

Outlineoffungi.org - Note 1156 *Pseudogeomyces*

Web-links: [Index Fungorum](#), [Facesoffungi](#), [MycoBank](#), [GenBank](#)

Pseudogeomyces Zhi Y. Zhang & Y.F. Han

Zhang et al. (2023) introduced *Pseudogeomyces* (*Incertae sedis*, *Thelebolales*, *Leotiomycetes*) to accommodate *Pseudogeomyces lindneri* Zhi Y. Zhang & Y.F. Han as the type species based on the comparison of micromorphological features and DNA sequence data. The sexual morph has not been observed. In the asexual morph, the hyphae are branched, septate, and smooth. Conidiophores are solitary, occasionally branched, hyaline, and smooth. Conidia are hyaline, verrucose, solitary, and globose to obovoid with a short basal frill. Intercalary conidia are hyaline, verrucose, globose to subglobose, with both ends truncate. Chlamydospores have not been seen. Species of: The genus is distinguished from other *Thelebolales* in possessing short, irregularly branched conidiophores bearing two to four conidiogenous cells and verrucose ~~aleuro~~conidia separated by connective cells. The type species, *Pseudogeomyces lindneri* is represented by three isolates from China that form a strongly supported clade in the phylogeny inferred from ITS, ITS, LSU, *eflA*, *mcm7*, and *rpb2* sequences. Four additional isolates obtained from the soil in bat hibernacula in the USA (12NJ08, 17WV09, 23WI08, and 23WI14) do not comprise a single clade and are not described as a new species in *Pseudogeomyces*. These unnamed isolates were divided between two well-supported clades in the multi-locus phylogeny presented by Minnis & Lindner (2013) but the positions of these clades and *Geomyces* were not resolved completely. Future research could focus on naming undescribed members of *Thelebolaceae* (= *Pseudoeurotaiceae* *fide*; Ekanayaka et al. 2019) and resolving relationships among lineages basal to *Pseudogymnoascus* (Minnis & Lindner 2013).

References

- Ekanayaka AH, Hyde KD, Gentekaki E, McKenzie EHC et al. 2019 – Preliminary classification of *Leotiomycetes*. *Mycosphere* 10, 310–489.
- Minnis AM, Lindner DL. 2013 – Phylogenetic evaluation of *Geomyces* and allies reveals no close relatives of *Pseudogymnoascus destructans*, comb. nov, in bat hibernacula of eastern North America. *Fungal Biology* 117, 638–649.
- Zhang ZY, Han YF, Chen WH, Tao G. 2023 – Additions to *Thelebolales* (*Leotiomycetes*, *Ascomycota*): *Pseudogeomyces lindneri* gen. et sp. nov. and *Pseudogymnoascus campensis* sp. nov. *MycoKeys* 95, 47.

Entry by

Wendy A. Untereiner, Department of Biology, Brandon University, Brandon Manitoba, R7A 6A9, Canada

Joey B. Tanney, Pacific Forestry Centre, Canadian Forest Service, Natural Resources Canada, 506 Burnside Road, Victoria, BC V8Z 1M5, Canada

(Edited by **Vinodhini Thiagaraja & Maryam Tavakol Noorabadi & Subodini N. Wijesinghe**)

Published online 10 October 2024