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Not *Porcellio* nor *Protracheoniscus* but *Lucasioides latus* (Uljanin, 1875) (Isopoda, Oniscidea)

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Uljanin (1875) described *Porcellio latus* from Turkestan and figured some characters of the species. The type specimens were deposited in the Zoological Museum of Moscow State University (ZMMU). Borutzky (1975) examined the type material of the species and noticed the presence of lungs in all pleopod exopodites, consequently transferred it to the genus *Protracheoniscus*. The figures presented by Uljanin clearly show that posterolateral margin of the first pereon-epimeron is convex (Fig. 1A), a feature characterizing the genus *Lucasioides* not *Protracheoniscus* (Kwon, 1993; Kashani, 2016). Examination of the type material by the author confirmed the descriptions and illustrations of both authors; consequently, the species should be assigned to the genus *Lucasioides* Kwon, 1993.

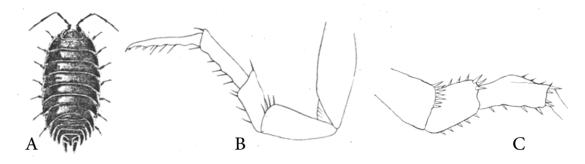


FIGURE 1. Lucasioides latus; A, B from Uljanin (1875), C from Borutzky (1975). A) habitus, B, C) pereopod 7.

Among the figures Uljanin depicted, pereopod 7 carpus lacks any ridge on the dorsal surface (Fig. 1B), while there is a distinct ridge in the figure presented by Borutzky (Fig. 1C). Evaluation of the same character by the author confirmed Borutzky's illustration. It is possible, therefore, that Uljanin erroneously considered the 6th pereopod *vs* the 7th; an experience that might be made by any oniscidologists. To summarize, the species would achieve a new combination as *Lucasioides latus* (Uljanin, 1875).

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