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Dear Doctor Stenzel:

I can have no objection to your citing my opinion on the material you sent me, but it should be remembered that my information on paleontology is a pretty hazy affair. The best I could do was to compare the fossils with recent mollusks and judge them in accordance.

Biologically, I would say that your Goniobasis miccaenica is new, that the Pleurocera is identical with the recent form and undeserving subspecific rank simply on its age. I have put the point up to Dr. Case, the paleontologist here. His opinion is that Rafinesque's species should stand unmodified.

The matter of whether acuta should continue to carry the ending --a or have the neuter --um was put by Walker up to the latinist Kelsey, who decided for the feminine ending, the reasons whereof I have forgotten. It might be well to ask your local classical authority about it.

Very truly yours,

Calvin Goodrich