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ON A REDUNDANT GENERIC ASSIGNMENT OF TEXTULARIA FLORIDANA CUSHMAN, 1922

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Textularia floridana was first described from shallow waters off Florida (Cushman, 1922). Since that time the species has been documented from widespread areas of the world (Halicz and Reiss, 1979). Cushman’s assignment of this species to the genus Textularia Defrance de Blainville, 1824, has not been accepted by a number of students. For example, Phleger and Parker (1951) assigned their Gulf of Mexico individuals to the genus Spiroplectammina Cushman, 1927, and Hofker (1969) placed his Barbados specimens in the genus Septigerina Keijzer, 1941. This latter designation immediately extended the range of the Eocene genus Septigerina Keijzer, to the Modern.

Halicz and Reiss (1979) documented Red Sea Textulariidae and in this work reviewed the species Textularia floridana Cushman. Based on their review, they (ibid.) selected this species as the type for their new genus Neoseptigerina. The new genus was distinguished from Septigerina Keijzer by the character of the interseptal secondary spesel (Halicz and Reiss, 1979).

Textularia floridana Cushman was also selected by Mikhailovich (1981) as type for the new genus Fissotextularia. The establishment of the genus Fissotextularia Mikhailovich is redundant as it is a junior objective synonym of Neoseptigerina Halicz and Reiss (1979) (ICZN. Art. 61b).

Consequently, the species Textularia floridana Cushman should be retained in the senior synonymic genus (ICZN Art. 67e).

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LIPPSINA, A NEW NAME FOR NONIONOIDES SCHAFFER, 1980, NON SAIDOVA, 1975 (FORAMINIFERIDA)

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Saidova (1975) introduced the generic name Nonionoides for foraminiferid specimens obtained from Modern Pacific Ocean samples. She (ibid., p. 248) selected Nonionina grateloupi d'Orbigny (1826) as the type species for this genus.

In 1980, Schäfer also used the generic name Nonionoides for Aquitanian specimens from the Mainz Basin, Germany. The species Nonion demens Bik (1964) was selected as type (Schäfer, 1980, p. 194).

A new name is required for Nonionoides Schäfer, 1980, a junior homonym of Nonionoides Saidova, 1975 (ICZN, Art. 53b). Attempts to contact the author of the junior homonym in order to correct this oversight have been unsuccessful. Consequently, as some five years have passed without this error being rectified, the name Lippsina is herein proposed as replacement for Nonionoides Schäfer, 1980.

The new name is constructed in honor of Dr. Jere H. Lipps in recognition of his contributions as a foraminiferologist.

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