

***Antrodia sandaliae* (Polyporales, Basidiomycota), an interesting polypore collected in the Iberian Peninsula**

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Résumé – L'espèce *Antrodia sandaliae* est reportée pour la première fois en Espagne, ce qui constitue la première observation hors de Sardaigne, localité typique. L'espèce est brièvement décrite et illustrée sur base des exemplaires ibériques. *Arbutus unedo* se confirme comme le substratum typique pour cette espèce méditerranéenne.

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Abstract – *Antrodia sandaliae* is reported for the first in Spain, what constitutes the first record out of the type locality in Sardinia (Italy). A brief description and a line drawing of the species based on the Iberian specimen is given. *Arbutus unedo* is confirmed as the typical substrate for this wood-inhabiting Mediterranean species.

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INTRODUCTION

The Italian island of Sardinia shares climatic and floristic similarities with other Mediterranean territories. Recently, several interesting corticioid and poliporoid fungi have been described or reported from Sardinia; so far, *Antrodia macrospora* Bernicchia & De Dominicis, *Antrodiella ichnusana* Bernicchia *et al.*, *Echinodontium rywardenii* Bernicchia & Piga, and *Neolentiporus squamosellus* (Bernicchia & Rywarden) Bernicchia & Rywarden, and several corticioid fungi, are only known from this island. Other species such as *Lenzites oxycedri* Malençon & Bertault (Doğan *et al.*, 2007; Malençon & Bertault, 1963; Manjón & Moreno, 1981; Melo *et al.*, 2007; Pérez Gorjón & Bernicchia, 2008), *Phellinus juniperinus* Bernicchia & Curreli (Bernicchia, 2005), *Trametes junipericola* Manjón *et al.*, (Manjón *et al.*, 1984) or *Vararia maremmana* Bernicchia (Moreno *et al.*, 2004; Pérez Gorjón & Bernicchia, 2008) have an exclusively known Mediterranean distribution.

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As result of a mycological study from the Natural Park and Biosphere Reserve of “Las Batuecas-Sierra de Francia” (Salamanca, Spain), *Antrodia sandaliae* Bernicchia & Ryvardeen, described from Sardinia (Bernicchia & Ryvardeen, 2001), has been collected on strawberry tree (*Arbutus unedo* L.). This represents the first occurrence of this species outside the type locality in Sardinia, and outside Italy. This new locality is a old growth and dense *Arbutus* forest, with tree-like specimens. The climate in the area is typically Mediterranean humid, with mild winter temperatures and a high environmental humidity due partly to the dense plant cover.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Description of species is based on the specimen deposited in herbarium SALA (a duplicate is also deposited in HUBO). Microscopic measurements and drawings were made from microscopical sections mounted in 3% KOH; a Leica DMRD microscope provided with a video camera Leica DC100 and image analysis program Leica Qwin was used to make the line drawing.

DESCRIPTION

Antrodia sandaliae Bernicchia & Ryvardeen, Mycotaxon 79(1): 58.2001 Fig. 1

Basidiome annual, resupinate, confluent, effused, very slightly pulviniform, with abrupt whitish margin; hymenophore tubular with tubes 1–2 mm long, pores round, 2–3 mm in diameter, with entire and thick dissepiments; pore surface whitish to slightly cream (whitish to buff in Sardinian specimens), context very thin, up to 1 mm, whitish.

Hyphal system dimitic; generative hyphae clamped, thin to slightly thick-walled, 2-3.5(4) μm , hyaline, gelatinized in KOH; skeletal hyphae very rare and difficult to discern, thick-walled, 2.5-5(5.5) μm , hyaline. Cystidia absent; fusoid cystidiols 30-40(50) \times (2.5)3-4(4.5) μm , thin-walled, basally clamped. Basidia clavate, sinuous, 25-30 \times 5-6(7) μm , 4-sterigmate, with a basal clamp. Basidiospores cylindrical, slightly curved, 8-9.5 \times 2-2.5 μm , smooth, thin-walled, hyaline, not amyloid neither dextrinoid, not cyanophilous.

DISCUSSION

Antrodia sandaliae is morphologically close to *A. infirma* Renvall & Niemelä, that has shorter and broader spores and *A. primaeva* Renvall & Niemelä, that has a trimitic hyphal system and smaller, subellipsoid spores. Furthermore, these two species are only known from Northern, boreal areas and grow exclusively on *Pinus sylvestris* L. So far, the species is only known from *Arbutus unedo*.

For further comments on related species and a key to the known European species of *Antrodia* P. Karst., see Bernicchia & Ryvarden (2001) and Bernicchia (2005).

Antrodia sandaliae was so far known from the type locality in Sardinia (Bernicchia & Ryvarden, 2001; Bernicchia, 2005). We can confirm the typical substrate as *Arbutus unedo* and the distribution range to the Mediterranean area is amplified.

MATERIAL STUDIED: SPAIN: Castilla y León, Salamanca, Villa-nueva del Conde, 30TTK4687, 650 m, on *Arbutus unedo*, 01-12-2007, leg. S. Pérez Gorjón & B.M. Rojas Andrés, det. S. Pérez Gorjón, conf. A. Bernicchia, SALA-Fungi 2615, 2616. ITALY: Sardinia, Ogliastra, Montarbu forest, 900-950 m, on *Arbutus unedo*, 23-11-1999, HUBO 7337, 7339; *ibidem* 24-11-1999, HUBO 7340; *ibidem* 18-12-1999 HUBO 7352; *ibidem* 30-11-2000, HUBO 7486, 7488; *ibidem* 04-12-2000, HUBO 7348, 7350, 7351, 7513; *ibidem* 29-11-2003 HUBO 7803, 7804, 7784.

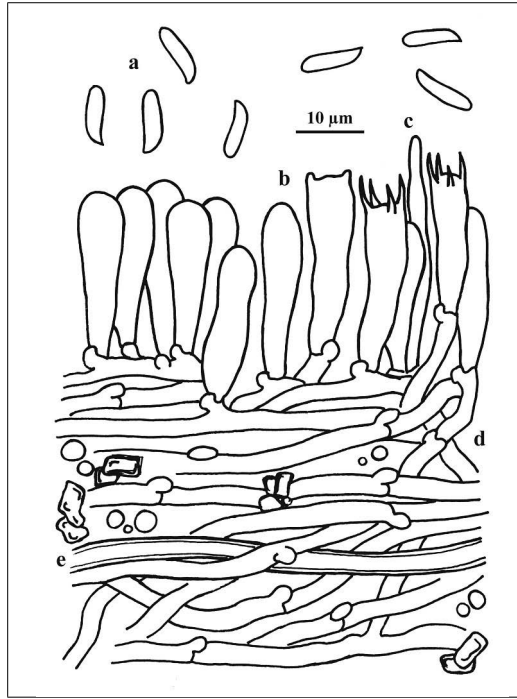


Fig. 1. *Antrodia sandaliae* (SALA-Fungi 2616): microscopical elements: a. basidiospores, b. basidia, c. cystidioli, d. generative hyphae, e. skeletal hyphae.

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