

***Gerhardstorchia* nomen novum: a new name for *Storchia* Dahlmann 2001 (Mammalia: Lipotyphla: Talpidae: Desmaninae)**

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Abstract A junior homonym was detected in a talpid (desmanine) mammalian genus name, and the following replacement name is proposed: *Gerhardstorchia* nom. nov. for *Storchia* Dahlmann 2001.

Keywords Talpidae · Desmaninae · *Storchia* · Nomenclatural change · Homonymy · New name

Kurzfassung Aufgrund der Homonymie zwischen *Storchia* Oudemans 1923—vergeben für eine Milben-Gattung, und *Storchia* Dahlmann 2001—vergeben für eine Gattung der Desmaninae, ist der letztere Name ungültig, so dass vorgeschlagen wird, ihn durch *Gerhardstorchia* nom. nov. zu ersetzen.

Schlüsselwörter Talpidae · Desmaninae · *Storchia* · nomenklatorische Änderung · Homonymie · neuer Name

For a new desmanine genus from the Pliocene of Wölfersheim, Dahlmann (2001) proposed the name *Storchia*, unaware of the fact that this name had been given to *Storchia* Oudemans 1923, a mite genus (Acari: Raphignathoidea: Stigmaeidae) and is still in use as a valid name. Consequently, *Storchia* Dahlmann 2001 is a junior homonym of the generic name *Storchia* Oudemans 1923, and a new name is required

for the former according to articles 53 and 60 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature 1999).

Again in honour of Dr. Gerhard Storch—Forschungsinstitut Senckenberg, Frankfurt am Main—we propose as a replacement name *Gerhardstorchia* nom. nov. for the type species from Wölfersheim, *Gerhardstorchia wedrevis* comb. nov. (Dahlmann 2001) and other species attributed to this genus of fossil desmans thus far: *Gerhardstorchia quinquecupidata* comb. nov. (Mayr and Fahlbusch 1975) from Hammerschmiede, *Gerhardstorchia* sp. from Dorn-Dürkheim, *Gerhardstorchia meszaroshi* comb. nov. (Sabol 2004) from Devínska Nová Ves (Neudorf), and *Gerhardstorchia biradicata* comb. nov. (Ziegler 2006) and cf. *biradicata* from several localities in Austria (Mayr and Fahlbusch 1975; Dahlmann 2001; Sabol 2004; Ziegler 2006).

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