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Malbrancheaceae Kandemir & de Hoog

Malbrancheaceae was introduced by Kandemir et al. (2022) to accommodate species previously described in the genus Auxarthron but currently classified in Malbranchea. These species were previously considered in Onygneaceae however, based on multilocus (LSU, ITS, TUB, RP60S, TEF1, TEF3, RPB1, and RPB2) sequences data, they form a statistically supported monophyletic group which is found to be distant from the type species of the Onygenaceae family. The genus Auxarthron (i.e. A. conjugatum) has been reported to form a malbranchea-like asexual morph, and M. albolutea produces a sexual morph related to Auxarthron (Sigler and Carmichael 1976). In addition, M. filamentosa phylogenetically clustered with Auxarthron. Rodríguez-Andrade et al. (2021) followed the historical priority principle (Saccardo 1882; Orr et al. 1963; Turland et al. 2018) and proposed to synonymize the sexual morph genus Auxarthron with the asexual morph genus Malbranchea according to the analysis of the concatenated ITS-LSU sequences. Currently, only one genus Malbranchea were accepted accordingly in Malbrancheaceae (Rodríguez-Andrade et al. 2021; Kandemir et al. 2022). This genus is typified with Malbranchea pulchella Sacc. & Penz that was collected as a saprobe on wet paper in France

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