Notes on the genus *Entoloma* s.l. in the Northwest of the Iberian Peninsula (XI): a new species in subgenus *Entoloma*

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**Abstract**

*Entoloma cedeirense*, a new species in subgenus *Entoloma*, is described from in Galicia (NW of Spain). A detailed macro and micromorphological descriptions, drawings and a discussion with closely related taxa of subgenus *Entoloma* is provided.

**Key words** – Agaricales – Basidiomycota – *Entolomataceae* – Spain – Taxonomy

**Introduction**

The genus *Entoloma sensu lato* (*Entolomataceae*) contains at least 2000 species worldwide. Traditionally it is considered one genus with around 15 subgenera, or split into smaller genera (Noordeloos et al. 2018).

During the study of the mycological flora of the A Capelada (A Coruña, Spain), an unidentified tricholomatoid species of *Entoloma* was collected in grassland margin, on ultra-basic soil. The new species belongs to the sect. *Entoloma*, due to tricholomatoid carpophores, non-hygrophanous, non-striate pileus, spores (sub)isodiametrical, pileipellis an ixocutis made up of cylindrical hyphae with distinctly gelatinized walls, with intracellular pigment and presence of clamp connections (Noordeloos 1981).

An extensive literature review of the European and extra-European species of this subgenus and section (Horak 1980, Noordeloos 1981, 1992, 2004, Gates & Noordeloos 2007, Horak 2008, Largent et al. 2008, Noordeloos & Gates 2012, Morgado et al. 2013, Largent et al. 2014, Kokkonen 2015, Brandrud et al. 2018, Noordeloos et al. 2018) confirmed that no other published species matched the particular combination of characters exhibited by our collections. Due to its unique combination of macroscopic and microscopic characteristics, a new species for science is proposed in this contribution.

**Materials & Methods**

**Morphological analysis**

The specimens were collected, documented and preserved using standard protocols (Noordeloos 1992, 2004). Morphological descriptions are based on fresh materials collected. Microscopic observations were recorded on fresh or dried material with standard methods, using sections mounted in water, after staining with 1% Congo red in water and a short pre-treatment in a 5% KOH solution, or in 10% NH₄OH. Basidiospores measurements (length, width, Q (quotient length/width), Qm = average quotient) were taken for 30 basidiospores, excluding hilar appendix.
Extreme values have been noted between brackets when they represented no more than 10 % of the measurements. Basidia dimensions are based on 10 basidia. Microscopic structures were drawn with help of a drawing tube. Author citations follow the IPNI Authors Website (http://www.ipni.org/ipni/authorsearchpage.do) and the Index Fungorum Authors of Fungal Names Website (http://www.indexfungorum.org/authorsoffungalnames.htm). The new species name was deposited in MycoBank (http://www.mycobank.org/DefaultPage.aspx) while the facesoffungi number was registered as mentioned in Jayasiri et al. (2015). The collected and studied material is deposited in the mycological herbarium LOU-Fungi (Centro de Investigación Forestal de Lourizán, Consellería de Medio Rural, Pontevedra, Spain).

Results

Taxonomy

Entoloma cedeirense Blanco-Dios sp. nov. Figs 1–5

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Etymology – cedeirense, the specific epithet refers to the type locality of the species (Cedeira, Spain).

Diagnosis – Habitus tricholomatoideus. Pileus 28–33 mm latus, primo ab globosus ad ovoideus, deinde convexus vel expansus, non hygrophanus, non traslucente striatus, ab ochraceo-griseus ad atrobrunneus, fibrillosus. Lamellae ab cremeae ad luteo-roseae. Stipes 52–63 mm longus, 9–15 mm latus, cylindraceus vel subcylindraceus, clavatus ad basim, ab albidos ad ochraceos, fibrillosos. Caro ab alba ad ochracea, ex parte mutabile expoista. Odor fortiter stercoris et/vel herba fermentata et leviter rapus, pertinax. Sapor herbeaceus et leviter amarus, ingratus. Sporae 5.5–7 (8) μm longae × 5–6.5 (7) μm latae, Q=1–1.1 (1.15), Qm=1.07, isodiametricae, 6–9-angulatae. Basidia tetrasperigera, clavata, fibulata. Acies lamellarum homogenea. Cystidia desunt. Caulobasidia tetrasperigera, clavata, praesertim ad apicem stipitis, sparsa. Caulocystidia 10–24 × 5.5–12 μm, lecithiformia, rostrata, subsphaerostipitata, utriformia et forma irregularis vel intermedius, praecipue ad apicem stipitis, sparsa. Pileipellis cutis hyphis cylindraceis vel subcylindraceis, 1–9 μm latis, subcutis elementis inflatis vel subcylindraceis, 30–70 μm longus, 9–16 μm latus. Pigmentis intracellularis granularis vel minute incrustans. Fibulae praesentes. In pratis, in ultrabasic solo.

Holotype – Spain, A Coruña, Cedeira, Régoa, in grassland margin, on ultra-basic soil, 29 October 2019, J.B. Blanco-Dios (LOU-Fungi 21046).

Basidiomata medium sized, tricholomatoid. Pileus 28–33 mm broad, initially globose to ovoid, then convex to nearly plane, often slightly umbonate, with undulating marginal zone, not hygrophanous, not translucently striate, shiny, with a polished surface, ochre-gray to ochre-brown in the beginning, brown to dark brown with age. Lamellae moderately distant, broad, ventricose, subdecurrent in the young stage, cream to yellowish when young, then yellow-pinkish, with concolorous, eroded edge. Stipe 52–63 × 9–15 mm, cylindrical to subcylindrical with clavate base, solid, with scattered ochre spots, the rest cream or whitish, finely fibrilloso. Context cartilaginous, crunchy, brittle, white, changing to cream, pale ochre to ochre when exposed. Smell strongly (especially at the pileus) of manure and/or fermented grass and slightly to turnip and is persistent. Taste herbaceous, slightly rough, unpleasant. Exsiccata smells strongly of celery or julianne soup. Spore print pink.

Basidiospores 5.5–7 (8) × 5–6.5 (7) μm, Q = 1–1.1 (1.15), Qm = 1.07, isodiametrical, rounded, thin-walled with many weak angles (6–9). Basidia 25–43 × 7–11 μm, 4-spored, clavate, clamped, sterigmata up to 7 μm long. Lamella edge fertile. Cystidia absent. Hymenophoral trama subregular, made up of subcylindrical to inflated elements, 40–99 × 3–14 μm. Pileipellis 2-layered, suprapellis an ixocutis of 1–9 μm wide, cylindrical or subcylindrical hyphae; subpellis made up of inflated or subcylindrical elements, 30–70 × 4–16 μm; gradually passing to pileitrama, which is regular, made up of inflated or cylindrical hyphae, 32–90 × 10–19 μm. Pigment brownish,
intracellular, granular, diffuse in pileipellis and upper trama, especially in suprapellis, layer in which hyphae with incrusting pigment are observed. Stipitpellis a cutis of narrow, cylindrical or subcylindrical hyphae, 1.5–11 μm wide, caulobasidia 15–30 × 6–9 μm, 4-spored, clavate, sterigmata up to 4 μm long, sparse, especially in upper part of stipe, caulocystidia versiform, 10–24 × 5.5–12 μm, lecithiform, rostrate, subsphaeropedunculate, utriform and irregular or intermediate shapes, scattered at apex of stipe, rare in the central zone. Clamp-connections present in all tissues.

Fig. 1 – Entoloma cedeirense (LOU-Fungi 21046, holotype).

Fig. 2 – Entoloma cedeirense (LOU-Fungi 21046, holotype).
Fig. 3 – *Entoloma cedeirense* (LOU-Fungi 21046, holotype).

Fig. 4 – *Entoloma cedeirense* (LOU-Fungi 21045). Inmature basidiomata.

Known distribution – So far only known from the type locality in Cedeira (A Coruña, Spain).
Material examined – Spain, A Coruña: Cedeira, Régoa, 29TNJ8238, 520 m, in grassland margin, on ultra-basic soil, 26 October 2019, J.B. Blanco-Díos & Asociación Micolóxica Andoa (LOU-Fungi 21045); ibidem, 29 October 2019, J.B. Blanco-Díos (LOU-Fungi 21046, holotype).

**Fig. 5** – *Entoloma cedeirense* (LOU-Fungi 21046, holotype). a Basidiospores. b Basidia. c Caulobasidia. d Caulocystidia. e Pileipellis. Scale bar = 10 μm.

Notes – *Entoloma cedeirense* is distinct from other known *Entoloma* species in its strong persistent odor of manure and/or fermented grass and slightly to turnip, (*exsiccatum* smells strongly of celery or julianne soup), herbaceous taste, unpleasant, basidiospores size (5.5–7 (8) × 5–6.5 (7) μm, Q = 1–1.1 (1.15)), isodiametric, weakly angled, versiform caulocystidia and habitat on grassland, on ultra-basic soil.

Morphologically similar species are compared and discussed here. The closest European taxa is *Entoloma sinuatum* and differs by a less brightly coloured lamellae with a quite different yellow tinge, acidulous-nauseating or more farinaceous-rancid odor, nasty taste, much larger, differently
shaped, thick-walled and distinctly angled basidiospores (8–11 × 7–9.5 μm, Q=1–1.3), and habitat in deciduous forest (Noordeloos 1992).

Among the extra-European species of the same section, the closest taxa include *E. cerinum* E. Horak, described from New Zealand (Horak 2008), *E. praeluteum* Corner & E. Horak, described from Malaysia (Horak 1980), *E. mangleaense* G.M. Gates & Noordel., and *E. mathinnae* G.M. Gates, B.M. Horton & Noordel., described from Tasmania (Gates & Noordeloos 2007, Gates et al. 2009), *E. flavifolium* Peck, *E. luridum* Hesler, *E. subsinuatum* Murrill and *E. whiteae* Murrill, described from North America (Morgado et al. 2013).

*Entoloma cerinum* differs from *E. cedirensense* by having a very dark brown pileus, yellowish lamellae turning dark pink with age, unpleasant odor, taste not distinctive, clamped hyphae and habitat in broadleaf podocarp forest (Horak 1980, 2008). *Entoloma praeluteum* is characterized by a yellow pileus, stipe and context, farinaceous smell and habitat in forest of *Eugeissona* sp. (Horak 1980). *Entoloma mangleaense* can be distinguished by its dark red-brown pileus, deep yellow lamellae, blue stipe, odour none, mild taste, basidiospores 6–8.5 × 5.5–7.5 μm and habitat in wet sclerophyll forest litter (Gates & Noordeloos 2007). *Entoloma mathinnae* is differs by a pale brown pileus, bright yellow gills, white stipe or with slight blue-violaceous tinges, smell and taste indistinct, basidiospores 6.5–8 × 6–8 μm and habitat in wet *Eucalyptus delegatensis* rainforest and in *Eucalyptus obliqua* wet sclerophyll forest (Gates et al. 2009). Distinctly pigmented pileus, slightly farinaceous smell and taste, relatively thick-walled, clearly angled basidiospores (7–9 × 6.5–7.5 (8) μm, Q = 1.1–1.3) and habitat on *Quercus* woods distinguishes *E. flavifolium*. Almost white basidiomata, bright yellow gills, indistinct odor, basidiospores 6.5–8.5 × 6–8.5 μm and habitat makes *E. luridum* distinct. *Entoloma subsinuatum* differs from the new taxon by pale colored basidiomata, yellow tinged lamellae only when young, strong, farinaceous smell, nasty rancid taste, basidiospores 7.3–8.6 (9.4) × 6.7–8.0 μm and habitat close to coniferous and deciduous trees. *Entoloma whiteae* is well characterized by the slightly hygrophanous pileus, strongly farinaceous-rancid to somewhat alkaline smell, taste farinaceous-rancid, basidiospores 7–9.6 × 6.5–8.5 μm, Q = 1.1–1.4 and habitat in mixed deciduous forest (Morgado et al. 2013).

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