
SHORT COMMUNICATION

**Validation of Two Sordariomycetes - *Asteridiella diotacanthi*
and *Meliola spatholobi***

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Asteridiella diotacanthi Hosag. *et al.* and *Meliola spatholobi* Hosag. *et al.*, two foliar mycobionts of the Order Meliolales are republished here for validation

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The article 40.6 of the Melbourne Code states that: "For the name of a new taxon of the rank of genus or below published on or after 1 January 1990, indication of the type must include one of the words "typus" or "holotypus", or its abbreviation, or its equivalent in a modern language" and the article 40.7 of the Melbourne (McNeill *et al.* 2012) Code states that: "For the name of a new species or infraspecific taxon published on or after 1 January 1990 of which the type is a specimen or unpublished illustration, the single herbarium or collection or institution in which the type is conserved must be specified".

Hosagoudar (2005) while describing the new species viz. *Asteridiella diotacanthi* Hosag., H. Biju & Manojk. and *Meliola spatholobi* Hosag., H. Biju & Manojk. even though included details of the herbaria, failed to indicate typification of both the species. As per Index Fungorum (<https://www.indexfungorum.org/>) and MycoBank (<https://www.mycobank.org/>) accessed on 3rd October 2023, both the specimens are showing Invalid (Nom. Inval., Art. 40.6, 40.7 (Melbourne)).

In accordance with the rules of the ICBN Melbourne (McNeill *et al.* 2012) and in order to validate the species *Asteridiella diotacanthi* and *Meliola spatholobi*, the authors declare that the type specimen of *Asteridielladiotacanthi* is HCIO

44828 and Isotype is TBGT 1065 and that of *Meliolas patholobi* it is HCIO 44895 and TBGT 1123.

Both the specimens are deposited in the herbarium of Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Delhi Union Territory, New Delhi (India) under HCIO and a part of it is housed at Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute, Trivandrum, Kerala, India, under TBGT.

Asteridiella diotacanthi V. B. Hosagoudar, H. Biju & A. Manojkumar (Fig.1 A)

Material examined: On leaves of *Diotacanthus* sp. (Acanthaceae) Mannavan shola, Munnar, Idukki Kerala, January 21, 2003, H. Biju and A. Manojkumar HCIO 44828 (Type), TBGT 1065 (Isotype).

Meliola spatholobi V. B. Hosagoudar, H. Biju & A. Manojkumar (Fig.1B)

Material examined: On leaves of *Spatholobus parviflorus* (Roxb. Ex G. Don) Kuntze (Fabaceae), in the forest near Palode, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, January 4, 2003, A. Manojkumar HCIO 44895 (Type), TBGT 1123 (Isotype).

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Fig. 1(A, B): *Asteridiella diotacanthi* V. B. Hosagoudar, H. Biju & A. Manojkumar on leaves of *Diotacanthus* sp. (A); *Meliola spatholobi* V. B. Hosagoudar, H. Biju & A. Manojkumar on leaves of *Spatholobus parviflorus* (Roxb. Ex G. Don) Kuntze

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