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As regards the interpretation of the measurements used in the ensuing diagnoses, the reader is referred to the detailed explanations contained in my previous papers, especially Kempf, 1959, Stud. Ent. (N.S.) 2: 226.

#### Subfamily **Ponerinae** Lepeletier

#### **Ectatomma** Fr. Smith, 1858

Building upon the sound foundations laid down in Brown's (1958) revision of the tribe Ectatommini, I propose in the following a new synonym for *E. tuberculatum* (Olivier) and discuss the status of *E. regis* Kusnezov, a species described after the conclusion of Brown's studies on the genus.

#### **Ectatomma tuberculatum** (Olivier)

*Formica tuberculata* Olivier, 1791, Encycl. Méth. Ins. 6: 498 (Worker).  
*Ectatomma tuberculatum acrista* Forel, 1909, Deutsche Ent. Zeitschr. p. 254 (Worker, female; Paraguay: San Bernardino). — Santschi, 1916, Physis 2: 366 (Paraguay: Santa Trinidad). — Nov. Syn.  
*Ectatomma acrista*: Brown, 1958, Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool. Harvard 118: 208, 211, 298-299 (Discussion).

Forel described the "race" *acrista* upon specimens from Paraguay which, aside from other subtle characters, differ from the "typical" *tuberculatum* chiefly in the nearly rounded occipital corners of the head, lacking protruding carinae, and the brighter, yellowish-red color of the body. Having before him a syntype of *acrista*, Brown (1958) raised it to full specific rank, because he found not enough evidence to show that it is only a peripheral southern variant of *tuberculatum* s. str.

I have in my collection (WWK, CTB) several specimens which match closely the description of *acrista*. They were taken at the following localities in Brazil: São Paulo State, Agudos and Itu; Minas Gerais State: Pirapora; Goiás State: Santa Rita;