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Short Communication

New names for two angiospermous pollen grains from the Tertiary sediments of Assam, India

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Salujha *et al.* (1972) instituted a new species under the genus *Stephanocolpites* viz. *S. minutus* which was later transferred under *Psilastephanocolpites* by Saxena (1982). Kumar and Takahashi (1991) proposed a new species with the same name under the same genus as described earlier by Saxena (1982) viz. *P. minutus* from the Tertiary sediments of southern Assam. Kumar and Takahashi (1991) in the same paper as mentioned above proposed another new species under the genus *Striatocolporites* viz, *S. minor.* This species i.e., *S. minor* was validly described by Mathur and Chopra (1987) from the Offshore Well, Bengal Basin, India. Therefore, the two species viz. *Psilastephanocolpites minutus* and *Striatocolporites minor* described by Kumar and Takahashi (1991) as species novum are actually later homonyms of *Psilastephanocolpites minutus* (Salujha *et al.*) Saxena (1982) and *Striatocolporites minor* Mathur and Chopra (1987) according to the article 53.1 of International code of botanical nomenclature (Greuter *et al.*, 2000). Since *Psilastephanocolpites minutus* Kumar and Takahashi (1991) and *Striatocolporites minor* Kumar and Takahashi (1991) are different from the ones proposed by earlier workers, therefore, new names viz. *Psilastephanocolpites assamensis* and *Striatocolporites assamensis* have been proposed for *Psilastephanocolpites minutus* Kumar and Takahashi (1991) and *Striatocolporites minor* Kumar and Takahashi (1991), respectively.

PSILASTEPHANOCOLPITES ASSAMENSIS nom. nov.

1991 Kumar and Takahashi p.561, pl.18, fig.2 *non* 1982 Saxena p. 290

Etymology—After the state of Assam from where the above fossil species was recovered.

STRITOCOLPORITES ASSAMENSIS nom. nov.

1991 Kumar and Takahashi p. 568, pl. 5, fig. 11
non 1987 Mathur and Chopra p. 130, 131, pl. 6, fig. 110

Etymology—After the state of Assam from where the above fossil species was recovered.

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