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**ABSTRACT**

An outbreak of a new fungal disease of poinsettia (*Euphorbia pulcherrima* Willd. ex Klotzsch) was recorded in Hyogo Prefecture (2003) in Japan and caused dark, gray necrosis on stem and wilt. The pathogen reproduced the original symptoms after inoculation of whole plant of poinsettia. Then it was identified as *Phytophthora nicotianae* van Breda de Haan (1896). The name Phytophthora blight of poinsettia, in Japanese "Eki-byo" is proposed for the disease.

**Key words:** *Phytophthora nicotianae*, *Euphorbia pulcherrima*, Phytophthora Blight, Poinsettia

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