

# CULCITISPINA

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Genus CULCITISPINA gen. nov.

Derivation of Name: Latin, culcita, cushion or pillow, referring to the pillow-like form, and spina, thorn referring to the ornament.

Diagnosis: Central body approximately rectangular, in the form of a semi-inflated pillow, drawn out at the corners into hollow tapering processes, which communicate with the central body cavity. Wall of moderate thickness and single layered. Body decorated by short spines or hairs, simple or branched, usually extending onto the processes. Excystment by the development of a slit along one side of the body.

Type Species: Culcitispinga brevis sp. nov. Early Llanvirnian, Hope Shales, Shropshire, U.K.

Remarks: The genus Vilcosacapsula Loeblich and Tappan, 1976, is similar in concept but restricted to forms having triangular outlines.

Veryhachium Deunff ex Downie, 1959, emend. differs in having a smooth or granular wall, while the genus Striatotheca Burmann, 1970, is distinguished by its striate wall.

