

from larval stages, which are still very rarely used in ant taxonomy. These types of characters have already proven to be useful in other groups of Formicidae (Schultz & Meier 1995).

Latke's study is a good step toward the understanding of Ectatommini and, in general, Ponerinae relationships. Nevertheless, much more work is still needed. Until then, the poneroid group will remain in a state of confusion.

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