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Typus: Portugal, Madeira, Porto Santo, Pico do Facho, 33°05'N, 16°19'W, on acidic rock, 350 m alt., 7 April 1988, H. Krog & E. Timdal 6163 (O-holotypus; BM, UPS-isotypi).

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