

SHORT COMMUNICATION

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**TABANUS BISWASI** NOM. NOV., A REPLACEMENT NAME FOR *TABANUS MINUSCULUS* DATTA AND DAS, 1978 (DIPTERA : TABANIDAE)

I am indebted to Professor L. L. Pechuman of the Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, for kindly drawing my attention to the fact that *T. minusculus* Datta and Das, 1978, is a junior primary homonym of *T. minusculus* Hine, 1907, in the genus *Tabanus* L., and that a new specific epithet is indispensable. I am, therefore, pleased to name the species after the Collector, Mr. S. Biswas of this Organisation for kindly taking an effort to make the interesting collection of horseflies. The relevant details are as follows :

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1. *Tabanus biswasi* Datta, nom. nov.

*Tabanus minusculus* Datta and Das, 1978,  
*Bull. zool. Surv. India*, 1 (2) : 183.

2. *Hybomitra minuscula* (Hine)

*Tabanus minusculus* Hine, 1907, *Ohio Nat.*,  
8 (2) : 226.

*Hybomitra minuscula* (Hine) : Philip, 1947,  
*Amer. Midl. Nat.*, 37 (2) : 296.

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