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The correct names for species of *Aloe* sect. *Chortolirion* (*Asphodelaceae*: *Alooideae*)

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Abstract The correct names and synonymy for species of *Aloe* sect. *Chortolirion* (A. Berger) Boatwr. & J.C. Manning (*Asphodelaceae*: *Alooideae*) are provided. This treatment recognises four species in this section, namely *A. welwitschii*, *A. barendii*, *A. jeppeae* and *A. subspicata*. *Aloe subspicata* and *A. welwitschii* are treated as conspecific by some authors.

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■ INTRODUCTION

Chortolirion A. Berger has a history of taxonomic uncertainty, and has been variously allied to *Haworthia* Duval and *Aloe* L. (Smith, 1991; Treutlein & al., 2003). The vast majority of the contemporary published research on *Aloe* and *Chortolirion*, including several books and numerous papers, has been produced by participants of the Aloes of the World (AWP) project. Established in 2007, the AWP currently has over 40 members from around the world (Smith & al., 2008a, b; Klopper & al., 2010, 2013; Klopper & Smith, 2013; Smith, 2013). This initiative provides a community for *Aloe* scholars, specialists and enthusiasts to collaborate and disseminate information on the genus and its kin, thus informing interested parties of research on subfamily *Alooideae* of the *Asphodelaceae*.

As part of ongoing research activities within the AWP, Grace & al. (2013) recently transferred three species of *Chortolirion* to *Aloe*. Shortly afterwards, Daru & al. (2013) similarly transferred species of *Chortolirion* to *Aloe*. Here we provide clarification on which names to use for these species in *Aloe*. The names proposed by two of us (R.R. Klopper and G.F. Smith) in Grace & al. (2013) have priority (McNeill & al., 2012, Art. 53.1), rendering two names published by J.S. Boatwright and J.C. Manning in Daru & al. (2013) synonymous with those in Grace & al. (2013).

■ CORRECT NAMES FOR SPECIES OF *ALOE* sect. *CHORTOLIRION*

1. ***Aloe welwitschii*** Klopper & Gideon F. Sm. in Phytotaxa 76: 12. Jan 2013 ≡ *Haworthia angolensis* Baker in Trans. Linn. Soc. London, Bot. 1(5): 263. 1878 ≡ *Chortolirion angolense* (Baker) A. Berger in Engler, Pflanzenr. IV 38 (Heft 33): 73. 1908 – Holotype: ANGOLA. Huilla [Huíla] District: near Huilla [Huíla], flowered Nov. 1859, *F.M.J. Welwitsch 3756* (BM No. BM000911693 !).

Since the name *Aloe angolensis* Baker (in Trans. Linn. Soc. London, Bot. 1(5): 263. 1878) already exists, this combination is not available if *Chortolirion angolensis* is transferred to *Aloe*.

This rare species is restricted to the Huíla Plateau in Angola and we regard it as distinct from material that occurs in the Flora of Southern Africa region. Unlike Daru & al. (2013), we accept *A. welwitschii* as distinct from *A. subspicata* (Baker) Boatwr. & J.C. Manning.

2. ***Aloe barendii*** Klopper & Gideon F. Sm. in Phytotaxa 76: 12. Jan 2013 ≡ *Haworthia tenuifolia* Engl. in Bot. Jahrb. Syst. 10: 2, t. 1. 1888 ≡ *Chortolirion tenuifolium* (Engl.) A. Berger in Engler, Pflanzenr. IV 38 (Heft 33): 73. 1908 ≡ *Aloe tenuifolia* (Engl.) Boatwr. & J.C. Manning in Taxon 62: 75. Feb 2013, non Lam. 1783, nom. illeg. – Holotype: SOUTH AFRICA. Northern Cape: Kalahari Region, near Kuruman, *R. Marloth 1049* (B No. B100165765 !; isotype: PRE No. PRE0037837-0 !).

Since the name *Aloe tenuifolia* Lam. (Encycl. 1(1): 87. 1783) already exists, this combination is not available if *Chortolirion tenuifolium* is transferred to *Aloe*. The new combination published in Daru & al. (2013) is a later homonym and therefore illegitimate.

3. ***Aloe jeppeae*** Klopper & Gideon F. Sm. in Phytotaxa 76: 12. Jan 2013 ≡ *Chortolirion latifolium* Zonn. & G.P.J. Fritz in Bradleya 28: 32. 2010 ≡ *Aloe aestivalis* Boatwr. & J.C. Manning in Taxon 62: 75. Feb 2013, nom. superfl., nom. illeg. – Holotype: SOUTH AFRICA. Free State: Bloemfontein near airport, 24 Apr. 2009, *G.P.J. Fritz 1025* (PRE!).

Since the name *Aloe latifolia* (Haw.) Haw. (in J. Linn. Soc. Bot. 18: 164. 1880) already exists, this combination is not available if *Chortolirion latifolium* is transferred to *Aloe*. The replacement name, *A. aestivalis*, published in Daru & al. (2013) is superfluous and illegitimate (Art. 52.1 in McNeill & al., 2013).

4. ***Aloe subspicata*** (Baker) Boatwr. & J.C. Manning in Taxon 62: 75. Feb 2013 ≡ *Haworthia subspicata* Baker in Bull. Herb. Boissier, ser. 2, 4: 998. 1904 ≡ *Chortolirion subspicatum* (Baker) A. Berger in Engler, Pflanzenr. IV 38 (Heft 33): 74. 1908 – Holotype: SOUTH AFRICA. Gauteng: Modderfontein, 9 Sep. 1897, *P. Conrath 645* (Z No. Z000023936!; isotype: K No. K000256772!).

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