**Verrucaria microsporoides** Nyl.

*Ball. Soc. Bot. France* 8: 759 (1861)

T: NW France; holo: H–NYL n.v.


Thallus epilithic, usually continuous to sparingly rimose, occasionally richly rimose, greenish black to black, matt, smooth, 20–50 (–100) µm thick, becoming gelatinous when wetted; margin sometimes noticeably thickened. Algae broadly ellipsoidal to globose, 4–8 (–10) µm. Prothallus not apparent; basal layer absent. Perithecia semi-immersed to almost superficial, hemispherical, 0.15–0.4 mm diam., black; apex rounded; ostiole usually papillate, or inconspicuous, or in a shallow 20–50 µm diam. depression. Involucrellum extending mid-way down the exciple or to exciple base level, contiguous with or arching away from the exciple, 28–45 µm thick. Exciple 10–20 µm thick, hyaline to pale brown at the base, to dark brown near the ostiole. Centrum 0.09–0.22 mm wide. Periphyses 10–20 × 1.5.–2 µm. Asci 35–65 × 10–18 µm. Ascospores elongate-ellipsoidal, 10–16 (–18) × 3.5–6 (–8) µm.
