



Four new filamentous fungal species from newly-collected and hive-stored bee pollen

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Abstract

Hive-stored pollen, as one of the major nutrition sources for honeybees, is the mixture of fresh bee pollen with honey, plant resins and wax. In this study, four new species (i.e. *Arthrinium locuta-pollinis*, *Chrysosporium alvearium*, *Nigrograna locuta-pollinis* and *Trichoderma pollinicola*) were identified, when we explored the culturable fungi in newly-collected bee pollen and hive-stored pollen produced by Italian honey bees (*Apis mellifera ligustica*) in the flowering season of rape (*Brassica campestris*). The four new species were described on the basis of morphological comparisons and multi-locus phylogenetic analyses, and their relationships with morphologically similar and phylogenetically closely related taxa are discussed.

Key words – *Arthrinium* – *Chrysosporium* – Morphology – *Nigrograna* – Phylogenetic analyses – *Trichoderma*

Introduction

Bee pollen, one of the products obtained from the hive due to the activity of honeybees, is abundant in organic molecules, with demonstrated antifungal, antibacterial, antiviral, anti-inflammatory, immune stimulating and analgesic activities (Kroyer & Hegedus 2001, Almaraz-Abarca et al. 2004). Newly-collected bee pollen is not always served as the direct food source for honey bees. Bee pollen is sometimes stored in comb cells of hives for a few days, mixing with honey, plant resins and wax, and then consumed by honey bees (Brovarskyi et al. 2017, Kieliszek et al. 2018). During this process, bacteria and yeasts have been considered playing an important role on lactic acid fermentation (Foote 1957, Haydak 1958, Gilliam 1979). However, filamentous fungi thus far received rare attention in apicultural research even they are widely known for their ability to degrade and synthesize numerous compounds (Gilliam et al. 1989).

Up to now, only a few fungal taxa have been reported from newly-collected bee pollen and hive-stored pollen based on morphological identification, such as *Alternaria alternata*, *Aspergillus* spp., *Aureobasidium pullulans*, *Betisia alvei*, *Cladosporium oxysporum*, *Epicoccum purpurascens*, *Eremascus fertilis*, *Fusarium oxysporum*, *Gymnoascus setosus*, *Monilia* spp., *Mucor erectus*, *Oospora favorum* and *Penicillium* spp. (Egorova 1971, Sainger et al. 1978, Gilliam et al. 1989), and fungi associated with these two types of pollen remained poorly explored.

In our fungal exploration from newly-collected bee pollen and hive-stored pollen in the flowering season of *Brassica campestris*, four new filamentous species are discovered. They are

described and illustrated based on the morphological comparisons and phylogenetic analyses in the present study. While the fungal community composition and distinction between these two kinds of bee pollen will be published elsewhere.

Materials & Methods

Sample collection and fungal isolation

Newly-collected pollen and hive-stored pollen samples were collected from Italian honey bee (*Apis mellifera ligustica*) colonies located in Yicheng, Hubei province in China, where the blooming rape (*Brassica campestris*) covered more than 500 hectares in March 2016 (Fig. 1). Three colonies with consistent population were used to trap bee pollen and produce stored pollen. Each colony was comprised of 10 frames of adult bees (about 8000–10 000 adult bees). Before we established the bee colonies, no pollen was stored in beehives, but which contained some bee larvae and honey. New frames were placed in the colonies to provide space for the worker bees to store pollen.



Figure 1 – Sampling site and samples. a Sampling site beside fields of *Brassica campestris*. b–c Worker bees (*Apis mellifera ligustica*) collecting pollen of rape flowers. d Newly-collected pollen obtained by pollen traps. e Red arrow indicating hive-stored pollen under fermentation in the comb cells. f–g Hive-stored pollen.

In the flowering season of rape, standard pollen traps were used to collect bee pollen samples (Fig. 1) (Giesecke et al. 2010). Fresh bee pollen was immediately collected from pollen baskets (corbicula) of incoming honey bees. Fourteen days after the flowering season of rape, hive-stored pollen samples were dug by sterile medicine spoons (Kieliszek et al. 2018). One hundred grams of newly-collected pollen and hive-stored pollen samples were collected from each colony, which

made 3 samples for each kind of pollen. All samples were put in sterile 10 mL centrifuge tubes and took back to laboratory immediately and preserved at 4 °C.

Fungi were isolated following a modified dilution plate method from newly-collected and hive-stored pollen samples (Zhang et al. 2015). One gram of each sample was suspended in 10 mL sterile water in a 15 mL sterile centrifuge tube. The tubes were shaken by Vortex vibration meter thoroughly. The suspension was then diluted to a series of concentrations, i.e. 10^{-2} , 10^{-3} , 10^{-4} and 10^{-5} . Two hundred microliters suspensions from each dilution were spread onto potato-dextrose agar (PDA, Aobox, ABX-00279) and yeast-peptone-dextrose agar (YPD) containing ampicillin (50 µg/ mL) and streptomycin (50 µg/ mL), onto De Man, Rogosa and Sharpe agar (MRS, Aobox, 02-293) containing amphotericin (8 µg/ mL), by three replicates.

All the plates were incubated at room temperature (ca. 25–28 °C) for 1–4 weeks, and from which the single colonies were picked up and inoculated onto new PDA plates every 2 d. All fungal strains were stored at 4 °C in the LC Culture Collection (personal culture collection held in lab of Dr. Lei Cai) for further studies. The dry cultures of novel species were deposited in the Herbarium of Microbiology, Academia Sinica (HMAS), while living cultures were deposited in the China General Microbiological Culture Collection Center (CGMCC).

Morphology

Morphological characterization was made for isolates cultivated on potato dextrose agar (PDA; Difco), and alternatively on synthetic nutrient-poor agar (SNA, 1 g KH_2PO_4 , 1 g KNO_3 , 0.5 g $\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 0.5 g KCl, 0.2 g glucose, 0.2 g sucrose, 0.6 ml NaOH (1 M) and 13.2 g agar/liter distilled water) or amended with double-autoclaved pine needles placed onto the agar surface (Smith et al. 1996), malt extract agar (MEA, malt extract (Oxoid CM0059) 50 g, $\text{ZnSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ 0.01g, $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ 0.005 g/liter distilled water), and cornmeal agar (CMA, cornmeal 20 g, peptone 20 g, glucose 20 g, agar 15 g/liter distilled water) according to the genus level placement of the novel species. Cultures were incubated at 25 °C and another five temperatures for *Trichoderma* (15 °C, 20 °C, 30 °C, 37 °C, 40 °C) according to Jaklitsch & Voglmayr (2015). Cultures were examined periodically for the development of reproductive structures. Microscopic preparations were made mounted on lactic acid, and at least 30 measurements per structure were documented and examined under a Nikon Eclipse 80i microscope using differential interference contrast (DIC). Taxonomic descriptions and nomenclature were deposited in MycoBank.

Molecular analyses

Total genomic DNA was extracted from fungal mycelia using a modified CTAB protocol (Guo et al. 2000). Multi genes were amplified and sequenced for each new species, and the primer sets were listed in Table 1. ITS, *TEF1-a* and *TUB2* sequences were obtained for *Arthrinium*, LSU, ITS, *CAL* and *RPB2* sequences obtained for *Chrysosporium*, LSU, ITS, *RPB2* and *TEF1-a* obtained for *Nigrograna*, and ITS, *CAL*, *RPB2* and *TEF1-a* obtained for *Trichoderma*. However, single ITS phylogenetic analysis was finally performed for *Chrysosporium* due to the lack of reference sequences of other loci. PCR amplification protocols were performed as described by Gao et al. (2017), but the denaturing temperatures were adjusted to 59 °C for *RPB2*, and 55 °C for the other loci. Purification and sequencing of PCR amplifications were carried out by the Omegagenetics Company, Beijing, China. MEGA 6.06 was used to obtain consensus sequences from DNA sequences generated from forward and reverse primers. All reference and novel sequences obtained in this study were deposited in NCBI's GenBank database (See supplementary file: Table S1). The alignments were deposited in TreeBASE (www.treebase.org, S22986).

Sequences alignment was performed with MAFFT 7, and was manually improved with MEGA 6.06. Bayesian inference (BI) and maximum likelihood (ML) methods were implemented in this study. Bayesian analyses were performed using MRBAYES 3.2.2 (Ronquist et al. 2012) as outlined by Liu et al. (2014). ML analyses were performed using RAXML 7.0.3 with 1000 replicates under the GTR-GAMMA model (Stamatakis 2006).

Table 1 Primers used in this study

Locus	Primer	Primer sequences 5' to 3'	Orientation	Reference
large subunit ribosomal DNA (LSU)	LR0R	ACCCGCTGAACTTAAGC	Forward	Rehner & Samuels (1994)
	LR5	ATCCTGAGGGAAACTTC	Reverse	Rehner & Samuels (1994)
ITS	ITS1	TCCGTAGGTGAACCTGCG G	Forward	White et al. (1990)
	ITS4	TCCTCCGCTTATTGATAT GC	Reverse	White et al. (1990)
beta-tubulin (<i>TUB2</i>)	T1	AACATGCGTGAGATTGT AAGT	Forward	O'Donnell & Cigelnik (1997)
	Bt2a	GGTAACCAAATCGGTGC TGCTTTC	Forward	Glass & Donaldson (1995)
	Bt2b	ACCCTCAGTGTAGTGACC CTTGCC	Reverse	Glass & Donaldson (1995)
translation elongation factor 1-alpha (<i>TEF1-a</i>)	EF 1-728F	CAT CGA GAA GTT CGA GAA GG	Forward	Carbone & Kohn (1999)
	EF 1-1567R	ACHGTRCCRATAACCACCR ATCTT	Reverse	Rehner (2001)
	EF 1-2218R	ATGACACCRACRGCAC RGTYTG	Reverse	Rehner (2001)
calmodulin (<i>CAL</i>)	CAL-228F	GAGTTCAAGGAGGCCTT CTCCC	Forward	Carbone & Kohn (1999)
	CAL-737R	CATCTTTCTGGCCATCAT GG	Reverse	Carbone & Kohn (1999)
RNA polymerase II second largest subunit (<i>RPB2</i>)	fRPB2-5F	GAYGAYMGWGATCAYTT YGG	Forward	Liu et al. (1999)
	fRPB2-7cR	CCCATRGCTTGYYTTRCCC AT	Reverse	Liu et al. (1999)

Results

Phylogenetic analyses

Arthrinium. Phylogenetic analysis of *Arthrinium* was performed on the concatenated dataset of ITS, *TUB2* and *TEF1-a*, with *Nigrospora gorlenkoana* (CBS 480.73) as outgroup (Fig. 2). The concatenated dataset contained 720 characters with alignment gaps for ITS, 1025 for *TUB2*, and 602 for *TEF1-a*. The maximum likelihood (ML) tree confirmed the tree topology of the Bayesian consensus (BS) tree. Strains from the newly-collected bee pollen and hive-stored pollen separated into two well-supported clades in the phylogenetic tree of *Arthrinium* (Fig. 2), which represented one known species, *A. rasikravindrii*, and one novelty described in this study.

Chrysosporium. Phylogenetic analysis of *Chrysosporium* and related species was performed based on ITS sequences (Fig. 3). Fifty-six sequences from *Chrysosporium* and *Aphanoascus* were included in the ITS dataset, with *Corynascus sepedonium* and *Thermothelomyces thermophila* as outgroups. The dataset contained 791 characters with alignment gaps. The ML tree confirmed the

tree topology of BS tree. Strains from the hive-stored pollen formed a distinct clade which closely related to *C. submersum* and *C. hubeiense* (Fig. 3).

Nigrograna. Phylogenetic analysis of *Nigrograna* was performed on the concatenated dataset of LSU, ITS, *RPB2* and *TEF1-a*, with *Occultibambusa fusispora* (MFLUCC 11-0127) as outgroup (Fig. 4). The concatenated dataset contained 748 characters with alignment gaps for LSU, 439 for ITS, 807 for *RPB2*, and 691 for *TEF1-a*. The maximum likelihood (ML) tree confirmed the tree topology of the Bayesian consensus (BS) tree. Strains from the hive-stored pollen formed a distinct and well-supported clade in the 4-locus tree and showed phylogenetic distance from all other species in *Nigrograna* (Fig. 4).



Figure 2 – Phylogenetic tree of *Arthriniium* calculated with maximum likelihood analysis on a combined dataset of three-locus sequences (ITS, *TUB2*, *TEF1-a*) by running RAxML v.7.0.3. The RAxML bootstrap support values (> 50%) are displayed at the nodes. Thickened branches indicate branches also present in the Bayesian tree with > 0.95 posterior probabilities. Strains in bold indicate ex-type cultures. Strains obtained in this study are in red colour.

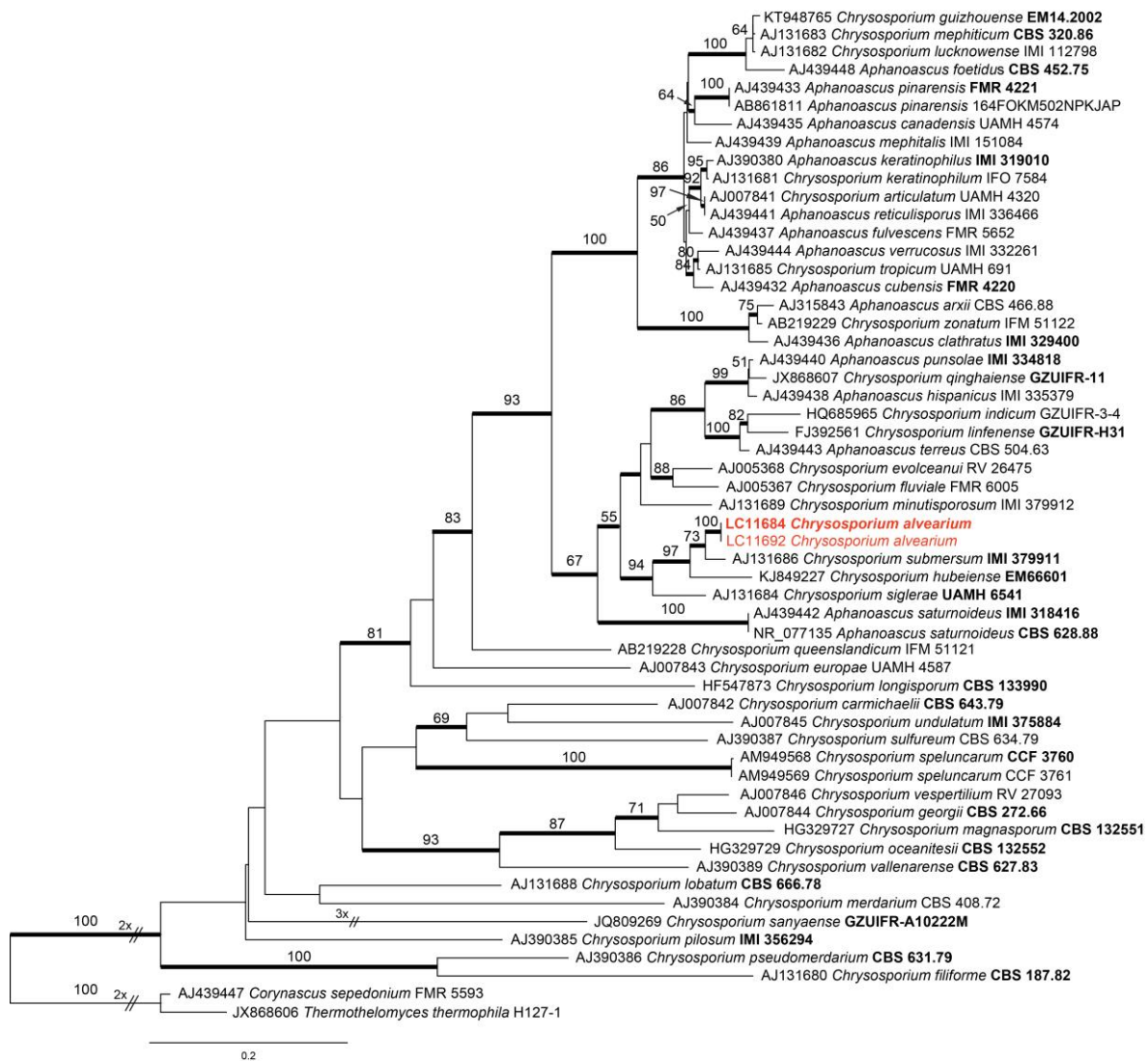


Figure 3 – Phylogenetic tree of *Chrysosporium* and related taxa calculated with maximum likelihood analysis on ITS sequences by running RAxML v.7.0.3. The RAxML bootstrap support values (> 50%) are displayed at the nodes. Thickened branches indicate branches also present in the Bayesian tree with > 0.95 posterior probabilities. Strains in bold indicate ex-type cultures. Strains obtained in this study are in red colour.

Trichoderma. *Trichoderma* isolates obtained in this study were confirmed belonging to the *T. harzianum* species complex based on the BLASTn searches of the NCBI GenBank nucleotide database and preliminary *TEF1-a* gene tree (results not shown). Multi-locus phylogenetic analysis of *T. harzianum* species complex was then performed on the concatenated dataset of ITS, *RPB2*, *ACT*, *CAL* and *TEF1-a*, with *T. aggressivum* (CBS 100525) as outgroup (Fig. 5). The concatenated dataset contained 535 characters with alignment gaps for ITS, 836 for *RPB2*, 299 for *ACT*, 431 for *CAL* and 597 for *TEF1-a*. The maximum likelihood (ML) tree confirmed the tree topology of the Bayesian consensus (BS) tree. Strains from the newly-collected pollen formed a distinct and well-supported clade in the 5-locus tree and showed phylogenetic distance from all other species in *T. harzianum* species complex (Fig. 5).

Taxonomy

Arthrinium locuta-pollinis F. Liu & L. Cai, sp. nov.

Mycobank: MB824505; Facesoffungi number: FoF05221

Etymology – *locuta-pollinis*, named after the origin of this species, stored pollen.

Fig. 6

Colonies on PDA flat, surface initially white and becoming yellowish in the center, with abundant aerial mycelia, reaching 9 cm in 7 d at 25 C. On MEA, colonies umbonate, entire edge, surface initially white and becoming yellowish in the center, with abundant aerial mycelia. Hyphae hyaline, or pale brown, branched, septate, 2–5 µm diam. Conidiophores reduced to conidiogenous cells. Conidiogenous cells pale brown, smooth, subglobose to ampulliform to doliiform, 3–7.5 × 3–6 µm (av. ± SD = 4.9 ± 1.13 × 3.8 ± 0.77 µm). Conidia pale brown to brown with hyaline equatorial rim, smooth, globose to subglobose, 5.5–9 × 4.5–8 µm (av. ± SD = 7.1 ± 0.55 × 6.4 ± 0.66 µm), or ellipsoidal, 8–15 × 5–9.5 µm (av. ± SD = 10.7 ± 1.47 × 7.1 ± 0.85 µm). Elongated cells (sterile cells) formed on solitary loci on hyphae, pale brown or brown, smooth, ellipsoidal to clavate, 11.5–21 × 3.5–8 µm (av. ± SD = 15.7 ± 2.22 × 5.7 ± 1.08 µm).

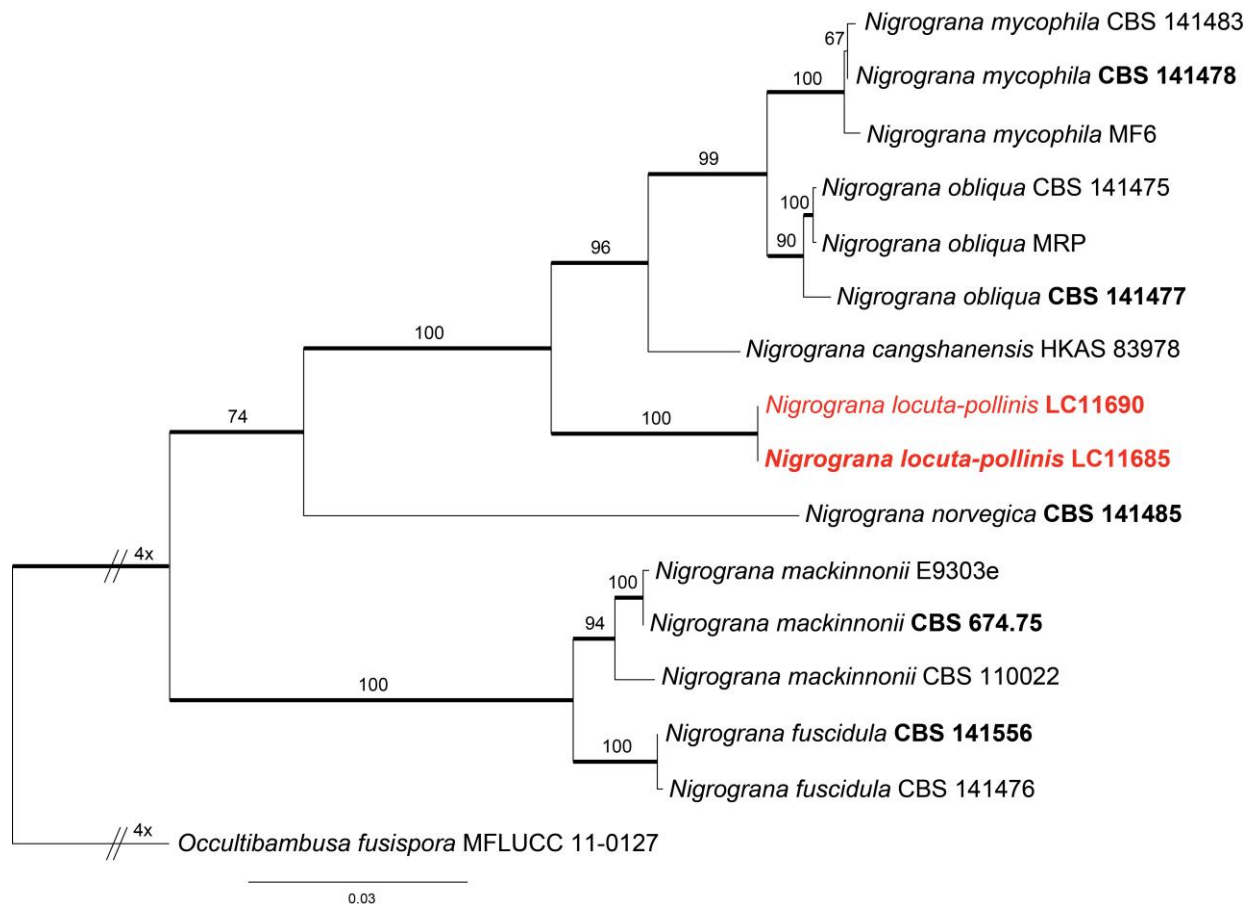


Figure 4 – Phylogenetic tree of *Nigrograna* calculated with maximum likelihood analysis on a combined dataset of four-locus sequences (ITS, LSU, *RPB2*, *TEF1-a*) by running RAxML v.7.0.3. The RAxML bootstrap support values (> 50%) are displayed at the nodes. Thickened branches indicate branches also present in the Bayesian tree with > 0.95 posterior probabilities. Strains in bold indicate ex-type cultures. Strains obtained in this study are in red colour.

Materials examined – CHINA, Hubei Province, from hive-stored pollen collected in the Italian honey bee colonies in the flowering season of *Brassica campestris*, 31 Mar 2016, Y.Z. Zhao (holotype HMAS 247779) – ex-holotype living culture CGMCC 3.18782 = LC 11683 = LF1844; *ibid.* living cultures LC 11688 = LF2064, LC 11689 = LF2065.

Notes – *Arthriniium locuta-pollinis* is phylogenetically closely related to *A. mediterranei*, *A. marii* and *A. hispanicum*, but differs in distinct morphological characters and nucleotide differences. *Arthriniium locuta-pollinis* produces globose, subglobose or ellipsoidal conidia, while which are globose or subglobose in *A. hispanicum*, *A. marii* and *A. mediterranei*. Furthermore, *A. locuta-pollinis* differs from *A. mediterranei* in producing smaller globose or subglobose conidia (5.5–9 × 4.5–8 µm vs. 9–9.5 × 7.5–9 µm) and longer sterile cells (11.5–21 × 3.5–8 µm vs. 7–7.5 ×

6.5–7 µm) (Larrondo & Calvo 1992), and differs from *A. hispanicum* in producing obviously longer sterile cells (11.5–21 µm vs. < 7.5–8.5 µm) (Larrondo & Calvo 1992).

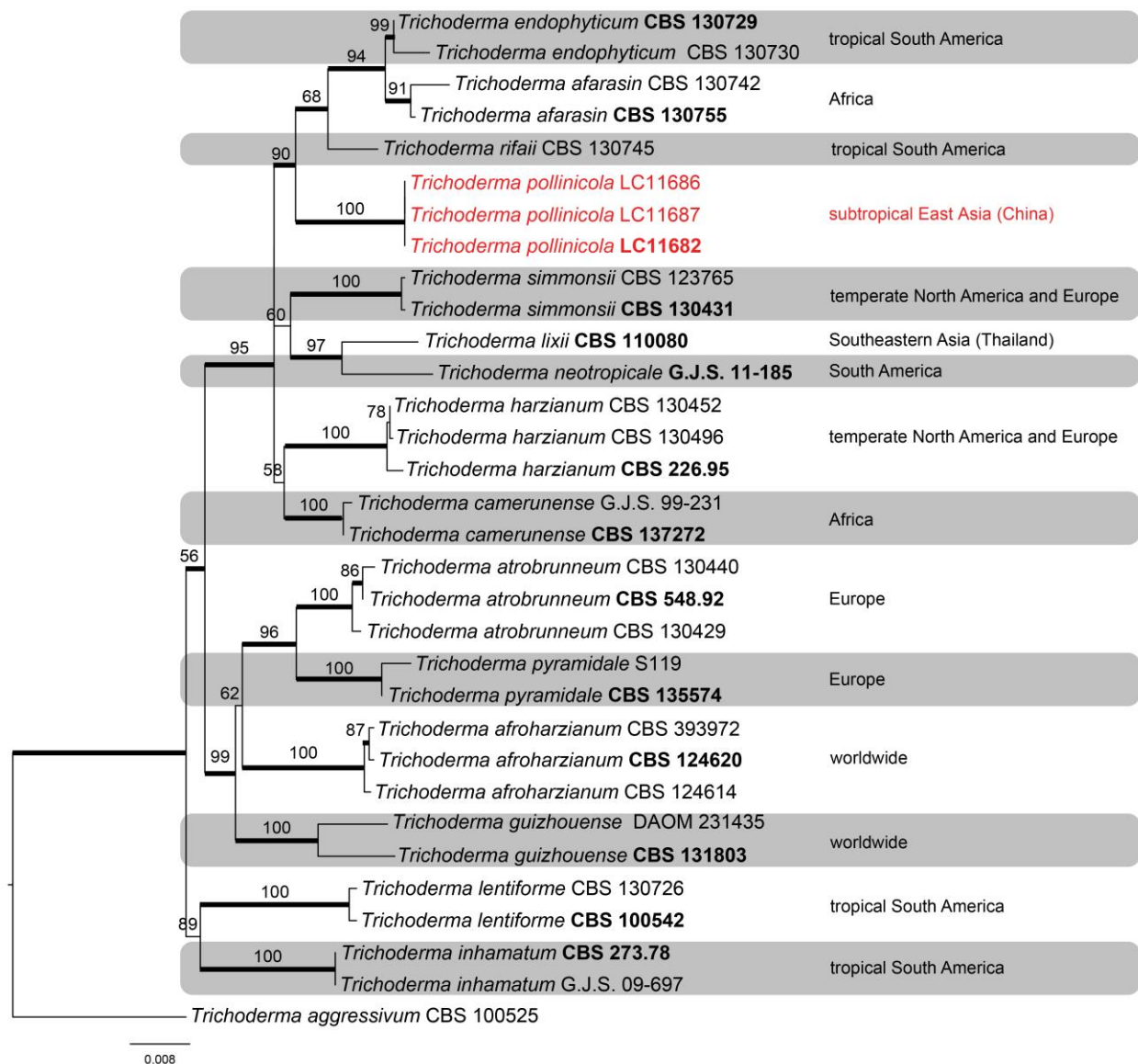


Figure 5 – Phylogenetic tree of *Trichoderma harzianum* species complex calculated with maximum likelihood analysis on a combined dataset of five-locus sequences (ITS, *ACT*, *CAL*, *RPB2*, *TEF1-a*) by running RAxML v.7.0.3. The RAxML bootstrap support values (> 50%) are displayed at the nodes. Thickened branches indicate branches also present in the Bayesian tree with > 0.95 posterior probabilities. Strains in bold indicate ex-type cultures. Strains obtained in this study are in red colour.

Chrysosporium alvearium F. Liu & L. Cai, sp. nov.

Fig. 7

Mycobank: MB824506; Facesoffungi number: FoF05222

Etymology – *alvearium*, referring to the place where the fungus was collected, hive.

Description – Colonies on PDA flat or with slightly elevated center, with a daily growth rate of 2–2.5 mm in the dark at 25 C, white coloured, powdery, irregular at the margin; reverse white. Hyphae hyaline, branched, smooth, septate, 1.5–2.5 µm diam. Terminal and lateral conidia sessile or on short or long right-angled side protrusions, solitary or in chains of up to 10 conidia, hyaline, smooth, globose, pyriform, clavate, or obovoid, rarely cylindrical, 1-celled, 4–9 × 2–7.5 µm (av. ± SD = 5.6 ± 0.8 × 4.4 ± 1.1 µm). Intercalary conidia abundant, solitary or in chains, smooth,

globose, barrel-shaped, ellipsoid to obvoid, $4\text{--}11 \times 3.5\text{--}9.5 \mu\text{m}$ (av. \pm SD = $7 \pm 1.1 \times 5.9 \pm 1.0 \mu\text{m}$). Racquet hyphae and chlamydoconidia present. Sexual morph not observed.

Materials examined – CHINA, Hubei Province, from hive-stored pollen collected in the Italian honey bee colonies in the flowering season of *Brassica campestris*, 31 Mar 2016, Y.Z. Zhao (holotype HMAS 247780) – ex-holotype living culture CGMCC 3.18783 = LC 11684 = LF1882; *ibid.* living cultures LC 11692 = LF2097, LC 11693 = LF2098.

Notes – Traditionally morphologically defined *Chrysosporium* is polyphyletic with affiliations to at least three orders of the Ascomycota (Vidal et al. 2000, Pitt et al. 2013). The genus awaits taxonomic revision if the type species *C. merdarium* could be epitypified (Pitt et al. 2013). Morphologically our species is characterized by white colonies and aleurioconidia on undifferentiated hyphae, in agreement to the current morphological circumscription of *Chrysosporium* (Carmichael 1962). *Chrysosporium alvearium* is phylogenetically closely related to *C. submersum* and *C. hubeiense* (Fig. 3), but their ITS sequences only shows 97% and 94% similarities respectively. Morphologically, *C. alvearium* differs from *C. submersum* by lower growth rate on PDA (28–35 mm/14d vs. 50–60 mm/14d) and the absence of 1–3-septate conidia. In addition, the conidia of *C. alvearium* are commonly in longer chains than that of *C. submersum* (rarely, up to four conidia) (Vidal et al. 2002). In contrast to *C. hubeiense*, *C. alvearium* produces longer terminal and lateral conidia ($4\text{--}9 \times 2\text{--}7.5 \mu\text{m}$ vs. $2.2\text{--}4.3 \times 1.6\text{--}2.3 \mu\text{m}$) (Zhang et al. 2016).

Nigrograna locuta-pollinis F. Liu & L. Cai, sp. nov.

MycoBank: MB824507; Facesoffungi number: FoF05223

Etymology – *locuta-pollinis*, named after the origin of this species, stored pollen.

Diagnosis – Growth on PDA after 14 d at room temperature (ca. 25 C) flat, entire edge, olivaceous grey, aerial mycelia fluffy, 49 mm diam.; on MEA flat, entire edge, olivaceous grey, aerial mycelia sparse, 18 mm diam.; on CMA flat, entire edge, olivaceous to olivaceous black, aerial mycelia sparse, 49 mm diam. Cultures sterile.

Reference phylogeny – Fig. 4, present study.

Molecular and phylogenetic notes – *Nigrograna locuta-pollinis* forms a distinct and strongly supported monophyletic clade (ML bootstrap 100 %, Bayesian posterior probabilities = 1.00) within genus *Nigrograna* (Fig. 4). It differs from its closest phylogenetic neighbor, *N. cangshanensis*, by unique fixed alleles in three loci based on alignments of the separate loci demonstrated in the supplementary file (See supplementary file: Fig. S1).

Materials examined – CHINA, Hubei Province, from hive-stored pollen collected in the Italian honey bee colonies in the flowering season of *Brassica campestris*, 31 Mar 2016, Y.Z. Zhao (holotype HMAS 247781) – ex-holotype living culture CGMCC 3.18784 = LC 11685 = LF1889; *ibid.* living cultures LC 11690 = LF2070, LC 11691 = LF2071.

Notes – *Nigrograna* was erected by Gruyter et al. (2012), and currently includes five species (Jaklitsch & Voglmayr 2016). These species were reported from bark of moderately decayed twigs of shrubs and trees and sometimes as human pathogens. They usually produce sexual morph in their life cycle. *Nigrograna locuta-pollinis* was isolated from hive-stored pollen, expanding the known habitat of this genus, but proved sterile when cultivated on several different media (PDA, SNA \pm pine needle, CMA, MEA, etc.).

Trichoderma pollinicola F. Liu & L. Cai, sp. nov.

Fig. 8

MycoBank: MB824508; Facesoffungi number: FoF05224

Etymology – *pollinicola*, referring to the substrate where the fungus was first discovered, pollen.

Description – Characteristics in culture: Colony radius after 72 h at 15 C on PDA 8–11 mm, on SNA 9–15 mm, on CMA 17–18 mm; 20 C on PDA 28–30 mm, on SNA 32–34 mm, on CMA 30–31 mm; 25 C on PDA 53–54 mm, on SNA 49–50 mm, on CMA 44–52 mm; at 30 C on PDA 48–49 mm, on SNA 46–49 mm, on CMA 60–65 mm; at 37 C on PDA 12–16 mm, on SNA 7–8 mm, on CMA 8–10 mm. Not growing at 40 C.

On PDA after 96 h at 25 °C aerial hyphae abundant, cottony, radial; conidia appearing within 48–72 h, typically abundant and disposed in three concentric rings around the inoculum. On CMA after 96 h at 25 °C aerial hyphae abundant, cottony, radial; conidia appearing within 48 h, forming abundantly and disposed around the inoculum in the range of 2.5 cm radius. On SNA after 96 h at 25 °C, aerial hyphae sparse, appearing in several concentric rings. Conidia noted within 72–96 h, forming abundantly on aerial hyphae, conidial pustules spreading in concentric rings, 0.5–1.5 mm in diam. Conidiophores pyramidal, comprising a distant main axis, side branches paired or unpaired, often at acute angles with the main axis, re-branching up to 3 levels. Phialides solitary or in whorls of 2–4, lageniform to ampulliform, $4.5\text{--}9.5 \times 2.5\text{--}4 \mu\text{m}$ (av. \pm SD = $6.7 \pm 1.2 \times 3.0 \pm 0.2 \mu\text{m}$), length/width ratio = 2.2, base $1.5\text{--}2.5 \mu\text{m}$ wide (av. = $2 \mu\text{m}$), supporting cells $2\text{--}4 \mu\text{m}$ wide (av. = $3.1 \mu\text{m}$). Conidia globose or subglobose, rarely ovoid, $2.5\text{--}3.5 \times 2\text{--}3 \mu\text{m}$ (av. \pm SD = $2.8 \pm 0.1 \times 2.6 \pm 0.1 \mu\text{m}$), length/width ratio = 1.1, smooth, green. Chlamydospores not observed.

Materials examined – CHINA, Hubei Province, from newly-collected pollen collected in the Italian honey bee colonies in the flowering season of *Brassica campestris*, 31 Mar 2016, Y.Z. Zhao (holotype HMAS 247782) – ex-holotype living culture CGMCC 3.18781 = LC 11682 = LF1542; *ibid.* living cultures LC 11686 = LF2050, LC 11687 = LF2051.

Notes – Strains of *Trichoderma pollinicola* formed a well-supported and distinct clade in the *T. harzianum* species complex based on multi-locus (ITS, *ACT*, *CAL*, *TEF1-a*, *RPB2*) phylogenetic analysis (Fig. 5). It differs from the phylogenetically related species *T. rifaii* in lower growth rate (e.g. colony radius after 72 h at 25 °C on PDA 53–54 mm vs. 62–67 mm, on SNA 49–50 mm vs. 55–65 mm) (Chaverri et al. 2015). *Trichoderma pollinicola* is similar to *T. rifaii* in microstructure, but they can be distinguished from each other either by *RPB2* (96% similarity, 32 bp differences) or *TEF1-a* (96% similarity, 21 bp differences) sequence data.

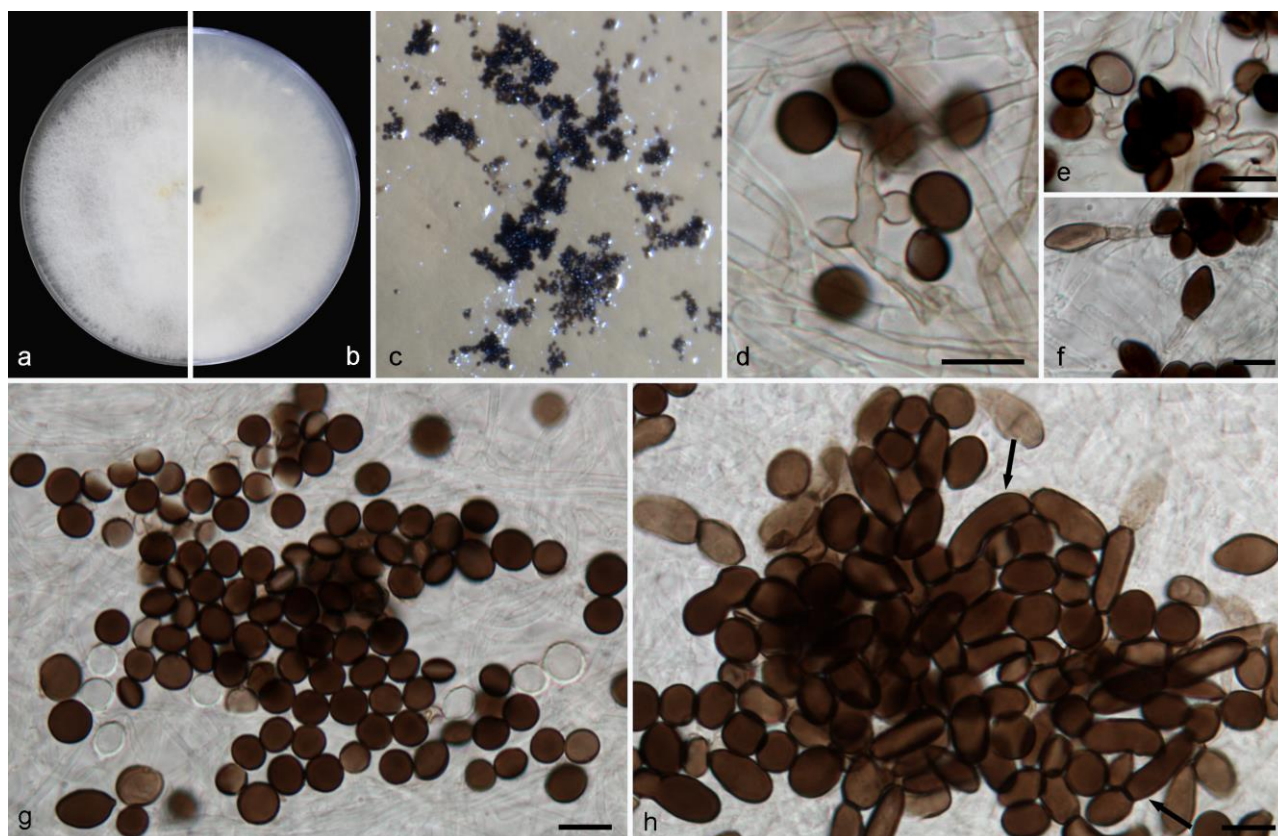


Figure 6 – *Arthriniium locuta-pollinis* (ex-holotype CGMCC 3.18782 = LC 11683). a–b Colonies after 7 d on PDA. c. Colony on MEA producing conidia mass. d–f Conidiogenous cells giving rise to conidia. g Conidia. h Conidia and elongated conidia (might be sterile cells, indicated by arrows). Bar = 10 μm .

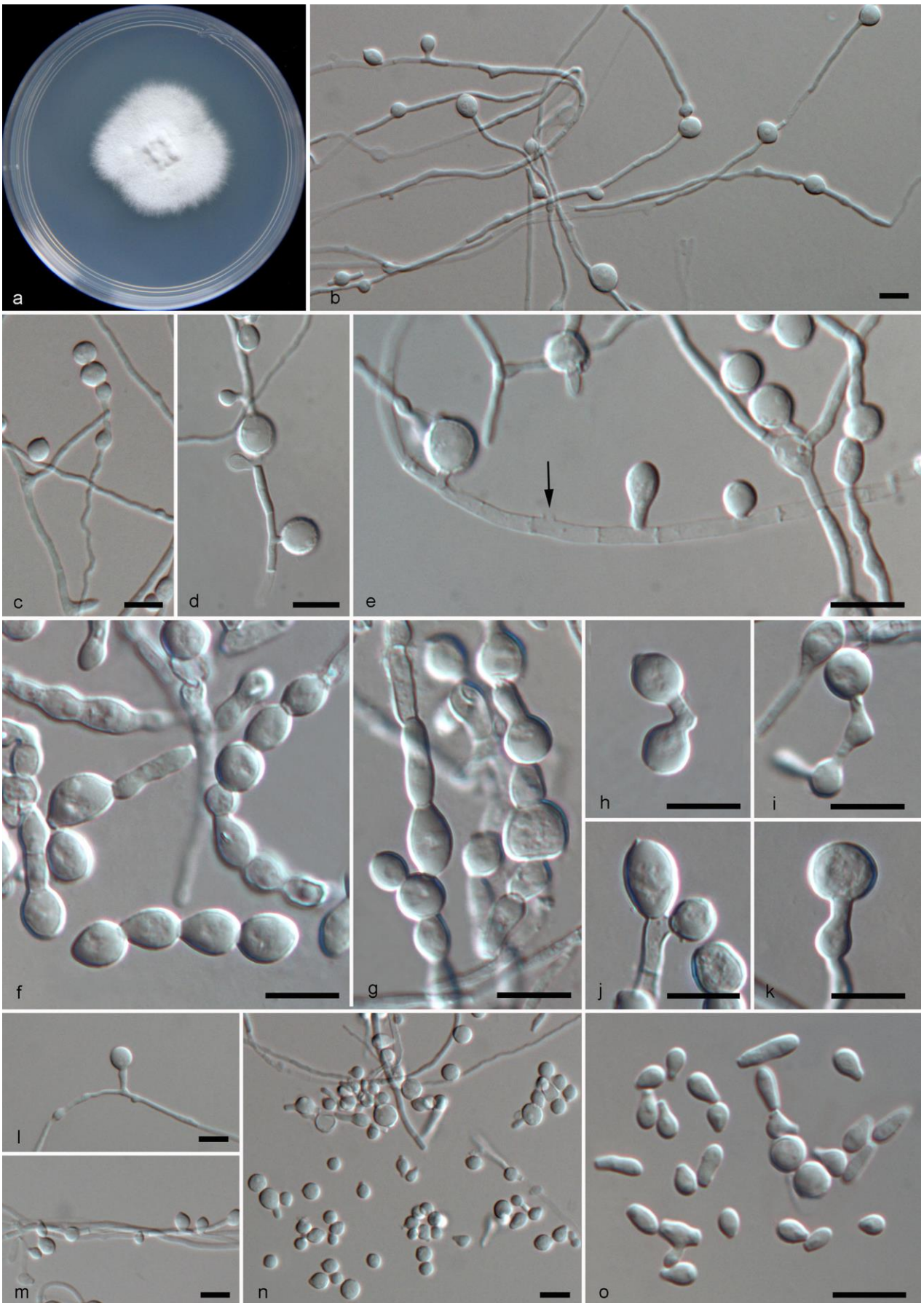


Figure 7 – *Chrysosporium alvearium* (ex-holotype CGMCC 3.18783 = LC 11684). a Colony after 10 d on PDA. b–e, h–m Conidiogenous structures. f–g Conidia in chains. n–o Conidia. Scale Bar = 10 μ m.

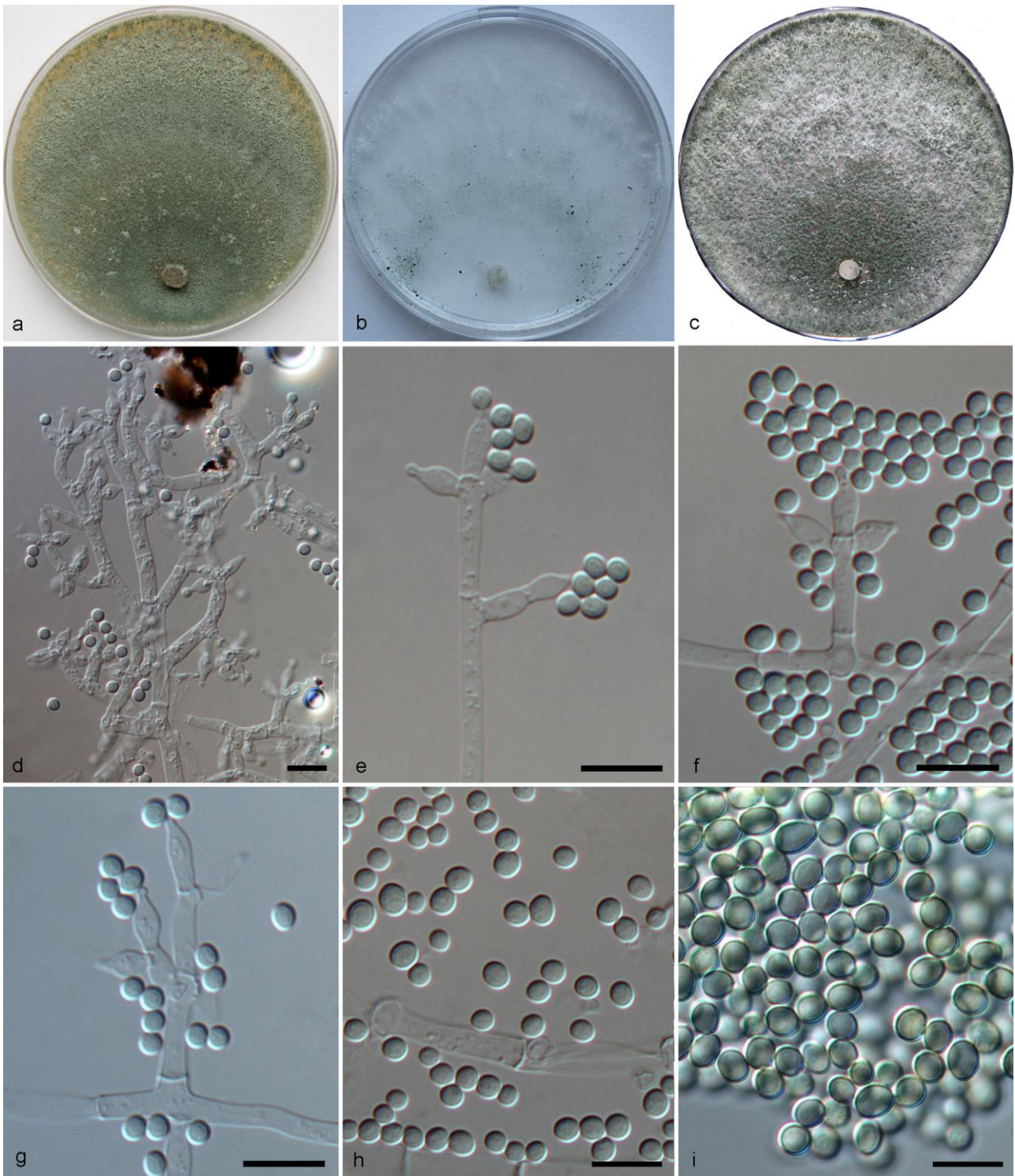


Figure 8 – *Trichoderma pollinicola* (ex-holotype CGMCC 3.18781 = LC 11682). a–c Colonies after 7 d at 25 °C (a. PDA. b. SNA. c. CMA). d Conidiophores. e–g Phialides. h. Hyaline to light green conidia when young. i Green conidia with age. Scale Bar = 10 µm.

Discussion

During our survey of culturable fungi from newly-collected and hive-stored pollen, four new species were identified, i.e. *Arthrinium locuta-pollinis*, *Chrysosporium alvearium*, *Nigrograna locuta-pollinis* and *Trichoderma pollinicola*. As far as we know, nine previously described *Chrysosporium* species were recorded from mason bees (*Osmia* spp.), beehives, bee pollen and honey, i.e. *C. botryoides*, *C. farinicola*, *C. globiferum* and its two varieties, *C. hispanicum*, *C. holmii*, *C. medium*, *C. merdarium* and its variety, *C. minor* and *C. pyriforme*. Most of above species

representing extreme xerophiles have already been combined into *Xerochrysum* or *Bettsia* except *C. merdarium* (Pitt et al. 2013). Although *C. alvearium* was isolated from hive-stored pollen from beehives and the genus *Chrysosporium* is polyphyletic, it shows very low similarity to *Xerochrysum* or *Bettsia*.

Species in the *T. harzianum* complex were recently indicated having a tendency of specialization for habitat (Chaverri et al. 2015). Some were demonstrated to be endophytic, while others were only isolated from soil. In the present study, *T. pollinicola* was isolated from the newly-collected pollen of *Brassica campestris*, however we could not determine whether *T. pollinicola* was the endophyte of *B. campestris* or environment related fungus. It is worth noting that, we did not obtain any *Trichoderma* strain when performing fungal isolation from the flowers of *B. campestris* at the same time (results not shown). As far as we know, only one species in *Trichoderma*, *T. pseudokoningii*, was previously recorded from *B. campestris* from Canada (Rifai 1969), while which belongs to Longibrachiatum clade (Jaklitsch & Voglmayr 2015).

Arthrinium species are geographically distributed in various substrates, e.g. host plants, air and soil (Wang et al. 2018). *Arthrinium camelliae-sinensis* has recently been reported from pollen product of *Brassica campestris* ('Huaxing' brand) which made from fresh-collected pollen (Wang et al. 2018). Whereas in the present study, *A. locuta-pollinis* is isolated from hive-stored pollen of *Brassica campestris*, but not from newly-collected pollen. It is probably that *A. locuta-pollinis* was introduced through bees' activity or from air. According to the multi-locus phylogeny (Fig. 2), *A. mediterranei*, *A. marii* and *A. hispanicum* showed phylogenetic identity. Further comparison revealed that ITS and *TUB2* sequences of type strains of above three species are identical, and the *TEF* sequences of *A. mediterranei* and *A. hispanicum* are absent in any public database for comparison. Further researches are therefore required to determine their conspecific or heterogeneity.

Culture media such as YPD and MRS are commonly used for bacteria and yeast isolation. Surprisingly we obtained some exclusive species comparing to the most commonly used PDA medium (results not shown), for example, the two new species *A. locuta-pollinis* and *C. alvearium* were only isolated from YPD, and *T. pollinicola* was only from MRS. While *N. locuta-pollinis* was only isolated on PDA. The exclusive fungi obtained from YPD and MRS may be more in favor of the yeast/bacterial dominated environment. Another possibility is that, when the diluted concentration of pollen is low enough, the growth space of *A. locuta-pollinis*, *C. alvearium* and *T. pollinicola* were not be occupied and restrained by favorable yeast or bacteria on YPD and MRS. Above results demonstrated that the application of different culture media and dilution concentration of materials could help to reveal more microbial biodiversity.

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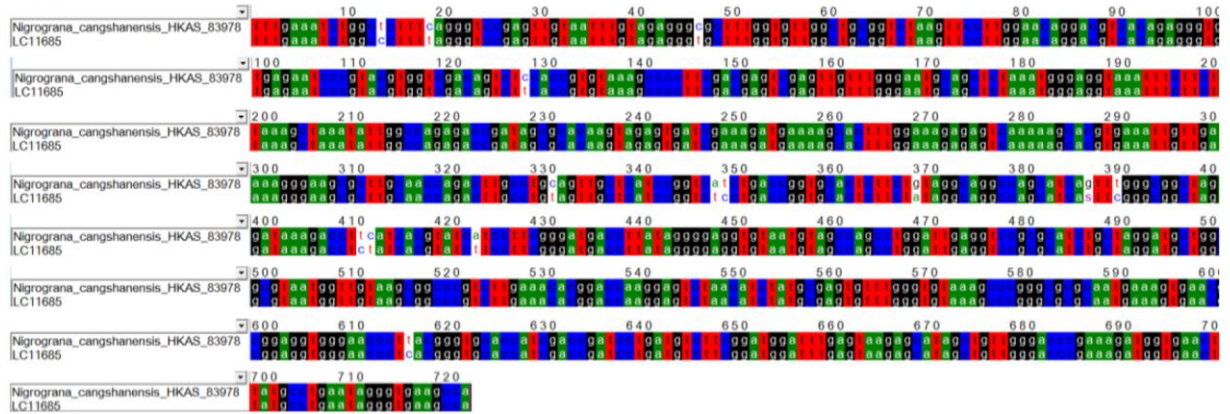
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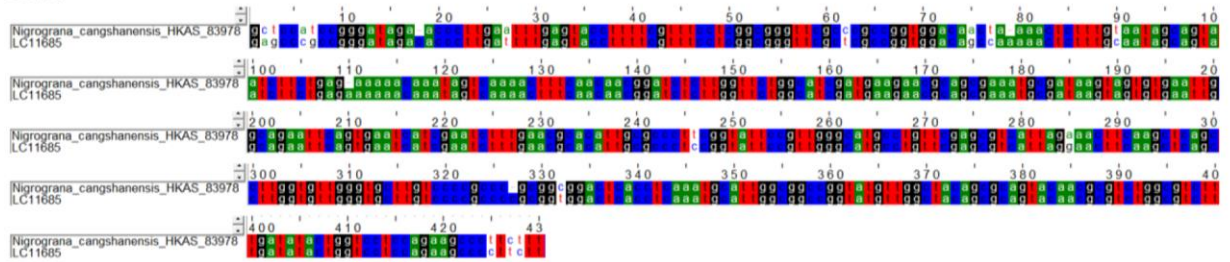
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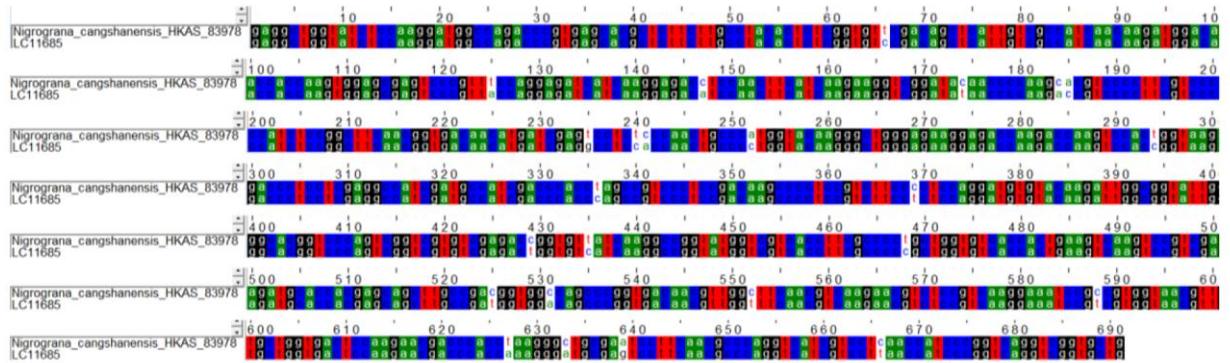


Figure S1 – Sequence alignments of *Nigrograna locuta-pollinis* and *N. cangshanensis*

Table S1 Strains used in this study.

Figs	Species	Strain number ¹	Host	GenBank accessions ²						
				ITS	TUB	TEF	RPB2	28S	ACT	CAL
Fig. 2	<i>Arthrinium arundinis</i>	CBS 114316	Leaf of <i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	KF1448 84	KF1449 74	KF1450 16				
		CBS 124788	Living leaves of <i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	KF1448 85	KF1449 75	KF1450 17				
	<i>A. aureum</i>	CBS 244.83*	Air	AB2202 51	KF1449 81	KF1450 23				
	<i>A. bambusae</i>	LC7106 = WM340	Leaf of bamboo	KY4947 18	KY7051 86	KY8062 04				
		LC7113 = WM347	Leaf of bamboo	KY4947 20	KY7051 88	KY8062 05				
		LC7128 = WM362	Leaf of bamboo	KY4947 30	KY7051 98	KY7051 26				
	<i>A. camelliae-sinensis</i>	LC5007	<i>Camellia sinensis</i>	KY4947 04	KY7051 73	KY7051 03				
		LC8181 = LF1498	<i>Brassica capestris</i>	KY4947 61	KY7052 29	KY7051 57				
	<i>A. dichotomanthi</i>	LC4950	<i>Dichotomanthus tristaniaecarpa</i>	KY4946 97	KY7051 67	KY7050 96				
		LC8175	<i>Dichotomanthus tristaniaecarpa</i>	KY4947 55	KY7052 23	KY7051 51				
		LC8176	<i>Dichotomanthus tristaniaecarpa</i>	KY4947 56	KY7052 24	KY7051 52				
	<i>A. euphorbiae</i>	IMI 285638b	Unknown	AB2202 41	AB2202 88	-				
	<i>A. guizhouense</i>	LC5318	Air	KY4947 08	KY7051 77	KY7051 07				
		LC5322	Air	KY4947 09	KY7051 78	KY7051 08				
	<i>A. gutiae</i>	CBS 135835	Gut of a grasshopper	KR0113 52	KR0113 50	KR0113 51				
	<i>A. hispanicum</i>	IMI 326877*	Maritime sand	AB2202 42	AB2202 89	-				

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Figs	Species	Strain number ¹	Host	GenBank accessions ²						
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	<i>A. hydei</i>	CBS 114990*	Culms of <i>Bambusa tuldoides</i>	KF1448 90	KF1449 82	KF1450 24				
		LC7103 = WM337	Leaf of bamboo	KY4947 15	KY7051 83	KY7051 14				
		LC7105 = WM339	Leaf of bamboo	KY4947 17	KY7051 85	KY7051 16				
	<i>A. hyphopodii</i>	MFLUCC 15- 0003*	Culms of <i>Bambusa tuldoides</i>	KR0691 10	-	-				
	<i>A. japonicum</i>	IFO 30500	Unknown	AB2202 62	AB2203 09	-				
		IFO 31098	Unknown	AB2202 64	AB2203 11	-				
	<i>A. jatrophae</i>	MMI00052*	Healthy petiole of <i>Jatropha podagrica</i>	JQ2463 55	-	-				
	<i>A. jiangxiense</i>	LC2831	Leaf of bamboo	KY4946 86	KY8062 01	KY7050 85				
		LC4494	<i>Phyllostachys sp.</i>	KY4946 90	KY7051 60	KY7050 89				
		LC4577	<i>Maesa sp.</i>	KY4946 93	KY7051 63	KY7050 92				
		LC5015	<i>Imperata cylindrica</i>	KY4947 05	KY7051 74	KY7051 04				
	<i>A. kogelbergense</i>	CBS 113333*	Dead culms of Restionaceae	KF1448 92	KF1449 84	KF1450 26				
	<i>A. locuta-</i> <i>pollinis</i>	LC11683 = LF1844*	Hive-stored pollen of <i>Brassica campestris</i>	MF9395 95	MF9396 22	MF9396 16				
		LC11688 = LF2064	Hive-stored pollen of <i>B.</i> <i>campestris</i>	MF9395 97	MF9396 23	MF9396 18				
		LC11689 = LF2065	Hive-stored pollen of <i>B.</i> <i>campestris</i>	MF9395 96	MF9396 24	MF9396 17				
	<i>A. longistromum</i>	MFLUCC 11- 0481*	Decaying bamboo culms	KU9401 41	-	-				

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		MFLUCC 11-0479	Decaying bamboo culms	KU9401 42	-	-				
	<i>A. malaysianum</i>	CBS 102053*	<i>Macaranga hullettii</i> stem colonised by ants	KF1448 96	KF1449 88	KF1450 30				
	<i>A. marii</i>	CBS 497.90*	Air	AB2202 52	KF1449 93	KF1450 35				
	<i>A. mediterranei</i>	IMI 326875*	Air	AB2202 43	AB2202 90	-				
	<i>A. mytilomorphum</i>	DAOM 214595	Dead blades of <i>Andropogon</i>	KY4946 85	-	-				
	<i>A. obovatum</i>	LC4940	<i>Lithocarpus</i> sp.	KY4946 96	KY7051 66	KY7050 95				
		LC8178	<i>Lithocarpus</i> sp.	KY4947 58	KY7052 26	KY7051 54				
		LC8177	<i>Lithocarpus</i> sp.	KY4947 57	KY7052 25	KY7051 53				
	<i>A. ovatum</i>	CBS 115042*	<i>Arundinaria hindsii</i>	KF1449 03	KF1449 95	KF1450 37				
	<i>A. phaeospermum</i>	CBS 114314	Leaf of <i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	KF1449 04	KF1449 96	KF1450 38				
		CBS 114315	Leaf of <i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	KF1449 05	KF1449 97	KF1450 39				
		CBS 114317	Leaf of <i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	KF1449 06	KF1449 98	KF1450 40				
		CBS 114318	Leaf of <i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	KF1449 07	KF1449 99	KF1450 41				
	<i>A. phragmites</i>	CPC 18900*	Culms of <i>Phragmites australis</i>	KF1449 09	KF1450 01	KF1450 43				
	<i>A. pseudosinense</i>	CPC 21546*	Leaf of bamboo	KF1449 10	-	KF1450 44				
	<i>A. pseudoparenchymaticum</i>	LC7234 = WM468	Leaf of bamboo	KY4947 43	KY7052 11	KY7051 39				

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		LC8173	Leaf of bamboo	KY4947 53	KY7052 21	KY7051 49				
	<i>A. pseudospegazzini</i>	CBS 102052*	<i>Macaranga hullettii</i> stem colonised by ants	KF1449 11	KF1450 02	KF1450 45				
	<i>A. pterospermum</i>	CPC 20193*	Leaf lesion of <i>Machaerina sinclairii</i>	KF1449 13	KF1450 04	KF1450 46				
	<i>A. puccinioides</i>	CBS 549.86	Leaf of <i>Lepidosperma gladiatum</i>	AB2202 53	AB2203 00	-				
	<i>A. rasikravindrii</i>	CBS 337.61	Cissus	KF1449 14	-	-				
		LC8180 = LF1684	Bee bread	KY4947 60	KY7052 28	KY7051 56				
		LC8179 = LF1737	Bee bread	KY4947 59	KY7052 27	KY7051 55				
		LC7119 = WM353	Leaf of bamboo	KY4947 24	KY7051 92	KY7051 21				
		LC7142 = WM376	Leaf of bamboo	KY4947 35	KY7052 03	KY7051 31				
		NFCCI 2144*	Soil	JF32645 4.2	-	-				
	<i>A. sacchari</i>	CBS 212.30	<i>Phragmites australis</i>	KF1449 16	KF1450 05	KF1450 47				
		CBS 301.49	Bamboo	KF1449 17	KF1450 06	KF1450 48				
	<i>A. saccharicola</i>	CBS 191.73	Air	KF1449 20	KF1450 09	KF1450 51				
		CBS 334.86	Dead culms of <i>Phragmites australis</i>	AB2202 57	KF1450 10	KF1450 52				
		CBS 463.83	Dead culms of <i>Phragmites australis</i>	KF1449 21	KF1450 11	KF1450 53				

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Fig. 3	<i>A. serenense</i>	IMI 326869*		AB2202 50	AB2202 97	-				
	<i>A. subglobosum</i>	MFLUCC 11-0397*	Dead bamboo culms	KR0691 12	-	-				
	<i>A. subroseum</i>	LC7215 = WM449	Leaf of bamboo	KY4947 40	KY7052 08	KY7051 36				
		LC7291 = WM525	Leaf of bamboo	KY4947 51	KY7052 19	KY7051 47				
		LC7292 = WM526	Leaf of bamboo	KY4947 52	KY7052 20	KY7051 48				
	<i>A. thailandicum</i>	MFLUCC 15-0202*	Dead bamboo culms	KU9401 45	-	-				
		LC5630	Rotten wood	KY4947 14	KY8062 00	KY7051 13				
	<i>A. urticae</i>	IMI 326344	Unknown	AB2202 45	AB2202 92	-				
	<i>A. xenocordella</i>	CBS 478.86*	Soil from roadwa	KF1449 25	KF1450 13	KF1450 55				
		LC3486	<i>Camellia sinensis</i>	KY4946 87	KY7051 58	KY7050 86				
	<i>A. yunnanum</i>	MFLUCC 15-0002*	Decaying bamboo culms	KU9401 47	-	-				
	<i>Nigrospora gorlenkoana</i>	CBS 480.73	<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	KX9861 09	KY0194 56	KY0194 20				
	<i>Aphanoascus arxii</i>	CBS 466.88	Soil	AJ3158 43						
	<i>A. canadensis</i>	UAMH 4574		AJ4394 35						
	<i>A. clathratus</i>	IMI 329400*	Soil	AJ4394 36						
	<i>A. cubensis</i>	IMI 356789, FMR 4220*	Soil	AJ4394 32						

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	<i>A. hispanicus</i>	IMI 335379		AJ4394 38						
	<i>A. keratinophilus</i>	IMI 319010*	Soil	AJ3903 80						
	<i>A. mephitalis</i>	IMI 151084	Dung	AJ4394 39						
	<i>A. pinarensis</i>	164FOKM502N PKJAP	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	AB8618 11						
		IMI 360509, FMR 4221*	Soil	AJ4394 33						
	<i>A. punsolae</i>	IMI 334818*	Soil	AJ4394 40						
	<i>A. reticulisporus</i>	IMI 336466	Soil	AJ4394 41						
	<i>A. saturnoideus</i>	CBS 628.88*	Soil	NR_077135						
		IMI 318416*	Soil	AJ4394 42						
	<i>A. terreus</i>	CBS 504.63	Soil	AJ4394 43						
	<i>A. verrucosus</i>	IMI 332261	Soil	AJ4394 44						
	<i>Chrysosporium alvearium</i>	LC11692 =	Hive-stored pollen of <i>B. campestris</i>	MF9395	MF9396		MF9396	MF9395		MF9395
		LF2097		99	26		08	81		91
		LC11693 =	Hive-stored pollen of <i>B. campestris</i>	MF9396	MF9396		MF9396	MF9395		MF9395
		LF2098		00	27		09	82		90
		LC11684 =	Hive-stored pollen of <i>B. campestris</i>	MF9395	MF9396		MF9396	MF9395		MF9395
		LF1882*		98	25		07	80		89
	<i>C. articulatum</i>	UAMH 4320		AJ0078 41						

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	<i>C. europae</i>	UAMH 4587		AJ0078 43						
	<i>C. evolceanui</i>	RV 26475		AJ0053 68						
	<i>C. filiforme</i>	CBS 187.82*	<i>Pinus contorta</i> var. <i>latifolia</i>	AJ1316 80						
	<i>C. fluviale</i>	FMR 6005		AJ0053 67						
	<i>C. georgii</i>	CBS 272.66*	Soil	AJ0078 44						
	<i>C. guizhouense</i>	EM14.2002*	Soil	KT9487 65						
	<i>C. hubeiense</i>	EM66601*	Soil	KJ8492 27						
	<i>C. indicum</i>	GZUIFR-3-4		HQ6859 65						
	<i>C. keratinophilum</i>	IFO 7584		AJ1316 81						
	<i>C. linfenense</i>	GZUIFR-H31*	Soil	FJ39256 1						
	<i>C. lobatum</i>	CBS 666.78*	<i>Apodemus</i>	AJ1316 88						
	<i>C. longisporum</i>	CBS 133990*	dermic lesion of <i>Erpeton tentaculatum</i>	HF5478 73						
	<i>C. lucknowense</i>	IMI 112798*	Soil	AJ1316 82						
	<i>C. magnasporum</i>	CBS 132551*	Catharacta skua Brunnich pellet	HG3297 27						
	<i>C. mephiticum</i>	CBS 320.86*	Soil	AJ1316 83						

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	<i>C. merdarium</i>	CBS 408.72*	Dung	AJ3903 84						
	<i>C. minutisporosum</i>	IMI 379912		AJ1316 89						
	<i>C. oceanitesii</i>	CBS 132552*	Dead juvenile of <i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>	HG3297 29						
	<i>C. pilosum</i>	IMI 356294*	River sediment	AJ3903 85						
	<i>C. pseudomerdarium</i>	CBS 631.79*	Beach sand	AJ3903 86						
	<i>C. qinghaiense</i>	GZUIFR-11*	Soil	JX8686 07						
	<i>C. queenslandicum</i>	IFM 51121	Soil	AB2192 28						
	<i>C. sanyaense</i>	GZUIFR-A10222M*	Rhizosphere Soil of palm	JQ8092 69						
	<i>C. siglerae</i>	UAMH 6541*	Soil	AJ1316 84						
	<i>C. speluncarum</i>	CCF 3761	Bat guano	AM949 569						
		CCF 3760*	Guano of <i>Rhinolophus euryale</i>	AM949 568						
	<i>C. submersum</i>	IMI 379911*	River sediment	AJ1316 86						
	<i>C. sulfureum</i>	CBS 634.79	Cheese rind	AJ3903 87						
	<i>C. tropicum</i>	UAMH 691		AJ1316 85						
	<i>C. undulatum</i>	IMI 375884*	Soil	AJ0078 45						
	<i>C. vallenarensis</i>	CBS 627.83, ATCC 64421*	Keratinous substrate	AJ3903 89						

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Fig. 4	<i>C. vespertilium</i>	RV 27093		AJ0078 46						
	<i>C. zonatum</i>	IFM 51122	Soil	AB2192 29						
	<i>Corynascus sepedonium</i>	FMR 5593		AJ4394 47						
	<i>Thermothelomyces thermophila</i>	H127-1	Soil	JX8686 06						
	<i>Nigrograna cangshanensis</i>	HKAS 83978*	Submerged wood	KY5110 63		KY5110 66	-		KY5110 64	
	<i>N. fuscidula</i>	CBS 141476	Dead branches of <i>Sambucus nigra</i>	KX6505 47		KX6505 22	KX6505 76		KX6505 47	
		CBS 141556*	Dead branches and twigs of <i>Sambucus nigra</i>	KX6505 50		KX6505 25	-		KX6505 50	
	<i>N. locuta-pollinis</i>	LC11685 = LF1889*	Hive-stored pollen of <i>B. campestris</i>	MF9396 01		MF9396 13	MF9396 10		MF9395 83	
		LC11690 = LF2070	Hive-stored pollen of <i>B. campestris</i>	MF9396 02		MF9396 14	MF9396 11		MF9395 84	
		LC11691 = LF2071	Hive-stored pollen of <i>B. campestris</i>	MF9396 03		MF9396 15	MF9396 12		MF9395 85	
	<i>N. mackinnonii</i>	CBS 110022	Man, mycetoma of patient	KF0156 53		KF4079 85	KF0157 04		GQ3876 14	
		CBS 674.75*	Man, black grain mycetoma	NR_132037		KF4079 86	KF0157 03		GQ3876 13	
		E9303e	<i>Malvaviscus concinnus</i>	JN5457 59		LN6266 73	LN6266 66		LN6266 81	
	<i>N. mycophila</i>	CBS 141478*	Twigs of <i>Acer campestre</i>	KX6505 53		KX6505 26	-		KX6505 53	
		MF6	<i>Corylus avellana</i>	KX6505 54		KX6505 27	-		KX6505 54	
	CBS 141483	Twigs of <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	KX6505 55		KX6505 28	KX6505 77		KX6505 55		

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				ITS	TUB	TEF	RPB2	28S	ACT	CAL
Fig. 5	<i>N. norvegica</i>	CBS 141485*	Twig of <i>Tilia platyphyllos</i>	KX6505 56		-	KX6505 78	KX6505 56		
	<i>N. obliqua</i>	CBS 141475	<i>Sambucus racemosa</i>	KX6505 58		KX6505 30	KX6505 79	KX6505 58		
		CBS 141477*	Twigs of <i>Salix caprea</i>	KX6505 60		KX6505 31	KX6505 80	KX6505 60		
		MRP	<i>Ribes uva-crispa</i>	KX6505 61		KX6505 32	KX6505 81	KX6505 61		
	<i>Occultibambusa fusispora</i>	MFLUCC 11-0127	Bamboo	KU9401 25		KU9401 95	KU9401 72	KU8631 14		
	<i>Trichoderma afarasin</i>	CBS 130742	Cola altissima trunk endophyte	FJ44225 9		FJ46340 0	FJ44277 8		FJ44246 8	FJ44231 2
		CBS 130755*	Soil	AY0277 84		AF3480 93	-		FJ44253 6	FJ44238 8
			On basidioma of <i>Moniliophthora roreri</i> on fruit of <i>Theobroma</i>	FJ44226 5		FJ46330 1	FJ44269 1		-	FJ44237 0
	<i>T. afroharzianum</i>	CBS 124620*	On basidioma of <i>Moniliophthora roreri</i> on fruit of <i>Theobroma</i>	FJ44223 3		FJ46329 8	FJ44270 9		-	FJ44237 2
		IMI 393972	Soil	AY0277 81		AF3481 06	-		FJ44253 5	AF4428 82
	<i>T. aggressivum</i>	CBS 100525	Mushroom compost	AF0576 00		AF3480 95	AF5455 41		FJ44243 3	AF4428 59
	<i>T. atrobrunneum</i>	CBS 130440	Soil	FJ44227 3		FJ46336 0	FJ44272 4		FJ44249 2	FJ44232 9
		CBS 130429	Decaying <i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	AF4439 26		AF4439 43	FJ44273 5		FJ44252 5	AF4428 86
		CBS 548.92*	Decorticated wood of <i>Fagus</i> sp.	AF4439 24		AF4439 42	-		FJ44252 8	AF4428 83
	<i>T. camerunense</i>	CBS 137272*	Soil	AY0277 80		AF3481 07	-		FJ44253 7	AF4428 75

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				ITS	TUB	TEF	RPB2	28S	ACT	CAL
		G.J.S. 99-231	Soil	AY0277 83		AF3481 08	-		FJ44253 8	AF4428 74
	<i>T. endophyticum</i>	CBS 130729*	Theobroma gileri trunk endophyte	FJ44224 3		FJ46331 9	-		FJ44244 5	FJ44229 2
		CBS 130730	Theobroma gileri trunk endophyte	FJ44224 2		FJ46331 4	FJ44272 1		FJ44244 6	FJ44229 3
	<i>T. guizhouense</i>	DAOM 231435	Soil	EF1912 96		EF1913 21	-		-	FJ57772 1
		CBS 131803*	Soil	JN1913 11		JN2154 84	JQ9014 00		-	-
	<i>T. harzianum</i>	CBS 226.95*	Soil	AJ2227 20		AF3481 01	AF5455 49		FJ44256 7	AF4428 64
		CBS 1304452 = G.J.S. 04-71	Castanea sativa twig endophyte	FJ44267 3		FJ46339 6	FJ44277 9		FJ44249 4	FJ44236 9
		CBS 130496 = G.J.S. 05-107	<i>Ricinus communis</i> stem endophyte	FJ44267 9		FJ46332 9	FJ44270 8		FJ44256 9	FJ44233 3
	<i>T. inhamatum</i>	CBS 273.78*	Soil	FJ44268 0		AF3480 99	FJ44272 5		FJ44256 1	AF4428 91
		G.J.S. 09-697	Soil	-		KP1152 72	-		-	-
	<i>T. lentiforme</i>	CBS 130726	<i>Theobroma cacao</i> trunk endophyte	FJ44268 1		FJ85187 2	FJ44278 6		FJ44244 0	FJ44228 7
		CBS 100542*	Decorticated wood	AF4691 89		AF4691 95	-		AF4691 93	AF4691 91
	<i>T. lixii</i>	CBS 110080*	Decayed <i>Ganoderma</i> <i>basidiocarp</i>	AF4439 20		AF4439 38	-		FJ44253 3	AF4428 72
	<i>T. neotropicale</i>	G.J.S. 11-185*	<i>Hevea guianensis</i> trunk endophyte	HQ0224 07		HQ0227 71	-		KP1152 68	KP1152 79
	<i>T. pollinicola</i>	LC11682 = LF1542*	Newly-collected pollen of <i>B.</i> <i>campestris</i>	MF9395 92		MF9396 19	MF9396 04		-	MF9395 86
		LC11686 = LF2050	Newly-collected pollen of <i>B.</i> <i>campestris</i>	MF9395 93		MF9396 20	MF9396 05		-	MF9395 87

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				ITS	TUB	TEF	RPB2	28S	ACT	CAL
		LC11687 = LF2051	Newly-collected pollen of <i>B. campestris</i>	MF9395 94		MF9396 21	MF9396 06		-	MF9395 88
	<i>T. pyramidale</i>	CBS 135574*	Olea europaea	-		KJ6656 99	KJ6653 34		-	-
		S119	<i>Quercus pubescens</i>	-		KJ6656 96	-		-	-
	<i>T. rifaii</i>	CBS 130745	<i>Theobroma cacao</i> trunk endophyte	FJ44262 1		FJ46332 1	FJ44272 0		FJ44247 1	FJ44231 5
	<i>T. simmonsii</i>	CBS 123765	Decaying bark	AF4439 18		AF4439 36	FJ44279 8		FJ44252 4	AF4428 70
		CBS 130431*	Decaying bark	AF4439 17		AF4439 35	FJ44275 7		FJ44252 6	AF4428 69

¹ ATCC: American Type Culture Collection, Manassas, VA, USA; CBS: Culture Collection of the Westerdijk Fungal Biodiversity Institute, Utrecht, The Netherlands; CGMCC: China General Microbiological Culture Collection, Institute of Microbiology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China; FMR: Facultat de Medicina i Ciències de la Salut, Reus, Spain; IFO: Institute for Fermentation, Osaka, Japan; IMI: Culture collection of CABI Europe UK Center, Egham, UK; MFLUCC: Mae Fah Luang University Culture Collection, Chiang Rai Thailand; LC: working collection of Lei Cai, housed at the Institute of Microbiology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China; UAMH: Centre for Global Microfungal Biodiversity, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada;

² Sequences newly generated in this study are indicated in bold.