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**"*Glossosoma bifidum* MCLACHLAN" nomen nudum is *G. beaumonti* SCHMID, 1947**

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MCLACHLAN'S (1879) re-description of *G. boltoni* CURTIS, 1834, referred to a specimen from "Carinthia" in the Hagen collection that "bears the M.S. name of *G. bifidum*, Hag." Although MCLACHLAN provided a description of this specimen, he referred to it as "uncertain" and said, "I dare not describe it as new without seeing more examples." FISCHER (1960) did not mention any species "*Glossosoma bifidum* MCLACHLAN" in his catalogue. Although several authors have referred to "*Glossosoma bifidum* MCLACHLAN" (e.g., BOTOSANEANU & MALICKY, 1978; MALICKY, 1983; CIANFICCONI, 2002; KRUSNIK & URBANIČ, 2002), it is clear that MCLACHLAN did not erect a valid name. Therefore, "*Glossosoma bifidum* MCLACHLAN" is a nomen nudum and there is no homonymy with the name *Glossosoma* (*Lipoglossa*) *bifidum* YANG and MORSE, 2002, for a Chinese species.

TOBIAS and TOBIAS (1981) indicated that *Glossosoma beaumonti* SCHMID, 1947, is a synonym of "*Glossosoma bifidum* MCLACHLAN" (nomen nudum). If TOBIAS and TOBIAS' opinion is correct, then SCHMID's name is the valid name of the European species.

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**Comment by Hans MALICKY:**

The text by MCLACHLAN (1879:472) is as follows:

"A small ♂ from Carinthia (*Mann*, in Hagen's collection) is uncertain. It expands to only 16 mm.; the 2<sup>nd</sup> apical cellule in the posterior-wings is acute, and has a short footstalk, the 5<sup>th</sup> has a short footstalk; the two teeth on the inner angle of the superior appendages are divergent, and apparently stronger, but this may be only the effect of desiccation. I dare not describe it as new without seeing more examples; it bears the MS. name of *G. bifidum*, Hag."

Several relevant paragraphs from the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, fourth edition:

11.5.1. A name proposed conditionally for a taxon before 1961 is not to be excluded on that account alone [Art.15].

12.1. Requirements. To be available, every new name published before 1931 must satisfy the provisions of Article 11 and must be accompanied by a description or a definition of the taxon that it denotes, or by an indication.

16.1. All names: intention of authors to establish new nominal taxa to be explicit. Every new name published after 1999, including new replacement names (*nomina nova*), must be explicitly indicated as intentionally new.

50.1. Identity of authors. The author of a name or nomenclatural act is the person who first publishes it [Arts.8.11] in a way that satisfies the criteria of availability [Arts.10 to 20].

Glossary p.111: nomen nudum: A Latin term referring to a name that, if published before 1931, fails to conform to Article 12; ...

To summarize: The name "*G. bifidum*, Hag." is accompanied by a description (Art.12.1) by MCLACHLAN (Art.50.1). "I dare not describe it as new without seeing more examples" means that MCLACHLAN did not intend to describe it as a *new species*, but this was not necessary in descriptions published before 2000 (Art.16.1), and it is a fact that he has described it. If the name "*G. bifidum*, Hag." was published conditionally by MCLACHLAN, this did not exclude its availability before 1961 (Art.11.5.1).

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