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| * | 1831 | <i>Comatula tenella</i> nobis. – GOLDFUSS: 204; pl. 62, figs 1a-d. |
| | 1831 | <i>Camatula</i> [sic!] <i>fliformis</i> nobis. – GOLDFUSS: 205; pl. 62, figs 3a-b. |
| non | 1995 | <i>Saccocoma tenella</i> – MUSTERMANN: 20; fig. 1. [= <i>Crassicoma</i> sp.] |
| . | 2002 | <i>Saccocoma tenella</i> (GOLDFUSS, 1831) – HESS: 19; figs 12, 13. [cum syn] |

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ICZN (ed.) (1999): International Code of Zoological Nomenclature. Fourth Edition. – xxix+306 pp. London (International Trust for Zoological Nomenclature).

MATTHEWS, S.C. (1973): Notes on open nomenclature and on synonymy lists. – *Palaeontology*, **16**/4: 713–719.

MESSING, C.G. (1997): Living Comatulids. – In: WATERS, J.A. & MAPLES, C.G. (eds): *Geobiology of Echinoderms*. – Paleontological Society Papers, **3**: 3–30.

SMITH, A.B. (2009): Sea urchins (Echinoidea). – In: HEDGES, S.B. & KUMAR, S. (eds): *The Time-tree of Life*. – pp. 302–306, Oxford (Oxford University Press).

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