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Rhizopus rot of balsam pear (*Momordica charantia*) by *Rhizopus stolonifer* var. *stolonifer*

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ABSTRACT

In May 2004, fruit rots of balsam pear (*Momordica charantia* L.) was found in Okinawa Prefecture, Japan. Blackish, powdery and water-soaked lesions were observed on diseased fruits. A *Rhizopus* species isolated consistently from the diseased fruits was identified as *Rhizopus stolonifer* var. *stolonifer* and was demonstrated to cause the disease.

Key words: Balsam pear, *Momordica charantia* L., Rhizopus rot, *Rhizopus stolonifer* var. *stolonifer*

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