

Basteria accused, a reply

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"We were disturbed", "ill-advised and unnecessary", "misconception" are citations from only the initial four lines of a paper by Rosenberg & Petit (2001), in which Basteria is accused of publishing a paper violating the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature. These disturbed authors had not informed the editorial board of Basteria directly, either before or after their attack on our journal. We agree that mistakes should be corrected, but should our journal be unconditionally blamed in this particular case?

According to Rosenberg & Petit (2001: 245), Corgan & Van Aartsen (1998) published their paper "for the sole purpose of replacing names of homonyms". This is their own; subjective interpretation however, which is clearly not in agreement with the introductory remarks of Corgan & Van Aartsen (1998: 1).

Rosenberg & Petit (2001: 245) suggest that the new names are proposed "outside the context of systematic revisions", neglecting that the authors have worked and published for years on Pyramidellidae.

I do not think that it is relevant for the scientific community to be informed about the mental state of authors; however, with that information available now, I do consider that disturbance might have caused *Turbonilla abnormalis* Rosenberg & Petit, 2001, a junior synonym of *Turbonilla normalis* Corgan & Van Aartsen, 1998, exemplifying a needless proliferation of names indeed. My apologies for a smile.

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