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On the identity of *Anthobium laterale* (LUZE 1911) (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae: Omaliinae)

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Abstract: Based on an examination of the holotype of the junior name, the following synonymy is proposed: *Anthobium unicolor* (MARSHAM 1802) = *A. laterale* (LUZE 1911), syn. n.

Key words: Coleoptera, Staphylinidae, Omaliinae, *Anthobium*, Palearctic region, Caucasus, taxonomy, new synonym.

Anthobium unicolor (MARSHAM) (Figs 1-2)

Lathrimaeum laterale LUZE 1911: 293, syn. n.

Type examined: Holotype ♂: Caucasus occ., Krasnaja Poljana [in Cyrillic], Roubal VII.1910 / Type laterale m. Luze / Typus *Lathrimaeum laterale* Luze / ex coll. Luze / Holotypus *Lathrimaeum laterale* Luze rev. V. Assing 2004 / *Anthobium unicolor* (Marshall) det. V. Assing 2004 (Naturhistorisches Museum Wien).

The original description of *Anthobium laterale* (LUZE) is based on a single holotype from Krasnaja Poljana (western Caucasus), which LUZE (1911) compares with *Anthobium atrocephalum* (GYLLENHAL). This holotype was examined, but no morphological evidence whatsoever was found suggesting that it should be specifically distinct from *A. unicolor* (MARSHAM), a species not even mentioned in the original description. Therefore, *A. laterale* LUZE is here placed in the synonymy of the senior name *A. unicolor* (MARSHAM). For illustrations of the habitus of the holotype and the labels see Figs 1-2.

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Zusammenfassung

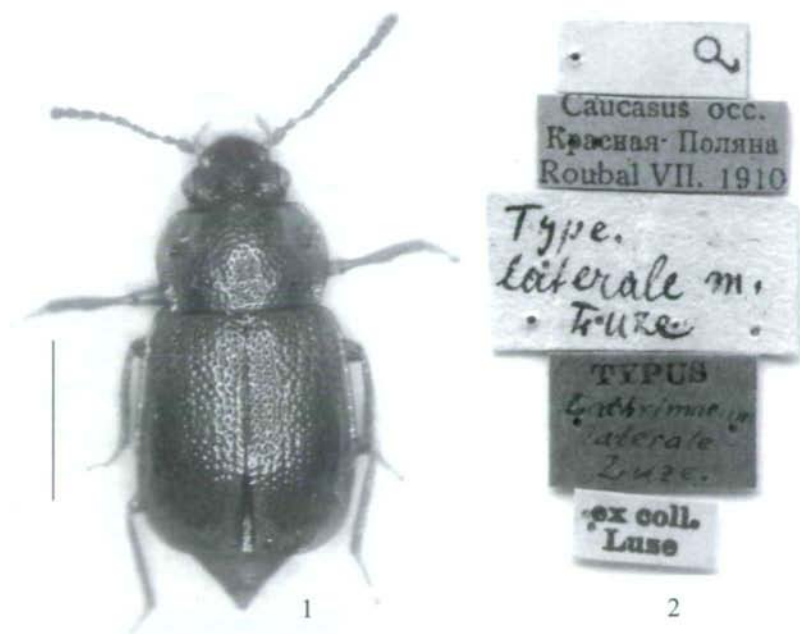
Anthobium laterale (LUZE 1911), syn. n. wird mit *A. unicolor* (MARSHAM 1802) synonymisiert.

Reference

LUZE G. (1911): Zwei neue Arten der Staphyliniden-Gattung *Lathrimaeum* ER. — Verh. zool.-bot. Ges. Wien 61: 293-295.

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Figs 1-2: Holotype of *Lathrimaeum laterale* LUZE: 1 – habitus; 2 – labels. Scale bar: 1.0 mm.

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