

# *Sueria laxinervis*, a new fossil species of cycadales from the upper cretaceous quiriquina formation in cocholgüe, Bíobío Region, Chile

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A new fossil cycad species, *Sueria laxinervis*, is described from the Upper Cretaceous (Maastrichtian) Quiriquina Formation in Cocholgüe, Bíobío Region, Chile. The generic assignment is supported by the taeniopterid-type leaf with haplocheilic stomata and sinuate anticlinal walls of leaf epidermal cells, while *S. laxinervis* clearly differs from the other two described *Sueria* species in its sparse veins and large epidermal cells. The vascular bundles of the midrib are arranged in an inverted-omega shape, supporting the placement of *Sueria* in Cycadales.