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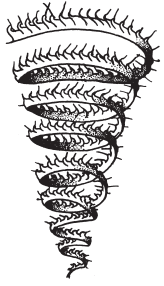
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ABSTRACT

We propose *Takahashiceras* as a replacement name for the pre-occupied Upper Cretaceous ammonite genus *Takahashia* Matsumoto 1984.

Key words: *Takahashiella*, Upper Cretaceous, Lytoceratidae, junior homonym

The Cretaceous ammonite genus *Takahashia* Matsumoto (1984, p. 33) with its originally designated type species *T. eureka* was erected as a tetragnostid, but was recently transferred by Shigeta, Hoffmann, and Izukura (2010) to the Lytoceratidae. *Takahashia* Matsumoto, 1984, is preoccupied by *Takahashia* Cockerell (1896, p. 385) an insect (Homoptera, Coccidae). To remove this primary homonym Cooper (2012, p. 185) proposed *Takahashiella* as a replacement name, with *Takahashiella eureka* (Matsumoto, 1984) as its type species (described and figured by Wright, 1996, p. 8). However, *Takahashiella* itself is preoccupied by *Takahashiella* Borkhsenius, 1964, p. 164, which again is an insect. To remove this second junior homonym we propose *Takahashiceras* as a replacement name with *T. eureka* (Matsumoto, 1984) as type species.

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