

Depressaria discipunctella Herrich-Schäffer, 1854 in Portugal

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In 1998 José Passos de Carvalho asked me to try to name part of his backlog of unidentified Portuguese Microlepidoptera. Among those I was able to name was a single *Depressaria* specimen which I identified as *Depressaria discipunctella* Herrich-Schäffer, 1854. It had been collected at his mother's house at São Romão, São Brás de Alportel in Algarve on 19.vi.1976. The record was published in Corley et al. (2000). This remains the only Portuguese record of this species.

In 2017 a new species *Depressaria junnilaineni* Buchner, 2017 was described from Greece and other Mediterranean countries, with many paratypes from Spain. The new species had been overlooked due to the relatively small differences in its genitalia from those of *D. discipunctella*. The presence of the new species in Spain cast doubt on the identity of the Portuguese specimen. This could not be checked, because the specimen and the genitalia preparation were in the Passos de Carvalho collection which was not then available for study.

In Buchner & Corley (2024) *D. discipunctella* was listed for Portugal in the Distribution Table in spite of the reservations about its identity.

The Passos de Carvalho collection is now in the Museu Nacional de História Natural e da Ciência, Universidade de Lisboa (MNHNC). The specimen and microscope slide (fig. 1) have the museum number MNHNCENT0076400.

The genitalia preparation (fig. 2) (Corley gen. prep. JPC 98-14) has now been re-examined and the original identification confirmed.

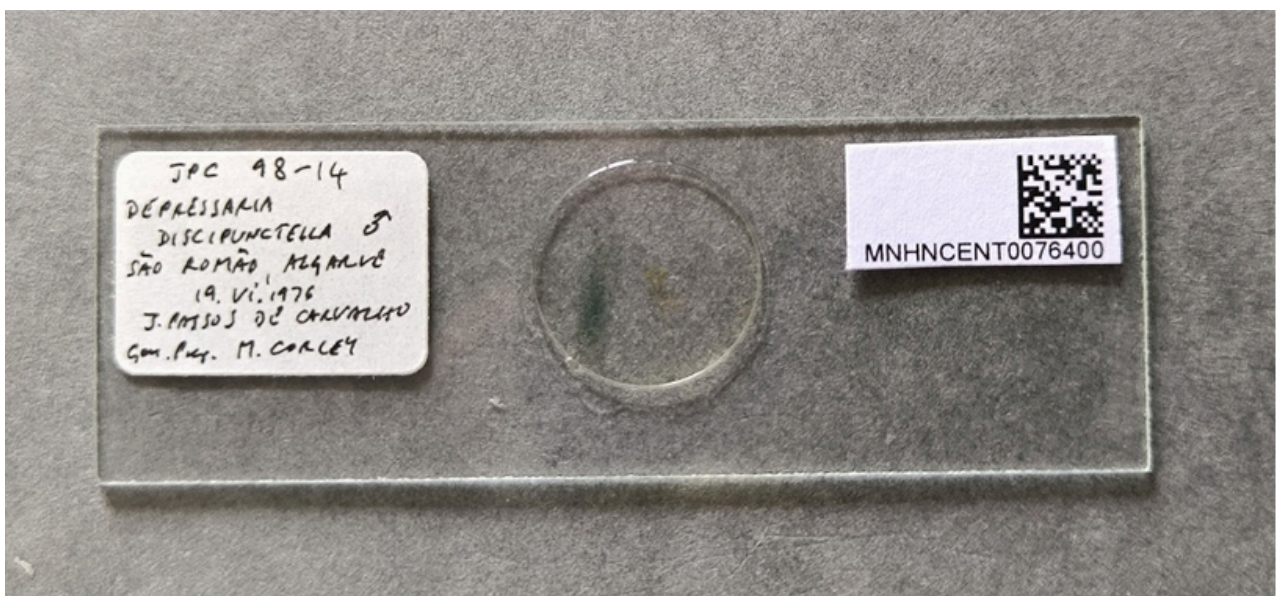


Fig. 1. M. Corley gen. prep. JPC 98-14.



Fig. 2. *Depressaria discipunctella* Herrich-Schäffer, 1854. Male genitalia, São Romão, São Brás de Alportel, Algarve, 19.vi.1976, leg. J. Passos de Carvalho. M. Corley gen. prep. JPC 98-14.

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