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Paramicrothecium Crous, Krimhilde Müll., Siepe, Reul & Osieck

Paramicrothecium was introduced by Crous et al. (2021) to accommodate *P. sambuci* collected on dead stem of Sambucus ebulus from Germany. The presumably saprobic genus is characterized by superficial to immersed, globose solitary ascomata, of textura epidermoidea on surface, of 3–6 layers of textura prismatica peridium, covered with short, stubby, thick-walled setae, unitunicate, clavate to subcylindrical, asci with a long stipe and (2–)4(–6)-spored, and ellipsoid, medium brown, becoming dark brown, smooth- and thick-walled ascospores with 2–3 large guttules, and a large refractive germ pore at each polar end. The hyphomycetous asexual morph is characterized by reduced conidiophores to conidiogenous cells in singly or more commonly in clusters, hyaline, smooth-walled conidiogenous cells arising from superficial mycelium, ampulliform, consisting of an obovoid venter, and a cylindrical neck, and smooth- and thin-walled, guttulate, aseptate, shortly clavate conidia with an obtuse apex, tapering to a truncate hilum, produced in short, false chains that slime down into a globoid mass. LSU phylogeny showed that Paramicrothecium clustered with Melanospora and Gonatobotrys, but as a distinct clade in Ceratostomataceae (Coronophorales).

Reference

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