

## **A scientific note on the lactic acid bacterial flora in honeybees in the USA – A comparison with bees from Sweden\***

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The source material for *Apis mellifera* honey stomachs was given as *Apis mellifera scutellata*. Since, however, the bees were obtained from an apiary in Arizona, USA, and trinomial subspecies epithets should refer to populations sampled within the endemic range of a recognized subspecies only, the correct denomination for the bee source of this study would be: African-derived *Apis mellifera*, frequently also referred to as Africanized honey bees (AHB) or New World African bees. This correction does not change any aspect concerning the identification of the bacteria and does not affect the conclusions of this study.

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