Comment on a proposal to reinstate as available the species-group names proposed for Devonian ammonoids (Mollusca, Cephalopoda) by Sobolew (1914a, 1914b) (Case 3600; see BZN 69: 170–177; 70: 45–46)

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1. The names Oma-monomeroceras (Cheiloceras) countrverneuili and Oma-monomeroceras (Cheiloceras) contrcurvispina (names 6 and 7 on the list) are cited correctly by Becker & Nikolaeva (BZN 69: 170–177). These are correct original spellings (Sobolew, 1914a, p. 44).

2. The priority of senior homonyms in the pairs of homonyms (Oma-monomeroceras (Cheiloceras) subpartitum lativaricatum Sobolew, 1914a; Oma-monomeroceras (Cheiloceras) amblylobum lativaricatum Sobolew, 1914a (14 and 15 on the list), Gomi-re-monomeroceras (Tornoceras) planilobum avaricatum Sobolew, 1914a and Gomi-re-monomeroceras (Tornoceras) dorsoplanum avaricatum Sobolew, 1914a (62 and 63 on the list), Gomi-re-monomeroceras (Tornoceras) simplicus rotundatum Sobolew, 1914b and Gomi-re-monomeroceras (Tornoceras) simplificatum rotundatum Sobolew, 1914b (71 and 73 on the list), Gomi-re-monomeroceras (Tornoceras) simplicus subacutum Sobolew, 1914b and Gomi-re-monomeroceras (Tornoceras) simplificatum subacutum Sobolew, 1914b (72 and 77 on the list) was explicitly determined by Korn & Klug (2002) in a series of First Reviser actions.

3. Oma-monomeroceras (Aganides) discoidale Sobolew, 1914a (51 on the list) is a junior synonym of Oma-monomeroceras (Cheiloceras) discoidale Sobolew, 1914a (9 on the list) as was explicitly determined by Korn & Klug (2002).

4. Oma-monomeroceras (Cheiloceras) parvum Sobolew, 1914a (21 on the list) is a nomen nudum and should be excluded from the ruling, as an unavailable name as well as invalid.

5. The spelling ‘Oma-monomeroceras (Cheiloceras) umbiliferum’ (not to be given priority over ‘Oma-monomeroceras (Cheiloceras) umbilifer’ under Article 24.2.3 of the Code, First Reviser Action by Becker & Nikolaeva (BZN 69: 170–177) is used by Sobolew (1914a in the explanation of Plate 8, fig. 8).

6. Priority of Oma-monomeroceras (Cheiloceras) longilobum Sobolew, 1914a over Oma-monomeroceras (Cheiloceras) sacculus longilobum Sobolew, 1914a, Priority (17 and 18 on the list) is established under Article 57.7 of the Code.

7. Names introduced as ‘var.’ by Sobolew (1914 a, b) are available under Article 45.6.4 – Sobolew did not expressly give them an infrasubspecific rank, and the content of the work does not unambiguously reveal that the names were proposed for infrasubspecific entities.