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# PART R, REVISED, VOLUME 1, CHAPTER 8Q: SYSTEMATIC DESCRIPTIONS: SECTION DAKOTICANCROIDA

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## Section DAKOTICANCROIDA Karasawa, Schweitzer, & Feldmann, 2011

[KARASAWA, SCHWEITZER, & FELDMANN, 2011, p. 555]

Carapace quadrate, as wide as long or longer than wide; rostrum narrow, bilobed; orbits well developed, rimmed; eyes sheltered by orbits when retracted; antero-lateral margins entire; posterior margin nearly straight; medial part of cervical groove weakly developed; gastric regions poorly separated from cardiac and intestinal regions; branchiocardiac groove well developed; pleural sutures located on sides of carapace; genital openings on coxae, female on third and male on fifth pereiopods; fifth pereiopods reduced; sternum of female without longitudinal grooves; lateral portion of posterior part of sternites visible, coxae of pereiopods at same level as sternum; first pereiopods isochelous (in part adapted from RATHBUN, 1917, p. 385; GLAESSNER, 1969, p. 491; BISHOP, 1983, p. 424; BISHOP, FELDMANN, & VEGA, 1998, p. 239). *Upper Cretaceous (Turonian–Maastrichtian).*

## Superfamily DAKOTICANCROIDEA Rathbun, 1917

[*nom. correct.* GLAESSNER, 1969, p. 491, *pro* Dakoticancoidea  
RATHBUN, 1917, p. 385]

Carapace quadrate, as wide as long or longer than wide; rostrum narrow, bilobed; orbits well developed, rimmed; eyes sheltered by orbits when retracted; antero-lateral margins entire; posterior margin

nearly straight; medial part of cervical groove weakly developed; gastric regions poorly separated from cardiac and intestinal regions; branchiocardiac groove well developed; pleural sutures located on sides of carapace; genital openings on coxae, female on third and male on fifth pereiopods; fifth pereiopods reduced; sternum of female without longitudinal grooves; lateral portion of posterior part of sternites visible, coxae of pereiopods at same level as sternum; first pereiopods isochelous (in part adapted from RATHBUN, 1917, p. 385; GLAESSNER, 1969, p. 491; BISHOP, 1983, p. 424; BISHOP, FELDMANN, & VEGA, 1998, p. 239). *Upper Cretaceous (Turonian–Maastrichtian).*

## Family DAKOTICANCRIDAE Rathbun, 1917

[Dakoticancriidae RATHBUN, 1917, p. 385]

Carapace quadrate, as wide as long or longer than wide; rostrum narrow, bilobed; orbits well developed, rimmed; eyes sheltered by orbits when retracted; antero-lateral margins entire; posterior margin nearly straight; medial part of cervical groove weakly developed; gastric regions poorly separated from cardiac and intestinal regions; branchiocardiac groove well developed; pleural sutures located on sides of carapace; fifth pereiopods very reduced, subdorsal; sternum broad, sternites visible to posterior of carapace, sternite 4 with ridge parallel to anterior end, sternites 5, 6, and 7 with granular transverse ridges; sternum of female without longitudinal grooves; lateral portion of posterior part of sternites visible;

male abdomen with all somites free, lateral terminations on pleonites rectangular, telson rounded triangular; female abdomen wide, with long epimeres, all pleonites free; coxae of pereiopods at same level as sternum; first pereiopods isochelous. *Upper Cretaceous* (Campanian–Maastrichtian).

**Dakotancer** RATHBUN, 1917, p. 385 [*\*D. overanus*, p. 386, pl. 32, 33, 6–14; M]. Carapace rectangular to transversely ovoid, length about equal to width or wider than long; orbits well developed; carapace regions well defined, ornamented with granules, often with marked ridges transversely; grooves deep; fifth pereiopod subdorsal. *Upper Cretaceous* (Campanian–Maastrichtian): USA (New Jersey, South Dakota, Tennessee), Campanian; Mexico (Nuevo Leon, San Luis Potosi), USA (Mississippi, New Jersey, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas), Maastrichtian.—FIG. 1, *1a–b*. *\*D. overanus*, KSU D 907, Maastrichtian, South Dakota; *a*, dorsal carapace; *b*, male sternum and pleon, scale bar, 1 cm (new).

**Avitelmessus** RATHBUN, 1923, p. 403 [*\*A. grapsoides*, p. 404, pl. 101, 102, 4; M]. Carapace large for family, circular with concave front, widest at midlength; carapace margin spinose; gastrocardiac groove well developed; protogastric and hepatic regions flattened; cardiac and epibranchial regions inflated, well developed; mesobranchial and metabranchial regions not well differentiated, flattened; first pereiopods isochelous. *Upper Cretaceous* (Campanian–Maastrichtian): USA (North Carolina, Tennessee).—FIG. 1, *3a–b*. *\*A. grapsoides*, USNM 73122, Maastrichtian, Tennessee; *a*, dorsal view; *b*, ventral view of male, scale bars, 1 cm (new).

**Tetracarcinus** WELLER, 1905, p. 328 [*\*T. subquadratus*, p. 328, fig. 4–6; M]. Carapace generally small, subquadrate, length nearly equal to width, widest at position of epibranchial regions; orbits rimmed; lateral margins sinuous; posterior margin rimmed; cervical groove shallow medially and poorly developed distally; regions flattened, weakly inflated; epibranchial and metabranchial regions separated by broad depression enclosing narrow mesobranchial region; epibranchial regions transversely weakly inflated; cardiac region with posterior tubercle; first pereiopods isochelous (Feldmann & others, 2013, p. 28). *Upper Cretaceous* (Campanian–Maastrichtian): USA (Mississippi, New Jersey, Wyoming).—FIG. 1, 2. *\*T. subquadratus*, NJSM 233339, Campanian, New Jersey, dorsal carapace, scale bar, 5 mm (Feldmann & others, 2013, fig. 13, 3).

### Family IBERICANCRIDAE Artal & others, 2008

[Ibericancriidae ARTAL & others, 2008, p. 7]

Carapace subrectangular, about as long as wide, generally widest just under half the

distance posteriorly but may be at position two-thirds the distance; rostrum narrow, downturned, bilobed or quadrilobed; orbits square, directed forward, fronto-orbital width ranging from about 40% to 70% maximum width but usually about half; branchiocardiac groove deep, cervical groove discontinuous; axial regions well defined and distinct; sternum narrow, deep sterno-abdominal cavity, sternite 5 with abdominal locking mechanism, sternal sutures 4/5 through 7/8 interrupted; female gonopore on coxa of pereiopod 3, male gonopore on coxa of pereiopod 5, spermatheca of female at sternal suture 7/8; male abdomen very narrow, all somites free, female abdomen wider, all somites free; pereiopods 4 and 5 apparently subdorsal, 5 reduced in size (FELDMANN & others, 2013, p. 29). *Upper Cretaceous* (Turonian–Maastrichtian).

**Ibericancer** ARTAL & others, 2008, p. 7 [*\*I. sanchoi*, p. 9, fig. 4–20; OD]. Carapace subrectangular; front broad, with inner-orbital projections; rostrum narrow, downturned, bilobed; orbits small, directed forward; branchiocardiac groove deep; sternum narrow, deep sterno-abdominal cavity, sternite five with abdominal locking mechanism, sternal sutures 4/5 through 7/8 interrupted; female gonopore on coxa of pereiopod 3, male gonopore on coxa of pereiopod 5, spermatheca of female at sternal suture 7/8; male abdomen very narrow, all somites free, female abdomen wider, all somites free; pereiopods 4 and 5 apparently subdorsal, reduced in size. *Upper Cretaceous* (Campanian): Spain.—FIG. 2, *1a–b*. *\*I. sanchoi*, cast of holotype, MGSB 68572, numbered KSU D 446; *a*, dorsal carapace; *b*, ventral surface showing narrow sternum, scale bars, 1 cm (new).

**Sodakus** BISHOP, 1978, p. 608 [*\*S. tatankayotankaensis*, p. 608, fig 3, pl. 1, 1–6; OD]. Carapace rectangular; anterior margin straight, orbits shallow; lateral margins weakly convex, posterior margin wide, nearly straight; flanks steep; cervical and branchiocardiac grooves deep, forming ovate epibranchial region; urogastric and cardiac regions well-defined, urogastric long, narrow; cardiac triangular; sterno-abdominal cavity deep, narrow; sternites 1–3 fused, triangular; sternite 4 long, axially sulcate; sternite 5 directed laterally, short; sternite 6 very short, directed anterolaterally; male abdomen very narrow, telson blunt-triangular, somite 6 long (adapted from Schweitzer & others, 2017, p. 97). *Upper Cretaceous* (Maastrichtian): Mexico (Nuevo Leon), USA (South Dakota).—FIG. 2, *2a–b*. *\*S. tatankayotankaensis*, holotype, USNM 173580, Maastrichtian, South Dakota; *a*, dorsal carapace; *b*, ventral view of sternum and ?male pleon, scale bars, 1 cm (new).

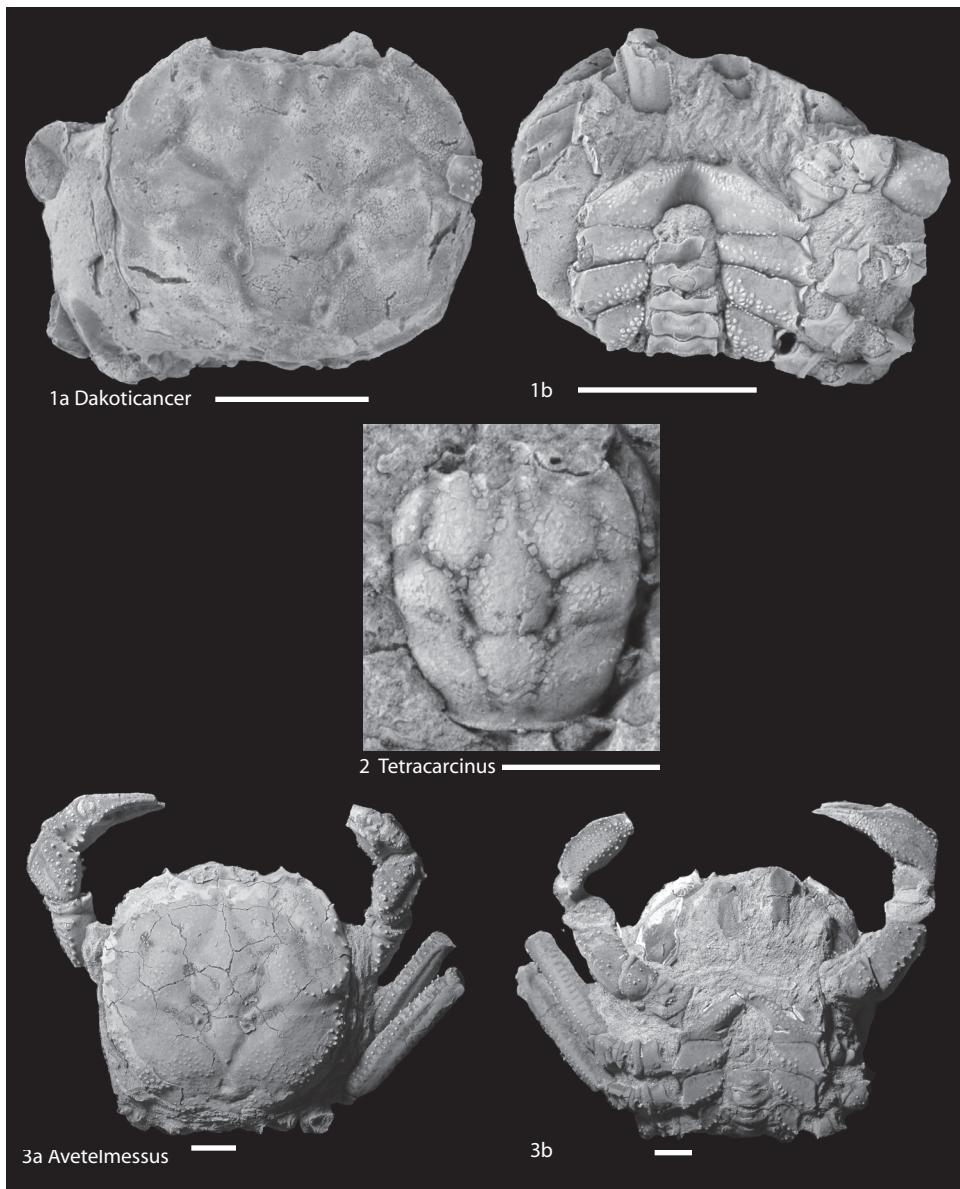


FIG. 1. Dakoticancridae (p. 2).

**Seorsus** BISHOP, 1988, p. 72 [*\*S. wadei*, p. 72, fig. 1A–F; OD]. Carapace slightly longer than wide, width about 93% maximum carapace width, width at position of single anterolateral spine about 40%–50% the distance posteriorly on carapace; rostrum long, with four blunt spines including inner-orbital spines; orbits square, rimmed, with intraorbital spine, fronto-orbital width ranging from half to 70% maximum carapace width; well-defined branchiocardiac groove, moderately defined cervical groove, and

well-defined axial regions; sternum narrow, sternopleonal cavity narrow, sternites 1–3 fused, sternite 4 long, with concave lateral margins, sternal suture 4/5 incomplete; male pleon with all somites free, subdorsal pereiopods 4 and 5; major chela granular; propodus bulbous, two nodes at articulation with carpus; carpus granulated with X-shaped groove; fixed finger and dactylus thin, delicate (Feldmann & others, 2013, p. 29). *Upper Cretaceous (Turonian–Maastrichtian): USA (New Mexico), Turonian;*

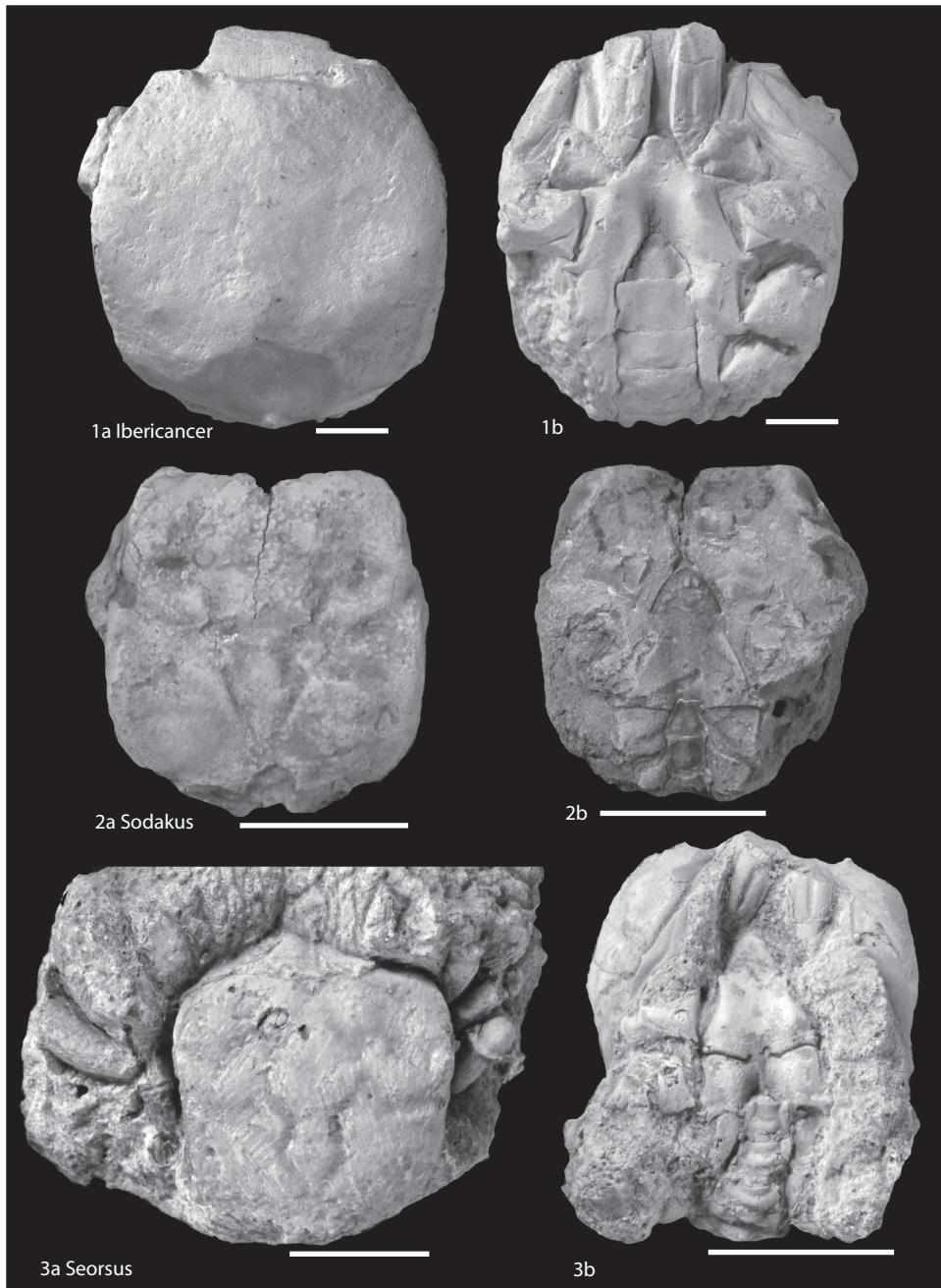


FIG. 2. Ibericancridae (p. 2–5).

USA (New Jersey), Campanian; USA (Mississippi), Maastrichtian.—FIG. 2,3a–b. *S. millerae* (BISHOP, 1992), NJSM 23318, Campanian, New Jersey, *a*, dorsal carapace; *b*, ventral surface showing sternum and ?male pleon, scale bar, 1 cm (Feldmann & others, 2013, fig. 14,1,3).

## ABBREVIATIONS FOR MUSEUM REPOSITORIES

- KSU D:** Decapod Comparative Collection, Department of Geology, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, USA  
**MGSB:** Museo Geológico del Seminario de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain  
**NJSM:** New Jersey State Museum, Trenton, New Jersey, USA  
**USNM:** United States National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., USA

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