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n. pl. **bac·u·la** or **bac·u·lums**

The bone of the penis of many mammals, including most rodents, carnivores, and nonhuman primates. Also called *os penis*.

[New Latin, from Latin, rod, stick; see **bak-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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