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TYPE REFERENCE: Popescu, G., and Brotea, D., *Genus Protentella (Foraminifera) in North Transylvania Oligocene*. In: Petrescu, I. (Ed.), *The Oligocene from the Transylvanian Basin, Romania*. Cluj-Napoca: University of Cluj-Napoca, Faculty of Biology-Geography-Geology, Geology-Mineralogy Department (Geological Formations of Transylvania, Romania, no. 2), 1989, p. 258.

TYPE FIGURE: Ibid., pl. 1, figs. 9, 10; pl. 2, figs. 3, 4, 7: Figs. 9, 10, holotype, lateral and edge views, X 120; 3, 4, 7, paratype, lateral and edge views, X 120, and detail of the apertural area, X 370, respectively.

TYPE DESCRIPTION: "Test free, small to medium sized, involute, biumbilicate, compressed; peripheral margins rounded; peripheral outline lobate; chambers sphaerical, slightly elongated radial increasing gradual[ly] in size as added; sutures deep, distinct, radial; wall calcareous, finely perforated, with numerous base spines on the last two-four chambers; aperture equatorial, more or less arched, bordered by a distinct lip.

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“Remarks. - This species is somewhat similar to *Protentella clavaticamerata* Jenkins, 1977, from which it differs in more dense perforation of the test, the high frequency[y] of the base spine, the shape of the aperture (less arched) and less developed apertural lip.”

TYPE LEVEL: Oligocene, uppermost Rupelian-lower Chattian, base of the *Globorotalia opima* Zone, lower Vima Formation. Occurs immediately above the last occurrence of *Globorotalia ampliapertura*, in a thin band of strata (5-10 m) which represents the uppermost occurrence of mixed Mediterranean and Paratethyan faunas.

TYPE LOCALITY: Fîntînele village, near Valea Poienii, Maramureş district, Romania.

TYPE SPECIMEN: Deposited in the collections of the Institut de Geologie și Geofizică, Bucharest, Romania; holotype (figs. 9, 10), no. P.