

Short Note

Retitricolpites tiruchirapalliensis nom. nov. – new name for *Retitricolpites singhii* Saxena & Khare, 2004

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Saxena and Khare (2004) identified a new species of the genus *Retitricolpites* in subsurface sediments of Tiruchirapalli District, Tamil Nadu and named it as *R. singhii*. This name, however, being a later homonym of *Retitricolpites singhii* Tripathi *et al.* (2000), is to be rejected under Articles 45.3 and 53.1 of the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature (McNeill, 2006). The Tiruchirapalli species is therefore renamed to make it a validly and legitimately published morphotaxon.

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≡ *Retitricolpites singhii* Saxena & Khare, 2004, *Geophytology*, vol. 34, p. 82, pl. 1, fig. 5 (Holotype), non *Retitricolpites singhii* Tripathi *et al.*, 2000, *Palaeobotanist*, vol. 49, p. 245, pl. 1, figs 6-7.

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