Zelotes pyrenaicus, replacement name for Zelotes mediocris Simon, 1914 (Araneae: Gnaphosidae)

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Di Franco (2002) changed the status of Zelotes reconditus mediocris Simon, 1914 from subspecific to specific level. Unfortunately it was overlooked that Kulczyński (1901: 9, pl. 1, fig. 6) had already described Prosthesima mediocris from Ethiopia (now Eritrea); only the female of this species is known. Prosthesima L. Koch, 1872 and Zelotes Gistel, 1848 (which has priority) were both proposed as replacement names for Melanophora C. L. Koch, 1833, which was preoccupied in Diptera. Therefore Zelotes mediocris (Kulczyński, 1901) is the older and valid name, and we propose herewith the replacement name Zelotes pyrenaicus for Zelotes mediocris Simon, 1914.

Derivatio nominis: Both hitherto known records of the species are from the Pyrénées near Lourdes (Département Hautes-Pyrénées, France).

Geographical data for the two localities for mapping purposes (with help of <http://www.mapblast.com>):
Bagnères-de-Bigorre: 43.0649°N, 0.1491°E
Ordon (=Orédon): 43.0360°N, 0.0142°W

References
KULCZYŃSKI, W. 1901: Arachnoida in Colonis Erythraeis s. Dre.

New data on four little-known species of the genus Zelotes Gistel, 1848 (Araneae, Gnaphosidae)*

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Summary
Some particularly interesting specimens of the genus Zelotes Gistel have been collected in different districts of Sicily. They belong to Z. reconditus Simon, recorded on this island for the first time, and Z. labitus Simon. For these species and for Z. gallina Simon new morphological details and new information on their distribution and habitat preferences are provided. The subspecies Z. reconditus mediocris Simon has been elevated to species rank as the genital structures are different from those of Z. reconditus.

Figs. 5–8: Zelotes mediocris Simon. 5 Left male palp, lateral view; 6 Disto, ventral view; 7 Epignyum, ventral view; 8 Epignyum, dorsal view. Scale line =0.2 mm.

Zelotes mediocris Simon, 1914, new status (Figs. 5–8)
Zelotes reconditus mediocris Simon, 1914: 179, 215, fig. 379 (Du); Denis, 1950: 80, figs. 3–5 (♀, ♂); Jézéquel, 1962b: 599.

Material examined: FRANCE (MNHN): Hautes-Pyrénées: Bagnères-de-Bigorre, 1♀ (Simon, 1914) (AR 1845); Orédon, 1♂ 5♀ (Denis, 1950) (AR 1832).