

**Validation of *Prestauroneis protracta* (Grunow) I.W.Bishop, Minerovic, Q.Liu & Kociolek
comb. nov. et stat. nov. (Bacillariophyceae)**

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Recently, Liu *et al.* (2015: 137) proposed a new combination in the genus *Prestauroneis*, *P. protracta* Q.Liu & Kociolek in Q.Liu *et al.* However, an incorrect basionym, “*Pinnularia protracta* Grunow ex Cleve 1895: 87”, was cited. This name does not exist, and is likely an erroneous reference to *Pinnularia integra* Grunow (in Cleve 1895: 87), *nom. illeg.* As a result, the proposed new combination does not meet the requirements of ICN Art. 41.5 (Melbourne Code, McNeill *et al.* 2012) and is thus invalid.

The earliest valid and legitimate description of the basionym of *Prestauroneis protracta* is *Navicula* (*Crucicula* var.?) *protracta* Grunow 1880. While the presentation of this name suggests an expression of doubt by Grunow, it is clear from Grunow’s subsequent use of it that he accepted the name as *Navicula crucicula* var. *protracta* (Grunow in Van Heurck 1882; Grunow 1882), and according to ICN Art. 36.1, subsequent referral of this sort is supportive of taxonomic validity where question marks are found in published names (McNeill *et al.* 2012 “Art. 36.1(a) does not apply to names published with a question mark or other indication of taxonomic doubt, yet accepted by their author.”). We therefore propose the following transfer:

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Basionym: *Navicula* (*Crucicula* var.?) *protracta* Grunow in Cleve & Grunow, *Kongliga Svenska Vetenskaps-Akademiens Handlingar* 17(2): 35, pl. II: fig. 38, 1880 (‘1879’).

≡ *Parlibellus protracta* (Grunow) Witkowski, Lange-Bertalot & Metzeltin *Iconographia Diatomologica* 7: 324, 2000.

≡ *Navicula protracta* (Grunow) Cleve, *Kongliga Svenska Vetenskaps-Akademiens Handlingar*, 26(2): 140, 1894.

≡ “*Pinnularia protracta* Mayer” *Berichte des naturwissenschaftlichen (früher zoologisch-mineralogischen) Vereins zu Regensburg* 14: pl. XXII [22]: fig. 13, 1913, *nom. inval.* Error of citation: name only appears on the plate legend and then not in full; treated in text as *Navicula protracta*.

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