

SHORT COMMUNICATION

**A replacement name for *Hualpenia* Mundaca, Parra & Vargas
(Lepidoptera, Gracillariidae)**

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ABSTRACT. A replacement name for *Hualpenia* Mundaca, Parra & Vargas (Lepidoptera, Gracillariidae). *Vihualpenia* **nom. nov.** is proposed as a replacement name for *Hualpenia* Mundaca, Parra & Vargas, 2013 (Lepidoptera, Gracillariidae), in order to remove homonymy with *Hualpenia* Franz, 1996 (Coleoptera, Staphylinidae).

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A new genus of Neotropical Gracillariidae was recently described from a relict of transitional schlerophyllous-latifoliated evergreen forest of the Hualpén Peninsula, in Concepción, southern central Chile (Mundaca *et al.* 2013). However, Dr. Miguel A. Monné brought to attention the issue of homonymy of the genus name, which had been previously used by Franz (1996) in Coleoptera. Thus, a replacement name for the junior homonym is here proposed.

***Vihualpenia* nom. nov.**

As a replacement name for *Hualpenia* Mundaca, Parra & Vargas, 2013 (type species: *Hualpenia lithraeophaga* Mundaca, Parra & Vargas, 2013: 158); not *Hualpenia* Franz, 1996 (type species: *Hualpenia relictica* Franz, 1996: 124).

Etymology. The first two letters in the genus name derive from the name Viviane, in honor to Dr. Viviane Jerez, for her great contributions to the study of Neotropical Coleoptera, and for her valuable work as professor at the Departamento

de Zoología, Universidad de Concepción. The remaining part of the genus name derives from the type locality.

As a result of the name replacement, the following new combination is introduced for the only species included in this genus: *Vihualpenia lithraeophaga* (Mundaca, Parra & Vargas, 2013) **comb. nov.**

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