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Asterostroma medium

Figures 1–8

Asterostroma medium Bres. 1920 [3 : 49] ≡ *Asterostroma cervicolor f. medium* (Bres.) Bourdot & Galzin 1920 [2 : 46]

Basidiome effused, separable, hypochnoid to soft membranaceous, fragile, up to 1 mm thick.

Hymenophore at first discontinuous, somewhat araneose, then more continuous and smooth, pale yellowish brown to ochre brown.

Context soft tomentose, darker than the hymenial surface.

Margin abrupt or thinning out, byssoid, araneose.

Rhizomorphs thin, normally present in the subiculum, at the margin and in substratum.

Hyphal system dimitic with asterohyphidia; generative hyphae regular, distinct, with simple septa, 1.8–3 µm in diam. Rhizomorphs built up by parallelly arranged hyphae, simple-septate, 2–3 µm wide, covered by asterohyphidia of the 'deep type'.

Gloeocystidia more or less subulate, 40–100×5–8 µm, sometimes with an apical schizopapilla.

Asterohyphidia deep in context with rays 50–80 (90)×2.5–4.5 (6) µm, sometimes bifurcated, thick-walled, ochraceous to brownish, progressively smaller toward the hymenium.

Basidia utriform or slightly compressed, (25) 30–45 (55)×5–7 µm; 4 sterig mata.

Basidiospores slightly subglobose, subangular, turbinate, 4–5.5×3.8–4.5 (5) µm, with 5–7 tubercles on the outline, 1.5–2 (3) µm long and 1–1.5 µm broad at the base, binucleate.

Chemical reactions: IKI: spores amyloid; CB: young asterohyphidia cyanophilous, spores and hyphae CB–.



Fig. 1: Dried basidiome. Image width = 57 mm [em-11513]

Voucher specimens

FRANCE — **Vaucluse** — Rustrel, La Forge, on wood of a lying, decayed trunk of a deciduous tree, leg. E. Martini, 13.XI.2007 (em-10339)

SWITZERLAND — **Ticino** — Bedretto, Ciosis Prato, on bark of a lying, rather hard twig of *Picea abies*, leg. A. Riva, 1.IX.2001 (em-7663) — Losone, on wood of a lying, decayed trunk of a coniferous tree, leg. E. Zenone, 18.XII.1986 (em-758) — Morbio Inferiore, giardino di via S. Giorgio, on wood of a lying, decayed branch of *Prunus laurocerasus*, leg. F. Delmenico, 18.VI.2008 (em-10527) — Val Calnègia, Gerra, on bark of a lying, rather hard branch of *Larix decidua*, leg. E. Martini, 19.VI.2011 (em-11513)

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Fig. 2: Old basidiome toward the margin. Image width = 23 mm [em-10339]



Fig. 3: Dried basidiome. Image width = 11 mm [em-758]



Fig. 4: Dried basidiome: detail of the hymenophore. Image width = 9 mm
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Fig. 5: Dried basidiome: detail of a young, hypochnoid part. Image width = 9 mm
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Fig. 6: Rhizomorphs. Image width = 11 mm [em-758]

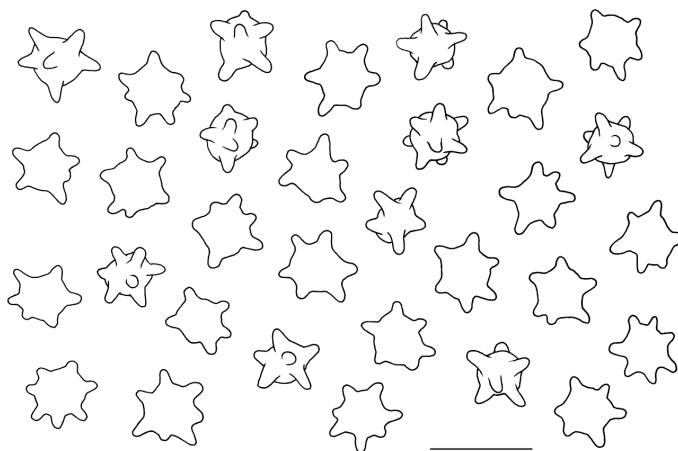


Fig. 7: Basidiospores. Bar = 10 μm [em-758]



Fig. 8: Vertical section of the basidiome. Bar = 10 μm [em-758]



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