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[Schizothecium](#) Corda

[Schizothecium](#) was introduced and typified by *S. fimicola* Corda, which has membranaceous ascomata and ascospores with agglutinated hairs (Corda 1838). Later [Schizothecium](#) and its type species were erroneously synonymized under [Podospora](#) (Cesati 1856). Lundqvist (1972) resurrected [Schizothecium](#) discussing its nomenclatural legitimacy and recognized 17 species. Lundqvist (1972) also discussed the phenotypic uniqueness of [Schizothecium](#) and suggested that the perithecia adorned with swollen agglutinated hairs or prominent protruding peridial cells are characteristic of [Schizothecium](#). Kirk et al. (2001) treated [Schizothecium](#) as a synonym of [Podospora](#) based on their morphological similarity of asci and ascospores. However, ascomatal morphology is a better taxonomic predictor than ascospore morphology within *Sordariales* (Miller and Huhndorf 2005). As the perithecial morphologies of [Schizothecium](#) species are prominent and easily recognizable, Cai et al. (2005) resuscitated [Schizothecium](#) as a valid genus in *Sordariales*. The combined gene analysis of ITS, LSU, and *tub2* by Cai et al. (2005) showed that [Schizothecium](#) species form a well-supported, monophyletic clade and this phylogenetic stability of [Schizothecium](#) was confirmed in later studies (Marin-Felix et al. 2020; Huang et al. 2021). The type material of *Schizothecium fimicola* has been lost and the illustration in the protologue was designated as the lectotype of *S. fimicola* (Wang et al. 2019). Wang et al. (2019) also designated an epitype for *Schizothecium fimicola* with strain CBS 482.64 as the ex-epitype culture. However, morphologically and phylogenetically this epitype fits to *Podospora fimiseda* not to lectotype of *S. fimicola*. Thus, the synonymization of *Schizothecium fimicola* under *Podospora fimiseda* is not correct. Therefore, the introduction of a new generic name *Neoschizothecium* by Huang et al. (2021) for [Schizothecium](#) species, which was performed based on the epitypification error done by Wang et al. (2019), was also not correct. Marin-Felix and Miller (2022) resurrected the generic name [Schizothecium](#) explaining the taxonomic and nomenclatural mistakes made by Wang et al. (2019) and Huang et al. (2021). The taxonomic placement of [Schizothecium](#) is in *Schizotheciaceae*, *Sordariales*, and *Sordariomycetes*.

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