

First report of *Microstroma juglandis* causing downy leaf spot or white mould on *Celtis australis* from Himachal Pradesh, India

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ABSTRACT

Microstroma sp. collected on living leaves of *Celtis australis* L. (Cannabaceae) from Himachal Pradesh, India is a new host record. Symptoms of the disease on leaves appeared in the form of small, circular to irregular, white coloured spots or mouldy growth surrounded by a yellow zone. The fungus isolated was identified as *Microstroma juglandis* on the basis of cultural appearance and morphological characters. The pathogen was able to induce the characteristic symptoms of downy leaf spot or white mould within 14-16 days after inoculation.

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