



FUNGAL GLOSSARY

Absidia

Natural Habitat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Soil◆ Decaying vegetation
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Often found in stored grains◆ Other foods
Water Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Air/wind
Allergenic Potential	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Recognized as an allergen
Potential Opportunist or Pathogen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ In immunocompromised patients pulmonary invasions, the meninges (brain or spinal chord), and kidney infections can result from <i>Absidia</i> exposure◆ <i>Absidia</i> may also cause zygomycosis in immunocompromised patients (AIDS)
Industrial Uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Unknown
Potential Toxins Produced	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Unknown
Other Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ <i>Absidia</i> often causes food spoilage
References	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Mohammed S, Sahoo TP, Jayshree RS, Bapsy PP, Hema S. Sino-oral zygomycosis due to <i>Absidia</i> corymbifera in a patient with acute leukemia. 2004. Med. Mycol. 42(5): 475-478.