

## A KEY TO THE SPECIES OF MORTIERELLA

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A key is provided covering only those species of *Mortierella* of which living cultures are available and which are recognized as specifically distinct. Two subgenera, *Micromucor* subgen. nov. and *Mortierella*, and nine sections in the latter are distinguished. The recognized species are listed with some new synonymies and bibliographic documentation. Three species which were invalidly published by Linnemann in 1936 are validated.

After Linnemann's (*in* Zycha & Siepmann, 1970) and Mil'ko's (1974) fairly complete compilations of the species so far described in *Mortierella*, it now seems inappropriate and premature to provide another revision of the genus. This key is mainly written for practical purposes, arising from the need to provide a concise survey of the recognized species. It covers the species of which living cultures are available and which are considered sufficiently distinct to deserve a specific status. A considerable number of species has not been found again since their original description and their status is somewhat doubtful; others are considered to be synonyms of recognised species from their diagnosis and yet others have been synonymized on the basis of available type cultures and, further, some species are not recognized because they have not been validly published. All these taxa have been omitted from this key.

The species grouped around *Mortierella ramanniana* (Möller) Linnem. and *M. isabellina* Oudem. with velvety growth and mostly pigmented sporangia form a distinct group without affinity to other species of the genus. They deserve distinction at a higher than sectional rank but are retained in *Mortierella* for the time being as long as it cannot be decided objectively whether they belong to the Mortierellaceae A. Fischer or rather the Mucoraceae Dumort.

### **Mortierella** subgen. **Micromucor** W. Gams, *subgen. nov.*

*Mucor* sect. *Ramannianus* Zycha *in* Krypt.-Fl. Brandenb. 6a: 57. 1935 (nom. inval.; Intern. Code Bot. Nomencl., ed. 1972, Art. 36).

*Mucor* sect., *Micromucor* Naumov, Opređel. Mukorovykh (Mucorales) (Izd. 2): 27. 1935 (nom. inval., Art. 36).

*Mortierella isabellina* group Turner *in* Trans. Br. mycol. Soc. 46: 262. 1963 — *Mortierella* sect. *Isabellina* Linnem. *in* Zycha & Siepm., Mucorales: 156. 1970 ('1969') (nom. inval., Art. 36).

MISAPPLIED: *Mortierella* sect. *Pusilla* Linnem., Mucorineen-Gatt. *Mortierella*: 16. 1941 (*M. pusilla* Oudem., a species of doubtful identity, obviously does not belong to this group).

Coloniae velutinae nec arachnoideae, non distincte olentes. Sporangiphora erecta, plus minusve ramosa; sporangia plerumque rubra vel ochracea, pluri- vel unisporea, columella parva praesente vel absente. Species typica *Mortierella ramanniana* (Möller) Linnem.

Species of this subgenus show their characters most clearly on 2% malt extract agar. The monographic treatment of this group by Turner (1963) provides a sound base for species delimitation, and her arrangement is followed with some additions.

The other subgenus, *Mortierella*, is characterized by white, arachnoid colonies often with lobed or rosette patterns and mostly with a garlic-like odour. The morphological features of this group are described from cultures growing on soil extract agar or potato-carrot agar, as outlined by Gams (1970), and the arrangement in nine sections, proposed in that paper, has been retained.

While a considerable number of species remains doubtful and might eventually be elucidated when isolates become available which cannot be identified with this key, some old species have already been rediscovered recently and a number of new species has been added (Gams, 1976). The locations of the diagnoses and the first discoveries of zygospores of the recognized species, as well as some synonymies, are given at the end of this study.

#### KEY TO THE SUBGENERA, SECTIONS AND SOME ISOLATED SPECIES

- 1a. Colonies velvety, not exceeding 3 mm in height; sporangia mostly ochraceous or vinaceous, often with a small columella; without distinctive odour . . . subgen. *Micromucor* (I)
- b. Aerial mycelium consisting of longer, ascendent or prostrate hyphae, white, cottony or arachnoid; sporangia usually not pigmented, without or with a rudimentary columella; mostly with a garlic-like odour . . . . . subgen. *Mortierella* (II) 2
- 2a. Only chlamydo-spores present (recognizable as *Mortierella* by colony habit and odour) 3
- b. Sporangio-phores and sporangia (sporangio-les) present . . . . . 6
- 3a. Chlamydo-spores smooth-walled: no further species identification possible
- b. Chlamydo-spores ornamented, not exceeding 30  $\mu\text{m}$  diam. (if bigger, cf. *M. alliacea*) 4
- 4a. Chlamydo-spores covered with relatively few blunt spines up to  $4 \times 1 \mu\text{m}$ , terminal or intercalary, mostly 15–26  $\mu\text{m}$  diam.; homothallic . . . . . *M. chlamydo-spora*
- b. Chlamydo-spores more densely fimbriate . . . . . 5
- 5a. Chlamydo-spores mostly terminal, sometimes intercalary, densely covered with straight 1–2  $\mu\text{m}$  long spines, mostly 14–21  $\mu\text{m}$  diam.; heterothallic . . . . . *M. indohii*
- b. Chlamydo-spores mostly intercalary, sometimes terminal, with sometimes flexuous blunt spines up to  $5 \times 1 \mu\text{m}$ , mostly 17–28  $\mu\text{m}$  diam.; zygospores unknown . . . *M. echinosphaera*
- 6a. Sporangio-phores always unbranched . . . . . 7
- b. Sporangio-phores branched (at least sometimes) . . . . . 9
- 7a. Sporangio-phores usually exceeding 200  $\mu\text{m}$  in length . . . . . Sect. *Simplex* (1)
- b. Sporangio-phores less than 150  $\mu\text{m}$  in length . . . . . 8
- 8a. Sporangia, at least partly, many-spored; sporangio-phores with distinctly widening base (cf. also *M. horticola* in sect. *Stylo-spora*) . . . . . Sect. *Alpina* (2)
- b. Sporangia one-spored; very slender sporangio-phores arising in dense rows from the aerial hyphae . . . . . Sect. *Schmuckeri* (3)
- 9a. Sporangio-phores racemosely branched with a thick main stem and thin, short branches . . . . . 10
- b. Branching in another way . . . . . 11
- 10a. Branches arising above the middle of the sporangio-phore . . . . . Sect. *Mortierella* (4)  
(if sporangio-phores shorter than 100  $\mu\text{m}$  with strongly swollen base,  
cf. Sect. *Haplo-sporangium*)

- 10b. Branches arising from the uppermost part of the sporangiophore in clusters from an inflated region . . . . . Sect. *Actinomortierella* (5)
- 11a. Branches arising mainly from the lower part of the sporangiophore (basitonous) . . . . . 12
  - b. Branches arising from the middle or upper part of the sporangiophore (mesotonous or acrotonous) . . . . . 13
- 12a. Sporangia containing many, or at least several, smooth or ornamented spores
  - . . . . . Sect. *Hygrophila* (6)
  - b. Sporangia one-spored, often ornamented . . . . . Sect. *Stylospora* (7)
- 13a. Sporangia many-spored; sporangiophores often bent upwards above an ascendent basal part and with a minute columella . . . . . Sect. *Spinosa* (8)
  - b. Sporangia one- or two-spored; sporangiophores short, with broad base, strongly tapered in the middle part and arising in dense rows from the aerial hyphae
    - . . . . . Sect. *Haplosporangium* (9)

### I. Subgenus MICROMUCOR

- 1a. Sporangia one-spored . . . . . 2
- b. Sporangia many-spored . . . . . 3
- 2a. Sporangia hyaline; colonies white . . . . . *M. nana*
- b. Sporangia reddish . . . . . *M. roseo-nana*
- 3a. Colonies shades of ochraceous-grey; spores slightly angular, 2-3 μm diam.; small chlamydo-spores scarcely produced . . . . . *M. isabellina*
- b. Colonies pink, russet or lilac . . . . . 4
- 4a. Chlamydo-spores filled with lipid droplets, abundantly produced; sporangiophores always with a small distinct columella . . . . . 6
- b. Chlamydo-spores small and scarce or absent . . . . . 5
- 5a. Sporangiophores slightly widened below the sporangium, sporangial wall mostly remaining as a large collarette; small columella often present; spores angular, 2-3 μm diam. . . . . *M. longicollis*
- b. Sporangiophores not widened below the sporangium, without a collarette; columella hardly developed; spores angular, 3-4 μm diam. . . . . *M. vinacea*
- 6a. Spores angular; colonies somewhat brownish red . . . . . *M. ramanniana* var. *angulisporea*
- b. Spores rounded; colonies in other red to vinaceous shades . . . . . 7
- 7a. Spores ellipsoidal; fungus requiring thiamin . . . . . *M. ramanniana* var. *ramanniana*
- b. Spores globose; fungus not requiring thiamin . . . . . *M. ramanniana* var. *autotrophica*

### II. Subgenus MORTIERELLA

#### I. Section SIMPLEX W. Gams

in Nova Hedwigia 18: 37. 1970 ('1969')

- 1a. Sporangia equal; all many-spored . . . . . 2
- b. Sporangia unequal; partly many-spored, partly few- or one-spored . . . . . 9
- 2a. Clusters of vesicles present near the base of the sporangiophores . . . . . 3
- b. Clusters of vesicles absent . . . . . 5
- 3a. Spores globose, finely warted, 5-7 μm diam. . . . . *M. globulifera*
- b. Spores ellipsoidal to cylindrical, smooth-walled . . . . . 4
- 4a. Spores 11-16 × 6-8 μm . . . . . *M. tuberosa*
- b. Spores 7-9 × 4-5 μm . . . . . *M. pilulifera*
- 5a. Amoeba-like chlamydo-spores with irregular appendages present . . . . . *M. amoeboides*
- b. Amoeba-like chlamydo-spores absent . . . . . 6

- 6a. Sporangioophores markedly constricted below the sporangium; spores  $9-11 \times 6-7 \mu\text{m}$   
*M. strangulata*
- b. Sporangioophores hardly constricted below the sporangium. . . . . 7
- 7a. Columella conspicuous; spores globose,  $2-3 \mu\text{m}$  diam. cf. *M. turficola* (Sect. *Hyprophila*)
- b. Columella absent; spores much larger . . . . . 8
- 8a. Spores  $5-6.5 \times 3.5-4 \mu\text{m}$ , smooth-walled. . . . . *M. rostafinskii*
- b. Spores  $10-20 \mu\text{m}$  diam., with strongly undulate outer membrane and angular outline  
*M. ornata*
- 9a. Sporangioophores to  $1000 \mu\text{m}$  long and  $70 \mu\text{m}$  wide; spores subglobose, almost smooth-walled, about  $10 \mu\text{m}$  diam., formed in many-spored sporangia; in addition verrucose spores,  $12-25 \mu\text{m}$  diam., are formed in few-spored sporangia; chlamydo spores absent  
*M. simplex*
- b. Sporangioophores to  $600 \mu\text{m}$  long and  $30 \mu\text{m}$  wide; spores subglobose, either  $8-11 \mu\text{m}$  diam., almost smooth-walled and formed in many-spored sporangia, or  $12-24 \mu\text{m}$  and coarsely verrucose and formed in one- or few-spored sporangia; chlamydo spore-like hyphal swellings present . . . . . *M. angusta*

## 2. SECTION ALPINA Linnem.

Mucorineen-Gatt. *Mortierella*: 35. 1941

- 1a. Sporangia always one-spored, globose, finely echinulate cf. *M. horticola* (sect. *Stylospora*)
- b. Sporangia, at least partly, many-spored. . . . . 2
- 2a. Spores of many-spored sporangia elongate. . . . . 3
- b. Spores of many-spored sporangia of other shapes . . . . . 4
- 3a. Fimbriate chlamydo spores,  $20-60(-120) \mu\text{m}$  diam., present . . . . . *M. alliacea*
- b. Only small, indistinct, smooth-walled chlamydo spores occasionally present . . . . . *M. alpina*
- 4a. Spores irregularly lobulate . . . . . *M. polygonia*
- b. Spores more or less globose . . . . . 5
- 5a. Spores  $3-10 \mu\text{m}$  diam; globose chlamydo spores,  $6-15 \mu\text{m}$  diam., fairly numerous  
*M. antarctica*
- b. Spores  $3-5 \mu\text{m}$  diam.; chlamydo spores absent or scanty and little differentiated, elongate  
*M. globalpina*

## 3. SECTION SCHMUCKERI W. Gams

in Nova Hedwigia 18: 38. 1970 ('1969')

- 1a. Sporangia globose . . . . . 2
- b. Sporangia flattened,  $10-15 \mu\text{m}$  diam.; sporangioophores mostly  $20-50 \mu\text{m}$  long  
*M. schmuckeri*
- 2a. Sporangioophores  $7-17 \mu\text{m}$  long; spores  $5-6 \mu\text{m}$  diam. . . . . *M. clausenii*
- b. Sporangioophores  $25-45 \mu\text{m}$  long; spores  $7-12 \mu\text{m}$  diam. . . . . *M. camargensis*

## 4. SECTION MORTIERELLA

Syn.: Section *Polycephala* Linnem., Mucorineen-Gatt. *Mortierella*: 24. 1941  
 emend. W. Gams in Nova Hedwigia 18: 38. 1970 ('1969')

- 1a. Spores with reticulate walls . . . . . *M. reticulata*
- b. Spores with smooth or granulate walls . . . . . 2
- 2a. Sporangia up to 5-spored; spores finely warty,  $11-16 \mu\text{m}$  diam.; irregularly lobate chlamydo spores present in the agar . . . . . *M. oligospora*

- 2b. Sporangia many-spored; aerial chlamydo-spores regularly spinulose . . . . . 3  
 3a. Spores smooth-walled, 10–12  $\mu\text{m}$  diam. . . . . *M. polycephala*  
 b. Spores finely echinulate, 12–15  $\mu\text{m}$  diam. . . . . *M. echinulata*

### 5. SECTION ACTINOMORTIERELLA (Chalabuda) W. Gams

in *Nova Hedwigia* 18: 38. 1970 ('1969')

*Actinomortierella* Chalabuda in *Nov. Sist. niz. Rast.* 1968: 129

- 1a. Sporangiphores with an apical inflation from which short branches arise; chlamydo-spores absent . . . . . 2  
 b. Sporangiphores without an apical inflation but with numerous short branches arising close together in the uppermost part of the sporangiphore; chlamydo-spores present, covered with irregular appendages . . . . . cf. *M. wolffi* (sect. *Spinosa*)  
 2a. Apical inflation forming an apophysis bearing a terminal large sporangium and giving rise to several narrow branches with smaller sporangia; spores ellipsoidal, 4–9  $\times$  3–6  $\mu\text{m}$   
*M. ambigua*  
 b. Inflation some distance below the terminal sporangium giving rise to numerous narrow branches; spores globose, 8.5–10  $\mu\text{m}$  diam. . . . . *M. capitata*

### 6. SECTION HYGROPHILA Linnem.

Mucorineen-Gatt. *Mortierella*: 45. 1941

emend. W. Gams in *Nova Hedwigia* 18: 39. 1970 ('1969')

- 1a. Sporangiphores not exceeding 120  $\mu\text{m}$  in length; spores more or less globose . . . . . 2  
 b. Sporangiphores longer or spores ellipsoidal-cylindrical . . . . . 5  
 2a. Sporangiphores with branches arising almost from the same point very close to the base; sporangia few-spored; spores 4.5–12  $\mu\text{m}$  diam., finely verrucose  
*M. verticillata* (sect. *Stylospora*)  
 (If spores larger than 12  $\mu\text{m}$  diam., cf. *M. hyalina*)  
 b. Sporangiphores with branches arising at different levels; sporangia many-spored. . . . . 3  
 3a. Spores 4–7(–10)  $\mu\text{m}$  diam.; chlamydo-spores absent . . . . . *M. minutissima*  
 b. Spores not exceeding 4  $\mu\text{m}$  diam.; chlamydo-spores present. . . . . 4  
 4a. Chlamydo-spores globose, 20–100(–300)  $\mu\text{m}$  diam.; spores 2–3  $\mu\text{m}$  diam. *M. macrocystis*  
 b. Chlamydo-spores consisting of widened hyphal branches of irregular shape; spores 2.5–4.0  $\mu\text{m}$  diam. . . . . *M. clonocystis*  
 5a. Chlamydo-spores aggregated in rows or clusters. . . . . 6  
 b. Chlamydo-spores, if present, not aggregated . . . . . 8  
 6a. Sporangiphores with an inflation below the sporangium; spores more or less globose, 8–12  $\mu\text{m}$  diam. . . . . *M. beljakovae*  
 b. Sporangiphores not inflated apically; spores ellipsoidal to cylindrical. . . . . 7  
 7a. Spores with a single membrane, 8–11  $\times$  4–6  $\mu\text{m}$  . . . . . *M. zychae*  
 b. Spores with a double membrane, 3.5–8  $\times$  2.0–3.3  $\mu\text{m}$  . . . . . *M. parazychae*  
 8a. Chlamydo-spores usually exceeding 20  $\mu\text{m}$  diam. . . . . 9  
 b. Chlamydo-spores smaller or absent . . . . . 12  
 9a. Spores globose, 6–10  $\mu\text{m}$  diam., minutely striate; chlamydo-spores 50–100  $\mu\text{m}$  diam., covered with short fimbriate hyphae . . . . . *M. sclerotiella*  
 b. Spores ellipsoidal or reniform, smooth-walled . . . . . 10  
 10a. Spores irregularly reniform, 18–26  $\times$  8–12  $\mu\text{m}$ ; chlamydo-spores 40–60  $\mu\text{m}$  diam.  
*M. armillariicola*  
 b. Spores ellipsoidal, smaller. . . . . 11

- 11a. Spores short-ellipsoidal,  $14-16 \times 9-11 \mu\text{m}$ ; chlamydospores  $35-50 \mu\text{m}$  diam., thick- and smooth-walled . . . . . *M. gemmifera*
- b. Spores ellipsoidal-fusiform,  $5.5-8.5 \times 2.0-3.0 \mu\text{m}$ ; chlamydospores to  $40 \mu\text{m}$  diam., thin-walled, sometimes with papillate appendages . . . . . *M. elongatula*
- 12a. Spores globose to subglobose . . . . . 13
- b. Spores distinctly elongate . . . . . 17
- 13a. Spores completely or almost smooth-walled . . . . . 14
- b. Spores with distinctly ornamented wall . . . . . 16
- 14a. Spores  $3-5 \mu\text{m}$  diam. . . . . *M. basiparvispora*
- b. Spores much larger . . . . . 15
- 15a. Sporangioophores with apophysis-like inflation; spores smooth-walled,  $8-12 \mu\text{m}$  diam.; chlamydospores often in groups . . . . . *M. beljakovae*
- b. Sporangioophores without any inflation; spores minutely roughened,  $8-25 \mu\text{m}$  diam.; chlamydospores formed solitarily . . . . . *M. hyalina*
- 16a. Sporangioophores  $320-$  over  $500 \mu\text{m}$  long; spores  $8-10(-14) \mu\text{m}$  diam., echinulate  
*M. echinula*
- b. Sporangioophores  $60-160(-260) \mu\text{m}$  long; spores  $6-12(-16) \mu\text{m}$  diam., verrucose  
*M. verrucosa*
- 17a. Spores crescent-shaped,  $15-20 \times 5-9 \mu\text{m}$ . . . . . *M. selenospora*
- b. Spores cylindrical or ellipsoidal . . . . . 18
- 18a. Sporangioophores  $2-3 \text{ mm}$  long,  $18-20 \mu\text{m}$  wide at the base; spores  $5-10 \times 3-5 \mu\text{m}$ ; chlamydospores absent . . . . . *M. bainieri*
- b. Sporangioophores shorter and/or more slender and/or spores smaller . . . . . 19
- 19a. Sporangioophores with  $8-14 \mu\text{m}$  wide apophysis-like inflation; spores  $8-12(-17) \times 4-5(-7) \mu\text{m}$  . . . . . *M. kuhlmanii*
- b. Sporangioophores without any inflation . . . . . 20
- 20a. Homothallic species with numerous naked zygosporangia produced on malt extract agar; spores fusiform with rounded ends,  $9-14 \times 3-6 \mu\text{m}$ ; chlamydospores absent . . . . . *M. epigama*
- b. Heterothallic species or zygosporangia unknown; spores ellipsoidal to cylindrical. . . . . 21
- 21a. Sporangioophores usually with a rather long (to  $600 \mu\text{m}$ ) and mostly  $10-12 \mu\text{m}$  wide, unbranched basal portion; spores  $3.5-4 \times 2.0-2.5 \mu\text{m}$  . . . . . cf. *M. jenkinsii* (sect. *Spinosa*)
- b. Sporangioophores branched near the base and/or spores larger and/or more slender . . . . . 22
- 22a. Sporangioophores  $100-200(-400) \mu\text{m}$  long; spores  $6-9 \times 3.0-4.5 \mu\text{m}$ ; chlamydospores absent . . . . . *M. sarnyensis*
- b. Sporangioophores longer. . . . . 23
- 23a. Sporangioophores up to  $1 \text{ mm}$  and longer, at the base usually not exceeding  $6 \mu\text{m}$  diam., branching in the middle; spores  $4.5-8 \times 3-5 \mu\text{m}$  . . . . . *M. dichotoma*
- b. Sporangioophores mostly not exceeding  $400 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $5-15 \mu\text{m}$  wide at the base and  $1.5-3.5 \mu\text{m}$  at the tip, with typically basitonus ramification; spores  $7-13(-16) \times 3.5-7 \mu\text{m}$   
*M. elongata*

## 7. SECTION STYLOSPORA Linnem.

Mucorineen-Gatt. *Mortierella*: 20. 1941

- 1a. Sporangioophores always unbranched; sporangia  $7-12 \mu\text{m}$  diam., minutely spinulose  
*M. horticola*
- b. Sporangioophores basitonously branched. . . . . 2
- 2a. Sporangia with reticulate walls . . . . . *M. stylospora*
- b. Sporangia with spinulose or smooth walls . . . . . 3
- 3a. Sporangioophores  $5-7 \mu\text{m}$  wide at the base, strongly tapering in the middle part to  $1.0-1.8 \mu\text{m}$  at the tip; sporangia echinulate,  $8-18 \mu\text{m}$  diam. . . . . *M. lignicola*
- b. Sporangioophores tapering gradually to  $1.5-3.0 \mu\text{m}$  at the tip . . . . . 4

- 4a. Sporangia smooth-walled, 10–25  $\mu\text{m}$  diam. . . . . *M. zonata*  
 b. Sporangia finely ornamented, smaller. . . . . 5  
 5a. Sporangia finely spinulose, always one-spored, with the outermost layer firmly attached to the spore. . . . . *M. humilis*  
 b. Sporangia often few-spored; spores irregularly warty, with a loose outer layer  
*M. verticillata*

## 8. Section SPINOSA Linnem.

Mucorineen-Gatt. *Mortierella*: 52. 1941emend. W. Gams in *Nova Hedwigia* 18: 39. 1970 ('1969').

- 1a. Sporangiphores generally not exceeding 200  $\mu\text{m}$  in length. . . . . 2  
 b. Sporangiphores typically much longer . . . . . 4  
 2a. Spores globose, 18–25  $\mu\text{m}$  diam., with a double membrane . . . . . *M. acrotoma*  
 b. Spores much smaller, with a single membrane . . . . . 3  
 3a. Chlamydospores constantly absent; spores 3–4  $\mu\text{m}$  diam. . . . . *M. pulchella*  
 b. Chlamydospores scarcely produced, lemon-shaped, about 6  $\mu\text{m}$  diam.; spores 4–7(–10)  $\mu\text{m}$  diam. . . . . *M. epicladia*  
 4a. Sporangiphores with umbellate branches arising from the same level; spores planoconvex, 12–14  $\times$  5–7  $\mu\text{m}$  . . . . . *M. umbellata*  
 b. Sporangiphores with branches inserted at different levels; spores of other shapes 5  
 5a. Spores globose to subglobose . . . . . 6  
 b. Spores ellipsoidal to cylindrical . . . . . 8  
 6a. Spores not exceeding 4  $\mu\text{m}$  diam. . . . . *M. parvispora*  
 b. Spores larger . . . . . 7  
 7a. Sporangiphores often exceeding 1 cm in length; spores more than 10  $\mu\text{m}$  diam.  
*M. nantahalensis*  
 b. Sporangiphores 200–800  $\mu\text{m}$  long; spores less than 10  $\mu\text{m}$  diam. . . . . *M. gamsii*  
 8a. Chlamydospores densely covered with blunt spines; spores 4.0–5.5  $\times$  2.0–3.0  $\mu\text{m}$   
*M. fimbriocystis*  
 b. Chlamydospores if present, smooth-walled or irregularly lobate. . . . . 9  
 9a. Spores not exceeding 5.5  $\mu\text{m}$  in length; chlamydospores regularly globose, lemon-shaped, or absent. . . . . 10  
 b. Spores larger; chlamydospores bearing irregularly lobate appendages . . . . . 11  
 10a. Chlamydospores absent or tardily produced and lemon-shaped; sporangiphores 400 to more than 1500  $\mu\text{m}$  tall; spores 3.5–4.0(–5.0)  $\times$  2.0–2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  . . . . . *M. jenkinsii*  
 b. Chlamydospores abundantly produced, globose, 20–60  $\mu\text{m}$  diam., thick-walled; sporangiphores usually not exceeding 300  $\mu\text{m}$ ; spores 3–4  $\times$  1.2–2.0  $\mu\text{m}$  . . . . . *M. cystojenkinsii*  
 11a. Sporangia leaving a pronounced collarette; spores with a double membrane . . . . . *M. wolfii*  
 b. Sporangia not leaving a collarette but with a trace of a columella; spores with a single membrane . . . . . *M. exigua*

## 9. Section HAPLOSPORANGIUM (Thaxt.) W. Gams

in *Nova Hedwigia* 18: 40. 1970 ('1969')*Haplosporangium* Thaxt. in *Bot. Gazette* 58: 362. 1914.

- Sporangia one- or two-spored . . . . . *M. bisporalis*

## THE RECOGNIZED SPECIES OF MORTIERELLA

Epithets in alphabetical order with references to the first descriptions, some important redescriptions and first descriptions of zygospores (Z.), followed by facultative synonyms (S.). Other information is to be found in Zycha & Siepman (1970), Mil'ko (1974) and Linnemann (1941).

- acrotona* W. Gams in *Persoonia* **9**: 133. 1976.  
*alliacea* Linnem., in *Zentbl. Bakt. ParasitKde* (II. Abt.) **107**: 225. 1953.  
*alpina* Peyron., *Germi atmosferici*, Diss. Padova: 17. 1913. Z.: Kuhlman in *Mycologia* **67**: 674. 1975.  
 S.: *M. renispora* Dixon-Stewart in *Trans. Br. mycol. Soc.* **17**: 214. 1932. Z.: *ibid.*  
*M. thaxteri* Björling in *Bot. Notiser* 1936: 116.  
*M. monospora* Linnem. in *Flora* **130**: 210. 1936 (nom. inval., Art. 36).  
*M. acuminata* Linnem., *Mucorineen-Gatt. Mortierella*: 21. 1941.  
*ambigua* B. S. Mehrotra in *Mycologia* **55**: 291. 1963.  
*amoeboida* W. Gams in *Persoonia* **9**: 116. 1976.  
*angusta* (Linnem.) W. Gams in *Ber. naturw.-med. Ver. Innsbruck* **53**: 73. 1963. — *M. polycephala* var. *angusta* Linnem., *Mucorineen-Gatt. Mortierella*: 29. 1941.  
*antarctica* Linnem. apud Zycha & Siepman, *Mucorales*: 198. 1970 ('1969') ex Linnem. in *Nova Hedwigia* **19**: 565. 1971 ('1970').  
*armillaricola* W. Gams in *Persoonia* **9**: 128. 1976.  
*bainieri* Cost. in *Bull. Soc. mycol. Fr.* **4**: 150. 1889; Z.: Kuhlman in *Mycologia* **64**: 325. 1972.  
*basiparvispora* W. Gams & Grinbergs in *Persoonia* **9**: 130. 1976.  
*beljakovae* Milko in *Nov. Sist. niz. Rast.* 1973: 83; Gams in *Persoonia* **9**: 124. 1976. Z.: Kuhlman in *Mycologia* **64**: 325. 1972 (as *M. 'candelabrum'*).  
*bisporalis* (Thaxt.) Björling in *Bot. Notiser* 1936: 126. — *Haplosporangium bisporale* Thaxt. in *Bot. Gaz.* **58**: 363. 1914.  
 S.: *M. decipiens* (Thaxt.) Björling in *Bot. Notiser* 1936: 126. — *Haplosporangium decipiens* Thaxt. in *Bot. Gaz.* **58**: 364. 1914.  
*camargensis* W. Gams & R. Moreau in *Annl. Univ. Besançon (Sér. 2)* **3**: 103. 1960. — *Haplosporangium gracile* Nicot in *Bull. trimest. Soc. mycol. Fr.* **73**: 87. 1957.  
*capitata* March. in *Bull. Soc. r. Bot. Belg.* **29**: 134. 1891. Embree in *Trans. Br. mycol. Soc.* **46**: 560. 1963.  
 S.: *M. vesiculosa* B. S. Mehrotra & al. in *Mycologia* **55**: 295. 1963.  
*chlamydospora* (Chesters) Plaats-Niterink in *Persoonia* **9**: 91. 1976. — *Azygozygum chlamydosporum* Chesters in *Trans. Br. mycol. Soc.* **18**: 213. 1933. Z.: Chesters, l. c.; van der Plaats-Niterink & al., l. c.  
*claussenii* Linnem. in *Arch. Mikrobiol.* **30**: 265. 1958.  
*clonocystis* W. Gams in *Persoonia* **9**: 132. 1976.  
*cystojenkini* W. Gams & Veenbaas-Rijks in *Persoonia* **9**: 137. 1976.  
*dichotoma* Linnem. in *Flora* **130**: 215. 1936 (nom. inval., Art. 36).  
**M. dichotoma** Linnem. ex W. Gams, *spec. nov. Mortierellae elongatae* Linnem. similis, sed sporangiophoris angustioribus, cito procumbentibus, 200 — amplius 750  $\mu\text{m}$  longis, e 5–6 (–10)  $\mu\text{m}$  sursum ad 2–4  $\mu\text{m}$  angustatis, irregulariter quasi dichotomicè ramosis differt. Sporangia 20–40  $\mu\text{m}$  diam., dilapsa collare minimum relinquunt. Sporangiosporae ellipsoideae vel breviter cylindricae, plerumque 4–7  $\times$  2.5–4  $\mu\text{m}$ . Chlamydosporae elongatae vel irregulares, 5–10  $\mu\text{m}$  diam. Typus: CBS 221.35, isolatus ex excrementis murinis prope Marburgum in Germania a G. Linnemann. Nov. 1933.  
*echinosphaera* Plaats-Niterink in *Persoonia* **9**: 91. 1976.  
*echinula* Linnem. in *Zentbl. Bakt. ParasitKde* (II. Abt.) **107**: 229. 1953; Gams in *Persoonia* **9**: 117. 1976.



- echinulata* Harz in Bull. Soc. imp. Nat. Moscou **44**: 145. 1871. — *M. polycephala* var. *echinulata* (Harz) Linnem., Mucorineen-Gatt. *Mortierella*: 30. 1941.
- elongata* Linnem., Mucorineen-Gatt. *Mortierella*: 43. 1941. Z.: Gams & al. in Trans. Br. mycol. Soc. **58**: 5. 1972.
- elongatula* W. Gams & Domsch in Persoonia **9**: 119. 1976.
- epicladia* W. Gams & Emden in Persoonia **9**: 133. 1976.
- epigama* W. Gams & Domsch in Trans. Br. mycol. Soc. **58**: 11. 1972. Z.: ibid.
- exigua* Linnem., Mucorineen-Gatt. *Mortierella*: 44. 1941.
- S.: *M. indica* B. S. Mehrotra in Indian Phytopath. **13**: 68. 1960.
- M. sterilis* B. S. Mehrotra & B. R. Mehrotra in Zentbl. Bakt. ParasitKde, (II. Abt.) **118**: 178. 1964. — *M. spinosa* Linnem. var. *sterilis* (B. S. Mehrotra & B. R. Mehrotra) Mil'ko, Opredel. mukoral., Gribov: 79. 1974.
- M. spinosa* sensu Milko, Opredel. mukoral. Gribov: 78. 1974.
- fimbriocystis* W. Gams in Persoonia **9**: 138. 1976.
- gamsii* Mil'ko, Opredel. mukoral. Gribov: 76. 1974. Z.: Kuhlman in Mycologia **67**: 680. 1975.
- S.: *M. spinosa* Linnem. in Flora **130**: 214. 1936 (nom. inval., Art. 36).
- ? *M. mutabilis* Linnem., Mucorineen-Gatt. *Mortierella*: 51. 1941.
- M. candelabrum* Tiegh. & LeMonn. sensu Gams in Nova Hedwigia **18**: 12. 1970 ('1969').
- gemmifera* M. 'Ellis' in Trans. Br. mycol. Soc. **24**: 95. 1940. Gams in Persoonia **9**: 121. 1976. Z.: Ellis (l. c.).
- S.: *M. 'Ellis'* Linnem., Mucorineen-Gatt. *Mortierella*: 44. 1941.
- globalpina* W. Gams & Veenbaas-Rijks in Persoonia **9**: 113. 1976.
- globulifera* Rostrup in Dansk bot. Ark. **2**(5): 2. 1916; Turner in Trans. Br. mycol. Soc. **39**: 291. 1956. Z.: Kuhlman in Mycologia **64**: 325. 1972.
- S.: *M. ericetorum* Linnem. in Zentbl. Bakt. ParasitKde (II. Abt.) **107**: 228. 1953.
- horticola* Linnem., Mucorineen-Gatt. *Mortierella*: 21. 1941.
- humilis* Linnem. in Flora **130**: 209. 1936 (nom. inval., Art. 36). Z.: Chien & al. in Mycologia **66**: 118. 1974.
- M. humilis** Linnem. ex W. Gams, spec. nov. Coloniae rapide crescunt et fortiter olent. Sporangiophora basitone ± ramosa, 50–200 µm longa, e 2–4 sursum ad circa 1 µm angustata. Sporangia constanter monospora, 6–15 µm diam., pariete externo verruculoso firme adhaerente, dilapsa nonnumquam collare minutum relinquunt. Species heterothallica; zygosporae inter hyphas compatibles appropinquantes formantur, hyalinae, leves nec involutae; pariete 2–6 µm crasso circumdatae, (34–)46(–62) µm diam.; alteri suspensores ad diametrum zygosporae similem inflati. Chlamydosporae absunt. Typus: CBS 222.35, isolatus e terra prope Marburgum in Germania, a G. Linnemann, 1934.
- hyalina* (Harz) W. Gams in Nova Hedwigia **18**: 13. 1970 ('1969'). — *Hydrophora hyalina* Harz in Bull. Soc. imp. Nat. Moscou **44**: 144. 1871.
- S.: *M. candelabrum* var. *minor* Grove in J. Bot. Lond. **23**: 131. 1885.
- M. hygrophila* Linnem. in Flora **130**: 212. 1936 (nom. inval., Art. 36).
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- isabellina* Oudem. in Archs. néerl. Sci. (Sér. 2) **7**: 276. 1902.
- S.: ? *M. humicola* Oudem. in Archs. néerl. Sci. (Sér. 2) **7**: 276. 1902.
- M. atrogrisea* Beyma in Verh. K. Ned. Akad. Wet. (Natuurk.) Sect. 2, **26**: 24. 1928.
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- jenkinii* (A. L. Sm.) Naumov, Opredel. Mukorovykh (Mucorales) (Ed. 2): 97. 1935. — *M. bainieri* Cost. var. *jenkinii* A. L. Sm. in J. Bot., Lond. **36**: 180. 1898. Gams in Persoonia **9**: 135. 1976.
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- S.: *M. sepedonioides* Linnem., Mucorineen-Gatt. *Mortierella*: 23. 1941.

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- macrocystis* W. Gams in Nova Hedwigia **3**: 69. 1961. — *M. microspora* Wolf var. *macrocystis* (W. Gams) Linnem. apud Zycha & Siepm., Mucorales: 208. 1970 ('1969').
- minutissima* Tiegh. in Anns Sci. nat. (Bot.) VI **4**: 385. 1876. Z.: Kuhlman in Mycologia **64**: 325. 1972.
- nana* Linnem., Mucorineen-Gatt. *Mortierella*: 16. 1941.  
S.: *M. alba* Mańka & Gierczak in Pr. Kom. Nauk. roln. Leśn., Poznań **9**: 17. 1961.
- nantahalensis* Chien in Mycologia **63**: 826. 1971.
- oligospora* Björling in Bot. Notiser 1936: 121.
- ornata* W. Gams 1978, in preparation.
- parazychae* W. Gams in Persoonia **9**: 126. 1976.
- parvispora* Linnem., Mucorineen-Gatt. *Mortierella*: 53. 1941. Z.: Gams & Williams in Nova Hedwigia **5**: 347. 1963.  
S.: *M. gracilis* Linnem., Mucorineen-Gatt. *Mortierella*: 38. 1941.
- pilulifera* Tiegh. in Anns Sci. nat. (Bot.) VI **1**: 105. 1875.
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- ramanniana* var. *autotrophica* E. H. Evans in Trans. Br. mycol. Soc. **56**: 214. 1971.
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- roseo-nana* W. Gams & Gleeson in Persoonia **9**: 112. 1976.
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- sarnyensis* Mil'ko in Nov. Sist. niz. Rast.: 87. 1973. Gams in Persoonia **9**: 119. 1976.  
S.: ?*M. fatshederae* Linnem. apud Zycha & Siepmann, Mucorales: 205. 1970 ['1969'] (nom. inval., Art. 37).
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*wolfii* Mehrotra & Baijal in Mycopath. Mycol. appl. **20**: 51. 1963.  
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 S.: ?*M. insignis* Linnem., Mucorineen-Gatt. *Mortierella*: 34. 1941.  
**M. zonata** Linnem. ex W. Gams, spec. nov. *Mortierellae humili* Linnem. ex W. Gams similis, sed sporangiis monosporis levibus vel minute verruculosi, membrana laxe adhaerente obtectis, 10–17(–25)  $\mu\text{m}$  diam. differt. Sporangiphora 80–200  $\mu\text{m}$  alta, e 5–6(–10)  $\mu\text{m}$  sursum ad 1–2  $\mu\text{m}$  angustata. Sporangia dilapsa collare minutum relinquunt. Chlamydo-sporae parcae, minutae, ovaes. Zygosporae ignotae. Typus: CBS 228.35, isolatus e Gom-phidio glutinoso, Kirchspitze prope Marburgum in Germania, a G. Linnemann, Aug. 1934.  
*zychae* Linnem., Mucorineen-Gatt. *Mortierella*: 46. 1941.

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