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The genus *Microdon* in its traditional sense is not monophyletic. *This thesis.*

*Spheginobaccha* is the sister group to all other Microdontinae, and *Mixogaster* is the sister group to all other Microdontinae except *Spheginobaccha*. *This thesis.*

It is undesirable to change the taxonomic rank of the subfamily Microdontinae to family. *This thesis.*

Identifying Microdontinae to genus and species has become much easier with the publication of this thesis. *This thesis.*

The lack of records of Microdontinae in nests of poneroid and dorylomorph ants could be explained by aspects of the biology of these ants. *This thesis.*

The GC value of Goloboff is a potentially useful measure for determining the $k$-value most suitable for analysing a dataset using an implied weighting function. *This thesis.*

The age of morphology in taxonomy and phylogenetics is not over, nor will it ever be.

Implied weighting improves the results of morphology-based parsimony analyses.

Using (current versions of) PAUP for heuristic searches under parsimony should be disencouraged.

Loss of biodiversity causes esthetical, cultural and intellectual impoverishment.

Admission of amateur taxonomists to natural history collections should be encouraged.

Stellingen zijn vervelende dingen.