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INTRODUCTION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

In the eastern side of Ulsan-si, Gyeongsangnam-do, Korea (Fig. 1), a small distribution of the Tertiary sediments is confined to the western foot of Mt. Muryong. The Tertiary sediments were mapped as the member of the Jeongja Conglomerate on the Ulsan Sheet in the scale of 1:50,000. In 1970, Kim renamed the Tertiary sediments the Hwabongri Formation. The formation yields marine molluscan fossils. A new species of Cyclina was collected from the Hwabongri Formation, and is described in this paper. The cyclinid species are useful for paleoenvironmental interpretation of geologic formations, because they are commonly known from the Miocene to Recent, and have been flourishing in brackish embayed realm. There are, however, critical taxonomic problems on fossil and Recent Cyclina species. In the present paper, the writers will discuss briefly on the Miocene cyclinid based upon the specimens collected from the Miocene Hwabongri Formation in Ulsan district.

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BRIEF NOTE ON THE HWABONGRI FORMATION

The Hwabongri Formation is distributed in the north – south direction along the western foot of Mt. Muryong. The formation consists mainly of conglomerates and sandstones, and comprises a small amount of siltstones. The conglomerates are predominant in the central part of the distribution of the formation, and the northern and southern parts are characterized by the alternation of conglomerates and sandstones. The conglomerates in the central part consists of pebbles, which are 3 to 7 cm in long diameter and subangular to subrounded, and are poorly bedded and sorted. Pebbles of 15 to 20 cm in long diameter are rarely contained in these conglomerates. Where thin lenticular sandstone beds are intercalated in these conglomerates at places, heavily broken oyster fragments are found. The Hwabongri Formation measures about 200 m in thickness, and is correlated with the Jeongja Conglomerate distributed in the eastern foot of Mt. Muryong. The geological age of the Hwabongri Formation is considered to be early Middle Miocene.

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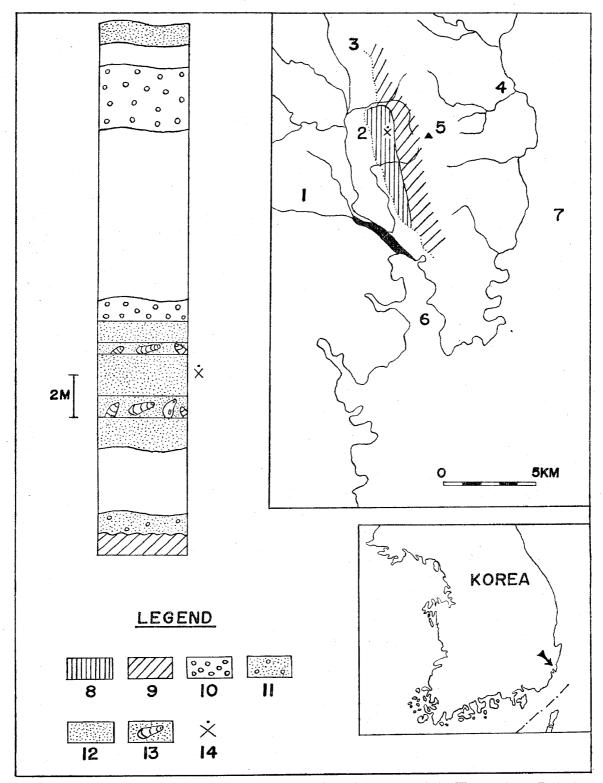


Fig. 1. Index map and fossil locality. 1: Ulsan-si, 2: Hwabong-ri, 3: Hogye-ri, 4: Jeongja-ri, 5: Mt. Muryong, 6: Ulsan Bay, 7: Sea of Japan, 8: Hwabongri Formation, 9: Cretaceous Ulsan Formation, 10: Conglomerate, 11: Conglomeratic sandstone, 12: Fine-grained sandstone, 13: Crassostrea-bed, 14: Fossil locality.

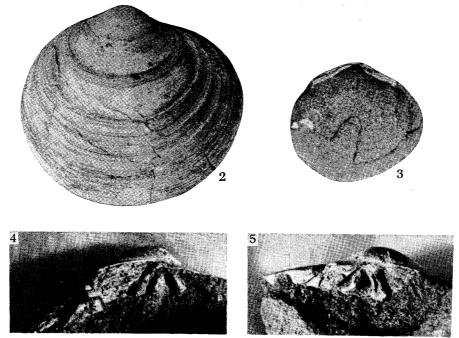
DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW SPECIES

Family Veneridae Rafinesque, 1815 Subfamily Cyclininae Frizzell, 1936 Genus Cyclina Deshayes, 1850 Subgenus Cyclina s.s.

Cyclina (Cyclina?) hwabongriensis Yoon and Noda, n. sp.

Figs. 2-5

Description; Shell medium in size, orbicular in form, almost equilateral, a little longer than height, moderately inflated; anterodorsal margin nearly straight, passing into anterior margin with rounded corner; anterior margin broadly rounded; posterodorsal margin gently rounded, gradually passing into broadly rounded posterior margin; ventral margin regularly rounded. Beaks small, low, pointed, curved forward, situated in the middle part of shell length. Lunule and escutcheon not defined. Surface sculptured with concentric, fine growth lines and radial riblets; radial riblets only in anterior-dorsal part; concentric lines lamellose in ventral part and intervened with lamellose ones several times in upper part. Three cardinals in each valves. In left valve, 2a thin running forward obliquely from beak; 2b thick, obliquely backward from beak; 4b long, thin, oblique backward from beak. In right valve, 3a small, thin, oblique forward from beak; 1 thick, oblique forward from beak; 3b long, curved, thick, bifid, oblique backward from beak. sinus finger-shaped, the end of it narrowly rounded in shape, obliquely ascending from posteroventral corner toward umbo reaching central part of shell. Inner ventral margin smooth.



Figs. 2-5. Cyclina (Cyclina?) hwabongriensis n. sp. (2 and 3 in natural size; 4 and 5, × 1.5). 2: Holotype, DGBU coll. cat. no. 10262, 3-5: Paratypes, DGBU coll. cat. nos. 10265, 10264, 10263, respectively.

Dimension;	Height (mm)	Length (mm)	${ m H/L}$	${f Depth}$	\mathbf{Valve}
10262 (Holotype)	47.2	49.6	0.95	$10\overline{.4}$	Right
10265 (Paratype)	26.7	28.4	0.94		Intact

Comparison and Affinities: Cyclina (Cyclinorbis) lunulata Makiyama, originally described from the Miocene Pyeongryugdong (=Heirokudo) Formation in northern Korea by Makiyama (1926), closely resembles the new species in its dentition, shell form and smooth inner ventral margin, but is distinguished by its entirely concentric fine growth lines and lunular area. Cyclina (s.s.) japonica Kamada described from the Miocene Higashi-Innai Formation in the Noto Peninsula, also resembles the new species, but is distinguished by its radial riblets all over the shell surface like as Cyclina (s.s.) asagaiensis Kamada, wider pallial sinus, crenulate inner ventral margin and more inflated shell form. Cyclina (s.s.) sinensis (Gmelin), a Recent shell, sometimes considered to be conspecific with Cyclina (s.s.) orientalis (Sowerby), is similar to the present species, but the latter is distinguished from the former by its radial riblets restricted to the anterodorsal part, narrower ligamental area, narrower pallial sinus, smooth inner ventral margin and less inflated shell form.

REMARKS ON CYCLINA HWABONGRIENSIS

The present new species, Cyclina hwabongriensis, was collected from the dark gray, fine grained sandstone of the Hwabongri Formation overlying the Cretaceous Ulsan Formation with unconformity. More than ten specimens were collected, but most of them were broken in process of collection because of the fragility of the shell material and the fine grained sandstone, and of their state of preservation. Four specimens have both valves attached, and others are separate ones. Some of these specimens remain shell material showing original surface sculptures and dentition as already described above. species has dentition and pallial sinus which suggest an alliance to those of the genus The genus Cyclina includes two subgenera, that is, Cyclina s.s. and Cyclinorbis. Cyclina s.s. is characterized by lack of lunule and escutcheon, and possession of radial riblets and crenulated internal ventral margin, whereas Cyclinorbis proposed by Makiyama (1926) is distinguished from Cyclina s.s. by faint lunular area, entirely concentric surface sculpture and smooth inner ventral margin. The new species has characters intermediate between the two subgenera, and its subgeneric assignment is still in suspense, because the new species has no lunule and no escutcheon but smooth inner ventral margin. The former two characters are those of subgenus Cyclina s.s. and the last one is of Cyclinorbis. The present form has surface sculptures of concentric fine growth lines and radial riblets only on The radial riblets is an important character of the subgenus Cyclina. anterodorsal part. However, the present form has radial riblets only on the anterior dorsal part, but nearly whole surface excluding the anterodorsal part is sculptured with concentric growth lines like as subgenus Cyclinorbis. Among the Japanese Miocene species, Cyclina (Cyclina) japonica Kamada, recorded from various localities mainly in the Japan Sea borderland, allies to hwabongriensis in carrying the intermediate characters between Cyclina s.s. and Cyclinorbis, which should be clarified in a future.

The present new species is occurred in association with Anadara (Anadara) makiyamai Hatai and Nisiyama, Anadara (Hataiarca) cf. daitokudoensis (Makiyama), Crassostrea gravitesta (Yokoyama), Siratoria siratoriensis (Otuka) and others. These characteristic species are also known from the Middle Miocene formations in Japanese Islands and are important elements of the Arcid-Potamid Fauna. According to Kamada (1952), Cyclina, in general, had flourished under a warm embayed condition as was inferred from the associated species.

Tune locality: A cliff at the opposite side of a temple about 1 km east of Hwabong-ri,

Ulsan-si, Gyeongsangnam-do, Korea.

Depository: Holotype, DGBU coll. cat. no. 10262; Paratype, DGBU coll. cat. nos. 10263, 10264, 10265. All specimens preserved in the Department of Geology, Busan National University, Busan, Korea.

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Gyeongsangnam-do	慶尚南道	Muryong	無 龍
Hwabong-ri	華 峰 里	Pyeongryugdong	坪 六 洞
\mathbf{Hogye} -ri	虎 湲 里	Ulsan-si	蔚山市
Jeongja-ri	亭 子 里		