

# PALEONTOLOGICAL NOTE

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## *UBINATES*, A NEW NAME FOR THE GENUS *AETHOTAXIS* BAESEMANN, 1973 (VERTEBRATA, CONODONTA) PREOCCUPIED BY *AETHOTAXIS* DEWITT, 1962 (VERTEBRATA, OSTEICHTYES)

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BAESEMANN (1973) erected the genus *Aethotaxis* to accommodate morphologically distinctive conodont elements from the Pennsylvanian (Missourian) of northeastern Kansas. By chance we have recently discovered that the name is preoccupied by a notothenioid perciform fish *Aethotaxis* DeWitt, 1962. Thus, in accordance with Article 60 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (1999), we propose the name *Ubinates* nomen novum as a replacement for *Aethotaxis* Baesemann, 1973, not *Aethotaxis* DeWitt, 1962. *Ubinates* derives from the Latin *ubi*, meaning where (interrogative), and *nates*, meaning rump; this refers to the fact that it is not known which, if any, of the elements presently assigned to species of *Ubinates* occupied the posterior positions

in the apparatus. The type species of *Ubinates* is *U. advena* by original designation (Baesemann, 1973).

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