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ADDENDUM

After the publication of the paper I received from Mr. S. Kawai material of *Megacanthaspis leucaspis* collected by him on *Actinodaphne longifolia* at Takakumayama and Sata-misaki, Kagosima-ken, Kyûsyû, Japan (10 and 18 Apr. 1976). The specimens mounted from the material are similar to the form described from Kozagawa, Kii Peninsula. This species then occurs in Kii Peninsula, Sikoku and southern Kyûsyû, overlapping with *M. actinodaphnes* in Sikoku and Kyûsyû.

CORRIGENDA

I. When I sent the manuscript to the publisher I was unaware of Tang's paper issued 3 months earlier than mine and containing "*Megacanthaspis phoebia*, sp. n.", a second description of the species in reality. Lines 18–20, page 6, should therefore be emended as below. Further, because this species is the type of *Nanmuaspis*, the generic change adopted by Tang automatically made *Nanmuaspis* a synonym of *Megacanthaspis*: omit "New synonymy." from line 24, page 4.

*Megacanthaspis phoebia*

*Nanmuaspis phoebia* Tang, "1977", The Scale Insects of Horticulture and Forest of China I: 148 [Chekiang, China, on "nanmu"].

*Megacanthaspis phoebia*: Tang, 1981, *Entomotaxonomia* 3: 51 [described as a new species].

II. Line 14–13 from bottom, page 11. "in the second instar female" should be replaced by "in the third instar female" or "in the adult female".

III. Line 3–2 from bottom, page 11. I failed to properly evaluate the information given by Howell & Tippins (1975, *Annales of the Entomological Society of America* 68: 1028–1032) for the immatures of *Praecocaspis diversa*. Their study shows that this scale insect belongs to the appendiculate level. Its relationship to other genera of this level is, however, still unknown.

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