

**A NEW SPECIES OF *HOPLOSEIUS* BERLESE FROM IRAN  
(ACARI: PODOCINIDAE)**

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**ABSTRACT** - Mites of the genus *Hoploseius* Berlese have been found associated with fungi and have phoretic associations with some fungal insects. The female and male of *Hoploseius bispinosetus* **n. sp.** collected from wood fungi and decomposing wood in north of Iran are described and illustrated. This new species is easily distinguished from the other species in the genus *Hoploseius* by its enlarged and spine-like *I*<sub>4</sub> dorsal setae.

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