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## Highlights

- *Olpidium brassicae* is commonly present in the roots of the field crops, especially in the members of Brassicaceae, including canola crops.
- Current taxonomy system and databases usually confuse the *Olpidium brassicae* with the virus-carrier *Olpidium virulentus*.
- We clarify the differences of *Olpidium brassicae*, *O. virulentus* and their relevant species based on the literatures verifying their physical and genetic features and their virus-carrying capability.
- Furthermore, we provide the directions that may be needed for the future studies on these species.

## Abstract

The classification and physiology of the zoosporic plant-pathogen *Olpidium brassicae* and its relationships with the closely-related species are often confusing. This review