VALIDATING PELARGONIUM SECT. RENIFORMIA

Dreyer, in a paper on the subdivision of *Pelargonium* sect. *Cortusina* (DC.) Harv., (Dreyer et al. 1992: 94) clearly intended the establishment of sect. *Reniformia* (R.Knuth) Dreyer by the inclusion of the words *comb. nov.* in the manuscript. In the following pages the authors referred to the section as such. The newly established section was based on *P*. sect. *Cortusina* subsect. *Reniformia* R.Knuth (1912: 443). The combination proposed there is, however, invalid as, in excluding full and direct citation of the basionym, it does not comply with Articles 32.5 and 33.4 of the Code (McNeill et al. 2006).

In 2000, Dreyer (Dreyer & Marais 2000) again established the section based on the same basionym as indicated above. Here a Latin diagnosis supplemented the new combination but again no full and direct reference to the name-bringing basionym was provided, as is prescribed in Articles 32.5 and 33.4 of the Code (McNeill et al. 2006) rendering this combination also invalid.

The section name is validated here.


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