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SHORT COMMUNICATION

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**Abstract.** A replacement name Obscuroplaca for the illegitimate genus Phaeoplaca is introduced. The three known species are transferred as Obscuroplaca camptidia, O. ochrolechioides, and O. tortuca.

**Key words:** Caloplacoideae, Chrysophyceae, Golden Algae

**Introduction**

We recently introduced the name Phaeoplaca Søchting et al., as a new genus in Teloschistaceae (Bungartz et al. 2020). At the time of publication, we were not aware that Chodat et al. (1926) had first proposed an identical name for a genus of freshwater algae in the Chrysophyceae Pascher. The International Code of Nomenclature for algae, fungi, and plants (Turland et al. 2018) applies to both fungi and algae. The name of each taxonomic group governed by the code has to be unique. Therefore, the name Phaeoplaca is an illegitimate later homonym of Chodat’s name. To remedy the situation, we introduce Obscuroplaca as a replacement name here.

**Obscuroplaca Søchting, Arup & Bungartz, nom. nov.**

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**Obscuroplaca tortuca** (Søchting & Bungartz) Søchting & Bungartz, comb. nov.

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