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Abstract. *Lesageana paucispina* Medvedev, 2003 is placed into synonymy with *Trichispa sericea* (Guérin-Méneville, 1844), **new synonymy**. Resulting in the synonymy of the genera *Trichispa* Chapuis, 1875 and *Lesageana* Medvedev, 2003 (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae: Cassidinae), **new synonymy**.

Key words. *Lesageana*; *Trichispa*; synonymy; Coleoptera; Chrysomelidae.

Medvedev (2003: 152) erected the genus *Lesageana* for the new species *paucispina* Medvedev from Guinea (holotype: Guinea, Dubreka, X.1987, leg. H. Chiasson, deposited in the L. LeSage collection) and placed it in the tribe Hispini (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae). The original description compares it to the two monotypic genera *Callanispa* Uhmann, 1959 (type species: *C. rasa* Uhmann, 1959 from South Africa) and *Thomispa* Würmli, 1975a (type species: *Trichispa feae* Gestro, 1905 from St. Thomé Island (currently called São Tomé and Príncipe)). However, in the key to the Old World genera of Hispini (Würmli 1975b), *Lesageana* keys to couplet 20 containing *Trichispa* Chapuis, 1875 (type species: *Hispa sericea* Guérin-Méneville, 1844 with a single species known from Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, and Zaire) and *Philodonta* Weise, 1904 (type species: *Philodonta modesta* Weise, 1904 with three species: *P. chirinda* Maulik, 1919 known from Congo, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe; *P. modesta* Weise, 1904 known from India and Pakistan; and *Philodonta tuberculata* (Pic, 1924) known from Congo, Ivory Coast, and Rwanda). From the description of *Lesageana* I could find no characters to separate *Lesageana* from *Trichispa*.

While working on an updated key to the hispine genera of the world, I requested the type of *L. paucispina* from L. LeSage. He stated (pers. comm.) that the type of *Lesageana* was likely destroyed in a fire at his house in 2006 but might still be in the possession of Medvedev in Moscow.

Medvedev (pers. comm.) stated that the type was returned to LeSage and he was sorry to hear of the fire that destroyed it. He agreed with my assessment that *Lesageana* was indistinguishable from *Trichispa* saying that his erection of *Lesageana* was based on a single misidentified specimen of *T. sericea*.

Therefore, I am proposing, with Medvedev's cordial agreement, the following nomenclatural acts:

Trichispa Chapuis, 1875: 331. Type species: *Hispa sericea* Guérin-Méneville, 1844: 268.

Lesageana Medvedev, 2003: 152. Type species: *Lesageana paucispina* Medvedev, 2003: 152. **New Synonymy.**

Hispa sericea Guérin-Méneville, 1844: 268. Type: Madagascar, depository unknown.

Trichispa sericea (Guérin-Méneville): Chapuis 1875: 332 (transfer).

Lesageana paucispina Medvedev, 2003: 152. Type: Guinea, Dubreka, type destroyed. **New Synonymy.**

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