

## A second record of *Phaeocollybia megalospora* var. *tetraspora* Singer, 1987 (Agaricales: Hymenogastraceae) from Brazil

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**ABSTRACT:** *Phaeocollybia megalospora* var. *tetraspora* was described from Amazonas State, and is reported now from Pará State, Brazil, as a second record. *Phaeocollybia megalospora* var. *tetraspora* is characterized by a conic pileus with the surface strongly viscid, and stipe with pseudorhiza. It differs from *P. megalospora* var. *megalospora* by the presence of four-spored basidia instead of two-spored. The present work provides macro- and micromorphological descriptions, illustrations and ITS and LSU sequences.

Members of the brown-spored genus Phaeocollybia R. Heim occur in temperate, tropical and subtropical regions (Singer 1970; Singer 1987; Horak and Halling 1991; Bandala and Montoya 1994; Bandala et al. 1996; 1998; 1999; Norvell and Redhead 2000; Norvell 2002; 2004; Norvell and Exeter 2007; Halling and Horak 2008; Coimbra et al. 2012) and are easily recognized by the conic-campanulate pileus, normally viscid, and by the presence of a well-developed pseudorhiza (Heim 1931; Norvell and Exeter 2007). Six taxa (P. brasiliensis I.J. Araújo ex Singer 1987, P. elaeophylla Singer 1987, P. flava I.J. Araújo ex Singer 1987, P. megalospora I.J. Araújo ex Singer 1987, P. megalospora var. tetraspora Singer 1987 and *P. nigripes* Wartchow and Coimbra 2012) are known from Brazil, all from Amazonas State except for *P. nigripes*. which was described from Pernambuco State. In Brazil, this genus is not commonly collected in the field, so few collections are present in herbaria; here we report the second collection of *P. megalospora* var. tetraspora (the first record for Pará State) and provide illustrations and a more complete description than that originally provided by Singer (1987). We generated ITS and nLSU sequences for comparison with sequences from other Phaeocollybia species and deposited these sequences into GenBank and the material in Herbarium SP. The color notation follows Küppers (1979) and authors of fungal names follow Index Fungorum (http://www.indexfungorum.org/Names/ Names.asp).

Based on the presence of clamp connections and absence of capitate cheilocystidia, *P. megalospora* var. *tetraspora* belongs to sect. *Subattenuatae* Singer (comprising predominatly tropical and subtropical species) in Singer's 1970 classification of the genus.

The material analyzed agrees with the original description of Singer (1987) in basidiospore dimensions and sterigma number, the main diagnostic features for the variety. *Phaeocollybia megalospora* var. *megalospora* has larger basidiospores (11.7–12.3  $\times$  6.5–7  $\mu m$  as cited by Singer 1987; 11–15  $\times$  6.5–8  $\mu m$  based on the type revision by Coimbra *et al.* 2012), and primarily 2-spored basidia, with only a few 4-spored basidia present. Both varieties

were described from Amazonas State and probably are widely distributed throughout the Amazon biome, which is in need of more species surveys and taxonomic studies.

*Phaeocollybia megalospora* var. *tetraspora* Singer, Mycol. helv. 2: 259. 1987

Figure 1

GenBank accession number: KC662116 (ITS), KC662117 (LSU)

Pileus ≤37 mm diam., conic, with an acute apex, brown  $(N_{60}A_{99}M_{70})$ , paler (near to  $N_{60}A_{60}M_{50}$ ) towards the margin, slightly reddish brown near the margin, surface strongly viscid, glabrous and smooth, slightly translucent-striate at margin for approximately 1/3 of pileus; margin entire and involute. Context dark brown. Lamellae adnexed to almost free, close, slightly ventricose, ≤3 mm in broadest part, pale brown (near to  $N_{20}A_{40}M_{20}$ ), with three tiers of lamellulae, edges eroded, paler than the faces. Stipe 70 × 4-7 mm, central, slender, gradually tapering toward the apex, pale yellowish brown (N20A50M20) at the apex, darkening towards ground level, more yellowish brown to ochraceous (near to N<sub>20</sub>A<sub>60</sub>M<sub>50</sub>), surface viscid, slightly fibrous, hollow. Pseudorhiza present, but broken when collected. Basidiospores  $10.0-11.2 \times 6.2-7.5 \mu m$  (x<sub>m</sub> = 10.5 $\pm 0.56 \times 6.66 \pm 0.44 \,\mu\text{m}$ , Q = 1.33–1.73, Q<sub>m</sub> = 1.59  $\pm 0.14$ ), subellipsoidal with rounded apex to amygdaliform or limoniform, warty-rugulose, few ones with the suprahilar plage less ornamented, brown, inamyloid, sometimes with an obvious apiculus. Basidia 21–27 × 8.7–10.0 μm, clavate, thin-walled, 4-spored, with basal clamps difficult to see. Pleurocystidia absent. Lamellar edge sterile. Cheilocystidia  $23-53 \times 3.7-7.5$  µm, irregularly filamentous, cylindricventricose or slightly cylindric-clavate, sometimes slightly inflated, rarely subcapitate, thin-walled, hyaline, colorless or sometimes with slightly straw yellow content, with basal clamps. Lamellar trama regular and parallel, composed of hyphae 3.7-20 µm diam., cylindric or slightly inflatedfusoid, thin-walled, hyaline, septate, with clamps. Pileus trama composed of radially arranged and parallel hyphae 5–18 µm diam., cylindrical or slightly inflated-fusoid, thin-walled, hyaline. Pileipellis gelatinized, composed of

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two layers: suprapellis almost trichodermial, forming an ixotrichoderm, with loose hyphae, slightly anticlinal, 1.2–3.7  $\mu$ m diam., cylindrical, thin-walled, hyaline; subpellis formed by repent hyphae, 3.7–12.5  $\mu$ m diam., cylindrical, thin-walled, with straw yellow or brownish intracellular pigment, sometimes external encrusting pigments also present, rarely colorless. Stipitipellis composed of repent hyphae 2.5–8.7  $\mu$ m diam., cylindrical, thin-walled, hyaline, colorless or sometimes external encrusted with brown pigment. Stipe trama composed of parallel hyphae 12.5–37

µm diam., inflated or fusoid, thin-walled, hyaline, external encrusted with brown pigment. Clamp connections present in all parts examined. Refractive hyphae rarely present but occur in the pileipellis, context and lamellar trama. Solitary, on soil.

Material examined: BRAZIL, PARÁ STATE, Caxiuanã, Floresta Nacional de Caxiuanã, Plot PPBio, trail G, 01°57′39.9″S, 51°36′46.2″W, 12 Feb 2011, *F. Karstedt FK1826* (SP445402). Known distribution: Amazonas State (Singer 1987), Pará State (this paper).

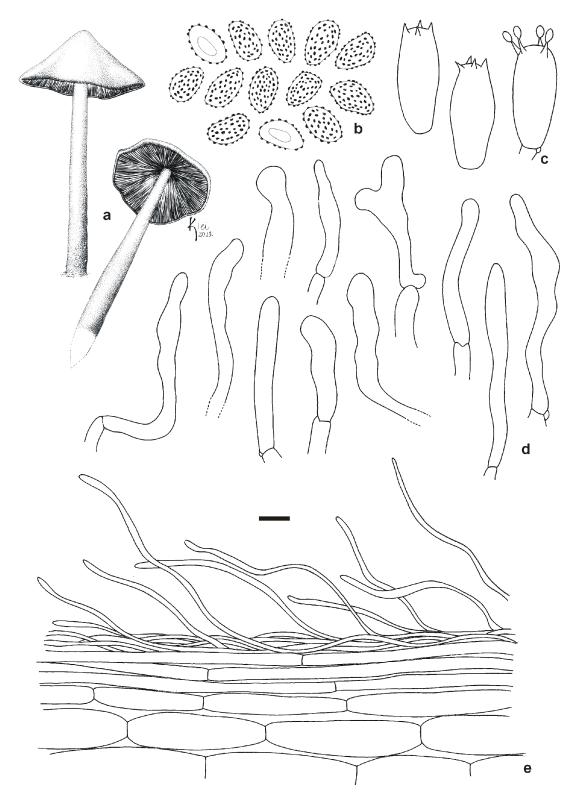


FIGURE 1. Phaeocollybia megalospora var. tetraspora. a. Habit. b. Basidiospores. c. Basidia. d. Cheilocystidia. e. Pileipellis. Scale bar: a = 1,6 cm; b-d = 10  $\mu$ m; e = 20  $\mu$ m.

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