Pottia apiculata Müll. Hal. ex Renauld (Barbula kiaerii Broth., nom. nud.) is identical with Barbula indica (Hook.) Spreng.

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Abstract. Type material of Pottia apiculata Müll. Hal. ex Renauld (Barbula kiaerii Broth., nom. nud.) was studied. It is Barbula indica (Hook.) Spreng. Recently I located and studied type material of Pottia apiculata Müll. Hal. ex Renauld, usually incorrectly known as Barbula kiaerii Broth. On examination:
The leaf margins are parallel, slightly recurved in the lower part.
Simple, oval gemmae are present.
The leaf apex is broadly rounded; the costa is very shortly excurrent (about one cell).
The back of the costa is strongly papillose.
The peristome teeth are straight.
All these points lead me to the conclusion that the plants belong to Barbula indica, and the following synonymisation is made:

syn. nov.
≡ Weisia apiculata Kier in Wright, J. Bot. 26: 263. 1888 nom. nud.
Lectotype (selected here): Madagascar, Antananarivo (= Tananarive), fruiting, with gemmae, 31.3.1877, Borgen 11, ex hb. Kier, O!; isolecotype L - Sande Lacoste 910.105.912!

Notes.
1. Both type collections are ex hb. Kier and have the text “11. Weisia apiculata mihi n. sp.”.
2. The type description by Renauld is based on Borgen’s collection, in agreement with Wright’s original publication.
3. In the protologue this taxon is compared with Barbula unguiculata Hedw., which for a tropical moss suggests to me Barbula indica.