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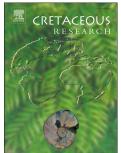
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10	ABSTRACT
11	Hukawngichthyurus kyawkhaingwini gen. et sp. nov. is described and illustrated from the Cretaceous amber
12	of Myanmar (Burmite). The new species belongs to the subfamily Cantharinae Imhoff, 1856, especially the
13	last urites in a kind of fishtail are, similar to the representatives of tribe Ichthyurini Champion, 1915,
14	subfamily Chauliognathinae LeConte, 1861, whose taxa are currently found mainly in the Southern
15	Hemisphere and the Oriental region. This peculiar aspect makes us assume that we are dealing with a
16	probable case of adaptive convergence and confirms that the arthropods (and plants) in Burmese amber have
17	many similarities with the faunas of Gondwana.
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19	Keywords: Cretaceous, Burmite, Myanmar, Gondwana, new taxa, adaptive convergence
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21	1. Introduction
22	The soldier beetles (Coleoptera: Cantharidae) found in Burmese amber have many unique

characteristics and more related with the fauna now present in the Oriental (Sino-Indian)
biogeographic region. The new species here described, although belonging to another subfamily,
has strong similarities with the tribe Ichthyurini Champion, 1915, subfamily Chauliognathinae

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