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Neocryptosphaerella S.K. Huang & K.D. Hyde

Neocrytosphaerella was introduced by Huang et al (2021) to accomodate N. celata (Mugambi & Huhndorf) S.K. Huang & K.D. Hydeas as the type species and N. globosa (Mugambi & Huhndorf) S.K. Huang & K.D. Hyde. These two species were collected from decaying wood in Kenya and differing in the size of ascospores (Mugambi & Huhndorf 2010). This genus is characterized by turbinate ascomata with a central, conical Quellkörper, polysporous asci, and hyaline, allantoid to cylindrical ascospores. The asexual morph is unknown (Mugambi & Huhndorf 2010, Huang et al. 2021). Quellkörper is a mucilaginous mass of thick-walled cells as conical structure within the cupulate or collapsed ascoma (Kirk et al. 2008, Huang et al. 2021). Initially, Mugambi & Huhndorf (2010) placed these two species in Cryptosphaerella (Scortechiniaceae) based on multi-spored asci, sequence data of LSU, TEF-1, and RPB2. Other Cryptosphaerella species have neither Quellkörper in the ascoma, nor available sequence data (Saccardo 1882, Huang et al. 2021). Later, Quellkörper was confirmed as a unique character in Scortechiniaceae, thus, Huang et al. (2021) transferred Cryptosphaerella in Sordariomycetes genera incertae sedis. They also found that Neocrytosphaerella the clade is a sister to Biciliospora, Coronophorella, Pseudocryptosphaerella, Scortechiniella, and Scortechiniellopsis in Scortechiniaceae based on multi-gene analysis with LSU, TEF-1, and RPB2 sequence data (Huang et al. 2021). So far, these two species have not been reported to be re-collected.

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