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Obliquiminima W. Dong, H. Zhang & K.D. Hyde

Obliquiminima was introduced by Dong et al (2021) as a monotypic genus to accommodate O. hyalina W. Dong, H. Zhang & K.D. Hyde as the type species. This species is a saprobe collected on submerged wood from freshwater habitats. Obliquiminima is characterized by superficial, ellipsoidal to subglobose, black, coriaceous, ostiolate ascomata with a lateral neck, unitunicate, obclavate, sessile asci with a small, refractive apical ring and oval, narrowly ellipsoidal, aseptate, guttulate, hyaline ascospores with a thin gelatinous sheath (Dong et al. 2021). The asexual morph is unknown in Obliquiminima., Based on morphological characteristics and phylogenetic analyses using ITS, SSU, LSU, and RPB2 Obliquiminima is placed in Cancellidiaceae, Cancellidiales, and Sordariomycetes. Cancellidium is sister clade for Obliquiminima, but no sexual morphs are reported in Cancellidium and this genus is known only by asexual morphs (Hyde et al. 2021), thus the morphology between these two genera cannot be compared, but phylogenetically they are distinct (Dong et al. 2021). Further fresh collections are required to better understand the morphology of this family.

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