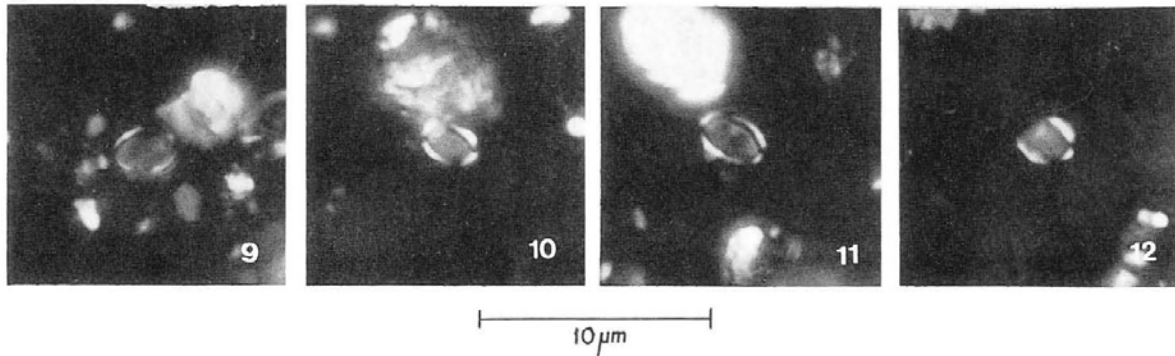


152. *Orastrum perspicuum* Varol in Al-Rifaiy et al. (1990)



Pl. 3, figs 9-12

Diagnosis: A small elliptical holococcolith consisting of a single calcite plate, surrounded by a thin complete calcite rim.

Derivation of name: From Latin *perspicuum*, clear, plain.

Holotype: Pl. 3, Fig. 11.

Type level: Middle Albian.

Type locality: Sierra de Sapellõ, Mexico.

Dimensions of holotype: Length = 3.3 µm; width = 2.3 µm.

Description: This small holococcolith has a single calcite plate which is surrounded by a complete calcite rim. The rim is more strongly birefringent than the central plate under cross-polarised light.

Remarks: *O. perspicuum* is distinguished from the other species of *Orastrum* by having a single calcite plate.

Occurrence: *O. perspicuum* is commonly present in middle Albian sediments at Sierra de Sapellõ, Mexico and has also been commonly observed in earliest Cenomanian to Albian sediments of Ecuador, Peru and Colombia.

Al-Rifaiy, I., Varol, O., & Lemone, D., 1990. Middle to late Albian biostratigraphy of the Cuchillo Formation from Sierra de Sapello, Mexico. *Newsletters on Stratigraphy*, **21(3)**: 187-200.