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### **Synonymy in the armoured scale insect genus *Unaspis* MacGillivray (Hemiptera: Coccoomorpha: Diaspididae)**

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In recent years, an undescribed species of *Unaspis* MacGillivray (Hemiptera: Coccoomorpha: Diaspididae) has become a damaging pest on the fruit crop *Lansium domesticum* Corrêa (family Meliaceae) in the Philippines.

A communications failure has resulted in this insect being described almost simultaneously by workers in different parts of the world. Lit and Barbecho (2014) described the pest as *U. mabilis* Lit & Barbecho and provided photographs and a graph to help separate the species from *U. citri* (Comstock). Watson (2015) described the pest as *U. lansivora* Watson and provided a detailed taxonomic illustration of the species and an identification key to all the described species of *Unaspis*.

The purpose of this short note is to formally make the name *Unaspis lansivora* Watson, 2015, a junior synonym of *U. mabilis* Lit & Barbecho, 2014.

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