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**Fig 1** – Examples of presentation of taxonomic information.

(A) Synonymy. (B) New combination. (C) New species.

**A**

**Xerocomus parasiticus** (Bull.) Quél., *Fl. Mycol.*: 418 (1888).

Synonyms: *Boletus parasiticus* Bull., *Herb. Fr.*: 371 (1790) : Fr., *Syst. Mycol.* **1**: 389 (1821).

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portion of a dichotomous key.

3(2) Conidia 3-septate..... 4

Conidia 0-septate .....5

4(3) Phialides arising singly, terminal on 1–3-septate metulae; phialide apex

strongly curved downwards away from the main stipe; conidia 16–26 x 3–

4.5 µm; Phialophora-like synanamorph; ascospores fusiform, 3- septate, 21–

29 x 4–5.5(-6) µm; asci (100-)115–150 x 8.5–11.5 µm

..... glauca

Phialides arising in groups of 2–9, the cluster having a digitate appearance,

terminal or lateral on short, branched or unbranched metulae; phialide

apex straight or curved very gently; conidia 18–25 x 3.5–4 µm; ascospores

fusiform, 3-septate, 19–24 x 5–6 µm; asci (110-)120–133(-

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