

***Astragalus neo-assadabadensis* nom.n. for
Astragalus assadabadensis MAASSOUMI, nom. illeg. (Fabaceae)**

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Astragalus L., a member of the legume family (Fabaceae), is the largest genus in flora of Iran (MAASSOUMI 1998).

The mountainous region of "Assadabad" with its attractive landscape is located in Hamadan province, W. Iran. Due to the fact that with almost 3,000 species (LOCK & SIMPSON 1991) the authors of new taxa of *Astragalus* frequently use the name of the type locality as suitable specific epithet, two different species of *Astragalus* were named *A. assadabadensis*.

Both taxa are narrow endemics which thrive only in Hamadan province. They are members of the Irano-Turanian floristic element: *Astragalus assadabadensis* MAASSOUMI (MAASSOUMI 2005, published "after 5 Aug. 2005" according to the International Plant Names Index, IPNI) and *A. assadabadensis* F.GHAHREM. & PODLECH (GHAHREMANINEJAD & PODLECH 2005, published "29 Jun. 2005" according to IPNI). Thus, according to the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature (MCNEILL & al. 2006), the former taxon is invalid and needs to be renamed.

***Astragalus neo-assadabadensis* F.GHAHREM. & MAASSOUMI, nom.n.**

≡ *Astragalus assadabadensis* MAASSOUMI, Gen. Astragalus Iran 5: 401 (2005).

Type: Hamadan, Assadabad, 2000 m, D53, without collector, s.n. [holo. TARI].

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