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## Marasmioid and gymnopoid fungi of the Republic of Korea. 5. *Marasmius* sect. *Hygrometrici*

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**ABSTRACT** — Two species of *Marasmius* sect. *Hygrometrici* from South Korea are published in this paper. Descriptions based on morphological characteristics and illustrations are provided. *Marasmius crescentiae* is a new record for the studied region, and “*M. junipericola*” represents a provisional new species.

**KEY WORDS** — Fungi, Agaricales, Marasmiaceae, taxonomy, DNA studies

### Introduction

This new paper in a series on marasmioid and gymnopoid fungi collected in the Republic of Korea (South Korea, Antonín et al. 2009, 2010a,b,c, 2011) covers species of sect. *Hygrometrici*. A provisional new taxon, “*Marasmius junipericola*” is described based on its very distinct macro- and microscopic characteristics. However, we do not formally publish a new name because there was too little material for molecular sampling. *Marasmius crescentiae* is recorded as new to Korea. We provide ITS and LSU sequences of three specimens of *M. crescentiae*.

### Materials & methods

Macroscopic descriptions of collected specimens are based on fresh basidiocarps collected by the first author. Colour abbreviations follow Kornerup & Wanscher (1983), herbarium abbreviations are according to Holmgren & Holmgren (1998). Authors of fungal names are cited according to the International Plant Names Index Authors website (<http://www.ipni.org/ipni/authorsearchpage.do>). Microscopic features are described

from dried material mounted in H<sub>2</sub>O, KOH, Melzer's reagent, and Congo Red using an Olympus BX-50 light microscope with a magnification of 1000×. Abbreviations: L = number of entire lamellae; l = number of lamellulae tiers between each pair of entire lamellae; E = quotient of length and width in any one basidiospore; Q = mean of basidiospore E-values. Specimens are preserved in the herbarium of the Moravian Museum, Brno, Czech Republic (BRNM).

DNA extraction, PCR amplification, DNA sequencing, and phylogeny tree construction methodologies followed Antonín et al. (2010a). New GenBank accession numbers are listed in TABLE 1. The Bayesian-based ITS phylogeny used the general time reversible (GTR) model with gamma-distributed substitution rates (Ronquist & Huelsenbeck 2003). Markov chains were run for 1,000,000 generations, saving one tree every 100th generation and discarding the first 1000 trees. This MCMC tree was used to compute a 50% majority rule consensus of the remaining trees to obtain estimates for the posterior probabilities (PPs) of the groups. The dataset includes *M. crescentiae* and *M. micraster* (both from sect. *Hygrometrici*), with the type species of *Marasmius*, *M. rotula*, selected as outgroup.

TABLE 1. *Marasmius* specimens sequenced for this study.

SPECIES	SPECIMEN ID	GENBANK ACCESSION NUMBER	
		ITS	LSU
<i>Marasmius crescentiae</i>	BRNM 714783	FJ936141	FJ936147
	BRNM 714678	FJ936142	FJ936138
	BRNM 718790	JN003840	JN003845

## Results

*Marasmius crescentiae* Murrill, North American Fl. 9: 259, 1915. FIGS 1–2

**BASIDIOCARPS** single. **PILEUS** 3–5 mm broad, broadly conical to convex with slightly depressed centre and straight margin, sometimes with slightly depressed centre (when old) centre rugulose, sulcate otherwise, margin crenulate, surface tomentose, light brown to brown ( $\pm$  6–7D–E6–7, 7E6), paler (brownish orange,  $\pm$  6B–C5–6) at margin. **LAMELLAE** distant, L = 9–15, l = 0(–1), shortly to broadly adnate, slightly intervenose when old, pale cream coloured, concolorous or with coloured ( $\pm$  pileus colour, especially in external part), pubescent edge. **STIPE** 20–65 mm long, filiform, insititious, smooth, glabrous, concolorous with lamellae at apex, (reddish) black-brown (8E–F7) otherwise.

**BASIDIOSPORES** 6.0–9.0  $\times$  3.0–4.5  $\mu$ m, average = 7.6  $\times$  3.7  $\mu$ m, E = 1.6–3.0, Q = 1.8–2.6, ellipsoid-fusoid, fusoid or sublacrimoid, thin-walled. **BASIDIA** 17–26  $\times$  7.0–9.0  $\mu$ m, 4-spored, (broadly) clavate. **BASIDIOLES** 12–23  $\times$  4.0–9.0  $\mu$ m, clavate, fusoid. **CHEILOCYSTIDIA** of two types: [1] (10–)15–20(–23)  $\times$  (4.5–) 6.0–13  $\mu$ m, broom cells of the Rotalis-type, broadly clavate, pyriform, thin-walled, often with brown walls in KOH; [2] 15–30  $\times$  4.5–9.0  $\mu$ m, lageniform or fusoid, rostrate, smooth or with scattered projections at upper part of a base,

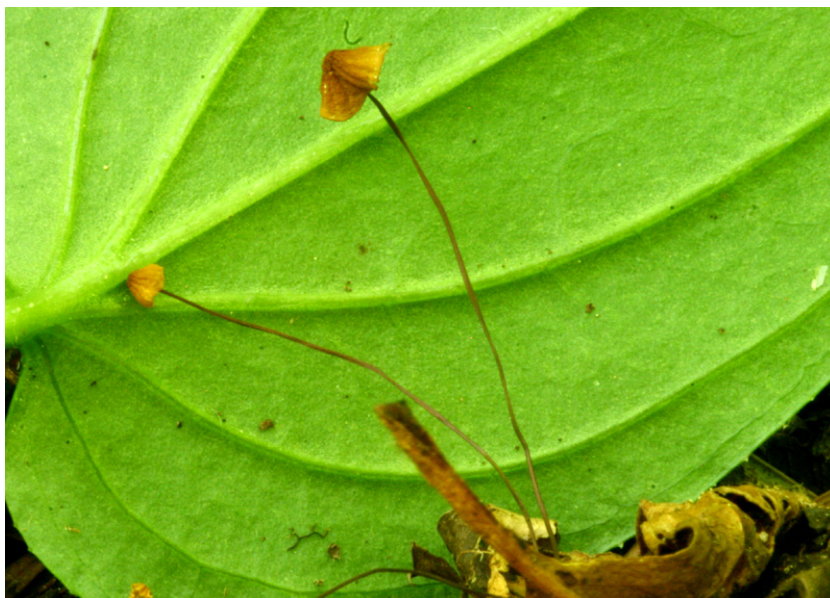


FIG. 1. *Marasmius crescentiae*.

Basidiocarps (Hongcheon, Nae-myeon, Sambong-ri, V. Antonín 08.26, BRNM 718666).

obtuse to subacute, thin-walled. PLEUROCYSTIDIA absent or rare, similar to cheilocystidia of the type 2,  $17\text{--}35 \times 4.5\text{--}9.0 \mu\text{m}$ , fusoid or lageniform, rostrate, thin-walled. TRAMA HYPHAES  $\pm$  cylindrical, thin- to slightly thick-walled, hyaline, up to  $12 \mu\text{m}$  wide. PILEIPELLIS a hymeniderm composed of  $(8.0\text{--})10\text{--}21 \times 7.0\text{--}14(-17) \mu\text{m}$ , clavate, pyriform or (sub) vesiculose cells of the Rotalis-type, thin-walled at base, thin- to slightly thick-walled at apex; diverticula up to  $1.5 \times 0.75 \mu\text{m}$ , numerous; thick-walled parts brown in KOH. PILEOCYSTIDIA  $(12\text{--})15\text{--}25 (-30) \times 4.0\text{--}8.0 \mu\text{m}$ , fusoid or lageniform, rostrate, thin- to slightly thick-walled (especially in central part), sometimes with projections in upper basal part; with chestnut brown wall in thick-walled parts. STIPITPELLIS a cutis of cylindrical, parallel, slightly thick-walled, diverticulate, up to  $5.0 \mu\text{m}$  wide hyphae with brown walls in KOH. CAULOCYSTIDIA absent. CLAMP CONNECTIONS present in all tissues.

CHEMICAL REACTIONS — No part of basidiocarps amyloid or dextrinoid.

ECOLOGY — On fallen leaves of *Acer*, *Quercus acutissima*, *Juglans*, and other broadleaved trees, dead plant stems.

SPECIMENS EXAMINED — REPUBLIC OF KOREA, Hongcheon, Nae-myeon, Eulsudong valley,  $37^{\circ}41'11''\text{N } 128^{\circ}29'35''\text{E}$ , alt. c. 670 m, 26 July 2007 leg. V. Antonín (07.131) and R. Ryoo (BRNM 714783); Deogyusan National Park, Cheon-yeon falls, 24 Aug. 2007 leg. R. Ryoo KG 164 (BRNM 714678); Hongcheon, Nae-myeon, Sambong-ri, 26 June 2008

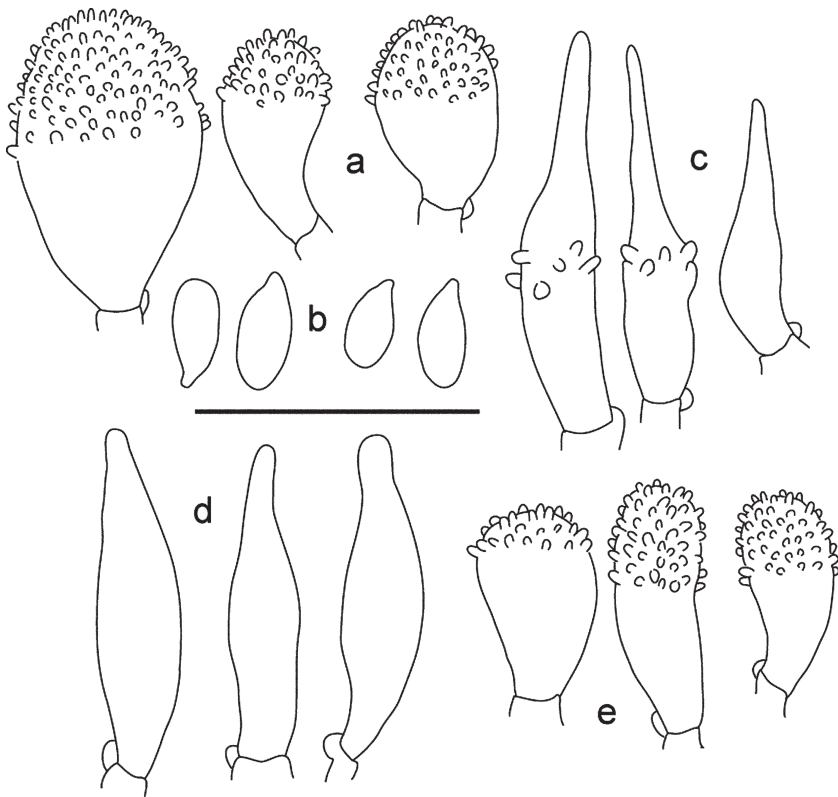


FIG. 2. *Marasmius crescentiae*.

a. Pileipellis cells, b. basidiospores, c. pileocystidia, d. cheilocystidia (type 2) and pleurocystidia, e. cheilocystidia (type 1). Scale bar = 20  $\mu$ m.

leg. V. Antonín (08.25, 08.26) and R. Ryoo (BRNM 718665, 718666); Wonju, Chiaksan National Park, between N.P. office and Guryongsa, 37°24'17"N 128°03'00"E, alt. 310–360 m, 19 July 2009 leg. V. Antonín (09.135) and R. Ryoo (BRNM 718790).

REMARKS — The South Korean collections of *M. crescentiae* are characterized by small basidiocarps, a sulcate light brown to brownish orange pileus, rather large basidiospores, tetrasporic basidia, cheilocystidia of two types, absent or scattered pleurocystidia, present pileocystidia, absent caulocystidia, and present clamp connections. Although Singer (1976) observed smaller basidiospores (6.5  $\times$  2.7  $\mu$ m), Desjardin & Horak (1997) cited larger basidiospores (7.5–8.5  $\times$  3.5–4.0  $\mu$ m).

Very similar species are *M. micraster* Petch, with slightly larger basidiospores (Desjardin & Horak 1997: 9–11(–12)  $\times$  (3.5–)4–5(–5.5)  $\mu$ m; Pegler 1986: 8.5–11  $\times$  4.0–5.5  $\mu$ m) and 18–30  $\mu$ m long basidia (Singer 1976), and *M. exustus*

Berk. & M.A. Curtis, with smaller (6.5–8.0 × 4–5 μm) basidiospores (Desjardin & Horak 1997). Other species differ either by macroscopic characters (e.g., *M. corbariensis* (Roum.) Sacc.; Antonín & Noordeloos 2010) or by developed caulocystidia (e.g., *M. minutus* Peck; Antonín & Noordeloos 2010).

Three sequences obtained from collections VA 07.131, KG 164 and VA 09.135 (BRNM 714783, 714678 and 718790; TABLE 1) of *Marasmius crescentiae* showed a significant ITS rDNA similarity (FIG. 3). Among LSU sequences trimmed by 1167 nucleotide characters, the three sequences showed no more than five base substitutions with each other.

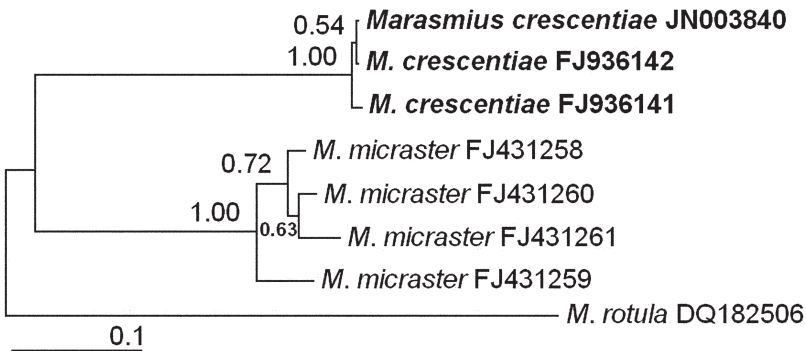


FIG. 3. Phylogenetic tree for *Marasmius* sect. *Hygrometrici* based on the ITS region (ITS1+5.8S rDNA+ITS2). Bayesian analysis running 1,000,000 generations represent mean branch lengths of a 50% majority-rule consensus tree calculated from 1000 trees revealed. Scale bar = number of nucleotide substitutions per site. **Bold face** = Species sequenced for this study.

*“Marasmius junipericola”* ad int.

FIG. 4

**BASIDIOCARPS** single. **PILEUS** 1–1.5 mm broad, low convex to convex with obtusely appanate then slightly depressed centre, ± smooth when young, then slightly crenulate towards margin, covered with small brown granulose ± spiny scales, entirely brown (7E7) when young, later brown only at centre and whitish towards margin. **LAMELLAE** distant, L = 8–10, l = 0–1, free or with small tooth, white, with concolorous, slightly pubescent edge. **STIPE** 4–8 mm long, filiform, insititious, entirely finely strigose-pubescent, dark brown (6–7E–F7), paler at apex.

**BASIDIOSPORES** (7.0–)8.0–9.5 × (4.2–)4.5–5.0 μm, average = 8.5 × 4.7 μm, E = 1.5–1.9, Q = 1.8, broadly ellipsoid, fusoid-ellipsoid, hyaline, thin-walled. **BASIDIA** 18–24 × 5.5–10 μm, 4-spored, clavate. **BASIDIOLES** up to 22 × 5.0–9.0 μm, clavate, fusoid, subcylindrical. **CHEILOCYSTIDIA** of two types, [1] 15–21 × 8.0–12 μm, broom cells of the Rotalis-type, broadly clavate, thin-walled; [2] 23–35 × 5.0–9.0 μm, lageniform or fusoid, rostrate, obtuse, thin-walled.

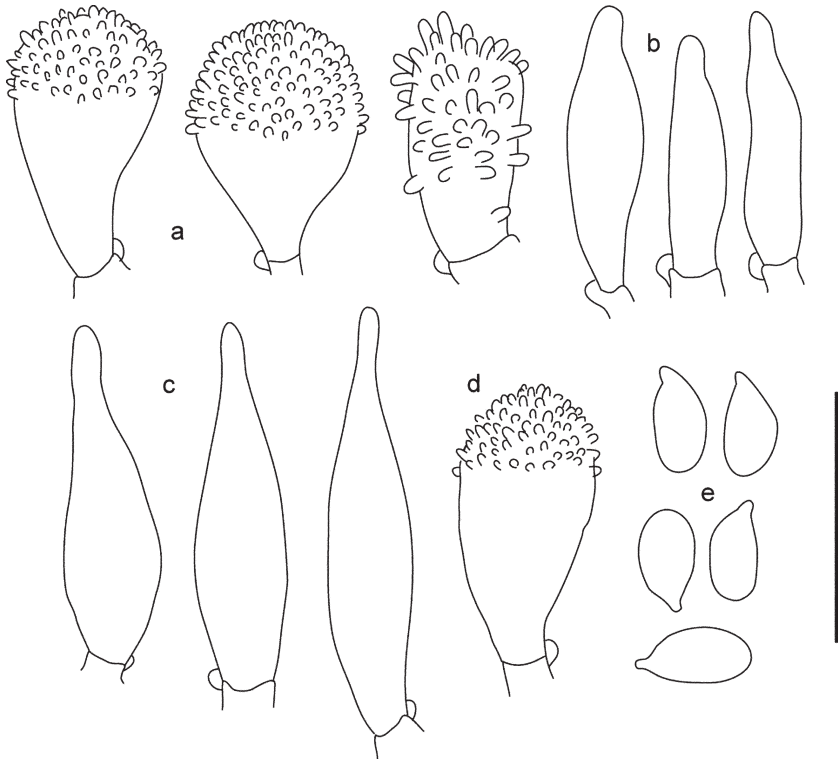


FIG. 4. "*Marasmius junipericola*".

a. Pileipellis cells, b. pileocystidia, c. cheilocystidia (type 2),  
d. cheilocystidia (type 1), e. basidiospores. Scale bar = 20  $\mu$ m.

PLEUROCYSTIDIA rare, similar to cheilocystidia of type 2. TRAMA AND CONTEXT HYPHAE  $\pm$  cylindrical, branched, thin- to slightly thick-walled, smooth or minutely incrustate, up to 8.0  $\mu$ m wide. PILEIPELLIS a hymeniderm composed of 16–28  $\times$  9.0–16  $\mu$ m, (broadly) clavate, vesiculose cells of the Rotalis-type, entirely thin-walled or with slightly thick-walled apex; mixed with scattered cells with larger diverticula or diverticulate hyphae. PILEOCYSTIDIA 21–25  $\times$  5.0–6.5  $\mu$ m,  $\pm$  fusoid, rostrate, thin-walled. STIPITIPELLIS a cutis of cylindrical, parallel, distinctly thick-walled (walls up to 2.0  $\mu$ m thick), mostly smooth, less frequently with scattered diverticula. CAULOCYSTIDIA 20–40  $\times$  3.0–6.0  $\mu$ m, adpressed to erect, cylindrical, narrowly clavate, subfusoid, mostly slightly thick-walled. CLAMP CONNECTIONS present in all tissues.

CHEMICAL REACTIONS — No part of basidiocarpus amyloid or dextrinoid.

ECOLOGY — On fallen needles of *Juniperus chinensis* var. *kaizuka*.

SPECIMEN EXAMINED — REPUBLIC OF KOREA, Sobaeksan National Park, Sobaeksan Youth Hostel area, 16 July 2007 leg. J.G. Han (Antonín 07.59, BRNM 714677).

REMARKS — “*Marasmius junipericola*” is similar to *M. crescentiae* but differs by the presence of well-developed caulocystidia. Although it represents a distinct taxon, the collection was too small (two minute basidiocarps) for a valid description of a new species. For similar taxa, see the discussion on *M. crescentiae*.

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