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[Neoechinodiscus](#) Molinari & R. Sierra

The genus [Neoechinodiscus](#) provides a nom. nov. for the illegitimate *Echinodiscus* Etayo & Diederich 2000 (non *Echinodiscus* Benth. 1838, *Leguminosae*) (Sierra & Molinari-Novoa 2020). The two species in the genus are lichenicolous fungi, the type species *N. lesdainii* (Vouaux) R. Sierra & Molinari (basionym *Phacopsis lesdainii* Vouaux) reported on *Lecania*, with *N. kozhevnikovii* (Zhub.) Sierra & Molinari-Novoa (2020) (basionym *Echinodiscus kozhevnikovii* Zhub.) reported on *Cetraria*. *N. lesdainii* is known from Europe (British Isles, France, and Sweden), *N. kozhevnikovii* from the arctic of northern Eurasia. Placed in *Leotiales* by Etayo & Diederich (2000), there is no DNA sequence data available for the genus. The very simple morphology of the apothecia and asci with an undifferentiated apical wall, mean that there is little evidence these fungi really are *Leotiomyces*, perhaps better regarded as *Pezizomycotina incertae sedis*.

**References**

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