

***Bothrostoma undulans* Stokes, 1887**

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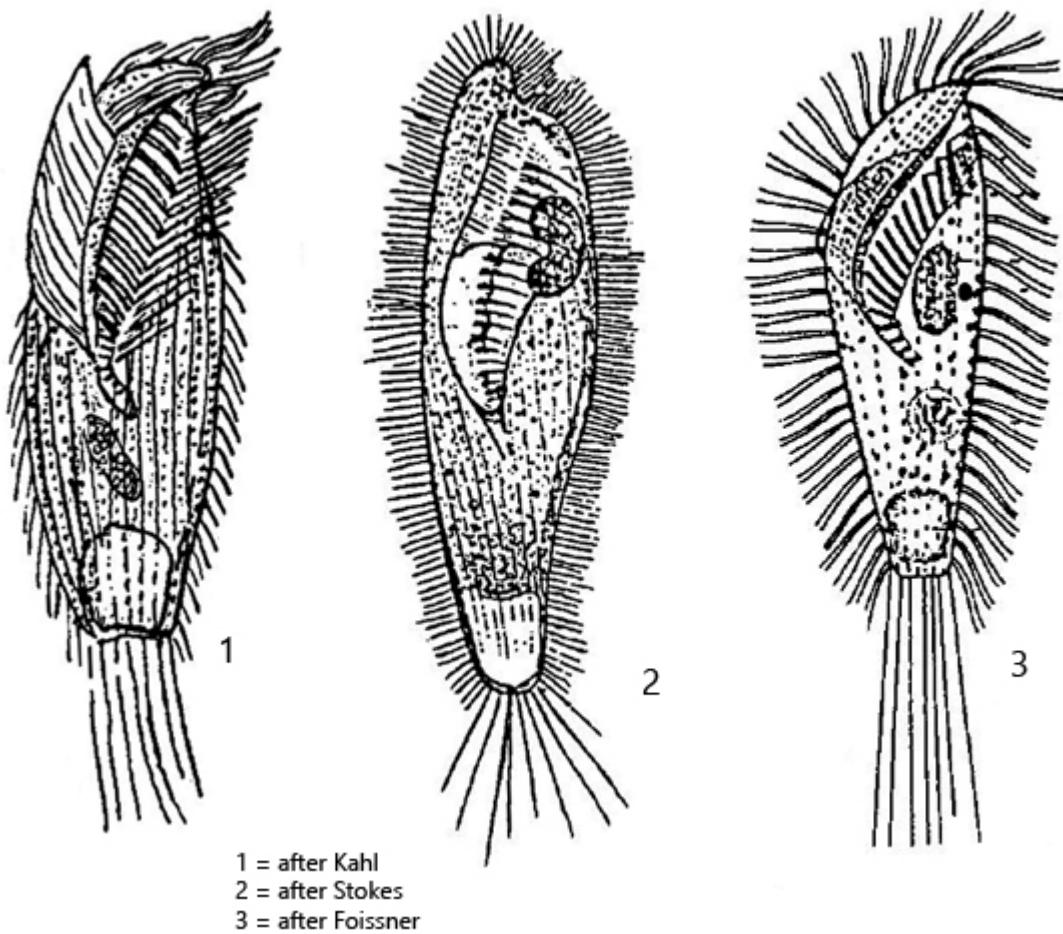
Synonym: *Metopus undulans*

Sampling location: [Purren pond, Simmelried](#)

Phylogenetic tree: [*Bothrostoma undulans*](#)

Diagnosis:

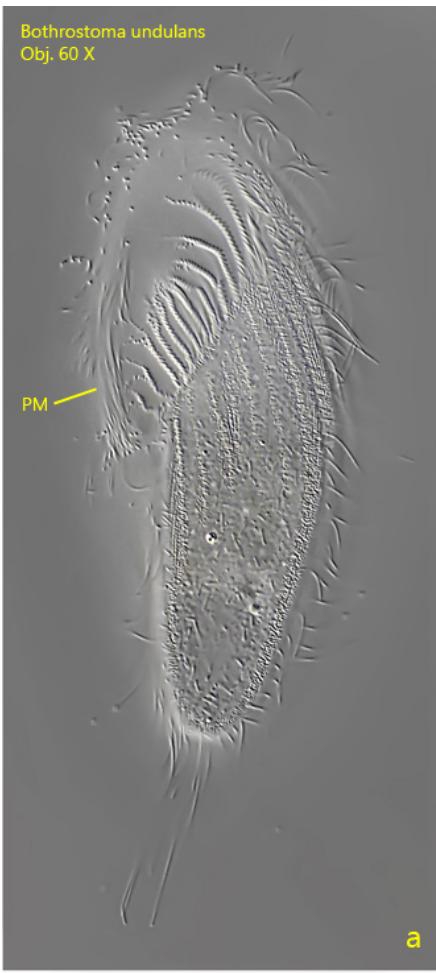
- body elongated oval, posterior end truncated transversely
- length 80–180 µm
- conspicuous paroral membrane parallel to the adoral zone on right side
- adoral zone very broad, narrowing to the mouth opening in mid body
- adoral zone running obliquely over ventral side, bent to left before mouth opening
- contractile vacuole terminal
- macronucleus oval or globular with adjacent spherical micronucleus
- posterior end with long caudal cilia



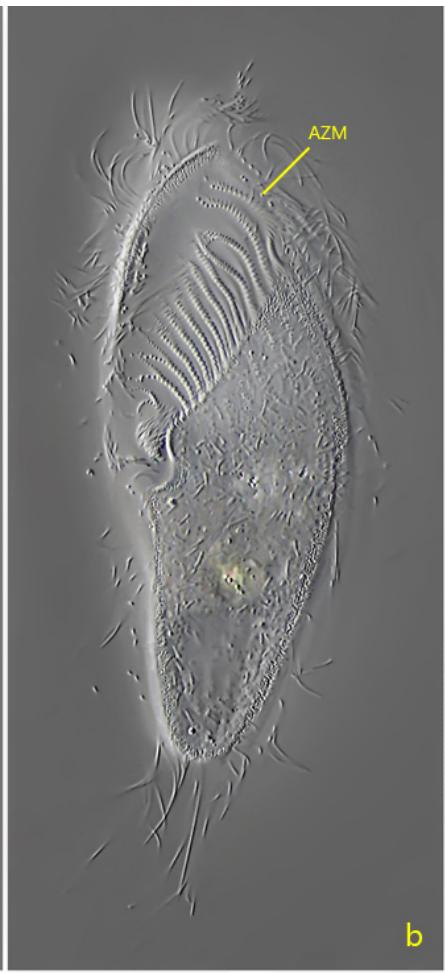
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I find *Bothrostoma undulans* rarely but regularly in the [Purren pond](#) and the [Simmelried](#), especially in decaying leaves. The ciliate is very conspicuous by its large, broad adoral zone (s. figs. 1 b and 2 a-c). This runs from left to right diagonally across the ventral side of the cell body and turns to the left just before the mouth opening (s. fig. 2 b). More difficult to recognize is the paroral membrane, which lies like a triangular sail over the adoral zone. The paroral membrane originates on the right side of the adoral zone and runs in parallel to it (s. fig. 2 c). Its complete shape is not easily seen, but the long cilia of the membrane lie like a curtain over the adoral zone in lateral view (s. figs. 1 a and 1 d). The macronucleus was also kidney-shaped in some specimens in my population (s. fig. 3) and enclosed partly the micronucleus. The length and numbers of caudal cilia also appear to be quite variable. I could also observe specimens with much longer caudal cilia than in the specimens shown below. The pellicle is clearly granulated by mucocysts, which are arranged in parallel stripes (s. fig. 4 b). In the cytoplasm I could detect symbiotic bacteria in all specimens, but I did not examine them more closely.

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Obj. 60 X



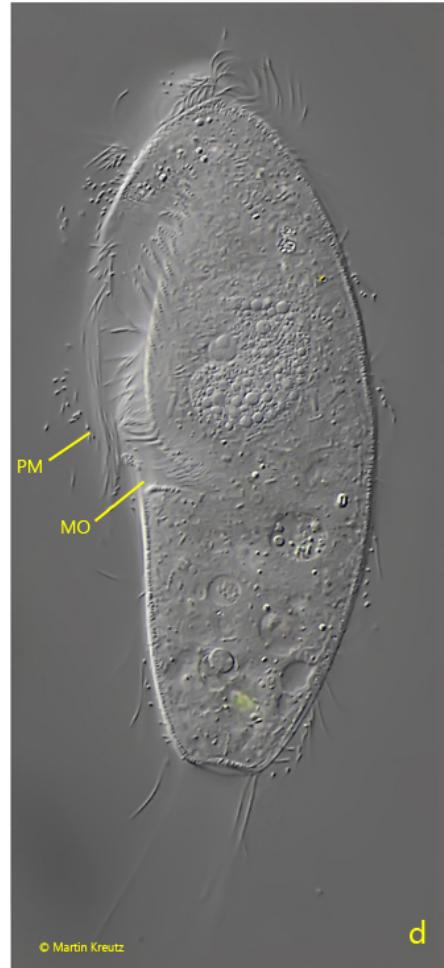
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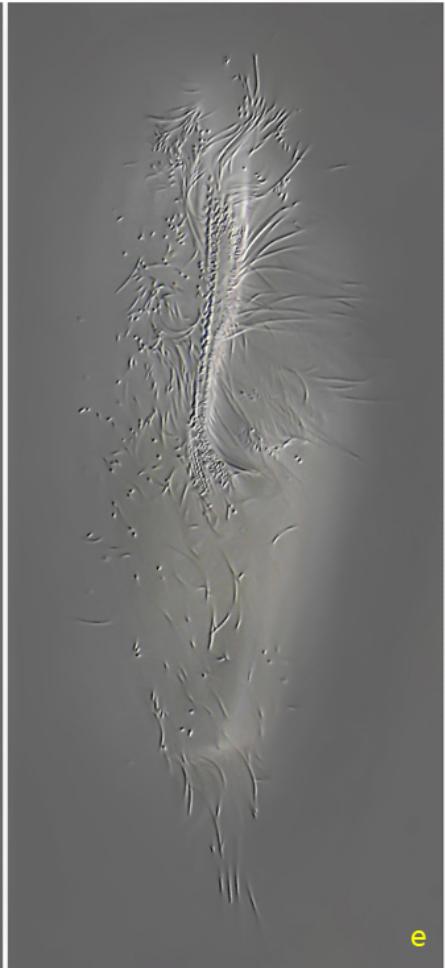
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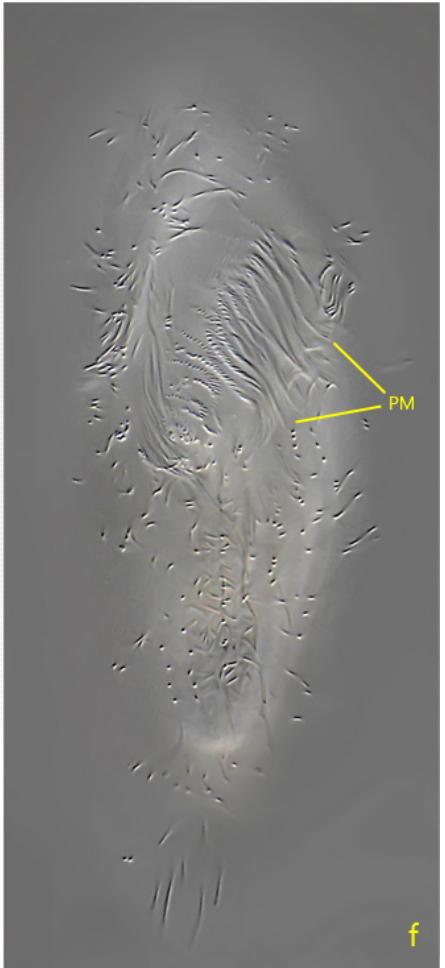
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Fig. 1 a-f: *Bothrostoma undulans*. L = 96 μ m. A freely swimming specimen from ventral (a, b, f), left (c, d) and right (e). Note the long cilia of the paroral membrane (PM) covering the adoral zone (AZM). MO = mouth opening. Obj. 60 X.

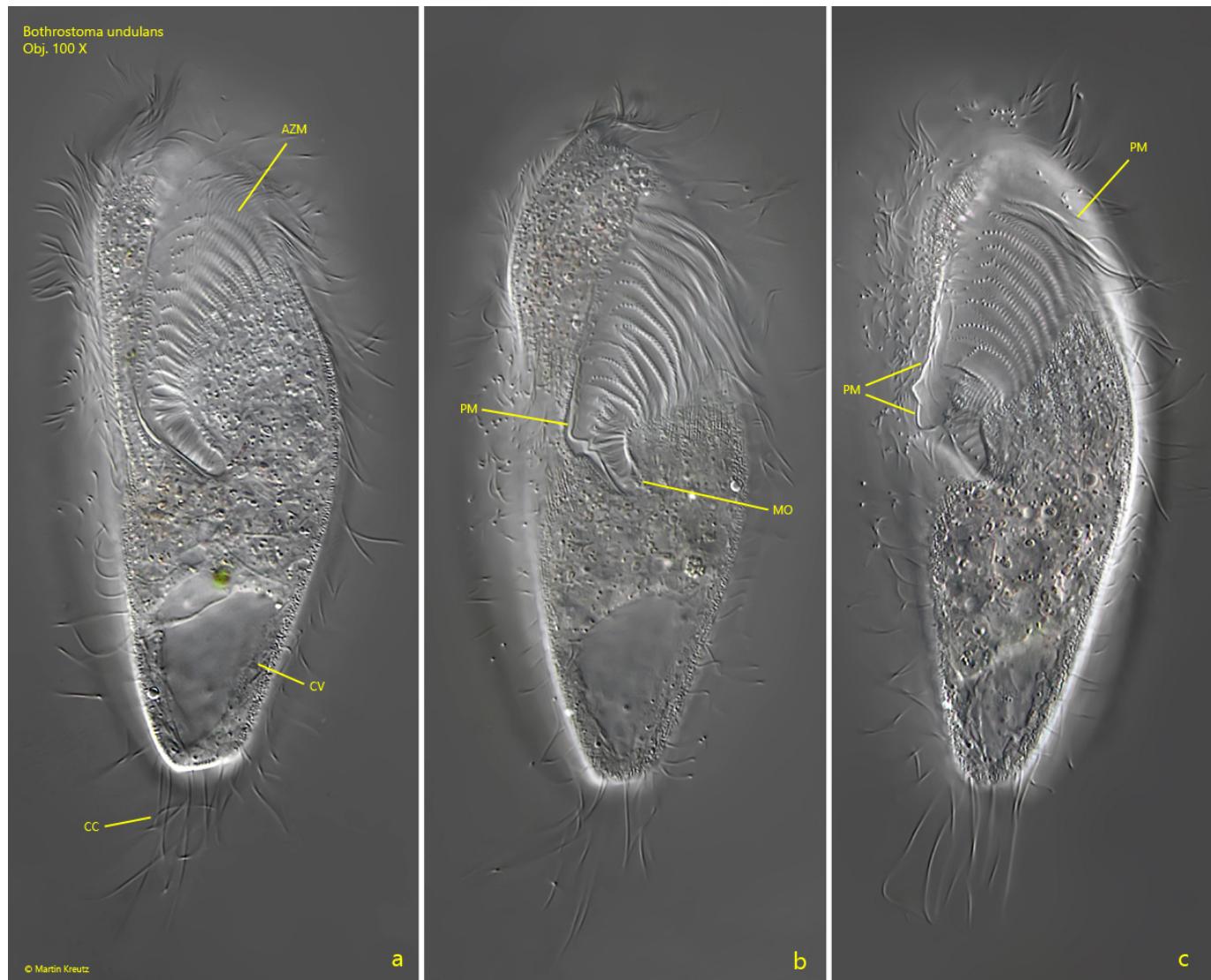


Fig. 2 a-c: *Bothrostoma undulans*. L = 114 μ m. Three focal planes of a freely swimming specimen from ventral. AZM = adoral zone of membranelles, CC = caudal cilia, CV = contractile vacuole, MO = mouth opening, PM = paroral membrane. Obj. 100 X.

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Obj. 100 X

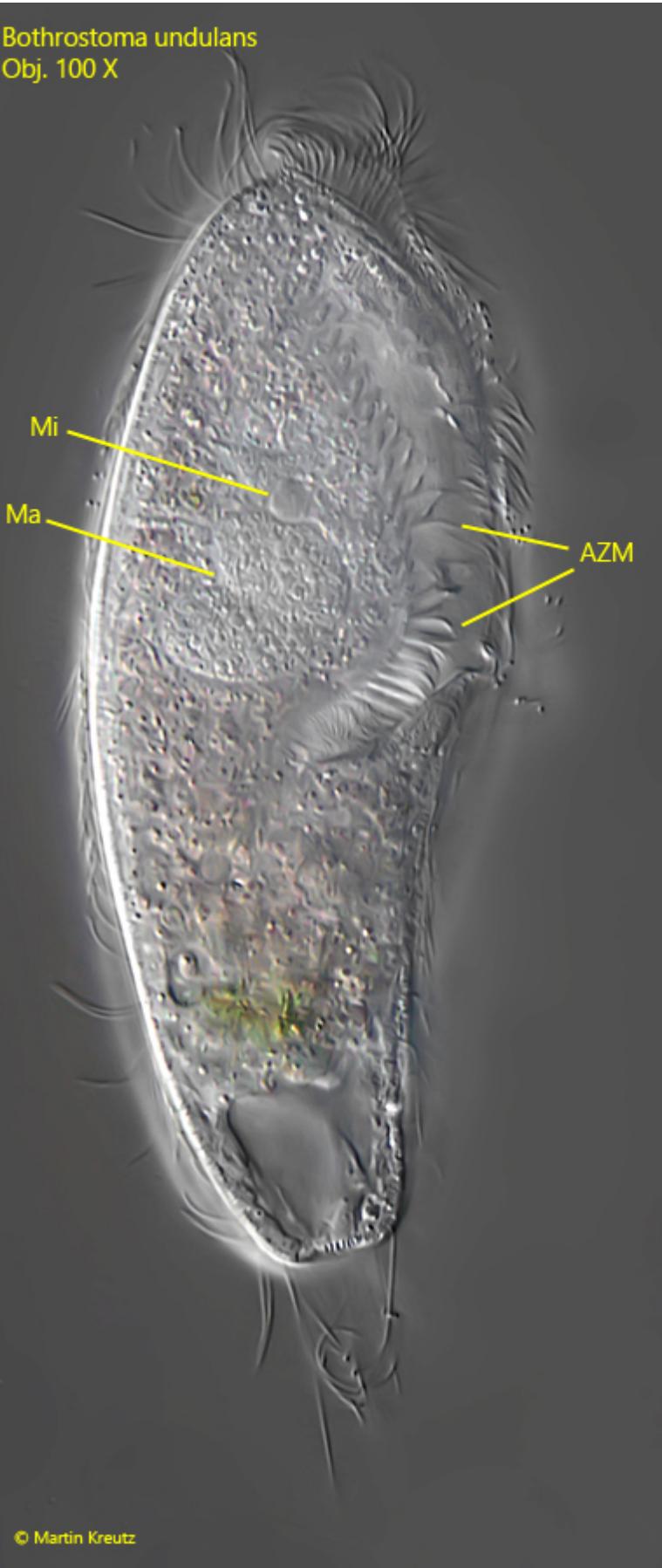


Fig. 3: *Bothrostoma undulans*. L = 114 μ m. The same specimen shown in fig. 2 a-c from right. AZM = adoral zone of membranelles, Ma = macronucleus, Mi =

micronucleus. Obj. 100 X.

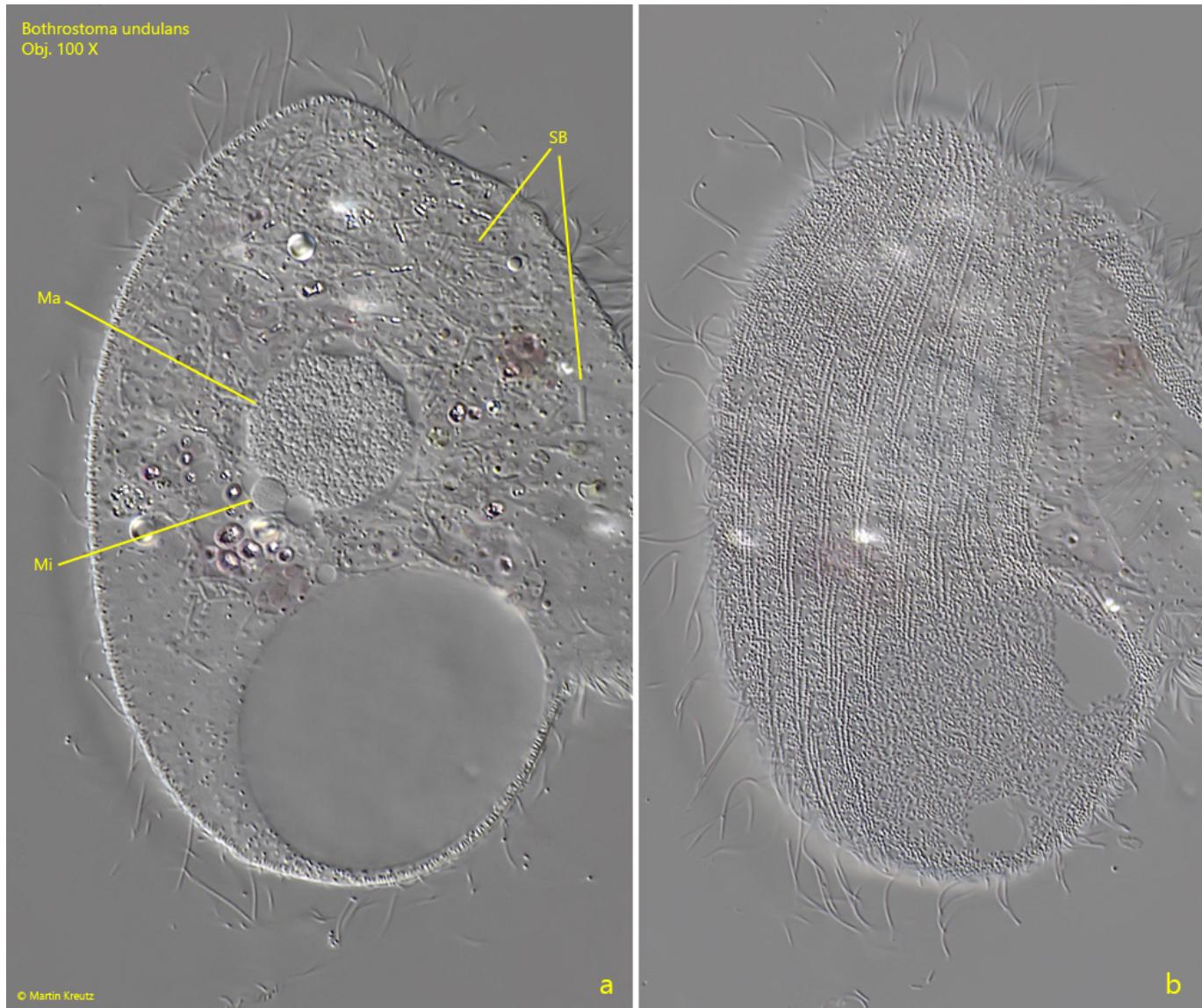


Fig. 4 a-b: *Bothrostoma undulans*. Two focal planes of the macronucleus (Ma) and micronucleus (Mi) and of the granulated pellicle (b) of a strongly squashed specimen. Inside the cytoplasm scattered symbiotic bacteria (SB) are visible. Obj. 100 X.