

## New host records of *Oidiopsis* sp.

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During mycological collections, some new hosts of powdery mildew (*Oidiopsis* sp.) were observed. A brief description of the symptoms on the host and the morphology of the fungus is stated below.

1. On *Dimorphotheca* sp.: folicolous, inconspicuous sparse growth on both the surfaces, forming irregular patches without any discoloration on the affected leaves, which droop. Conidiophores flexuous, unbranched usually coming out through stomates in groups of 2-5, short or long slender, 4-5 septate measuring  $164.54 \times 5.38 \mu$ . Conidia cylindrical, obclavate, straight or curved, narrow and hyaline, measuring,  $60.61 \times 15.58 \mu$ .

2. *Indigofera sessiliflora* DG.: folicolous, cottony growth prominent on ventral surface of the leaflets without any sign of discoloration. Grey, irregular patches visible on the leaf lamina. Conidiophores, short, emerging through stomata in groups of 2-4, hyaline and usually unbranched measuring  $122.55 \times 8.55 \mu$ . Conidia short or long, narrow, cylindrical, ellipsoidal, obclavate and straight, measuring  $58.52 \times 60.91 \mu$ .

3. *Justicia diffusa* Nees.: on the leaves, reddish-violet patches are formed, which bear sparse fluffy cottony growth. Fluffy growth is usually visible around the stomata. Conidiophores often branched at the base, coming out singly or in groups, measuring  $154.28 \times 7.6 \mu$ . Hyaline conidia are short or long, slender, cylindrical or navicular, measuring  $66.50 \times 15.50 \mu$ .

4. *Polygala erioptera* DC.: Violet coloured spots become conspicuous on the upper surface, opposite to these spots on the lower surface of the leaves. Inconspicuous growth of the fungus bound by veins can be seen. Affected leaves fall prematurely. Conidiophores flexuous, branched or unbranched, mostly coming out singly through the stomata measuring,  $115.52 \times 5.32 \mu$ . Hyaline uncurved conidia are cylindrical, obclavate and ellipsoidal measuring,  $66.50 \times 17.48 \mu$ .

5. *Sida cordifolia* Linn.: Yellow angular patches prominent on the upper surface of the leaves. Greyish-white growth is visible within the discoloured area. Conidiophores are branched emerging through the stomates measuring,  $131.85 \times 6.40 \mu$ . Conidia cylindrical, navicular and ellipsoidal measuring,  $59.85 \times 17.57 \mu$ .

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