

***Psathyrella pseudogracilis* (Romagn.) Moser (1967)**

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Basionyme : *Drosophila pseudogracilis* Romagn. (1952), Bull. Soc. Linn. Lyon, 21, p. 152.

La description de cette espèce est basée sur plusieurs récoltes effectuées en Brabant flamand (Belgique) ainsi qu'en Allemagne dont l'une (DSD9111) a été séquencée.

The description of this species is based on several harvests from Flemish Brabant (Belgium) and Germany, one of which (DSD9111) has been sequenced.

Habitat : Cette espèce gracile est observée dans les forêts de feuillus, parcs, buissons, parmi le bois raméal fragmenté ainsi que dans l'humus liée à des débris ligneux.

Habits: This gracile species is found in deciduous forests, parks, shrubs, among mulch on the ground and in humus associated with woody debris.

Description macroscopique

Chapeau mesurant de 10 à 25(30) mm de diamètre, lisse, parfois discrètement mamelonné ; initialement conico-campanulé, de couleur noisette avec une marge plus pâle, devenant par la suite plan-convexe, beige terne à grisâtre pâle, strié par transparence jusqu'à mi-rayon. Très hygrophane, il devient presque totalement blanc, avec souvent des tonalités roses.

Lames ventrues, adnées, larges de 2 à 4 mm, moyennement à peu serrées, blanches au début, devenant sous l'effet de la sporée, grisâtres à gris cendré. Arête blanche, mais discrètement et entièrement surlignée de manière continue de rouge-brun. Cette pigmentation de l'arête peut être masquée par la sporée et nécessite parfois un examen sous la loupe binoculaire, après détersion des spores. La **trame** lamellaire est presque hyaline.

Voile très volatile, présent uniquement sur les primordia sous forme de fibrilles blanchâtres au niveau de la marge et sur le stipe, disparaissant totalement sur les sujets adultes.

Stipe : 40-90 x 1-2,5 mm, cylindrique, creux, blanc, lisse, légèrement pruineux au sommet ; base un peu dilatée et strigueuse par le mycélium blanc, parfois courtement radicant, parfois avec un pseudorhize pouvant atteindre 25 mm selon Melzer et Örstadius.

Chair : 1-2 mm d'épaisseur, concolore au chapeau, blanche ; saveur et odeur sans particularités.

Description microscopique

Basides : clavées, tétrasporiques.

Spores mesurant (11,9-)12,1-**12,8** 13,5(-15,1) × (6,1-)6,3-**6,7**-(-7,6) µm ; Q = (1,7)1,8-2(2,1) ; N = 70 ; brun-rouge foncé, opaques à subopaques, oblongues à ellipsoïdes de face, asymétriques et légèrement amygdaliformes de profil, avec un large pore germinatif central, parfois tronqué, mesurant 1,5-2 µm.

Cheilocystides abondantes, clairsemées ou groupées en « cluster », nettement versiformes, majoritairement largement utriformes, à paroi fine ou discrètement épaissie, mesurant 25-52 x 13-22 µm mais également lagéniformes, mesurant alors 23-42 x 8-13 µm, ainsi que de nombreuses formes intermédiaires, mêlées à de nombreuses cellules marginales clavées et sphéropédonculées (= paracystides) généralement de petite taille, dont la paroi est souvent épaissie et pigmentée de brun-jaune. A proximité de la marge du chapeau les cheilocystides se font plus rares, sont davantage lagéniformes et la marge est alors occupée essentiellement par des cellules « marginales clavées et sphéropédonculées » à paroi pigmentée (= paracystides). Présence lors de l'examen de spécimen frais de nombreuses gouttes mucoïdes adhérantes aux cheilocystides.

Pleurocystides mesurant 32-60(-70) x 13-17(-22) µm, nombreuses, le plus souvent lagéniformes et pédicellées, mais également utriformes comme les cheilocystides et alors à parois souvent légèrement épaissies et teintées. A noter la présence erratique de pleurocystides de tailles hors norme, à parois épaisses teintées et à sommet parfois fourchu.

Pileipellis banal, composé de cellules globuleuses, clavées et sphéropédonculées.

Boucles présentes.



Cette récolte (DSD9111), illustrant l'espèce à différents stades d'évolution, a été séquencée.
This harvest (DSD9111) illustrating the species at different stages of evolution was sequenced.
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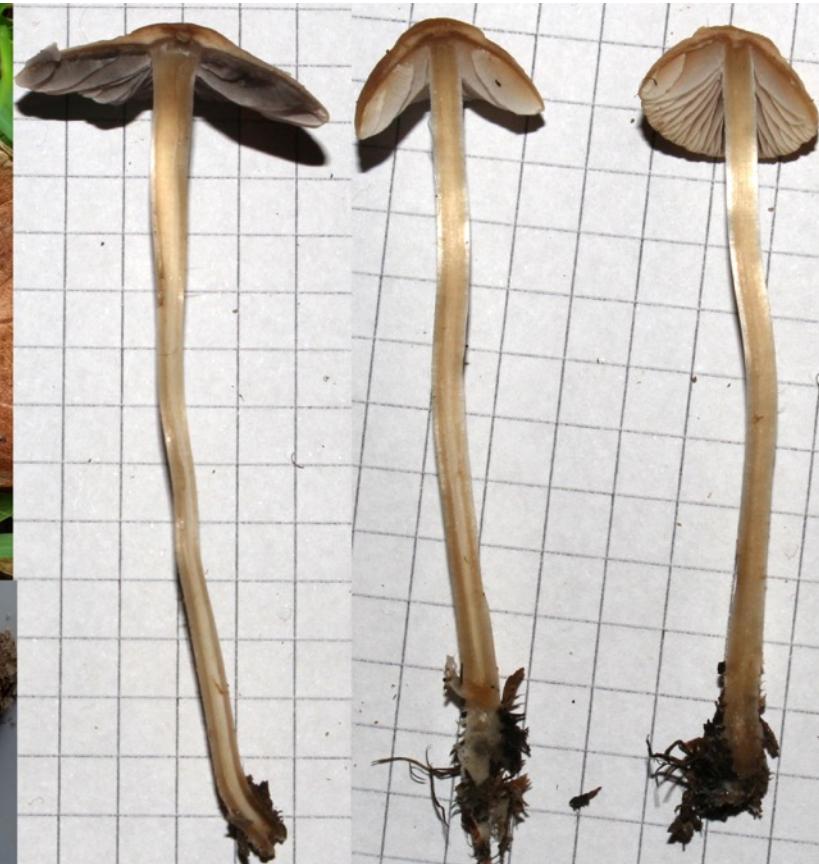
Cap: measuring 10 to 25(30) mm in diameter, smooth, sometimes with a small umbo; initially conico-campanulate, hazelnut colored with a paler margin, later becoming plane-convex, dull beige to pale greyish, striate by transparency halfway to centre. Highly hygrophanous, it becomes almost totally white, drying sometimes with pink tinges.

Veil: present only in very young fruitbodies as very fugacious whitish fibrils near the margin and on the stipe, disappearing completely on mature specimens.



Stem: 40-90 x 1-2,5 mm, cylindrical, hollow, white, smooth, pruinose at apex; slightly thickening toward base which is more or less strigose by white mycelium, sometimes shortly rooting or with up to 25 mm pseudorrhiza according to Melzer and Örstadius.

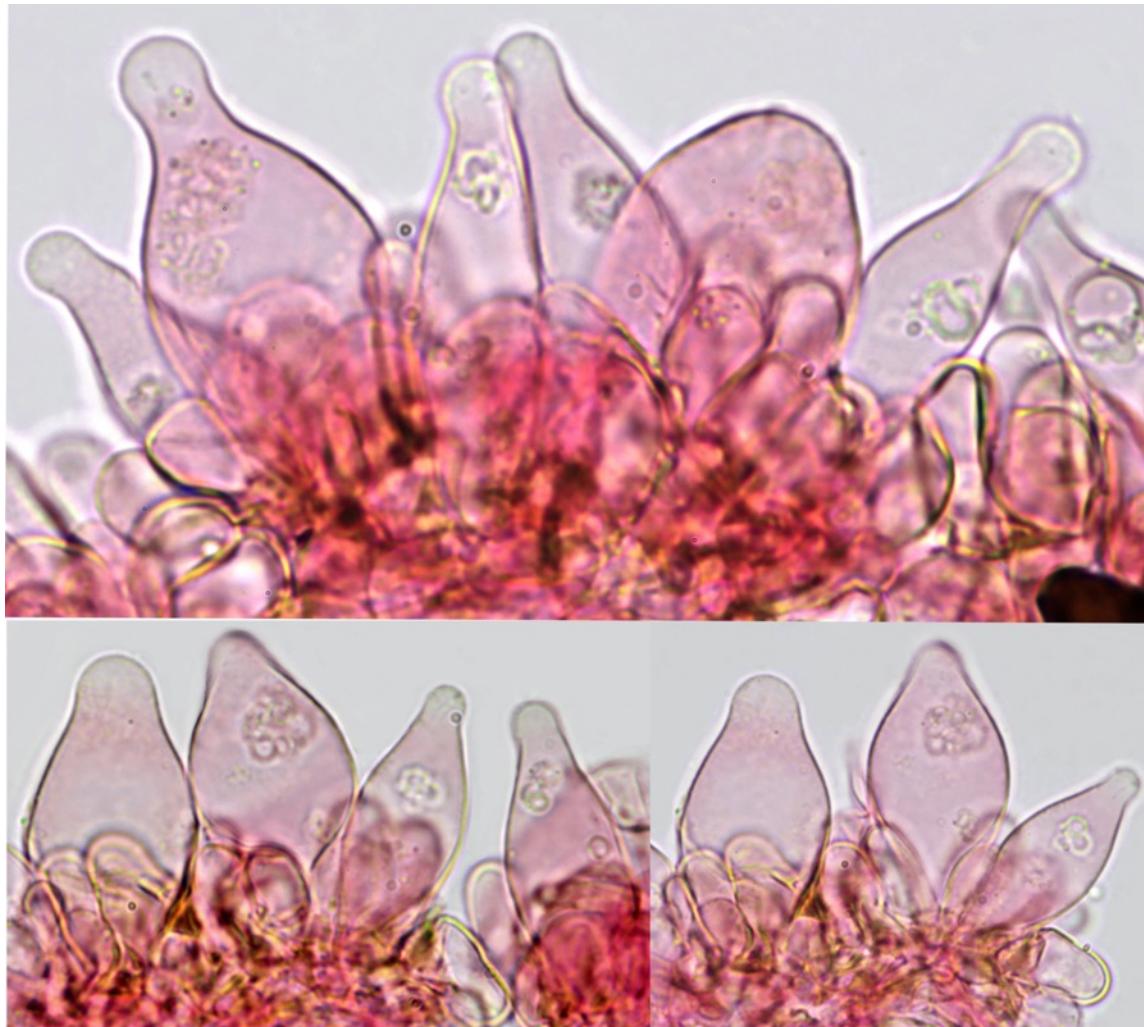
Flesh: 1-2 mm thick, concolorous to the cap; taste and smell not distinctive.



Gills: ventricose, adnate, 2 to 4 mm broad, moderately distant, initially white becoming, greyish to ash-grey. Edge white, but discretely and continuously red-brown underlined. This pigmentation of the edge can be hidden by the spores and sometimes requires an examination under a binocular magnifying glass, of « washed » gills.
The trama of « washed » gills is nearly hyaline.



Cheilocystidia abundant, scattered or most often grouped in clusters, versiform, mostly utriform, thin-walled or discretely thickened, measuring 25-52 x 13-22 μm but also lageniform, measuring 23-42 x 8-13 μm , as well as many intermediary shapes, mixed with many clavate to obpyriform marginal cells (= paracystidia) generally of small sizes whose wall is often slightly thickened and yellow-brown pigmented. Near the cap margin, the cheilocysidia are rarer, more often lageniform and paracystidia predominate. Presence of numerous mucoid drops adhering to the cheilocystidia when examining fresh specimens.

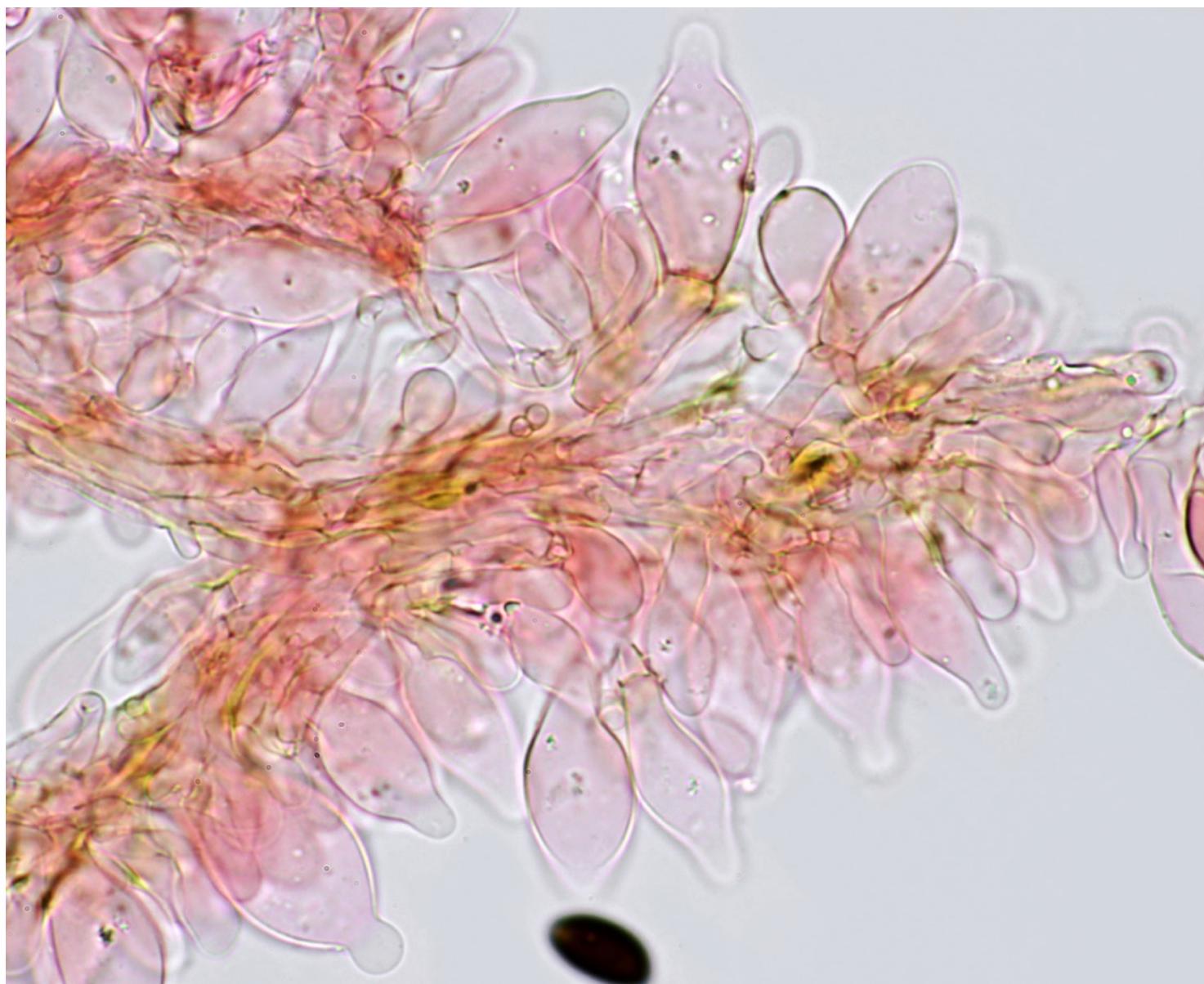


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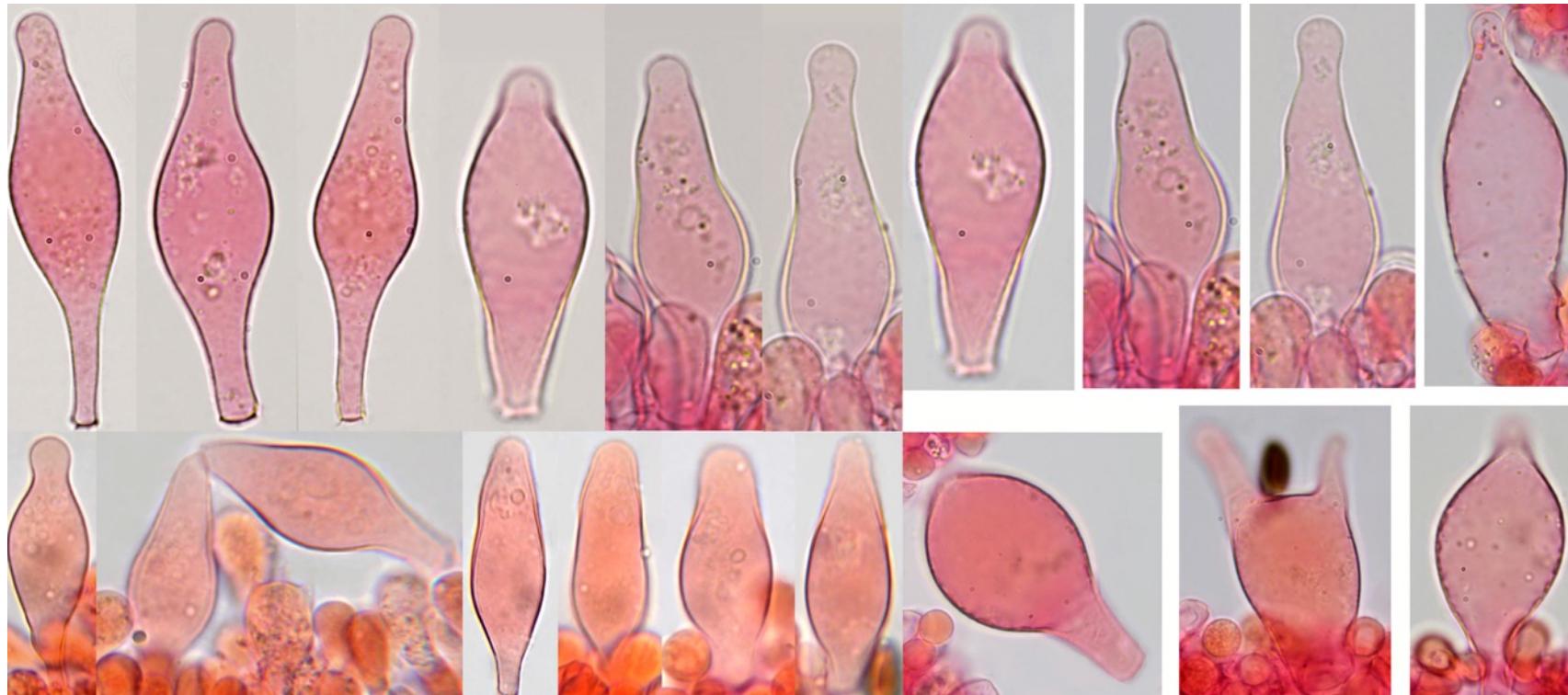
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Cheilocystides - cheilocystidia



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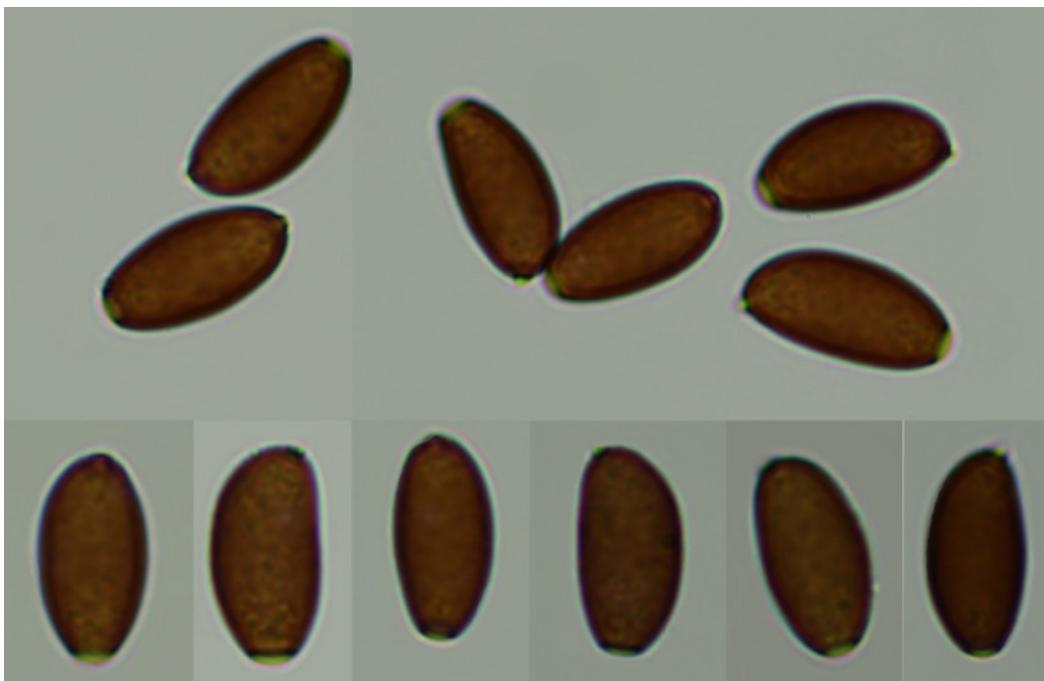
Pleurocystidia measuring 32-60(-70) x 13-17(-22) μm , numerous, most often lageniform and pedicellate, but also utriform like the cheilocystidia and then often with slightly thickened and tinted walls. To be noted the erratic presence of pleurocystidia of unusual sizes with thick light brown coloured walls and sometimes forked apex.



Spores: measuring (11,9-12,1-**12,8**-13,5(-15,1) × (6,1-)6,3-**6,7**-7(-7,6) µm ; Q = (1,7)1,8-2(2,1) ; N = 70, dark red-brown, opaque to subopaque, oblong to ellipsoidal in face view, asymmetric and slightly amygdaloid in profile, with a broad central and sometimes truncate germinal pore measuring 1.5-2 µm.

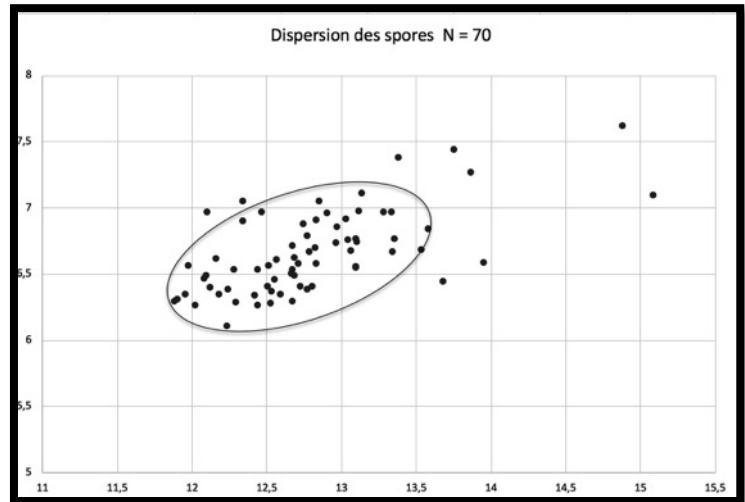
Pileipellis banal formed of globular, clavate and obpyriform .

Clamps present.



Spores in NH₄OH 10%

Mesures des spores des récoltes belges avec Piximètre
(11,9)12,1-13,5(15,1) × (6,1)6,3-7(7,6) µm
Q = (1,7)1,8-2(2,1) ; N = 70
Me = 12,8 × 6,7 µm ; Qe = 1,9



Molecular part

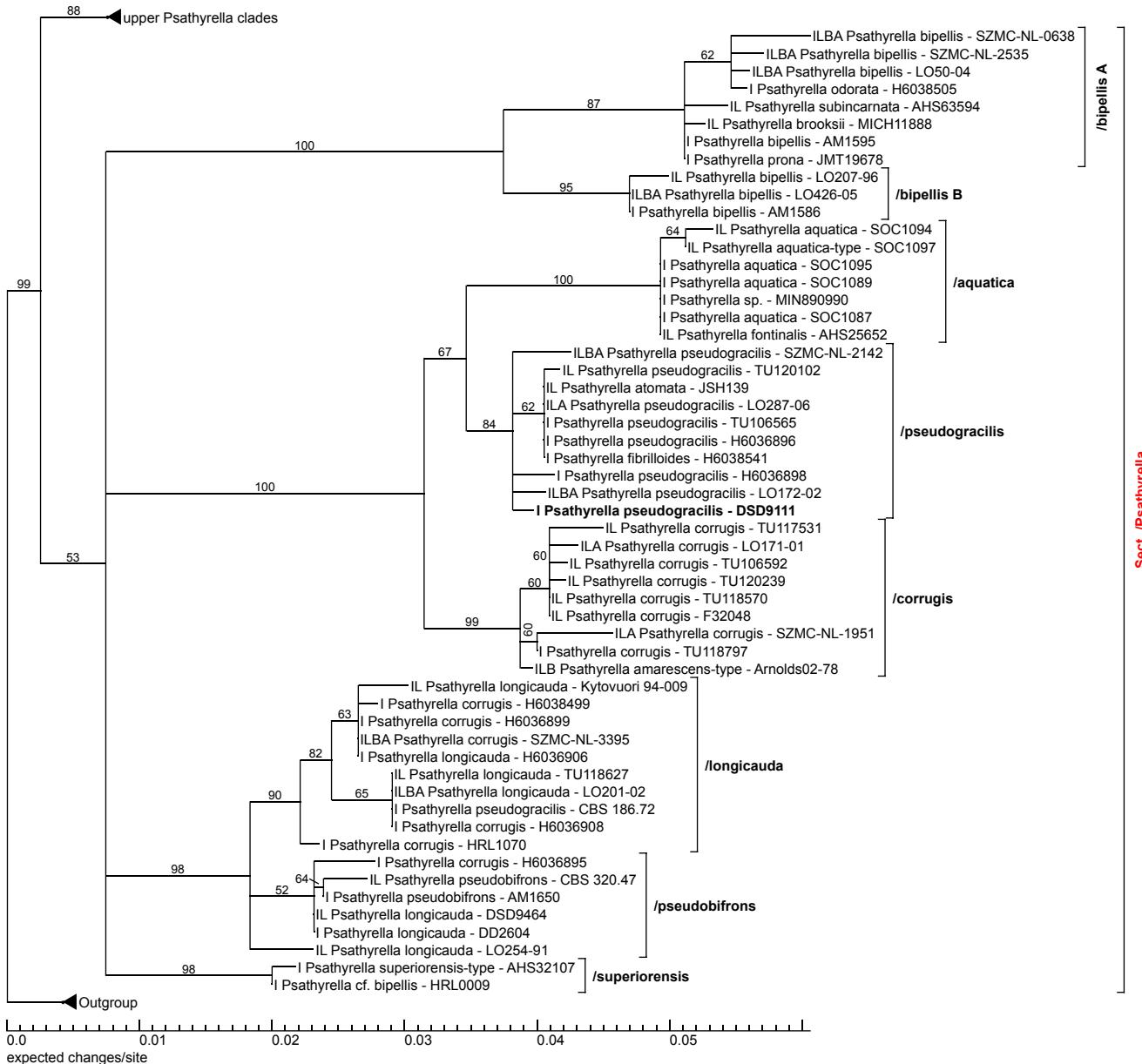
Séquençage ADN de *Psathyrella pseudogracilis* DSD9111 - Alvalab 12973_ITS

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DNA Extraction, Amplification and Sequencing of the fungus was performed by Alvalab (Oviedo, Spain). The phylogenetic analysis was done by Dieter Wächter (Thiersheim, Germany). The genomic DNA was extracted from dried fruiting bodies. Amplification of the ITS region was performed with the ITS4 primer [1]. The initial base calling was done with FinchTV [2]. The nucleotide sequences were checked manually for errors, as well as the base calling at unsafe regions (trails, low confidence scores, stutters and polymorphs) on the basis of existing sequences of the /*Psathyrella*-clade (section) by divergence matrix and corrected if necessary. In the present case only a trimming of the trails and some minor corrections were necessary. The following molecular phylogenetic markers were used for the phylogenetic analysis: ITS1 (Internal Transcribed Spacer 1), 5.8S (5.8S rRNA Gene), ITS2 (Internal Transcribed Spacer 2), LSU (Large Subunit 28S rRNA Gen), β-tub (exons of the β-tubulin gene), ef-1α (exons of the ef-1α gene). The nucleotide sequences for the tree inference were taken from NCBI [3] and Unite [4] (essential ones of the partial /*Psathyrella*-clade see Table 1). Region boundaries for the ITS- and LSU-region were carried out with ITSx [5] and HMMER [6] including the databases. As outgroup, the sequence sets of the most closely related clades of the ingroup were used, i.e. the /*prona*-clade down to the /*candolleana*-clade. Due to the rapidly evolving, indel-rich areas of the ITS region, it can only be aligned veridical by using an iterative multigene-guide tree. The initial alignment of the ITS region was performed with Mafft [7] using the FFT-NS-2 method. The initial alignments of the LSU-, β-tub and ef-1α genes was carried out using E-INS-i method. The indel matrices for the ITS and LSU regions were each coded with SeqState [8] using the SIC = "Simple Indel coding" [9] method. After each alignment step, an ML analysis with RAxML [10] (model: GTRCAT, refining under GTR+G for DNA, GTR2+G with acquisition bias correction according to Lewis [11] for indel partitions) was carried out and the resulting best tree was used as a guide tree for the refinement of the ITS1 and ITS2 MSA. The iterative alignments were done with Prank [12], whereby the switches -once and -uselog were set. Tracing values were recorded, evaluated statistically and thus the end of the iteration loop of the alignment was determined. The partitioning of all alignments and the indel matrices as well as the model selection for the DNA alignments was done with Partitionfinder [13]. For the final partitioning, the guide tree of the last iteration step was used. As information criterion the Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC) [14] used was after comparison with the Corrected Akaike Information Criterion (AICc) [15] and evaluation with respect to over- or under-partitioning. The partitioning scheme of the final phylogeny was:

- DNA-partition 1: ITS1 + ITS2
- DNA-partition 2: LSU + 5.8S + β-tub-Codon 1 + ef-1α-Codon 1
- DNA-partition 3: β-tub-Codon 2 + ef-1α-Codon 2
- DNA-partition 4: β-tub-Codon 3 + ef-1α-Codon 3
- Binary partition (gap matrices): ITS1 + ITS2 + LSU

The final maximum likelihood analysis was done with RAxML 8.2.10 [10]. For all DNA partitions, the GTR substitution matrix [16] under the CAT model [10] was used. The final optimization took place under gamma distribution [10]. For the binary partitions, the "Two State Time-Reversible Model" with acquisition bias correction [11] was used. 1000 ML bootstrap inferences were calculated. Of these, 1000 trees were sampled and the best tree was labeled with the ML bootstrap support values and collapsed to the ML bootstrap value of 50%. The phylogram in Fig 1 was edited with Treegraph [17].



50% collapsed maximum likelihood consensus phylogram. The values on the branches are ML bootstrap values. Abbreviations: I: ITS region, L: LSU region, B: β-tubulin region, A: ef-1α region.

Table 1 List of relevant sequences used in this publication

Species	Voucher	ITS	LSU	β -Tub	ef-1 α
<i>Psathyrella amarescens</i>	Arnolds02-78	KC992852.1	KC992852.1	KJ664842.1	
<i>Psathyrella aquatica</i>	SOC1094	EU259194.2	EU259195.1		
<i>Psathyrella aquatica</i>	SOC1089	EU664990.1			
<i>Psathyrella aquatica</i>	SOC1095	EU259196.2			
<i>Psathyrella aquatica</i>	SOC1097	EU259192.2	EU259193.1		
<i>Psathyrella aquatica</i>	SOC1087	EU664989.1			
<i>Psathyrella atomata</i>	JSH139	FJ899610.1	DQ986230.1		
<i>Psathyrella bipellis</i>	SZMC-NL-0638	FN396108.1	FN396160.1	FN396303.1	FN396216.1
<i>Psathyrella bipellis</i>	SZMC-NL-2535	FN430689.1	FM160688.1	FN396297.1	FN430691.1
<i>Psathyrella bipellis</i>	LO50-04	DQ389680.1	DQ389680.1	KJ664847.1	KJ732761.1
<i>Psathyrella bipellis</i>	AM1595	MK045706.1			
<i>Psathyrella bipellis</i>	LO207-96	DQ389679.1	DQ389679.1		
<i>Psathyrella bipellis</i>	LO426-05	KC992865.1	KC992865.1	KJ664848.1	KJ732762.1
<i>Psathyrella bipellis</i>	AM1586	MK045708.1			
<i>Psathyrella brooksii</i>	MICH11888	EU664993.1	EU664995.1		
<i>Psathyrella cf. bipellis</i>	HRL0009	KX897437.1			
<i>Psathyrella corrugis</i>	SZMC-NL-1951	FM878015.1	FM876272.1		FM897220.1
<i>Psathyrella corrugis</i>	TU118797	UDB019572			
<i>Psathyrella corrugis</i>	TU117531	UDB034043	UDB034043		
<i>Psathyrella corrugis</i>	LO171-01	DQ389674.1	DQ389674.1		KJ732757.1
<i>Psathyrella corrugis</i>	TU106592	UDB011818	UDB011818		
<i>Psathyrella corrugis</i>	TU120239	UDB024631	UDB024631		
<i>Psathyrella corrugis</i>	TU118570	UDB017986	UDB017986		
<i>Psathyrella corrugis</i>	F32048	KX236128.1	KX236128.1		
<i>Psathyrella corrugis</i>	H6038499	UDB021180			
<i>Psathyrella corrugis</i>	H6036899	UDB021162			
<i>Psathyrella corrugis</i>	SZMC-NL-3395	FN430692.1	FN396205.1	FN396344.1	FN396240.1
<i>Psathyrella corrugis</i>	H6036908	UDB021171			
<i>Psathyrella corrugis</i>	HRL1070	KX897407.1			
<i>Psathyrella corrugis</i>	H6036895	UDB021158			
<i>Psathyrella fibrilloides</i>	H6038541	UDB021219			
<i>Psathyrella fontinalis</i>	AHS25652	FJ899614.1	FJ899629.1		
<i>Psathyrella longicauda</i>	Kvtovuori 94-009	DQ389677.1	DQ389677.1		

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Discussion : sur le terrain, cette espèce peu fréquente est très difficile à distinguer de *Psathyrella corrugis*.

Ceci est bien illustré sur les photos ci-après

Discussion: In situ, this infrequent species is very difficult to differentiate from *Psathyrella corrugis*. This is well illustrated in the photos below.



Psathyrella pseudogracilis



Psathyrella corrugis

L'aspect général de l'arête apporte néanmoins de précieux renseignements permettant de séparer les deux espèces. En effet, si les deux espèces possèdent bien une arête blanche fimbriée surlignée de rouge-brun, son aspect apparaît bien différent pour chacune. La pigmentation de l'arête de *P. pseudogracilis* est continue et apparaît peu marquée à l'examen microscopique et les cellules « marginales clavées et sphéropédonculées = paracystides », à paroi légèrement pigmentée, sont petites et ne sont présentes en grand nombre qu'à proximité de la marge du chapeau.

Nevertheless, the general appearance of the edge provides valuable information to separate the two species.

Indeed, if the two species do have a white fimbriate edge underlined with reddish-brown, its aspect appears significantly different for each. The pigmentation of the edge of *P. pseudogracilis* is continuous and appears not very marked on microscopic examination and the "marginal clavate and spheropedonculate cells (paracystidai), with slightly pigmented walls, are small and only present in large numbers near the cap margin.

Par contre, l'arête de *P. corrugis* (illustrée ci-après) est surlignée de manière très nette et discontinue, surtout dans sa moitié proche de la marge du chapeau.

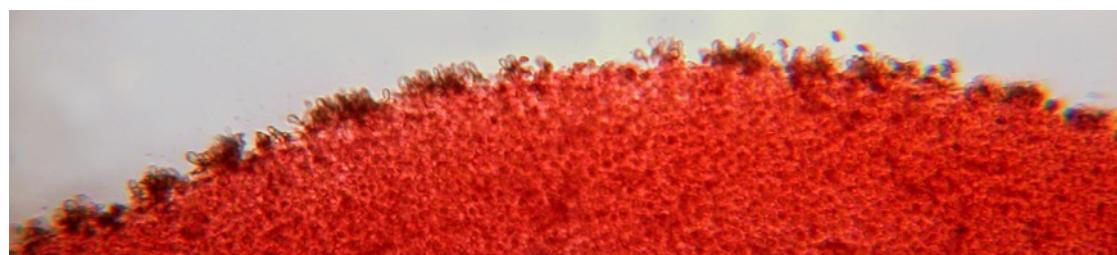
Cet aspect est évident au microscope dès le plus faible grossissement et un œil avisé peut déjà le visualiser sous la loupe binoculaire. De plus, les cellules marginales sont très développées, de grande taille, souvent irrégulières, nettement pigmentées de brun jaunâtre et à paroi très épaisse.

On the other hand, the edge of *P. corrugis* (illustrated below) is very clearly and discontinuously underlined, especially in its half near the cap margin.

This is evident under the microscope at the lowest magnification and a keen eye can already visualize this character under a binocular magnifying glass. In addition, the marginal cells are well-developed, large in size, often irregular, strongly yellowish-brown pigmented and very thick walled.

L'aspect des cystides est également bien différent dans les deux espèces et permet alors de les différentier facilement.

The appearance of the cystidia is also very different in the two species and allows then to easily differentiate them.



Arête de *P. corrugis* - Edge of *P. corrugis*

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Récolte du 19/07/2020 le long d'un chemin herbeux dans un parterre de bois raméal fragmenté sous jacent.

Collection of 19/07/2020 along a grassy path in an underlying mulch bed.



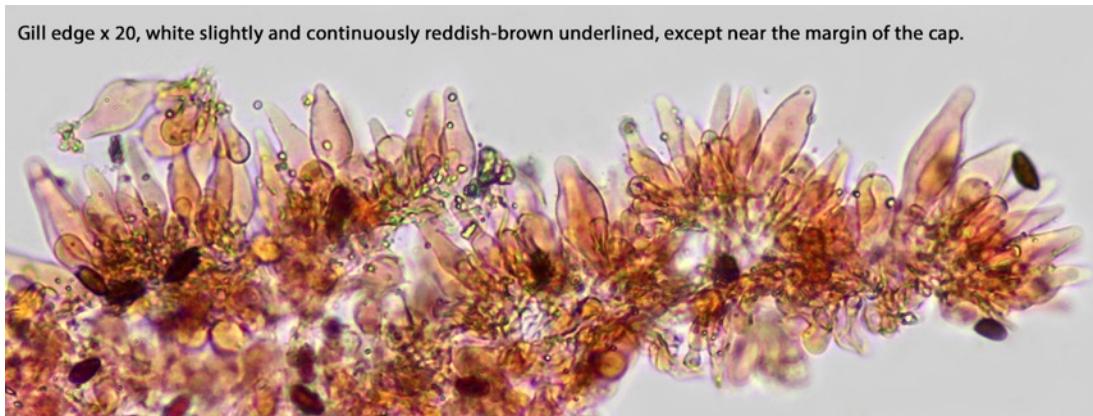
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Base du stipe non radicante, strigueuse fixée à des débris de bois – Arête des lames blanche délicatement surlignée de rouge brun de manière continue sauf à proximité de la marge du chapeau.

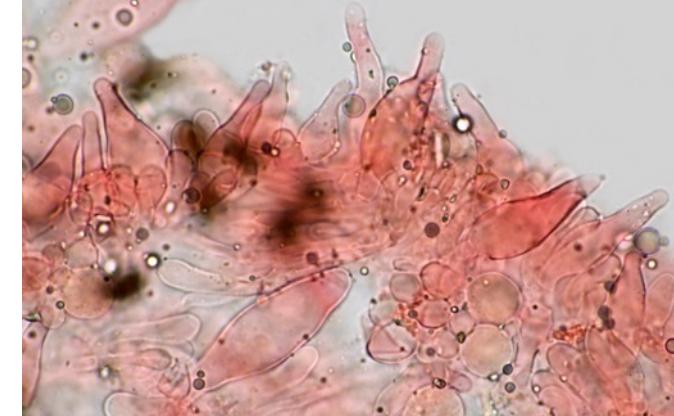
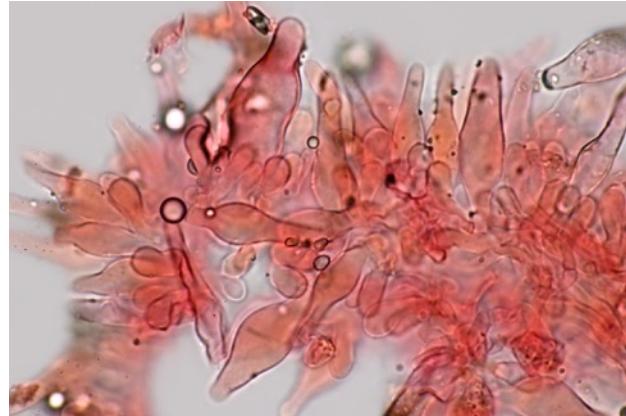
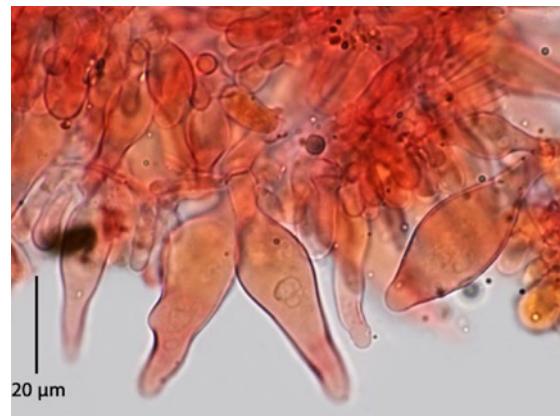
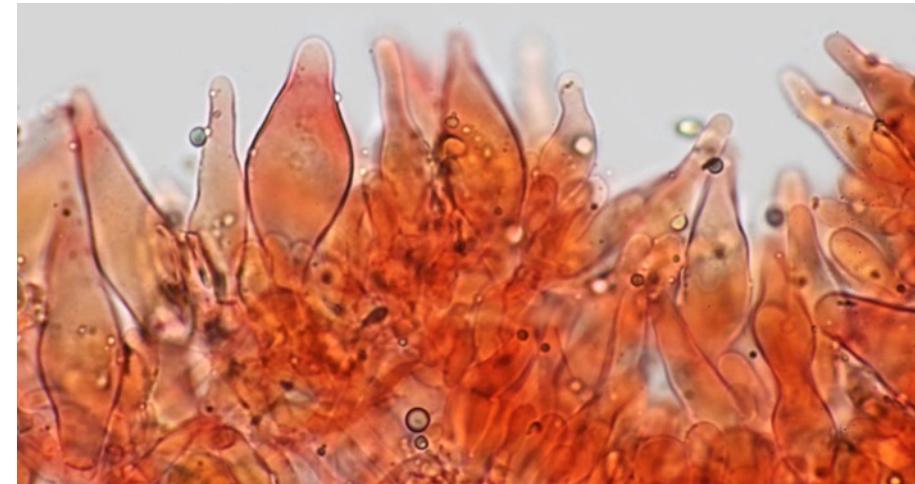
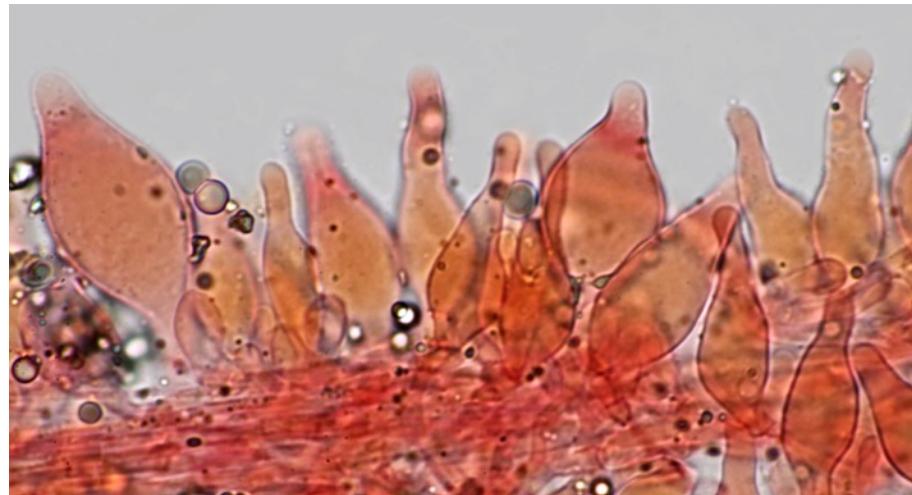
Base of stipe not rooting, strigous, attached to wood debris – Gill edge white, delicately and continuously underlined with red-brown except near the margin of the cap.



Gill edge x 20, white slightly and continuously reddish-brown underlined, except near the margin of the cap.

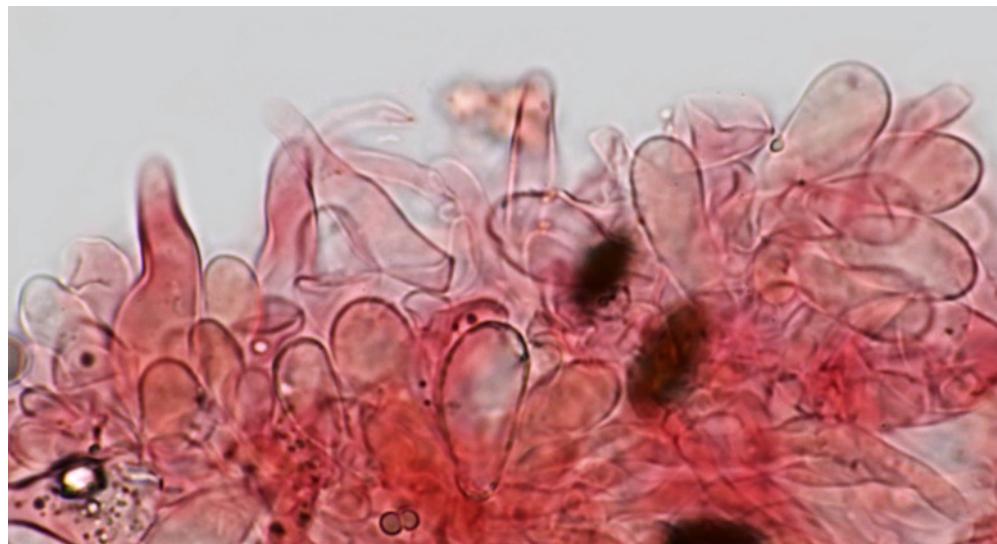
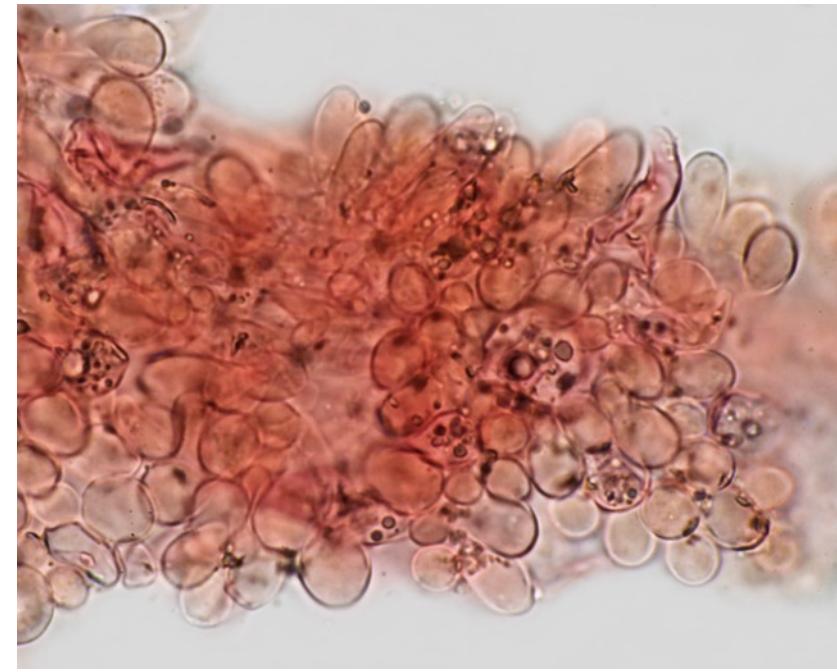
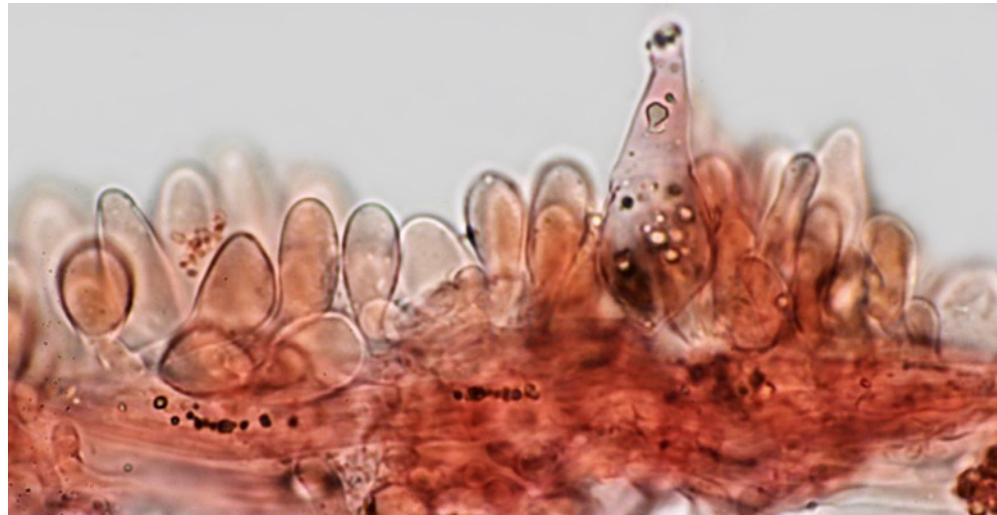


Cheilocystides denses, très polymorphes, de lagéniforme à essentiellement utriformes et parfois à sommet fouchu, hyalines, à paroi fine ou très légèrement épaissie. Nombreuses gouttes mucoïdes adhérentes aux cheilocystides. Cheilocystidia densely packed, very polymorphic, lageniform to essentially utriform and sometimes with a forked apex, hyaline, thin-walled or slightly thickened. Numerous mucoid drops adhering to the cheilocystidia.

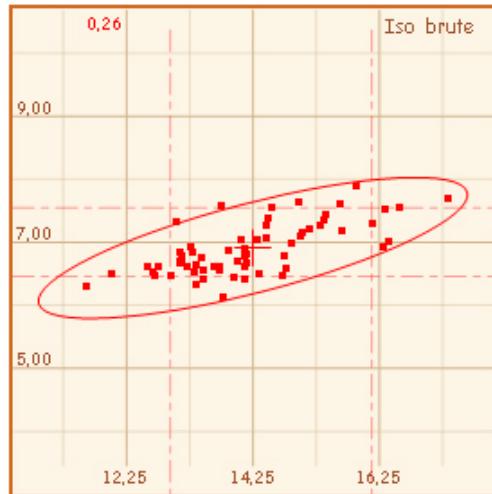
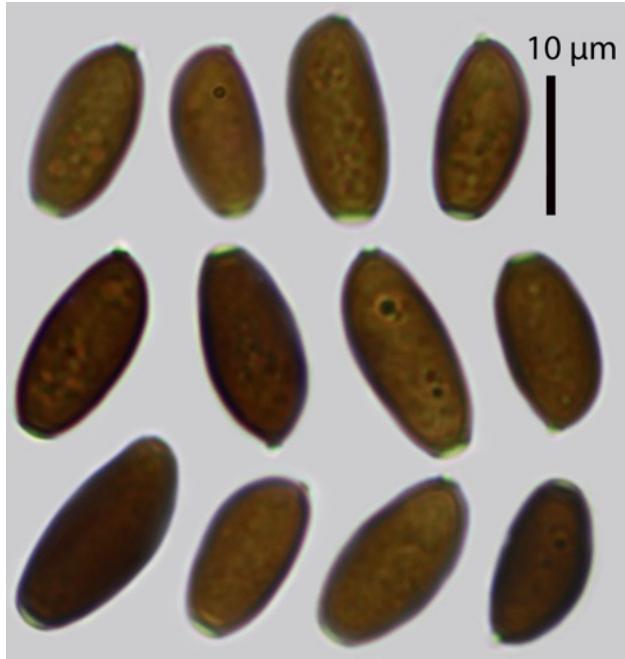
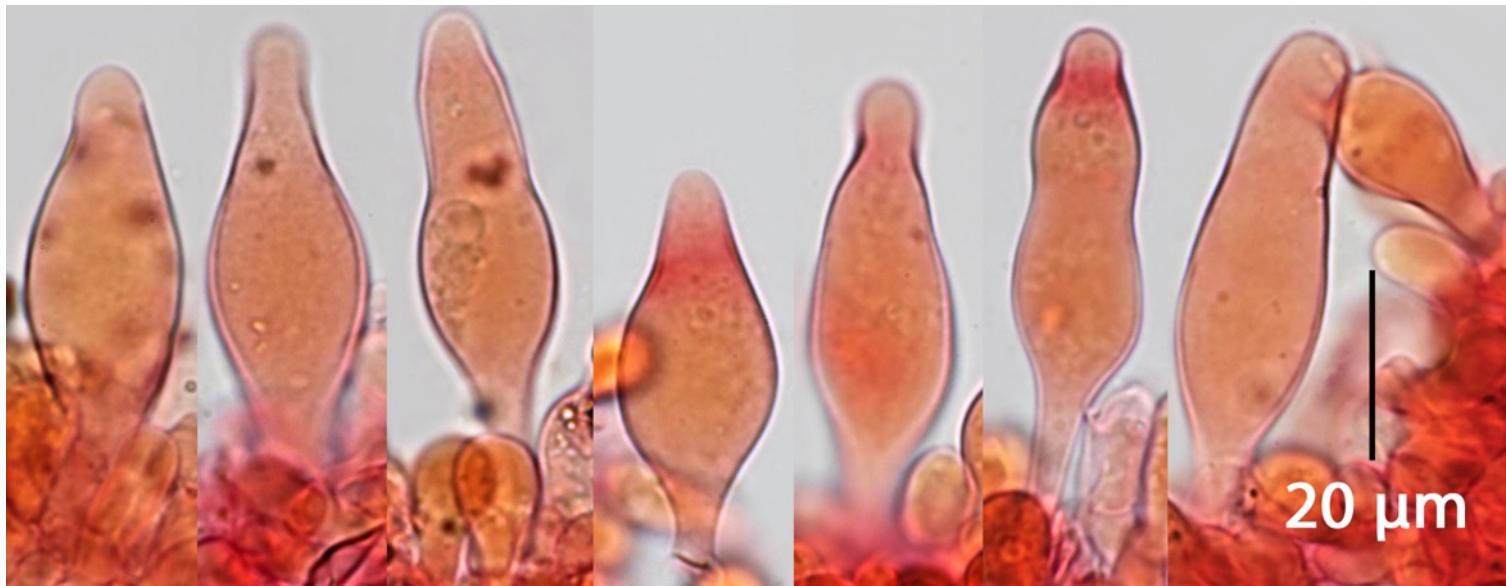


A proximité de la marge du chapeau les cheilocystides se raréfient et cèdent la place à de nombreuses paracystides clavées, souvent pigmentées de rouge-brun et à paroi épaisse.

Near the cap margin the cheilocystidia become scarce and are replaced by numerous clavate paracystidia, often reddish-brown pigmented and with thickened walls.



Pleurocystides nombreuses lagéniformes à utriformes - Pleurocystidia numerous lageniform to utriform.



Spore dimensions: N = 64
(11,6) 12,9 - 16,1 (18,4) × (6,1) 6,5 - 7,5
(8,1) µm
Me = 14,2 × 6,9 µm ;
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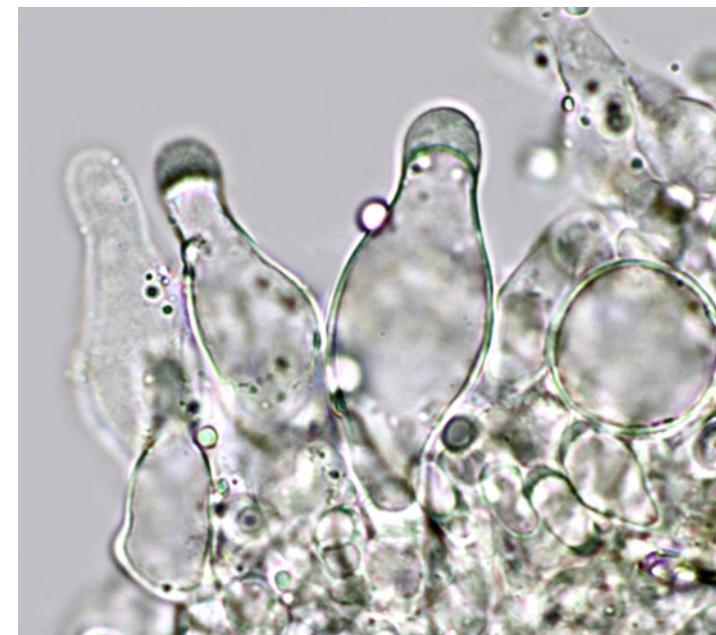
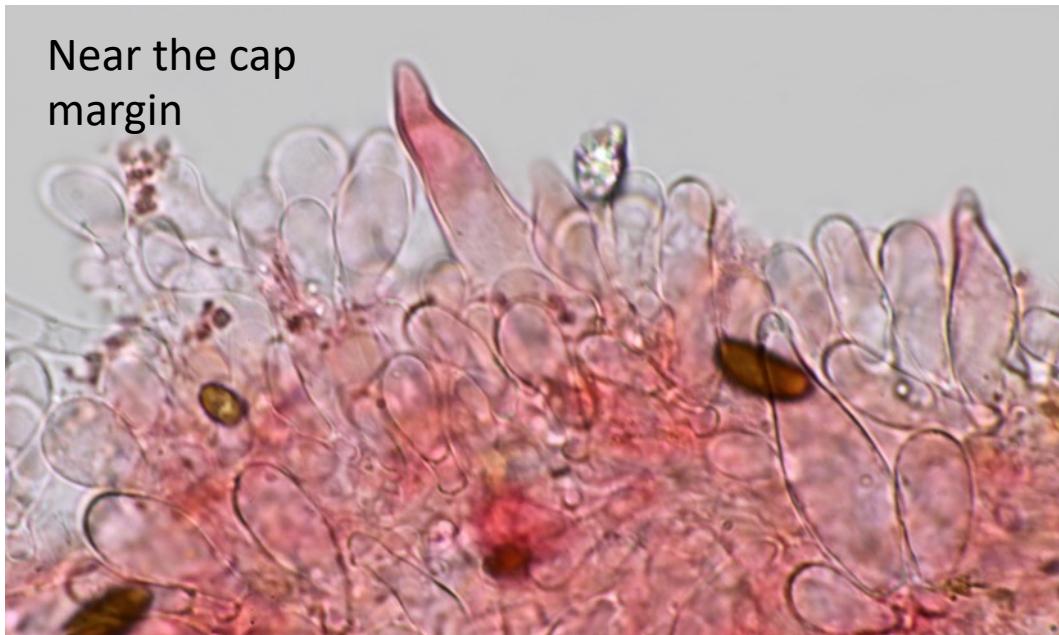
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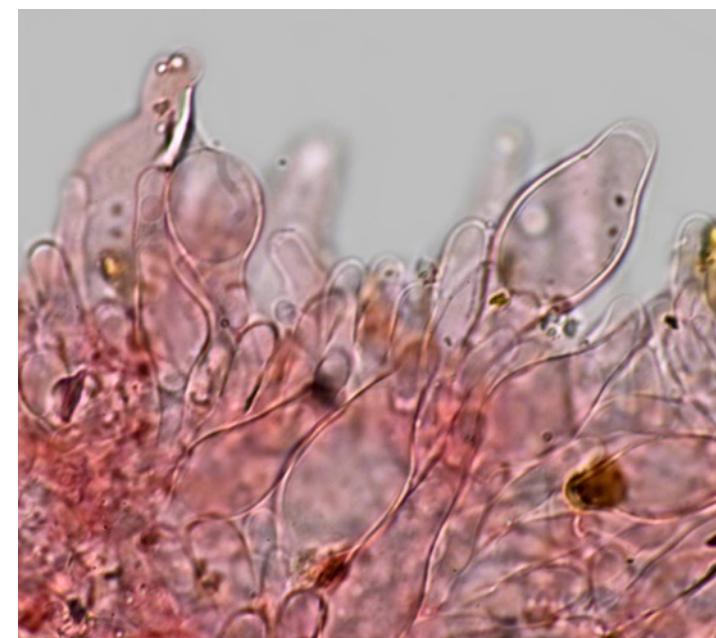
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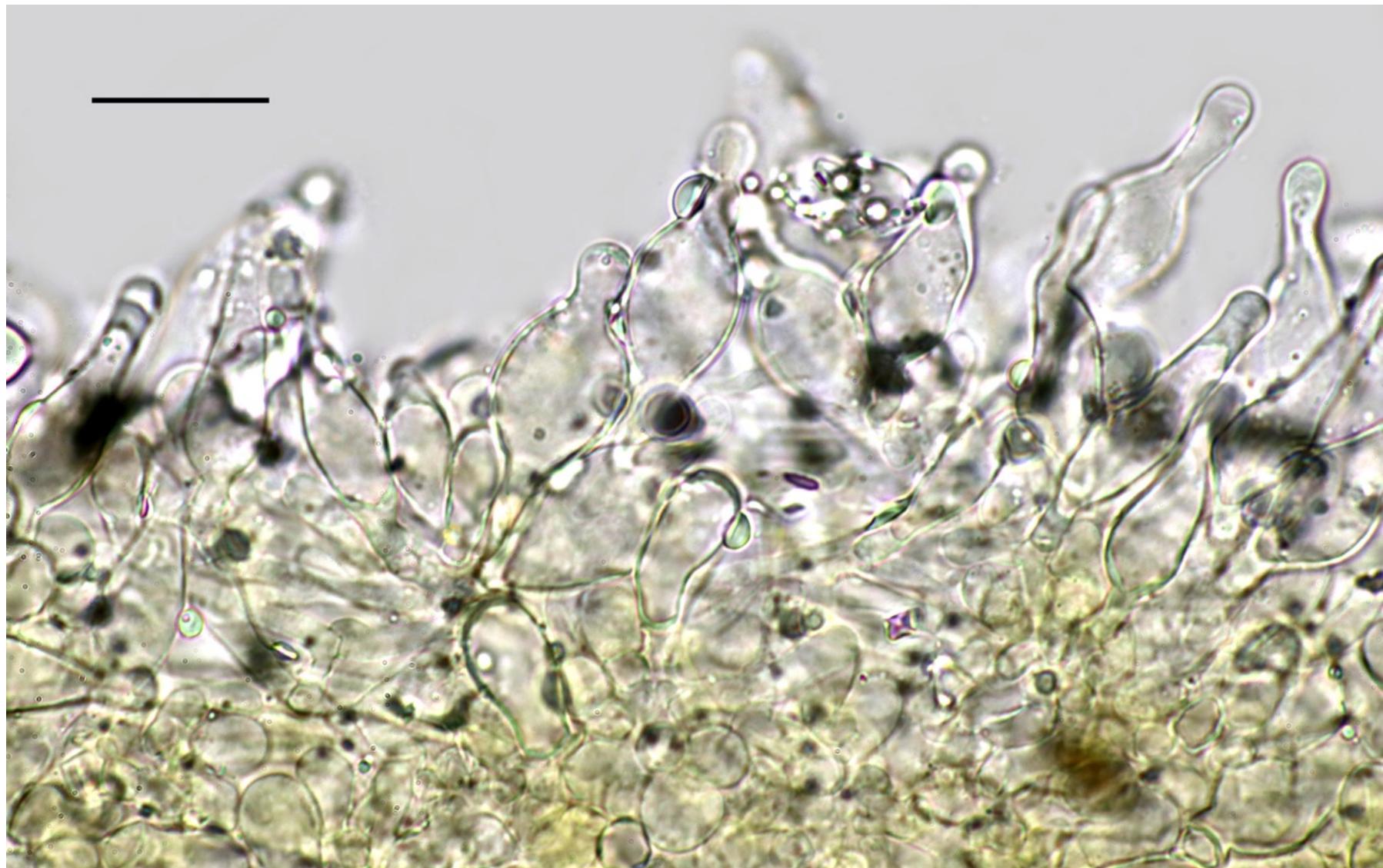
Cheilocystides, paracystides et gouttes mucoïdes

Near the cap margin



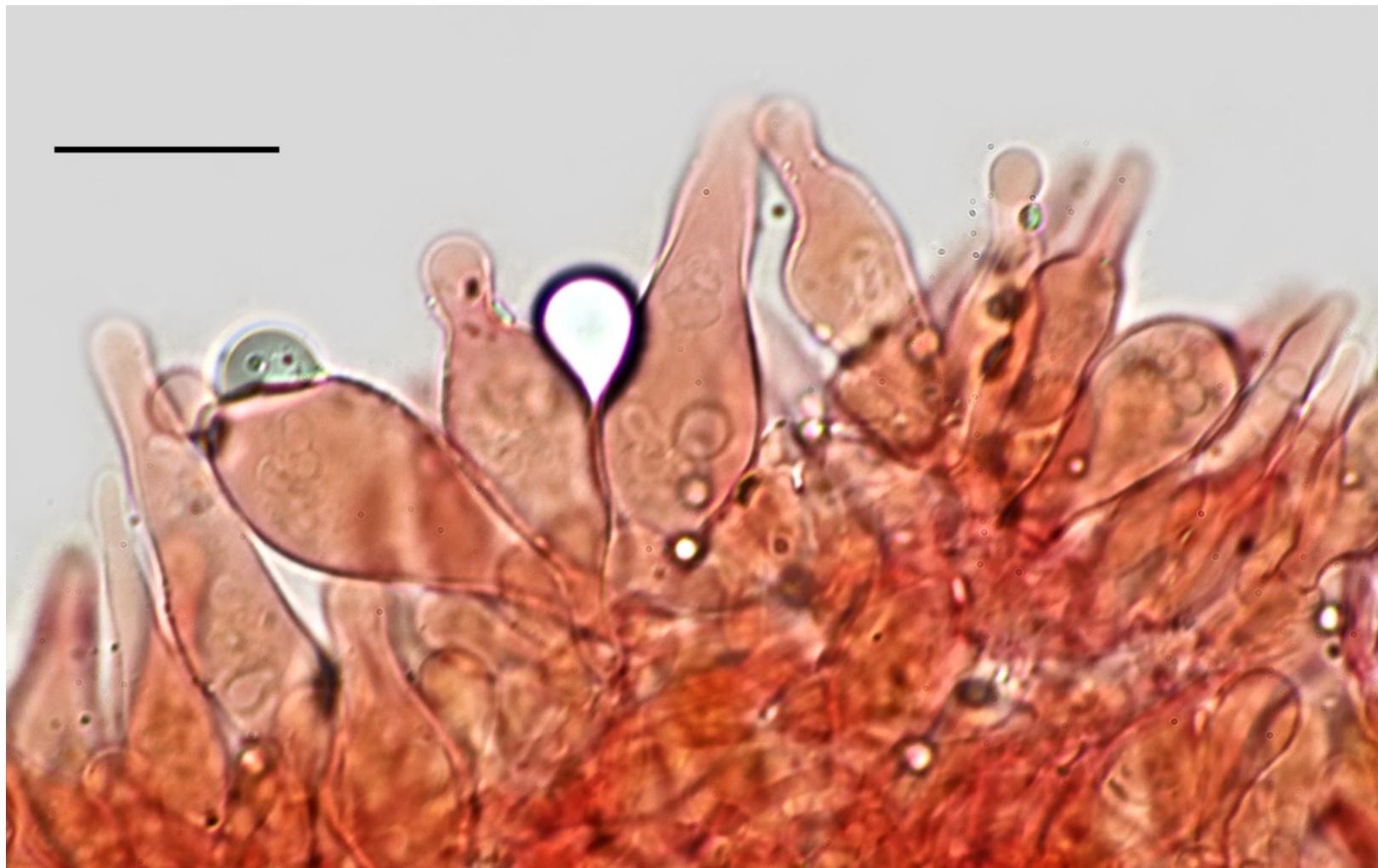
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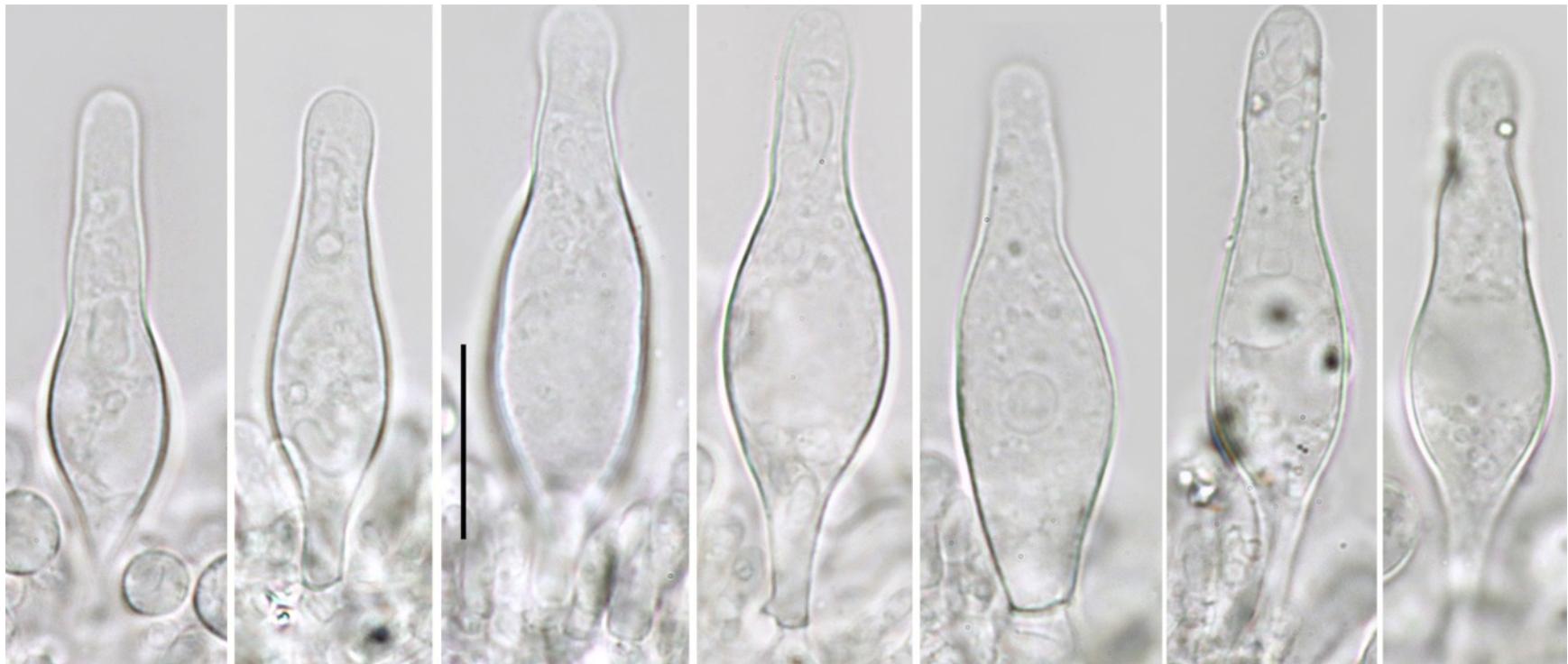


Cheilocystidia in NH₄OH and Congo-red, numerous, thin walled, polymorphic, lageniform and very often utriform





Pleurocystides



Pleurocystidia numerous, thin walled, similar to cheilocystidia but more often long and narrowly lageniform, sometimes with a capitate apex.

