



Changing the Taxonomic Classification of Strain NRRL5109 to *Aspergillus fumigatus*

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In his Letter to the Editor (1), Dr. Houbraken suggested that *Aspergillus fumigatus* should still be used as the taxonomic classification of strain NRRL50109, which was classified as *Aspergillus neoellipticus* (2).

Strain NRRL5109 was classified as *A. fumigatus* var. *ellipticus* because of its elliptical conidial heads and smooth or nearly smooth walls (3). Kozakiewicz (4) first proposed changing *A. fumigatus* var. *ellipticus* into the species *A. neoellipticus*. Samson (5) relegated them to synonyms of *A. fumigatus*. Peterson (6) asserted that *A. fumigatus* var. *ellipticus* was supported as a species according to a phylogenetic analysis using four loci but still upheld its synonymous status.

At present, there is no definite evidence to support *A. fumigatus* as a separate species. Thus, we agree with Dr. Houbraken's suggestion that the taxonomic classification of strain NRRL5109 be modified to *Aspergillus fumigatus*.

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