Taxonomic notes on some species of the Cercospora complex (VII)

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The taxonomy of various cercosporoid hyphomycetes is discussed and some new records and hosts are listed. The following new taxa are described: *Cercospora jatrophigena* sp. nov., *Entylomella premnigena* sp. nov., *Passalora ajrekari* var. *tenuispora* var. nov., *P. bauhiniicola* sp. nov., *P. tephrosiae-purpureae* sp. nov., *Pseudocercospora eucalyptigena* sp. nov., *P. metrosideri* sp. nov., *P. myrtacearum* var. *robusta* var. nov., *P. syzygiigena* sp. nov.; and the following new combinations are introduced: *Passalora ajrekari* comb. nov., *P. chaetocalycina* comb. nov., *P. paspalicola* comb. nov., *P. selini-gmelini* comb. nov., *Pseudocercospora barleriae* comb. nov., *P. barnadesiae* comb. nov., *P. haldibariensis* comb. nov., *P. herpestica* comb. nov., *P. palicoureina* comb. nov., *P. pavoniae* comb. nov., *P. pilicola* comb. nov., *P. rhynchosiarum* comb. nov., *Stenella alpiniae* comb. nov. and *S. aspiliae* comb. nov.

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Introduction

Chupp (1954) monographed the genus *Cercospora* Fresen. *s. lat.*, which is one of the largest genera of hyphomycetes with over 3000 names. Deigthon (e.g. 1967, 1974, 1976), Pons and Sutton (1988), Braun (1993c), Braun and Melnik (1997) and other authors split *Cercospora s. lat.* into numerous smaller genera based on morphological characteristics. Surveys of *Cercospora* and its segregates have been published by Braun (1995), Braun and Melnik (1997) and Crous *et al.* (2000). Important re-evaluations of morphological features within the complex of cercosporoid hyphomycetes, including re-definitions of some genera, based on molecular data, have been published by Crous *et al.* (2000, 2001). The changed generic concepts of cercosporoid genera warrant comprehensive revisions of the *Cercospora* spp. described, but this process has not yet been finished. The number of described species in this complex is very large, and presently only a portion has been re-examined and re-assessed. Thus, comprehensive examinations are necessary to revise and monograph this

large complex of anamorphs. With the present paper, a series of contributions towards re-examinations of cercosporoid fungi is continued (Braun, 1992, 1993a,b, 1996, 1999a,b).

1. Cercosporoid hyphomycetes on Myrtaceae - some additions

Crous (1999) dealt with cercosporoid hyphomycetes occurring on *Myrtaceae*, excluding *Eucalyptus* spp., which were comprehensively treated in Crous (1998). Braun *et al.* (1999) added *Pseudocercospora eugeniicola* sp. nov. on *Eugenia operculata* and *Eugenia* sp. from Brazil and India. Recently, all undetermined collections of cercosporoid fungi from IMI have been examined. The results of these studies are summarised below.

1.1. Pseudocercospora eucalyptigena U. Braun, sp. nov.

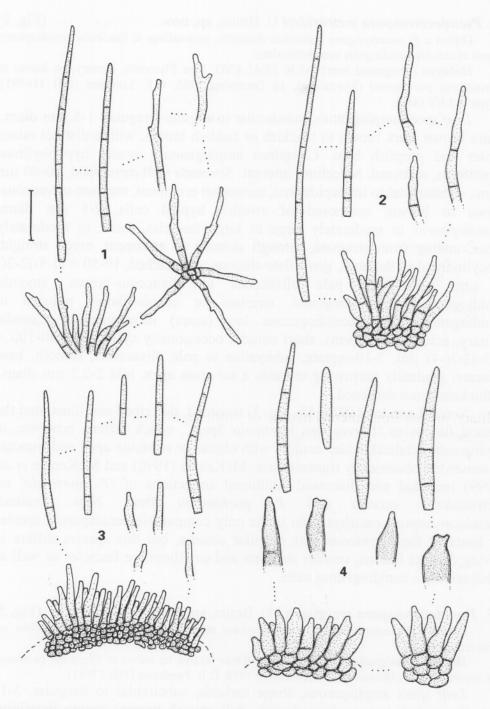
(Fig. 1)

Differt a *P. metrosideri* lesionibus distinctis, stromatibus et fasciculis conidiophoris parvis et cellulis conidiogenis subdenticulatis.

Holotype (designated here): AUSTRALIA, Queensland, Rocklea, on leaves of Eucalyptus citriodora (Myrtaceae), 22 February 1972, J.L. Alcorn 72-035 (IMI 164582).

Leaf spots amphigenous, 1-4 mm diam. or confluent and larger, angularirregular, partly vein-limited, brown, margin indefinite. Caespituli hypophyllous, not very conspicuous. Mycelium internal. Stromata absent or small, 10-30 µm diam., substomatal, brown, composed of swollen hyphal cells, 3-6 µm diam. Conidiophores in small, loose to dense fascicles, occasionally solitary, arising from internal hyphae or stromata, emerging through stomata or erumpent, erect, geniculate-sinuous, unbranched, 10-45 × 2-4 µm, 0-2-septate, subhvaline to pale olivaceous or olivaceous-brown, tips paler, smooth or almost so, wall thin to slightly thickened; conidiogenous cells integrated, terminal or conidiophores reduced to conidiogenous cells, 10-25 µm long, conidiogenous loci (scars) inconspicuous or almost denticle-like, but wall neither thickened nor darkened. Conidia solitary, acicular-filiform (-narrowly obclavate), $(40-)60-100(-120) \times 2-3 \mu m$, (4-)6-10(-12)-septate, subhyaline, pale olivaceous, smooth, apex subacute, base truncate to subtruncate, rarely slightly obconically truncate, 1.5-2 um diam., hila neither thickened nor darkened.

Notes: Crous (1998) published a monograph of cercosporoid hyphomycetes on *Eucalyptus* spp., but there is no comparable species with acicular conidia in his treatment. *Pseudocercospora metrosideri*, described in the present paper, is the only comparable species on hosts belonging to the *Myrtaceae* with acicular conidia. The latter species differs, however, in having distinct lesions, large stromata and fascicles of conidiophores as well as non-denticulate conidiogenous cells.



Figs. 1-4. Conidiophore fascicle, conidiophores, conidia. **1.** *Pseudocercospora eucalyptigena*. **2.** *P. metrosideri*. **3.** *P. syzygiigena*. **4.** *P. myrtacearum* var. *robusta*. Bar = 20 μm.

1.2. Pseudocercospora metrosideri U. Braun, sp. nov.

(Fig. 2)

Differt a *P. eucalyptigena* lesionibus distinctis, stromatibus et fasciculis conidiophoris magnis et cellulis conidiogenis non-denticulatis.

Holotype (designated here): NEW ZEALAND, New Plymouth, nursery, on leaves of *Metrosideros parkinsonii* (*Myrtaceae*), 16 December 1965, G.F. Loundon (IMI 116995). *Isotype* in LEV (460).

Leaf spots amphigenous, subcircular to angular-irregular, 1-5 mm diam... centre brown, dark brown to blackish or reddish brown, with a distinct raised border and purplish halo. Caespituli amphigenous, mostly hypophyllous, punctiform, scattered. Mycelium internal. Stromata well-developed, 20-60 µm diam., substomatal to intraepidermal, somewhat erumpent, medium olivaceousbrown to brown, composed of swollen hyphal cells, 2-8 µm diam. Conidiophores in moderately large to large fascicles, loose to moderately dense, arising from stromata, through stomata or erumpent, erect, straight, subcylindrical to flexuous, geniculate-sinuous, unbranched, $10-50 \times (1.5-)2-3(-$ 4) μm, 0-3-septate, pale olivaceous to olivaceous-brown, smooth; conidiogenous cells integrated, terminal or conidiophores reduced to conidiogenous cells, conidiogenous loci (scars) inconspicuous. Conidia solitary, acicular (-filiform), short conidia occasionally cylindrical, 30-100 × (1.5-)2-3(-4) µm, 3-10-septate, subhyaline to pale olivaceous, smooth, base truncate, gradually narrowing towards a subacute apex, hila 2-2.5 µm diam., unthickened, not darkened.

Notes: Laundon (1970: 55, Fig. 3) recorded, described and illustrated the present fungus as 'Cercospora myrticola Speg.', which differs, however, in having subcylindical, wider conidia with obtuse or subacute apex and truncate to somewhat obconically truncate base. McKenzie (1990) and McKenzie et al. (1999) recorded and discussed additional collections of 'P. myrticola' on Metrosideros excelsa and P. parkinsonii from New Zealand. Pseudocercospora eucalyptigena is the only comparable cercosporoid species on hosts of the Myrtaceae with acicular conidia, but this species differs in having distinct lesions, smaller stromata and conidiophore fascicles as well as subdenticulate conidiogenous cells.

1.3. Pseudocercospora syzygiigena U. Braun, sp. nov.

(Fig. 3)

Differt a *P. eugeniicola* et *P. myrtacearum* conidiis subcylindraceis-filiformibus vel subacicularibus.

Holotype (designated here): ZAMBIA, Kitwe Nkana, on leaves of *Syzygium guineense* ssp. *macrocarpum* (*Myrtaceae*), 14 November 1958, D.B. Fanshawe (IMI 77561).

Leaf spots amphigenous, shape variable, subcircular to irregular, 3-12 mm diam., dark brown, dingy brown, dull greyish brown, margin indefinite. Caespituli hypophyllous, punctiform, loose to dense, greyish. Mycelium internal. Stromata well-developed, large, 30-120 µm diam., intraepidermal to

erumpent. *Conidiophores* numerous, in dense fascicles, arising from stromata, erumpent, forming sporodochial conidiomata, erect, straight, subcylindrical to slightly geniculate-sinuous, unbranched, $5\text{--}30 \times 2\text{--}3 \mu m$, 0--1--septate, subhyaline to very pale olivaceous, smooth (conidia often remaining attached to the conidiophores for a long time, differentiation between conidiophores with and without attached conidia often difficult), conidiophores usually reduced to conidiogenous cells, conidiogenous loci (scars) inconspicuous. *Conidia* solitary, subcylindrical-filiform, subacicular, $15\text{--}60 \times (1.5\text{--})2\text{--}3 \mu m$, 1--5--septate, subhyaline, smooth, apex subacute to subobtuse, base truncate, hila $1\text{--}2.5 \mu m$ diam., unthickened, not darkened.

Notes: Pseudocercospora syzygiigena is well-characterised by having very large sporodochial conidiomata, large stromata and subcylindrical-filiform to subacicular subhyaline conidia. Crous (1999) dealt with cercosporoid hyphomycetes on hosts of the *Myrtaceae*. There are only two comparable species, viz., Pseudocercospora myrtacearum (A.N. Rai, B. Rai and Kamal) U. Braun and P. eugeniicola U. Braun, J. David and F. Freire, which are, however, well-distinguished by having obclavate-subcylindrical conidia.

1.4. Passalora syzygii (M. Mandal) B. Sutton and Crous, Mycological Research 101: 224 (1997).

Material examined: INDIA, U.P., Gorakhpur, on Syzygium heyneanum, 6 May 1970, P.K. Singhania 179 (IMI 228123) and 24 January 1988, S. Chandra 19 (IMI 330828).

Notes: This species is known from India on Syzygium cumini and S. jambos. Syzygium heyneanum is a new host species.

1.5. Pseudocercospora deglupta Crous, Mycologia Memoir 21: 127 (1999).

Material examined: PAPUA NEW GUINEA, Lae, Oonsis Nursery, on Eucalyptus

deglupta, 12 July 1972, I.A.S. Gibson (IMI 174404).

This is the third collection of this species, which agrees well with the original description of Crous (1998). The conidiophores in the present collection are, however, somewhat shorter (30-60 \times 3-5 μ m) and the conidiophores and conidia are smooth or almost so.

- 1.6. Pseudocercospora myrtacearum (A.N. Rai, B. Rai and Kamal) U. Braun, A monograph of Cercosporella, Ramularia and allied genera (phytopathogenic hyphomycetes), Vol. 1: 196, Eching 1995.
- ≡ *Pseudocercosporella myrtacearum* A.N. Rai, B. Rai and Kamal, Mycological Research 97: 31 (1993).
- = Pseudocercospora syzygiorum B. Sutton and Crous, Mycological Research 101: 223 (1997).

Material examined: NEPAL, Bardia, on Syzygium cumini, 23 February 1971, Keshari 1112 (IMI 157122); INDIA, U.P., Gorakhpur, on S. jambolana, 4 February 1979, P. Abbasi PA 26 (IMI 235478); INDIA, West Bengal, on S. jambolana, 28 February 1987, P. Gosh 4577 (IMI 317681); HONG KONG, Peak area, on Rhodomyrtus tomentosus, 30 April 1958, N.L.H. Kraus 343 (IMI 73068).

Crous (1998) re-described *P. myrtacearum* and pointed out that *P. syzygiorum* is indistinguishable. *Pseudocercospora myrtacearum* is new to Hong Kong and Nepal and *Rhodomyrtus tomentosus* as well as *Syzygium jambolana* represent new host species. In the collection on *Rhodomyrtus tomentosus* a few forked conidiophores and traces of superficial secondary hyphae with solitary conidiophores have been observed. A specimen on *Eugenia* sp. from Sarawak is close to *P. myrtacearum*, but the conidiophores are significantly wider. Therefore, this collection is tentatively described as a variety of the latter species.

Pseudocercospora myrtacearum var. *robusta* U. Braun, var. nov. (Fig. 4) *Conidiophora* robusta, 5-35 × 4-8 μm.

Holotype (designated here): SARAWAK, Kuching District, on *Eugenia* sp. (*Myrtaceae*), [without collector and date], FH 284 (IMI 115474).

Notes: This collection is close to *P. myrtacearum* var. *myrtacearum*, but in the typical variety the conidiophores are only 2-5 μ m wide. The conidia are also somewhat wider in var. *robusta* (3-5 μ m, 2-4(-4.5) μ m in var. *myrtacearum*).

1.7. Pseudocercospora myrticola (Speg.) Deighton, Mycological Papers 140: 148 (1976).

= Cercospora amadelpha Syd., Annales Mycologici 30: 89 (1932).

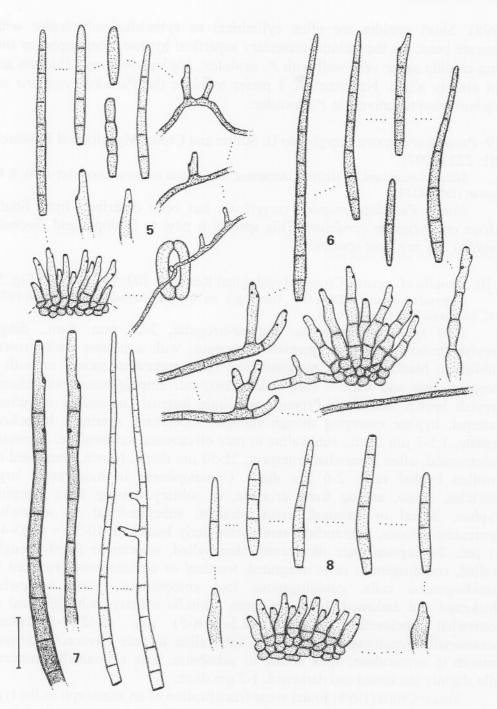
Material examined: CHILE, Valdivia, Panguipulli, on Blepharocalyx divaricatus, April 1924, E. Wedermann 1769, isotype of C. amadelpha (IMI 15610).

Notes: Crous (1998) examined numerous collections of this species, including type material of Cercospora myrti Erikss. and C. saccardiana Scalia, and re-described it. Braun (2000a) re-examined holotype material of P. myrticola. Chupp (1954) reduced C. amadelpha to synonymy with the latter species, which can be confirmed on the base of the present re-examination of type material.

1.8. Pseudocercospora sawadae (W. Yamam.) Goh and W.H. Hsieh, Transactions of the Mycological Society, Republic of China 1: 117 (1987).

Material examined: NEW ZEALAND, Auckland, Zoo, on Lophostemon confertus, 12 June 2001, C.F. Hill (HAL).

Notes: The genus Lophostemon is allied to Tristania and Eucalyptus. The present material is morphologically barely distinguishable from Pseudocercospora sawadae on Psidium guajava (Goh and Hsieh, 1990; Crous



Figs. 5-8. Conidiophore fascicles, conidiophores, conidia, secondary hyphae. 5. Stenella cf. vexans. 6. Stenella ipomoeae-stoloniferae. 7. Cercospora jatrophigena. 8. Passalora ajrekari var. tenuispora. Bar = $20 \mu m$.

1998). Short conidia are often cylindrical or cylindrical-subacicular with truncate base, but the lesions, secondary superfical hyphae, conidiophores and long conidia agree very well with *P. sawadae*. *Lophostemon* and *Psidium* are not closely allied. Nevertheless, I prefer to place the *Pseudocercospora* on *Lophostemon* tentatively in *P. sawadae*.

1.9. *Pseudocercospora syzygiicola* B. Sutton and Crous, Mycological Research 101: 222 (1997).

Material examined: ETHIOPIA, Amaressa, on Eugenia uniflora, December 1960, R.B. Stewart (IMI 88333).

Notes: Pseudocercospora syzygiicola has been described from South Africa on Syzygium cordatum. This species is new to Ethiopia and Eugenia uniflora is a new host species.

Stenella cf. vexans Crous, Mycological Research 103: 611 (1999) (Fig. 5)
 Material examined: INDIA, U.P., Gorakhpur, on *Syzygium heyneanum*, 14 March 1978,
 P.K. Singhania P 48 (IMI 227017).

Leaf spots amphigenous, angular-irregular, 2-20 mm diam., dingy greyish brown, dark grey, greyish olivaceous, with a narrow dark brown, publish to blackish brown marginal line, often somewhat raised, or with a marginal line and narrow dark halo. Caespituli amphigenous, punctiform, greyish brown, scattered. Primary mycelium internal; secondary mycelium external, hyphae emerging though stomata, superficial, sparingly branched, septate, 1.5-3 µm diam., subhyaline to pale olivaceous, verruculose. Stromata substomatal, often somewhat erumpent, 25-50 µm diam., brown, composed of swollen hyphal cells, 2-6 µm diam. Conidiophores in moderately large fascicles, dense, arising from stromata, or solitary, arising from creeping hyphae, lateral or terminal, erect, straight, subcylindrical to somewhat geniculate-sinuous, unbranched, rarely irregularly branched, 10-30 × (2-)3-4(-5) um, 0-3-septate, pale olivaceous, thin-walled, smooth to faintly roughwalled, conidiogenous cells integrated, terminal or conidiophores reduced to conidiogenous cells, conidiogenous loci conspicuous, scars somewhat thickened and darkened, 1-1.5 µm diam. Conidia solitary, subcylindrical to somewhat obclavate, $10-70 \times (2.5-)3-4(-5) \mu m$, (0-)2-7(-8)-septate, occasionally constricted at the septa, subhyaline to pale olivaceous, almost smooth to verruculose, apex obtuse or subobtuse, base obconically truncate, hila slightly thickened and darkened, 1-2 µm diam.

Notes: Crous (1998) found some fructification of an anamorph in the type collection of *Mycosphaerella vexans* (Massee) Tomilin and described it as *Stenella vexans*. Superficial hyphae, solitary conidiophores and the conidial shape of the present collection agree well with the original description in Crous

(1998), but the conidia are wider and well-developed stromata with densely fasciculate conidiophores are present. Therefore, the Indian collection is only tentatively assigned to *S. vexans*.

2. Cercosporoid hyphomycetes on *Ipomoea* spp. - some additions

García *et al.* (1996) studied numerous types of *Cercospora* spp. described from *Ipomoea* spp. and published a survey of the taxa concerned. Some additional types not treated by García *et al.* (1996) have been examined and are discussed and re-allocated in this chapter.

2.1. Cercospora apii Fresen. s. lat. (incl. C. ipomoeae G. Winter)

= *Cercospora ipomoeae-illustris* ('*ipomoeae-illustriae*') Chidd., Indian Phytopathology 12: 114 (1959), **syn. nov.**

Material examined: INDIA, Poona, Mulshi, on *Ipomoea illustris*, 11 January 1957, P.P. Chiddarwar, *holotype* of *C. ipomoeae-ilustris* (IMI 83177).

Notes: Type material of *C. ipomoeae-illustris* is indistinguishable from *C. ipomoeae* which belongs to *C. apii s. lat*. The acicular, hyaline conidia are formed singly and are $(20-)70-150 \times 2.5-5 \mu m$.

2.2. Cercospora varanasiana Pavghi and U.P. Singh, Mycopathologia et Mycologia Applicata 23: 195 (1964).

Material examined: INDIA, U.P., Varanasi, on Ipomoea sp., 20 December 1961, U.P. Singh MSP 128, holotype of C. varanasiana (IMI 113097).

Notes: Status unclear (no fructification found in the type collection).

2.3. *Pseudocercospora haldibariensis* (A.K. Kar and M. Mandal) U. Braun, comb. nov.

≡ Cercospora haldibariensis A.K. Kar and M. Mandal, Norwegian Journal of Botany 22: 105 (1975).

Material examined: INDIA, West Bengal, Haldibari, Coochbihar, on *Ipomoea grandiflora*, 8 November 1967, M. Mandal, holotype of C. haldibariensis (IMI 135143).

Leaf spots amphigenous, subcircular to angular-irregular, occasionally vein-limited, 2-15 mm diam., pale to dark greyish brown, with a narrow raised marginal line, occasionally with a narrow darker halo. Caespituli hypophyllous, conspicuous, brown, scattered to dense, coremioid. Mycelium internal. Stromata substomatal, subglobose, 20-40 μm diam., olivaceous brown. Conidiophores very densely fasciculate to synnematous, filiform, flexuous, unbranched, 30-340 × 3-5.5 μm, pluriseptate throughout, pale to dark olivaceous-brown, tips paler, darker in mass, smooth; conidiogenous cells integrated, terminal, 10-50 μm long, conidiogenous loci inconspicuous. Conidia solitary, obclavate-cylindrical, 40-100 × (3-)4-7 μm, 2-10-septate,

subhyaline to olivaceous, smooth, apex obtuse or subacute, base subtruncate or obconically truncate, hila 2-3 µm diam., unthickened, not darkened.

Notes: On account of conidiogenous cells with inconspicuous scars and conidia with unthickened, not darkened hila, this species has to be placed in *Pseudocercospora*. A good illustration of this species has been published by Kar and Mandal (1975: 107, Fig. 2).

2.4. *Stenella ipomoeae-stoloniferae* (J.M. Yen and Gilles) U. Braun, **comb. nov.** (Fig. 6)

≡ Cercospora ipomoeae-stoloniferae J.M. Yen and Gilles, Cahiers Maboké 8: 79 (1970).

Material examined: GABON, Libreville, on *Ipomoea stolonifera*, 6 February 1970, G. Gilles 48, *isotypes* of *C. ipomoeae-stoloniferae* (IMI 156221, 216334); BRAZIL, Belem, on *Ipomoea asarifolia*, 12 October 1977, H.C. Evans 51371 (IMI 217435).

Leaf spots lacking or almost so (on I. stolonifera) or with diffuse purplish violet discolorations (on *I. asarifolia*), 1-8 mm diam., or confluent and larger. Caespituli amphigenous, scattered to dense, subeffuse to distinctly punctiform, brown. Primary mycelium internal, secondary mycelium external, superficial; hyphae creeping, sparingly branched, septate, 2-4 µm diam., subhyaline to pale olivaceous, verruculose. Stromata lacking or small, 10-20 µm diam., substomatal, brown, reddish brown. Conidiophores in small to moderately large fasicles, arsing from internal hyphae or stromata, loose to moderately dense, emerging through stomata or solitary, arising from creeping hyphae, lateral or terminal, erect, straight, subcylindrical to geniculate-sinuous, simple or branched, 20-70 × 2-6 μm, 1-7-septate, usually closely pluriseptate, pale to dark olivaceous-brown, brown, reddish brown, tips paler, smooth to verruculose, wall thin to somewhat thickened; conidiogenous cells integrated, terminal, 10-30 µm long, conidiogenous loci (scars) 1-1.5 µm diam., slightly thickened and darkened. Conidia solitary, occasionally catenate, in simple or branched chains, narrowly obclavate, cylindrical (-subacicular), 15-135 × 2.5-4 μm, 1-12-septate, subhyaline to pale olivaceous, almost smooth to verruculose, apex obtuse to subacute or truncate in catenate conidia, base truncate to obconically truncate, hila 1-2 µm diam., somewhat thickened and darkened.

Notes: Based on verruculose secondary hyphae with solitary conidiophores and thickened, darkened scars and hila, this species must be reallocated to *Stenella*. Secondary mycelium has not been mentioned in the original description.

3. Cercosporoid hyphomycetes on Jatropha spp.

Several species of *Cercospora s. lat.* on *Jatropha* have been described. All collections of cercosporoid hyphomyctes deposited at IMI have been examined and compared with the species described.

3.1. Cercospora jatrophicola (Speg.) Chupp, A monograph of the fungus genus Cercospora: 223 (1954).

Material examined: INDIA, U.P., Gouda, Harriya, on Jatropha curcas, 27 January 1987, K.S. Khan (IMI 254022); INDIA, U.P., Gorakhpur, on J. gossypifolia, 1 December 1980, R.P. Verma KV 98 (IMI 254022).

Notes: Braun (2000a) re-examined type material of C. jatrophicola and discussed its taxonomy. The two Indian collections agree well with this species (conidiophores fasciculate, $20\text{-}150 \times 3\text{-}6~\mu\text{m}$, olivaceous to medium brown, pluriseptate, conidiogenous loci thickened and darkened, $1.5\text{-}3.5~\mu\text{m}$ diam.; conidia solitary, acicular to obclavate-cylindrical, $20\text{-}120 \times 2\text{-}4.5~\mu\text{m}$, hyaline, pluriseptate, base truncate to obconically truncate, $1.5\text{-}3~\mu\text{m}$ diam.). C. jatrophicla is a member of Cercospora s.str., but distinct from C. apii s. lat.

3.2. Cercospora jatrophigena U. Braun, sp. nov. (Fig. 7)

Differt a *C. jatrophicola* conidiophoris 150-400 μm longis et conidiis acicularisfiliformis, 100-300 × 2.5-5 μm et a *C. apii* conidiophoris 150-400 μm longis, non-geniculatis.

Holotype (designated here): INDIA, U.P., Gorakhpur, Anand Nagar, on *Jatropha* sp., 17 December 1989, A.S. Moses (IMI 337609). *Paratype*: INDIA, West Bengal, on *Jatropha curcas*, 23 October 1983, K.K. Sarbajna 3458 (IMI 284558).

Leaf spots amphigenous, irregular, large, 5-50 mm diam., brown, greyish brown, margin indefinite or with a narrow dark border. Caespituli hypophyllous, thin, subeffuse to dense, very dense colonies sometimes almost tomentose. Stromata lacking or small, 10-40 μ m diam., brown, substomatal to intraepidermal. Conidiophores in small to moderately large fascicles, usually 2-12, divergent, arising from internal hyphae or stromata, through stomata or erumpent, erect, straight, stiff to flexuous, neither sinuous nor conspicuously geniculate, unbranched, 150-400 \times 3-6 μ m, pluriseptate throughout, olivaceous to medium brown throughout or tips paler, smooth; conidiogenous cells integrated, terminal or intercalary, 10-50 μ m long, conidiogenous loci (scars) thickened and darkened, 2.5-4 μ m diam. Conidia solitary, acicular-filiform, 100-300 \times 2.5-5 μ m, pluriseptate, distance between septa 5-15 μ m, hyaline, smooth, apex subacute, base truncate or subtruncate, hila 2-3.5 μ m diam., thickened and darkened (conidia occasionally germinating and forming short lateral secondary conidiophores).

Notes: Cercospora jatrophigena differs from C. jatrophicola in having distinct leaf spots, very long, non-geniculate conidiophores and much longer acicular-filiform conidia. The features of the lesion and the size of the conidiophores and conidia also discriminate this species from C. apii s. lat.

3.3. Pseudocercospora jatrophae-curcas (J.M. Yen) Deighton, Mycological Papers 140: 146 (1976).

Material examined: INDIA, West Bengal, Calcutta, Mankunda, on Jatropha curcas, 28 August 1986, K.K. Sarbajna 4953 (IMI 311117); MALAYSIA, Sabah, Tawan, Quoin Hill, on

J. curcas, 9 May 1964, T.W. Williams (IMI 107535); INDIA, West Bengal, Barrakpore, on J. gossypifolia, 21 January 1985, A.K. Das 3689 (IMI 293581).

Notes: Pseudocercospora jatrophae-curcas is new to India and Malaysia and *J. gossypifolia* is a new host species.

3.4. Pseudocercospora jatropharum (Speg.) U. Braun, Schlechtendalia 5: 64 (2000).

Material examined: CUBA, Bayamo, on Jatropha integrifolia, 23 July 1966, R. Urtiaga (IMI 120950).

Notes: Braun (2000a) examined holotype material of Cercospora jatropharum Speg. and placed this species in Pseudocercospora. The present material from Cuba agrees very well. This species is new to Cuba and J. integrifolia is a new host species.

4. Cercosporoid hyphomycetes on Lantana spp.

4.1. Pseudocercospora formosana (W. Yamam.) Deighton, Mycological Papers 140: 144 (1976).

= Cercospora lantanae-camarae J.M. Yen and Gilles, Cahiers Maboké 9: 108 '1971'

(1973), syn. nov.

Material examined: GABON, Tchibanga, on Lantana camara, 9 April 1971, G. Gilles,

isotype of C. lantanae-camarae (IMI 183412).

Notes: Based on the original description and illustration, Braun et al. (1992) cited C. lantanae-camarae as a synonym of P. formosana. The examination of type material of this species showed that this treatment has been correct.

4.2. Cercospora lantanae-indicae Munjal et al., Indian Phytopathology 12: 134 '1959' (1960).

= *Cercospora lantanae-camarae* R.C. Rayak and R.K. Rayak, Current Science 50: 911 (1981), homonym, non *C. lantanae-camarae* J.M. Yen and Gilles, 1971, **syn. nov.**

Material examined: INDIA, Jabalpur, on Lantana camara, 24 December 1977, R.C.

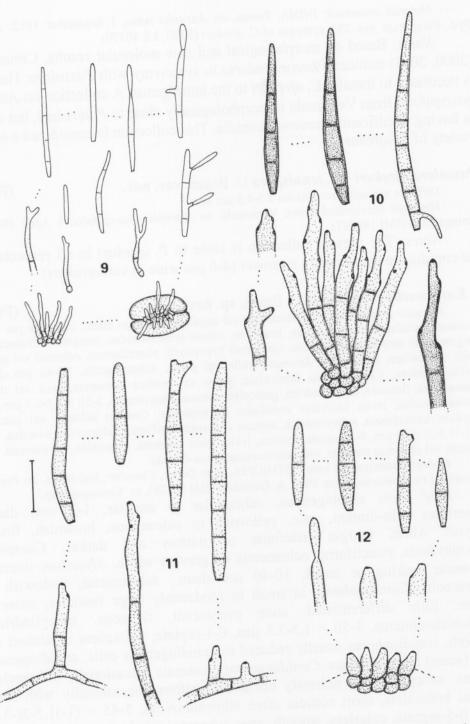
Rayak, holotype of C. lantanae-camarae R.C. Rayak and R.K. Rayak (IMI 224099).

Notes: The type material examined agrees perfectly with the original description and illustration of C. lantanae-indicae, which is a true Cercosporas.s.tr. distinct from C. apii s. lat. in having colorless acicular to obclavate-fusiform conidia, $30-250 \times 2-5 \mu m$, gradually attenuated towards the base.

4.3. Passalora ajrekari (Syd.) U. Braun, comb. nov.

≡ Cercospora ajrekari Syd., Annales Mycologici 12: 202 (1914).

≡ *Phaeoramularia ajrekari* (Syd.) Deighton, in Ellis, More Dematiaceous Hyphomycetes: 319 (1976).



Figs. 9-12. Conidiophore fascicles, conidiophores, conidia. 9. *Entylomella premnicola*. 10. *Passalora bauhiniicola*. 11. *P. chaetocalycina*. 12. *P. paspalicola*. Bar = $20 \mu m$.

Material examined: INDIA, Poona, on Jatropha nana, 1 September 1912, Ajrekar, Syd., Fungi exot. exs. 292, syntypes of C. ajrekari (HBG, LE 40370).

Notes: Based on morphological and new molecular results, Crous et al. (2000, 2001) reduced *Phaeoramularia* to synonymy with *Passalora*. Hence, it is necessary to transfer *C. ajrekari* to the latter genus. A collection on *Jatropha gossypifolia* from Venezuela is morphologically close to *P. ajrekari*, but differs in having significantly narrower conidia. This collection is considered a special variety of *P. ajrekari*:

Passalora ajrekari var. tenuispora U. Braun, var. nov.

(Fig. 8)

Differt a var. ajrekari conidiis 2.5-4.5 µm latis.

Holotype (designated here): Venezuela, on *Jatropha gossypifolia*, 1 April 1970, R. Urtiaga 1210 (IMI 149467).

Notes: The present collection is close to *P. ajrekari* in all respects, but the conidia are significantly narrower (4-6 µm wide in var. *ajrekari*).

5. Entylomella premnicola U. Braun, sp. nov.

(Fig. 9)

Maculae amphigenae, suborbiculares vel angulares, 1-3 mm diam., interdum per venas limitatae, pallidae, flavo-ochraceae, brunneae, ultimo griseo-albidae, margine indistincto vel margine tenui atro-brunneo cinctae. *Caespituli* hypophylli, punctiformes, ochracei vel griseo-albidi. Mycelium immersum. *Stromata* nulla vel parva, substomatalia, 10-40 μm diam., flavido-ochracea. *Conidiophora* fasciculata, parva vel modice numerosa, laxa vel densa, evanescentia, flexuosa, subcylindrica, geniculata-sinuosa, non-ramosa, 3-50 × 1.5-3.5 μm, 0-1-septata, hyalina, levia; cicatrices conidiales inconspicuae. *Conidia* solitaria vel catenata, interdum ramicatenata, subcylindrica, anguste obclavata-fusiformia, ellipsoidea-ovoidea, 5-45 × (1-)1.5-3(-3.5) μm, 0-5-septata, hyalina, levia, apice subacuta, subobtusa vel truncata, basi truncata vel obconice truncata, hila non-incrassata, non-fuscata.

Holotype (designated here): ETHIOPIA, near Deder, Chercher, highlands, on *Premna schimperi* (Verbenaceae), June 1960, A. Gethahon (IMI 88339), as 'Cercospora sp.'.

Leaf spots amphigenous, subcircular to angular, 1-3 mm diam., sometimes vein-limited, pale, yellowish to ochraceous, brownish, finally greyish white, margin indefinite or narrow and darker. Caespituli hypophyllous, punctiform, ochraceous or greyish white. Mycelium internal. Stromata lacking or small, 10-40 μm diam., substomatal, yellowish to ochraceous. Conidiophores in small to moderately large fascicles, loose to dense, little differentiated, soon evanescent, flexuous, subcylindrical, geniculate-sinuous, 3-50 × 1.5-3.5 μm, 0-1-septate, colourless or almost so, smooth, conidiophores usually reduced to conidiogenous cells, conidiogenous loci (scars) inconspicuous. Conidia solitary, catenate, occasionally in branched chains, subcylindrical, narrowly obclavate-fusiform, occasionally with short lateral branchlets, short conidia often ellipsoid-ovoid, 5-45 × (1-)1.5-3(-3.5) μm, 0-5-septate, colorless, smooth, apex subacute, subobtuse to truncate, base truncate or obconically truncate, hila unthickend, not darkened.

Notes: There is no comparable species on hosts of *Premna* and allied genera. It has been very difficult to find an appropriate genus for this hyphomycete on *Premna*. Based on colorless conidiophores and conidia and inconspicuous conidiogenous loci, this fungus is reminiscent of *Pseudocercosporella* spp., but because of very narrow, often evanescent conidiophores and catenate, narrow, very variable conidia, I prefer to assign it tentatively to *Entylomella*, although smut spores, the perfect stage, have not been observed. The differentiation between some smut anamorphs of *Entyloma* and *Pseudocercosporella* is sometimes difficult.

6. Passalora bauhiniicola U. Braun, sp. nov.

(Fig. 10)

Maculae amphigenae, suborbiculares vel angulares-irregulares, 1-15 mm diam. vel confluentes, pallide ochraceae, brunneae, margine tenui rubro-purpureo vel rubro-brunneo cinctae. *Caespituli* amphigeni, punctiformes, atro-brunnei, nigri, dispersi. Mycelium immersum. *Stromata* intraepidermalia, 10-50 μm diam., interdum leviter erumpentia, brunnea. *Conidiophora* laxe vel dense fasciculata, parva vel modice numerosa, ex cellulis stromatibus oriunda, erecta, simplicia, recta, subcylindrica vel geniculata-sinuosa, $30-70 \times 3-7$ μm, continua vel septata, pallide olivacea, olivaceo-brunnea vel dilute brunnea, levia; cellulae conidiogenae integratae, terminales, 30-50 μm longae; cicatrices conidiales conspicuae, incrassatae, fuscatae, 1-2 μm diam. *Conidia* solitaria, obclavata, $35-70 \times 6-8$ μm, 3-8-septata, flavo-viridula, pallide olivacea, levia, apice subobtusa, basi distincte obconice truncata, hila 1.5-2 μm diam., incrassata, fuscata.

Holotype (designated here): VENEZUELA, Lara, Carora, Quediche, on *Bauhinia benthaminiana* (*Fabaceae*), January 1990, R. Urtiaga (IMI 339516).

Leaf spots amphigenous, subcircular to angular-irregular, 1-15 mm diam. or confluent and larger, pale, ochraceous, brownish, with a narrow margin or marginal line, reddish-purplish or reddish brown. Caespituli amphigenous, punctiform, dark brown, blackish, scattered. Mycelium internal. Stromata intraepidermal, 10-50 μm diam., occasionally somewhat erumpent, brown. Conidiophores in small to moderately large fascicles, loose to dense, arising from stromata, erumpent, erect, unbranched, straight, subcylindrical to geniculate-sinuous, 30-70 × 3-7 μm, continuous to septate, pale olivaceous, olivaceous-brown, light brown, smooth; conidiogenous cells integrated, terminal, 30-50 μm long; conidiogenous loci (scars) conspicuous, thickened and darkened, 1-2 μm diam. Conidia solitary, obclavate, 35-70 × 6-8 μm, 3-8-septate, yellowish green, pale olivaceous, smooth, apex subobtuse, base distinctly obconically truncate, hila 1.5-2 μm diam., thickened and darkened (occasionally with short germ tubes near the base).

Notes: There is no comparable species of *Passalora* on hosts of *Bauhinia* and allied genera.

7. *Passalora chaetocalycina* (Petr. and Cif.) U. Braun, **comb. nov.** (Fig. 11) = *Cercospora chaetocalycina* Petr. and Cif., Annales Mycologici 30: 308 (1932).

Reference: Chupp (1954: 292).

Material examined: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, Santiago, Valle de Ciboa, Hato del Yaque, on Chaetocalyx pubescens, 22 January 1931, R. Ciferri 4132, lectotype of C. chaetocalycina, selected here (W, Acqu. 1973, No. 10343), [isolectotype: PAV], and 23 December 1930, E.L. Ekman, ex herb. Ciferri 4017, topotype of C. chaetocalycina (W, Acqu. 1973, No. 10023).

Leaf spots absent or only with irregular, diffuse, vellowish discolorations on the upper leaf surface. Colonies hypophyllous, effuse, forming greyish to olivaceous-brown patches, dense, 2-6 mm diam. Primary mycelium internal, secondary mycelium external, hyphae superficial, creeping, septate, sparingly branched, 2-5 µm diam., subhyaline, olivaceous to olivaceous-brown, smooth. Stromata lacking or small, substomatal, brown. Conidiophores solitary or in loose fascicles, emerging through stomata or arising from creeping hyphae, lateral, occasionally terminal, erect to decumbent, extremely variable, straight, subcylindrical to irregular, somewhat geniculate-sinuous, simple, occasionally branched, 10-100 × 3-5 µm, width often irregular, pale olivaceous to olivaceous-brown, continuous to pluriseptate, smooth (differentiation between creeping secondary hyphae and long conidiophores often very difficult or almost impossible); conidiogenous cells integrated, terminal, occasionally conidiophores reduced to conidiogenous cells, 10-30 µm long, conidiogenous loci conspicuous, thickened and darkened, 1.5-3 µm diam. Conidia solitary or catenate, occasionally in branched chains, subcylindrical-filiform, 20-100 × 3-5 μm, 1-9-septate, subhyaline to pale olivaceous-brown, smooth, apex obtuse to truncate, base subtruncate to obconically truncate, 1.5-3 µm diam., hila thickened and darkened.

Notes: This species is a typical '*Mycovellosiella*' with secondary hyphae, solitary conidiophores and conspicuous conidiogenous loci. However, based on new molecular data and morphological studies, *Mycovellosiella* has been reduced to synonymy with *Passalora* (Crous *et al.*, 2000, 2001).

8. *Passalora paspalicola* (Petr. and Cif.) U. Braun, **comb. nov.** (Fig. 12)

≡ Cercospora paspalicola Petr. and Cif., Annales Mycologici 30: 226 (1932).

Reference: Chupp (1954: 250).

Material examined: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, Prov. Azua, Valle de San Juan, San Juan de la Maguana, on *Paspalum clavuliferum*, 22 August 1929, E.L. Ekman, Ciferri, Mycoflora Domingensis Exsiccata 331, *lectotype* of *C. paspalicola*, selected here (W, Acqu. 1978, No. 07621).

Leaf spots indistinct, later brown, irregular, usually 1-3 mm diam. Caespituli amphigenous, punctiform, subcircular to oblong in outline, blackish. Mycelium internal. Stromata immersed, large, 30-350 µm diam., dark brown. Conidiophores numerous or very numerous, densely fasciculate, forming well-developed sporodochial conidiomata, conidiophores little differentiated,

reduced to conidiogenous cells, only developed as elongated peripherical cells of the stromata, subcylindrical-conical, simple, 5-15 \times 3-6 μm (sometimes with persistent conidiophores, resembling longer conidiophores), aseptate, brownish, smooth; conidiogenous loci conspicuous, slightly thickened and darkened, 1-1.5 μm diam. *Conidia* solitary to catenate, occasionally in branched chains, cylindrical, obclavate-subcylindrical, ellipsoid-ovoid, 15-60 \times 4-6.5 μm , 1-4-septate, subhyaline to pale olivaceous, smooth to faintly roughwalled, apex obtuse, base rounded to obconically truncate, 1-1.5 μm diam., hila slightly thickened and darkened.

Notes: Because of the catenate conidia and conspicuous scars, this species is a typical '*Phaeoramularia*'. However, based on new morphological and molecular examinations, *Phaeoramularia* has been reduced to synonymy with *Passalora* (Crous *et al.*, 2000, 2001).

9. Passalora selini-gmelini (Sacc. and Scalia) U. Braun, comb. nov. (Fig. 13)

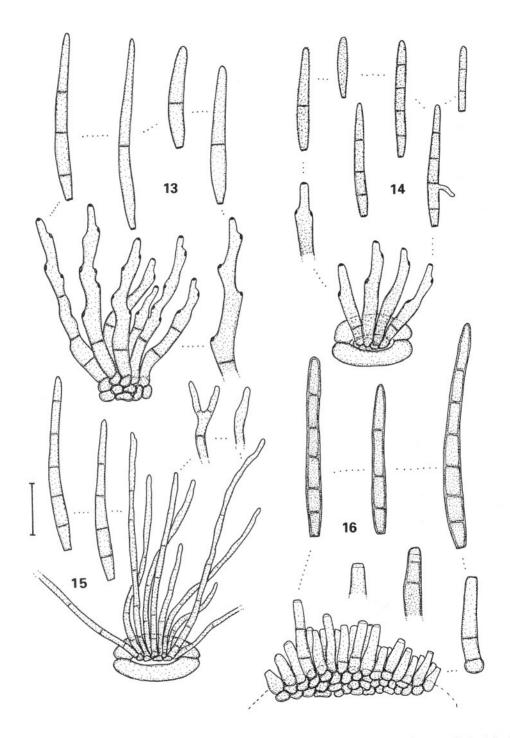
≡ Cercospora apii var. selini-gmelini Sacc. and Scalia, Harriman Alaska Expedition, (Crypt. Bot.): 16 (1904).

≡ Cercospora selini-gmelini (Sacc. and Scalia) Chupp, A monograph of the fungus genus Cercospora: 579 (1954).

Material examined: JAPAN, Aomori Pref., Hirosaki City, Zatoishi, on Conioselinum univittatum, 16 July 1972, Y. Harada (IMI 170537).

Leaf spots inconspicuous or small, 0.5-2 mm diam., angular, yellowish to ochraceaous discolorations, greyish olivaceous on the lower surface, margin indefinite. Caespituli hypophyllous, punctiform, dense, greyish olivaceous. Mycelium immersed. Stromata substomatal, 10-40 μm diam., brown. Conidiophores in small to large fascicles, loose to dense, arising from stromata, emerging through stomata, erect, strongly geniculate-sinuous, unbranched, $40\text{-}100 \times (3\text{-})4\text{-}8(\text{-}10)$ μm, usually septate, pale olivaceous to olivaceous-brown, smooth, thin-walled; conidiogenous cells integrated, terminal, conidiogenous loci (scars) conspicuous, 2-2.5 μm diam., somewhat thickened and darkened. Conidia solitary, obclavate-cylindrical, $30\text{-}80 \times (4\text{-})5\text{-}7$ μm, 1-3-septate, subhyaline to pale olivaceous, smooth, thin-walled, apex obtuse, base obconically truncate, hila 2-2.5 μm diam., slightly thickened and darkened.

Notes: This species was originally described from Alaska on Conioselinum gmelini. Type material could not be traced at PAD, but the present material from Japan agrees very well with the original diagnosis and Chupp's (1954) re-description. Based on the structure of the conidiogenous loci and the shape and septation of the conidia, this species has to be placed in Passalora. P. selini-gmelini resembles P. cnidii (Constant.) Poonam Srivast. on



Figs. 13-16. Conidiophore fascicles, conidiophores, conidia. 13. P. selini-gmelini. 14. P. tephrosiae-purpureae. 15. $Pseudocercospora\ barleriae\ 16.\ P$. bernardiae. $Bar=20\ \mu m$.

Cnidium spp. in Europe, but differs in having smaller stromata and strongly geniculate-sinuous conidiophores.

10. *Passalora tephrosiae-purpureae* U. Braun, **sp. nov.** (Fig. 14) Differt a *P. tephrosiae* conidiophoris 10-30 μm longis, non-septatis et conidiis 4-6 μm latis.

Holotype (designated here): INDIA, Bihar, Topchachi, on *Tephrosia purpurea* (*Fabaceae*), 14 November 1986, Khan (IMI 312399).

Leaf spots amphigenous, small, 0.5-2 mm diam., subcircular to somewhat irregular, brown, margin indefinite. Caespituli hypophyllous, punctiform, dark brown. Mycelium internal. Stromata substomatal, 10-40 μ m diam., brown. Conidiophores in small to moderately large fascicles, more or less dense, arising from stromata, emerging through stomata, erect, straight, subcylindrical to somewhat geniculate-sinuous, unbranched, $10\text{-}30 \times 4\text{-}6 \mu\text{m}$, 0(-1)-septate, pale olivaceous to olivaceous-brown, almost smooth to verruculose; conidiophores usually reduced to conidiogenous cells, conidiogenous loci subconspicuous to conspiucous, unthickened to very slightly thickened and somewhat darkened-refractive, 1.5-2 μ m diam. Conidia solitary, obclavate-cylindrical, short conidia occasionally ellipsoid-ovoid, $(10\text{-})20\text{-}50 \times 4\text{-}6 \mu\text{m}$, (0-)1-4(-5)-septate, pale olivaceous to olivaceous-brown, almost smooth to verruculose, apex obtuse or subobtuse, base subtruncate to obconically truncate, hila 1.5-2 μ m diam., unthickened or almost so, not darkened to slightly darkened-refractive.

Notes: It has been rather difficult to find an appropriate genus for this new species, which seems to be intermediate between Asperisporium (conidia verruculose), Pseudocercospora (conidigenous loci ranging from being unthickened to very slightly thickened) and Passalora (scars conspicuous, conidia obclavate-cylindrical). On account of visible scars and the conidial shape, this species is, however, tentatively placed in Passalora. P. tephrosiae-purpureae reminds one of P. tephrosiae S.A. Khan and Kamal (Ellis, 1976), but the latter species differs in having very long, septate conidiophores and wider conidia with broadly rounded apex and rounded to subtruncate base.

11. Pseudocercospora acalyphae (Lacy and Thirum.) Raghu Ram, Mallaiah and U. Braun, in Braun, A monograph of Cercosporella, Ramularia and allied genera (phytopathogenic hyphomycetes), Vol. 1: 100, Eching 1995.

= *Phaeoramularia indica* S.K. Singh, R.K. Chaudhary and Meenu, Mycological Research 101: 863 (1997), syn. nov.

Material examined: INDIA, U.P., Gorakhpur, on Acalypha indica, 1994, Kamal, holotype of P. indica (IMI 366370).

Notes: Based on the original description, Braun (2000b: 49) supposed that *Phaeoramularia indica* is identical with *Pseudocercospora acalyphae*.

Type material of *P. indica* has recently been traced and examined and the identity supposed could be confirmed.

12. Pseudocercospora anomala (Berk. and M.C. Curtis) de Hoog, Persoonia 15: 68 (1992).

= Cladosporium anomalum Berk. and M.C. Curtis, in Sacc., Syll. Fung. 4: 363 (1886) [Cub. Fungi, No. 639].

Material examined: CUBA, on 'Malva sp.', C. Wright, holotype of C. anomalum (K); DOMINICAN REP., Santiago, Valle de Ciboa, Hato del Yaque, on Sida sp., 21 March 1932, leg.? (IMI 59305).

Leaf spots lacking or irregular, not very conspicuous. Colonies hypophyllous, effuse, dark brown, angular-irregular, 1-3 mm diam. or confluent. Primary mycelium internal; secondary mycelium external; hyphae creeping, sparingly branched, septate, 1.5-5 μm diam., pale olivaceous to olivaceous-brown, smooth or almost so to distinctly rough-walled. Stromata lacking. Conidiophores little differentiated, often barely distinguishable from the superficial hyphae, lateral or terminal, 20-150 × (2-)3-6(-8) μm, occasionally even longer, continuous to pluriseptate, pale olivaceous to olivaceous-brown, smooth to rough-walled, above all apically verruculose, wall thin to slightly thickened; conidiogenous cells integrated, terminal, 10-50 μm long, often verruculose, conidiogenous loci inconspicuous, occasionally subdenticulate. Conidia solitary, cylindrical, obclavate-cylindrical, 30-85 × 3-5.5 μm, 3-8-septate, subhyaline, pale olivaceous, olivaceous-brown, verruculose, wall thin to slightly thickened, apex obtuse, base obconically truncate, 1-2 μm diam., hila unthickened, not darkened.

Notes: De Hoog (1992: 67-68, Fig. 3) examined type material of *C. anomalum*, transferred it to *Pseudocercospora*, described this species briefly and published a good illustration. The identity of the type host, originally given as 'Malva sp.' should rather be interpreted as 'on a host of the Malvaceae'. The present collection on *Sida* sp. agrees perfectly with the type of *P. anomala*.

13. Pseudocercospora barleriae (J.M. Yen and Lim) U. Braun, comb. nov.

(Fig. 15)

≡ Cercospora barleriae J.M. Yen and Lim, Cahiers du Pacifique 17: 100 (1973). Material examined: SINGAPORE, on Barleria cristata, 3 March 1972, G. Lim No. 73 holotype of C. barleriae (PC).

Leaf spots amphigenous, angular, vein-limited, 1-5 mm diam. or confluent and larger, blackish on the upper leaf surface, dark brown below, sometimes forming large blackish brown patches, covering large leaf segments. Caespituli hypophyllous, effuse, dark brown, sometimes velvety. Mycelium internal. Stromata absent or almost so. Conidiophores in small to moderately large fascicles, loose, arising from internal hyphae, through stomata, erect to

decumbent, flexuous, simple or occasionally branched, somewhat geniculate-sinuous, $20\text{-}130 \times 4\text{-}7 \,\mu\text{m}$, (0-)1-7-septate, olivaceous to olivacous-brown, tips paler, smooth, thin-walled; conidiogenous cells integrated, terminal, $10\text{-}40 \,\mu\text{m}$ long, conidiogenous loci (scars) inconspicuous or subconspicuous by being more rigid, subdenticulate and somewhat refractive, but wall always unthickened. *Conidia* solitary, obclavate, obclavate-subcylindrical, $(10\text{-})15\text{-}80 \times 4\text{-}5 \,\mu\text{m}$, 1-8-septate, subhyaline to pale olivaceous or olivaceous-brown, smooth, thin-walled, apex subacute to obtuse, base obconically truncate, $2\text{-}2.5 \,\mu\text{m}$ diam., hila unthickened, not darkened, at most somewhat refractive.

Notes: Yen and Lim (1980) retained this species in Cercospora and described 'brown scars'. However, the examination of type material of C. barleriae showed that this species belongs in Pseudocercospora. The scars of the conidiogenous cells are inconspicuous or subconspicuous, but the wall of the loci is always unthickened.

14. *Pseudocercospora bernardiae* (F. Stevens) U. Braun, **comb. nov.** (Fig. 16)
≡ *Cercospora bernardiae* F. Stevens, Transactions of the Illinois Academy of Sciences
10: 213 (1917).

Reference: Chupp (1954: 213).

Material examined: PUERTO RICO, Guanica, on Bernardia dichotoma, 3 February 1913, F.L. Stevens No. 355a, isotype of C. bernardiae (PC).

Leaf spots amphigenous, subcircular to slightly angular-irregular, 0.5-3 mm diam., yellowish to ochraceous, finally greyish white, margin indefinite or narrow, darker. Caespituli epiphyllous, punctiform, dark to blackish brown. Mycelium internal. Stromata large, immersed, 100-300(-500) μm diam., circular in outline or oblong. Conidiophores numerous to very numerous, densely fasciculate, arising from stromata, forming large sporodochia, erumpent, straight, subcylindrical to slightly conical, unbranched, neither geniculate nor sinuous, $10-40 \times 3-6 \mu m$, 0-3-septate, pale yellowish, olivaceous to yellowish brown, smooth; conidiogenous cells integrated, terminal or conidiophores reduced to conidiogenous cells, 10-25 µm long, unilocal, determinate or percurrent, with 1-3 thin annellations, loci unthickened, not darkened, 2-4 µm diam. Conidia solitary, subcylindrical, occasionally cylindrical-obclavate, $30-90 \times (4-)5-7(-8) \mu m$, (1-)3-7(-10)-septate, subhyaline to pale olivaceous or yellowish olivaceous, smooth, wall thin to slightly thickened, apex obtuse, mostly broadly rounded, base truncate or obconically truncate, 3-5 µm diam., hila unthickened, not darkened.

Notes: This species is a typical 'Cercostigmina' with unilocal, percurrent conidiogenous cells and unthickened scars, but based on new molecular results (Crous et al., 2000, 2001), Cercostigmina must be reduced to synonymy with Pseudocercospora.

15. Pseudocercospora boedijniana U. Braun, Nova Hedwigia 73(3-4) (2001), in press

≡ Cercospora mitragynae ('mitragynes') Boedijn, Nova Hedwigia 3: 428 (1961), non Pseudocercospora mitragynae (M.S. Pavghi, U.P. Singh and Deighton) U. Braun, 1995.

= Cercospora mitragynae Bhargava and Nath, Current Science 45: 672 (1976),

homonym, non C. mitragynae Boedijn, 1961, syn. nov.

Material examined: INDIA, U.P., Gorakhpur, Kushmi and Madhaulia forest, on Mitragyna parvifolia, November 1974, V. Nath, holotype of C. mitragynae Bhargava and Nath (IMI 191340); INDIA, West Bengal, Barnipur, on M. parvifolia, 29 November 1985, K.K. Sarbajna 3780 (IMI 3000695).

Notes: Braun (2001) examined type material of *C. mitragynae* Boedijn and re-allocated this species to *Pseudocercospora*. Bhargava and Nath (1976) only described epiphyllous caespituli with fasciculate conidiophores which agree well with those of *P. boedijniana*. The re-examination of type material and an additional Indian sample from West Bengal showed that the two species are identical and that secondary mycelium with solitary conidiophores may be formed, above all on the lower leaf surface. The description of *C. boedijniana* can be supplemented as follows: *Primary mycelium* internal, secondary mycelium almost absent to well-developed, hyphae superficial, creeping, sparingly branched, septate, smooth, 1-3 μm diam., subhyaline to pale olivaceous. *Conidiophores* fasciculate or solitary, arising from creeping hyphae, lateral or terminal.

16. Pseudocercospora costina (Syd. and P. Syd.) Deighton, Mycological Papers 140: 135 (1976).

Material examined: INDIA, Jabalpur, on Hedychium sp., 19 October 1977, R.C. Rajak (IMI 217586).

Notes: *Hedychium* is a new host genus for this species which is known from India, the Philippines and Taiwan on *Costus speciosus*. However, the present material consists of some leaf fragments, so that the correct identification of the host could not be proven.

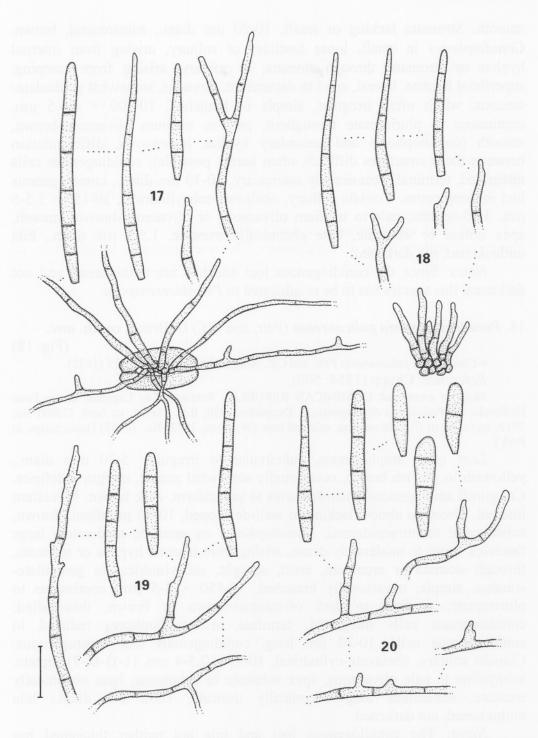
17. Pseudocercospora herpestica (Petr. and Cif.) U. Braun, comb. nov.

(Fig. 17)

■ Cercospora herpestica Petr. and Cif., Annales Mycologici 30: 317 (1932). *Reference*: Chupp (1954: 522).

Material examined: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, Cordillera Central, La Cumbre, on Herpestis stricta, 3 March 1930, E.L. Ekman 367, ex herb. Ciferri No. 3760a, lectotype of C. herpestica, selected here (W, Acqu. 1978, No. 05307) [isolectotype in PAV].

Leaf spots indistinct. Caespituli hypophyllous, effuse, loose to dense, dark olivaceous, sooty. Primary mycelium internal; secondary mycelium external, superficial; hyphae creeping, emerging through stomata, sparingly branched, septate, 1.5-5 µm diam., subhyaline to pale olivaceous-brown,



Figs. 17-20. Conidiophore fascicles, conidiophores, conidia. 17. *Pseudocercospora herpestica*. 18. *P. palicoureina*. 19. *P. pavoniae*. 20. *P. pilicola*. Bar = 20 µm.

smooth. *Stromata* lacking or small, 10-20 μ m diam., substomatal, brown. *Conidiophores* in small, loose fascicles or solitary, arising from internal hyphae or stromata, through stomata, or solitary, arising from creeping, superficial hyphae, lateral, erect to decumbent, flexuous, somewhat geniculate-sinuous, width often irregular, simple or branched, 10-300 \times 4-6.5 μ m, continuous to pluriseptate throughout, pale to medium olivaceous-brown, smooth (conidiophores and secondary hyphae interwoven, differentiation between these structures difficult, often barely possible); conidiogenous cells integrated, terminal, occasionally intercalary, 10-30 μ m diam., conidiogenous loci inconspicuous. *Conidia* solitary, obclavate-subcylindrical, 30-150 \times 3.5-6 μ m, 3-15-septate, pale to medium olivaceous or olivaceous-brown, smooth, apex obtuse or subacute, base obconically truncate, 1.5-2 μ m diam., hila unthickened, not darkened.

Notes: Since the conidiogenous loci and hila are unthickened and not darkened, this species has to be re-allocated to *Pseudocercospora*.

18. Pseudocercospora palicoureina (Petr. and Cif.) U. Braun, comb. nov.

(Fig. 18)

= *Cercospora palicoureina* Petr. and Cif., Annales Mycologici 30: 325 (1932). *Reference*: Chupp (1954: 500).

Material examined: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, Santiago, Las Lagunas, above Pozo Hediondo, on *Palicourea domingensis*, 3 December 1930, E.L. Ekman, ex herb. Ciferri No. 3910, lectotype of *C. palicoureina*, selected here (W, Acqu. 1973, No. 10963) [isolectotype in PAV].

Leaf spots amphigenous, subcircular to irregular, 5-20 mm diam., yellowish to greyish brown, occasionally somewhat zonate, margin indefinite. Caespituli amphigenous, inconspicuous to punctiform, dark brown. Mycelium internal. Stromata almost lacking to well-developed, 10-40 μ m diam., brown, substomatal to intraepidermal. Conidiophores on small to moderately large fascicles, loose to moderately dense, arising from internal hyphae or stromata, through stomata or erumpent, erect, straight, subcylindrical to geniculate-sinuous, simple, occasionally branched, $10\text{-}150 \times 3\text{-}5 \mu$ m, continuous to pluriseptate, medium to dark olivaceous-brown or brown, thin-walled; conidiogenous cells integrated, terminal or conidiophores reduced to conidiogenous cells, $10\text{-}30 \mu$ m long, conidiogenous loci inconspicuous. Conidia solitary, obclavate-cylindrical, $10\text{-}75 \times 2.5\text{-}4 \mu$ m, (1-)3-6(-7)-septate, subhyaline to pale olivaceous, apex subacute or subobtuse, base obconically truncate, sometimes long obconically truncate, $1.5\text{-}2 \mu$ m diam., hila unthickened, not darkened.

Notes: The conidiogenous loci and hila are neither thickened nor darkened, so that this species belongs in *Pseudocercospora*.

19. Pseudocercospora pavoniae (Petr. and Cif.) U. Braun, comb. nov. (Fig. 19)

≡ Cercospora pavoniae Petr. and Cif., Annales Mycologici 30: 327 (1932).

Reference: Chupp (1954: 375).

Material examined: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, Santiago, Valle de Ciboa, on *Pavonia* sp., 2 March 1931, R. Ciferri No. 4156, *lectotype* of *C. pavoniae*, selected here (W, Acqu. 1978, No. 05583) [isolectotype in PAV].

Leaf spots lacking or only with diffuse, irregular discolorations, vellowish to ochraceous, later becoming brown, necrotic, size variable, 1-20 mm diam. or confluent. Colonies hypophyllous, effuse, loose to dense, olivaceous. Stromata lacking. Primary mycelium internal; secondary mycelium external, superficial; hyphae creeping, branched, subhyaline to olivaceous or olivaceous-brown, 1.5-5 µm diam., smooth. Conidiophores in small, loose fascicles or solitary, arising from internal hyphae, erect to decumbent or arising from creeping hyphae, lateral or terminal, flexuous, geniculate-sinuous, width irregular, simple or branched, $10-150 \times (3-)4-6(-8)$ µm, aseptate to pluriseptate, pale to medium olivaceous-brown or brown, smooth (conidiophores and secondary hyphae interwoven, differentiation between these structures often difficult or barely possible); conidiogenous cells integrated, terminal or intercalary, 10-30 µm long, conidiogenous loci inconspicuous or subdenticulate, but wall neither thickened nor darkened. Conidia solitary, cylindrical, 20-100 × 4-6.5 µm, 3-9-septate, subhyaline to pale olivaceous, smooth, apex obtuse, usually broadly rounded, base obconically truncate, 1.5-2 um diam., hila unthickend, not darkened.

Notes: The conidiogenous loci and hila are unthickend and not darkened. Therefore, this species must be transferred to *Pseudocercospora*.

20. *Pseudocercospora pilicola* (Petr. and Cif.) U. Braun, **comb. nov.** (Fig. 20)
≡ *Cercospora pilicola* Petr. and Cif., Annales Mycologici 30: 330 (1932).

Reference: Chupp (1954: 567).

Material examined: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, Santiago, Valle de Ciboa, Hato del Yaque, on Piriqueta ovata, 15 December 1930, E.L. Ekman, ex herb. Ciferri No. 3904, lectotype of C. pilicola, selected here (W, Acqu. 1973, No. 10077) [isolectotype in PAV]; USA, Florida, Gainesville, on Piriqueta caroliniana, 14 July 1935, G.F. Weber No. 10612 (NY), as 'Cercospora turnerae'.

Leaf spots lacking or almost so, sometimes with pale discoloration on the upper leaf surface. Colonies amphigenous, mainly hypophyllous, effuse, lose to dense, dull olivaceous, greyish brown, sooty. Primary mycelium internal; secondary mycelium external; hyphae emerging through stomata, creeping, sparingly branched, septate, 2-5 μ m diam., subhyaline to brownish, smooth. Stromata lacking. Conidiophores solitary, arising from creeping hyphae, lateral, occasionally terminal, erect, straight, subcylindrical to somewhat geniculate-sinuous, unbranched, 5-50 × 2-6 μ m, sometimes longer, 0-3-septate,

subhyaline to pale olivaceous or olivaceous-brown, smooth; conidiogenous cells integrated, terminal or conidiophores reduced to conidiogenous cells, 5-30 μm long, conidiogenous loci inconspicuous. *Conidia* solitary, mostly cylindrical, occasionally obclavate-cylindrical or subclavate, 20-70 \times 4-7 μm , 1-6(-8)-septate, subhyaline, pale olivaceous or olivaceous-brown, smooth, apex obtuse, base obconically truncate, 1-2 μm diam., hila unthickened, not darkened, sometimes denticle-like.

Notes: Since the conidiogenous loci and hila are unthickened and not darkened, this species must be placed in *Pseudocercospora*.

- 21. Pseudocercospora premnicola (Boedijn) U. Braun, Nova Hedwigia 73(3-4) (2001), in press.
 - ≡ Cercospora premnicola Boedijn, Nova Hedwigia 3: 431 (1961).
- = *Cercospora premnicola* D.N. Shukla, A.K. Singh, P. Kumar and Kamal, Indian Phytopathology 35: 89-90 (1982), homonym, syn. nov.

Material examined: INDIA, U.P., Gorakhpur, on Premna mucronata, March 1979, R.P. Singh 7, holotype of C. premnicola D.N. Shukla et al. (IMI 236159).

Notes: Braun (2001) examined type material of *C. premnicola* Boedijn and transferred this species to *Pseudocercospora*. *C. premnicola* D.N. Shukla *et al.* is indistinguishable and has to be reduced to synonymy with the latter species.

22. Pseudocercospora rhynchosiarum (Petr. and Cif.) U. Braun, comb. nov.

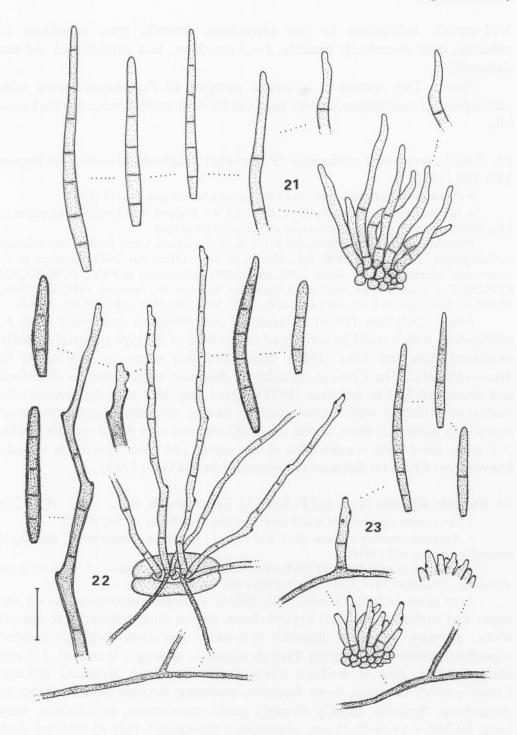
(Fig. 21)

- = Cercospora rhynchosiarum Petr. and Cif., Annales Mycologici 30: 332 (1932).
- ≡ Cercospora apii var. rhynchosiarum (Petr. and Cif.) Siboe, in Seyani and Chikuni, Proceedings of the Thirteenth Plenary Meeting of AETFAT, Zomaba, Malawi, April 1991, 1: 633 (1994).

Reference: Chupp (1954: 329).

Material examined: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, Santiago, Cuesta de Piedras, on Rhynchosia reticulata, 9 December 1930, E.L. Ekman, ex herb. Ciferri No. 3849, lectotype of C. rhynchosiarum, selected here (W, Acqu. 1973, No. 10007) [isolectotype in PAV].

Leaf spots amphigenous, subcircular to angular-irregular, 2-12 mm diam., brown, with a dark marginal line. Caespituli epiphyllous, punctiform, scattered, dark brown, blackish. Mycelium internal. Stromata intraepidermal, 10-40 μ m diam., brown. Conidiophores in small to moderately large fascicles, loose to dense, arising from stromata, erumpent, erect, straight, subcylindrical to geniculate-sinuous, often narrowed towards the apex, unbranched, 20-70 \times 3-4 μ m, 0-3-septate, pale to medium olivaceous-brown or brown, tips paler, often subhyaline, smooth; conidiogenous cells integrated, terminal or conidiophores reduced to conidiogenous cells, conidiogenous loci inconspicuous. Conidia solitary, obclavate-subcylindrical, 20-105 \times 2-3.5 μ m,



Figs. 21-23. Conidiophore fascicles, conidiophores, conidia, secondary hyphae. 21. Pseudocercospora rhynchosiarum. 22. Stenella alpiniae. 23. S. aspiliae. Bar = $20 \mu m$.

3-11-septate, subhyaline to pale olivaceous, smooth, apex subobtuse to subacute, base obconically truncate, 1-1.5 μ m diam., hila unthickened and not darkened.

Notes: This species is a typical member of *Pseudocercospora* with inconspicuous conidiogenous loci and conidia with unthickened, not darkened hila.

- 23. Pseudocercospora trichophila (F. Stevens) Deighton, Mycological Papers 140: 106 (1976)
 - = Cercospora costeroana Petr. and Cif., Annales Mycologici 30: 311 (1932).

≡ *Mycovellosiella costeroana* (Petr. and Cif.) X.J. Liu and Y.L. Guo, Mycosystema 1: 246 (1988), misapplied (= *Mycovellosiella* cf. *nattrassii* Deighton).

Material examined: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, La Caleta, Llano Costero, on Solanum verbascifolium, 10 February 1930, E.L. Ekman, ex herb. Ciferri No. 3649, lectotype of C. costeroana, selected here (W, Acqu. 1973, No. 10388) [isolectotype in PAV]; DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, Ciudad Trujillo, road to La Caleta, on Solanum sp., February 1930, R. Ciferri, Mycoflora Domingensis Exsiccata 343 bis (W, Acqu. 1955, No. 4837 and 1978, No. 25534).

Notes: Deighton (1976) reduced C. costeroana to synonymy with P. trichophila, which could be confirmed on the base of the type material recently examined. Liu and Guo (1988) misapplied this name by placing it in Mycovellosiella. The Chinese material on $Solanum\ verbascifolium\ described$ and illustrated by Liu and Guo (1988) agrees very well with $Mycovellosiella\ nattrassii$, which is well-characterised by having secondary hyphae in dense ropes with numerous short, lateral conidiophores and very broad conidia (width $> 5\ \mu m$), often with constrictions at the septa. The latter species is already known from China on $Solanum\ melongena$ (Liu and Guo, 1988).

24. Stenella alpiniae (Syd. and P. Syd.) U. Braun, comb. nov. (Fig. 22)

- ≡ Cercospora alpiniae Syd. and P. Syd., Annales Mycologici 12: 202 (1914).
- ≡ *Helminthosporium alpiniae* (Syd. and P. Syd.) Chupp, A monograph of the fungus genus *Cercospora*: 607 (1954).

Material examined: PHILIPPINES, Prov. Laguna, near Los Baños, Mt. Maquiling, on Alpinia sp., December 1914, C.F. Baker, topotype of C. alpiniae (PC).

Leaf spots lacking or only with diffuse yellowish discolorations on the upper leaf surface. Caespituli hypophyllous, effuse, dark olivaceous to almost sooty. Primary mycelium internal; secondary mycelium external; hyphae superficial, creeping, emerging through stromata, sparingly branched, 1-3 μm diam., septate, pale to medium olivaceous, verruculose. Stromata lacking. Conidiophores in small, loose fascicles, emerging through stomata, erect to decumbent, flexuous, usually strongly geniculate-sinuous, unbranched, very long, 50-300 × (3-)4-7(-8) μm, pluriseptate throughout, pale to medium dark brown, wall thin to slightly thickened; conidiogenous cells integrated, terminal

or intercalary, 10-50 μ m long, conidiogenous loci conspicuous, scars somewhat thickened and darkened, 1.5-2.5 μ m diam. *Conidia* solitary, rarely in short chains, obclavate-cylindrical, 20-80 \times 4-8 μ m, rarely longer, (1-)2-7(-9)-septate, pale to medium dark olivaceous-brown, wall slightly thickened, apex obtuse, base obconically truncate, hila somewhat thickened and darkened, about 2 μ m diam.

Notes: Based on verruculose secondary mycelium, thickened, darkened conidiogenous loci and verruculose conidia, this species has to be placed in *Stenella*.

25. Stenella aspiliae (J.M. Yen and Gilles) U. Braun, comb. nov. (Fig. 23)

= *Cercospora aspiliae* J.M. Yen and Gilles, Bulletin de la Société Mycologique de France 91: 90 (1975).

Material examined: IVORY COAST, Abidjan, on Aspilia africana, 24 February 1974, G. Gilles No. 107, holotype of C. aspiliae (PC).

Leaf spots amphigenous, subcircular to irregular, 2-8 mm diam. sometimes confluent, yellowish brown to brown. Caespituli amphigenous, punctiform to subeffuse, olivaceous-brown. Primary mycelium internal; secondary mycelium external; hyphae superficial, creeping, sparingly branched, 1-3 µm diam., septate, subhyaline, almost smooth to verruculose. Stromata almost absent to well-developed, substomatal to intraepidermal, 10-50 µm diam., brown. Conidiophores in small to moderately large fascicles, loose to dense, arising from stromata, emerging through stomata, or solitary, arising from creeping hyphae, lateral or rarely terminal, erect, straight, subcylindrical to somewhat geniculate-sinuous, unbranched, 10-105 × 3-4 µm, 0-3-septate, subhyaline to brown, smooth to faintly rough-walled, thin-walled; conidiogenous cells integrated, terminal or conidiophores reduced to conidiogenous cells, 10-50 µm long; conidiogenous loci conspicuous, scars thickened and darkened, 1-1.5 µm diam. Conidia solitary, narrowly obclavatecylindrical, filiform-subacicular, 10-100 × 2-4 µm, 1-8-septate, subhyaline, smooth or almost so to rough-walled, thin-walled, apex subacute or subobtuse, base truncate to obconically truncate, hila slightly thickened and darkened, 1-1.5 µm diam.

Notes: This species is well characterised by having verruculose creeping superficial hyphae with solitary conidiophores and conspicuously thickened, darkened conidiogenous loci. Because of these characteristics, *C. aspiliae* pertains in *Stenella*.

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