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On the genus *Pseudotyphlopasilia* PACE (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae: Aleocharinae)

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Abstract: The genus *Pseudotyphlopasilia* PACE 1983, previously in the Homalotini, is moved to the Athetini. The following synonymies are proposed: *Pseudotyphlopasilia* PACE 1983 = *Speleogona* ASSING 2007, nov.syn.; *P. coeca* (EPPELSHEIM 1878) = *S. cavernicola* ASSING 2007, nov.syn.

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After the recent description of *Speleogona cavernicola* (of the Athetini) from a Georgian cave (ASSING 2007), Roberto Pace (Monteforte d'Alpone) kindly made me aware of the fact that the genitalia were identical to those of *Pseudotyphlopasilia coeca* (EPPELSHEIM 1878), which was attributed to the Homalotini (SMETANA 2004). A subsequent examination of the illustrations and description provided by PACE (1983) and based on type material left no doubt that, indeed, both names refer to the same species, so that the following synonymies result: *Pseudotyphlopasilia* PACE 1983 = *Speleogona* ASSING 2007, nov.syn.; *P. coeca* (EPPELSHEIM 1878) = *S. cavernicola* ASSING 2007, nov.syn. As argued by ASSING (2007), however, the monotypical genus belongs to the Athetini, not to the Homalotini.

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