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## ***Suillus marginielevatus*, a new species and *S. triacicularis*, a new record from Western Himalaya, Pakistan**

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### **Abstract**

*Suillus marginielevatus* sp. nov. and *S. triacicularis* are reported from Himalayan moist temperate forests of Pakistan in association with conifers. Morphologically *S. marginielevatus* is close to *S. sibiricus*, *S. granulatus* and *S. intermedius* but it can be distinguished by uplifted pileus margin and curved stipe with no ring at all stages. Phylogenetic analysis of internal transcribed spacer (ITS) region showed that this species form separate clade from other closely related *Suillus* species. *Suillus triacicularis* represents a new record for Pakistani mycobiota. Field photographs of fresh basidiocarps and line drawings of microcharacters are provided along with phylogenetic tree.

**Keywords:** conifers, morphology, phylogeny, subtropical

### **Introduction**

*Suillus* Gray (1821: 646) is a large genus in the Boletales with about 170 known species characterized by fleshy, pored fruiting bodies with a slimy pileus, a stipe with glandular dots and sometimes a ring, wide pore openings and smooth spores (Bessette *et al.* 2000, Kuo 2004). *Suillus* spp. are important ectomycorrhizal associates of conifers in temperate and boreal regions (Singer 1986, Wu *et al.* 2000). Recent studies have shown that the species concepts in *Suillus* need to be re-examined (Kretzer *et al.* 1996, Kretzer & Bruns 1999). Molecular markers are a useful tool for species identification in combination with morphological analysis (Sen 1990, Zhou *et al.* 2001). Many scientists have done molecular and phylogenetic analysis of *Suillus* species and have discussed their genetic diversity and biogeographic pattern (Kretzer *et al.* 1996, Wu *et al.* 2000, Manian *et al.* 2001, Bruns *et al.* 2010). Until, twelve (12) species of *Suillus* have been reported from Himalayan moist temperate region of Pakistan (Ahmad 1962, Shibata 1992, Murakami 1993, Iqbal & Khalid 1996, Razaq 2007, Niazi 2008, Sarwar *et al.* 2011, Sultana *et al.* 2011, Sarwar & Khalid 2014). These forests extend along the whole length of the outer ranges of the Himalayas between the subtropical pine forests and the sub-alpine meadow vegetation (Hussain & Ilahi 1990).

Main scientific contribution of this article is description of a new species for science, *S. marginielevatus* and a new record from Pakistan, *S. triacicularis* B. Verma & M.S. Reddy (2014). The second contribution is assessment of phylogenetic relationship in genus *Suillus* based on internal transcribed spacer (ITS) region of ribosomal DNA sequence. This region has been sequenced from a broad range of samples belonging to the genus *Suillus* (Kretzer *et al.* 1996, Kretzer & Bruns 1997, Wu *et al.* 2000, Manian *et al.* 2001).

### **Materials and Methods**

Basidiomes were collected during the rainy season (June–August, 2010) and macromorphological characteristics were recorded in the field. Specimens were studied by a light microscope with magnification up to (100X) in the laboratory. In the description of spore dimensions, the first value corresponds to the range of the lengths and widths, the values

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