

Short Communication

The correct author for *Astragalus dolinicola* (Fabaceae)

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Astragalus L., a member of the legume family (Fabaceae) with almost 3,000 species (LOCK & SIMPSON 1991), may be the largest genus in the flowering plants. Because of its size, the group is beset by frequent nomenclatural changes, transferring to higher or lower levels, synonymizing, etc., and the following story is one of them.

Astracantha dolinicola BRULLO & GIUSSO was published in 2001. However, the genus *Astracantha* PODLECH (1983) was not maintained as a valid genus, due to its synonymizing with genus *Astragalus* by ZARRE & PODLECH in 1997. Based on this fact, *Astragalus dolinicola* (BRULLO & GIUSSO) F. GHAHREM. was published in 2006. But another combination *Astragalus dolinicola* (BRULLO & GIUSSO) BRULLO & GIUSSO was published earlier in 2003; and thus according to the ICBN (MCNEILL & al. 2006), the later published combination is illegitimate.

Astragalus dolinicola (BRULLO & GIUSSO) BRULLO & GIUSSO, Israel J. Pl. Sci. 51/4: 309 (2003).

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≡ *Astragalus dolinicola* (BRULLO & GIUSSO) F. GHAHREM., Nordic J. Bot. 23/6: 711 (2006); nomen superfluum.

Type: Crete, Psiloritis, dolines near Embriskos, 7. 6. 2000, Brullo & Giusso s.n. [holotype CAT, isotypes CAT, FI].

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