

**TRICHORIBATES ZINGERLEI, A NEW SPECIES OF ORIBATID MITE FROM THE SOUTHERN ALPS, ITALY (ACARI: ORIBATIDA: CERATOZETIDAE)**

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**ABSTRACT** - A new oribatid mite, *Trichoribates zingerlei* n. sp., collected from a high montane habitat on the Schlern/Sciliar massif in the Dolomites of South Tyrol (Italy) is described from adult specimens. This species has characteristic wide lamella, translamella and lamellar cusp, and the distal end of lamellar cusp strongly curved inward. The short, thin notogastral setae, small notogastral porose areas, short tutorium without dentations distally, and smooth clavate sensillus are additional characteristic features of the new species that distinguish it from other members of *Trichoribates*.

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