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### Replacement name for a homonym in *Hypoaspis* Canestrini (Acari: Laelapidae)

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Joharchi *et al.* (2014) described a new species of laelapid mite of the genus *Hypoaspis* (*Hypoaspis*) (= *Hypoaspis sensu stricto*), named *Hypoaspis elegans* Joharchi, Ostovan & Babaeian. A different species of genus *Hypoaspis sensu lato* had already been named *Hypoaspis (Leptolaelaps) elegans* Berlese, 1918. *Hypoaspis elegans* Joharchi, Ostovan & Babaeian is a junior homonym of *Hypoaspis (Leptolaelaps) elegans* Berlese, and is an invalid name according to Article 57 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN 1999). For this reason, I propose *Hypoaspis oryctes* **nom. nov.** as a replacement name for *Hypoaspis elegans* Joharchi, Ostovan & Babaeian, 2014. The new specific name, *H. oryctes*, is taken from its host beetle, *Oryctes elegans* Prell. (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae).

#### *Hypoaspis oryctes* **nom. nov.**

*Hypoaspis elegans* Joharchi, Ostovan & Babaeian, 2014: 570.

*Hypoaspis* sp. — Damghani, 2001: 59.

*Hypoaspis elegans* — Nemati *et al.*, 2018: 143; Joharchi & Halliday, 2020: 27.

not *Hypoaspis (Leptolaelaps) elegans* Berlese, 1918: 123.

not *Hypoaspis (Haemolaelaps) elegans* — Lombardini, 1936: 42.

not *Leptolaelaps elegans* — Evans, 1957: 46.

not *Leptolaelaps elegans* — Ryke, 1963: 8.

not *Hypoaspis (Stratiolaelaps) elegans* — Bernhard, 1971: 4.

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