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Holmiellaceae Maharachch. & Wanas.

Holmiella was erected by Petrini et al. (1979) to accommodate Holmiella sabina (De Not.) Petrini, Samuels & E. Müll. (= Triblidium sabinum De Not.) as the type genus. Currently, this genus comprises four species (Species Fungorum 2023). Members of Holmiella are endophytes or saprobes in needles and wood of Juniperus species (Holm and Holm 1977; Kutorga and Hawksworth 1997; Eriksson 2014; Pem et al. 2018). In the asexual morph, conidiomata are pycnidia and superficial or immersed in cultures. Conidiophores are branched, hyaline, and septate. Conidiogenous cells are integrated and hyaline. Conidia are straight to curved. Chlamydospores may be present. Ascomata are apothecial with solitary and superficial formations. The hamathecium is filamentous, branched, and septate with 8 spores in the asci. Ascospores are 2-3-seriate and 1-septate. Holmiella was earlier placed in Patellariaceae. The phylogenetic analysis based on SSU, 5.8S, LSU, RPB2, and TEF sequence data by Maharachchikumbura et al. (2021) revealed that *Holmiella* is closely related to Botryosphaeriales, Catinellales, and Homortomycetaceae disproving earlier placement in Patellariaceae (Yacharoen et al. 2015; Pem et al. 2018). Holmiella species formed a sister clade to the monotypic order Catinellales and divergence time estimates revealed that Holmiella species, therefore, represent a distinct family and order. Thus, the family Holmiellaceae was introduced for Holmiella species.

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