

Title Fruit rot of strawberry pear (pitaya) caused by *Bipolaris cactivora*
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Abstract

Strawberry pear (pitahaya, pitaya) [*Hylocereus undatus* (Haw.) Britt. and Rose] postharvest fruit rot was found at an agricultural products store in Itoman city, Okinawa Prefecture in 2006. The symptoms included depressed, water-soaked lesions with olive to black powdery spots coalescing into a soft rot. The causal fungus was identified as *Bipolaris cactivora* (Petra) Alcorn. This is the first report of strawberry pear fruit rot caused by *B. cactivora*.