

132. *Hughesius* Varol (1989)

Type species: *Hughesius gizoensis* Varol, n. gen., n. sp.

Diagnosis: Small elliptical placoliths with two equal-sized single-cycled shields and central area occupied by a variable number of plates.

Derivation of name: In honor of Dr. G. W. Hughes, Micropaleontologist, Robertson Research International, U.K.

Description: These small elliptical forms have 20 to 30 elements in their proximal and distal shields which are equal in size. The members of this genus show no birefringence under cross-polarized light.

Remarks: *Hughesius* is distinguished from the similarly constructed *Clausicoccus* by having equal-sized single-cycled shields which are non-birefringent under cross-polarized light; in *Clausicoccus*, a wall and proximal, double-cycled, shield are birefringent under cross-polarized light.

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