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ABSTRACT

A new genus and species of the Mathildellidae *Prebranchioplax cretatica* (Crustacea: Decapoda: Goneplacoidea) is reported from shallow marine sediments of the upper Campanian Parras Shale and Cerro del Pueblo Formation (Parras Basin), Coahuila, NE Mexico. *Prebranchioplax cretatica* was collected from siliceous concretions associated with more abundant specimens of the retroplumid *Costacopluma mexicana* Vega and Perrilliat, 1989. *P. cretatica* bears similarities to Eocene species of *Branchioplax* from

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