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Preface to "Ontogeny and morphological diversity in immature mites (Part VII)"

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This series of *Zootaxa* special volumes on "Mite ontogeny and morphological diversity immature mites" was initiated in 2018, with one volume published yearly apart from 2020, which covers two volumes (Zhang *et al.* 2018, 2019, 2020a,b; Fuangarworn *et al.* 2021; Zhang & Fuangarworn 2022). I am pleased to introduce the seventh volume in this series, which collects one paper on Mesostigmata (Ma *et al.* 2023), seven papers on Oribatida (Ermilov 2023; Ermilov & Rybalov 2023; Ermilov *et al.* 2023; Seniczak, A. *et al.* 2023; Seniczak, S. *et al.* 2023a,b; Seniczak, S. & Seniczak, A. 2023) and two papers on Trombidiformes (He *et al.* 2023; Pan *et al.* 2023). We also plan to release another volume later this year and welcome contributions on mite ontogeny from authors who share our interest in this topic.

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