Acanthocythereis colini nomen novum
for A. reticulata Sciuto, 2014

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In Sciuto (2014), a new species, Acanthocythereis reticulata, was described from the Upper Pliocene sediments of NE Sicily and belonging to the Family Trachyleberididae Sylvester-Bradley, 1948. Nonetheless, the new species name is preoccupied by A. reticulata Smith, 1978, described from the Danian of Alabama (p. 553, Pl. 5, figs. 5-7). According to the Code of Zoological Nomenclature it is necessary to replace the name of the junior homonym. Therefore, I propose a new name for the species from Capo Milazzo.

Class Ostracoda Latreille, 1806
Order Podocopida Sars, 1866
Suborder Cytherocopina Grundel, 1967
Superfamily Cytheroidea Baird, 1850
Family Trachyleberididae Sylvester-Bradley, 1948
Subfamily Trachyleberidinae Sylvester-Bradley, 1948
Genus Acanthocythereis Howe, 1963
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Derivatio nominis – In honour of the late Dr. Jean-Paul Colin (1948-2013) for his passionate work on ostracods (Carbonel et al., 2013).

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