



Notes on Early Land Plants Today. 49. On *Lejeunea huctumalcensis* Lindenb. & Gottsche and the resurrection of *Otigoniolejeunea* (Spruce) Schiffn., an older name for *Physantholejeunea* R.M.Schust. (Marchantiophyta, Lejeuneaceae)

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Lejeunea huctumalcensis Lindenb. & Gottsche in Gottsche *et al.* (1847: 762), a widespread neotropical species, is one of the most unusual taxa in *Lejeunea* Libert (1820: 372) owing to the variable gynoecial innovation type which may be lejeuneoid or pycnolejeuneoid, the presence of ocelli in leaf lobes and the perianth keels usually with bifid or more ramified laciniae (Reiner-Drehwald & Ilkiu-Borges 2007). In other species of this large genus, innovations are invariably lejeuneoid, ocelli are lacking and perianth keels do not produce bifid or more ramified laciniae. The generic position of *Lejeunea huctumalcensis* has long been controversial and the species has been assigned to at least six different genera, including *Ceratolejeunea* (Spruce 1884: 77) Jack & Stephani (1892: 16), *Hygrolejeunea* (Spruce 1884: 77) Schiffner (1893: 124), *Lejeunea*, *Otigoniolejeunea* (Spruce 1884: 77) Schiffner (1893: 125), *Pycnolejeunea* (Spruce 1884: 246) Schiffner (1893: 124), and *Trachylejeunea* (Spruce 1884: 180) Schiffner (1893: 126) (Reiner-Drehwald & Ilkiu-Borges 2007). The latter authors showed that *L. huctumalcensis* is an older name for *L. xiphotis* Spruce (1884: 227), the type species of *Lejeunea* subg. *Otigoniolejeunea* Spruce (\equiv *Otigoniolejeunea* (Spruce) Schiffn.), and thus *L. huctumalcensis* automatically becomes a member of this group. *Otigoniolejeunea* was provisionally accepted by Reiner-Drehwald & Ilkiu-Borges (2007) as a subgenus of *Lejeunea*, with *L. huctumalcensis* as its only species. Other recent authors, however, have treated *Otigoniolejeunea* as a mere synonym of *Lejeunea* (e.g., Grolle 1983; Singh 2013).

Recent molecular studies by Wei (2013) and Czumay *et al.* (2013) have independently recovered *Lejeunea huctumalcensis* in a small and robust clade outside the genus *Lejeunea*, together with *Physantholejeunea portoricensis* (Hampe & Gottsche 1853: 352) Schuster (1978: 429). The latter taxon is a rare species from the West Indies which shares with *Lejeunea huctumalcensis* the occurrence of ocelli in the leaves, and the presence of pycnolejeuneoid type innovations (Gradstein *et al.* 2001). Although the two species differ in several important morphological respects (see key below), they may be considered congeneric based on the results of the molecular analysis. The results clearly confirm the importance of presence/absence of ocelli and gynoecial innovation type as stable and reliable generic characters in *Lejeunea* (Wei 2013). Moreover, the circumscription of *Lejeunea* has become much improved by the removal of *Lejeunea huctumalcensis* and other taxa with ocelli (Dong *et al.* 2013; Wei & Zhu 2013).

Based on the molecular results, Czumay *et al.* (2013) transferred *Lejeunea huctumalcensis* to *Physantholejeunea*. However, *Otigoniolejeunea* (Spruce) Schiffn. is a much older name than *Physantholejeunea* and has priority. Therefore, the generic *Otigoniolejeunea* has to be resurrected and the following treatment is necessary.

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