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Spiririma Voglmayr, J. Fourn., Tello & Jaklitsch

Based on morphological characteristics and phylogenetic analysis of combined ITS, LSU, RPB2 and TUB2 sequence data, Voglmayr et al. (2022) introduced Spiririma as a monotypic genus to accommodate Spiririma gaudefroyi Voglmayr, J. Fourn., Tello & Jaklitsch as the type species. It was previously identified as Rosellinia gaudefroyi which is detailed by Voglmayr et al. (2022). Spiririma has been inconsistent and unclear due to a lack of detailed descriptions and illustrations of its ascomatal characters. Various species have been confused with Spiririma. Voglmayr et al. (2022) re-collected the specimens identified as S. gaudefroyi from the trunk base of *Quercus pubescens* in France and the bark of the living trunk of *Quercus ilex* in Spain and designated a lectotype and epitype, respectively. Spiririma is known only from its sexual morph, and is characterized by ascomata with a coarsely papillate ostiole beneath a black clypeus, covered by a thin white pellicle, brown, ellipsoid ascospores with a spirally coiling germ slit and small bipolar secondary appendages. The asexual morph was not observed on the natural substrate (Voglmayr et al. 2022). Spiririma gaudefroyi resembles Anthostomella lamiacearum by having a spirally coiling germ slit. The phylogenetic evidence obtained from the analysis of ITS, LSU, RPB2 and TUB2 sequence data supports it as a distinct lineage (Voglmayr et al. 2022). The taxonomic placement of Spiririma is in Induratiaceae, Xylariales, Sordariomycetes, Ascomycota (Voglmayr et al. 2022).

Reference

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