaidi* n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Paratype STIPB-Bensaid-44 (old: GPI Bo 44), original of *Tornoceras frechi* of Bensaid (1974: pl. 5, figs 4, 4a); **B.** Paratype MB.C.22102.2 (before sectioning); **C.** Paratype MB.C.22102.3; **D.** Holotype MB.C.22102.1; all  $\times 4$ .



**Table 57.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 60A, D–F) of *Lobotornoceras bensaidi* n. sp.

dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
5 mm	thickly discoidal; involute (ww/dm ~ 0.53; uw/dm ~ 0.05)	weakly compressed; very strongly embracing (ww/wh ~ 0.95; IZR ~ 0.50)	moderate (WER ~ 1.95)
10 mm	thinly discoidal; involute (ww/dm ~ 0.40; uw/dm ~ 0.04)	weakly compressed; very strongly embracing (ww/wh = 0.70–0.75; IZR ~ 0.50)	high (WER ~ 2.00)

**Table 58.** Suture formula (Figs 60B, C), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Lobotornoceras bensaidi* n. sp.EAL<sub>1e</sub> : L<sub>1i</sub>I

E lobe short; A lobe broadly rounded, shallow; EA and AL saddles low; L lobe divided by small, low saddle at the umbilicus  
 venter narrowly rounded; umbilicus closed

no ribs; no ventrolateral furrows; no internal constrictions

growth lines strongly biconvex, bundled

**Diagnosis.** Small, earliest stages currently unknown; conch from 5 mm dm strictly involute, compressed, gradually becoming thinly discoidal (ww/dm decreasing from > 0.60 to ca. 0.40), with gently rounded flanks and narrowly rounded venter, WER rising from ca. 1.80 to ca. 2.00 at > 10 mm dm, no mould constrictions. Sutures with small L lobe, asymmetric, wide and low AL saddle, widely rounded, shallow A lobe, low, asymmetric ventrolateral saddle and small, slightly diverging E lobe. The biconvex growth lines are best visible on the holotype.

### Subfamily **Falcitornoceratinae** Becker, 1993

**Diagnosis.** Embryonic first whorl and first post-embryonic whorl depressed, subsequent whorls with completely closed umbilicus, weakly to strongly compressed, WER moderately high to high, venter rounded or oxyconic; growth lines strongly biconvex in early stages, weakly or strongly biconvex at maturity, often forming distinctive lirae or ribs, with shallow or strong ventrolateral furrows, at least in early whorls, with or without internal shell thickenings. L lobe undivided or divided, A lobe wide and shallow or deep, lingulate to asymmetrically pointed, external lobe small. Suture formulae: EALI, EAL<sub>e</sub> : L<sub>i</sub>I or EAL<sub>1e</sub>L<sub>2</sub>L<sub>1i</sub>I.

### ***Nebechoceras* n. gen.**

**Derivation of name.** After the type locality Hassi Nebech.

**Type species.** *Nebechoceras excentricum* n. sp.

**Diagnosis:** First two whorls depressed and openly umbilicate, subsequently increasingly compressed, with high WER, weak ventrolateral furrows, and rounded venter; umbilicus closed at maturity, from the 6th whorl on with a sudden umbilical opening of internal moulds, probably caused by a shell callus; growth lines strongly biconvex, with prominent ventrolateral salient. Suture line with asymmetrically rounded adventive lobe and low ventrolateral saddle. Suture formula EALI.

**Included species.** Only the type species.

**Stratigraphic range and geographic distribution.** Type locality and horizon.

### ***Nebechoceras excentricum* n. sp.**

Figures 62, 63

**Derivation of name.** After the sudden, eccentric umbilical opening on internal moulds of mature whorls.

**Holotype.** MB.C.22103.1 (Figs 62K & 63A).

**Table 59.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 62A–I, M–O) of *Nebechoceras excentricum* n. gen. n. sp.

dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thickly discoidal; subinvolute (ww/dm = 0.55–0.60; uw/dm ~ 0.25)	weakly depressed; strongly embracing (ww/wh ~ 1.10; IZR = 0.40–0.45)	high (WER = 2.00–2.10)
5 mm	thickly discoidal; involute (ww/dm = 0.50–0.55; uw/dm = 0.05–0.10)	weakly compressed; very strongly embracing (ww/wh ~ 0.95; IZR ~ 0.50)	moderate (WER ~ 2.00)
10 mm	thinly to thickly discoidal; involute (ww/dm = 0.45–0.55; uw/dm ~ 0.05)	weakly compressed; very strongly embracing (ww/wh = 0.80–0.90; IZR = 0.45–0.50)	high (WER = 2.00–2.20)
15 mm	thinly discoidal; involute (ww/dm ~ 0.45; uw/dm ~ 0.05)	weakly compressed; very strongly embracing (ww/wh = 0.70–0.80; IZR = 0.45–0.50)	high (WER = 2.00–2.20)



**Table 60.** Suture formula (Figs 62A, J–L), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Nebechoceras excentricum* n. gen. n. sp.

EALI

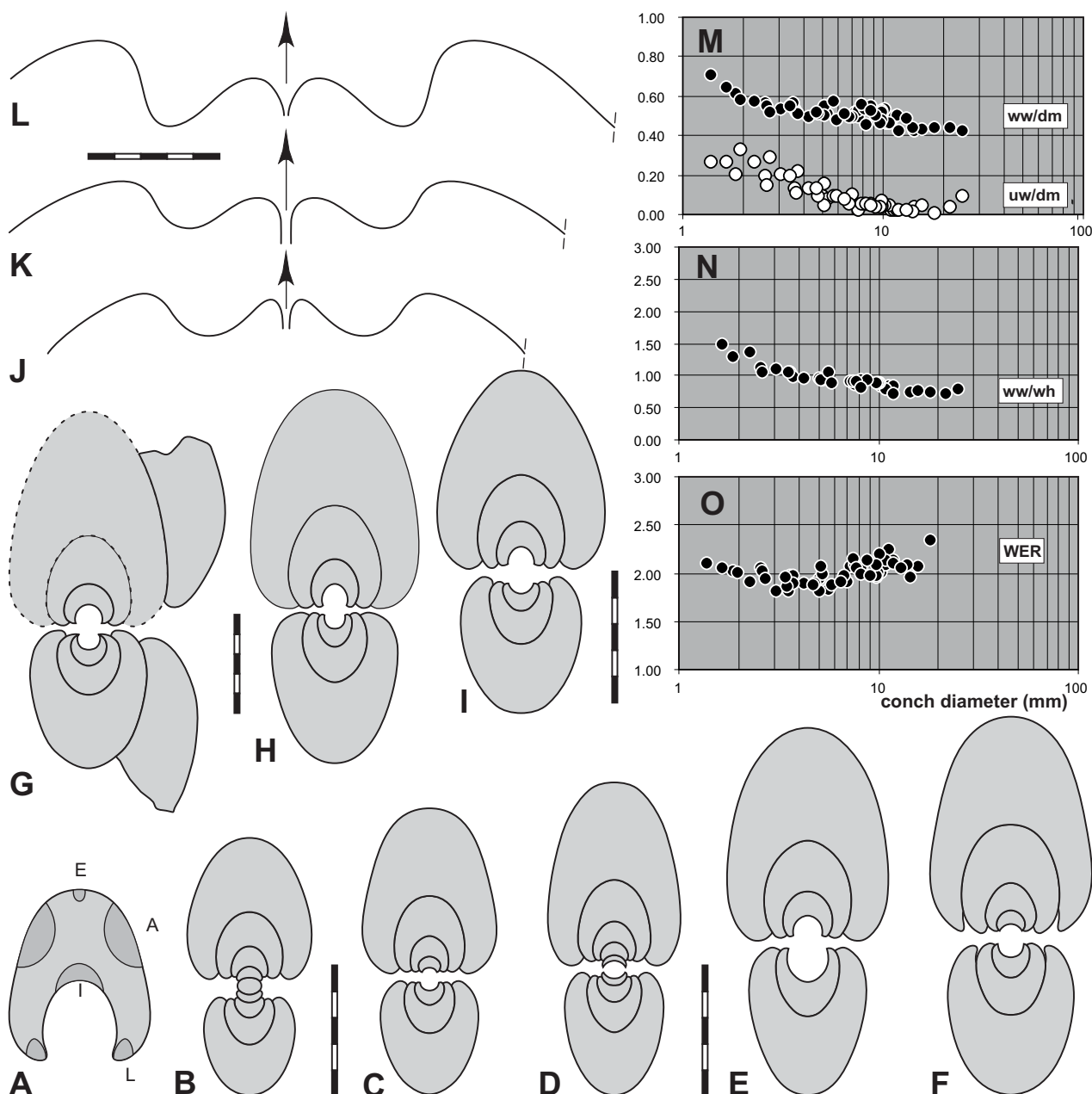
E lobe parallel-sided or funnel-shaped, moderately deep; A lobe moderately deep, asymmetric, broadly rounded; I lobe deep, narrow conch tegoid; venter rounded; umbilical margin rounded or flattened; sudden umbilical uncoiling at about 20 mm dm with (Morphotype II) or without (Morphotype I) ventrolateral furrows; no ribs; no internal constrictions

growth lines biconvex, lirate, with high ventrolateral projection

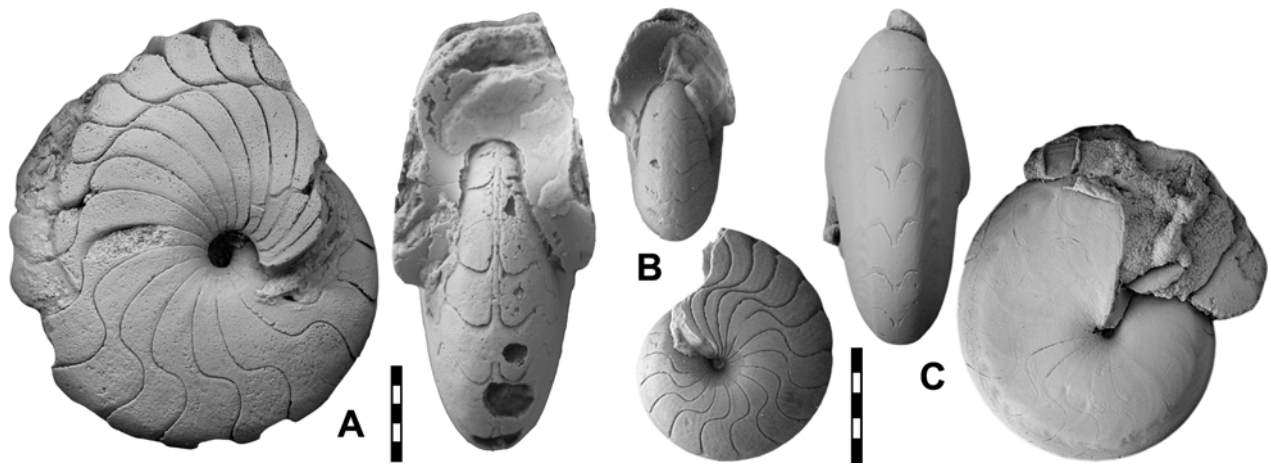
*Type locality and horizon.* Hassi Nebech, Section 2, SE Tafilalet, main collecting level, probably *Taouzites taouzensis* Zone (late Givetian).

*Material.* More than 50 specimens up to 25 mm conch diameter, including MB.C.22103.1–MB.C.22103.22.

*Diagnosis.* Embryonic whorl subinvolute and depressed, from second whorl on with constant absolute umbilical width but rapidly decreasing uw/dm values, at ca. 20 mm dm with sudden opening of the umbilicus on internal moulds; cross-section tegoid, compressed from 5–6 mm dm,



**Figure 62.** *Nebechoceras excentricum* n. gen. n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; Morphotype I: C, H, Morphotype II: A, B, D–G, I; **A.** Septal face of paratype MB.C.22103.2,  $\times 4$ ; **B–I.** Cross-sections; **B.** Paratype MB.C.22103.3,  $\times 4$ ; **C.** Paratype MB.C.22103.4,  $\times 4$ ; **D.** Paratype MB.C.22103.5,  $\times 4$ ; **E.** Paratype MB.C.22103.6,  $\times 4$ ; **F.** Paratype MB.C.22103.7,  $\times 4$ ; **G.** Paratype MB.C.22103.8,  $\times 3$ ; **H.** Paratype MB.C.22103.9,  $\times 3$ ; **I.** Paratype MB.C.22103.10,  $\times 4$ ; **J–L.** Sutures, all  $\times 4$ ; **J.** Paratype MB.C.22103.18 at 7 mm wh; **K.** Holotype MB.C.22103.1 at 9 mm wh; **L.** Paratype MB.C.22103.9 at 10 mm wh; **M–O.** Ontogenetic development of ww/dm, uw/dm, ww/wh, and WER.



**Figure 63.** *Nebechoceras excentricum* n. gen. n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Holotype MB.C.22103.1, Morphotype I,  $\times 2.5$ ; **B.** Paratype MB.C.22103.11, Morphotype I,  $\times 3$ ; **C.** Paratype MB.C.22103.12, Morphotype II,  $\times 3$ .

with  $ww/dm = 0.4$  at ca. 25 mm dm, and high WER, but moderate WER until ca. 7 mm dm. Ornament consists of biconvex growth lirae with high ventrolateral salient. Sutures with small, divergent E lobe, low, asymmetric ventrolateral saddle, rounded A lobe, asymmetrically arched, high dorsolateral saddle, and moderately deep, parallel-sided I lobe.

### *Phoenixites* Becker, 1993

*Type species.* *Tornoceras frechi* Wedekind, 1918.

*Diagnosis.* See Becker (1993).

### *Phoenixites lenticulus* n. sp.

Figures 64, 65

*Derivation of name.* After the lenticular conch shape.

*Holotype.* MB.C.22104.1 (Figs 64D & 65B).

*Type locality and horizon.* Hassi Nebech, Section 2, SE Tafilalt, main collecting level, probably *Taouzites taouzensis* Zone (late Givetian).

*Material.* 30 specimens up to 15 mm conch diameter, including MB.C.22104.1–MB.C.22104.16.

**Table 61.** Conch ontogeny (Figs 64A–C, G–I) of *Phoenixites lenticulus* n. sp.

dm	conch shape	whorl cross-section shape	whorl expansion
2 mm	thinly pachyconic; subinvolute ( $ww/dm \sim 0.65$ ; $uw/dm \sim 0.15$ )	weakly depressed; very strongly embracing ( $ww/wh \sim 1.20$ ; $IZR \sim 0.50$ )	moderate
5 mm	thickly discoidal; involute ( $ww/dm \sim 0.55$ ; $uw/dm \sim 0.10$ )	weakly compressed; very strongly embracing ( $ww/wh \sim 1.00$ ; $IZR \sim 0.50$ )	moderate ( $WER \sim 1.90$ )
8 mm	thickly discoidal; involute ( $ww/dm \sim 0.55$ ; $uw/dm \sim 0.05$ )	weakly compressed; very strongly embracing ( $ww/wh \sim 0.90$ ; $IZR = 0.45–0.50$ )	moderate to high ( $WER = 1.90–2.10$ )
13 mm	thickly discoidal; involute ( $ww/dm \sim 0.47$ ; $uw/dm \sim 0.03$ )	weakly compressed; very strongly embracing ( $ww/wh \sim 0.80$ ; $IZR \sim 0.48$ )	high ( $WER \sim 2.10$ )

**Table 62.** Suture formula (Figs 64A, D–F), conch characteristics, and ornament of *Phoenixites lenticulus* n. sp.

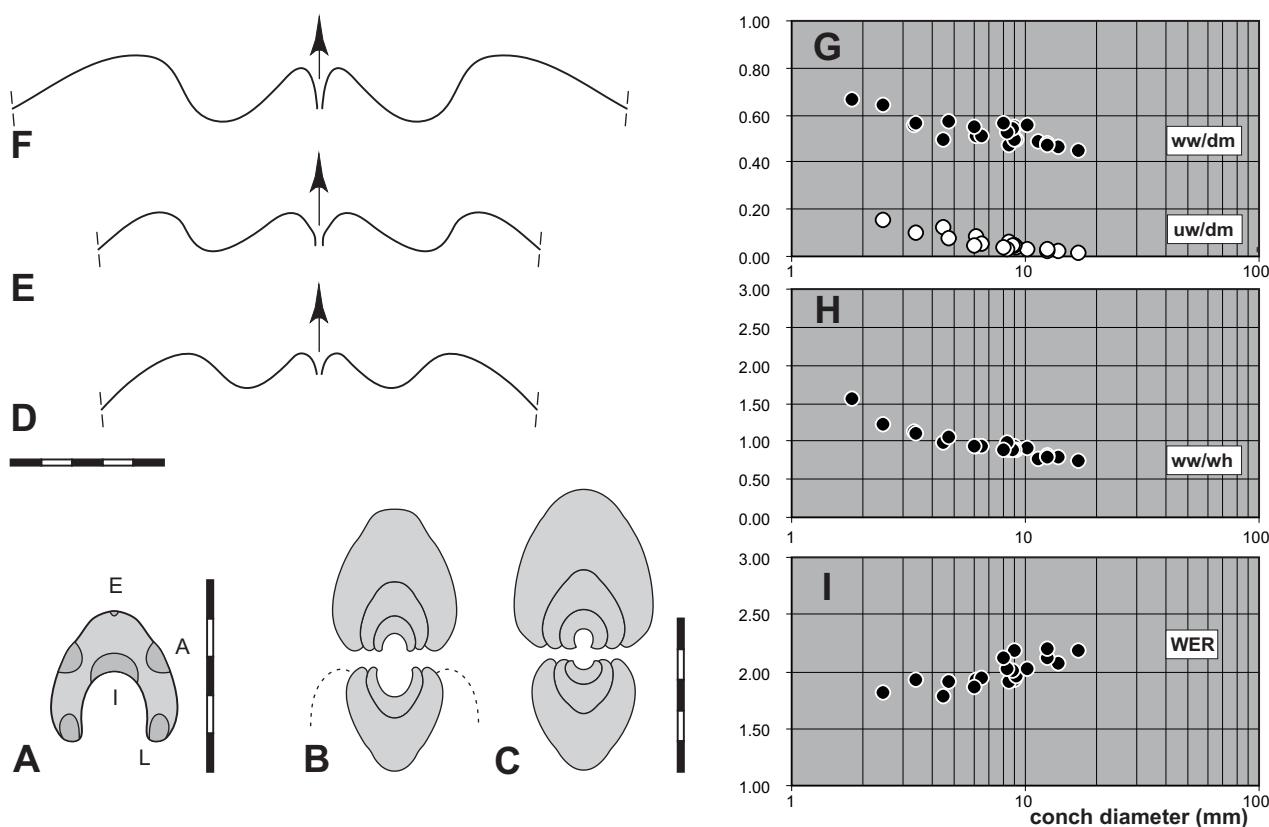
EAL1

E lobe short, funnel-shaped; A lobe shallow to moderately deep, narrow, asymmetrical; EA saddle lower than broadly rounded AL saddle; I lobe deep, narrow

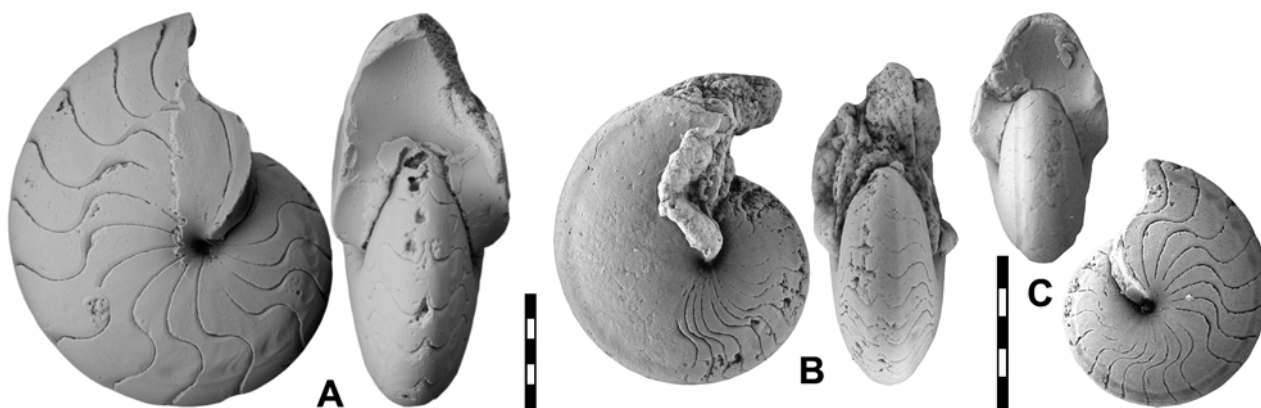
venter narrowly rounded; umbilicus closed

striking ventrolateral grooves; no ribs; no mould constrictions

growth lines strongly biconvex, with low dorsolateral salient and high ventrolateral projection within the grooves



**Figure 64.** *Phoenixites lenticulus* n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Septal face of paratype MB.C.22104.2,  $\times 4$ ; **B.** Cross-section of paratype MB.C.22104.3,  $\times 4$ ; **C.** Cross-section of paratype MB.C.22104.4,  $\times 4$ ; **D–F.** Sutures, all  $\times 4$ ; **D.** Holotype MB.C.22104.1 at 5.8 mm wh; **E.** Paratype MB.C.22104.5 at 6 mm wh; **F.** Paratype MB.C.22104.6 at 9.3 mm wh; **G–I.** Ontogenetic development of ww/dm, uw/dm, ww/wh, and WER.



**Figure 65.** *Phoenixites lenticulus* n. sp. from Hassi Nebech; **A.** Paratype MB.C.22104.7,  $\times 3$ ; **B.** Holotype MB.C.22104.1,  $\times 3$ ; **C.** Paratype MB.C.22104.8,  $\times 4$ .

**Diagnosis.** Embryonic whorl subinvolute and depressed, from second whorl on with constant absolute umbilical width but strongly decreasing uw/dm ratios ( $< 0.05$  from ca. 5 mm dm), increasingly compressed (ww/wh = 0.80 at 13–14 mm dm, ww/dm = ca. 0.46 at 15 mm dm) and with rising WER (high from ca. 8 mm dm); cross-section lenticular to subtrapezoidal, with rounded, strongly converging flanks and narrow, flatly rounded venter; growth lines strongly biconvex, with projecting, narrow ventrolateral salient lying in shallow or marked spiral groves, at least until 4 mm wh. Sutures with divergent (early stages) to subparallel (mature stages) I lobe, moderately low, asymmetric dorsolateral saddle, widely rounded, asymmetric A lobe on outer flanks, even lower, asymmetrical, narrow ventrolateral saddle, and small, divergent E lobe.

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