



## A new name for a *Scutellaria* (Lamiaceae) endemic to Afghanistan

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During the preparation of the treatment of the Lamiaceae for Flore d’Afrique centrale (Sosef 2016), the authors had to deal with *Scutellaria polyadena* Briq., a name published in Durand & De Wildeman (1898: 56) for a species endemic to south-eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo and Zambia. They came across the name *Scutellaria polyadenia* Rech.f., published by Rechinger (1955: 24) for a species endemic to eastern Afghanistan. Both names differ only by a single character, indicating the word is used as a noun (polyadenia: “the many-glands-bearer”) or as an adjective (polyadena: “with many glands”) and are thus likely to be confused; both epithets appear to be grammatically correct. Following Art. 53.2 of the ICN (Turland *et al.* 2018), they should be regarded as homonyms, rendering *S. polyadenia* Rech.f. an illegitimate name. Since, however, it refers to an accepted species (Rechinger *et al.* 1982, Breckle *et al.* 2013), which has no synonym available, we are obliged to publish a replacement name (*nom. nov.*) for it. This is effectuated below, and we decided to name it after its original Austrian author, H.K. Rechinger (1908–1998), who played such an invaluable role in mapping the botanical diversity of Afghanistan and neighbouring countries, notably as editor and main driving force behind the production of the exemplary Flora Iranica, now 181 volumes and almost finished (Rechinger 1963–).

### *Scutellaria rechingeri* Sosef & Meerts, *nom. nov.*

*Scutellaria polyadenia* Rech.f., Rechinger (1955: 24), *nom. illeg.*, non *S. polyadena* Briq. in Durand & De Wildeman (1898: 56).

Type:—AFGHANISTAN. Daulatshah, 7000ft, 31 May 1937, *W. Koelz 11641* (holotype: W! [stable ID: <https://w.jacq.org/W19660021757>]; isotype: US! [barcode: US00119473]).

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