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A REPLACEMENT NAME FOR MYRMECOMIRIS POLHEMUS AND RAZAFIMAHATRATRA (HETEROPTERA: MIRIDAE)

Polhemus and Razafimahatratra (1990) described the new mymecomorphic mirid genus Myrmecomiris from southwestern Madagascar. Due to a lapsus these authors overlooked the fact that Myrmecomiris had already been proposed as a genus group name by Maldonado (1976) for a mirid in the tribe Herdoniini from Panama, and thus created a primary homonym. To rectify this situation, I propose the replacement genus name Vitsikamiris, n. gen. (from the Malagasy word "vitsika" for ant; gender masculine). The type-species of this monotypic genus, Myrmecomiris madecassa, thus becomes Vitsikamiris madecassa (Polhemus and Razafimahatratra), n. comb.—Dan A. Polhemus, Dept. of Life Sciences, Bishop Museum, P.O. Box 19000-A, Honolulu. Hawaii 96817.

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