

The genus *Gothograptus* (Graptolithina) from the Wenlock of Poland

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The Wenlockian retiolitid genus *Gothograptus* Frech, 1897 is here subdivided into subgenera *Gothograptus* (*Gothographus*) (Frech, 1987) and *Gothograptus* (*Eisenackograptus*) subgen. n. which differ in the lateral wall structure. In *Gothograptus* (*Gothographus*), virgula in the middle of lateral wall sets in as early as in the proximal part; it is linked to the pleural lists by means of parietolateral lists. In *Gothograptus* (*Eisenackograptus*), by contrast, the lateral wall consists of parietolateral lists, whereas virgula sets in only in the distal part. Five species are described herein, two of them new and one in the open nomenclature: *Gothograptus* (*Gothograptus*) *pseudospinosus* Eisenack, *G.* (*Eisenackograptus*) *eisenacki* Obut et Sobolevskaya, *G.* (*Gothograptus*) *kozłowskii* sp.n., *G.* (*Gothograptus*) *obtectus* sp.n., and *G.* (*Gothograptus*) sp. A.

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