

Alvania gomezi Rolán, 1987, an unnecessary name (Gastropoda, Rissoacea)

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Alvania gomezi Rolán, 1987, for *Rissoa aurantiaca* Watson, 1873, non Brusina, 1866 ('*aurantiaca*'), is an unnecessary name because Brusina's name is not available.

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Rolán (1987) corrected a wrong identification in Nordsieck & Talavera (1979). The latter authors were of the opinion that *Rissoa aurantiaca* Watson, 1873, belonged to the genus *Manzonina*, and they figured a specimen which was already described by Watson as *Rissoa striata* var. *lirata*. Recently Moolenbeek & Faber (1987), in a revision of the genus *Manzonina*, created *Manzonina boogi* as a new name for *Rissoa lirata* Watson (non *R. lirata* Carpenter, 1856).

Preparing a revision of the Macaronesian Rissoidae, I studied the possible syntype specimens of *Rissoa aurantiaca*, British Museum (Natural History), London, Moll. no. 198316, and I agree with Rolán that this species belongs to the genus *Alvania*. Rolán refers in his note to a taxon described by Brusina (1866: 28) as *Rissoa aurantiaca*, and his conclusion is that this is a homonym of *R. aurantiaca* Watson, 1873.

Apparently, he did not study the original publication by Brusina, in which the name (as "*Rissoa aurantiaca*, mihi, in sched.") was used in the synonymy of *Barleeia rubra* (Adams, 1797). According to the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN, art. 11e) this cannot be considered an available name because Brusina's manuscript name was not used in taxonomy and nomenclature. For that reason the new name *Alvania gomezi*, given by Rolán was unnecessary and will become a junior synonym of *Alvania aurantiaca* (Watson, 1873).

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