

POLLEN FLORA OF PAKISTAN - IV. BORAGINACEAE

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Abstract

Pollen morphology of 49 species representing 20 genera of family Boraginaceae from Pakistan has been examined by light and scanning electron microscope. Boraginaceae is a eurypalynous family and pollen morphology of the family is significantly important at tribal and subfamilial level, such as the tribes Eritrichieae and Cynoglosseae of subfamily Boraginoideae and subfamily Heliotropioideae, respectively, are characterized by heterocolpate pollen which is rare in angiosperm. However, in the other tribes of subfamily Boraginoideae (Trigonotideae and Lithospermeae except *Myosotis*) and subfamily Ehretioideae have homoperturate pollen (colpate, colporate), ora mostly endocingulate, elliptic-rectangular in equatorial view, with or without constriction at the equator, circular or hexagonal in polar view. Tectum usually psilate or sub-psilate. However, combination of other tectum types i.e., reticulate-rugulate, fossulate or foveolate are also found.

On the basis of size, shape, apertural configuration and exine sculpturing 11 distinct pollen types viz., *Anchusa arvensis* - type, *Arnebia benthamii* - type, *Buglossoides arvensis* - type, *Ehretia obtusifolia* - type, *Gastrocotyle hispida* - type, *Heliotropium subulatum* - type, *Lindelofia longilora* - type, *Nonea caspica* - type, *Onosma hispida* - type, *Sericostoma pauciflorum* - type, *Trichodesma indicum* - type are recognized.

Introduction

Boraginaceae is a large cosmopolitan family of about 154 genera and 2,500 species, distributed in temperate especially Mediterranean and tropical regions (Willis, 1973; Mabberley, 1987). The family is represented in Pakistan by 32 genera and 135 species, where *Cordia*, *Echium* and *Anchusa* are cultivated (Nasir, 1989).

Boraginaceae is readily recognized by the vegetative and floral characters. The family has been divided into various groups since it shows considerable variation in their floral and fruit characters. Hooker (1885) recognized four tribes viz., Cordieae, Ehretieae, Heliotropieae and Borageae, while Cronquist (1981) has accepted 5 subfamilies viz., Cordioideae, Ehretioideae, Heliotropioideae, Boraginoideae and Wellstedioideae.

Boraginaceae is a eurypalynous family (Clarke, 1977; Diez, 1984) in which a large number of species can be recognized by their pollen characters (Diez & Valdes, 1991). One of the first palynological studies in the Boraginaceae was that of Geoffery (see Erdtman, 1952). Later the pollen morphology of the family Boraginaceae has been studied by Erdtman (1952), Avestisian (1956); Bou (1968), Marticorena (1968), Huynh (1971, 1972), Nowicke & Ridgway (1973), Nowicke & Skvarla (1974), Díez (1984) and others. Gupta (1971) studied the pollen morphology of the family Boraginaceae from India. Harmata (1977) while studying the biochemistry of the genera *Symphytum* and *Procopiana* also studied the pollen of these genera. Pollen morphology of the family Boraginaceae from North-West Europe has been examined by Clarke (1977).

Nowicke & Skvarla (1974) described pollen morphology of the genus *Tournefortia* of the family Boraginaceae and divided the family into 4 pollen types, on the basis of shape, apertural type and exine pattern. The pollen of 33 species of family Boraginaceae from Iberian Peninsula belonging to the tribes Eritrichieae and Cynoglosseae have been studied by Díez & Valdes (1991).

Literature dealing with the Boraginaceae pollen from Pakistan is scarce. However, at generic level, pollen morphology of 3 genera of Boraginaceae from Pakistan viz., *Heliotropium* (Qureshi, 1988), *Onosma* (Qureshi & Qaiser, 1987) and *Arnebia* (Qureshi et al., 1988) have been reported. The present report gives an account of the palynological data based on 49 species representing 20 genera of the family Boraginaceae from Pakistan which should be helpful for interpreting the tribal and subfamilial classification.

Materials and Methods

Pollen samples were obtained from Karachi University Herbarium (KUH) or collected from the field. A list of specimens investigated is given in Appendix 1. The pollen grains were prepared for light and scanning microscopy by the standard methods described by Erdtman (1952). For light microscope the pollen grains were mounted in unstained glycerine jelly and observations were made with a Nikon Type-2 microscope, under (E40,0.65) and oil immersion (E100,1.25) using 10x eye piece. For SEM studies acetolysed pollen grains suspended in distilled water were transferred with a fine pipette on to the sticky surface of double adhesive cellotape stuck on a metallic stub; then coated with gold, in a sputtering chamber (Ion-sputter JFC-1100). Coating was restricted to 15°A. S.E.M examination was carried out by Jeol microscope. The measurements are based on 15-20 readings from each specimen. Pollen diameter, polar axis (P) and equatorial diameter (E), colpus length, apocolpium, mesocolpium and exine thickness were measured under light microscope.

The terminology used is in accordance with Erdtman (1952), Kremp (1965), Faegri & Iversen (1964) and Walker & Doyle (1975).

General Pollen characters of the Family Boraginaceae

Pollen grains usually radially symmetrical, isopolar, rarely heteropolar, prolate to sub-prolate, rarely oblate - spheroidal to prolate - spheroidal or spheroidal, colporate or colpate mostly heterocolpate, heterocolpate grains are rectangular or dumb - bell shaped, with or without constriction at the equator, more or less circular or hexagonal in polar outline, pseudocolpus generally longer than colporus, endoaperture circular or la-longate, ora mostly forming endocingulum in heterocolpate pollen. Sexine thicker or thinner than nexine or mostly obscure in heterocolpate grains. Tectum commonly psilate to sub-psilate rarely reticulate or striate - rugulate, or scabrate often foveolate - fossulate or fossulate-rugulate.

In the present study on the basis of polarity, size, shape, apertural types and tectal surface, 11 distinct pollen types are recognized viz., *Anchusa arvensis* - type, *Arnebia benthamii* - type, *Buglossoides arvensis* - type, *Ehretia obtusifolia* - type, *Gastrocotyle*

*hispid*a - type, *Heliotropium subulatum* - type, *Lindelofia longiflora* - type, *Nonea caspica* - type, *Onosma hispid*a - type, *Sericostoma pauciflorum* - type, *Trichodesma indicum* - type.

Key to the pollen types

- 1 + Pollen grains homo-aperturate ----- 2
- Pollen grains hetero-aperturate ----- 10
- 2 + Pollen grains colpate -----*Sericostoma pauciflorum* type
- Pollen grains colporate ----- 3
- 3 + Each colpus with 2 ora ----- *Arnebia benthamii* type
- Each colpus with single ora ----- 4
- 4 + Pollen grains 3-colporate ----- 5
- Pollen grains 4-6-colporate ----- 7
- 5 + Pollen grains prolate, tectum fossulate - foveolate ----- *Anchusa arvensis*-type
- Pollen grains prolate-spheroidal to sub-prolate, often sub-oblate or spheroidal, tectum scabrate, rarely foveolate ----- 6
- 6 + Pollen grains heteropolar 14.3-17.8 μm in polar length -- *Onosma hispid*a-type
- Pollen grains isopolar, 19.6-26.6 μm in polar length-- *Trichodesma indicum*-type
- 7 + Pollen grains 6 - colpate ----- 8
- Pollen grains 4-5 colpate ----- 9
- 8 + Tectum psilate to subspsilate ----- *Buglossoides arvensis*-type
- Tectum striate - rugulate or reticulate - rugulate ----- *Ehretia obtusifolia* - type
- 9 + Tectum reticulate, ora with endocingulum ----- *Nonea caspica* - type
- Tectum fossulate-foveolate, ora without endocingulum -----
----- *Gastrocotyle hispid*a-type
- 10 + Pollen grain not constricted at the equator in equatorial view, ora not forming endocingulum -----*Heliotropium subulatum* -type
- Pollen grains constricted at the equator in equatorial view, ora forming mostly endocingulum -----*Lindelofia longiflora* - type

Description of pollen types

Anchusa arvensis - type

Pollen class: 3 - colpate, zonoaperturate.

P/E ratio : Erect

Shape: Prolate

Aperture: Ectoaperture - medium, not sunken, colpi ends acute, Endoaperture-elliptic, la-longate.

Exine: Sexine as thick as nexine or not differentiated.

Ornamentation: Tectum fossulate-foveolate, colpal membrane granulated.

Outlines: Equatorial view - Elliptic - rectangular. Polar view circular, rarely subangular.

Measurements: Polar axis (P) 36 (41) 44 μm , Equatorial diameter (E) 26 (29) 31 μm , colpi length 22 μm . Apocolpium 44 μm . Exine 0.2.2 - 2.5 μm thick.

Comments: A single species, i.e., *Anchusa arvensis* (L.) M. Bieb. is included in *Anchusa arvensis* - type. This species is characterized by having 3-colporate, zonoaperturate pollen, with foveolate - fossulate tectum (Clarke, 1977).

Arnebia benthamii - type (Fig.1 A-C).

Pollen class: 4-6 - colporate rarely 7 - colporate, zonoaperturate 2 ora per colpi.

P/E ratio: Per erect - erect.

Shape: Prolate to perprolate

Apertures: Ectoaperture long, narrow not sunken. Endoaperture 2 ora per colpi.

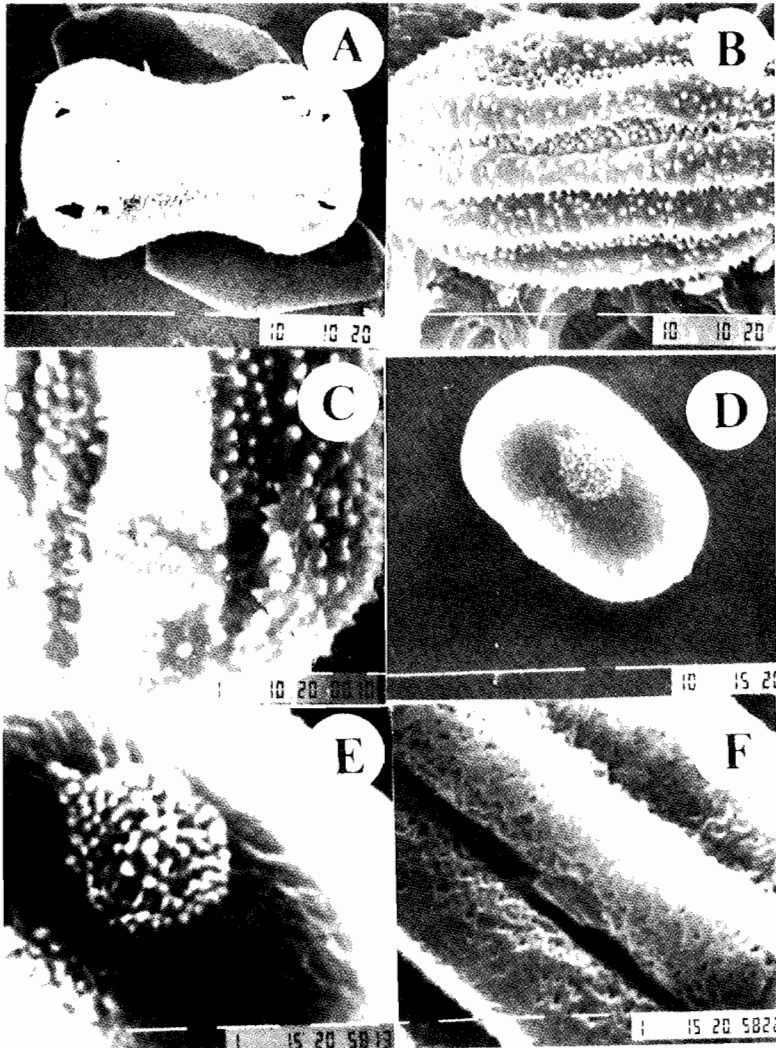


Fig. 1. Scanning electron micrographs (S.E.M.) of the pollen grains. *Arnebia euchorma*: A, Equatorial view. *A. hispidissima*: B, Equatorial view; C, Exine pattern. *Buglossoides arvensis*: D, Equatorial view; E, Exine pattern. *Ehretia laevis*: F, Exine pattern.

Scale bar (A, B & D) = 10 μ m; (C, E, F) = 1 μ m.

Exine: Sexine and nexine not differentiated.

Ornamentation: Tectum areolate or echinate, colpal membrane verrucate or echinate.

Outlines: Equatorial view - equatorial outline constricted oval, and constricted rectangular. Polar view - 4 - 7 lobed, circular.

Measurements: Length (L) 21.1 (36.40) 55.0 μm , breadth (B) 10.0 (-21) 28.6 μm , colpus length (C) 19.8 - 49.5 μm . Mesocolpium 4.4 - 12.6 μm . Apocolpium 1.6 - 5.5 μm . Exine 1.7 - 3.3 μm thick. P/E ratio 1.46 - 2.20 μm .

Key to the species

- 1 + Tectum echinate ----- 2
- Tectum psilate ----- 3
- 2 + Colpi length 24.2 μm ----- *A. hispidissima*
- Colpi length 69.8 μm ----- *A. guttata*
- 3 + Mesocolpium 11 - 12.1 μm ----- 4
- Mesocolpium 4.4 - 7.7. ----- 6
- 4 + Colpi C. 49.5 μm long ----- *A. inconspicua*
- Colpi 26.4 - 33.8 μm long ----- 5
- 5 + Pollen grains prolates ----- *A. decumbens*
- Polar view 4 - 10 lobed, oval-rectangular in equatorial view Pollen grain
Reoprolate ----- *A. fimbriopetala*
- 6 + Polar length 28.6 - 34.1 ----- *A. euchroma*
- Polar length 35 - 44.0 ----- 7
- 7 + Apocolpium 1.8 μm ----- *A. griffithii*
- Apocolpium c. 5.5 μm ----- *A. linearifolia*

Comments: *Arnebia benthamii* - type is easily recognized by its distinct apertural type i.e., two ora per colpi. Similar type of grains in the genus *Arnebia* have also been reported by Huynh (1971); Ben Saad-Liman & Nabli (1982) and Qureshi *et al.*, (1989). Only a single genus *Arnebia* is included in this pollen type. However, species of this genus show little variation in their tectum type such as, in *Arnebia guttata* Bunge and *Arnebia hispidissima* (Lehm.) A. DC., tectum is echinate, while in *Arnebia benthamii* (Wall. ex G. Don) I. M. Johnston, *A. decumbens* (Vent.) Coss. & Kark., *A. euchroma* (Royle ex Benth.) I. M. Johnston, *A. fimbriopetala* Stock, *A. griffithii* Boiss., *A. inconspicua* (Hemsl. & Lace) I. M. Johnston, *A. linearifolia* A. DC., psilate to sub-psilate tectum is observed. However, these species are further classified on the basis of polar length, colpi length, apocolpium and mesocolpium (See Key to the species, (Table 1).

The presence of two endoapertures per ectoapertures has also been reported in other families, for instance in Didymelaceae and Euphorbiaceae (Erdtman, 1952); Myoporaceae, Primulaceae, Scrophulariaceae and Grossulariaceae (Verbeek-Reuvers, 1976).

Buglossoides arvensis - type (Fig. 1D & F).

Pollen class: 6-colporate, zonoaperturate.

P/E ratio: Erect.

Shape: Prolate.

Apertures: Ectoaperture - small, not sunken, end acute. Endoaperture - la-longate, ora

Table 1. Pollen characters in the species included in *Arnebia benthamii*-type.

Name of taxa	Shape	P/ Eratio	Length		Breadth	Colpus length		Apertures		Mesocolpium		Apocolpium		Exine thickness	Tectum
			in μm	in μm		in μm	in μm	in μm	in μm	in μm	in μm				
<i>Arnebia benthamii</i> (Wall. ex. G. Don)	prolate	1.57	21.0(22.0)	11.0(14.0)	21.0	5	7.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	psilate	
			24.0	15.0											
I.M.Johnston	perprolate	2.03	28.6(31.3)	12.1(15.4)	25.3	5	5.5	4.4	4.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	psilate	
			34.1	17.6											
<i>A. euchroma</i> (Royle ex. Benth.)	prolate	1.55	21.0(28.0)	10.0(18.0)	24.2	6	5.5	4.4	4.4	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	Echinata	
			30.0	23.0											
I.M.Johnston	peprolate	1.58	24.0(27.0)	14.0(17.0)	19.8	6	4.4	2.8	2.8	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	Echinata	
			30.0	19.0											
<i>A. hispidissima</i> (Lehm.) A. DC.	prolate	1.81	33.0(35.2)	18.7(19.4)	26.4	5	11.0	1.6	1.6	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	psilate	
			4.8	22.0											
<i>A. guttata</i> Bunge	perprolate	1.61	27.0(34.0)	17.0(21.0)	33.0	4	11.0	1.6	1.6	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	psilate	
			46.0	25.0											
<i>A. decumbens</i> (Vent.) Coss & Krak	perprolate	2.20	35.0(41.0)	14.0(18.0)	3.0	4	6.6	1.8	1.8	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	psilate	
			43.0	21.0											
I.M.Johnston	prolate	1.46	37.0(41.0)	27.0(28.0)	27.5	5	6.6	5.5	5.5	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	psilate	
			44.0	29.											
<i>A. linearifolia</i> A. DC.	prolate	1.89	40.7(50.9)	24.2(28.0)	49.5	5	12.1	2.2	2.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	psilate	
			55.0	28.6											

operculate, scabrate operculum, with granules around the colpi.

Exine: Sexine as thick as nexine.

Ornamentation: Psilate, colpal membrane granulated.

Outlines: Equatorial view - rectangular with slightly constricted at the equator. Polar view - more or less circular or hexagonal.

Measurements: Polar axis (P) 14.3 (15.4) 16.5 μm , and equatorial diameter (E) 8.8 (9.7) 11 μm , colpus length 8.8-9.9 μm , ora 2.2-5.5 x 1.1-5.5 μm in size. Mesocolpium 4.4-5.5 μm , P/E ratio: 1.51-1.61, P.A.I. 1.70-2.12.

Key to the species

- 1 + Ora 2.2x1.1 μm in size ----- *B. arvensis*
 - Ora 5.5x5.5 μm in size ----- *B. tenuiflora*

Comments: *Buglossoides arvensis* - type is characterized by having 6-colporate (Homoaperturate) pollen with psilate tectum. Pollen of *Buglossoides arvensis* - type is more or less similar to that of the *Lindelofia longiflora* - type in several characteristic features, such as la-longate ora, granules around the colpi and pollen grains constricted at the equator in equatorial view. However, the latter type differs in having heteroaperturate (heterocolpate) pollen grains.

Ehretia obtusifolia - type (Fig.1 F; Fig.2 A & B).

Pollen class: 6-colporate, zonoaperturate, rarely 8-colporate.

P/E ratio: Suberect to semierect

Shape: Sub-prolate to prolate-spheroidal

Apertures: Ectoaperture-long not sunken, ends acute. Endoaperture \pm elliptic, ora la - longate.

Exine: Sexine thicker than or as thick as nexine.

Ornamentation: striate - rugulate or reticulate - rugulate, colpal membrane granulated.

Outlines: Equatorial view-Elliptic pole side slightly obtuse, isopolar. Polar view-triangular 6-8 - lobed.

Measurements: Polar axis (P) 25.25 (27.95) 29.7 μm , and equatorial diameter (E) 17.75 (22.7) 26.4 μm . P/E ratio 1.23-1.28, colpus length 20-22 μm . Mesocolpium 10-11 μm . Apocolpium 0.5 μm often obscure. Exine 2.2 μm thick. P.A.I. 2.16-2.18.

Key to the species

- 1 + Tectum striate-rugulate ----- *E. obtusifolia*
 - Tectum reticulate-rugulate ----- *E. laevis*

Comments: *Ehretia obtusifolia* - type is characterized by its 6-colporate rarely 8-colporate grains with striate-rugulate or reticulate-rugulate tectum. A single genus *Ehretia* is included in this type. *Ehretia obtusifolia* - type has some resemblance to the *Buglossoides arvensis* - type (both the types have 6-colporate, zono-aperturate grains). However, latter type differs in number of features, like la - longate ora, with granules around the colpi and psilate tectum, and grains are constricted at the equator in equatorial view, while *Ehretia obtusifolia* - type has la-longate ora with colpal margins non-granulated and grains are unconstricted at the equator in equatorial view. The two

species of this pollen type are easily delimited by their tectal surface (see key to the species). Gupta (1971) reported 3-colporate grains in the genus *Ehretia*.

Gastrocotyle hispida - type (Fig.2C).

Pollen class: 5-colporate, zonoaperturate

P/E ratio: Erect

Shape: Prolate.

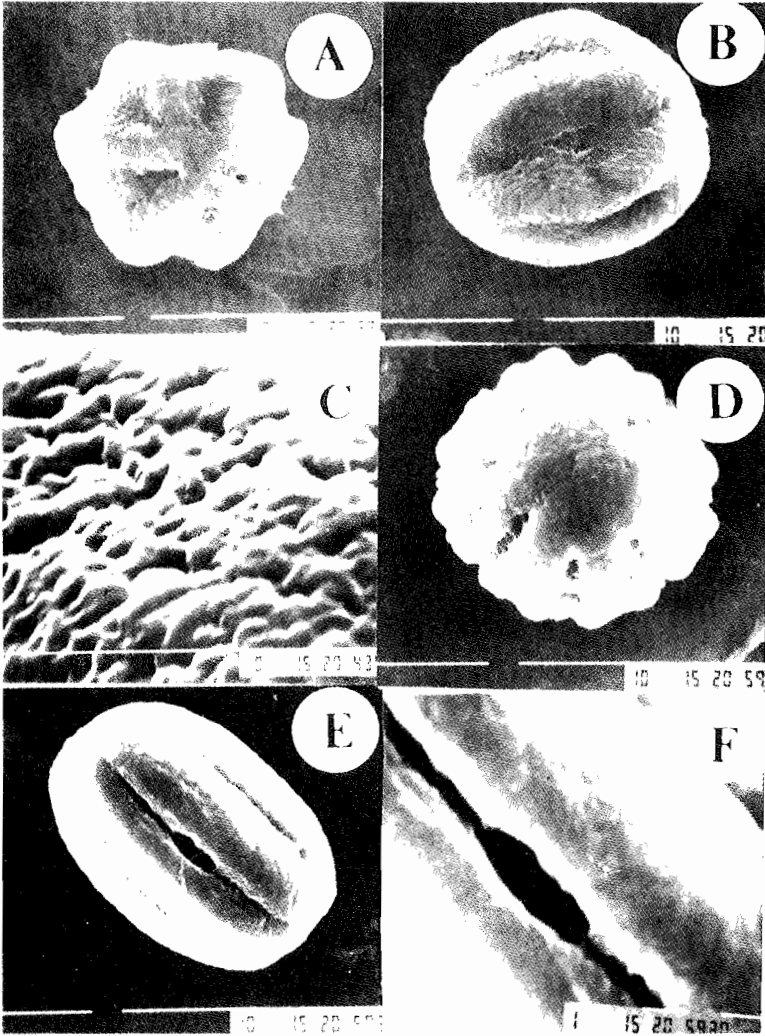


Fig. 2. Scanning electron micrographs (S.E.M.) of the pollen grains. *Ehretia obtusifolia*: A, Polar view; B, Equatorial view. *Gastrocotyle hispida*: C, Exine pattern. *Heliotropium bacciferum*: D, polar view. *H. alii*: E, Equatorial view; F, Exine pattern.

Scale bar (A-E) = 10 μ m; F = 1 μ m.

Apertures: Ectoapertures - long, narrow acute ends. Endoaperture, la-longate, elliptic.

Exine: Sexine as thick as nexine.

Ornamentation: Tectum fossulate-foveolate.

Outlines: Equatorial view - Elliptic rectangular. Polar view 5 lobed ± circular.

Measurements: Polar axis (P) 31.9 (34.1) 36.3 μm and, Equatorial diameter (E) 24.2 (25.3) 28.6 μm, colpi length 27.5 μm, ora 6.6x3.3 μm in size. Mesocolpium c 12.1 μm. Apocolpium c. 6.6 μm. Exine c. 3.3 μm thick. P.A.I. 2.09.

Comments: *Gastrocotyle hispida* - type is easily delimited by having 5 - colporate, zonoaperturate pollen. The only species belonging to this type is *Gastrocotyle hispida* (Forssk.) C.B. Clarke. Pollen grains of *Gastrocotyle hispida* - type are ± similar to the grains of *Nonea caspica* - type (Both the types have 4-5 - colporate pollen). However, *Nonea caspica* - type has reticulate tectum.

Heliotropium subulatum - type (Fig.2 D - F; Fig.3 A-C; Fig.6 A-E).

Pollen class: 6-8 heterocolpate, zonoaperturate.

P/E ratio: Erect to suberect or semierect.

Shape: Prolate to sub-prolate or prolate-spheroidal.

Apertures: Ectoapertures pseudocolpus in general longer than colporus. Endoaperture circular, la - longate rarely la-longate.

Exine: Sexine as thick as or thicker or thinner than nexine.

Ornamentation: Tectum mostly subsilate-psilate or rarely striate-rugulate or fossulate-rugulose or foveolate-fossulate.

Outlines: Equatorial view - Elliptic-rectangular, pole sides mostly obtuse. Polar view 6-8 lobed rarely 10-lobed ± circular.

Measurements: Polar axis (P) 16.8 (32.1) 48.8 μm, and equatorial diameter (E) 12.5 (22.4) 41.42 μm, colpus length (L) 14.3 (18.35) 23.81 μm, ora 2.2x7.7 μm in size. Mesocolpium 3.75 (11.7) 14.3 μm. Apocolpium 2.8 (10.75) 12.25 μm. Exine thickness 0.35 (2.87) 3.61 μm. P.A.I. 0.87-3.1.

Key to the Species

- 1 + Pollen grains prolate to sub-prolate ----- 2
- Pollen grains prolate-spheroidal ----- 9
- 2 + Tectum psilate to sub-psilate ----- 5
- Tectum foveolate-fossulate or striate-rugulose ----- 3
- 3 + Tectum striate-rugulose ----- *H. ophioglossum*
- Tectum not as above ----- 4
- 4 + P/E ratio per erect, 1.17 ----- *H. dasycarpum*
- P/E ratio erect 1.43 ----- *H. rariflorum*
- 5 + Polar length 39.6 --- 48.4 μm ----- *H. supinum*
- Polar length 19.8 --- 31.9 ----- 6
- 6 + Mesocolpium 2.2 μm ----- *H. biannulatum*
- Mesocolpium 3.76 ---- 13.1 μm ----- 7
- 7 + Pollen grains sub-prolate ----- 8
- Pollen grains prolate --*H. alii*-group --(*H. alii*,*H. remotiflorum*,*H. bacciferum*)

- 8 + Polar length 19.8 - 22 μm ----- *H. calcareum*
 - Polar length 25.3 - 27.5 μm ----- *H. crispum*
 9 + Polar length 35 - 48.4 ----- *H. strigosum*
 - Polar length 18.2 - 34.8 ----- 10
 10 + Mesocolpium 5.8 - 7.2 ----- 11
 - Mesocolpium 14.3 - 23.32 ----- *H. subulatum*
 11 + Tectum sub-psilate, apocolpium 3.61 - 4.32 μm ----- *H. europaeum*
 - Tectum sub-psilate, scabrate, apocolpium 7 μm ----- *H. curassavicum*

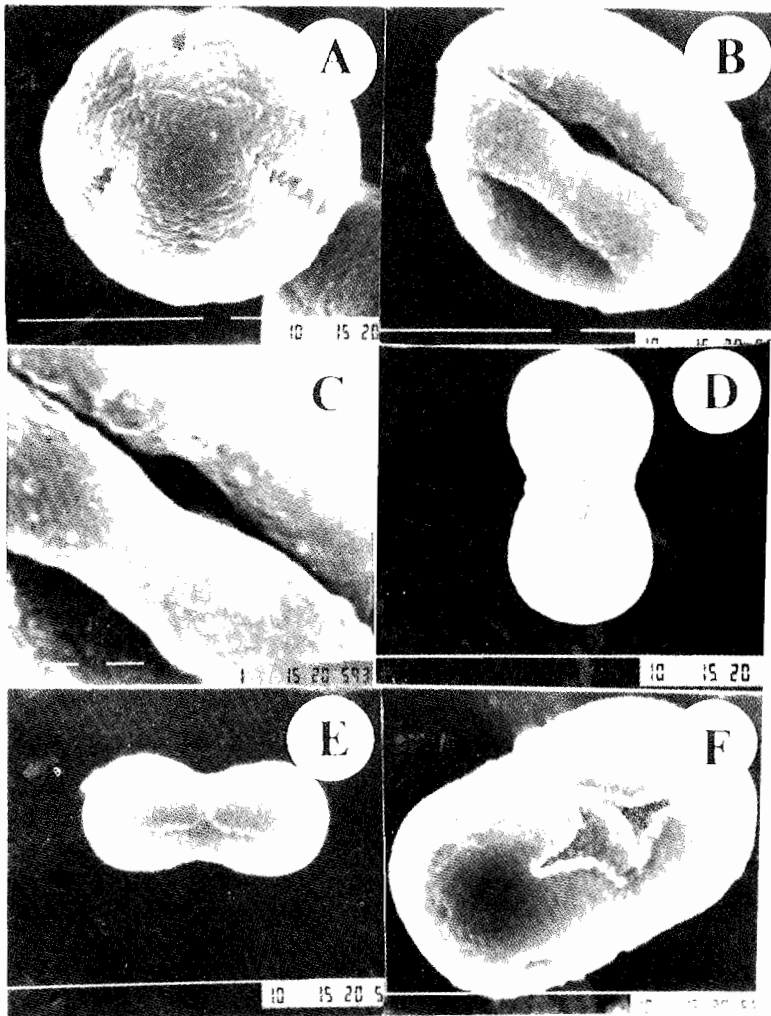


Fig. 3. Scanning electron micrographs (S.E.M.) of the pollen grains. *Heliotropium biannulatum*: A, Polar view; B, Equatorial view; C, Exine pattern. *Asperugo procumbens*: D, Equatorial view. *Paracaryum rugulosum*: E, Equatorial view. *Pseudomertensia neumorsa*: F, Equatorial view.

Scale bar (A & B, D-F) = 10 μm ; C = 1 μm .

Comments: *Heliotropium subulatum* - type is easily delimited by having 6-10-heterocolpate pollen, without constriction at the equator in equatorial view (Qureshi, 1985). Similar type of heterocolpate pollen grains are also found in *Lindelofia longiflora* - type but in latter type ora forming, endocingulum and pollen with constriction at the equator. The heterocolpate pollen grains are rather rare in angiosperms. Pseudocolpi or colpi are generally longer than compound aperture (colporus). According to Díez & Valdes (1991) the heterocolpate pollen grains occur only in tribes Eritricheae and Cynoglosseae of the subfamily Boraginoideae and in the subfamily Heliotropioideae. Present finding also confirms the above idea because the genus *Heliotropium* and many genera of *Lindelofia longiflora* - type belong to the subfamilies Boraginoideae and Heliotropioideae. A single genus *Heliotropium* representing 14 species is included in this pollen type. Although these species are similar in apertural type but the variation in shape, size mesocolpium and tectum surface is significantly enough for differentiating the species from each other. However, one group i.e., *Heliotropium alii* - group is recognized which contains three species (see key to the species, Table-2).

Lindelofia longiflora-type (Fig.3 D-F).

Pollen class: 6-8 heterocolpate, zonoaperturate.

P/E ratio: Mostly erect rarely semi - erect or sub-erect often adequate.

Shape: Prolate to sub-prolate or per-prolate rarely prolate-spheroidal or spheroidal.

Apertures: Ectoaperture, simple ectocolpi are generally long and narrow than compound ectocolpi (colpi without ora). Endoaperture, small, la-longate, operculate mostly forming endocingulum.

Exine: Sexine as thick as nexine or thicker than nexine.

Ornamentation: Psilate to sub-psilate or scabrate mostly granules around the colpi.

Outlines: Equatorial view - Elliptic or rectangular, mostly constricted at the equator in equatorial view. Polar view - circular or rectangular.

Measurements: Polar axis (P) 6.6 (26.8) 44 μm , and equatorial diameter (E) 4.4 (18.25) 30.8 μm , colpus length (L) 4.4-33.5 μm , ora 1.1-5.5x1.1-3.3 μm in size. Mesocolpium 2.2 (14) 24.2 μm . Apocolpium 1.1 (2.6) 3.3 μm or obscure. Exine 0.55 (2.75) 3.3 μm thick. P/E ratio: 1.00-1.90.

Key to species and species groups

- 1 + Polar length 38.5-44 μm ----- *Rochelia stylaris*
- Polar length 6.6-20.9 μm ----- 2
- 2 + Tectum scabrate ----- 3
- Tectum psilate sub-psilate ----- 4
- 3 + Colpus length 9.9 μm , mesocolpium 6.6 μm ----- *Pseudomertensia echioides*
- Colpus length 11 μm , mesocolpium 4 μm ----- *P. torllii*
- 4 + Pollen grains spheroidal ----- *Lindelofia anchlussoides*
- Pollen grains prolate, per prolate or prolate-spheroidal ----- 5
- 5 + Polar length 6.6-8.8 μm ----- 6
- Polar length 9.9-20.9 μm ----- 7
- 6 + Colpi length 4.4 μm ----- *Myosotis arvensis*
- Colpi length 6.6 μm ----- *Cynoglossum glochidiatum*-group (*Mattiastrum bungei*, *M. asperum*, *Paracaryum intermedia*, *Cynoglossum glochidiatum*)

Table 2. Pollen characters in the species included in *Heliotropium subulatum*-type.

Name of taxa	Shape	P/E ratio	Polar length (P) in μm	Equatorial diameter (E) in μm	Aperture	Colpus length in μm
<i>H. alii</i> Y. Nasir	prolate	1.53	27.6(28.1)32.9	12.5(16.7)28.7	6-heterocolpate	17.5(20.6)25.
<i>H. bacciferum</i> Forssk.	prolate	1.48	28.6(29.9)31.9	17.6(20.1)23.1	8-heterocolpate	c.19.8
<i>H. biannulatum</i> Bunge	prolate	1.47	24.2(28.3)31.9	15.4(19.27)23.1	6-heterocolpate	-
<i>H. calcareum</i> Stocks	sub-prolate	1.24	19.8(20.6)22	13.2(16.5)18.8	6-heterocolpate	c.16.5
<i>H. crispum</i> Desf.	sub-prolate	1.21	25.3(26.7)27.5	19.6(22)23	6-heterocolpate	c.19.8
<i>H. dasycarpum</i> Ledeb.	sub-prolate	1.17	28.1(25.8)28.5	20.4(21.8)24.2	6-heterocolpate	c.20.9
<i>H. europaeum</i> L.	prolate	1.04	28.7(30.9)34.1	25.11(29.5)32.2	6-heterocolpate	c.21.5(23.3)30.72
	spheroidal					
<i>H. curassavaum</i> L.	prolate	1.08	18.2(21.63)23.68	17.7(20.02)21.11	6-heterocolpate	16.8(19.04)21.23
<i>H. ophioglossum</i> Stocks.	prolate	1.47	16.8(22.7)26.61	12.6(15.40)18.21	6-heterocolpate	18.21(20.70)23.81
ex. Boiss.	spheroidal					
<i>H. subulatum</i> (DC.) Valke.	prolate	1.09	19.7(24.6)28.72	19.7(22.5)25.12	6-heterocolpate	14.3(20.61)23.32
<i>H. rariflorum</i> Stocks	prolate	1.43	26.4(27.6)28.6	17.6(19.2)22	8-heterocolpate	c.25
<i>H. remotiflorum</i> Rech. & Riedl	prolate	1.36	19.8(23.8)26.4	13.2(17.3)19.8	6-heterocolpate	c.17.6
<i>H. strigosum</i> Willd.	prolate-	1.47	35.9(41.28)48.46	32.3(36.13)41.42	6-10-heterocolpate	25.21(29.01)35.9
<i>H. supinum</i> L.	prolate	1.70	39.6(43.6)48.4	22(25.5)28.6	6-heterocolpate	-
	spheroidal					

Table 2 (Cont'd)

Name of taxa	Ora in μm	Mesocolpium in μm	Apocolpium in μm	Exine thickness in μm	Tectum
<i>H. alii</i> Y. Nasir	---	3.75(4.58)5.5	3.87	c.1.25	subpsilate
<i>H. baeciferum</i> Forssk.	4.4x7.7	c.13.1	c.5.5	2.2-4.4	subpsilate
<i>H. biannulatum</i> Bunge	3.3x3.3	c.22	c.11	c.2.2	sub-psilate
<i>H. calcareum</i> Stocks	3.3x3.3	5.5	c.3.3	c.1.1	subpsilate
<i>H. crispum</i> Desf.	2.2x4.4	c.7.7	obscure	c.2.2	subpsilate
<i>H. dasycarpum</i> Ledeb.	2.2x3.3	c.9.9	obscure	2.2	fossulate-rugulose
<i>H. europaeum</i> L.	5.74(6.55)6.82	7.18(8.43)10.42	3.94	2.07	rugulose sub-psilate
<i>H. curassavicum</i> L.	c.2.11	5.61(6.11)7.11)	c.7	0.70(1.19)1.41	sub-psilate
<i>H. ophioglossum</i> Stocks ex. Boiss.	c.2.81	7.70(10.81)15.4	2.8	1.126(1.38)1.41	Striate-rugulose
<i>H. subulatum</i> (DC.) Valke.	3.61	14.3(17.90)21.5	16.1(21.0)25.11	0.35(2.28)2.59	sub-psilate
<i>H. rariflorum</i> Stocks	4.4x3.3	c.11	obscure	c.2.2	
<i>H. remaniflorum</i> Rech. & Riedl	3.3x3.3	14.3	c.3.3	c.1.7	sub-psilate
<i>H. strigosum</i> Willd.	3.21(3.55)5.5	4.71	3.91(7.74)10.7	3.8	sub-psilate
<i>H. supinum</i> L.	3.3x7.7	c.25.3	c.7.7	c.2.2	sub-psilate fossulate

- 7 + Colpi length 10-13.2 μm -*Pseudomertensia moltkioides*-group (*Pseudomertensia moltkioides*, *P. nemorosa*, *Rochelia bungei*, *Lappula spinocarpos*, *L. heterantha*).
- Colpi length 4.4-8.8 ----- 8
- 8 + Mesocolpium 2.8-3.3 μm ----- 9
- Mesocolpium 4.4-5.5 μm ----- 10
- 9 + P/E ratio per erect ----- *Lindelofia longiflora*
- P/E ratio erect ----- *Mattiastrum howardii*-group
(*Mattiastrum howardii*, *Paracaryum rugulosum*, *Pseudomertensia parvifolia*).
- 10 + Polar length 9.9 μm ----- *Hackelia macrophylla*
- Polar length 9.9-12.1 μm ----- *Asperugo procumbens*-group
(*Asperugo procumbens*, *Eritrichium nanum*, *Lepechiniella microcarpa*, *Lindelofia stylosa*, *Lappula barbata*)

Comments: This pollen type is readily recognized by its heterocolpate, constricted grains at the equator in equatorial view, ora forming endocingulum. *Lindelofia longiflora* - type shows their resemblance to the *Heliotropium subulatum* - type because both have heterocolpate pollen. However, the *Heliotropium subulatum* - type has unconstricted grains at the equator and ora without endocingulum. Species of 12 genera are included in this pollen type, namely *Asperugo*, *Cynoglossum*, *Lindelofia*, *Hackelia*, *Lappula*, *Lepechiniella*, *Myosotis*, *Mattiastrum*, *Eritrichium*, *Paracaryum*, *Pseudomertensia* and *Rochelia*. The various species belonging to *Lindelofia longiflora* - type are difficult to differentiate, because the margins between species are too small to attempt an accurate separation. However, little variation is found in polar length, colpi length, size, shape and mesocolpium. On the basis of above pollen characters all the 24 species are divided into 4 groups i.e., *Cynoglossum glochidiatum* - group, *Pseudomertensia moltkioides* - group, *Mattiastrum howardii* - group, *Asperugo procumbens* - group and 7 species namely *Rochelia stylaris* Boiss., *Pseudomertensia echioides* (Benth.) Baill, *P. trollii* (Melch.) Stewart & Kazmi, *Lindelofia anchusoides* (Lindl.) Lehm, *Myosotis arvensis* (L.) Hill, *Lindelofia longiflora* (Benth.) Baill, *Hackelia macrophylla* (Brand) I.M. Johnston (see key to the species and species - groups, Table-3).

Nonea caspica - type (Fig.4 A & B).

Pollen class: 4-6-colporate, zonoaperturate.

P/E ratio: erect

Shape: Prolate.

Apertures: Ectoaperture - narrow, with acute ends. Endoapertures la-longate forming an endocingulum (reticulate).

Exine: Sexine as thick as nexine or not differentiated.

Ornamentation: Tectum finely-medium reticulate, with \pm regular pattern of muri, lumina \pm circular in shape, 0.016-0.166 μm in diameter.

Outlines: Equatorial view - rectangular, polar side obtuse. Polar view round-square 4-6 lobed.

Measurements: Polar axis (P) 36.3 (38.7) 40.7 μm , and equatorial diameter (E) 24.2 (27.2) 30.8 μm , colpus 16.8-18.7 μm long, endocingulum 5.5-7.7x4.4-5.5 μm in size. Mesocolpium 12.1-14.3 μm . Apocolpium c. 11 μm . Exine thickness 2.2-3.3 μm . P.A.I. 1.90-2.23.

Table 3. Pollen characters in the species included in *Lindelofia longiflora*-type.

Name of taxa	Shape	P/E ratio	Polar length (P) in μm	Equatorial diameter (E) in μm	Aperture	Colpus length in μm
<i>Asperugo procumbens</i> L.	prolate	1.83	11(11.33)12.1	5(6)7	6-heterocolpate	c.7.7
<i>Eritrichium nanum</i> (L.) Schrad.	prolate	1.59	9.9(10.5)11	6.6	6-heterocolpate	c.7.7
<i>Lappula barbata</i> (M. Bieb.) Gurke	per-prolate	2	11	4.4	6-heterocolpate	11
<i>L. heterantha</i> (Ledeb.) Gurke	prolate	2	11	5.5	6-heterocolpate	c.10
<i>Lappula spinocarpos</i> (Forsk.) Aschers & Kuntze	Perprolate	1.90	13.2(14.7)15.4	7.7	6-heterocolpate	c.11
<i>Cynoglossium glochidiatum</i> Wall. ex Benth.	prolate	1.6	7.7	8.8	6-heterocolpate	c.6
<i>Paracaryum rugulosum</i> (DC.) Boiss.	sub-prolate	1.27	12.1(13.0)	9.9(10.2)11	6-heterocolpate	---
<i>P. intermedium</i> (Fresen) Lipsky	prolate	1.69	7.7(8.3)8.8	4.4(4.9)5.5	6-heterocolpate	---
<i>Lepechinella microcarpa</i> (Boiss.) Rieul	prolate	1.22	11(11.7)12.1	8.8(9.5)9.9	6-heterocolpate	6.6
<i>Lindelofia anchusoides</i> (Lindl.) Lehm.	spheroidal	1.00	11	11	6-heterocolpate	8.5
<i>L. stylosa</i> (Kar. & Kir.) Brand	sub-prolate	1.21	12.1	10	6-heterocolpate	8.8

Table 3 (Cont'd)

Name of taxa	Ora in μm	Mesocolpium in μm	Apocolpium thickness	Exine in μm	Tectum
<i>Asperugo procumbens</i> L.	5.6	c. 4.4	c. 2.2	c. 1.1	psilate
<i>Eritrichium nanum</i> (L.) Schrad.		5.5	c. 1.1	---	psilate
<i>Lappula barbata</i> (M. Bieb.) Gurke	1.1x1.1	c. 4.4	c. 1.7	c. 1.1	sub-psilate
<i>L. heteranthes</i> (Ledeb.) Gurke	1.1x1.1	c.5.5	c.1.7	c.1.1	psilate
<i>Lappula spinocarpos</i> (Forssk.) Aschers & Kuntze	2.2x2.2	c.4.4	3.3	c.1.1	sub-psilate
<i>Cynoglossum</i> <i>glochidiatum</i> Wall. ex Benth.	c.2.2x1.1	c-3.3	c-1.7	c-0.7	psilate
<i>Paracaryum rugulosum</i> (DC.) Boiss.	3.3x2.2	---	obscure	---	Psilate
<i>P. intermedium</i> (Fresen) Lipsky	2.2x.11	----	c.1.7	---	Subpsilate
<i>Lepechinella</i> <i>microcarpa</i> (Boiss.) Riedl	---	5.5	c.2.2	c.1.7	Psilate
<i>Lindelofia anchusoides</i> (Lindl.) Lehm.	3.3x2.2	c.4.4	obscure	---	psilate
<i>L. stylosa</i> (Kar. & Kir.) Brand	3.3x2.2	c.4.4	obscure	---	psilate

Table 3 (Cont'd)

Name of taxa	Shape	P/E ratio	Polar length (P) in μm	Equatorial diameter (E) in μm	Aperture	Colpus length in μm
<i>L. longiflora</i> (Benth) Baill.	per-prolate	2.15	11	4.4(5.1)5.5	6-het-colpate	7.7
<i>Mattiastrum asperum</i> (Stocks) Brand	prolate	1.74	11(11.5)12.1	5.5(6.0)6.8	6-het-colpate	c.8.8
<i>M. howardii</i> Kazmi	prolate	1.73	9.9(10.4)11	5.5(6.6)6.6	6-het-colpate	c.8.8
<i>M. bungei</i> (Boiss.) Rech. S. & Ried	prolate	1.68	7.7(8.4)8.8	4.4(5.0)5.5	6-het-colpate	c.6.6
<i>Myosotis arvensis</i> (L.) Hill.	prolate-spheroidal	2.0	6.6	3.3	6-het-colpate	c.4.4
<i>Hackelia macrophylla</i> (Brand) I.M. Johnston	prolate	1.73	9.9	5.5(5.7)6.6	6-het-colpate	---
<i>Pseudomentaria parvifolia</i> (Decne.) Riedl	prolate	1.77	15.4(16.3)17.6	8.8(9.2)9.9	6-het-colpate	c.8.8
<i>P. trollii</i> (Melch.) Stewart & Kazmi	prolate	1.36	15.4(15.6)16.5	11(11.4)12.1	6-het-colpate	c.11
<i>P. echioides</i> (Benth.) Riedl	prolate	1.55	14.3(14.8)17.8	8.3(9.5)9.9	6-het-colpate	9.9
<i>P. moltkoides</i> (Royle. ex Benth.) Kazmi	prolate	1.67	17.7(19.9)20.9	9.9(11.9)12.1	6-het-colpate	13.2
<i>P. nemorosa</i> (DC.) Stewart & Kazmi	prolate	1.65	16.5(17.4)18.7	11(10.5)12.1	6-het-colpate	c.11
<i>Rochelia stylaris</i> Boiss.	Prolate	1.42	38.5(40.2)44.026	4(28.3)30.8	6-het-colpate	c.38.5
<i>R. bungei</i> Trautv.	prolate	1.68	13.4(13.6)14.3	7.7(8.2)8.	6-het-colpate	11

Table 3 (Cont'd)

Name of taxa	Ora in in μm	Mesocolpium in μm	Apocolpium in μm	Exine thickness in μm	Tectum
<i>L. longiflora</i> (Benth) Baill.	c.4.4	---	---	---	psilate
<i>Mattiastrum asperum</i> (Stocks) Brand	c.2.8	c.2.2	---	---	psilate
<i>M. howardii</i> Kazmi	---	c.3.3	---	---	psilate
<i>M. bungei</i> (Boiss.) Rech. S. & Ried	c.3.3	c.1.7	---	---	psilate
<i>Mycosia arvensis</i> (L.) Hill.	2.2x1.5	c.2.2	---	---	subpsilate
<i>Hackelia macrophylla</i> (Brand) I.M. Johnston	---	c.3.3	obscure	c. 0.55	subpsilate
<i>Pseudomententia parvi- folia</i> (Decne.) Riedl	3.3x1.1	0.6	---	---	subpsilate
<i>P. trollii</i> (Melch.) Stewart & Kazmi	3.3x2.2	4	1.7	---	sub-psilate
<i>P. echitoides</i> (Benth.) Riedl	4.4x2.2	6.6	obscure	c 1.1	scabrate
<i>P. moltkoides</i> (Royle. ex Benth.) Kazmi	5.5x3.3	8.8	c1.1	---	sub-psilate
<i>P. nemorosa</i> (DC.) Stewart & Kazmi	5.5x2.2	8.8	c.1.1	---	sub-psilate
<i>Rochelia stylaris</i> Boiss.	c.24.2	c.23.1	c.3.3	---	psilate
<i>R. bungei</i> Trautv.	2.2x1.1	5.5	2.2	c.1.1	psilate

Key to the species

- 1 + Mesocolpium $12.1 \mu\text{m}$ ----- *N. caspica*
- Mesocolpium $14.3 \mu\text{m}$ ----- *N. pulla*

Comments: The pollen grains of *Nonea caspica* - type is easily recognized by its reticulate endocingulum, and reticulate tectum This pollen type has some resemblance to

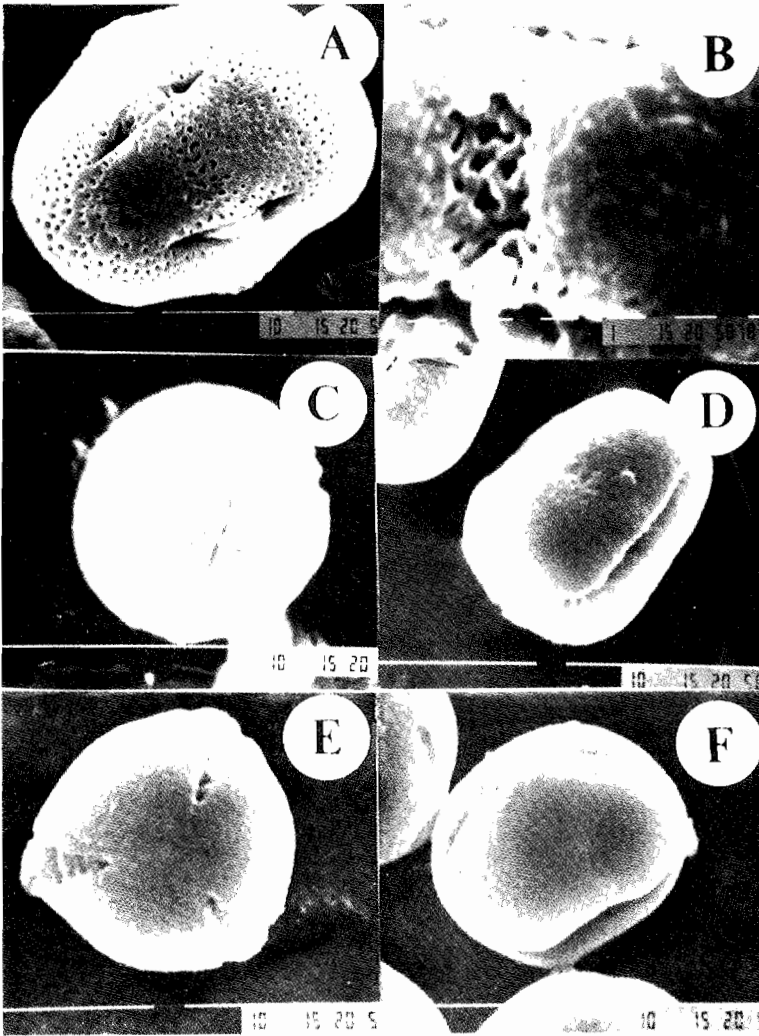


Fig. 4. Scanning electron micrographs (S.E.M.) of the pollen grains. *Nonea caspica*: A, Equatorial view; B, Exine pattern. *Onosma dichraontha*: C, polar view. *O. griffithii*: D, Equatorial view. *O. thomsonii*: E, polar view; F, Equatorial view.

Scale bar (A-E) = $10 \mu\text{m}$; F = $1 \mu\text{m}$.

Table 4. Pollen Characters in the species included in *Onosma hispidia* - type

Name of Taxa	Shape	P/E ratio	Length in μm	Breadth in μm	Colpus in μm	Ora in μm	Mesocolpium	Apocolpium in μm	Exine Thickness	Tectum
<i>Onosma dichroantha</i> Boiss.	Sub-Prolate	1.22	16.5 (16.95) 17.6	12.1(13.8) 14.8	c.10	c.0.55	c.11	-----	1.65-3.3	Sub-psilate
<i>O. limutaneum</i> I.M. Johnston	spheroida	1.0	15.46 (16.7) 17.8	15.4 (16.5) 17.6	c.11	2.2	14.3- 15.5	syn-colpate	2.2-2.45	Scabrate
<i>O. hispidia</i> Wall. ex G.Don	Sub-Prolate	1.26	15.4	12.2	c.10.2	---	c.8.8	obs-cure	c.1.1	Foveolate
<i>O. thomsonii</i> C.B.Clarke	Sub-oblate	0.86	14.3	16.5	c.11	1.1x3.3	12.1	1.85	c.1.65	Scabrate-punctate scabrate
<i>O. griffithii</i> Vatke	Sub-prolate	1.25	14.3(14.5) 15.4	12.3(12.6) 13.3	11	4x4	9.9	---	1.1	Punctate-scabrate

Gastrocotyle hispida - type (both the types have 4-5 colporate pollen). However, pollen grains of *Gastrocotyle hispida* -type are characterized by fossulate-foveolate tectum, and ora without endocingulum. Two included species of this pollen type can be separated on the basis of mesocolpium (see key to the species).

Onosma hispida - type (Fig.4 C-F; Fig.5 A).

Pollen class: 3-colporate.

P/E ratio: Semierect to semi-transverse rarely adequate.

Apertures: Ectoaperture - colpi long narrow. Endoaperture - small circular.

Exine: Sexine as thick as nexine or thicker than nexine.

Ornamentation: Scabrate or scabrate-punctate, rarely foveolate.

Outlines: Equatorial view heteropolar, slightly constricted at the equator. Polar view - circular or trilobed, ora situated near the broader poles.

Measurements: Length (L) 14.3 (15.6) 17.18 μm . Breadth (B) 12.1 (14.3) 17.6 μm , colpus 10-11 μm , ora 0.55-4 μm in diameter. Mesocolpium 8.8-15.5 μm . Apocolpium 1.85 or syncolpate. Exine 1.1- 2.45 μm thick. P.A.I. 1.07-3.4.

Key to the Species

- 1 + Pollen grains sub-prolate ----- 2
- Pollen grains sub-oblate to spheroidal ----- 4
- 2 + Tectum foveolate ----- *Onosma hispida*
- Tectum scabrate punctate ----- 3
- 3 + Mesocolpium 11 μm , ora 0.55 μm in diameter ----- *O. dichroantha*
- Mesocolpium 9.9 μm , ora 4 μm in diameter ----- *O. griffithii*
- 4 + Pollen grains sub-oblate, colpi non anastomosing ----- *O. thomsonii*
- Pollen grain spheroidal, colpi anastomosing ----- *O. limitaneum*

Comments: This type is very easily distinguished from other types in the family by its heteropolar, tricolporate pollen grains, mostly syncolpate. Qureshi & Qaiser (1987) and Huynh (1972) also reported similar pollen in the genus *Onosma*. A single genus *Onosma* is included in this pollen type. Species of this genus show considerable variation in their general pollen characters such as shape, size, colpi length, mesocolpium, ora size and tectal surface, which are significantly helpful for characterizing the species (see key to the species, Table-4).

Sericostoma pauciflorum - type (Fig.5 B & C; Fig.6 F).

Pollen class: 2-colpate

P/E ratio: Subtransverse.

Shape: Oblate-spheroidal

Apertures: Colpate, narrow, long with acute ends.

Exine: Sexine thicker at the polar region than at the corners.

Ornamentation: Tectum sparsely scabrate to punctate colpal membrane granulated.

Outlines: Equatorial view - rectangular. Polar view - dumbel shaped.

Measurements: Polar axis (P) 19.70 (21.18) 25.13 μm , and equatorial diameter (E) 17.91 (21.2) 23.12 μm , colpi 14.3 (15.0) 17.9 μm long. Mesocolpium 14.3 (20.3) 21.5 μm . Apocolpium 4.30 (5.18) 7.18 μm . Exine 0.71 (1.50) 1.79 μm thick. P.A.I. 0.95. P/E ratio: 0.99.

Comments: *Sericostoma pauciflorum* - type is readily recognized by its, dumb - bell shape, bi-colpate pollen. *Sericostoma pauciflorum* Stocks ex Wight is the only species included in this type. Similar type of pollen in this species have also been reported by Erdtman (1952) and Gupta (1971).

Trichodesma indicum - type (Fig.5 D-F).

Pollen class: 3-colporate, zonoaperturate.

P/E ratio: Sub erect

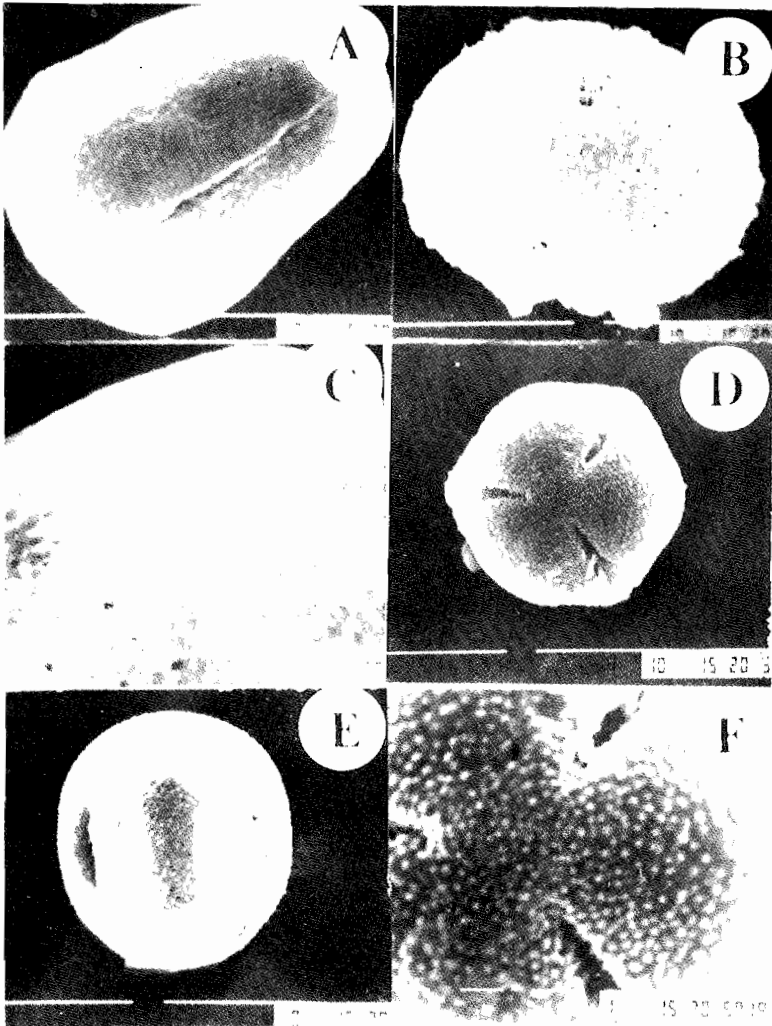


Fig. 5. Scanning electron micrographs (S.E.M.) of the pollen grains. *Onosma hispida*: A, Equatorial view. *Sericostoma pauciflorum*: B, Polar view; C, Exine pattern. *Trichodesma indica*: D, Polar view; E, Equatorial view; F, Exine pattern. Scale bar (A, D; E & F) = 10 µm; C = 1 µm.

Shape: Prolate-spheroidal to prolate.

Apertures: Ectoaperture- Colpi long, narrow, colpi ends acute, ora la-longate or lo-longate.

Exine: Sexine as thick as or thicker than nexine.

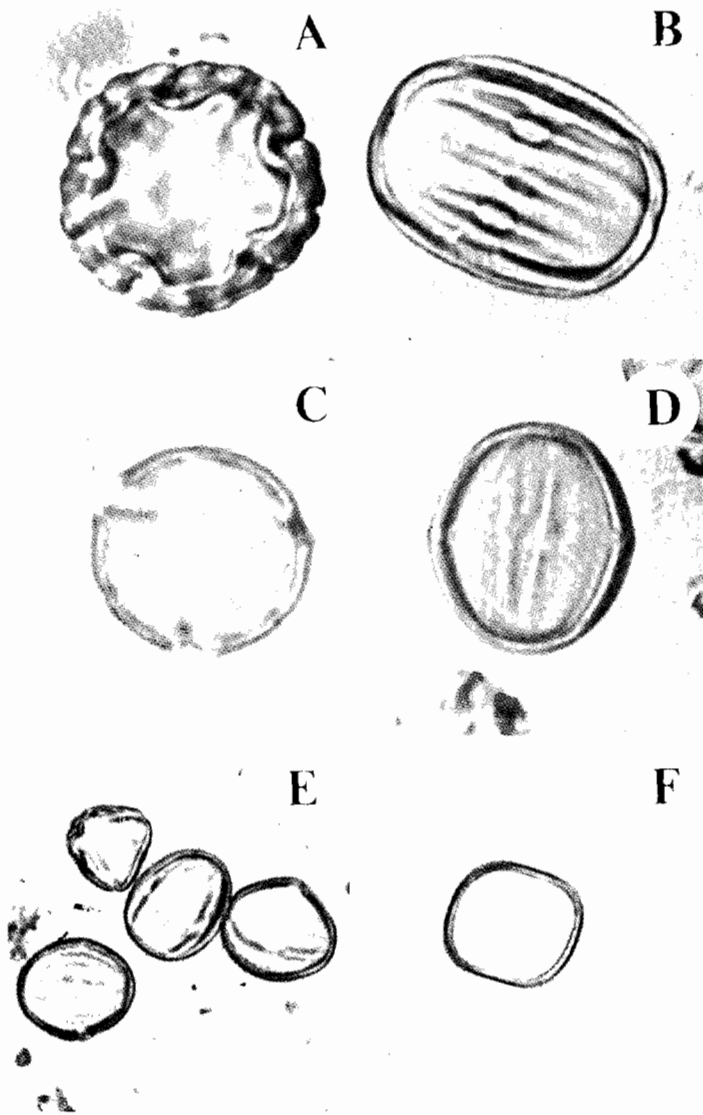


Fig. 6. Light micrographs (LM) of the pollen grains. *Heliotropium strigosum*: A, Polar view; B, Equatorial view; *H. europaeum*: C, Polar view; D, Equatorial view; *H. ophioglossum*: E, Equatorial view. *Sericostoma pauciflorum*: F, Equatorial view (All Figures X 400).

Table 5. Pollen characters in the species included in *Trichodesma indicum* - type

Name of Taxa	Shape	P/E ratio	Polar length (P) in μm	Equatorial (E) in μm	Colpus length (C) in μm	Mesopium in μm	Apocolpium in μm	Exine thickness in μm	Tectum
<i>Trichodesma indicum</i> (L.) R. Br.	Prolate	1.03	20.9 (21.4)	19.8 (20.7)	c. 19.8	c.16.5	2.16	1.1-2.2	Scabrate
	Spheroidal		22.0	22.0					
<i>T. incanum</i> (Bunge) A. De.	Sub-	1.28	24.5 (24.8)	14.5 (17.75)	20 (21.55)	12.5 (15.75)	1.25 (5.41)	---	Scabrate
	Prolate		26.65	20	23.75				
<i>T. africanum</i> (L.) R.Br.	Prolate								
	Spheroidal	1.06	19.6 (21.3)	16.5 (20.0)	c.18.5	c.16.5	2.3	11-2.2	Scabrate
			22	22.0					

Ornamentation: Tectum scabrate, colp membrane granulated.

Outlines: Equatorial view - elliptic. Polar view trilobed with aperture at the angles.

Measurements: Polar axis (P) 19.6 (22.5) 24.5 μm , and equatorial diameter (E) 16.5 (20.9) 23.15 μm . Colpus length 18.5 (21.55) 23.2 μm . Mesocolpium 12.5 (14.6) 16.5 μm . Apocolpium 1.26 (2.95) 2.3 μm . Exine 1.1-2.2 μm thick. P.A.I. 1.03-1.219.

Key to the Species

- 1 + Polar length 24.5-26.65 μm ----- *Trichodesma incanum*
 - Polar length 19.6-22 μm -*Trichodesma indicum*-type (*T.indicum*, *T.africanum*)

Comments: Pollen grains of this type are very characteristic and easily recognized by having scabrate or scabrate-punctate tectum. A single genus *Trichodesma*, representing 3 species are included in this pollen type. Pollen morphology of these species is fairly uniform. However, pollen of these species show little variation in their polar length which is helpful for characterizing the species into one group i.e., *Trichodesma indicum* - group and a single species *T. incanum* (Bunge) A. DC. (see key to the species, Table-5).

Appendix-I.

Taxa	Locality	Collector
<i>Anchusa arvensis</i> (L.) M. Bieb.	Mona near Zandra, (Ziarat)	Jafri & Akbar 2189 (KUH)
<i>Arnebia benthamii</i> (Wall ex G Don) I.M.Johnston	Mingora, Swat Kashmir, Bedori	S.I. Ali 26098 (KUH) Kapoor S. (KUH)
<i>A. decumbens</i> (Vent.) Coss. & Kark	Balochistan, Kalat, Panjugur to Surat, Basima	Jennifer Lamond 662 (KUH)
<i>A. euchorma</i> (Royle ex Benth.) I.M.Johnston	Battal, Kashmir Kashmir, Mitsahoi, Ladak	R.R. Stewart S.n. (KUH) R.R. Stewart 10004 (KUH).
<i>A. fimbriopetala</i> Stocks	13 miles from Sunster on to Gawader	M. Qaiser, Azad Raza & Abrar 1019 (KUH).
<i>A. griffithii</i> Boiss.	Peshawar	Mohindar Nath S.n. (KUH).
<i>A. guttata</i> Bunge	Tikse, after Leh. Indus valley Skardu, Baltistan	Billiet et I. Leonard 6845 (KUH). Saood Omer 390 (KUH).
<i>A. hispidissima</i> (Lehm.) A.DC.	Marine base, Jiwani 28 miles from Karachi	M. Qaiser & Dr. Khan 7144 (KUH) Sultan-ul-Abedin 5210 (KUH).
<i>A. inconspicua</i> (Hemsl. & Lace) I.M. Johnston	Balochistan: Maslaki	R.R. Stewart 28293 (KUH).
<i>A. linearifolia</i> A.DC.	Makran: Hoshab to Panjugur	Jennifer Lamond 56 (KUH).
<i>Asperugo procumbens</i> L.	Meteorological Deptt., Quetta	S. Abedin 4833 (KUH)
<i>Buglossoides arvensis</i> (L.) Johnston	Kahuta	R.R. Stewart, Mohindor Nath 19358 (KUH)
<i>Buglossoides tenui- flora</i> (L.f.) Johnston	Kurram Valley	M.A.H. Afindi 1014 (KUH)

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Taxa	Locality	Collector
	c. 4 miles from Haripur on way to Garhi Habibullah	Saood Omer, S.Nazimuddin & A.Wahid 489 (KUH).
<i>Cynoglossum glochidiatum</i> Wall. ex Benth.	Quetta Passu Hunza Kalam	Madassir Asrar s.n. (KUH) Saood Omer 429 (KUH) S.M.H.Kazmi 432 (KUH)
	Darra Sher Khan	Abdul Rashid s.n. (KUH)
<i>Ehretia laevis</i> Roxb.	Kala Chita Hills, Campell- pur Dist. Lawrence Garden	R.R.Stewart 13608 (KUH) Saida Qureshi s.n. (KUH).
<i>Ehretia obtusifolia</i> Hochst' ex DC.	Between Dina & Sohawa on way to Islamabad Kallar Kahar	M. Qaiser & A. Ghafoor 7328 (KUH) R.R. Stewart 337 (KUH)
<i>Eritrichium nanum</i> (L.) Schrad.	1.5 miles from Shigar on way to Trichmir	Kamal A. Malik & S. Nazimuddin s.n. (KUH)
<i>Gastrocotyle hispida</i> (Forssk.) C.B.Clarke	Shreen, Balochis- tan Hushab, Awaran Road, Murree	Rasool Baksh 95 (KUH) S.Omer, M. Qaiser & Y. Nasir 2156 (KUH)
	32 miles from Nag on way to Basima	S.Abedin Abrar Hussain 6916 (KUH).
<i>Hackelia macrophylla</i> (Brands) I.M.Johnston	Changla gali Sonamarg, Kashmir	R.R.& I.D. Stewart 7646 (KUH). R.R.Stewart s.n. (KUH)
<i>Heliotropium alii</i> Y. Nasir	8 miles from Sunstar-Turbat Rd.	S.I.Ali, S.A.Farooqi &S.Abedin 1101(KUH)

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Taxa	Locality	Collector
<i>Heliotropium bacciferum</i> Forssk.	Sonmiani	S.A. Farooqi & S. Abedin 1208 (KUH)
	P.E.C.H.S.	Ruqayya Islam s.n. (KUH).
	17 miles from Sunstar on way to Gwadar At Sunstar,	S. Abedin & A. Hussain 6327 (KUH) Tahir Ali 900 (KUH)
<i>Heliotropium biannulatum</i> Bunge	Near Landi Kotal, Khyber Agency	M. Qaiser & S. Abedin 6130 (KUH).
	Between Jamrud & Torkhum Pass	Coll. Ignot. 2008
<i>Heliotropium europaeum</i> L.	University Campus Karachi Botany Dept.	Anjum Perveen s.n. (KUH)
<i>Heliotropium calcareum</i> Stocks	c. 1 mile from Rahnjoato on way to Thana Kuther Range	Kamal A. Malik S.Omer & A. Wahid 2506 (KUH).
<i>Heliotropium crispum</i> Desf.	32 miles from Khuzdar on way to Wad Josiji Camp	S. Abedin & A. Hussain 7237 (KUH). M. Qaiser 372 (KUH).
<i>Heliotropium curassavicum</i> L.	Karachi University Campus	Anjum Perveen 66 (KUH)
	Defence Housing Society Karachi	Anjum Perveen 33 (KUH).
<i>Heliotropium dasycarpum</i> Ledeb. var. <i>dasycarpum</i>	Roadside near Guest House, Balochistan Univ., Quetta	S. Khatoon, Atta Mohd., Ejaz Ahmed 445 (KUH).
	Near Kash on way to Ziarat	M. Qaiser & A. Ghaffoor 1404 (KUH).
<i>Heliotropium ophioglossum</i> Stocks ex Boiss.	Karachi University Campus Malir	Anjum Perveen 8 (KUH) Shamshad M. Naqvi s.n. (KUH)

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Taxa	Locality	Collector
<i>Heliotropium rariflorum</i> Stocks	Near HEJ Res. Instt., Karachi 18.5 miles from Karachi on way to Bela along road side. Karachi Univ. Campus, A Type Quarter	S. Khatoon & Aisha Begum 322 (KUH) S. Abedin 9905 (KUH). S. Omer & A. Husain s.n. (KUH)
<i>Heliotropium remotiflorum</i> Rech. f. & Riedl	Balochistan, Pasni to Makran: Kappar road to Gwadar	Jennifer Lamond 462 (KUH)
<i>Heliotropium strigosum</i> Stocks ex Boiss.	Karachi University Campus, Botany Dept.	Anjum Perveen 72 (KUH)
<i>Heliotropium subulatum</i> (DC.) Vatke	Karachi University Campus Karachi University Campus	Anjum Perveen 336 (KUH) Anjum Pervem 45 (KUH)
<i>Heliotropium supinum</i> L.	Nagar Parker Sehwan near Lake	S.I.Ali, S.A. Farooqi & S. Abedin 4416 (KUH). Coll. Ignor 3860 (KUH).
<i>Lappula barbata</i> (M. Bieb.) Gurke	About 20 miles from Panjgur on way to Hshab	A. Ghafoor & M. Qaiser 371 (KUH)
<i>Lappula heterantha</i> (Ledeb.) Gurke	c. 67 Km from Sost on way to Khunjerab Pass (Top), \pm 3900 m.	S.I.Ali, W. Sugong, T. Ali & G. ke 3356 (KUH)
<i>Lappula spinocarpos</i> (Forssk.) Aschers & Kuntze	Kakar Goth, c. 40 miles Suta Goth	Kamal A. Malik, S. Omer & A. Wahid 2481 (KUH).
<i>Lindelofia anchusoides</i> (Lindl.) Lehm.	Gilgit Rd. Deosai Plains, Baltistan & Ladakh, Khandala College Gujrat	R.R. Stewart 19715 (KUH, RAW) Shmroadar N2012 (KUH)
<i>Lindelofia longiflora</i> (Benth.) Baill.	Pahlgam Kashmir	R.R. Stewart & I.D. Stewart s.n. (KUH, RAW)

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Taxa	Locality	Collector
	Rajdhiangar Rd.	R.R.Stewart & I.D. Stewart 19307 (KUH)
<i>Lindelofia stylosa</i> (Kar. & Kir.) Brand	Thake, Baltistan	S.Omer, S.Nazi muddin A.Wahid 924 (KUH,RAW).
<i>Mattiastrum bungei</i> (Boiss.) Rech.f. & Riedl)	c. 40 miles from Seeta Goth on way to Kuti-ki-Qabar Kerther Range Hazara gangi forest, Quetta	Kamal A. Malik, S. Omer & A. Wahid 2397 (KUH) A.Ghafoor& Rizwan Yusuf 1231 (KUH)
<i>Mattiastrum howardii</i> Kazmi	Nasbar nullah Yasin, Gilgit	S. Omer 241 (KUH)
<i>Myosotis arvensis</i> (L.) Hill	Kaghan	S.Omer,S.Nazimuddin & A. Wahid 676 (KUH)
<i>Nonea caspica</i> (Willd.) G.Don	Between Mingora & Swat Dist. NWFP	M. Qaiser & A.Ghafoor 7407 (KUH)
	Ziarat,Sibi Dist	S.Omer, & A.Ghafoor 1535 (KUH)
<i>Nonea pulla</i> (L.) D.C.	Mingora	S.I.Ali 2601 (KUH)
<i>Onosma dichroantha</i> Boiss.	Parachinar & Kurram	R.R.Stewart 28939 (KUH)
	Beyond Satpura Village on way to Deosai Plains, ± 3700 meters	M.Qaiser, S.Omer & S.Z. Hussain 8618 (KUH)
<i>Onosma griffithii</i> Vatke	5 miles from Pazrak on way to Miranshah,N. Waziristan Sor Range	M.Qaiser & S.Abedin 6240 (KUH) M.G.Konieczuy s.n. (KUH)
<i>Onosma hispida</i> Wall. ex G. Don	Hazara	J.F.Duthie s.n. (KUH)
<i>Onosma limitaneum</i> I. M. Johnston	Harboi hills, Boh-khel area c. 36 km from Kalat on way to Jahan	A.Ghafoor & Steve M. Goodman 5197 (KUH)

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Taxa	Locality	Collector
<i>Onosma limitaneum</i> I.M. Johnston	Hazargangi forest Quetta	A.Ghafoor & R. Yusuf 1275 (KUH)
<i>Onosma thomsonii</i> C. B. Clarke	Bagh Between Sunny Bank & Nathiagali	R.R. Stewart & E. Nasir 23704 (KUH) M. Qaiser & S.Abedin 5623 (KUH)
<i>Paracaryum interme- dium</i> (Fresen) Lipsky	c. 46 miles from Seeta Goth on way A. Wahid to Kuti-ji-Kabar Between Hirok & Dozan	Kamal A. Malik, S. Omer & 2447 (KUH) S.M.H. Jafri 2936 (KUH)
<i>Paracaryum rugulosum</i> (DC.) Boiss.	22 miles from Panjgur on way Nag Jall Pass var. Sandaman Tangior 2 miles from Ziarat.	S. Abedin & A.Hussain 6794 (KUH). S.M.A.Kazmi 1286 (KUH). S.M.A.Kazmi 1660 (KUH).
<i>Pseudomertensia echioides</i> (Benth.) Riedl	Upper Satpura Nullah	M.A.Siddiqi, Y.Nasir & Zafar Ali 4231 (KUH,RAW). Inayat s.n. (KUH)
<i>Pseudomertensia molkioides</i> (Royle ex Benth.) Kazmi	Hazara Vakh, Tangai, ± 6800 ft. Naran, N.W.F.P.	Steve M. Goodman s.n. (KUH). S.M.H Jafri & S.I Ali 3389 (KUH).
<i>Pseudomertensia nemorosa</i> (DC.) Stewart & Kazmi	Azad Kashmir	R.R. Stewart & E. Nasir 25540 (KUH)
<i>Pseudomertensia parvifolia</i> (Decne.) Riedl	Changla Gali, Murree hills 9000 ft. Shangla Pass, 34 54' N.72 30'E	R.R.Stewart s.n. (KUH,RAW) Steve M. Goodman s.n. (KUH)

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Taxa	Locality	Collector
<i>Pseudomertensia trolli</i> (Melch.) Stewart & Kazmi <i>Rochelia bungei</i> Trautv.	Beyond Satpur village towards Deosai Shiga Nullah, Baltistan Quetta Dist.	M. Qaiser, S. Omer & S. Husain s.n. (KUH). S. Nazimuddin & A. Wahid 881 (KUH) M.A.Kazmi 163 (KUH)
<i>Rochelia stylaris</i> Boiss.	1 mile from Khwar to Choa Saidan 45 miles from Ziarat on way to Quetta	S.A.Farooqi & M.Qaiser 2848 (KUH) Sultan-ul-Abedin 4784 (KUH)
<i>Sericostoma pauciflorum</i> Stocks ex Boiss.	Karachi University Campus Near Hub river	Anjum Perveen 102 (KUH). Anjum Perveen 183 (KUH)
<i>Trichodesma africanum</i> (L.) R.Br.	c. 4 Km from Seetan Goth on way to Kuti-ji- Kabar, Kerther Range, Larkana c. 4 miles from Khomele on way to Sehwan	Kamal A. Malik, S. Omer & A. Wahid 2366 (KUH) Kamal A. Malik, M. Qaiser, S. Omer & Gohar Khan 2108 (KUH)
<i>Trichodesma incanum</i> (Bunge) A.DC.	Mansehra, ± 1000 meters	M. Qaiser & S. Omer & S. Nazimuddin (KUH)
<i>Trichodesma indicum</i> (L.) R.Br.	Behind Dean's of Faculty Science Karachi University Koti-ki-Kabar, Sulhad Nullah on way Mansehra	S. Khatoon 559 (KUH) S.I.Ali, S.Sugong, Tahir Ali & G-Ke 3072 (KUH).

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