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[Sinuicella](#) D.F. Stone, McCune & Miądl.

[Sinuicella](#) was introduced as a monotypic genus to accommodate *S. denisonii* D.F. Stone, McCune & Miądl. as the type species based on distinct phylogenetic, morphological and ecological characteristics ([Stone et al. 2021](#)). The species showed a similar superficial appearance to *Leptogidium* thalli such as dichotomously branching thalli and interlocking cells forming the nearly smooth cortex ([Muggia et al. 2011](#)). At the microscopic level, the species exhibited similarity to *Leptogidium contortum* in a *Nostoc*-containing cyanolichen with cortical cells shaped like jigsaw puzzle pieces but differs in the habitat as the species of *Sinuicella* was reported on the soil and the latter occurs on trees in the USA. The species differs from other similar species such as *L. contortum* and *L. dendriscum* in the presence of a *cNostoc* photobiont and the latter showed *Rhizonema* as a photobiont ([Lücking et al. 2009](#), [Cornejo et al. 2016](#)). The genus formed a strong monophyletic clade between *Solorina* and *Peltigera* within *Peltigeraceae* in the combined multigene phylogenetic analysis based on ITS, SSU and LSU sequence data. The placement was further supported in the morphological characters including the pronounced hemiangiocarpous development of the apothecia (Henssen 1981), and the presence of the peltigera-type ascus apex ([Honegger 1978](#), [Bellemère and Letrouit-Galinou 1981](#)), strong amyloid ring and ascospores morphology. Pycnidia were not observed ([Stone et al. 2021](#)). The taxonomic placement of [Sinuicella](#) is in *Peltigeraceae*, *Peltigerales*, *Lecanoromycetes*, *Pezizomycotina* and *Ascomycota*.

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