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Type studies confirm that *Perenniporia subacida* and its four varieties are synonyms

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Perenniporia subacida (Peck) Donk, previously known as *Polyporus subacidus* Peck (Peck 1885), causes a serious wood rot disease in tropical and temperate forests (Gilbertson & Ryvarden 1987, Ryvarden & Gilbertson 1994, Núñez & Ryvarden 2001, Dai *et al.* 2002, Decock & Stalpers 2006, Zhao *et al.* 2013, Ryvarden & Melo 2014). Peck (1885) described this taxon with four varieties, *Polyporus subacidus* var. *stalactiticus* Peck, *P. subacidus* var. *tenuis* Peck, *P. subacidus* var. *tuberculosus* Peck and *P. subacidus* var. *vesiculosus* Peck based on different hosts and this species has been transferred into several genera, *Poria* Pers., *Chaetoporus* P. Karst, *Oxyporus* (Bourdot & Galzin) Donk and *Perenniporia* Murrill (Saccardo 1888, Bondartsev & Singer 1941, Parmasto 1961, Donk 1967).

Currently, it is generally accepted as *Perenniporia subacida* based on its morphological characters: resupinate basidiocarps and thick-walled basidiospores (Gilbertson & Ryvarden 1987, Ryvarden & Gilbertson 1994, Núñez & Ryvarden 2001, Dai *et al.* 2002, Decock & Stalpers 2006, Zhao *et al.* 2013, Ryvarden & Melo 2014). But the four varieties were overlooked in previous studies.

Phylogenetic studies based on the internal transcribed spacer (ITS) regions and the large subunit nuclear ribosomal RNA gene (nLSU) have been performed on the genus *Perenniporia* s.l., including *P. subacida* (Robledo *et al.* 2009, Zhao *et al.* 2013). However, in the previous studies, the four varieties of *Perenniporia subacida* have not been included. In the present study, we studied the types of *Perenniporia subacida* and its four varieties. The aim of this paper is to report the results of this study.

Perenniporia subacida (Peck) Donk (1967: 76)

Basionym: Polyporus subacidus Peck (1885: 92).

- ≡ Poria subacida (Peck) Sacc. (1888: 6); Chaetoporus subacidus (Peck) Bondartsev & Singer (1941: 39); Oxyporus subacidus (Peck) Komarova (1961: 3).
- = Polyporus subacidus var. stalactiticus Peck (1885: 93); P. subacidus var. tenuis Peck (1885: 93); P. subacidus var. tuberculosus Peck (1885: 93); P. subacidus var. vesiculosus Peck (1885: 93).

Note: Peck (1885) distinguished four varieties stating them to come from different hosts, but our examination of the types showed that all the five types were collected in the same locality, viz. Osceola, NY, USA and on the same host, i.e. hemlock, (*Tsuga* sp). The five type specimens shared the same morphological characters such as perennial, resupinate to effused-reflexed basidiocarps with dull cream to dingy-yellowish to pale tan color and small pores (4–6 per mm), a trimitic hyphal system with unbranched, strong dextrinoid skeletal hyphae and ellipsoid, non-truncate, non-dextrinoid basidiospores (4.5– $5.8 \times 3.5-4.5 \mu$ m).

Our studies show that the four varieties of *Perenniporia subacida* are not different from the type variety and should be considered as synonyms of the latter.

In the Species Fungorum (www.speciesfungorum.org), the four varieties have been put under synonymy of *Polyporus subacidus*; however, nobody has formally proposed this synonymy and we have not seen these varietal names listed synonymys of *Perenniporia subacida* in any other literature.

Specimens examined.—USA. New York: Osceola, on hemlock, August 1885, C.H. Peck, *BPI 844697* (BPI!, holotype of *Polyporus subacida* var *subacida*); New York: Osceola, on hemlock, August 1885, C.H. Peck, *BPI 844698* (BPI!, type of *Polyporus subacida* var. *tenuis*); New York: Osceola, on hemlock, August 1885, C.H. Peck, *BPI 844699* (BPI!, type of *Polyporus subacidus* var. *tuberculosus*); New York: Osceola, on hemlock, August 1885, C.H. Peck, *BPI 844699* (BPI!, type of *Polyporus subacidus* var. *tuberculosus*); New York: Osceola, on hemlock, August 1885, C.H. Peck, *BPI 844699* (BPI!, type of *Polyporus subacidus* var. *tuberculosus*); New York: Osceola, on hemlock, August 1885, C.H. Peck, *BPI 885855* (BPI!, type of *Polyporus subacidus* var. *tuberculosus*); New York: Osceola, on hemlock, August 1885, C.H. Peck, *BPI 885855* (BPI!, type of *Polyporus subacidus* var. *tuberculosus*); New York: Osceola, on hemlock, August 1885, C.H. Peck, *BPI 885855* (BPI!, type of *Polyporus subacidus* var. *tuberculosus*); New York: Osceola, on hemlock, August 1885, C.H. Peck, *BPI 885855* (BPI!, type of *Polyporus subacidus* var. *tuberculosus*); New York: Osceola, on hemlock, August 1885, C.H. Peck, *BPI 885855* (BPI!, type of *Polyporus subacidus* var. *tuberculosus*); New York: Osceola, on hemlock, August 1885, C.H. Peck, *BPI 885855* (BPI!, type of *Polyporus subacidus* var. *tuberculosus*); New York: Osceola, on hemlock, August 1885, C.H. Peck, *BPI 885855* (BPI!, type of *Polyporus* var. *tuberculosus*); New York: Osceola, on hemlock, August 1885, C.H. Peck, *BPI 885855* (BPI!, type of *Polyporus* var. *tuberculosus*); New York: Osceola, on hemlock, August 1885, C.H. Peck, *BPI 885855* (BPI!, type of *Polyporus* var. *tuberculosus*); New York: Osceola, on hemlock, August 1885, C.H. Peck, *BPI 885855* (BPI!, type of *Polyporus* var. *tuberculosus*); New York: Osceola, on hemlock, August 1885, C.H. Peck, BPI 885855 (BPI!, type of *Polyporus* var. *tuberculosus*); New York: Osceola, on hemlock, August 1885, C.H.

of *Polyporus subacidus* var. *stalactiticus*); New York: Osceola, on hemlock, August 1885, C.H. Peck, *BPI 885858* (BPI!, type of *Polyporus subacidus* var. *vesiculosus*).

Peck (1885) described *Polyporus subacidus* with four varieties, *P. subacidus* var. *stalactiticus*, *P. subacidus* var. *tenuis*, *P. subacidus* var. *tuberculosus* and *P. subacidus* var. *vesiculosus*. Currently, *Polyporus subacidus* is generally accepted as *Perenniporia subacida* based on its morphological characters. In the present study, we studied the types of *Perenniporia subacida* and its four varieties and the result shows that they are not different from the type variety and should be considered as synonyms of *P. subacida*.

B 885855 U.S. National Fungus Collections (BPI) Type Polyporus subacidus var. stalactiticus on Substrate Undetermined - hemlock United States. New York, Osceola 885855 Coll: Peck, C. H. on 0000 Aug 00 PACMA Herbarium N. Y. State Museum Flora of New York Overholts Herbarium 885858 U.S. National Fungus Collections (BPI) 75 D C Type Polyporus subacidus var. vesiculosus on Substrate Undetermined - hemlock E United States. New York, Osceola WHITIN THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY Coll: Peck, C. H. on 0000 Aug 00 PACMA Herbarium N. Y. State Museum Flora of New York Overholts Herbarium -PACMA THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY Mycological Herbarium PACMA 844690 New York County TYPE HERBARIUM N. Y. STATE MUSEUM FLORA OF NEW YORK idus var. tenuis Peck (tub) New York County Name Poly. Subacidus var. visionlosus Pk. m: Osceola Locality Osceola, on hemlock Det .: Collector C. H. Peck Date: Date Qu Det.: Date: 00 (7-11405) (# P. 19 to Bart) Ox. 4014 FLORA OF NEW YORK FLORA OF NEW YORK (# P. 11 > enn State University Mycological Herbarium (PACMA) cccession Number: 14. Po

FIGURE 1. Basidiomata of *Perenniporia subacida* (holotype, BPI 844697) and its four varieties. A *Polyporus subacida* var *subacida*. B *Polyporus subacidus* var. *stalactiticus*. C *Polyporus subacida* var. *tenuis*. D *Polyporus subacidus* var. *tuberculosus*. E *Polyporus subacidus* var. *vesiculosus*. Scale bar = 2 cm.

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