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Morakotia Mongkols., Noisrip., Khons., Thanakitp. & Luangsa-ard Morakotia is a monotypic genus introduced by Mongkolsamrit et al. (2021) and typified by Morakotia fusca. Morakotia fusca was found on seeds of Smilacaceae in the central and northeastern regions of Thailand (Mongkolsamrit et al. 2021). Its sexual morph is characterized by erect, clavate, stipitate stromata, orange yellow to brown orange, cylindrical to clavate fertile heads, completely immersed, narrow flask-shaped perithecia, cylindrical, 8-spored asci with thick apices and hyaline whole, filiform, multiseptate ascospores (Mongkolsamrit et al. 2021). The asexual morph was described from an MEA culture, wherein monophialidic, awl-shaped conidiogenous cells and hyaline, globose conidia were produced (Mongkolsamrit et al. 2021). In a phylogenetic analysis of concatenated LSU, RPB1 and TEF1 sequences, Morakotia constitutes a distinct clade branched off from Shimizuomyces. These two genera share the same characteristics in having cylindrical to clavate stromata arising from seeds and filiform, multiseptate ascospores. However, Morakotia is distinguished from Shimizuomyces by

the shape and arrangement of perithecia. <u>Morakotia</u> has narrowly flask-shaped and completely immersed perithecia, while that of *Shimizuomyces* are pyriform and immersed with slightly projecting ostioles. <u>Morakotia</u> thus was established as a distinct genus in *Clavicipitaceae* of *Hypocreales*, *Sordariomycetes* (Mongkolsamrit et al. 2021).

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