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- MAJER K. 1993: Dasytidae, Melyridae. Pp. 91–92. In: JELÍNEK J. (ed.): Check-list of Czechoslovak Insects IV. (Coleoptera). Seznam československých brouků. *Folia Heyrovskyaná Suppl.* 1: 3–172 (in English and Czech).
- PENG Z.-L. 1991: Four new species and four new records of genus Coraebus from China. *Scientia Silvae Sinicae* 27: 35–40 (in Chinese, Engl. summ.).
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