

Middle Cambrian lingulate brachiopods from the Tarbagatay Range, Kazakhstan

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Early Middle Cambrian (Amgian) lingulate brachiopods from the Tarbagatay Range in eastern Kazakhstan represent mostly endemic taxa, which may suggest that the Tarbagatay Range was relatively isolated from adjacent terranes during that time; only *Kleithriatreta* indicate similarity with the Australian part of Gondwana, as well as with the south and central Kazakhstanian terranes. Late Middle Cambrian (Mayan) taxa from the same area are mostly cosmopolitan. *Kostjubella relaxata* gen. et sp. n., *Prototreta*(?) *dolosa* sp. n. and *Stilpnoretreta galinae* sp. n. are proposed.

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