

A new oviraptorosaur (Dinosauria, Theropoda) from Mongolia: The first dinosaur with a pygostyle

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A description of *Nomingia gobiensis* gen. et sp. n., the first known dinosaur with a pygostyle, the structure known so far only in birds, is presented. The specimen comes from the Late Cretaceous strata at Bugin Tsav, Trans-Altai Gobi, Mongolia. *N. gobiensis* is assigned within the Oviraptorosauria based on the following characters: pneumatized caudal vertebrae, posteriorly concave ischium, and deep cervicodorsal hypapophyses. This specimen has been previously partially described without being formally named (Barsbold et al. 2000).

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