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Order Podocopida Müller, 1894  
Suborder Podocopina Sars, 1866  
Superfamily Cypridacea Baird 1845  
Family Cyprididae Baird, 1845  
Subfamily Cypridinae Baird, 1845  
Genus *Sclerocypris* Sars, 1924  
*Sclerocypris dharwadensis* n. sp.  
(Pl. I, figs. 2a-e; Pl. III, figs. 4a-b,5)

or

*Paijenborchella (Eopaijenborchella) angulosa* Siddiqui, 2006  
(Pl. I, figs. 7-8)

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*Globulina gibba* d' Orbigny, 1846, p. 227, pl. 13, figs. 13-14. -

Bhatia and Mohan, 1959, p. 635, text-fig. 3, fig. 10. - Mohan and Bhatt, 1968, p. 171, pl. 13, fig. 36.

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Wadia, D. N. 1971. *Geology of India*. Macmillan & Co., London.

Moore, R. C. (Ed.). 1961. *Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology*. Pt. Q, Arthropoda., 3 xxiii, 442 p., 334 figs. Geological Society of America and University of Kansas Press.

Cox, L. R. 1969. Family Terquemidae Cox, 1964, p. N 380-N 382. In: *Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology* (Eds. Moore, R.C. et al.), Pt. N, 1 (of 3), Mollusca 6, Bivalvia, Geological Society of America and University of Kansas Press.

Sanfillippo, A., Westberg, M. J. and Riedel, W. R. 1986. Cenozoic Radiolaria, p. 631-713. In: *Plankton Stratigraphy* (Eds. Bolli, H.M., Saunders, J.B. and Perch-Nielson, K.), Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

Riedel, W. R. and Sanfillippo, A. 1971. Cenozoic Radiolaria from the western tropical Pacific, Leg 7, p. 1529-1672. In: *Int'lial Report of Deep Sea Development Program 7*. U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington.

Nanda, A. C. 1973. Contributions to the Stratigraphy and Palaeontology of the Upper Siwaliks of a part of Naraingarh Tehsil, Ambala (India).

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