NEW SUBSTITUTE NAMES FOR TWO PREOCCUPIED TACHINID GENERA PARAGONIA MESNIL, 1950 AND MENETUS ALDRICH, 1926 (DIPTERA)

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ABSTRACT: Two junior homonyms were detected amongst the Tachinidae and the following replacement names are proposed: Mesnilius for Paragonia Mesnil, 1950 and Aldrichomyia for Menetus Aldrich, 1926. Accordingly, new combinations are herein proposed for the type species currently included in monotypic genera Paragonia Mesnil, 1950 and Menetus Aldrich, 1926.

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Remarks: Mesnil (1950) proposed the genus Paragonia with the type species Paragonia portentosa Mesnil, 1950 by original designation in the fly family Tachinidae (Diptera) (Cantrell & Crosskey, 1989; Evenhuis, 1996; O’Hara & Wood, 2004; O’Hara, 2005). Unfortunately, the generic name was already preoccupied by Huebner (1823), who had described the genus Paragonia with the type species Phalaena tasima Cramer, 1779 by monotypy in the moth family Geometridae (Lepidoptera). Scoble et al. (1999) included 9 species and 2 subspecies (inc. nominates) in the genus Paragonia Huebner, 1823 and also Cly sia Guenée, 1858 as a junior synonym of the genus Paragonia. Thus, Paragonia Mesnil, 1950 is invalid under the law of homonymy, being a junior homonym of Paragonia Huebner [1823]. In accordance with article 60 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, fourth edition (1999), I propose to substitute the junior homonym Paragonia Mesnil, 1950 for the nomen novum Mesnilius.

Etymology: from L. P. Mesnil who current author name of preexisting genus Paragonia. The name is masculine in gender.
Distribution: Known from Australia (WA).

Summary of nomenclatural changes:

*Mesnilius* **new replacement name** = *Paragonia* Mesnil, 1950 (non Huebner, [1823])


*Aldrichomyia nom. nov., substitute name*


**Remarks:** The name *Menetus* was initially introduced by Adams & Adams (1855) for a genus of the gastropod family Planorbidae (with the type species *Menetus opercularis* (Gould, 1847)). At present, the genus *Menetus* Adams & Adams, 1855 includes 5 species and 2 subspecies as *Menetus alabamensis* Pilsbry, 1895; *Menetus brogniartianus* (I. Lea, 1842); *Menetus dilatatus dilatatus* (Gould, 1841); *Menetus dilatatus avus* Pilsbry, 1905; *Menetus floridensis* F. C. Baker, 1945; *Menetus opercularis* (Gould, 1847) and *Menetus sampsoni* Ancy, 1885 (Baker, 1945; Thompson, 1983; Burch, 1989; Turgeon et al., 1998). Subsequently, Aldrich (1926) described a new nearctic fly genus of the family Tachinidae (with the type species *Brachicoma macropogon* Bigot, 1889 by monotypy) under the same generic name (O’Hara & Wood, 2004). Thus, *Menetus* Aldrich, 1926 is invalid under the law of homonymy, being a junior homonym of *Menetus* Adams & Adams, 1855. In accordance with article 60 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, fourth edition (1999), I propose for the genus *Menetus* Aldrich, 1926 the new replacement name *Aldrichomyia nom. nov.*

Etymology: from Aldrich who current author name of preexisting genus *Menetus*. The name is masculine in gender.

Distribution: Known from nearctic region.

Summary of nomenclatural changes:


*Aldrichomyia macropogon* (Bigot, 1889) **new comb.** from *Menetus* Aldrich, 1926.
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