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## ***Sclerotinia* rot of endive caused by *Sclerotinia sclerotiorum***

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### **ABSTRACT**

A sclerotinia disease of endive, *Cichorium endivia* L., was found in Okayama Prefecture in November 2003. The symptoms were water-soaked, blight and soft rot of leaves and stems. The fungus consistently isolated from symptomatic leaves was identified as *Sclerotinia sclerotiorum* on the basis of morphological characteristics. Healthy seedlings were inoculated with the isolated fungus, symptoms of the disease were reproduced, and the fungus was reisolated from the lesions.

**Key words:** Endive, Sclerotinia rot, *Sclerotinia sclerotiorum*

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