

**GENUS *VEPRICARDIUM* IREDALE 1929 (BIV ALVIA, CARDIIDAE)
WITH DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES FROM THAILAND,
VEPRICARDIUM ALBOHAMA TUMHYLLEBERG & VIDAL**

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ABSTRACT

Several Recent species, exclusively Indo-Pacific, can be grouped into the genus *Vepricardium*, as they have numerous common characters, different from the other genera of the family Cardiidae. The characters used to separate these species have generally not been clear. The result is that they have often been confused and misidentified. This paper attempts to clarify the identity of each species of this genus by describing as many characters as possible. The separation of vepricardiids is mainly based on ribbing morphology (structure and ornamentation of the ribs), rib number and lunule. The significant characters of each species are presented in tabular form in order to facilitate comparison. Data concerning type series, synonymy, chresonymy, and distribution are given. Seven well identifiable species and one new species, *Vepricardium albohamatum* Hylleberg & Vidal, 2000, are described.