

## ***Globaura venusta* gen et sp. n and *Eoxanta lacertifrons* gen. et sp. n. - non-teiid lacertoids from the Late Cretaceous of Mongolia**

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Two Late Cretaceous Mongolian lizards *Eoxanta lacertifrons* gen. et sp. n (?middle Campanian) and *Globaura venusta* gen et sp. n. (?late Santonian-?middle Campanian) are assigned to Lacertoidea (sensu Estes et al. 1988). *Eoxanta* is considered the sister group of the *Xantusiidae*, and, thus, the oldest known representative of the xantusiid line. *Globaura* is the sister group of the Lacertiformes (sensu Estes et al. 1988). The paper also considers the polarity of some scincomorphan characters. Formation of the anteroventral border of orbit by maxilla is considered synapomorphic for the Scincomorpha.

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