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On the trilobite family Staurocephalidae

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The ventral cephalic sutures of the genus *Staurocephalus* Barrande, 1846, are described and are shown to be euptychopariid type, the rostral plate being extremely large. The origin of this structure in *Staurocephalus* is discussed. The similarities between *Staurocephalus* and *Oedicybele* Whittington, 1938, are pointed out and the two genera are taken to constitute a separate family - the Staurocephalidae. *Staurocephalus clavifrons* Angelin, *Staurocephalus* sp. n., *Staurocephalus* sp. b, *Staurocephalus* sp. c, and *Oedicybele kingi* Whittington are described.

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