



Preface to “Ontogeny and morphological diversity in immature mites (Part VIII)”

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I am delighted to introduce the eighth volume in the special series “Mite ontogeny and morphological diversity in immature mites” in *Zootaxa*. This series was launched to accelerate studies on the ontogeny and morphological diversity in immature mites (Zhang 2018); the first volume was published in 2018, with 10 articles (Zhang *et al.* 2018). The initiative has been well received by a dedicated community of specialists since 2018. During the last five years (2019–2023), six more volumes were published, including 44 articles (Zhang *et al.* 2019, 2020a,b, 2023; Fuangarworn *et al.* 2021; Zhang & Fuangarworn 2022). This new volume is a collection of 11 articles, consisting of one article on the family Phytoseiidae of Mesostigmata (Ma *et al.* 2024), eight articles on various families of Oribatida (Ermilov 2024ab; Ermilov & Bayartogtokh 2024; Ermilov & Lindquist 2024; Ermilov & Salavatulin 2024; Seniczak, S. & Seniczak, A. 2024; Seniczak, S. *et al.* 2024a, b), and two articles on the family Tenuipalpidae of Trombidiformes (He *et al.* 2024; Nascimento *et al.* 2024). Due to the continued interest in this topic, we plan to release another volume in mid-2025 for manuscripts on mite ontogeny.

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