

Sclerosponge nature of the Lower Hauterivian “Bryozoan” *Neuropora pustulosa* (Roemer, 1839) from Western Germany

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A former bryozoan *Neuropora pustulosa* (Roemer, 1839) from the Lower Hauterivian northwestern Germany is redescribed as a ceratoporellid sclerosponge. The systematic replacement of *N. pustulosa* is justified by the discovery of monaxonid spicules entrapped in its calcareous skeleton. The relation of *N. pustulosa* to recent and fossil sclerosponges is discussed. New order Muraniida including one new family Muraniidae based on the recently established genus *Murania* Kaźmierczak is here proposed.

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