

Smicromyrme frankburgeri Schmid-Egger (Hymenoptera, Mutillidae), a replacement name for *S. burgeri* Schmid-Egger, 2021, preoccupied by *S. burgeri* Lelej, 2020

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Abstract

Smicromyrme burgeri Schmid-Egger, 2021, a junior homonym of *S. (Eremotilla) burgeri* Lelej, 2020, is replaced with *Smicromyrme (Smicromyrme) frankburgeri* Schmid-Egger, **nom. nov.**

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In a recent publication (Schmid-Egger and Schmidt 2021) a new species of Mutillidae from Germany was described as *Smicromyrme (Smicromyrme) burgeri* Schmid-Egger. The name of the new species turned out to be preoccupied by *Smicromyrme (Eremotilla) burgeri* Lelej, 2020, a species described from Karnataka, India (Lelej 2020), only one year before the German species was described. Both species were named after the German entomologist Frank Burger.

In accordance with Article 60 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature 1999), the junior homonym is replaced with a new name, *Smicromyrme (Smicromyrme) frankburgeri* Schmid-Egger, **nom. nov.**

Smicromyrme is a genus of velvet ants (Mutillidae) with currently approximately 270 described species from the Palearctic, Afrotropical, and Oriental regions (Pagliano et al. 2020). The Indian species, *S. burgeri* was described in the subgenus *Eremotilla* (Lelej 2020), whereas the German species belongs to the nominate subgenus.

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