

## A complex case of homonymy in the Emesinae from Madagascar (Heteroptera: Reduviidae)

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The valid names of the three species discussed in the paper are *Orthunga seyrigi* (Villiers, 1949), *Nesita seyrigi* (Villiers, 1953) and *Paranesita villiersi* (Wygodzinsky, 1966).

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Wygodzinsky (1966) placed *Nesita seyrigi* Villiers, 1949 and *Obenbergerium seyrigi* Villiers, 1953 in the genus *Nesita* Bergr. (subgenus *Nesita*). He proposed *Nesita (Nesita) villiersi* nom. n. (p. 145) to replace the second name, but unfortunately used the same species name also for a new species, *Nesita (Paranesita) villiersi* sp. n. (p. 146). References to the two *seyrigi* and the two *villiersi* were differently and greatly confused in the two catalogues of Reduviidae (Putshkov & Putshkov, 1988; Maldonado Capriles, 1990), so that both of them listed two species instead of three.

As the two species originally named *seyrigi* Villiers are currently placed in different genera, the junior secondary homonym *seyrigi* Villiers, 1953 replaced after 1960 should be restored (International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, 4th ed., Art. 59.4). The replacement name *villiersi* given to it becomes invalid, thus giving opportunity to preserve its primary homonym published simultaneously. Acting as first revisers (International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, 4th ed., Art. 24.2.2), we give *Nesita (Paranesita) villiersi* Wygodzinsky, 1966 (p. 146) precedence over *Nesita (Nesita) villiersi* Wygodzinsky, 1966 (p. 145). The correct names of the three species and respective citations are given below.

### *Orthunga seyrigi* (Villiers, 1949)

*Nesita seyrigi* Villiers, 1949, Mém. Mus. natl. Hist. nat., n. s., 23: 337, 341.

*Nesita (Nesita) seyrigi*: Wygodzinsky, 1966: 145.

*Orthunga seyrigi*: Villiers, 1973, Ann. Soc. entomol. Fr., n. s., 9: 618.

Holotype: ♂, Madagascar, Analalava (Mus. Natl. Hist. Nat. Paris).

### *Nesita seyrigi* (Villiers, 1953), nom. valid.

*Obenbergerium seyrigi* Villiers, 1953, Mém. Inst. sci. Madagascar (E), 3: 35 (junior secondary homonym).

*Nesita (Nesita) villiersi* Wygodzinsky, 1966: 145 (nom. n.).

*Nesita villiersi*: Villiers, 1975, Ann. Soc. entomol. Fr., n. s., 11: 264, 279.

Holotype: ♀, Madagascar, Fort-Dauphin (Mus. Natl. Hist. Nat. Paris).

### *Paranesita villiersi* (Wygodzinsky, 1966)

*Nesita (Paranesita) villiersi* Wygodzinsky, 1966: 146 (senior primary homonym, see the first reviser action above).

*Paranesita villiersi*: Villiers, 1971, Ann. Soc. entomol. Fr., n. s., 7: 880.

Holotype: ♀, Madagascar, Ambontoaka (Zool. Inst. St. Petersburg).

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