

A survey of xerophilic *Aspergillus* from indoor environment, including descriptions of two new section *Aspergillus* species producing eurotium-like sexual states

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Abstract

Xerophilic fungi grow at low water activity or low equilibrium relative humidity and are an important part of the indoor fungal community, of which *Aspergillus* is one of the dominant genera. A survey of xerophilic fungi isolated from Canadian and Hawaiian house dust resulted in the isolation of 1039 strains; 296 strains belong to *Aspergillus* and represented 37 species. Reference sequences were generated for all species and deposited in GenBank. *Aspergillus* sect. *Aspergillus* (formerly called *Eurotium*) was one of the most predominant groups from house dust with nine species identified. Additional cultures deposited as *Eurotium* were received from the Canadian Collection of Fungal Cultures and were also re-identified during this study. Among all strains, two species were found to be new and are introduced here as *A. mallochii* and *A. megasporus*. Phylogenetic comparisons with other species of section *Aspergillus* were made using sequences of ITS, β-tubulin, calmodulin and RNA polymerase II second largest subunit. Morphological observations were made from cultures grown under standardized conditions. *Aspergillus mallochii* does not grow at 37 °C and produces roughened ascospores with incomplete equatorial furrows. *Aspergillus megasporus* produces large conidia (up to 12 µm diam) and roughened ascospores with equatorial furrows. Echinulin, quinolactacin A₁ & A₂, preechinulin and neoechinulin A & B were detected as major extrolites of *A. megasporus*, while neoechinulin A & B and isoechochinulin A, B & C were the major extrolites from *A. mallochii*.

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Introduction

Species of *Aspergillus* section *Aspergillus*, the “*A. glaucus*” group of Thom and Raper (1941) and Raper and Fennell (1965), typically produce yellow cleistothecia (white in *A. leucocarpus*) with lenticular ascospores and the section includes species that were traditionally classified in the genus *Eurotium*. Species of section *Aspergillus* have a broad distribution in nature, but their xerophilic physiology makes them significant for the built environment and the food industry. In the built environment, species of section *Aspergillus* are among the primary colonizers of building materials (Flannigan and Miller 2011). Modern heating systems are designed to remove humidity from buildings, creating opportunities for xerophiles to dominate indoor fungal communities. Also of concern is the growth of these fungi in museums or libraries on historic artefacts such as books, carpets or paintings. They also commonly grow on/in leather, dust, softwood, a variety of textiles and even dried specimens in herbaria (Cavka et al. 2010; Micheluz et al. 2015; Pinar et al. 2013; Pinar et al. 2015; Pitt and Hocking 2009; Raper and Fennell 1965; Samson et al. 2010). For the food industry, these species have an economic impact because they can grow on stored grain, cereals or preserved foods with high sugar (i.e. jams, maple syrup) or salt content (i.e. biltong, dried fish) (Pitt and Hocking 2009; Samson et al. 2010).

Xerophily is a common physiological property of many *Aspergillus* species from several subgenera and sections, enabling those species to grow at low water activity (a_w) or equilibrium relative humidity (ERH) (Flannigan and Miller 2011; Pitt 1975). Water activity is a measure of available water in liquid or solid substrates that has a significant effect on which organisms can grow on foods or other matrices, including building materials (Scott 1957). Reducing a_w is widely used in the food industry to reduce spoilage (Pitt and Hocking 2009). For the built environment, however, it is very difficult and often impractical to measure a_w and as a result relative humidity (RH) is often used as a proxy. Because RH measures moisture in air rather than available water in a substrate, it is not considered a reliable indication of whether growth will actually occur on surfaces in the built environment (Flannigan and Miller 2011). A better measure is ERH because it is more representative of available water and is numerically proportional to a_w (Flannigan and Miller 2011; Pitt and Hocking 2009).

Species of section *Aspergillus* produce many extrolites exhibiting a wide range of biological activities (Frisvad and Larsen 2015a; Gomes et al. 2012; Kanokmedhakul et al. 2011; Li et al. 2008a; Li et al. 2008b; Slack et al. 2009; Smetanina et al. 2007). Most notably, compounds from *A. chevalieri* were shown to be active against *Plasmodium falciparum* (malaria), *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and cancer cell lines (Kanokmedhakul et al. 2011), an antitumor compound was reported from *A. cristatus*

(Almeida et al. 2010), while many compounds are known to be antioxidants. They also produce mycotoxins, especially echinulin, flavoglaucin and physcion, which are toxic to animals (Ali et al. 1989; Bachmann et al. 1979; Cole and Cox 1981; Greco et al. 2015; Nazar et al. 1984; Rabie et al. 1964; Semeniuk et al. 1971; Slack et al. 2009; Vessonner et al. 1988), but toxicity has not been reported in humans. These species are not considered significant human pathogens, because most infections are superficial, with few cases of invasive infections known (de Hoog et al. 2014). Species commonly grow as saprobes on clinical specimens, such as skin and nails (Hubka et al. 2012). The biggest concern to humans, or nuisance, is the growth of these species inside homes, where exposure to spores and fragments, which contains β -(1, 3)-D-glucan, and other metabolites, cause allergies (Green et al. 2006; Slack et al. 2009).

Xerophilic fungi are well studied from a morphological point of view, but much work remains to develop reference sequence data for them. In this paper, we report on the diversity of *Aspergillus* isolated from house dust using media with low a_w that select for the growth of xerophiles. Reference sequences are released for all species, including those received as *Eurotium* from the Canadian Collection of Fungal Cultures and re-identified here. Furthermore, we describe two new species and report on their extrolite production.

Materials and methods

Strains/sampling and isolations

House dust samples were received from various areas in North America. A modified dilution-to-extinction method (Collado et al. 2007) was used to isolate cultures, as described in Visagie et al. (2014a). Modifications included the use of 48-well titre plates rather than 96-well microtube plates and the use of Dichloran 18% Glycerol agar (DG18; (Hocking and Pitt 1980)), Malt extract yeast extract 10% glucose 12% NaCl agar (MY10-12) and Malt extract yeast extract 50% glucose agar (MY50G) (Samson et al. 2010) isolation media to select for xerophilic fungi.

In addition to newly obtained house dust isolates, several strains, including unidentified isolates and some reference or ex-type cultures, of *Aspergillus* sect. *Aspergillus* were obtained from the Canadian Collection of Fungal Cultures, Canada (DAOMC) and the CBS-KNAW Fungal Biodiversity Centre, the Netherlands (CBS).

Morphology

Colony characters were recorded from cultures grown for 7 d on various media, including CYA (Czapek yeast autolysate agar), MEA (Blakeslee's malt extract agar), CREA (Creatine sucrose agar), CY20S (CYA with 20% sucrose agar), MEA20S (MEA with

20% sucrose agar), DG18, YES (yeast extract sucrose agar), M40Y (Harrold's agar; 2% malt, 0.5% yeast extract, 40% sucrose), MY50G and MY10-12 (Harrold 1950; Pitt and Hocking 2009; Samson et al. 2014). Plates were incubated upside down in the dark at 25 °C and left unwrapped. Additional CY20S, DG18 and MEA20S plates were wrapped and incubated at 37 °C. Colour names and codes in descriptions are from Kornerup and Wanscher (1967). Microscopic preparations were made from colonies growing on DG18 and observations made using an Olympus SZX12 dissecting and Olympus BX50 compound microscopes equipped with Infinity3 and InfinityX cameras using Infinity Analyze v. 6.5.1 software (Lumenera Corp., Ottawa, Canada). Variation of conidia and ascospores was evaluated by measuring at least 50 structures and presented as mean +/- standard deviation. Photographic plates were prepared in Pixelmator iOS v. 2.3 (<http://www.pixelmator.com/ios>), with photomicrographs modified for aesthetic purposes using the repair tool, without altering scientifically significant areas.

DNA extraction, sequencing and phylogenetic analysis

DNA was extracted from 8–10 d old colonies grown on DG18 using the Ultraclean™ Microbial DNA isolation Kit (MoBio Laboratories Inc., Solana Beach, USA). Loci chosen for amplification included ITS barcodes (internal transcribed spacer rDNA region, including ITS1-5.8S-ITS2) (Schoch et al. 2012), *BenA* (partial β-tubulin), *CaM* (partial calmodulin) and *RPB2* (RNA polymerase II second largest subunit). Thermocycler programs used for amplification followed Samson et al. (2014) and employed primer pairs V9G & LS266 (ITS; (de Hoog and Gerrits van den Ende 1998; Masclaux et al. 1995), Bt2a & Bt2b (*BenA*; (Glass and Donaldson 1995)), CF1 & CF4 or sometimes CMD5 & CMD6 (*CaM*; (Hong et al. 2006; Peterson et al. 2005)) and 5F & 7CR (*RPB2*; (Liu et al. 1999)). Sequencing was done as described in Visagie et al. (2016). Contigs were assembled in Geneious v. 8.1.8 (Biomatters Ltd, New Zealand) and newly generated sequences submitted to GenBank.

As a preliminary step in identification, *CaM* sequences derived from the newly isolated cultures were compared to an ex-type reference sequence database published by Samson et al. (2014). Then, gene sequences of the two presumed to be new sect. *Aspergillus* species were compared to reference datasets obtained from Peterson (2008), Hubka et al. (2013) and Visagie et al. (2014a). All datasets were aligned in MAFFT v. 7.221 (Katoh and Standley 2013) using the L-INS-i option for ITS and G-INS-i option for the other genes. All alignments were trimmed in Geneious and then analysed as single and concatenated datasets using Maximum Parsimony (MP) and Bayesian Inference of phylogenetic trees (BI). For concatenated phylogenies, a partitioned dataset of ITS, *BenA*, *CaM* and *RPB2* regions was used.

MP analyses were run in PAUP* v. 4.0b10 (Swofford 2002) using heuristic searches with 100 random taxon additions and gaps treated as missing data. Support in nodes was calculated using a bootstrap analysis with the heuristic search option and 1000 replicates.

BI analyses were run in MrBayes v. 3.2.5 (Ronquist et al. 2012). Model selections for BI were made for each gene based on the lowest Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) value, calculated in MrModeltest v. 2.3 (Nylander 2004). Analyses were run with two sets of four chains and stopped at a split frequency of 0.01. The sample frequency was set at 100 and 25 percent of trees removed as burnin. Trees were visualized in FigTree v. 1.4.2 (<http://tree.bio.ed.ac.uk/software/figtree/>) and prepared for publication in Adobe® Illustrator® CS6. Aligned datasets, command blocks and trees were uploaded to TreeBase (www.treebase.org) under submission number 19771.

Extrolite analysis

For extrolite analysis, all strains were grown on 9 cm polystyrene Petri dishes on MEA supplemented with 7.5% NaCl at 25 °C for 14 d. Six agar plugs from each fungal isolate were removed with a sterilized 7 mm cork borer and placed into a 13 mL polypropylene tube. Ethyl acetate (2 mL) was added to the tubes and vortexed for 30 s, followed by 1 h of sonication at 30 °C and vortexed again for 30 s. The supernatants were transferred into clean polypropylene tubes and dried on a centrifugal vacuum concentrator at 35° C. Extracts were reconstituted in 1 mL of 8:2 methanol:water and filtered into 2 mL amber glass HPLC vials using a 0.45 µm PVDF syringe filter. Extracts were immediately stored at -20 °C until LC-MS analysis. Extracts were analyzed on a Q-Exactive orbitrap coupled to a 1290 Agilent HPLC in both positive and negative polarities. Chemical formula of observed extrolites were determined with Xcalibur® software using accurate mass measurements and manually verified by isotopic pattern. Chemical formulae were searched against AntiBase2013 and SciFinder and putatively confirmed by comparing product ions observed with those published in the literature or though manual interpretation. The fungi were also analysed using the HPLC-DAD method described by Frisvad and Thrane (1987) as modified by Nielsen et al. (2011), by taking two agar plugs from each of the following media: DG18, CYA20S and YES agar, and extracting the combined 6 agar plugs of the colonies of *Aspergillus* with ethylacetate / isopropanol (3:1, vol./vol.) with 1% (vol.) formic acid added to that mixture. The retention indices and UV spectra were compared to those given in the supplementary material of the Nielsen et al. (2011) paper.

Results

Sampling, isolations and identification

Isolations from house dust collected in Canada and Hawaii resulted in 1039 isolates of xerophilic/xerotolerant fungi. 296 isolates were identified as *Aspergillus*, of which members from sections *Aspergillus*, *Nidulantes* (*A. versicolor* clade) and *Restricti* were most

abundant. Strains were identified to species using *CaM* sequences and identities confirmed by morphological examination. They include *A. chevalieri*, *A. cibarius*, *A. montevidensis*, *A. proliferans*, *A. pseudoglaucus*, *A. ruber* and *A. tonophilus* from sect. *Aspergillus*. In section *Nidulantes* (*A. versicolor* clade), *A. jensenii* and *A. sydowii* were isolated most frequently, while *A. creber*, *A. fructus*, *A. protuberus*, *A. tennesseensis* and *A. versicolor* were also recovered. A large degree of sequence diversity was observed in sect. *Restricti* and will be presented in a separate study. Other *Aspergillus* species identified include *A. aureolatus*, *A. candidus*, *A. calidoustus*, *A. flavus*, *A. japonicus*, *A. lentulus*, *A. luchuensis*, *A. micronesiensis*, *A. niger*, *A. pragensis*, *A. tamarii*, *A. terreus*, *A. tubingensis*, *A. welwitschiae* and *A. westerdijkiae*. Reference sequences, mostly *CaM*, obtained for these species were uploaded to GenBank under accession numbers KX894565–KX894666 and KY351765–KY351785, and are included in Suppl. material 1: Table 1 to assist with future identifications. This table also include additional information with regard to strains' location and growth medium used for their isolations. During this survey, two sect. *Aspergillus* species with eurotium-like sexual states could not be identified as known species and are described below as new species, based on growth characters on a wide range of culture media. The new species are compared with their close relatives and notes are provided on their diagnostic phenotypic characters, including extrolite production.

Phylogeny

To demonstrate genealogical concordance for the two new species, phylogenies for all known species of sect. *Aspergillus* were prepared (Table 1) using alignments of ITS, *BenA*, *CaM*, and *RPB2* (Fig. 1) and overall phylogenetic relationships considered as a concatenated dataset (Fig. 2).

The ITS alignment was 535 bp long and contained 68 variable characters, of which 27 were parsimony informative. MP analysis resulted in two equally parsimonious trees (length 79 steps, CI = 0.987, RI = 0.992). HKY+I was found to be the most suitable model for BI analysis. ITS is highly conserved in sect. *Aspergillus*, as demonstrated in the phylogenetic analysis, making it uninformative as an identification barcode in section *Aspergillus*. Of the 22 species, including the two new species described here, only *A. cumulatus*, *A. leucocarpus*, *A. osmophilus* and *A. xerophilus* have unique ITS barcodes. The alignments for the *BenA*, *CaM* and *RPB2* datasets were respectively 389 (151 variable, 136 parsimony informative), 556 (221 variable, 177 parsimony informative) and 871 bp (202 variable, 162 parsimony informative) long. MP analyses resulted in 84 (length 287 steps, CI = 0.728, RI = 0.923), 12 (length 275 steps, CI = 0.7, RI = 0.904), 28 (length 364 steps, CI = 0.648, RI = 0.911) and 24 (length 798 steps, CI = 0.692, RI = 0.907) equally parsimonious trees for *BenA*, *CaM*, *RPB2* and concatenated dataset. K80+G (*BenA*), SYM+G (*CaM*) and SYM+I+G (*RPB2*) were the most suitable models for BI.

Tree topologies did not differ for respective genes between MP and BI; therefore, MP trees were used to present results. Some species are consistently resolved as sister

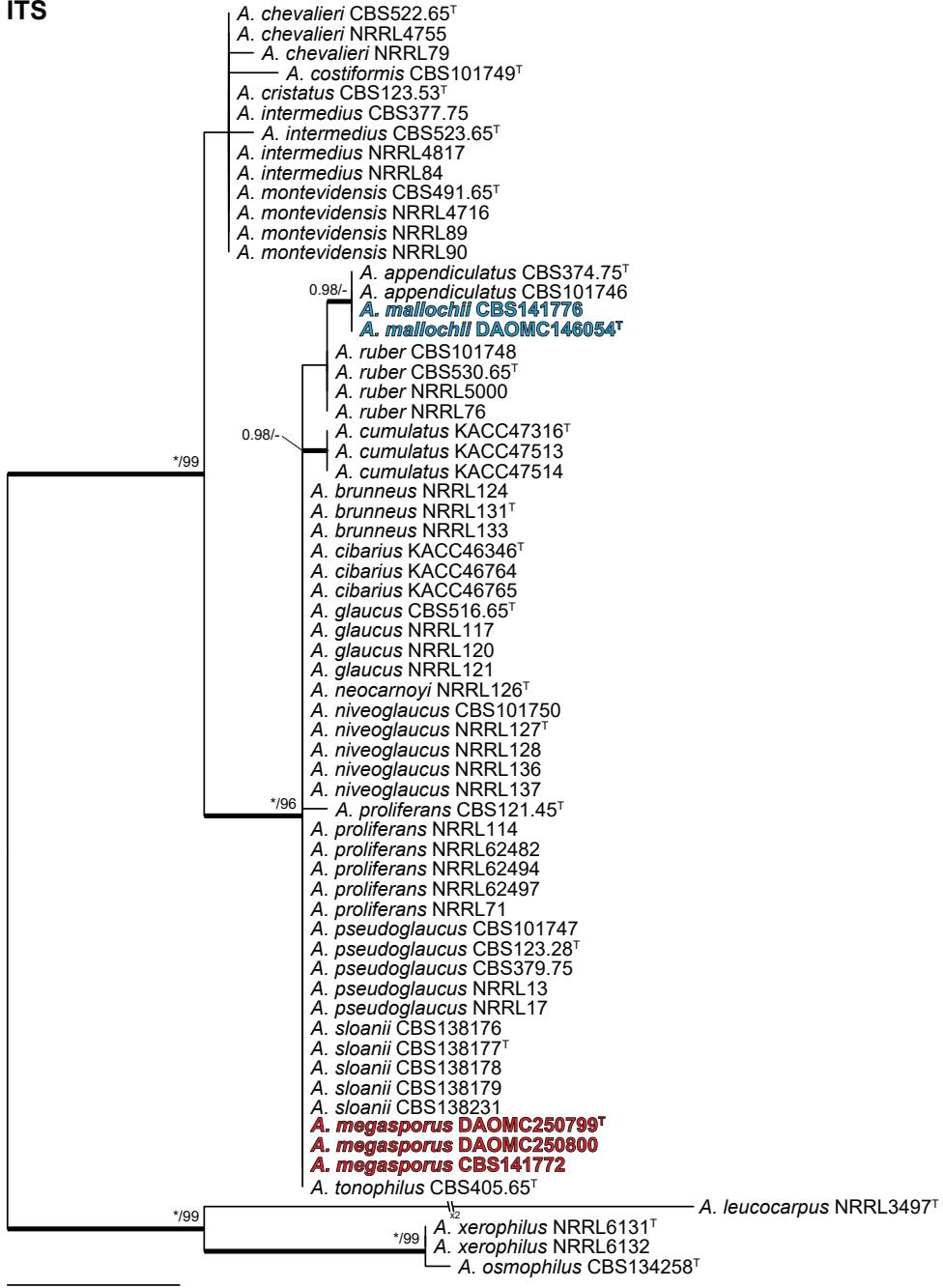
Table I. Strains used for phylogenetic analyses.

| Species | Strains | Origin | GenBank accession numbers | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | | ITS | CaM | BnA | RPB2 |
| <i>Aspergillus appendiculatus</i> | CBS 374.75T; DAOMC 231665; IMI 278374; ETH 8286 | Smoked sausages, Switzerland | HE615132 | HE801318 | HE801333 | HE801307 |
| <i>Aspergillus appendiculatus</i> | CBS101746; AS 3.4673 | Sheep dung, China | HE615133 | HE801319 | HE801334 | HE801308 |
| <i>Aspergillus brunnescens</i> | CBS 112.26T; NRRL 131; ATCC 1021; IMI 211378; MUCL 15646 | Fig, USA | EF652060 | EF651998 | EF651907 | EF651939 |
| <i>Aspergillus brunnescens</i> | CBS 113.27; NRRL124; ATCC1036; IMI 029188 | Unknown | EF652056 | EF651997 | EF651904 | EF651938 |
| <i>Aspergillus brunnescens</i> | NRRL133 | Unknown | EF652061 | EF651999 | EF651908 | EF651940 |
| <i>Aspergillus chevalieri</i> | CBS 522.65T; NRRL78; ATCC 16443; IMI 211382 | Coffee beans, USA | EF652068 | EF652002 | EF651911 | EF651954 |
| <i>Aspergillus chevalieri</i> | NRRL 4755 | Contaminated culture, USA | EF652071 | EF652004 | EF651913 | EF651956 |
| <i>Aspergillus chevalieri</i> | NRRL 79 | Unknown, USA | EF652069 | EF652003 | EF651912 | EF651955 |
| <i>Aspergillus chevalieri</i> | KACC 46346T | Meju, Korea | JQ918177 | JQ918183 | JQ918180 | JQ918186 |
| <i>Aspergillus chevalieri</i> | KACC 46764 | Meju, Korea | JQ918178 | JQ918184 | JQ918181 | JQ918187 |
| <i>Aspergillus chevalieri</i> | KACC 46765 | Meju, Korea | JQ918179 | JQ918185 | JQ918182 | JQ918188 |
| <i>Aspergillus costiformis</i> | CBS 101749T; AS 3.4664 | Rotten paper, China | HE615136 | HE801320 | HE801338 | HE801309 |
| <i>Aspergillus cristatus</i> | CBS 123.53T; NRRL 4222; ATCC 16468; IMI 172280; MUCL 15644 | Unknown, South Africa | EF652078 | EF652001 | EF651914 | EF651957 |
| <i>Aspergillus cumulatus</i> | KACC 47316T | Rice straw, Korea | KF928303 | KF928300 | KF928297 | KF928294 |
| <i>Aspergillus cumulatus</i> | KACC 47513 | Indoor air from meju fermentation room, Korea | KF928304 | KF928301 | KF928298 | KF928295 |
| <i>Aspergillus cumulatus</i> | KACC 47514 | Indoor air from meju fermentation room, Korea | KF928305 | KF928302 | KF928299 | KF928296 |
| <i>Aspergillus glaucus</i> | CBS 516.65T; NRRL 116; ATCC 16469; IMI 211383 | Unpainted basement board, USA | EF652052 | EF651989 | EF651887 | EF651934 |
| <i>Aspergillus glaucus</i> | NRRL 117; ATCC 66470 | Unpainted basement board, USA | EF652053 | EF651990 | EF651888 | EF651935 |
| <i>Aspergillus glaucus</i> | NRRL 120; ATCC 16925; FRR 120 | Unknown | EF652054 | EF651991 | EF651889 | EF651936 |
| <i>Aspergillus glaucus</i> | NRRL 121; IMI 313756 | Unknown | EF652055 | EF651992 | EF651890 | EF651937 |
| <i>Aspergillus intermedius</i> | CBS 377.75; IMI 278376; ETH 82777 | Soil, Spain | HE974459 | HE974437 | HE974432 | HE974425 |
| <i>Aspergillus intermedius</i> | CBS 523.65T; NRRL 82; ATCC 16444; IMI 089278; IMI 089278ii; DSM 2830 | Unknown, United Kingdom | EF652074 | EF652012 | EF651892 | EF651958 |

| Species | Strains | Origin | GenBank accession numbers | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | | ITS | CaM | BenA | RPB2 |
| <i>Aspergillus intermedium</i> | NRRL 4817; IMI 313754 | Unknown | EF652072 | EF652014 | EF651894 | EF651960 |
| <i>Aspergillus intermedium</i> | NRRL 84 | Unknown | EF652070 | EF652013 | EF651893 | EF651959 |
| <i>Aspergillus leucocarpus</i> | CBS 353,68T; NRRL3497; IMI 278375 | Raw sausage, Germany | EF652087 | EF652023 | EF651925 | EF651972 |
| <i>Aspergillus mallochii</i> | DAOMC 146054T = CBS 141928 = DTO 357A5 = KAS 7618 | Pack rat dung, USA | KX450907 | KX450902 | KX450889 | KX450894 |
| <i>Aspergillus mallochii</i> | CBS 141776 = DTO 343G3 | 'Chocolat miroir' icing for cake, the Netherlands | KX450908 | KX450903 | KX450890 | KX450895 |
| <i>Aspergillus megasporus</i> | DAOMC 250799T = CBS 141929= DTO 356H7 = KAS 6176 | House dust, Canada | KX450910 | KX450905 | KX450892 | KX450897 |
| <i>Aspergillus megasporus</i> | DAOMC 250800 = DTO 356H1 = KAS 5973 | House dust, Canada | KX450909 | KX450904 | KX450891 | KX450896 |
| <i>Aspergillus megasporus</i> | CBS 141772 = DTO 04813 | Dutch chocolate butter, the Netherlands | KX450911 | KX450906 | KX450893 | KX450898 |
| <i>Aspergillus montevidensis</i> | CBS 491,65T; NRRL 108; ATCC 10077; IMI 172290; IHEM 3337 | Human tympanic membrane, unknown | EF652077 | EF652020 | EF651898 | EF651964 |
| <i>Aspergillus montevidensis</i> | CBS 518,65; NRRL90; ATCC 16464; IMI 229971; IFO 33018 | Unknown, USA | EF652076 | EF652017 | EF651897 | EF651963 |
| <i>Aspergillus montevidensis</i> | NRRL 4716; IMI 350348 | Candied grapefruit rind, USA | EF652079 | EF652018 | EF651899 | EF651965 |
| <i>Aspergillus montevidensis</i> | NRRL 89; ATCC 10065; IMI 211806 | Unknown | EF652075 | EF652016 | EF651896 | EF651962 |
| <i>Aspergillus necarnoyi</i> | CBS 471,65T; NRRL126; ATCC 16924; IMI 172279 | Unknown | EF652057 | EF651985 | EF651903 | EF651942 |
| <i>Aspergillus niveolaucus</i> | CBS 101750; AS 3.4665 | Soil, China | HE615135 | HE801323 | HE801331 | HE801312 |
| <i>Aspergillus niveolaucus</i> | CBS 114,27T; NRRL127; NRRL 129; NRRL 130; ATCC 10075; CBS 517,65; IMI 032050; IMI 032050ii | Unknown | EF652058 | EF651993 | EF651905 | EF651943 |
| <i>Aspergillus niveolaucus</i> | NRRL 128; FRR 128; IMI 091871 | Unknown | EF652059 | EF651994 | EF651906 | EF651944 |
| <i>Aspergillus niveolaucus</i> | NRRL 136 | Unknown | EF652062 | EF651995 | EF651909 | EF651945 |
| <i>Aspergillus niveolaucus</i> | NRRL 137; IMI 091872 | Unknown | EF652063 | EF651996 | EF651910 | EF651946 |
| <i>Aspergillus ornatophilus</i> | CBS 134258T; IRAN 2090C | Leaf of <i>Triticum aestivum</i> , Iran | KC473921 | KC473918 | KC473924 | KX512310 |
| <i>Aspergillus proliferans</i> | CBS 121,45T; NRRL 1908; CBS 528,65; ATCC 16922; IMI 016105; IMI 016105ii; IMI 016105iii; MUCL 15625 | Cotton Yam, United Kingdom | EF652064 | EF651988 | EF651891 | EF651941 |
| <i>Aspergillus proliferans</i> | NRRL 114; ATCC 10076; IMI 211808 | Unknown, USA | EF652051 | EF651987 | EF651886 | EF651933 |
| <i>Aspergillus proliferans</i> | NRRL 62482; CCF 4096 | Palm skin, Czech Republic | FR848827 | HE650908 | FR775375 | HE801303 |
| <i>Aspergillus proliferans</i> | NRRL 62494; CCF 4146 | Toenail, Czech Republic | HE578067 | HE650909 | HE578076 | HE801304 |
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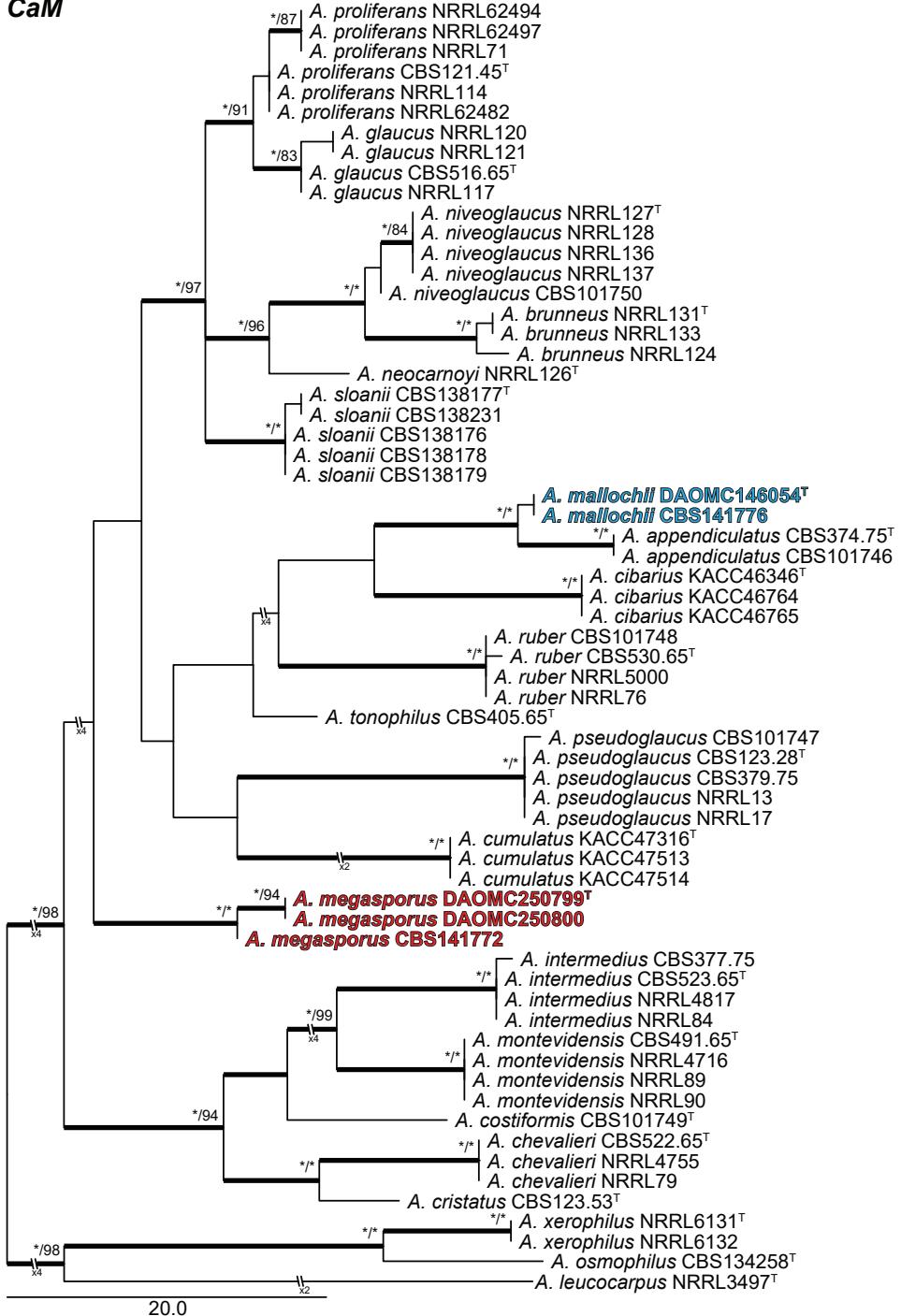
| Species | Strains | Origin | GenBank accession numbers | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | | ITS | CaM | BenA | RPB2 |
| <i>Aspergillus proliferans</i> | NRRL 71 | Leafhoppers, USA | EF652047 | EF651986 | EF651885 | EF651932 |
| <i>Aspergillus pseudoglaucus</i> | CBS 123.28T; NRRL 40; ATCC 10066; IMI 016122; IMI 016122ii; MUCL 15624 | Unknown | EF652050 | EF652007 | EF651917 | EF651952 |
| <i>Aspergillus pseudoglaucus</i> | CBS 379.75; IMI 278373; ETH 8218; DSM 1370 | Leaf from <i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i> , Switzerland | HE615131 | HE801322 | HE801336 | HE801311 |
| <i>Aspergillus pseudoglaucus</i> | CBS 529.65; NRRL13; NRRL24; ATCC 9294; IMI 016114; IMI 016114ii; MUCL 15649 | Prunus domestica, France | EF652048 | EF652005 | EF651915 | EF651950 |
| <i>Aspergillus pseudoglaucus</i> | CBS101747; AS 3.4674 | Animal dung, China | HE615130 | HE801321 | HE801335 | HE801310 |
| <i>Aspergillus pseudoglaucus</i> | NRRL 17; ATCC 10079; UAMH 6580 | Skin from wrist, USA | EF652049 | EF652006 | EF651916 | EF651951 |
| <i>Aspergillus ruber</i> | CBS 101748; AS 3.4632 | Soil, China | HE615134 | HE801325 | HE801337 | HE801315 |
| <i>Aspergillus ruber</i> | CBS 464.65; NRRL5000; ATCC 16923; IMI 32048 | Coffee beans, United Kingdom | EF652080 | EF652010 | EF651922 | EF651949 |
| <i>Aspergillus ruber</i> | CBS 530.65T; NRRL 52; ATCC 16441; IMI 211380 | Unknown | EF652066 | EF652009 | EF651920 | EF651947 |
| <i>Aspergillus ruber</i> | NRRL 76; IMI 91868 | Unknown | EF652067 | EF652011 | EF651921 | EF651948 |
| <i>Aspergillus sloanii</i> | CBS 138176; DTO 244-A8 | House dust, United Kingdom | KJ775539 | KJ775308 | KJ775073 | KX463364 |
| <i>Aspergillus sloanii</i> | CBS 138177; DTO 245-A1 | House dust, United Kingdom | KJ775540 | KJ775309 | KJ775074 | KX463365 |
| <i>Aspergillus sloanii</i> | CBS 138178; DTO 245-A8 | House dust, United Kingdom | KJ775542 | KJ775313 | KJ775076 | KX450900 |
| <i>Aspergillus sloanii</i> | CBS 138179; DTO 245-A9 | House dust, United Kingdom | KJ775543 | KJ775314 | KJ775077 | KX450901 |
| <i>Aspergillus sloanii</i> | CBS 138231; DTO 245-A6 | House dust, United Kingdom | KJ775541 | KJ775311 | KJ775075 | KX450899 |
| <i>Aspergillus tonophilus</i> | CBS 405.65T; NRRL5124; ATCC 14567; ATCC 16440; ATCC 36504; DSM 3462; IFO 6529; IMI 108299; IMI 108299ii | Binocular lens, Japan | EF652081 | EF652000 | EF651919 | EF651969 |
| <i>Aspergillus xerophilus</i> | CBS 938.73T; NRRL6131; FRR 2804; IMI 278377 | Desert soil, Egypt | EF652085 | EF651983 | EF651923 | EF651970 |
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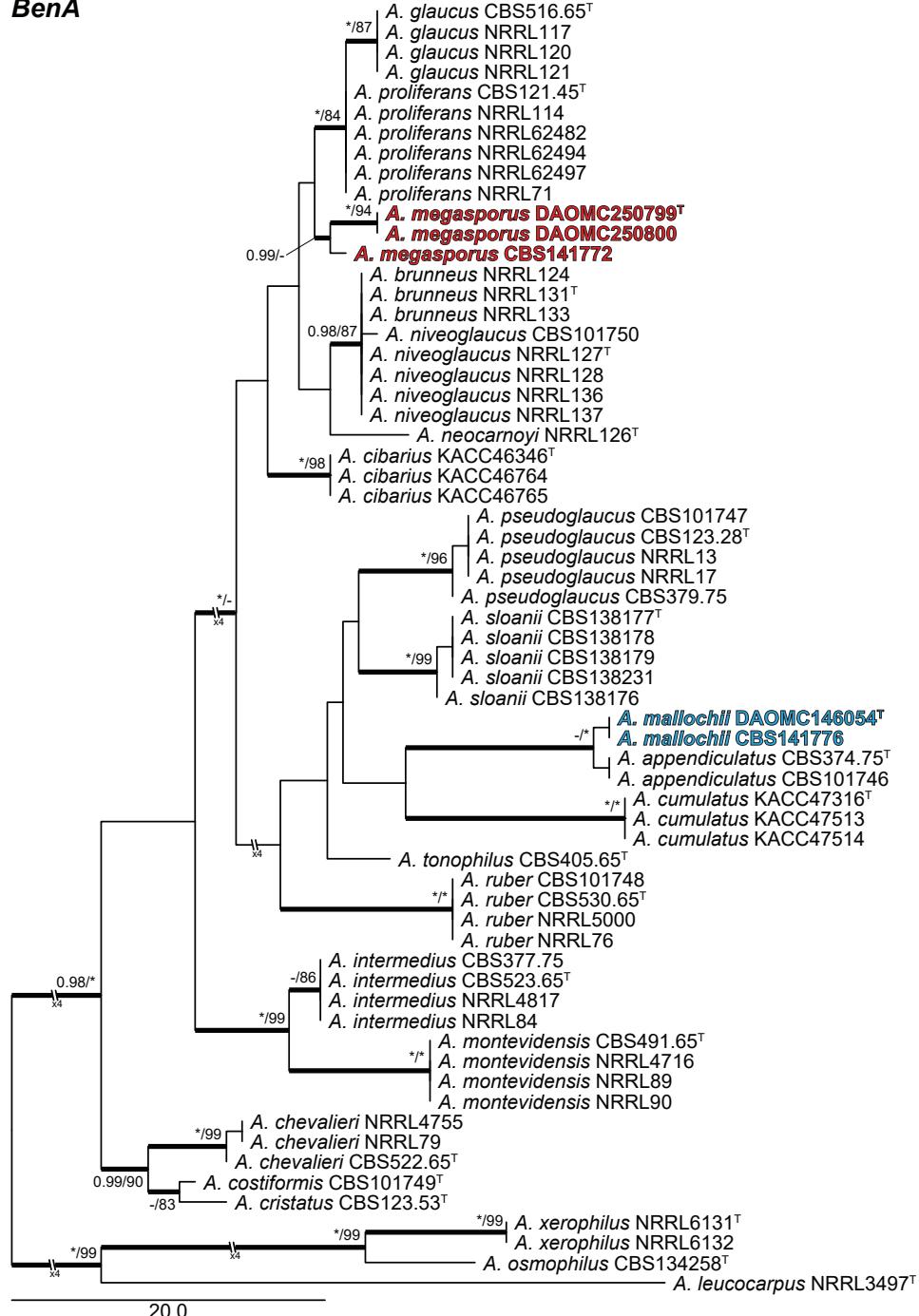
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Figure 1. One of the most parsimonious trees of *Aspergillus* sect. *Aspergillus* based on ITS, CaM, BenA and RPB2. Trees were rooted to *A. xerophilus*, *A. leucocarpus* and *A. osmophilus*. Support in nodes higher than 80% bootstrap values and 0.95 posterior probabilities are shown above thickened branches. New species are shown in bold and colour, while ex-type strains are followed by ^T.

CaM**Figure 1.** Continued.

BenA**Figure 1.** Continued.

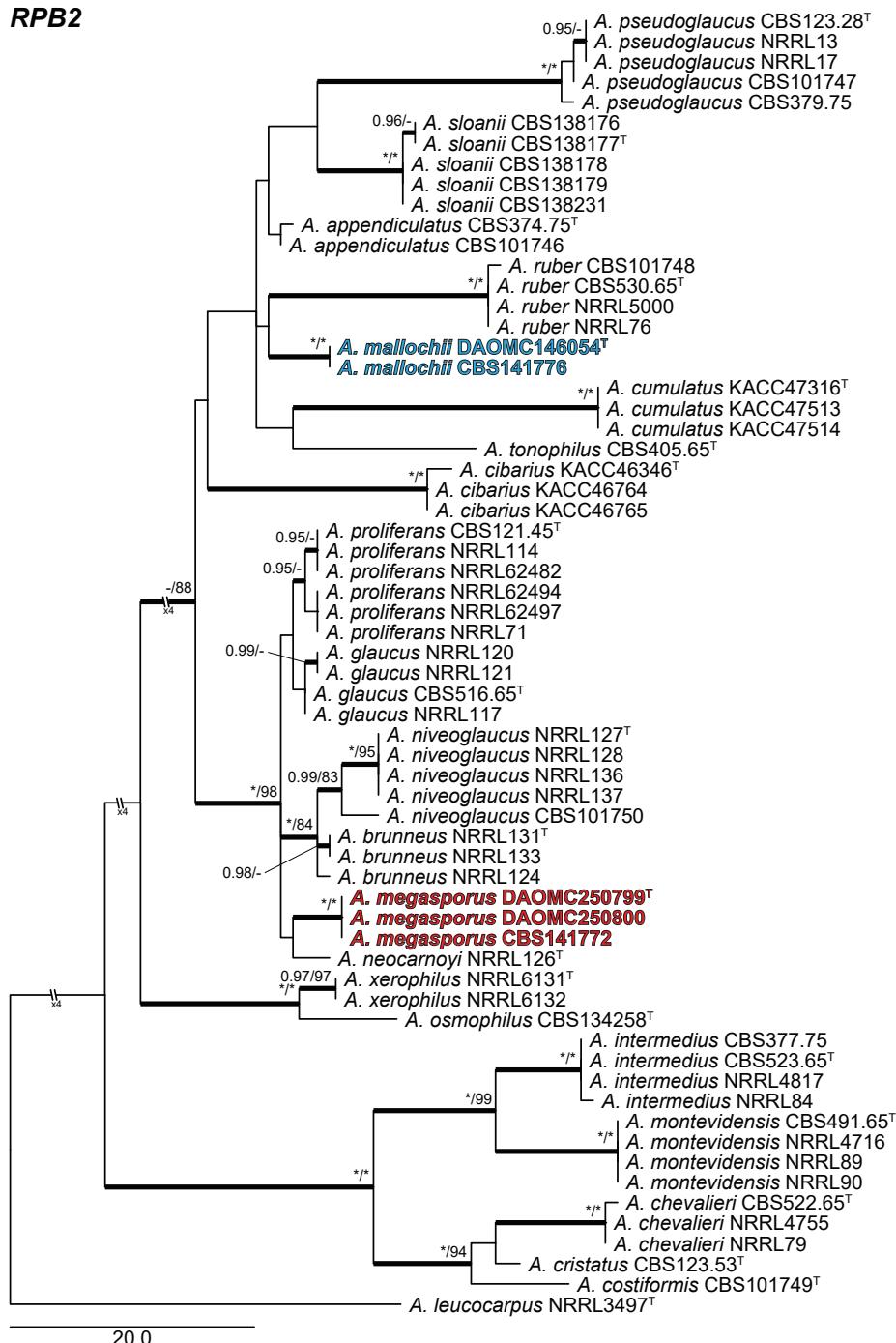


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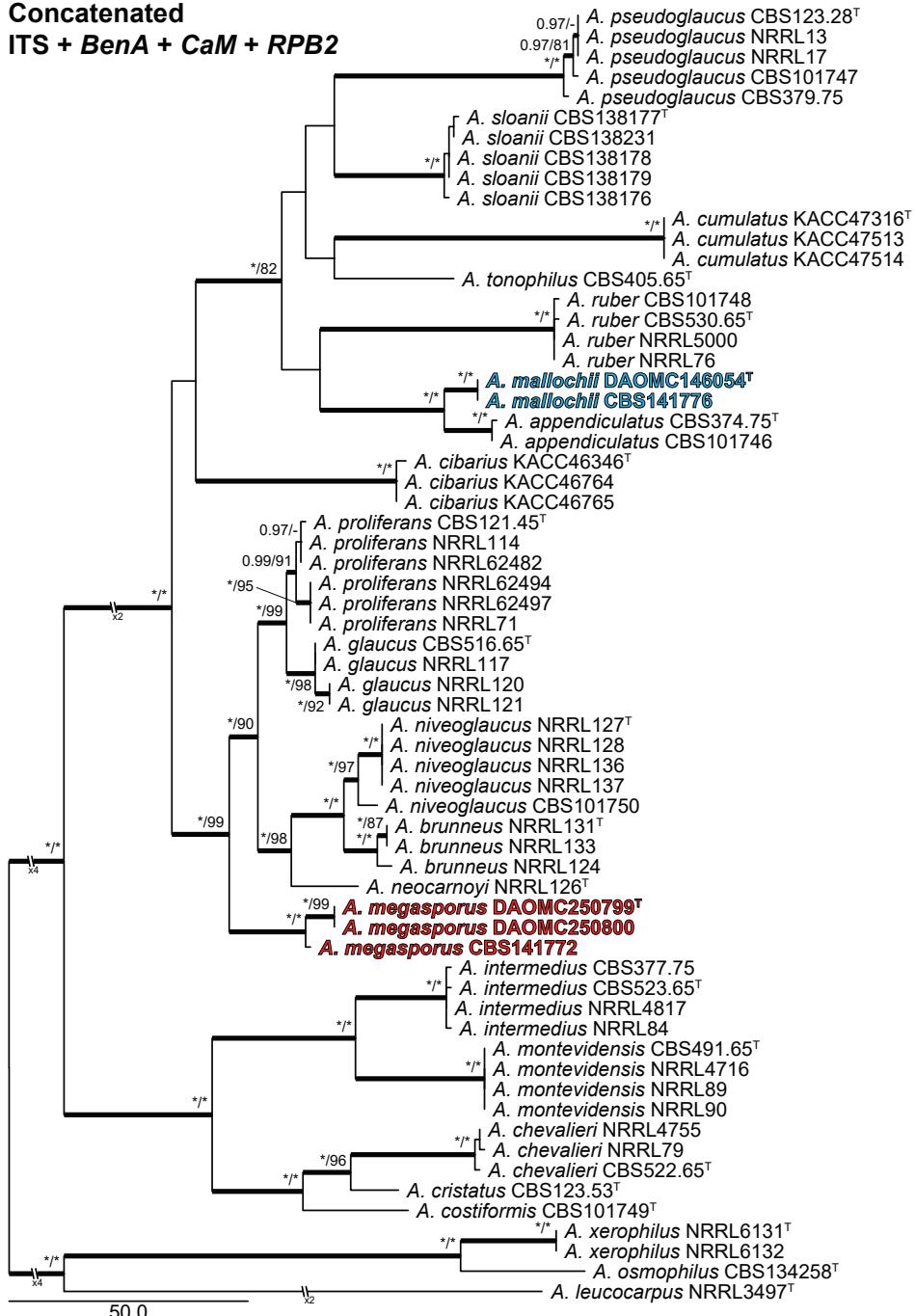
Concatenated**ITS + BenA + CaM + RPB2**

Figure 2. One of the most parsimonious trees of *Aspergillus* sect. *Aspergillus* based on a combined dataset of ITS, BenA, CaM and RPB2. The tree was rooted to *A. xerophilus*, *A. leucocarpus* and *A. osmophilus*. Support in nodes higher than 80% bootstrap values and 0.95 posterior probabilities are shown above thickened branches. New species are shown in bold and colour, while ex-type strains are followed by ^T.

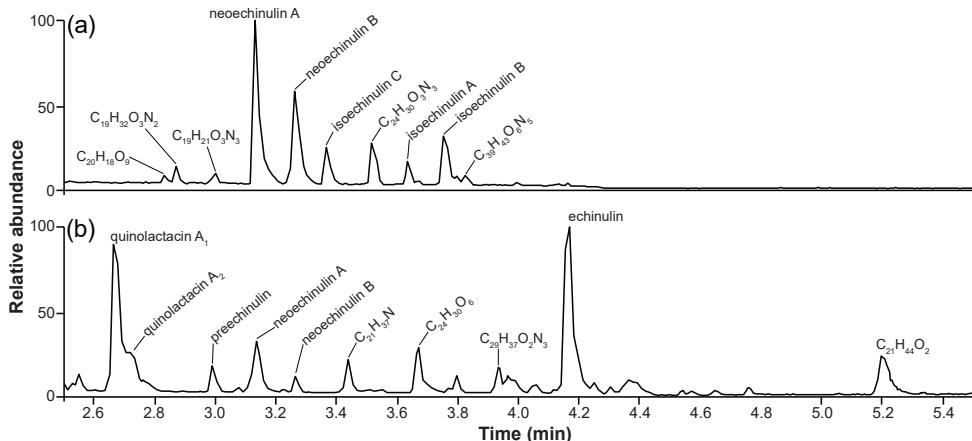


Figure 3. Base peak chromatograms observed in positive ionization mode. **a** *Aspergillus mallochii* (DAOMC 146054 = KAS 7618) **b** *Aspergillus megasporus* (DAOMC 250799 = KAS 6176). Both species show some production of echinulin class of alkaloids to varying amounts. Quinolactacin A1, A2 and B were not detected in *A. mallochii*.

species such as *A. proliferans* and *A. glaucus*, *A. brunneus* and *A. niveoglaucus*, *A. montevidensis* and *A. intermedius*, and *A. osmophilus* and *A. xerophilus*. On a deeper level, however, the backbones in all gene trees were generally poorly supported, resulting in inconsistent clades among different gene trees. The addition of more newly discovered species of section *Aspergillus* in future may result in better backbone support. With regards to the new species, *A. mallochii* was sister to *A. appendiculatus*, although *RPB2* placed it on a unique branch. *Aspergillus megasporus* resolves in different positions depending on gene analyzed, but based on the concatenated phylogeny belongs in a clade with *A. brunneus*, *A. niveoglaucus*, *A. neocarnoyi*, *A. glaucus* and *A. proliferans*. For species identifications, it is clear that all three of these genes are superior to ITS and distinguish between all 22 accepted species in sect. *Aspergillus*.

Extrolites

Aspergillus mallochii and *A. megasporus* produced several related tryptophan derived alkaloids including, echinulins, neoechinulins and isoechochinulins, but in varying amounts (Table 2). *Aspergillus mallochii* (DAOMC 146054) was a major producer of neoechinulin A & B, while also producing isoechochinulin A, B & C (Fig. 3a). Quinolactacin A₁, A₂ & B were among the major extrolites produced by *A. megasporus* (Fig. 3b). The other was echinulin produced by DAOMC 250799, although it was not detected in DAOMC 250800. The latter strain was generally a poor extrolite producer. The chemical structures of major extrolites produced by *A. megasporus* and *A. mallochii* are shown in Fig. 4.

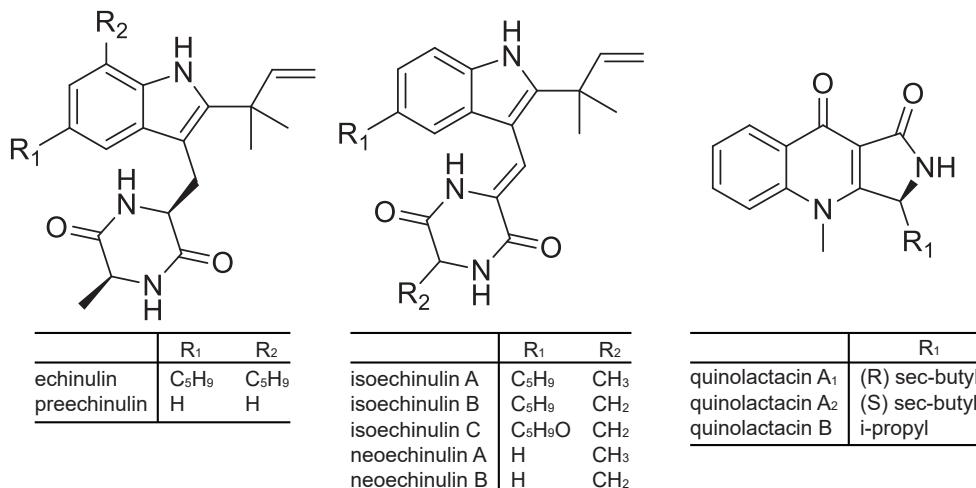


Figure 4. Chemical structure of major compounds produced by *A. mallochii* and *A. megasporus*.

Table 2. Overview of the major extrolites detected and product ions.

| Extrolite | <i>m/z</i> | Formula | RT (min) | Product ions <i>m/z</i> | | | | |
|------------------------------|------------|---|----------|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | | | 338,186 | 266,190 | 198,128 | 210,128 | 270,124 |
| echinulin | 462,311 | C ₃₉ H ₃₉ N ₃ O ₂ | 4,16 | | | | | |
| isoechinulin A | 392,233 | C ₂₄ H ₂₉ N ₃ O ₂ | 3,63 | 268,108 | 336,170 | 256,108 | 69,071 | — |
| isoechinulin B | 390,217 | C ₂₄ H ₂₇ O ₂ N ₃ | 3,75 | 266,092 | 322,155 | 334,155 | 254,092 | 306,123 |
| isoechinulin C | 406,212 | C ₂₄ H ₂₇ O ₃ N ₃ | 3,37 | 334,155 | 266,092 | 237,138 | 338,150 | — |
| neoechinulin A | 324,171 | C ₁₉ H ₂₁ O ₂ N ₃ | 3,14 | 256,108 | 268,108 | 185,071 | 69,071 | — |
| neoechinulin B | 322,155 | C ₁₉ H ₁₉ O ₂ N ₃ | 3,26 | 254,092 | 266,095 | 69,071 | 226,097 | — |
| preechinulin | 326,186 | C ₁₉ H ₂₃ O ₂ N ₃ | 2,99 | 130,065 | 198,128 | 270,123 | 258,124 | — |
| quinolactacin A ₁ | 271,144 | C ₁₆ H ₁₈ N ₂ O ₂ | 2,66 | 214,073 | — | — | — | — |
| quinolactacin A ₂ | 271,144 | C ₁₆ H ₁₈ N ₂ O ₂ | 2,72 | 214,073 | — | — | — | — |
| quinolactacin B | 257,129 | C ₁₅ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₂ | 2,54 | 214,073 | — | — | — | — |
| questin* | 283,061 | C ₁₆ H ₁₂ O ₅ | 3,39 | 268,038 | 240,042 | — | — | — |

* observed in negative ionization mode

Taxonomy

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Fig. 5

Etymology. Latin, *mallochii*, named after Prof. David Malloch, a Canadian specialist in ‘Plectomycetes’ who first collected this species in the 1960’s.

Typus. USA, California, San Mateo, pack rat dung, added to DAOMC in 1969, collected by David Malloch, Holotype DAOM 740296, culture ex-type DAOMC 146054 = CBS 141928 = DTO 357-A5 = KAS 7618.

Additional material examined. The Netherlands, ‘chocolat miroir’ icing for a cake, unknown date and collector, culture CBS 141776 = DTO 343-G3.

ITS barcode. KX450907. Alternative identification markers: *BenA* = KX540889, *CaM* = KX450902, *RPB2* = KX450894.

Colony diam, 7 d (in mm), 25 °C. CYA 6–8; CY20S 14–17; MEA 3–4; MEA20S 29–31; DG18 48–50; YES 9–10; M40Y 48–50; MY50G 35–40; MY10-12 29–30; CY20S, DG18, MEA20S at 37 °C no growth; CREA no growth.

Colony characters. CYA: Colonies with restricted growth; conidiophores sparse; cleistothecia absent. CY20S: Colonies grow faster than on CYA; sporulation sparse to moderately dense, greyish to dark green (30E5–F5); cleistothecia dark yellow, abundant at colony centre. MEA: Colonies with restricted growth; conidiophores and cleistothecia absent. MEA20S: Colonies grow faster than on MEA; sporulation sparse, greyish to dark green (30E5–F5); cleistothecia yellow to orange, abundant. DG18: Colonies very fluffy with aerial mycelia giving rise to conidiophores; sporulation sparse to moderately dense, greyish to dark green (30E5–F5); cleistothecia abundant at colony centre, yellow to orange. Homothallic.

Micromorphology on DG18. Cleistothecia eurotium-like, wall consisting of one layer of flattened cells, yellow to orange, turning deep brown with age, globose, 95–250 µm diam. Ascii eight-spored, globose, ellipsoidal to pyriform, 10–15 µm diam, maturing after 7–14 d. Ascospores lenticular, equatorial crest present but incomplete, convex surface roughened, 4.5–6 × 3.5–4.5 µm (5.1±0.3 × 3.9±0.3), n = 52. Conidiophores radiate and columnar, uniseriate; stipes smooth, 200–1000 × 7.5–17(–19) µm; vesicle globose, (25–)40–65 µm diam; phialides ampulliform, covering 80–100% of vesicle, 7–11 × 3–5 µm; conidia roughened to spiny, ellipsoidal, connectives easily visible, 4.5–6.5 × 4–5.5 µm (5.4±0.4 × 4.5±0.3), average width/length = 0.83, n = 68.

Extrolites. Isoechinulin A, B & C; neoechinulin A & B; unknowns $C_{20}H_{18}O_9$, $C_{19}H_{32}O_3N_2$, $C_{19}H_{21}O_3N_3$, $C_{24}H_{30}O_3N_3$, $C_{39}H_{43}O_6N_5$. Additionally, echinulin, erythroglaucin, auroglaucin, flavoglaucin, dihydroauroglaucin, tetrahydroauroglaucin were found in CBS 141776. Some extrolites tentatively identified as tetracyclic compounds were detected in CBS 141776.

Notes. *Aspergillus mallochii* is phylogenetically and morphologically most similar to *A. appendiculatus*. Both are unable to grow at 37 °C and both have ascospores with incomplete equatorial furrows. Ascospores of the new species, however, are generally smaller and at least finely roughened compared to the smoother ascospores of *A. appendiculatus*.

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Fig. 6

Etymology. Latin, *megasporus*, in reference to the large conidia produced by this species.

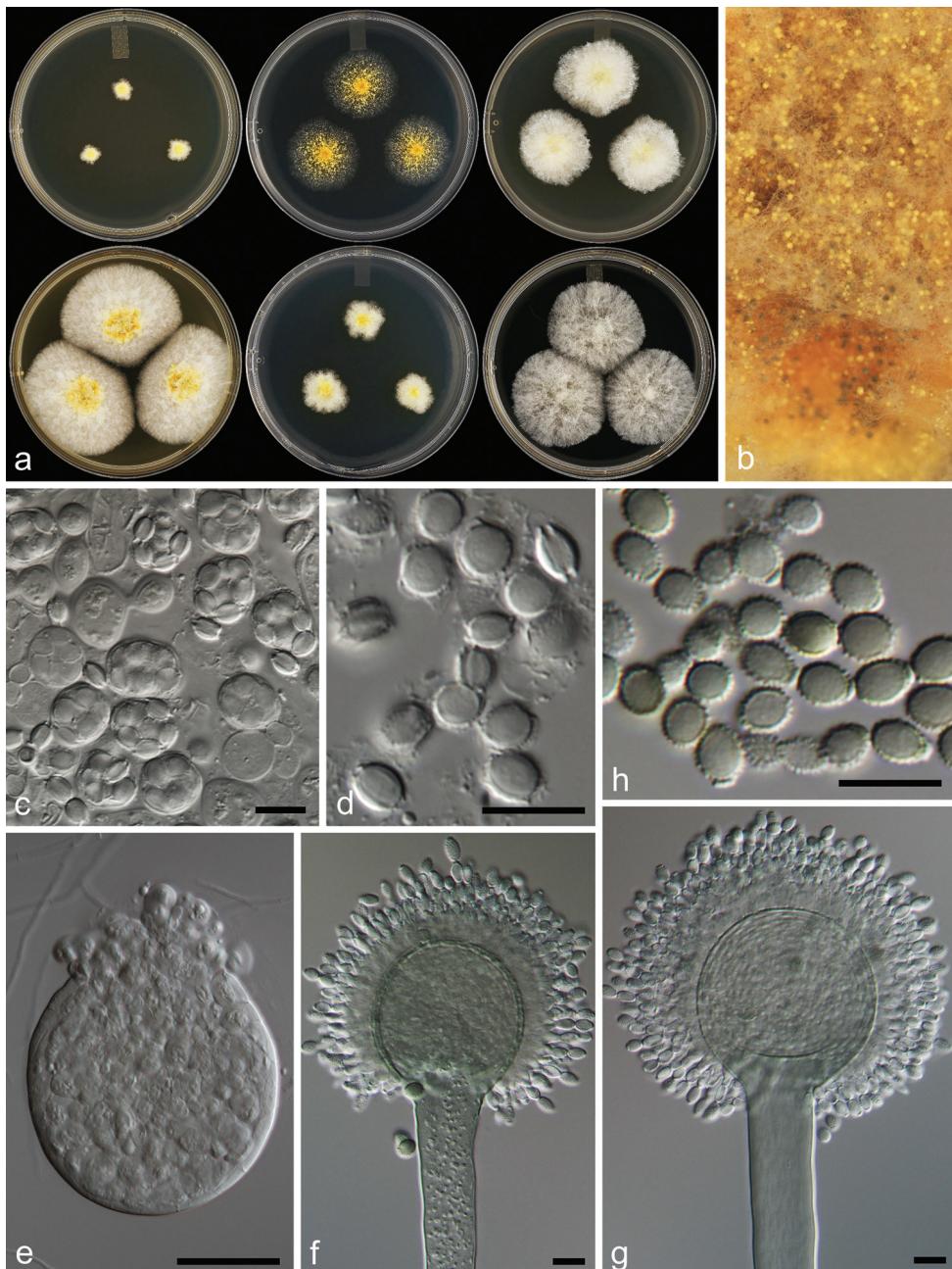


Figure 5. *Aspergillus mallochii* (DAOMC 146054). **a** Colonies on MEA, MEA20S, MY10-12 (top row, from left to right), DG18, CY20S, MY50G (bottom row, from left to right) **b** Texture on DG18 **c** Ascospores **d** Ascospores **e** Cleistothecium **f**, **g** Conidiophores **h** Conidia. Scale bars: **e** = 50 µm, **c**, **d**, **f-h** = 10 µm.



Figure 6. *Aspergillus megasporus* (DAOMC 250799). **a** Colonies on MEA, MEA20S, MY10-12 (top row, from left to right), DG18, CY20S, MY50G (bottom row, from left to right) **b** Texture on DG18 **c** Ascospores **d** Ascospores **e** Cleistothecium **f**, **g** Conidiophores **h** Conidia. Scale bars: **e** = 50 µm, **c**, **d**, **f–h** = 10 µm.

Typus. Canada. Nova Scotia, Wolfville, house dust, 29 January 2015, collected by Allison Walker, isolated by Cobus M. Visagie, holotype DAOM 741781, culture ex-type DAOMC 250799 = CBS 141929 = DTO 356-H7 = KAS 6176.

Additional material examined. Canada. New Brunswick, Little Lepreau, house dust, 29 January 2015, collected by Allison Walker, isolated by Cobus M. Visagie, culture DAOMC 250800 = DTO 356-H1 = KAS 5973. **The Netherlands**, Dutch chocolate butter, August 2007, collected and isolated by Martin Meijer, culture CBS 141772 = DTO 048-I3.

ITS barcode. KX540910. Alternative identification markers: *BenA* = KX450892, *CaM* = KX450905, *RPB2* = KX450897.

Colony diam, 7 d (in mm), 25 °C. CYA 3–8; CY20S 30–35; MEA 3–5; MEA20S 24–35; DG18 47–50; YES 15–16; M40Y 45–47; MY50G 35–40; MY10-12 40–44; CY20S, DG18, MEA20S at 37 °C no growth, CREA no growth.

Colony characters. CYA: Colonies with restricted growth; conidiophores and cleistothecia absent. CY20S: Colonies grow faster than on CYA; sporulation moderately dense, greyish to dark green (30E5–F5); cleistothecia yellow, sparse. MEA: Colonies with restricted growth; conidiophores and cleistothecia absent. MEA20S: Colonies grow faster than on MEA; sporulation moderately dense, greyish to dark green (30E5–F5); cleistothecia yellow, moderately abundant. DG18: Colonies very fluffy with abundant aerial mycelia giving rise to conidiophores; sporulation moderately dense, dull to dark green (28E3–F3); cleistothecia abundant, dark yellow to orange. Homothallic.

Micromorphology on DG18. Cleistothecia eurotium-like, wall consisting of one layer of flattened cells, yellow to orange, globose, 115–205 µm diam. Ascii eight-spored, globose, ellipsoidal to pyriform, 14–19.5 µm diam. Ascospores lenticular, equatorial crest roughened, convex surface smooth, 5–8 × 3.5–6 µm (6.4±0.6 × 4.9±0.5), n = 51. Conidiophores radiate and columnar, uniseriate; stipes smooth, (30–)60–1000 × (9–)13–20 µm; vesicle globose, (8.5–)20–60 µm diam; phialides ampulliform, covering 70–100% of vesicle, (9–)11–15 × 5–7 µm; conidia roughened to spiny, ellipsoidal, connectives often visible, 7–12 × 6–8.5 µm (9.5±1.0 × 6.9±0.5), average width/length = 0.72, n = 85.

Extrolites. Echinulin; neoechinulin A & B; preechinulin; quinolactacin A₁ & A₂; unknowns C₁₅H₂₀O₂, C₂₁H₃₇N, C₂₄H₃₀O₆, C₂₉H₃₇O₂N₃, C₂₁H₄₄O₂. In addition, asperflavin, emodin, erythroglauclin, physcion and bisanthrone were found in CBS 141772. Some additional extrolites, tentatively identified as tetracyclic compounds, were detected in CBS 141772

Notes. The concatenated phylogeny of *BenA*, *CaM* and *RPB2* resolves *A. megasporus* in a clade with *A. brunneus*, *A. niveoglaucus*, *A. neocarnoyi*, *A. glaucus* and *A. proliferans*. None of these species are able to grow on CY20S at 37 °C. *Aspergillus niveoglaucus* and *A. megasporus* can be distinguished from other species by their large conidia, which are up to 11 and 12 µm in the longest axis respectively. *Aspergillus megasporus* colonies grow faster than *A. niveoglaucus* on DG18.

Discussion

Species of *Aspergillus* section *Aspergillus* are xerophilic and widespread in nature. Indoor environments, including homes and public buildings, are designed to be as dry as possible, especially in temperate countries, and these conditions select for these xerophiles to thrive. This partially explains the dominance of *Aspergillus*, *Penicillium*, *Cladosporium* and *Wallemia* in indoor fungal communities (Amend et al. 2010; Flanagan and Miller 2011; Samson et al. 2010; Visagie et al. 2014a). In our isolations of xerophiles occurring in Canadian and Hawaiian house dust, these genera were also found to be dominant. Xerophily is spread broadly across *Aspergillus*. Thirty *Aspergillus* species were isolated in our survey, excluding the many section *Restricti* species that will be addressed in another study. All *Aspergillus* are capable of growth on DG18, but MY10-12 and MY50G have much lower water activities. Species isolated from these selective media included species of sections *Aspergillus*, *Candidi*, *Flavipedes*, *Nidulantes*, *Nigri*, *Restricti* and *Versicolores* (summarized in Suppl. material 1: Table 1). One new species was discovered from our house dust samples, described as *A. megasporus*. We also re-identified all cultures from DAOMC deposited as *Eurotium*. Among these, we discovered an additional species that we described as *A. mallochii* using morphology, extrolite and phylogenetic analyses.

Aspergillus megasporus was isolated from Canadian house dust collected in Wolfville, Nova Scotia and Little Lepreau, New Brunswick, and was also isolated from chocolate butter in the Netherlands. Phylogenetically, the position of this species varies depending on which gene is analysed; *CaM* resolves it in its own distinct clade, *BenA* in a clade with a poorly supported branch with *A. glaucus* and *A. proliferans*, and *RPB2* closest to *A. niveoglaucus*. The multigene phylogeny places it in a large clade, including *A. brunneus*, *A. niveoglaucus*, *A. neocarnoyi*, *A. glaucus* and *A. proliferans*. Both *A. niveoglaucus* and *A. megasporus* produces conidia respectively reaching 11 and 12 µm, easily distinguishing them from other species of section *Aspergillus*. *Aspergillus megasporus* can be distinguished from *A. niveoglaucus* based on its faster growth on DG18. *Aspergillus megasporus* produces extrolites commonly detected in species of section *Aspergillus*, including echinulin, neoechinulin and preechinulin. However, we also detected quinolactacin, a first report for the group. In an independent study using different methods and media, compounds detected from CBS 141772 include asperflavin, auroglaucin, bisantrons, dihydroauroglaucin, echinulin, emodin, erythroglaucin, flavoglaucin, isoechochinulins, neoechinulins, preechinulin, phycion, quinolactacin, tetracyclic compounds, and tetrahydroauroglaucin (Friskvad, personal communication).

Aspergillus mallochii was isolated from pack rat dung collected from San Mateo, California, USA. An additional strain was recently isolated from ‘*Chocolat miroir*’ icing for a cake in the Netherlands. Phylogenetically, it has *A. appendiculatus* as sister species, originally described by Blaser (1975) from German smoked sausages. These two species share identical ITS sequences that are distinct from all others in the section (Fig. 2). All other genes, especially *RPB2*, easily distinguish the two. Morphologically

they are also similar, but the roughened ascospores of *A. mallochii* are distinct from the smoother ascospores of *A. appendiculatus*. In an independent study using different methods and media, compounds detected from CBS 141776 included auroglaucin, dihydroauroglaucin, echinulins, erythroglaucon, flavoglaucin, isoechinulins, neoechinulins, tetracyclic compounds and tetrahydroauroglaucin. Comparisons revealed that *A. appendiculatus* produced several compounds not observed in *A. mallochii*, such as asperflavin, asperentins, bisantrons, 5-farnesyl-5,7-dihydroxy-4-methylphthalide, mycophenolic acid, physcion and questin (Nielsen et al. 2011). None of the extrolites identified in *A. mallochii* are unique to the species.

Quinolactacin A1, A2 & B were the major compounds produced by *A. megasporus*, the only species of section *Aspergillus* that produces these. These quinolone structures with a γ -lactam ring were first characterized from fermentations of an unknown *Penicillium* species (Kakinuma et al. 2000; Takahashi et al. 2000) and further characterized by Kim et al. (2001) in *Penicillium citrinum*, where they were demonstrated to be acetylcholinesterase inhibitors. Quinolactacins have since been reported from multiple *Penicillium* species from sections *Citrina* (Houbraken et al. 2011), *Brevicompacta* (Frisvad et al. 2013; Perrone et al. 2015) and *Robsamsonia* (Houbraken et al. 2016); *Aspergillus quadricinctus*, *A. stramenius* (section *Fumigati*) (Frisvad and Larsen 2015b; Samson et al. 2007), *A. karnatakaensis* (section *Aenei*) (Varga et al. 2010); and from the distantly related marine derived *Xylariaceae* (Nong et al. 2014). Based on current knowledge, the echinulins (including echinulin, neoechinulin and isoechinulin) detected in both *A. megasporus* and *A. mallochii* seem specific to *Aspergillus* sections *Aspergillus* and *Restricti* (Frisvad and Larsen 2015a). Echinulin was first discovered in *A. brunneus* (= *E. echinulatum*) by Quilico and Panizzi (1943). It was subsequently detected in many more section *Aspergillus* species (Ali et al. 1989; Almeida et al. 2010; Greco et al. 2015; Li et al. 2008b; Slack et al. 2009; Smetanina et al. 2007; Vesonder et al. 1988) and shown to be toxic to animal cells (Ali et al. 1989; Umeda et al. 1974), while swine and mice respectively refused feed and water containing echinulin (Vesonder et al. 1988). The presence of echinulin in the environment is not well documented however. In contrast to the negative effects of echinulin, neoechinulin has anti-oxidant properties (Yagi and Doi 1999) and protected PC12 cell lines, used in neurological research, against cell death by peroxynitrite (Kimoto et al. 2007; Maruyama et al. 2004).

Visagie et al. (2014a) emphasized that despite the existence of comprehensive ITS barcode reference databases, this marker is insufficient for identifying most *Aspergillus*, *Penicillium* and *Talaromyces* to species level in culture-independent surveys such as those of Amend et al. (2010) and Adams et al. (2013a; 2013b). The reference sets include sequences for multiple genes obtained from ex-type cultures for all accepted species in these genera (Samson et al. 2014; Visagie et al. 2014b; Yilmaz et al. 2014) and are invaluable as anchoring points for species. Curating databases is laborious and has many complications, but both UNITE and NCBI have ongoing curation projects involving ITS barcodes (Köljalg et al. 2013; Nilsson et al. 2015; Schoch et al. 2014). ITS will always have limited resolution for species identification. In *Aspergillus* and *Penicillium*, ITS is highly conserved in many sections, as is observed in our phylogeny

of section *Aspergillus* (Fig. 2). Barcode-based metagenomic studies commonly use Last Common Ancestor (LCA) analyses for assigning OTU's to GenBank taxonomic nodes. In LCA, when the analysis cannot identify an operational taxonomic unit (OTU) at a taxonomic rank, it will move up one level until it can make a confident assignment. As now implemented, most species of sect. *Aspergillus* species would be identified only to the generic level. For species-rich genera such as *Aspergillus* and *Penicillium*, this is problematic. Different ecologies, functions, extrolites etc. are often associated with specific groups (i.e. true xerophily in at least three sections of *Aspergillus*), and much potentially important information is lost because of this imprecision. To circumvent this problem, a few recent studies have used alternative genes combined with next generation sequencing (NGS) for making “mass” identifications in *Aspergillus*. Lee and Yamamoto (2015) assessed the accuracy of high-throughput amplicon sequencing using ITS, *BenA* and *CaM*, and identified OTU's using the ex-type sequences published by Samson et al. (2014). Results were promising with both *BenA* and *CaM*, which are obviously more accurate than ITS. Unfortunately, amplifications of these alternative barcodes were sometimes problematic, perhaps because they are single copy genes or undocumented sequence variation, especially considering comparisons to only ex-type sequences. Similar results were obtained in a subsequent study by Lee et al. (2016). Even though these types of studies are promising, considerable optimisation is required to amplify and sequence low copy markers from a complex matrix, and shotgun sequencing may be more effective. No matter what the experimental approach used by ecologists, taxonomists need to make identifications as easy as possible, not only in the traditional morphological sense, but also by generating reference data that will enhance the robustness of analyses of data generated using new technologies such as NGS. Surveys such as ours are thus important not only for discovering previously unnamed species, but for providing more reference sequences in public databases that capture infraspecific sequence variation for multiple barcodes.

Recently, the International Code of Nomenclature for algae fungi and plants (ICN, Melbourne Code; (McNeill et al. 2012)) adopted single name nomenclature for pleomorphic fungi, meaning decisions are needed to choose either the teleomorphic (sexual morph) or anamorphic (asexual morph) name to represent the genus. In anticipation of this change, Houbraken and Samson (2011) reviewed the taxonomy and phylogeny *Trichocomaceae*, of which *Penicillium* and *Aspergillus* are the largest groups, using a four gene combined analysis. The situation with the generic concept and name for *Aspergillus* is complicated and controversial, partly because of conflicting interpretations of phylogenies, and partly because of differing opinions on how much taxonomic weight to apply to sexual states in generic concepts (Houbraken and Samson 2011; Pitt and Taylor 2014; Taylor et al. 2016). In this paper, we have followed the traditional broad concept of *Aspergillus* advocated by the International Commission of *Penicillium* and *Aspergillus* (ICPA), which includes species formerly classified in the sexual genera *Eurotium*, *Emericella*, *Neosartorya* and *Petromyces* in *Aspergillus*. The section of *Aspergillus* that is the focus of our paper includes the type species of both *Aspergillus* (*A. glaucus*) and *Eurotium* (*E. herbariorum*). With the community decision

to respect the priority of *Aspergillus* in both the nomenclatural and practical sense, the new species described here would be described in *Aspergillus* whether a broad or narrow generic concept is applied. The recent proposal by Taylor et al. (2016) to conserve *Aspergillus* with the type species changed to *A. niger* is still being discussed, but at this time seems unlikely to be accepted. If the proposal is implemented, along with the narrower generic concept endorsed by these authors, approximately 180 *Aspergillus* species would be renamed, including those described in this paper.

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Supplementary material I

Species isolated from house dust using selective xerophilic media

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Two new species of *Strigula* (lichenised Dothideomycetes, Ascomycota) from China, with a key to the Chinese foliicolous species

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Abstract

Strigula has traditionally been circumscribed based on morphology, but species delimitation in the genus generally lacks comprehensive analyses. A molecular approach has now been applied to foliicolous material of the genus from tropical areas in China. On the basis of combined phenotypic and genotypic data, two new species are described from southern China: *S. acuticonidiarum* and *S. guangxiensis*.

Key words

Foliicolous lichens, lichens, molecular phylogeny, *Strigulales*

Introduction

Strigula Fr. is a genus of lichenised fungi belonging to the family Strigulaceae in the order Strigulales in the class Dothideomycetes (Hyde et al. 2013, Nelsen et al. 2009) of the phylum Ascomycota. It was the first lichenised genus ever noticed on tropical leaves by Elias Fries in 1821 and named in 1823 (Santesson 1952, Fries 1823: 535). About 70 species are known (Lücking 2008, Hyde et al. 2013), of which 21 have been reported from China. These comprise 15 foliicolous species: *Strigula antillarum* (Fée) R. Sant. (Jiang et al. 2016), *S. concreta* (Fée) R. Sant. (Aptroot 2003, Aptroot et al. 2003), *S. macrocarpa* Vain. (Wei 1991, Aptroot et al. 2003), *S. maculata* (Cooke & Massee) R. Sant. (Aptroot et al. 2003), *S. melanobapha* (Kremp.) R. Sant. (Santesson

1952, Wei 1991, Lücking 2008), *S. minor* (Vezda) Sérus. (Aptroot et al. 2003), *S. nemathora* Mont. (Aptroot et al. 2003), *S. nitidula* Mont. (Aptroot et al. 2003), *S. phyllogena* (Müll. Arg.) R.C. Harris (Aptroot et al. 2003), *S. prasina* Müll. Arg. (Jiang et al. 2016), *S. schizospora* R. Sant. (Aptroot and Seaward 1999), *S. sinoaustralis* S.H. Jiang, X.L. Wei & J.C. Wei (Jiang et al. 2016), *S. smaragdula* Fr. (Santesson 1952, Wei 1991, Aptroot 2003, Aptroot et al. 2003), *S. subelegans* Vain. (Wei 1991, Wei and Jiang 1991), and *S. subtilissima* (Fée) Müll. Arg. (Santesson 1952, Aptroot and Seaward 1999, Aptroot et al. 2003), and six corticolous or saxicolous ones: *Strigula jamesii* (Swinscow) R.C. Harris (Aptroot 2003), *S. laureriformis* Aptroot & Lücking (Jiang et al. 2016), *S. muriformis* Aptroot & Diederich (Aptroot 2003), *S. phaea* (Ach.) R.C. Harris (Aptroot and Sipman 2001), *S. submurmiformis* (R.C. Harris) R.C. Harris (Aptroot and Seaward 1999), and *S. viridiseda* (Nyl.) R.C. Harris (Aptroot 2003).

During our studies of the lichens of China, two species of *Strigula* new to science have been found as a result of integrated phenotypic and molecular analyses.

Materials and methods

Phenotypic analyses

All specimens of *Strigula* examined in this study were collected by the first author from Guangxi Province in China and are preserved in the Fungarium of the Institute of Microbiology, Chinese Academy of Sciences (HMAS-L). A Leica M125 dissecting microscope was used for the morphological studies and a Zeiss Axioscope2 compound microscope with a Zeiss Axio Imager A2 was used for the anatomical studies. Sections were studied and photographed with an AxioCam MRc5 camera in tap water. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) (Culberson and Kristinsson 1970, Culberson 1972, Orange et al. 2001) was applied for the detection of lichen substances.

Genotypic analyses

Eighteen fresh specimens of *Strigula* were chosen for DNA extraction (Table 1), for which a modified CTAB method (Rogers and Bendich 1988) was used. Primers ITS5 and ITS4 were used to amplify the nrRNA gene ITS region (White et al. 1990). Reactions were carried out in a 25 µl reaction volume including 1 µl DNA, 1 µl each primer (10 µM), 2 µl dNTP (2.5 mM), 2.5 µl amplification buffer (containing 25 mM Mg²⁺), 0.5 µl Taq polymerase and 17 µl ddH₂O. Cycling parameters were set to an initial denaturation at 95°C for 5 min, followed by 30 cycles of denaturation at 94°C for 30 s, annealing at 52°C for 30 s, extension at 72°C for 50 s and a final extension at 72°C for 10 min. The new sequences generated for this study are deposited in GenBank (Table 1).

Twenty-seven sequences were aligned with the program MAFFT (Katoh 2002), including 18 newly generated for this study (Table 1). Seven sequences were taken

Table 1. Specimens of *Strigula* spp. from China and outgroup species used in the phylogenetic analyses.

| Species | Fungarium No. | GenBank Accession No. |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| <i>S. acuticonidiarum</i> | HMAS-L 0138045 | KY100290 [†] |
| <i>S. acuticonidiarum</i> | HMAS-L 0138048 | KY100291 [†] |
| <i>S. acuticonidiarum</i> | HMAS-L 0138049 | KY100292 [†] |
| <i>S. acuticonidiarum</i> | HMAS-L 0138050 | KY100293 [†] |
| <i>S. acuticonidiarum</i> | HMAS-L 0138051 | KY100294 [†] |
| <i>S. acuticonidiarum</i> | HMAS-L 0138046 | KY100295 [†] |
| <i>S. acuticonidiarum</i> | HMAS-L 0138047 | KY100296 [†] |
| <i>S. antillarum</i> | HMAS-L 0137209 | KX216696 |
| <i>S. antillarum</i> | HMAS-L 0137208 | KX216697 |
| <i>S. antillarum</i> | HMAS-L 0137211 | KX216702 |
| <i>S. antillarum</i> | HMAS-L 0130571 | KY100288 [†] |
| <i>S. antillarum</i> | HMAS-L 0130573 | KY100289 [†] |
| <i>S. guangxiensis</i> | HMAS-L 0138040 | KY100301 [†] |
| <i>S. guangxiensis</i> | HMAS-L 0138065 | KY100303 [†] |
| <i>S. guangxiensis</i> | HMAS-L 0138044 | KY100302 [†] |
| <i>S. guangxiensis</i> | HMAS-L 0138041 | KY100304 [†] |
| <i>S. guangxiensis</i> | HMAS-L 0138042 | KY100305 [†] |
| <i>S. prasina</i> | HMAS-L 0137213 | KX216700 |
| <i>S. prasina</i> | HMAS-L 0137212 | KX216701 |
| <i>S. sinoaustralis</i> | HMAS-L 0137203 | KX216699 |
| <i>S. sinoaustralis</i> | HMAS-L 0137204 | KX216698 |
| <i>S. smaragdula</i> | HMAS-L 0138066 | KY100296 [†] |
| <i>S. smaragdula</i> | HMAS-L 0130621 | KY100298 [†] |
| <i>S. smaragdula</i> | HMAS-L 0138068 | KY100299 [†] |
| <i>S. smaragdula</i> | HMAS-L 0138067 | KY100300 [†] |
| <i>Falciformispora senegalensis</i> | IP614.60 | KP132365 |
| <i>F. tompkinsii</i> | IP559.60 | KP132366 |

[†]The GenBank numbers in bold type were newly generated in this study.

from Jiang et al. (2016). Due to a lack of ITS sequences from other genera of *Strigulales*, *Falciformispora tompkinsii* (El-Ani) S.A. Ahmed et al. and *F. senegalensis* (Segretain et al.) S.A. Ahmed et al. from *Pleosporales* in the same class (Dothideomycetes) were chosen as outgroup (Jiang et al. 2016). The alignment was subjected to a Randomized Axelerated Maximum Likelihood (RAxML) analyses (Stamatakis et al. 2005, Stamatakis 2006), with parametric bootstrapping using 1000 replicates under the GTRGAMMA model chosen by running JModeltest (Posada 2008). Alignments are deposited in TreeBASE (<http://www.treebase.org/>) under accession number 20186.

Results and discussion

The Maximum Likelihood tree, based on the 27 ITS sequences (472 bp), is shown in Figure 1. Within the phylogenetic tree, two new species being named here, *Strigula*

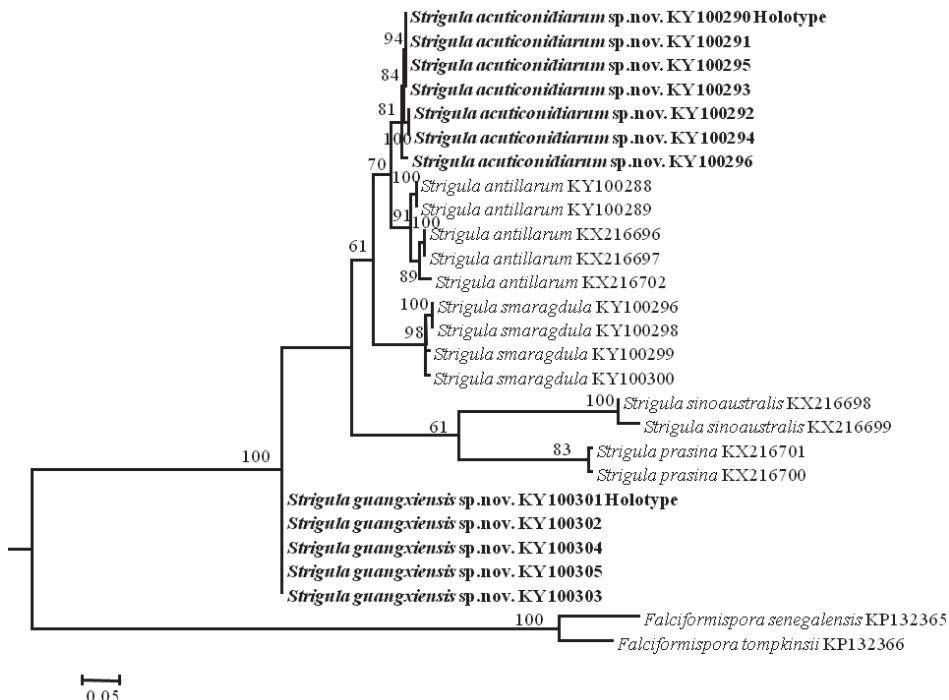


Figure 1. The Maximum Likelihood tree based on nrDNA ITS sequences with 472 bp. Genetic distance scale = 0.05 changes per site. Numbers above each node represents bootstrap support values (value lower than 50 not shown). New species proposed are in boldface.

acuticonidiarum S.H. Jiang, X.L. Wei & J.C. Wei and *S. guangxiensis* S.H. Jiang, X.L. Wei & J.C. Wei formed independent monophyletic groups and intraspecies variation between individuals within *S. acuticonidiarum* was also evident. *Strigula antillarum* appeared as a sister species to *S. acuticonidiarum*. In addition, *S. smaragdula*, *S. sinaustralis*, and *S. prasina* formed separate branches.

Taxonomy

***Strigula acuticonidiarum* S.H.Jiang, X.L.Wei & J.C.Wei, sp. nov.**

Fungal Names: FN570329

Figure 2a–d

Diagnosis. Differs from *Strigula antillarum* in the almost entirely immersed perithecia, and longer macroconidia with more acute ends.

Type. CHINA. Guangxi: Nanning City, Long'an County, Longhu mountain natural reserve. 22°57'42"N, 107°37'40"E, 150 m alt., on living leaves, 1 Dec 2015, S.H.Jiang GX201511085 (HMAS-L 0138045 – holotype).

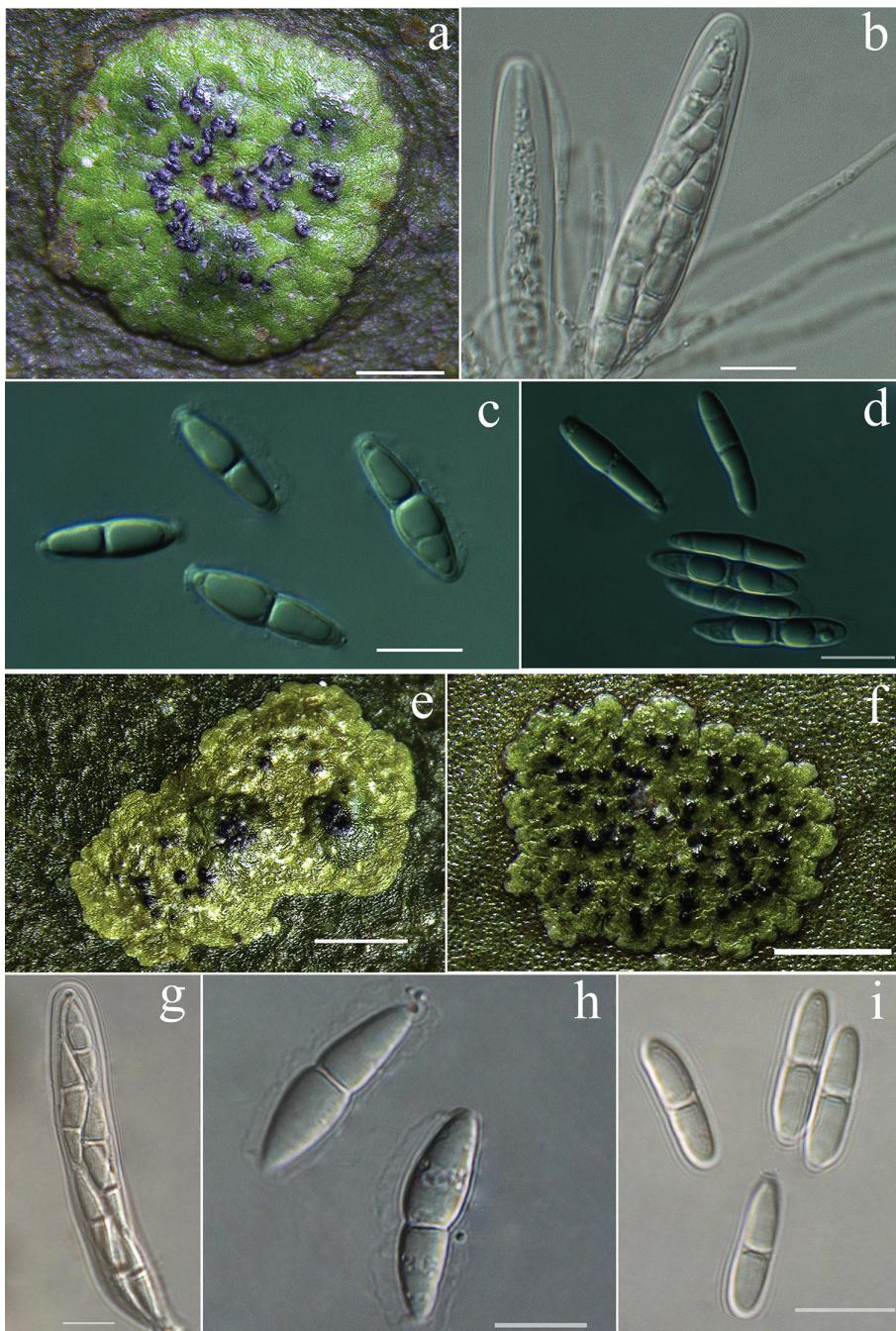


Figure 2. The new species *Strigula acuticonidiarum* (holotype, HMAS-L 0138045). **a** Thallus with perithecia and pycnidia **b** Ascii, with eight biserrate ascospores **c** Ascospores, with constriction at septum **d** Macroconidia. *Strigula smaragdula* **e** Thallus with perithecia (HMAS-L 06211) **f** Thallus with pycnidia (HMAS-L 0138067) **g** Ascus, with eight biserrate ascospores (HMAS-L 0138066) **h** Ascospores, with 1-septate (HMAS-L 0138066) **i** Macroconidia (HMAS-L 0138066). Scale bars: **a, e, f** = 300 µm; **b, d, h** = 10 µm.

Description. Thallus subcuticular, continuous or dispersed into rounded to partly confluent patches, 0.5–4 mm across and 10–25 µm thick, margin entire to crenulate, distinct lobes absent, bright to dark green. Photobiont *Cephaleuros*, cells angular-rounded, 5–15 × 4–10 µm. Perithecia immersed to erumpent, covered by thalline tissue, mostly up to the ostiole, hemispherical, 0.3–0.5 mm diam and 100–140 µm tall, dark green, but the uppermost part often black. Exciple prosoplectenchymatous, 10–25 µm thick, colourless to brown. Involucellum carbonaceous, 22.5–55 µm thick, black. Interascal filaments unbranched, c. 1–2 µm thick. Asci obclavate, 50–65 × 8–12 µm. Ascospores 8 per ascus, biseriate, fusiform, 1-septate, distinctly constricted at the septum, 12.5–20 × 3.7–5 µm, 2.5–5.5 times as long as broad. Pycnidia producing macroconidia numerous, black, wart-shaped, 0.1–0.15 mm diam. Macroconidia 1-septate, often constricted at the septum, ends acute, usually with 1–2 oil droplets per cell when fresh, 15–22.5 × 3–4 µm, 4–7.5 times as long as broad. Microconidia not seen.

Chemistry. No substances detected by TLC.

Habitat and distribution. On the surface of living leaves in humid, semi-exposed forests of south China.

Etymology. The epithet “*acuticonidiarum*” is a compound of a Latin adjective “*acutatus*” (*a*, *um*, and *acuti-* in Latin comp.) meaning sharply pointed, and “*macroconidiarum*”, a plural genitive of the Latin neuter noun, “*macroconidium*”. This recalls the acute ends of the macroconidia.

Other specimens examined. CHINA. Guangxi: Nanning City, Long'an County, Longhu mountain natural reserve. 22°57'42"N, 107°37'40"E, 150 m alt., on living leaves, 1 Dec 2015, S.H.Jiang GX201511068 (HMAS-L 0138049), GX201511069 (HMAS-L 0138048), GX201511070 (HMAS-L 0138046), GX201511080 (HMAS-L 0138053), GX201511084 (HMAS-L 0138050), GX201511089 (HMAS-L 0138051), GX201511094 (HMAS-L 0138052). Yunnan: Xishuangbanna, Mengla County, tropical botanical garden of Chinese Academy of Sciences, East area. 21°55'39"N, 101°15'52"E, 560 m alt., on living leaves, 18 Nov 2015, X.L.Wei & S.H.Jiang XTBG2015038 (HMAS-L 0138047).

Remarks. *Strigula antillarum* can be distinguished from the new species by the perithecia being immersed only at base, aggregate and confluent pycnidia forming black spots or radiating lines, and bacillar, shorter, macroconidia (12–20 × 3–4 µm) with rounded ends (Lücking 2008). The new species is externally most similar to *S. smaragdula* (Figure 2e–i), in which perithecia are covered by the bright green thallus (Santesson 1952, Lücking 2008). However, *S. acuticonidiarum* is characterized by a thinner thallus with entire to crenulate margins (thallus 20–80 µm thick in *S. smaragdula*), the absence of distinct lobes, and in having small and round thalli instead. Anatomically, it differs in the shorter asci and the macroconidia having more acute ends. In molecular analyses, the ITS rDNA sequences confirmed it as different from *S. smaragdula* (Figure 1). The two species are distinct both morphologically and phylogenetically.

Strigula smaragdula is generally considered to be a very common but variable species, traditionally recognized morphologically, for example by the thallus having entire to crenulate or lobulate margins, and sometimes the whole thallus being lobate-lacin-

iate. This variation series has been regarded as merely due to environmental or habitat modification. However, the most common state, represented by the holotype of *S. smaragdula*, is characterised by distinct, but short and rounded marginal lobes (Santesson 1952). The broad concept of *S. smaragdula* evidently represents a species complex, rather than a single species. Minor morphological traits, including thallus form and differences in ascus size and the shape of macroconidia, are diagnostic for segregating *S. acuticonidiarum* from *S. smaragdula* s. str., a distinction supported by molecular data (Figure 1).

***Strigula guangxiensis* S.H.Jiang, X.L.Wei & J.C.Wei, sp. nov.**

Fungal Names: FN570330

Figure 3

Diagnosis. Characterized by the thin thallus (30–45 µm thick), long ascii (45–65 × 10–12.5 µm), aggregated pycnidia, large ascospores (15–25 × 2.5–5 µm), and 1-septate macroconidia (12.5–17.5 × 2.5–5 µm).

Type. CHINA. Guangxi: Nanning, Long'an County, Longhu mountain natural reserve. 22°57'42"N, 107°37'40"E, 150 m alt., on living leaves, 1 Dec 2015, S.H.Jiang GX201511127 (HMAS-L 0138040 – holotype).

Description. Thallus subcuticular, dispersed into rounded to irregular, partly confluent patches, 1–2 mm across, a few to 3 mm, 30–45 µm thick, margins entire to crenulate, bright green to pale green, sometimes white in the centre, surface smooth. Photobiont *Cephaleuros*, cells 5–12 × 4–9 µm. Perithecia hemispherical, rarely found in specimens with aggregated pycnidia, small, scattered, round individuals with one or two perithecia occur in pure populations, basal part immersed in the thallus, 0.5–0.7 mm diam and 90–120 µm tall, black. Excipio prosoplectenchymatous, 7.5–12.5 µm thick, brown. Involucellum carbonaceous, black, 20–90 µm thick. Interascal filaments unbranched, c. 1–2 µm thick. Ascii obclavate, 45–65 × 10–12.5 µm. Ascospores 8 per ascus, biseriate, fusiform, 1-septate, distinctly constricted at the septum, distal cell slightly enlarged, 15–25 × 2.5–5 µm, 4–5 times as long as broad. Pycnidia producing abundant macroconidia, few on thalli producing perithecia and overgrowing them, single or most frequently aggregated in groups of 3–10, semi-immersed, wart-shaped, those producing macroconidia 0.07–0.15 mm diam, those producing microconidia 0.05–0.1 mm diam, black. Macroconidia bacillar, 1-septate, 12.5–17.5 × 2.5–5 µm. Microconidia fusiform, non-septate, 4–5 × 1.5–2 µm.

Chemistry. No substances detected by TLC.

Habitat and distribution. On the surface of living leaves in humid, semi-exposed forests of south China.

Etymology. The epithet “*guangxiensis*” is the name of the province including the type locality of the new species.

Other specimens examined. CHINA. Guangxi: Nanning, Long'an County, Longhu mountain natural reserve. 22°57'42"N, 107°37'40"E, 150 m alt., on living

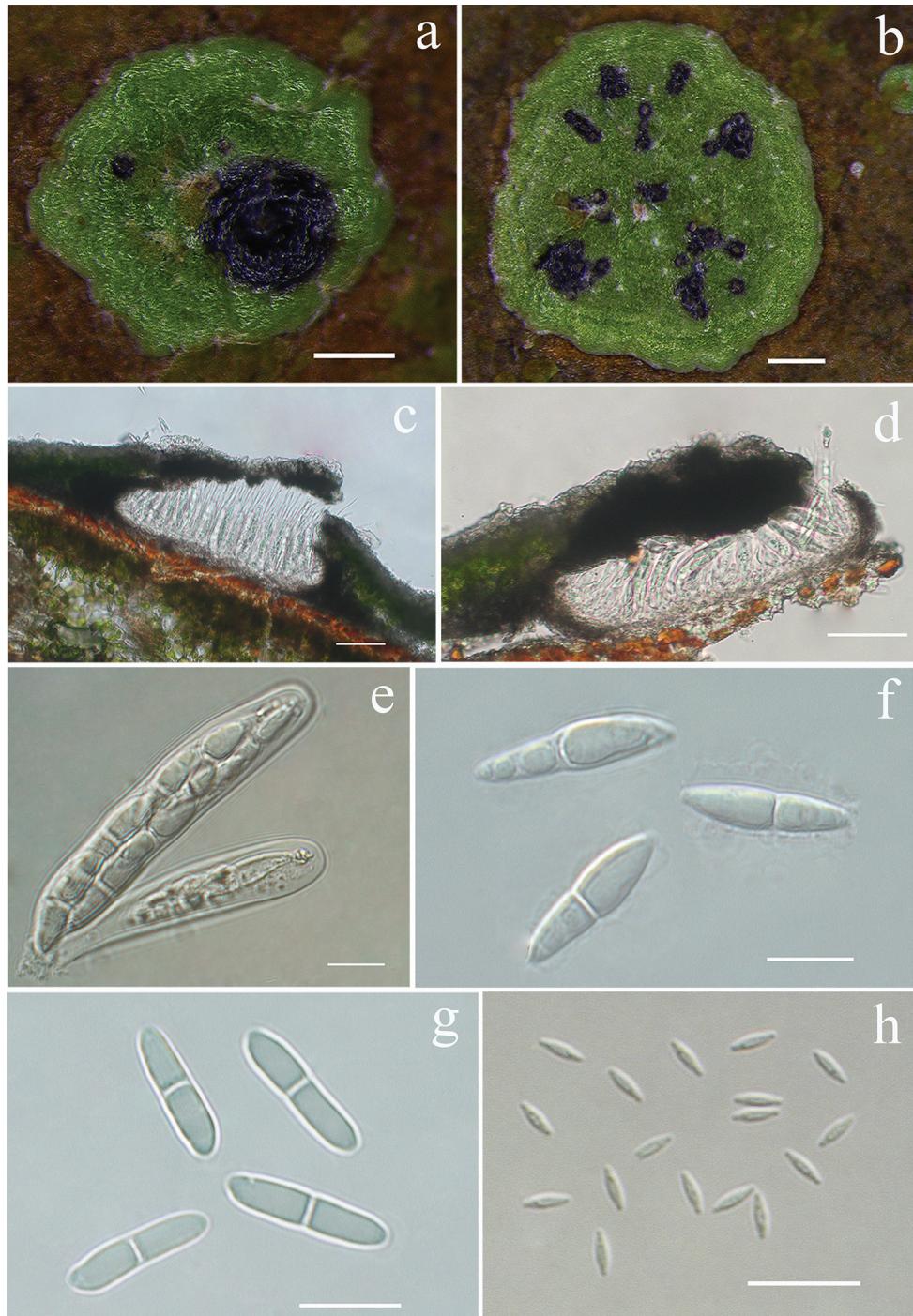


Figure 3. The new species *Strigula guangxiensis* (holotype, HMAS-L 0138040). **a** Thallus with perithecia **b** Thallus with pycnidia **c, d** Perithecia **e** Ascii with eight biseriate ascospores **f** Ascospores, with distal cell slightly enlarged **g** Macroconidia; **h** Microconidia. Scale bars: **a, b** = 100 μm ; **c, d** = 50 μm ; **e, f, g, h** = 10 μm .

leaves, 1 Dec 2015, S.H.Jiang GX201511078 (HMAS-L 0138044), GX201511087 (HMAS-L 0138041), GX201511071 (HMAS-L 0138065), GX201511107 (HMAS-L 0138043), GX201511130 (HMAS-L 0138042).

Remarks. *Strigula guangxiensis* is most similar to *S. subelegans*, having essentially the same ascospore dimensions, but differs in the smaller and thinner thallus (5–15 mm across and 30–70 µm thick in *S. subelegans*; Lücking 2008). In addition, the perithecia and pycnidia are usually separated on different thallus patches and the pycnidia are often aggregated (dispersed in *S. subelegans*) (Lücking 2008). *Strigula wandae* M. Cáceres & Lücking is also similar in appearance, but distinguished by the oblong-elipsoid ascospores, with cells of equal size, solitary pycnidia, and smaller macroconidia (12–15 × 2.5–3 µm) (Lücking et al. 2003, Lücking 2008).

With respect to aggregated pycnidia, four other species of *Strigula* have aggregated pycnidia developing as in similarly with *S. guangxiensis*: *S. schizospora*, which can be distinguished by the smaller ascospores (8–12 × 2–2.5 µm), usually breaking into parts while still within the ascii, and the smaller macroconidia (4–6 × 1.5–2 µm) (Santesson 1952); *S. lacericola* P.M. McCarthy, has smaller, narrow ascospores (10–14 × 1.5–2.5 µm), with cells of equal size and smaller, and non-septate macroconidia (6–8 × 1–2 µm) (McCarthy 2009); *S. novae-zelandiae* (Nag Raj) Sérus., characterised by the circular thalli with a crenulate to deeply digitate margin and especially the pycnidia producing polarilocular macroconidia (Sérusiaux 1998); and *S. antillarum*, which has a thinner thallus (20–30 µm thick) and longer ascii (60–70 × 8–11 µm) (Lücking 2008). According to our phylogenetic analyses, even though the differences in morphology are subtle, the species are readily separated in the molecular phylogenograms (Figure 1).

Key to the foliicolous *Strigula* species reported from China

1. Thallus usually hypophyllous, usually on the lower leaf surface; interascal filaments richly branched and anastomosing....1. *S. prasina* (Hainan Province; Jiang et al. 2016)
- 1'. Thallus usually epiphyllous, usually on the upper leaf surface; interascal filaments simple or sparingly branched, rarely anastomosing
2. Thallus supracuticular, easily separated from the leaf; alga *Phycopeltis*
 3. Perithecia greyish black to black (naked or covered by a thin, thallus layer), sharply delimited from the pale grey thallus, lens-shaped to applanately conical....2. *S. phyllogena* (Yunnan Province; Aptroot et al. 2003)
 - 3'. Perithecia greyish green (covered with thalline tissue), not sharply delimited from the thallus, hemispherical to wart-shaped or conical....3. *S. minor* (Yunnan Province; Aptroot et al. 2003)
- 2'. Thallus subcuticular, not separable from leaf; alga *Cephaleuros*
 4. Involucrellum colorless, only in upper parts dark....4. *S. nemathora* (Taiwan, Yunnan Province; Aptroot et al. 2003)
 - 4'. Involucrellum black
 5. Ascospores breaking into halves while still within the ascii, ascii appearing with 16 simple ascospores

6. Thallus rather thick (30–50 µm), bright green to yellowish green, but often white in the centre. Perithecia half-immersed, only their black tops exposed.....**5. *S. schizospora*** (Hongkong; Aptroot and Seaward 1999)
- 6'. Thallus thin (10–30 µm); perithecia fully exposed or only basally immersed; pycnidia evenly dispersed over the thallus
7. Thallus very thin (10–15 µm), dark metallic green, often bordered by an irregular, thin, black line**6. *S. nitidula*** (Yunnan Province; Aptroot et al. 2003)
- 7'. Thallus thicker (15–35 µm), not bordered by a thin, black line
8. Thallus pale greenish to bluish grey; ascospores 30–70 × 4–6 µm.....**7. *S. concreta*** (Yunnan Province; Aptroot 2003, Aptroot et al. 2003)
- 8'. Thallus with white-punctate; ascospores 72.5–92.5 × 4–5 µm**8. *S. sinoaustralis*** (Guangdong Province, Guangxi Province; Jiang et al. 2016)
- 5'. Ascospores not breaking into halves while within the ascospores, but sometimes outside ascospores in squash mounts
9. Thallus very thin (8–15 µm), metallic green to dark green or greenish brown and usually bordered by thin, black, sometimes interrupted line
10. Ascospores fusiform, 14–23 × 3–5 µm; macroconidia 10–12 µm long; black line interrupted.....**9. *S. melanobapha*** (Fujian Province, Yunnan Province; Santesson 1952, Wei 1991, Lücking 2008)
- 10'. Ascospores oblong-bacillar, 8–18 × 2–3 µm; macroconidia 4–7 µm long; black line continuous
11. Ascospores 8–12 µm long, uniseriate; macroconidia 4–5 µm long; perithecia pure black; thallus metallic bright green to dark green.....**6. *S. nitidula*** (Yunnan Province; Aptroot et al. 2003)
- 11'. Ascospores 10–18 µm long, biseriate; macroconidia 4–7 µm long; perithecia greyish black (covered by thin, thallus layer); thallus dark green to greenish brown
12. Thallus with distinct lobes leaving small to large interspaces, usually greenish brown; perithecia mostly wart-shaped...**10. *S. subtilissima*** (Hainan Province, Hongkong, Yunnan Province; Santesson 1952, Aptroot and Seaward 1999, Aptroot et al. 2003)
- 12'. Thallus with indistinct, completely confluent lobes leaving very small interspaces, usually dark green; perithecia mostly conical.....**11. *S. maculata*** (Yunnan Province; Aptroot et al. 2003)
- 9'. Thallus thicker (15–80 µm), pale greenish grey to bright green, not bordered by thin, black line
13. Ascospores small (8–15 × 2–3 µm); macroconidia 4–10 µm long.....**7. *S. concreta*** (Yunnan Province; Aptroot 2003, Aptroot et al. 2003)
- 13'. Ascospores larger (12–25 × 4–7 µm); macroconidia 8–20 µm long
14. Perithecia 0.5–1.2 mm, prominent; ascospores usually uniseriate.....**12. *S. macrocarpa*** (Yunnan Province; Wei 1991, Aptroot et al. 2003)

- 14'. Perithecia 0.3–0.6 mm; ascospores usually biseriate
15. Macroconidiomata in groups
16. Thallus thin, 20–30 µm; asci 60–70 × 8–11 µm....**13. *S. an-tillarum*** (Guangxi Province, Hainan Province, Yunnan Province; Jiang et al. 2016)
- 16'. Thallus thick, 30–45 µm; asci 45–65 × 10–12.5 µm....**14. *S. guangxiensis*** (Guangxi Province; In this paper)
- 15'. Pycnidia solitary
17. Thallus pale greenish to bluish grey, 30–70 µm thick....**15. *S. subelegans*** (Yunnan Province; Wei 1991, Wei and Jiang 1991)
- 17'. Thallus bright green
18. Thallus 20–80 µm thick; asci 60–80 × 8–12 µm**16. *S. smaragdula*** (Fujian Province, Guizhou Province, Hubei Province, Hunan province, Yunnan Province; Santesson 1952, Wei 1991, Aptroot 2003, Aptroot et al. 2003)
- 18'. Thallus 10–25 µm thick; asci 50–65 × 8–12 µm; macroconidia with acute ends.....**17. *S. acuticonidiarum*** (Guangxi Province, Yunnan Province; In this paper)

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MB 819500

Validating description. Under '*Ceriporia mpurii* Miettinen & Spirin' in MycoKeys 17: 35 (2016), nom. inval. (Art. 40.7 – no holotype specified).

Holotype. Indonesia. Papua Barat: Saukorem, Minjanbiat, -0.5755°: 133.1447°, lowland primary forest, fallen trunk of *Spondias* (40 cm in diameter, decay stage 4/5), 3 Nov 2010, Miettinen 14381 (MAN, isotypes H, ANDA).

Note. The species epithet is corrected according to Art. 23.1 and Art. 60.12 Ex. 33.

***Ceriporia pierii* Rivoire, Miettinen & Spirin, sp. nov.**
MB 819501

Validating description. under ‘*Ceriporia pierii* Rivoire, Miettinen & Spirin’ in MycoKeys 17: 35 (2016), nom. inval. (Art. 40.7 – no holotype specified).

Holotype. France. Rhône-Alpes: Vernaison, *Populus nigra*, 24 Sep 1995, Rivoire 1161 (H, isotype LY).

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It came to our attention after our manuscript was published that Appendix Table "Collections used for molecular analyses" was not final version. We provide below the new table with corrected information.

Appendix

Collections used for molecular analyses

| Herbarium Designation/Other designation | Name | Location | ITS GenBank No. | LSU GenBank No. | ITS+LSU GenBank No. |
|---|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Environmental sample | USA: New Jersey | | AF241340 ¹ | |
| | Environmental sequence | Czech Republic | JX029948 ³ | | |
| /AFTOLID 1718 | Environmental sequence: House dust | Finland | AM901982 ³ | | |
| /AFTOLID 1758 | <i>Omphalotus olearius</i> | | DQ470816 ¹ | | |
| /ATCC 42962 | <i>Gymnopus constrictus</i> | | DQ457670 ¹ | | |
| /CBS 174.78 | <i>Lentinula edodes</i> | | AF042579 ¹ | | |
| /CULTENN04929 | <i>Connopus acervatus</i> | | AF223172 ¹ | | |
| /CULTENN04975 | <i>Gymnopus</i> sp. 3 (<i>G. inflatotrama</i> nom. prov.) | USA: North Carolina | KY026744 ¹ | | |
| /CULTENN05015 | <i>Gymnopus</i> sp. 16 (<i>G. novae-angliae</i> nom. prov.) | USA: New York, Franklin Co. | KY026745 ¹ | | |
| /CULTENN05021h1 | <i>Marasmius pallidocephalus</i> | Canada: Nova Scotia | KY026746 ¹ | | |
| /CULTENN05021h2 | <i>Gymnopus androsaceus</i> | Canada: Nova Scotia | KY026747 ¹ | | |
| /CULTENN05037 | <i>Gymnopus androsaceus</i> | Canada: Nova Scotia | KY026748 ¹ | | |
| /CULTENN05609 | <i>Gymnopus androsaceus</i> | USA: Idaho | KY026749 | no sequence | KY026750 ¹ |
| /CULTENN14594 | <i>Micromphale brevipes</i> | USA: Mississippi | | | KY026751 ¹ |
| /CULTENN14599 | <i>Micromphale brevipes</i> | USA: Mississippi | | | KY026752 ¹ |
| /CULTENN14606 | <i>Collybia hirtilorum</i> | USA: Mississippi | | | KY026753 ¹ |
| /GLM: 45933 | <i>Marsmiellus opacus</i> | Germany | | | |
| /JEJ.574 | | | AY207166 ¹ | | |
| /JEJ.586 | <i>Marasmius scorodonioides</i> | | AF261329 ¹ | | |
| /JEJ.PR.213 | <i>Gymnopus</i> sp. | | AF261331 ¹ | | |
| /JEJ.VA.567 | <i>Micromphale foetidum</i> | | AF261326 ¹ | | |
| /JM leg Murakami | <i>Omphalotus japonicus</i> | | AF261328 ¹ | | |
| /JMCR.143 | <i>Caripia montagnei</i> | | AF135172 ¹ | | |
| /JMRC143 | <i>Caripia montagnei</i> | | AF261327 ¹ | | |
| | | | DK449988 | AF261327 ¹ | |

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| /LE-BIN 1178 | <i>Gymnopus confertus</i> | USA: North Carolina | KP710282 | KJ189580 ¹ | KY026754 ¹ |
| /LE-BIN 1232 | <i>Rhodocollybia butyracea</i> var. <i>asema</i> | Russia: Leningrad area | | | KY026755 ¹ |
| /LE-BIN 1364 | <i>Gymnopus peronatus</i> | Russia | | | KY026756 ¹ |
| /LE-BIN 1898 | <i>Gymnopus peronatus</i> | Russia: Samara area | | | KY026757 ¹ |
| /LE-BIN 2526 | <i>Rhodocollybia butyracea</i> var. <i>asema</i> | Russia | | | |
| /PBM2201 | <i>Anthracophyllum archeri</i> | | | AY745709 ¹ | |
| /T1946.8 | <i>Omphalotus nidiformis</i> | | AF042621 ¹ | | |
| /TM03_419 | <i>Gymnopus sonorensis</i> | Canada | EU522806 ¹ | | |
| AV100918 | <i>Gymnopus perforans</i> subsp. <i>transatlanticus</i> | Canada: Newfoundland | | KY026743 ^{2,3} | |
| BRNMF568 | <i>Marasmius alliaeetus</i> | | | AY639436 ¹ | |
| DAOM175382 | <i>Marasmius scorodonius</i> | | | AF261332 ¹ | |
| DUKE: RVPR98.08 | <i>Gymnopus</i> sp. | | | AF261334 ¹ | |
| DUKE: RV192.01 | <i>Gymnopus polyporus</i> | | | AF042596 ¹ | |
| DUKE: RVPRI308 | <i>Nothopanus egrammus</i> | Puerto Rico | | AF042577 ¹ | |
| DUKE: RVPRI27 | <i>Neonothopanus nambii</i> | Puerto Rico 117 clades | | AF135175 ¹ | |
| DUKE: RVPR08.46 | <i>Gymnopus</i> sp. | | | AF261333 ¹ | |
| DUKE: RV:PR98.13 | <i>Gymnopus</i> sp. | | | AF261335 ¹ | |
| DUKE:RV/98/32 | <i>Gymnopus bifornis</i> | | | AF261336 ¹ | |
| GLM: 45932 | <i>Gymnopus erythropus</i> | Germany | | AY207167 ¹ | |
| GLM: 45939 | <i>Marasmius alliaeetus</i> | Germany | | AY207234 ¹ | |
| GLM: 45964 | <i>Gymnopus foetidus</i> | Germany | | AY207240 ¹ | |
| HN2270 | <i>Marasmiellus opaculus</i> | | | AF261330 ¹ | |
| HN4730 | <i>Marasmius androsaceus</i> | | | AF261585 ¹ | |
| MICH50942 | <i>Gymnopus</i> sp. 8 (<i>G. resinose</i> nom. prov.) | | KY026758 | | |
| NYBG; Halling6509 | <i>Gymnopus fusipes</i> | | | AY639414 ¹ | |
| SFSU: DEH1304 | <i>Gymnopus luxurians</i> | | | AY639421 ¹ | |
| SFSU: AAW127 | <i>Gymnopus vitellinipes</i> | | | AY639432 ¹ | |
| SFSU: AR099 | <i>Gymnopus dominatus</i> | | | AY639413 ¹ | |
| SFSU: AWW01 | <i>Gymnopus brunneigracilis</i> | | | AY639412 ¹ | |

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| SFSU: AWW02 | <i>Gymnopus menehune</i> | | | AY639423! | |
| SFSU: AWW03 | <i>Gymnopus indactus</i> | | | AY639418! | |
| SFSU: AWW05 | <i>Gymnopus nonnullus</i> | | | AY639426! | |
| SFSU: AWW10 | <i>Gymnopus aff. moseri</i> | | | AY639409! | |
| SFSU: AWW106 | <i>Gymnopus termiticola</i> | | | AY639430! | |
| SFSU: AWW112 | <i>Gymnopus gibbosus</i> | | | AY639417! | |
| SFSU: AWW113 | <i>Gymnopus aff. menehune</i> | | | AY639408! | |
| SFSU: AWW116 | <i>Gymnopus bicolor</i> | | | AY639411! | |
| SFSU: AWW118 | <i>Gymnopus aurantiipes</i> | | | AY639410! | |
| SFSU: AWW126 | <i>Gymnopus septiionicus</i> | | | AY639427! | |
| SFSU: AWW12a | <i>Gymnopus gibbosus</i> | | | AY639415! | |
| SFSU: AWW15 | <i>Gymnopus menehune</i> | | | AY639424! | |
| SFSU: AWW54 | <i>Gymnopus melanopus</i> | | | AY639422! | |
| SFSU: AWW87 | <i>Gymnopus menehune</i> | | | AY639425! | |
| SFSU: DED5258 | <i>Gymnopus synoditicus</i> | | | AY639435! | |
| SFSU: DED5607 | <i>Marasmius copelandii</i> | | | AY639438! | |
| SFSU: DED5873 | <i>Rhodocollybia laulaha</i> | | | AY639441! | |
| SFSU: DED6628 | <i>Marasmius aplanthoides</i> | | | AY639437! | |
| SFSU: DED6674 | <i>Gymnopus subpratinos</i> | | | AY639429! | |
| SFSU25220 | <i>Gymnopus querophilus</i> | USA: California | | KY026761! | |
| SFSU-DED5097 | <i>Gymnopus sp. 9 (G. novomundi nom. prov.)</i> | USA: Unknown | | KY026759! | |
| SFSU-DED8813 | <i>Gymnopus sp. 10 (G. adventitius nom. prov.)</i> | | | KY026760! | |
| TENN: F-55620/TFB8960 | <i>Marasmius alliacenus</i> | Russia: Caucasus Region | no sequence | AY635776! | |
| TENN: F-57910 | <i>Gymnopus luxurians</i> | USA: North Carolina | AF505765 | AY256709! | |
| TENN:F- 59217/TFB111333 | <i>Gymnopus fusipes</i> | France | AV256710 ² | KY019635! | |
| TENN:F- 59295/TFB111434 | <i>Gymnopus sphaeroides</i> | Austria | KJ416259 | KY019636! | |
| TENN:F- 59540/TFB9889 | <i>Gymnopus juniperinus</i> | USA: Louisiana | AY256708 | KY019637! | |
| TENN:F- 59592/TFB111629 | <i>Gymnopus perficans</i> subsp. <i>perficans</i> | Russia | | KY026662! ³ | |
| TENN:F- 59594/TFB111631 | <i>Gymnopus androsaceus</i> | Russia | | KY026663! | |

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| TENN:F- 59896 /TFB11778 | <i>Marasmius pallidoccephalus</i> | USA: Tennessee, GSMNP | FJ596762 | KY019638 ¹ | |
| TENN:F- 60015 /TFB11786 | <i>Gymnopus aff. dryophilus</i> | USA: Tennessee, GSMNP | FJ596766 | KY019639 ¹ | |
| TENN:F- 60029 /TFB11601 | <i>Gymnopus dichrous</i> I | USA: Tennessee, GSMNP | | | KY026665 ¹ |
| TENN:F- 61125 /TFB12563 | <i>Gymnopus disoides</i> | USA: Tennessee, Knox Co. | KY026666 | FJ590265 ¹ | |
| TENN:F- 61128 /TFB12567 | <i>Gymnopus dichrous</i> | USA: North Carolina, GSMNP | FJ596783 | KY019640 ¹ | |
| TENN:F- 61138 /TFB12577 | <i>Gymnopus subnudus</i> | USA: Tennessee, GSMNP | KY026667 | FJ750262 ¹ | |
| TENN:F- 61211 /TFB13121c2 | <i>Gymnopus perforans</i> subsp. <i>transatlanticus</i> | Canada: Quebec | | | KY026668 ^{1,2,3} |
| TENN:F- 61211 /TFB13121c3 | <i>Gymnopus perforans</i> subsp. <i>transatlanticus</i> | Canada: Quebec | | | KY026669 ^{1,2,3} |
| TENN:F- 61211 /TFB13121c4 | <i>Gymnopus perforans</i> subsp. <i>transatlanticus</i> | USA: Tennessee, GSMNP | | | KY026670 ^{2,4} |
| TENN:F- 61587 /TFB13319c1 | <i>Gymnopus perforans</i> subsp. <i>transatlanticus</i> | Canada: Quebec | | | KY026671 ^{2,3} |
| TENN:F- 61587 /TFB13319c2 | <i>Gymnopus perforans</i> subsp. <i>transatlanticus</i> | Canada: Quebec | | | KY026672 ^{2,3} |
| TENN:F- 61587 /TFB13319c3 | <i>Gymnopus perforans</i> subsp. <i>transatlanticus</i> | Canada: Quebec | | | KY026673 ^{2,3} |
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| TENN:F- 61587 /TFB13319c5 | <i>Gymnopus perforans</i> subsp. <i>transatlanticus</i> | Canada: Quebec | | | KY026675 ^{1,2,3} |
| TENN:F- 65115 /TFB13739 | <i>Marasmiellus vaillantii</i> | USA: Tennessee, GSMNP | | | KY026676 ¹ |
| TENN:F- 65120 /TFB13743 | <i>Gymnopus peronatus</i> | Belgium | | | KY026677 ¹ |
| TENN:F- 65135 /TFB13758 | <i>Gymnopus octor</i> | Belgium | | | KY026678 ¹ |
| TENN:F- 65157 /TFB13781h1 | <i>Gymnopus aff. dryophilus</i> | Belgium | | | KY026679 ¹ |
| TENN:F- 65157 /TFB13781h2 | <i>Gymnopus aff. dryophilus</i> | Belgium | | | KY026680 ¹ |
| TENN:F- 65571 /TFB13875 | <i>Gymnopus foliophilus</i> | USA: North Carolina | | | KY026681 ² |
| TENN:F- 65806 /TFB13911 | <i>Gymnopus foetidus</i> | USA, NC | | | KY026682 ¹ |
| TENN:F- 65808 /TFB13913 | <i>Gymnopus pinophilus</i> | USA: North Carolina | | | KY026683 ^{1,2} |
| TENN:F- 65829 /TFB13933h1 | <i>Marasmius pallidoccephalus</i> | USA: New York | | | KY026684 ¹ |
| TENN:F- 65829 /TFB13933h2 | <i>Marasmius pallidoccephalus</i> | USA: New York | | | KY026685 ¹ |
| TENN:F- 65912 /TFB13975h1 | <i>Gymnopus spongiosus</i> | USA: Mississippi | | | KY026686 ¹ |
| TENN:F- 65912 /TFB13975h2 | <i>Gymnopus spongiosus</i> | USA: Mississippi | | | KY026687 ¹ |
| TENN:F- 65926 /TFB13989c1 | <i>Rhodocollybia maculata</i> | USA: Mississippi | | | KY026688 ¹ |

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| TENN:F- 65990 /TFB14048 | <i>Gymnopus filiphilus</i> | USA: North Carolina | | | KY026690 ² |
| TENN:F- 66344 / TFBSAT11-179-05 | <i>Marasmius pallidocerphalus</i> | USA: Tennessee, GSMNP | | | KY026691 ¹ |
| TENN:F- 67804 /TFB14059h1 | <i>Gymnopus pinophilus</i> | USA: North Carolina | | | KY026692 ¹ |
| TENN:F- 67804 /TFB14059h2 | <i>Gymnopus pinophilus</i> | USA: North Carolina | | | KY026693 ² |
| TENN:F- 67809 /TFB14063 | <i>Gymnopus filiphilus</i> | USA: North Carolina | | | KY026694 ² |
| TENN:F- 67846 /TFB14097 | <i>Gymnopus pinophilus</i> | USA: North Carolina | | | KY026695 ² |
| TENN:F- 67854 /TFB14107 | <i>Gymnopus luxurians</i> | USA: Tennessee, GSMNP | KJ416241 | KY019641 ¹ | |
| TENN:F- 67858 /TFB14110 | <i>Gymnopus barbipes</i> | USA: Tennessee, GSMNP | KJ416269 | KY019642 ¹ | |
| TENN:F- 67859 /TFB14111ss1 | <i>Gymnopus dichrous I</i> | USA, TN, GSM | | | KY026696 ¹ |
| TENN:F- 67859 /TFB14111ss2 | <i>Gymnopus dichrous II</i> | USA, TN, GSM | | | KY026697 ¹ |
| TENN:F- 67881 /TFB14131 | <i>Rhodocollybia maculata</i> | Germany | | | KY026698 ¹ |
| TENN:F- 68085 /TFB14228 | <i>Gymnopus aff. melanopus</i> | USA: Tennessee, GSMNP | | | KY026699 ¹ |
| TENN:F- 68088 /TFB14253 | <i>Rhodocollybia maculata</i> | USA: Roan Mountain | | | KY026700 ¹ |
| TENN:F- 68133 /TFB14278 | <i>Gymnopus nonnullus</i> | USA, MS | KJ416253 | KY019643 ¹ | KY026701 ¹ |
| TENN:F- 68136 /TFB14281 | <i>Gymnopus disjunctus</i> | | | | |
| TENN:F- 68142 /TFB14288 | <i>Gymnopus ari. dichrous</i> | USA: Mississippi | | | |
| TENN:F- 68144 /TFB14290 | <i>Gymnopus pseudoluxurians</i> | USA: Mississippi | KJ416242 | | KY026702 ¹ |
| TENN:F- 68145 /TFB14291 | <i>Gymnopus filiphilus</i> | USA: Mississippi | | | KY026703 ² |
| TENN:F- 68165 /TFB14282 | <i>Gymnopus micromphaleoides</i> | USA: Mississippi | KJ416243 | KY019645 ¹ | |
| TENN:F- 68169 /TFB14317 | <i>Rhodocollybia maculata</i> | USA: Connecticut | | | KY026704 ¹ |
| TENN:F- 68183 /TFB14332 | <i>Gymnopus filiphilus</i> | USA: Connecticut | | | KY026705 ² |
| TENN:F- 68184 /TFB14333 | <i>Gymnopus spongiosus</i> | USA: Connecticut | | | KY026706 ¹ |
| TENN:F- 68185 /TFB14334h1 | <i>Gymnopus</i> sp. 17 (<i>G. utriformis</i> nom. prov.) | USA: Connecticut | | | KY026707 ¹ |
| TENN:F- 68185 /TFB14334h2 | <i>Gymnopus</i> sp. 17 (<i>G. utriformis</i> nom. prov.) | USA: Connecticut | | | KY026708 ¹ |
| TENN:F- 68190 /TFB14340 | <i>Gymnopus foetidus</i> | USA: Connecticut | | | KY026709 ¹ |
| TENN:F- 68198 /TFB14348 | <i>Gymnopus perforans</i> subsp. <i>transatlanticus</i> | USA: New York | | | KY026710 ^{2,3} |
| TENN:F- 69000 /TFB14350h1 | <i>Gymnopus perforans</i> subsp. <i>transatlanticus</i> | USA: New York | | | KY026711 ^{2,3} |

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| TENN:F-69000 /TFB14350h2 | <i>Gymnopus perforans</i> subsp. <i>transatlanticus</i> | USA: New York | | KY026712 ^{1,2,3} | |
| TENN:F-69033 /TFB14368h1 | <i>Rhodocollybia butyracea</i> | Canada: New Brunswick, Fundy Provincial Park | | KY026713 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-69033 /TFB14368h2 | <i>Rhodocollybia butyracea</i> | Canada: New Brunswick, Fundy Provincial Park | | KY026714 ¹ | |
| TENN:F- 69042 /TFB14382 | <i>Gymnopus perforans</i> subsp. <i>transatlanticus</i> | Canada: New Brunswick Fundy Provincial Park | | KY026715 ^{2,3} | |
| TENN:F- 69047 /TFB14387 | <i>Rhodocollybia butyracea</i> | Canada: New Brunswick Fundy Provincial Park | | KY026716 ¹ | |
| TENN:F- 69049 /TFB14384h1 | <i>Gymnopus perforans</i> subsp. <i>transatlanticus</i> | Canada: New Brunswick | | KY026717 ^{2,3} | |
| TENN:F- 69049 /TFB14384h2 | <i>Gymnopus perforans</i> subsp. <i>transatlanticus</i> | Canada: New Brunswick | | KY026718 ^{2,3} | |
| TENN:F- 69059 /TFB14395h1 | <i>Gymnopus perforans</i> subsp. <i>transatlanticus</i> | Canada: New Brunswick | | KY026719 ^{2,3} | |
| TENN:F- 69059 /TFB14395h2 | <i>Gymnopus perforans</i> subsp. <i>transatlanticus</i> | Canada: New Brunswick | | KY026720 ^{2,3} | |
| TENN:F- 69086 /TFB14422 | <i>Gymnopus foliophilus</i> | USA: Arkansas | | KY026721 ² | |
| TENN:F- 69182 /TFB14489 | <i>Micromphale brevipes</i> | USA: Mississippi | | KY026722 ¹ | |
| TENN:F- 69189 /TFB14498 | <i>Gymnopus pallidocerphalus</i> | USA: Mississippi | | KY026723 ¹ | |
| TENN:F- 69206 /TFB14511h1 | <i>Gymnopus pinophilus</i> | USA: North Carolina | | KY026724 ² | |
| TENN:F- 69206 /TFB14511h2 | <i>Gymnopus pinophilus</i> | USA: North Carolina | | KY026725 ¹ | |
| TENN:F- 69212 /TFB14517 | <i>Gymnopus pinophilus</i> | USA: North Carolina | | KY026726 ² | |
| TENN:F- 69254 /TFB14558 | <i>Gymnopus fusipes</i> | Slovakia | | KY026727 ¹ | |
| TENN:F- 69267 /TFB14570h1 | <i>Gymnopus querophilus</i> | Slovakia | | KY026728 ¹ | |
| TENN:F- 69267 /TFB14570h2 | <i>Gymnopus querophilus</i> | Slovakia | | KY026729 ¹ | |
| TENN:F- 69280 /TFB14583h1 | <i>Gymnopus foetidus</i> | Slovakia | | KY026730 ¹ | |
| TENN:F- 69280 /TFB14583h2 | <i>Gymnopus foetidus</i> | Slovakia | | KY026731 ¹ | |
| TENN:F- 69307 /TFB14611 | <i>Gymnopus perforans</i> subsp. <i>transatlanticus</i> | USA: North Carolina | \ | KY019646 ¹ | |
| TENN:F- 69310 /TFB14607 | <i>Micromphale brevipes</i> | USA: Alabama | | KY026732 ¹ | |
| TENN:F- 69311 /DPL11763A | <i>Micromphale brevipes</i> | USA: Texas | | KY026733 ¹ | |
| TENN:F- 69318 /TFB14613h1 | <i>Gymnopus perforans</i> subsp. <i>transatlanticus</i> | USA: Vermont | | KY026734 ^{1,2,3} | |
| TENN:F- 69318 /TFB14613h2 | <i>Gymnopus perforans</i> subsp. <i>transatlanticus</i> | USA: Vermont | | KY026735 ^{1,2,3} | |
| TENN:F- 69320 /TFB14615 | <i>Gymnopus querophilus</i> | USA: California | | KY026736 ¹ | |

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| TENN:F-69321 / TFB14616 | <i>Gymnopus querophilus</i> | USA: California | | | KY026737 ¹ |
| TENN:F-69322 / TFB14617 | <i>Marasmiellus</i> sp. | USA: Georgia | | | KY026738 ¹ |
| TENN:F-69323 / TFB14618 | <i>Gymnopus foetidus</i> | USA: Georgia | | | KY026739 ¹ |
| TENN:F-69325 / TFB14620h1 | <i>Gymnopus sequoiae</i> | USA: California | | | KY026740 ^{1,2,3} |
| TENN:F-69325 / TFB14620h2 | <i>Gymnopus sequoiae</i> | USA: California | | | KY026741 ^{1,2,3} |
| TENN:F-69340 / TFB146592 | <i>Gymnopus perforans</i> subsp. <i>transatlanticus</i> | USA: New Hampshire | | | KY026742 ^{2,3} |
| TENN:F- TENN:F-TENN:F-53488 / TFB5627 | <i>Gymnopus ponderosae</i> | USA: Idaho | | | KY026639 ^{1,2} |
| TENN:F-0319 / TFB4722h1 | <i>Gymnopus perforans</i> subsp. <i>perfornans</i> | Sweden | | | KY026624 ^{1,2,3} |
| TENN:F-48143 / TFB2221 | <i>Gymnopus</i> sp. 4 (<i>G. inflatotrama</i> nom. prov.) | USA: North Carolina | | | KY026619 ¹ |
| TENN:F-48443 / TFB1871 | <i>Gymnopus efn dichrous</i> | USA: North Carolina | AF505766 | KY019625 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-50013 / DED5272 | <i>Gymnopus filiphilus</i> | USA: Tennessee, GSMNP | | | KY026620 ² |
| TENN:F-50116 / TFB3940 | <i>Marasmius</i> sp. 1 (<i>TENN50116</i>) | Australia: Tasmania | | | KY026621 ¹ |
| TENN:F-50135 / TFB4033 | <i>Gymnopus</i> sp. 7 (<i>G. austrobrvipes</i> nom. prov.) | Australia | | | KY026622 ¹ |
| TENN:F-50318 / TFB4721 | <i>Gymnopus perforans</i> subsp. <i>perfornans</i> | Sweden | | | KY026623 ^{1,2,3} |
| TENN:F-50319 / TFB4722h2 | <i>Gymnopus perforans</i> subsp. <i>perfornans</i> | Sweden | | | KY026625 ^{1,2,3} |
| TENN:F-50346 / TFB4749 | <i>Mycetinis scorodonius</i> | Switzerland | DQ450006 | KY019626 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-50482 / TFB3745 | <i>Gymnopus androsaceus</i> | Scotland | DQ444312 | KY019627 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-50540 / TFB4204 | <i>Gymnopus peronatus</i> | | DQ450017 | KY019628 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-50761 / TFB3642 | <i>Gymnopus foliophilus</i> | USA: Tennessee, GSMNP | | | KY026626 ^{1,2} |
| TENN:F-50765 / TFB3646 | <i>Gymnopus</i> sp. 9 (<i>G. novomundi</i> nom. prov.) | USA: Tennessee, GSMNP | | | KY019629 ¹ |
| TENN:F-50999 / TFB4512 | <i>Gymnopus</i> sp. 1 (<i>G. portoricensis</i> nom. prov.) | Puerto Rico | | | KY026627 ¹ |
| TENN:F-51029 / TFB4548h1 | <i>Micromphale brevipes</i> | Puerto Rico | | | KY026628 ¹ |
| TENN:F-51029 / TFB4548h2 | <i>Micromphale brevipes</i> | Puerto Rico | | | KY026629 ¹ |
| TENN:F-51221 / TFB4902h1 | <i>Gymnopus foliophilus</i> | USA: Georgia | | | KY026630 ^{1,2} |
| TENN:F-51221 / TFB4902h2 | <i>Gymnopus foliophilus</i> | USA: Georgia | | | KY026631 ^{1,2} |
| TENN:F-51233 / TFB4919 | <i>Gymnopus</i> sp. 3 (<i>G. inflatotrama</i> nom. prov.) | USA: North Carolina, Standing Indian State Park | | | KY026632 ¹ |
| TENN:F-51244 / TFB4928 | <i>Gymnopus foliophilus</i> | USA: North Carolina | | | KY026633 ² |

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| TENN:F-51574 /TFB5256 | <i>Gymnopus pinophilus</i> | USA: North Carolina | | KY026634 ^{1,2} | |
| TENN:F-52401 /TFB5610 | <i>Marasmius pallidocophilus</i> | USA: Idaho | | KY026635 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-52427 /TFB5698 | <i>Marasmius pallidocophilus</i> | USA: Washington | | KY026636 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-52970 /TFB6520 | <i>Gymnopus ioecephalus</i> | USA: North Carolina | DQ449984 | KY019630 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-53149 /TFB3591 | <i>Gymnopus</i> sp. 7 (<i>G. austrobrevis</i> nom. prov.) | Australia:Tasmania | | KY026637 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-53181 /TFB3585 | <i>Gymnopus</i> sp. 7 (<i>G. austrobrevis</i> nom. prov.) | Australia:Tasmania | | KY026638 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-53490 /TFB4930 | <i>Gymnopus</i> sp. 3 (<i>G. inflatotrama</i> nom. prov.) | USA: North Carolina | | KY026640 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-53516 /TFB7476 | <i>Connopus acervatus</i> | Finland | GU318373-77 | FJ750259 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-53579 /TFB7477 | <i>Gymnopus perforans</i> subsp. <i>perforans</i> | Finland | | KY026641 ^{1,2,3} | |
| TENN:F-53596 /TFB7498 | <i>Connopus acervatus</i> | Finland | GU318378 | FJ750256 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-53683 /TFB7572 | <i>Gymnopus</i> sp. 6 (<i>G. caulostriatus</i> nom. prov.) | New Zealand | | KY026642 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-53721 /TFB7588 | <i>Gymnopus</i> sp. 6 (<i>G. caulostriatus</i> nom. prov.) | New Zealand | | KY026643 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-53725 /TFB7589 | <i>Gymnopus</i> sp. 6 (<i>G. caulostriatus</i> nom. prov.) | New Zealand:North Island | | KY026644 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-54050 /TFB7148 | <i>Gymnopus</i> sp. 6 (<i>G. caulostriatus</i> nom. prov.) | New Zealand | | KY026645 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-54057 /TFB7179 | <i>Micromphale</i> sp. | New Zealand:North Island | | KY019631 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-54912 /TFB9087 | <i>Micromphale brevipes</i> | USA: Louisiana | | KY026646 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-55210 /TFB8782 | <i>Gymnopus foliophilus</i> | USA: South Carolina | | KY026647 ² | |
| TENN:F-55679 /TFB9031 | <i>Gymnopus</i> sp. 15 (<i>G. frigidomarginatus</i> nom. prov.) | USA: California | | KY026648 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-55748 /TFB9121 | <i>Gymnopus luxurians</i> | USA: Louisiana | | KY026649 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-55764 /TFB9166h1 | <i>Gymnopus foliophilus</i> | USA: Tennessee, GSMNP | | KY026650 ^{1,2} | |
| TENN:F-55764 /TFB9166h2 | <i>Gymnopus foliophilus</i> | USA: Tennessee, GSMNP | | KY026651 ^{1,2} | |
| TENN:F-55904 /TFB6985 | <i>Gymnopus fusipes</i> | Scotland | AF135795 ¹ | | |
| TENN:F-56223 /TFB7243 | <i>Gymnopus foliophilus</i> | USA: North Carolina | | KY026652 ² | |
| TENN:F-56291 /TFB8682ss2 | <i>Lentinula raphanica</i> | USA: Louisiana | | KY026653 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-56721 /TFB10009 | <i>Gymnopus</i> aff. <i>dichrous</i> I | USA: North Carolina | | KY026654 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-56727 /TFB10015h1 | <i>Gymnopus</i> <i>dichrous</i> I | USA: North Carolina | | KY026655 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-56727 /TFB10015h2 | <i>Gymnopus</i> <i>dichrous</i> I | USA: North Carolina | | KY026656 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-56925 /TFB4419 | <i>Anthonophyllum lateritium</i> | USA: Louisiana | | | |
| TENN:F-57787 /TFB10292ss6 | <i>Lentinula boryana</i> | Mexico | AF261324 ¹ | | |
| | | | | KY026657 ¹ | |

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| TENN:F-57923 /TFB10364 | <i>Gymnopus filiphilus</i> | USA: North Carolina | | | KY026658 ² |
| TENN:F-58295 /TFB10826 | <i>Gymnopus perfonis</i> subsp. <i>perfornis</i> | Russia | KY026660 | FJ750263 ¹ | KY026659 ^{2,3} |
| TENN:F-58602 /TFB10494 | <i>Gymnopus</i> sp. | Costa Rica | DQ450035 | KY019632 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-58613 /TFB11005 | <i>Gymnopus meoamericanus</i> | Costa Rica | DQ450056 | KY019633 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-58624 /TFB11016 | <i>Gymnopus biformis</i> | Costa Rica | | | KY026661 ¹ |
| TENN:F-58988 /TFB10782 | <i>Gymnopus juniperinus</i> | Argentina | | | |
| TENN:F-59140 /TFB11039 | <i>Gymnopus earlea</i> | USA: Tennessee, GSMNP | DQ449994 | KY019634 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-59300 /TFB11439 | <i>Gymnopus fusipes</i> | Austria | AF505777 ² | AY256711 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-60951 /TFB12836 | <i>Gymnopus villosipes</i> | New Zealand: Fiordland | KJ416255 | FJ750264 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-62824 /TFB13579 | <i>Connopus aceratus</i> | USA: Idaho | GU318393 | FJ750261 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-62824 /TFB13579 | <i>Connopus aceratus</i> | USA: Idaho | GU318394 | FJ750261 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-65128 /TFB13751 | <i>Marasmiellus namealis</i> | Belgium | | KJ189565 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-65131 /TFB13754 | <i>Gymnopus confertus</i> | Belgium | KP710288 | KJ189571 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-65132 /TFB13755 | <i>Marasmiellus namealis</i> | Belgium | KJ416235 | KJ189566 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-65835 /TFB13939 | <i>Gymnopus confertus</i> | USA, NY | KP710284 | KJ189579 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-67864 /TFB14114 | <i>Gymnopus confertus</i> | Germany | KP710295 | KJ189573 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-68110 /TFB14251 | <i>Gymnopus biformis</i> | USA: Tennessee, GSMNP | KJ416245 | KJ189567 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-69123 /09-09-26 AV13 | <i>Gymnopus eneficola</i> | Canada: Newfoundland | KJ128264 | KJ189586 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-69127 /06-09-02 AV01 | <i>Gymnopus eneficola</i> | Canada: Newfoundland | KJ128267 | KJ189588 ¹ | |
| TENN:F-69215 /TFB14250 | <i>Gymnopus biformis</i> | USA: Georgia | KJ416246 | KJ189568 ¹ | |
| UBC25212h1 | <i>Gymnopus sublaeatus</i> | Canada: British Columbia | | | KY026762 ^{1,2,3} |
| UBC25212h2 | <i>Gymnopus sublaeatus</i> | Canada: British Columbia | | | KY026763 ^{1,2,3} |
| WWRW05-1170 | <i>Gymnopus</i> sp. | USA: West Virginia | | | KY026764 ¹ |
| WWRW08-4622 | <i>Gymnopus subnudus</i> | USA: West Virginia | | | KY026765 ¹ |
| WTU31851 | <i>Marasmius pallidorephalus</i> | | | KY019647 ¹ | |

¹ Fig 85 LSU only; ² Figure 86, ITS plus LSU; ³ Figure 87 ITS only. GSMNP=Great Smoky Mountains National Park. h1, h2= haplotypes. c1, c2, etc.=clones.