

#### Absidia

Absidia	
Natural Habitat	<ul><li>◆ Soil</li><li>◆ Decaying vegetation</li></ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul><li>Often found in stored grains</li><li>Other foods</li></ul>
Water Activity	◆ Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Air/wind
Allergenic Potential	◆ Recognized as an allergen
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	<ul> <li>In immunocompromised patients pulmonary invasions, the meninges (brain or spinal chord), and kidney infections can result from Absidia exposure</li> <li>Absidia may also cause zygomycosis in immunocompromised patients (AIDS)</li> </ul>
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown
Other Comments	◆ Absidia often causes food spoilage
References	<ul> <li>Mohammed S, Sahoo TP, Jayshree RS, Bapsy PP, Hema S. Sino-oral zygomycosis due to <i>Absidia</i> corymbifera in a patient with acute leukemia. 2004. Med. Mycol. 42(5): 475-478.</li> </ul>

Acremonium	
Natural Habitat	<ul><li>Found in decaying or dead plant materials</li><li>Soils</li></ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul><li>◆ Food</li><li>◆ Commonly encountered in wet, cellulose-based building materials</li></ul>
Water Activity	◆ Grows well indoors when there is high water content (>0.90 Aw)
Mode of Dissemination	<ul><li>Insect/water droplet</li><li>Older spores can be dislodged by wind</li></ul>
Allergenic Potential	<ul><li>Type I (hay fever, asthma)</li><li>Type III (hypersensitivity pneumonitis)</li></ul>
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	<ul> <li>Known to cause hyalohyphomycosis, keratitis, mycetoma, and onychomycosis</li> <li>Also known to cause infections in immunodeficient patients</li> <li>Causes infections in persons with wound injuries</li> </ul>
Industrial Uses	◆ Cephalosporins
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Trichothecene mycotoxins

◆ There are 100 known species

Other Comments

Agrocybe	
Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Bark mulch</li> <li>Wood chips</li> <li>Iceplant</li> <li>Grass</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Unknown
Water Activity	◆ Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Wind
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Industrial Uses	<ul> <li>Agrocybe aegerita is a delicious edible mushroom cultivated commercially as "Louisiana Roman Mushroom"</li> </ul>
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown
Other Comments	<ul> <li>Thought to cause white rot</li> <li>No Agrocybe species should be considered edible since they are hard to identify, and could be confused with several poisonous</li> </ul>

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Natural Habitat

- ◆ Common saprobe and pathogen of plants. Typically found on plant tissue, decaying wood, and foods.
- ◆ Soil
- ◆ Air outdoors

Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment

- ◆ Indoors near condensation (window frames, showers)
- ◆ House dust (in carpets, and air)
- Also colonizes building supplies, computer disks, cosmetics, leather, optical instruments, paper, sewage, stone monuments, textiles, wood pulp, and jet fuel

Water Activity

◆ Aw =0.85-0.88

Mode of Dissemination

Wind

Allergenic Potential

- ◆ Type I allergies (hay fever, asthma)
- ◆ Type III (hypersensitivity pneumonitis)

Potential Opportunist or Pathogen

- Phaeohyphomycosis {causing cystic granulomas in the skin and subcutaneous tissue}
- ◆ In immunocompetent patients, *Alternaria* colonizes the paranasal sinuses, leading to chronic hypertrophic sinusitis

Industrial Uses

- Biocontrol of weed plants
- Biocontrol fungal plant pathogens

Potential Toxins Produced

- ◆ Alternariol (AOH)
- ◆ Alternariol monomethylether (AME)
- ◆ Tenuazonic acid (TeA)
- ◆ Altenuene (ALT)
- Altertoxins (ATX)

Other Comments

◆ Alternaria spores are one of the most common and potent indoor and outdoor airborne allergens. Additionally, Alternaria sensitization has been determined to be one of the most important factors in the onset of childhood asthma. Synergy with Cladosporium or Ulocladium may increase the severity of symptoms

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Amphobotrys	
Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Causal agent of flower blight and stem rot on Poinsettia plants</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Poinsettia
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown

### **Aphanocladium**

Natural	Habitat

- ◆ A. album parasitizes Puccinia graminis (Wheat Rust)
- ◆ Cereal based poultry feed
- ◆ Soils

### Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment

◆ Edible mushrooms

Mode of Dissemination

Wind

Allergenic Potential

◆ Unknown

Potential Opportunist or Pathogen

◆ Unknown

Industrial Uses

Unknown

Potential Toxins Produced

Unknown

Other Comments

 Can cause crop loss in mushroom growing crop houses with high humidity

Arthrinium	
Natural Habitat	<ul><li>Decaying plant material</li><li>Soil</li></ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Cellulose containing materials
Water Activity	◆ Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Wind
Allergenic Potential	◆ Arthrinium sphaerospermum is recognized as an allergen
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Not known as a pathogen
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	<ul><li>◆ 3-nitropropionic acid (NPA)</li><li>◆ Terpestacin</li></ul>
References	<ul> <li>Xingjie L, Xueyun L, Wenjuan H. 1992. Studies on the epidemiology and etiology of moldy sugarcane poisoning in China. Biomed Environ Sci. 5 (2): 161-177.</li> <li>Ming L. 1995. Moldy sugarcane poisoninga case report with a brief review. J Toxicol Clin Toxicol. 33(4): 363-367.</li> <li>Oka M, Iimura S, Tenmyo O, Sawada Y, Sugawara M, Ohkusa N,</li> </ul>

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Yamamoto H, Kawano K, Hu SL, Fukagawa Y. 1993. Terpestacin, a new syncytium formation inhibitor from *Arthrinium* sp. J Antibiot

#### **Arthrospore formers**

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◆ Many Basidiomycetes form arthrospores during their mycelial stage. Geotrichum and Oidiodendron are typical ascomycete arthrospore formers. Arthrospores are formed by microfungi, and yeast-like fungi. Please refer to individual descriptions of these fungi for more information.

### Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment

- ◆ Paper
- ◆ Soil
- ◆ Textiles

### Potential Opportunist or Pathogen

◆ Depends on genera and species

#### Potential Toxins Produced

◆ Depends on genera and species

#### Additional Comments

• Arthrospores are disarticulated cells of a formerly vegetative filament that function as spores.

### **Arthrobotrys**

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Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Decaying plant debris</li> <li>Dung</li> <li>Moss</li> <li>Soils</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Unknown
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Industrial Uses	Biological control agent against plant pathogenic nematodes
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown
Additional Comments	<ul> <li>Predacious fungi: Captures nematodes in a network of sticky and constricting rings.</li> </ul>

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Natural Habitat	◆ Everywhere in nature
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Depends on genus and species
Water Activity	◆ Depends on genus and species
Mode of Dissemination	<ul> <li>Forcible ejection or passive release and dissemination by wind or insects</li> </ul>
Allergenic Potential	<ul> <li>Depends on genus and species</li> </ul>
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Depends on genus and species
Industrial Uses	<ul> <li>Depends on genus and species</li> </ul>

Depends on genus and species

genera worldwide.

◆ Ascospores are the result of sexual reproduction and produced in a saclike structure called an ascus. All ascospores belong to members

of the Phylum Ascomycota, which encompasses a plethora of

**Ascospores** 

Potential Toxins Produced

Other Comments

ASCOTTICHA	
Natural Habitat	<ul><li>Decaying timber</li><li>Soil</li></ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul><li>Wet sheetrock</li><li>Straw</li><li>Wood</li></ul>
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist	◆ Unknown

◆ A. amphitricha produces the antifungal ascosteroside

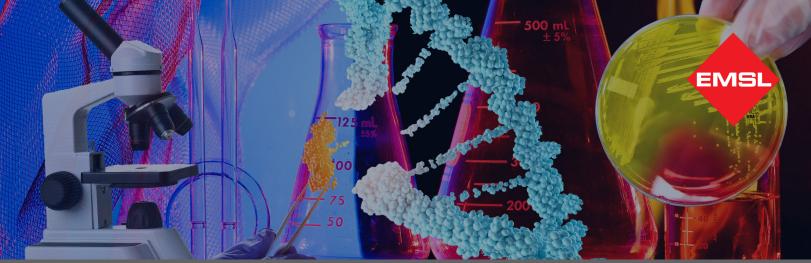
◆ Anamorphic/asexual state of *Dicyma* (see *Dicyma*)

Accotricha

or Pathogen

Industrial Uses

Potential Toxins Produced



#### **Aspergillus**

Natural Habitat Soil Plant debris Suitable Substrates in the Grows on a wide range of substrates indoors Indoor Environment Prevalent in water damaged buildings Water Activity Aw=0.75-0.94 Mode of Dissemination Wind Allergenic Potential Allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis (ABPA) which is common in asthmatic and cystic fibrosis patients Aspergillus sinusitis Invasive aspergillosis in immunocompromised patients Potential Opportunist or Pathogen Aspergilloma and chronic pulmonary aspergillosis in people with lung disease Industrial Uses ◆ A. sojae is used for fermented food and beverages in Asia ◆ A. oryzae is used in soy sauce production ◆ A. terreus produces mevinolin which is able reduce blood cholesterol A. niger produces enzymes used to make some breads and beers and is also used in plastic decomposition A. niger and A. ochraceus are used in cortisone production Potential Toxins Produced • 3-Nitropropionic acid, 5-metoxystermatocystin, Aflatoxin B1, B2, Aflatoxin G1, G2,

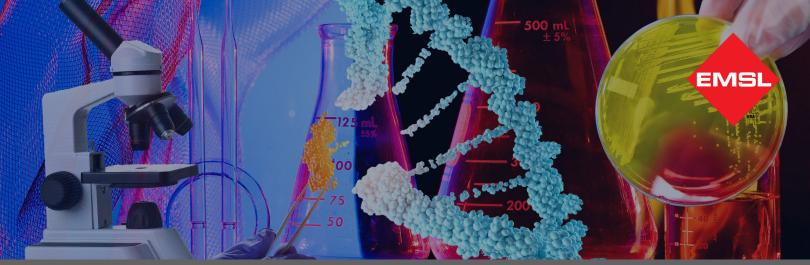
3-Nitropropionic acid, 5-metoxystermatocystin, Aflatoxin B1, B2, Aflatoxin G1, G2, Aflatoxin M1, M2, Aflatoxin P1, Aflatoxin Q1, Aflatoxins, Aflatrem (alkaloid), Aflatrem (indole alkaloid), Aflatoxinin, Ascalidol, Aspergillic acid, Aspergillomarasmin, Aspertoxin, Asteltoxin, Austamid, Austdiol, Austins, Austocystins, Avenaciolide, Brevianamide A, Candidulin, Citreoviridin,, Citrinin, Clavatol, Cyclopiazonic acid, Cyclopiazonic acid, Cytochalasin E, Emodin, Fumagillin, Fumigaclavine A, Fumigatin, Fumitremorgens, Fumitremorgin A, Gliotoxin, Griseofulvin, Helvolic acid, Kojic acid, Kotanin, Malformins, Naphtopyrones, Neoaspergillic acid, Nidulin, Nidulotoxin, Nigragillin, Ochratoxin A, Ochratoxin B, Ochratoxin C, Ochratoxins β, Ochratoxins a, Ochratoxins (A,B,C.a, β.), Orlandin, Oryzacidin, Paspaline, Patulin, Penicillic acid, Phthioic acid, Secalonic acid A, B, D and F, Sphingofungins, Spinulosin, Sterigmatocystin, Terphenyllin, Terredional, Terreic acid, Terrein, Terretonin, Terretonin, Territrem A, Tryptoquivalines, Verruculogen, Versicolorin A, Viomellein, Viriditoxin, Xanthocillin, Xanthomegnin, β-nitropropionic acid

Other Comments

◆ It is the second most common opportunistic pathogen following Candida

#### **Aureobasidium**

Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Soils</li> <li>Plant leaf and stem tissue</li> <li>Wood</li> <li>Fresh Water</li> <li>Plant Debris</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul> <li>Damp areas including kitchens, bathrooms, grout, and shower curtains</li> <li>Painted interior surfaces and textiles</li> <li>Skin and nails of people</li> </ul>
Water Activity	• Grows well where moisture accumulates (88.5 RH on woodchip wallpaper)
Mode of Dissemination	<ul> <li>Water droplets, rain</li> <li>Wind when spores become dry</li> </ul>
Allergenic Potential	<ul> <li>Type I (asthma and hay fever)</li> <li>Type III (hypersensitivity)</li> <li>Skin irritant causing dermatitis</li> </ul>
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	<ul><li>◆ Keratomycosis</li><li>◆ Phaehyphomycosis</li><li>◆ Pulmonary mycosis with sepsis</li></ul>
Industrial Uses	◆ A. pullulans produces pullulan which is used for packaging food and drugs
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown



#### **Bactrodesmium**

Natural Habitat ◆ Tree Bark

Suitable Substrates in the Unknown Indoor Environment

Allergenic Potential ◆ Unknown

Potential Opportunist • Unknown or Pathogen

Potential Toxins Produced 

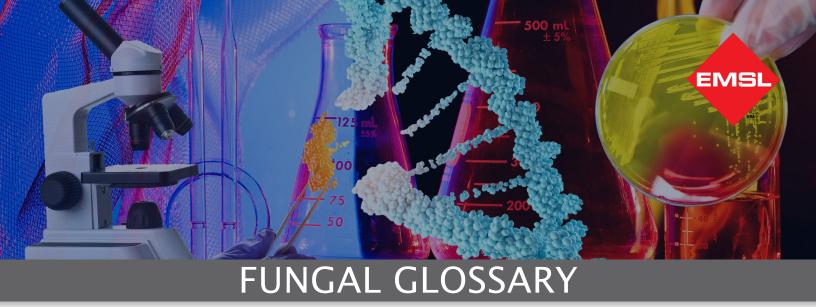
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Basidiospore
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Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Forest floors</li> <li>Lawns</li> <li>Plants (saprobes or pathogens depending on genus)</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul><li>Depends on genus</li><li>Wood products</li></ul>
Water Activity	◆ Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	<ul><li>Forcible ejection</li><li>Wind currents</li></ul>
Allergenic Potential	<ul><li>Type I allergies (hay fever, asthma)</li><li>Type III (hypersensitivity pneumonitis)</li></ul>
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Depends on genus
Industrial Uses	• Edible mushrooms are used in the food industry
Potential Toxins Produced	<ul> <li>Amanitins</li> <li>monomethyl-hydrazine</li> <li>muscarine</li> <li>ibotenic acid</li> <li>psilocybin</li> </ul>
Other Comments	<ul> <li>Basidiospores are the result of sexual reproduction and formed on a structure called the basidium. Basidiospores belong to the members of</li> </ul>

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the Phylum Basidiomycota, which includes mushrooms, shelf fungi, rusts,



Beauvaria	
Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Entomopathogen that lives in soil and detritus before colonizing an insect host</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Insects
Water Activity	◆ Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Wind
Allergenic Potential	◆ Type I (asthma and hay fever)
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Hyalohyphomycosis
Industrial Uses	◆ Biocontrol agent of insects
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown

Beltrania	
Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Leaf litter of tropical plants Also found in temperate regions on natural flora e.g. it was found on a PAAA nature hike in San Diego last year, therefore "Widespread"</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Houseplants
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown

Bipolaris	
Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Plant saprophyte</li> <li>Plant pathogen of many plants, causing leaf rot, crown rot, and root rot on warm season turf grasses.</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul><li>House plants</li><li>Indoor building materials</li></ul>
Water Activity	◆ Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Wind
Allergenic Potential	◆ Allergic and chronic invasive sinusitis
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	<ul> <li>B. australiensis, B. hawaiiensis and B. spicifera have been shown to cause:</li> <li>cerebral and disseminated infections</li> <li>peritonitis in patients on continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD) mycotic keratitis</li> <li>subcutaneous phaeohyphomycosis (in both normal and</li> <li>immunocompromised people)</li> <li>sinusitis</li> </ul>
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Sterigmatocystin



#### Botryodiplodia theobromae

Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Plant pathogen causing many tropical fruit diseases including mango twig blight and mango stem rot</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Unknown
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	<ul> <li>Corneal Ulcer</li> <li>Keratitis</li> <li>Onychomycosis</li> <li>Phaeohyphomycosis</li> </ul>
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown
Other Comments	◆ Synonym of <i>Lasiodiplodia theobromae</i>

Botrytis	
Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Plant pathogen responsible for causing gray mold (B. cinerea) on grapes, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, low bush blueberries, lettuce, cabbage, and onions</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul><li>→ Houseplants</li><li>→ Fruits</li><li>→ Vegetables</li></ul>
Water Activity	◆ Aw 0.93-0.95
Mode of Dissemination	<ul><li>◆ Wind</li><li>◆ Rain</li></ul>
Allergenic Potential	<ul> <li>Type I allergies (hay fever, asthma)</li> <li>Type III (hypersensitivity pneumonitis)</li> </ul>
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown

Calcarisporium	
Natural Habitat	◆ Endophyte of stargrass (Cynodon dactylon)
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Unknown
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Industrial Uses	<ul> <li>Can be used as an anti-fungal agent in animal feed</li> </ul>
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ 15-azahomosterols

#### Candida

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Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Normal inhabitant of the skin, mouth, and vagina</li> <li>Leaves</li> <li>Flowers</li> <li>Soil</li> <li>Water</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Unknown
Water Activity	◆ Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	<ul> <li>Can be passed from newborns from their mothers</li> <li>It is also sometimes passed from catheters or prosthetic devices to patients</li> </ul>
Allergenic Potential	◆ Candida has been reported as an allergen
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	<ul> <li>Candidiasis (infections cased by Candida spp.), typically occurs in people with some predisposing factor such as pregnancy, disease (diabetes, AIDS, cancer)</li> <li>Occurs often in patients taking drugs such as oral contraceptives and antibiotics</li> </ul>

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Natural Habitat

◆ Ambrosia beetle tunnels on trees

Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment

◆ Unknown

Allergenic Potential

◆ Unknown

Potential Opportunist or Pathogen

◆ Unknown

Potential Toxins Produced

◆ Unknown

#### **Ceratocystis**

Natural Habitat

◆ Plant pathogen causing wilt disease on cacao, Ficus, mango, and oak and causes cankers on a variety of plants.

Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment

◆ Wood (lumber) Lumberyard fungi

Mode of Dissemination

◆ Insects

◆ Water splash

Allergenic Potential

Unknown

Potential Opportunist or Pathogen

Unknown

Potential Toxins Produced

Unknown

Cercospora	
Natural Habitat	Plant parasite causing leaf spot
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Unknown
Water Activity	◆ Moderate—High humidity
Mode of Dissemination	<ul> <li>Irrigation water</li> <li>Insects</li> <li>Rain</li> <li>Wind</li> </ul>

Unknown

Unknown

Potential Toxins Produced 

Unknown

Allergenic Potential

or Pathogen

Potential Opportunist

#### Chaetomium

Natural Habitat	<ul><li>Dung</li><li>Seeds</li><li>Soil</li><li>Straw</li></ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul><li>◆ Paper</li><li>◆ Sheetrock</li><li>◆ Wallpaper</li></ul>
Water Activity	◆ Aw=0.84-0.89
Mode of Dissemination	<ul><li>Wind</li><li>Insects</li><li>Water splash</li></ul>
Allergenic Potential	◆ Type I (asthma and hay fever)
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	<ul> <li>Onychomycosis</li> <li>C. perlucidum recognized as a new agent of cerebral phaeohyphomycosis</li> </ul>
Industrial Use	<ul><li>Cellulase production</li><li>Textile testing</li></ul>
Potential Toxins Produced	<ul> <li>Chaetomin</li> <li>Chaetoglobosins A,B,D and F are produced by <i>Chaetomium globosum</i></li> <li>Sterigmatocystin is produced by rare species</li> </ul>

Choanephora	
Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Causal agent of soft rot on a variety of vegetable crops (especially cucurbits)</li> <li>Soils</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Rotting vegetables
Mode of Dissemination	<ul><li>Insects</li><li>Water Splash</li><li>Wind</li></ul>

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Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown	

◆ Unknown

◆ Unknown

#### Chromelosporium

Allergenic Potential

or Pathogen

Potential Opportunist

Natural Habitat	◆ Soils
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul><li>Soil or vermiculite from house plants</li><li>Damp wood</li></ul>
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown

#### Chrysonilia

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Natural Habitat	<ul><li>◆ Fruit</li><li>◆ Soil</li></ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul><li>◆ Bread</li><li>◆ Fruit</li><li>◆ Coffee grounds</li></ul>
Water Activity	◆ Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Air currents
Allergenic Potential	◆ Found to induce asthma in loggers
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Industrial Uses	• Related to (mitosporic state) Neurospora, a genetic model organism
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown
Other Comments	◆ Commonly referred to as red bread mold
References	◆ Tarlo SM, Wai Y, Dolovich J, and Summerbell R. 1996. Occupational Asthma induced by <i>Chrysonilia sitophila</i> in the logging industry. J. Allergy Clin Immunol. 97(6): 1409-1413.

#### Chrysosporium

Natural Habitat

Plant materials

♦ Soils

Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment

◆ Unknown

Allergenic Potential

◆ Unknown

Potential Opportunist or Pathogen

• In immunocompromised patients it can cause:

Skin infections

Onychomycosis

◆ Systemic infection

Osteomyelitis

◆ Endocarditis

Potential Toxins Produced

◆ TMC-69 (Anti-tumor antibiotic)

#### Circinella

Natural Habitat

◆ Dung

◆ Soil

Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment

◆ Unknown

Allergenic Potential

◆ Unknown

Potential Opportunist or Pathogen

◆ Unknown

Potential Toxins Produced

◆ Unknown

### Cladosporium

Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Dead plant matter</li> <li>Straw</li> <li>Soil</li> <li>Woody Plants</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul> <li>Fiberglass duct liner</li> <li>Paint</li> <li>Textiles</li> <li>Found in high concentration in water-damaged building materials</li> </ul>
Water Activity	◆ Aw 0.84-0.88
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Air
Allergenic Potential	◆ Type I (asthma and hay fever)
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	<ul> <li>Edema</li> <li>keratitis</li> <li>onychomycosis</li> <li>pulmonary infections</li> <li>sinusitis</li> </ul>
Industrial Uses	◆ Produces 10 antigens
Potential Toxins Produced	<ul><li>◆ Cladosporin</li><li>◆ Emodin</li></ul>

Coelomycetes	
Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Plants (acting as saprophyte and pathogen)</li> <li>Other fungi</li> <li>Lichens</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul><li>◆ Ceiling Tiles</li><li>◆ Floor Tiles</li></ul>
Mode of Dissemination	<ul><li>Insects</li><li>Water Splash</li><li>Wind</li></ul>
Allergenic Potential	◆ Type I (hay fever, asthma)
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Genera dependant
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown

Pestalotia

Additional Comments

♦ These are asexual fungi that form conidia in pycnidia or acervuli (asexual

fruiting structures). Examples of Coelomycete fungi include *Phoma* and

#### Coprinus

Coprilius	
Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Wood</li> <li>Dung</li> <li>Leaf litter</li> <li>Soil</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Unknown
Water Activity	◆ Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Wind
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Industrial Uses	Popular experimental organism in genetic research
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Coprine

Cryptococcus
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Natural Habitat 

• Soil contaminated with pigeon droppings or chicken droppings

Decaying wood and slime fluxes

Suitable Substrates in the Unknown Indoor Environment

Mode of Dissemination

◆ Air (wind)

Unknown

Allergenic Potential

Water Activity

Unknown

Potential Opportunist or Pathogen

◆ *Cryptococcus neoformans* causes cryptococcosis (also known as meningoencephalitis) in immunocompromised people

◆ The disease also occurs in cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy

Industrial Uses

Unknown

Potential Toxins Produced

◆ Unknown

#### Cunninghamella

Natural Habitat

◆ Soil

Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment

◆ Cheese

Brazil Nuts

Allergenic Potential

◆ Unknown

Potential Opportunist or Pathogen

◆ Cunninghamella bertholletiae is known to cause rhinocerebral, pulmonary, cutaneoarticular, and disseminated forms of zygomycosis in immunocompromised or trauma patients.

Potential Toxins Produced

◆ Unknown

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Curvularia	
Natural Habitat	<ul><li>Plant saprobe and pathogen to cereal plants</li><li>Soil</li></ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul><li>◆ Paper</li><li>◆ Wood products</li></ul>
Water Activity	◆ Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	♦ Wind
Allergenic Potential	<ul> <li>Type I (asthma and hay fever)</li> <li>A relatively common cause of allergic fungal sinusitis</li> </ul>
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	<ul> <li>In immunocompromised patients:</li> <li>cerebral abscess</li> <li>endocarditis</li> <li>mycetoma</li> <li>ocular keratitis</li> <li>onychomycosis</li> <li>pneumonia</li> <li>sinusitis</li> </ul>
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Cytochalasin B
Other Comments	◆ All Curvularia species are genetically Bipolaris

#### **Dactylaria**

Natural Habitat

◆ Bamboo

◆ Decaying plant matter

Nematodes

Soils

Allergenic Potential

Unknown

Potential Opportunist

or Pathogen

Phaeohyphomycosis

Potential Toxins Produced

◆ Unknown

#### Dicyma

Natural Habitat

Plant materials

Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment

◆ Cardboard

◆ Wallboard

♦ Wood

Allergenic Potential

◆ Unknown

Potential Opportunist

or Pathogen

◆ The teleomorph of *Dicyma ampullifera* (*Ascotricha chartarum*) is associated with maxillary sinusitis

Industrial Uses

• Biocontrol for *Cercosporidium peronatum* leaf spot on peanuts

Potential Toxins Produced

◆ Ergot alkaloid

#### **Doratomyces**

or Pathogen

Natural Habitat

Decaying plant matter
Dung
Seeds
Soils

Suitable Substrates in the
Indoor Environment

Unknown

Allergenic Potential

Unknown

Output

Unknown

Unknown

Potential Toxins Produced 

Unknown

Dreschlera	
Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Plant pathogen causing leaf spot, crown rot, and root rot of various turf grass species</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Unknown
Water Activity	Most destructive during rainy weather
Mode of Dissemination	<ul> <li>Air currents</li> <li>Dead grass clippings</li> <li>Feet</li> <li>Lawn mowers</li> <li>Splashing water</li> </ul>
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Rare occurrences causing corneal infections in eyes
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown

#### **Emericella**

Mode of Dissemination

References

Water Activity ◆ Unknown

Allergenic Potential • Type I (asthma and hay fever)

Wind

Potential Opportunist • Onchomycosis or Pathogen

Potential Toxins Produced

Asperthecin
Asperugin
Aspergiline
Corycepin
Echinocandin B

EmerinEmericellinNidurufin

◆ Sterigmatocystin

PenicillinPentostatin

Other Comments • Genetically related to (meiosporic state) some *Aspergillus* species

 Gugnani, H.C., Vijayan, V.K., Tyagi P., Sharma, S., Stchigel, A.M., and Guarro, J. 2004. Onychomycosis due to *Emericella quadrilineata*. J. Clin Microbiol. 42 (2): 914–916

Emericellopsis	
Natural Habitat	◆ Soils
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Unknown
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Industrial Uses	<ul> <li>Emerimicins II, III and IV are antibiotics produced by Emericellopsis microspora</li> </ul>
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ E. minimum (formerly Cephalosporium acremonium) produces Cephalosporin C.
Other Comments	◆ Teleomorph of <i>Acremonium</i> spp.

### **Engyodontium**

Natural Habitat

◆ Plant Debris

◆ Soils

Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment

Building materials

◆ Jute

◆ Paper

◆ Textiles

Allergenic Potential

◆ Unknown

Potential Opportunist or Pathogen

◆ Engyodontium album causes:

◆ Brain abscess

◆ Keratitis

◆ Native valve endocarditis

Potential Toxins Produced

◆ Unknown

<b>Epicoccum</b>	
Natural Habitat	<ul><li>◆ Plant debris</li><li>◆ Soil</li></ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul><li>◆ Paper</li><li>◆ Textiles</li></ul>
Water Activity	◆ Aw=0.86-0.90
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Wind
Allergenic Potential	◆ Type I (asthma and hay fever)
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	<ul> <li>Epicorazine A&amp;B</li> <li>Flavipin</li> <li>Indole-3-acetonitrile</li> </ul>

Erisyphe	
Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Plant pathogen that cause "powdery mildew" on many plants. Is an obligate parasite that grows on leaves, stems, flowers, and fruits</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Indoor plants
Water Activity	◆ Some species can germinate in 0% humidity
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Wind
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown
Other Comments	◆ Genetically related to (meiosporic state) <i>Oidium</i>

### **Eurotium**

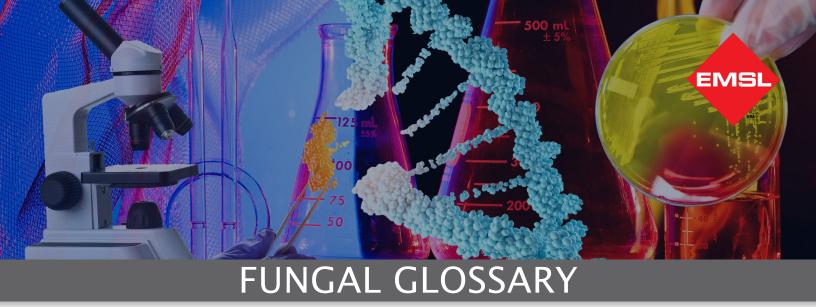
Natural Habitat	◆ See <i>Aspergillus</i>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul> <li>Furniture</li> <li>Walls</li> <li>One of several teleomorphs of Aspergillus</li> </ul>

### Exophiala

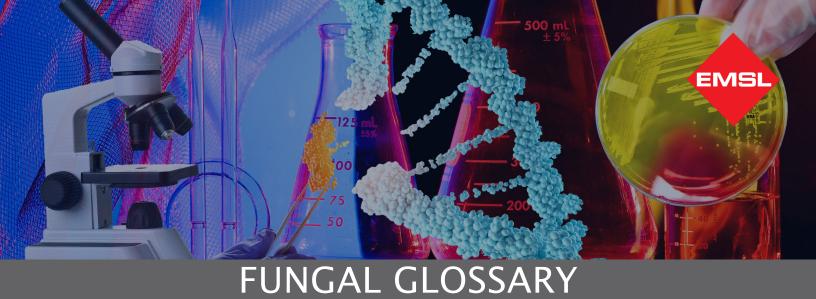
Natural Habitat  Soil Water Saprobe of plants Decaying Wood  Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment  Water Activity  Unknown  Mode of Dissemination  Water Splash  Allergenic Potential  Potential Opportunist or Pathogen  Pathogen  Mycetomas Endocardititis Subcutaneous lesions Subcutaneous cysts Phaeohyphomycosis  Industrial Uses  Potential Antibiotic  Potential Toxins Produced  Exophilin A  Other Comments  Known as one of the black yeasts  References  Doshida J, Hasegawa H, Onuki H, Shimidzu N. 1996. Exophilin A, a new antibiotic from a marine microorganism Exophiala pisciphila. J Antibiot (Tokyo). 49(11):1105-1109		
Indoor Environment         Water Activity       ◆ Unknown         Mode of Dissemination       ◆ Water Splash         Allergenic Potential       ◆ Unknown         Potential Opportunist or Pathogen       ◆ Mycetomas	Natural Habitat	<ul><li>Water</li><li>Saprobe of plants</li></ul>
Mode of Dissemination  Allergenic Potential  Unknown  Mycetomas Findocardititis Subcutaneous lesions Subcutaneous cysts Phaeohyphomycosis  Industrial Uses  Potential Antibiotic  Potential Toxins Produced  Exophilin A  Other Comments  References  Doshida J, Hasegawa H, Onuki H, Shimidzu N. 1996. Exophilin A, a new antibiotic from a marine microorganism Exophiala pisciphila. J Antibioti		◆ Unknown
Allergenic Potential  Potential Opportunist or Pathogen  Mycetomas Endocardititis Subcutaneous lesions Subcutaneous cysts Phaeohyphomycosis  Industrial Uses  Potential Toxins Produced  Exophilin A  Other Comments  Nown as one of the black yeasts  Poshida J, Hasegawa H, Onuki H, Shimidzu N. 1996. Exophilin A, a new antibiotic from a marine microorganism Exophiala pisciphila. J Antibiot	Water Activity	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen    • Mycetomas   • Endocardititis   • Subcutaneous lesions   • Subcutaneous cysts   • Phaeohyphomycosis  Industrial Uses   • Potential Antibiotic  Potential Toxins Produced   • Exophilin A  Other Comments   • Known as one of the black yeasts  References   • Doshida J, Hasegawa H, Onuki H, Shimidzu N. 1996. Exophilin A, a new antibiotic from a marine microorganism Exophiala pisciphila. J Antibiot	Mode of Dissemination	◆ Water Splash
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Exserohilum	
Natural Habitat	<ul><li>Pathogen to Grasses, causes root rot of corn</li><li>Soils</li></ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Indoor building materials
Water Activity	◆ Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Wind
Allergenic Potential	◆ Causes allergic sinusitis
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	<ul> <li>Endocarditis</li> <li>Mycotic keratitis</li> <li>Subcutaneous phaeohyphomycosis</li> <li>Osteomyelitis and sinusitis in both normal and immunocompromised patients</li> </ul>
Industrial Uses	◆ Potential biocontrol of weeds
Potential Toxins Produced	<ul><li>Monocerin</li><li>Phytotoxin</li></ul>
References	<ul> <li>Zhang, W., and Watson, A.K. 2000. Isolation and partial characterization of phytotoxins produced by Exserohilum monoceras, a potential bioherbicide</li> </ul>

for control of *Echinochloa* species. Proceedings of the X International Symposium on Biological Control of weeds 4-14 July 1999, Montana State University, Boseman, Monatana USA. Neal R. Spencer [ed.] pp.125-130



Fusariella	
Natural Habitat	<ul><li>Plant matter</li><li>Leaf litter</li></ul>
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown



### **Fusarium**

Other Comments

Natural Habitat Soil Plant pathogen causing root rot, stem rot, and wilt of many ornamental and crop plants. Suitable Substrates in the Often found in humidifiers Indoor Environment Wet, cellulose-based building materials Water Activity Aw=0.86-0.91 Mode of Dissemination Insects Water droplets, rain Wind when spores become dry Allergenic Potential Type I allergies (hay fever, asthma) Potential Opportunist Esophageal cancer is believed to happen after consumption of F. moniliforme infected or Pathogen Keratitis Endophthalmitis Onychomycosis Cutaneous infections Mycetoma Sinusitis Pulmonary infections ◆ Endocarditis Peritonitis ◆ Central venous catheter infections Septic arthritis ◆ Neurological disease in horses after consumption of *F. moniliforme* infected corn Respiratory disease in pigs after consumption of *F. moniliforme* infected corn Industrial Uses Biological Weapon Potential Toxins Produced Trichothecenes

Major plant pathogen

Zearalenone **Fumonisins** 

Atlas of Moulds in Europe causing respiratory Allergy, Foundation for Allergy Research References in Europe, Edited by Knud Wilken-Jensen and Suzanne Gravesen, ASK Publishing, Denmark, 1984

Ganoderma	
Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Grows on conifers and hardwoods worldwide, causing white rot, root rot, and stem rot</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Unknown
Water Activity	◆ Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Wind
Allergenic Potential	<ul> <li>◆ Ganoderma species are known to cause allergies in people on a worldwide scale</li> </ul>
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Industrial Uses	<ul> <li>Biopulping of wood for the paper industry</li> <li>Potential medicinal use due to: 1. Inhibition of Ras dependent cell transformation, 2. antifibrotic activity, 3. immunomodulating activity, 4. free-radicle scavenging</li> </ul>
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown
Other Comments	<ul> <li>Used in traditional Chinese medicine as an herbal supplement</li> <li>It is also known as a "shelf fungus" because the fruiting body forms a stalkless shelf on the sides of trees and logs</li> <li>It is sometimes called "artists conk" because when you scratch the white pores of the fruiting body, the white rubs away and exposes the brown hyphae underneath. Thus, pictures can be produced on the fruiting body</li> </ul>
References	<ul> <li>References: Craig, R.L., Levetin, E. 2000. Multi-year study of Ganoderma aerobiology. Aerobiologia 16: 75-81.</li> <li>http://www.pfc.forestry.ca/diseases/CTD/Group/Heart/heart6_e.html</li> </ul>

### Geomyces

Natural Habitat 
◆ Dung
◆ Soil

Suitable Substrates in the Unknown Indoor Environment

Allergenic Potential • Unknown

Potential Toxins Produced 

Unknown

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Natural Habitat Normal flora in humans Soil Plants Water Suitable Substrates in the ◆ Foods such as fruits and grains Indoor Environment Milk and other dairy products ◆ Paper Textiles Water Activity ◆ Aw=0.90 Mode of Dissemination ◆ Air currents Allergenic Potential ◆ Unknown • Geotrichum causes diseases known as geotrichosis: Potential Opportunist Intestinal tract or Pathogen alimentary and cutaneous infections bronchial and pulmonary infections ◆ oral vaginal Industrial Uses ♦ Unknown Potential Toxins Produced ◆ Unknown

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Philadelphia, 1984. 287 p

Mould Allergy, Yousef Al-Doory and Joanne F. Domson, Lea and Febiger,

Gliocladium	
Natural Habitat	<ul><li>◆ Soil</li><li>◆ Decaying plant tissue</li></ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Unknown
Water Activity	◆ Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	<ul><li>Water droplets</li><li>Insects</li></ul>
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Industrial Uses	<ul> <li>Gliocladium virens GL-21 is used as a biological control against plant pathogenic fungi</li> </ul>
Potential Toxins Produced	• Gliotoxin is a metabolite of <i>Gliocladium deliquescens</i>
References	<ul> <li>http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/biopesticides/ingredients/factsheets/ factsheet_ 129000.htm</li> </ul>

#### **Gliomastix**

Natural Habitat Causes rot on potatoes Plant litter Soil Wood Suitable Substrates in the ◆ Textiles Indoor Environment Water damaged areas Unknown Allergenic Potential Potential Opportunist Unknown or Pathogen Potential Toxins Produced Unknown Other Comments ◆ G. macrocylindrica is a mycoparasite of Beltrania rhombica

### Gonatobotrys

Conatobotiys	
Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Decaying plant matter (fungicolous)</li> </ul>
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown

Gonatobotryum		
Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Mycoparasite of Ophiostoma and Certatosystis (fungicolous)</li> <li>Rotting wood</li> <li>Soils</li> </ul>	
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Structural lumber	
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Insects	
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown	
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown	
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown	
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown	

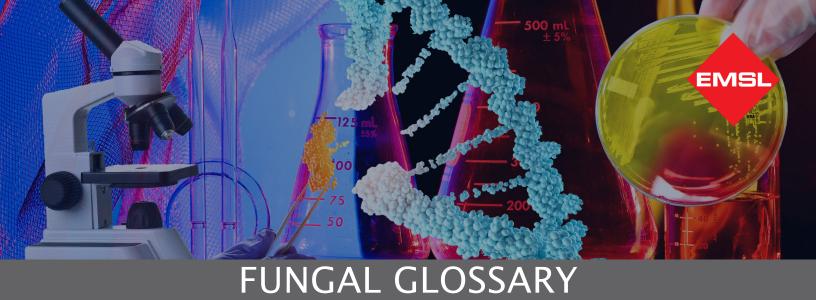
Graphium
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Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Dung</li> <li>Seeds</li> <li>Soils</li> <li>Woody plant tissue</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Unknown
Water Activity	◆ Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Beetles when mitosporic state of <i>Ophiostoma ulmi</i>
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Industrial Uses	<ul> <li>GR135402, a compound with antifungal activity against Candida albicans and Cryptococcus neoformans, has been isolated from a fermentation broth of Graphium putredinis</li> </ul>
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown
Other Comments	◆ There have not been any reports of human infections with <i>Graphium</i> species, however, it is a mitosporic state of <i>Pseudoallescheria boydii</i> which

causes subcutaneous mycoses in man

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Hel	mintha	osporium
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riemmenosporium.	
Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Pathogen of turfgrass causing crown rot and leaf spot diseases Pathogen</li> <li>of maize causing Northern leaf blight</li> <li>Pathogen of potatoes causing silver scurf disease</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Unknown
Water Activity	◆ Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	<ul> <li>Water splash</li> <li>Foot traffic</li> <li>Lawn mowers</li> <li>Grass Clippings</li> </ul>
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	<ul><li>Helminthosporoside</li><li>Helminthosporal</li></ul>
Other Comments	◆ This name is no longer in use. The genus <i>Helminthosporium</i> is now <i>Bipolaris</i>
References	<ul> <li>Steiner GW, Strobel GA. 1971. J Biol Chem. 246(13):4350-4357</li> <li>Sommereyns G, Closset JL. 1977. Arch Int Physiol Biochim. 85(2):431-433</li> </ul>



#### Hyalodendron Natural Habitat ♦ Soils Suitable Substrates in the Unknown Indoor Environment ◆ Unknown Allergenic Potential Unknown Potential Opportunist or Pathogen Industrial Uses ◆ Hyalodendrin is an antibiotic produced by *Hyalodendron* ◆ Hyalodendrosides A and B are anti-fungal products Potential Toxins Produced ◆ Triterpenoid glycoside, hyalodendroside A (1) ◆ Triterpenoid glycoside, hyalodendroside B (2)

### Leptosphaeria

Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Pathogen of brassica plants</li> <li>Pathogen of oilseed rape</li> <li>Pathogen of wheat</li> <li>Dead plant materials</li> <li>Soils</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Unknown
Water Activity	◆ Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Seed borne transmission
Allergenic Potential	<ul><li>◆ Type I</li><li>◆ Type II</li></ul>
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	<ul><li>Mycetoma</li><li>Phaeohyphomycosis</li></ul>
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown

#### Memnoniella

Suitable Substrates in the
Indoor Environment

◆ Paper
Sheetrock
◆ Wood

Mode of Dissemination ◆ Wind

Allergenic Potential ◆ Unknown

Potential Opportunist 

Unknown 
or Pathogen

Potential Toxins Produced

Dechlorogriseofulvin

Epidechlorogriseofulvin

Griseofulvins

Memnopeptide A

◆ Trichodermol◆ Trichoder

Other Comments 

◆ Griseofulvin used an anti-dermatophyte drug and is commercially available. DNA evidence demonstrated that all *Memnoniella* fungi are *Stachybotrys*.

#### Microascus

Other Comments

♦ Soil Natural Habitat Soybeans Sunflower seeds Suitable Substrates in the Drywall Indoor Environment Wood Unknown Allergenic Potential Potential Opportunist • Brain abscess in immunocompromised patients or Pathogen Cutaneous lesions Mycetomas Onychomycosis Industrial Uses Unknown Potential Toxins Produced ◆ Unknown

• Microascus is the sexual state (teleomorph) of Scopulariopsis

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Natural Habitat • Plant pathogen on hickory and walnut trees causing downy leafspot.

Suitable Substrates in the 

Unknown
Indoor Environment

Mode of Dissemination 

• Water splash

◆ Wind

Allergenic Potential • Unknown

Potential Opportunist • Unknown or Pathogen

Industrial Uses 

• Unknown

Potential Toxins Produced ◆ Unknown

#### Monilia

Natural Habitat

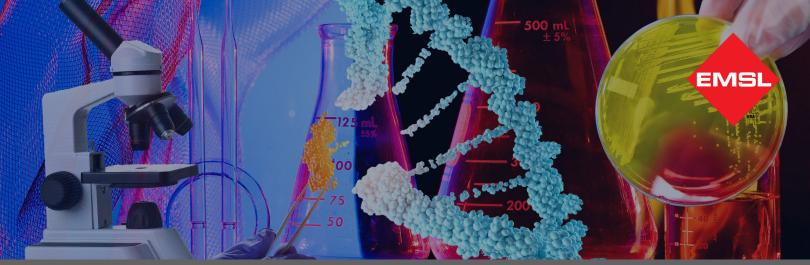
◆ This is an obsolete name. Most *Monilia* are now referred to as *Candida* (please see description)

### Micstromaro

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Natural Habitat	<ul><li>Dung</li><li>Seeds</li><li>Soil</li><li>Sugar cane</li></ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Water splash
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown at this time
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown
Other Comments	<ul> <li>M. wolfii is an important casual agent of bovine mycotic abortion, pneumonia and systemic mycosis</li> </ul>

#### Mucor

Mucoi	
Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Decaying fruits and vegetables</li> <li>Dung</li> <li>Plants</li> <li>Soils</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul> <li>Fruit</li> <li>Leftover foods</li> <li>Building Materials</li> <li>Carpet Dust</li> </ul>
Water Activity	◆ Aw=0.90-0.94
Mode of Dissemination	<ul><li>◆ Water Splash</li><li>◆ Wind disseminated</li></ul>
Allergenic Potential	<ul><li>Type I (hay fever, asthma)</li><li>Type III (hypersensitivity)</li></ul>
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	Zygomycosis in immunocompromised patients
Industrial Uses	◆ Proteases from <i>M. pusillus</i> and <i>M. mehei</i> are used in cheese fermentation
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown
Other Comments	<ul> <li>Produces zygomycete sporangiospores</li> </ul>



Mycotypha
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Natural Habitat ◆ Soils

Suitable Substrates in the Unknown Indoor Environment

Mode of Dissemination ◆ Wind

Allergenic Potential ◆ Unknown

Potential Opportunist • Unknown or Pathogen

Industrial Uses 

• Unknown

Potential Toxins Produced 

Unknown

Myrothecium	
Natural Habitat	<ul><li>Dead agaric mushrooms</li><li>Grasses</li><li>Soils</li></ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Rarely found indoors
Mode of Dissemination	<ul><li>Insects</li><li>Water splash</li></ul>
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Trichothecene mycotoxins

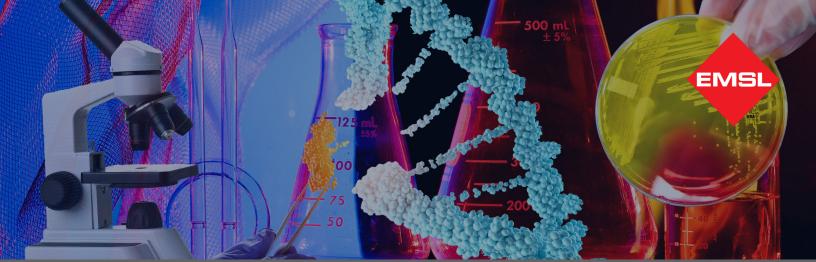
### Myxomycetes

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Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Decaying logs</li> <li>Dead leaves</li> <li>Dung</li> <li>Lawns</li> <li>Mulched flower beds</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Rotting lumber
Water Activity	◆ Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	<ul><li>Insects</li><li>Water</li><li>Wind</li></ul>
Allergenic Potential	◆ Type I
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown
Other Comments	<ul> <li>Young sporophores of one genera (Enteridium lycoperdon) are fried and eaten in Mexico, and the dish is called caca de luna</li> <li>Myxomycetes are not members of the Kingdom Fungi. This is due to</li> </ul>

morphological differences and DNA evidence

### Myxotrichum

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Natural Habitat	◆ Soils
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul> <li>Decomposing carpets</li> <li>Paper</li> <li>Wet drywall</li> </ul>
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Wind
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	<ul> <li>Myxotrichum stipitatum produces:</li> <li>Clavatoic acid</li> <li>Myxostiolide</li> <li>Myxostiol</li> </ul>
Other Comments	◆ The toxins produced by <i>M. stipitatum</i> are all plant growth regulators



### Neosartorya

Natural Habitat ◆ Fruits

Suitable Substrates in the ◆ Fruits

Indoor Environment ◆ Heat processed fruit products

Allergenic Potential ♦ Similar to Aspergillus spp.

Potential Opportunist 

Mycotic keratitis

or Pathogen ◆ *N. pseudofischeri* is known to cause Osteomyelitis

Potential Toxins Produced ◆ Azaspirene

Other Comments 
◆ Neosartorya is a teleomorphic (sexual) state of Aspergillus. There are multiple teleomorphs for Aspergillus.

### Nigrospora

Natural Habitat 
• Common on live or dead grass

◆ Seeds

◆ Soil

Suitable Substrates in the • Unknown Indoor Environment

Mode of Dissemination ◆ Forcibly ejected

Allergenic Potential ◆ Type I allergies (hay fever, asthma)

or Pathogen 

Skin lesions

Industrial Uses

Unknown

Potential Toxins Produced 

• Unknown metabolite reported with some toxic properties

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#### **Nodulisporium**

Natural Habitat • Endophytic in some trees causing wood rot disease

◆ Dead stems of trees

Herbaceous plants

Soils

Suitable Substrates in the Unknown Indoor Environment

Allergenic Potential ◆ Allergic sinusitis

Industrial Uses 
◆ Unknown

Potential Toxins Produced 

Nodulisporic acid (a indole terpene)

Other Comments 

Nodulisporic acid has insecticidal properties and could potentially be used as an insecticide

#### **Ochroconis**

Natural Habitat 

 Decaying plant matter

◆ Soils

Suitable Substrates in the • Unknown Indoor Environment

Allergenic Potential ◆ Unknown

Potential Toxins Produced ◆ Unknown

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### Oedocephalum

Natural Habitat

Dung
Soils
Wood

Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment

Mode of Dissemination

Wind

Allergenic Potential

Potential Opportunist or Pathogen

Potential Toxins Produced 

Unknown

Other Comments • Contaminant of edible mushroom cultures. Asexual state of *Peziza* 

### Oidiodendron

Other Comments

Natural Habitat	<ul><li>Leaf litter</li><li>Peat</li><li>Wood</li><li>Soils</li></ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul><li>◆ Paper</li><li>◆ Textiles</li></ul>
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown

◆ Forms mycorrhizae on Ericaceae

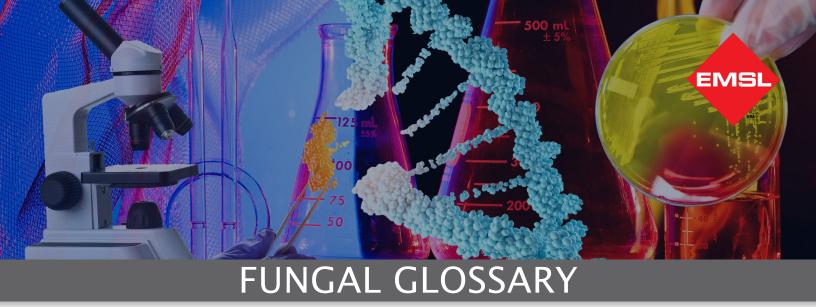
Oidium	
Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>It is an obligate parasite on many plant varieties causing powdery mildew disease.</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Houseplants
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Wind
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown
Other Comments	◆ Asexual state of <i>Erysiphe</i>

Paecilomyces	
Natural Habitat	<ul><li>Decaying plant matter</li><li>Insects</li><li>Soils</li></ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul> <li>Optical Lenses</li> <li>Leather</li> <li>Paper</li> <li>PVC</li> <li>Jute Fibers</li> <li>Tobacco</li> </ul>
Water Activity	◆ Aw=0.79
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Wind
Allergenic Potential	<ul><li>Type I (hay fever, asthma)</li><li>Type III (hypersensitivity)</li></ul>
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	<ul> <li>P. variotii causes paecilomycosis (symptoms include keratitis, cellulitis, and alveolitis).</li> <li>Corneal ulcers, keratitis, and endophthalmitis can occur after extended contact lense use or eye surgery due to Paecilomyces infection</li> </ul>
Industrial Uses	<ul> <li>Paecilomyces fumosoroseus is currently marketed as a biocontrol insecticide</li> </ul>
Potential Toxins Produced	<ul> <li>Byssochlamic acid</li> <li>Ferrirubin</li> <li>Fusigen</li> <li>Indole-3-acetic acid</li> </ul>

Other Comments

◆ P. crustaceus and P. variotii can grow well at temperatures as high as 50°C

◆ Paecilotoxins ◆ Patulin.variotin ◆ Viriditoxin



### Penicillium

References

Natural Habitat	<ul><li>◆ Soil</li><li>◆ Seed</li><li>◆ Cereal crops</li></ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul> <li>Foods (blue mold on cereals, fruits, vegetables, dried foods)</li> <li>House dust</li> <li>Fabrics</li> <li>Leather</li> <li>Wallpaper</li> <li>Wallpaper glue</li> </ul>
Water Activity	◆ Aw=0.78-0.86
Mode of Dissemination	<ul><li>◆ Wind</li><li>◆ Insects</li></ul>
Allergenic Potential	<ul><li>Type I (hay fever, asthma)</li><li>Type III (hypersensitivity)</li></ul>
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Penicilliosis
Industrial Uses	<ul> <li>P. chrysogenum for the antibiotic penicillin</li> <li>P. griseofulvum for the antibiotic griseofulvin a</li> <li>P. roquefortii for Roquefort cheese</li> <li>P. camemberti for Camembert cheese</li> <li>Brie, Gorgonzola, and Danish Blue cheese are also the products of Penicillium</li> <li>Used to cure ham and salami</li> <li>Production of organic acids such as fumaric, oxalic, gluconic, and gallic</li> </ul>
Potential Toxins Produced	<ul> <li>◆ Citrinin</li> <li>◆ Citreoviridin</li> <li>◆ Cyclopiazonic acid</li> <li>◆ Penitrem A</li> <li>◆ Verrucculogen</li> <li>◆ Verrucosidin</li> <li>◆ Fumitremorgen B</li> <li>◆ Penicillic acid</li> <li>◆ Viomellein</li> <li>◆ Grisiofulvin</li> <li>◆ Janthitrems</li> <li>◆ Roquefortine C</li> <li>★ Xanthomegnin</li> </ul>
Other Comments	◆ Penicillium is one of the most common genera of fungi

♦ Alexopoulos, C.J., Mims, C.W., Blackwell, M. 1996. John Wiley and Sons

### Periconia

Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Grasses</li> <li>Sedges</li> <li>Rushes</li> <li>Dead herbaceous plant material</li> <li>Soils</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Wind
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	<ul> <li>Periconia circinata produces Periconin A and Periconin B (both are biologically inactive)</li> <li>P. circinata also produces Peritoxins A and B</li> </ul>
References	◆ V Macko, M B Stimmel, T J Wolpert, L D Dunkle, W Acklin, R Bänteli, B Jaun, and D Arigoni. 1992.Structure of the host-specific toxins produced by the fungal pathogen <i>Periconia circinata</i> . Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 89(20): 9574–9578

Pe	ron	05	po	ra

Natural Habitat

◆ Obligate pathogen causing Downy Mildew on many types of plants. May be seen on outdoor samples.

Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment

◆ Houseplants

Mode of Dissemination

◆ Wind

Allergenic Potential

◆ Unknown

Potential Opportunist or Pathogen

Unknown

Industrial Uses

◆ Unknown

Potential Toxins Produced

◆ Unknown

#### Peziza

Natural Habitat

- ◆ Plant litter
- Rotting wood
- ◆ Damp Soil

Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment

◆ Often found in basements and in wet carpets

Allergenic Potential

◆ Unknown

Potential Opportunist or Pathogen

♦ Unknown

Potential Toxins Produced

• Unknown. Asexual state of *Oedocephalum/Chromelosporium* 

#### Phialocephala

Potential Toxins Produced

<ul> <li>Bark from many types of trees</li> <li>Orchids</li> <li>Wood</li> <li>Soils</li> </ul>
◆ Unknown
◆ Unknown
◆ Unknown

♦ Unknown

#### Phialophora

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Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Dung</li> <li>Soil</li> <li>Plant tissue</li> <li>Water</li> <li>Wood</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Infected plant debris
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Chromoblastomycosis in temperate to sub-tropical climates
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown

Phoma	
Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Cucurbits (causing foliar disease)</li> <li>Conifers (resulting in blight)</li> <li>Soils</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul> <li>Butter</li> <li>Ceiling tiles</li> <li>Cement</li> <li>Floor tiles</li> <li>Paint</li> <li>Rice</li> <li>Rubber</li> <li>Wood</li> </ul>
Mode of Dissemination	<ul><li>Splash when wet</li><li>Insect and wind when dry</li></ul>
Allergenic Potential	<ul><li>Type I (hay fever, asthma)</li><li>Type III (hypersensitivity)</li></ul>
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	<ul> <li>Phaeohyphomycosis in immunocompromised patients</li> </ul>
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown

#### **Pithomyces**

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Natural Habitat	<ul><li>Leaf litter</li><li>Soils</li><li>Tree bark</li></ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Paper
Water Activity	◆ Requires high moisture level for spore germination
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Wind
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Etiologic agent in immunocompromised patients
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	<ul><li>◆ Cyclodepsipeptides</li><li>◆ Sporidesmin</li><li>◆ Sporidesmolides</li></ul>

#### **Polythrincium**

Natural Habitat ◆ Leaves

Suitable Substrates in the Unknown Indoor Environment

Allergenic Potential • Allergenic potential in this genus is not well understood, and is currently being studied.

Potential Opportunist 

Unknown or Pathogen

Potential Toxins Produced ◆ Unknown

#### Poria

Natural Habitat ◆ Wood

Suitable Substrates in the Decays structural timber in buildings Indoor Environment

Allergenic Potential 

• Unknown

Potential Opportunist 

Unknown

or Pathogen

Potential Toxins Produced ◆ Unknown

Other Comments • Red Poria (*P. cocos*) is used in traditional Chinese medicine. Resupinate Polyporaceae

Pyrenochaeta
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Natural Habitat Plant pathogen to a variety of plants including tomatoes and some cucurbits.

Plant debris

Soils

Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment

Unknown

Mode of Dissemination

Water splash

Allergenic Potential

◆ Unknown

Potential Opportunist or Pathogen

• Pyrenochaeta romeroi has been associated with mycetoma

Pyrenochaeta unguis-hominis infects nails

Potential Toxins Produced

◆ Unknown

#### Rhinocladiella

Natural Habitat

Decaying wood

Soils

Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment

Wood

Mode of Dissemination

Wind

Allergenic Potential

◆ Unknown

Potential Opportunist or Pathogen

◆ Chromoblastomycosis

Fungemia

Potential Toxins Produced

♦ Unknown

Rhizopus	
Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Dung</li> <li>Fruits- causing rhizopus rot on stone fruits and strawberries</li> <li>Soils</li> <li>Vegetables</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Stored fruits and vegetables
Water Activity	◆ Aw=0.93
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Wind
Allergenic Potential	<ul><li>Type I (hay fever, asthma)</li><li>Type III (hypersensitivity)</li></ul>
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	<ul> <li>Causal agent of zygomycosis in immunocompromised, malnourished or severely burned people</li> </ul>
Industrial Uses	<ul> <li>Used to ferment rice into miso</li> <li>Used to ferment soybeans to tempeh and sufu</li> </ul>
Potential Toxins Produced	<ul> <li>Rhizopus oryzae produces agroclavine (an ergot alkaloid toxic to mammals)</li> </ul>

#### Rhodotorula

References

Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Air</li> <li>Dairy products</li> <li>Fruit juice</li> <li>Soil</li> <li>Water</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul> <li>Carpeting</li> <li>Cooling coils</li> <li>Humidifiers</li> <li>Water tanks</li> </ul>
Allergenic Potential	◆ Reported to be allergenic
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	<ul> <li>Meningitis endocarditis, Ventriculitis, Peritonitis, Endophthalmitis Central venous catheter-infections, Fungemia, and Sepsis have been reported in immunocompromised patients</li> <li>Rhodotorula rubra is a common airborne contaminant of skin, lungs, urine and feces</li> </ul>
Industrial Uses	<ul> <li>Mannan produced by Rhodotorula is useful for serological diagnosis for leptospirosis (a bacterial disease)</li> <li>Carotenoid production for the food industry</li> </ul>
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown

◆ Matsuo K., Isogai, E., Araki, Y. 2000. Utilization of Exocellular Mannan from *Rhodotorula glutinis* as an Immunoreactive Antigen in Diagnosis of Leptospirosis. Journal of Clinical Microbiology. 38(10): 3750-3754

Rusts	
Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Rusts are parasitic to many types of plants</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Unknown- rust fungi require a living plant host for growth
Mode of Dissemination	<ul><li>◆ Wind</li><li>◆ Forcible Ejection</li></ul>
Allergenic Potential	◆ Type I. (hay fever, asthma)
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown
Other Comments	<ul> <li>There are 5000 known species of rusts belonging to at least 150 different genera</li> <li>Rusts are the cause of great economic losses on many cultivated plants</li> <li>Ancient Romans believed the god Robigus was responsible for rust disease on crops and attempted to ward off rust disease by celebrating Robigus in an annual festival</li> </ul>
References	◆ Alexopoulos, C.J., Mims, C.W., Blackwell, M. 1996. John Wiley and Sons

#### Scedosporium

Natural Habitat Decaying plant matter

Dung Soil

Suitable Substrates in the Unknown Indoor Environment

Unknown Allergenic Potential

Potential Opportunist or Pathogen

Subcutaneous infections

Osteomyelitis

• *S. prolificans* causes phaeohyphomycosis

Potential Toxins Produced

◆ Unknown

#### Schizophyllum commune

Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Decaying deciduous trees</li> <li>Logs</li> <li>Stumps</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul><li>◆ Plaster</li><li>◆ Wood</li></ul>
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Wind
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	<ul> <li>Chronic lung disease</li> <li>Meningitis</li> <li>Onychomycosis</li> </ul>
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown
Other Comments	◆ This fungus goes dormant in dry weather and revives itself when it rains. It

release spores when moistened.

can remain dormant for as many as 50 years and will unroll their gills and

Scolecobasidium	
Natural Habitat	◆ Soils
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Unknown
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Industrial Uses	◆ Scolecobasidium constrictum is a biocontrol agent of clover cyst nematode
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown
Other Comments	<ul> <li>Scolecobasidium humicola, causes phaeohyphomycosis in fish, and cutaneous lesions in tortoises</li> </ul>

#### **Scopulariopsis**

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Natural Habitat	◆ Soil
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul> <li>Dairy products</li> <li>Fruit</li> <li>Grain</li> <li>Meat</li> <li>Paper</li> <li>Wood</li> </ul>
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Wind
Allergenic Potential	◆ Type III (hypersensitivity)
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	<ul> <li>Onychomycosis in toe nails</li> <li>Skin lesions</li> <li>Mycetoma</li> <li>Keratitis</li> <li>Endophthalmitis, invasive sinusitis, pulmonary infections, endocarditis, and brain abscess typically only afflict immunocompromised patients.</li> </ul>
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	• Scopulariopsis brevicaulis produces arsine gas from arsenate dyes found in

wallpaper covered with Paris Green

Sepedonium	
Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Mycoparasitic on Agaric and Bolete mushrooms</li> <li>Plant tissue</li> <li>Soil</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Wind

or Pathogen

Potential Toxins Produced

\* S. ampullosporum produces Ampullosporin A

Unknown

Unknown

#### Septonema

Allergenic Potential

Potential Opportunist

Natural Habitat	<ul><li>Tree bark</li><li>Mycoparasite of various other fungi</li></ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Unknown
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown

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or Pathogen

Industrial Uses

Natural Habitat

↑ Trees, causing dry rot of many types

↑ Syn. Merulius lacrymans

Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment

↑ Unknown

↑ Unknown

↑ Unknown

◆ Unknown

Potential Toxins Produced 

Unknown

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Smuts	
Natural Habitat	◆ Pathogens of cereals crops, corn, grasses, onion, and sorghum
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Unknown- smut fungi require a living plant host for growth
Mode of Dissemination	<ul> <li>Wind</li> <li>Rain</li> <li>Shoes</li> <li>Mowers</li> </ul>
Allergenic Potential	◆ Type I. (hay fever, asthma)
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Industrial Uses	<ul> <li>Galls of Ustilago maydis are considered a delicacy and are known in Mexico as "Huitlacoche" and in the U.S.A. as "maize mushroom", "Mexican truffles" or "caviar azteca"</li> </ul>
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown
Other Comments	<ul> <li>Smut fungi belong to the order Ustilaginales and there are about 4000 known species</li> </ul>

#### Sordaria

Natural Habitat Dung

◆ Seeds◆ Soils

Suitable Substrates in the Unknown Indoor Environment

Mode of Dissemination ◆ Forcible ejection

Wind

Allergenic Potential ◆ Unknown

Potential Opportunist 

Unknown 
or Pathogen

Industrial Uses • Commonly used in genetic studies

Potential Toxins Produced 

Unknown

#### **Spadicoides**

Natural Habitat 

Bark of a variety of trees

◆ Dead wood

Suitable Substrates in the Unknown Indoor Environment

Allergenic Potential ◆ Unknown

Potential Opportunist • Unknown or Pathogen

Potential Toxins Produced ◆ Unknown

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#### Spegazzinia

Indoor Environment

Natural Habitat ◆ Plants ◆ Soils

Suitable Substrates in the 

Unknown

Allergenic Potential ◆ Unknown

Potential Opportunist • Unknown or Pathogen

Industrial Uses 

• Unknown

Potential Toxins Produced 

Unknown

**Sporobolomyces** 

Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Diseased plant tissue</li> <li>Leaves</li> <li>Rotting Fruit</li> <li>Soil</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul> <li>Humidifiers</li> <li>Drain pans</li> <li>Water tanks</li> </ul>
Water Activity	<ul> <li>Requires extremely high humidity for growth</li> </ul>
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Forcible Ejection
Allergenic Potential	◆ Type I (hay fever, asthma)

	Type III (hypersensitivity)
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Dermatitis

Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown

#### Sporormiella

Natural Habitat ◆ Dung

Suitable Substrates in the Fiberglass insulation Indoor Environment

Allergenic Potential ◆ Unknown

Potential Opportunist 

Unknown 
or Pathogen

Potential Toxins Produced ◆ Unknown

#### Sporothrix

Natural Habitat ◆ Plant matter

◆ Soils

Suitable Substrates in the Unknown Indoor Environment

Allergenic Potential ◆ Unknown

Potential Opportunist 

S. schenckii causes cutaneous infections, ocular mycosis, and sporotrichosis in immunocompromised patients.

Potential Toxins Produced ◆ Unknown

# Natural Habitat Decaying wood Soils Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment Allergenic Potential Unknown Unknown

Potential Opportunist 
→ S. pruinosum has been isolated from the respiratory secretions of some patients

Industrial Uses • Unknown

Potential Toxins Produced 

Unknown

Stachybotrys	
Natural Habitat	<ul><li>Decaying plant materials</li><li>Soil</li></ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul> <li>Water damaged building materials such as: ceiling tiles, gypsum board, insulation backing, sheet rock, and wall paper</li> <li>Paper</li> <li>Textiles</li> </ul>
Water Activity	◆ Aw=0.94
Mode of Dissemination	<ul><li>Insects</li><li>Water</li><li>Wind</li></ul>
Allergenic Potential	◆ Type I (hay fever, asthma)
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
• •	<ul><li>◆ Unknown</li><li>◆ Unknown</li></ul>
or Pathogen	

Stemphylium	
Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Dead plant material</li> <li>Spinach (causing a leaf spot disease)</li> <li>Wood</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Paper
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Wind
Allergenic Potential	◆ Type I (hay fever, asthma)

May cause phaeohyphomycosis

◆ Unknown

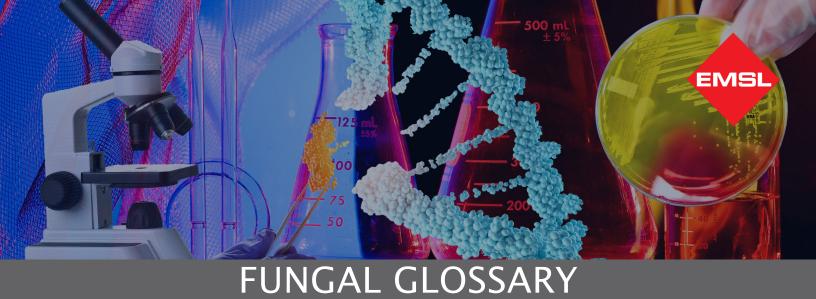
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Potential Opportunist

Potential Toxins Produced

or Pathogen

Industrial Uses



#### Stephanosporium

Natural Habitat

Bark Soil

Wood

Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment

Paper

◆ Soil

Textiles

Mode of Dissemination

Wind

Allergenic Potential

◆ Unknown

Potential Opportunist

or Pathogen

◆ Unknown

Potential Toxins Produced

♦ Unknown

#### Syncephalastrum

Natural Habitat

Dung

◆ Soil

Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment

◆ Unknown

Allergenic Potential

◆ Unknown

Potential Opportunist or Pathogen

Unknown

Potential Toxins Produced

Unknown

#### Taeniolella

Wood

Suitable Substrates in the 
Indoor Environment 

◆ House Plants 

◆ Wood

Allergenic Potential ◆ Unknown

Potential Opportunist 

Unknown 
or Pathogen

Potential Toxins Produced ◆ Unknown

#### **Tetraploa**

Natural Habitat ◆ Various plants

Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment • Unknown

Allergenic Potential ◆ Unknown

Potential Toxins Produced 

Unknown

#### Thysanophora

Natural Habitat 
• Decaying plant matter

◆ Soils

Suitable Substrates in the Unknown Indoor Environment

Allergenic Potential ◆ Unknown

Potential Opportunist 

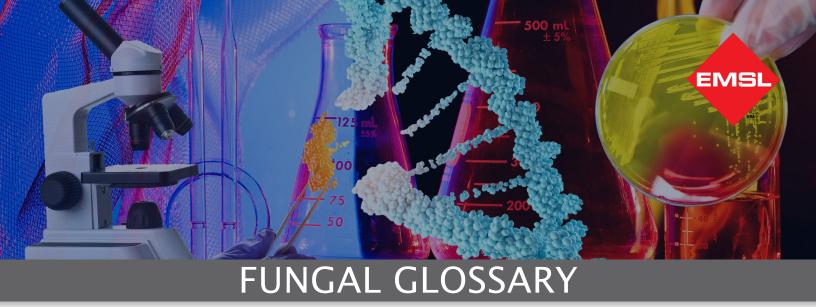
Unknown 
or Pathogen

Potential Toxins Produced 

Unknown

#### Torula

Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Leaves</li> <li>Plant roots</li> <li>Plant litter</li> <li>Soil</li> <li>Wood</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul> <li>Baskets</li> <li>Paper</li> <li>Wicker Furniture</li> <li>Wood</li> </ul>
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Wind
Allergenic Potential	◆ Type I (hay fever, asthma)
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown
Other Comments	◆ Some species cause stains in hardwoods



#### Trichocladium

Natural Habitat 
◆ Pine needles 
◆ Soils

◆ Wood

Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment

Wood materials

Allergenic Potential

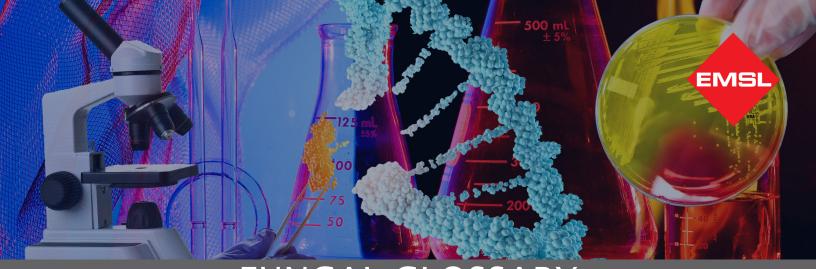
◆ Unknown

Potential Opportunist or Pathogen

◆ Keratitis

Potential Toxins Produced

Unknown



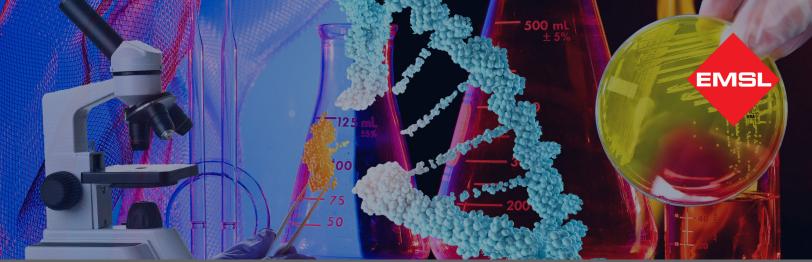
#### Trichoderma

Natural Habitat	<ul><li>Decaying wood</li><li>Dead leaves</li><li>Soil</li></ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul><li>Paper</li><li>Textiles</li><li>Wood (wet)</li></ul>
Mode of Dissemination	<ul><li>Insects</li><li>Water splash</li><li>Wind</li></ul>
Allergenic Potential	<ul> <li>Type I allergies (hay fever, asthma)</li> <li>Type III (hypersensitivity)</li> </ul>
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	<ul> <li>Has occasionally been associated with disease in immunocompromised individuals</li> </ul>
Industrial Uses	<ul> <li>Biocontrol agent against a variety of plant pathogens</li> <li>Biproducts of <i>T. viride</i> is used to make beer and wine</li> </ul>

- Potential Toxins Produced
- ◆ Gliotoxin
- ◆ Isocyanides
- ◆ Trichothecene
- ◆ Trichodermin
- ◆ T-2 toxin

#### Trichosporon

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Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Compost piles</li> <li>Normal flora of mouth, skin and nails of humans</li> <li>Soils</li> <li>Water</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Unknown
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	<ul> <li>Fungemia in immunocompromised patients</li> <li>Invasive trichosporonosis</li> <li>Superficial infections</li> <li>White piedra</li> </ul>
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown



#### **Trichothecium**

Natural Habitat ◆ Corn seeds

Decaying plant matter

◆ Plant roots

Soils

Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment

Food products (flour products, hazelnuts)

Water Activity

◆ Aw=0.90

Allergenic Potential

◆ Reported to be allergenic

Potential Opportunist or Pathogen

◆ Unknown

Potential Toxins Produced

◆ Trichothecene mycotoxins

#### **Tritirachium**

Natural Habitat

Decaying plant matter

◆ Insects

◆ Soils

Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment

◆ Jute

Paper

◆ Textiles

Allergenic Potential

Reported to be allergenic

Potential Opportunist or Pathogen

◆ Corneal ulcers

Potential Toxins Produced

◆ Unknown

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#### **Ulocladium**

Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Soil</li> <li>Plant materials</li> <li>Soil, dung, paint, grasses, fibers, wood, decaying plant material, paper, and textiles</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul> <li>Gypsum board</li> <li>Jute</li> <li>Paper</li> <li>Rotten wood</li> <li>Textiles Wood</li> </ul>
Water Activity	◆ Aw=0.89
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Wind
Allergenic Potential	◆ Type I (hay fever, asthma)
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown
Other Comments	• Alternaria sensitive allergy sufferers have a multiplied reaction when

Ulocladium and Alternaria are present together

### Ustilago

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Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Cereal crops</li> <li>Grasses</li> <li>Mycoparasite of some other fungi</li> <li>These spores are often seen in outdoor samples.</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	◆ Unknown
Allergenic Potential	◆ Type I (hay fever, asthma)
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown
Other Comments	◆ Ustilago spp. are smut fungi

#### Verticillium

verticillum	
Natural Habitat	<ul> <li>Root pathogenic fungi that cause vascular wilt and other diseases on a variety of plants</li> <li>Entomopathogenic</li> <li>Mycopathogenic</li> <li>Soils</li> </ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul><li>Paper</li><li>Textiles</li><li>Wool</li></ul>
Allergenic Potential	◆ Unknown
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Keratitis
Industrial Uses	<ul><li>Produces an antibiotic</li><li>Produces an antifungal substance</li></ul>
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Unknown
Other Comments	<ul> <li>Verticillium is a major plant disease agent</li> </ul>

#### Wallemia

Natural Habitat	<ul><li>→ Hay</li><li>→ Soil</li></ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul> <li>Jam</li> <li>Salted Fish</li> <li>Mattresses</li> <li>Textiles</li> <li>Wood in crawl spaces</li> </ul>
Water Activity	<ul><li>◆ Considered xerophillic</li><li>◆ Aw=0.69-0.75</li></ul>
Mode of Dissemination	◆ Wind
Allergenic Potential	◆ Type I (hay fever, asthma)
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	◆ Unknown
Industrial Uses	◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	<ul><li>◆ Ttryptophol</li><li>◆ UCA 1064-beta</li><li>◆ Walleminol</li></ul>

Zygomycetes	
Natural Habitat	<ul><li>Decaying plant matter</li><li>Decaying animal matter</li></ul>
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul><li>◆ Fruits</li><li>◆ Vegetables</li></ul>
Water Activity	◆ Aw=0.90-0.95
Mode of Dissemination	<ul><li>Water splash</li><li>Wind</li></ul>
Allergenic Potential	<ul><li>Type I (hay fever, asthma)</li><li>Type III (hypersensitivity)</li></ul>
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	<ul> <li>Some Zygomycetes can cause zygomycosis in immonocompromised patients. Zygomycosis can occur in the lungs, nasal sinus, brain, eye, skin, and mucous membranes.</li> </ul>
Industrial Uses	◆ Depends on genus
Potential Toxins Produced	◆ Depends on genus

◆ The Zygomycetes represent a class of fungi that includes the genera

• Many are extremely fast growing and can inhibit other fungi when

Rhizopus, Rhizomucor, Mucor, and Absidia

competing for food or space

Other Comments