

# New records of Microfungi from Malatya province in Turkey

## Türkiye'de Malatya İlinden Yeni Mikrofungus Kayıtları

Research Article

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### ABSTRACT

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Three microfungi taxa, *Pleospora lithophilae* Gucevič on *Pimpinella paucidentata* V.A.Matthews, *Septoria cruciatae* Roberge ex Desm. on *Galium mite* Boiss. & Hohen., *Placosphaeria campanulae* (DC.) Bäumler on *Asyneuma amplexicaule* Hand.-Mazz. var. *angustifolium* (Boiss.) Bornm., are reported for the first time from Turkey. The morphological and microscopical features with figures of these fungi are described based on the collected materials.

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### Key words

Malatya, Microfungi, Ascomycota, Turkey.

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### ÖZET

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*Pimpinella paucidentata* V.A.Matthews üzerinde *Pleospora lithophilae* Gucevič, *Galium mite* Boiss. & Hohen. üzerinde *Septoria cruciatae* Roberge ex Desm. ve *Asyneuma amplexicaule* Hand.-Mazz. var. *angustifolium* (Boiss.) Bornm. üzerinde *Placosphaeria campanulae* (DC.) Bäumler olan 3 tane mikrofungus türü Türkiye'den ilk defa kaydedilmiştir. Bu fungusların şekilleri ile morfolojik ve mikroskopik özellikleri toplanan örneklerle bağlı olarak tanımlanmıştır.

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### Anahtar Sözcükler

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## INTRODUCTION

Plant diseases are caused mainly by fungi. They often suffer a deficiency of water and minerals which results in discoloration, wilting, desiccation and reduced growth. For effective control of a disease, firstly need to know the causal agent. The floristic studies of the microfungal flora are the first and the most important step to control the fungal diseases in a country.

In the last decade, studies about microfungi fungi have greatly increased in Turkey. Nevertheless, numerous new records and new species can still be expected as result of on going fieldwork because of its high diversity of vascular plants (9996 species) in Turkey [1].

This paper presents rust species collected from Malatya province in Turkey.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

Materials were collected in 1996 and 2012 from Malatya Province in Turkey. The host specimens were prepared according to established herbarium techniques. Host plants identified use the "Flora of Turkey and the East Aegean Islands" [2-4]. Spores were scraped from dried host specimens and mounted in lactophenol. Analysis LS Starterwas software used to measure. The current names of fungi are given according to [www.indexfungorum.org](http://www.indexfungorum.org). Names of host plants and families are given according to <http://www.ipni.org> and <http://www.theplantlist.org>. Voucher specimens are deposited in the İnönü University Herbarium (INU).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

**Ascomycota** Whittaker

**Dothideomycetes** O.E. Erikss. & Winka

**Pleosporales** Luttr. ex M.E. Barr

**Pleosporaceae** Nitschke

**Pleospora** Rabenh. ex Ces. & De Not.

*Pleospora* is widespread on plants, causing leaf spots with 63 species [5]. 24 species of *Pleospora* are now known from Turkey [6-10].

**Pleospora lithophilae** Gucevič (Figure 1A, D, G, H) Pseudothecia superepidermal up to 0.3 mm, black. Ascospores yellow to brown, 5-7 transversa and 1 longitudinal septa, 20-35 × 7-15 µm, rounded at the both base.

**Specimen examined:** On *Pimpinella paucidentata* V.A. Matthews (Apiaceae). **Turkey:** B7 Malatya, Kozluk valley, limestone, east slopes, 1100-1200 m, 08.09.1996, B.Yıldız 14114 (INU 3156).

**Remarks:** Known from Asia and Europe. *P. lithophilae* is a new microfungi species for Turkey. *P. lithophilae* is also the first *Pleospora* species on *Pimpinella* species in Turkey.

**Capnodiales** Woron.

**Mycosphaerellaceae** Lindau

**Septoria** Sacc.

*Septoria* is widespread on plants with 1072 species [5]. All the species are parasitic typically causing leaf spots. 82 species of *Septoria* are now known from Turkey [11-14].

**Septoria cruciatae** Roberge ex Desm. (Figure 1B, E, I)

Spots amphigenous, ovoid, irregular, yellowish-brown. Picnidia epiphyllous, blackish brown, pierced by a pore. Spores elongate, curved, (18-) 25-50 × 1-2 µm.

**Specimen examined:** On *Galium mite* Boiss. & Hohen. (Rubiaceae). **Turkey:** B7 Malatya, Arguvan, Kuruttaş village, Hasbek hill, 1700 m, 06.07.2012, Ş.Karakuş 2833 & B.Mutlu (INU 1198).

**Remarks:** Known from Asia, Europe and North America. *S. cruciatae* is a new microfungi species for Turkey.

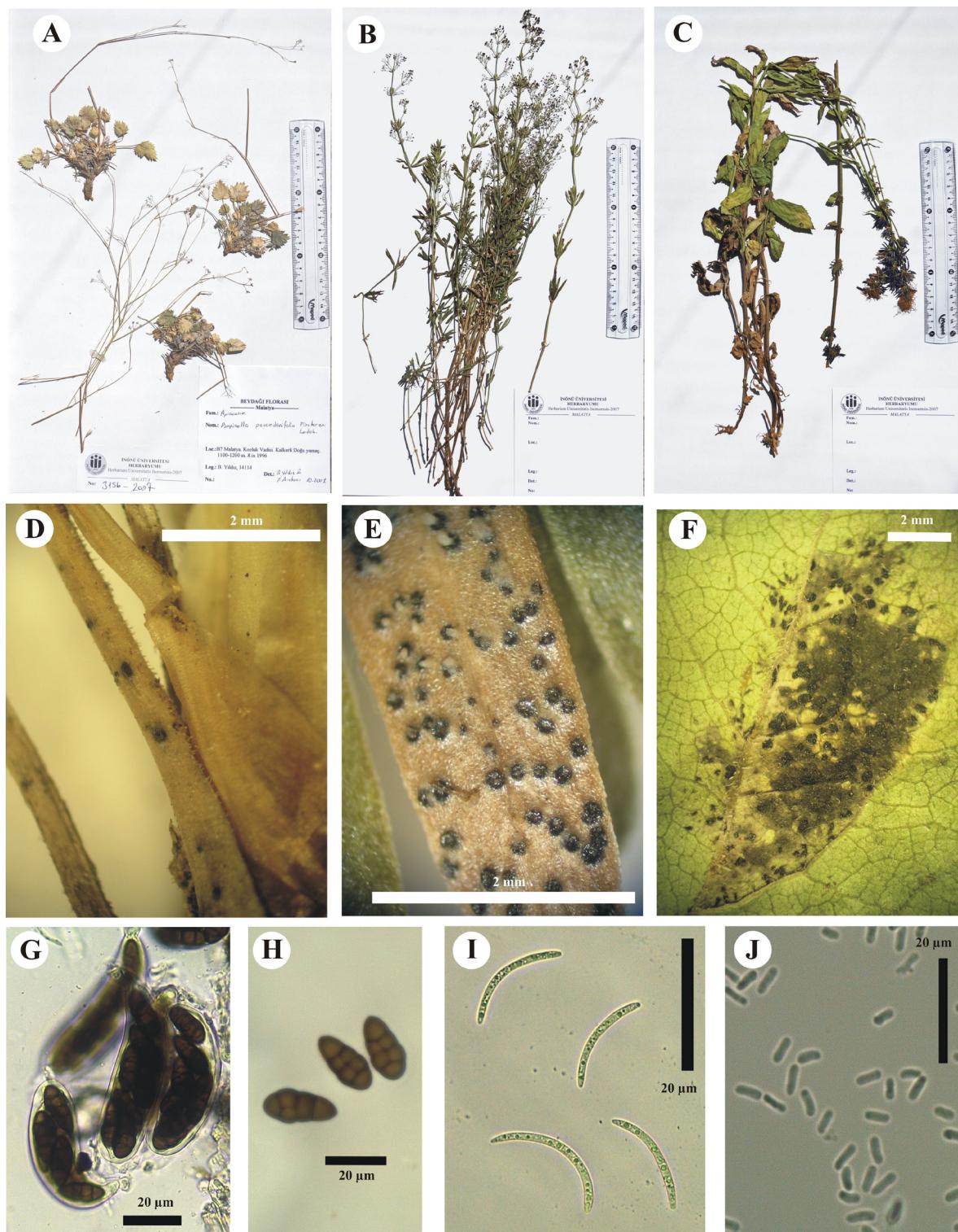
*S. cruciatae* is also the first *Septoria* species on *Galium* species in Turkey.

**Dothideales** Lindau

**Incertae sedis**

**Placosphaeria** (De Not.) Sacc.

*Placosphaeria* is widespread on plants with 50 species [5]. 2 species of *Placosphaeria* are now known from Turkey [15, 16].



**Figure 1.** Herbarium specimens (**A**, **B**.Yıldız 14114; **B**, Ş.Karakuş 2833; **C**, Ş.Karakuş 2802), stereomicroscope image of infected area on the leaves tissue (**D-F**) and lightmicroscope image of ascus (**G**), ascospores (**H**) and conidiospores (**I-J**) of *Pimpinella paucidentata* V.A.Matthews (**A**, **D**), *Galium mite* Boiss. & Hohen. (**B**, **E**), *Asyneuma amplexicaule* (Willd.) Hand.-Mazz. var. *angustifolium* (Boiss.) Bornm. (**C**, **F**), *Pleospora lithoplilae* Gucević (**G-H**), *Septoria cruciatae* Roberge ex Desm. (**I**) and *Plachosphaeria campanulae* (DC.) Bäumler (**J**).

**Placosphaeria campanulae** (DC.) Bäumler  
 (Figure 1C, F, J)  
 Spots amphigenous, in clusters, blackish brown.  
 Spores cylindrical, 2–5 × 1 µm, hyaline.

**Specimen examined:** On *Asyneuma amplexicaule* (Willd.) Hand.-Mazz. var. *angustifolium* (Boiss.) Bornm. (Campanulaceae). **Turkey:** B7 Malatya, Arapkir, Göldağı mountain, 1800 m, 04.07.2012, Ş.Karakuş 2802 & B.Mutlu (INU 1197).

**Remarks:** Known from Asia and Europe. *P. campanulae* is a new microfungi species for Turkey.

*P. campanulae* is also the first *Placosphaeria* species on *Asyneuma* species in Turkey.

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