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Replacement of the preoccupied generic name of a Neotropical milliped taxon (Polydesmida: Chelodesmidae: Batodesmini)

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In 1982 I described, under the binomen Curimagua granulata, a new genus and species of batodesmine milliped collected in a cave in the Valle de Curimagua, Venezuela. In the mistaken belief that the generic name was unlikely to have been previously used, I failed to conduct a literature search. Shortly after publication of my paper, I was informed by Dr. Norman Platnick that Curimagua had in fact been proposed in 1976 for a new genus of spider from the same locality. With the expectation that I would replace my preoccupied generic name in the context of subsequent research on batodesmines, I deferred taking the corrective action, but as this intention may be indefinitely delayed, proposal of the substitution seems desirable at this time.

Curimaguana, new name

Replaces Curimagua Hoffman, 1982, Journ. Nat. Hist., 16: 645, preoccupied by Curimagua Forster & Platnick, 1976, Amer. Mus. Novitates, 2619: 24. The type species (Curimagua granulata) is unchanged as a result of direct substitution.

I am grateful to Dr. Platnick for bringing this problem to my attention.

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