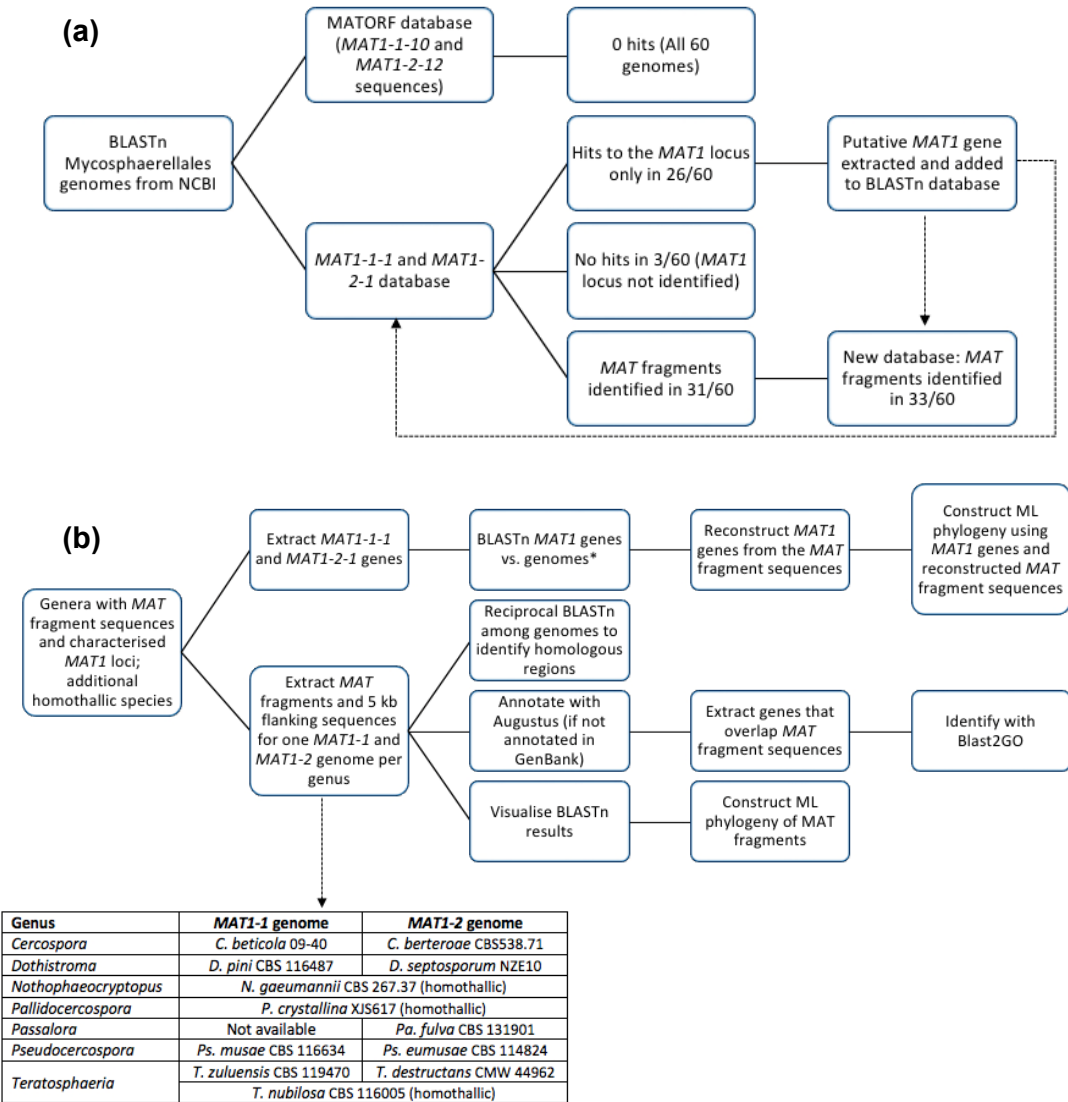


Supplementary Figures

Figure S1



* A *MAT1-1-1* and *MAT1-2-1* gene was reconstructed from each genome. In species for which the *MAT1-1-1* or *MAT1-2-1* gene sequence is not known the genome was the *MAT1* gene of the closest available relative (as shown by Fig. 1) was used as query in the BLASTn analysis.

Figure S1 Workflow for the (a) identification and (b) analysis of *MAT* fragments in the Mycosphaerellales genomes.

Figure S2

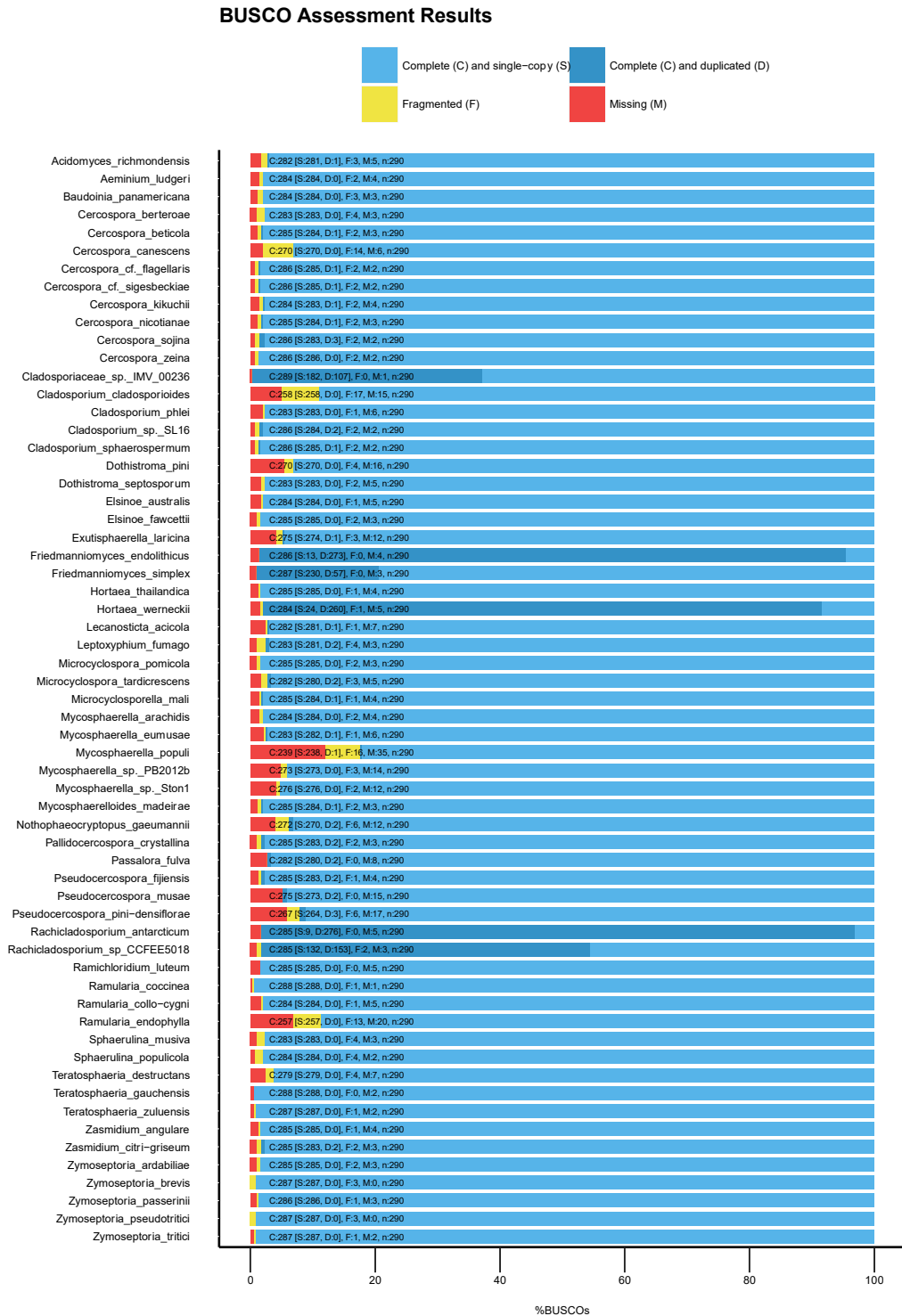


Figure S2 Histogram depicting the “Fungi *odb9*” BUSCO orthologs identified in each genome. As per the legend, orthologs are classified as being “complete and single-copy”, “complete and duplicated”, “fragmented” or “missing”.

Figure S3a

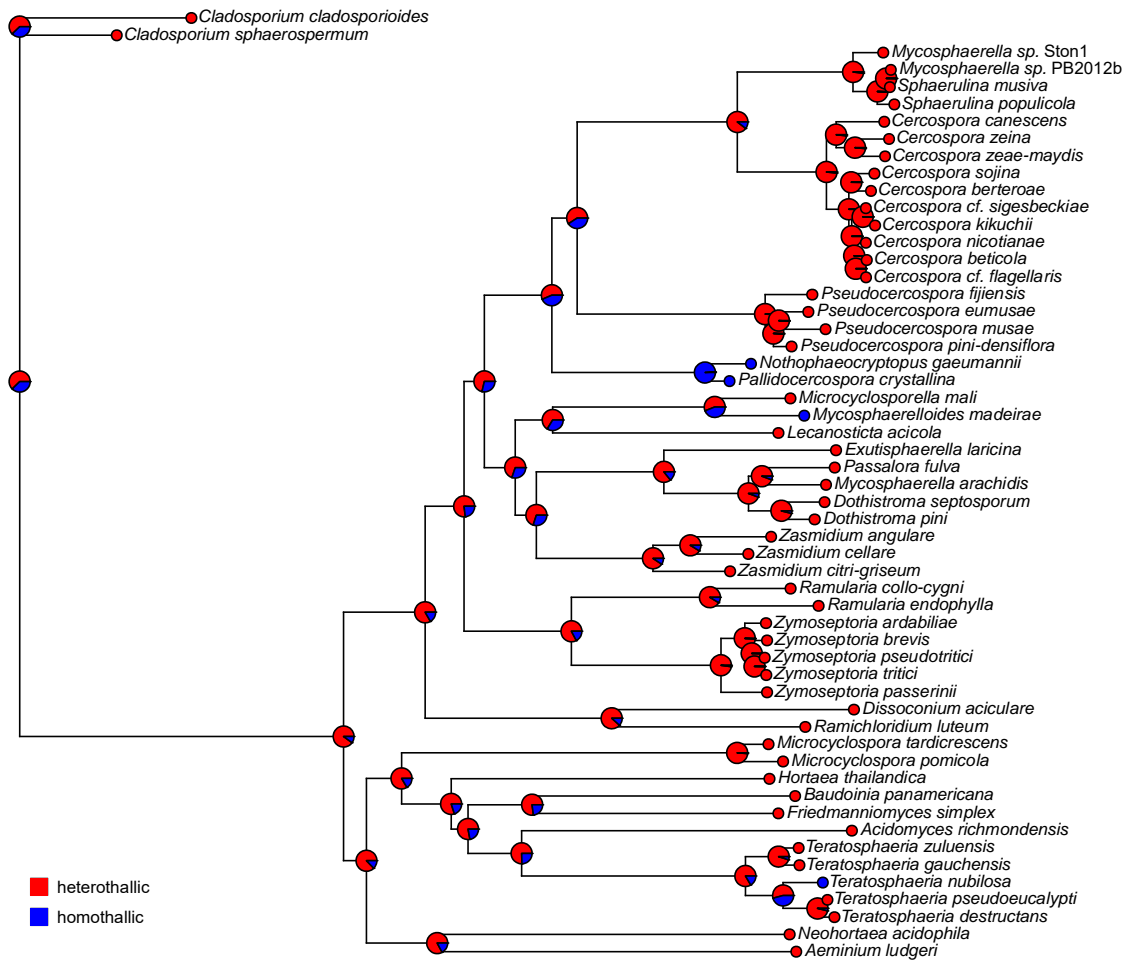


Figure S3b

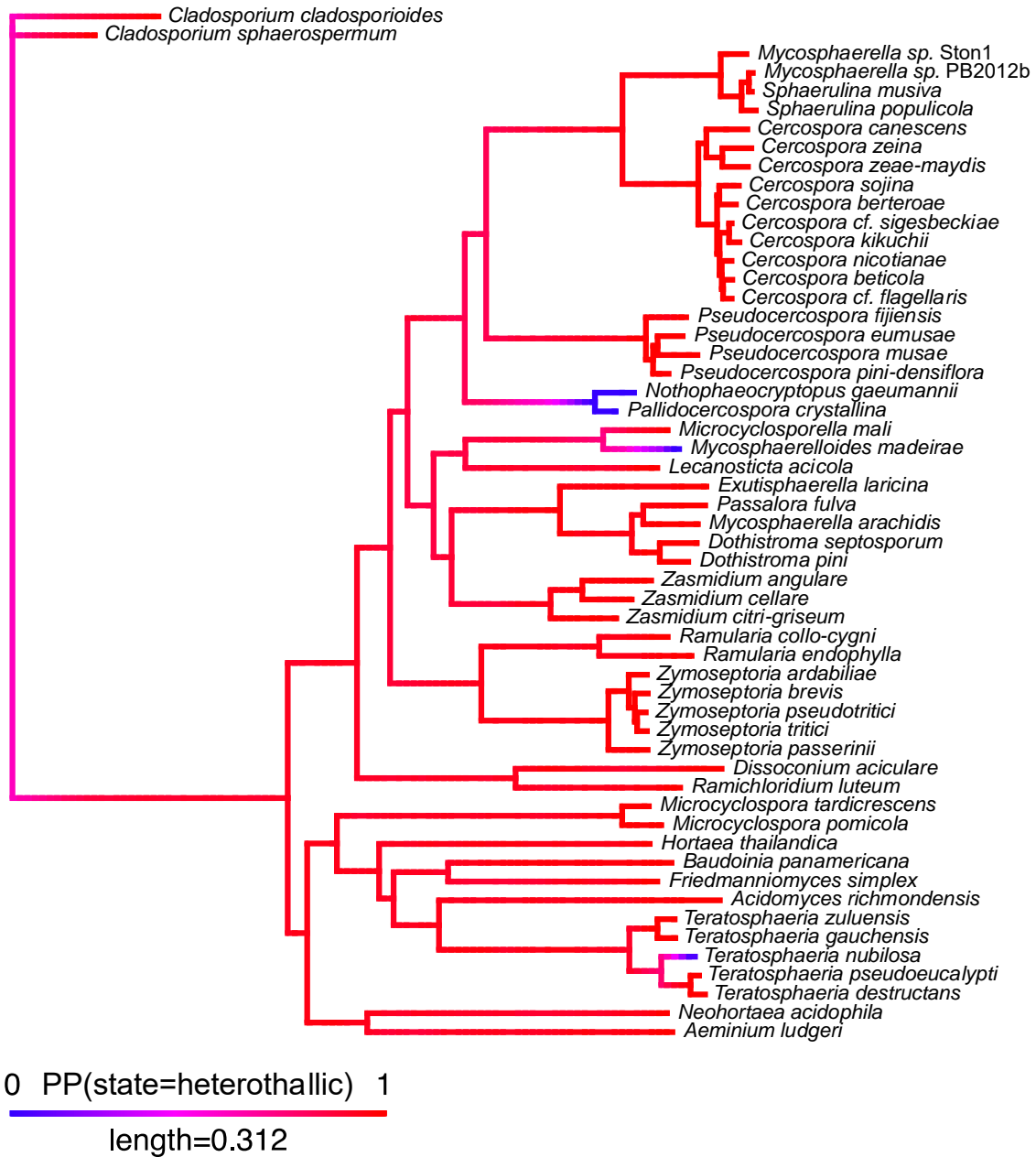


Figure S3 Estimation of ancestral thallic states using (a) a continuous-time Markov chain (Mk) model and (b) stochastic character mapping. Red represents heterothallicism and blue homothallicism. In (a), pie charts at internal nodes show the empirical Bayesian posterior probabilities for each state, whereas posterior probabilities for the heterothallic state are visualised as a density map in (b).

Figure S4a



The conservation scale:



- e - An exposed residue according to the neural-network algorithm.
- b - A buried residue according to the neural-network algorithm.
- f - A predicted functional residue (highly conserved and exposed).
- s - A predicted structural residue (highly conserved and buried).
- Y - Insufficient data - the calculation for this site was performed on less than 10% of the sequences.

Figure S4b

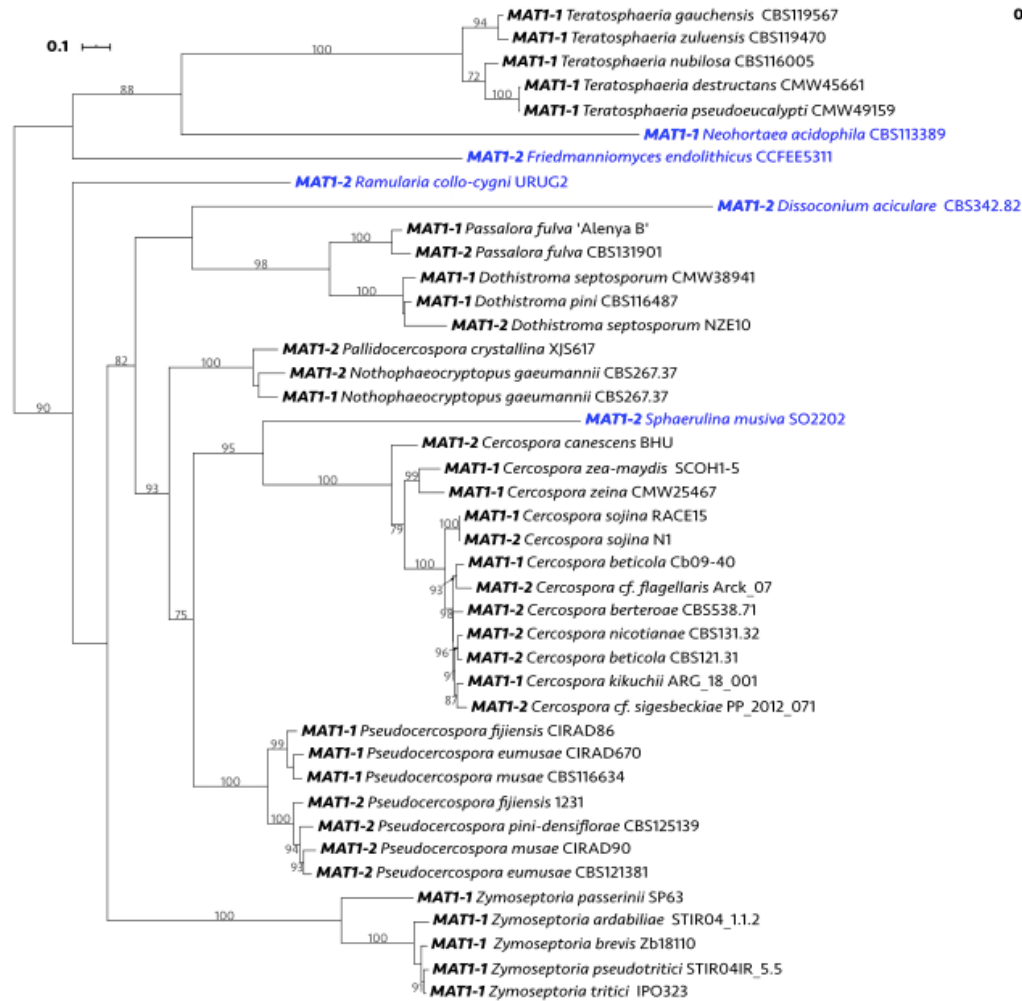


Figure S4 Conserved residues of the hypothetical (a) MAT1-1-10 and (b) MAT1-2-12 proteins based on sequences derived from the *MAT1-1* and *MAT1-2* idiomorphs, respectively. Conservation was predicted in ConSeq using all available sequences from genera with characterised *MAT1* loci, although only the *Pseudocercospora eumusae* sequence is shown. Conservation scores are indicated according to the colour legend, with 9 being most conserved. Black boxes denote residues that are also highly conserved (conservation scale 8 and 9) in the alignments of sequences derived from both the *MAT1-1* and the *MAT1-2* idiomorphs. In the MAT1-2-12 sequence, lines (—) denote residues predicted to be under purifying selection, whereas asterisks (*) show those predicted to be under diversifying selection in the *MAT1-1* copies of *MAT1-2-12* (see Supplementary File 1 and main text for details).

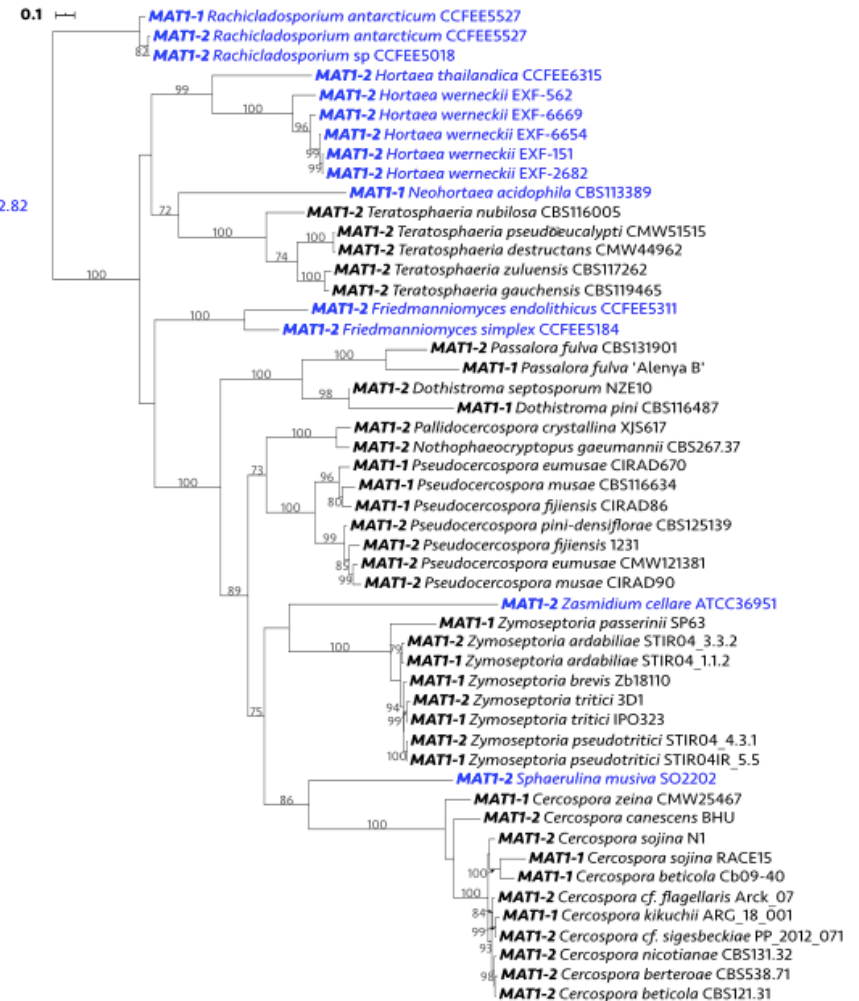
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Figure S5

(a) **MATI-1-10**



(b) **MATI-2-12**



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Figure S5 Phylogeny of *MAT1-1-10* (a) and *MAT1-2-12* (b) coding sequences, including the sequences of Mycosphaerellales homologs identified from GenBank via BLASTp and hmmsearch (blue). *MAT1-1* and *MAT1-2* indicates the idiomorph in which the copy of *MAT1-1-10* or *MAT1-2-12* was identified. The *MAT1-1-10* tree was rooted on the branch leading to the Teratosphaeriaceae genes, whereas the *MAT1-2-12* tree was rooted using the *Rachicladosporium* (Cladosporiales) genes.

Figure S6

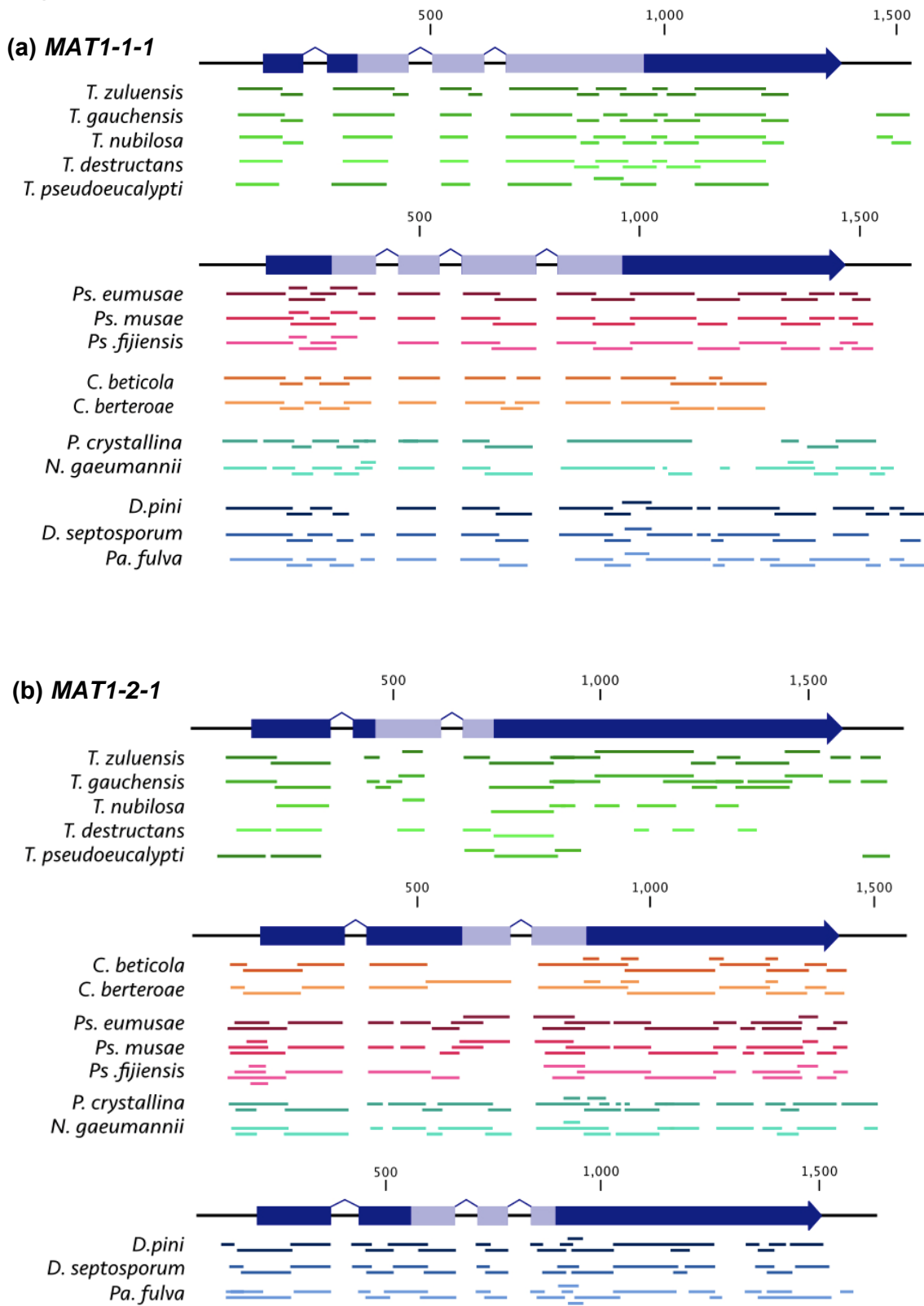
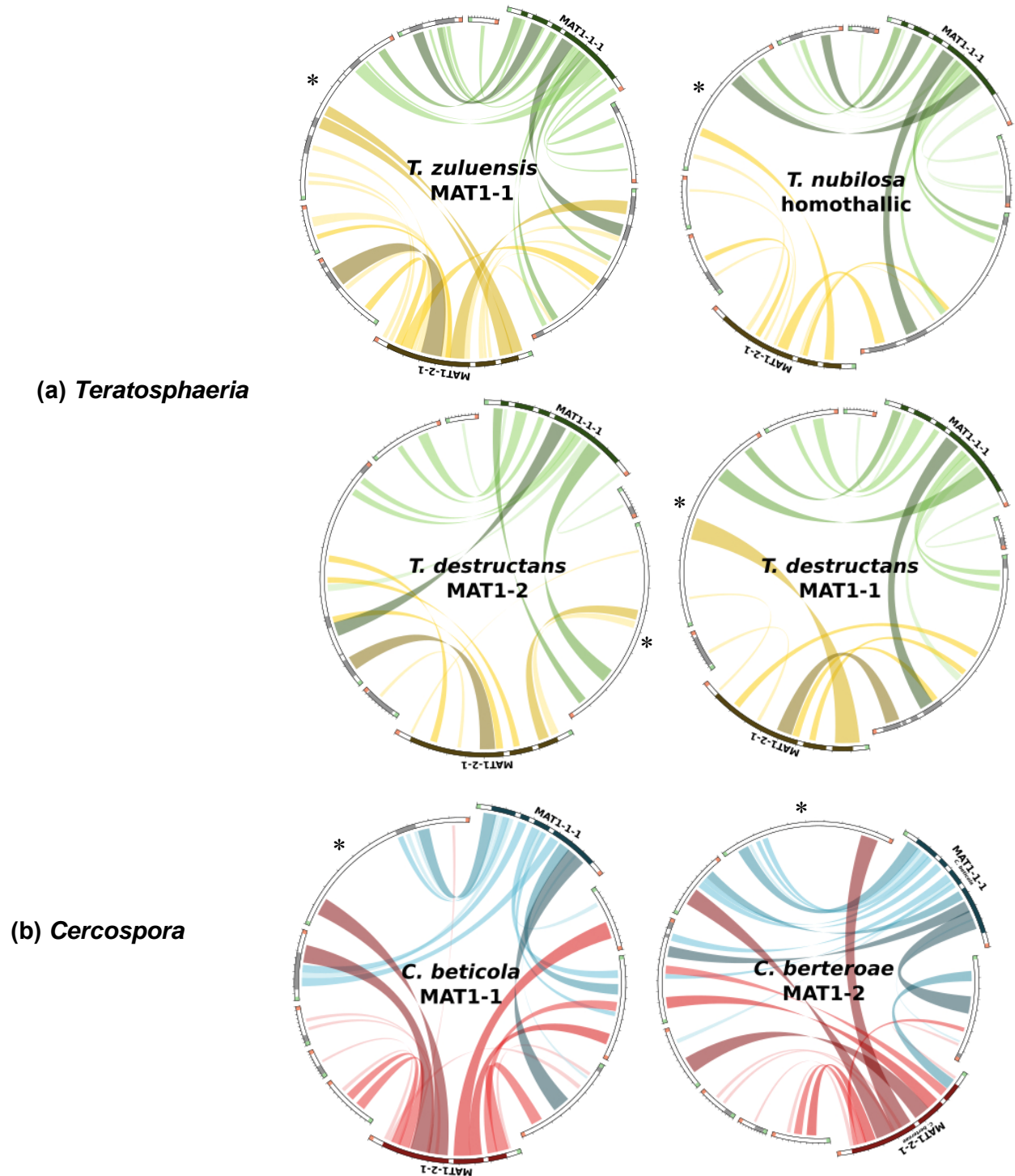
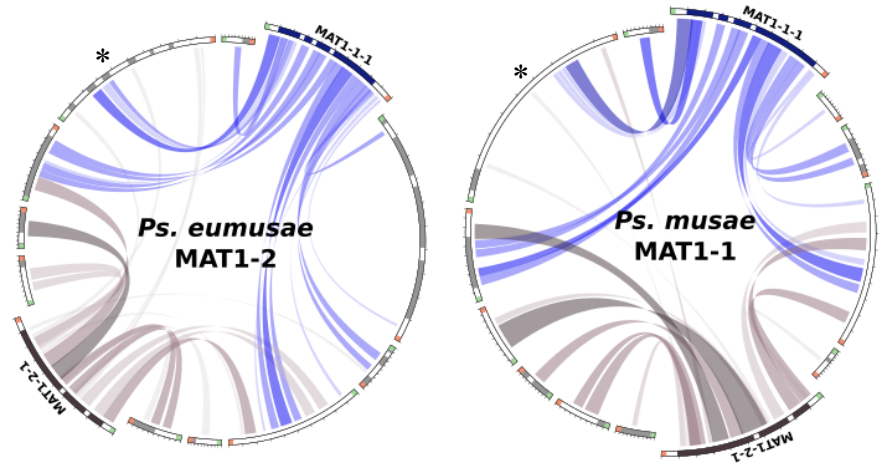


Figure S6 BLASTn alignments of the *MAT* fragment sequences of *Cercospora*, *Dothistroma*, *Nothophaeocryptopus*, *Passalora*, *Pseudocercospora*, *Pallidocercospora* and *Teratosphaeria* species against their *MAT1-1-1* (a) and *MAT1-2-1* (b) genes. Dark blue arrows represent *MAT* coding sequences and light regions within the arrows indicate the position of the conserved MAT alpha_HMG box domain (IPR006856) in *MAT1-1-1* and the HMG-box domain (IPR036910) in *MAT1-2-1*. For each species, both the *MAT1-1* and *MAT1-2* fragments originated from the same genome.

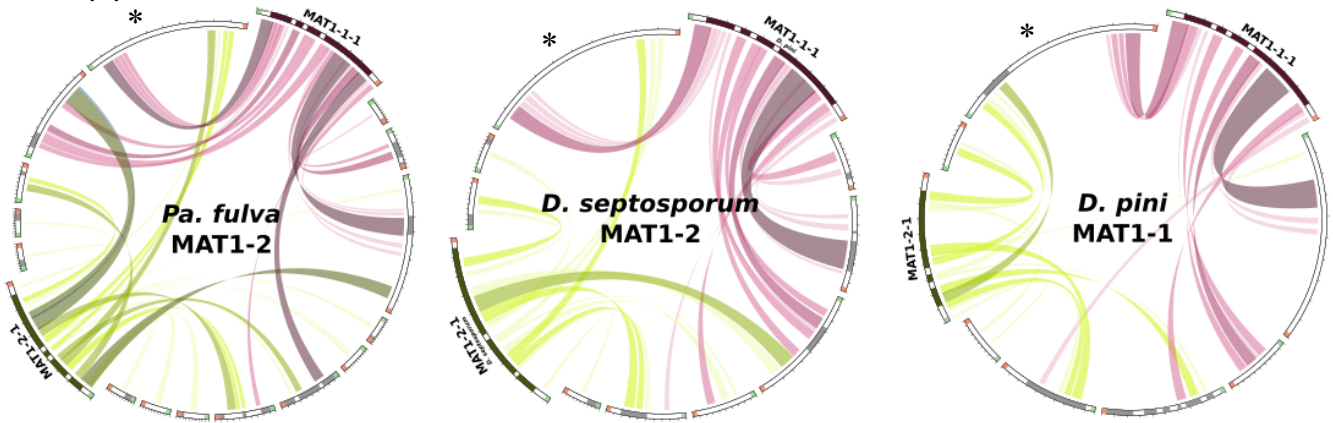
Figure S7



(c) *Pseudocercospora*



(d) *Passalora* and *Dothistroma*



(e) *Nothophaeocryptopus* and *Pallidocercospora*

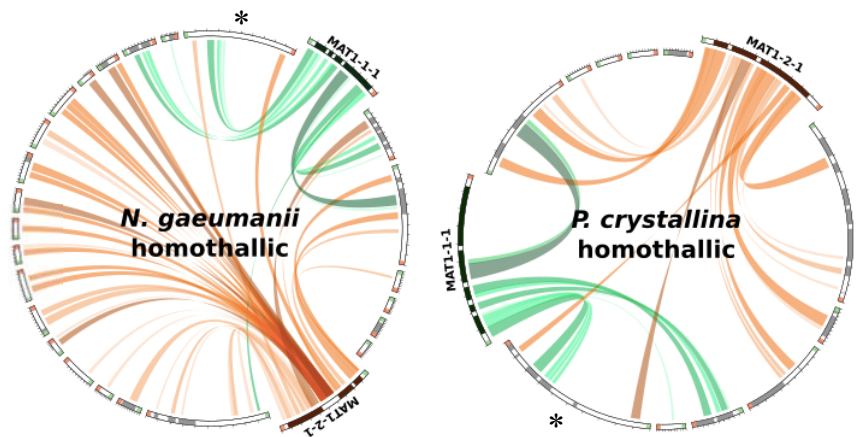


Figure S7 Circoletto plots illustrating the presence of *MAT* fragment sequences in the genomes of representative Mycosphaerellaceae and Teratosphaeriaceae species. Each plot shows the two *MAT1* genes (offset), originating from the same isolate in homothallic species and from different isolates in heterothallic species. Coloured ribbons connect regions of the *MAT1* genes (query) to their corresponding BLASTn hits (*MAT* fragment sequences) on contigs in the genome. All plots are based on contigs from a single genome. Darker coloured ribbons represent lower (i.e. stronger) e-values. The coding regions of the *MAT1* genes are indicated as dark boxes, grey boxes represent predicted ORFs in the genomic regions and white spaces represent introns or non-coding sequence. The 5' to 3' ends are read in the clockwise direction. All alignments have e-values $< 1 \times 10^{-5}$ and nucleotide identities $> 80\%$. Asterisks indicate a fragment region that is homologous among all species and used in Fig. S8.

Figure S8

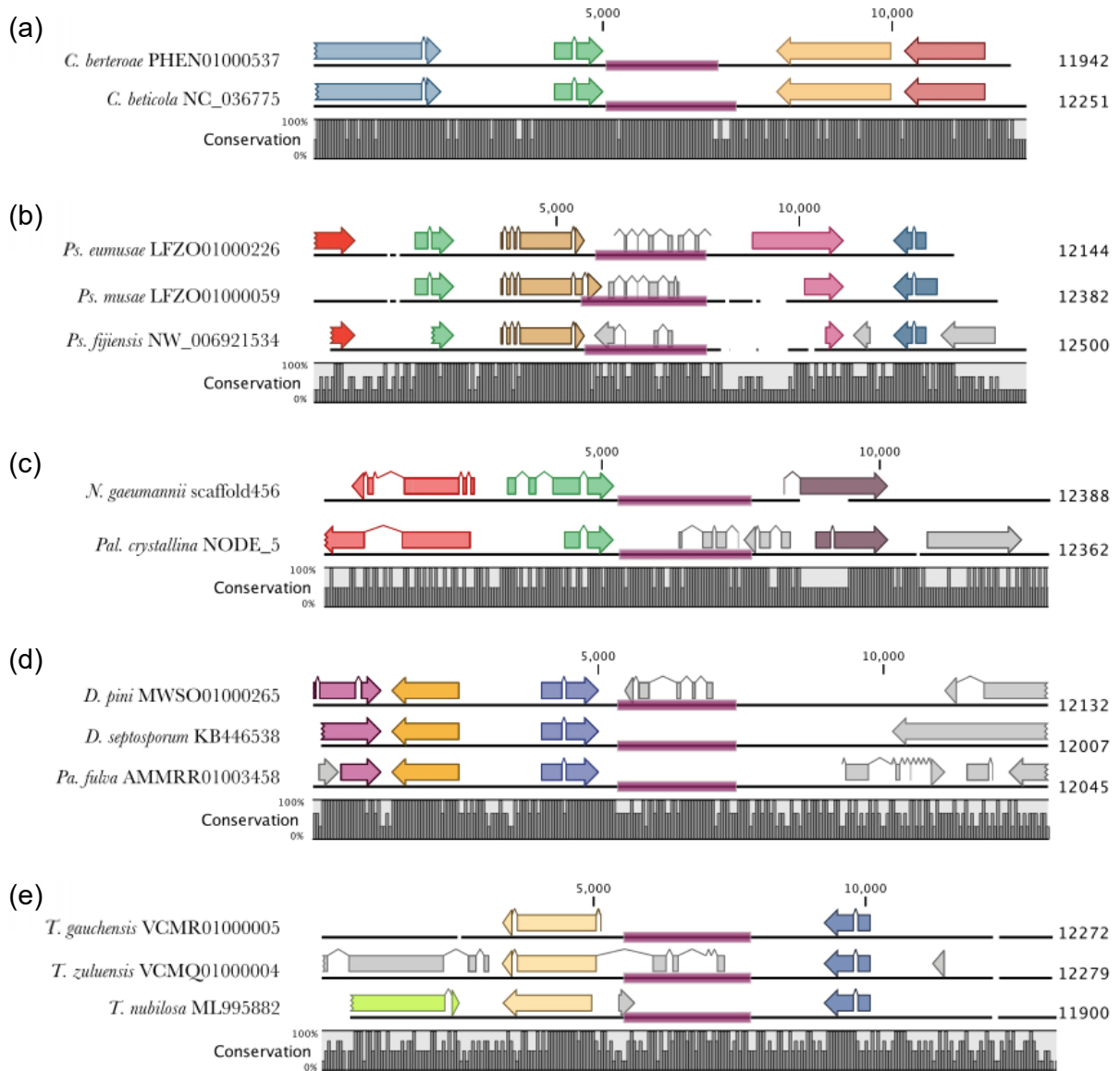
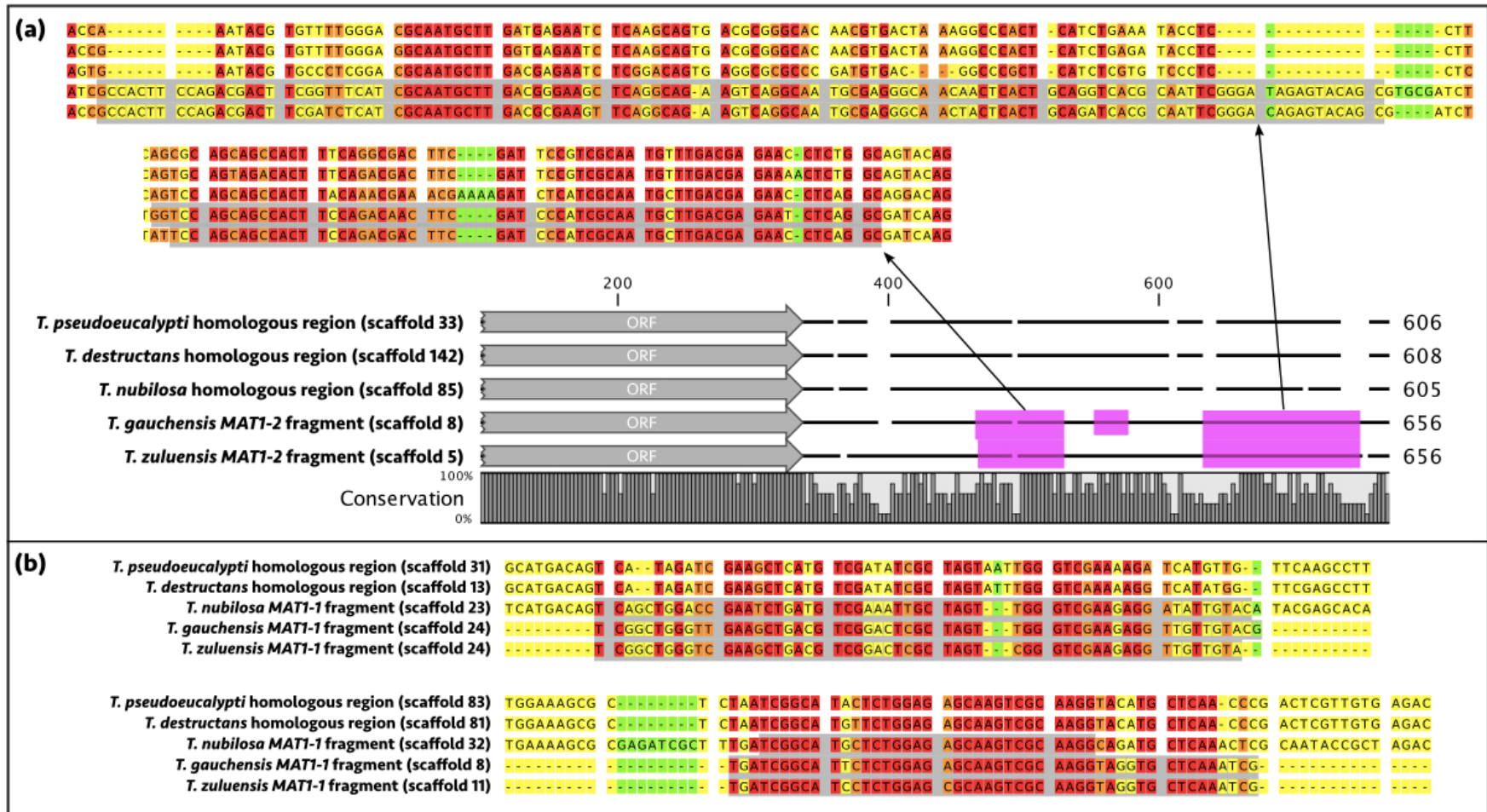


Figure S8 Synteny around the largest region containing *MAT* fragment sequences (pink block) identified in the examined Mycosphaerellaceae and Teratosphaeriaceae genomes. Synteny was visible only within genera: (a) *Cercospora*, (b) *Pseudocercospora*, (e) *Teratosphaeria*; or between closely related species: (c) *Nothophaeocryptopus gaumannii* and *Pallidocercospora crystallina* and (d) *Dothistroma* and *Passalora fulva*. Colours indicate homologous genes, whereas gene predictions without homologs are shown in gray. *Cercospora* (a), *Pseudocercospora* (b) and *N. gaumannii* and *P. crystallina* (c) had putative “cell division control (*Cdc31*)” genes (green) upstream of the region containing *MAT* fragment sequences. Codes after species names represent contig numbers. The *MAT* fragment region used in this figure is also marked in Fig. S5

Figure S9



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Figure S9 Homologous regions in the genomes of five *Teratosphaeria* species where BLASTn identified *MAT* fragment sequences in some species, but not in others. *MAT* fragments are indicated by grey and purple boxes in the zoomed in nucleotide alignments and alignment overview, respectively. (a) A region homologous across all five genomes and containing a conserved predicted open reading frame (ORF), in which *MAT1-2* fragments were identified in *T. gauchensis* and *T. zuluensis*, but not in *T. destructans*, *T. pseudoecalypti* and *T. nubilosa*. (b) Two *MAT1-1* fragments identified in *T. gauchensis*, *T. zuluensis* and *T. nubilosa*, but not in *T. destructans* and *T. pseudoecalypti*. The regions flanking these fragments are not conserved in *T. gauchensis* and *T. zuluensis* and have been excluded from the alignment. Colours in the zoomed in alignments indicate conservation: red = 100%; orange = 80%; yellow = 40-60%; green = 20%.