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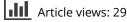
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Diversity and taxonomy of *Tricholoma* species from Yunnan, China, and notes on species from Europe and North America

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ABSTRACT

Although taxonomic knowledge on *Tricholoma* (Agaricales, Basidiomycota) is fairly comprehensive in northwest Europe, knowledge of the global diversity and distribution of *Tricholoma* spp. is still sparse. In this study, the diversity and distribution of some *Tricholoma* spp. are analyzed by morphological and molecular methods based on 70 collections from Yunnan, China, 45 from central Europe, 32 from Colorado, USA, 9 from Japan, and 3 from Ukraine. A Holarctic distribution is suggested for several species, based on collections and nuc rDNA internal transcribed spacer ITS1-5.8S-ITS2 (ITS) sequences. Six species new to science are formally described from Yunnan: five in existing sections, *Tricholoma forteflavescens, T. olivaceoluteolum, T. melleum, T. olivaceum*, and *T. sinoportentosum*, and one, *T. muscarioides*, in the newly described section *Muscaria* alongside several previously described species. Additional putatively new species cannot be formally described because they lack sufficient material. *Tricholoma foliicola* is recognized as a species of the genus *Gerhardtia*. **ARTICLE HISTORY**

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INTRODUCTION

Tricholoma was first introduced as a tribus of the broad genus *Agaricus* (Fries 1821). Since then, it has been restricted to ectomycorrhizal fungi with central stipitate, fleshy basidiomes with sinuate lamellae, and hyaline, smooth, and inamyloid basidiospores. *Tricholoma* (Fr.) Staude is the type genus of the conserved family Tricholomataceae R. Heim ex Pouzar (McNeill et al. 2006). The genus was demonstrated to be monophyletic by Sánchez-García et al. (2014). Its exact position among other genera of the Tricholomataceae is unknown because a molecular phylogeny of the Tricholomataceae with a well-supported backbone has not yet been published.

Fries divided Agaricus tribus Tricholoma mainly based on the characters of the pileal surface, initially into four sections (Fries 1821) and then later into seven (Fries 1874). The pileal surface and the cellular structure of the pileipellis, respectively, are also the main characters for classifications proposed in more modern treatments. Bon (1984) also used the color of the pileus and the presence/absence of clamps as important characters for the definition of seven sections of Tricholoma, which divided were further into

subsections, series, and stirps. Singer (1986) focused on the structure of the pileipellis and the presence/ absence of clamps to divide the genus into four subgenera. These were further divided into nine sections and 13 stirps, taking into account color and odor (Singer 1986). Heilmann-Clausen et al. (2017) demonstrated that pileal color, structure of the pileipellis, presence/absence of clamps, and the size and shape of the basidiospores are delimiting characters of the sections supported by molecular phylogeny.

Important modern revisions of the genus in Europe include those of Gulden (1969), Bon (1984, 1991), Riva (1988, 2003), Christensen and Noordeloos (1999), and Noordeloos and Christensen (1999). Christensen and Heilmann-Clausen (2013) and Heilmann-Clausen et al. (2017) were the first to include molecular phylogenetic information based on nuc rDNA internal transcribed spacer ITS1-5.8S-ITS2 (ITS) sequences in their comprehensive treatments. Thus, the west European species diversity of *Tricholoma* is now relatively well studied. However, knowledge about the diversity and distribution of the genus on a global scale is largely lacking.

A monograph of North American *Tricholoma* spp. was published recently (Bessette et al. 2013), whereas a

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more recent study dealt with sect. Caligata Bon (Trudell et al. 2017). However, the taxonomy of Tricholoma spp. in North America is still far from resolved. The application of taxa originally described from Europe on American specimens must be reassessed for many species. The status of many species described from North America is unclear. This is especially the case for many species described by Peck at the end of the 19th and in the early years of the 20th century (e.g., Peck 1875, 1891, 1900, 1904, 1912) and those described by Murrill in the first half of the 20th century (e.g., Murrill 1913, 1938, 1942, 1945, 1949). However, further research is underway to increase the knowledge concerning the taxonomy of Tricholoma spp. in North America (C. Ovrebo and S. Trudell, pers. comm.).

Tricholoma includes the most expensive edible agaric mushroom, T. matsutake (S. Ito & S. Imai) Singer, of high economic importance in several parts of Asia. Hence, many studies have focused on sect. Caligata, which comprises T. matsutake and closely related species (e.g., Yu et al. 2006; Murata et al. 2013b; Trudell et al. 2017). Some Tricholoma species were described from Japan by Kawamura (1954) and Hongo (1959, 1968, 1983, 1991), who also published an overview of the genus for Japan (Hongo 1988). A checklist from China based on an extensive review of collection lists is provided by Deng et al. (2004), with some refinements by Deng and Yao (2005a). Six of the ~40 listed accepted Tricholoma species were described from Asia, whereas the other species were originally described from Europe. Four new species were described since then from China: T. lavendulophyllum F.Q. Yu (Yu et al. 2006) from Yunnan, T. sinoacerbum T.H. Li et al. (Hosen et al. 2016) from Guangdong, as well as T. highlandense Zhu L. Yang et al. and T. sinopardinum Zhu L. Yang et al. from Yunnan and Tibet, respectively (Yang et al. 2017).

Little is known about the presence of *Tricholoma* spp. in adjacent countries. Two species were reported from Vietnam (Kiet 1998), whereas single species were reported from Laos (Wan et al. 2012), Thailand (Sanmee et al. 2007), and Bhutan (Wan et al. 2012). Several species were reported from India (Tanti et al. 2011; Gogoi and Sarma 2012; Khaund and Joshi 2013) and Nepal (Adhikari 2000). No records of *Tricholoma* spp. were located for Burma or Bangladesh.

Northern Yunnan in southwest China is part of one of the 25 biodiversity hot spots of the world (Myers et al. 2000), the south-central China hot spot, which is centered by the Hengduan Mountains. About 15 000 seed plant species are reported from Yunnan (Yang et al. 2004), although an inventory of the fungi is still far from complete. Yang et al. (2004) reported about 7000 species of fungi for Yunnan, whereas a low estimate for fungal diversity would be at least five times the number of vascular plant species, following calculations by Hawksworth (1991, 2001).

Tricholoma is an important genus, including highly valued, economically significant mushrooms, as well as toxic species. They are present in most temperate and boreal forests of the world, where they contribute to ecosystem processes, forming ectomycorrhizae with species of Pinaceae, Fagaceae, Betulaceae, and Salicaceae. Tricholoma species are also specific hosts for mycoheterotrophic plants of the Ericaceae subfamily Monotropoideae (Bidartondo and Bruns 2002). Because of their preference of old and rather undisturbed forests (Christensen and Heilmann-Clausen 2013), many species genus could be used as indicators of naturalness in conservation value assessments. Despite the importance of the genus, the present state of knowledge is unsatisfactory in many respects. This study was intended to enhance knowledge on the distribution, diversity, and taxonomy of Tricholoma species in Yunnan and beyond.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Collections and *microscopy.*—Basidiomes of Tricholoma spp. were collected in Yunnan (China) by Gerhard Kost, Flavius Popa, Karl-Heinz Rexer, and Zhu L. Yang in Jul 2006, Jul 2007, Aug 2013, and Aug 2014. Different habitats were visited, ranging from 2200 to 4700 m above sea level (a.s.l.) (TABLE 1), while a special focus was placed on mountainous regions in the northwest part of Yunnan (FIG. 1). The sample locations of most collections were recorded using a Garmin GPSmap 62 (Garmin Deutschland, Garching, Germany). Most collections were photographed, and the macroscopic characters, smell and taste, were recorded. Basidiomes were air dried at about 30 C using an electric food dehydrator and stored, thereafter, partly in the Herbarium of Cryptogams, Kunming Institute of Botany (KUN), and in the Herbarium Marburgense (MB), University of Marburg, Germany.

Many collections of *Tricholoma* spp., mainly from central Europe, were available for comparison at MB. Additional herbarium specimens were provided by the National Museum of Nature and Science, Tokyo (TNS), and the Sam Mitchel Herbarium of Fungi, Denver Botanic Gardens (DBG).

Micromorphology of the basidiomes was analyzed by bright-field microscopy, using a Zeiss Standard microscope (Carl Zeiss, Oberkochen, Germany). The sizes of basidiospores, hymenial structures, and features of the pileipellis were investigated from hand sections

Location	Habitat	ECM trees	(°N)	Longitude (°E)	Altitude a.s.l.	Dates
Ailoa Shan C	Ouercus-dominated broad-leaved forest	Quercus spp.,	24.54627	101.025	2500 m	19, 20, 21 Jul
	Quercus-dominated broad-leaved forest	Lithocarpus spp.	24.34027	101.025	200 11	2006, 15 Jul 2007
Near Lijiang C	Coniferous forest	Pinus spp., Picea spp.	NA	NA	2500 m	27 Jul 2006
je j	Pinus-dominated forest with old Quercus and	Pinus spp., Quercus	25.00682	101.42023	2500 m	12 Jul 2007
(Cunninghamia spp.	spp., Cunninghamia				
	5	spp.				
Near Lijiang p	planted Pinus forest	Pinus spp.	NA	NA	2500 m	28 Jul 2006
	Mixed forest with Pinus yunnanensis,	Pinus yunnanensis,	25.11936	102.08103	2200 m	10 Aug 2013
	Cunninghamia lanceolata and broadleaf trees	Cunninghamia				
	species	lanceolata				
	Pinus yunnanensis forest	Pinus yunnanensis	27.0315	100.17972	2700 m	13 Aug 2013
part of the mountain	O'una and it days is shad as included format	D'	26,00602	100 10500	2000	10 4
Yulong Xue Shan, middle F part of the mountain	Pinus armandii-dominated mixed forest	Pinus armandii, Pinus	26.98603	100.18589	2900 m	19 Aug 2013, 15,
	Quercus aquifolioides intermixed with Pinus	yunnanensis Quercus aquifolioides,	27.00056	100.16903	3200 -	16 Aug 2014 15, 20 Aug 2013,
5	yunnanensis	Pinus yunnanensis	27.00030	100.10905	3200 – 3500 m	13, 20 Aug 2013, 11 Aug 2014
	Quercus aquifolioides	Quercus aquifolioides	27.00056	100.16903	3700 m	12 Aug 2014
part of the mountain	cucicus aquitonolaes	Quereus aquitonolaes	27.00050	100.10909	5700 111	12 //dg 2011
	Picea forest intermixed with Pinus spp.	Picea spp., Pinus spp.	27.13442	100.23975	3300 m	21 Aug 2013, 17
5						Aug 2014
Near Shangri-La F	Picea forest with some Quercus aquifolioides	Picea spp., Quercus	27.72931	99.97875	3700 m	21 Aug 2014
i	intermixed	aquifolioides				
Shangri-La, Baimang Snow P	Picea forest intermixed with Quercus	Picea spp., Quercus	28.30467	99.15283	3800 m	27 Aug 2014
	aquifolioides	aquifolioides				
location						
	Pinus densata forest	Pinus densata	28.33742	99.07706	4/00 m	26 Aug 2014
Mountain,, higher						
location	Pinus densata forest	Pinus densata	27.81206	99.81664	3400 m	25 Aug 2014
J J	Pinus densata and Quercus aquifolioides mixed	Pinus densata, Quercus		99.81664 99.73372	3400 m 3450 m	25 Aug 2014 23 Aug 2014
5,	forest	aquifolioides	27.00572)),)))/Z		23 Aug 2014

Table 1. Study locations in Yunnan, China.

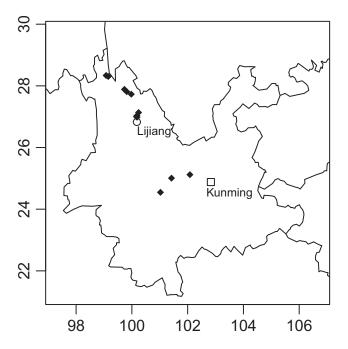


Figure 1. Study locations in Yunnan, China.

mounted in tap water or 5% KOH. At least 20 basidiospores were measured for each collection of the newly described species. All measurements were taken using a $100 \times /1.25$ oil objective. In a few cases, preparations were stained using Phloxine B to enable the analysis of fine hyaline structures. **DNA extraction, polymerase chain reaction, and sequencing.**—Pieces of dry basidiomes of weighing 10– 30 mg, taken from 114 collections of *Tricholoma* spp., were prepared in 1.5-mL microcentrifuge tubes along with steel beads of different sizes. The samples were sent to the Biodiversity and Climate Research Center (BiK-F) in Frankfurt, Germany, for ITS sequencing within the Integrative Fungal Research (IFR) project.

DNA from 89 collections was extracted and processed at the University of Marburg. Tissues, sampled as described above, were ground in a mixer mill (MM200; Retsch, Haan, Germany). DNA was extracted from the resulting powder using the innuPREP Plant DNA Kit (Analytik Jena, Jena, Germany) following the instruction manual. The ITS was amplified in a peqSTAR 96 HPL Gradient (PEQLAB Biotechnologie, Erlangen, Germany) using the Phire Hot Start II DNA plant kit (Thermo Scientific, xx, Germany). The primers ITS1F (Gardes and Bruns 1993) and ITS4 (White et al. 1990) were used with the following polymerase chain reaction (PCR) conditions: denaturation at 98 C for 5 min followed by 30 cycles of 98 C for 5 s, 52 C for 5 s, and 72 C for 20 s, with a final elongation step at 72 C for 5 min.

For some collections, the primer pair ITS1F and ITS4 yielded poor results. For these, the primers

ITS1F and ITS2 as well as ITS3 (White et al. 1990) and ITS4 were used along with the polymerase MolPol (Projodis Medical, Butzbach, Germany). PCR conditions were as follows: denaturation at 95 C for 5 min followed by 25 cycles of 95 C for 30 s, 55 C for 30 s, and 72 C for 30 s, with a final elongation step at 72 C for 10 min.

Success of amplification was checked by gel electrophoresis using a 1% (w/v) agarose gel at 200 V and 90 mA for 30 min. Successfully amplified products were purified using the MSB Spin PCRapace kit (Invitek, Berlin, Germany) and sent to LGC Genomics, Berlin, Germany, for forward and reverse sequencing.

Molecular cloning.—Seven collections presented double bands in the sequence chromatograms, even after repeated extractions. These were subjected to molecular cloning to reveal the putative ITS heterogeneity. Cloning was performed using the CloneJET PCR Cloning Kit (Thermo Scientific) according to the manufacturer's instructions. PCR products of these samples were inserted into the suicide vector pjet1.2 and transformed into E. coli Top10 cells. E. coli cells were made competent using the CaCl₂ method (Mandel and Higa 1970) including an initial heat shock of 42 C for 60 s. The transformed cells were plated on Luria-Bertani broth (LB)-ampicillin agar plates. After 24 h of proliferation, six colonies were picked per agar plate and transferred separately into 5 mL fluid LB-ampicillin. After another 24 h of proliferation, 1.5 mL of culture for each clone was destroyer lysis preparation used for plasmid (Sambrook 2012). Restriction of the plasmids was carried out using Bgl II (Thermo Scientific). Restrictions were visualized by electrophoresis on a 1% (w/v) agarose gel. Two clones of each collection were selected for plasmid purification using the ZR Plasmid Miniprep Classic kit (Zymo Research, Freiburg, Germany). The resulting samples were sent to LGC Genomics for sequencing.

Phylogenetic analyses.—DNA sequences were edited using CodonCode Aligner 5.1.5 (http://www.codon code.com). BLAST searches were conducted on UNITE and GenBank. Only sequences of suitable quality were used for molecular phylogenetic analyses, along with sequences downloaded from GenBank and UNITE (TABLE 2). Generally, sequences were aligned with MAFFT (Katoh and Standley 2013) using default settings. The alignments were modified using the Gblocks online 0.91b (Castresana 2000; Talavera and Castresana 2007), allowing all options for a less stringent selection. The ends of the resulting alignments were trimmed in MEGA6 (Tamura et al. 2013). The trimmed alignments were used for phylogenetic analyses. These alignments are available on TreeBASE (study no. S21134).

Neighbor joining (NJ) trees were built using MEGA6. The model test implemented in MEGA6 showed that the Tamura 3-parameter + G model was the most suitable analysis method in all runs. A boot-strap analysis (Felsenstein 1985) with 1000 repetitions was included to test branch topology.

Maximum likelihood (ML) trees were built using RAxML-HPC2 on XSEDE (8.2.4) (Stamatakis 2014) via the CIPRES Science Gateway (Miller et al. 2010). The GTRCAT model was used along with a bootstrap analysis (Felsenstein 1985) with 1000 repetitions.

Bayesian inference (BI) Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) analyses were conducted using MrBayes on XSEDE (3.2.6) (Huelsenbeck and Ronquist 2001; Ronquist et al. 2012) via the CIPRES Science Gateway (Miller et al. 2010). Two runs of 10 million generations were set with four chains each. Sampling frequency was set to 1000 while other parameters were at default settings, including a burn-in fraction of 25%. The resulting tree files of both runs were checked using Tracer 1.5 (Rambaut et al. 2018) to ensure the burn-in of the initial phase. Consensus trees were constructed based on the 50% majority rule.

Resulting phylogenetic trees were visualized and edited using TreeGraph 2 (Stöver and Müller 2010). Clades were regarded as supported with values of BI posterior probability (PP) of at least 95, ML bootstrap value of at least 70%, and a NJ bootstrap value of at least 0.7.

RESULTS

Diversity of Tricholoma spp. in China.—A total of 70 collections of Tricholoma spp. were made during the field trips in Yunnan. These could be assigned to 22 species. The following 12 Tricholoma species, which were already reported from China (Deng et al. 2004; Deng and Yao 2005a), were confirmed to occur in Yunnan, China: T. albobrunneum (Pers.) P. Kumm, T. aurantiipes Hongo, T. bonii Basso & Candusso, T. cingulatum (Almfelt) Jacobasch, T. equestre (L.) P. Kumm., T. imbricatum (Fr.) P. Kumm., T. pessundatum (Fr.) Quél., T. populinum J.E. Lange, T. saponaceum (Fr.) P. Kumm., T. terreum (Schaeff.) P. Kumm., T. triste (Scop.) Quél., and T. vaccinum (Schaeff.) P. Kumm. Tricholoma bonii and T. triste were also reported recently from China based on GenBank sequences (Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017).

Table 2. Sequenced specimens and databank sequences.

Species	Origin	Voucher	Database no.	Comments	Reference
Pseudotricholoma metapodium	Germany	MB-002938			This study
richoloma acerbum	Germany	MB-002943			This study
richoloma aestuans	Denmark		LT000007	-	Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
richoloma aestuans	Sweden		LT000153	Туре	Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
richoloma albobrunneum richoloma albobrunneum	France		LT000077 AF458436	As T. ustale	Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017 Horton unpubl.
richoloma albobrunneum	USA, Oregon China, Yunnan	MB-003002	AF430430	AS I. USLUIE	This study
richoloma albobrunneum	China, Yunnan	MB-003003			This study
richoloma albobrunneum	China, Yunnan	MB-003004			This study
richoloma albobrunneum	China, Yunnan	MB-003006			This study
richoloma albobrunneum	China, Yunnan	MB-003007			This study
richoloma albobrunneum	China, Yunnan	MB-301912			This study
richoloma albobrunneum	China, Yunnan	MB-305048			This study
richoloma albobrunneum	China, Yunnan	MB-305554			This study
richoloma albobrunneum	China, Yunnan	MB-305558			This study
icholoma albobrunneum	China, Yunnan	MB-305567			This study
richoloma album	Germany	MB-002925	1 7000000		This study
richoloma apium	Denmark	DBC 21760	LT000009		Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
richoloma argenteum richoloma argenteum	USA, Colorado	DBG21760			This study
richoloma argenteum richoloma argenteum	USA, Colorado USA, Colorado	DBG23372 DBG23525			This study This study
richoloma argenteum	USA, Colorado	DBG23323 DBG27774			This study
richoloma argyraceum	Slovakia	00027774	LT000127		Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
richoloma argyraceum	Sweden		LT000127		Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
richoloma arvernense	USA, Colorado	DBG18239	LIGGOIDO		This study
richoloma arvernense	Austria	MB-002876			This study
richoloma atrodiscum	Canada, Quebec		KJ705254		Berube et al. unpubl.
richoloma atrosquamosum	USA, Colorado	DBG24009			This study
richoloma atrosquamosum	USA, Colorado	DBG27983			This study
richoloma atroviolaceum	USA, Washington		AY750166		Cline 2004
richoloma aurantiipes	China, Yunnan	MB-003000			This study
richoloma aurantium	Germany	MB-102121			This study
richoloma auratum	Japan		AB289659		Kikuchi et al. 2007
richoloma auratum	Japan		AB289660		Kikuchi et al. 2007
richoloma bakamatsutake	Japan		AF204807		Kikuchi et al. 2000
richoloma basirubens	Sweden	MD 000007	UDB016070	UNITE	Ruotsalainen and Vauras unpu
richoloma batschii	Germany	MB-003027	1 T000101	Turne	this study
richoloma bonii richoloma bonii	Italy China, Yunnan	MB-003005	LT000101	Туре	Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
richoloma bonii richoloma bonii	China, Yunnan China, Yunnan	MB-301516			This study This study
richoloma bonii	China, Yunnan	MB-305154			This study
richoloma boreosulphurescens	Finland	1010-505154	LT000199		Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
richoloma borgsjoeense	Norway		LT222030		Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
richoloma boudieri	Denmark		LT000014		Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
richoloma boudieri	Slovenia		LT000136	Туре	Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
richoloma boudieri	Austria	MB-002507		.)[This study
richoloma boudieri	China, Yunnan	MB-305280			This study
richoloma bresadolanum	Sweden		LT000162		Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
richoloma bryogenum	Sweden		LT000163		Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
richoloma caligatum	France		LT000079		Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
richoloma cingulatum	Canada, Quebec		KJ705244		Berube et al. unpubl.
richoloma cingulatum	Denmark		LT000015	Туре	Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
richoloma cingulatum	China, Yunnan	MB-302066			this study
richoloma colossus	Germany	MB-002363	111705044		this study
richoloma columbetta	Canada, Quebec		KJ705261	T	Berube et al. unpubl.
richoloma columbetta	Denmark		LT000017	Type	Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
richoloma columbetta richoloma davisiae	USA, North Carolina		KJ417319 KJ705249	As T. subresplendens	Sánchez-García et al. 2014
richoloma davisiae	Canada, Quebec Canada, Quebec		KJ705249 KJ705248		Berube et al. unpubl. Berube et al. unpubl.
richoloma dulciolens	Sweden		AB738883	Туре	Murata et al. 2013a
richoloma elegans	New Zealand		KJ417316	туре	Sánchez-García et al. 2014
richoloma elegans	New Zealand		JX178630	As T. viridiolivaceum	Teasdale et al. 2013
richoloma equestre	Denmark		LT000020	NS 1. Villaloilvacculli	Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
richoloma equestre	Denmark		LT000018		Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
richoloma equestre	USA, Colorado	DBG18376			This study
richoloma equestre	USA, Colorado	DBG23922			This study
richoloma equestre	China, Yunnan	MB-301506			This study
richoloma equestre	China, Yunnan	MB-305549			This study
richoloma equestre	China, Yunnan	MB-305676			This study
richoloma filamentosum	Germany	MB-000950			This study
richoloma filamentosum	Germany	MB-002942			This study
richoloma flavovirens	Canada, British		HQ650740		Kranabetter et al. 2009
	Columbia				
richoloma flavovirens	Japan		AB036895		Murata unpubl.
richoloma flavovirens	USA, New Mexico		AF349689		Bidartondo and Bruns 2001

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Table 2. (Continued).

Species	Origin	Voucher	Database no.	Comments	Reference
richoloma flavovirens	USA, Oregon		AF458449		Horton unpubl.
richoloma flavovirens	USA, Oregon		AF458452		Horton unpubl.
richoloma focale	Canada, British		FJ845447		Kranabetter et al. 2009
	Columbia				
Tricholoma focale	Sweden		LT000166	Type	Heilmann-Clausen et al. 201
richoloma forteflavescens	China, Yunnan	KUN-HKAS		Туре	This study
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richoloma forteflavescens	China, Yunnan	MB-301985			This study
Tricholoma forteflavescens	China, Yunnan	MB-302010			This study
Tricholoma forteflavescens	China, Yunnan	MB-305034			This study
Tricholoma frondosae	Denmark		LT000023		Heilmann-Clausen et al. 201
richoloma frondosae	Sweden		LT000167		Heilmann-Clausen et al. 201
richoloma frondosae	Sweden		LT000168		Heilmann-Clausen et al. 201
Tricholoma frondosae	Sweden		LT000169		Heilmann-Clausen et al. 201
Tricholoma frondosae	USA, Colorado	DBG23967	LIUUUIU		This study
richoloma frondosae	China, Yunnan	MB-301979			This study
richoloma frondosae	China, Yunnan	MB-301993			This study
	China, Yunnan				
richoloma frondosae		MB-302008			This study
richoloma fucatum	Austria	MB-001318			This study
richoloma fucatum	Austria	MB-102537	AD737047		This study
richoloma fulvocastaneum	Japan		AB737847		Yamada et al. unpubl.
richoloma fulvum	Austria	MB-000915			This study
richoloma fulvum	Austria	MB-001087			This study
richoloma fulvum	Austria	MB-002891			This study
richoloma fulvum	Germany	MB-002926			This study
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richoloma fulvum	Austria	MB-002994			This study
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richoloma fulvum	Austria	MB-002711			This study
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richoloma quldeniae	Austria	MB-001409			This study
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richoloma ilkkae	Sweden		LT222029	Туре	Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2013
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Tricholoma imbricatum	USA, Colorado	DBG18278	L1000024	Type	This study
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Fricholoma imbricatum	USA, Colorado	DBG23986			This study
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Fricholoma imbricatum	Austria	MB-102330			This study
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Fricholoma inamoenum	Canada, British	MD-201202	FJ845445	As T. platyphyllum	Kranabetter et al. 2009
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	Columbia		LINE-01-1		sensee and Enn unpubl.
richoloma luteomaculosum	USA, Oregon		AF458448		Horton unpubl.
richoloma magnivelare	New Hampshire		KF010157		Frank and Arora unpubl.
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richoloma muscarioides	China, Yunnan	KUN-HKAS		Туре	This study
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Tricholoma myomyces	USA, Tennessee		JN389292	-	Yu et al. unpubl.
Tricholoma olivaceoluteolum	China, Yunnan	KUN-HKAS		Туре	This study
Tricholoma olivaceoluteolum	China Vunnan	93510			This study
Tricholoma olivaceoluteolum	China, Yunnan China, Yunnan	MB-002998 MB-002999			This study This study
Tricholoma olivaceotinctum	Sweden	MD-002999	LT000182	Туре	Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
Tricholoma olivaceoum	China, Yunnan	KUN-HKAS	L1000102	Туре	This study
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Tricholoma olivaceum	China, Yunnan	MB-002991			This study
Tricholoma olivaceum	China, Yunnan	MB-301918			This study
Tricholoma orirubens	Slovakia		LT000132		Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
Tricholoma palustre	Canada, Quebec		KJ705252	As T. aestuans	Berube et al. unpubl.
Tricholoma palustre	USA, Massachusetts		DQ494699		Matheny et al. 2006
Tricholoma pardinum	USA, Colorado	DBG25191		-	This study
Tricholoma pessundatum	Denmark	MD 205071	LT000032	Туре	Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
Tricholoma pessundatum Tricholoma populinum	China, Yunnan Canada	MB-305071	VC146266	Strain ATCC 64500	This study
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Tricholoma portentosum	Germany	MB-102689			This study
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Tricholoma psammopus	UK, Scotland		JQ888219		Pickles et al. 2012
Tricholoma rapipes	Denmark		LT000037	_	Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
Tricholoma rapipes	France		LT000085	Туре	Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
Tricholoma roseoacerbum	Finland		LT000073		Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
Tricholoma saponaceum	Canada, British		KP406580		Kranabetter et al. unpubl.
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Tricholoma sp.	China, Yunnan	MB-301976			This study
Tricholoma sp.	China, Yunnan	MB-305716			This study
Tricholoma spec.	Canada, Quebec		KJ705247	As T. quercetorum	Berube et al. unpubl.
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Tricholoma squarrulosum	Croatia		LT00003		Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
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Tricholoma stans	Sweden		LT000189	Туре	Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
Tricholoma stiparophyllum	Sweden		LT000190		Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017

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Tricholoma sudum	Denmark		LT000051	Туре	Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
Tricholoma sudum	Denmark		LT000050		Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
Tricholoma sulphurescens	Germany	MB-102501			This study
Tricholoma sulphureum	Germany	MB-002930			This study
Tricholoma terreum	Denmark		LT000057		Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
Tricholoma terreum	France		LT000092		Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
Tricholoma terreum	Norway		LT222021		Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
Tricholoma terreum	USA		JN389295		Yu et al. unpubl.
Tricholoma terreum	China, Yunnan	MB-304903			This study
Tricholoma terreum	China, Yunnan	MB-305046			This study
Tricholoma transmutans	Canada, Quebec		KJ705236		Berube et al. unpubl.
Tricholoma triste	Sweden		LT000194		Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
Tricholoma triste	USA, Colorado	DBG22631			This study
Tricholoma triste	China, Yunnan	MB-301532			This study
Tricholoma triste	China, Yunnan	MB-305297			This study
Tricholoma umbonatum	Italy		LT000114		Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
Tricholoma ustale	Germany	MB-002924			This study
Tricholoma ustale	Ukraine	MB-303111			This study
Tricholoma ustaloides	Portugal		LT000126		Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
Tricholoma ustaloides	Germany	MB-002929			this study
Tricholoma vaccinum	Sweden		LT000195		Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
Tricholoma vaccinum	USA, Colorado	DBG23466			This study
Tricholoma vaccinum	China, Yunnan	MB-302070			This study
Tricholoma venenatum	USA		AF377230		Bidartondo and Bruns 2002
Tricholoma vernaticum	USA		AF377203		Bidartondo and Bruns 2002
Tricholoma virgatum	Germany	MB-102690			This study
Tricholoma viridiolivaceum	New Zealand		JX178633	As T. elegans	Teasdale et. al 2013
Tricholoma viridiolivaceum	New Zealand		LT000117	5	Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017
Tricholoma viridilutescens	Canada, Ontario		JN021102	As T. aff. sejunctum	Dentinger et al. 2010
Tricholoma viridilutescens	Japan		AB848695	As T. spec.	Miyamoto et al. 2014
Tricholoma viridilutescens	Austria	MB-002842		•	This study
Uncultured ectomycorrhiza	Mexico		FJ197008	Of Quercus	Morris et al. 2009
Uncultured mycorrhizal fungus	China, Yunnan		JQ396486	Monotropoid mycorrhiza	Shen unpubl.

Two species are recorded here for the first time: *T. boudieri* (Barla) Sacc. and *T. frondosae* Kalamees & Shchukin. Six species were recognized as new to science and are described below. Two collections (MB-301976 in sect. *Genuina*, MB-305716 in sect. *Tricholoma*) probably represent new species (FIG. 2), but the material was insufficient for detailed descriptions. Four lineages, two in the *T. equestre* complex (MB-301506 together with MB-305549, as well as MB-305676; FIG. 5) and two in sect. *Rigida* (MB-305741, as well as MB-305282 together with MB-302089; FIG. 7), potentially represent further undescribed species from Yunnan.

Distribution patterns.—Newly generated sequences and data deposited in GenBank indicated the occurrence of *T. albobrunneum*, *T. cingulatum*, *T. triste*, *T. vaccinum*, and *T. viridilutescens* M.M. Moser in Europe, Asia, and North America (see FIGS. 3, 4, and 6). *Tricholoma imbricatum* sequences were generated from specimens of Europe, Asia, and North America, but the monophyletic status of the species was not clearly supported by phylogenetic analyses, wherein the sequences of American collections formed a wellsupported separate clade (FIG. 3). Likewise, sequences assigned to *T. populinum* were separated into a highly supported European and a well-supported Yunnan/ North America clade (FIG. 3). Although *T. bonii* is present in Yunnan, two sequences of specimens from North America, labeled *T. myomyces* and *T. terreum*, formed a highly supported, closely related clade to *T. bonii*.

Several collections from northern Austria were identified as T. guldeniae Mort. Chr. This species was originally described from boreal Fennoscandia (Christensen and Heilmann-Clausen 2009) and was restricted previously believed to be to northern Europe (Christensen and Heilmann-Clausen 2013).

Phylogenetic analyses.—In total, 133 ITS sequences were generated. Sixty ITS sequences were obtained

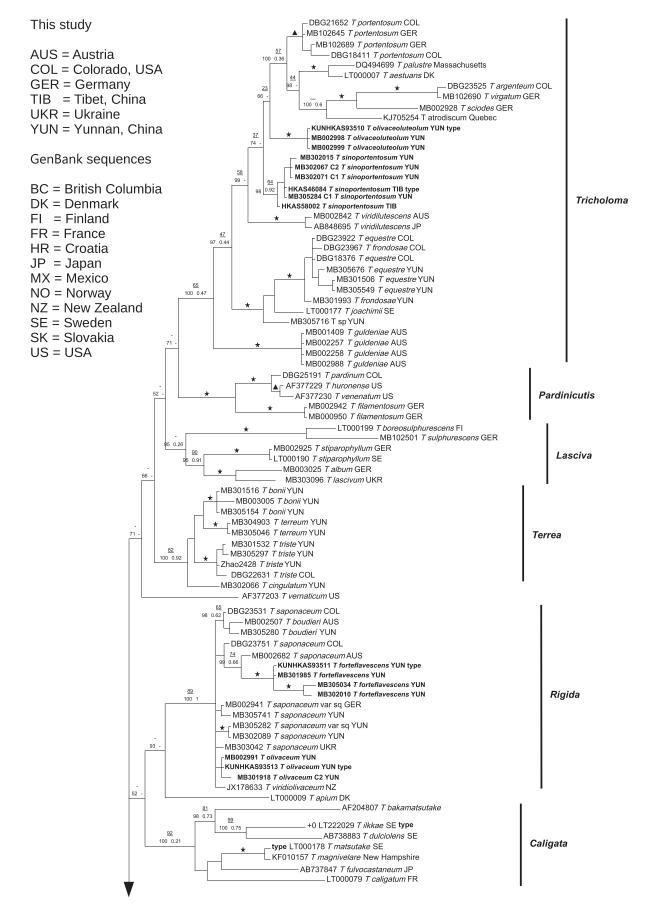


Figure 2. Bayesian MCMC tree of *Tricholoma* based on nuc rDNA internal transcribed spacer sequences (ITS1-5.8S-ITS2 = ITS). Rooted to *Pseudotricholoma metapodium*. Species new to science are indicated in bold. Support values above the branches: left side = % BI posterior probability (PP); right side = NJ bootstrap value in absolute numbers; underlined on the top = % ML bootstrap value. A star denotes PP = 100 and bootstrap values at least 0.9 and 90, respectively. A triangle denotes PP at least 95 and bootstrap values at least 0.8 and 80, respectively. Not all intra-section support values are shown.

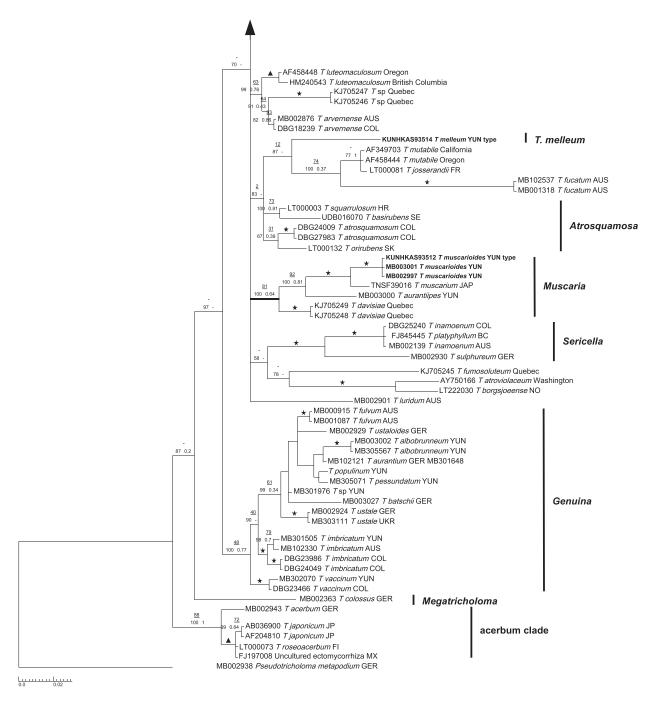


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from collections from Yunnan, including two clones from each of four collections. Further, 42 ITS sequences were obtained from collections from central Europe, 27 ITS sequences from collections from Colorado, 3 ITS sequences from collections from Ukraine, and 1 ITS sequence from a collection of Japan. These ITS sequences were used in addition to 108 ITS sequences downloaded from GenBank and 1 ITS sequence from UNITE (TABLE 2). The major clades resulting from our molecular phylogenetic analyses (FIG. 2) were similar to those presented by Christensen and Heilmann-Clausen (2013). Only sect. *Atrosquamosa* sensu Christensen & Heilmann-Clausen 2013 was split into two clades, located at a trichotomy with a unsupported clade of the new species *T. melleum*, *T. josserandii* Bon, and *T. fucatum* (Fr.) P. Kumm. Section *Lasciva* Bon was only poorly supported in the BI analysis and

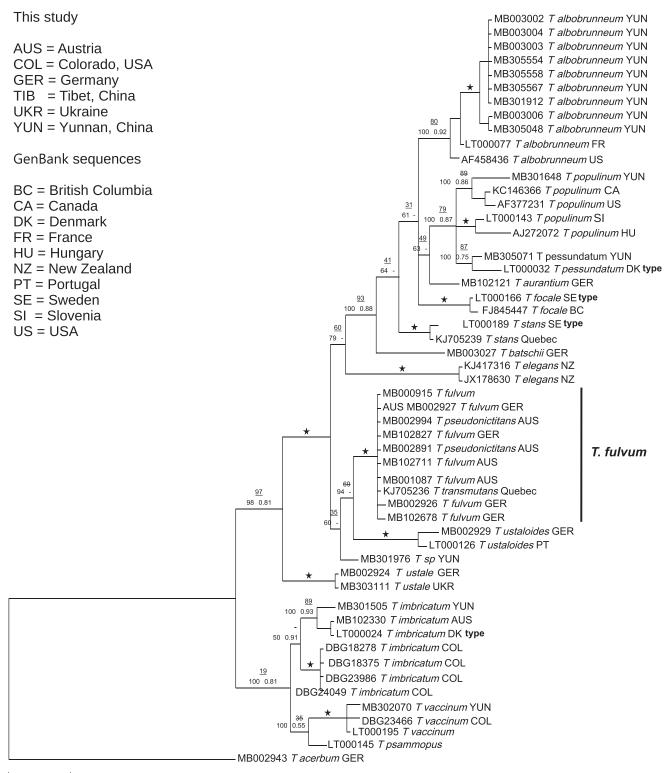


Figure 3. BI MCMC tree of sect. *Genuina* based on ITS. Rooted to *T. acerbum*. Support values above the branches: left side = % BI posterior probability (PP); right side = NJ bootstrap value in absolute numbers; underlined on the top = % ML bootstrap value. A star denotes PP = 100 and bootstrap values at least 0.9 and 90, respectively. Not all intra-species support values are shown.

unsupported in the ML and NJ analyses. This section was also inconsistently supported in preliminary analyses. A clade comprising *T. acerbum* (Bull.) Quél., *T.* *japonicum*, and *T. colossus* (Fr.) Quél., as proposed by Heilmann-Clausen et al. (2017), could not be confirmed.



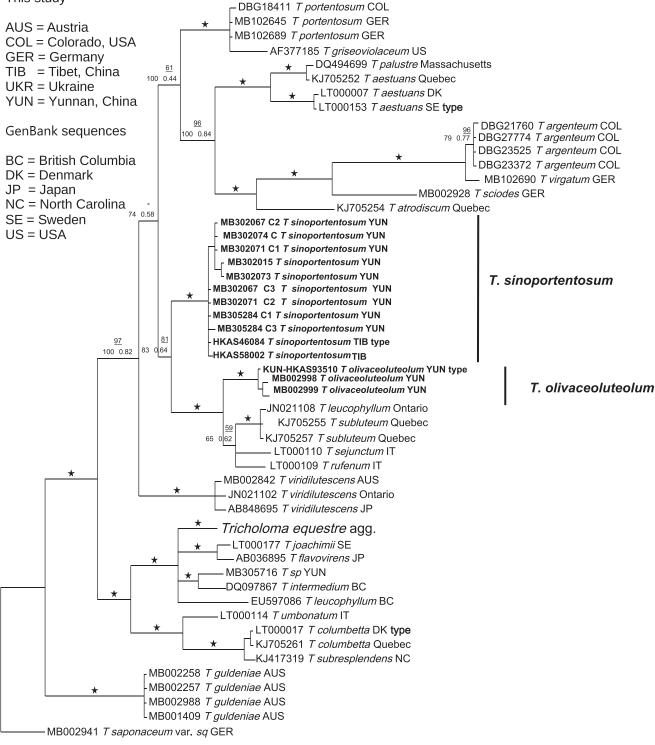




Figure 4. BI MCMC tree of sect. *Tricholoma* based on ITS. Rooted to *T. saponaceum*. Species new to science are indicated in bold. Support values above the branches: left side = % BI posterior probability (PP); right side = NJ bootstrap value in absolute numbers; underlined on the top = % ML bootstrap value. A star denotes PP = 100 and bootstrap values at least 0.9 and 90, respectively. Not all intra-species support values are shown. Twenty sequences of the *T. equestre* complex included in the analyses are not shown in the tree.

A clade comprising *T. aurantiipes*, *T. davisiae* Peck, *T. muscarium* Kawam. ex Hongo, and the new species *T. muscarioides* (FIG. 2) was recognized as a new section, formally described below as sect. *Muscaria*.

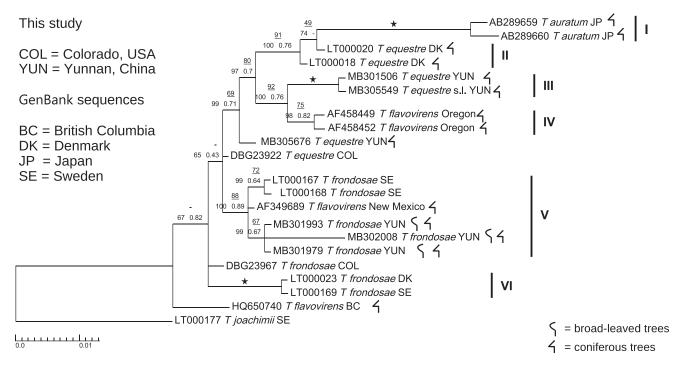


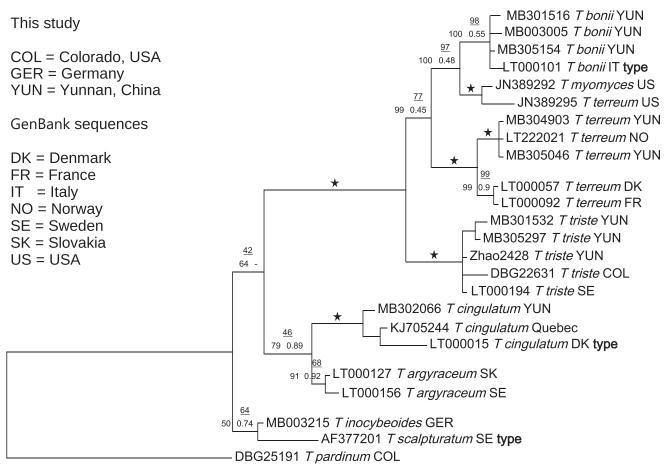
Figure 5. BI MCMC tree of the *T. equestre* complex based on ITS. Rooted to *T. joachimii*. Support values above the branches: left side = % BI posterior probability (PP); right side = NJ bootstrap value in absolute numbers; underlined on the top = % ML bootstrap value. A star denotes PP = 100 and bootstrap values at least 0.9 and 90, respectively.

Section Genuina (Fr.) Sacc. (FIG. 3). Within sect. Genuina, the species with a dry pileal surface, T. imbricatum, T. psammopus (Kalchbr.) Quél., and T. vacci*num*, formed a clade that was unsupported by the ML analysis, whereas the species with a viscid pileal surface formed a well-supported clade. These results support some interpretations of relationships from the morphological analyses of species of sect. Genuina by Kost (1981). Sequences of specimens assigned to T. imbricatum from Colorado formed a highly supported clade that was separated from the Asian/European T. imbri*catum* clade. However, the separation was inconsistent and was only supported by NJ. Tricholoma ustale (Fr.) P. Kumm. had a basal position among the species with viscid pilei, whereas a highly supported subclade was formed by the other species with a viscid cap. The conspecificity of T. pseudonictitans Bon with T. fulvum (Fr.) Bigeard & H. Guill., as proposed by Christensen and Heilmann-Clausen (2013), was well supported in our data analyses. The T. fulvum clade included a sequence of T. transmutans (Peck) Sacc. from Quebec, Canada. In contrast, a collection from Yunnan (MB-301976), which is morphologically similar to T. fulvum, was not part of that clade.

Section *Tricholoma* (FIG. 4). In the clade representing sect. *Tricholoma*, *T. guldeniae* had a basal position in all analyses. A highly supported subclade included *T. columbetta* (Fr.) P. Kumm., *T. umbonatum* Clémençon

& Bon, and species related to *T. joachimii* Bon & A. Riva and T. equestre. Within this subclade, the sequence of MB-305716 from Yunnan formed a separate lineage close to T. intermedium Peck. Another highly supported clade consisted of the new species T. olivaceoluteolum, T. subluteum Peck, T. sejunctum (Sowerby) Quél., and T. rufenum P. Donati. The species with bitter to acrid basidiomes, namely, T. aestuans (Fr.) Gillet, T. palustre A.H. Sm., T. atrodiscum Ovrebo, T. sciodes (Pers.) C. Martín, T. virgatum (Fr.) P. Kumm., and T. argenteum Ovrebo, formed another well-supported clade. Within this clade, the yellow species, T. palustre and T. aestuans, formed a highly supported subclade, whereas the gray species, T. virgatum and relatives, formed another. Tricholoma argenteum and T. virgatum were not supported as two distinct species by the BI analysis.

Tricholoma equestre complex (FIG. 5). Within the T. equestre complex, six clades were supported. Clade I consisted of two Japanese sequences labeled "T. auratum." Clade III was very well supported and consisted of two sequences representing collections from Yunnan. Clade V consisted of six sequences from New Mexico, Sweden, and Yunnan. The corresponding specimens were mainly labeled T. frondosae. The three collections of Yunnan included in Clade V were collected in a mixed Quercus/Pinus forest, whereas the associated trees of the specimen from New Mexico were exclusively conifers (Bidartondo and Bruns 2001;



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Figure 6. BI MCMC Tree of sect. *Terrea* based on ITS. Rooted to *T. pardinum*. Support values above the branches: left side = % BI posterior probability (PP); right side = NJ bootstrap value in absolute numbers; underlined on the top = % ML bootstrap value. A star denotes PP = 100 and bootstrap values at least 0.9 and 90, respectively. Not all intra-species support values are shown.

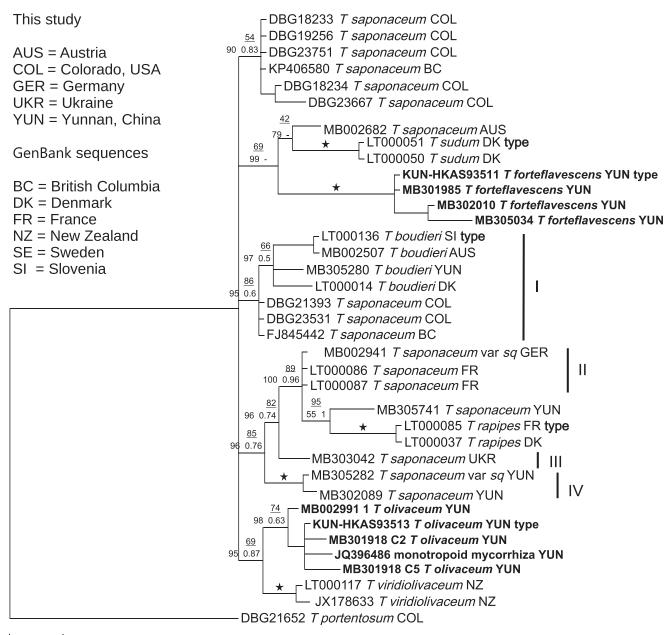
Moukha et al. 2013). Clade VI included two Scandinavian sequences, also labeled *T. frondosae*. All specimens of clades I, II, III, and IV were associated with *Pinus* spp.

Section *Terrea* Konrad & Maubl. (FIG. 6). The subclade formed by sequences of *T. terreum*, *T. bonii*, and *T. triste* was highly supported. *Tricholoma terreum* consists of two separate lineages. In addition, two sequences of specimens from North America formed a separate clade close to *T. bonii*. A subclade comprising *T. argyraceum* (Bull.) Gillet, *T. cingulatum*, *T. inocybeoides* A. Pearson, and *T. scalpturatum* (Fr.) Quél. was unsupported, with a bootstrap value of 0.45 in the NJ analysis, and was not evident in the BI and ML analyses (not shown).

Section Rigida (Fr.) Quél. (FIG. 7). Within sect. Rigida, T. sudum (Fr.) Quél., T. rapipes (Krombh.) Heilm.-Claus. & Mort. Chr., the new species T. forteflavescens, and T. viridiolivaceum G. Stev. formed highly supported clades. The clade of the new species

T. olivaceum was adequately supported by the BI and ML analyses but unsupported by the NJ analysis. Sequences of specimens identified as T. saponaceum were placed in four supported clades. Clade I consisted of North American specimens and the clade including T. boudieri. The clade formed by sequences attributed to T. boudieri Barla was unsupported by the ML and NJ analyses. Clade II was close to T. rapipes. It consisted of specimens from France and Germany. Clade III consisted of a single collection from Ukraine. Its separate position also was consistent in preliminary analyses. Clade IV was a very well supported clade of two sequences derived from collections from Yunnan. Three clades included a sequence of a collection regarded as T. saponaceum var. squamosum (Cooke) Rea because of the distinctly scaly stipes.

A clade of six sequences of North American specimens was not supported. It also included the sequence of MB-002682 from Austria in the NJ analysis.



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Figure 7. BI MCMC tree of sect. *Rigida* based on ITS. Rooted to *T. portentosum*. Species new to science are indicated in bold. Support values above the branches: left side = % BI posterior probability (PP); right side = NJ bootstrap value in absolute numbers; underlined on the top = % ML bootstrap value. A star denotes PP = 100 and bootstrap values at least 0.9 and 90, respectively. Not all intra-species support values are shown.

Further taxa. The following taxa could not be placed in accepted sections based on the current ITS data: *T. apium* Jul. Schäff., *T. arvernense* Bon, *T. fucatum*, *T. fumosoluteum* (Peck) Sacc., *T. josserandii*, *T. luridum* (Schaeff.) P. Kumm., *T. luteomaculosum* A.H. Sm., *T. melleum*, *T. mutabile* Shanks, and *T. vernaticum* Shanks, as well as *Tricholoma atroviolaceum* A.H. Sm. and *T. borgsjoeense* Jacobsson & Muskos, which formed a highly supported clade (FIG. 2). **Notes on Tricholoma foliicola.**—Two vouchers of *Tricholoma foliicola* Har. Takah. (Takahashi 2001) were analyzed. Both had minutely verrucous basidiospores. The basidiospores measured $4.5-6 \times 2-4 \mu m$ and were of rather variable shape, from oblong, ellipsoidal to amygdaloid, and also frequently dacryoid. The verrucosity was difficult to observe but became distinct after staining with Phloxine B. An ITS sequence generated had a 96% pairwise similarity to a sequence of *Gerhardtia borealis* (Fr.) Contu & Ortega.

Unfortunately, our sequence was of unsatisfactory quality and attempts to achieve reliable sequences were unsuccessful. The photographs in the original description show basidiomes with glabrous and shiny pilei. Furthermore, the pileus was described as hygrophanous. The base of the basidiomes was described as "attached to an extensive mycelial mat in the substratum," whereas the pigmentation was reported to be "intercellular but not incrusting" (Takahashi 2001). These characters exclude classification in Tricholoma, because species of this genus obligate ectomycorrhizal, are lack а hygrophanous pileus, and the pigmentation is mainly encrusted and intracellular but not intercellular. However, the characters would fit quite well with Gerhardtia, which is consistent with the observed verrucose basidiospores. Unfortunately, the studied collections were insufficient to decide whether T. foliicola is conspecific with G. borealis or a distinct congeneric species.

Specimens examined: JAPAN. ISHIKAWA: 4 Jul 2010, TNS-F-38513. JAPAN. 12 Oct 2008, Y. Nakamura, TNS-F-44221.

TAXONOMY

Tricholoma sect. *Muscaria* K. Reschke, sect. nov. MycoBank MB821179

Typification: Tricholoma muscarium Kawam. ex Hongo.

Etymology: Derived from the name of the type species of the section.

Pileus small to large, conical to convex with a pronounced rounded to acute umbo when young, later broad conical to convex, usually with pronounced umbo, yellowish, orange, olivaceous, greenish, or brownish, dry, fibrillose, often with minute scales. Stipe cylindrical to clavate, white, yellowish to orange, or a combination of these colors, often with minute scales.

Pileipellis a cutis, breaking up into small trichodermal scales. Subpellis of parenchymatoid inflated cells. Basidiospores ellipsoidal, $5-9.5 \times 4-6 \mu m$, hyaline, thinwalled, smooth, inamyloid. Cystidioid cells in hymenium present or absent. Clamps absent.

Species in the section, beside the type, are *T. aurantiipes* (Hongo 1991), *T. davisiae* (Peck 1900), and *T. muscarioides* (described below).

Notes: Species of sect. *Muscaria* are characterized by an umbonate to conical pileus with a dry, fibrillose to fine scaly surface and a distinct parenchymatoid subpellis. By their form and the often yellowish coloration, basidiomes of species of sect. *Muscaria* can be mistaken for those of sect. Tricholoma. However, most species of sect. Tricholoma have an at least slightly viscid surface of the pileus, whereas the pileus of species in sect. Muscaria is dry. Species of sect. Tricholoma that are similar to species of sect. Muscaria are T. aestuans and T. palustre. These also have an umbonate to conical pileus with a dry, fibrillose and slightly scaly surface. However, in contrast to species in sect. Muscaria, both have an acrid to bitter taste and no distinct subpellis. Tricholoma muscarium and T. davisiae have been hypothesized to be closely related to T. sejunctum, T. viridilutescens, and closely related species (Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017). They share yellow, greenish, and olivaceous colors and all lack clamp connections. The pilei of T. olivaceoluteolum, T. sejunctum, T. subluteum, and T. viridilutescens can also be distinctly conical, especially in young basidiomes. However, species of sect. Muscaria have a more pronounced umbonate pileus. All species related to T. sejunctum have an ixocutis with cylindrical to slightly inflated hyphae below, whereas species of sect. Muscaria have a cutis of parallel hyphae with a parenchymatoid subpellis. In addition, species of sect. Muscaria have predominantly ellipsoidal basidiospores with higher Q values on average, whereas species related to T. sejunctum have subglobose to broad ellipsoidal basidiospores. Species of sect. Terrea share characters such as a yellowing reaction and a parenchymatoid subpellis with species of sect. Muscaria but are generally rather monotonously blackish, grayish, brownish, or whitish. Moreover, species of sect. Terrea that have a distinct subpellis do not stain yellow and vice versa.

The geographical distribution of species of sect. *Muscaria* appears to be restricted to Asia and North America. Fragmentary data of two collections from China indicate a further species in Asia.

Tricholoma muscarioides K. Reschke, F. Popa, Zhu L. Yang & G. Kost, sp. nov. (FIGS. 8A, 9) MycoBank MB821173

Typification: CHINA. YUNNAN: Ailao Shan, 24° 32.776'N, 101°01.507'E, 2500 m a.s.l., Quercus-dominated broad-leaved forest, 15 Jul 2007, K. Donges, G. Kost & K.-H. Rexer (holotype KUN-HKAS 93512). Isotype MB-101187.

Etymology: Named for similarity of the basidiomes of this species to those of *Tricholoma muscarium*.

Pileus 5–8 cm diam, conical to pronounced umbonate when young, later becoming convex with a distinct rounded to subacute umbo, olive-gray to olivaceous brown in the center, becoming bright yellow towards the margin, umbo sometimes whitish. Pileal surface dry, innately fibrillose, breaking up into minute scales.

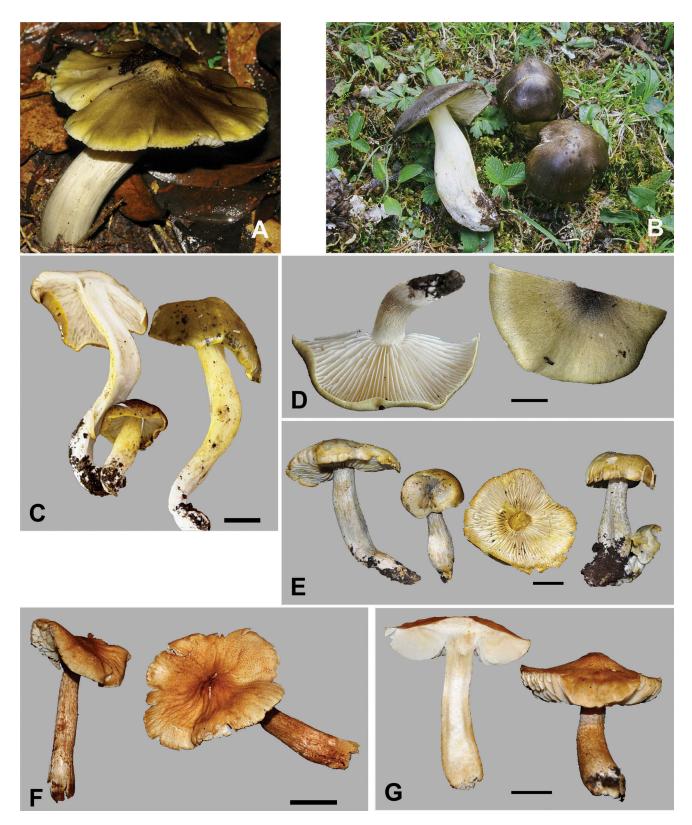


Figure 8. Photographs of basidiomes of the newly described *Tricholoma* spp. A. *T. muscarioides*, holotype (KUN-HKAS 93512), photo by G. Kost. B. *T. sinoportentosum*, holotype (KUN-HKAS 46084), photo by Z. W. Ge. C. *T. olivaceoluteolum*, holotype (KUN-HKAS 93510), photo by G. Kost. D. *T. olivaceum*, holotype (KUN-HKAS 93513), photo by F. Popa. E. *T. forteflavescens* (KUN-HKAS 93511), photo by F. Popa. F. *T. melleum*, holotype (KUN-HKAS 93514), photo by F. Popa. G. *T. melleum* (MB-305015), photo by F. Popa. Bars = 2 cm.

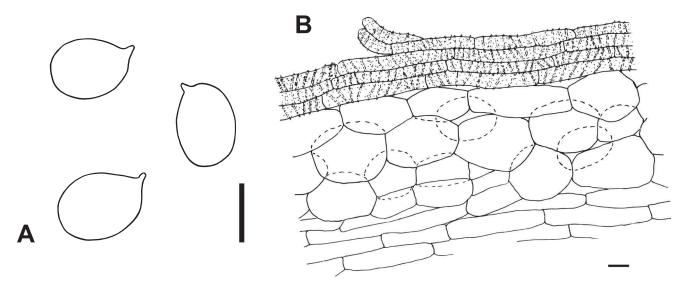


Figure 9. Tricholoma muscarioides, holotype (KUN-HKAS 93512). A. Spores. B. Pileipellis. Del. K. Reschke. Bars: A = 5 µm; B = 10 µm.

Lamellae sinuate, medium spaced, white to cream, with even edges. Stipe $7-15 \times 1-2$ cm, cylindrical, solid in young basidiomes, becoming stuffed to hollow, white, strongly fibrillose, bruising yellow after touch. Basal mycelium white. Flesh white to pale grayish. No odor noticed. Taste farinaceous and slightly bitter.

Basidiospores $6-7 \times 5-5.5 \,\mu\text{m}$, Q = 1.2–1.4, predominantly ellipsoidal, hyaline, thin-walled, smooth, inamyloid. Basidia 28–38 × 7–7.5 μ m, clavate, hyaline, predominantly 4-spored, sterigmata up to 6 μ m long. Cystidioid cells in hymenium absent. Pileipellis a cutis of cylindrical 5–6 μ m wide hyphae, with encrusting and intracellular pigment, yellow to brown in KOH. Subpellis composed of nonpigmented, wide, inflated cells, 25–45 × 20–35 μ m. Hyphae of stipe surface 4–7 μ m wide, not distinctly pigmented. Clamps absent.

Basidiomes found scattered to gregarious, with *Quercus* spp. and *Lithocarpus* spp. in *Quercus*-dominated and *Quercus-Lithocarpus*-dominated broad-leaved forests at around 2500 m a.s.l. in Yunnan, China.

Additional specimens examined: CHINA. YUNNAN: Ailao Shan, 24°32′50″N, 101°1′30″E, 2500 m a.s.l., *Quercus-Lithocarpus*-dominated broad-leaved forest, 20 Jul 2006, G. Kost, K.-H. Rexer & Z.L. Yang (MB-002997) and 21 Jul 2006, G. Kost, K.-H. Rexer & Z.L. Yang (MB-003001). Tricholoma muscarium: JAPAN. KAMAKO-MURA: Iwaki, 20 Sep 1952, R. Watanabe, holotype (TNS-F-23762). JAPAN. 9 Oct 2010, T. Kudo (TNS-F-39197); ISHIKAWA: 5 Oct 2009, Y. Ikeda (TNS-F-39016).

Notes: Tricholoma muscarioides belongs to sect. *Muscaria.* It is characterized by a dry, distinctively umbonate pileus with bright yellow colors at the margin and olivaceous colors towards the center. It is close related and morphologically similar to *T*.

muscarium. However, T. muscarioides has a bright yellow pileus, becoming olive-gray towards the center, whereas T. muscarium is ochre with a slight olivaceous tinge, becoming brownish towards the center. The basidiospores of the T. muscarium specimens analyzed were on average slightly longer and narrower, $6.5-8 \times$ 4-5.5 µm, resulting in a higher Q of 1.4-1.7. Hongo (1959) reported spore sizes of 6.5–7.5 \times 4–5 μ m, but did not provide Q values in his descriptions of species. He described T. muscarium as endemic to Honshu. Chinese reports of T. muscarium (Deng et al. 2004) may represent T. muscarioides. Coexistence of both species in the same area, however, cannot be excluded. Basidiomes of T. davisiae have similar colors to those of T. muscarioides but develop pinkish orange stains on the stipe and the lamellae edges. The basidiospores of T. davisiae are larger, and this species is associated with conifers. It has not yet been reported from China. Tricholoma olivaceoluteolum can also be quite similar in color and shape, especially in young stages. However, T. olivaceoluteolum has a viscid pileal surface when wet, which is evident as an ixocutis in dry specimens and has broadly ellipsoidal to subglobose basidiospores. Basidiomes of T. sejunctum can have similar colors, but they differ by a rather broad umbo, a viscid pileal surface, and the absence of a parenchymatoid subpellis.

Tricholoma sinoportentosumZhu L. Yang, K. Reschke,F. Popa & G. Kost, sp. nov.(FIGS. 8B, 10)MycoBank MB821174(FIGS. 8B, 10)

Typification: CHINA. TIBET: Changdu City, Zhuge, 4200 m a.s.l., on ground under *Picea* spp., 7 Aug 2004, *Z.G. We* (holotype KUN-HKAS 46084).

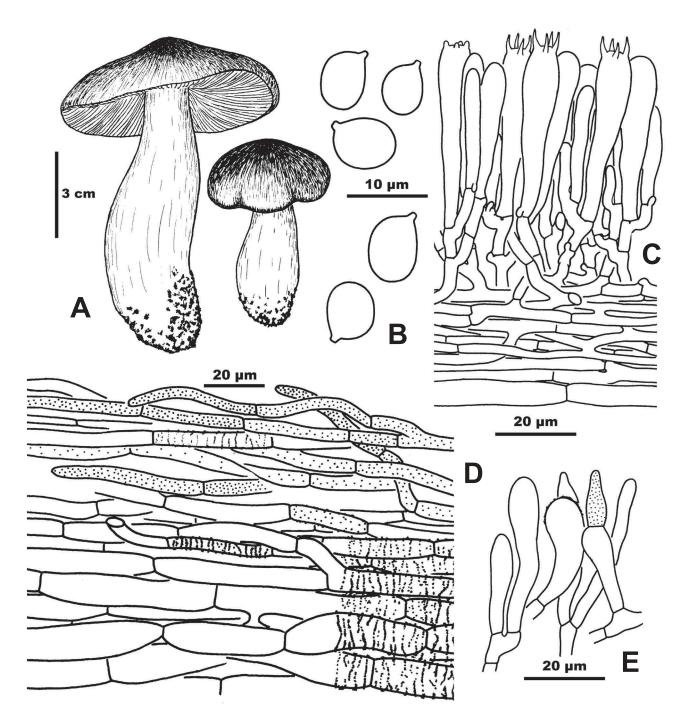


Figure 10. Tricholoma sinoportentosum, holotype (KUN-HKAS 46084). A. Basidiomes. B. Spores. C. Hymenial structure. D. Pileipellis. E. Young basidia and marginal cells. Del. Z. L. Yang.

Etymology: sino (Latin) = China, reflecting that the basidiomes were collected in China + *portentosum* for similarity of the basidiomes of this species to those *Tricholoma portentosum*.

Pileus 5–10 cm diam, hemispherical to umbonate with involute margin when young, becoming convex, usually with an umbo, dark brown to black in the center, brown to pale yellow towards the margin, pileal surface viscid with innate radiating brown to black fibrils. Lamellae sinuate, rather crowded, white to grayish white, with even edges, becoming yellow in old or damaged basidiomes, especially near the pileus margin. Stipe $8-14 \times 1-2.5$ cm, cylindrical to slightly clavate, solid in young basidiomes, becoming stuffed to hollow, white fibrillose, becoming yellow with age and bruising brownish after touch. Basal mycelium white. Flesh white to pale grayish. Odor indistinct to farinaceous. Taste mild.

Basidiospores 5.5–7 × 5–5.5 μ m, Q = 1.1–1.4, predominantly broadly ellipsoidal, hyaline, thin-walled, smooth, inamyloid. Single basidiospores very large, up to $9 \times 8 \mu m$, especially distinct in young basidiomes. Basidia 26–34 \times 7–8 μ m, clavate, hyaline, predominantly 4-spored but also 1-, 2- and 3-spored, sterigmata up to 5 µm long at 4-spored basidia. Cystidioid cells on lamellar edge erratically cylindrical to clavate, some septate, sometimes with intracellular pigment, not present in all analyzed collections. Pileipellis an ixocutis formed by cylindrical 3.5-7 µm wide hyphae, pigment predominantly intracellular in the upper hyphae but strongly spirally encrusting in the bottom of the pileipellis, yellow to brownish in KOH. Hyphae of stipe surface 3.5-7 µm wide, not distinctly pigmented. Clamps frequently present at the base of basidia and in the subhymenium, but absent in other parts of the fruiting body.

Basidiomes found scattered to gregarious, with *Picea* spp. and *Pinus* spp. in coniferous forests between 3300 and 4200 m a.s.l. in Tibet and Yunnan, China.

Additional specimens examined: CHINA. TIBET: Jiangda County, Jiada, Guopi, 3900 m, on ground under Picea spp., 4 Aug 2009, Z.L. Yang (KUN-HKAS 58002); YUNNAN: near Yulong Xue Shan, 26°41'8.76" N, 100°1'8.26"E, 3300 m a.s.l., Picea forest intermixed with Pinus spp., 21 Aug 2013, G. Kost & F. Popa (MB-302015); 21 Aug 2013, G. Kost & F. Popa (MB-302071, MB-302074); 21 Aug 2013, F. Popa (MB-302073); and 17 Aug 2014, G. Kost & F. Popa (MB-305284);

Notes: Tricholoma sinoportentosum belongs to sect. *Tricholoma*. It appears to be closely related to *T. sejunc*tum and allies according to its pileus color and surface structure along with the shape and size of its basidiospores. However, this association is only supported from the ML analysis (FIG. 3). Tricholoma sinoportentosum is characterized by the brown to black striate and viscid pileal surface, yellow stains at stipe and lamellae, and clamps at the base of the basidia. Its basidiomes resemble those of T. portentosum (Fr.) Quél., which also possess radiating dark fibrils, a viscid pileus, and yellow-staining basidiomes. Tricholoma sinoportentosum can be delimited from T. portentosum by the yellowish brown tones of the pileus instead of the grayish brown to almost black tones, by the broader basidiospores, and by the clamped basidia. Basidiomes of T. viridilutescens have a similar color but have a pileal surface that is less viscid, serrulate lamellae edges, and larger basidiospores. Basidiomes of T. guldeniae can also be similar in color, but its pileus is rather dry and the

basidiospores are larger. Tricholoma sejunctum has brighter colors on its pileus, which is greenish yellow with a darker innately fibrillose center. Its basidiospores are very similar to those of *T. sinoportentosum* in shape and size. However, T. sejunctum does not possess clamp connections in the hymenium. Tricholoma subluteum is similar because of the yellow staining of the basidiomes and the size of the basidiospores. It may also possess dark, radiating fibrils on the pileal surface (Bessette et al. 2013), but its pileus is predominantly yellow and the pileal surface is only slightly viscid when wet (Peck 1904). Tricholoma subsejunctum Peck is similar in the color of the pileus, the yellow staining of the basidiomes, and the size of the basidiospores, but it is described as only slightly viscid and occurring with broad-leaved evergreen and deciduous trees (Peck 1912). Moreover, clamps in the subhymenium, or at the base of the basidia, were not reported in the original description, nor in two further studies of the type (Hesler 1958; Ammirati and Ovrebo 1979). Basidiomes of T. viridifucatum Bon have clamps at some basidial bases of the basidia, and the basidiospores are similar in size. They differ in a squammulose stipe and bright yellowish colors.

Tricholoma olivaceoluteolum K. Reschke, F. Popa, Zhu L. Yang & G. Kost, sp. nov. (FIGS. 8C, 11) MycoBank MB821175

Typification: CHINA. YUNNAN: Ailao Shan, 24°32′ 50″N, 101°1′30″E, 2500 m a.s.l., *Quercus-Lithocarpus*dominated broad-leaved forest, 20 Jul 2006, *G. Kost*,

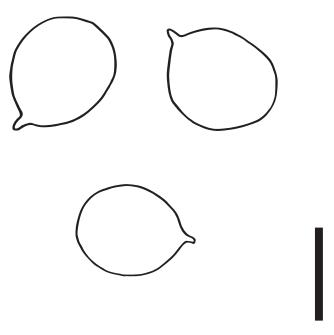


Figure 11. Spores of *T. olivaceoluteolum*, holotype (KUN-HKAS 93510). Del. K. Reschke. Bar = 5 μ m.

K.-H. Rexer & Z.L. Yang (holotype KUN-HKAS 93510). Isotype MB-002996.

Etymology: olivaceus (Latin) = olivaceous + *luteolus* (Latin) = yellowish, indicating the olivaceous and yellow coloration of the basidiomes.

Pileus 5–8 cm diam, at first conical to umbonate with involute margin, later broad umbonate to convex, when young olive brown with an orange tone getting yellow towards the margin, later yellowish brown with olive center and bright yellow towards the margin, pileal surface viscid when wet, slightly innately fibrillose. Lamellae sinuate, crowded, white to slightly cream, sometimes yellow at the very margin, with even edges. Stipe 7–12 cm, cylindrical, solid in young basidiomes, becoming stuffed to hollow, white at the base and in the upper part, yellow in the middle part, with concolorous fibrils. Basal mycelium white. Flesh white. Taste slightly bitter. No odor noticed.

Basidiospores $5.5-6.5 \times 5-6 \mu m$, Q = 1.1–1.2, subglobose to broadly ellipsoidal, thin-walled, hyaline, smooth, inamyloid. Basidia $26-33 \times 6-8 \mu m$, clavate, hyaline, predominantly 4-spored, sterigmata up to 5 μm long. Cystidioid cells in hymenium absent. Pileipellis an ixocutis of cylindrical $3.5-5 \mu m$ wide hyphae, with intracellular and slightly encrusting pigment, pale yellow to slightly brownish in KOH. Hyphae of stipe surface 2.5–4.5 μm wide, not distinctly pigmented. Clamps absent.

Basidiomes found scattered to gregarious, in *Quercus-Lithocarpus*-dominated broad-leaved forests at around 2500 m a.s.l. in Yunnan, China.

Additional specimens examined: CHINA. YUNNAN: Ailao Shan, 24°32′50″N, 101°1′30″E, 2500 m a.s.l., Quercus-Lithocarpus-dominated broad-leaved forest, 20 Jul 2006, G. Kost, K.-H. Rexer & Z.L. Yang (MB-002998, MB-002999).

Notes: Tricholoma olivaceoluteolum belongs to sect. Tricholoma, where it forms a clade with T. sejunctum and closely related species (FIG. 4). It is characterized by its yellow to brownish olive pileus, the viscid pileal surface, and the yellow coloration of the middle part of the stipe. It is very similar to the species invalidly described by Kawamura (1954) as T. muscarium in the size and color of the basidiomes and the size of the basidiospores. Kawamura's species was, however, described as having a dry pileal surface; thus, it may not be identical to T. olivaceoluteolum. Tricholoma muscarium was validated with a Latin description by Hongo (1959). It is doubtful from the basidiospore size and the shape of the basidiomes whether Hongo referred to the same species as Kawamura, but as no type was designated by Kawamura, the identity of T. muscarium sensu Kawamura remains obscure. Basidiomes of T. sejunctum are quite similar, but they can be delimited from those of *T. olivaceoluteolum* by the more greenish pileus coloration, a white stipe, and slightly longer basidiospores with higher Q values. *Tricholoma viridilutescens* differs in having a more contrasting pileus coloration and larger basidiospores (Moser 1978). *Tricholoma luridum* differs in having gray lamellae and larger basidiospores. Basidiomes of *T. subluteum* are similar in shape but have yellow pilei without an olivaceous tinge and the basidiospores are slightly longer. Basidiomes of species of sect. *Muscaria* can be very similar in macroscopic aspects but differ in a dry pileal surface, a parenchymatoid subpellis, and ellipsoidal basidiospores. *Tricholoma viridifucatum* is similar to *T. olivaceoluteolum* in the color of the pileus and the size of the basidiospores, but it has a squammulose stipe and clamps at the base of some basidia.

Tricholoma olivaceumK. Reschke, F. Popa, Z.L. Yang& G. Kost, sp. nov.(FIGS. 8D, 12)MycoBankMB821176

Typification: CHINA. YUNNAN: near Kunming, 25° 7'7.49"N, 102°52'1.6"E, 2200 m a.s.l., mixed forest with *Pinus yunnanensis* Franch., *Cunninghamia lanceolata*, and broad-leaved trees species, 10 Aug 2013, G. Kost & F. Popa (**holotype** KUN-HKAS 93513). Isotype MB-301388.

Etymology: olivaceus (Latin) = olivaceous, referring to the color of the pileal surface.

Pileus 3-11 cm diam, convex, without umbo, margin involute when young and remaining incurved for a long time, slightly undulate and ribbed in old basidiomes, primary color bright olive, center darker, brown to almost black, towards the margin brighter olivaceous to grayish white, pileal surface glabrous with short radial and rather inconspicuous innate fibrils, particularly in the center. Lamellae sinuate, medium to rather distant, gravish white to cream, with even to distinctly serrulate edges. Stipe 4.5-8 \times 0.7-2 cm, cylindrical to slightly clavate, tapering to a root at the base, solid in young basidiomes, becoming stuffed to hollow, white but densely overlain by dark gray to black fibrils. Slightly reddening when damaged, similar to the discoloration of T. saponaceum, at least in the base of bisected basidiomes. Basal mycelium white. Flesh white to pale grayish. Odor like unperfumed soap. Taste weak farinaceous to slightly bitter.

Basidiospores $4.5-6 \times 3.5-4 \ \mu m$, Q = 1.3-1.6, ellipsoidal, thin-walled, hyaline, smooth, inamyloid. Basidia $19-23 \times 5-7 \ \mu m$, clavate, hyaline, predominantly 4-spored, sterigmata up to 3 μm long. Cystidioid cells in hymenium absent. Pileipellis a cutis formed by cylindrical, $4-10 \ \mu m$ wide hyphae, with encrusting and intracellular pigment, yellowish in KOH. Hyphae of stipe

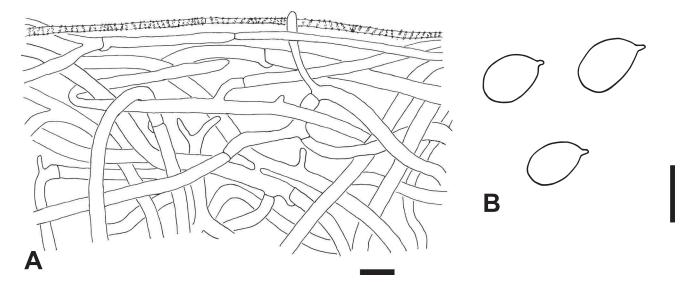


Figure 12. Tricholoma olivaceum, holotype (KUN-HKAS 93513). A. Pileipellis. B. Spores. Del. K. Reschke. Bars: A = 10 µm; B = 5 µm.

surface $2.5-4 \mu m$ wide, not distinctly pigmented. Clamps distinct and frequent.

Basidiomes found scattered to gregarious, also caespitose, with *Pinus* spp. and possibly other trees in *Pinus* forests and mixed forests between 2200 and 3400 m a.s.l. in Yunnan, China.

Additional specimens examined: CHINA. YUNNAN: Zishi Mountain, 25°00.409'N, 101°25.214'E, 2500 m a.s. l., *Pinus*-dominated forest with old *Quercus* and *Cunninghamia* spp., 12 Jul 2007, *K. Donges, G. Kost & K.-H. Rexer* (MB-002991); Yulong Xue Shan, 27°0'9.4" N, 100°11'6.75"E, 2900 m a.s.l., *Pinus armandii*-dominated mixed forest, 19 Aug 2013, *G. Kost & F. Popa* (MB-301918);

Notes: Tricholoma olivaceum belongs to sect. Rigida. It is characterized by the olivaceous color of the pileus, dark fibrils on the stipe, a soapy odor, and clamps in all parts of the basidiome. It is very similar to T. viridiolivaceum G. Stev, described from New Zealand (Stevenson 1964), which is also the closest species in the molecular phylogenies. However, T. viridiolivaceum has larger basidiospores (6–7 \times 4–5 μ m) and occurs with species of Nothofagus and Leptospermum in New Zealand. An ITS sequence deposited in GenBank as "Tricholoma viridiolivaceum" (KJ411953), derived from a collection from India, does not represent T. viridiolivaceum s.s. Thus, T. olivaceum can be delimited against T. viridiolivaceum by its distribution in the Northern Hemisphere and also by its different host association. Basidiomes of T. rapipes also have bright colors, including olivaceous tinges; however, they differ in predominantly yellowish colors and the absence of blackish fibrils on the pileus and stipe. Basidiomes of *T*. saponaceum sensu Christensen & Heilmann-Clausen

(2013) may also be olivaceous and have blackish fibrils on the pileus and stipe. However, basidiomes of *T. saponaceum* have rather dominant grayish colors and are generally more drab. *Tricholoma sudum* lacks olivaceous colors in the pilei and has larger basidiospores.

A BLAST search on GenBank resulted in 99% similarity to an ITS sequence (JQ396486) deposited as uncultured monotropoid mycorrhiza of *Monotropa hypopitys*. The sequence was included in the *T. olivaceum* clade in all phylogenetic analyses; thus, *T. olivaceum* is most likely a host fungus for this mycoheterotrophic Ericaceae.

Tricholoma forteflavescensK. Reschke, F. Popa, Z.L.Yang & G. Kost, sp. nov.(FIGS. 8E, 13)MycoBank MB821177(FIGS. 8E, 13)

Typification: CHINA. YUNNAN: Yulong Xue Shan, 27°0'5.34"N, 100°10'47", 3500 m a.s.l., Quercus aquifolioides intermixed with Pinus yunnanensis, 20 Aug 2013, G. Kost & F. Popa FP1006 (holotype KUN-HKAS 93511). Isotype MB-301981.

Etymology: fortis (Latin) = strong + *flavescere* (Latin) to become yellow, indicating that the basidiomes stain yellow when old or injured.

Pileus 4–8 cm diam, convex, margin involute when young, without umbo, light gray to silver-gray, darker in the center and paler towards the margin, sometimes light red-brown in the center or reddish tinges in parts of the pileal surface, sometimes with yellow drop-like spots at the margin, pileal surface glabrous, often concentrically cracking. Lamellae sinuate, medium spaced, grayish cream to gray, staining yellow in older basidiomes or after damage, with even to slightly serrulate edges. Stipe 5–10 × 1–2.3 cm, cylindrical to clavate, often tapering to a long rooting base, solid, grayish

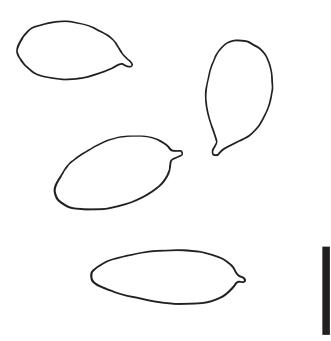


Figure 13. Spores of *T. forteflavescens*, holotype (KUN-HKAS 93511). Del. K. Reschke. Bar = 5 μ m.

white, overlain with dense gray to dark gray fibrils. Flesh white to pale grayish. All parts of the fruiting body stain citron to chrome yellow when old or after damage or touch. Odor like unperfumed soap. Taste weak.

Basidiospores $6-7(-8) \times 3-3.5 \ \mu\text{m}$, Q = 1.7-2.3(-2.7), ellipsoidal to oblong, often narrow amygdaloid, hyaline, thin-walled, smooth, inamyloid. Basidia 24–31 \times 5–6.5 μ m, clavate, hyaline, predominantly 4-spored, sterigmata up to 5 μ m long. Cystidioid cells in hymenium absent. Pileipellis a cutis formed by cylindrical, 1.5–5 μ m wide hyphae, with predominantly spirally encrusting pigment, coloration weak in KOH. Hyphae of stipe surface 3.5–6 μ m wide, not distinctly pigmented. Clamps distinct and frequent.

Basidiomes found solitary to gregarious, sometimes caespitose, close to *Quercus aquifolioides* and possibly other tree species in *Quercus aquifolioides* forests and mixed forests between 3500 and 3700 m a.s.l. in Yunnan, China.

Additional specimens examined: CHINA. YUNNAN: Yulong Xue Shan, 27°0'5.34"N, 100°10'47"E, 3500 m a. s.l., Quercus aquifolioides intermixed with Pinus yunnanensis, 20 Aug 2013, G. Kost & F. Popa (MB-301985, MB-302010) and 12 Aug 2014, G. Kost & F. Popa (MB-305034).

Notes: Tricholoma forteflavescens belongs to sect. *Rigida.* It is characterized by a silverish gray pileus, a strong yellowing reaction of the basidiomes, a soapy odor, and narrow basidiospores. Other species of sect. *Rigida* do not stain yellow and have more broadly ellipsoidal basidiospores. *Tricholoma sulphurescens* Bres. also stains yellow but is initially white, has a strong unpleasant smell, and broadly ellipsoidal basidiospores. Other *Tricholoma* spp. with yellowing basidiomes differ by a viscid, fibrillose, felty, or squarrulose pileal surface.

Tricholoma melleum K. Reschke, F. Popa, Z.L. Yang & G. Kost, sp. nov. (FIGS. 8F, G, 14) MycoBank MB821178

Typification: CHINA. YUNNAN: near Shangri-La, 27°43′45.46″N, 99°58′43.47″E, 3700 m a.s.l., *Picea* forest with some *Quercus aquifolioides* intermixed, *Quercus* litter, 21 Aug 2014, *G. Kost & F. Popa* (holotype KUN-HKAS 93514). Isotype MB-305469.

Etymology: melleus (Latin) = color of honey, referring to the orange brown color of the pileus.

Pileus 4–8 cm diam, convex when young, later plane to depressed, usually with a broad umbo, margin undulating in older basidiomes and ribbed halfway to the center, orange brown in the center, breaking up into small scales on a light brown to orange background towards the margin, pileal surface dry. Lamellae sinuate, rather distant, thick and broad, grayish to cream, staining slightly yellowish, with smooth to slightly serrulate edges. Stipe $6-8 \times 1-2$ cm, cylindrical to slightly clavate, solid in young basidiomes, becoming stuffed to hollow, concolorous with the pileus, fibrillose to scaly in the upper part, whitish pruinose at the tip of the stipe when young. Basal mycelium white. Flesh pale

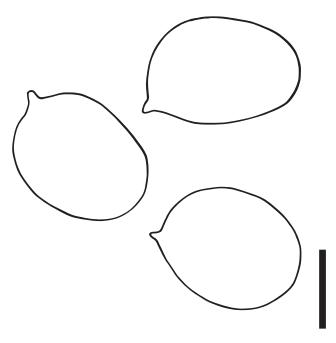


Figure 14. Spores of *T. melleum*, holotype (KUN-HKAS 93514). Del. K. Reschke. Bar = 5 μ m.

grayish to yellowish. Odor slightly sweetish aromatic, rather unpleasant. Taste not noticed.

Basidiospores 9–10.5 × 6.5–7.5 μ m, Q = 1.3–1.5, ellipsoidal to amygdaloid, hyaline, thin-walled, smooth, inamyloid. Basidia 48–56 × 10–11 μ m, clavate, hyaline, predominantly 4-spored, sterigmata up to 8 μ m long. Cystidioid cells in hymenium absent. Pileipellis a cutis formed by cylindrical, 3–6 μ m wide hyphae, breaking up into trichodermal scales, with mainly intracellular pigment, yellowish to pale brownish in KOH. Hyphae of stipe surface 4–8 μ m wide, with intracellular and sometimes also minutely encrusting pigment, yellowish in KOH. Clamps distinct and frequent at the base of basidia and in the subhymenium, but rare to absent in other parts of the fruiting body.

Basidiomes found solitary to scattered, close to *Quercus aquifolioides* and possibly other tree species in a *Quercus aquifolioides* forest and a mixed forest at around 3700 m a.s.l. in Yunnan, China.

Additional specimen examined: CHINA. YUNNAN: Yulong Xue Shan, 27°0'5.34"N, 100°10'47"E, 3700 m a. s.l., Quercus aquifolioides, 12 Aug 2014, G. Kost & F. Popa (MB-305015).

Notes: Tricholoma melleum cannot be integrated in an existing section. It is quite different from other species in the genus. Typical basidiomes should be easy to identify in the field by the honey orange brown, fine scaly pileus, the concolorous stipe, and the broad lamellae. Additional characters are distinct clamps in the hymenium and large basidiospores. Tricholoma psammopus (Kalchbr.) Quél. has a dry pileus, which may be slightly scaly and of similar color, but the basidiomes are relatively small and this species is mainly associated with Larix. Its basidiospores are rather small, and clamps are absent in all parts of the fruiting body. Tricholoma fucatum also has a squamulose stipe and yellowish colors, but the basidiomes stain dark brownish, do not possess clamp connections, and have smaller basidiospores. Basidiomes of Tricholoma coryphaum (Fr.) Gillet sensu Riva are similar in color and a squammulose stipe. They possess clamps at the base of some basidia. However, the pileus is only squammulose in the center, the basidiospores are smaller (Riva 1988), and T. melleum has distinct clamps at the base of most of the basidia. Basidiomes of T. melleum and Tricholoma fumosoluteum (Peck) Sacc. may be similar to some degree. However, T. fumosoluteum differs by having a glabrous pileus, a white stipe, and smaller basidiospores (Peck 1875).

DISCUSSION

Diversity of **Tricholoma** *species in* **Yunnan.**— Seventy collections of *Tricholoma spp.* were made during our field trips in Yunnan. Of these, 35 (50%) could be assigned to 14 species already described. Twenty-one collections (30%) belonged to the six newly described species. The remaining 14 collections (20%) could not be assigned to existing species; these probably include further undescribed species. An assessment of the previously published records of Tricholoma spp. in China (Deng et al. 2004; Deng and Yao 2005a; Yu et al. 2006; Hosen et al. 2016; Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017; Yang et al. 2017), together with the new records and newly described species, resulted in 54 *Tricholoma* spp. that are reported from China. Of these, 38 species are reported from Yunnan. Regarding the large fraction of collections that could not be assigned to existing species and the limited range of locations sampled here, it is very likely that there still remain many Tricholoma spp. to be discovered in Yunnan.

Distribution of Tricholoma species.—Only one of the 14 identified *Tricholoma* spp., *T. aurantiipes*, is a species that is, at present, only known from Asia. All other species were originally described from Europe, whereas a distribution in North America is also known for some. None of the species found in Yunnan are distributed in the Southern Hemisphere, excluding reports of species that were introduced from the Northern Hemisphere together with host trees.

Several Tricholoma species were found to be distributed in Asia, Europe, and North America based on studied vouchers and comparisons of ITS sequences with sequences deposited in GenBank. Tricholoma albobrunneum was the most common species collected in Yunnan. It is associated with Pinus spp. and is rather rare in north and central Europe (Christensen and Heilmann-Clausen 2013). ITS sequences from GenBank of collections from Japan, California, and Oregon, partly deposited as T. ustale, along with our own data, suggest a Holarctic distribution for T. albobrunneum. Both T. cingulatum and T. vaccinum are reported from Europe, North America (Bessette et al. 2013), Japan (Hongo 1988), and China (Deng et al. 2004). The wide distribution of T. cingulatum and T. vaccinum is supported by the molecular and morphological data in this study.

Heilmann-Clausen et al. (2017) supposed *T. triste* to occur in Europe, North America, and China based on ITS data. This was confirmed here, including morphological analyses of the Chinese specimen (FIG. 6).

Tricholoma bonii was recently described as a new species with a white-colored pileus and lacking an inflated subpellis (Basso and Candusso 1997). However, Christensen and Heilmann-Clausen (2013)

reported a dark brown species with distinct subpellis based on analysis of the type and their own material. Just recently, *T. bonii* was reported to occur in China based on molecular data (Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017). *Tricholoma bonii* was collected at least on three occasions in *Pinus* forests at about 2700–2900 m a.s.l. in Yunnan. Sequences derived from North American specimens form a close but separate clade to *T. bonii* and may represent another species (FIG. 6).

Tricholoma imbricatum, associated with Pinus spp., also reveals a wide distribution. However, the collections from Colorado form a separate, highly supported clade in the phylogeny (FIG. 3). Only the NJ analysis supports a clade formed by sequences assigned to *T. imbricatum* from Colorado, Europe, and Yunnan. This may be an effect of the large geographical gaps between the collection sites. However, a closely related, morphologically similar species cannot be excluded.

In addition, *T. populinum*, exclusively associated with *Populus* spp., is separated into two clades. Grubisha et al. (2012) reported two distinctly separate lineages of *T. populinum* from North America and Scandinavia. However, they did not consider *Tricholoma fulvimarginatum* Ovrebo & Halling, which is similar to *T. populinum* and is also associated with *Populus* spp. (Ovrebo and Halling 1986). The sequence of the *T. populinum* collection from Yunnan is included in a clade with the North American sequences. However, to date, it is the only ITS sequence available for Asia; thus, large gaps span the sampled locations. To attain an accurate estimate of the distribution of *T. populinum*, collections from further locations have to be studied.

A distribution in Asia, Europe, and North America of T. matsutake has already been reported by Chapela and Garbelotto (2004) and confirmed by Trudell et al. (2017) using ITS data. Carriconde et al. (2008) suggested a cosmopolitan distribution of T. scalpturatum, meaning a Holarctic distribution. It has been reported from North America by Ovrebo (1989), from Japan by Hongo (1988), and from China by Deng et al. (2004). However, no evidence for a distribution in Asia or America exists at the molecular level. Tricholoma scalpturatum may be difficult to distinguish from T. argyraceum (Bull.) Gillet, assumed to be a cryptic species by Carriconde et al. (2008). Both species are rather nondescript and are reported to associate with various hosts Heilmann-Clausen (Christensen and 2013). Considering the limited data and potentially unknown similar species in Asia and America, the distribution of T. scalpturatum is actually unknown outside of Europe.

Tricholoma viridilutescens is also reported to occur with different tree genera; however, the suggested associations are slightly different: Moser (1978) described T. viridilutescens as associated with Picea spp. and Pinus spp. from Austria and Sweden, whereas Christensen and Heilmann-Clausen (2013) reported the species in Sweden and throughout the Alps and associated with Picea spp. and Abies spp. Specimen MB-002842 was collected in the north of Austria under Picea abies. However, its ITS sequence differs distinctly from sequence data of three specimens from France generated by Heilmann-Clausen et al. (2017). Two ITS sequences similar to that of the collection from Austria originate from Canada and from Japan. The Japanese specimen was recorded as associated with Tsuga diversifolia (Miyamoto et al. 2014), thus adding a further genus to the possible tree hosts. The wide distribution of T. japonicum indicated by ITS-data (FIG. 2) is already reported by Christensen and Heilmann-Clausen (2013).

The unclear taxonomic status and differing concepts of numerous species prevent the application of survey lists and fungal inventories for distribution assessments. Thus, knowledge of distribution patterns in *Tricholoma* so far depends on taxonomic progress in the genus.

Phylogeny.—Infrageneric ranks. Section *Tricholoma* is currently the largest section in the genus. Several species from Asia and North America are included, thus raising the number of species beyond 25. An older name for this autonym is sect. *Limacina* (Fr.) Quél. (Quélet 1872). The collection MB-305716 potentially represents a further new species in the section (FIG. 4). However, a formal description is not possible because of insufficient material.

Section *Genuina* comprises 15 species. This section also includes species from the Southern Hemisphere. Besides *T. elegans* from New Zealand, several species in the section are reported from South America by Horak (1964) and Singer (1966). The collection MB-301976 represents a potentially new species (FIG. 3).

Section *Rigida* dates back to sect. *Rigida* of *Agaricus* tribus *Tricholoma* of Fries (1838) and was combined and emended by Quélet (1872). Later synonyms are *Aggregata* Konrad & Maubl. (Konrad and Maublanc 1937) and *Contextocutis* Singer, which was described as a subgenus with a rather broad concept (Singer 1943). Species of the section are characterized by soapy odors, abundant clamp connections, and a rather weakly differentiated cutis. Singer (1943) supposed that species of the subg. *Contextocutis* have only intracellular pigment in the pileipellis. However, both species in

sect. *Rigida* described from Yunnan also have encrusting pigment.

Section *Megatricholoma* (G. Kost) Mort. Chr. & Noordel. was recently delimited to include *T. acerbum* and *T. japonicum* in addition to *T. colossus* (Heilmann-Clausen et al. 2017). Because this is not supported by our molecular analyses, this section is treated in a narrow sense here, including only *T. colossus*. The inclusion of *T. sinoacerbum* and possibly further related taxa, and the use of several molecular markers for phylogenetic analyses and a reassessment of the morphological characters, may lead to a more robust concept of this section.

Apart from sect. *Muscaria*, the sections recognized in the phylogeny are, for the most part, similar to those of Christensen and Heilmann-Clausen (2013) and Heilmann-Clausen et al. (2017). However, *T. melleum* from Yunnan and several species from North America seem to represent separate lineages that are absent or unknown in Europe. The inclusion of further species from Asia and North America and an analysis of multiple loci in molecular phylogenies may elucidate the infrageneric structure and reveal additional sections in future treatments of the genus.

Tricholoma sect. Rigida. Tricholoma saponaceum and its closely related species were the subject of taxonomic controversies since Friesian times. Until recently, only T. saponaceum and T. sudum were accepted as species. Others were interpreted at the variety rank by many mycologists (e.g., Horak 2005; Christensen and Heilmann-Clausen 2012), although Bon additionally distinguished T. boudieri (Bon 1984). In their monograph, Christensen and Heilmann-Clausen (2013) also recognized, in addition to the latter three, T. rapipes as a recombination of T. saponaceum var. napipes (Krombh.) J.E. Lange. Tricholoma viridiolivaceum, a species from New Zealand, is also a member of sect. Rigida. This species is closely related to the newly described T. olivaceum. Although all these species are rather well defined now, it is quite unclear what the "true" T. saponaceum actually is. Four supported clades that include sequences labeled as T. saponaceum resulted from our molecular analyses (FIG. 7). Clade I includes T. boudieri and the North American sequences therein may belong to that species. Clade IV is a highly supported clade of two collections from Yunnan, which potentially represent an undescribed species. Both were collected in a Picea forest. Further, extensive sampling is needed to clarify the taxonomic state of these clades. The macromorphology, as well as the ecology, are important characters to record in the future, because the micromorphological differences appear to be small.

Tricholoma equestre complex. Tricholoma equestre and its allies are a difficult and still unresolved species complex. Although T. flavovirens (Pers.) S. Lundell and T. auratum Gillet are regarded as synonyms (Deng and Yao 2005b; Christensen and Heilmann-Clausen 2013), two new species were described by Kalamees from north Europe (Kalamees 2001): T. frondosae and T. ulvenii Kalamees. Another similar species is T. chrysophyllum A. Riva et al., described from Spain (Riva 1998). Christensen and Heilmann-Clausen (2013) reported at least three species within the complex: T. equestre s.s. and two molecularly different, but as yet unresolved, species within their concept of T. frondosae. They were unable to confirm T. ulvenii. Moukha et al. (2013) report three clades within the grouping: T. frondosae, T. equestre s.l., and a clade corresponding to four specimens from Japan labeled T. auratum. The inclusion of six sequences derived from specimens collected in Yunnan led to the recognition of additional clades (FIG. 5). Both T. equestre and T. frondosae appear to be complexes composed of several lineages that may represent separate species. The lineages of T. equestre s.l. appear to be restricted to Pinus spp., whereas the lineages of T. frondosae s.l. seem able to associate with Populus spp. and coniferous trees, as reported in Europe by Christensen and Heilmann-Clausen (2013). However, the plant partner often could not be determined for collections found in mixed forests in Yunnan.

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