

**Eurotium repens** var. **pseudoglaucum** (Blochwitz) Kozakiewicz, **comb. nov.**

*Aspergillus pseudoglaucus* Blochwitz, *Annls mycol.* **27**: 207 (1929).

*Eurotium pseudoglaucum* (Blochwitz) Malloch & Cain, *Can. J. Bot.* **50**: 64 (1972).

Anamorph: **Aspergillus reptans** var. **glaucosaffinis** (Samson & W.Gams) Kozakiewicz, **comb. nov.**

*Aspergillus glaucosaffinis* Samson & W.Gams, *Advances in Penicillium and Aspergillus Systematics*: 47 (1986).

**Description**: As for *E. repens* var. *repens*, except that there is a tendency for the teleomorph to predominate.

**Type**: *A. Blochwitz* (IMI 16122ii), lectotype.

**Distribution**: Infrequently found, probably due to the fact that most strains will be identified as *Eurotium repens* var. *repens*.

**Specimens**: No data (IMI 91865, as *A. profusus* Hann nom. nud.), no data (IMI 91873).

**Notes**: Micrographs of the anamorph and teleomorph of *E. repens* and *E. pseudoglaucum* are compared in Fig. 34.

Pitt (1986) questioned whether *E. pseudoglaucum* should be placed in synonymy with *E. repens* on the grounds that morphology and cultural appearance is identical. This is confirmed except that in colonies of *E. pseudoglaucum* there is a tendency for the teleomorph to predominate. On this basis I have reduced *E. pseudoglaucum* to varietal rank in *E. repens*.

Pitt (1986) also reported that the *E. pseudoglaucum* anamorph possessed unusually small conidiophores. However, within the aspergilli strains are often encountered in which this occurs, e.g. *A. sydowii* and *A. oryzae* var. *effusus*.

**Eurotium rubrum** König, Spieckermann & Bremer, *Zeit. Untersuch. Nahr. u. Genussm.* **4**: 726 (1901).

*Aspergillus sejunctus* Bainier & Sartory, *Bull. Soc. mycol. Fr.* **27**: 361 (1911).

*Aspergillus ruber* (König, Spieckermann & Bremer) Thom & Church, *The Aspergilli*: 112 (1926).

*Eurotium umbrosum* (Bainier & Sartory) Malloch & Cain, *Can. J. Bot.* **50**: 64 (1972).

*Aspergillus umbrosus* Bainier & Sartory, *Bull. Soc. mycol. Fr.* **28**: 267 (1912).

Anamorph: **Aspergillus rubrobrunneus** Samson & W.Gams, *Advances in Penicillium and Aspergillus Systematics*: 49 (1986).

**Illustrations**: Fig. 35a,b.

**Description**: *Conidia* aculeate. *Conidiogenous cells* uniseriate. *Conidiophores* smooth, 500–750 µm long. *Conidial heads* pale grey-green. *Ascomata* red to orange-red. *Ascospores* with equatorial crest absent, but with a distinct furrow, hemispheres flattened, very delicately roughened.

**Type**: ? U.S.A.: Army Medical School (IMI 211380, holotype).

**Hosts**: Stored cereals (Pelhâte, 1968; Moubasher *et al.*, 1972; Wallace *et al.*, 1976; Richard *et al.*, 1969), stored rice (Kurata *et al.*, 1968a,b), hops, cotton yarn, hazel nuts, copra, dried milk, sugar cane pith, unpainted board, sea salt, soil (CMI, 1988; CBS, 1987; ATCC, 1987), jam (Udagawa *et al.*, 1977), nuts (Austwick & Ayerst, 1963; Joffe, 1969; Huang & Hanlin, 1975; King *et al.*, 1981).

**Distribution**: Worldwide, Japan, U.S.A., United Kingdom, Italy, Ghana, Zimbabwe.

**Specimens**: ? U.S.A.: ex unpainted board, *C. Thom* (IMI 211381); *C. Thom* (IMI 91874) (as *A. umbrosus*); 1925, F.A. McCormick (IMI 211377) (as *A. umbrosus*);—U.K.: Bucks, Slough, ex wheat, 1967, J. Clarke (IMI 140512); 1933, P. Biourge (IMI 91868) (as *A. lovaniensis* Biourge);—LSHTM, 1937, G. Smith NRRL 121 (as *A. umbrosus*).

**Notes**: *E. rubrum* is one of the common storage fungi growing at low moisture contents between 14 and 16%. There is some evidence that it produces gliotoxin (ATCC, 1987).

Blaser (1976) believed *E. rubrum* and *E. umbrosum* to be synonymous with *E. herbariorum*, but gave no reasons. Presumably this conclusion is based on his series of interference phase micrographs (Figs 6–20) which are of ascospores of these three species. Figures 6–10 represent ascospores from CBS 530.65 (*E. rubrum*), Figs 11–15 are from CBS 516.65 (*E. herbariorum*) and Figs 16–20 are from CBS 177.46 (*E. umbrosum*). These are reproduced as Fig. 36 here and show the inadequacies of interference phase in this context. Figure 35 shows SEM micrographs of conidia and ascospores of these three species from IMI isolates derived from the same source as Blaser. Whilst *E. rubrum* and *E. umbrosum* are conspecific, *E. herbariorum* is different. The ornamentation and form of the ascospore of *E. herbariorum* is very similar to that of the other species but the ornamentation of conidia in *E. herbariorum* is very different from that in *E. rubrum* and *E. umbrosum*.

Pitt & Hocking (1985) also dealt with these three species and, without apparent reference to type material, placed *E. umbrosum* in synonymy with *E. herbariorum*, but kept *E. rubrum* as a distinct but closely related species.