

***Ufudia*, a replacement name for *Pelonia* Junker & Boomker, 2002 (Pentastomida: Sebekidae) from South African terrapins**

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In order to accommodate a new species of pentastomid parasite, *Pelonia africana* Junker & Boomker, 2002 (Sebekidae), Junker & Boomker (2002) described the new genus *Pelonia*. This genus name is, however, preoccupied by *Pelonia* Grube, 1859 (Acari). Grube (1859) did not designate a type species, but Oudemans (1900: 141) recorded *Pelonia* as a possible synonym of *Cepheus* Koch, 1835 and listed *P. foliosa* as its type species, allegedly designated by Grube. Subías et al. (2012), accepted the synonymy of *Pelonia* with *Cepheus* Koch, 1835 (Acari: Compactozetidae). Norton & Ermilov (2014) provided a brief summary of the nomenclatural history of the mite genus *Pelonia* and proposed *P. foliosa* as being the nymph of *Cepheus cepheiformis* (Nicolet, 1855).

The generic name *Pelonia* was also used by Clark (1865: 399) for his new species *Pelonia nigripennis* Clark, 1865 (Coleoptera). Csiki (in Heikertinger & Csiki 1940: 202) resolved this homonymy by substituting the genus name with the replacement name *Heikertingeria* Csiki, 1940.

Pelonia Junker & Boomker, 2002 is a junior homonym of *Pelonia* Grube, 1859 as well as of *Pelonia* Clark, 1865. In accordance with Article 60 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN 1999), we therefore propose the new replacement name *Ufudia* **nom. nov.** for *Pelonia* Junker & Boomker, 2002. This name is derived from the isiZulu word ufudu for tortoise/turtle/terrapin, the latter of which are its natural hosts (Doke et al. 1977).

Systematics

Phylum Pentastomida Huxley, 1869

Order Porocephalida Heymons, 1935

Family Sebekidae Sambon, 1922

Type genus, by original designation under Sebekini Sambon, 1922 (p. 192): *Sebekia* Sambon, 1922.

Genus *Ufudia* nom. nov.

Pelonia Junker & Boomker, 2002 (Pentastomida: Sebekidae), type species: *Pelonia africana* Junker & Boomker, 2002 (p. 54-56). Preoccupied by *Pelonia* Grube, 1859 (p. 63-64), type species *Pelonia foliosa* Grube, 1859 (see Oudemans 1900: 141), and by *Pelonia* Clark, 1865, type species *Pelonia nigripennis* Clark, 1865 (Heikertinger & Csiki 1940: 202).

Type species, by original designation under *Pelonia* Junker & Boomker, 2002: *Ufudia africana* (Junker & Boomker, 2002) **comb. nov.** *Ufudia* is monotypic.

Type material: Holotype male (T 2186), deposited in the National Collection of Animal Helminths, ARC-Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute, Onderstepoort, South Africa.

Generic diagnosis: see Junker & Boomker (2002: 54, 2006: 32).

Distribution: Limpopo Province (formerly Northern Province), South Africa.

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