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Polystromomyces Mongkolsamrit, Noisripoom, Sakolrak & Himaman

Based on morphological comparison and phylogenetic analyses, *Polystromomyces* was established under <u>Cordycipitaceae</u> to accommodate *Polystromomyces araneae* Mongkolsamrit, Noisripoom, Sakolrak & Himaman by Mongkolsamrit et al., (2022) as monotypic genus. This species was found attached to a spider egg on the underside of a dicot leaf in northern Thailand (<u>Mongkolsamrit et al., 2022</u>). Multiple stipes with fertile heads at the apex, filiform and easily breakable ascospores in the sexual morph, and microcycle conidiation in the asexual morph distinguish this genus from others (<u>Mongkolsamrit et al., 2022</u>). *Polystromomyces* formed the basal branch of <u>Hevansia</u> in the phylogenetic tree based on the combined five-loci genes (ITS, LSU, *tef1, rpb1*, and *rpb2*), and they shared the same ecological habitat (<u>Mongkolsamrit et al., 2022</u>). Morphologically, the shape of the stipes distinguishes it from *Hevansia* (Kepler et al. 2017; <u>Mongkolsamrit et al., 2022</u>). The taxonomic placement of *Polystromomyces* is in *Cordycipitaceae*, <u>Hypocreales</u>, <u>Sordariomycetes</u> and Ascomycota.

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