

SHORT COMMUNICATION

***Vachellia bolei* (Fabaceae: Mimosoideae), the correct name for a species from India**

The following new combination in *Vachellia* Wight & Arn. is required in accordance with Articles 52.1 and 52.2 of the *Melbourne Code* (McNeill *et al.* 2012). This is necessary because in creating *Vachellia wightii* Ragupathy, Seigler, Ebinger & Maslin, Ragupathy *et al.* (2014) erred by basing their new name on the illegitimate name, *Acacia wightii* Baker ex Benth. (Benth. 1875: 506). Although Article 58.1 of the Code does permit the re-use of an illegitimate name, this is only possible when there is 'no obstacle [to doing so] under the rules'. In this case the 'obstacle' was the existence of the legitimate name, *A. bolei* R.P.Subhedar (Subhedar 1985) and it is this name that should have been adopted as the basionym, as is done here.

Vachellia bolei (R.P.Subhedar) Ragupathy, Seigler, Ebinger & Maslin, *comb. nov.*

Acacia bolei R.P.Subhedar, *J. Bombay Nat. Hist. Soc.* 82: 440 (1985); *Acacia wightii* Baker ex Benth., *Trans. Linn. Soc. London* 30: 506 (1875), *nom. illeg. non* Graham ex Wight & Arn. (1834: 274); *Vachellia wightii* Ragupathy, Seigler, Ebinger & Maslin, *Phytotaxa* 162: 177 (2014), *nom. illeg. superfl.* Type: India, K.D. Wight 896 (*lecto*: K; *isolecto*: CAL; designated by Subhedar (1985: 440)).

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