

Pachycentrata, a replacement name for *Pachybatrachus*
Báez and Rage, 1998 (Amphibia, Anura)

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Pachybatrachus taqueti is a hyperossified pipid frog from the Upper Cretaceous of In Beceten, Niger. It was originally described by Báez and Rage (1998) as a new genus and species related to the extant African pipines, *Hymenochirus* and *Pseudhymenochirus*. However, it was drawn to our attention that *Pachybatrachus* is a junior homonym, as the generic name was first proposed by Keferstein (1868) for an anuran species from Australia, *P. petersii*. Almost simultaneously, this generic name was also used by Mivart (1868). The latter author, unaware of Keferstein's paper, described *Pachybatrachus robustus* as the type species of a new anuran genus, based on material housed in the British Museum. Shortly after this, Mivart (1869) changed *Pachybatrachus* to *Clinotarsus*.

The new name *Pachycentrata*, in reference to the thick deposits of bone on the vertebral centra, is here proposed as a genus for the type species *Pachybatrachus taqueti* to replace *Pachybatrachus* (Báez and Rage, 1998). The new combination becomes *Pachycentrata taqueti*.

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