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Xyloelixia S.Y. Kondr.

Xyloelixia was established for the former 'Xylographa' isidiosa group in the same family Xylographaceae and was proposed by Kondratyuk et al. (2022). A phylogenetic tree of combined maximum likelihood and Bayesian analyses based on ITS, SU and SSU sequences were constructed, in which Xylographa disseminata, Xylographa isidiosa, and an uncertain, but species similar to Xylographa disseminata but reported as Xylographa vitiligo, formed a well-supported separate clade within the family Xylographaceae. This clade was labeled as 'Xyloelixia', a sister group to the clade consisting of Xylographa sensu stricto and Xylographa bjoerkii. Xyloelixia comprised four species including Xyloelixia constricta, Xyloelixia disseminata, type species Xyloelixia isidiosa, and Xyloelixia septentrionalis, whereas Xyloelixia septentrionalis lacks molecular data (Kondratyuk et al. 2020). The taxa are reported as lignicolous fungi on dead and wood from Atlantic coastal plain of eastern North America, Australia and North America. The genus shows similar morphological characteristics to Xylographa, but differs in well-developed thallus being mostly isidiate, radiating outwards ascomata, confriesiic, friesiic and fatty acids as lichen substances with long, nearly fusiform ascospores (Kondratyuk et al. 2022). The taxonomic placement of Xylographa is in Xylographaceae, Baeomycetales, Ostropomycetidae, Lecanoromycetes, Pezizomycotina, and Ascomycota.

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