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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 both to 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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Replaced name: **Phaeoplaca** Søchting, Arup & Bungartz, Plant and Fungal Systematics 65: 546. 2020, nom. illegit. [ICN (Shenzhen) Art. 53.1].


Type: **Obscuroplaca camptidia** (Tuck.) Søchting et al. (syn. Lecanora camptidia Tuck.).

Etymology: This replacement name is a combination of the syllables ‘-placa’ hinting at **Caloplaca** (from which species in the genus were transferred), and the Latin ‘-obscuro’ meaning ‘dark’, referring to the overall dull color of thallus and apothecia, both lacking the typically bright anthraquinones of most other members of the Teloschistaceae.

The following three species were previously included in the genus and are all transferred here into **Obscuroplaca**.

**Obscuroplaca camptidia** (Tuck.) Søchting, Arup & Bungartz, comb. nov.

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**Obscuroplaca ochrolechioides** (S.Y. Kondr. & Kärnefelt) Søchting & Bungartz, comb. nov.

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

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