

A new short-bodied salamander from the Upper Jurassic/Lower Cretaceous of China

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Abundant well-preserved salamander fossils have recently been recovered from localities across northeastern China. *Pangerpeton sinensis* gen. et sp. nov. is represented by a nearly complete skeletal impression of an ostmetamorphosed salamander from the Late Jurassic/Early Cretaceous locality of Wubaiding, Liaoning Province. It is characterised by a short wide skull and only 14 presacral vertebrae. Associated soft tissue impressions suggest a warty skin and a broad body outline. Phylogenetic analysis indicates a basal position within Caudata, either just within or just outside crown-group Urodela.

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