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- First study to reveal that two species of fungi are responsible for causing powdery mildew disease of the rubber tree.
- The more abundant species is plurivorous *E. quercicola*, which is known to cause powdery mildews in certain other tree species.
- *E. quercicola* is the most dominant and invasive fungus because of its adaptation to a wide range of hosts over a large geographic area.
- Haplotype analyses further revealed that *E. quercicola* is genetically diverse because of:
 - Its ability to infect different hosts over a wide geographic range.
 - Its development into different strains adapted to different hosts and environments.
- The less abundant species, species II, either belongs to genus *Golovinomyces* or to *Podosphaera*.
- Therefore, this less abundant catenated fungus may be either a new species or the species formerly described as *O. heveae*.
- Further molecular evidence is required to come to firm conclusions regarding the exact taxonomic position of the second morphotype of powdery mildew fungi.