

***Osmania* nom. nov. A Replacement Name in the Family Cydnidae (Insecta: Hemiptera)**

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ABSTRACT

In this study a replacement name, *Osmania* (**nom.nov.**) is proposed for the genus *Dallonia* BERGEVIN, 1936 in the family *Cydnidae*.

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INTRODUCTION

Dallonia was established by BERGEVIN in 1936 with the type species *Dallonia pangoeoides* from Algeria. This species designated originally as the type species of the genus.

The genus name *Dallonia* BERGEVIN, 1936 is a junior homonym of *Dallonia* LAMBERT, 1916 [in *Dalloni* C. R. Acad. Sci. France, 165, 154 (*Echin.*)](Koçak, 1991), and under the Article 53 in Zoological Code it must be rejected and replaced.

Therefore, a replacement name *Osmania* (nom. nov.) proposed for *Dallonia*