

***Sitophilus kakourisi* a younger synonym of *Sitophilus sculpturatus*?**

The species *Sitophilus kakourisi* Alziar & Colonnelli, which was only described in 2009, still needs to be clarified as to whether it is a younger synonym of the very similar species *Sitophilus sculpturatus* Gyllenhal, 1838, which was imported to Cyprus from South Africa with fruits! On the one hand, this species also appears to have an elongated punctation on the pronotum. On the other hand, in one and the same population of *Sitophilus kakourisi* there are specimens with a predominantly clearly isolated punctation on the pronotum! However, we still lack the CO1 barcodes from the species introduced from Africa and other comparable species in order to conclusively clarify the question.

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