



Validation of the name *Osbeckia tirunelvetica* (Melastomataceae)

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During the taxonomic revision of the genus *Osbeckia* Linnaeus (1753: 345) from the Western Ghats, India, we came across few interesting specimens from the Manjolai hills in Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve (KMTR), Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu. Critical studies with relevant literature revealed the identity of the collected specimens as *Osbeckia tirunelvetica* Manickam & Murugan (2001: 626). Unfortunately the name *Osbeckia tirunelvetica* was not validly published by Manickam & Murugan (2001), because, contrary to Art. 40 of ICN (McNeill *et al.* 2012), two collections were indicated as “type”. Therefore, the name *Osbeckia tirunelvetica* is validated here by indicating a single collection as the holotype.

Osbeckia tirunelvetica Murugan & Manickam ex Kottaim. & Gnanasek., *sp. nov.*

Osbeckia tirunelvetica Murugan & Manickam (2001: 626), *nom. inval.*

Type:—INDIA: Tamil Nadu: Tirunelveli District, Manjolai hills, Road below Manjolai, *Manickam & Murugan XCH 15109* (holotype XCH!).

Description:—Murugan & Manickam (2001): 626).

Etymology:—This species named after the type locality, Tirunelveli Hills, Tamil Nadu, India.

Distribution:—Endemic of India (Tamil Nadu: Tirunelveli Hills).

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