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Neogyrothrix Hern - Restr. & Crous

Hernández-Restrepo et al. (2022) established the monotypic genus Neogyrothrix with N. oleae (Crous) Hern-Restr. & Crous, as the type species in Gyrothrixaceae, Sordariales, Sordariomycetes based on the morphological similarity with Gyrothrix and phylogenetic analysis of ITS, LSU and RPB2 sequence data. Previously Neogyrothrix was described as Gyrothrix with Gyrothrix oleae in Gyrothrix genera incertae sedis, Xylariales, Sordariomycetes based on its branched setae and phylogenetic analysis of combined ITS and LSU sequence data (Crous et al. 2019). It was isolated from leaves of Olea capensis subsp. macrocarpa (Oleaceae) and Diospyros whyteana (Ebenaceae) in South Africa (Crous et al. 2019). Neogyrothrix is characterized by brown, erect, multiseptate, subcylindrical, tapering towards the apex, with verruculose to warty setae, with spirally curved apex, bulbous base, and curved lateral branches, and hyaline, smooth, aseptate, fusoid, inequilateral conidia with eccentric and truncate hilum at the base. It resembles Gyrothrix in having branched setae. However, the phylogenetic evidence obtained from the analysis of ITS, LSU and RPB2 sequence data shown it as a distinct lineage (Hernández-Restrepo et al. 2022).

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