A NEW SUBSTITUTE NAME FOR THE GENUS RHABDOTUS TOWNES, 1946 (HYMENOPTERA: ICHNEUMONIDAE) NON CHAUDOIR, 1865

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ABSTRACT: A junior homonym was detected amongst the Hymenoptera and the following replacement name is proposed: Oezdemirus for Rhabdotus Townes, 1946 (Ichneumonidae: Ichneumoninae). Accordingly, seven new combinations are herein proposed for all seven valid species currently included in Rhabdotus Townes, 1946 (Ichneumonidae).

KEY WORDS: Oezdemirus, Rhabdotus, homonymy, Hymenoptera, Ichneumonidae, replacement name

TAXONOMY

Oezdemirus nom. nov., substitute name


The genus Rhabdotus was erected by Chaudoir (1865) with the type species Rhabdotus reflexus Chaudoir, 1865 in Coleoptera (Carabidae). It is still used as a valid generic name in Coleoptera. Also the Neotropical genus Rhabdotus was described by Townes (1946) with the type species Ichneumon intentus Cresson, 1873 in Hymenoptera (Ichneumonoidea: Ichneumonidae: Ichneumoninae: Ichneumonini) from Mexico. It is still a valid generic name in Hymenoptera. However, the name Rhabdotus Townes, 1946 is invalid under the law of homonymy, being a junior homonym of Rhabdotus Chaudoir, 1865. Under the Zoological Code (ICZN, 1999) it must be rejected and replaced. In accordance with article 60 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, fourth edition (1999), we propose to substitute the junior homonym Rhabdotus Townes, 1946 with the nomen novum Oezdemirus. As a result of this, Rhabdotus Townes, 1946 is replaced with Oezdemirus nom. nov. The following new combination is Oezdemirus intentus (Cresson, 1873), comb. nov. along with six other new combinations for all seven valid species currently included in Rhabdotus Townes, 1946 (Hymenoptera: Ichneumonidae).
SYSTEMATIC ACCOUNTS

Order Hymenoptera
Superfamily Ichneumonoidea
Family Ichneumonidae
Subfamily Ichneumoninae
Genus *Oezdemirus* new replacement name
   For *Rhabdotus* Townes, 1946, junior homonym of *Rhabdotus* Chaudoir, 1865.
   Type species: *Ichneumon intentus* Cresson, 1873, from Mexico.
Gender: Masculine
Etymology: *Oezdemirus* dedicated to the last names of our colleagues Dr. Yasemin Özdemir, Dr. İşıl Özdemir and Dr. Mustafa Özdemir.
Species account and distribution: seven species; known from Mexico and Guatemala in the Neotropical Region (Yu and Horstmann (1997).

Mandatory new combinations:
*Oezdemirus alternans* (Brullé, 1846) new comb. from *Rhabdotus*.
*Oezdemirus famelicus* (Cresson, 1868) new comb. from *Rhabdotus*.
*Oezdemirus gracilentissimus* (Dalla Torre, 1902) new comb. from *Rhabdotus*. This name was given as new name for *Ichneumon gracilentus* Cresson, 1868 preoccupied by *Ichneumon gracilentus* Wesmael, 1845.
*Oezdemirus intentus* (Cresson, 1873) new comb. from *Rhabdotus*.
*Oezdemirus salvini* (Cameron, 1885) new comb. from *Rhabdotus*.
*Oezdemirus teres* (Cresson, 1868) new comb. from *Rhabdotus*.
*Oezdemirus trunculentus* (Cameron, 1885) new comb. from *Rhabdotus*.

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