

219. *Thecatus* Lees (2007)

Type species: *Thecatus varolii* gen. et sp. nov.

Derivation of name: From the Latin '*theca*', meaning 'box', and '*atus*' meaning 'like', referring to the boxy, cavate shape of this holococcolith in size view.

Diagnosis: A cavate, box-shaped holococcolith. At \emptyset in side view in XPL, the rim is relatively tall and the proximal plate thin. A bipartite structure/short spine sits atop the rim, completing the box shape. The spine is not visible on rotation.

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