

**Comment on the proposed conservation of the generic and specific names of
Palaeopropithecus ingens G. Grandidier, 1899 (Mammalia, Primates)
(Case 2785; see BZN 49: 55–57)**

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We are active researchers and teachers of primate evolution and write to support the application by Tattersall, Simons & Vuillaume-Randriamanantena to conserve the name *Palaeopropithecus ingens* G. Grandidier, 1899 by suppressing its senior subjective synonym *Thaumastolemur grandidier* Filhol, 1895. As clearly stated by the authors, continued usage of the long-accepted name *Palaeopropithecus* is desirable for nomenclatural stability. Resuscitation of the unused name *Thaumastolemur* would engender confusion and add nothing to systematics or nomenclature. We strongly recommend that the Commission rules in favor of the application, and as soon as possible under the Code.

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