

149. *Neobiscutum* Varol (1987)

Type species: *Biscutum? romeinii* Perch-Nielsen, 1981.

Diagnosis: small, elliptical placoliths with two single-cycled shields and a central area which is either open or occupied by a reticulate structure.

Remarks: as in *Biscutum* the shields are non-birefringent under cross-polarised light. However, the former genus has a relatively small, infilled central area which is strongly birefringent, whereas *Neobiscutum* has either an open central area or one which is covered with a reticulate structure.

Varol, O., 1987. Palaeocene calcareous nannofossil biostratigraphy. In Crux, J.S. & van Heck, S.E. (eds.). Nannofossils and their Applications. Ellis Horwood, Chichester, UK, 267-310.