

INFORMATION

A NEW NAME FOR OVACARUS AND OVACARIDAE (ACARINA, : ANALGOIDEA) ¹

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ABSTRACT

Ovacarus Gaud and Atyeo, 1975 is preoccupied by *Ovacarus* Stannard and Vaishampayan, 1971 (Podapolipidae). *Apionacarus* is selected for the homonym and becomes the type genus for Apionacaridae.

RÉSUMÉ

Le nom générique *Apionacarus* est proposé pour remplacer *Ovacarus* Gaud et Atyeo 1975, ce dernier étant préoccupé par *Ovacarus* Stannard et Vaishampayan 1971. Apionacaridae remplacera Ovacaridae.

The authors erected the family Ovacaridae for three genera of feather mites ; the name was published in 1975. The familial name was based on a new genus and species from the bobwhite, *Ovacarus wilsoni*, but unfortunately, *Ovacarus* had been used for a new taxon in the Podapolipidae by STANNARD and VAISHAMPAYAN in 1971. We overlooked this publication and a homonym was inadvertently created.

We are thankful to Dr. Carlos H. W. FLECHTMANN of the Universidade de São Paulo at Piracicaba for alerting us to the oversight. At this time the name *Apionacarus* is proposed for *Ovacarus* Gaud and Atyeo, 1975 (preoccupied *Ovacarus* Stannard and Vaishampayan, 1971) and Apionacaridae as a replacement name for Ovacaridae.

Apionacaridae, new name

Ovacaridae Gaud and Atyeo, 1975, *Acarologia* **17** : 169.

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Apionacarus, new name

Ovacarus Gaud and Atyeo, 1975, *Acarologia* **17** : 170 (name preoccupied).

Type species : *Apionacarus wilsoni* (Gaud and Atyeo, 1975).

Derivation : *Apion* (Gr.), pear + *Acarus* ; masculine.

LITERATURE CITED

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CHIGGER ON A STAMP

Three denominations of Malaysian postage stamps, issued 6 February 1976, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Institute for Medical Research, Kuala Lumpur, mark that institute's invaluable contributions to health in Malaysia with particular reference to beri-beri, malaria, and scrub typhus.

Arthropods have been illustrated on stamps at various times throughout the world. Among them are species of class Insecta (Orthoptera, Hemiptera, Coleoptera, Lepidoptera, Diptera, and Hymenoptera) and class Arachnida (Acarina, Araneida, and Solpugida). Now, for the first time, a chigger, *Leptotrombidium* sp. (Acarina : Trombiculidae), a vector of scrub typhus (tsutsugamushi disease, chigger-borne rickettsiosis) is depicted on a postage stamp.

This commemorative of 20 cents denomination is rectangular, in vertical format, 37.5 by 25.5 mm. The design shows an orange larval mite and a gray rat in scrub forest along with a syringe of chloramphenicol, 2 capsules, and a man, all on a light green background. The orange-red upper and lower borders of the stamp have white lettering. The artist is Mr. LEE ENG KEE of the Institute for Medical Research.

The only other postage stamp known to us to feature a mite is an issue by the Republic of Chad. This is of 25 francs denomination depicting an adult red velvet mite, *Dinothrombium tinctorium* (Acarina : Trombiculidae). — James M. BRENNAN and M. NADCHATRAM, Bishop Museum, Honolulu, Hawaii, and Institute for Medical Research, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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