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**PROSOCLITUS BATES A SYNONYM OF  
PSEUDACANTHUS KAUP (COLEOPTERA, PASSALIDAE)**

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In my recent paper on American genera of Passalidae (Reyes-Castillo, 1970:170-174, fig. 77), I revalidated the genus *Prosoclitus* Bates (1886:7) on the basis of the original description and revision of specimens of new species, not yet described, in view of the fact that I could not see specimens of the type species, *P. obesus* Bates.

Recently I had the opportunity to study the type specimen of *P. obesus*, which due to the generic characters it presents must be assigned to *Pseudacanthus* Kaup, and for this reason *Prosoclitus* must pass to synonymy. The specimen studied by Bates has a label with the locality "Mexico" and another one with the identification "*Prosoclitus obesus* Bates". Both labels are hand-written and there is a third label, printed with the following data: "H. W. Bates, Biol. Cent. Amer." This specimen, that belonged to the R. Oberthur collection, has been deposited in the Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris.

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