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n. pl. am·phi·the·ci·a (-shē-ə, -sē-ə)

The outer layer of cells of the spore-containing capsule of a moss.

[New Latin *amphithēcium* : [AMPHI-](#) + Greek *thēkion*, diminutive of *thēkē*, receptacle; see **dhē-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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