ABSTRACT

During this Investigation, 20 gasteroid fungal species belonging to 4 orders and 11 genera are collected from Parachinar, Kurram District, KP, Pakistan and described morphologically, anatomically and through illustrations. Among them, 8 species of Lycoperdon 4 species of Bovista, 1 species of each genus Disceseda; Geastrum; Mutinus; Phallus; Protubera; Rhizopogon; Scleroderma and Tulostoma are reported. Molecular analysis based on ITS-nrDNA regions of three species viz., Bovista plumbea, Lycoperdon pyriforme and Geastrum fimbriatum was done, and their phylogenetic trees are constructed. In total, 6 species in this investigation (Bovista aestivalis; Disciseda verrucose; Lycoperdon echinatum; Phallus indusiatus; Protubera nipponica; Sclreroderma areolatum) are reported as new records for mycoflora of Pakistan. The investigation is an attempt to make additions into the existing mycoflora of Pakistan.