**A brief history of evolutionary thought: *Cerion* (Mollusca) as an exemplar taxon**

**Gould, Stephen J.**1,2,\*, Charles Darwin1, Jean-Baptiste de Lamarck3

1 Department of Life Sciences, Natural History Museum, London, UK

2 Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Harvard University, USA

3 Institut de Systématique, Évolution, Biodiversité (UMR 7205), Muséum National d’Histoire Naturelle, France

\*Corresponding author: sjgould@harvard.com

Main text here: 150 word limit.

* Include mention of a higher taxonomic group to give context. This is a cross-taxonomic audience.
* Use proper nomenclatural standards – write out genus and species in italics with taxonomic authority on first mention. For example: *Cerion hyperlissum* Pilsbry & Vanatta, 1896 and *Cerion uva* (Linnaeus, 1758) (Gastropoda).
* Do not include references in the abstract.
* Presenting author should be in bold.