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A NEW NAME FOR VICIA PORTOSANCTANA MENEZES

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Vicia ferreirensis D. J. Goyder, **nom. nov.** = *V. portosanctana* Menezes, *Jorn. Sci. math. phys. nat., sér. 3, 24* : 184 (1927), *non V. portosantana* Gand., *Bull. Soc. bot. Fr. 59* : 706 (1912).

The name *Vicia portosanctana* Menezes must be rejected due to prior publication of the name *V. portosantana* Gand., which is based on a different type.

Portosantana and *portosanctana* are clearly treated as homonyms under the botanical code of nomenclature (Voss *et al.*, 1983). The two epithets are derived from the same root (Porto Santo) with only a minor difference in spelling and are so similar that they are easily confused. Article 64.2 of the code treats such names as homonyms. In addition, Recommendation 73C.4(d) suggests that when St is latinized it should be written as *sanctus* (or *sancta*). The recommended spelling of Gandoger's name is therefore *V. portosanctana* and the original orthography should be treated as a variant. *V. portosanctana* Menezes is a later homonym which must be rejected under Article 64.

Accordingly, I propose the name *V. ferreirensis*, derived from Pico de Ana Ferreira, the *locus classicus* of *V. portosanctana* Menezes.

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