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## **An addition to the hyphomycete genus *Melanographium* from Thailand**

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The genus *Melanographium* is reviewed, a key to accepted species is provided, and its geographical distribution is discussed. *Melanographium proliferum* collected from dead leaves of a climber in Thailand is illustrated, described as a new species and compared with other *Melanographium* species.

**Key words:** anamorphic fungi, *Melanographium proliferum*, tropical.

### **Introduction**

During our continuing investigation on saprobic microfungi in Thailand (Somrithipol and Jones, 2003; Chatmala *et al.*, 2004), a fungus referable to the genus *Melanographium* was collected on dead leaves of a plant climber. The morphological characteristics of this fungus, however, do not agree with any known taxa and it is therefore described here as a new species.

### **The genus *Melanographium* Sacc.**

Saccardo (1913) erected the genus *Melanographium* with *M. spleniosporum* Sacc. as the type species. Saccardo and Trotter (1931) later transferred *Sporostachy anceps* Sacc. and *S. maximus* Sacc. (originally as *S. maxima*) to *Melanographium* (*M. anceps* (Sacc.) Sacc. and *M. maxima* (Sacc.) Sacc.).

Hughes (1958) examined the type of *Cordella spinulosa* Speg. and transferred it to *Melanographium spinulosum* (Speg.) S. Hughes. The later described species (*Cordella tomentosa* Speg., *M. spleniosporum*, and *Trichosporum selenioides* Sacc. & Paol.) were considered as heterotypic

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synonyms of *M. spinulosum*. However, the transfer of *T. selenioides* and *M. spleniosporum* as synonyms of *M. spinulosum* has not been widely accepted (Ellis, 1963; Srivastava and Morgan-Jones, 1996; Goh and Hyde, 1997). Ellis (1963) transferred *T. selenioides* to *Melanographium selenioides* (Sacc. & Paol.) M.B. Ellis with *M. spleniosporum* as its synonym. *Melanographium selenioides* was designated as the type species of the genus (Ellis, 1963).

Hughes (1958) regarded the taxon '*Sporostachy anceps* Sacc.' as *nomen confusum* because this taxon was described based on two fungi: conidiophores of *Sporostachy maximus* and conidia of *Chlamydomyces palmarum* (Cooke) Mason. Hughes (1958) chose *S. maximus* as the lectotype species for the genus *Sporostachy* and regarded this species as a heterotypic synonym of *M. spinulosum*. Consequently, the genus *Sporostachy* became a synonymy of the genus *Melanographium*.

Hughes (1958) examined the type of *Monotospora fasciculata* Sacc. and considered this fungus should be placed in the genus *Melanographium*. However, the taxon '*Monotospora fasciculata* Sacc.' could not be used for nomenclatural combination because it was a later homonym of *Monotospora fasciculata* Cooke & Masee. Hughes (1958), therefore, proposed *Melanographium fasciculatum* S. Hughes as a new name (*nomen novum*) for '*Monotospora fasciculata* Sacc.'

Hughes (1958) considered *Pseudocamptoum citri* Frag. & Cif., the type species of the genus, and *Monotospora fasciculata* Cooke & Masee as heterotypic synonyms of *M. spinulosum*. Consequently, the genus *Pseudocamptoum* Frag. & Cif. became a synonym of the genus *Melanographium*. However, the transfers of *P. citri* and *Monotospora fasciculata* Cooke & Masee to *M. spinulosum* have not been currently accepted (Ellis, 1963; Srivastava and Morgan-Jones, 1996; Goh and Hyde, 1997). Ellis (1963) was of the opinion that these species were not conspecific. Ellis (1963), therefore, proposed *Melanographium cookei* M.B. Ellis as a new name (*nomen novum*) for *Monotospora fasciculata* Cooke & Masee and transferred *P. citri* to *Melanographium citri* (Gonz. Frag. & Cif.) M.B. Ellis.

Two fungi referred to *Melanographium*: *M. thunbergiae* P. Rag. Rao (Rao, 1962) and *M. trachycarpi* I. Hino & Katum., have not been currently accepted (Srivastava and Morgan-Jones, 1996; Goh and Hyde, 1997). *Melanographium thunbergiae* was described and compared with *M. anceps* but regarded as *nomen confusum* as its conidia are similar to those of *Chlamydomyces palmarum*, while *M. trachycarpi* was considered as the later name of *M. citri* (Srivastava and Morgan-Jones, 1996).

Four *Melanographium* species were subsequently described including *M. indicum* Saikia & A.K. Sarbhoy (Saikia and Sarbhoy, 1981), *M. laxum* Rifai

(Rifai, 1982), *M. calami* N. Srivast., A.K. Srivast. & Kamal (Srivastava and Morgan-Jones, 1996), and *M. palmicola* Goh & K.D. Hyde (as '*M. palmicolum*') (Goh and Hyde, 1997).

Of the fourteen species referred to the genus *Melanographium*, Goh and Hyde (1997) accepted nine species, provided a synopsis table, and a key to the species. This genus is characterised by: dark and unbranched conidiophores generally arising in a group from an immersed stromata; polyblastic conidiogenous cells with sympodial proliferation; and pigmented, holoblastic, 1-celled conidia, frequently reniform in shape and often with a hyaline germ slit (Ellis, 1971; Goh and Hyde, 1997). Species are distinguished by length of the conidiophores, pattern of conidiophore grouping (single, synnemata, loosely or dense fascicles), conidial shape (straight, curved, or strongly curved), and conidial size.

### Materials and methods

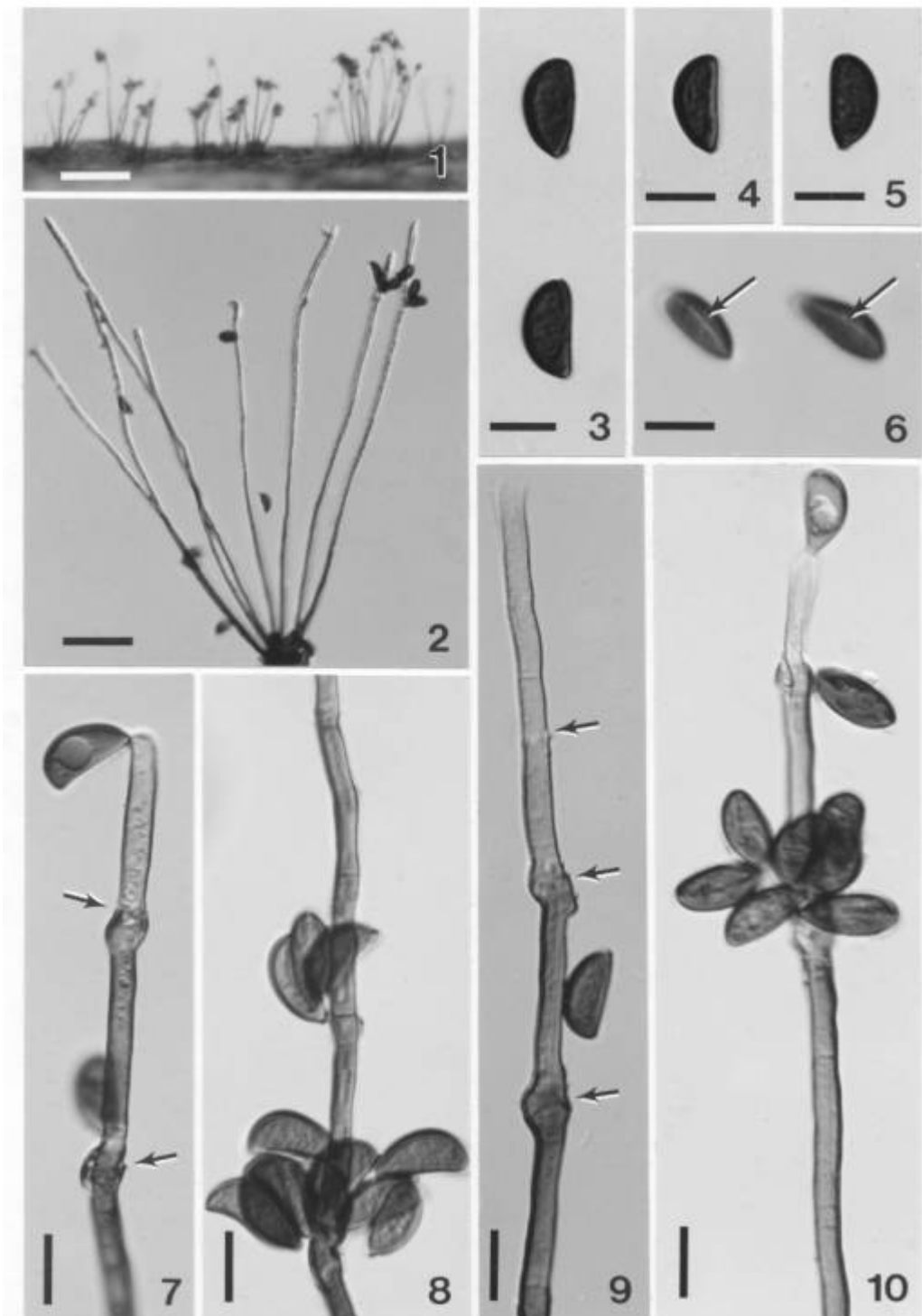
Decaying plant material, especially leaves, fruits and seeds, were collected in the forests of Thailand, incubated in moist chambers and periodically observed under the microscope for fungi. Methods of examination and isolation follow Somrithipol and Jones (2003). Morphological measurements include the arithmetic mean ( $\bar{x}$ ), and standard deviation for  $n$  measured units. All materials examined were oven dried at 60°C and deposited in the BIOTEC Bangkok Herbarium (BBH). Cultures were deposited in BIOTEC Culture Collection (BCC), Thailand.

### Taxonomy

***Melanographium proliferum* Somrithipol & E.B.G. Jones, sp. nov.** (Figs. 1-11)

*Etymology*: referring to the proliferating conidiophores.

Ad fungus anamorphoses, hyphomycetes foliicola pertinens. *Coloniae* caespitosae, atro-brunneae, *Mycelium* immersum. *Stromata* immersa vel partim superficiales, plectenchymatica. *Setae* et *hyphopodia* absentia. *Conidiophora* ex superis stromatum oriunda, 5-20 in fasciculo, macronemata, mononemata, caespitosa, non ramosa, deorsum recta, superne flexuosa, laevia et crassitunicata, brunnea vel atro-brunnea, identidem truncis nodosis vel doliiformibus vel ovoideis percurrenter proliferantia, 210-410  $\mu$  longa, ad basim 4.3-8.5  $\mu$  lata, apicem versus 3.0-4.5  $\mu$  lata. *Cellulae conidiogenetes* polyblasticae, integratae, terminales et intercalaria, cum sympodiale proliferatione conidia plura ad locos eosdem aut altiores successive producens, intercalares conidiogenetes loci compacti plerumque ad nodosas proliferationes positi. *Conidia* holoblastica, solitaria, sicca, acropleurogenetia, plerumque reniformia, brunnea, laevia, unicellulosa, in parte convexa fissura hyalina longitudinale singulariter praedita, 10.4-20.7  $\mu$  longa, ad centrum cum maxima crassitudine 6.1-8.5  $\mu$  lata. *Conidiorum secessio* schizolytica. *Teleomorphis* absens.



**Holotypus:** ex Thailandia, 'Phatthalung' provincia in mortuis foliis Angiospermae a U. Pinruan lectus (SFC 1643 in BBH a S. Somrithipol depositus). **Cultura ex-typo:** BCC 15581 in BCC a S. Somrithipol deposita.

Anamorphic fungi, foliicolous hyphomycetes. *Colonies* tufted, dark blackish-brown (Fig. 1). *Mycelium* immersed. *Stroma* immersed or partly superficial, plectenchymatous. *Setae* and *Hyphopodia* absent. *Conidiophores* arising from the upper part of the stroma, 5-20 in fascicle (Fig. 2), macronematous, mononematous, caespitose, unbranched, straight below, flexuous near the apex, smooth and thick-walled, brown to dark brown, with percurrent proliferation that is often nodose, doliiform, or ovoid in shape (Figs. 7-10), 210-410  $\mu\text{m}$  long ( $\bar{x} = 319 \pm 54.9 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $n = 25$ ), 4.3-8.5  $\mu\text{m}$  wide at the base ( $\bar{x} = 5.0 \pm 0.9 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $n = 25$ ), 3.0-4.5  $\mu\text{m}$  wide at the apex ( $\bar{x} = 4.0 \pm 0.4 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $n = 25$ ). *Conidiogenous cells* polyblastic, integrated, terminal and intercalary, with sympodial proliferation to produce conidia at the same or higher level, intercalary conidiogenous loci compact, often at the nodose proliferations. *Conidia* holoblastic, solitary, dry, acropleurogenous, frequently reniform, brown, smooth, unicellular (Figs. 3-5), with a hyaline longitudinal slit on the convex side (Fig. 6), 10.4-20.7  $\mu\text{m}$  long ( $\bar{x} = 15.7 \pm 1.8 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $n = 50$ ), 6.1-8.5  $\mu\text{m}$  wide at the broadest central part ( $\bar{x} = 6.9 \pm 0.6 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $n = 50$ ). *Conidial secession* schyzolytic. *Teleomorph* absent.

*Holotype* from Thailand, Phatthalung Province, on dead angiosperm leaves, collected by U. Pinruan (SFC 1643, deposited in BBH by S. Somrithipol). *Type culture:* BCC 15581, deposited in BCC by S. Somrithipol.

Colonies on CMA at 20°C reaching a diameter 1.3-1.6 cm ( $\bar{x} = 1.4 \pm 0.1$  cm,  $n = 10$ ) in 7 days with white and scanty aerial mycelium and without pigmentation in the agar. Colonies on PDA under the same condition reaching a diameter 2.3-3.0 cm ( $\bar{x} = 2.5 \pm 0.2$  cm,  $n = 10$ ) in 7 days with cream and floccose aerial mycelium, turning to yellow in aged, and yellowish pigmentation in the agar. No sporulating structures were observed.

## Discussion

*Melanographium proliferum* markedly differs from other *Melanographium* species in possessing conidiophores with compact conidiogenous loci (Figs. 8, 10), around the nodose area of percurrent proliferation (Figs. 7, 9, 10). Conidiophores with such characters are unusual in any *Melanographium* species and *M. proliferum* is, therefore, described as a new species.

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**Figs. 1-10.** Light micrographs of *Melanographium proliferum* (from holotype). **1.** Colony on natural substratum. **2.** Conidiophores on a stroma in a dense fascicle. **3-5.** Conidia. **6.** Longitudinal slits of conidia (arrowed). **7-10.** Attached conidia at the proliferation of conidiophores that often in nodose shape (arrowed). Bars: 1 = 250  $\mu\text{m}$ , 2 = 50  $\mu\text{m}$ , 3-10 = 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

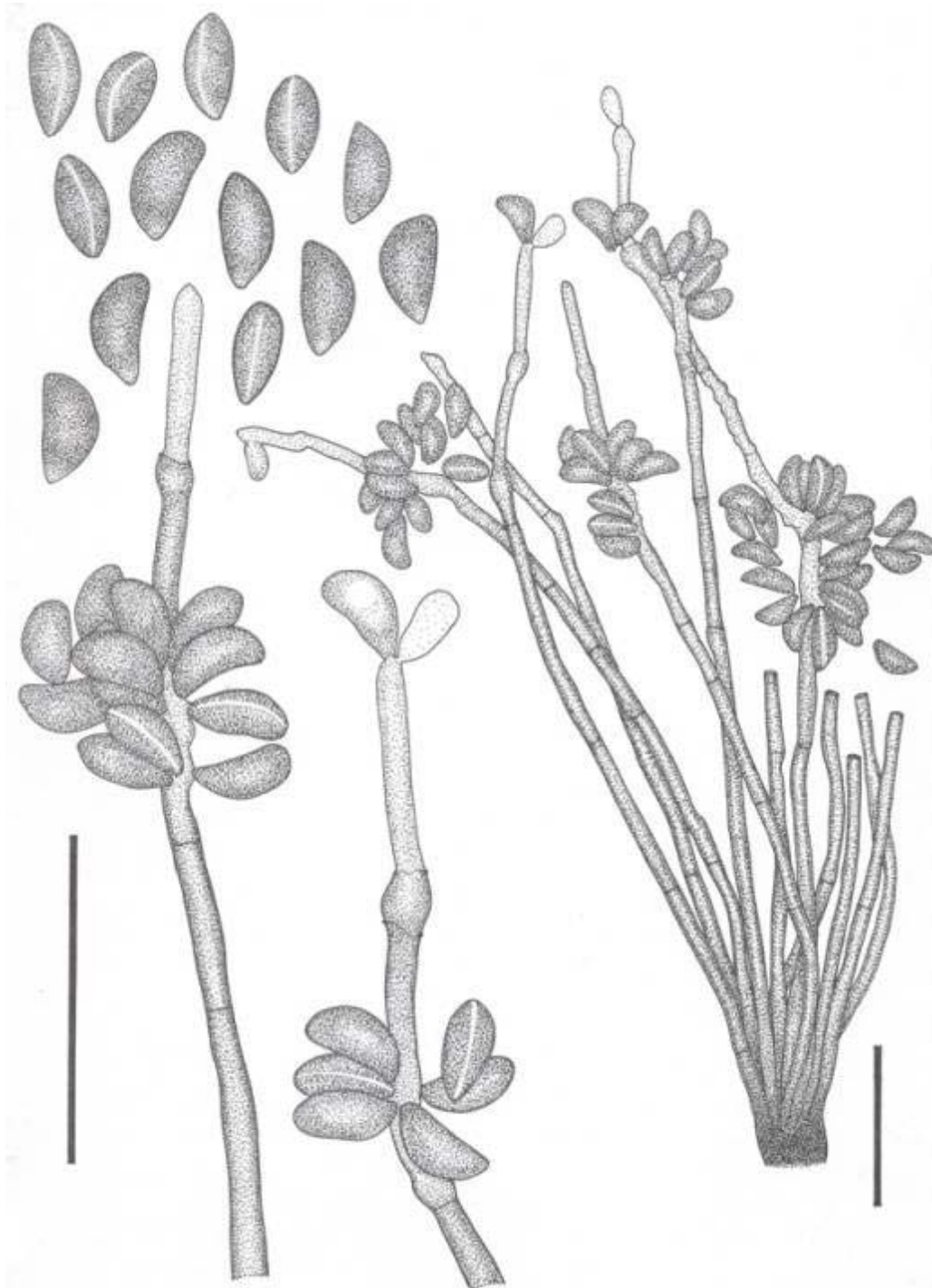


Fig. 11. Line drawings of *Melanographium proliferum* (from holotype). Bars = 25  $\mu$ m.

*Melanographium proliferum* additionally differs from other *Melanographium* species in other characters. Conidiophores of *M. proliferum* arise in a dense fascicle while those of *M. laxum* are not fasciculate and those of *M. selenioides* are synnematosus. Conidia of *M. proliferum* are curved or slightly curved while those of *M. fasciculatum* are straight and those of *M. calami* are strongly curved (horseshoe shaped). *Melanographium spinulosum* possesses verrucose conidia that are larger than those of *M. proliferum*. *Melanographium proliferum* can be distinguished from *M. citri*, *M. cookei*, *M. indicum*, and *M. palmicola* by conidiophore length.

### Key to accepted *Melanographium* species

1. Conidiophores single, not in a fascicle; conidial size 16-20 × 7-10 μm ..... *M. laxum*
1. Conidiophores in fascicles ..... 2
1. Conidiophores in synnemata; conidial size 15-23 × 8-14 μm ..... *M. selenioides*
2. Conidia straight; conidial size 13-20 × 8-11 μm ..... *M. fasciculatum*
2. Conidia curved or slightly curved ..... 3
2. Conidia strongly curved or horseshoe shape; conidial size 16-25 × 10-13 μm .... *M. calami*
3. Conidiophore length < 1000 μm ..... 4
3. Conidiophore length > 1000 μm ..... 6
4. Conidia smooth ..... 5
4. Conidia smooth to verrucose; conidial size 15-18 × 8-10 μm ..... *M. palmicola*
4. Conidia coarsely verrucose; conidial size 17-23 × 11-15 μm ..... *M. spinulosum*
5. Conidiophore length 120-210 μm; conidial size 10.5-15 × 7.5-9.5 μm ..... *M. indicum*
5. Conidiophore with compact conidiogenous loci around the nodose proliferation, length 250-400 μm; conidial size 10-21 × 6-8.5 μm ..... *M. proliferum*
6. Conidial size 14-19 × 8-13 μm ..... *M. citri*
6. Conidial size 16-23 × 12-18 μm ..... *M. cookei*

### Ecology and distribution of the genus *Melanographium*

*Melanographium* possesses a saprobic mode of life colonizing decaying plant material. Species mostly are on palm and dead wood and bark of angiosperms (Ellis, 1963; Goh and Hyde, 1997). The genus *Melanographium* is mainly tropical with only a single collection of *M. citri* from a subtropical climate. Eight species have been recorded from Asia, four from America, two from Africa and Australia (Ellis, 1963; Goh and Hyde, 1997).

*Melanographium citri* is widely distributed, recorded from Africa, America, Asia and Australia while *M. selenioides* is known from Caribbean

Islands and Southeast Asia (Goh and Hyde, 1997). *Melanographium fasciculatum* has been recorded from collections in India and Philippines while *M. cookei* has been known from Africa, Australia (Goh and Hyde, 1997), and America (Minter *et al.*, 2001). Other *Melanographium* species have been recorded from single collections in tropical and subtropical locations: *M. indicum* and *M. calami* from India (Saikia and Sarbhoy, 1981; Srivastava and Morgan-Jones, 1996), *M. laxum* from Indonesia (Rifai, 1982), *M. palmicola* from Hong Kong (Goh and Hyde, 1997), *M. spinulosum* from Paraguay (Ellis, 1971), and currently, *M. proliferum* from Thailand.

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***Trematosphaeria*: taxonomic concepts, new species from Japan and key to species**

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Two new species, *Trematosphaeria crassiseptata* collected from dead twigs of an unknown plant near river, and *T. biappendiculata* collected from submerged twigs in ponds, are described and illustrated. *Trematosphaeria crassiseptata* is characterised by thick-walled, reddish-brown and 5-septate ascospores, while *T. biappendiculata* is distinguished by its ascospores with terminal appendages. In culture media, *T. crassiseptata* produced the teleomorph state, and *T. biappendiculata* produced a *Pleurophomopsis*-like microconidial state only. The differences between these new species and their related taxa are noted. A key of the 15 species accepted in the genus is given.

**Key words:** aquatic fungi, *Melanommataceae*, *Pleosporales*, taxonomy.**Introduction**

*Trematosphaeria* was established by Fuckel in 1870 (Boise, 1985). *Trematosphaeria pertusa* (Pers.: Fr.) Fuckel is the lectotype species (Clements and Shear, 1931). Most species of the genus are saprotrophs or hemibiotrophs of terrestrial woody plants (Boise, 1985), but three species: *T. confusa* (Garov.) Boise & D. Hawksw., *T. hydrela* (Rehm) Sacc. and *T. pertusa*, are reported from freshwater habitat (Shearer, 1993; Hyde, 1995), and three other species: *T. mangrovei* Kohlm., *T. lineolatispora* K.D. Hyde and *T. malaysiana* Alias, Mckeown, S.T. Moss & E.B.G. Jones, are known from marine habitats (Mckeown *et al.*, 2001).

*Trematosphaeria* is characterised by medium to large sized ascomata with peridia composed of small compressed cells, clavate to cylindrical bitunicate asci, a trabeculate hamathecium in a gelatinous matrix and reddish-

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brown ellipsoid to fusoid tranversely septate ascospores sometimes with paler end cells (Boise, 1985; Barr, 1990; Mckeown *et al.*, 2001).

Some species of *Astrosphaeriella* Syd. & P. Syd., like *A. striataspora* (K.D. Hyde) K.D. Hyde (1988, 1992a) and *A. pallidipolaris* C.Y. Chen & H.W. Hsieh (2004) resemble to some degree *Trematosphaeria* species. However, *Astrosphaeriella* is distinguished from the latter by the extremely slender ascospores and its monocotyledonous host, particularly on bamboos and palms (Hyde and Fröhlich, 1998).

No anamorph connection is known in *Trematosphaeria* (Boise, 1985). *Phoma* Sacc. (Arx and Müller, 1975) or *Aposphaeria* Sacc. (Samuels and Müller, 1978) have been reported as an anamorph state of the genus from cultural studies of *T. heterospora* (De Not.) G. Winter. However, *T. heterospora* is now placed in *Phaeosphaeria* I. Miyake (Boise, 1985) or *Lophiostoma* Ces & De Not. (Barr, 1992; Ahn and Shearer, 1999). Likewise, although the *Zalerion* R.T. Moss & Meyers state has been reported for an anamorph of *T. fallax* Mouton (as *T. clarkii* Sivan.; Fisher and Webster, 1992), the species is now treated as *Hadrospora fallax* (Mouton) Boise (Webster, 1993; Tanaka and Harada, 2003b).

Traditionally lignicellulosic fungi similar to *Leptosphaeria* Ces. & De Not., but with paler ascospore end cells have been placed in *Trematosphaeria* (Crane and Shearer, 1991; Crane *et al.*, 1992). More than 190 taxa have been described in the genus (Anonymous, 2004), but Boise (1984, 1985) accepted only five species in the genus mainly based on the trabeculate hamathecium which is an important criterion for melanommataceous fungi. This strict generic concept is accepted by many authors (e.g. Barr, 1990; Hyde and Goh, 1999) and the genus is assigned to the *Melanommataceae* in the *Pleosporales* (Kirk *et al.*, 2001). After the revision by Boise (1985), eight species have been added to the genus (Holm and Holm, 1988; Shoemaker and Babcock, 1989; Eriksson and Yue, 1990; Hyde, 1992b; Barr *et al.*, 1996; Barr and Mathiassen, 1998; Hyde and Fröhlich, 1998; Mckeown *et al.*, 2001), but some species do not have trabeculae. For example, the pseudoparaphyses of *T. lineolatispora* are described as cellular (Hyde, 1992b), and hamathecial tissues are lacking in *T. crustacea* (Rehm) O.E. Erikss. & J.Z. Yue (Eriksson and Yue, 1990). Recent molecular studies have indicated that the morphology of hamathecium (cellular pseudoparaphyses or trabeculae) appears to be of minor importance in phylogeny at the family level (Liew *et al.*, 2000; Lumbsch and Lindemuth, 2001). Evaluation of taxonomic importance of trabeculae at the generic level is, however, required.

## Materials and methods

The methods of microscopic observation, single spore isolation and induction of anamorph / teleomorph formation are those described in Tanaka and Harada (2003a). Specimens cited in this paper were mainly maintained at the Herbarium of Hirosaki University, Fungi (HHUF), and some isotype or paratype materials were preserved at IMI. All culture strains were deposited at the culture collection of MAFF and JCM.

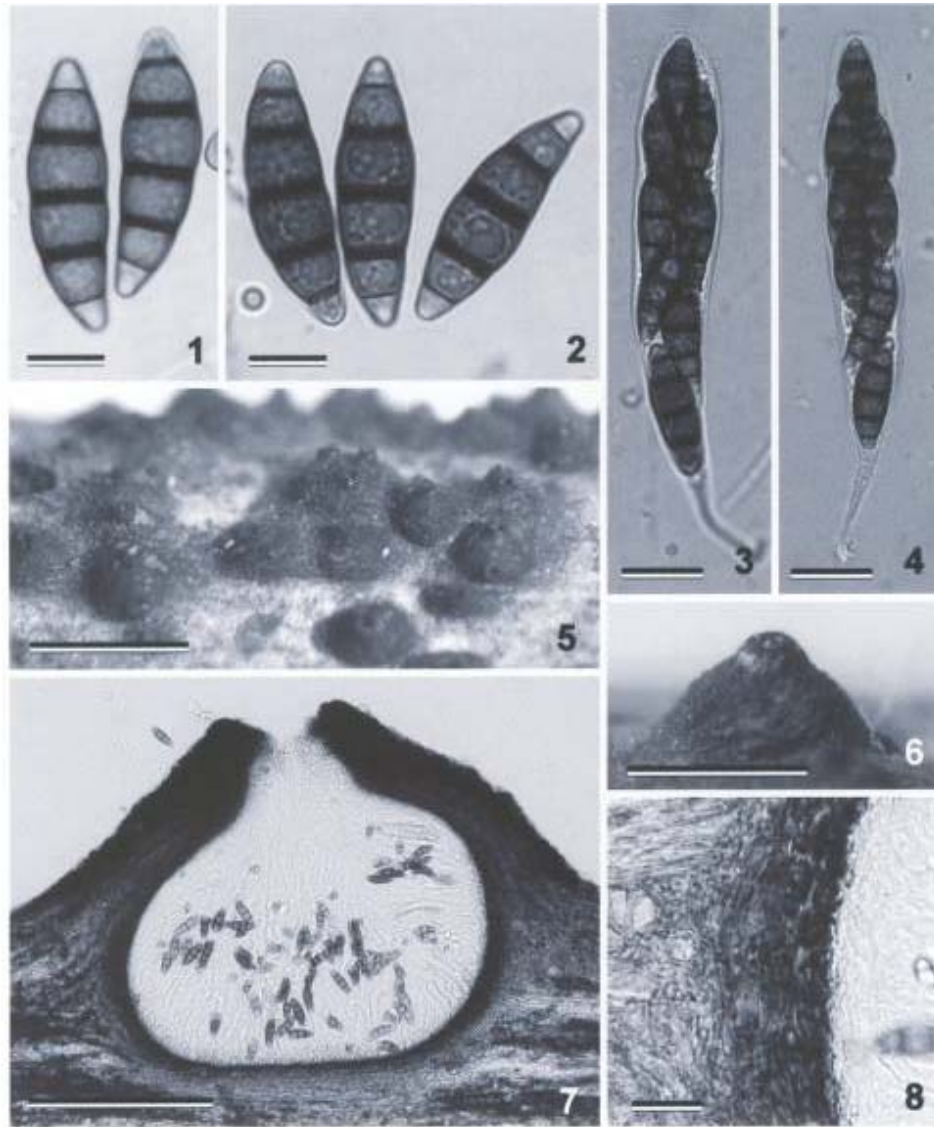
## Taxonomy

***Trematosphaeria crassiseptata*** Kaz. Tanaka, Y. Harada & M.E. Barr, **sp. nov.**  
(Figs. 1-8, 20-22)

*Etymology*: From the Latin prefix *crassi-* meaning “thick-” and *septatus* meaning “septate” in reference to the thick-walled septa of ascospores.

*Ascomata* 300-500  $\mu\text{m}$  alta, 400-530  $\mu\text{m}$  diam, subglobosa, dispersa vel aggregata, erumpentia vel paene superficialia, cum ostiolo rotundato. *Rostrum* 90-120  $\mu\text{m}$  longum, 100-130  $\mu\text{m}$  diam, centrale, papillatum. *Paries ascomatis* ad latus 17-25  $\mu\text{m}$  crassus, ex cellulis brunneis compressis 5-12.5  $\times$  2.5-4  $\mu\text{m}$  compositus; ad basim 7-13  $\mu\text{m}$  crassus; circum rostrum ex cellulis pachydermicis parvis nigris compositus. *Hamathecium* trabeculatum, 1.5-2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  latum, ramificans et anastomosans, per spatia 8-15  $\mu\text{m}$  longa septatum. *Asci* (98-)118-145(-160)  $\times$  17.5-24.5  $\mu\text{m}$ , clavati, fissitunicati, apice rotundati vel aliquando obtusi, tetra- vel octospori. *Ascospores* (27-)28.5-35(-38)  $\times$  8-10.5(-11.5)  $\mu\text{m}$ , late fusiformes, 5-septatae, infirme constrictae ad septum primum submedianum, badiae, cum cellulis extremis flavidis praeditae, laeves, guttulate, cum tunica nec gelatinosa nec appendiculata.

*Ascomata* 300-500  $\mu\text{m}$  high, 400-530  $\mu\text{m}$  diam, subglobose, scattered to clustered, erumpent to superficial, with a rounded ostiole. *Beak* 90-120  $\mu\text{m}$  long, 100-130  $\mu\text{m}$  diam, central, papillate. *Ascomal wall* at sides 17-25  $\mu\text{m}$  thick, composed of brown compressed cells of 5-12.5  $\times$  2.5-4  $\mu\text{m}$ ; at the base 7-13  $\mu\text{m}$  thick; around the beak composed of thick-walled small black cells. *Hamathecium* trabeculate, 1.5-2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  thick, branched and anastomosed, with septa at 8-15  $\mu\text{m}$  intervals. *Asci* (98-)118-145(-160)  $\times$  17.5-24.5  $\mu\text{m}$  (mean = 133  $\times$  20.8  $\mu\text{m}$ ,  $n = 21$ ), clavate, fissitunicate, rounded to somewhat obtuse at the apex, with an apical chamber, short-stalked (12-45  $\mu\text{m}$  long), (4-)8-spored. *Ascospores* (27-)28.5-35(-38)  $\times$  8-10.5(-11.5)  $\mu\text{m}$  (mean = 31.8  $\times$  9.7  $\mu\text{m}$ ,  $n = 100$ ), L/W 3.0-3.7 (mean = 3.3,  $n = 100$ ), broadly fusiform with slightly rounded ends, slightly curved, 5-septate, with a primary septum near median (mostly submedian; 0.49-0.54, mean = 0.51,  $n = 70$ ), weakly constricted at the primary septum, not constricted at other septa, widest at the third cell from the apex, brown to reddish brown at 4 central cells, pale yellow at both end cells, smooth, guttulate, without sheath or appendages.



**Figs. 1-8.** Micrographs of *Trematosphaeria crassiseptata*. **1, 2.** Ascospores. **3, 4.** Asci. **5, 6.** Ascomata on host surface. Note the rounded ostiole. **7.** Ascoma in longitudinal section. **8.** Ascomal wall at side. (1, 5-8 from HHUF 28601; 2-4 from culture MAFF 239516). Bars 1, 2 = 10  $\mu$ m; 3, 4, 8 = 20  $\mu$ m; 5 = 1 mm; 6 = 500  $\mu$ m; 7 = 200  $\mu$ m.

*Cultural characteristics:* Colonies on potato dextrose agar (PDA; Difco, Detroit, MI, USA) 25-27 mm in diam. after 4 weeks at 20°C in the dark, Greenish-Grey (30C2; Kornerup and Wanscher, 1978) with white margin; reverse Dull-Green (25E3) with Yellowish-Grey (3C2) margin; no pigment produced. On rice straw agar (RSA; Tanaka and Harada, 2003a), a teleomorph

state formed on the surface of rice straws within 3 months. The ascospores are similar to those found from nature, (28.5-)31.5-37 × 9-11 μm (mean = 33.7 × 10.1 μm, *n* = 100), L/W 3.1-3.6 (mean = 3.3, *n* = 100), mostly with a submedian primary septum at 0.48-0.54 (mean = 0.52, *n* = 61).

*Anamorph*: Unknown.

*Habitat*: Saprobic on dead twigs of an unknown plant near river.

*Known distribution*: Northern JAPAN.

*Material examined*: JAPAN, Toyohira-riv., riverbank, Sapporo, Hokkaido (141°21.5'E, 43°02.2'N), on an unknown plant (not submerged), 25 March 2001, K. Tanaka 474 (HHUF 28601, **holotype**; **isotype** IMI 392549). *Single ascospore culture*: isolated from HHUF 28601 (MAFF 239516 = JCM 12848). *Dry culture specimens* (grown on culms of *Oryza sativa* L.): from culture MAFF 23961 (HHUF 28602-28605, IMI 392550).

*Notes*: On the basis of the following morphological features, our collected fungus is best accommodated in *Trematosphaeria*: the large-sized carbonaceous ascomata, trabeculate hamathecium, clavate asci with fissitunicate dehiscence, and 5-septate reddish-brown ascospores with pale end cells.

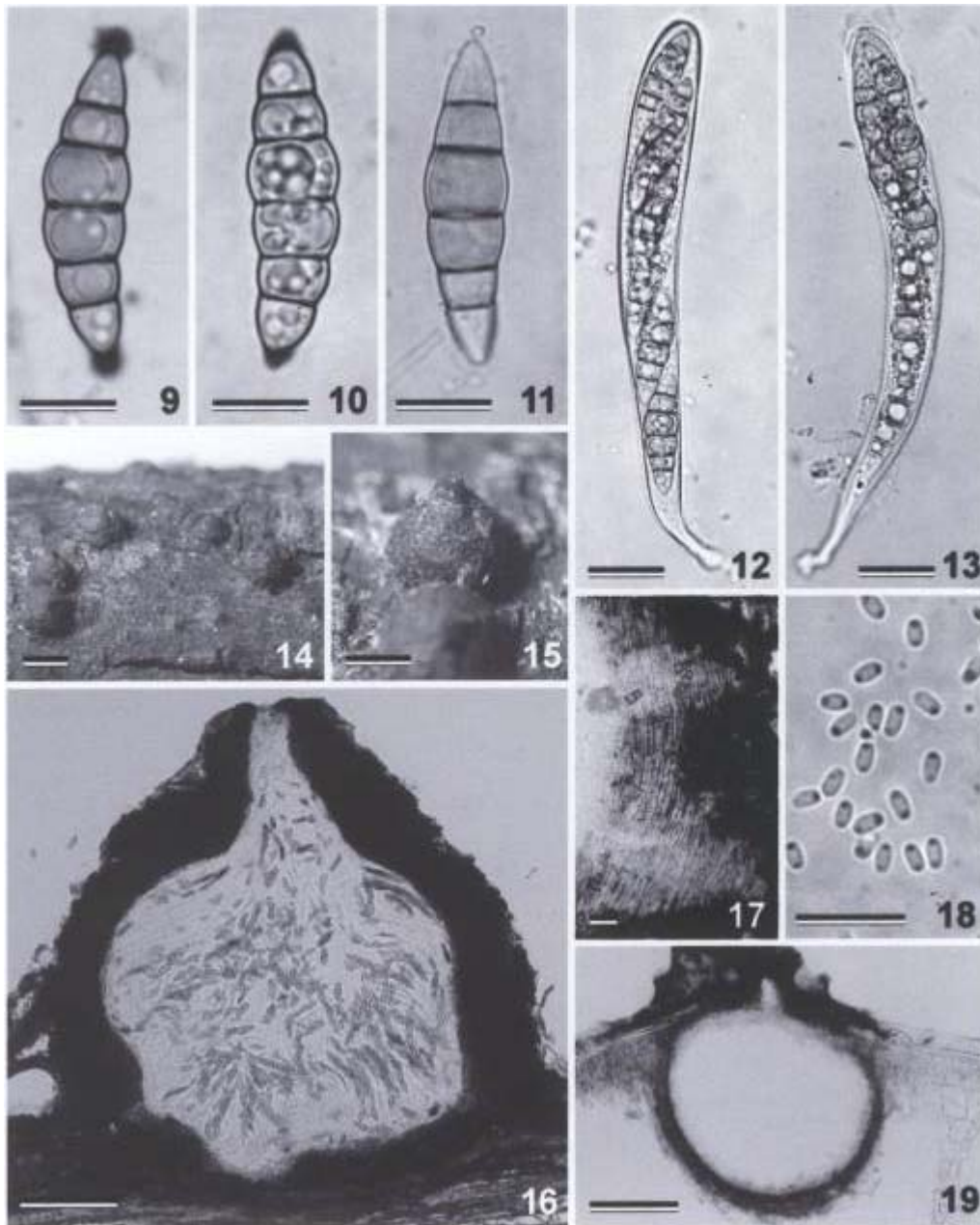
This species somewhat resembles *T. wegeliniana* L. Holm and K. Holm (1988), but the latter has ascomata with cristate beak and longer ascospores (36-50 × 8-10 μm). The ascospore dimensions of *T. crassiseptata* are identical to those of *T. confusa*, but the latter is different in having 3-septate ascospores (Boise, 1985).

***Trematosphaeria biappendiculata* Kaz. Tanaka, Y. Harada & M.E. Barr, sp. nov.** (Figs. 9-19, 23-27)

*Etymology*: From the Latin prefix *bi-* meaning “two” and *appendiculatus* meaning “appendaged” in reference to the appendages at both ends of ascospores.

*Ascomata* 450-860 μm alta, 750-980 μm diam, globosa vel subglobosa, dispersa, erumpentia vel superficialia, cum ostiolo rotundato. *Rostrum* 150-250 μm longum, 170-210 μm diam, centrale vel excentricum, breviter papillatum vel cylindraceum, periphysatum. *Paries ascomatis* in latere 55-100 μm crassus, ex cellulis parallelis 15- vel 25-stratis rectangulatis brunneis 5-13 × 2.5-5 μm compositus; ad basim parum evolvens vel 12-25 μm crassus, ex cellulis globosis vel polygonis pallide brunneis compositus; circum rostrum ex cellulis globosis vel polygonis brunneis pachydermicis 2.5-8 μm diam compositus. *Hamathecium* trabeculatum, 1-1.5 μm latum, ramificans et anastomosans, matricem gelatinosam ostendens. *Asci* 112.5-152.5 × 15.5-19.5 μm, clavati, fissitunicati, cum camera apicali, stipitati, octospori. *Ascosporae* 30-38(-41) × 9-11(-12) μm, fusiformes, 5 (raro 7) -septatae, valde constrictae ad septum primum submedianum, ad septa alia infirme constrictae, luteo-brunneae vel olivaceae, cum cellulis extremis pallidis praeditae, laeves, guttulae, apice utrinque appendiculatae.

*Ascomata* 450-860 μm high, 750-980 μm diam, globose to subglobose, scattered, erumpent or superficial by weathering of the host epidermis, with a rounded ostiole. *Beak* 150-250 μm long, 170-210 μm diam, central to eccentric, short papillate to cylindrical, with hyaline periphyses. *Ascomal wall* at sides 55-100 μm thick, rim-like, composed of parallel rows (15-25 layers) of rectangular



**Figs. 9-19.** Micrographs of *Trematosphaeria biappendiculata*. **9-11.** Ascospores (in blue ink except for Fig. 11). Note the bipolar appendages. **12, 13.** Asci. **14, 15.** Ascomata on host surface. Note the rounded ostiole. **16.** Ascoma in longitudinal section. **17.** Ascomal wall at side. **18.** Microconidia. **19.** Longitudinal section of conidioma. (9, 10, 17 from HHUF 28026; 11, 13 from HHUF 28017; 12 from HHUF 28028; 14-16 from HHUF 28036; 18, 19 from culture MAFF 239296). Bars: 9-11, 18 = 10  $\mu$ m; 12, 13, 17 = 20  $\mu$ m; 14 = 1 mm; 15 = 500  $\mu$ m; 16 = 200  $\mu$ m; 19 = 100  $\mu$ m.

brown  $5\text{-}13 \times 2.5\text{-}5 \mu\text{m}$  cells; at the base poorly developed or  $12\text{-}25 \mu\text{m}$  thick, composed of globose to polygonal pale brown cells; around the beak composed of globose to polygonal brown thick-walled cells of  $2.5\text{-}8 \mu\text{m}$  diam. *Hamathecium* trabeculate,  $1\text{-}1.5 \mu\text{m}$  thick, branched and anastomosed, in gel matrix. *Asci*  $112.5\text{-}152.5 \times 15.5\text{-}19.5 \mu\text{m}$  (mean =  $135.2 \times 17.4 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $n = 22$ ), peripheral, clavate, fissitunicate, with an apical chamber, short-stalked ( $10\text{-}15 \mu\text{m}$  long), with 8 biseriate ascospores. *Ascospores*  $30\text{-}38(-41) \times 9\text{-}11(-12) \mu\text{m}$  (mean =  $33.8 \times 9.8 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $n = 180$ ), L/W  $3.2\text{-}3.8$  (mean =  $3.4$ ,  $n = 180$ ), fusiform with acute or narrowly rounded ends, mostly curved, 5-(rarely 7-)septate, with a primary septum submedian ( $0.50\text{-}0.53$ ; mean =  $0.52$ ,  $n = 166$ ) and strongly constricted, slightly constricted at other septa, the third cell from the apex enlarged, pale yellowish to olivaceous brown except pale end cells, smooth, guttulate, with appendages at both ends. *Appendages* globose to conical,  $0.5\text{-}3 \mu\text{m}$  diam, staining with blue ink. Ascospores germinating from both end cells.

*Cultural characteristics*: Colonies on PDA  $12\text{-}14 \text{ mm}$  in diam. after 4 weeks at  $20^\circ\text{C}$  in the dark, Olive (3E3); reverse Olive-Brown (4F5) to almost black; yellowish pigment slightly produced. On RSA, a *Pleurophomopsis* Petr.-like microconidial state formed on the surface of rice straws within 2 months. Conidiomata  $125\text{-}190 \mu\text{m}$  high,  $135\text{-}200 \mu\text{m}$  diam., erumpent to superficial, globose, uniloculate, with  $3 \mu\text{m}$  thick brown sparse hyphae at sides. Beak short papillate, central,  $60\text{-}120 \mu\text{m}$  long,  $50\text{-}85 \mu\text{m}$  wide. Conidiomatal wall  $12\text{-}25 \mu\text{m}$  thick at sides, composed of polygonal to globose cells of  $2.5\text{-}5 \mu\text{m}$  diam. Conidiophores  $6\text{-}25 \times 2\text{-}3 \mu\text{m}$ , cylindrical, branched, 0 to 1-septate, formed from all round of the locular cavity. Conidiogenous cells phialidic. Conidia  $2.5\text{-}3.5 \times 1.5\text{-}2 \mu\text{m}$ , subglobose to ellipsoid, aseptate, hyaline, smooth.

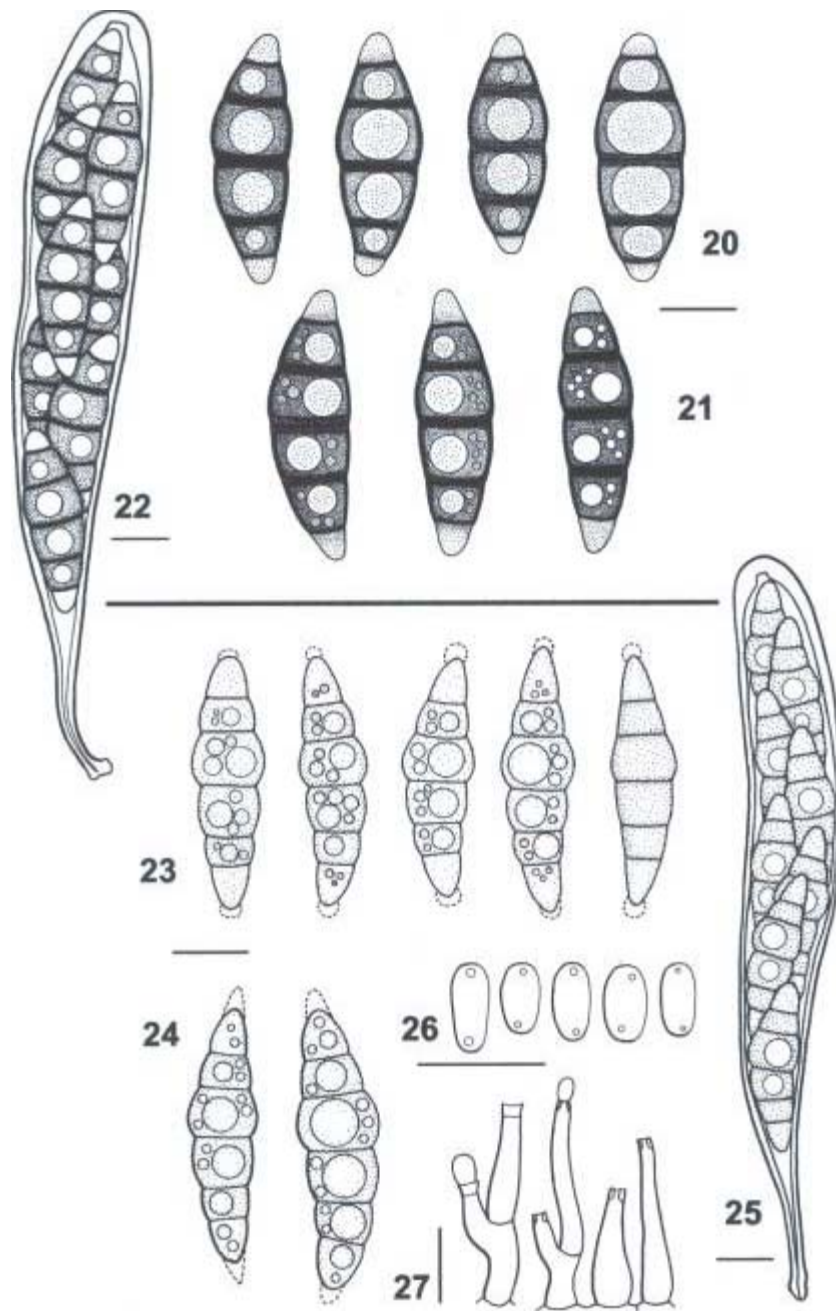
*Anamorph*: *Pleurophomopsis* Petr.-like.

*Habitat*: Saprobic on submerged wood in freshwater.

*Known distribution*: Northern JAPAN.

*Material examined*: JAPAN, Serisawa-park (pond), Matsukitai, Hirosaki, Aomori ( $140^\circ29.43'\text{E}$ ,  $40^\circ33.06'\text{N}$ ), on submerged twigs, 7 December 2002, KT & N. Asama 975 (HHUF 28017), 26 April 2003, KT & NA 1095 (HHUF 28018); Mohei-pond, Aoki, Hirosaki, Aomori ( $140^\circ26.25'\text{E}$ ,  $40^\circ34.12'\text{N}$ ), on submerged twigs, 3 May 2003, KT & NA 1117-1123 (HHUF 28019-28025), KT & NA 1124 [HHUF 28026 **holotype**; **isotype** IMI 391844], KT & NA 1125 (HHUF 28027), KT & NA 1126 (HHUF 28028), 28 June 2003, KT & NA 1264-1266 (HHUF 28298-28300), 19 July 2003, KT & NA 1325 (HHUF 28301), KT & NA 1326 (HHUF 28302), 22 August 2003, KT & NA 1358-1359 (HHUF 28303-28305), 27 September 2003, KT & NA 1489a (HHUF 28306), KT & NA 1490a (HHUF 28307), KT & NA 1490b (IMI 391845), KT & NA 1491-1494 (HHUF 28308-28311), 25 October 2003, KT & NA 1528-1530 (HHUF 28315-28317), 29 November 2003, KT & NA 1596-1598 (HHUF 28315-28317). *Single ascospore cultures*: isolated from HHUF 28017 (MAFF 239296 = JCM 12850), isolated from HHUF 28026 (MAFF 239297 = JCM 12849). *Dry culture specimens of microconidial state* (grown on culms of *Oryza sativa*): from culture MAFF 239296 (HHUF 28318-28323), from culture MAFF 239297 (HHUF 28320).





**Figs. 20-22.** *Trematosphaeria crassiseptata*. **20, 21.** Ascospores (20 from HHUF 28601; 21 from culture MAFF 239516). **22.** Ascus (from culture MAFF 239516). **Figs. 23-27.** *Trematosphaeria biappendiculata*. **23, 24.** Ascospores (23 from HHUF 28017; 24 from HHUF 28026). **25.** Ascus (from HHUF 28017). **26.** Microconidia (from culture MAFF 239296). **27.** Conidiophores (from culture MAFF 239296). Bars: 20-25 = 10  $\mu$ m; 26, 27 = 5  $\mu$ m.



*Notes:* We assign this species with some reservation to *Trematosphaeria*. The morphological characters of ascomata, hamathecium, and asci of this species fit well within the generic concept of *Trematosphaeria*, whereas the nature of ascospores is slightly discordant in that those are constricted at all septa, form terminal appendages, and in particular have pale yellowish to olivaceous-brown pigmentation. Usually, the ascospores of *Trematosphaeria* species described to date are constricted at the primary septum only, lack any appendages, and form reddish brown pigmentation.

In terms of ascospore measurements, *T. biappendiculata* is close to *T. lineolatispora*, but the latter has striate ornamentation in ascospore surface and is a marine species (Hyde, 1992b). It is also similar to *T. pachycarpa* (Sacc. & El. Marchal) Shoemaker & C.E. Babcock, but the latter has median (0.50) primary septum and graminicolous habit (Shoemaker and Babcock, 1989; Scheuer and Nogrsek, 1993; Table 1).

We could find *T. biappendiculata* from two ponds in northern Japan, in every month except for winter (January to March). The occurrence of this species was rather common in spring (April to June) and it was collected together with other freshwater ascomycetes such as *Lophiostoma bipolare* (K.D. Hyde) Liew, Aptroot & K.D. Hyde or *Massariosphaeria typhicola* (P. Karst.) Leuchtm. on the same substrata.

### Key to *Trematosphaeria* species

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|----|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. | Ascospores 1-septate .....                                  | 2                                     |
| 1. | Ascospores more than 1-septate .....                        | 3                                     |
| 2. | Ascospores small, 20-30 × 6-8 μm .....                      | <i>T. vicina</i> <sup>8)</sup>        |
| 2. | Ascospores larger, 75-85 × 24-26 μm .....                   | <i>T. crustacea</i> <sup>4)</sup>     |
| 3. | Ascospores 1 to 3-septate .....                             | 4                                     |
| 3. | Ascospores 3 to 7-septate .....                             | 9                                     |
| 4. | Ascospores 20-25 × 4-6 μm, with striate surface .....       | <i>T. malaysiana</i> <sup>10)</sup>   |
| 4. | Ascospores not striate .....                                | 5                                     |
| 5. | Ascospores slender, mostly less than 10 μm wide .....       | 6                                     |
| 5. | Ascospores broad, mostly more than 10 μm wide .....         | 8                                     |
| 6. | Ascospores large, (30-)34-45(-52) × (8-)8.5-11 μm .....     | <i>T. confusa</i> <sup>2)</sup>       |
| 6. | Ascospores smaller .....                                    | 7                                     |
| 7. | Ascospores (21-)22-32(-34) × 6-10 μm; on various wood ..... | <i>T. pertusa</i> <sup>2)</sup>       |
| 7. | Ascospores 30 × 6 μm; on <i>Tephrosia virginiana</i> .....  | <i>T. tephrosiae</i> <sup>1) 7)</sup> |

8. Ascospores 30-41(-45) × 10-13(-16.5) μm; asci long, 220 × 22 μm ..... *T. mangrovei*<sup>2)</sup>  
8. Ascospores (34-)45-49 × 13-16.5 μm; asci shorter, 110 × 36 μm ..... *T. cariosa*<sup>2)</sup>
9. Ascospores large, more than 70 μm long ..... 10  
9. Ascospores smaller, mostly less than 50 μm long ..... 11
10. Ascospores fusiform, (71-)80-88(-92) × (12-)15-16.5(-18) μm; on wood ..... *T. hydrela*<sup>2)</sup>  
10. Ascospores clavate to broadly fusiform, 72-94 × 14-18.5 μm; on palms ..... *T. abuensis*<sup>9)</sup>
11. Ascomata with a cristate beak; ascospores 36-50 × 8-10 μm ..... *T. wegeliniana*<sup>3)</sup>  
11. Ascomata without a cristate beak ..... 12
12. Ascospores 34-48 × 7-10 μm, with striate surface ..... *T. lineolatispora*<sup>5)</sup>  
12. Ascospores surface without striate ornamentation ..... 13
13. Ascospores 40-52 × 7.5-10 μm, with an entire sheath ..... *T. pachycarpa*<sup>6)</sup>  
13. Ascospores mostly less than 40 μm long ..... 14
14. Ascospores (27-)28.5-35(-38) × 8-10.5(-11.5) μm, without sheath or appendages .....  
..... *T. crassiseptata*  
14. Ascospores 30-38(-41) × 9-11(-12) μm, with appendages at both ends . *T. biappendiculata*

\*Data from <sup>1)</sup> Cooke and Ellis (1878); <sup>2)</sup> Boise (1985); <sup>3)</sup> Holm and Holm (1988); <sup>4)</sup> Eriksson and Yue (1990); <sup>5)</sup> Hyde (1992b); <sup>6)</sup> Scheuer and Nogrsek (1993); <sup>7)</sup> Barr *et al.* (1996); <sup>8)</sup> Barr and Mathiassen (1998); <sup>9)</sup> Hyde and Fröhlich (1998); <sup>10)</sup> Mckeown *et al.* (2001).

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