95.  *Tubirhabdus patulus* Prins (1969) ex Rood et al. (1973)

![Image](Pl. II, fig. 3)

Fig. 3. *Tubirhabdus patulus* Prins, distal view, Holotype 42.1.2, Lyme Regis (Dorsetshire): Lias, Lower Pliensbachian (Carixian), Bed 120d, *ibex* zone- *valdani* subzone, x 13,000.

1969 *Tubirhabdus patulus* Prins, Pl. I, Fig. 10A-C (invalid)

**Diagnosis:** A small species of *Tubirhabdus* with a very broadly open oval to circular central spine.

**Description:** Electron micrographs reveal the rim to be very narrow, but to slope inward toward the base creating an impression of greater width when viewed in the light microscope. The spine appears to be oval at the base, becoming circular in cross section at a higher level.

**Differentiation:** This species is readily distinguished from *"Parhabdolithus" embergeri* (Noel) by being more delicately constructed and having a more broadly open spine.

**Remarks:** Specimens from the Middle Jurassic appear to have only circular stems and tend to be slightly more broadly elliptical in outline than those from the Lias.

**Holotype:** 42.1.2

**Dimensions:** length 3.9µ, width 2.45µ.

**Type locality:** Lyme Regis, Dorset

**Type level:** Lias, Bed 120d, Lower Pliensbachian (Carixian), *ibex* zone.