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GAULISH LANGUAGE¹

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In this article the state-of-the-art of research in the field of the Gaulish language is summarized, compared and evaluated. The article begins with Caesar's information about the borders of Gaul, and its etymology. A brief survey of four epigraphic traditions recording the varieties of Gaulish follows. The largest space is devoted to illustrative examples of various Gaulish texts from Northern

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Italy and Gaul. Three special monuments are analyzed separately, the Calendar of Coligny, Medical compendium of Marcellus of Bordeaux, and Endlicher's or Viennese Glossary. In the case of the famous Calendar the month-names and other terms, usually in abbreviations, are etymologized according to various scholars. In the following part the lexical data from the ancient glosses and Gaulish loans in Latin and Gallo-Romance languages are summarized. In the second half of the present study the fragments of Gaulish grammar are sketched. The phonetic correspondences are mapped on the Goidelic & Brittonic vs. Gaulish material. The nominal declension is illustrated by the paradigms of the *o-*, *ā-*, *i-*, *u-*, *r-*, *n-* and consonant stems. The case endings are compared with their counterparts in Lepontic, Celtiberian and Old Irish, plus Goidelic and late Indo-European reconstructions. The personal pronouns and demonstratives are illustrated by concrete examples from texts. Here a new etymology is proposed: a hypothetical continuant of IE **eǵō* “I” in *regu-cambion* from the inscription from Chamalières which is derivable from **regō eǵ(ō) kmbiom* “I straighten the bent one”. Thanks to the inscription from La Graufesenque and the Calendar of Coligny, almost all Gaulish numerals of the first decade are known. On the other hand, it is difficult to reconstruct even one complete paradigm of the verbal conjugation. And so only isolated examples can be analyzed. Finally, the position of Gaulish within Celtic from the point of view of ‘recalibrated’ glottochronology is discussed.

1. The basic information about the borders of ancient Gaul was mediated by Caesar in his *De bello Gallico*, 1: *Gallia est omnis divisa in partes tres, quarum unam incolunt Belgae, aliam Aquitani, tertiam qui ipsorum lingua Celtae, nostra Galli appellantur. Hi omnes lingua, institutis, legibus inter se differunt. Gallos ab Aquitanis Garumna flumen, a Belgis Matrona et Sequana dividit. ... Eorum una pars, quam Gallos obtinere dictum est, initium capit a flumine Rhodano: continentur Garumna flumine, Oceano, finibus Belgarum; attingit etiam ab Sequanis et Helvetiis flumen Rhenum; vergit ad septentriones. Belgae ab extremis Galliae finibus oriuntur; pertinent ad inferiorem partem fluminis Rheni; spectant in septentrionem et orientem solem. Aquitania a Garumna flumine ad Pyrenaeos montes et eam partem Oceani, quae est ad Hispaniam, pertinet; spectet inter occasum solis et septentriones.* “All Gaul is divided into three parts, one of which the Belgae inhabit, the Aquitani another, those who in their own language are called Celts, in our Gauls, the third. All these differ from each other in language, customs and laws. The river Garonne separates the Gauls from the Aquitani; the Marne and the Seine separate them from Belgae One part of these, which it has been said that the Gauls occupy, takes its beginning at the river Rhone; it is bounded by the river Garonne, the ocean, and the territories of the Belgae, it borders, too, on the side of the Sequani and the Helvetii, upon the River Rhine, and stretches toward the north. The Belgae rises from the extreme frontier of Gaul, extend to the lower part of the river Rhine; and look toward the north and the rising sun. Aquitania extends from the river Garonne to the Pyrenean mountains and to the part of the ocean which is near Spain it looks between the setting of the sun, and the north star.” [translated by W.A. McDevitte & W.S. Bohn]. It is apparent, the Romans used the ethnonym *Galli* as a synonym to *Celtae*. The ethnonym has been connected with Cornish *gallos*, Old Breton *gal* “might, power, authority”, Irish *gal* “bravery, courage”. French *gaillard* “brave, vigorous, stout, robust, healthy” is of the same origin (Pokorny 1959, 351). Less promising seems to be the comparison with Irish *gall*, pl. *gaill*, *gill* “foreigner”, Welsh *gâl* “inimicus”, pl. *galon*; it could

be an adaptation of the name of the Gauls, who were in both business and military contacts with the inhabitants of the British Islands in the 4th–7th centuries AD (Holder I, 1638–39).

2. The first written reflex of Gaulish has been identified in the personal name in the Etruscan funerary inscription from the 5th century BC *mi Nemeties* “I am a [tomb] of Nemetios” (Schmidt 1996, 6). The Gaulish language proper, or better to say its numerous dialects, used at least four epigraphic traditions, namely the Iberian script on the legends of coins from south Gaul (3rd–2nd cent. BC); the *Lugano* script borrowed from Leponts, which was used for seven inscriptions from north Italy, including 3 bilinguals (2nd–1st cent. BC); the Greek alphabet, which spread from the Greek colony Massalia in south and central Gaul (3rd–1st cent. BC); and the Latin script, from the time of Caesar’s campaign (51 BC) to the 4th cent. AD. In some inscriptions both Greek and Latin scripts appear together.

3. For our knowledge of the Gaulish language there are the following sources:

- (1) Inscriptions and coin legends.
- (2) Calendar of Coligny (§ 3.2.).
- (3) Medical compendium of Marcellus of Bordeaux (§ 3.3.).
- (4) Glossar of Vienna (or so called Endlicher’s glossar), consisting of 18 words (§ 3.4.).
- (5) The glosses of antique authors and Gaulish words borrowed in Latin (§ 3.5.).
- (6) The Gaulish substratum in the Gallo-Romance languages (§ 3.6.).
- (7) Proper names (hydronyms, oronyms, toponyms; ethnonyms, anthroponyms, theonyms – see Billy 1993, DLG, Evans 1967, Holder I–III, Schmidt 1957, Schmitt 1996–97) – here limited only to examples in the comparative phonetics (§ 4.1.).

3.1. The following choice of the Gaulish epigraphic material from Northern Italy and Gaul should illustrate the various types of the Gaulish texts

3.1.1. The epigraphic tradition of the Cisalpine Gauls is so called according to adaptation of the North Italian alphabets of Etruscan origin, namely *Lugano* and *Sondrio*. In *Lugano* the voiced and voiceless stops were not differentiated. Their language is documented in 7 inscriptions from the 2nd–1st cent. BC, in three cases also with Latin versions.

3.1.1.1. The inscription from **Briona** (unearthed in 1859 in San Bernardino by Briona, 10 km in the northeast from Novara, where is today deposited in the Museums of Lapidaries; LG 73–75)

[N] .. [K] .. ESASOIOIKAN| | TANOTALIKNOI | KUF'TOS | LEKATOS | ANOKOPOKIOS |
 “ ? Descendants of Dannatalos, Quintos – legatus, Andokombogios,
 SETUPOKIOS | ESANEKOTI | ANAREUISEOS | TANOTALOS | KARNINTUS | TA'KOS·TOUTAS ..

“Setubogios to Exandekottos: Andareuseos, Dannotalos erected tombstone after the decision of a tribe”

Note:

The symbol “^N” designates an assumed presence of the nasal before stop, which the script *Lugano* did not differentiate.

The symbol “|” separates the lines of the original inscription.

The point “.” corresponds with the original, although not always consistent segmentation of the text.

3.1.1.2. The bilingual from **Todi** (unearthed in 1839 in a neighbourhood of Todi in Umbria, today in the Etruscan Museum of Pope Gregory in Vatican; LG 76–78)

Side “A” (Latin version)

ATEGNATEI DRVTEI·F· | ..COI]SIS | DRV | TEI·F-FRATER | EIVS | MINIMVS·LOCAV | IT·ET·STATVIT

Side “B” (Latin version)

[ATEGNATI·DRVTI·F· | ..C]OISIS DRVTI·F | [F]RATER·EIVS | [M]INIMVS·LOCAV.E | [ST]ATVITQVI

The senses of both the Latin versions are in principle identical:

“[tomb] of Ategnatos, son of Drutos. Coisis, son of Drutos, his brother youngest, placed [it] and stood”

Side “A” (Gaulish version)

ATEKNATI·TRUT | IKNI·KARNITU | ARTUAŚ KOISIS·T | RUTIKNOS

“for Ategnatos, a son of Drutos, Koisis erected the stelle, son of Drutos”

Side “B” (Gaulish version)

[AT]EGNATI·TRUTI[K]NI | [KAR]NITU·LOKAN·KO[I]SIS | [TR]UTIKNOS

“for Ategnatos, a son of Drutos, Koisis erected the tomb, son of Drutos”

Note 1.: The patronymic **TRUTIKNOS** /*Drutignos*/ is translated as the “son of Drutos”, in agreement with the Latin version.

Note 2: Kim McCone, *Fs. Untermaier* 1993, 248, interprets **LOKAN** as */longam/* “urna”, cf. Old Irish *long* “vase, vaisseau”, Welsh *llong* “vaisseau”.

3.1.1.3. The bilingual from **Vercelli** (unearthed in 1960 on the bank of the river Sesia, today deposited in the museum in Vercelli; LG 78–80)

Latin verion

FINIS | CAMPO·QVEM | DEDIT | ACISIVS | ARGANTOCOMATER | ECVS·COMVNE

M |

“(This is) the boundary to the field which Argantomaterecus gave in common

DEIS·ET·HOMINIB | VS·ITA VTI LAPIDES | IIII·STATVTISVNT

to gods and men; – thus 4 stones have been set up”

Gaulish version

AKISIOS·ARKA^NTOKO<Κ> | MATEREKOS·TO-ŠO | KO-TE A^NTOM TEUOX | TONION EU

“Akisios argantokomaterekos, he gave it, a boundary of gods and people.”

Note 1: The compound *arganto-komaterekos* consists of the word for “silver” and another compound, interpreted by Lambert (2003, 80) as *kom-* & *ater-ekos*, where the first component is the prefix “together” and the second component is a derivative of the word *ater* “father”, similar to Latin *patricius*. The final result was probably a title designating an important person with a privileged relation to silver, perhaps an administrator of a municipal safe or a local banker. Eska & Wallace (2002, 131, fn. 4) think about the same prefix **kom-* + the derivative of the verb root **meH-* “to measure”, hence it should be a title perhaps for a ‘treasurer’.

Note 2: The word TEUOXTONION represents the gen. pl. of the compound of the type of *dvandva*, reflecting Celtic **dēuo-* & **gdonio-* from IE **dei̥uo-* & **dh̥om̥io-* “god” & “man” (lit. “terrestrial”).

Note 3: The strange final EU is apparently an abbreviation. Eska & Wallace (2002, 140–42) suppose that it is Cisalpine Celtic **es̥io uoloutū* (abl. sg.), a loan translation of Latin S.P = *de sua pecunia* „from his wealth“, cf. Old Irish *di=a folud id*.

3.1.1.4. The funerary text of the inscription of **Voltino** (by Lago di Garda) contains both Latin (A) and Celtic (B) parts. The Latin part is written in the Latin alphabet, the Gaulish part is written in the Sondrio variant of the North Etruscan script (Eska & Weiss 1996, 289).

(A) TETVMVS SEXTI DVGIAVA SAŠADIS

“Tetumus, [son] of Sextus, and Dugiava, [daughter] of Sašid- [are buried here]” vel sim.

(B) TOMEDECLAI OBALDANATINA

“[and] Obalda, [their dear] daughter, set me [i.e. the monument] up.”

3.1.2. The Gallo-Greek tradition means the Gaulish epigraphic monuments written in the Greek alphabet. Most of the inscriptions were discovered at the territory of the lower Rhône and its tributaries Gard and Durance.

3.1.2.1. The dedicatory inscription from Vaison (Vaucluse), unearthed in 1840 (LG 86–87):

σεγομαρος ονιλλονεος τοοντιους ναμαυσατις ειωρους βηλησαμι σοσιν νεμητον

“Segomaros fils de Villū, citoyen de Nîmes, a offert à Belesama cet enclos sacré.”

3.1.2.2. The dedicatory inscription devoted to Taranis, discovered in 1886 in Orgon, Bouches-du-Rhône, today in the Musée Calvet in Avignon (LG 88–89):

ουηβρουμαρος δεδε ταρανουον βρατονδεκαντευ

“Vebrumaros a offert à Taranus, par reconnaissance, avec la dîme.”

3.1.2.3. The dedicatory inscription from Glanum (Saint-Rémy) (LG 89):

ματρεβο γλανεικαβο βρατονδεκαντεν

“Aux Mères de Glanum, par reconnaissance, avec la dîme.”

3.1.2.4. Cup from Vallauris, Greek alphabet (Meid 1994, 51):

ουενικοι μεδου “friendly through mead”.

3.1.3. In the number and length of inscriptions richest is the tradition using the Latin alphabet, although it is younger than the preceding ones. Most of these inscriptions have their origin in Central Gaul (cf. the map in LG 92).

3.1.3.1. The dedicatory inscription from Néris-Les-Bains, Allier, where it was discovered c. in 1836 (LG 106–07):

BRATRONOS NANTON[T]ICN EPAÐATEXTORICI . LEVCVTIO SVIOREBE LOGITOI

“Bratronos, fils de Nantonios a établi un *leucution* (bois sacré?) pour Epadatextorix en association avec ses soeurs.”

Note: Important is the only use of the word for “sister” in the Gaulish lexical corpus.

3.1.3.2. The inscription on a granit from Plumergat, canton d'Auray, with only a partial translation (LG 108–09):

VABROS IIIOOVVT ATREBO AGANNTOBO DURNEO GIAPO

“Vabros (a offert?) aux Pères-frontières ...”

Note: The word ATREBO represents the dat. pl. of *ater, known from the title *gutuater* (Caesar, *BG VIII*, 38).

3.1.3.3. The dedicatory inscription on a stone in the Latin monumental script from *Alisia*, today Alise-Sainte-Reine, which was determined by G. Poisson already in 1908 (see LG 100). Let us compare the translations of (A) Lambert (1994, 100–03) and (B) Schrijver (1997, 182):

MARTIALIS DANNOTALI IEVRV UCUETE SOSIN CELICNON

(A) “Martialis, son of Dannotalos, has devoted Ucuetis this building,

(B) Martialis, son of Dannotalos, has offered to Ucuetis this *celicnon*,

ETIC GOBEDDBI DUGIIONTIIO UCUETIN IN ALISIIA

(A) and with smiths who honour Ucuetis in Alisia”

(B) which is [[made]] by the smiths who worship Ucuetis in Alisia”

3.1.3.4. The inscription on the lead tablets from *Larzac* (near Millau) in Latin italics is the longest Gaulish inscription discovered up to the present time, consisting of a total of 160 words. The following example is limited to side 1a in the interpretation of [A] Schmidt (1990, 16–25), [B] Olmsted (1989, 160–62) and [C] Meid (1994, 40–46). In its contents the inscription belongs to the magic texts, here concretely of a warning character designated by Romans as *defixiones*. The inscription of Larzac is a contract of one of the groups of witches, directed against another group, represented by witches Severa and Tertionikna. The members of the alliance named in the second part of the fragment quoted here rely upon the magic abilities of some sibyl, who has at her disposal an ‘underworld magic’.

1. IN SINDE SE BNANOM BRICTO[M]

A: “Gegen diesen dieser Frauen Zauber,

B: Discharge this of women’s incantations,

2. [I]N EIANOM ANUANA SANA ANDERNA

A: gegen deren Namen die (acc. pl.) unterweltlichen (der)

B: in these, the distinct feminine names,

3. BRICTOM UIDLUIAS UIDLU[A]

A: Zauber der Vidluia Magien (acc. pl.)

B: with the vision of seers of incantations.

4. TIGONTIAS SO ADSAGSONA SEUE[RIM]

A: (der) stechenden (ist) dies. Die Gegenwirkende (nom. sg.) Severa (acc.)

B: This supplicant of the indicated one, Severa

5. TERTIONICNIM LIDSSATIM LICIATIM

A: (und) Tertionicna (acc.) *lidssatim* (attr.) *liciata* (attr.)

B: Tertionicna, a lot caster and letter-writer,

6. EIANOM UO-DUNO-DERCE LUNGET[UT]U // EIANOM VODUI VODERCE
LUNGET[.] UTONID

A: deren unter-(Grab)hügel-Öffnung sie-soll-legen // B: with a conspicuous outcry to them, she released

7. TON-ID PONC NITIXSINTOR SI[ES]

- A: ausserdem, wenn zaubern diese
 B: whomever when they are indicated. Bind
 8. DUS-CELINATIA IN EANON ANUAN[A]
 A: mit-bösem-Vorzeichen, gegen deren Namen (acc. pl.)
 B: the unpropitious through this. Named
 9. ESI ANDERNADOS BRICTOM BANO[NA]
 A: ist (der) Unterwelt Zauber. Banona
 B: is the group of women of incantations: Banonia
 10. FLATUCIAS PAULLA DONA POTITI[US]
 A: (Tochter) der Vlatucia; Paulla, Frau des Potitus;
 B: of Vlatucia, Paulla wife of Potitos,
 11. AIAI DUXTIR ADIEGIAS POTI[TA]
 A: Aiai, Tochter der Adiega; Potita,
 B: Iaia daughter of Adiega, Potitia
 12. M]ATIR PAULLIAS SEUERA DU[XTIR]
 A: Muter. der Paulla; Severa, Tochter
 B: mother of Paulla, Severa daughter
 13. UALENTOS DONA PAULLI[I]US
 A: des Valens, Frau des Paullus;
 B: of Valens, the wife of Paullos..
 14. ADIEGA MATIR AIIAS
 A: Adiega, Mutter der Aia;
 B: Adiega mother of Aia,
 15+16. POTITA DONA PRIM[IUS DUXTIR] ABESIAS
 A: Potita. Frau des Primus, Tochter des Abesa.”
 B: Potita wife of Primos, the daughter of Abesia. “

3.1.3.5. The inscription from *Chamalières* (near Clermont-Ferrand) was unearthed in 1971. The text is written again in Latin italics on lead tablets, which were preferred in communication with the other world. The interpretation follows K.H. Schmidt (1981, 260):

ANDEDÍON UEDIÚUMI DIÍUIION RISU NARITU MAPON[ON] ARUERNATIN.

“By the magic tablet, I honour the divine Maponos Arvernatis, in whom a god dwels.

LOTITES SNÍ EDDIC SOS BRIXTÍA ANDERON

Quicken us [in the attack] and the following [men] by the magic of the Anderoi:

: C.LUCION, FLORON NIGRINON ADGARION, AEMILION PATERIN,

the invoker C. Lucios Floros Nigrinos, Aemilios Paterin(os),

CLAUDION LEGITUMON, CAELION PELIGN[ON], CLAUDION PELIGN[ON],

Claudios Legitumos, Caelios Pelign(os), Claudioz Pelign(os),

MARCION UICTORIN ASIATÍCON. ADDEDILLI

Marcios Victorin(os), Asiat(i)cos, the son of Addedillos

ETIC SECOUI TONCNAMAN TONCSIÓNT-IO.

and the Segovii, who will swear the oath.

MEIÓN, PONC SESIT, BUET-ID OLLON.

The small thing will become great, when he has sown it.

REGU-C CAMBION EXSOPS PISSÍU-MI ISO-C CANTÍ RISSU

I straighten the bent one. Though blind, I will see so by means of the song tablet.

ISON SON BISSÍET.

He will strike that one [the enemy].

LUGE DESSU-(M)MI-ÍIS. LUGE DESSU-MÍ-IS. LUGE DESSU-MÍ-ÍS. LUXE.

I prepare them for Lugas. I prepare them for Lugas. I prepare them for Lugas.

LUXE
Swear!"

3.1.3.6. Tile from Châteubleau (Seine-et-Marne) is one of the most recent (3rd–4th cent.) and most recently discovered (1997) inscriptions, maybe a wedding song (see Lambert 2001, 71, 112–13; LG 209–11):

1. NEMNALÍUMI BENI. UEÍONNA INCOROBOUIDO
“je célèbre une femme qui est fiancée avec dot de bétail /or/
qui est menée (au mariage) à Coro Bouido
2. NEÍANMANBE GNIÍOU APENI TEMEUELLE ÍEXSETE SI
dont je ne connais pas les noms et une femme qui est en âge (lit. “dont les pudenda sont sombres”) /or/
qui est consentante (lit. “en cette volonté”) /or/
et je suis une femme plus noble, vous devez dire /or/ qu’elle dise
3. SUEREGENIATU O QUPRINNO PETAMEBÍSSIETETA.
vous la famille /or/ son nom de famille, je demande qu’elle soit une épouse (QUPRINNO = *comprinna*)
4. MIÍIEGUMI. SUANTE UEÍOMMIPETAMASSI PAPISSONE
pour moi /or/ je prie le fils de Kypris,
qu’il (la) frappe pour moi je dis, par désir je me fiançais, nous te prions, ô Papissonos;
5. SUIREXETESI (or SUNIAETESI...?) ÍEGIÍINNA ANMANBE ÍEGUISINI
il la désirera bien, (elle) étant appelée par ses noms; je l’appelle,
6. SIAXSIOU . BEÍIASSUNE BITI MOI/T UPIÍUMMI ATERI
je chercherai BEÍIASSU (le seuil facile? /or/ que tu prospères); il est brisé par moi /or/
vers le seuil je vois un MOTU, mon père,
7. XSI INDORE CORE. NUANA ÍEGUMISINI. BEÍIASSUSETE
dans cet endroit fermé; maintenant, attends; je appelle; BEÍIASSU SETE. Elle ira. Appelle-moi ‘époux’.
8. SUE CLUIO U SEDAGISAMO CELE UIROÍONOUÉ
Je vous entends. Épouse Sedagisamo(s), un compagnon honnête et juste.
9. ÍIOBIÍEBEÍIASSUSETE RE GA ÍEXSTUMISENDI
BEÍIASSU SETE. Elle ira. Appelle-moi ‘époux’.
10. ME . SETINGI PAPISSENE BEÍIASSUSETE METINGISE
Entre moi et elle, Papissonos, BEÍIASSU SETE, entre moi, entre elle,
11. TINGI BEÍIASSUSETERE GARISE (or GANSE?) ÍEXSTUMISENDI
BEÍIASSU SETE, ils ironnent /or/ ô reine, appelle-moi ‘époux’.

There are other inscriptions with more profane contents. The following short texts are preserved on vessels (see Meid 1994, 51; LG 141–42):

3.1.3.7. Beaker from Banassac, Latin italics:

- NEÐÐAMON DELGU LINDA “I contain the drinks of the nearest.”
LUBI RUTENICA ONOBIIA TIEDI ULANO CELICNU
“Aime les (coupes?) rutènes du eau-de-vie?, tu seras un roi pour le banquet “

3.1.3.8. Bottle from Limé, Latin majuscule:

- IBETIS UCIU, ANDECARI BIIETE
“Drink (2pl.) from this, (and) you will be very amiable”.

3.1.3.9. Remarkably naughty texts in late Gaulish, strongly influenced by Latin, appear on the conic circles outweighed distaffs, part of a rich find discovered north from Autun in eastern Gaul :

NATA UIMPI, CURMI DA “Pretty girl, give beer!” (Meid 1994, 54)

MONI GNATHA, GABI BUDDUTON IMON

“Come here, girl, take my little kiss” (Meid 1994, 53) or

“Come here, girl, take my penis” (Watkins).

3.2. The famous **Calendar of Coligny** (Ain) was unearthed in 1897. It is dated to the end of the 2nd cent. AD, but it apparently represents a late copy of an older version. The calendar is in principle lunar, with the length of the months vacillating between 29 and 30 days, plus two intercalary 30–day-months added every 5 years. During the 5 year cycle there are thus two 385–day years and three 355–day years, with an average year of 367 days (see McCluskey 1990, 165):

Year 1: 385–days				Year 2: 355–days				Year 3: 385–days				Year 4: 355–days				Year 5: 355–days			
In ¹	Riv 30	Gia 29	Edr 30	Riv 30	Gia 29	Edr 30	Riv 30	In ²	Equ 30	Sam 30	Ogr 30	Equ 30	Sam 30	Ogr 30	Equ 30	Sam 30	Ogr 30	Equ 30	
	Ana 29	Sim 30	Can 29	Ana 29	Sim 30	Can 29	Ana 29		Ele 29	Dum 29	Cut 30	Ele 29	Dum 29	Cut 30	Ele 29				
Sam 30	Ogr 30	Equ 30	Sam 30	Ogr 30	Equ 30	Sam 30	Ogr 30	Gia 29	Edr 30	Riv 30	Gia 29	Edr 30	Riv 30	Gia 29	Edr 30	Riv 30	Gia 29	Edr 30	
Dum 29	Cut 30	Ele 29	Dum 29	Cut 30	Ele 29	Dum 29	Cut 30	Sim 30	Can 29	Ana 29	Sim 30	Can 29	Ana 29	Sim 30	Can 29	Sim 30	Can 29	Can 29	

Abbreviations of the months: In^{1 & 2} Intercalary month 1 & 2, Ana Anagantio-, Can Cantlos, Cut Cutios, Dum Dumann-, Edr *Edrini-, Ele Elembiu, Equ Equos, Gia Giamoni-, Ogr *Ogronn-, Riv Rivros, Sam Samon-, Sim *Simivisonna-.

Notes on the month-names (LG 112–13; RIG III):

I. SAMON, gen. SAMONI – cf. W. *haf*, B. *hañv*, OIr. *sam-rad* “summer” < *samo-;

II. DVMAN, gen. DVMANNI – cf. Latin *fūmus* “smoke”; perhaps the month of fumigation (DLG 129) – similarly L. *februarius*.

III. RIVROS, gen. RIVRI – cf. W. *rheu*, B. *reo, rev* “intensive cold”, OIr. *rēud* “strong cold” < *(p)reuso- or *ro-iuos “great fest” < *(p)ro-iuostu- (both ideas by Thurneysen), cf. the term *iuos* in the Calendar (DLG 220, 163);

IV. ANAGAN/ANAGTIO, gen. ANAGANTIO, ANAGTIOS – cf. *Anextlo-maros* “of a big protection”, the epithet of Apollo, from the verbal base *aneg-, *anag- “to protect”;

V. OGRONN / OGRONN, gen. OGRONI – cf. W. *oer*, OIr. *úar* “cold” < Celt. *ogro-;

VI. CVT-/ GVTIOS, gen. QVTIO, QUTI / CVTIO – cf. OIr. *guth* “voice” and G. *gutuater* by Lambert or an adaptation of the Greek month-name Κοούτιος by Thurneysen (DLG 111);

VII. GIAMON / GIAMONI, gen. GIAMONI – cf. W. *gaeaf*, B. *gouañv*, OIr. *geim-red* “winter” < *gijamo-;

VIII. SIMIVIS. SEM.V., gen. SIMIVISONN. SEMIVISO. SIMIVISO < *semi-uesont- “half spring”, cf. OW. *guiannuin* “spring” < Brittonic *uesant-eino-;

IX. EQVOS, gen. EQVI – apparently the *q*-Celtic (‘Sequanian’?) continuant of IE *ek̥u̥os “horse”; cf. the Greek month-names ἵππιος in Calabria and Ἰπποδρομίος in Thessaly (DLG 138).

X. ELEMBIV / ELEMB., gen. ELEMBI < *elenb̥io-, perfectly agreeing with Greek ἔλαφος “deer”, cf. the fest ἐλαφρβόλια from Phocis and the corresponding month-name Ἐλαφηβολιών.

XI. AEDRINI / EDRINI – perhaps to OIr. *aed* “fire” (*aidu-), cf. L. *aestas* “summer” < *aidh-tāt- (DLG 29–30);

XII. CANTLOS / GANTLOS, gen. CANTLI – cf. W. *cathl* “song”, OIr. *-céatal* id. < Celt. **kan-tlo-*.

In the Calendar there are also other remarkable words, frequently abbreviated: AMMAN – the term used in the head of the second intercalary month; cf. OIr. *amm* “time, moment” (DLG 37).

ANMA[TU-], ANM[ATU-] lit. “not good”, i.e. “incomplete” – the term determining the shorter, 29-days-months, in contrary to MAT[U-] “good”, i.e. “complete”, for the “complete” 30-days-months (DLG 43).

CIALLOS B[LEDN?]IS SONNOCINGOS “the second year course of the sun”, i.e. “the second intercalary”, where CI+ALLOS represents a compound of the demonstrative and the continuant of IE **alno-* “other”; B..IS could be completed as BLEDNIS or gen. BLEDNIAS “year”, cf. OIr. *bliadain*, W. *blwydd*, B. *bloaz* “year” < **bleidni-*, and SONNOCINGOS is the compound of SONNO- “sun” and CINGOS, etymologized on the basis of OIr. *cingid* “marches” (LG 116–17). D[IION?] – probably the abbreviation of the word “day”; cf. W. *dydd*, B. *de(i)z* id. (LG 114).

IVOS(..), IVO, IV – the term designatin the beginning and end of the month, perhaps the phases of the Moon (so Thurneysen or Olmsted) or a juridical term corresponding to OIr. *uisse* “juste” (Pinault; see DLG 163; LG 114).

LAT[ION?] – the term in the head of the second intercalary month; cf. OIr. *laithe* “day” < Celt. **lation* (DLG 166).

MAT[U-], M[ATU-] “good”, i.e. “complete”, for the “complete” 30-days-months; cf. Celtiberian acc. pl. *matus* and OIr. *maith* “good”, OB *mat* id. (DLG 186).

MID, M[ID] – the context MID SAM[ONIOS] and MID X[III], latter about the first intercalary month, indicates the meaning “month” more probably than “mid”. In the Calendar the specific letter Đ, reflecting **ts* & **st*, was not used at all; it means, the correct spelling of MID could be MIH, allowing the projection in **mits* < **mínts* < **mēns-*, cf. OIr. *mí*, gen. *mís*, W., C., B. *mis* “month” < Celtic **mīnsan* < **mēnsm̥*.

OX[A]NTIA – perhaps “80”, cf. *oxtu* “8” (LG 116).

PRINNI LAGET – used about the ANMATU-months., lit. perhaps “falling, i.e. diminishing tree”: PRINNI is probably the gen. of **prinno-*, corresponding to *prenne* “tree” from the Viennese Glossar, W., B. *prenn* “wood”, OIr. *crann* “tree”. LAGET has been connected with the root **leg^{uh}-* “light” beginning from Thurneysen (1899, 529), cf. Ir. *lagat* “diminution”, *laigu* “smaller”, W. *llai* id. (RIG III, 426; DLG 213–14; Olmsted 2001, 36).

PRINNI LOVDIN – used about the MATU-months. LOVDIN has to correspond with B. *luziañ* “emmêler” (RIG III, 426; DLG 213–14), but if the determination of the function and etymology of LAGET is correct, for LOVDIN it is natural to expect the opposite meaning. For this reason it seems best the etymology based on IE *(*H*_₂)*leud^h-* “to grow” (Olmsted 2001, 37).

NOVX in TRINOVX SAMON[II] – apparently “night”, cf. also TRINOX[TION] and further OIr. *innocht* “tonight”, W. *nos* “night” (LG 114, 112; Olmsted 2001, 40).

QVIMON – the last word written in the end of the first; perhaps contracted from **co(w)imon* or the *q*-relic of ‘Sequanian’ type (DLG 109).

RI, R – in GANO R, RIX RI. Olmsted (2001, 45) connects it with OIr. *ré* “moon”, deriving both from Celt. **rion*.

RIX – can reflect the starting-point **rēk-t-s*, derivable from **rek-* “to reckon”, i.e. “measure” (Olmsted 2001, 45).

SINDIV = OIr. *indiu* “today”.

3.3. A unique source of the Gaulish language is the **medical compendium of Marcellus of Bordeaux**, who lived in the 4th and 5th centuries. There are both glosses (e.g. *ratis* “herba pteridis”, i.e. “fern”, cf. Old Irish *raith*, Breton *raden*, Welsh *rhedyn* id. < **pṛ̥tis*, further e.g. Lithuanian *papártis*, Russian *paporot'* id. with a partial reduplication) and a complete sentence, here reproduced in the interpretation of W. Meid (1996, 45):

in mon dercom argos axati-son
“in my eye the brightness should enter”

3.4. A very rich source of information on Gaulish are glosses and loans in other languages, especially in Latin. Quite unique is so-called **Viennese or Endlicher's glossary** titled “De nominibus Gallicis”, named according to the librarian, who published it in 1836 (LG 206–7). The glossary consists of 17 entries with equivalents in Vulgar Latin. Sometimes Gaulish words are used to determine the functions of compounds. For instance, the following words appear there: 1. *ambe* “brook, stream”, 2. *anam* “marsh”, 3. *auallo* “apple”, 4. *are* “before, in front of”, 5. *brio* “bridge”, 6. *doro* “entry, door”, 7. *dunum* “mountain”, 8. *lautro* “bath”, 9. *more* “sea”, 10. *nanto* “valley” & *trinanto* “three valleys”, 11. *nate* “son”, 12. *onno* “river”, 13. *prenne* “big tree”, 14. *roth* “steep”, 15. *treide* “foot”. The only verb, *cambiare* “to give a thing for a thing”, has the Latin infinitive ending, but the base is Gaulish. It also penetrated into Romance languages: Italian *cambiare*, French *change*, cf. the Celtic counterpart in Breton *kemm* “change”. The Latin equivalents of the nominal forms in the glossary appear in various cases, not only in the nominative: ablative: 1, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15; accusative: 2, 7, 14; vocative: 11. At least in some cases the same situation is probable for the Gaulish words. The oldest manuscript of the glossary is dated to AD 796, when Gaulish was surely extinct. This means that the glossary represents a copy of older texts, recording a late epoch in the development of Gaulish.

3.5. From the glosses of ancient authors and the words of Gaulish origin which became already familiar in Latin, it is possible to identify the following Gaulish words (see LG 204–06; Schmidt 1967; Sowa 1998), e.g.: *acaunumarga* “of stone-marl” (Pliny), consisting of the word **akaunon* “stone” < **akamnon*, and **margā*, which also appears by Pliny in the compound *glisomarga* “a kind of the white clay”, cf. F. *marne* ~ *marle* “marl” < **margila*; *alauda* “lark” (Pliny) > fr. *alouette* id.;

alausa “a kind of fish from the Moselle called shad / *Culpea alosa*” (Ausonius) > F. *alauso*, Sp. *alosa*;

ambactus “vassal, dependent on the lord” (Festus) < **amb(i)-agto-* *“making around”, cf. W. *amaeth* “farmer”, OB. *ambaith* id. (Celtic origin is also apparent in the case of OHG. *ambaht* “servant”, continuing in Germ. *Amt* “office, service”);

andabata & *andobatta* “the gladiator who fights in the helmet without openings for the eyes” (Cicero), i.e. “in blind”, lit. “fighting blind”, where the stem **ando-* corresponds to Old Indic *andhá-* & Avestan *aṇḍa-* “blind”;

arinca “kind of grain, rye or grained wheat” (Pliny) – it is compatible with Greek ἄρακος “vetch”;

attegia “hut, cottage” (Juvenalis), probably **ad-* “to, by” & **tegia* “house, roof”, therefore ± “shelter”, cf. OIr. *teg*, OW. *tig* “house”;

beber, acc. *bebrum* “beaver” in late Latin against Latin proper *fiber* id.;

beccus “beak, bill” (Suetonius) > F. *bec*;

benna “a kind of carriage” (Festus) > F. *benne*, It. *benna*;

betulla “birch” (Pliny), cf. late Latin *beta* and Celtic parallels in OIr. *beithe*, W. *bedw*, OB. *bedu* id.; Pr., Cat. *bez*, Sp. *biezo* “birch” are also of Celtic origin;

billus, *billa* “trunk of the tree” (late) and F. *bille* id. < G. **bilio-* & **biliā*, cf. OIr. *bile* “big tree”;

βράκαι (Diodorus of Sicily), βράκκαι (Hesychius) = L. *brācae*, *brācēs* “trousers, breeches” > F. *braies*, Sp. *braga*, Romanian *bracă*, etc. id.

bracis “malt” (Pliny), cf. the Gaulish epitheton *Braciaca* “of beer”? of the god Mars; the Gaulish or Latin word continues in F. *braie*; cf. the Celtic parallels as OIr. *braich*, W. *brag* “malt”;

brogae “field”, dimin. *brogilus* (Schol. Juvenal.), F. arch. and onomastic *breuil* “field” < G. **brogi-*, cf. W., B. *bro* “country”, OIr. *mruig* id.;

brucaria “heather” (late) > F. *bruyère* id., cf. OIr. *froich*, W. *grug* id. < Celt. **yroiko-*, besides B. *brug* id., which represents more probably the Gaulish word borrowed through the Romance mediation, how the change **yr-* > *br-* indicates;

bulga “leathern knapsack, bag” (Festus) > OF. *bouge(tte)* id. > E. *budget*, cf. OIr. *bolg* “bag, belly”;

camminus “road” (7th cent.) > F. *chemin*, It. *cammino*, Sp. *camino*, Cat. *camí* etc. id., cf. OIr. *céimm* “walking, step”, W. *cam* “id., footprint”;

cantedon “100 feet” (Isidore of Sevilla) < **k̥nt(o)-pedom*, cf. OIr. *cét*, W. *cant* “100” & OIr. *ed* “space, interval”;

carpentum “two-wheeled, covered carriage” (Titus Livius), the original Gaulish form probably was **karbanton*, cf. OIr. *carpat* “war chariot”; the chariot was called after the hamper, the place for the charioteer; related is L. *corbis* “basket”;

carrus “two-wheeled wagon for transporting burdens” continues in F. *char* and also E. *car*; the Gaulish word which has its counterpart in OIr. *carr* “vehicle”, W. *car*, OB. *carr* id., replaced its Latin equivalent proper, namely *currus* “war-chariot”; all from the protoform **k̥rsō-*, from the verb **kers-* “to run”;

cateia “a kind of spear, probably barbed”, cf. OIr. *caithid* “throws”; *cauannos* “owl” > F. *chouan*, *chouette*, cf. W. *cwan*, OB. *couan*, B. *kaouann* id., further OHG. *hūwo* id.;

cectoria, cectorium “furrow forming the border of a field”, cf. OIr. *cécht* “plow or its handle”;

cis(s)ium “light two-wheeled vehicle, cabriolet”, cf. OIr. *cess* “knitted basket” < **kistā*;

cleta “hamper, hurdle” > F. *cliae* id., Pr., Cat. *cleda* “grate in the window”, cf. OIr. *cliath* “hamper, hurdle”, W. *clwyd* “barriere” < pre-Celtic **kleitā*;

combrus “felled trees” (6th–7th cent.), “dam” (11. st.) < G. **komberos*, cf. OIr. *commar*, W. *cymer*, B. *kemper* “confluence”;

couinnus “war-chariot of the Brittons and Belgae” (Mela), W. *cywain* “coachman” < Celt. **ko-uegno-*, cf. W. *gwain* “wagon”, OIr. *fén* id. < **uegno-*;

crocina “suit of the skin”, cf. OIr. *crocenn* “(suit of) skin”, B. *kroc’hen* “skin”;

curucus “craft formed from the construction covered by skin”, cf. OIr. *curach*, W. *corwg* id. < **koruko-*, cf. Greek κώρυκος “leathern sack”;

κούρμι “alcoholic drink of fermented barley” (Dioscorides) = G. *kurmi* “beer” (inscription from Autun), cf. OIr. *cuirm* “beer”, OW. *curum*, W. *cwrf*, B. *coruf* “beer”;

damma “roe, antelope, gazelle” > F. *daim*, cf. OIr. *dam* “bull, deer”, *damán* “fawn” (**damogno-*), W. *dafad* “ram” (**damato-*);

drungus “troop of enemies”, cf. OIr. *drong* “group, band, gang”, OB. *drogn* “troop”;

esox “a fish of the Rhine”, maybe “pike” (Pliny), cf. OIr. *éo*, gen. *iach* “salmon”, W. *ehawc*, MB. *eheuc* id.;

essedum “two-wheeled war-chariot used by Gauls, Belgae and Brittons” (Caesar, Vergilius) < **en-sedo-* or via assimilation from **ad-sedo-*, cf. the Latin gloss *assedā* “seat of quadriuuga”, W. *assed* “wagon” < **ad-sed-*;

gaesum “spear, javelin”, cf. OIr. *gae* “spear”, MW. *gwaew* “spear, javelin”;

gladius “sword”, cf. OIr. *claideb*, W. *cleddyf* & *cleddydd* id. (the difference *c* : *g* was perhaps caused by the orthographic vacillation or by Etruscan mediation);

glastum “blue colour” (Pliny), cf. OIr. *glas* “blue-green”, W. *glas* “blue”;

gulbia “beak, bill” (Isidore of Sevilla), cf. MIr. *gulba* id., W. *gylfin* id.;

iotta “soup of a milk, mash” (6th cent.), cf. OW. *iot*, OB. *iot* “mash”;

lancea “spear” (Nonius, Diodorus of Sicily), cf. OIr. *dó-leicim* “I throw”;

leucas ‘the Gaulish mile, c. 2,4 km’ (Saint Hieronymus), *leuga* id. (Isidore of Sevilla) > F. *lieue* > E. *league* id.;

linna “mantle” (Isidore of Sevilla), cf. OIr. *lenn* “mantle”, OB. *lenn* “a piece of linen, veil, curtain” < **pltnā*, cf. OCS. *platъno* “linen”;

mannus “pony, little horse” < G. **mandu-*, cf. Basque *mando* “mule” < Celtic; OIr. *menn* “young animal, kid”;

nausum “ship” (Ausonius), cf. OIr. *nau* id.;

olca “arable field” (Gregor of Tours) > Pr. *olca*, F. *ouche* (dial. also “garden”), Sp. *huelga*;

petorritum “four-wheeled chariot” (Festus), cf. G. *petuar[ios]* “fourth”; OIr. *ri(u)th* “course”;
petia & *pecia* (late) > F. *pièce* “piece” from G. **petsi-*, cf. W. *peth*, B. *pez(h)*, OIr. *cuit* “piece” < Celt. **k^uezdi-*;
pititus (7. st.) > F. *petit* “small”;
riga “furrow” (late) < G. **rika*, from here also OPr. *riga*, F. *raie* id., cf. OB. *rec*, MW. *rych* id., all from **prko-/ā*;
rodarum “plant with the leaves which become red” (Pliny) < *(*H_p*)*roud^h-* “red”;
rusca “bark” (9th cent.) > OPr., Cat. *rusca* “bark (of oak)”, F. *ruche* “beehive”, cf. OIr. *rúsc* “bark”, W. *rhisgl* id.;
sagum, *sagus*, *saga* “Gaulish tunic” (Isidore, Polybius) > F. *saie*;
sugia “soot” (late) > F. *suié*, Pr. *suja*, *suga*, from G. **sudia*, cf. OIr. *súide* id.;
taratrum “borer, gimlet” (Isidore of Sevilla) > F. *tarière*, OPr. *taraire*, Sp. *taladro*, cf. W. *taradr*, MB. *tarazr*, OIr. *tarathar*;
tarinca “iron nail” > OF. *taranche* “big iron pin”, Pr. *tarencō* id., besides another gloss *taringa* “iron pins”, cf. OIr. *tairnge* “iron nail, point”;
taxō, acc. *taxōnem* “badger” > F. *taisson*, It. *tasso*, Sp. *tejon* id., cf. Gmc. **bahsu-* > OHG. *dahs* id.;
tinca “tench” (Ausonius) > F. *tanche*, OF. *tenche*, It. *tinca*, Sp., Pr. *tenca*;
uassus “vassal, servant”, cf. OIr. *foss*, W. *gwas* id. < **upo-stH₂o-* “standing beyond”;
uātēs, *uātis* “prophet, poet”, sr. G. **uātēs* “caste of prophets” (Strabo IV, 4.4: Οὐάτεις), OIr. *fáith* “prophet”;
uerēdus “post-horse”, cf. W. *gorwydd* “horse” < Celt. **uo-rēdos* < **upo-reid^ho-*. The Latin word with the Greek prefix παρα- penetrated into F. *palefroi* and Germ. *Pferd* “horse”;
vertragus “kind of a hound” < G. *uer-* “super-” & **trag-* “foot”, from here OF. *viautre*, Old Milanese *veltres*, It. *veltro* “kind of a big dog”;
uiriola “bracelets” (Pliny) > F. *virole*, Furlan *viruele* etc., id.

3.6. Another valuable source of knowledge of the Gaulish lexicon is substratum words in the Gallo-Romance languages (according to various scholars as many as 160), frequently appearing also in other Romance groups (see LG 187–203):

Pr. *agreno* “black-thorn”, Cat. *aranyo* id. < G. **agran(i)o-*, cf. OIr. *áirne* and W. *eirin*, B. *irin* < **agrinia* & **agrīno-*;
 Pr. *banno* “horn” < G. **bannā*, cf. W. *ban* “tip, point”, OIr. *benn* “point, horn”;
 F. *barre* “pole, stick”, *barrière* “gratte, lattice; dam”, cf. OIr. *barr* “top (of a tree)”, W. *barr*;
 F. dial. (Limousin) *bec*, (Creuse) *beco*, It. dial. *bega* “bee, wasp”, cf. OIr. *bech* “bee”, W. *beg-egyr* “hornet”;
 F. *bouc* “he-goat” < G. **bukko-*, cf. Ir. *bocc*, W. *bwch*, B. *bouc'h* id.;
 F. *boue* “mud”, cf. W. *baw* id.;
 F. *briser* “to break”, cf. OIr. *brissid* “breaks”;
 OF. *bruisier* “to press, wound, knock”, cf. OIr. *bruïd* “crushes”;

- F. *chêne*, OF. *chesne, chasne* “oak” < Celt. **kassano-/kassino-*;
 F. *darne* “piece of a fish”, cf. B. *darn* “part”;
 OF. *drille* “piece of a cloth, hadr”, cf. W. *dryll*, B. *drailh* “piece”;
 F. dial. *droue* “cockle” < G. **drau̯ā*, cf. B. *draok* id. < **drau̯ākā*;
 F. *dru* “stout, vigorous, dense” < G. **druto-*, cf. W. *drud* “agile, bold, cheeky, arrogant”;
 F. *flanelle* “woollen cloth”, dimin. of the Gaulish protoform **ylanā*, cf. W. *gwanan*, B. *gloan*, OIr. *olann* “wool”;
 F. *gaillard* “bold, merry, jolly” from G. **galiā* “force”, cf. OIr. *gal* “passion of battle”, W. *gallu* “I can”;
 F. *glander* “to glean”, OPr. *glenar* id., cf. OIr. *glenn-* “to chose”;
 OF. *grenon* “beard”, Pr. *gren* “moustache”, cf. the epithet of the Gaulish Apollo *Grannus* and further OIr. *grend* “beard”, OW. *grann* “eyebrow”;
 F. *grève* “sandy bank”, West F. dial. *groue*, cf. W., B. *gro* “river sand”;
 F. *if* “yew” < G. *iuos* (Calendar of Coligny), cf. further OIr. *eo*, W. *yw*;
 Pr. *garra*, F. *jarret* “hollow of the knee” (dimin. **garrito-*), cf. B. *garr* “leg”, W. *gar* “leg, thigh”, Ir. *gairri* “calf of the leg”;
 F. *méague* “whey”, sr. stir. *medg* “curdled milk”, W. *maidd* < Celt. **mizgā*;
 F. *mouton* “wether”, It. *montone* “ram” < G. **multō*, cf. OIr. *molt*, W. *mollt*, B. *maout* “ram”;
 Pr. *pairol* “pot, jar”, cf. W. *pair*, OIr. *coire* id. < **kʷrido-*;
 F. *roche* “rock”, cf. B. *roc'h* id. < **rokka*;
 F. *soc* “ploughshare”, metaphorically transferred from the original meaning “pig”, cf. OIr. *socc* “snout; pig”, W. *hwch*, B. *houc'h* “boar” < **sukko-*;
 F. dial. (Picardian, Normandian) *souche* “stump”, (Berrichon) *suque*, (Piemontese) *süka*, It. *socca*, Aragonese *zoque* < G. **tsukkā*, cf. Germ. *Stock* “stick, pole; stump”;
 F. *talus* “slope”, cf. OIr. *taul* “forehead, face, prominence”, W., B. *tal* “face” < **talū-*;
 F. *tan* “bark of the oak” < G. **tanno-* “kind of the oak”, cf. B. *tann*, C. *glas-tannen* id.;
 F. *trogne* “red face”, cf. W. *trwyn* “nose”;
 F. *truand* “beggar” < G. **trugant-*, cf. OIr. *truag* “unfortunate, wretch”, W. *tru* id.;
 F. *vandoise* “white-fish” < G. **uindesiā*, from the stem **uindo-* “white”, cf. Ir. *find*, W. *gwynn*, B. *gwenn* id.;
 F. *vanneau* “plover”, cf. OIr. *fannall*, B. *gwennili*, W. *gwennol* “swallow”;
 F. *ver(g)ne* “alder”, cf. Ir. *fern*, W. *gwern* id., B. *gwern* “id.; marsh, swamp”.

4.1. Gaulish vs. Insular Celtic - phonetic correspondences

IE *	Examples
<i>p-</i>	OIr. én, W. edn, OC. <i>hethen</i> , OB. etn-, MB. ezn, B. evn, ein “bird” < *petno-; cf. Ogam <i>Ena-barri</i> “bird’s head”, G. ND <i>Etnosus</i> (Bourges)
<i>-p-</i>	Ir. caera, gen. caerach “sheep” (*caerax : *caeracos), W. caer-iwrch “he-roe” < *kapero-; cf. G. NP <i>Caeracates</i> (Tacitus)
<i>-pt-</i>	OIr. secht, MW. seith, C. seyth, B. seized, G. sextan “7” < *septm
<i>b-</i>	MIr. <i>benn</i> “horn; top”, W. bann “id., height”, MB. ban “hillock, projection” < *bñd-no-, cf. F. <i>auvent</i> “protective roof” < G. *ande-banno- (*b- is confirmed by the Germanic parallels: West Flemish <i>pint</i> “point, tip”, MHG. <i>pinz</i> “awl” < *bend-; OE. <i>pinn</i> “pin”, MHG. <i>pfinne</i> “nail” << *bend-n-);
<i>-b-</i>	OIr. <i>aball</i> , W. <i>afall</i> , B. <i>avallen</i> “apple-tree”, late G. <i>auallo</i> , cf. NL <i>Aballo</i> < *ablno-
<i>b^h</i>	OIr. <i>bráth(a)ir</i> , W. <i>brawd</i> , pl. <i>brodyr</i> , MB. <i>breuzr</i> , B. <i>breur</i> , pl. <i>breudeur</i> “brother” < *b ^h rātēr, cf. G. ND <i>Bratronos</i> (Néris-de-Bains)
<i>t-</i>	OIr. <i>túath</i> “kin, tribe, people”, MW. <i>tut</i> “people, land”, W. <i>tûd</i> , C. <i>tus</i> , B. <i>tud</i> “people” < *teutā; cf. G. ND <i>Teutates / Toutatis</i>
<i>-t-</i>	OIr. <i>cath</i> , W. <i>cad</i> , C. <i>cas</i> “fight”, cf. G. NV <i>Catu-rīges</i> < *katu-
<i>d</i>	OIr. <i>derc</i> “eye”, B. <i>derc^h</i> “sight”, cf. G. <i>in mon derco</i> “in my eye” (Marcellus) < *derk-
<i>d^h-</i>	OIr. <i>dorus</i> “door” < *d ^h ȝorestu-, W., C., OB. <i>dor</i> < *d ^h ȝorā, cf. G. <i>duorico</i> “colonnade”, late <i>doro</i> “ostium” (Marcellus);
<i>-d^h-</i>	OIr. <i>rúad</i> , W. <i>rhudd</i> , OB. <i>ruz</i> “red” < *roud ^h o-; cf. G. NV <i>Roidius</i> , <i>Ande-rouodus</i> , ND <i>Rudianus</i>
<i>k-</i>	OIr. <i>coll</i> , W., OB. <i>coll</i> “hazel” < *koslo-, cf. G. NL <i>Cosla</i> , today <i>Coole</i> , and <i>Coslus</i> , today <i>Coolus</i>
<i>-k-</i>	OIr. <i>luch</i> , gen. <i>lochad</i> “mouse” < *lukōts, gen. *lukotos, W. <i>llyg</i> , OB. <i>loc</i> , B. pl. <i>logod</i> , W. <i>llygod</i> < *lukotes; cf. G. NP <i>Lucotios</i> , Λουκοτικνος ‘son of mouse’
<i>-ks-</i>	OIr. <i>tréise</i> “force” < *treksiā, <i>treisse</i> “stronger” < *treksio-, W. <i>trech</i> id. < *trekso-; cf. G. NV <i>Trexius,-a</i>
<i>g-</i>	OIr. <i>glend</i> , gen. <i>glinde</i> “valley”, W. <i>glynn</i> id. < *glend-os : -esos, besides W., B. <i>glann</i> “shore”, OC. <i>glan</i> < *glndā, cf. G. NL <i>Glanna</i> (9th cent.; today <i>Glenes</i>)
<i>-g-</i>	OIr. <i>teg</i> “house” < *(s)teg-os-, OW. <i>tig</i> , W. <i>tí</i> , C. <i>ti</i> , OB. <i>tig</i> , B. <i>ti</i> id., cf. G. > L. <i>attegia</i> “cottage” (Juvenalis)
<i>g^h-</i>	OIr. <i>glan</i> , W. <i>glân</i> , OB. <i>glan</i> “pure” < *g ^h lH-no-, cf. G. NL <i>Glanum</i> , <i>Glanis</i> , <i>Glain</i> etc.
<i>-g^h-</i>	MIr. <i>ligim</i> “I lie”, W. <i>lleu</i> “to lay”, G. <i>legasit</i> “offered” < *leg ^h -ā-s-ti + -t
<i>ķ-</i>	OIr. <i>cét</i> , W. <i>cant</i> , B. <i>kant</i> “100” < *kñtom; cf. G. *kanto- in the measure of distance <i>candetum</i> = *kant-edum “100 steps” < *kñto-pedum
<i>-ķ-</i>	OIr. <i>deich</i> , OW. -dec, W. <i>deg</i> , C., B. <i>dek</i> , G. <i>decam</i> (Limoges) “10” < *deķm
<i>ǵ-</i>	OIr. <i>gnáth</i> “known”, W. <i>gnawd</i> “habit” < *gnōto-, cf. G. NV <i>Eposo-gnātus</i> “known through horse”
<i>-ǵ-</i>	OIr. <i>rigain</i> “queen”, W. <i>rhiain</i> “girl, virgin”, G. dat. <i>rigani</i> “reginae” (Lezoux) < *rēgynī
<i>ǵ̄-</i>	OIr. <i>gam</i> , OW. <i>gaem</i> , W. <i>gauaf</i> , OC. <i>goyf</i> , B. <i>gouañv</i> “winter” < *ǵ̄iijemo-, cf. the Gaulish winter month <i>giamon</i> [[ios]] (Coligny)
<i>-ǵ̄-</i>	OIr. <i>brí</i> , gen. <i>breg</i> “hill” < Celt. *brigs : *brigos < *b ^h rḡs : *b ^h rḡos, W., C., B. <i>bre</i> id. < Celt. *briga < *b ^h rḡā; cf. G. NL <i>Uindo-briga</i> “white hill”, etc.
<i>k^h-</i>	OIr. <i>cethair</i> , W. <i>pedwar</i> , B. <i>pevar</i> “4” < *k ^h etylōres, cf. G. <i>petuar</i> [[ios]] “4th” (Graufesenque)

<i>-k^u-</i>	OIr. <i>nech</i> “somebody”, W. <i>neb</i> , OB. <i>nep</i> “some”, cf. G. (Larzac) gen. <i>nepi</i> < * <i>ne-k^uo</i> -, gen. * <i>ne-k^uis</i>
<i>g^u</i>	OIr. <i>ben</i> “woman”, OW. <i>ben</i> , W. <i>benyw</i> “female” < * <i>g^uenā</i> , G. gen. pl. <i>bnanom</i> “mulerum” (Larzac)
<i>g^{uh}-</i>	MIr. <i>gorim</i> “I warm”, Ir. <i>gor</i> “heat”, W. <i>gori</i> “to scorch”, B. <i>gor</i> “heat” < * <i>g^{uh}or-</i> ; The Gaulish reflex remains unclear, perhaps <i>gobedbi</i> dat./instr. pl. “smith” : OIr. <i>gobae</i> , W. <i>gofid</i> . < * <i>g^{uh}ob^(h)-</i> , if it corresponds with L. <i>faber</i> id.
<i>-g^{uh}-</i>	OIr. <i>laigu</i> “smaller” < * <i>lagiōs</i> , W. <i>llaw</i> “little, low, sad”, OB. <i>lau</i> “bad; mediocre” < * <i>laguo-</i> ; cf. G. NV <i>Lagu-audus</i> , <i>Lagussa</i> and the <i>lau</i> “bad” in late G. text of Marcellus of Bordeaux
<i>s-</i>	OIr. <i>sam</i> , W. <i>C. haf</i> , OB. <i>ham</i> , B. <i>happ</i> “summer” < ** <i>smHo-</i> , cf. the Gaulish month <i>Samon[ius]</i> (Coligny) = OIr. fest <i>Samain</i> ; G. > F. dial. <i>samará</i> “June”
<i>-s-</i>	OIr. <i>iarnn</i> , W. <i>haearn</i> , OC. <i>hoern</i> , OB. <i>hoiarn</i> , B. <i>houarn</i> “iron” < Celt. * <i>tsarno-</i> < * <i>ēsr-no-</i> “bloody”, cf. G. NL <i>Isarno-dori</i> , glossed in <i>Vita Eugendi</i> (+510) ‘ <i>Gallica lingua Isarnodori, id est ferrei ostii</i> ’, i.e. “iron gate”
<i>sk-</i>	OIr. <i>sceirt-</i> “to spit, vomit”, OB. <i>scrutiam</i> “I spit”, G. (Marcellus of Bordeaux) <i>scrisum(i)-io</i> “that I spit”
<i>-sk-</i>	OIr. <i>*rūsc</i> “bark”, Welsh <i>rhisgl</i> < * <i>rūsk(o)-</i> , besides OC <i>rusc</i> “cortex”, B. <i>rusk</i> “bark”; cf. Gaulish loans in Romance: OPr. <i>rusca</i> “bark”, Cat. <i>rusca</i> “bark of an oak”, It. dial. (North) <i>rūsca</i> “bark”
<i>sl-</i>	OIr. <i>slōg</i> , <i>slīag</i> “army, troop”, W. <i>llu</i> “troop”, MC. <i>lu</i> , OB. <i>-lu</i> “army”, cf. G. NP <i>Catu-slugi</i> < * <i>sloug^ho-</i>
<i>sp-</i>	OIr. <i>selg</i> = MB. <i>felch</i> “spleen” << * <i>spelg-</i> ; cf. G.-L. <i>favissa</i> “tank, sump” < * <i>speyo-</i> “cavity”?
<i>sr-</i>	OIr. <i>srón</i> “nose, nostrils”, W. <i>ffroen</i> “nostrils”, MB. <i>froan</i> , B. <i>fron</i> id., G. > OF. <i>froigne</i> “frowning face”, F. dial. (Vosgien) <i>frognon</i> “snout” < * <i>srok-nā</i>
<i>-sr-</i>	OIr. nom. pl. f. <i>teuir</i> , G. <i>tidres</i> “3” (f.) < Celt. * <i>tiðres</i> < * <i>tisr-es</i> ; cf. OIr. acc. pl. f. <i>téora</i> , W., B. <i>teir</i> < * <i>tisr-ns</i>
<i>st-</i>	OIr. <i>ser</i> , W. <i>ser</i> , MC. <i>steyr</i> , B. <i>ster</i> “stars” < * <i>H₂ster-</i> , cf. G. ND <i>Dirona</i> , <i>Sirona</i> < Celt. * <i>stēr-on-ā</i>
<i>-st-</i>	OIr. <i>gus</i> “power, might”, Ogam gen. sg. <i>-gusso(s)</i> , G. (Lezoux) dat. sg. <i>gussou</i> id. < * <i>ǵustu-</i> , cf. G. NV <i>Gudo-marus</i> “great through power”, OW. <i>Ungust</i> (* <i>Oino-gustus</i>), maybe also W. <i>gwst</i> “pain, illness”
<i>su-</i>	OIr. <i>sé</i> , W. <i>chwech</i> , C. <i>whegh</i> , B. <i>c'houec'h</i> “6” < * <i>(-)sueks</i> , cf. G. <i>suexos</i> “6th” (Graufesenque)
<i>r-</i>	OIr. <i>roth</i> m., W. <i>rhod</i> f. “wheel” < * <i>rotHo-/ā</i> ; cf. G. <i>Roto-magus</i> , today <i>Rouen</i> , etc.
<i>-r-</i>	OIr. <i>muir</i> , W. <i>môr</i> , C., B. <i>mor</i> “sea” < * <i>mori-</i> , cf. G. <i>more</i> “mare” (Viennese glossar), <i>Are-morici</i> etc.
<i>l-</i>	OIr. <i>lúach</i> “shining”, W. <i>llug</i> < * <i>leykos</i> , cf. G. NL <i>Leuco-mago</i> “pure field”, ND <i>Leoucetius</i> (Mars)
<i>-l-</i>	OIr. <i>milis</i> , W. <i>melys</i> “sweet” < * <i>melit-ti-</i> ; cf. G. NV <i>Meliddus</i> , <i>Melissus</i> << * <i>melit-to-</i>
<i>m-</i>	OIr. <i>marb</i> , W. <i>marw</i> , C. <i>marow</i> , B. <i>maro</i> “died”, G. > F. dial. <i>marv</i> “rigid, insensitive” < * <i>mr̥uo-</i>
<i>mr-</i>	OIr. <i>mruig</i> , <i>bruig</i> , W., C., B. <i>bro</i> “area, state” < Celt. * <i>mrogi-/ā</i> < * <i>morg-</i> “boundary”, cf. G. NP <i>Allo-broges</i> : <i>Nitio-broges</i> , lit. “from other country” vs. “inhabitant of own country”, similarly W. <i>Cymry</i> “Welsh” < * <i>kom-brogī-</i> “of the same country”; cf. also Pr. <i>broa</i> “uncultivated country which separates two fields” < G. * <i>broga</i>
<i>-m-</i>	OIr. <i>dechmad</i> , W. <i>degfed</i> , B. <i>dekved</i> , G. (Graufesenque) <i>decametos</i> “10th” < * <i>dekm̥eto-</i>

<i>n-</i>	OIr. <i>ni, ní, na</i> , W., C. <i>ny</i> , B. <i>ne</i> , G. (Lezoux, Larzac) <i>ne</i> “not”
<i>-n-</i>	OIr. <i>sen</i> , W., C., B. <i>hen</i> “old” < * <i>seno-</i> ; cf. G. NV <i>Seno-gnato, Seno-virus, Seno-rix</i>
<i>r</i>	OIr. NL <i>Humar-rith</i> , W. <i>rhyd</i> , OC. <i>rid</i> , OB. <i>rit, red</i> “ford” < * <i>pṛtu-</i> ; cf. G. <i>Ritu-magos</i> , today <i>Radepong, Mapo-ritum</i> (“son’s ford”), etc.
	OIr. <i>carr</i> , W. <i>càr</i> , B. <i>karr</i> “wagon” < * <i>kṛṣo-</i> , cf. G. > L. <i>carrus</i>
<i>l</i>	OIr. <i>lethan</i> , W. <i>llydan</i> , OB. <i>litan</i> , B. <i>ledan</i> “wide, large” < * <i>płt̥₂no-</i> , cf. G. NL <i>Litana (silva), Litano-briga</i>
<i>m</i>	OIr. <i>imb-, imm-</i> “around”, W. <i>am-</i> , G. <i>amb(i)-</i> < * <i>mbʰi-</i> < * <i>H₂n(t)-bʰi-</i>
<i>ŋ</i>	OIr. <i>land</i> “territory, soil, piece of land, plain”, W. <i>llan</i> “village”, B. <i>lann</i> “steppe, flat place” < *(<i>p(l)ndʰ-</i> ā); cf. G. > F. <i>landa</i> “uninhabited, uncultivated area”, Pr., Cat., Sp., Port., It. <i>landa</i> “field”
<i>i-</i>	OIr. <i>ét</i> “jealousy”, W. <i>add-iant</i> “longing” < * <i>iŋtu-</i> , cf. G. NV <i>Iantu-maros</i> = Ir. <i>étmair</i> “jealous”
<i>-i-</i>	OIr. <i>nóe, nuae</i> , W. <i>newydd</i> , C. <i>newyth</i> , OB. <i>nevid</i> , B. <i>nevez</i> , G. (Lezoux) <i>nouio..</i> “new” < * <i>nouijo-</i>
<i>u</i>	OIr. <i>fer</i> , W. <i>gwr</i> “man” < * <i>uiro-</i> ; cf. G. NV <i>Uiros</i> (coin), <i>Seno-uirus, Uiro-marus</i> , NL <i>Uiro-dunum</i> , today <i>Verdun</i> , etc.
<i>i</i>	OIr. <i>lind</i> “pool; liquid”, W. <i>lynn</i> “drink; lake”, OB. <i>lin</i> “pool, lake”, B. <i>lenn</i> < * <i>lindʰ-</i> ; cf. G. (Banassac) pl. <i>linda</i> “drink”
<i>u</i>	OIr. <i>dub</i> , OW. <i>Dub-</i> , W. <i>du</i> , OC. <i>duw</i> , B. <i>duw</i> “black” < * <i>dʰubʰ-u-</i> ; cf. G. NF <i>Dubis</i> , today <i>Doubs</i> , or the well <i>La Dhuine</i> (* <i>dubīnā</i>), from which the brook <i>Font noire</i> flows out today
<i>ī</i>	OIr. <i>lī</i> “colour”, W. <i>lliw</i> , OC. <i>liu</i> , B. <i>liou</i> id. < * <i>līuo-</i> ; cf. G. NV gen. <i>Lio-mari</i> , etc.
<i>ū</i>	OIr. <i>dún</i> “fortification”, W. NL <i>Din</i> , OB. <i>din</i> “arx” < * <i>dʰūno-</i> ; cf. G. - <i>dunum</i> in the names of fortifications; <i>dunum</i> “enim montem” in the viennese glosses
<i>e</i>	OIr. <i>sen</i> , W., C., B. <i>hen</i> “old” < * <i>seno-</i> , cf. G. NV <i>Seno-rix, Seno-virus, Seno-carus</i> , etc.
<i>a</i>	OIr. <i>all</i> “beyond”, W., OB. <i>all</i> “other”, G. (Graufesenque) <i>allos</i> “second” < * <i>alno-</i> ; cf. NP <i>Allobrog-ae, -es</i> = W. <i>allfro</i> “foreigner” (*“of other side of boundary”)
<i>o</i>	OIr. <i>oll</i> “big, great”, W., C., B. <i>oll</i> “all” < * <i>olno-</i> , cf. G. (Chamalières) <i>ollon</i> , NV <i>Ollo-gnatus</i>
<i>ē</i>	OIr. <i>rí</i> , gen. <i>ríg</i> , Ogam gen. <i>-rigas</i> , W. <i>rhi</i> “king” < * <i>rēg-s</i> , gen. - <i>os</i> ; cf. G. <i>Albio-, Bitu-, Dubno-rix</i> , all “world’s king”
<i>ā</i>	OIr. <i>máth(a)ir</i> = G. (Larzac) <i>matir</i> < * <i>mātēr</i> , cf. W. <i>modryb</i> , C. <i>modereb</i> , OB. <i>motrep</i> “aunt of the maternal side” < * <i>mātrkʷt̥</i>
<i>ō</i>	OIr. <i>már, mórr</i> , W. <i>mawr</i> , OC. <i>maur</i> , OB. <i>mor</i> , B. <i>meur</i> < Celt. * <i>māros</i> < * <i>mōro-</i> < * <i>moH₁-ro-</i> ; cf. G. NV <i>Maro-uirus, -boduus</i> , etc., <i>Catu-marus</i> = W. <i>Cadfawr, Nerto-marus</i> = OIr. <i>Nertmar</i>
<i>C₂C</i>	OIr. <i>athir</i> “father” < * <i>p₂ter</i> , G. voc. <i>ater</i> < * <i>p₂ter</i> , dat. pl. <i>atrebo</i> “patribus” < * <i>p₂trbʰos</i> ; cf. W. <i>edrydd</i> “dwelling” (“father’s [house]”) = MIr. <i>aithe</i> < Celt. * <i>atrios</i>
<i>ei</i>	OIr. <i>ríad(a)im</i> “I go, ride”, W. <i>rhwydd-hau</i> “to hurry” < * <i>rejdh-</i> ; cf. G. > L. <i>r(a)eda</i> “four-wheeled wagon”, similarly OIr. <i>dé-riad</i> “carriage and pair”
<i>ai</i>	OIr. <i>gae</i> , gen. <i>ga</i> “spear”, MW. <i>gwaew</i> , OB. <i>guugoiouou</i> “spear, javelin” (* <i>uo-gaiso-</i>) < * <i>gaiso-</i> ; cf. G. > L. <i>gaesum</i> “spear, javelin” (Servius, Nonius), also G. NV <i>Ario-gaisus</i> , Γαῖας ἀτόπιξ, etc.
<i>oi</i>	OIr. <i>óni</i> , late. <i>oen</i> , MW., C. <i>un</i> , B. <i>unan</i> “one” < * <i>oino-</i> , cf. G. NV <i>Oinos</i>
<i>eu</i>	OIr. <i>tuath</i> “tribe, people”, MW. <i>tut</i> “people, state”, W. <i>tūd</i> “landscape”, B. <i>tud</i> “people” < * <i>teutā</i> ; cf. G. ND <i>Teutatis / Toutates</i> , NV <i>Teuta, Teutalus, Teuta-gonus, Teuto-matus</i> , besides <i>Con-toutos, Uiro-touta</i>

<i>au</i>	OIr. <i>úa</i> , ó “from, through, with”, OW. <i>hou</i> , velš. <i>o</i> “if”, <i>o</i> “from” < * <i>au-</i> < ** <i>H₂eu-</i> ; cf. G. (Graufesenque) <i>autagis</i> “arrangement, schedule”
<i>ou</i>	OIr. <i>cruach</i> “heap, pile; mountain”, W. <i>crug</i> , OC., OB. <i>cruk</i> “hill” < * <i>krouko-/ā</i> ; cf. F. dial. (Béarnais) <i>cruque</i> “heap of earth”, B. NL <i>Croucincum</i> (Geograph of Ravenna), Κρουκίατοννον (Ptol.), etc.

4.2. Nominal declension in context of other old Celtic languages

Only the best documented paradigms are presented. The complete tabulation of the Celtic nominal declension was published by Blažek 2007.

(The Old Irish and proto-Goidelic paradigms follow Pedersen 1909–13 and Thurneysen 1946)

o-stems: OIr. *fer* “man”

	Gaulish	Lepontic	Celtiberian	Old Irish < Goidelic	late IE	early IE
Nom. sg. m.	-os	-os	-os	<i>in fer</i> < * <i>wiros</i>	-os	-os
Nom.-Acc.sg. n.	-on	-om	-om	<i>scél</i>	-om	-om
Acc. m.	-on/-om		-om	<i>in^N bfer^N</i> < * <i>wirom</i>	-om	-om
Voc.			-e?	<i>a^L fhír^L</i> < * <i>wire</i>	-e	-e
Gen.	-i			<i>ind^L fir^L</i> < * <i>wirī</i> Ogam maq(q)i	-ī	-iHi
			-o			
Dat.	-ui/-u	-ui	-ui	<i>-ind^L fhiur^L</i> < * <i>wirū</i> Ogam Bigu	-ōi	-o-ei
Loc.	-e	-ei	-ei		-ei	
Instr.	-u?		-u		-ō	-o-H _I
Abl.			-uð		-ōd	-o-ed
Nom.-Acc. du.				<i>fer</i> < * <i>wirā</i>	-ō	-o-H _I
Gen.				<i>fer</i> < * <i>wirou</i>		
Dat.				<i>fer(a)ib</i> < * <i>wirobim</i>		
Nom. pl. m.	-oi > -i	-oi	-oi	<i>ind^L fhír^L</i> < * <i>wirī</i>	-oi	-oi
Nom.-Acc. pl. n.			-a	<i>scél</i>	-ō ₂	-H ₂
Acc. m.	-us	-us	-us	<i>anna^G firu^G</i> < * <i>wirūs</i>	-ōns	-o-oms
Voc.				<i>a^L fhírū</i> < * <i>wirūs</i>	-ōs	-o-es
Gen.	-on		-um	<i>inna^N bfer^N</i> < * <i>wirom</i> Ogam maqa[n] maila-gni	-ōm/-om	-o-H-om?
				Ogam macorbo		
Dat.	-obo	-obos	-ubos	<i>-naib fer(a)ib</i> < * <i>wirobi</i>	-o-b ^h os	-o-b ^h os
Loc.					-ōis	-o-eis
Instr.	-uis/-us					
Abl.						

Note: The symbols ^G, ^L, ^N designate mutations, concretely G = *gemination*, if the word was terminated in -s, L = *lenition*, if the word was terminated in a vowel, N = *nasalisation*, if the word was terminated in a nasal.

ā-stems: OIr. *tuath* “kin, tribe”

	Gaulish	Lepontic	Celtiberian	Old Irish < Goidelic	late IE	early IE
Nom. sg.	-a	-a	-a	<i>in^L tuath^L</i> < *toutā Ogam inigena	-ā	
Acc.	-an/-im	-am	-am	<i>in^N duaih^N</i> < *toutim	-ām	
Voc.	-a?	-a		<i>a^L thuath^L</i> < *toutā	-ā	
Gen.	-as/-ias		-as	<i>inna^G tuiithe^G</i> < *toutiās Ogam Ercias	-ās	
Dat.	-ai/-i	-ai	-ai	(do)nd ^L <i>tuaith</i> < *toutī	-āi	
Loc.						
Instr.	-ia?					
Abl.			-að		-ād	
Nom.-Acc du.				tuatha		
Gen.				tuath		
Dat.				tuath(a)ib		
Nom. pl.	-as	-as	-i	<i>inna^G tuatha^G</i> < *toutās	-ās	
Acc.	-as	-aš	-as	<i>inna^G tuatha^G</i> < *toutās	-āns	
Voc.				<i>a^L thuatha</i> < *toutās	-ās	
Gen.	-anom		aum	<i>inna^N dtuath^N</i> < *toutānom	-ā-ōm/ -ā-nom	
Dat.	-abo			(do)naib <i>tuathaib</i> < *toutābi	-āb ^h o(s)	
Loc.						
Instr.	-abi				-āb ^h i(s)	
Abl.						

i-stems: OIr. *flaith* “rule, government”

	Gaulish	Lepontic	Celtiberian	Old Irish < Goidelic	late IE.	early IE
Nom. sg.	-is	-is	-is	<i>flaith</i> < *wlatiſ	-is	
Acc.	-in		-im	<i>flaith</i> < *wlatim	-im	
Voc.	-i			<i>flaith</i> < *wlati	-ei	
Gen.	-ηις			<i>flatho</i> , -a < *wlatois? Ogam Allattos	-eyos	
Dat.	-e	-ei	-ei	<i>flaith</i> < *wlatī	-ei	
Loc.						
Instr.						
Abl.			-ið		-id	
Nom.-Acc. du.				<i>flaith</i> < *wlatī	-ī	
Gen.				<i>flatho</i> , -a = gen. sg.		
Dat.				<i>fla(i)thib</i> < *wlatibim	-ib ^h im	
Nom. pl.	-εις /-is		-is	<i>fla(i)thi</i> < *wlatejes	-eyes	
Acc.			-is	<i>fla(i)thi</i> < *wlatīns	-īns	
Voc.				<i>fla(i)thi</i> < *wlatejes	-eyes	
Gen.	-iom		-isum?	<i>fla(i)the</i> < *wlatijōm	-iyōm	
Dat.						

	Gaulish	Lepontic	Celtiberian	Old Irish < Goidelic	late IE	early IE
Loc.						
Instr.				Dat. <i>fla(i)thib</i> < * <i>wlatibi</i>	- <i>ib^hi</i>	
Abl.						

u-stems: OIr. *guth* “voice”

	Gaulish	Lepontic	Celtiberian	Old Irish < Goidelic	late IE	early IE
Nom. sg.	-ov̥s /-us			<i>guth</i> < * <i>gutus</i> <i>guth</i> < * <i>gutum</i> <i>guth</i> < * <i>gutu</i> <i>gotho</i> , -a < * <i>gutous</i> Ogam Cunagussos	- <i>us</i>	
Acc.				<i>guth</i> < * <i>gutum</i>	- <i>um</i>	
Voc.				<i>guth</i> < * <i>gutu</i>	- <i>u</i>	
Gen.				<i>gotho</i> , -a < * <i>gutous</i> Ogam Vergoso	- <i>ous</i>	
Dat.	-oov		-uei	<i>guth</i> < * <i>gutū</i> Ogam magu , Manu	- <i>ewi</i>	
Loc.						
Instr.						
Abl.			-ueð		- <i>ewed?</i>	
Nom.-Acc. du.				<i>guth</i> < * <i>gutū</i>	- <i>ū</i>	
Gen.				<i>gotho</i> , -a < * <i>gutewou?</i>		
Dat.				<i>goth(a)ib</i> < * <i>guteubim</i>		
Nom. pl.	-oues			<i>goth(a)e</i> -a < * <i>gutewes</i>	- <i>ewes</i>	
Acc.				<i>guthu</i> < * <i>gutūns</i>	- <i>ūns</i>	
Voc.				<i>goth(a)e</i> < * <i>gutewes</i>	- <i>ewes</i>	
Gen.				<i>goth(a)e</i> < * <i>gutewjōm</i>	- <i>ewōm</i>	
Dat.	-ouib[u]s		-oum	Dat. <i>goth(a)ib</i> < * <i>guteubi</i>	- <i>web^h[o]s</i>	
Loc.						
Instr.						
Abl.					- <i>ewob^hi</i>	

r-stems: OIr. *ath(a)ir* “father”

	Gaulish	Lepontic	Celtiberian	Old Irish < Goidelic	late IE	early IE
Nom. sg.	-ir			<i>ath(a)ir</i> < *(p) <i>atīr</i>	* <i>pə₂tēr</i>	
Acc.	-rem			<i>ath(a)ir</i> < *(p) <i>ateram</i>	* <i>pə₂term</i>	
Voc.	-er			<i>ath(a)ir</i> < *(p) <i>atīr</i>	* <i>pə₂tēr</i>	
Gen.			-eros	<i>athar</i> < *(p) <i>atros</i> Ogam Akeras	* <i>pə₂etros</i>	
Dat.				<i>ath(a)ir</i> < *(p) <i>ateri</i>	* <i>pə₂teri</i>	
Loc.						
Instr.						
Abl.						
Nom.-Acc. du.				<i>athir</i> < *(p) <i>atere</i>	* <i>pə₂tere</i>	
Gen.				<i>athar</i> < *(p) <i>atrou</i>	* <i>pə₂trou</i>	
Dat.				<i>athr(a)ib</i> < *(p) <i>atribim</i>	* <i>pə₂trb^him</i>	

	Gaulish	Lepontic	Celtiberian	Old Irish < Goidelic	late IE	early IE
Nom. pl.				<i>a(i)thir</i> < *(p)ateres	* <i>pə₂teres</i>	
Acc.				<i>aithr(e)a</i> < *(p)aterās	* <i>pə₂terñs</i>	
Voc.				<i>aithr(e)a</i> < *(p)aterās	* <i>pə₂terñs</i>	
Gen.	-ron		-eres	<i>athr(a)e</i> < *(p)atrijōm	* <i>pə₂tr(iy)</i> ōm	
Dat.	-rebo				* <i>pə₂trb^ho</i>	
Loc.						
Instr.				Dat. <i>athr(a)ib</i> < *(p)atribi	* <i>pə₂trb^hi</i>	
Abl.						

n-stems: OIr. *cú* “dog”

	Gaulish	Lepontic	Celtiberian	Old Irish < Celtic	late IE	early IE
Nom. sg.	-ov/-u	-u	-u	<i>cú</i> < *kwū	* <i>kwō</i>	
Acc.				<i>coin</i> < *kwonim	* <i>kwon̥m</i>	
Voc.				<i>cú</i> < *kwū	* <i>kwō</i>	
Gen.			-unos	<i>con</i> < *kunos	* <i>kunos</i>	
				Ogam B<small>roin</small>ionas		
Dat.		-onei	-unei	<i>coin</i> < *kwonei	* <i>kwonei</i>	
Loc.						
Instr.			-unu			
Abl.			-uneð			
Nom.-Acc. du.				<i>coin</i> < *kwone	* <i>kwone</i>	
Gen.				<i>con</i> < *kunou	* <i>kunou</i>	
Dat.				<i>con(a)ib</i> < *kunobim	* <i>kunob^him</i>	
Nom. pl.				<i>coin</i> < *kwones	* <i>kwones</i>	
Acc.	-onas			<i>cona</i> < *kunās	* <i>kun̥s</i>	
Voc.						
Gen.				<i>con</i> < *kwonōm	* <i>kwonōm</i>	
Dat.		-onebos				
Loc.				Dat. <i>con(a)ib</i> < *kunobi	* <i>kunob^hi</i>	
Instr.						
Abl.						

Consonantic stems: OIr. *rí* “king”

	Gaulish	Lepontic	Celtiberian	Old Irish < Goidelic	late IE	early IE
Nom. sg.	-s		-s	<i>rí</i> < *rīgs	* <i>rēg̑s</i>	
Acc.				<i>ríg</i> < *rīgim	* <i>rēgm̥</i>	
Voc.				<i>rí</i> = Nom.	* <i>rēg̑s</i>	
Gen.	-os		-os	<i>ríg</i> < *rīgos	* <i>rēgos</i>	
				Ogam I<small>cor</small>igas		
Dat.	-i		-ei	<i>ríg</i> < *rīgei	* <i>rēgei</i>	
Loc.						

	Gaulish	Lepontic	Celtiberian	Old Irish < Goidelic	late IE	early IE
Instr.						
Abl.			-eð			
Nom.-Acc. du.				ríg	*rēgē	
Gen.				ríg	*rēgou	
Dat.				ríg(a)ib	*rēgob ^h im	
Nom. pl.						
Acc.			-es	ríg < *rīges	*rēgēs	
Voc.				ríga < *rīgās	*rēgns	
Gen.				ríga < *rīgās	*rēgns	
Dat.				ríg < *rīgom	*rēgom	
Loc.						
Instr.		-bi		Dat. ríg(a)ib < *rīgobi	*rēgob ^h i	
Abl.						

4.3. Pronouns

4.3.1. The personal pronouns are attested only in the reinforcing or enclitic roles (LG 69; Rubio Orecilla 1997):

Person	Pronoun	Examples and parallels
1 sg. nom. (< acc.)	mi < *mē	ande dion uediū-mi < *nd ^h i dijom ueidiō mē “ver- einen Gott ehre ich” = Gothic <i>in-weitib gub</i> (de Bernardo Stempel 2001, 164-68), <i>exsops pissiu-mi</i> < *eks-ok ^h s k ^h issiō mē “blind, I will see” (both Chamalières; see LG 159-60); cf. OIr. <i>mé</i> , W. <i>mi</i> “I”
1 sg. dat.	mi < *moi	<i>texstumisendi</i> < *jegs-tū-moi-sindi(n) (Châteaubleau; Schrijver 2001, 138)
1 sg. abl.	me or med met < *med	<i>tomedeclai</i> < *to-me-de-ek-lā-e (Voltino; Eska & Weiss 1996, 290) or *to-med-ek-lai? <i>met-ingi-set-ingi</i> “between me (and) between her” (Châteaubleau; Lambert 2001, 112)
2 sg. nom.	tu < *tū	<i>texs-tu-mi-sendi</i> “say you me that” (Châteaubleau; see Schrijver 2001, 138)
2 sg. dat.	ti < *toi	<i>tiedi</i> = <i>tiedi</i> (Banassac) < *tī etsi < *toi esti “tibi est” (DLG 140).
2 sg. acc.	ti < tē	<i>lotites snieddīc</i> < *snies-ti-c (Chamalières; see LG 69, 156)
3 sg. nom. f.	si < *sī-	<i>texsete si</i> ? (Châteaubleau), cf. pl. <i>sies</i> (LG 69, 169, 210); cf. OIr. <i>sí</i> , W., B. <i>hi</i> “she”
3 sg. abl. f.	set < *sed	<i>met-ingi-set-ingi</i> “between me (and) between her” (Châteaubleau; Lambert 2001, 112)
1 pl. nom.	sni(s) < *snē(s)	<i>lotites snieddīc</i> < *sni-esti-k ^h e (Chamalières); cf. OIr. <i>sní</i> , MW., OB. <i>ni</i> , MC. <i>ny</i> (see DLG 235; Katz 1998, 51, 54, 58-59, 79; contra: LG 156)
1 pl. gen.	onson < *ŋsom	<i>cantirtssuissonson</i> = *canti+(u)irts=suis+onson; cf. OB <i>han</i> , B. <i>hon</i> “our” (LG 160; RIG II. 2, 280)
2 pl. ?	suis < *sūēs	<i>cantirtssuis</i> = *canti+(u)irts=suis (Chamalières; see LG 69, 160);
2 pl. nom.?	sue	<i>texsetesi sue</i> (Châteaubleau; cf. Schrijver 2001, 139);
2 pl. acc.	sue	<i>sue cluiou</i> “je vous entendez” (Lambert 2001, 109) cf. OIr. <i>sí</i> , MW. <i>chwi</i> , OB. <i>hui</i> , MC. <i>why</i> (Katz 1998, 51)

Person	Pronoun	Examples and parallels
3 pl. acc. m.	<i>sos</i> < * <i>sons</i>	<i>lotites sniedðdic sos</i> (Chamalières); cf. OIr. -(s)u, B. -ho- (DLG 237)
3 pl. nom. f.	<i>sies</i> < * <i>sī-es</i>	<i>nitixsintor sies</i> (Larzac; see LG 69)

Note: Celtic languages represent the only IE branch, where the pronoun **egō* “I” is not directly attested. It is tempting to speculate about its traces in the formation *regu-c cambion* “I straighten bent one” < **regō* (e)g *kmbjōm*, attested in the inscription from Chamalières, parallel with the use of the reinforcing *mi*, e.g. in *uediú-mi* “I do honour”, *pissiu-mi* “je vois” (Chamalières); *iegu-mi* “je dis” (Châteaubleau).

4.3.2. Other pronouns

eianom gen. pl. f., *eiabi* dat./instr. pl. f. (Larzac) from the stem **eiā-* or **esiā-* (Schrijver 1997, 63);

isoc & *ison*? (both Chamalières); cf. Lepontic *iśos*, Celtiberian *iste*, Latin *iste* “that” (Schrijver 1997, 63);

ixsi “the same” (Châteaubleau); cf. L. *ipxi* (Lambert 2001, 108);

**sindos*: *insinde se bnanom brictom* “in(to) the magic of women here” (Larzac), *indas bnas* “the women” = OIr. acc. pl. *inna mná* (Schrijver 1997, 49); maybe also *sendi* (acc. sg. f.?) in *íexstumi-sendi* “appelle, toi, celle-ci pour moi” (Lambert 2001, 111);

**sonda* (nom. sg. f.) in *onda boca* “this mouth”, cf. W. *honn* “this” f. (Schrijver 1999, 48-49);

sosio in *Buscilla sosio legasit* “Buscilla has offered this” (Schrijver 1997, 49);

sosin “that” (nom. sg. ntr.) in *sosin celicnon* (Alise-Sainte-Reine), σοσιν νεμετον (Vaison-La-Romaine).

4.4. Numerals

	Gaulish	Old Irish	Gaelic	Manx	Welsh	Cornish	Breton	Celtiberian
1	* <i>oinos</i> (NV)	<i>oin-</i> , <i>óen-</i>	<i>aon</i>	<i>un</i>	<i>un</i>	<i>vn</i>	<i>un</i>	
								<i>san-</i> , cf. “1000”
2 m. f.	<i>uo-dui</i> “2x”	<i>dáu</i>	<i>da</i>	<i>da</i>	<i>dau</i> <i>dwy</i>	<i>dew</i> <i>dyw</i>	<i>daou</i> <i>diou</i>	
3 m. f.	<i>tidres</i>	<i>tri</i> <i>teoir</i>	<i>tri</i>	<i>tri</i>	<i>tri</i> <i>tair</i>	<i>try, tri</i> <i>te(y)r, tyyr</i>	<i>tri</i> <i>teir</i>	<i>tiris</i> acc. sg.
4 m. f.	<i>petuar[ios]⁺</i>	<i>cetha(i)r</i> <i>cethéoir</i>	<i>ceithir</i>	<i>kaire</i>	<i>pedwar</i> <i>pedair</i>	<i>peswar</i> <i>peder, -yr</i>	<i>pevar</i> <i>peder</i>	
5	<i>pinpe-, pompe</i>	<i>cóic</i>	<i>coig</i>	<i>queig</i>	<i>pump</i>	<i>pump</i>	<i>pemp</i>	? <i>kuekue-</i>
6	<i>suexos⁺</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>shey</i>	<i>chwech</i>	<i>whe(gh)</i>	<i>c'houec'h</i>	<i>sues</i>
7	<i>sextan/m-</i>	<i>secht</i>	<i>seachd</i>	<i>shiaght</i>	<i>saith</i>	<i>seyth, syth</i>	<i>seiz</i>	
8	<i>oxtu-</i>	<i>ocht</i>	<i>ochd</i>	<i>hoght</i>	<i>wyth</i>	<i>eth</i>	<i>eiz</i>	
9	<i>namet[os]⁺</i>	<i>noí</i>	<i>naoi</i>	<i>noy</i>	<i>naw</i>	<i>naw</i>	<i>nao, nav</i>	<i>nouan-</i>
10	<i>decam-</i>	<i>deich</i>	<i>deich</i>	<i>jeih</i>	<i>deg</i>	<i>dek</i>	<i>dek</i>	<i>tekam-</i>
100	<i>canto-</i>	<i>cét</i>	<i>ceud</i>	<i>keead</i>	<i>cant</i>	<i>cans</i>	<i>kant</i>	<i>kantom</i>

	Gaulish	Old Irish	Gaelic	Manx	Welsh	Cornish	Breton	Celtiberian
1000		<i>mile</i>	<i>mile</i>	<i>thousane</i>	<i>mil</i>	<i>myl</i>	<i>mil</i>	<i>san-kilista-</i>

Note 1: The symbol “+” indicates the ordinals.

Note 2: The Neo-Celtic numeral “1000” was borrowed from Latin *mille*, with exception of Manx, where it is a loan from English.

4.5. Verbal morphology

The verbal morphology of Gaulish is mapped only very fragmentarily. It is difficult to complete the paradigms and for this reason the individual forms will be analyzed (LG 64-66):

Present indicative

1 sg. thematic in *-u* & *-ou* [-ū] < *-ō, frequently with reinforcing *-mi* (*mē) *delgu* “je contiens” (Bannasac); *gniōu* “je connais” & *cluiou* “j’entends” (Châteaubleau)

ueditumi “I do honour”, *pissíumi* “je vois” (Chamalières); *iegu-mi* “je dis” (Châteaubleau)

1 sg. athematic in *-mi* & *-me* < *-mi

ψμι (Graffiti from Pennes-Mirabeau), *geneta imi* “I am a girl/daughter” (conic circles outweighed distaffs from Eastern Gaul) < *es-mi.

petame “je demande” (Châteaubleau), cf. W. *pedaf*, B. *pedañ* “je prie”, borrowed from L. *petō*, -ere.

2 sg. athematic in *-si?*

esi “thou are” (Larzac) < *essi; the usual derivation from the 3 sg. *esti is more difficult (cf. DLG 140).

3 sg. thematic in *-t* < *-ti

senit (Larzac), *sesit* (Chamalières), *neat* (Argenton-sur-Creuse).

3 sg. athematic

tiedi = *tiedī* (Banassac) < *tī etsi < *toi esti “tibi est” (DLG 140).

1 pl. thematic in *-massi?*

petamassi (Châteaubleau) < *-mosi, cf. OIr. absolute *-mai* < *-mosi (Lambert 2001, 101)

3 pl. thematic in *-nt(i)*

senant (Paris, Pilier des Nautes), [i]αχταντ (Beaucaire),

(passive) *diligentir* (Larzac)

(relative) *dugionti-io* “qui honorent” (Alise), *sagitionti-ias* or *ont-iias* “qui cherchent” (Larzac)

Future: desiderative, sometimes deponent

1 sg. *siaxsiou* “je chercherai” (Châteaubleau) < *si-sag-sjō.

1 sg. deponent *marcosior* “que je fasse le cheval” (conic circles outweighed distaffs).

1 sg. deponent *velor* “je voudrais” (Marcellus of Bordeau; see LG 179).

3 sg. *bissiet* “il sera” (Chamalières).

3 pl. relative *toncsiionti-io* “qui auront juré / jeté le sort” (Chamalières)

Subjunctive in -s-

2 sg. *redresta* “que tu montes” (Cajarc; LG 65)

2 pl. *iexsetesi sue regenia tu* “may you try & get, ye, ancestors, (and) thou” (Châteaubleau), where *iexsetesi* is derivable from *ēg-s-e-tesi-(e)s or -(e)t (Lambert 2001, 95; Schrijver 2001, 139-41; IE *H₁eig^h-)

Optative in -si-, deponent

3 pl. *ni tixsintor* (Larzac).

Imperative

2 sg. in -i: *lubi* (grafitties); *gabi* (conic circles outweighed distaffs from St.-Révérieren)

2 sg. in -e: *luge, luxse* (Chamalières), *ueííobié* “sois fiancé” (Châteaubleau)

Note: The forms *andigs, incors* (Larzac) can belong here too, if the expected final -i was apocopated (cf. *luxse*).

2 pl. in -tis (-ti+is?): *ibetis* “drink” (Limé), cf. OIr. *ibid*, B. *evit*, Vannetais *ivet* id. (DLG 157).

Preterite

3 sg.

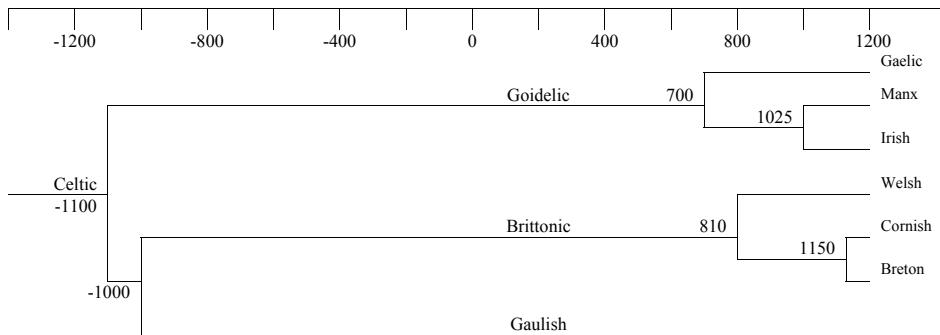
δεδε < *d^he-d^hH₂-e “a offert”.

sioxti (La Graufesenque); cf. OIr. *sīacht* “a cherché” < *se-sag-ti.

ειωρού / *ieuru* “a offert” < *(p)e-(p)orH-u, cf. OIr. *ernaid* “il offre” (LG 104–06; Isaac 1997).

5. Conclusion: On the position of Gaulish within Celtic

The lexical data of Gaulish are not complete (c. 70% of the basic lexicon consisting of 100 semantic units), but sufficient for application of the so-called ‘recalibrated’ glottochronology. This result supports the Gallo-Brittonic unity, but the chronological level of its disintegration is only one century younger than the Goidelic / Gallo-Brittonic disintegration. It is a pity that the lexical corpus of Celtiberian is too scarce to include it in this comparison as well. On the other hand, Lepontic seems to belong to the same dialect zone as Gaulish.



Abbreviations: B. Breton, C. Cornish, Cat. Catalonian, Celt. Celtic, E. English, F. French, G. Gaulish, Germ. German, Gmc. Germanic, HG. High German, IE Indo-European, Ir. Irish, It. Italian, L. Latin, M Middle, ND nomen dei, NL nomem loci, NP nomen populi, NV nomen viri, O Old, OCS Old Church Slavonic, Port. Portuguese, Pr. Provençal, Sp. Spanish, W. Welsh.

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RESUMÉ

Cílem předkládaného článku je shrnout současný stav poznání galského jazyka. Vzhledem k omezenému prostoru byl možný pouze výběr faktů: ukázky epigrafických památek a jejich interpretace podle různých autorů, nástin historicko-srovnávací fonetiky, fragmenty jmenné, zájmenné a slovesné flexe, číslovky. Bibliografie shrnuje nejnovější významné práce, plus některé studie starší, jejichž cena nadále zůstává.

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