

***Brancucciana* Ahmad et Zaidi, 1986 is the valid name for
Ascopocoris Stehlik et Kerzhner, 1999
(Heteroptera: Pyrrhocoridae)**

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STEHLÍK J. L. 2007: *Brancucciana* Ahmad et Zaidi, 1986 is the valid name for *Ascopocoris* Stehlik et Kerzhner, 1999 (Pyrrhocoridae, Heteroptera). *Acta Musei Moraviae, Scientiae biologicae* (Brno) **92**: 109–110. – *Brancucciana* Ahmad et Zaidi, 1986 is the oldest available for preoccupied *Ascopus* Hsiao, 1964, having priority over *Ascopocoris* Stehlik et Kerzhner, 1999. The following new combinations are established: *Brancucciana* (*Brancucciana*) *gestroi* (Distant, 1964) **comb.nov.**, *B. (B.) constanti* (Stehlik et Jindra, 2006) **comb.nov.**, *B. (B.) rufa* (Hsiao, 1964) **comb.nov.**, *B. (B.) sinuaticollis* (Liu, 1987) **comb.nov.**, and *B. (Rubriascopus) pygmaea* (Distant, 1903) **comb.nov.**

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HSIAO (1964) described the genus *Ascopus*. As this name is preoccupied, STEHLÍK & KERZHNER (1999) proposed *Ascopocoris* as a new replacement name for this genus. Recently, STEHLÍK & JINDRA (2006), in the course of revising the genus found that *Brancucciana* Ahmad et Zaidi, 1986 is identical with the genus originally described by HSIAO (1964), but unfortunately failed to draw the necessary conclusion regarding the nomenclatural consequences. In fact, the name *Brancucciana*, the oldest available synonym of *Ascopus*, has priority above *Ascopocoris*. The resulting nomenclatural changes are summarized below:

Genus *Brancucciana* Ahmad et Zaidi, 1986

Ascopus Hsiao, 1964 (preoccupied)

Ascopocoris Stehlik et Kerzhner, 1999 (nom.nov. for *Ascopus*) **syn.nov.**

New combinations:

Brancucciana (*Brancucciana*) *bhutanensis* Ahmad et Zaidi, 1986 (type species)

Brancucciana (*Brancucciana*) *gestroi* (Distant, 1964), **comb.nov.**

Brancucciana (*Brancucciana*) *constanti* (Stehlik et Jindra, 2006), **comb.nov.**

Brancucciana (*Brancucciana*) *rufa* (Hsiao, 1964), **comb.nov.**

Brancucciana (*Brancucciana*) *sinuaticollis* (Liu, 1987), **comb.nov.**

Subgenus *Rubriascopus* Stehlik et Jindra, 2006

New combination:

Brancucciana (*Rubriascopus*) *pygmaea* (Distant, 1903) **comb.nov.**

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