

# ***Xylaspis* n. nov., a new name for *Spitsbergaspis* Pernègre, 2003, not *Spitsbergaspis* Pribyl & Vanek, 1980**

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We recently proposed the generic name of *Spitsbergaspis* for a Pteraspidiformes species (Vertebrata, Heterostraci), *Spitsbergaspis prima* Pernègre, 2003, from the Lower Devonian of Spitsbergen (Pernègre 2003). However, this name is a secondary homonym of *Spitsbergaspis* Pribyl & Vanek, 1980, used as subgenus name for the genus *Hypermeccaspis* Harrington & Leanza, 1957 (Arthropoda, Trilobita) (Pribyl & Vanek 1980). The principle of homonymy is applicable to all genus-group names (ICZN 1999), we propose here the name *Xylaspis* n. nov. in replacement of *Spitsbergaspis* Pernègre, 2003, with type species *Spitsbergaspis prima* Pernègre, 2003.

ETYMOLOGY. — From the Greek *xylós*: wood, referring to the Wood Bay Formation (Spitsbergen), type locality of the type species, and from the Greek *aspis*: shield.

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