

One stop shop IV: taxonomic update with molecular phylogeny for important phytopathogenic genera: 76–100 (2020)

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Abstract

This is a continuation of a series focused on providing a stable platform for the taxonomy of phytopathogenic fungi and fungus-like organisms. This paper focuses on one family: *Erysiphaceae* and 24 phytopathogenic genera: *Armillaria, Barriopsis*, *Cercospora*, *Cladosporium*, *Clinoconidium*, *Colletotrichum*, *Cylindrocladiella*, *Dothidotthia*,, *Fomitopsis*, *Ganoderma*, *Golovinomyces*, *Heterobasidium*, *Meliola*, *Mucor*, *Neoerysiphe*, *Nothophoma*, *Phellinus*, *Phytophthora*, *Pseudoseptoria*, *Pythium*, *Rhizopus*, *Stemphylium*, *Thyrostroma* and *Wojnowiciella.* Each genus is provided with a taxonomic background, distribution, hosts, disease symptoms, and updated backbone trees. Species confrmed with pathogenicity studies are denoted when data are available. Six of the genera are updated from previous entries as many new species have been described.

Keywords Disease · Plant pathology · Phylogeny · Taxonomy · Symptoms

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Introduction

This is the fourth paper in the *One Stop Shop* series focusing on providing a stable platform for the taxonomy of plant pathogenic fungi and fungus-like organisms. Genera included in this series are associated with plant diseases, and when the data are available we discuss the species that have been established as pathogens using Koch's postulates. Some genera, however, are not well-known plant pathogens and some may be emerging pathogens, and need further studies to confrm their pathogenicity. Hyde et al. ([2014\)](#page-118-0) launched this series and stated its specifc aims.

Three issues of *One Stop Shop* (OSS) have been published treating 73 genera and two families of plant pathogenic fungi and fungus-like organisms (Hyde et al. [2014](#page-118-0); Jayawardena et al. [2019a](#page-119-0), [b](#page-119-1), Table [1](#page-1-0)). In this fourth contribution, a further 24 genera and one family are treated, providing clarifcation of their taxonomy and classifcation. Six of the entries are updates from previous entries as many changes have occurred in these genera. For each entry, the background of the genus, disease symptoms, host distribution, pathogen biology and epidemiology, morphological based identifcation, molecular-based identifcation, updated phylogeny and recommended genetic markers are provided and discussed. All contributed entries will be placed in the database, [http://www.onestopshopfungi.org.](http://www.onestopshopfungi.org) The main outcome of this series is to enhance the current understanding of plant pathogens and gain better insights into the current classifcation, providing a stable taxonomy and phylogeny for plant pathogens. This will provide a defnitive classifcation for mycologists and plant pathologists to accurately identify causal agents of disease and to implement accurate control strategies.

Materials and methods

Photo plates of the symptoms of the disease and morphological characters are given, when available. Classifcation follows Wijayawardene et al. ([2020\)](#page-129-0).

For the treated taxa, all species that have been published until 30 March 2020 are included in the phylogenetic analyses. Sequence data from ex-type, ex-epitype or authentic or reference/voucher strains for each species were retrieved from GenBank. Sequence data from single gene regions

OSS1 (Hyde et al. [2014\)](#page-118-0) OSS2 (Jayawardena et al. [2019a](#page-119-0)) OSS3 (Jayawardena et al. [2019b](#page-119-1)) OSS4 (This paper)

Table 1 All entries treated in One stop shop (OSS) series

were aligned using Clustal Xv.1.81 (Thompson et al. [1997\)](#page-128-0) and further alignment of the sequences carried out using the default settings of MAFFT v.7 (Katoh and Toh [2008](#page-119-2); http://mafft.cbrc.jp/alignment/server/), and manual adjustment was conducted using BioEdit where necessary. Gene regions were also combined using BioEdit v.7.0.9.0 (Hall [1999](#page-116-0)). Primers for each gene locus can be found in the bibliography related to the phylogeny presented in each genus. Phylogenetic analyses consisted of maximum likelihood (ML), maximum parsimony (MP) and Bayesian posterior probability (BYPP). Maximum parsimony analysis was performed using PAUP (Phylogenetic Analysis Using Parsimony) v. $4.0b10$ (Swofford 2002) to obtain the most parsimonious trees. Maximum likelihood analyses were also performed in raxmlGUIv.0.9b2 (Silvestro and Michalak [2010\)](#page-126-0) or RAxML-HPC2 on XSEDE (8.2.8) on the CIPRES science gateway platform (<http://www.phylo.org>; Miller et al. [2010\)](#page-122-0). Bayesian inference was conducted using MrBayes v. 3.2.6 on the CIPRES science gateway platform [\(http://](http://www.phylo.org) www.phylo.org; Miller et al. [2010\)](#page-122-0) or stand-alone MrBayes v.3.1.2 (Ronquist and Huelsenbeck [2003](#page-125-0)). MrModeltest v. 2.3 (Nylander [2004\)](#page-123-0) or jModeltest v. 2.1.4 (Darriba et al. [2012\)](#page-114-0) was used for the statistical selection of the best-ft model of nucleotide substitution to parametrize the analyses.

Results

76. *Armillaria* (Fr.) Staude, Schwämme Mitteldeutschl. 28: xxviii, 130 (1857)

Background

Armillaria is a plant pathogenic genus in the phylum Basidiomycota, family Physalacriaceae (He et al. [2019](#page-116-1)), collectively referred to as shoestring root-rot fungi or honey mushrooms. *Armillaria* can cause root-rot disease in a wide variety of woody hosts worldwide. *Armillaria* has undergone signifcant revision in the past 20 years. The genus once accommodated any white-spored agaric with broadly attached gills and an annulus (Volk et al. [1996\)](#page-129-1). *Armillaria mellea* is the type species. Most *Armillaria* species have the potential to infect healthy and stressed trees, they difer in their pathogenicity to their hosts and under certain circumstances, they behave as obligate saprobes. Most *Armillaria* species are facultative necrotrophs causing root and butt rot on a broad range of woody plants afecting a variety of forest, shade, ornamental and orchard trees and shrubs. Some *Armillaria* species cause signifcant economic losses to forest trees and in nursery plantations. *Armillaria* root disease is found in many temperate and tropical forests throughout the world. This fungus spreads mainly through the interaction of tree roots. As saprotrophs, *Armillaria* species are important wood decomposers that contribute to nutrient cycling in forest ecosystems. As pathogens, they infect and eventually kill susceptible trees, which impacts forest structure, composition and succession. Trees that are used for fbre or lumber production, as well as trees located in recreation sites, are afected by these diseases. Such *Armillaria* infections may cause yield reduction and tree mortality in silvicultural and agricultural tree plantations and provoke economic losses.

Armillaria species are expected to become more aggressive during drought and thus enhance root rot (La Porta et al. [2008;](#page-120-0) Kolb et al. [2016](#page-120-1); Kubiak et al. [2017](#page-120-2)). The incidence of *Armillaria* related root disease is likely to increase as temperatures increase and precipitation decreases due to climate change (Sturrock et al. [2011](#page-127-1)). Whilst the ability of the pathogen to sporulate, spread and infect is afected by temperature and moisture, factors that stress host trees directly may be just as critical to a successful invasion of host tissues. It seems likely that the disease will become more severe in the future, wherever *Armillaria* susceptible tree species are subjected to increased levels of climate stress (Klopfenstein et al. [2009](#page-120-3)). Currently, *Armillaria* root disease causes large growth/volume losses (e.g., 16–55%) in areas of western and North America (Filip and Goheen [1984;](#page-114-1) Cruickshank et al. [2011;](#page-113-0) Lockman and Kearns [2016\)](#page-121-0). *Armillaria* root disease is typically more severe in trees that are maladapted to climateinduced stress (Ayres and Lombardero [2000](#page-110-0); Kliejunas et al. [2009;](#page-120-4) Sturrock et al. [2011](#page-127-1)). Thus, it is likely that climate change will further exacerbate damage from *Armillaria* root disease, which can further predispose trees to beetle attack (e.g. Hertert et al. [1975](#page-117-0); Tkacz and Schmitz [1986](#page-128-1); Goheen and Hansen [1993](#page-115-0)).

Armillaria mellea is an edible species that has long been used as a Traditional Chinese Medicine. Some of *Armillaria* species are is believed to be able to improve health and prevent various diseases, such as insomnia, pain, and neurasthenia. Extracts of *A. mellea* exhibit anti-oxidative, antiinfammatory and immune-modulatory activities. *Armillaria mellea* can also induce maturation of human dendritic cells. The chemical constituents isolated from *A. mellea* include sesquiterpenoids, steroids, triterpenoids, adenosine and resin acids. Armillariol C is a furan-based natural product isolated from *Armillaria* species. A xylosyl 1,3-galactofucan (AMPS-III) was isolated and identifed as a novel antiinfammatory agent from this species.

*Classifcation—*Basidiomycota, Agaricomycotina, Agaricomycetes, Agaricomycetidae, Agaricales, Physalacriaceae (He et al. [2019\)](#page-116-1)

Type species—Armillaria mellea (Vahl) P. Kumm.

*Distribution—*Worldwide, mostly in temperate areas (northern and southern hemisphere) and some in tropical areas. *Disease symptoms—*Armillaria root disease, shoestring root rot

Symptoms caused by this fungus can be categorized into two categories:

Crown symptoms*—*branch dieback, crown thinning, chlorosis, reddening of foliage or heavier than normal production of cones.

Basal symptoms*—*the fungus can grow up from the roots in the inner bark in some tree species and causes basal cankers above the infected roots. Resinosis (exudation of resin) can be observed in resinous conifers. In some plants, decayed roots or decay in the inner wood of stem bases can be observed. Species cause a white rot of wood. In white rot, wood often has a bleached, whitish appearance and are spongy or stringy, and maybe wet. Black lines called "zone lines" are usually seen in the decayed wood. These lines are curved planes in the wood, sometimes called "pseudosclerotial plates", composed of thickened, dark fungal cells. They may play a role in the protection of *Armillaria* from unfavourable conditions or other fungi that attempt to invade its territory, including other individuals of the same species. Actively decaying wood may be luminescent, producing a faint glow in the dark (Baumgartner and Rizzo [2002](#page-110-1); Worrall [2004](#page-130-0); Klopfenstein [2009\)](#page-120-5).

There are three major signs of Armillaria root disease in the feld.

Mycelial fans can always be seen in infected and recently killed trees. These are white mats of fungal mycelium between the inner bark and wood that are generally substantial and have a mushroom odour.

Rhizomorphs are commonly associated with infection and are often attached to infected roots, but they may also be attached to the surface of uninfected roots. Depending on the species these may be few, small, fragile, hard to fnd or abundant and robust. Rhizomorphs can be cylindrical in soil or fattened under bark, reddish-brown to black branched and have a cream-coloured tip when actively growing (Guillaumin and Legrand [2013\)](#page-116-2).

Mushrooms that have honey-brown caps can be seen in clusters near or on the base of trees.

*Hosts—*Many angiosperms and gymnosperms (especially conifers) in native, planted forests, orchards and vineyards (Farr and Rossman [2020](#page-114-2)).

Pathogen biology, disease cycle and epidemiology

Sexual reproduction results in the diploid mycelium. Such a mycelium is the dominant phase that is found growing in wood, growing through the soil as rhizomorphs, and killing trees. *Armillaria* species can be dispersed through airborne sexual basidiospores which will establish a new infection center. These taxa do not reproduce asexually but disperse by growing mycelium which is the most common source of infection, through root contacts or root grafts or by growing through the soil as rhizomorphs. Mycelium in colonized roots and the rhizomorphs produced serve as the most common mode of infection and may survive for up to 50 years or more in stumps, depending on the climate, size of the stump, and other factors (Baumgartner and Rizzo [2002](#page-110-1); Worrall [2004](#page-130-0); Klopfenstein [2009\)](#page-120-5).

Morphology-based identifcation and diversity

Armillaria has included only white-spored wood-inhabiting agarics with broadly attached to decurrent gills and macroscopic black to reddish-brown rhizomorphs. *Armillaria* basidiomes are easily recognized by their caespitose habit, annulus and honey colour. It is, however, extremely difficult to identify some species due to the lack of morphological apomorphies (Watling et al. [1991](#page-129-2); Pegler [2000\)](#page-124-0). Besides, basidiomata are often not available to diferentiate species, which further complicates the taxonomy of *Armillaria* (Harrington and Wingfeld [1995\)](#page-116-3). In this regard, *Armillaria* provides a clear example of where a phylogenetic approach can contribute signifcantly to its taxonomy. Until the late 1970s, *Armillaria mellea* was considered by most researchers to be a polymorphic species with a wide host range and distribution. Herink ([1973](#page-117-1)), among others, suspected that this single species might be a species complex. However, since the morphology of basidiomata is difficult to study because of overlapping and inconsistent traditionally used morphological characters, other avenues of research were pursued. Hintikka [\(1973\)](#page-117-2) developed a technique that allowed the determination of mating types in *Armillaria*. Using a modifcation of this method, Korhonen ([1978a\)](#page-120-6) was able to distinguish fve European biological species. The cumbersome nature of the mating-type method of species identifcation prompted a search for other techniques for identifying collections. They were able to separate all North American species (NABS) of *Armillaria* except for *A. calvescens* and *A. gallica*, which are apparently very closely related (Anderson and Stasovski[1992](#page-109-0)). Ten species of *Armillaria* in North America have been confrmed from multiple studies utilizing a combination of morphological, biological and phylogenetic species concepts (Anderson and Ullrich [1979](#page-109-1); Anderson and Stasovski [1992](#page-109-0); Burdsall and Volk [1993;](#page-111-0) Kim et al. [2006](#page-120-7); Ross-Davis et al. [2012\)](#page-125-1). Before, *A. mellea* shows great variability in morphology and hosts. These species were frst separated using interfertility tests using cultures of *Armillaria* haploid tester strains and morphology. Now, *A*. *mellea* is considered as an independent species, with two North American biological species (Bérubé and Dessureault [1989](#page-110-2); Volk et al. [1996\)](#page-129-1) (Fig. [1](#page-4-0)).

Molecular-based identifcation and diversity

Problems surrounding the identifcation of *Armillaria* have led to important advances in developing robust but rapid DNA techniques. Such techniques have initially included DNA-base composition (Jahnke et al. [1987](#page-119-3)) DNA-DNA hybridization (Miller et al. [1994\)](#page-122-1), sequence analyses of

Fig. 1 Disease cycle of *Armillaria mellea* (redrawn from Agrios [2005\)](#page-109-2)

the IGS-1(Anderson and Stasovski [1992](#page-109-0)) and ITS (Coetzee et al. [2001a](#page-112-0), [b\)](#page-112-1), RFLPs without PCR (Smith and Anderson [1989\)](#page-127-2) and RFLPs of IGS-1 amplicons (Harrington and Wingfeld [1995](#page-116-3)). Although several of these techniques might pose some problems (Pérez‐Sierra et al. [2000](#page-124-1)), by their relative simplicity they have gradually replaced traditional, morphological methods.

The amount of DNA sequence data on *Armillaria* species has increased substantially since the frst publication on the phylogeny of the genus in the northern hemisphere (Anderson and Stasovski [1992\)](#page-109-0). As with many other fungal genera, the focus of such studies initially was set on species of Europe and North America (Chillali et al. [1998;](#page-112-2) Coetzee et al. [2000b\)](#page-112-3). Later, substantial datasets for species in Africa, Australasia and southeast Asia have become available (Terashima et al. [1998;](#page-128-2) Coetzee et al Coetzee et al. [2000a,](#page-112-4) [2001a](#page-112-0)). At present, ITS, IGS-1 and *tef1* sequences are available in GenBank for the best-known species of *Armillaria*. However, there are disjunctions in data sets and relatively little is known about species from Indo-Malaysia and South America. *Armillaria* fruiting bodies are produced seasonally and not every year; they are, therefore, often not available during feldwork (Kile et al. [1991](#page-120-8)).

Identifcation using the biological species concept with species identifcation based on sexual compatibility tests (Korhonen [1978a](#page-120-6)) has been examined for its utility by some mycologists, but its application was soon abandoned. This was because of complications due to the absence of known tester strains, lack of haploid strains, ambiguous mating interactions and degeneracy of cultures. For these reasons, DNA-based molecular techniques have fnally been preferred in *Armillaria* taxonomy, either complementing other methods or on their own. The techniques utilized for the taxonomy of *Armillaria* species include comparisons of RFLPs (Harrington and Wingfeld [1995](#page-116-3)), AFLPs (Pérez-Sierra et al. [2004](#page-124-2)), and the use of sequences from the ITS, IGS-1 and *tef1* gene in phylogenetic studies (Coetzee et al. [2000b](#page-112-3), [2001a](#page-112-0); Maphosa et al. [2006;](#page-122-2) Kim et al. [2006](#page-120-7)). Phylogenetic methods have made it possible to diferentiate the lineages of the genus in southern Argentina (Pildain et al. [2009\)](#page-124-3). Lineages I and II grouped with *A. novae-zelandiae* and *A. luteobubalina*, respectively, while Lineages III and IV represented unique taxa that were closely related to *A. hinnulea*, *Armillaria* 4th species from New Zealand (established by Coetzee et al. [2001a](#page-112-0), [b](#page-112-1)) and *Armillaria* Group III from Kenya (Mwenje et al. [2006](#page-123-1)). Modern approaches to identifcation of *Armillaria* species are mostly based on the analyses of DNA sequences. The present study reconstructs the phylogeny of *Armillaria* based on a combined ITS, IGS and *tef1* sequence data (Fig. [2](#page-7-0), Table 2). However, insufficient data are available for the LSU gene region in GenBank. Then, it is difficult to have comparative phylogenetic analyses but the single gene analysis of each gene was carried out to compare the topology of the tree and clade stability.

◆ Fig.2 Phylogenetic tree generated by maximum likelihood analysis of combined ITS-IGS-*tef1* sequence data of *Armillaria* species. Related sequences were obtained from GenBank. One hundred and thirty-nine strains are included in the analyses, which comprise 4557 characters including gaps. The tree was rooted with *Guyanagaster lucianii* **(G31.4)** and *Guyanagaster necrorhizus* **(MCA 3950)**. Single gene analyses were carried out to compare the topology of the tree and clade stability. Tree topology of the ML analysis was similar to the MP and BYPP. ML phylogenetic tree inference was performed using RAxML version 8.2.12 on the CIPRES web server, using a mixed-model analysis and the GTRCAT model of substitution. The four partitions were defned as ITS, IGS, *tef*1 exons and *tef*1 introns. The best scoring RAxML tree with a final likelihood value of − 25308.198187 is presented. The matrix had 1957 distinct alignment patterns, with 65.74% of undetermined characters or gaps. Estimated base frequencies of ITS were as follows: $A=0.227071$, $C=0.203923$, G=0.235701, T=0.333305; substitution rates AC=0.628852, AG=3.751709, AT=1.365607, CG=1.467905, CT=2.788595, $GT = 1.000000$. Estimated base frequencies of IGS were as follows: A=0.244624, C=0.196588, G=0.242370, T=0.316418; substitution rates AC=0.954911, AG=3.055115, AT=1.041498, CG=1.278095, $CT = 3.421100$, $GT = 1.000000$. Estimated base frequencies of *tef*1

exons were as follows: A=0.228587, C=0.301128, G=0.255865, T=0.214420; substitution rates AC=0.905728, AG=3.660986, AT=1.564184, CG=0.648739, CT= 28.048363, GT=1.000000. Estimated base frequencies of *tef*1 introns were as follows: A=0.215042, C=0.222693, G=0.185633, T=0.376631; substitution rates AC=1.170263, AG=5.878084, AT=0.847943, CG=1.087990, $CT = 5.095797$, $GT = 1.000000$; gamma distribution shape parameter α =0.1000000000. The maximum parsimonious dataset consisted of 2908 constant, 1172 parsimony-informative and 477 parsimonyuninformative characters. The parsimony analysis: $CI = 0.610$, RI $= 0.861$, RC $= 0.525$, HI $= 0.390$ in the first tree. Bayesian posterior probability was performed using the Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) method implemented in MrBayes 3.2.6 with a mixed-model partition identical to the ones defned in the ML analysis. The best-ft nucleotide substitution model was separately determined for each partition with jModeltest version 2.1.10 on CIPRES, using the Akaike Information Criterion. K80+I, K80+I, SYM+G and HKY+G were selected as best-ft models for ITS, IGS, *tef*1 exons and *tef*1 introns, respectively. At the end of the runs, the average deviation of split frequencies was 0.016675. MP and RAxML bootstrap support value \geq 50% and BYPP \geq 0.95 are shown, respectively, near the nodes. Holotype or ex-type strains are in bold

Table 2 DNA barcodes available for *Armillaria*

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Ex-type/ex-epitype/ex-neotype/ex-lectotype strains are in bold and marked with an asterisk (*). Voucher strains are also in bold

This phylogenetic tree is largely in accordance with earlier studies from Coetzee et al. ([2018](#page-112-5)) and provides the most conclusive phylogeny of the genera to date. Genealogical concordance phylogenetic species recognition (GCPSR) using the concordance among several gene trees (Taylor et al. [2000](#page-128-3); Dettman et al. [2003](#page-114-3)) to delineate species has become standard in fungal taxonomy. However, except for a few studies (Guo et al. [2016;](#page-116-4) Tsykun et al. [2013](#page-128-4)), this taxonomic method has not been widely implemented in *Armillaria* taxonomy. Sequences of the genomes of key species are already providing prospects to study the evolution and systematics of *Armillaria*. They are certain to lead to important breakthroughs regarding not only the taxonomy but the biology and ecology of these fungi in the future (Sipos et al. [2017](#page-127-3)).

*Recommended genetic marker (genus level)—*ITS *Recommended genetic markers (species level***)***—*ITS, IGS1, *tef1*

*Additional genetic markers (species level***)***—*LSU, *tub2*

*Accepted number of species—*There are 278 epithets in Index Fungorum [\(2020](#page-118-1)) listed for this genus. However, sequence data are only available for **31** species including 16 groups of unnamed species (Table [2](#page-7-0)).

References—Watling et al. ([1991](#page-129-2)), Pegler [\(2000](#page-124-0)), Harrington and Wingfeld [\(1995\)](#page-116-3) (morphology); Coetzee et al. [\(2000a](#page-112-4), [b,](#page-112-3) [2001a,](#page-112-0) [b\)](#page-112-1), Maphosa et al. ([2006\)](#page-122-2), Mwenje et al. [\(2006\)](#page-123-1), Kim et al. ([2006\)](#page-120-7), Coetzee et al. [\(2018](#page-112-5)) (molecular phylogeny).

77. *Barriopsis* A.J.L. Phillips, A. Alves & Crous, in Phillips et al., Persoonia 21: 39 (2008)

Background

Stevens ([1926\)](#page-127-4) originally described the type species of *Barriopsis* in *Physlospora* as *Physlospora fusca* and Petrak and Deighton ([1952\)](#page-124-4) transferred it to *Phaeobotryosphaeria.* The fungus that was considered by Stevens [\(1926](#page-127-4)), and Petrak and Deighton ([1952\)](#page-124-4) did not have apiculi on its ascospores and was not similar to *Phaeobotryosphaeria* which had small, hyaline apiculi on the ascospores. von Arx and Müller [\(1954](#page-129-3)) considered *Phaeobotryosphaeria* as ference and molecular sequence data, Phillips et al. ([2008\)](#page-124-5) introduced *Barriopsis.* Species of *Barriopsis* are mostly saprobic and weak pathogens (Phillips et al. [2013](#page-124-6)).

*Classifcation—*Ascomycota, Dothideomycetes, Incertae sedis, Botryosphaeriales, Botryosphaeriaceae

a synonym of *Botryosphaeria*. Based on morphological dif-

Type species—Barriopsis stevensiana A.J.L. Phillips & Pennycook

*Distribution—*Species appear to be confned to regions with tropical or subtropical climates including Australia, Cuba, Iran and Thailand (Phillips et al. [2008](#page-124-5); Abdollahzadeh et al. [2009;](#page-109-3) Liu et al. [2012;](#page-121-1) Phillips et al. [2013](#page-124-6); Doilom et al. [2014;](#page-114-4) Konta et al. [2016;](#page-120-9) Dissanayake et al. [2016;](#page-114-5) Hyde et al. [2018b](#page-118-2); Burgess et al. [2019](#page-111-1)).

Disease symptoms—Barriopsis species can be weak pathogens and their pathogenicities are uncertain (Phillips et al. [2008](#page-124-5); Dissanayake et al. [2016\)](#page-114-5). *Barriopsis stevensiana* and *B. iraniana* were isolated from infected branches, fruits and leaves with various disease symptoms, including dieback, canker, rot and necrosis, from *Cupressus sempervirens*, *Mangifera indica*, *Citrus* sp. and *Olea* sp. in northern and southern provinces of Iran (Abdollahzadeh et al. [2009](#page-109-3)). Species of this genus may be future emerging pathogens.

Hosts—Archontophoenix alexandrae, *Cassia* sp., *Citrus* sp., *Mangifera indica*, *Olea* sp. *Tectona grandis* (Phillips et al. [2008](#page-124-5), [2013;](#page-124-6) Abdollahzadeh et al. [2009;](#page-109-3) Liu et al. [2012;](#page-121-1) Doilom et al. [2014](#page-114-4); Konta et al. [2016;](#page-120-9) Dissanayake et al. [2016](#page-114-5); Hyde et al. [2018b,](#page-118-2) [2020b\)](#page-118-3).

Pathogen biology, disease cycle and epidemiology

Barriopisis in this article is considered as an emerging pathogen. Further studies to identify the biology, disease cycle and epidemiology are needed.

Morphological based identifcation and diversity

The sexual morph is characterized by brown aseptate ascospores that are widest in the center and lack terminal apiculi (Phillips et al. [2008](#page-124-5), [2013;](#page-124-6) Doilom et al. [2014;](#page-114-4) Dissanayake et al. [2016;](#page-114-5) (Fig. [3\)](#page-12-0)). *Barriopsis archontophoenicis* forms the sexual morph in culture medium after long Fungal Diversity (2020) 103:87–218 99

Fig. 3 *Barriopsis stevensiana* MFLU 19–1560. **a** Ascomata on dead twigs of *Cassia* sp. **b** Ascomata cut through horizontally showing the white contents with dark spots. **c**, **d** Sections through ascomata. **e**, **f** Ascospores. **g** Germinated ascospore. Scale bars: **c**, **d** = 200 μm, **e**, $f = 20 \mu$ m, g = 100 µm

periods of incubation (up to 6 months, Konta et al. [2016](#page-120-9)). The asexual morph is lasiodiplodia-like with hyaline conidia that become dark-brown and septate with irregular longitudinal striations (Stevens [1926](#page-127-4)). Abdollahzadeh et al. ([2009\)](#page-109-3) observed the asexual morphs of *B. fusca* and *B. iraniana* and confrmed that the morphology is similar to the description given by Stevens [\(1926\)](#page-127-4). In their study, they revealed that this genus can be distinguished from other genera of Botryosphaeriaceae by the presence of visible striations on conidia at an early stage of development.

However, using morphology alone in identifying these species is not wise due to the overlapping of morphological characters within the genus. Therefore, the use of multi loci phylogeny along with morphology is recommended for this genus. Very little is known about the diversity and pathogenicity of this botryosphaeriaceous genus and future studies are needed to confrm its pathogenic nature.

Molecular based identifcation and diversity

Phillips et al. ([2008](#page-124-5)) using SSU, ITS, LSU, *tef1* and *tub2* sequence data established *Barriopsis* which is sister to *Phaeobotryon*. Based on ITS and *tef1* sequence data, Abdollahzadeh et al. [\(2009](#page-109-3)) introduced *B. iraniana*. Doilom et al. ([2014\)](#page-114-4) introduced *B. tectonae* based on ITS, *tub2* and *tef1* sequence data. In this study, it was mentioned that ITS and *tub2* sequence data have lesser variation, while *tef1* sequence data have considerable variation. Konta et al. [\(2016](#page-120-9)) added a new species, *B. archontophoenicis* with the use of ITS, LSU, SSU and *tef1* sequence data. In this study, we construct the phylogenetic tree for the accepted species based on ITS and *tef1* sequence data (Fig. [4](#page-13-0)).

*Recommended genetic marker (genus level)—*ITS *Recommended genetic marker (species level)—tef1*

*Accepted number of species—*There are six species epithets in Index Fungorum [\(2020\)](#page-118-1), however only **fve** species have DNA sequence data (Table [3](#page-13-1)).

*References—*Phillips et al. ([2008](#page-124-5)), Abdollahzadeh et al. ([2009\)](#page-109-3) (morphology and phylogeny); Dissanayake et al. ([2016](#page-114-5)) (accepted number of species, phylogeny); Doilom et al. [\(2014\)](#page-114-4), Konta et al. [\(2016\)](#page-120-9) (new species).

78. *Cercospora* Fresen. ex Fuckel, Hedwigia 2(15): 133 (1863)

Background

Cercospora includes pathogens, saprobes and endophytes. Species are widely distributed, occurring on numerous flowering and ornamental plants, ferns, other fungi (as parasites), gymnosperms, grasses and other monocotyledons such as lilies, magnoliids and palms, mostly causing leaf spots. The well-known asexual morph, which is hyphomycetous, are

Fig. 4 Phylogram generated from maximum likelihood analysis based on combined ITS, and *tef1* sequence data of *Barriopsis* species and closely related taxa. Fifteen strains are in the combined sequence analyses, which comprise 865 characters including gaps. *Diplodia mutila* (CBS 112553 and CBS 230.30) was used as the outgroup taxa. Tree topology of the ML analysis was similar to the one generated from BI. The best scoring RAxML tree with a final likelihood value of − 2372.487246 is presented. The matrix had 201 distinct alignment patterns, with 12.30% of undetermined characters or gaps. Estimated base frequencies were as follows: $A = 0.207721$, C $= 0.288041$, $G = 0.271092$, $T = 0.233145$; substitution rates $AC = 1.068561$, $AG =$ 2.489613, $AT = 0.682766$, CG $= 1.417925$, CT $= 4.236517$, $GT = 1.000000$; gamma distribution shape parameter α $= 1.343820$. RAxML bootstrap support value $\geq 50\%$ and BYPP \geq 0.95 are shown respectively, near the nodes. Ex-type strains are in bold

Table 3 DNA barcodes available for *Barriopsis*

Species	Isolate	ITS	tefl
Barriopsis archontophoe- nicis	MFLUCC 14-1164*	KX235306	KX235305
B.iraniana	IRAN 1448C*	FJ919663	FJ919652
	IRAN1449C	FJ919665	FJ919654
B .tectonae	MFLUCC 12-0381*	KI556515	KJ556516
B. thailandica	MFLUCC 14-1190*	KY115675	KY115676
B. stevensiana	CBS 174.26*	NR119698	

Ex-type/ex-epitype/ex-neotype/ex-lectotype strains are in bold and marked with an asterisk (*). Voucher strains are also in bold

among the largest groups of plant pathogenic fungi causing leaf spots, leading to diseases on many economically important crops (Agrios [2005;](#page-109-2) To-Anun et al. [2011](#page-128-5); Groenewald et al. [2013](#page-116-5); Guatimosim et al [2016](#page-116-6); Park et al. [2017](#page-124-7)). Comparatively only a few sexual morphs have been studied (Hyde et al. [2013](#page-118-4)). A photosensitizing toxic compound named 'cercosporin' is responsible for *Cercospora* species inhabiting such a wide host range (Daub et al. [2005;](#page-114-6) Thomas et al. [2020\)](#page-128-6).

*Classifcation—*Ascomycota, Dothideomycetes, Dothideomycetidae, Capnodiales, Mycosphaerellaceae

Type species—Cercospora apii Fresen., Beitr. Mykol. 3: 91 (1863)

*Distribution—*Worldwide

*Disease symptoms—*Leaf blights and spots

This disease affects the leaves, petioles, stems and peduncles of the tree. Infection and lesion formation initially occur on older leaves before progressing to newer ones. Small, brown fecks develop with a reddish border, expanding to circular spots with an ashy-grey centre. Concentric rings may be observed as individual lesions expand. This tissue becomes thin and brittle, and often drops out, leaving a ragged hole. These lesions often resemble frogeyes, giving this disease its common name. Severely afected leaves wither and die from coalescing lesions (Shane and Teng [1992;](#page-126-1) Steddom et al. [2005\)](#page-127-5).

Species of *Cercospora* cause blights and spots on the leaves, petioles, stems and peduncles of trees. Often infection and lesion formation occurs on older leaves before progressing to newer ones. Common symptoms include small, brown lesions that develop with a reddish border, eventually expanding to larger circular or angular spots. Concentric rings may be observed as individual lesions expand. The tissue becomes thin and brittle, and often drops out, leaving a ragged hole. Severely afected leaves wither and die from coalescing lesions (Shane and Teng [1992](#page-126-1); Steddom et al. [2005](#page-127-5)).

*Hosts—*Wide host range including plant genera in Amaranthaceae, Apiaceae, Asteraceae, Arecaceae, Chenopodiaceae, Convolvulaceae, Cryptogammaceae, Cucurbitaceae, Cyatheaceae, Dennstaedtiaceae, Dioscoreaceae, Euphorbiaceae, Fabaceae, Gunneraceae, Hydrangeaceae, Lamiaceae, Lygodiaceae, Musaceae, Myrtaceae, Onagraceae, Plumbaginaceae, Poaceae, Pteridaceae, Scrophulariaceae, Solanaceae, Thelypteridaceae and Urticaceae (Farr and Rossman [2020](#page-114-2)).

Cercospora apii causes leaf spot disease on celery and *C*. *beticola* on sugar beet (Braun et al. [2013;](#page-111-2) Guatimosim et al. [2016\)](#page-116-6). The pathogen *Cercospora* cf. *sigesbeckiae* infects various plant families, including economically valuable crops such as soybean, causing 'Cercospora leaf blight', a disease characterized by leaf bronzing (Albu et al. [2016,](#page-109-4) [2017\)](#page-109-5). Some other species identifed as causative organisms of the leaf blight are *C*. *kikuchii* and *C*. cf. *fagellaris* (Soares et al. [2015;](#page-127-6) Rezende et al. [2020](#page-125-2)). The yield losses related to *Cercospora* disease have been reported from Canada, China, India and other regions in the USA and South America (Almeida et al. [2005;](#page-109-6) Cai et al. [2009](#page-111-3); Hershman [2009](#page-117-3); Wrather et al. [2010](#page-130-1); Geisler [2013](#page-115-1); Albu et al. [2017](#page-109-5); Bandara et al. [2020\)](#page-110-3). *Cercospora* is among the leading fungal pathogens that cause a severe threat to soybean, which is an important grain legume crop, by reducing seed production and quality (Arantes et al. [2020](#page-109-7)). Two notable pathogens on soybean are *C. kikuchii* (leaf blight and purple seed stain) and *C. sojina* (frogeye leaf spot) (Soares et al. [2015](#page-127-6))

Other notable reports include *Cercospora* leaf spots, which are the most common and destructive of the *Hibiscus* diseases, often resulting in complete crop loss (Park et al. [2017](#page-124-7)) and more than 200 fungal species in association with

various diseases of 'kenaf' (*Hibiscus cannabinus*) world-wide (Park et al. [2017\)](#page-124-7). Key proteins and expression of genes that could inhibit the pathogen *C. kikuchii* in soybean (Arantes et al. [2020](#page-109-7)) have been investigated. However, based on previous reports, morphological characters, phylogeny and pathogenicity of *Cercospora* cf. *nicotianae* was identifed as one of several cryptic species causing Cercospora leaf blight (Sautua et al. [2019,](#page-126-2) [2020\)](#page-126-3). Thomas et al. [\(2020\)](#page-128-6) proposed the expression of fungal cercosporin auto resistance genes and silencing of the cercosporin pathway as efective strategies to combat Cercospora diseases.

Pathogen biology, disease cycle and epidemiology

The taxa survive on undecomposed residues in soil, on weed hosts and seeds. Leaf spot disease is favoured by warm, wet weather. Severe outbreaks generally require a period of showery weather. Infection from germinating fungal spores occurs via penetration of leaf stomata by fungal hyphae. Spores spread in wind, rain, irrigation or via mechanical tools (Vereijssen [2004;](#page-128-7) Lin and Kelly [2018](#page-121-2)).

Morphological based identifcation and diversity

Cercospora has been widely applied to all kinds of dematiaceous hyphomycetous asexual morphs characterized by holoblastic conidiogenesis and some associated with "Mycosphaerella"-like sexual morphs (Hyde et al. [2013](#page-118-4); Groenewald et al. [2013\)](#page-116-5). Species resembling the genus type, *C. penicillata*, characterized by pigmented conidiophores, thickened and darkened conidiogenous loci and singly formed colourless conidia are identifed as *Cercospora sensu stricto* (Ellis [1971,](#page-114-7) [1976](#page-114-8)). Chupp ([1954\)](#page-112-6) published a worldwide monograph of this group which listed 1,419 species. A vast number of studies related to *Cercospora* are based on morphology or confned to specifc regions or hosts (Phengsintham et al. [2013a,](#page-124-8) [b](#page-124-9)). Hence, more than 3000 species of *Cercospora* have been described (Pollack [1987\)](#page-124-10), often as a result of taxa being considered as host-specific at a genus or family level (Crous and Braun [2003](#page-113-1); Groenewald et al. [2005](#page-115-2)). However, based on morphological features of the structure of conidiogenous loci and hila, absence or presence of pigmentation in conidiophores and conidia, Crous and Braun ([2003\)](#page-113-1) revised the generic circumscription of *Cercospora*, resulting in the reduction of the number of species to 659. A series of publications related to *Cercospora* and its allied genera in Mycosphaerellaceae, along with illustrations and descriptions of sexual morphs was published by Braun et al. ([2013](#page-111-2), [2014,](#page-111-4) [2015a,](#page-111-5) [b](#page-111-6), [2016\)](#page-111-7).

Molecular based identifcation and diversity

Cercospora is monophyletic (Stewart et al. [1999;](#page-127-7) Hyde et al. [2013](#page-118-4)). Groenewald et al. ([2013](#page-116-5)) provided a comprehensive phylogenetic analysis of 360 isolates which included ITS,

and protein-coding genes; translation elongation factor 1-alpha (*tef1*), actin (*act*), calmodulin (*cal*) and histone 3 (*his*). This provided a basis for the identifcation of *Cercospora* species, indicating most to be host-specifc (Park et al. [2017](#page-124-7)). Bakhshi et al. ([2018](#page-110-4)) subjected 170 *Cercospora* isolates to an eight-gene analysis (*tef1*, *act, cal, his, tub2, rpb2, gapdh*) which resulted in several new clades within the *C. apii*, *C. armoraciae*, *C. beticola*, *C*. cf. *fagellaris* and *Cercospora* sp. G. complexes. The combination of *tef1*, *cal*, *tub2*, *rpb2* and *gapdh* provided high phylogenetic resolution for distinguishing *Cercospora* species with *gapdh* being the gene efective in distinguishing the species complexes (Bakhshi et al. [2018\)](#page-110-4). The genomes for several species*—Cercospora arachidicola*, *C*. af. *canescens*, *C*. cf. *sigesbeckiae*, *C. kikuchii*, *C*. *sojina* and *C*. *zeae-maydis* have been published, of which *C*. cf. *sigesbeckiae* and *C*. *sojina* are important soybean pathogens (Albu et al. [2017](#page-109-5); Sautua et al. [2019\)](#page-126-2). The mating-type genes of some asexual *Cercospora* species have been characterised (Groenewald et al. [2013\)](#page-116-5), of which *C*. *beticola*, *C*. *zeae*-*maydis* and *C*. *zeina* are heterothallic, while only one mating type was discovered in populations of *C*. *apii* and *C*. *apiicola* (Groenewald et al. [2006](#page-115-3), [2010](#page-115-4)).

In soybean cultivation regions such as China, Latin America or the USA, *C. sojina* occurs as several pathotypes named as races, and their existence difers from soybean cultivar-to-cultivar (Athow et al. [1962;](#page-110-5) Yorinori and Henechin [1978](#page-130-2); Mian et al. [2008;](#page-122-3) Gu et al. [2020](#page-116-7)). Apart from being diferentiated physiologically, several molecular genetic tools such as AFLPs (Amplifed Fragment Length Polymorphisms), SSR markers and SNP markers have been utilized to characterize their population diversity (Gu et al. [2020](#page-116-7)). The combination of DNA sequence data with ecology, morphological and cultural characteristics named as the Consolidated Species Concept (Quaedvlieg et al. [2014\)](#page-125-3) is an efective method for delimiting *Cercospora* species (Groenewald et al. [2013;](#page-116-5) Bakhshi et al. [2015,](#page-110-6) [2018\)](#page-110-4). Here we provide an updated phylogenetic tree of combined ITS, *tef1*, *act, cal, his, tub2, rpb2* and *gapdh* (Fig. [5\)](#page-15-0).

*Recommended genetic marker***s (***genus level***)***—*LSU, ITS *Recommended genetic markers* **(***species level***)***—*ITS, *tef1, act, cal, his, tub2, rpb2, gapdh*

*Accepted number of species—*There are over 3100 epithets listed in Index Fungorum ([2020](#page-118-1)), however, only **93** have DNA sequence data (Table [4](#page-20-0)).

*References—*Braun et al. ([2013](#page-111-2), [2014,](#page-111-4) [2015a,](#page-111-5) [b](#page-111-6), [2016](#page-111-7)) (morphology), Groenewald et al. [\(2013\)](#page-116-5) (morphology, phylogeny), Albu et al. ([2017\)](#page-109-5) (morphology, phylogeny), Guatimosim et al. ([2016\)](#page-116-6) (morphology, phylogeny), Bakhshi et al. [\(2015,](#page-110-6) [2018\)](#page-110-4) (morphology, phylogeny).

Fig. 5 The most parsimonious tree generated by MP analysis of combined ITS, *tef1, act, cal, his, tub2, rpb2* and *gapdh* sequence data of *Cercospora species* is presented. Related sequences were obtained from previous publications and GenBank. One hundred and fourteen strains are included in the analysis comprising 4222 characters including gaps, of which 2942 characters are constant, 514 characters are parsimony-uninformative and 766 are parsimony-informative. The parsimony analysis of the data matrix resulted in the maximum of 84 equally most parsimonious trees with a length of 3092 steps (CI = 0.557, RI=0.678, RC = 0.382, HI = 0.443) in the first tree. The tree was rooted with *Septoria provencialis* (CBS 118910). Tree topology of the MP analysis was similar to the ML and BYPP analyses. ML and MP bootstrap support values $\geq 70\%$ and BYPP ≥ 0.95 (ML/ MP/ BYPP) are shown respectively near the nodes. Ex-type strains are in bold.

79. *Clinoconidium* Pat., Bulletin de la Société Mycologique de France 14: 156 (1898)

Background

Clinoconidium is an important genus that causes smut disease on plants in the family Lauraceae. This genus was established by Patouillard [\(1898\)](#page-124-11) and typifed with *Clinoconidium farinosum*. Taxonomically, *Clinoconidium* is placed in Cryptobasidiaceae (Exobasidiales, Exobasidiomycetes, Basidiomycota) and characterized by aseptate, colourless, and globose to ovoid basidiospores which are dispersed individually. The name *Clinoconidium* was considered illegitimate because of the designation of an illegitimate type species name; however, it was later validated by Saccardo ([1902](#page-125-4)).

Clinoconidium is a gall producing genus which was once named as *Ustilago* by Ito [\(1935,](#page-118-5) [1936](#page-119-4)) due to the presence of a powdery spore mass on the surface of the galls. This genus was also transferred to another gall producing genus *Melanopsichium* by Kakishima [\(1982](#page-119-5)). However, it was renamed as *Clinoconidium* as its sorus structure and spore features are quite diferent from those of *Ustilago* (Saccardo [1902](#page-125-4)). The spores of *Ustilago* species are formed from sporogenous hyphae, whereas this fungus produces spores from hymenial layers in the galls. Spore walls are comparatively thinner than those of *Ustilago*. The diferentiation from *Melanopsichium*, a gall producing taxon on plants in Polygonaceae (Vánky [2013](#page-128-8)) includes variation in gall structures and sporulation. *Melanopsichium* produces spores in chambers formed inside of gall tissues, while this genus produces spores in peripheral lacunae on the surface of gall tissues. The morphological characters of these taxa showed its close similarity to *Clinoconidium*.

*Classification—*Basidiomycota, Ustilaginomycotina, Exobasidiomycetes, Exobasidiomycetidae, Exobasidiales, Cryptobasidiaceae

Type species—Clinoconidium farinosum Pat. ex Sacc. & P. Syd

*Distribution—*Brazil, China, Costa Rica, India, Japan, Panama, Spain, Taiwan and Venezuela

*Disease symptoms—*mainly observed as powdery pappus gall in fruits. Infection initiates on very young fruits, converted into round, wrinkled galls. The fruit galls are then covered with a powdery mass of spores during early days of infection, withering in the rainy season, leaving behind hard, earthy, brown galls. On **Cinnamon**, entire young fruits are molded with buff and spongy smut like taxa in the full bloom of disease. Interestingly this infection is restricted to fruits only (Fig. [6](#page-22-0)).

*Hosts—*diferent plants of Lauraceae including, *Apollonias barbujana*, *Cinnamomum burmannii*, *C. camphora*, *C. daphnoides*, *C. tamala*, *C. tenuifolium*, *Nectandra* sp., *Octea* sp., *Oreodaphne* sp. and *Phoebe neurophylla* (Farr and Rossman [2020](#page-114-2)).

Morphological based identifcation and diversity

This is an important pathogenic genus; producing galls on shoot buds of host plants belonging to the family Lauraceae. Fruits of the host are completely or partially transformed into reddish-brown to dark brown, irregularly malformed, enlarged, globose to subglobose galls; larger than normal fruits. Hymenia formed in peripheral lacunae of the galls are pale yellow to whitish and covered by the host epidermis. Inner tissues of galls consist of hyphae and deformed plant cells. Hyphae are intercellular, hyaline, compact, septate, smooth-walled and lack clamp connections, while haustoria are intercellular, slightly lobed to irregular and observed in deformed host cells. Upon maturation, galls rupture, exposing orange to dark brown or creamish white spore masses which cover the entire infected young fruits. Sterile hyphae can be found intermingled between the basidia in some species and are indistinguishable from young basidia or absent in some species of *Clinoconidium*. Basidia are clavate, hyaline, depressed, difficult to observe and gastroid, densely aggregated in masses, formed in irregular fascicles from basally agglutinated hyphae and the wall is densely foveolate when mature. Basidiospores are ellipsoid, clavate, pyriform, fusoid, globose, subglobose to oval, aggregated in a creamish white to brown coloured masses on the surface of the galls, hyaline or wall pale brown to brown, rugose when mature; producing long branched hyphae with septa when germinated on culture media and proliferating sympodially.

Molecular based identifcation and diversity

There are seven epithets of *Clinoconidium* recorded on various plant hosts. Sequence data for *Clinoconidium bullatum*, *C. cinnamomi*, *C. onumae* and *C. sawadae* are available in GenBank, including sequence data for LSU and ITS. *Clinoconidium farinosum* and *C. globosum* lack sequence

data in GenBank. ITS and LSU are the most suitable loci for f (Fig. [7\)](#page-23-0).

*Recommended genetic markers (genus level)—*ITS, LSU *Recommended genetic markers (species level)—*ITS, LSU *Accepted number of species—*There are seven species epithets in Index Fungorum [\(2020](#page-118-1)), however, only **four** species have DNA molecular data (Table [5\)](#page-23-1).

*References—*Hendrichs et al. ([2003](#page-117-4)), Jiang and Kirschner [\(2016](#page-119-6)), Kakishima et al. ([2017a,](#page-119-7) [b](#page-119-5)) (morphology, phylogeny)

80. *Cylindrocladiella* Boesew., Canadian Journal of Botany 60 (11): 2289 (1982)

= *Nectricladiella* Crous & C.L. Schoch, Studies in Mycology 45: 54 (2000)

Background

Boeswinkel [\(1982\)](#page-111-8) established *Cylindrocladiella* to accommodate fve *Cylindrocladium*-like species producing small, cylindrical conidia. Even though the generic status of *Cylindrocladiella* was initially opposed by Crous and Wingfeld ([1993\)](#page-113-2), later studies on morphological comparisons by Crous et al. [\(1994\)](#page-113-3) and molecular data (Victor et al. [1998](#page-129-4); Schoch et al. [2000\)](#page-126-4) supported the establishment of *Cylindrocladiella* as a genus. This genus is commonly confused with the asexual morph of *Calonectria* but can be distinguished by clear morphological diferences, such as aseptate stipe extensions, diferent branching patterns of the conidiophores and comparatively small, aseptate conidia. Although species are generally not regarded as important plant pathogens, correct identifcation is essential for disease control and biosecurity implications.

*Classifcation—*Ascomycota, Sordariomycetes, Hypocreomycetidae, Hypocreales, Nectriaceae

Type species—Cylindrocladiella parva (P.J. Anderson) Boesew.

*Distribution—*as a soil-borne fungus, the species in *Cylindrocladiella* have a cosmopolitan distribution in various geographically and climatically distinct regions around the world (Farr and Rossman [2020](#page-114-2)).

*Disease symptoms—*black-foot disease, damping-of, leaf spot, root rot and shoot die-back

Many species belonging to *Cylindrocladiella* are opportunistic plant pathogens but they are not considered as primary pathogens. They can be isolated associated with disease symptoms such as leaf spot, damping off and shoot die-back (Scattolin and Montecchio [2007;](#page-126-5) Pham [2018](#page-124-12)). Chocolate brown lesions around the shoots spread primarily to be followed by wilting of the shoot tip, reddish discolouration, dropping of leaves, and fnally plant death (Brielmaier-Liebetanz et al. [2013\)](#page-111-9). Characteristic symptoms of the black-foot disease include a reduction in root biomass and root hairs with sunken and necrotic root lesions (Agustí-Brisach and Armengol [2013\)](#page-109-8). Symptoms of Cylindrocladiella root rot are black lesions on the tap and lateral roots, wilting and foliar necrosis, and the outer bark of the seedlings will crack and become loose (Sinclair and Lyon [2005](#page-127-8)).

Hosts—Species are soil-borne, weak pathogens of forestry, agricultural and horticultural crops. There are 270 records of *Cylindrocladiella* associated with diferent plant species (Farr and Rossman [2020\)](#page-114-2). Among them, diferent *Vitis* species and *Eucalyptus* species are common hosts associated with diferent species of *Cylindrocladiella*.

Morphological based identifcation and diversity

Cylindrocladiella can be distinguished from related species by penicillate and/or subverticillate symmetrically branched conidiophores which produce small, cylindrical, 1-septate conidia and aseptate stipe extensions (Lombard et al. [2012\)](#page-121-3). The generic status of *Cylindrocladiella* was earlier strongly contested (Sharma and Mohanan [1991](#page-126-6)), however, based on morphological evaluation and comparisons by Crous and Wingfeld [\(1993](#page-113-2)) and Crous et al. ([2017\)](#page-113-4) confrmed its generic status. Victor et al. ([1998\)](#page-129-4) and Schoch et al. ([2000\)](#page-126-4) provided molecular data to support generic status. Lombard et al. [\(2012\)](#page-121-3) in his revision of *Cylindrocladiella* mentioned that only two species have been recognized with their respective *Nectricladiella* sexual morph. Rossman et al. ([2013](#page-125-5)) proposed that the generic name *Cylindrocladiella* be used rather than *Nectricladiella*. Lombard et al. [\(2015\)](#page-121-4) showed that *Cylindrocladiella* formed a monophyletic group in *Nectriaceae* (Wijayawardene et al. [2020](#page-129-0)).

Molecular based identifcation and diversity

Using RFLPs and AT-DNA data, Victor et al. ([1998\)](#page-129-4) recognised seven species in the genus. Schoch et al. ([2000\)](#page-126-4) added another species based on ITS and partial *tub2*. Van Coller et al. [\(2005](#page-128-9)) introduced the use of *his3* sequence data for this group. A combined multilocus phylogeny of *his*, *tef1*, *tub2* and ITS was used by Lombard et al. [\(2012](#page-121-3)) which resulted in 18 new *Cylindrocladiella* species and several unresolved species complexes. Lombard et al. ([2017](#page-121-5)) introduced six new species based on a combined ITS, *tef1* and $tub2$ dataset. Pham (2018) (2018) introduced five new species based on *his*, *tef1*, *tub2* and ITS sequence data and Marin-Felix et al. [\(2019\)](#page-122-4) introduced two new species based on ITS, *tef1* and *tub2* sequence data. Here we reconstruct the phylogenetic analyses of these species based on ITS, *tef1* and *tub2* sequence data (Fig. [8\)](#page-24-0).

*Recommended genetic markers (genus level)—*ITS, LSU *Recommended genetic markers (species level)—his*, *tef1*, *tub2*

*Accepted number of species—*There are **47** species epithets in Index Fungorum ([2020\)](#page-118-1). However, only **46** species have DNA sequence data (Table [6](#page-25-0)).

*References—*Crous and Wingfeld ([1993](#page-113-2)), Lombard et al. ([2012](#page-121-3)) (morphology); Victor et al. [\(1998](#page-129-4)), Schoch et al. ([2000\)](#page-126-4), Lombard et al. ([2015](#page-121-4)) (morphology, phylogeny).

81. *Dothidotthia* Höhn., Berichte der Deutschen Botanischen Gesellschaft 36: 312 (1918)

Background

Dothidotthia was assigned to Botryosphaeriaceae, because of its coelomycetous asexual morph, and characteristic peridium, pseudoparaphyses and asci (Barr [1989](#page-110-7)). Ramaley [\(2005\)](#page-125-6) reported that *Thyrostroma* is the asexual morph of *Dothidotthia* based on the production of hyphomycetes in culture. Phillips et al. ([2008](#page-124-5)), introduced a new family Dothidotthiaceae to accommodate *Dothidotthia* and considered *Thyrostroma* as the asexual morph of *Dothidotthia*. However, the links between the sexual and asexual morphs are not supported by molecular evidence. Recent molecular and morphology studies (Marin-Felix et al. [2017](#page-122-5); Crous et al. [2019](#page-113-5); Senwanna et al. [2019](#page-126-7)), based on a taxon sampling of current species indicates that *Dothidotthia* does not cluster near *Thyrostroma.* Thus, *Dothidotthia* is a distinct genus.

*Classifcation—*Ascomycota, Pezizomycotina, Dothideomycetes, Pleosporomycetidae, Pleosporales, Dothidotthiaceae *Type species—Dothidotthia symphoricarpi* (Rehm) Höhn. *Distribution—*in both temperate and tropical countries (Italy, Russia, Thailand, Ukraine and the USA) *Disease symptoms—*species cause canker, dieback and leaf spot diseases on twig, branch, bark and leaf *Hosts—*Pathogens of *Acer negundo*, *Diapensia lapponica*,

Fendlera rupicola, *Euonymus alatus*, *Robinia pseudoacacia*, *Verbena asparagoides* (Barr [1989;](#page-110-7) Farr and Rossman [2020](#page-114-2); Index Fungorum [2020](#page-118-1)).

Morphological based identifcation and diversity

In previous studies, the asexual morphs of *Dothidotthia* have been reported as *Thyrostroma* (Ramaley [2005](#page-125-6)), however, phylogenetic analyses indicated that *Dothidotthia* can be separated from *Thyrostroma* (Marin-Felix et al. [2017](#page-122-5); Crous et al. [2016](#page-113-6); Senwanna et al. [2019\)](#page-126-7). *Dothidotthia* is characterized by fusiform to obclavate or obpyriform, 0–3-transversely septate conidia and a sexual morph with clavate, short pedicellate asci, ellipsoid, 1-septate ascospores (Fig. [9\)](#page-26-0). The sexual morphs of *Dothidotthia* and *Thyrostroma* have similar morphological characteristics in shape and overlapping

Table 4 DNA barcodes available for *Cercospora*

Table 4 (continued)

Table 4 (continued)

Ex-type/ex-epitype/ex-neotype/ex-lectotype strains are in bold and marked with an asterisk (*). Voucher strains are also in bold. Species confirmed with pathogenicity studies are marked with[#]

Fig. 6 *Clinoconidium* **sp. on** *Cinnamomum* **sp**. **a** host plant with infected and healthy fruits, **b** healthy fruits, **c**, **d** infected fruits at various stages of infection

dimensions of asci and ascospores (Barr [1989](#page-110-7); Ramaley [2005](#page-125-6); Phillips et al. [2008](#page-124-5); Hyde et al. [2013;](#page-118-4) Senwanna et al. [2019](#page-126-7)). However, *Dothidotthia* can be diferentiated from *Thyrostroma* by peridium structure and conidial morphology and molecular phylogeny (Senwanna et al. [2019](#page-126-7)). Crous et al. ([2019](#page-113-5)) introduced *Neodothidotthia* to accommodate *N. negundinicola* and *Dothidotthia aspera* was synonymized under *N. negundinis* based on analysis of LSU sequence data. However, Senwanna et al. [\(2019\)](#page-126-7) showed that *Neodothidotthia negundinicola* and *N. negundinis* group with *D. robiniae* and *D. symphoricarpi* (type species). Furthermore, the conidial morphology of *Neodothidotthia* is similar to *Dothidotthia symphoricarpi* (*Pseudotthia symphoricarpi*) and *D. robiniae* (Phillips et al. [2008](#page-124-5); Zhang et al. [2012;](#page-130-3) Crous et al. [2019;](#page-113-5) Senwanna et al. [2019](#page-126-7)). Therefore, *Neodothidotthia* had been treated as a synonym of *Dothidotthia*.

Molecular based identifcation and diversity

Dothidotthia species can be separated from *Thyrostroma* based on LSU sequence data (Marin-Felix et al. [2017;](#page-122-5) Crous et al. [2019\)](#page-113-5). Multigene phylogenetic analyses of a combined LSU, SSU, ITS and *tef1* dataset for *Dothidotthia* is presented in this study, which is similar to Senwanna et al. ([2019](#page-126-7)) (Fig. [10\)](#page-27-0).

Recommended genetic markers **(***genus level***)***—*LSU, SSU *Recommended genetic markers* **(***species level***)***—*ITS, *tef1*, *rpb2* and *tub2*

*Accepted number of species—*There are 14 epithets listed in Index Fungorum [\(2020](#page-118-1)), however only **four** species have DNA molecular data (Table [7\)](#page-27-1).

References—Barr ([1989](#page-110-7)), Ramaley ([2005](#page-125-6)) (morphology); Phillips et al. [\(2008\)](#page-124-5), Zhang et al. ([2012\)](#page-130-3), Hyde et al. ([2013](#page-118-4)),

Fig. 7 Phylogram generated from MP analysis based on combined sequences of LSU and ITS sequences of all the species of *Clinoconidium* with molecular data. Related sequences were obtained from GenBank. Five taxa are included in the analyses, which comprise 1100 characters including gaps, of which 910 characters are constant, 182 characters are parsimony-uninformative, eight characters parsimony-informative. The parsimony analysis of the data matrix

Table 5 DNA barcodes available for *Clinoconidium*

Species name	Strain Name	ITS	LSU
Clinoconidium bul- latum	TUK-MA-01		AB178259
C. cinnamomi	R. Kirschner 4213 KX196602 KX196604		
C. onumae	TUK-MA-02		AB178260
C. sawadae	R. Kirschner 4219 KX196600 KX196603		

Marin-Felix et al. ([2017\)](#page-122-5), Crous et al. [\(2019](#page-113-5)), Senwanna et al. [\(2019\)](#page-126-7) (morphology and phylogeny)

82. *Erysiphaceae* Tul. & C. Tul. [as 'Erysiphei'], Select. fung. carpol. (Paris) 1: [191] (1861)

Background

Powdery mildews belong to *Erysiphales* of *Ascomycota* (Mori et al. [2000\)](#page-122-6). Powdery mildews are one of the most prevalent and easily recognizable of plant diseases (Glawe [2008](#page-115-5)). *Mucor erysiphe*, published by Linnaeus [\(1753](#page-121-6)), was the frst binomial referring to powdery mildew (now known as *Phyllactinia guttata*) (Braun and Cook [2012\)](#page-111-10). Infections are often conspicuous owing to the profuse production of conidia that give them their common name. Powdery mildews are also models for basic research on host-parasite interactions, developmental morphology, cytology, and molecular biology (Glawe [2008\)](#page-115-5). *Erysiphaceae* is obligately parasitic and as such, their life cycle depends completely on living hosts, from which they

resulted in the maximum of two equally most parsimonious trees with a length of 202 steps (CI = 0.980, RI 0.500, RC = 0.490, HI = 0.020) in the frst tree Single gene analyses were carried out and compared with each species, to compare the topology of the tree and clade stability. The tree was rooted with *Microbotryum violaceum* (AFTOL-ID1819). Maximum parsimony bootstrap support value $\geq 50\%$ and $BYPP \geq 0.9$ are shown respectively near the nodes

obtain nutrients without killing host cells and without which they are unable to survive. As they are obligate plant pathogens, researchers have not had the advantage of routinely cultivating these taxa on artifcial media. However, many powdery mildews have been grown on detached leaves of their hosts (Hirose et al. [2005](#page-117-5)). Powdery mildews seldom kill their host, but are responsible for water and nutrient loss and impaired growth and development. They can increase respiration and transpiration and interfere with photosynthesis and reduce yields.

Changes in host range directly cause the niche separation of powdery mildews and thus may become a trigger of speciation in their evolution. It is possible that studying the evolutionary history of powdery mildews will not only reveal facts on fungal evolution but may also lead us to consider the evolutionary history of angiosperm plants (Takamatsu [2004;](#page-127-9) Matsuda and Takamatsu [2003;](#page-122-7) Hirata et al. [2000](#page-117-6); Mori et al. [2000\)](#page-122-6).

The frst systematic trial to identify the conidial states of powdery mildews at the species level was made by Ferraris ([1910](#page-114-9)), who grouped species of *Oidium* according to the size and shape of their conidia and provided a key to its species. Foex [\(1913](#page-115-6)), Jaczewski ([1927\)](#page-119-8), and Brundza ([1934\)](#page-111-11) contributed to the classifcation of the conidiophore types. Jaczewski [\(1927](#page-119-8)) introduced the terms 'Euoidium and Pseudoidium' for *Oidium* states with catenate and solitary conidia, respectively. Yarwood ([1957](#page-130-4)) provided a survey on the Erysiphaceae, including the asexual morphs.

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Fig. 8 Phylogram generated from MP analysis based on combined sequences of ITS, *tef1* and *tub2* sequences of all the accepted species of *Cylindrocladiella*. Related sequences were obtained from GenBank. Fourty-six taxa are included in the analyses, which comprise 2460 characters including gaps. Single gene analyses were carried out and compared with each species, to compare the topology of the tree and clade stability. The tree was rooted with *Gliocladiopsis sagariensis* (CBS 19955). The best scoring RAxML tree with a fnal

Boesewinkel ([1980](#page-110-8)) provided the frst comprehensive key based on a combination of more than 12 morphological characteristics observed on conidia, conidiophores, appressoria, haustoria, fibrosin bodies, and mycelium. Braun likelihood value of − 6772.195394 is presented. The matrix had 261 distinct alignment patterns, with 0.96% of undetermined characters or gaps. Estimated base frequencies were as follows: $A = 0.230657$, $C = 0.279364$, $G = 0.252128$, $T = 0.237852$; substitution rates AC $= 1.388608$, AG $= 2.845402$, AT $= 2.389715$, CG $= 0.838197$, CT $= 7.220493$, GT $= 1.000000$; gamma distribution shape parameter a $= 0.650385$. Maximum likelihood and MP bootstrap support value $>$ 50% are shown respectively near the nodes. Ex-type strains are in bold

([1987](#page-111-12)) issued a second comprehensive monograph of the *Erysiphales* encompassing all powdery mildew taxa known at that time. Shin and La ([1993\)](#page-126-8) and Shin and Zheng ([1998\)](#page-126-9) introduced some new morphological features of taxonomic

Table 6 DNA barcodes available for *Cylindrocladiella*

Ex-type/ex-epitype/ex-neotype/ex-lectotype strains are in bold and marked with an asterisk (*). Voucher strains are also in bold. Species confirmed with pathogenicity studies are marked with $*$

relevance. A progressive report was provided by the work of Cook et al. ([1997](#page-112-7)), who examined the surface of conidia by scanning electron microscopy and separated *Oidium* into eight subgenera. Braun [\(1999\)](#page-111-13) discussed the classifcation of Erysiphaceae as proposed by Cook et al. ([1997\)](#page-112-7) and introduced some corrections and alterations. Fundamental

Fig. 9 *Dothidotthia robiniae* (MFLU 16-1704). **a**, **b** Sporodochia on the host surface. **c** Vertical section of sporodochium. **d** Conidiogenesis. **e**, **g** Conidia attached with the conidiogenous cells. **f**, **h** Conidia. **i** Germinated conidium. Scale bars: $\mathbf{b} = 1000 \, \mu \text{m}$, $\mathbf{c} = 200 \, \mu \text{m}$, $\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{i} = 30 \, \mu \text{m}$

innovations in the generic taxonomy of the group based on molecular and SEM examination and a better insight into the phylogeny are results of comprehensive investigations over the last decade (Takamatsu et al. [1998,](#page-127-10) [1999](#page-127-11), [2000,](#page-127-12) [2005a,](#page-127-13) [b](#page-127-14), [2008;](#page-127-15) Matsuda and Takamatsu [2003;](#page-122-7) Hirose et al. [2005](#page-117-5); Liberato et al. [2006;](#page-121-7) Braun and Cook [2012\)](#page-111-10).

*Classifcation—*Ascomycota, Pezizomycotina, Leotiomycetes, Leotiomycetidae, Erysiphales *Type genus—Erysiphe* R. Hedw. ex DC. *Distribution—*worldwide *Disease symptoms—*powdery mildew

The initial signs of infection appear on young leaves in the form of small, raised blisters, which cause the leaves to curl and expose the under surfaces. As the disease progresses, round, pinpoint powdery white spots dusting the upper surfaces of leaves, as well as stems and occasionally fruiting occurs. As the disease becomes severe, the spots will become larger, and more interconnected and irregular in shape. Over time they progress from younger to older leaves and the undersides of leaves. However, mature leaves are usually much less severely infected than new or young leaves. If the white patches (which have a granular, powdery texture) are wiped away, the growths will return in a matter of days. Severely infected leaves will turn yellow, dry out and drop from the plant. Buds and growing tips of shoots can also become infected, eventually becoming distorted and stunted (Bushnell and Allen [1962](#page-111-14); Davis et al. [2001;](#page-114-10) Romero et al. [2003](#page-125-7); Oberti et al. [2014](#page-123-2); Saharan et al. [2019\)](#page-126-10).

Hosts- The host range of this fungal group is strictly confned to angiosperms and powdery mildews have never been reported to infect ferns or gymnosperms (Amano [1986](#page-109-9); Hirata et al. [2000](#page-117-6); Takamatsu et al. [2010\)](#page-127-16). They afect a wide range of angiosperms such as cereals and grasses, vegetables, ornamentals, weeds, shrubs, fruit trees, and broadleaved shade and forest trees. Powdery mildews are considered as host-specifc.

Pathogen biology, disease cycle and epidemiology

Powdery mildews tend to grow superficially, or epiphytically, on plant surfaces. During the growing season, hyphae are produced on both the upper and lower leaf surfaces, although some species are restricted to one leaf surface. Infections can also occur on stems, fowers or fruit. Specialized absorption cells, termed haustoria, extend into the plant epidermal cells to obtain nutrition. While most powdery mildews produce epiphytic mycelium, a few genera produce hyphae that are within the leaf tissue; this is known as endophytic growth. Conidia are produced on plant surfaces during the growing season. They develop either singly or in chains on conidiophores. Conidiophores arise from the epiphytic hyphae, or in the case of endophytic hyphae, the conidiophores emerge through leaf stomata. At the end of the growing season, powdery mildews produce ascospores,

Fig. 10 Phylogenetic tree generated by ML analysis of LSU, SSU, ITS and *tef1* sequence data of *Dothidotthia* species. Related sequences were obtained from GenBank. The tree was rooted with *Thyrostroma compactum* (CBS 335.37) and *T. lycii* (MFLUCC 16-1170). Tree topology of the ML analysis was similar to the Bayesian analysis. The best scoring RAxML tree with a fnal likelihood value of − 5116.933762 is presented. The matrix had 115 distinct alignment patterns, with 25.41% of undetermined characters or gaps. Estimated base frequencies were as follows: A = 0.245094, C = 0.237101, G = 0.269739, T = 0.248067; substitution rates AC = 3.925871, AG = 7.445430, AT = 2.745308, $CG = 2.728664, CT = 20.049514, GT = 1.000000; gamma distribution$ shape parameter $\alpha = 0.790240$. Maximum likelihood bootstrap support values greater than 60% and BYPP probabilities ≥ 0.95 are indicated above the nodes. Ex-type (ex-epitype) and voucher strains are in bold

Ex-type/ex-epitype/ex-neotype/ex-lectotype strains are in bold and marked with an asterisk (*). Voucher strains are also in bold

in a sac-like ascus enclosed in a fruiting body called a chasmothecium. The chasmothecium is generally spherical with no natural opening; asci with ascospores are released when a crack develops in the wall of the fruiting body. A variety of appendages may occur on the surface of the chasmothecia.

These appendages are thought to act as the hooks of a velcro fastener, attaching the fruiting bodies to the host, particularly to the bark of woody plants, where they overwinter. They can survive winter conditions as dormant mycelia within the buds and other plant tissue of the host. These infected parts

Table 7 DNA barcodes available for *Dothidotthia* of the host can be the source of primary inoculum that can initiate further infection when conditions are right (Misra [2001;](#page-122-8) Amsalem et al. [2006](#page-109-10); Hefer et al. [2006](#page-116-8); Te Beest et al. [2008](#page-128-10); Saharan et al. [2019;](#page-126-10) Fig. [11](#page-29-0)).

Morphological based identifcation and diversity

Members of Erysiphaceae cause powdery mildew disease on about 10,000 angiosperm species (Takamatsu et al. [2010](#page-127-16)). The Erysiphaceae are divided into five tribes and two basal genera (Cook et al. [1997\)](#page-112-7). Both tree-parasitic and herb-parasitic species are included in three of the fve tribes: Cystotheceae, Erysipheae and Phyllactinieae. Tree-parasitic species usually take basal positions in these tribes and herb-parasitic species have derived positions. The tribe, Golovinomycetea is a group derived from a single ancestor (Mori et al. [2000](#page-122-6)). The monophyly of the tribe is also supported by the common characteristics, i.e., ectophytic parasitism, polyascal ascomata, and *Euoidium* asexual morphs, with the latter producing conidia in chains without distinct fbrosin bodies. Of these five lineages, four consists of taxa infectious to dicotyledons. *Blumeria graminis*, which is infectious to monocotyledon plants, formed an independent lineage. Therefore, *Blumeria graminis* was accommodated in a monotypic tribe Blumerieae in the new system (Inuma et al. [2007\)](#page-118-6).

The powdery mildew belonging to the tribe Cystotheceae have both herbaceous and woody plants as hosts and consist of three genera, *Cystotheca*, *Podosphaera* and *Sawadaea*, of which *Cystotheca* and *Sawadaea* are restricted to a narrow range of host families (Meeboon et al. [2013\)](#page-122-9). *Podosphaera* consists of two sections, *Podosphaera* and *Sphaerotheca*. Section *Podosphaera* parasitizes woody plants (Takamatsu et al. [2000\)](#page-127-12). The tribe Golovinomyceteae consists of three genera, *Golovinomyces, Neoerysiphe*, and *Arthrocladiella*. *Arthrocladiella* is a monotypic genus consisting of a single species *A. mougeottii* and has only the host genus *Lycium*. *Neoerysiphe* is also a small genus composed of four species and has about 300 herbaceous host species ranging across fve plant families including *Lamiaceae*. *Golovinomyces* is a large genus comprising 27 species (Braun [1987\)](#page-111-12), and it is widely distributed in the world. The tribe *Phyllactinieae* comprises the genera *Phyllactinia, Leveillula, Pleochaeta* and *Queirozia* which typically have hemi-endophytic (partly external and partly internal mycelia in common (Braun [1987](#page-111-12); Liberato [2007](#page-121-8); Liberato et al. [2006;](#page-121-7) Khodaparast et al. [2001;](#page-120-10) Ramos et al. [2013\)](#page-125-8).

The tribe Erysipheae forms a separate, monophyletic clade, which is characterized by asexual morphs belonging to *Oidium* subgen. *Pseudoidium* Jacz (Takamatsu et al. [1999;](#page-127-11) Mori et al. [2000](#page-122-6)). This clade comprises *Erysiphe* and its sections *Erysiphe, Microsphaera* and *Uncinula*. *Uncinula forestalis* difers from the species of *Erysiphe* sect. *Uncinula* in having terminal, fasciculate, septate, ascoma appendages and Euoidium-like asexual morph (conidia catenate) and therefore it was placed in *Caespitotheca* (Takamatsu et al. [2005b](#page-127-14)). Because of the lack of asexual morphs in *Uncinula septata* and *U. curvispora* and multiseptate chasmothecial appendages arising from the upper half the fruiting body, the two species were assigned to *Parauncinula* (Braun and Takamatsu [2000](#page-111-15); Takamatsu et al. [2005a\)](#page-127-13). A unique taxon, *Oidium phyllanthi*, on *Phyllanthus acidus*, *P. amarus* and *P. reticulatus* produces a germination type designated as Microidium-type and was placed in a new genus *Microidium* (To-anun et al. [2005](#page-128-11)). With these new classifcations, Erysiphales contains 17 accepted genera, 16 based on the holomorph and one on the asexual morph (Braun and Cook [2012\)](#page-111-10). With the descriptions of several new species, the number of recognized powdery mildew species has increased from 515 (including 435 sexual morphs/ holomorphs) in Braun [\(1987](#page-111-12)), to about 820 species (including about 685 sexual morphs/holomorphs) (Braun and Takamatsu [2000;](#page-111-15) Braun et al. [2002](#page-111-16); Takamatsu et al. [2005a,](#page-127-13) [b;](#page-127-14) Liberato et al. [2006](#page-121-7); Braun and Cook [2012\)](#page-111-10).

Molecular based identifcation and diversity

Molecular data have proven useful in reassessing species and clarifying the taxonomic signifcance of morphology and host data. Only a few of the described species have been reassessed using molecular data (Braun and Cook [2012\)](#page-111-10). Reports began appearing in the 1990s, that used ITS and 18S rDNA sequences to infer phylogenetic relationships of Erysiphales and other major ascomycete groups (Saenz and Taylor [1999](#page-125-9); Saenz et al. [1994\)](#page-126-11). Analyses of 18S rDNA, ITS1–5.8S-ITS2, and 28S rDNA sequences led to the opinion that Erysiphales can be placed in Leotiomycetes along with Cyttariales, Helotiales, and Rhytismatales (Wang et al. [2006](#page-129-5)). Phylogenetic analyses demonstrated that Erysiphaceae formed a distinct monophyletic group (Hirata et al. [2000\)](#page-117-6). Thus, Erysiphaceae is derived from a single ancestral taxon that may have acquired parasitism just once (Mori et al. [2000](#page-122-6)a; Takamatsu [2004;](#page-127-9) Wang et al. [2006](#page-129-5)). Shirouzu et al. [\(2020\)](#page-126-12) using nrDNA and *mcm7* sequence data showed that Phyllactinieae is not monophyletic. However, there is a need to re-assess the tribes in this family to establish them as subfamilies or genera. In this paper, we present a phylogenetic tree with combined ITS and LSU sequences obtained from available type material and voucher specimens (Table [8](#page-31-0), Fig. [12\)](#page-33-0). This can be used as a backbone in the identifcation of powdery mildew species.

*Recommended genetic markers (genus level)—*ITS, LSU and SSU

*Recommended genetic markers (species level***)***—tub2*, *chs*, *tef1*

The ITS region of the precursor molecules of rRNA was revealed to form a secondary structure including several stemloop structures, and some conserved sequences are found in the stem regions (Takamatsu et al. [1998](#page-127-10)). This makes it possible to design PCR primers that work for a wide range of the powdery mildews. Takamatsu and Kano ([2001\)](#page-127-17) designed **Fig. 11** The life cycle of a powdery mildew fungus on roses. Redrawn from Agrios [\(2005](#page-109-2)) and Mulbrhan et al. [\(2016](#page-116-9))

four new PCR primers that are useful to determine the nucleotide sequences of the rDNA of the powdery mildews. These primers provide stability to work on a wide range of powdery mildews and specifcity to eliminate contaminating DNA by PCR. Primer sets PM3/P3, ITS1/PM4, PM5/P3, and ITS1/ PM6 were tested with universal primer set ITS1/ITS4 (White et al. [1990\)](#page-129-6) covering all major clades of Erysiphales. Meeboon and Takamatsu ([2013a\)](#page-122-10) used LSU, ITS and IGS (Inter generic spacer) sequences to identify two diferent genetic groups of *Erysiphe japonica* (= *Typhulochaeta japonica*), powdery mildew on *Quercus* species based on the diferences in host range. Cho et al. ([2014](#page-112-8)) used ITS and 28S rDNA for the introduction of the powdery mildew species *Erysiphe magnoliicola* in *Erysiphe* sect. *Microsphaera.* Wang et al. [\(2014](#page-129-7)) also used ITS diferences for phylogenetic analysis of powdery mildew disease on mulberry in Yunnan Province. Meeboon and Takamatsu [\(2013b](#page-122-11)) also used the 28S rDNA sequences and a combined alignment of the 28S, ITS, and IGS (Intergeneric spacer) rDNA sequences to construct a phylogeny of *Erysiphe* sect. *Uncinula* on *Carpinus* species and showed the cryptic species *Erysiphe paracarpinicola*. de Oliveira et al. [\(2015\)](#page-114-11) used ITS sequences of *Erysiphe platani* on *Platanus* × *acerifolia* in Brazil as new records of taxa. Liyanage et al. ([2017](#page-121-9)) used ITS, SSU and LSU sequences to identify *E. quercicola* infected rubber trees. Phylogenetic analyses of *B. graminis* based on the DNA sequences of four DNA regions, *i.e.* ITS, 28S rDNA, chitin synthase 1, and ß-tubulin were conducted by Inuma et al. [\(2007\)](#page-118-6) to revealed distinct groups in the *B. graminis* isolates from a single host genus belonged to a single group.

83. *Fomitopsis* P. Karst., Meddn Soc. Fauna Flora fenn. 6: 9 (1881)

Background

Fomitopsis was established by Karsten ([1881\)](#page-119-9) based on four species, with *F*. *pinicola* as the generic type (Murrill [1903;](#page-123-3) Donk [1960\)](#page-114-12). The genus has a cosmopolitan distribution and comprises species causing brown rot on both living and dead trees (Han et al. [2016](#page-116-9)). *Fomitopsis* species also contribute to the decomposition of coarse woody debris in forest communities (Gilbertson [1980](#page-115-7); Haight et al. [2019](#page-116-10)). There are certain instances of their pathogenic role in orchards of cultivated species where they cause heart rot on *Citrus* (Roccotelli et al. [2014\)](#page-120-11) and *Prunus* species (Adaskaveg [1993\)](#page-109-11). A *Fomitopsis* sp. was also recorded in oil palm (*Elaeis guineensis*) as an endophyte (Rungjindamai et al. [2008](#page-125-10); Pinruan et al. [2010\)](#page-124-13).

*Classifcation—*Basidiomycota, Agaricomycetes, Incertae sedis, Polyporales, Fomitopsidaceae

Type species—Fomitopsis pinicola (Sw.) P. Karst.

*Distribution—*Worldwide

Disease symptoms—Fomitopsis causes brown cubical rot on both living and dead trees (Mounce [1929\)](#page-122-12). The basidiospores can be dispersed by wind, or by vectors such as bark beetles (Castello et al. [1976](#page-112-9); Pettey and Shaw [1986](#page-124-14); Lim et al. [2005](#page-121-10); Persson et al. [2011;](#page-124-15) Jacobsen et al. [2017](#page-119-10); Vogel et al. [2017](#page-129-8)). Upon infecting standing trees, stumps, or logs through wounds, or through the tunnels of penetrating vectors, the fungus establishes itself in the xylem (Mounce [1929\)](#page-122-12). The growth rate of *Fomitopsis* species in the substrata

can difer depending on their ecological requirements (Markovic et al. [2011;](#page-122-13) Haight et al. [2019\)](#page-116-10). When the decay starts, the wood turns yellowish-brown, which later splits into cubical fragments. The colour is generally lighter in case of *F*. *pinicola* than other agents of brown rot decay (Markovic et al. [2011](#page-122-13)). White mycelial felts can also develop in shrinkage cracks of the decayed wood (Ryvarden and Gilbertson [1993\)](#page-125-11). After establishment, the perennial basidiome appears relatively rapidly (Mounce [1929,](#page-122-12) Fig. [13\)](#page-34-0). The infection results in the breakage of treetops, or further infection of the base of the trees and weakening of larger roots, which may lead to eventual windthrow of standing trees.

*Hosts—*The type species, *F*. *pinicola* mostly appears on gymnosperms, such as *Abies*, *Larix*, *Picea* and *Pinus*, but can also be found on angiosperms such as *Acer*, *Alnus*, *Betula*, *Carpinus*, *Corylus*, *Elaeagnus*, *Fagus*, *Fraxinus*, *Malus*, *Populus*, *Prunus*, *Pyrus*, *Quercus*, *Salix*, *Sorbus*, *Tilia*, *Ulmus* (Ryvarden and Gilbertson [1993;](#page-125-11) Dai [2012](#page-113-7)). The North American species in the *Fomitopsis pinicola* species complex have also been reported from *Pseudotsuga*, *Sequioa* and *Tsuga* (Haight et al. [2019](#page-116-10)). Other *Fomitopsis* species can be found on *Ginkgo*, *Pinus* and various angiosperm genera, such as *Betula*, *Castanopsis*, *Cinamomum*, *Citrus*, *Delonix*, *Fagus*, *Eucalyptus Ligustrum*, *Prunus*, *Quercus* and *Tilia* (Ryvarden and Gilbertson [1993;](#page-125-11) Dai [2012](#page-113-7); Li et al. [2013](#page-120-12); Han et al. [2016](#page-116-9); Liu et al. [2019](#page-121-11)).

Morphological based identifcation and diversity

Based on morphological evidence, over 40 species were accepted in *Fomitopsis* (e.g. Ryvarden and Johansen [1980](#page-125-12); Gilbertson and Ryvarden [1986](#page-115-8); Ryvarden and Gilbertson [1993](#page-125-11); Núñez and Ryvarden [2001;](#page-123-4) Hattori [2001\)](#page-116-11). However, phylogenetic studies showed that the morphologically defned *Fomitopsis* was polyphyletic and taxa clustered with other brown-rot genera in the antrodia clade (Ortiz-Santana et al. [2013;](#page-123-5) Han et al. [2016\)](#page-116-9). Han et al. [\(2016\)](#page-116-9) showed that *Pilatoporus* and *Piptoporus* are synonyms of *Fomitopsis sensu stricto*, while the segregation of *Rhodofomes* was confrmed and fve new genera were proposed. *Fomitopsis sensu stricto* is characterized by annual to perennial, mostly sessile, occasionally efused-refexed or substipitate, soft, corky, tough to woody basidiocarps, a dimitic hyphal system with clamped generative hyphae and cylindrical to ellipsoid, hyaline, thin-walled, smooth basidiospores which are negative in Melzer's reagent, and cause brown rot (Fig. [13](#page-34-0)).

Molecular based identifcation and diversity

Comprehensive multigene analyses by Han et al. ([2016\)](#page-116-9) accepted ten species in *Fomitopsis sensu stricto*. Two new *Fomitopsis* species were described from Brazil, *F*. *fabellata* and *F*. *roseoalba* (Tibpromma et al. [2017](#page-121-12)). *Fomitopsis fabellata* was transferred to *Rhodofomitopsis* and the new combination *Fomitopsis bondartsevae* was proposed (Soares et al. [2017](#page-127-18)). Mating studies and molecular phylogenetic analyses resolved four cryptic lineages in the *F*. *pinicola* species complex (Haight et al. [2016](#page-116-12)), that represents three North American species (*F*. *mounceae*, *F*. *ochracea* and *F*. *schrenkii*), and *F*. *pinicola sensu stricto,* which is restricted to Eurasia (Ryvarden and Stokland [2008](#page-125-13); Haight et al. [2019](#page-116-10)). Three new species were proposed by Liu et al. [\(2019](#page-121-11)) from Australia (*F*. *eucalypticola*), Puerto Rico (*F*. *caribensis*), and China (*F*. *ginkgonis*).

The phylogenetic tree of *Fomitopsis* presented here is based on analyses of a combined ITS, LSU, *tef1* and *rpb2* sequence data (Fig. [14](#page-35-0)). In our analyses, it appears that the type of *F*. *bondartsevae* is identical to *F*. *iberica* and *F*. *hemitephra sensu stricto* (Han et al. [2016](#page-116-9)), which are grouped close to *F*. *palustris* and other species formerly discussed in *Pilatoporus*. Therefore, a thorough revision of the pilatoporus clade is recommended to clarify the status of these species.

*Recommended genetic marker (genus level)—*LSU *Recommended genetic markers (species level)—*ITS, *tef1*, *rpb2*

*Accepted number of species—*There are 104 epithets listed in Index Fungorum [\(2020\)](#page-118-1). However, only **17 species** have DNA sequence data (Table [9](#page-36-0)).

References—Li et al. [\(2013\)](#page-120-12) (phylogeny, new species), Han et al. ([2016](#page-116-9)) (phylogeny), Haight et al. [2019](#page-116-10) (phylogeny, new species), Floudas et al. ([2012](#page-114-13)) (genome, *F*. *pinicola*), Hong et al. ([2017](#page-117-7)) (genome, *F*. *palustris*), Liu et al. ([2019\)](#page-121-11) (phylogeny, new species).

84. *Ganoderma* P. Karst., Revue mycol., Toulouse 3(no. 9): 17 (1881)

Background

Ganoderma was established by Karsten ([1881\)](#page-119-9) based on *G. lucidum* and characterized by double-walled basidiospores with truncate apices and ornamented endospores, and a crusty or shiny pileus surface (Moncalvo and Ryvarden [1997\)](#page-122-14). This genus was divided into two subgenera, *Ganoderma* and *Elfvingia* by Karsten ([1889\)](#page-119-11). Various authors used diferent taxonomic characters for the identifcation of species (e.g., Murrill [1902,](#page-123-6) [1903](#page-123-3); Atkinson [1908;](#page-110-9) Coleman [1927;](#page-112-10) Corner [1947](#page-112-11)), which resulted in an intricate taxonomy, with 344 species names in speciesfungorum.org, but an estimated 180 species (He et al. [2019\)](#page-116-1) and Steyaert ([1972,](#page-127-19) [1980\)](#page-127-20) worked extensively on the genus and introduced many new species, transferred many to the genus and removed several synonyms. Ryvarden ([1985](#page-125-14)) and Gottlieb and Wright ([1999a](#page-115-9),[b\)](#page-115-10) studied the macro- and micromorphology. *Ganoderma* presently comprises sections *Amauroderma* and *Ganoderma*, subgenera: *Ganoderma* and *Trachyderma* (Index Fungorum [2020](#page-118-1), Wijayawardene et al. [2020](#page-129-0)).

Relevant characteristics for *Ganoderma* species delimitation are based on the macro and micromorphological characteristics (see in Fig. [15\)](#page-37-0). The basidiomes are annual or

Table 8 Genera in *Erysiphaceae*

Table 8 (continued)

Type strains are in bold

perennial, dimidiate, sessile or substipitate to stipitate, with distinctive non-laccate (dull) or weakly to strongly laccate, glossy, shiny, smooth, spathulate, furrows, which are sulcate on the pileus surface. Some strains have several layers of thick, dull cuticles or shiny, with thin cuticle or cuticle of clavate end cells. The context is cream to dark purplish brown, brown to dark brown, sometimes spongy to frmfbrous. Pores are 4–7 per mm, angular, entire, subcircular to circular, regular, mostly cream or white when young, light yellow to brown when mature, which are usually white to cream when fresh, turning pale yellow on drying, with bruising brown of pore surface. The tube layer is single or stratifed, with pale to purplish brown, hard, and becomes woody when dry. The stipe is central or lateral when present.

The *Ganoderma* hyphal system is di-trimitic and generative hyphae are thin-walled or occasionally thick-walled, with clamp connections. Skeletal hyphae are hyaline to brown, thick-walled, often long, unbranched. Binding hyphae are almost colourless, thin to thick-walled, branched and with clamp connections. Basidiospores are 7–30 μm

Fig. 12 Phylogram generated from parsimony analysis based on combined ITS and LSU sequenced data *Erysiphaceae*. Maximum parsimony bootstrap support values greater than 60% and BYPP greater

than 0.90 are indicated above the nodes. The type specimens (ex-epitypes) are in bold. The tree is rooted with *Parauncinula septata*

long, usually broadly to narrowly ellipsoid, truncate, double-walled, and with an apical germ pore. The endosporium is brown and separated from the hyaline exosporium by inter-wall pillars, negative in Melzer's reagent (Núñez and Ryvarden [2000](#page-123-7); Ryvarden [2004\)](#page-125-15). Basidia are broadly ellipsoid, tapering abruptly at the base, and cystidia are lacking.

Ganoderma species are widely distributed in temperate, subtropical and tropical regions, and appear to thrive in hot and humid conditions (Pilotti et al. [2004;](#page-124-16) Hapuarachchi et al. [2019a](#page-116-13), [b](#page-116-14); Luangharn et al. [2019](#page-121-13)). Basidiomes are commonly in the form of a bracket (Pilotti et al. [2004](#page-124-16)). *Ganoderma* is cosmopolitan and an important wood-decaying genus. Some **Fig. 13** *Fomitopsis pinicola* **a** basidiomes on living European spruce, **b** causing brown-rot decay on narrow-leafed ash, **c**, **d** basidiomes on dead standing conifer tree, **e** young basidiome on hardwood log, **f** hyphal structure in the trama, **g**, **h** basidiospores. Scale bars: **f** = 20 μm, **g**, **μm**

species of *Ganoderma* are pathogenic, causing root and stem rot on a variety of monocotyledons, dicotyledons and gymnosperms, including a wide range of economically important trees and perennial crops which results in the death of afected trees (Hapuarachchi et al. [2018b\)](#page-116-15). *Ganoderma* grows as facultative parasites of trees but can also live as saprobes on rotting stumps and roots (Turner [1981](#page-128-12); Pilotti et al. [2004](#page-124-16)). Hence, they have ecological importance in the breakdown of woody plants for nutrient mobilization. Taxa also possess efective machinery of lignocellulose-decomposing enzymes which may be useful for bioenergy production and bioremediation (Hepting [1971](#page-117-8); Kües et al. [2015;](#page-120-13) Hyde et al. [2019\)](#page-118-7).

Several *Ganoderma* species are prolifc sources of highly active bioactive compounds such as polysaccharides, proteins, steroids and triterpenoids. These bioactive compounds show a huge structural and chemical diversity (Shim et al. [2004](#page-126-13); Qiao et al. [2005](#page-124-17); Wang and Liu [2008;](#page-129-9) Teng et al. [2011](#page-128-13); De Silva et al. [2012a,](#page-114-14) [b;](#page-114-15) [2013](#page-114-16); Hapuarachchi et al. [2017;](#page-116-16) Li et al. [2018](#page-121-14); Hyde et al. [2019](#page-118-7)). The bioactive constituents have anti-cancer, anti-infammatory, anti-tumour, anti-oxidant, immunomodulatory, immunodefciency, anti-diabetic, anti-viral, anti-bacterial, anti-fungal, anti-hypertensive, anti-atherosclerotic, anti-ageing, anti-androgenic, hepatoprotective and radical scavenging properties. They are also promising in neuroprotection, sleep promotion, cholesterol synthesis inhibition, preventing hypoglycemia, inhibition of lipid peroxidation/oxidative DNA damage, maintenance of gut health, prevention of obesity, and stimulation of probiotics (De Silva et al. [2012a](#page-114-14); Hapuarachchi et al. [2016a](#page-116-17), [b](#page-116-18), Hapuarachchi et al. [2017\)](#page-116-16).

Current studies are identifying secondary metabolites, developing models for prediction or early detection of diseases, fnding biological control methods as well as understanding genomes. Using artifcial neural network spectral analyses and foliage of four disease levels, Ahmadi et al. ([2017](#page-109-12)) provided an early detection method for *Ganoderma* basal stem rot of oil palm. Sitompul and Nasution ([2020](#page-127-21)) suggested that to control *Ganoderma* diseases non or weakly pathogenic fungi can be considered as biological control agents. These agents could break down woody debris faster than the pathogen and occupy the same resource as the pathogen (compete for nutrients) as well as producing inhibitory secondary metabolites (Paterson [2007;](#page-124-18) Sitompul and Nasution [2020\)](#page-127-21). Utomo et al. [\(2018\)](#page-128-14) sequenced the nuclear genome of *G. boninense*, the main pathogen of basal stem rot, and the draft genome comprised of 79.24 megabases and 26,226 predicted coding sequences. Ramzi et al. [\(2019\)](#page-125-16) conducted a study to understand the plant cell wall degradation and pathogenesis of *G. boninense* via comparative genome analysis. In their study, they found that similarly to *G. lucidium*, *G. boninense* was enriched with carbohydrate-active and cell wall degrading enzymes. Following plant-host interaction analysis, several candidate genes including polygalacturonase, endo β-1, 3-xylanase, β-glucanase and laccase were identifed as potential cell wall degrading enzymes that contribute to the plant host interaction and pathogenesis. The study provided fundamental knowledge on the fungal genetic ability and capacity to secrete carbohydrateactive and cell wall degrading enzymes. Agudelo-Valencia et al. ([2020](#page-109-13)) pointed out that information regarding the biotechnological importance of *Ganoderma* species (other than *G. lucidium*) is quite limited. Therefore, in their study they obtained and studied the genome of *G. australe*, resulting in gene prediction for the 84-megabase genome, prediction of 22,756 protein-coding genes, prediction of fve putative genes and two enzyme complexes from a ganoderic acid pathway.

Most *Ganoderma* species are pathogenic or facultatively pathogenic, causing root and stem rot on a variety of monocotyledons, dicotyledons, and gymnosperms, including a wide range of economically important trees and perennial crops, which may result in death (Hapuarachchi et al. [2018a\)](#page-116-19). Some species are saprobic and cause white-rot

Fig. 14 Phylogram generated from RAxML analysis based on combined ITS, LSU, nSSU, *tef1* and *rpb2* sequence data of *Fomitopsis* species. Related sequences were obtained from GenBank. Thirty-one strains are included in the analyses, which comprised 4143 characters

decay of wood (Muthelo [2009\)](#page-123-8). Hence, they have ecological importance in the breakdown of woody plants for nutrient mobilization. They possess efective machinery of

lignocellulose-decomposing enzymes useful for bioenergy production and bioremediation (Hepting [1971](#page-117-8); Adaskaveg et al. [1991](#page-109-14); Kües et al. [2015\)](#page-120-13).

*Classifcation—*Basidiomycota, Agaricomycotina, Agaricomycetes, Incertae sedis, Polyporales, Ganodermataceae *Type species—Ganoderma lucidum* (Curtis) P. Karst. 1881 *Distribution—*worldwide

*Disease symptoms—*basal stem, butt and root rot in economically important trees and perennial crops, especially in tropical regions. *Ganoderma* disease development is afected by environmental factors and tree death could be either slow or rapid depending on water availability and temperature (Coetzee et al. [2015](#page-112-12)).

including gaps. The tree was rooted with *Daedalea quercina* (Dai 12152) and *D. dickinsii* (Yuan 1090). Tree topology of the ML analysis was similar to the Bayesian analysis. ML bootstrap values \degree 50% and BYPP \degree 0.80 are shown respectively near the nodes

Basal stem rot: Symptoms of basal stem rot disease can take several years to develop, and the presence of the pathogen is often only visible when the fungus is well-established and more than half of the tissue has been decayed. Soils with poor drainage and water stagnation during rainy seasons favour the disease (Kandan et al. [2010](#page-119-12)).

Butt rot and root rot: The primary symptoms include wilting, mild to severe, of either all leaves or just the lowest leaves in the canopy, premature death of the oldest leaves or a general decline of the tree. The advanced decay of the larger roots is evident after leaves are blown down. Decay may extend from several cms to over a metre into the lower (butt) portion of the tree, depending on the species of *Ganoderma*. It is quite common for basidiomes not to appear before the severe decline and death of a tree (Glen et al. [2009](#page-115-11)). Therefore, the only way to determine if *Ganoderma* butt rot is the cause is to cut cross-sections through the lower
Table 9 DNA barcodes for accepted species of *Fomitopsis*

Species	Strain	ITS	LSU	nSSU	tefl	rpb2
Fomitopsis betulina	Dai 11449	KR605798	KR605737	KR605895	KR610726	KR610816
F. betulina	Miettinen 12388	JX109856	JX109856	$\overline{}$	JX109913	JX109884
F. bondartsevae	X1166*	JQ700276	JQ700276	\equiv		
F. cana	Dai 9611*	JX435776	JX435774	KR605825	KR610660	KR610762
F. cana	Cui 6239	JX435777	JX435775	KR605826	KR610661	KR610761
F. caribensis	Cui 16871*	MK852559	MK860108	MK860124	MK900482	MK900474
F. durescens	Overholts 4215*	KF937293	KF937295	KR605835	$\overline{}$	
F. durescens	O 10796	KF937292	KF937294	KR605834	KR610669	KR610766
F. eucalypticola	Cui 16598*	MK852562	MK860113	MK860129	MK900484	MK900479
F. eucalypticola	Cui 16594	MK852560	MK860110	MK860126	MK900483	MK900476
F. ginkgonis	Cui 17170*	MK852563	MK860114	MK860130	MK900485	MK900480
F. ginkgonis	Cui 17171	MK852564	MK860115	MK860131	MK900486	MK900481
F. hemitephra	O 10808	KR605770	KR605709	KR605841	KR610675	
F. iberica	O 10810	KR605771	KR605710	KR605842	KR610676	KR610771
F. meliae	Ryvarden 16893	KR605776	KR605715	KR605849	KR610681	KR610775
F. meliae	JV 1109/40-J	KY264030				
F. mounceae	JEH-78*	KF169629			KF178354	KF169698
F. mounceae	$MJL-112-Sp$	KF169636			KF178361	KF169705
F. nivosa	JV 0509/52-X	KR605779	KR605718	$\overline{}$	KR610686	KR610777
F. ochracea	JEH-12E	KF169597			KF178322	KF169666
F. ochracea	JEH-79	KF169604			KF178329	KF169673
F. ostreiformis	Miettinen X1393	KC595918	KC595918	$\overline{}$		
F. palustris	Cui 7615	KR605780	KR605719	$\overline{}$	KR610688	KR610779
F. pinicola	Cui 10312	KR605781	KR605720	KR605856	KR610689	KR610780
F. pinicola	LT-323	KF169651			KF178376	KF169720
F. roseoalba	URM 86923*	KT189139	KT189141	$\qquad \qquad -$		
F. schrenkii	JEH-150*	KU169365	$\overline{}$		MK236356	MK208858
F. schrenkii	JW18-240-1	KF169648			KF178373	KF169717
F. subtropica	Cui 10154*	JO067652	JX435772			
F. subtropica	Cui 10578	KR605787	KR605726	KR605867	KR610698	KR610791

Ex-type/ex-epitype/ex-neotype/ex-lectotype strains are in bold and marked with an asterisk (*). Voucher strains are also in bold

meter or so of the trunk after the tree is felled and examine the cross-sections for the typical pattern of rot: greatest near the soil line, decreasing in sections further from the soil line.

Ganoderma root rot may cause yellowing, wilting, or undersized leaves and dead branches. Tree vigour may decline as the decay of the sapwood advances. The frst visible sign of infection is often the formation of basidiomes (solitary or in clusters) on the lower trunk and exposed root areas. There are two types: varnished and unvarnished. The upper surface of varnished fungus rot is typically red-brown with a white edge, shiny, and lacquered. Conks of the unvarnished fungus rot are brown with a white edge weathering to grey (Pilotti et al. [2004\)](#page-124-0). When fresh, both have a white, porous surface on the underside. The rate of decay can lead to death in as little as 3 to 5 years from the time of infection and appears to be determined by tree vigour, which is often infuenced by environmental stresses (Nirwan et al. [2016\)](#page-123-0).

Hosts—*Ganoderma* has a wide host range, with more than 44 species from 34 potential host genera identifed (Venkatarayan [1936](#page-128-0)). The root and stem rots caused by *Ganoderma* species, result in decreased forestry yields of e.g. *Areca catechu* (Palanna et al. [2020\)](#page-123-1), *Camellia sinensis*, *Cocos nucifera*, (Kinge and Mih [2014\)](#page-120-0), *Elaeis guineensis*, (Glen et al. [2009\)](#page-115-0) and *Hevea brasiliensis* (Monkai et al. [2017](#page-122-0)) worldwide.

Pathogen biology, disease cycle and epidemiology

The fungus is spread by spores produced in the prominent basidiomes that form on the outside of the tree (conks). New spores released from the conks are dispersed throughout the summer during humid periods and infect open wounds on root fares and lower trunk areas of susceptible trees. The spores germinate, and the infection progresses to attack the sapwood of major roots and the lower tree trunk. Over the years, the number of decayed wood increases leading to

Fig. 15 Morphology of *Ganoderma* species. **a** An old basidiome of *Ganoderma australe*, **b** Mature basidiome of *G. casuarinicola*, **c**, **d** hyphae, **e** tube layer hyphae, **f**–**h** Basidiospores, **i** Pore characteristics. Scale bars: a, b = 2 cm; c, d = 3 μm; e = 15 μm; f, g, h. = 5 μm; i = 500 μm

dangerously soft, spongy wood in the part of the tree that functions as its anchor (Paterson [2007\)](#page-124-1).

Morphology-based identifcation and diversity

Ganoderma species identifcation, limitations and their taxonomic segregation have been unclear and recently being debated (Moncalvo et al. [1995;](#page-122-1) Wang et al. [2009;](#page-129-0) Cao et al. [2012;](#page-112-0) Yao et al. [2013](#page-130-0); Richter et al. [2015;](#page-125-0) Zhou et al. [2015a,](#page-130-1) [b\)](#page-130-2). Many *Ganoderma* collections and species have been misnamed because of the presence of heterogenic forms, taxonomic obstacles and inconsistencies in the way the genus has been subdivided (Mueller et al. [2007](#page-122-2)). *Ganoderma* species are genetically heterogeneous, hence a wide range of genetic variation has been reported and caused by outcrossing over generations and diferent geographical origins (Pilotti et al. [2004\)](#page-124-0). This has led to variation in their listed morphological characteristics, even within the same species (Hong et al. [2001\)](#page-117-0). Environmental factors, variability, inter hybridization and individual morphological bias, mean identifcation of *Ganoderma* species is difficult (Zheng et al. [2007a\)](#page-130-3). Hence, naming a species is confused and traditional taxonomic methods based on morphology are inconclusive for establishing a stable classifcation system for *Ganoderma* species (Hseu et al. [1996](#page-117-1); Hong et al. [2001\)](#page-117-0) which in turn result in an uncertain nomenclature. This confusing situation is mainly the result of various criteria used in identifcation by diferent authors. Some authors strictly only focus on hostspecificity, geographical distribution and macro morphology of basidiomes, while other authors only focus on spore characteristics as the primarily taxonomic characteristics (Sun et al. [2006](#page-127-0); Ekandjo and Chimwamurombe [2012](#page-114-0)). Richter et al. [\(2015](#page-125-0)) suggested using a combination of morphological, chemotaxonomic and molecular methods to develop a more stable taxonomy for this genus.

Molecular identifcation and diversity

Isoenzyme analysis was the frst molecular technique used to separate *Ganoderma* species (Park et al. [1994;](#page-124-2) Gottlieb et al. [1995,](#page-115-1) [1998;](#page-115-2) Gottlieb and Wright [1999a](#page-115-3), [b;](#page-115-4) Smith and Sivasithamparam [2000\)](#page-127-1). Then, DNA sequences of the internal transcribed spacer (ITS), partial large subunit rDNA (Moncalvo et al. [1995](#page-122-1), 2000; Cao et al. [2012](#page-112-0); Yao et al. [2013](#page-130-0); Richter et al. [2015\)](#page-125-0) and nearly complete small subunit rDNA sequences (Hong and Jung [2004](#page-117-2); Douanla-Meli and Langer [2009\)](#page-114-1) were used. Later, multigene phylogenetic analyses with protein-coding genes such as β-tubulin (*tub2*), the largest subunit of RNA polymerase II gene (*rpb*1), the secondlargest subunit of RNA polymerase II (*rpb*2), and translation elongation factor 1-α (*tef*1) were performed to resolve the taxonomic confusions within *Ganoderma* (Park et al. [2012](#page-124-3); Zhou et al. [2015a,](#page-130-1) [b](#page-130-2); Hennicke et al. [2016;](#page-117-3) Jargalmaa et al. [2017](#page-119-0)). However, many problems remain in the resolution of phylogenetic relationships within the genus. As a result of the intricate taxonomy of *Ganoderma*, 65% of the *Ganoderma* sequences available in GenBank were reported to be wrongly identifed or ambiguously labelled, (Jargalmaa et al. [2017](#page-119-0)). In this study, we reconstruct the phylogenetic tree based on ITS, *tef*1 and *rpb*2 sequence data (Table [10,](#page-40-0) Fig. [16\)](#page-42-0).

*Recommended genetic marker (genus level)—*ITS

*Recommended genetic markers (species level***)***—rpb*2, *tef*1 *Accepted number of species—*There are 456 species and infra-species epithets in Index Fungorum [\(2020](#page-118-0)), for 224 accepted species. However, only **64** species have DNA sequence data.

*References—*Coetzee et al. ([2015\)](#page-112-1); Xing et al. ([2016,](#page-130-4) [2018](#page-130-5)); Tchoumi et al. ([2019](#page-128-1)), Luangharn et al. ([2019\)](#page-121-0), Ye et al. [\(2019\)](#page-130-6) (phylogeny, new species), Cabarroi-Hernández et al. ([2019\)](#page-111-0) (phylogeny).

85. *Golovinomyces* (U. Braun) V.P. Heluta, Biol. Zh. Armenii 41: 357 (1988)

Background

Braun [\(1978\)](#page-111-1) introduced *Golovinomyces* as a section of *Erysiphe sensu lato* and Heluta ([1988a](#page-116-0)) raised it to genus rank. Braun ([1999\)](#page-111-2) and Braun and Takamatsu ([2000\)](#page-111-3) accepted *Golovinomyces* as a distinct genus and established a new tribe, Golovinomyceteae. This is a strictly herb-parasitic genus in the Erysiphaceae. Host-parasite co-speciation was reported between *Golovinomyces* and Asteraceae hosts using molecular phylogenetic analyses (Matsuda and Takamatsu [2003](#page-122-3)). It was suggested that *Golovinomyces* frst acquired parasitism on Asteraceae and then diverged to the host tribes Astereae, Cardueae, Heliantheae and Lactuceae. Bremer [\(1994\)](#page-111-4) pointed out that *Golovinomyces* may have originated in South America and the geographic distribution expanded into the Northern Hemisphere. However, Takamatsu et al. [\(2006](#page-127-2)) suggest that *Golovinomyces* originated in the Northern Hemisphere, and not in South America. Fabro et al. [\(2008\)](#page-114-2) profled genome-wide expression on haustorium formation of *G. cichoracearum* in *Arabidopsis*. Research to understand pathogenesis towards plants has been undertaken. A draft whole genome of *G. magnicellulatus*, the causal agent of phlox powdery mildew was provided by Farinas et al. [\(2019](#page-114-3)). McKernan et al. ([2020\)](#page-122-4) identifed 82 genes associated with resistance to *G. chicoracearum*, the causal agent of powdery mildew in cannabis.

*Classifcation—*Ascomycota, Pezizomycotina, Leotiomycetes, Leotiomycetidae, Erysiphales, Erysiphaceae

Type species—Golovinomyces cichoracearum (DC.) V.P. Heluta

*Distribution—*Worldwide (Mainly in northern hemisphere) *Disease symptoms—*powdery mildew

*Hosts—*Has a wide range of hosts including Asteraceae, Boraginaceae, Cucurbitaceae, Malvaceae, Fabaceae, Lamiaceae, Polygonaceae, Scrophulariaceae, Solanaceae and Verbenaceae.

Pathogen biology, disease cycle and epidemiology

Discussed under Erysiphaceae.

Morphological based identifcation and diversity

Golovinomyces is characterized by chasmothecia with mycelioid appendages, several, mostly 2-spored asci, an asexual morph with catenescent conidia that lack fbrosin bodies, and mostly nipple-shaped appressoria (Braun [1978](#page-111-1); Qiu et al. [2020a](#page-124-4)). Heluta ([1988a](#page-116-0)) reallocated *Erysiphae cichoracearum* to *Golovinomyces* and now nearly all species of *E*. *cichoracearum* are assigned to *Golovinomyces*. Braun [\(1987\)](#page-111-5) confned *E. cichoracearum* to powdery mildews on hosts of Asteraceae and assigned specimens on hosts belonging to other plant families to *Erysiphe orontii.* Braun and Cook [\(2012\)](#page-111-6) split *G. cichoracearum* into several species based on molecular analyses of this complex which suggested a co-evolutionary relationship between *Golovinomyces* species and tribes of Asteraceae (Matsuda and Takamatsu [2003\)](#page-122-3). *Golovinomyces cynoglossi sensu lato*, a complex of morphologically similar powdery mildews on the plant family Boraginaceae, was reassessed by Braun et al. [\(2018\)](#page-111-7) and split into *G. asperifoliorum*, *G. asperifolii* and *G. cynoglossi* based on sequence analyses, biological aspects and morphological diferences. Braun et al. [\(2019](#page-111-8)) revisited *G. orontii* and Qiu et al. ([2020b\)](#page-124-5) epitypfed and confrmed *Erysiphe cucurbitacearum* was a synonym of *G. tabaci*.

Molecular based identifcation and diversity

A comprehensive phylogenetic analysis by Takamatsu et al. [\(2013](#page-127-3)) resulted in a polyphyletic complex that split into three genetically distinct clades. *Golovinomyces ambrosiae* and *G. spadiceus* were considered as separate species by Braun and Cook [\(2012](#page-111-6)). However, phylogenetic analyses of ITS and 28S rDNA sequences by Takamatsu et al. ([2013](#page-127-3)), including *Golovinomyces* species on Asteraceae, found that these two species that occur on Asian species of *Eupatorium* and a multitude of other hosts, including those on other plant families, formed a single large, unresolved clade (lineage III in Takamatsu et al. ([2013](#page-127-3))). The taxonomic interpretation posed a serious problem as *G. ambrosiae* and *G. spadiceus* were treated as two morphologically diferentiated species. Hence, the resolution based only on ITS sequence data was considered insufficient to distinguish closely allied species. Most subsequent authors followed the taxonomic treatments in Braun and Cook [\(2012\)](#page-111-6) and recognized *G. ambrosiae* and *G. spadiceus* as separate species, within lineage III, based on morphological diferences (Qiu et al. [2020a\)](#page-124-4). However, there is minimal multi loci data for the powdery mildews currently available. Most of the research involves the intra-specifc genetic diversity in species such as *Blumeria graminis* (Walker et al. [2011\)](#page-129-1), *Erysiphe necator* (de Oliveira et al. [2015\)](#page-114-4), *Golovinomyces orontii* (Pirondi et al. [2015a\)](#page-124-6) and *Podosphaera xanthii* (Pirondi et al. [2015b](#page-124-7)). Based on ITS and D1/D2 domain of 28S sequence data, Braun et al. ([2019\)](#page-111-8) introduced *G. bolayi* and *G. vincae*. Nayak and Bandamaravuri [\(2019\)](#page-123-2) developed species-specifc PCR primers CgF2 and CgR2 for *G. orontii* (the causal agent of powdery mildew in cucurbits), based on partial ITS and 5.8S rDNA, which resulted in a 233bp fragment of *G. orontii*.

*Recommended genetic markers (genus level)—*ITS, LSU *Recommended genetic markers (species level***)***—*Comprehensive applications of multi loci approaches to solve complex taxonomic-phylogenetic problems connected with the species level classifcation of the powdery mildews are lacking. The phylogenetic analyses of multi loci sequence data, including ITS and LSU, IGS, *tub2*, *chs*, and consideration of morphological characters resolve species delimitation in a heterogeneous complex within *Golovinomyces*.

*Accepted number of species—*There are 81 epithets listed in Index Fungorum [\(2020\)](#page-118-0), however, only **41** have molecular data (Table [11](#page-44-0), Fig. [17\)](#page-45-0).

*References—*Braun ([1978](#page-111-1), [1987\)](#page-111-5), Heluta ([1988a,](#page-116-0) [b](#page-116-1)) (morphology); Braun and Cook ([2012](#page-111-6)), Takamatsu et al. [\(2013](#page-127-3)), Braun et al. ([2019\)](#page-111-8), Qiu et al. ([2020a](#page-124-4), [b\)](#page-124-5) (morphology and phylogeny).

86. *Heterobasidion* Bref., Unters. Gesammtgeb.Mykol. (Liepzig) 8: 154 (1888)

Background

Heterobasidion was introduced by Brefeld ([1888\)](#page-111-9) and is typified by H . *annosum* (\equiv *Polyporus annosus*). Certain *Heterobasidion* species are important forest pathogens of the Northern Hemisphere, causing root and butt rot, mainly in conifers (Woodward et al. [1998\)](#page-130-7). In coniferous plantations, *Heterobasidion* is one of the most widespread of wood decay agents, especially when the host is under intensive management. *Heterobasidion* greatly reduces site productivity and the amount of harvestable timber; estimated fnancial losses caused by *Heterobasidion* species in Europe were around 800 million euro per year (Korhonen et al. [1998](#page-120-1); Garbelotto [2004;](#page-115-5) Asiegbu et al. [2005](#page-110-0)). On the other hand, these taxa have a relatively moderate pathogenic role in natural forest ecosystems. They affect stand species composition, density and structure, and they contribute to forest succession, nutrient recycling and even regeneration (Goheen and Otrosina [1998](#page-115-6); Garbelotto [2004](#page-115-5); Dai et al. [2006\)](#page-113-0).

Table 10 DNA barcodes available for **Ganoderma**

Ex-type/ex-epitype/ex-neotype/ex-lectotype strains are in bold and marked with an asterisk (*). Voucher strains are also in bold

*Classifcation—*Basidiomycota, Agaricomycotina, Agaricomycetes, Incertaesedis, Russulales, Bondarzewiaceae

Type species—Heterobasidion annosum (Fr.) Bref., Unters. Gesammtgeb. Mykol. (Liepzig) 8: 154 (1888)

*Distribution—*North America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania

*Disease symptoms—*There are two *Heterobasidion* species complexes –*H. insulare sensu lato* and *H. annosum sensu lato—*they cause the same symptoms. The *H. annosum* species complex is one of the major root-rot pathogenic genera of the northern temperate hemisphere (Garbelotto and Gonthier [2013;](#page-115-7) Kärhä et al. [2018](#page-119-1)). After the primary infection through stump tops, or stem and root wounds, the taxa can vegetatively infect uninjured trees (secondary infection) by the growth of the mycelium through root contacts (Rishbeth [1950](#page-125-1), [1951a](#page-125-2), [b;](#page-125-3) Asiegbu et al. [2005](#page-110-0); Garbelotto and Gonthier [2013\)](#page-115-7). *Heterobasidion* could be considered both necrotrophs and saprotrophs; though some species in the *H. insulare* species complex (e.g. *H*. *austral*, *H*. *araucariae*) are mainly saprotrophs (Niemelä and Korhonen [1998;](#page-123-3) Dai and Korhonen [2009](#page-113-1); Chen et al. [2014\)](#page-112-2). In contrast to Europe, the pathogenicity of *H*. *annosum sensu lato* in China and Japan is uncertain; the complex seems to occur mostly on dead trees, and no symptoms of tree decline are usually visible near infected trees. These observations could be due to diferent, less intensive forest management strategies in the East-Asian regions, or lack of data on the butt rot symptoms (Dai et al. [2006;](#page-113-0) Tokuda et al. [2007](#page-128-2)).

The infection causes white pocket rot and heart rot in the roots and the butt of living trees (Korhonen and Stenlid [1998;](#page-120-2) Asiegbu et al. [2005](#page-110-0)). Resin, containing mycelium, may also exude from the infected roots, or the bark-scales (Rishbeth [1950](#page-125-1)). In invaded roots and the basal portions of the trunk, *H*. *annosum sensu lato* taxa colonize diferent plant tissues depending on the host. Heart rot is mainly caused in trees more susceptible to the colonization of the heartwood, e.g. *Picea abies*. In the case of *Pinus*, cambium and sapwood are the most severely colonized, while the sapwood of *Calocedrus* or *Sequoiadendron* trees is the most colonized (Garbelotto [2004;](#page-115-5) Asiegbu et al. [2005;](#page-110-0) Garbelotto and Gonthier [2013\)](#page-115-7).

After establishment, the basidiomata of *H*. *annosum sensu lato* appear. The localization of the sporocarps is governed by the species, environmental conditions and infection strategy. Some species prefer the root collar for fruiting (*H*. *annosum*, *H*. *irregular*). Some also produce sporocarps in decay pockets in stumps and fallen trees (*H*. *parviporum*, *H*. *abietinum* and *H*. *occidentale*), or under the intact surface of stumps (*H*. *irregulare*, *H*. *occidentale*). The sporocarps are sometimes located on the higher parts of the trunk. When moisture is limited, the fungi fruit inside stumps; if the climate is moist and humid, the basidiomata can be found near the ground in the duf at the base of diseased trees. If during primary infection the stump surface is infected, the basidiomata form under an intact top layer. During active pathogenesis, if the standing trees are infected the sporocarps could be found within decay columns in the sapwood (Rishbeth [1950;](#page-125-1) Otrosina and Garbelotto [2010\)](#page-123-4).

The infection kills the functioning sapwood, cambium and heart wood in the roots and at the basal portions of the trunk, resulting in white rot, reduced growth rate, crown dieback (Omdal et al. [2004\)](#page-123-5), and eventually mortality and windthrow of infected trees (Rishbeth [1950;](#page-125-1) Oliva et al. [2008](#page-123-6); Garbelotto and Gonthier [2013\)](#page-115-7).

*Hosts—*The host range of *Heterobasidion* is extremely wide. The genus has been reported from approximately 200 host species (Korhonen and Stenlid [1998](#page-120-2)). Taxa mostly occur on gymnosperms, such as *Abies*, *Agathis*, *Araucaria*, *Calocedrus*, *Juniperus*, *Keteleeria*, *Larix*, *Picea*, *Pinus*,

0.60

Fig. 16 Phylogram of 64 recognized *Ganoderma* species, obtained from ML of combined ITS, *rpb*2, and *tef*1 datasets. Bootstrap values from ML (left) and MP (middle) greater than 70% and BYPP, greater

Podocarpus, *Pseudolarix*, *Pseudotsuga*, *Sequoia*, *Sequoiadendron*, *Thuja* and *Tsuga* (Buchanan [1988;](#page-111-10) Corner [1989](#page-112-3); Dai and Korhonen [2009](#page-113-1); Otrosina and Garbelotto [2010](#page-123-4); Garbelotto and Gonthier [2013;](#page-115-7) Garbelotto et al. [2017\)](#page-115-8). Occasionally, certain *Heterobasidion* species grow on broadleaved trees of various angiosperm genera (Garbelotto and Gonthier [2013;](#page-115-7) Ryvarden and Melo [2014](#page-125-4)).

than 0.95, are indicated above the nodes. The tree is rooted with *Coriolopsis trogii*. Type specimens are indicated in bold

Morphological based identifcation and diversity

There are 33 *Heterobasidion* epithets listed in Index Fungorum ([2020\)](#page-118-0). Of these, eight are related to other polypore genera, based on type studies and morphological observations (Ryvarden [1972,](#page-125-5) [1985;](#page-125-6) Buchanan and Ryvarden [1988](#page-111-11); Dai and Niemelä[1995;](#page-113-2) Hattori [2003\)](#page-116-2). Besides, the taxonomic status of three further species described from Asia is

unclear: *viz*. *H. arbitrarium*, *H. perplexum* and *H*. *insulare* (Corner [1989;](#page-112-3) Ryvarden [1989;](#page-125-7) Stalpers [1996](#page-127-4); Hattori [2001](#page-116-3); Dai et al. [2002](#page-113-3); Tokuda et al. [2009](#page-128-3)). Given that no sequence data (*H*. *arbitrarium*, *H*. *perplexum*) or authentic sequences (*H*. *insulare sensu stricto*) are available for the molecular resolution, further studies are needed to clarify their status.

Formerly, *Heterobasidion* was considered as a group consisting of only the generic type, *H*. *annosum* and *H*. *araucariae* and *H*. *insulare* (Buchanan [1988](#page-111-10); Chase [1989](#page-112-4)). However, mating studies on Eurasian and North American *Heterobasidion* collections revealed several intersterile groups, which later became the basis for designating separate taxonomic species within the *H. annosum* and *H*. *insulare* species complexes. Mating experiments revealed three intersterile groups of *H. annosum sensu lato* in Europe (Korhonen [1978b,](#page-120-3) Capretti et al. [1990\)](#page-112-5) and two in North America (Otrosina et al. [1993\)](#page-123-7). All intersterile groups have been recognised in the *H*. *annosum* species complex are now formally described as separate taxonomic species. European groups were described as *H. abietinum*, *H*. *parviporum* and *H. annosum sensu stricto* (Niemelä and Korhonen [1998](#page-123-3)), whereas North American groups were named *H. irregulare* and *H. occidentale* (Otrosina and Garbelotto [2010\)](#page-123-4).

The mating study by Dai et al. ([2002\)](#page-113-3) on Asian "*H. insulare*" collections revealed three intersterile groups in China, which were subsequently described as *Heterobasidion linzhiense* (Dai et al. [2007](#page-113-4)), *H. orientale* and *H. ecrustosum* (Tokuda et al. [2009\)](#page-128-3). *H*. *australe* related to the *H*. *insulare* species complex was also described from China by Dai and Korhonen [\(2009](#page-113-1)). Chen et al. ([2014](#page-112-2)) described two further *Heterobasidion* species (*H. amyloideum* and *H. tibeticum*) from the eastern Himalayas based on phylogenetic evidence. These species are morphologically closely related to the members of the *H. insulare* species complex, but difer in presence of cystidia and amyloid skeletal hyphae in the context. The recently described *H. amyloideopsis* was collected in the western Himalayas (Pakistan) and formed a monophyletic group with the *H*. *insulare* species complex, sister to *H*. *amyloideum* (Zhao et al. [2017\)](#page-130-8).

The main morphological characters which are used for the identifcation are the resupinate to pileate basidiocarps, the dimitic hyphal system with mostly simple septate generative hyphae, and the asperulate basidiospores showing no reaction in Melzer's reagent. Besides morphology, host preference, geographical distribution, and DNA sequence data have also been used for species identifcation (Otrosina and Garbelotto [2010;](#page-123-4) Chen et al. [2015a](#page-112-6)).

Molecular based identifcation and diversity

Heterobasidion has been intensely studied by molecular methods. Sequence data are available for the majority of taxa, and molecular studies were conducted to understand the evolution (Dalman et al. [2010\)](#page-113-5), mating behaviour (Gonthier and Garbelotto [2011](#page-115-9)), and pathogenicity (Liu et al. [2018a\)](#page-121-1) of *Heterobasidion* species.

Various marker types were used to resolve the phylogeny of the *H*. *annosum* species complex, such as isoenzyme (Karlsson and Stenlid [1991a,](#page-119-2) [b](#page-119-3)), AFLP (Gonthier and Garbelotto [2011\)](#page-115-9) and SSR (Garbelotto et al. [2013\)](#page-115-10) markers. Sequence analyses were carried out initially on nrITS and intergenic spacer regions (Kasuga and Mitchelson [1993a,](#page-119-4) [b](#page-119-5); DeScenzo and Harrington [1994](#page-114-5)), housekeeping genes (Johanesson and Stenlid [2003\)](#page-119-6), peroxidase (Maijala et al. [2003](#page-121-2)) and laccase genes (Asiegbu et al. [2004](#page-109-0)), with which it was possible to distinguish four lineages (three European and one North American) within the complex (Asiegbu et al. [2005\)](#page-110-0). Later, allowing the diferentiation of a larger number of taxa, further nuclear genes were applied, such as the calmodulin (*cam*), translation elongation factor 1-α (*tef1*), glyceraldehydes3-phosphate dehydrogenase (*gapdh*), heat shock protein (*hsp*), glutathione-S-transferase (*gst1*) and transcription factor (*tf*) genes (Johanesson and Stenlid [2003](#page-119-6); Ota et al. [2006](#page-123-8); Dalman et al. [2010\)](#page-113-5), as well as two mitochondrial genes, the mitochondrial ATP synthase subunit 6 (*ATP6*) and mitochondrial rDNA region (Linzer et al. [2008](#page-121-3)). Dalman et al. ([2010\)](#page-113-5) came to the conclusion, that there are two monophyletic sister clades within the *H*. *annosum* species complex, representing the Eurasian and North American species.

The protein coding largest subunit of RNA polymerase II (*rpb1*) and the second subunit of RNA polymerase II (*rpb2*) genes were used by Chen et al. [\(2014](#page-112-2)) and were suitable to diferentiate *Heterobasidion* species in the *H*. *insulare* species complex. The variability of these markers was confirmed by Chen et al. $(2015a)$ $(2015a)$ and Zhao et al. (2017) (2017) who, among other previously mentioned markers, both used the nuclear large ribosomal subunit (nrLSU) and the mitochondrial small subunit (mtSSU) sequences to their studies (Fig. [18](#page-47-0)).

In this study, we provide a phylogenetic tree (Fig. [19](#page-48-0)) based on multi-locus phylogenetic analysis of ITS–*gapdh–rpb1–rpb2*–*tef1* sequence data. Sequences of *H*. *arbitrarium* and *H. perplexum* could not be analysed as they are unavailable in GenBank. Furthermore, no sequences are available for the type of *H*. *insulare* hence this species was not included in the analysis. The results provide a similar topology to those obtained by Chen et al. $(2015a, b)$ $(2015a, b)$ $(2015a, b)$ $(2015a, b)$ and Zhao et al. ([2017\)](#page-130-8).

*Recommended genetic marker (genus level)—*nLSU

*Recommended genetic markers (species level)—rpb1, rpb2 Accepted number of species –*There are 33 epithets in Index Fungorum [\(2020\)](#page-118-0), however only **15 species are accepted**

Table 11 DNA barcodes for accepted species of *Golovinomyces*

Ex-type/ex-epitype/ex-neotype/ex-lectotype strains are in bold and marked with an asterisk (*). Voucher strains are also in bold. Species confirmed with pathogenicity studies are marked with $*$

(Table [12](#page-49-0)). Amongst these, no sequences are available for *H*. *arbitrarum* and *H. insulare*. *Heterobasidion perplexum* is not accepted in the genus, pending further studies.

*References—*Dai and Korhonen ([2009\)](#page-113-1) (new sp., China, morphology); Tokuda et al. ([2009\)](#page-128-3) (new species, East Asia); Dalman et al. ([2010\)](#page-113-5) (Evolution, *H*. *annosum* species complex, haplotype network); Otrosina and Garbelotto ([2010\)](#page-123-4) (new species, North America, biology); Garbelotto and Gonthier ([2013\)](#page-115-7) (biology, epidemiology, control); Chen et al. ([2014](#page-112-2)) (new species, China, phylogeny); Chen et al. ([2015a\)](#page-112-6) (biogeography, divergence time estimation, phy-logeny); Zhao et al. [\(2017\)](#page-130-8) (new sp., Pakistan, phylogeny).

Fig. 17 Phylogram generated from MP analysis based on combined sequences of ITS and LSU sequences of all species of *Golovinomyces* with molecular data. Related sequences were obtained from Gen-Bank. Fourty-two taxa are included in the analyses, which comprise 1401 characters including gaps, of which 848 characters are constant, 392 characters are parsimony-uninformative and 161 characters parsi-

87. *Meliola* Fr., Syst. orb. veg. (Lundae) 1: 111 (1825) *Background*

Meliola commonly known as "black mildews" or "dark mildews" is the largest genus of *Meliolaceae* (Hongsanan et al. [2015;](#page-117-4) Zeng et al. [2017](#page-130-9)). Fries [\(1825\)](#page-115-11) established this genus, with the type species *M. nidulans*. Species in *Meliola* are mostly biotrophs or pathogens of living leaves and occasionally petioles, twigs, and branches (Hansford [1961;](#page-116-4) Hosagoudar [1994](#page-117-5), [1996](#page-117-6), [2008;](#page-117-7) Mibey and Hawksworth [1997](#page-122-5); Old et al. [2003](#page-123-9); Hosagoudar and Riju [2013\)](#page-117-8). The phylogenetic placement of *Meliola* was established by using sequence data from fruiting bodies and placed in Sordariomycetes (Gregory and John [1999](#page-115-12); Pinho et al. [2012,](#page-124-8) [2014](#page-124-9), Hongsanan et al. [2015](#page-117-4); Justavino et al. [2015](#page-119-7)). *Meliola* has been mony-informative. The parsimony analysis of the data matrix resulted in the maximum of ten equally most parsimonious trees with a length of 927 steps (CI = 0.740, RI=0.699, RC = 0.517, HI = 0.260) in the second tree. The tree was rooted with *Neoerysiphe galeopsidis* (MUMH 4680). MP bootstrap support value $\geq 50\%$ and BYPP ≥ 0.9 are shown respectively near the nodes. Ex-type strains are in bold

shown to be polyphyletic (Hyde et al. [2020b](#page-118-1); Marasinghe et al. [2020](#page-122-6); Zeng et al. [2020](#page-130-10)). There is little sequence data available in GenBank for clarifying relationships between species and establishiing host-specificity (Hongsanan et al. [2015](#page-117-4); Zeng et al. [2017\)](#page-130-9).

*Classifcation—*Ascomycota, Pezizomycotina, Sordariomycetes, Sordariomycetidae, Meliolales, Meliolaceae *Type species—Meliola nidulans* (Schwein.) Cooke *Distribution—*commonly found in tropical and subtropical regions (see Zeng et al. [2017](#page-130-9))

*Disease symptoms—*Black mildews, forming black, radiate velvety colonies on the surface of plants.

*Hosts—*has a wide range of hosts (see Zeng et al. [2017](#page-130-9))

Pathogen biology, disease cycle and epidemiology

For pathogen biology, disease cycle and epidemiology see Hongsanan et al. [\(2015](#page-117-4)).

Morphological based identifcation and diversity

Species in *Meliola* are characterized by forming web-like colonies on the host surface, hyphal setae developed from superficial hyphae, with hyphopodia, 2–4-spored, unitunicate asci, and 3–4-septate pigmented ascospores (Pinho et al. [2012,](#page-124-8) [2014;](#page-124-9) Hongsanan et al. [2015](#page-117-4), [2020](#page-117-9); Justavino et al. [2015;](#page-119-7) Hyde et al. [2020a,](#page-118-2) [b](#page-118-1); Fig. [20\)](#page-50-0). Cannon and Kirk [\(2007\)](#page-112-8) reported that the asexual morph of the genus develops from the hypha, form ampuliform hyphopodia or faskshaped which are called "phialides" (Hongsanan et al. [2015](#page-117-4)). Conidiogenous cells formed from vegetative hyphae and small, hyaline, unicellular conidia (Cannon and Kirk [2007](#page-112-8); Hongsanan et al. [2015\)](#page-117-4). Currently, *Meliola* comprises over 1700 species (Zeng et al. [2017\)](#page-130-9), which have mostly been introduced by host association, followed by morphology, and disease distribution (Mibey and Hawksworth [1997\)](#page-122-5). Thus, species identifcation is almost impossible without a host name. However, the same species can be found in diferent hosts, but it is not clear if this is widespread (Hongsanan et al. [2015\)](#page-117-4). Therefore, testing of host-specifcity in *Meliola* is needed to establish accurate species determination.

Molecular based identifcation and diversity

Sequence data of species in *Meliola* are from direct sequencing of fruiting bodies and fresh mycelium (Pinho et al. [2012](#page-124-8), [2014;](#page-124-9) Hongsanan et al. [2015](#page-117-4); Justavino et al. [2015;](#page-119-7) Hyde et al. [2016](#page-118-3), [2020b\)](#page-118-1). LSU and ITS sequence data placed *Meliola* in Sordariomycetes (Hongsanan et al. [2015,](#page-117-4) [2020](#page-117-9); Maharachchikumbura et al. [2015,](#page-121-4) [2016](#page-121-5); Hyde et al. [2016,](#page-118-3) [2020a,](#page-118-2) [b](#page-118-1)). By adding more sequence data, *Meliola* was shown to be polyphyletic (Marasinghe et al. [2020;](#page-122-6) Zeng et al. [2020](#page-130-10)). A phylogenetic tree for *Meliola* species is presented in Fig. [21](#page-51-0).

*Recommended genetic markers (genus level)—*LSU, SSU of nrDNA

*Recommended genetic marker (species level)—*ITS

*Accepted number of species—*There are 3064 epithets listed in Index Fungorum [\(2020\)](#page-118-0), however only **25** species have DNA molecular data (Zeng et al. [2017](#page-130-9), Table [13](#page-52-0)).

*References—*Cannon and Kirk [\(2007](#page-112-8)) (morphology); Pinho et al. ([2012](#page-124-8), [2014](#page-124-9)), Hongsanan et al. [\(2015](#page-117-4), [2020](#page-117-9)), Justavino et al. [\(2015\)](#page-119-7), Zeng et al. [\(2020](#page-130-10)) (morphology and phylogeny)

88. *Neoerysiphe* U. Braun, Schlechtendalia 3: 50 (1999) *Background*

Neoerysiphe was classifed in section Galeopsidis within *Erysiphe.* Phylogenetic analysis, however, showed *Erysiphe* to be polyphyletic, and Galeopsidis was raised to generic rank (Takamatsu et al. [1998;](#page-127-5) Braun [1999;](#page-111-2) Saenz and Taylor [1999](#page-125-8)). Therefore, in the current classifcation *Neoerysiphe* belongs to the tribe Golovinomyceteae.

*Classifcation—*Erysiphaceae, Erysiphales, Leotiomycetidae, Leotiomycetes, Pezizomycotina

Type species—Neoerysiphe galeopsidis (DC.) U. Braun *Distribution—*Argentina, Australia, Belarus, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, UK, Ukraine and USA (Farr and Rossman [2020](#page-114-6)).

Disease symptoms-powdery mildew

Hosts—Neoerysiphe species have a wide host distribution infecting more than 300 species from families including Asteraceae, Acanthaceae, Bignoniaceae, Elaeocarpaceae, Lamiaceae, Rubiaceae and Verbenaceae (Amano [1986](#page-109-1); Braun [1999](#page-111-2); Bahcecioglu et al. [2006](#page-110-1)). In general, all species have a specifc host range confned to one plant family, except *N. galeopsidis* which affects several species in four families (Takamatsu et al. [2008\)](#page-127-6).

Pathogen biology, disease cycle and epidemiology Discussed under Erysiphaceae.

Morphological based identifcation and diversity

Neoerysiphe is in the tribe Golovinomyceteae with *Arthrocladiella* and *Golovinomyces*. These genera share a common asexual morph characterized by catenate conidia without distinct fbrosin bodies (Braun [1999](#page-111-2)). *Neoerysiphe* is characterized by lobed appressoria and the striate surface of the conidia (Braun [1981;](#page-111-12) Cook et al. [1997](#page-112-9); Braun and Cook [2012\)](#page-111-6). Braun and Cook [\(2012](#page-111-6)) mentioned that 15 species of *Neoerysiphe* are described on diferent hosts belonging to 11 plant families. Of these 15 species, 11 sexual morphs and 14 asexual morphs have been identifed (except *N. joerstadii*) (Heluta et al. [2010](#page-116-5); Braun and Cook [2012](#page-111-6)). *Striatodium* is now considered as a synonym of *Neoerysiphe* and three species *viz. N. aloysiae*, *N. baccharidis* and *N. maquii* were transferred to *Neoerysiphe*, while *Striatodium jaborosae* was not transferred as its phylogenetic position are unclear (Wijayawardene et al. [2017a](#page-129-2)).

Molecular based identifcation and diversity

The phylogenetic placement of *Neoerysiphe* within Erysiphaceae has been reported in a few papers (Saenz and

Fig. 18 Members of *Heterobasidion annosum* species complex. **a** basidiome on Scots pine, **b** basidiome on European silver fr, **c**–**e** basidiomes on European spruce, **f** hyphal structure in the trama, **g** hyphal structure in the context, **h**–**j** basidiospores. Scale bars: **f**, **g** = 10 µm, **h**, **j** = 5 µm

Taylor [1999;](#page-125-8) Mori et al. [2000](#page-122-7); Cook et al. [2006](#page-112-10)). However, these treatments used only limited sequence data for the genus. Takamatsu et al. ([2008](#page-127-6)) conducted the frst comprehensive study on this genus using ITS sequence data and the divergent domains D1 and D2 of the 28S rDNA for 30 strains. In their study, the 30 taxa, clustered into three monophyletic groups that were represented by *N. galeopsidis* on Lamiaceae, *N. galii* on Rubiaceae and *N. cumminsiana* from Asteraceae. Takamatsu et al. [\(2008](#page-127-6)) used an LSU dataset to estimate the timing of divergence of *Neoerysiphe*. *Neoerysiphe* split from other genera ca 35–45 Mya and the three groups of *Neoerysiphe* diverged between 10 and 15 Mya in the Miocene. Heluta et al. [\(2010](#page-116-5)) used 65 ITS sequences in their analyses for identifying *Neoerysiphe* species infecting Asteraceae and *Geranium* in Eurasia and introduced three new species, *viz*. *N. hiratae, N. joerstadii* and *N. nevoi*. Gregorio-Cipriano et al. ([2020\)](#page-115-13) introduced a new species *N. sechii* causing powdery mildew on *Sechium edule* and *S. mexicanum* in Mexico. The authors mentioned that they were unable to recover DNA in pure form from some samples, as fragments of infected leaves were used during the extraction. Therefore, a specifc oligonucleotide for Erysiphales at the $5=$ region of ITS was designed: ErysiF ($5=$ -AGGATCATTACWGAGYGYGAG-3=) was used along with NLP1 (Limkaisang et al. [2006\)](#page-121-6) to amplify a fragment of approximately 1200 bp (that included the ITS1-5.8S-ITS2 region and a section of approximately 680 nucleotides from

28S). Species used in the phylogenetic analyses done in this study are listed in Table [14](#page-52-1) and given in Fig. [22.](#page-53-0)

*Recommended genetic marker (genus level)—*ITS and LSU *Recommended genetic markers (species level***)***—*ITS

*Accepted number of species—*There are 16 species epithets in Index Fungorum [\(2020\)](#page-118-0), for 15 accepted species. However, only **12** species have DNA sequence data (*N. chelones*, *N. gnaphalii* and *N. rubiae* do not have molecular data) (Table [14](#page-52-1)).

*References—*Takamatsu et al. [\(1998\)](#page-127-5), Braun ([1999\)](#page-111-2), Saenz and Taylor ([1999\)](#page-125-8) (morphology); Heluta et al. [\(2010](#page-116-5)), Braun and Cook ([2012\)](#page-111-6), Gregorio-Cipriano et al. [\(2020](#page-115-13)) (morphology and phylogeny).

89. *Nothophoma* Qian Chen & L. Cai, Stud. Mycol. 82: 212 (2015)

Background

Nothophoma was introduced by Chen et al. [\(2015b\)](#page-112-7) by transferring fve *Phoma* species. Species are saprobes and pathogens. In addition, to the phytopathogens, *N. gossypiicola* has been isolated from clinical samples of humans in the respiratory secretion of a patient with pneumonia and a human bronchial wash sample (Valenzuela-Lopez et al. [2018](#page-128-4)). Chethana et al. ([2019\)](#page-112-11) showed that the comparative pathogenicity of *Nothophoma* species is low when compared to other opportunistic pathogens. Some species grow on other fungi or occur in soil (Boerema et al. [2004](#page-110-2);

Fig. 19 Phylogram generated from ML analysis based on combined ITS, *rpb1*, *rpb2*, *gapdh* and *tef1* sequence data of *Heterobasidion* species. Related sequences were obtained from GenBank. Fourty-four strains are included in the analyses, which comprised 4314 characters

Aveskamp et al. [2009;](#page-110-3) [2010](#page-110-4); Chen et al. [2015b\)](#page-112-7). Some *Nothophoma* species might be host-specifc to a single plant genus or family (Aveskamp et al. [2010;](#page-110-4) Chen et al. [2015b](#page-112-7)). However, there is no study of host-specifcity in *Didymellaceae.* Abdel-Wahab et al. ([2017](#page-109-2)) identifed 55 bioactive compounds from an endophyte, *N. multilocularis*. Of these, ten compounds showed strong antimicrobial activity in combination.

*Classifcation—*Ascomycota, Pezizomycotina, Dothideomycetes, Pleosporomycetidae, Pleosporales, Didymellaceae *Type species—Nothophoma infossa* (Ellis & Everh.) Qian Chen & L. Cai

including gaps. The tree was rooted with *Bondarzewia occidentalis* (HHB 14803) and *B*. *tibetica* (Cui 12078). Tree topology of the ML analysis was similar to the Bayesian analysis. ML bootstrap values 50% and BYPP \degree 0.80 are shown respectively near the nodes

*Distribution—*Argentina, China, Italy, India, Korea, Netherlands, Spain, Tunisia, Ukraine, United States

*Disease symptoms—*brown spot of fruits, leaf spots, shoot canker, stem cankers

Leaf spot produced by *Nothophoma anigozanthi* is elliptical to circular and black. *Nothophoma pruni* and *N. quercina* develop small, dark red or purple pinpoint lesions (Chethana et al. [2019\)](#page-112-11). Liu et al. [\(2018b\)](#page-121-7) identifed *N. quercina* infection on ornamental crab-apple. Symptoms on the trunk appear as warts, the periderm around warts can become cracked, and the bark is roughened with a scaly periderm. During dry weather, these cankers expand and coalesce (Liu et al. [2018b;](#page-121-7) Fig. [23\)](#page-54-0). *Nothophoma quercina* develops shoot **Table 12** DNA barcodes for accepted species of *Heterobasidion*

Ex-type/ex-epitype/ex-neotype/ex-lectotype strains are in bold and marked with an asterisk (*). Voucher strains are also in bold

necrosis, stem browning, and wilted leaves on *Chaenomeles sinensis* (Yun and Oh [2016\)](#page-130-11). In Tunisia, shoot blights caused by *N. quercina* were observed with difuse cankers with gummosis on buds (Triki et al. [2019\)](#page-128-5).

Hosts— Has a wide range of hosts including *Anigozanthos favidus*, *Anigozanthus maugleisii*, *Arachis hypogaea*, *Chaenomeles sinensis*, *Gossypium* sp., *Fraxinu spennsylvanica*, *Malus micromalus*, *Microsphaera alphitoides*, *Olea europaea*, *Phellodendrona murense*, *Pistacia vera*, *Prunu*

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Fig. 20 Morphology of *Meliola* species **a** *Meliola thailandicum* on *Dimocarpus longan*. **b** *Meliola* sp. on *Citrus reticulata*. **c** *Meliola* sp. on *Citrus maxima*. **d** Colony on the host surface. **e** Hyphopodia on mycelium. **f** Section through ascoma. **g** Peridium. **h** Setae. **i** Young ascus. **j** Mature ascus. **k**, **l** Ascospores. Scale bars: f=50 μm, g, i–l=30 μm, h=10 μm and $e=5 \mu m$

savium, *Prunus dulcis*, *Spiraea salicifolia*, *Quercus* sp. and *Ziziphus jujube* (Babaahmadi et al. [2018](#page-110-5); Chen et al [2015b,](#page-112-7) [2017;](#page-112-12) Chethana et al. [2019;](#page-112-11) Jianyu et al. [2016;](#page-119-8) Liu et al. [2018b](#page-121-7); Moral et al. [2017,](#page-122-8) [2018](#page-122-9); Soleimani et al. [2018](#page-127-7); Triki et al. [2019;](#page-128-5) Valenzuela-Lopez et al. [2018;](#page-128-4) Yun and Oh [2016](#page-130-11); Zhang et al. [2020](#page-130-12)).

Morphological based identifcation and diversity

This genus was introduced by Chen et al. ([2015b](#page-112-7)) based on molecular data to delineate a more natural classifcation for the *Ascochyta*-*Didymella*-*Phoma* species complex (Chen et al. [2015b](#page-112-7); Fig. [23](#page-54-0)). Species produce elongate, barrel-shaped, olivaceous brown chlamydospores in chains (Chen et al. [2015b](#page-112-7)). However, there is little morphological variation among species (Valenzuela-Lopez et al. [2018](#page-128-4)).

Molecular based identifcation and diversity

Species identifcation is based on multi-locus sequence phylogeny. Phylogenetic analyses of combined LSU, ITS, *tub2* and *rpb2* sequence data resulted in several new species being added to this genus by Chen et al. ([2015b\)](#page-112-7), Abdel-Wahab et al. ([2017\)](#page-109-2), Valenzuela-Lopez et al. ([2018\)](#page-128-4), Chethana et al. ([2019](#page-112-11)), Marin-Felix et al. [\(2019\)](#page-122-10) and Zhang et al.

Fig. 21 Phylogram generated from RAxML analysis based on combined ITS and LSU sequence data of *Meliola* species. Related sequences were obtained from GenBank. Thirty-fve strains are included in the analyses, which comprised 1655 characters includ-

[\(2020](#page-130-12)). Here we provide an updated phylogenetic tree for this genus (Fig. [24\)](#page-55-0).

*Recommended genetic markers (genus level)—*LSU, ITS *Recommended genetic markers (species level)—tub2*, *rpb2*

Since the colony morphology and other morphological features in *Didymellaceae* often overlap, initial species identifcation is recommended with LSU and ITS sequence data using all type species in *Didymellaceae*. Once the genus is identifed as *Nothophoma*, the phylogenetic analysis could be done with LSU, ITS, *tub2*, and *rpb2* sequence data.

*Accepted number of species—*There are **12** species in Index Fungorum [\(2020](#page-118-0)) with DNA sequence data (Table [15\)](#page-56-0).

*References—*Chen et al. [\(2015b\)](#page-112-7), Abdel-Wahab et al. ([2017](#page-109-2)), Valenzuela-Lopez et al. [\(2018](#page-128-4)), Chethana et al. ([2019](#page-112-11)), Marin-Felix et al. ([2019](#page-122-10)), Zhang et al. [\(2020](#page-130-12)) (morphology and phylogeny)

ing gaps. The tree was rooted with *Chaetosphaeria innumera* (SMH 2748). Tree topology of the ML analysis was similar to the Bayesian analysis. ML bootstrap values $\geq 50\%$ and BYPP ≥ 0.90 are shown respectively near the nodes

90. *Phellinus* Quél., Enchir. fung. (Paris): 172 (1886) *Background*

Phellinus was introduced by Quélet [\(1886](#page-125-9)) with *P*. *igniarius* (≡ *Boletus igniarius*) as its type species (Murrill [1903\)](#page-123-10) and is placed in Hymenochaetaceae (He et al. [2019\)](#page-116-6). Traditionally, most poroid Hymenochaetaceae were placed in *Phellinus*, which has been characterized by a dimitic hyphal system and perennial habit of the basidiomata (Gilbertson [1979;](#page-115-14) Larsen and Cobb-Poulle [1990;](#page-120-4) Ryvarden and Gilbertson [1994;](#page-125-10) Núñez and Ryvarden [2000](#page-123-11)). However, phylogenetic studies revealed that the morphologically defned *Phellinus sensu lato* had polyphyletic origins within the Hymenochaetoid clade, and most species previously classifed as *Phellinus* are now members of various segregate genera (e.g. Wagner and Fischer [2001,](#page-129-3) [2002;](#page-129-4) Jeong et al. [2005](#page-119-9); Dai [2010;](#page-113-6) Rajchenberg et al. [2015;](#page-125-11) Drechsler-Santos et al. [2016](#page-114-7)). According to the most narrowly defned generic concept, *Phellinus sensu stricto* is limited to the *P*. *igniarius* species complex (Fischer and Binder [2004\)](#page-114-8), which includes species causing a delignifying trunk rot mostly on various

Table 13 DNA barcodes available for *Meliola*

Ex-type/ex-epitype/ex-neotype/ex-lectotype strains are in bold and marked with an asterisk (*)

deciduous trees in temperate areas (Brazee [2015;](#page-111-13) Zhou et al. [2016](#page-130-13)). Based on a wider generic concept, several morphologically similar species described from East Asia, Africa or America are considered as part of *Phellinus sensu stricto* (Decock et al. [2006](#page-114-9); Yombiyeni et al. [2011;](#page-130-14) Cui and Decock [2013](#page-113-7); Bian et al. [2016;](#page-110-6) Campos-Santana et al. [2016](#page-111-14); Vlasák and Vlasák [2017](#page-129-5); Salvador-Montoya et al. [2018;](#page-126-0) Zhu et al. [2018](#page-130-15)). In this study, we follow the broader concept of classifcation of *Phellinus sensu stricto*, pending further studies.

*Classification—*Agaricomycotina, Basidiomycota, Agaricomycetes, Incertae sedis, Hymenochaetales, Hymenochaetaceae

Type species—Phellinus igniarius (L.) Quél., Enchir. fung. (Paris): 177 (1886)

*Distribution—*If the wider generic concept of *Phellinus* were accepted it would be a globally distributed genus, with certain species found in East Asia, Europe, North America (Dai [2010;](#page-113-6) Cui and Decock [2013;](#page-113-7) Brazee [2015;](#page-111-13) Zhou et al. [2016](#page-130-13); Vlasák and Vlasák [2017](#page-129-5); Zhu et al. [2018\)](#page-130-15), Central- and South America (Decock et al. [2006](#page-114-9); Campos-Santana et al.

Table 14 DNA barcodes available for *Neoerysiphe*

Species	Strain no	ITS	LSU
Neoerysiphe aloysiae	BCRU 04878	AB329683	
N. baccharidis	BCRU 01609	AB329685	AB329684
N. cumminsiana	VPRI 20387	GU356539	
N. galeopsidis	MUMH 4680	AB498949	AB022369
N. galii	MUMH 4682	AB498951	AB103365
N. geranii	HMNWAFU- CF2013083	KR048092	KR048161
N. hiratae	MUMH 3442	AB498962	
N. joerstadii	MUMH 4668	AB498976	
N. kerribeeensis	DAR 33493	GU356546	
N. maquii	MUMH 2460	AB329686	
N. nevoi	MUMH 4671	AB498975	

Ex-type/ex-epitype/ex-neotype/ex-lectotype strains and voucher strains are in bold

Fig. 22 Phylogram generated from MP analysis based on combined sequences of ITS and LSU sequences of all species of *Neoerysiphe* with molecular data. Related sequences were obtained from Gen-Bank. 12 taxa are included in the analyses, which comprise 2023 characters including gaps, of which 1790 characters are constant, 167 characters are parsimony-uninformative and 66 characters parsimonyinformative. The parsimony analysis of the data matrix resulted in the

[2016;](#page-111-14) Salvador-Montoya et al. [2018](#page-126-0)) and Africa (Yombiyeni et al. [2011;](#page-130-14) Cloete et al. [2016\)](#page-112-13). However, the members of the *P*. *igniarius* species complex are known only from the Northern Hemisphere (Brazee [2015;](#page-111-13) Zhou et al. [2016\)](#page-130-13).

*Disease symptoms—*Members of *Phellinus* produce white rot, decaying polysaccharides and delignifying the substrata (Niemelä [1974,](#page-123-12) [1977](#page-123-13); Ryvarden and Gilbertson [1994;](#page-125-10) Wagner and Fischer [2002;](#page-129-4) Decock et al. [2006](#page-114-9); Cui and Decock [2013](#page-113-7); Brazee [2015](#page-111-13); Cloete et al. [2016,](#page-112-13) de Campos-Santana et al. [2016](#page-111-14)). The rot could be localized in the trunk as a column of decay (Brazee [2015\)](#page-111-13), in both fallen and in standing dead trunks (Niemelä [1977;](#page-123-13) Campos-Santana et al. [2016\)](#page-111-14). Branches of living trees (Niemelä [1974](#page-123-12); Decock et al. [2006](#page-114-9)), dead, fallen, corticated branches and logs (Niemelä [1972](#page-123-14)) and dead stumps (Niemelä [1972](#page-123-14); Decock et al. [2006](#page-114-9); Campos-Santana et al. [2016](#page-111-14)) are colonized and decayed. The fungus penetrates the heartwood, causing heartrot (Niemelä [1974;](#page-123-12) Larsson et al. [2006\)](#page-120-5), sometimes extending into the sapwood (Niemelä [1977](#page-123-13); Larsson et al. [2006](#page-120-5)). Decay characteristics (i.e. colour, fragility and fragmentation) vary between species (Niemelä [1972](#page-123-14), [1974,](#page-123-12) [1977](#page-123-13); Yombiyeni et al. [2011](#page-130-14); Luna et al. [2012](#page-121-8); Campos-Santana et al. [2016](#page-111-14)). Pathogenic species, such as *P*. *tremulae* or *P*. *resupinatus* are usually associated with other basidiomycete species, pathogenic bacteria and basal fungi (Kallio [1972;](#page-119-10) Cloete et al. maximum of four equally most parsimonious trees with a length of 316 steps (CI = 0.848, RI=0.678, RC = 0.575, HI = 0.152) in the frst tree. Single gene analyses were carried out and compared with each species, to compare the topology of the tree and clade stability. The tree was rooted with *Golovinomyces adenophorae* (MUMH144). MP bootstrap support value $\geq 50\%$ and BYPP ≥ 0.9 are shown respectively near the nodes. Ex-type strains are in bold

[2016](#page-112-13)). *Phellinus tremulae* is a common and harmful pathogen of aspen (*Populus* species), penetrating the heartwood along dead branches (Niemelä [1974\)](#page-123-12), but is also capable of spreading through the sapwood (Larsson et al. [2006](#page-120-5)), forming conks around the decayed tissues (Jones [1998;](#page-119-11) Fig. [25](#page-57-0)). *Phellinus resupinatus* is also a factor of Esca disease, causing white rot and decline of the cordons in vineyards (Cloete et al. [2016](#page-112-13)), besides other symptoms caused by this disease (Jayawardena et al. [2019a\)](#page-119-12).

*Hosts—*Most species in the *P. igniarius* species complex are specialized to a single or few angiosperm genera (Fischer and Binder [1995](#page-114-10); Zhou et al. [2016](#page-130-13)), and only *P*. *piceicola* has been reported from gymnosperms (Cui and Dai [2012\)](#page-113-8). Species of the *P*. *igniarius* species complex have been recorded from various host genera, such as *Acer*, *Alnus*, *Arctostaphylos*, *Betula*, *Carpinus*, *Fagus*, *Fraxinus*, *Laburnum*, *Picea*, *Populus*, *Prunus*, *Salix*, *Sorbus* and *Tilia* (Tomšovský et al. [2010;](#page-128-6) Brazee [2015](#page-111-13); Zhou et al. [2016](#page-130-13)). The members of other *Phellinus sensu stricto* lineages are known from several additional angiosperm genera, such as *Artemisia*, *Astronium*, *Caesalpinia*, *Carya*, *Castanopsis*, *Dimorphandra*, *Minquartia*, *Morus*, *Sacaglottis*, *Schinopsis*, *Quercus* and *Vitis* (Lombard and Larsen [1985](#page-121-9); Decock et al. [2006;](#page-114-9) Yombiyeni et al. [2011](#page-130-14); Cui and Decock [2013](#page-113-7);

Fig. 23 *Nothophoma quercina* on *Malus micromalus* **a** *Malus micromalus* (Crab-Apple tree). **b** Canker on the trunk. **c**, **d** appearance of conidiomata on trunk. **e** longitudinal section through conidiomata. **f**

cross-section of conidiomata **g**, **h** conidiogenous cells. **i**, **j** conidia. **k** upper view on PDA. **l** reverse view on PDA. Scale bars: **d**=1000 μm **e**, **f** = 50μm **g**–**j** 10 μm

Fig. 24 Phylogram generated from maximum likelihood analysis based on combined LSU, ITS, *tub2* and *rpb2* sequence data of *Nothophoma* species. Related sequences were obtained from GenBank. Seventeen strains are included in the combined sequence analyses. *Phoma herbarum* (CBS 615.75) and *Vacuiphoma bulgarica* (CBS 357.84) was used as the outgroup taxa. The best scoring RAxML tree with a fnal likelihood value of − 5537.646741 is presented. The matrix had 284 distinct alignment patterns, with 12.23% of undetermined characters or gaps. Estimated base frequencies were as follows: A $= 0.238395$, C = 0.241637, G = 0.276596 , T = 0.243371 ; substitution rates $AC = 0.975188$, $AG = 4.004775$, $AT =$ 1.500008 , CG = 0.519461, CT $= 10.843965$, GT $= 1.000000$; gamma distribution shape parameter a = 1.764918. ML bootstrap support value $\geq 50\%$ and $BYPP \geq 0.95$ are shown respectively near the nodes. Extype strains are in bold

de Campos-Santana et al. [2016;](#page-111-14) Vlasák and Vlasák [2017](#page-129-5); Salvador-Montoya et al. [2018](#page-126-0)).

Morphological based identifcation and diversity

Phellinus in a wider sense is morphologically heterogenous. The main features of the *P. igniarius* species complex are the crusted pileal surface (except resupinate species), the hymenial setae arising from the subhymenium (except specimens of "*P*. *pseudoigniarius*", see Dai and Yang [2008](#page-113-9); Zhou et al. [2016\)](#page-130-13), and the colourless, inamyloid, indextrinoid and weakly cyanophilous basidiospores (Wagner and Fischer [2001](#page-129-3); Dai [2010](#page-113-6); Zhou et al. [2016](#page-130-13)). In many cases, the species separation in the complex is difficult when solely based on morphological characters (Sell [2008\)](#page-126-1). Host preference is

also widely used for delimiting species (Tomšovský et al. [2010](#page-128-6)).

Similar to members of the *P*. *igniarius* species complex, other *Phellinus* species also have perennial basidiomata, but difer in having distinctive macroscopical features (e.g. size and shape of pores, rimose surface, cracked basidiocarps, absence of pileus crust, see Dai et al. [2008](#page-113-10); Bian et al. [2016](#page-110-6); Cloete et al. [2016](#page-112-13); Vlasák and Vlasák [2017\)](#page-129-5) or microscopic characteristics (e.g. hyphal structure, the shape of setae, basidiospore reaction in chemical solutions). For example, *P. bicuspidatus* is unique in having a monomitic hyphal system with short bicuspid setae (Lombard and Larsen [1985](#page-121-9); Cloete et al. [2016\)](#page-112-13). Members of the *P*. *ellipsoideus* group are

Table 15 DNA barcodes available for *Nothophoma*

Species	Isolate	LSU	ITS	tub2	RPB ₂
Nothophoma anigozanthi	CBS 381.91*	GU238039	GU237852	GU237580	KT389655
N. arachidis-hypogaeae	CBS 125.93	GU238043	GU237771	GU237583	KT389656
N. brennandiae	CBS 145912*	MN823430	MN823579	MN824753	MN824604
	JW 1066	MN823429	MN823578	MN824752	MN824603
N. gossypiicola	CBS 377.67	GU238079	GU237845	GU237611	KT389658
	UTHSC:DI16-294	LN907437	LT592943	LT593012	LT593082
N. infossa	CBS 123395 *	GU238089	FJ427025	FJ427135	KT389659
N. macrospora	CBS 140674 *	LN880537	LN880536	LN880539	LT593073
N. multilocularis	AUMC-12003*	KY996744			
N. pruni [#]	MFLUCC 18-1600*	MH827028	MH827007	MH853671	MH853664
	MFLUCC18-1601	MH827026	MH827005	MH853669	MH853662
$N.$ quercina π	CBS 633.92	EU754127	GU237900	GU237609	KT389657
	UTHSC:DI16-270	LN907413	LT592929	LT592998	LT593067
N. raii	MCC 1082*		MF664467	MF664468	
N. spiraeae	CFCC 53928*	MN737828	MN737833	MN879295	MN879292
	CFCC 53929	MN737829	MN737834	MN879296	MN879293
N. variabilis	UTHSC: DI16-285*	LN907428	LT592939	LT593008	LT593078

Ex-type/ex-epitype/ex-neotype/ex-lectotype strains are in bold and marked with an asterisk (*). Voucher strains are also in bold. Species confirmed with pathogenicity studies are marked with $*$

well-characterised by their weakly dextrinoid basidiospores and hooked hymenial setae (Zhu et al. [2018\)](#page-130-15).

There are several "*Phellinus*" species which have been described solely on morphological features. The status of these species should be critically re-evaluated based on molecular evidence. Amongst these, certain species (e.g. *P*. *deuteroprunicola*, *P. eugeniae*, *P. formosanus*, *P*. *livescens*, *P. prunicola*, *P*. *setulosus*, *P*. *tenuiculus*, *P*. *wahlbergii*) may belong to *Phellinus sensu stricto* (Gilbertson [1979](#page-115-14); Chang [1995;](#page-112-14) Chang and Chou [1999,](#page-112-15) [2000](#page-112-16); Robledo et al. [2003](#page-125-12); Wang et al. [2011;](#page-129-6) Rajchenberg et al. [2015](#page-125-11); Campos-Santana et al. [2016\)](#page-111-14), but further studies are required to confrm their placements.

Molecular based identifcation and diversity

In early molecular studies, the restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) data of enzymatically amplified rDNA was used by Fischer ([1995](#page-114-11)) to study the taxonomy of *P*. *igniarius* and its closest relatives in Europe. Later, single nuclear genes (ITS, Fischer and Binder [2004](#page-114-8)), or combined datasets (ITS-*tef1*, Tomšovský et al. [2010;](#page-128-6) Zhou et al. [2016\)](#page-130-13) were used to investigate the species boundaries and phylogenetic relationships within the *P*. *igniarius* species complex. Phylogenetic analyses by Brazee ([2015\)](#page-111-13) used ITS, LSU, *tef1* and *rpb2*, with isolates representing 13 species-level lineages in the complex. Zhou et al. ([2016\)](#page-130-13) distinguished 15 species, fve of which are described as new from China and the USA. Based on our multigene analysis (Fig. [26\)](#page-60-0), 16 species can be found in the *P. igniarius* species complex, distributed throughout the Northern Hemisphere. Amongst these, ten species are known from eastern Asia, eight from Europe and seven from North America.

Phellinus caribaeo-quercicola was the first species described from the "*P. ellipsoideus* group" based on molecular evidence (Decock et al. [2006\)](#page-114-9). The nLSU-based phylogenetic analysis of Decock et al. [\(2006\)](#page-114-9), have shown that *P*. *caribaeo-quercicola* grouped close to the *P*. *igniarius* species complex and some other *Phellinus* species (*viz*. *P*. *bicuspidatus*, *P*. *chaquensis* and *P*. *spiculosus*). Later molecular taxonomic studies used combined datasets of various nuclear markers. The combined analyses of nITS, nLSU, *tef1* and *rpb2* have confrmed the phylogenetic position of *P. caribaeo-quercicola* and fve morphologically similar species have been accepted in *Phellinus sensu stricto* (Yombiyeni et al. [2011;](#page-130-14) Cui and Decock [2013;](#page-113-7) Campos-Santana et al. [2016](#page-111-14); Zhu et al. [2018](#page-130-15)). Currently, this later group consists of six species and mostly has tropical or subtropical distributions (Zhu et al. [2018](#page-130-15)).

*Recommended genetic marker (genus level)—*LSU *Recommended genetic markers (species level)—*ITS*, tef1, rpb2*

*Accepted number of species—*There are 479 epithets listed in Index Fungorum (2020. However, most of the species belong to other poroid Hymenochaetaceae genera, such as *Fomitiporia*, *Fomitiporella*, *Fulvifomes*, *Fuscoporia*,

Fig. 25 *Phellinus igniarius*. **a** causing white-rot decay on willow **b**–**d** basidiomes on living willow **e**, **f** hymenial setae **g** tramal skeletal hyphae **h** basidiospores, Scale bars: $\mathbf{e}-\mathbf{h} = 10 \, \mu \text{m}$

Nothophellinus, Phellinidium, *Phellinopsis*, *Phellinotus*, *Phellopilus*, *Phylloporia*, *Porodaedalea*, *Sanghuangporus* and *Tropicoporus* (Wagner and Fischer [2001](#page-129-3), [2002;](#page-129-4) Niemalä et al. [2001](#page-123-15); Dai [2010;](#page-113-6) Drechsler-Santos et al. [2016](#page-114-7); Rajchenberg et al. [2015;](#page-125-11) Zhou et al. [2016](#page-130-13)). Based on molecular data, **30 species** are accepted in *Phellinus sensu stricto*, from among 16 species in the *P*. *igniarius* species complex (Table [16;](#page-61-0) Fig. [26](#page-60-0)).

*References—*Tomšovský et al. [\(2010\)](#page-128-6) (phylogeny, *P*. *igniarius* species complex, Europe), Brazee [\(2015](#page-111-13)) (phylogeny, *P*. *igniarius* species complex, North America), Zhou et al. [\(2016](#page-130-13)) (phylogeny, *P*. *igniarius* species complex), Zhu et al. [\(2018\)](#page-130-15) (phylogeny, *P*. *ellipsoideus* group)

91. *Pseudoseptoria* Speg., Anal. Mus. nac. B. Aires, Ser. 3 13: 388 (1910) [1911]

Background

Spegazzini ([1910\)](#page-127-8) introduced *Pseudoseptoria* as an asexual genus typified with *Pseudoseptoria donacicola*. Wijayawardene et al. ([2012\)](#page-129-7) placed the genus under Ascomycota, genera *incertae sedis*. Quaedvlieg et al. ([2013\)](#page-125-13) placed the genus in Dothioraceae and this was accepted by Thambugala et al. ([2014\)](#page-128-7). With LSU sequence data, Crous et al. ([2017\)](#page-113-11) placed *Pseudoseptoria* to Saccotheciaceae. Wijayawardene et al. ([2017a](#page-129-2), [b](#page-129-8), [2018](#page-129-9), [2020\)](#page-129-10) accepted this placement. Species of *Pseudoseptoria* are recorded as pathogens on Poaceae (Quaedvlieg et al. [2013](#page-125-13)), impairing the photosynthetic process resulting in yield loss.

*Classifcation—*Ascomycota, Pezizomycotina, Dothideomycetes, Dothideomycetidae, Dothideales, Saccotheciaceae *Type species—Pseudoseptoria donacicola* Speg.

*Distribution—*Australia, Canada, India, Italy, New Zealand, Poland, Russia, UK and USA (Denni[s1986;](#page-114-12) Ginns [1986](#page-115-15); French [1989](#page-115-16); Pennycook [1989;](#page-124-10) Merezhko [1991;](#page-122-11) Cunnington [2003](#page-113-12); Mulenko et al. [2008;](#page-123-16) Kamal [2010](#page-119-13); Farr and Rossman [2020](#page-114-6)).

*Disease symptoms—*halo spot, leaf blotch and stem speckle

Halo spot: Elliptical, tan to brownish-grey spots (<10mm long) with a dark border surrounded by a prominent yellow halo that can be observed on the leaf blade, sometimes covering the entire leaf blade. In older lesions, small pycnidia may be visible (Slopek and Labun [1992;](#page-127-9) Carmona et al. [1996](#page-112-17); Murray et al. [2013](#page-123-17)).

Leaf blotch: Brown fecks and frog-eye spots on leaf blades can be observed in early spring, which enlarges to straw-coloured blotches scattered with minute pycnidia. These spots may drop out, leaving holes (Horst [2013](#page-117-10)).

Stem speckle: The disease occurs in the leaves, sheaths, culms, and head spikes. The lesions are rectangular, ash white, (1-2 mm long) with a brown, thin border. The lesion is delimited by leaf veins and becomes distinct with a clear boundary. The conidia formed on the lesions disperse by wind and rain.

Pathogen biology, disease cycle and epidemiology

The pathogen is dispersed through spores in rain splash. Infection requires an extended period of wetness. Spore germination and infection occur optimally at temperatures between 15 and 25 °C. Spores produced in overwintering crop debris serve as sources of primary inocula (Sinclair and Dhingra[1995\)](#page-127-10). Further studies are needed regarding the disease mechanisms and disease cycle.

*Hosts—*members of Poaceae are susceptible: *Alopecurus pratensis*, *Arrhenatheru melatius*, *Arundo donax*, *Bromus* species, *Dactylis glomerata*, *Danthonia spicata*, *Elymus alaskanus*, *Festu carubra*, *Hordeum vulgare*, *Panicum virgatum*, *Phleum* species, *Phragmites australis* and *Poa* species (Ginns [1986](#page-115-15); Pennycook [1989;](#page-124-10) Shivas[1989](#page-126-2); Greuter et al. [1991](#page-115-17); Merezhko [1991](#page-122-11); Roane and Roane [1996;](#page-125-14) Gravert and Munkvold [2002](#page-115-18); Mulenko et al. [2008](#page-123-16); Farr and Rossman [2020](#page-114-6))

Morphological based identifcation and diversity

The genus is characterized by immersed, branched, septate, pale brown mycelium, pycnidial, solitary or linearly aggregated, immersed, brown, globose, unilocular, thinwalled conidiomata of walls of pale brown cells of *textura angularis* with distinct, central, circular ostioles. Conidiogenous cells are discrete, determinate or indeterminate, hyaline, smooth, ampulliform with a prominent cylindrical papilla and falcate. Conidia are fusoid, hyaline, aseptate, guttulate, smooth and thin-walled, and acutely rounded at each end (Sutton [1980](#page-127-11); Quaedvlieg et al. [2013](#page-125-13)).

Molecular based identifcation and diversity

Quaedvlieg et al. [\(2013](#page-125-13)) revised the *Septoria* and septoria-like genera based on morphology and multi loci analyses and introduced two new species. Phylogenetic analysis conducted by Crous et al. ([2017](#page-113-11)) was based only on LSU sequence data. In our analysis, we used LSU, ITS and *rpb2* and obtained the same topology (Fig. [27\)](#page-62-0).

*Recommended genetic marker (genus level)—*LSU

*Recommended genetic markers (species level)—*LSU, ITS and *rpb2*

*Accepted number of species—*There are eight epithets listed in Index Fungorum ([2020\)](#page-118-0). However, only **three** species have DNA sequence data (*P. collariana*, *P. donacis* and *P. obscura*) (Table [17\)](#page-62-1).

*References—*Sutton [\(1980](#page-127-11)) (morphology); Quaedvlieg et al. [\(2013\)](#page-125-13), Crous et al. ([2017\)](#page-113-11) (morphology and phylogeny)

92. *Stemphylium* Wallr., Flora Cryptogamica Germaniae 2: 300 (1833)

Background

Stemphylium mainly comprises saprobes or weak plant pathogens (Woudenberg et al. [2017](#page-130-16)). However, some species are primary pathogens causing leaf blight on various crops, resulting in yield and economic losses (Hanse et al. [2015;](#page-116-7) Brahmanage et al. [2018\)](#page-111-15). The asexual morph is a dematiaceous hyphomycete while the sexual morph was previously defned as *Pleospora sensu stricto* (Inderbitzin et al. [2009;](#page-118-4) Woudenberg et al. [2017](#page-130-16)). Rossman et al. ([2015\)](#page-125-15) recommended the use of *Stemphylium* over *Pleospora* which has been followed by various authors (Hongsanan et al. [2017](#page-117-11), [2020;](#page-117-9) Wijayawardene et al. [2018](#page-129-9), [2020\)](#page-129-10). *Stemphylium* is one of the most important moulds human allergens in the USA (Gutiérrez-Rodríguez et al. [2011\)](#page-116-8). Brahmanage et al. ([2018\)](#page-111-15) discussed the pathogenicity, disease severity, distribution and molecular phylogenetic affinities of pathogenic isolates of *Stemphylium*.

Stemphylium leaf blight caused by *S. versicarum* was identified as an emerging disease in New York, USA. Sharma et al. ([2020b\)](#page-126-3) provided two genome resources for two *S. versicarum* isolates from leaf blight of onion. Genomic data allows for an understanding of the population biology, fungicide resistance, as well as development of control strategies against the disease. Pathogenesis related 511 secreted proteins were predicted from *S. lycopersici* by Zeng et al. ([2018](#page-130-17)) which helps in understanding the roles of proteins in host penetration and tissue necrosis. *Stemphylium loti* secretes Tenuazonic acid, inhibiting the plant plasma membrane H+-ATPase, which results in membrane potential depolarization and eventually necrosis (Bjørk et al. [2019](#page-110-7)). Su et al. ([2019\)](#page-127-12) fine-mapped the tomato grey spot resistance gene *Sm*, in a 185kb region through a map-based cloning strategy. Leach et al. ([2020](#page-120-6)) identifed a relationship between thrips (*Thrips tabaci*) and *S. vesicarium* in the development of Stemphylium leaf blight in onion.

*Classifcation—*Ascomycota, Pezizomycotina, Dothideomycetes, Pleosporomycetidae, Pleosporales, Pleosporaceae *Type species—Stemphylium botryosum* Wallr.

*Distribution—*worldwide

*Disease symptoms—*Gray spot, Stemphylium leaf blight (Leaf spot, defoliation, curling and bending of the leaf margins and stems)

Initial symptoms of the leaves are small, irregular, brown spots. Generally, the spots gradually lighten and eventually become greyish as they become necrotic and dry. When severe, yellow spots can be seen throughout all leaves of the plant and the heavily infected leaves die (Basallote-Ureba et al. [1999](#page-110-8), Crous et al. [2016;](#page-113-13) Brahmanage et al. [2018\)](#page-111-15).

*Hosts—*Species are pathogenic on a wide range of hosts including Amaryllidaceae, Asparagaceae, Fabaceae, Malvaceae, Poaceae, Rosaceae and Solanaceae

Pathogen biology, disease cycle and epidemiology

Species can survive as saprobes on crop residues, soil, plant debris and on many alternative hosts and ascospores become the primary inocula in the following season. Once the disease is established during favourable conditions, conidial production in primary lesions may occur, dispersing

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Fig. 26 Phylogram generatedfrom RAxML analysis based on com-◂ bined ITS, LSU, *Tef1-α* and *rpb2* sequence data of *Phellinus* species. Related sequences were obtained from GenBank. Fifty-fve strains are included in the analyses, which comprised 3170 characters including gaps. The tree was rooted with *Phellinopsis conchata* (DLL2009-149 and L-7601). Tree topology of the ML analysis was similar to the Bayesian analysis.ML bootstrap values >50% and BYPP >0.80% are shown respectively near the nodes

spores to healthy plants by wind and rain splashing. Environmental factors such as temperature and moisture are key factors in disease development. Seedlings of plants can transmit the diseases if they become infected in the nursery (Basallote-Ureba et al. [1998](#page-110-9), [1999;](#page-110-8) Boshuizen et al. [2004](#page-111-16); Zheng et al. [2010;](#page-130-18) Blancard [2012\)](#page-110-10). However, to date, diseases and epidemiology such as factors afecting the disease development, interactions with diferent hosts and genetics of host resistance are poorly studied (Das et al. [2019](#page-114-13)).

Morphological based identifcation and diversity

Species can be distinguished from other hyphomycetes in Pleosporaceae forming phaeodictyospores, based on percurrent proliferation of its conidiophores and apically swollen conidiogenous cells (Köhl et al. [2009](#page-120-7)). Simmons [\(1967\)](#page-126-4) established criteria for morphological identifcation of various *Stemphylium* species and introduced *Pleospora herbarum* as the sexual morph of the type species *Stemphylium botryosum*. However, Simmons ([1985](#page-126-5)) subsequently reclassified and reported *Pleospora tarda* as the sexual morph of *Stemphylium botryosum* and *Pleospora herbarum* as the sexual morph of *Stemphylium herbarum* (Moslemi et al. [2017\)](#page-122-12). Morphological features, such as size and time of pseudothecial maturation, conidiophores and conidia and ascospore shape and size can be considered as important characteristics in species identifcation (Câmara et al. [2002](#page-111-17); Fig. [28\)](#page-64-0).

Köhl et al. [\(2009\)](#page-120-7) and Woudenberg et al. ([2017\)](#page-130-16) pointed out that the lack of (ex-) type material of species and morphology-based species identifcations without molecular evidence make it difficult in determining correct species nomenclature. Therefore, relying on morphological characters alone in identifying species is not recommended.

Molecular based identifcation and diversity

ITS (rDNA) and glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (*gapdh*) sequences were used by Câmara et al. ([2002\)](#page-111-17) to confrm the monophyly of *Stemphylium*. In the extensive study of 110 *Stemphylium* strains from various hosts and DNA sequence data of ITS, *gapdh* and *tef1* loci and the intergenic spacer between *vmaA* and *vpsA*, Inderbitzin et al. ([2009](#page-118-4)) identifed 23 representatives derived from type strains, while 40 strains remained unnamed. Woudenberg et al. [\(2017](#page-130-16)) revised the genus and accepted 28 species, synonymizing 22 names and proposing two new combinations based on combined analyses of the ITS, *gapdh* and *cmdA* gene regions. Marin-Felix et al. ([2019](#page-122-10)) introduced three new species (*S. rombundicum*, *S. truncatulae* and *S. waikerieanum*), while Brahmanage et al. [\(2018](#page-111-15)) introduced *S. dianthi* based on multi loci phylogeny. In this study, we reconstruct the phylogeny based on combined ITS, *gapdh* and *cmdA* sequence data (Fig. [29](#page-65-0)).

*Recommended genetic marker (genus level)—*ITS *Recommended genetic markers (species level***)***—cmdA, gapdh*

*Accepted number of species—*There are 207 epithets listed in Index Fungorum, however only **32** species have DNA sequence data (Table [18](#page-66-0)).

References—Simmons ([1967\)](#page-126-4), Köhl et al. [\(2009](#page-120-7)) (morphology); Câmara et al. ([2002](#page-111-17)), Inderbitzin et al. ([2009](#page-118-4)), Moslemi et al. ([2017\)](#page-122-12), Woudenberg et al. ([2017](#page-130-16)), Brahmanage et al. ([2019](#page-115-19)), Marin-Felix et al. ([2019](#page-122-10)) (morphology and phylogeny)

93. *Thyrostroma* Höhn., Sitzungsberichte der Kaiserlichen Akademie der Wissenschaften Math.-naturw. Klasse Abt. I 120: 472 (1911)

Background

Thyrostroma belongs to Dothidotthiaceae of Pleosporales in Dothideomycetes, Ascomycota (Hongsanan et al. [2020](#page-117-9)). *Thyrostroma* was established by Höhnel (Höhnel [1911\)](#page-117-12) and is typifed by *T. compactum*. *Thyrostroma* had been treated as a synonym of *Coryneum*, *Stegonsporium*, *Stigmina*, and *Thyrococcum*, *Thyrostromella* and *Wilsonomyces* (Höhnel Höhnel [1911;](#page-117-12) Morgan-Jones [1971;](#page-122-13) Sutton and Pascoe [1989](#page-127-13); Sutton [1997](#page-127-14); Index Fungorum [2020](#page-118-0)). *Thyrostroma* has been reported as the asexual morph of *Dothidotthia* based on the production of a hyphomycete state in culture (Ramaley [2005\)](#page-125-16), however, there is no phylogenetic evidence to support this link. With new morphological information and phylogenetic analyses, *Thyrostroma* and *Dothidotthia* species were retained in separate genera (Crous et al. [2016;](#page-113-13) Marin-Felix et al. [2017](#page-122-14); Senwanna et al. [2019](#page-126-6)). *Thyrostroma* species are pathogens, saprobes or endophytes associated with canker, dieback and leaf spots in terrestrial habitats (Yuan and Old [1990](#page-130-19); Marin-Felix et al. [2017;](#page-122-14) Senwanna et al. [2019](#page-126-6)). Species of *Thyrostroma* have been recorded from various plants, however, host-specifcity and pathogenic capacity of *Thyrostroma* has not yet been clarifed.

*Classifcation—*Ascomycota, Pezizomycota, Dothideomycetes, Pleosporomycetidae, Pleosporales, Dothidotthiaceae

Table 16 DNA barcodes Table 16 DNA barcodes
available for *Phellinus* \overline{S}
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Ex-type/ex-epitype/ex-neotype/ex-lectotype strains are in bold and marked with an asterisk (*). Voucher strains are also in bold

a as *P*. *pseudoigniarius*

b as *Phellinus*NA2

Fig. 27 Phylogenetic tree generated by maximum likelihood analysis of combined LSU, ITS and *rpb2* sequence data. Fourteen strains are included in the analyses, which comprised 2207 characters including gaps. The tree was rooted with *Elsinoe veneta* (CBS 164.29) and *Elsinoe phaseoli* (CBS165.31). Tree topology of the ML analysis was similar to the BYPP analysis. The best scoring RAxML tree with a fnal likelihood value of − 7330.368152 is presented. The

Table 17 DNA barcodes available for *Pseudoseptoria*

Species	Isolate	LSU	ITS	rpb2
Pseudosep- toria col- lariana	CBS 135104* KF251721		KF251218	KF252223
$P.$ donacis [#]	CBS 313.68		MH870852 MH859141	
P. obscura	CBS 135103	KF251722	KF251219	KF252224

Ex-type/ex-epitype/ex-neotype/ex-lectotype strains are in bold and marked with an asterisk (*). Voucher strains are also in bold. Species confirmed with pathogenicity studies are marked with $*$

matrix had 500 distinct alignment patterns, with 29.98% of undetermined characters or gaps. Estimated base frequencies were as follows: A = 0.250948 , C = 0.235140 , G = 0.278289 , T = 0.235623 ; substitution rates AC = 2.242594, AG = 3.171649, AT = 1.699638, $CG = 1.459509, CT = 8.754890, GT = 1.000000; gamma distribu$ tion shape parameter $\alpha = 0.601361$ ML bootstrap values $\ge 65\%$ and $BYPP \geq 0.90$ are shown respectively near the nodes

Type species—Thyrostroma compactum (Sacc.) Höhn

*Distribution—*Australia, Iran, Korea, Russia, USA, Uzbekistan

*Disease Symptoms—*Thyrostroma canker, dieback and leaf spots (Fig. $30a, b$)

*Hosts—*Pathogens of *Acanthophyllum* sp., *Astragalus* sp., *Capparis parvifiora, Celtis occidentalis, Cornus officinalis, Echinops* sp., *Elaeagnus angustifolia*, *Ephedra equisetina*, *Eucalyptus mannifera* subsp. *maculosa*, *Franseria* sp., *Halimodendron halodendron*, *Lycium barbarum*, *Morus alba*, *Robinia pseudoacacia*, *Sambucus caerulea*, *Styphnolobium* [2020](#page-114-6)).

Morphological based identifcation and diversity

Thyrostroma species can be diferentiated using conidial dimensions and septation in aged conidia and molecular phylogeny (Crous et al. [2016](#page-113-13); Marin-Felix et al. [2017](#page-122-14); Senwanna et al. [2019;](#page-126-6) Fig. [30\)](#page-67-0). Senwanna et al. ([2019\)](#page-126-6) reported the sexual morph of *Thyrostroma* in *T. ulmicola* for the frst time. The sexual morph is characterized by pseudothecial, immersed, erumpent or superficial, uniloculate or multiloculate ascostromata, globose to subglobose ascomata, a two-layered peridium, bitunicate, clavate asci, fusiform to ellipsoidal, 1-septate, ascospores.

Molecular based identifcation and diversity

In the past, there has been no comprehensive phylogenetic study in *Thyrostroma* and consequently, its taxonomy was and still is mostly based on morphological characters. Based on LSU sequence data, *Thyrostroma* clustered in a wellsupported clade within the Dothidotthiaceae (Marin-Felix et al. [2017;](#page-122-14) Crous et al. [2019\)](#page-113-14). The asexual morph and sexual morph relationship were resolved by Senwanna et al. ([2019\)](#page-126-6) by molecular evidence. To achieve correct generic and species identifcation and taxonomic placement, phylogenetic studies using LSU, SSU, ITS, and *tef1* were performed (Senwanna et al. [2019\)](#page-126-6). This study reconstructs the phylogeny using a combined LSU, SSU, ITS, and *tef1* sequence dataset (Fig. [31\)](#page-68-0). The topology is in accordance with Marin-Felix et al. [\(2017\)](#page-122-14), Senwanna et al. [\(2019](#page-126-6)) and Hyde et al. ([2020b](#page-118-1)).

*Recommended genetic marker (genus level)—*LSU *Recommended genetic markers (species level)—*ITS, *tef1*, *rpb2* and *tub2*

LSU, ITS and *tef1* are the common genetic markers used in the identifcation of *Thyrostroma* species. Combined LSU, SSU, ITS and *tef1* genes provide a satisfactory resolution for resolving species. Based on the comparison of ITS and *tef1*gene regions, most species in *Thyrostroma* are not signifcantly diferent from one another, therefore, Senwanna et al. ([2019](#page-126-6)) suggested that *rpb2*, *tub2* are reliable genes for distinguishing species within *Thyrostroma*.

*Accepted number of species—*There are 27 epithets in Index Fungorum [\(2020](#page-118-0)), however only **13** species have DNA sequence data (Table [19](#page-69-0)).

*References—*Höhnel [\(1911\)](#page-117-12), Yuan and Old [\(1990\)](#page-130-19), Ramaley [\(2005\)](#page-125-16) (morphology); Marin-Felix et al. [\(2017](#page-122-14)), Crous et al. ([2016](#page-113-13), [2019\)](#page-113-14), Senwanna et al. ([2019](#page-126-6)) (morphology and phylogeny).

94. *Wojnowiciella* Crous, Hern.-Restr.& M.J. Wingf., Persoonia 34, 201 (2015)

Background

Wojnowiciella was introduced by Crous et al. ([2015](#page-113-15)) to include *Wojnowiciella eucalypti* which exhibited somewhat similar morphological characteristics to *Wojnowicia*, such as setose pycnidia, with ampulliform, enteroblastic, phialidic conidiogenous cells, but difered with apapillate conidiomata lacking setae and having dark brown conidia.

*Classifcation—*Ascomycota, Pezizomycota, Dothideomycetes, Pleosporales, Phaeosphaeriaceae

Type species—Wojnowiciella eucalypti Crous, Hern.-Restr. & M.J. Wingf

*Distribution—*Australia (Hernandez-Restrepo et al. [2016](#page-117-13)), China (Crous et al. [2015,](#page-113-15) Giraldo et al. [2017](#page-115-20)), Colombia (Crous et al. [2015](#page-113-15), Giraldo et al. [2017](#page-115-20)), New Zealand (Crous et al. [2019\)](#page-113-14), South Africa and Western Cape (Crous et al. [2016](#page-113-13))

*Disease symptoms—*Leaf spots

Most species are reported as saprobes with the exception of *Wojnowiciella cissampeli*, *W. eucalypti* and *W. vibruni* which were isolated from leaves and twigs of *Cissampelos capensis*, *Eucalyptus* and *Viburnum utile* respectively (Hernandez-Restrepo et al. [2016\)](#page-117-13). Their pathogenicity or disease symptoms are not indicated clearly and there is a need to establish pathogenicity of these species.

Hosts—Cissampelos capensis, *Dactylis* sp., *Eucalyptus grandis*, *Rosa* sp*., Leptocarpus* sp., *Lonicera* sp., *Spartium* sp. and *Viburnum utile* (Farr and Rossman [2020\)](#page-114-6).

Morphological based identifcation and diversity

Wojnowiciella was introduced to include species that were phylogenetically distinct but morphologically similar to *Wojnowicia* (Crous et al. [2015](#page-113-15)). *Wojnowiciella* is characterized by apapillate conidiomata without setae and dark brown conidia. Some species of *Wojnowiciella* also produce hyaline microconidia. Karunarathna et al. ([2017](#page-119-14)) frst reported the sexual morph of *W. dactylidis*. Phookamsak et al. [\(2019](#page-124-11)) transferred *Wojnowicia rosicola* to *Wojnowiciella rosicola* based on morphology and phylogenetic analyses.

Molecular based identifcation and diversity

Wojnowiciella is a well-supported genus in the family *Phaeosphaeriaceae* (Phookamsak et al. [2019\)](#page-124-11). A combined multiloci phylogeny of LSU, SSU, *tef1* and ITS is used in placing species of *Wojnowiciella* within *Phaeosphaeriaceae*. To identify species within the genus ITS, LSU, *rpb2* and *tef1* are used (Marin-Felix et al. [2019](#page-122-10); Phookamsak et al. [2019\)](#page-124-11). Here we provide an updated phylogenetic tree for this genus (Fig. [32](#page-70-0)).

Fig. 28 *Stemphylium* **sp. a** Ascomata on host **b** Vertical section through an ascoma **c** immature and mature asci **d** Pseudoparaphyses **e** Ascospores **f** Ascospores in Indian ink. Scale bars: $b = 50 \mu m$, $c-f =$ 10 μm

*Accepted number of species—***Nine** species are accepted with molecular data (Table [20](#page-71-0)).

References—Crous et al. ([2015\)](#page-113-15), Karunarathna et al. [\(2017](#page-119-14)), Marin-Felix et al. ([2019\)](#page-122-10), Phookamsak et al. ([2019](#page-124-11)) (morphology and phylogeny)

Updated genera

The following genera are updated due to the addition of many new species during recent years.

95. *Cladosporium* Link, Mag. Gesell. naturf. Freunde, Berlin 7: 37 (1816) [1815]

Cladosporium Link, Mag. Gesell. naturf. Freunde, Berlin 7: 37 (1816) [1815]

Fig. 29 Phylogram generated from MP analysis based on combined sequences of ITS, *gapdh* and *cmdA* sequences of all species of *Stemphylium*. Related sequences were obtained from GenBank. Thirty three taxa are included in the analyses, which comprise 1936 characters including gaps, of which 1355 characters are constant, 271 characters are parsimony-uninformative and 310 characters parsimonyinformative. The parsimony analysis of the data matrix resulted in the

Background

Cladosporium belongs to Cladosporiaceae in the order Capnodiales (Hyde et al. [2013](#page-118-5)). Established in 1816 with *C. herbarum* as type species, *Cladosporium* is one of the largest genera of dematiaceous hyphomycetes. *Davidiella* was erected by Braun et al. [\(2003](#page-111-18)) to accommodate the sexual morph of *Cladosporium sensu stricto. Davidiella* was therefore recognized as a synonym of *Cladosporium* as *Cladosporium* has priority over *Davidiella* at generic rank, and is also the more commonly used name in literature (Bensch et al. [2012\)](#page-110-11). Therefore, Cladosporiaceae took preference over Davidiellaceae (Bensch et al. [2012\)](#page-110-11). *Cladosporium* species have a worldwide distribution and can be easily spread in the environment, because of their small conidia. *Cladosporium* includes many important pathogens causing leaf spots and stem rots of many plant hosts. For

maximum of four equally most parsimonious trees with a length of 1112 steps (CI = 0.660, RI=0.721, RC = 0.476, HI = 0.340) in the frst tree. Single gene analyses were carried out and compared with each species, to compare the topology of the tree and clade stability. The tree was rooted with *Alternaria abundance* (CBS 534.83). MP bootstrap support value $\geq 50\%$ and BYPP ≥ 0.9 are shown respectively near the nodes. Ex-type strains are in bold

example, *Cladosporium fulvum* is the causal agent of tomato leaf mold (van Kan et al. [1991\)](#page-128-8). *Cladosporium* species have been recorded as endophytes and may have a positive effect, for example, *C. sphaerospermum* was isolated from the roots of *Glycine max* which can promote its growth (Hamayun et al. [2009\)](#page-116-9). Some species, such as *C. herbarum*, are also known as common contaminants in clinical laboratories and cause allergic lung disease (de Hoog et al. [2000\)](#page-114-14). Several species were also isolated from human respiratory samples (Sandoval-Denis et al. [2016\)](#page-126-7). Thirteen species are fungicolous (Heuchert et al. [2005;](#page-117-14) Sun et al. [2019](#page-127-15)) and have the potential for biological control in agriculture and forestry (Torres et al. [2017](#page-128-9)).

There have been studies towards understanding the genetic components of *Cladosporium. Cladosporium fulvum* is an important model species in the plant pathology study.

Table 18 DNA barcodes available for *Stemphylium*

Species name	Isolate/specimen no	ITS	gapdh	cmdA
Stemphylium amaranthi	CBS 124746*	KU850505	KU850652	KU850793
S. armeriae	CBS 338.73	KU850511	KU850658	KU850799
S. astragali [#]	CBS 116583*	KU850512	KU850659	KU850800
S. beticola [#]	CBS 141024*	KU850520	KU850667	KU850808
S. botryosum [#]	CBS 714.68*	KC584238	AF443881	KU850826
S. callistephi	CBS 527.50*	KU850539	KU850686	KU850828
S. canadense	CBS 116602*	KU850641	KU850782	KU850932
S. chrysanthemicola [#]	CBS 117255*	KU850640	KU850781	KU850931
S. dianthi	MFLU 19-0556*	MK500718		MK500734
S. drummondii	CBS 346.83*	GQ395365	KU850687	KU850829
S. eturmiunum [#]	CBS 109845*	KU850541	KU850689	KU850831
S. gracilariae	CBS 482.90*	KU850549	AF443883	KU850839
S. halophilum	CBS 337.73*	KU850553	KU850700	KU850843
S. ixeridis	CBS 124748*	KU850590	KU850737	KU850881
S. lancipes	CBS 133314*	KU850596	KU850742	KU850887
S. loti	CBS 407.54*	KU850597	KU850743	KU850888
S. lucomagnoense	CBS 116601*	KU850629	KU850770	KU850920
S. lycii	CBS 125241*	KU850602	KU850748	KU850893
S. lycopersici	CBS 122639*	KU850611	KU850756	KU850902
S. majusculum	CBS 717.68*	KU850618	AF443891	KU850909
S. novae-zelandiae	CBS 138295*	KU850631	KU850772	KU850922
S. paludiscirpi	CBS 109842*	KU850620	KU850762	KU850911
S. rombundicum	BRIP 27486*	MK336819	MK336865	MK336842
S. sarciniforme	CBS 110049*	KU850591	KU850738	KU850882
S. simmonsii [#]	CBS 133518*	KU850637	KU850778	KU850928
S. solani [#]	CBS 116586*	KU850627	KU850768	KU850918
S. symphyti	CBS 115268*	KU850643	KU850784	KU850934
S. trifolii	CBS 116580*	KU850647	KU850788	KU850938
S. triglochinicola	CBS 718.68*	KU850648	KU850789	KU850939
S. truncatulae	BRIP 14850*	MK336815	MK336861	MK336838
S. vesicarium [#]	CBS 715.68*	KU850565	KU850712	KU850855
S. waikerieanum	VPRI 21969*	MK336832	MK336878	MK336855

Ex-type/ex-epitype/ex-neotype/ex-lectotype strains are in bold and marked with an asterisk (*). Voucher strains are also in bold. Species confirmed with pathogenicity studies are marked with $*$

Iakovidis et al. [\(2020](#page-118-6)) reported classical mapping strategies for loci of tomato that response to sequence-monomorphic efector Ecp5. Convergent evolution could be used for choosing diferent functional genes according to individual plant breeding needs. Ge et al. [\(2019\)](#page-115-19) showed that *Cladosporium* species have the potential to be used in industrial processes. They identifed a new glucose oxidase gene *CtgoxB* from *C. tianshanense* and suggested this could be a candidate for the aquatic feed and detergent industries. Transcriptome and proteome analyses of *C. fulvuim* showed that 14 out of 59 predicted proteases are expressed during *in vitro* and *in planta*, of which nine belong to serine proteases and the rest belong to metallo and aspartic proteases (Jashni et al. [2019](#page-119-15)). This study also confrmed the presence of six proteases at proteome level during the infection.

Grinn-Gofroń et al. ([2019](#page-115-21)) developed and evaluated the models of forecasting possibilities of airborne spore concentrations in 18 sites in six countries across Europe. The study revealed the possibility of reliable prediction of fungal spore levels using gridded meteorological data. They concluded that these forecasting models can be used in the more timely and efficient management of phytopathogenic and of human allergic diseases. An environmentally isolated strain of *C. sphaerospoermum* substantially enhanced plant growth, early fowering and increase in crop yield after exposure *in vitro* (Li et al. [2019\)](#page-121-10). Pan et al. ([2020](#page-123-18)) identified four new hybrid polyketides (Cladosin L-O) from *C. shaerospermum* which showed strong cytotoxicity, antifungal activity and moderate antibacterial activity.

Fig. 30 a, **b** Symptoms on *Ulmus pumila* caused by *Thyrostroma ulmicola* (MFLU 16-1622); **c**, **d** Sporodochia on the host surface. **e** Section of sporodochium. **f** Conidiogenesis and conidiogenous cells.

Classifcation: Ascomycota, Pezizomycotina, Dothideomycetes, Pleosporomycetidae, Capnodiales, Cladosporiaceae *Type species*–*Cladosporium herbarum* (Pers.) Link *Distribution*– Worldwide

Disease symptoms–Leaf spots, leaf blight, discolourations, necrosis, or shot-hole symptoms, on stems and fruits, rots *Hosts*– *Cladosporium* species occur on a wide range of host plants including Asparagaceae, Asteraceae, Fabaceae, Myrtaceae, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Solanaceae and Vitaceae (Farr and Rossman [2020\)](#page-114-6). Some species can be hyperparasites of insects and fungi (Heuchert et al. [2005](#page-117-14); Islam et al.

g–l Conidia. **m** Germinated conidium. Scale bars: **d** = 1000 µm, **e** = 200 μm, f–m = 30μ m

[2019](#page-118-7); Sun et al. [2019;](#page-127-15) Abdel-Baky [2000](#page-109-3)). These species can cause allergies in humans such as sneezing, hives and also can cause eye, ear and sinus infections (de Hoog et al. [2000](#page-114-14)).

Pathogen biology, disease cycle and epidemiology

Cladosporium survives in the soil or on plant debris and produce spores during humid weather. Fungal spores germinate under high humidity and cool to warm temperatures. Wind, rain and irrigation splash, workers, tools, and insects readily disseminate spores (Jordan et al. [1990;](#page-119-16) Lan and Scherm [2003;](#page-120-8) Liu et al. [2019\)](#page-121-11).

Fig. 31 Phylogenetic tree generated by maximum likelihood analysis of LSU, SSU, ITS and *tef1* sequence data of *Thyrostroma* species. Related sequences were obtained from GenBank. The tree was rooted with *Dothidotthia robiniae* (MFLUCC 16-1175), *D. symphoricarpi* (CPC 12929) and *Wilsonomyces carpophilus* CBS 147.36). Tree topology of the ML analysis was similar to the Bayesian analysis. The best scoring RAxML tree with a fnal likelihood value of − 5556.187049 is presented. The matrix had 170 distinct alignment

Morphological based identifcation and diversity

The asexual morph of *Cladosporium* species is characterized by a unique coronate structure of the conidiogenous loci and conidia, consisting of the central convex dome surrounded by a raised periclinal rim (Bensch et al. [2012](#page-110-11); Fig. [33](#page-71-1)), while ascomata of sexual morphs are identical to those of *Mycosphaerella* (sect. *Tassiana*) (Braun et al. [2003\)](#page-111-18). Historically, all types of dematiaceous hyphomycetes with amero- to phragmosporous conidia formed in acropetal chains had been assigned to *Cladosporium sensu lato*, resulting in the complication to resolve a natural classifcation of *Cladosporium*. Various mycologists proposed natural genetic circumscriptions of *Cladosporium* (David [1997](#page-114-15); Braun et al. [2003](#page-111-18); Aptroot [2006\)](#page-109-4). David [\(1997](#page-114-15)) found the unique structure of conidiogenous loci and conidial hila using scanning electron microscopy. Based on the genetic circumscriptions, some cladosporioid groups, such as *Fusicladium* being non-coronate (Schubert et al. [2003\)](#page-126-8), have been excluded from *Cladosporium s. str.* Various *Cladosporium* species have been re-examined based on the new generic concepts (Schubert and Braun [2004](#page-126-9), [2005a](#page-126-10), [b,](#page-126-11) [2007](#page-126-12); patterns, with 18.30% of undetermined characters or gaps. Estimated base frequencies were as follows: $A = 0.243922$, $C = 0.240705$, G $= 0.270231$, T = 0.245142; substitution rates AC = 3.570314, AG $= 6.771467$, AT 4.177691, CG $= 1.603201$, CT $= 31.935571$, GT = 1.000000; gamma distribution shape parameter α = 0.602378. Maximum likelihood bootstrap support values greater than 60% and Bayesian posterior probabilities ≥ 0.95 (BYPP) are indicated above the nodes. Ex-type (ex-epitype) and voucher strains are in bold

Schubert [2005](#page-126-13); Schubert et al. [2006;](#page-126-14) Braun and Schubert [2007;](#page-111-19) Braun et al. [2008\)](#page-111-20). A polyphasic approach revealed three major species complexes within *Cladosporium*, viz. *C. cladosporioides*, *C. herbarum* and *C. sphaerospermum* (Schubert et al. [2007;](#page-126-15) Dugan et al. [2008;](#page-114-16) Bensch et al. [2010](#page-110-12); Bensch et al. [2015](#page-110-13)). A modern monograph of the genus treated 993 names of *Cladosporium sensu lato*, of which 169 were recognized in *Cladosporium sensu stricto* and others remain doubtful (Bensch et al. [\(2012](#page-110-11)).

Molecular based identifcation and diversity

The frst molecular examination of *Cladosporium-*like hyphomycetes based on ITS and SSU was carried out by Braun et al. [\(2003](#page-111-18)), who confirmed the strong heterogeneity. A new genus *Davidiella* was established to accommodate the sexual morphs of *Cladosporium sensu stricto* species which were previously assigned in *Mycosphaerella*. Aptroot ([2006\)](#page-109-4) made a better circumscription of *Davidiella* after he found species of *Davidiella* have ascospores with irregular cellular inclusions, which are absent in *Mycosphaerella*. Schoch et al. [\(2006\)](#page-126-16) studied the phylogenetic relationships

Table 19 DNA barcodes available for *Thyrostroma*

Ex-type/ex-epitype/ex-neotype/ex-lectotype strains are in bold and marked with an asterisk (*). Voucher strains are also in bold

of 96 taxa of the Dothideomycetes using LSU, SSU, *tef1* and *rpb2* gene data. *Davidiella* and its *Cladosporium* asexual morphs were assigned to the family Cladosporiaceae in the order Capnodiales, together with Mycosphaerellaceae. Crous et al. ([2007\)](#page-113-16) delimited *Cladosporium* from morphologically similar genera using their morphology and DNA phylogeny based on LSU. Several species were transferred to new genera such as *Hyalodendriella, Ochrocladosporium, Rachicladosporium, Rhizocladosporium, Toxicocladosporium* and *Verrucocladosporium*. Furthermore, *C. castellanii* was confrmed as a synonym of *Stenella araguata*, while the type species of *Stenella* resided in Teratosphaeriaceae instead of Mycosphaerellaceae. Schubert et al. ([2007\)](#page-126-15) performed a comprehensive study of the *C. herbarum* species complex based on both morphology and phylogenetic analysis with five combined genes. Bensch et al. (2010) (2010) carried out species and ecological diversity within the *C. cladosporioides* species complex. More than 200 isolates belonging to the *C. cladosporioides* species complex were examined and analyzed on the basis of ITS, *act*and *tef1* gene regions. A comprehensive monograph of *Cladosporium sensu lato* was provided by Bensch et al. ([2012\)](#page-110-11) based on morphology and combined ITS, *act* and *tef1* sequence data. In their study, 993 names assigned to *Cladosporium sensu lato* are treated and 169 names were recognized in *Cladosporium sensu stricto.* Bensch et al. ([2015\)](#page-110-13) introduced the three major species complexes in *Cladosporium*, i.e. *C. cladosporioides, C. herbarum* and *C. sphaerospermum*, and 19 new species were described. Razafnarivo et al. ([2016\)](#page-125-17) introduced a new species *C. lebrasiae* from milk bread rolls in France, Ma et al. ([2017](#page-121-12)) introduced six new soil-inhabiting *Cladosporium* species from plateaus in China. Bensch et al. ([2018\)](#page-110-14) studied *Cladosporium* species from indoor environments and introduced 16 new species. Several new *Cladosporium* species including *Cladosporium omanense* (Halo et al. [2019\)](#page-116-10), *C. passiforae* and *C. passiforicola* (Rosado et al. [2019\)](#page-125-18) have been introduced more recently. In this study, we reconstruct the phylogeny of *Cladosporium* based on ITS, *tef1* and *act* sequenced data (Table [21](#page-73-0); Fig. [34](#page-76-0)).

*Recommended genetic marker (genus level)—*ITS and LSU *Recommended genetic markers (species level***)***—act* and *tef1* (in a few cases *tub2*)

Accepted number of species–There are 844 epithets listed in Index Fungorum [\(2020](#page-118-0)), however, **138** species have DNA sequence data.

References–David ([1997\)](#page-114-15), Aptroot ([2006\)](#page-109-4), Schubert and Braun ([2004](#page-126-9), [2005a,](#page-126-10) [b,](#page-126-11) [2007\)](#page-126-12), Schubert ([2005\)](#page-126-13), Schubert et al. ([2006](#page-126-14)), Braun and Schubert [\(2007](#page-111-19)), Braun et al. [\(2008](#page-111-20)) (morphology), Braun et al. [\(2003\)](#page-111-18), Schoch et al. ([2006](#page-126-16)), Bensch et al. ([2010,](#page-110-12) [2012](#page-110-11), [2015](#page-110-13)), Ma et al. ([2017\)](#page-121-12) (morphology and phylogeny)

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Fig. 32 Phylogram generated from MP analysis based on combined sequences of ITS, LSU and *tef1* sequences of all the accepted species of *Wojnowiciella*. Related sequences were obtained from Gen-Bank. Ten taxa are included in the analyses, which comprise 2460 characters including gaps. Single gene analyses were carried out and compared with each species, to compare the topology of the tree and clade stability. The tree was rooted with *Galiicola baoshanensis* (HKAS102234). The best scoring RAxML tree with a fnal likelihood value of − 6772.195394 is presented. The matrix had 261 distinct alignment patterns, with 0.96% of undetermined characters or gaps. Estimated base frequencies were as follows: $A = 0.230657$, C $= 0.279364$, G = 0.252128, T = 0.237852; substitution rates AC = 1.388608, AG = 2.845402, AT = 2.389715, CG = 0.838197, CT = 7.220493, GT = 1.000000; gamma distribution shape parameter a $= 0.650385$. ML and MP bootstrap support value $\geq 50\%$ are shown respectively near the nodes. Ex-type strains are in bold

Species	Isolates	TTS	LSU	tefl	References
Wojnowiciella cissampeli	CBS 141297*	KX228272	KX228323	LT990616	Crous et al. (2016)
W. dactylidis	MFLUCC 13-0735*	KP744470	KP684149		Liu et al. (2015)
W. eucalypti	CBS 139904*	KR476741	KR476774	LT990617	Crous et al. (2015)
W. kunmingensis	KUMCC18-0159*	MK356380	MK356354	MK359071	Phookamsak et al. (2019)
W. leptocarpi	CBS 115684*	KX306775	KX306800	LT990615	Hernandez-Restrepo et al. (2016)
W. lonicerae	MFLUCC 13-0737*	KP744471	KP684151		Liu et al. (2015)
W. rosicola	MFLUCC 15-0128*	MG828979	MG829091	\equiv	Phookamsak et al. (2019)
W. spartii	MFLUCC 13-0402*	KU058719	KU058729	\equiv	Li et al. (2015)
W. viburni	MFLUCC 12-0733*	KC594286	KC594287	\equiv	Wijayawardene et al. (2013)

Table 20 Details of *Wojnowiciella*, isolates used in the phylogenetic analyses

Ex-type (or ex-epitype) strains are in bold and marked with an asterisk* and voucher strains are in bold

Fig. 33 *Cladosporium cladosporioides*. **a** Conidiomata. **b**, **c**, **e** Macro- and micronematous conidiophores and conidia chains. **d**. Secondary ramoconidia. **f**. Conidia. Scale bars: b, c, e, $f = 50 \mu m$, d-g=10 μ m

96. *Colletotrichum* Corda, in Sturm, Deutschl. Fl., 3 Abt. (Pilze Deutschl.) 3(12): 41 (1831) *Background*

Colletotrichum was introduced by Corda [\(1831](#page-112-18)), belonging to *Glomerellaceae* (Glomerellales, Sordariomycetes), and is the sole member of this family (Maharachchikumbura et al. [2015,](#page-121-4) [2016;](#page-121-5) Hyde et al. [2020b\)](#page-118-1). Species may occupy diferent lifestyles, ranging from necrotrophy to hemibiotrophy as well

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as endophytism (Crouch et al. [2014\)](#page-113-17). *Colletotrichum* species are important plant pathogens in both tropical and temperate regions on many economically important crops (Hyde et al. [2009a,](#page-117-15) [b](#page-118-8), [2014](#page-118-9); Cannon et al. [2012;](#page-112-19) Jayawardena et al. [2016b,](#page-119-17) [c\)](#page-119-18). Based on recognized scientifc and economic importance this genus was voted the eighth most important plant pathogenic group in the world (Dean et al. [2012\)](#page-114-17). *Colletotrichum* species have been identifed as endophytes (Manamgoda
et al. [2013;](#page-122-0) Tao et al. [2013](#page-127-0); Hyde et al. [2014;](#page-118-0) Jayawardena et al. [2016c](#page-119-0)) and some are saprobes on dead plant material (Photita et al. [2005;](#page-124-0) Jayawardena et al. [2016b](#page-119-1)). A few species have been identifed to be pathogenic to humans (*C. coccodes, C. dematium, C. gloeosporioides* (Natarajan et al. [2013](#page-123-0))) and on insects (*C. foriniae* (Damm et al. [2012b\)](#page-113-0)). *Colletotrichum* species are cosmopolitan in distribution and show a diverse hosts association (Sharma et al. [2015\)](#page-126-0). A host plant genus can be infected by many *Colletotrichum* species (Silva et al. [2012;](#page-126-1) Jayawardena et al. [2016c](#page-119-0)), and on the contrary, a single species of *Colletotrichum* can infect many host plants (Damm et al. [2012a](#page-113-1), [b](#page-113-0); Weir et al. [2012\)](#page-129-0).

Correct species identification is important to understand the species diversity, plant pathology and quarantine, concerning human infections, agriculture, bio-control, plant breeding, whole-genome sequencing, developing and maintaining knowledge databases, bioprospecting and understanding the evolutionary history (Jayawardena et al. [2016a\)](#page-119-2). Due to a small number of distinctive morphological characters available for identifcation, misidentifcation of these species is frequent. Misapplication and misidentifcation of species are also due to the misunderstanding of their host-specifc nature, ambiguous species boundaries and incorrect sequences (Cannon et al. [2012;](#page-112-0) Hyde et al. [2014](#page-118-0); Jayawardena et al. [2016a\)](#page-119-2). Therefore, having a stable taxonomy for the identifcation of these species is a signifcant practical concern (Shenoy et al. [2007](#page-126-2)). To establish a natural classifcation system, researchers strongly recommend the use of geographical, ecological, morphological and genetic data (Cai et al. [2009](#page-111-0); Sharma and Shenoy [2016\)](#page-126-3).

Species of *Colletotrichum* are extensively studied as model organisms (Cannon et al. [2012](#page-112-0); Hyde et al. [2014\)](#page-118-0). This enables the researchers to understand the pathogen variation, infection mechanism, evolution and population dynamics. Pathogenicity genes of *C. graminicola*, *C. higginsianum* and *C. orbiculare* have been studied (Huser et al. [2009](#page-117-0); O'Connell et al. [2012\)](#page-123-1). Asakura et al. ([2009\)](#page-109-0) discovered the importance of the pexophagy factor ATG26 for appressorium formation. A total of 28 genome projects that include 25 diferent *Colletotrichum* species can be found; 15 of these strains are still at the annotation stage and 13 are now at the 'Fungal Standard Draft' stage (Carbú et al. [2019\)](#page-112-1). These genomes will allow further analysis of species diversity and evolutionary mechanisms and may serve as a foundation for genetic analysis that leads to a greater understanding of interactions between plants and fungal pathogens (Meng et al. [2020\)](#page-122-1). Baroncelli et al. ([2016\)](#page-110-0) studied four strains of *C. acutatum* and illustrated the plasticity of *Colletotrichum* genomes and showed that major changes in host range are associated with relatively recent changes in gene content. A genome of *C. fructicola* from apple in China was compared with its reference genome, which identifed a number of strong duplication/loss events at key phylogenetic nodes (Liang et al. [2018\)](#page-121-0). Gan et al. [\(2019\)](#page-115-0) provided the updated genome for *C. orbiculare* and also provided three draft genomes for *C. trifolli*, *C. sidae* and *C. spinosum*. *Colletotrichum higginsianum* has a compartmentalized genome consisting of gene-sparse, transposable elements dense regions with more effector candidate genes and genedense, TE-sparse regions harbouring conserved genes which help the pathogen to generate genomic diversity (Tsushima et al. [2019\)](#page-128-0). Comparative genome analysis indicated that there is a rapid evolution of pathogenicity genes in *C. tanaceti* (Lelwala et al. [2019\)](#page-120-0).

Species of *Colletotrichum* can be used as biocontrol agents and as biocatalysts (*C. dematium*, *C. gloeosporioides*, *C. graminicola*, *C. lindemuthianum*, *C. orbiculare*, *C.theobromicola*, *C. trifoli* (Jayawardena et al. [2016b\)](#page-119-1)). Jayawardena et al. ([2016b](#page-119-1)) discussed the importance of secondary metabolites produced by species with relation to pathogenesis, medicines, disease control and toxins.

*Classifcation—*Ascomycota, Pezizomycotina Sordariomycetes, Hypocreomycetidae, Glomerellales, Glomerellaceae *Type species—Colletotrichum lineola* Corda, in Sturm, Deutschl. Fl., 3 Abt. (Pilze Deutschl.) 3(12): 41 (1831) *Distribution—*Worldwide

*Disease symptoms—*Anthracnose disease, red rot, crown and stem rots, ripe rot, seedling blights and brown blotch.

Anthracnose disease symptoms include defned, often sunken necrotic spots on leaves, stems, fowers or fruits and may show a lot of variation depending on the host (35a−e).

*Hosts—*Pathogens on many host families including, Amaryllidaceae, Amaranthaceae, Anacardiaceae, Annonaceae, Apiaceae, Apocynaceae, Araceae, Araliaceae, Arecaceae, Asparagaceae, Asteraceae, Bignoniaceae, Campanulaceae, Caricaceae, Crassulaceae, Cucurbitaceae, Euphorbiaceae, Fabaceae, Iridaceae, Lamiaceae, Lauraceae, Malvaceae, Melastomataceae, Menispermaceae, Moraceae, Myrtaceae, Oleaceae, Olivaceae, Orchidaceae, Passiforaceae, Pinaceae, Piperaceae, Plumbaginaceae, Poaceae, Podocarpaceae, Polemoniaceae, Proteaceae, Ranunculaceae, Rosaceae, Rubiaceae, Rutaceae, Solanaceae, Theaceae and Vitaceae.

Pathogen biology, disease cycle and epidemiology

For *Colletotrichum* biology, disease cycle and epidemiology see Cannon et al. [\(2012](#page-112-0)) and De Silva et al. [\(2017\)](#page-114-0).

Morphological based identifcation and diversity

Due to the overlapping morphological characters, species delimitation based on morphology alone is hardly possible (Jayawardena et al. [2016b](#page-119-1); Marin-Felix et al. [2017](#page-122-2); Fig. [35f](#page-79-0)–l).

Molecular based identifcation and diversity

Cai et al. (2009) (2009) proposed the use of a polyphasic approach with multi-loci sequence analyses combined with

Table 21 DNA barcodes available for **Cladosporium**

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Ex-type/ex-epitype/ex-neotype/ex-lectotype strains are in bold and marked with an asterisk (*). Voucher strains are also in bold. Species confirmed with pathogenicity studies are marked with $*$

geographical, ecological and morphological data for reliable species delimitation. Application of this polyphasic approach resulted in the delimitation of almost 200 species, most of them belonging to species complexes such as acutatum, boninense and gloeosporioides. There is no universal set of loci to use when identifying *Colletotrichum* species. Cannon et al. [\(2012\)](#page-112-0), Damm et al. ([2012a](#page-113-1), [b,](#page-113-0) [2013,](#page-113-2) [2014,](#page-113-3) [2019,](#page-114-1) Liu et al. [2016](#page-121-1)) used ITS, *gapdh, chs, act, his* and *tub2* (with some also *gs* or *cal*) for studying species within the acutatum, boninense, dematium, destructivum, gigasporum, orbiculare, spaethianum and truncatum species complexes, while Weir et al. ([2012\)](#page-129-0) additionally applied *gs, cal* and *sod2* within the gloeosporioides species complex. Hyde et al. [\(2014](#page-118-0)), Jayawardena et al. ([2016b\)](#page-119-1), Marin-Felix et al. [\(2017\)](#page-122-2) used ITS, *gapdh, chs, act* and *tub2* to diferentiate the species. Using fve loci for the whole genus gave similar results to 6-7 loci used for the whole genus. In contrast, Crouch et al. [\(2009b\)](#page-113-4) applied ITS, *sod2, apn2* and *mat1/apn2*, to study the graminicola and caudatum species complexes. Use of *ApMat* locus to delimit the species within gloeosporioides species complex was emphasized by Silva et al. ([2012\)](#page-126-1) and Sharma et al. [\(2015](#page-126-0)) as it provides a higher resolution when compared to previously used loci. However, studies by Liu et al. ([2015,](#page-121-2) [2016](#page-121-1)) revealed that using this locus with other

Fig. 34 Phylogram generated from Maximum Likelihood analysis based on ITS, *tef1* and *act* sequenced data. Bootstrap support values \geq 75% and Bayesian posterior probabilities \geq 0.95 are given near the

nodes. The ex-type (ex-epitype) and voucher strains are in bold. The tree is rooted with *Toxicocladosporium banksiae* CBS 128215

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Fig. 34 (continued)

loci would provide a satisfactory species delimitation within the gloeosporioides species complex. For species delimitation, application of the Genealogical Concordance Phylogenetic Species Recognition (GCPSR) has proven to be a powerful tool (Cai et al. [2009\)](#page-111-0). Coalescent-based species delimitation methods can also be used to infer the dynamic of divergence, evolutionary process and the relationships among species (McCormack et al. [2009,](#page-122-3) Liu et al. [2016\)](#page-121-1).

Jayawardena et al. [\(2016b](#page-119-1)) provided the accepted species for the genus with backbone trees for each species complex and with notes for each accepted species. De Silva et al. [\(2017](#page-114-0)) reviewed the lifestyles and how this can be applied to plant biosecurity. Ariyawansa et al. [\(2015\)](#page-109-1), Yan et al. ([2015\)](#page-130-0), Li et al. [\(2016\)](#page-120-1), De Silva et al. [\(2017\)](#page-114-0), Hyde et al. ([2020a,](#page-118-1) [b\)](#page-118-2), Marin-Felix et al. [\(2017\)](#page-122-2), Tibpromma et al. [\(2017,](#page-121-3) 2018), Samarakoon et al. [\(2018\)](#page-126-4), Bhunjun et al. [\(2019\)](#page-110-1) have introduced new species based on morphology, phylogeny and GCPSR evidence. Damm et al. [\(2019\)](#page-114-1) introduced three new species complexes namely, dracaenophilum, magnum and orchidearum based on morphology and phylogeny. Cabral et al. ([2020\)](#page-111-1) based on pathological, morphological, cytogenomic, biochemical and molecular data, assigned the previously known *C. kahawae* subsp. *ciggario* as a new species, *C. ciggario*. At present, based on multi-loci phylogeny there are 14 species complexes. With 59 new species having been added since the last treatment (Marin-Felix et al. [2017](#page-122-2)), here we present an analysis using fve loci (Table [21](#page-73-0)) for all *Colletotrichum* species (Fig. [36\)](#page-79-1). From the studies conducted on this genus, it is clear that the resolution of species difers depending on both locus and species. Therefore, to select a better genetic marker and the best secondary barcoding gene/genes is still an ongoing process.

*Recommended genetic marker (genus level)—*ITS

Recommended genetic markers (species level)—act, apmat, apn2, cal, chs-1, gapdh, gs, his, mat1/apn2, sod2, and *tub2*. *Accepted number of species—*There are 903 epithets listed in Index Fungorum ([2020\)](#page-118-3), however, **247** species with molecular data are treated as accepted (Table [22](#page-82-0)).

*References—*Cai et al. [\(2009](#page-111-0)) (polyphasic approach); Hyde et al. [\(2009a](#page-117-1), [b\)](#page-118-4) (morphology and accepted species); Cannon et al. [\(2012\)](#page-112-0) (A review and an updated account of the genus); Crouch et al. [\(2009a](#page-113-5), [b](#page-113-4), [c,](#page-113-6) [2014](#page-113-7)), Damm et al. ([2009,](#page-113-8) [2012a,](#page-113-1) [b](#page-113-0), [2013,](#page-113-2) [2014,](#page-113-3) [2019\)](#page-114-1), Weir et al. ([2012\)](#page-129-0) (morphology and phylogeny); Hyde et al. [\(2014](#page-118-0)), Jayawardena et al. [\(2016b](#page-119-1)), Marin-Felix et al. ([2017\)](#page-122-2) (accepted number of species).

97. *Mucor* Fresen., Beitr. Mykol. 1: 7 (1850) *Background*

Mucor belongs to the order Mucorales, which is among one of the most studied groups of early diverging lineages of fungi. The genus has the largest number of species within the order and half of the sequences submitted to GenBank for Mucorales are of *Mucor* (Hofmann et al. [2013](#page-117-2); Spatafora et al. [2016](#page-127-1); Hyde et al. [2014;](#page-118-0) Nguyen and Lee [2018](#page-123-2)). *Mucor* belongs to the phylum Mucoromycota, subphylum Mucoromycotina, class Mucoromycetes, order Mucorales and family Mucoraceae (Wijayawardene et al. [2018](#page-129-1), [2020](#page-129-2)). It was described by Fresenius in 1850 and the type species is *Mucor mucedo*. Recent molecular studies of mucoralean species have indicated that *Mucor* is polyphyletic (Nguyen et al. [2017](#page-123-3)). However, even with defnite results showing the polyphyly of *Mucor*, few clear lineages within *Mucor* are recognized. Some of these lineages share innate characteristics, such as sporangium size and branching of tall sporangiophores and the morphology is still widely used in current taxonomy (Walther et al. [2013](#page-129-3)). Analysis of internal transcribed spacer (ITS) and large subunit (LSU) rDNA sequence data of several mucoralean species, showed that some *Mucor* species with curved sporangiophores grouped with species of *Backusella* and hence was transferred to *Backusella* (Walther et al. [2013;](#page-129-3) Nguyen et al. [2017](#page-123-3)). *Mucor* species are commonly isolated from soil, dung, insect, and fruits (Benny [2008](#page-110-2)). Some species are of biotechnological importance such as biofuel, enzyme, terpernoid production and biotransformation while other species cause mucoromycosis in immunosuppressed humans (Nguyen et al. [2017;](#page-123-3) Steve et al. [2018;](#page-127-2) Morin-Sardin et al. [2017](#page-122-4)). Comparative analyses of fve *Mucor* species based on their lifestyles (*M. fuscus* and *M. lanceolatus* (used for cheese production), *M. circinelloides* and *M. racemosus* (opportunistic pathogens) and *M. endophyticus* (an endophyte)) revealed the core transcriptome comprising 5566 orthogroups included genes potentially involved in secondary metabolism. Due to the wide taxonomic range investigated, the fve transcriptomes also displayed specifcities that can be linked to the diferent lifestyles, such as diferences in the composition of transcripts identifed as virulence factors or carbohydrate transporters. Research on this genus has changed its course to identify the link between genetic and biological data, especially in terms of lifestyle and adaptations to a given habitat (Lebreton et al. [2019](#page-120-2)) (Figs. [37](#page-88-0), [38](#page-90-0)).

*Classifcation—*Zygomycota, Mucoromycotina, Mucoromycetes, Mucorales, Mucorineae, Mucoraceae

Type species—*Mucor mucedo* Fresen.

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Distribution—Worldwide
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Disease symptoms—Mucor rot and soft rot

Mucor species especially *M. fragilis*, *M. irregularis*, *M. piriformis* and *M. racemosus* often cause postharvest diseases such as Mucor rot and soft rot. The initial symptoms of Mucor rot are similar to plant diseases caused by green mold, blue mold, and sour mold. The infected tissue becomes soft and watery. The lesions turn light to dark brown and as the infection progresses, white or shiny grey sporangiophores form at the lesions. Fungal growth spreads across the whole host and masses of sporangiophores bearing black to pale brown sporangia are observed. Decaying fruits become "juicy" within which are abundant spores of

the fungus (Li et al. [2014;](#page-120-3) Saito et al. [2016\)](#page-126-5). Ito et al. ([1979\)](#page-119-3) found that three species of fruit fies namely *Certitis capitata*, *Dacus cucurbitae* and *D. dorsalis,* can transmit Mucor rot in guava.

Soft rot caused by *Mucor racemosus* results in watersoaked appearance followed by a softening of the infected part. When the disease progresses growth of white mycelium and brownish to grey sporangia can be observed. Finally, the infected tissue is broken down and disintegrates in a watery rot (Kwon and Hong [2005;](#page-120-4) López et al. [2016\)](#page-121-4).

Fig. 36 Phylogram generated from MP analysis based on combined ▸sequences of ITS, *gapdh*, *chs*, *act* and *tub2* sequences of all species of *Colletotrichum* with molecular data. Related sequences were obtained from GenBank. Two hundred and fourty nine taxa are included in the analyses, which comprise 2296 characters including gaps, of which 868 characters are constant, 295 characters are parsimony-uninformative and 1133 characters parsimony-informative. The parsimony analysis of the data matrix resulted in the maximum of ten equally most parsimonious trees with a length of 10088 steps (CI = 0.283, RI=0.840, RC = 0.237, HI = 0.717) in the third tree. Single gene analyses were carried out and compared with each species, to compare the topology of the tree and clade stability. The tree was rooted with *Monilochaetes infuscans* (CBS 869.96) and *M. populi* (CBS 139623). MP bootstrap support value $\geq 50\%$ and BYPP ≥ 0.9 are shown respectively near the nodes. Ex-type strains are in bold

concatenated matrix contained 657 distinct alignmentpatterns with 22.27% of undetermined characters or gaps. Estimated base frequencies were as follows; A = 0.302146, C = 0.168433, G = 0.219872, T = 0.309549; substitution rates AC = 0.776817 , AG = 3.154911 , AT = 1.674079 , CG = 0.632500 , $CT = 4.808262$, $GT = 1.000000$; gamma distribution shape parameter $\alpha =$

Fig.35 *Colletotrichum* **sp. a** Chilli anthracnose symptoms **b** Crown rot of strawberry **c** Leaf blight of *Cannas* sp. **d**, **e** strawberry anthracnose symptoms **f**, **g** Conidiomata and spore mass **h** Conidiophore **i** Setae **j** Conidiogenous cells and curved conidia **k** Conidia of *C. gloeosporioides***l** Appressoria. Phylogram generated from RAxML analysis based on combined sequences of ITS and LSU of *Mucor*and *Backusella* species. Eighty-one taxa were used for the analysis, which consisted 1256 characters includinggaps. The tree is rooted using *Backusella lamprospora* (CBS 195.28), and *B. grandis* (CBS 186.87). Likelihoodof the best scoring ML tree was -16174.718247. The

Fig. 36 (continued)

*Hosts—*Wide host range including, *Actinidia deliciosa*, *Citrus reticulata, Dioscorea* species*, Fragaria × ananassa*, *Mangifera indica, Manihot esculenta, Prunus* species, *Psidium guajava, Solanum melongena*, *Solanum lycopersicum* and *Vitis* species (Farr and Rossman [2020\)](#page-114-2).

Pathogen biology, disease cycle and epidemiology

The pathogen reproduces asexually. Mucor rot often develops by infecting punctured wounds and cracks on the surface of the fruit, stem end or calyx of the host. In the early stages of the infection, the fruit becomes soft and **Table 22** DNA barcodes available for *Colletotrichum*, isolates used in the phylogenetic analyses

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Species name	Isolate no	ITS	gapdh	$\mathit{chs-1}$	act	tub2	Complex
C. hanaui	MAFF 305404*	JX519217		JX519225		JX519242	graminicola
$C.$ hebeiense [#]	MFLUCC13-0726*	KF156863	KF377495	KF289008	KF377532	KF288975	gloeosporioides
C. hedericola	MFLU 15-0689*	MN631384		MN635794	MN635795		gloeosporioides
$C.$ helleniense [#]	CBS 142418*	KY856446	KY856270	KY856186	KY856019	KY856528	gloeosporioides
$C.$ henanense [#]	CGMCC 3.17354*	KJ955109	KJ954810		KM023257	KJ955257	gloeosporioides
C. hemerocallidis	CDLG5	JQ400005	JQ400012	Q399998	JQ399991	JQ400019	dematium
$C.$ higginsianum [#]	IMI 349061*	KM105184	KM105535	KM105254	KM105394 KM105464		destructivum
C. hippeastri	CBS 125376*	JQ005231	JQ005318	JQ005405	JQ005579	JQ005665	boninense
$C.$ horii $#$	NBRC 7478*	GQ329690	GQ329681	JX009752	JX009438	JX010450	gloeosporioides
$C.$ hystricis [#]	CBS 142411*	KY856450	KY856274	KY856190	KY856023	KY856532	gloeosporioides
C. hsienjenchang	MAFF 243051	AB738855		AB738846	AB738845		singleton
C. incanum	ATCC 64682*	KC110789	KC110807		KC110825	KC110816	spaethianum
C. indonesiense	CBS 127551*	JQ948288	JQ948618	JQ948949	JQ949609	JQ949939	acutatum
C. insertae	MFLU 15-1895*	KX618686	KX618684	KX618683	KX618682	KX618685	dematium
C. jacksonii	MAFF 305460*	JX519216		JX519224	JX519233	JX519241	graminicola
C. jasminigenum	CGMCC LLTX-01*	HM131513 HM131499				HM131508 HM153770	truncatum
C . javanense#	CBS 144963a*	MH846576	MH846572 MH846573		MH846575	MH846574	acutatum
C. jiangxiense	CGMCC 3.17363*	KJ955201	KJ954902		KJ954471	KJ955348	gloeosporioides
$C.$ jinshuiense $*$	CGMCC 3.18903*	MG748077		MG747995 MG747913	MG747767 MG748157		dematium
C. jishouense	GMBC0209*	MH482929	MH681658		MH708135 MH727473		gigasporum
C. johnstonii	CBS 128532*	JQ948444	JQ948775	JQ949105	JQ949765	JQ950095	acutatum
C. kahawae [#]	IMI 319418*	JX010231	JX010012	JX009813	JX009452	JX010444	gloeosporioides
C. kakivorum [#]	KCTC 46679*	LC324781	LC324787	LC324783	LC324785	LC324791	dematium
C. karstii [#]	CORCG6*	HM585409	HM585391	HM582023	HM581995	HM585428	boninense
C. kinghornii	CBS 198.35*	JQ948454	JQ948785	JQ949115	JQ949775	JQ950105	acutatum
$C.$ laticiphilum [#]	CBS 112989*	JQ948289	JQ948619	JQ948950	JQ949610	JQ949940	acutatum
C. lauri	MFLUCC 17-0205*	KY514347	KY514344	KY514341	KY514338	KY514350	acutatum
C. ledebouriae	CBS 141284*	KX228254			KX228357		singleton
$C.$ lentis $#$	CBS 127604*	JQ005766	KM105597	JQ005787	JQ005829	JQ005850	destructivum
$C.$ liaoningense [#]	CGMCC 3.17616*	KP890104	KP890135	KP890127	KP890097	KP890111	magnum
C. lilii	CBS 109214/BBA 62147*	GU227810	GU228202	GU228300	GU227908	GU228104	spaethianum
$C.$ lini	CBS 172.51*	JQ005765	KM105581	JQ005786	JQ005828	JQ005849	destructivum
C. limetticola	CBS 114.14*	JQ948193	JQ948523	JQ948854	JQ949514	JQ949844	acutatum
C. limonicola [#]	CBS 142410*	KY856472	KY856296	KY856213	KY856045	KY856554	boninense
$C.$ lindemuthianum $*$	CBS 144.31*	JQ005779	JX546712	JQ005800	JQ005842	JQ005863	orbiculare
$C.$ lineola $#$	CBS 125337*	GU227829	GU228221	GU228319	GU227927	GU228123	dematium
$C.$ liriopes $*$	CBS 119444*	GU227804	GU228196	GU228294	GU227902	GU228098	spaethianum
C. lobatum	IMI 79736*	MG600768	MG600828	MG600874	MG600972 MG601035		magnum
$C.$ lupini $*$	CBS 109225*	JQ948155	JQ948485	JO948816	JO949476	JQ949806	acutatum
C. magnisporum	CBS 398.84*	KF687718	KF687842	KF687782	KF687803	KF687882	gigasporum
C. makassarense#	CBS 143664a*	MH728812	MH728820	MH805850	MH781480	MH846563	gloeosporioides
C. magnum	CBS 519.97*	MG600769	MG600829	MG600875	MG600973	MG601036	magnum
C. malvarum	CBS 521.97*	KF178480	KF178504	KF178529	KF178577	KF178601	orbiculare
$C.$ melonis $*$	CBS 159.84*	JQ948194	JQ948524	JQ948855	JQ949515	JQ949845	acutatum
C. menispermi	MFLU 14-0625*	KU242357	KU242356	KU242355	KU242353	KU242354	dematium
C. metake	MAFF 244029	AB738859					singleton
C. merremiae	CBS 124955*					MG600765 MG600825 MG600872 MG600969 MG601032 magnum	
C. miscanthi	MAFF 510857*	JX519221		JX519229	JX519237	JX519246	graminicola
$C.$ musae $*$	CBS 116870*	HQ596292	HQ596299	JX009896	HQ596284	HQ596280	gloeosporioides
C. musicola#	CBS 132885*		MG600736 MG600798 MG600853			MG600942 MG601003	orchidearum

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Ex-type/ex-epitype/ex-neotype/ex-lectotype strains in bold and marked with an asterisk (*).Voucher strains are also in bold. Species confrmed with pathogenicity studies are marked with $*$

Backusella lamprospora CBS 195.28

Fig. 37 Phylogram generated from RAxML analysis based on com-◂bined sequences of ITS and LSU of *Mucor* and *Backusella* species. Eighty-seven taxa were used for the analysis, which consisted of 1264 characters including gaps. The tree is rooted using *Backusella lamprospora* (CBS 195.28), and *B. grandis* (CBS 186.87). Likelihood of the best-scoring ML tree was − 17553.567209. The concatenated matrix contained 716 distinct alignment patterns with 21.98% of undetermined characters or gaps. Estimated base frequencies were as follows: A = 0.302082 , C = 0.168706 , G = 0.219403 , T = 0.309809 ; substitution rates AC = 0.749467, AG = 2.977575, AT = 1.651634, $CG = 0.631954, CT = 4.647089, GT = 1.000000; gamma distribu$ tion shape parameter $\alpha = 0.302610$. The type species are in bold. Scale bar indicates the number of substitutions per site. ML bootstrap support values greater than 70% are shown near the nodes

appears water-soaked. The lesions formed are quasicircular or irregular, light to dark brown and the sporangiophores protrude through the wounds (Kwon and Hong [2005](#page-120-4); Saito et al. [2016;](#page-126-5) Michailides and Spotts [1990\)](#page-122-5). As the infection advances, the infected part disintegrates into a watery rot and the infection spreads and extends to all extremities of the fruit or even the surface of the container. The infected part is covered with a large mass of mycelium with erect sporangiophores and sporangia (Saito et al. [2016;](#page-126-5) Michailides and Spotts [1990\)](#page-122-5). When tested, rotten apple and pear by some *Mucor* species release an alcoholic odour while Mucor rot in peaches and nectarines caused by *M*. *piriformis* emits a pleasant aromatic odour. At an advanced stage, Mucor rot can be distinguished from other rots caused by *Rhizopus* or *Gilbertella*. Diferences are observed in the mycelial character, growth, sporangiophores and sporangia. For Mucor rot, erect, white or yellowish sporangiophore with grey to black sporangia is observed which covers the decay lesion densely. However, for Rhizopus rot, the mycelia are interwoven with stolons with dark sporangiophores and black sporangia. The sporangial wall eventually dries and falls apart while in Mucor rot, the sporangia absorb water from the sporangial wall which dissolves (Michailides and Spotts [1990\)](#page-122-5).

Morphology- based identifcation and diversity

Mucor is characterized by fast-growing colonies. The sporangiophores are simple or branched without basal rhizoids. However, under some conditions, they form rhizoids. These species normally form globose sporangia, containing the columella and spores. The sporangium is non-apophysate with pigmented and ornamented zygosporangial walls. Arthrospores, chlamydospores, and zygospores may be produced by some species. The zygospores lack appendaged suspenders and broad aseptate or sparsely septate hyphae are commonly found in *Mucor* species (Nguyen et al. [2016](#page-123-4)). When spores from sporangia are released, a remaining collarette is observed. The sporangiospores are round or slightly elongated (Larone [1995](#page-120-5); Sutton et al. [1998](#page-127-3); de Hoog et al. [2000\)](#page-114-3). With 76 accepted species, the genus is the largest and most studied group in Mucorales (Walther et al. [2019](#page-129-4)).

Molecular identifcation and diversity

The present taxonomy of *Mucor* is mostly based on morphological characters and interfertility tests. The genus was previously diagnosed using biological species recognition and morphological species recognition (Schipper [1973](#page-126-6); Hermet et al. [2012](#page-117-3)). However, identifcation often fails with only morphology hence phylogenetic species recognition has been used to resolve species (Taylor et al. [2000\)](#page-128-1). The use of multi-gene (ITS, *tef1* and *act*) phylogenetic analysis showed that *Mucor* is not monophyletic (Nguyen et al. [2017\)](#page-123-3). An extensive study by Walther et al. [\(2013\)](#page-129-3), using about 400 *Mucor* strains, led to a refnement in the classifcation of *Mucor* species. Phylogeny-based on 28S rDNA led to the transfer of some species to diferent groups and it was shown that some of these groups intermingled with other genera, such as *Chaetocladium* and *Helicostylum,* which do not belong to Mucoraceae. The use of fve markers (ITS, *rpb1*, *tsr1*, *mcm7* and *cfs*) phylogeny by Wagner et al. [\(2019\)](#page-129-5), combined with phenotypic studies, mating tests and the determination of the maximum growth temperatures revealed 16 phylogenetic species of which 14 showed distinct phenotypical traits and were recognized as discrete species.

*Recommended genetic markers (genus level)—*LSU and SSU

*Recommended genetic markers (species level)—*ITS and *rpb 1*

*Accepted number of species—*There are 735 species epithets in Index Fungorum [\(2020\)](#page-118-3), however only **76** species have DNA sequence data (Table [23](#page-93-0)) (Walther et al. [2019](#page-129-4)).

*References—*Larone ([1995](#page-120-5)), Sutton et al. [\(1998\)](#page-127-3), de Hoog et al. [\(2000](#page-114-3)) (morphology), Nguyen et al. ([2016](#page-123-4), [2017](#page-123-3)), Walther et al. [\(2013,](#page-129-3) [2019\)](#page-129-4), Wagner et al. [\(2019](#page-129-5)) (morphology and phylogeny).

98. *Phytophthora* de Bary, J. Roy. Agric. Soc. England, ser. 2 12: 240 (1876)

Background

Phytophthora is classifed in the kingdom Straminipila within the diploid, alga-like Oomycetes in the Stramenopile clade of the Kingdom Chromista (Cavalier-Smith [1986](#page-112-2); Dick [1995](#page-114-4); Yoon et al. [2002;](#page-130-1) Wijayawardene et al. [2020](#page-129-2)). *Phytophthora* consists of about 130 described species with many important plant pathogens. The Oomycota are biologically diferent from main fungal groups within the Kingdom Fungi (Corliss [1994](#page-112-3); Cavalier-Smith [1998\)](#page-112-4). For example, their cell walls are made primarily of cellulose instead of chitin as in most fungi and they cannot synthesize β-hydroxysterols, which is vital for synthesizing hormones that regulate sexual reproduction (Hyde et al. [2014\)](#page-118-0). Another important diference is that oomycetes are diploid throughout their life cycle. One similarity between *Phytophthora* species and Eumycotan fungi is that they both produce hyphae.

*Classifcation—*Oomycota, Peronosporales, Peronosporacae *Type species—Phytophthora infestans* (Mont.) de Bary *Distribution—*worldwide

*Disease symptoms—*blight, canker, dieback, root rots and wilt

Species can have a large impact on agriculture (e.g. *Phytophthora infestans*, potato late blight), arbiculture (e.g. *Phytophthora ramorum*, sudden oak death) and whole ecosystems (e.g. *Phytophthora cinnamomi* in Australia). *Phytophthora* species damage plants by killing the tissues and resulting necrosis can be seen in leaves, stems or roots. Some species can cause multiple symptoms on a single host, or cause different symptoms on diferent hosts (Jung and Blaschke [1996](#page-119-4)).

Blight: Initial symptom is the development of a "watersoaked" appearance, which progresses into brown or black irregular-shaped spots or wedge-shaped lesions. These lesions are usually not surrounded by a yellow halo (Babadoost [2004](#page-110-3); Pande et al. [2011;](#page-124-1) Ali et al. [2017\)](#page-109-2).

Canker: A dark discoloured necrotic lesion in the inner bark of a tree can be seen often on the stem or branches. However, generally, cankers are visible once the outer bark is removed. Cankers are often seen with a reddish-brown liquid that oozes through the bark (Davidson et al. [2002;](#page-114-5) Jung et al. [2018\)](#page-119-5).

Dieback: Death of shoot tips, twigs and branch tips can be observed. The infection progresses towards the main stem accompanied by a loss of foliage (Kuske and Benson [1983](#page-120-6); Akilli et al. [2013](#page-109-3)).

Decline and Death: This is a gradual process that will take place over several years. Plants fail to grow and the canopy becomes thin due to loss of foliage. Then the whole canopy or sections of the canopy may die (Marais [1980](#page-122-6); Belisario et al. [2004](#page-110-4); González et al. [2020](#page-115-1)).

Rot: Dark discoloured rotten tissues that are common on roots, but sometimes extend above the soil surface. However, collar rot occurs at the base of the trunk and extends just below the soil line (Jung and Blaschke [1996](#page-119-4); Graham et al. [2011](#page-115-2); Summerell and Liew [2020](#page-127-4)).

Wilting: This is the frst above-ground symptom of root rot. Foliage becomes faccid due to lack of water intake (Vettraino et al. [2009](#page-128-2); Xiong et al. [2019](#page-130-2)).

Phytophthora causes disease in important agricultural and ecological plants. *Phytophthora infestans* was responsible for the Irish potato famine from 1845 to 1852, causing the death of over 1 million people. *Phytophthora ramorum* has resulted in the death of millions of coast live oak, tanoak and Japanese larch trees, thus altering the forest ecosystems in California and Oregon, USA (Goheen et al. [2002](#page-115-3); Rizzo et al. [2002,](#page-125-0) [2005](#page-125-1)).

Hosts—Phytophthora agathidicida (commonly known as kauri dieback), which causes kauri death, is considered as one of the world's most feared fungi (Hyde et al. [2018a\)](#page-118-5). An extensive survey in previously unexplored ecosystems such as natural forests (Rea et al. [2010;](#page-125-2) Vettraino et al. [2011;](#page-128-3) Jung et al. [2011](#page-119-6), [2017](#page-119-7); Reeser et al. [2013](#page-125-3)), streams (Reeser et al. [2007;](#page-125-4) Bezuidenhout et al. [2010](#page-110-5); Yang et al. [2016;](#page-130-3) Brazee

et al. [2017](#page-111-2)), riparian ecosystems (Brasier et al. [2003](#page-111-3), [2004](#page-111-4); Hansen et al. [2012](#page-116-0)), and irrigation systems (Hong et al. [2010,](#page-117-4) [2012](#page-117-5); Yang et al. [2014a,](#page-130-4) [b\)](#page-130-5) has led an exponential increase in the number of species.

Pathogen biology, disease cycle and epidemiology

Morphological based identifcation and diversity

Species-level classifcation is based on the morphological characterization of reproductive structures including the sporangium (asexual) and oospore (sexual) as well as the production of chlamydospores (Martin et al. [2012](#page-122-7)). Characteristics that are important for species classifcation include the diameter of the oogonium and oospore, thickness of the oospore wall, whether or not the oospore flls the oogonium, ornamentation on the oogonial wall, and mode of attachment of the antheridium (Hyde et al. [2014](#page-118-0)). Identifcation and classifcation of *Phytophthora* species into morphological groups based on several characteristics was initially based on the key provided by Waterhouse [\(1963](#page-129-6)), which was later updated by Stamps et al. [\(1990](#page-127-5)).

Molecular based identifcation and diversity

Phytophthora has been historically placed in the *Pythiales* with *Pythium* and related genera, however recent phylogenetic analysis with the large (LSU) or small (SSU) rDNA sequences or *cox2* gene has indicated a closer relationship with downy mildew and white rusts (*Albugo*.) in the *Peronosporales* (Beakes and Sekimoto [2009](#page-110-6); Thines et al. [2009](#page-128-4)). Additional multigene analyses are vital to clarify the relationship between the *Peronosporales* and *Pythium*. Early efforts focusing on the phylogenetic relationships in *Phytophthora* used nuclear-encoded rDNA, primarily the ITS region (Crawford et al. [1996;](#page-113-9) Cooke and Duncan [1997](#page-112-5); Förster et al. [2000](#page-115-4)). The frst comprehensive study was based on the phylogenetic study of the ITS region (Cooke et al. [2000\)](#page-112-6). The study by Kroon et al. ([2004\)](#page-120-7) was based on analysis using two nuclear (*tef1*, *tub2*) and two mitochondrial (*cox1* and *nad1*) genes. Subsequent phylogenetic analysis was based on sequences of seven nuclear genetic markers (60S ribosomal protein L10, *tub2*, enolase, heat shock protein90, large subunit rDNA, *TigA* gene fusion and *tef1*) which divided the species into 10 well-supported clades (Blair et al. [2008](#page-110-7)). The phylogenetic study by Martin et al. [\(2014](#page-122-8)) was based on seven nuclear and four mitochondrial genes (*cox2, nad9, rps10 and secY*). More recently, an extensive study of the genus by Yang et al. [\(2017\)](#page-130-6) was based on sequences of seven nuclear genetic markers as in Blair et al. [\(2008\)](#page-110-7).

The number of described species in *Phytophthora* was approximately 55 in 1999, but since then there has been a signifcant increase in the number of species nearly doubling the number of described species to 105 (Brasier [2007](#page-111-5)), and over 128 species (Hyde et al. [2014](#page-118-0)). Additional species have since been described, for example, *P. cocois* (Weir et al. [2015\)](#page-129-7), *P. crassamura* (Scanu et al. [2015](#page-126-7)), *P. attenuata*, *P.*

xheterohybrida, P. xincrassata (Jung et al. [2017](#page-119-7)) bringing the total to over 150 species (Jung et al. [2019](#page-119-8)). The phylogenetic tree constructed is presented in Fig. [39](#page-91-0) and the accepted species are given in Table [24](#page-95-0).

*Recommended genetic markers (genus level)—*LSU, SSU and *cox2*

*Recommended genetic markers (species level***)***—*LSU, *tub2* and *cox2*

Accepted number of species– There are 317 epithets listed in Index Fungorum [\(2020](#page-118-3)), however only **162** species have DNA sequence data (Table [24](#page-95-0)).

References—Waterhouse [\(1963](#page-129-6)), Stamps et al. [\(1990](#page-127-5)) (morphology); Crawford et al. [\(1996](#page-113-9)), Cooke and Duncan ([1997](#page-112-5)), Cooke et al. ([2000](#page-112-6)), Förster et al. ([2000](#page-115-4)), Brasier ([2007](#page-111-5)), Blair et al. [\(2008](#page-110-7)) (morphology and phylogeny); Hyde et al. [\(2014\)](#page-118-0) (phylogeny and accepted species) (Fig. [40\)](#page-98-0).

99. *Pythium* Pringsh., Jb. wiss. Bot. 1: 304 (1858) *Background*

Pythium is the largest and most comprehensively studied genus in *Pythiaceae sensu lato*, order *Peronosporales sensu lato,* class *Peronosporomycetes*, phylum Oomycota, and kingdom Straminipila (Beakes et al. [2014\)](#page-110-8). Pringsheim [\(1858\)](#page-124-2) described the genus. However, the initial classifcation of *Pythium* has changed many times based on several studies using morphological characteristics (Uzuhashi et al. [2010](#page-128-5)). *Pythium* comprises of more than 230 extant species (Hyde et al. [2014\)](#page-118-0), however, identifcation of species has always been problematic due to limited morphological characters,

difficulty in isolating some taxa and lack of molecular data for certain species (Lévesque and de Cock [2004](#page-120-8)).

*Classifcation—*Oomycota, Pythiales, Pythiaceae

Type species—Pythium monospermum Pringsh. (Pringsheim [1858](#page-124-2))

*Distribution—*worldwide

*Disease symptoms—*generally cause rot of fruit, roots and stem including pre- or post-emergence damping-off of seeds and seedlings.

Pythium causes crown and root rot in mature plants, where plants suddenly wilt during warm and sunny weather and when plants have their frst heavy fruit load. Often, upper leaves of infected plants wilt in the day and recover overnight. However, plants eventually die (Craft and Nelson [1996](#page-112-7); Postma et al. [2000](#page-124-3)). The frst symptoms of *Pythium* root infections include stunting. In the root system, initial symptoms are brown to dark-brown lesions on root tips and feeder roots. As the disease progresses, symptoms are soft, brown, stubby roots and lack of feeder roots. In larger roots, the outer root tissue or cortex peels away, leaving the string-like vascular bundles underneath (Postma et al. [2000](#page-124-3); Moorman et al. [2002;](#page-122-9) Al-Mahmooli et al. [2015\)](#page-109-4). Pythium rot also occurs in the crown at the stem base. In cucumber, diseased crowns turn orange-brown, often with a soft rot at the base, while in strawberry seedling roots have dark brown, water-soaked rot and rotten crowns (Columbia and English [1988](#page-112-8); Ishiguro et al. [2014](#page-118-6)). Several species of *Pythium* cause blight of turfgrass, which initially appears as "greasy" water-soaked areas, but later turn brown and grey (Vencelli and Powell [2008](#page-128-6)).

Fig. 39 Maximum likelihood of *Phytophthora* based on the con catenated seven nuclear genetic markers (60S Ribosomal
protein L10 (60S), beta-tubulin (tub) , elongation factor 1 alpha $(tef1)$, enolase (Enl) , heat shock protein 90 (*hsp90*), 28S ribosomal DNA (28S), and tigA gene fusion protein (*TigA*)). ML bootstrap support values over 60% are indicated and BYPP \geq 0.90 are shown respectively near the nodes. The type species are in bold. Scale bar indicates number of substitutions per site. The tree was rooted with *Phyto pythiumvexans*and *Pythium undulatumas* as the our group. Likelihood of the best scoring ML tree was - 114471.902046. Estimated base frequencies were as follows: $A = 0.216570$, $C = 0.275568$, $G = 0.312230$, $T = 0.195632$; substitution rates $AC = 0.414835$, $AG =$ 1.176570 , $AT = 0.600142$, CG $= 0.970565$, CT $= 5.227735$, $GT = 1.000000$

Fig. 39 (continued)

Table 23 DNA barcodes Table 23 DNA barcodes

available for *Mucor*

Table 23 (continued)	Species	Isolate	ITS	LSU		
	$M.$ mucedo $#$	CBS 542.66*	JN206086	JN206480		
		CBS 987.68	JN206089	JN206480		
	M. multiplex	CBS 110662*	NR_111662	NG_057924		
	M. nidicola	EML-SBD1	KY047148			
		EML-SBD2	KY047149			
	M. odoratus	CBS 130.41*	NR_145287	NG_057927		
	M. parviseptatus	CBS 417.77	JN206108	JN206453		
	M. piriformis [#]	CBS 169.25*	NR_103630	NG_057874		
	M. plasmaticus	CBS 275.49		JN206483		
	M. plumbeus	CBS 634.74	HM999955	HM849677		
	M. prayagensis	CBS 652.78	JN206189	JN206498		
	M. pseudolusitanicus	CBS 540.78*	MF495059			
		CBS 543.80	MF495060			
	M. pseudocircinelloides	CBS 541.78	JN206013	JN206431		
	M. saturninus	CBS 974.68*	NR_103635	JN206458		
	$M.$ stercorarius [#]	CNUFC-UK2-1*	KX839689			
		CNUFC-UK2-2	KX839680			
	M. strictus	CBS 100.66*	JN206035	JN206477		
	M. racemosus	CBS 260.68*	NR_126135	NG_055727		
	M. ramosissimus	CBS 135.65*	NR_103627	NG_056280		
	M. silvaticus	CBS 249.35	JN206122	JN206455		
	M. ucrainicus	CBS 674.88	JN206192	JN206507		
	M. variisporus	CBS 837.70*	NR_152951	NG_057972		
	M. variicolumellatus	CBS 236.35*	JN205979	JN206422.1		
		SF012536	MF495054.1			
	M. velutinosus	UTHSC-04-1961	JF299208			
	M. zonatus	CBS 148.69*	NR_103638	NG_057917		
	M. zychae	CBS 416.67*	NR_103641	NG_057930		
	Ellisomyces anomalus	CBS 243.57*	NR_145284	NG_067365		
		CBS 697.76	JN205993			

Ex-type/ex-epitype/ex-neotype/ex-lectotype strains are in bold and marked with an asterisk (*). Voucher strains are also in bold. Species confirmed with pathogenicity studies are marked with $*$

Several *Pythium* species are capable of causing fruit rot in numerous crops (Martin and Loper [1999](#page-122-10)). Pythium fruit rot is commonly known as a cottony leak or watery rot and occurs during wet weather or in poorly drained areas of felds (Ho and Abd-Elsalam [2020;](#page-117-6) Sharma et al. [2020a](#page-126-8)). Initial symptoms of the fruit rot are brownish, water-soaked lesions that quickly become large, watery, soft and rotten. The rot generally begins on the parts of fruit in contact with the soil. In cucumber, a brown to dark green blister can be seen on fruit before they become watery and rot. Later, white cottony mycelium can be seen on rotten tissues, especially during humid weather. Pythium fruit rot is most severe in poorly-drained felds during wet weather. The disease can render fruit unmarketable (Ho [2009;](#page-117-7) Sharma et al. [2020a](#page-126-8)).

Pre-emergence damping-off causes seeds and young seedlings to rot before they emerge from the growing medium in greenhouses, while post-emergence damping-off kills newly emerged seedlings. In the latter, the pathogen causes a watersoaked, soft brown lesion at the stem base, near the soil line, that pinches off the stem causing the seedling to topple over and die (Weiland et al. [2012\)](#page-129-8).

Hosts—*Pythium* has a wide range of hosts including species of Cucurbitaceae and Poaceae, *Ananas comosus*, *Arachis hypogaea*, *Brassica* sp., *Carica papaya*, *Beta vulgaris*, *Daucus carota* subsp. *sativus*, *Dendrobium* sp, *Solanum* sp. and *Zingiber officinale*. Some species are pathogens of algae, fungi, other oomycetes, nematodes, insects, animals and humans (Van der Plaäts-Niterin[k1981;](#page-128-7) Czeczuga et al. [2005](#page-113-10); Kawamura et al. [2005](#page-119-9); Hwang et al. [2009;](#page-117-8) Li et al. [2010](#page-120-9); Weiland et al. [2012](#page-129-8); Ho 2013; Hyde et al [2014](#page-118-0)). Several species inhabit diferent soils in cultivated and uncultivated felds including forest (Uzuhashi et al [2010\)](#page-128-5). *Pythium arrhenomanes, P. dissotocum, P. elongatum, P. myriotylum, and P. spinosum* are important pathogens of rice seedlings (Hendrix

Table 24 DNA barcodes available for *Phytophthora*

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Table 24 (continued)

Species	Strain	60S	tub2	tefl	Enl	HSP90	28S	TigA
P. fallax [#]	$46J2 = P10722$	KX252568	KX252569	KX252570	KX252571	KX252572	KX252573	KX252574
P. flexuosa	67C3	KX251616	KX251617	KX251618	KX251619	KX251620	KX251621	KX251622
P. fluvialis	55B6=CBS 129424	KX251208	KX251209	KX251210	KX251211	KX251212	KX251213	KX251214
P. foliorum [#]	49J8=CBS 121655	KX252112	KX252113	KX252114	KX252115	KX252116	KX252117	KX252118
P. formosa	67C4	KX251623	KX251624	KX251625	KX251626	KX251627	KX251628	KX251629
P. fragariae#	22G6=ATCC 11374	KX251529	KX251530	KX251531	KX251532	KX251533	KX251534	KX251535
P. fragariaefolia	61H4=CBS 135747	KX251853	KX251854	KX251855	KX251856	KX251857	KX251858	KX251859
$P. frigida^*$	47G7	KX250908	KX250909	KX250910	KX250911	KX250912	KX250913	KX250914
P. gallica	50A1=CBS 111474	KX252589	KX252590	KX252591	KX252592	KX252593	KX252594	KX252595
P. gemini	46H1=CBS 123382	KX251125	KX251126	KX251127	KX251128	KX251129	KX251130	KX251131
P. gibbosa	55B7	KX251215	KX251216	KX251217	KX251218	KX251219	KX251220	KX251221
P. glovera	31E5	KX250642	KX250643	KX250644	KX250645	KX250646	KX250647	KX250648
P. gonapodyides [#]	21J5=ATCC 46726	KX251229	KX251230	KX251231	KX251232	KX251233	KX251234	KX251235
P. gondwanensis	22G7	KX252603	KX252604	KX252605	KX252606	KX252607	KX252608	KX252609
P. gregata#	55B8	KX251243	KX251244	KX251245	KX251246	KX251247	KX251248	KX251249
P. hedraiandra [#]	38C2	KX250390	KX250391	KX250392	KX250393	KX250394	KX250395	KX250396
P. heveae [#]	22,J1=IMI 180616	KX251111	KX251112	KX251113	KX251114	KX251115	KX251116	KX251117
$P.$ hibernalis [#]	32F7=CBS 114104	KX252126	KX252127	KX252128	KX252129	KX252130	KX252131	KX252132
P. himalsilva	61G3=CBS 128753	KX250579	KX250580	KX250581	KX250582	KX250583	KX250584	KX250585
P. hydrogena	46A3	KX252280	KX252281	KX252282	KX252283	KX252284	KX252285	KX252286
P. hydropathica [#]	05D1	KX252294	KX252295	KX252296	KX252297	KX252298	KX252299	KX252300
P. idaei	34D4=CBS 971.95	EU080129	EU080130	EU080131	EU080132	EU080133	EU080134	EU080135
$P.$ ilicis [#]	23A7=ATCC 56615	KX250936	KX250937	KX250938	KX250939	KX250940	KX250941	KX250942
P. infestans [#]	27A8	KX250474	KX250475	KX250476	KX250477	KX250478	KX250479	KX250480
$P. \text{ } \text{inflata}^{\#}$	28D1	KX250761	KX250762	KX250763	KX250764	KX250765	KX250766	KX250767
P. insolita#	38E1=CBS 691.79	EU080175	EU080176	EU080177	EU080178	EU080179	EU080180	EU080181
P. intercalaris	48A1	KX252617	KX252618	KX252619	KX252620	KX252621	KX252622	KX252623
P. intricata	67B9	KX251630	KX251631	KX251632	KX251633	KX251634	KX251635	KX251636
P. inundata $#$	P8619	EU080202	EU080203	EU080204	EU080205	EU080206	EU080207	EU080208
P. ipomoeae [#]	31B6=P10227	EU080844	EU080845	EU080846	EU080847	EU080848	EU080849	EU080850
P. iranica [#]	61J4=CBS 374.72	KX250439	KX250440	KX250441	KX250442	KX250443	KX250444	KX250445
P. irrigata	04E4	KX252308	KX252309	KX252310	KX252311	KX252312	KX252313	KX252314
P. kernoviae	46C8=P10956	EU080041	EU080042	EU080043	EU080044	EU080045	EU080046	KX252631
P. lactucae	61F4	KX252042	KX252043	KX252044	KX252045	KX252046	KX252047	KX252048
P. lacustris [#]	IMI389725=P10337		EU080530 EU080531	EU080532	EU080533 EU080534		EU080535	EU080536
$P.$ lateralis [#]	22H9	KX252133	KX252134	KX252135	KX252136	KX252137	KX252138	KX252139
P. lilii	CBS 135746	AB856779	AB856782	AB856788	AB856791	AB856794	AB856797	AB856800
P. litoralis	55B9=CBS 127953	KX251278	KX251279	KX251280	KX251281	KX251282	KX251283	KX251284
P. macilentosa	58A5	KX252329	KX252330	KX252331	KX252332	KX252333	KX252334	KX252335
P. macrochlamydospora#	G231E9=IMI 351473	EU080658	EU080659	EU080660	N/A	EU080661	EU080662	EU080663
P. meadii#	22G5	KX250586	KX250587	KX250588	KX250589	KX250590	KX250591	KX250592
P. medicaginis [#]	23A4	KX251902	KX251903	KX251904	KX251905	KX251906	KX251907	KX251908
P. megakarya [#]	61J5=CBS 238.83	KX251034	KX251035	KX251036	KX251037	KX251038	KX251039	KX251040
P. megasperma [#]	62C7=CBS 402.72	KX251285	KX251286	KX251287	KX251288	KX251289	KX251290	N/A
$P.$ melonis [#]	41B4	KX251700	KX251701	KX251702	KX251703	KX251704	KX251705	KX251706
P. mengei	42B2	KX250656	KX250657	KX250658	KX250659	KX250660	KX250661	KX250662
P. mexicana	45G4=CBS 554.88	KX250670	KX250671	KX250672	KX250673	KX250674	KX250675	KX250676
P. mirabilis	30C2=ATCC 64070	KX250488	KX250489	KX250490	KX250491	KX250492	KX250493	KX250494
P. mississippiae	57J1	KX251291	KX251292	KX251293	KX251294	KX251295	KX251296	KX251297
P. morindae	62B5=CBS 121982	KX252633		KX252634 KX252635 KX252636		KX252637	KX252638	KX252639

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van West et al. [2003\)](#page-128-10)

Ex-type/ex-epitype/ex-neotype/ex-lectotype strains and voucher strains are in bold. Species confrmed with pathogenicity studies are marked with [#]. (VdPN) are strains used by Van der Plaäts-Niterink ([1981\)](#page-128-7) for descriptions

and Campbell [1973;](#page-117-9) Hsieh [1978;](#page-117-10) Ventura et al. [1981](#page-128-8); Chun and Schneider [1998](#page-112-9); Eberle et al. [2007](#page-114-6); Kreye et al. [2009](#page-120-10); Oliva et al. [2010;](#page-123-5) Banaay et al. [2012](#page-110-10); Van Buyten and Höfte [2013\)](#page-128-9). *Pythium insidiosum* causes pythiosis in mammals including humans (van der Plaäts-Niterink [1981;](#page-128-7) de Cock et al. [1987](#page-114-7)). Some species target below-ground plant parts and some species can cause fruit rot, however, some *Pythium* species can also beneft plants as endophytes by acting as biocontrol agents (Benhamou et al. [1997\)](#page-110-11) and by stimulating plant growth (Martin and Loper [1999;](#page-122-10) Mazzola et al. [2002](#page-122-11)).

Pathogen biology, disease cycle and epidemiology

Pythium species grow and colonize a plant by producing hyphae which extract nutrients from the host. Once the hyphae from opposite mating types meet, they produce thick-walled oospores which serve as overwintering structures. Upon germination, an oospore may produce more hyphae, or develop a zoosporangium, which produces motile zoospores that swim to and infect plants. Zoosporangia can also germinate and directly infect plants (Ho [2009](#page-117-7); van West et al. [2003](#page-128-10)).

Morphological based identifcation and diversity

Pythium has hyaline hyphae which are coenocytic without cross septa (van der Plaäts-Niterink [1981](#page-128-7)). Filamentous and globose sporangia are present, and zoospores develop in a vesicle, which is formed at the tip of a discharge tube from a sporangium. After fertilization with paragynous or hypogynous antheridia, oospores are formed in smooth or ornamented oogonia. The oospore can fll the whole organism or can have space between the walls of the oogonia and oospore. The process of zoospore formation within a vesicle is a characteristic feature of the genus, which distinguishes it from morphologically similar genera such as *Phytophthora* and *Halophytophthora*. However, the formation of zoospores is similar to *Lagenidium,* which features endobiotic and holocarpic features not observed in *Pythium* (Dick [2001](#page-114-8)). Species delimitation based on morphological characteristics such as shape and size of sporangia and oogonia is difficult as these characteristics are often shared among diferent species.

Molecular based identifcation and diversity

Lévesque and de Cock [\(2004\)](#page-120-8) separated the genus into 11 clades (A-K) using phylogenies of ITS and 28S. Clade K, which includes *P. vexans* was transferred to a new genus *Phytopythium* with *Phytopythium sindhum* as type species (Bala et al. [2010\)](#page-110-12), while the remaining clades can be divided into two groups: species with flamentous sporangia (clades A-D) and species with globose sporangia (clades E–J). Identifcation of *Pythium* isolates to species level is recommended based on cox1 and ITS gene regions. The use of ITS region alone cannot accurately identify all *Pythium* species. Several species are indistinguishable based on both ITS and *cox1* sequences. Lévesque and de Cock [\(2004](#page-120-8)) provided the frst extensive study of *Pythium*, accepting 116 species. Additional species have recently been described for example *P. alternatum* (Rahman et al. [2015\)](#page-125-5), *P. biforme, P. brachiatum, P. junctum, P. utonaiense* (Uzuhashi et al. [2015](#page-128-11)), *P. cedri* (Chen et al. [2017](#page-112-10)), *P. heteroogonium, P. longipapillum, P. oryzicollum* (Salmaninezhad and Mostowfzadeh-Ghalamfarsa [2019\)](#page-126-9). Currently, there are more than 130 accepted species in the genus (Arafa et al. [2020](#page-109-5)). The phylogenetic tree constructed is presented in Fig. [41](#page-100-0) and the information of species are given in Table [25](#page-102-0).

*Recommended genetic markers (generic level within Pythium sensu lato)—*18S (small subunit, SSU) and 28S (large subunit, LSU) nuclear rRNA genes

*Recommended genetic markers (sub-generic, inter- and intra-specifc level***)***—*The internal transcribed spacers (ITS including ITS1, 5.8S rRNA, and ITS2), cytochrome c oxidase subunit 2 (*cox2*)

*Accepted number of species—*There are 330 epithets listed in Index Fungorum [\(2020](#page-118-3)), however only **157** species have DNA sequence data (Table [25](#page-102-0)).

*References—*van der Plaäts-Niterink [\(1981\)](#page-128-7), Dick ([2001\)](#page-114-8) (morphology), Lévesque and de Cock ([2004](#page-120-8)), Hyde et al. ([2014\)](#page-118-0), Arafa et al. ([2020](#page-109-5)) (phylogeny and accepted species numbers)

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Background

Rhizopus is classifed in the subphylum Mucoromycotina, class Mucoromycetes, order Mucorales and family Rhizopodaceae (Wijayawardene et al, [2018](#page-129-1), [2020](#page-129-2)). The genus is one of the most diverse and constitutes an important genus within the order Mucorales. *Rhizopus* species are common post-harvest pathogens of fruits, vegetables, crops and stored foods, while some *Rhizopus* species are human pathogens. *Rhizopus arrhizus* and *Rhizopus microsporus* can cause mucoromycosis in immunocompromised humans (Yildirim et al. [2010](#page-130-7); Benedict and Brandt [2016\)](#page-110-13). Morphology-based (size of sporangia and sporangiophores, and rhizoids) and physiology-based (growth temperature) identifcation and classifcation grouped the genus in three groups: *R. microsporus*, *R. stolonifer*, and *R. arrhizus* (syn: *R. oryzae*) (Schipper [1984](#page-126-10)). Schipper [\(1984\)](#page-126-10) and Schipper and Stalpers [\(1984](#page-126-11)), provided the frst signifcant monographs of *Rhizopus*. Fundamental morphological-based identification was provided which is still widely used in current taxonomic classifcation for *Rhizopus* (Schipper [1984](#page-126-10); Schipper and Stalpers [1984](#page-126-11); Hartanti et al. [2015\)](#page-116-1). The inclusion of DNA-based phylogenetic tools has resulted in signifcant changes in the taxonomic classifcation (Vebliza et al. [2018](#page-128-12)). With the implementation of molecular-based identifcation, Abe et al. [\(2006,](#page-109-6) [2010](#page-109-7)), Zheng et al. $(2007b)$ $(2007b)$, and Liu et al. (2007) (2007) provided significant contributions in the classifcation of *Rhizopus*. Briefy, in current taxonomy *Rhizopus arrhizus* is a synonym of *R. oryzae*, *R. refexus* to *R. lyococcus* and *Amylomyces rouxii* is a synonym of *Rhizopus arrhizus* (Liu et al. [2007](#page-121-5); Hyde et al. [2014](#page-118-0); Vebliza et al. [2018\)](#page-128-12) (Fig. [42\)](#page-106-0).

Phylogenomic approaches have the potential to provide a clear understanding of the inter-relationships of species (Gryganskyi et al. [2018\)](#page-116-2). In recent revisions, data from wholegenome sequencing have been used (Gryganskyi et al. [2018](#page-116-2)). Phylogenetic analysis based on a dataset of 192 orthologous protein-coding genes extracted from whole-genome sequencing of representative species provided a robust phylogeny and tree topology for *Rhizopus*. The phylogenetic analysis resulted in similar tree topology obtained from studies which utilize ITS and pyrG genes or 76 orthologous proteins from the genomes (Liu et al. [2007](#page-121-5); Chibucos et al. [2016](#page-112-11)). In brief, *R. microsporus* is suggested to be a monophyletic sister clade to other *Rhizopus* clades, *R. stolonifer* was found to be sister to *R. arrhizus* and *R. delemar* and these four species are monophyletic (Gryganskyi et al. [2010,](#page-116-3) [2018\)](#page-116-2).

A comparative analysis of the mating-type locus across *Rhizopus* revealed that its structure is flexible even between **Fig. 41** Maximum likelihood of *Pythium* species based on the concatenated SSU, ITS, LSU, *cox2* and *tub2* regions. The maximum parsimonious dataset consisted of 528 constant, 71 parsimony-informative and 556 parsimony-uninformative char acters. The parsimony analysis of the data matrix resulted in the maximum of ten equally most parsimonious trees with a length of 1637 steps (CI = 0.200 , RI = 0.737, RC = 0.147, $HI = 0.800$). ML and MP bootstrap support values over 60% and $BYPP \geq 0.90$ are indicated. Type strains are in bold and the 11 clades (A–K) are indicated. Scale bar indicates number of substitutions per site. The tree was rooted with *Lagenidium giganteum* (CBS 580.84) and *Lagenidium* sp. (DAOM 242348 and CBS 127283). Likelihood of the best scoring ML tree was − 28453.969593. Esti mated base frequencies were as follows: $A = 0.264872$, C $= 0.163069$, $G = 0.213432$ $T = 0.358627$; substitution rates $AC = 1.219282$, $AG =$ 3.062456, AT = 3.113530, CG $= 0.855790$, CT $= 4.379562$, $GT = 1.000000$

Table 25 DNA barcodes available for *Pythium*

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Ex-type/ex-epitype/ex-neotype/ex-lectotype strains and voucher strains are in bold. Species confrmed with pathogenicity studies are marked with [#]. (VdPN) are strains used by Van der Plaäts-Niterink ([1981\)](#page-128-7) for descriptions

diferent species in the same genus, but shows similarities between *Rhizopus* and other mucoralean taxa. Variation of the genome size was also noted to be approximately three-fold within a species which are induced by changes in transposable element copy numbers and genome duplications (Gryganskyi et al. [2018\)](#page-116-2). Bruni et al. ([2019](#page-111-6)) successfully adapted the CRISPR-Cas 9 technique for inducing *pyrF* gene-specifc mutations in two strains of *R. delemar,* the causative agent of mucoromycosis. This new tool is suggested to be useful in investigating the pathogenesis mechanisms of *R. delemar* and also generating specifc mutants of Mucorales fungi.

*Classifcation—*Mucoromycota, Mucoromycotina, Mucoromycetes, Mucorales, Rhizopodaceae

Fig. 42 Phylogenetic tree generated by maximum likelihood analysis of combined ITS- LSU-SSU sequence data of *Rhizopus, Backusella* and *Mucor* species. Twenty-six taxa containing 2600 characters including gaps were used in the phylogenetic analysis. The tree was rooted using *Backusella circina* (CBS 128.70) and *Mucor indicus* (CBS 226.29). The best scoring RAxML tree with a fnal likelihood value of − 11138.113172 is presented. The matrix contained 761 distinct alignment patterns, with 41.20% of undetermined characters or gaps. Estimated base frequencies were as follows: $A = 0.293528$. $C = 0.180262$, $G = 0.236482$, $T = 0.289728$; substitution rates $AC = 0.787730$, $AG =$ 2.127667 , $AT = 1.579251$, CG $= 0.715792$, CT $= 3.683423$, $GT = 1.000000$; gamma distribution shape parameter α = 0.181944.ML bootstrap support values greater than 70% are shown near the nodes. The type species are in bold. Scale bar indicates the number of substitutions per site

Type species—Rhizopus stolonifera (Ehrenb.) Vuill. 1902 *Distribution—*worldwide

*Disease symptoms—*Rhizopus blight, Rhizopus head rot and Rhizopus soft rot

Rhizopus blight: Rhizopus blight can afect fowers, leaves, and stems. When infected, the plant shows symptoms such as soft and mushy brown rot. The rot produces white mycelia with black sporangia and the abundant mycelia projects a 'bearded' appearance. Spores of the fungus can be spread by water and air. The mode of infection is similar to bacterial soft rot in which enzymes secreted by the fungus causes cell deterioration of the host tissue. The fungi require high temperatures, high humidity and weakened host tissues or wounds (Hartley [1992\)](#page-116-4).

Rhizopus head rot on sunflowers: Rhizopus head rot may be caused by several *Rhizopus* species such as *Rhizopus arrhizus*, *R. microsporus* and *R. stolonifer* (Markell et al. [2015\)](#page-122-12). Historically, Rhizopus head rot was deemed as a minor disease. However, recent surveys have shown their severity. Initial signs of Rhizopus head rot are dark spots of diferent sizes on diferent types of wounds on the plant. Soft watery rot appears on the infected fruit which often turns dark brown and extends to the back of the fower head, sepals and peduncles as the disease progresses. The infected sunfower receptacle disintegrates and becomes soft and pulpy. Infection by *Rhizopus* causes the head to shrivel and dry. Morphological characteristics are mycelial strands bearing sporangiophore and sporangia which are seen as the disease advances (Markell et al. [2015](#page-122-12); Zhou et al. [2018](#page-130-9)). These whiskers are tufts of hyphae containing numerous sporangia and generally appear around lenticels or breaks in the periderm. Sometimes hyphae may not be visible on the outside of the root but can be viewed by pulling apart the infected tissue, giving it a stringy appearance (Clark et al. [2013](#page-112-12)).

Table 26 DNA barcodes available for *Rhizopus*

Ex-type/ex-epitype/ex-neotype/ex-lectotype strains are in bold and marked with an asterisk (*). Voucher strains are also in bold. Species confirmed with pathogenicity studies are marked with $*$

Rhizopus soft rot: Common causative agents of Rhizopus soft rot are *Rhizopus stolonifer* and *Rhizopus oryzae*. The disease is considered as one of the most common and destructive postharvest diseases in many plants such as sweet potato (*Ipomoea batatas*), potato (*Solanum tuberosum*) and tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*). The most frequent mode of infection is wounds and injuries present on the plants. Studies have also shown that the type of wounding and storage time have a signifcant impact on the susceptibility of infection by *Rhizopus* species (Scruggs and Quesada-Ocampo [2016\)](#page-126-12). Earliest symptoms of infections are soft water-soaked lesions. The disease spreads across the wounded area and progresses to the extremities of the substrate. Hyphae soon develop on the rotten tissues and produce grey sporangiophores which subsequently bear sporangia (Khokhar et al. [2019\)](#page-120-11). Whiskers are characteristics features of Rhizopus soft rot and have been reported in the case of soft rot on sweet potatoes (Clark et al. [2013;](#page-112-12) Scruggs and Quesada-Ocampo [2016](#page-126-12)) (Table [26\)](#page-107-0).

*Hosts—*Wide range of hosts including species of *Allium, Ananas, Brassica, Cucumis, Cucurbita, Fragaria, Lycopersicon, Phaseolus, Pisum* and *Solanum* (Farr and Rossman [2020](#page-114-2))

Pathogen biology, disease cycle and epidemiology

The pathogen reproduces asexually. Spores of *Rhizopus* species are commonly found in the air and can survive easily on crop debris, fruits, vegetables, and even on tools and equipment. Factors such as the *Rhizopus* species, type of fruit, stage of maturity of the plant and fruit or the storage will have a slight diference in the disease cycle. *Rhizopus stolonifer*, as well as the other species causing post-harvest diseases such as Rhizopus soft rot, require wound injuries, cracks or any mechanical damage for entry (Hartley [1992](#page-116-4); Bautista-Baños et al. [2014;](#page-110-14) Scruggs and Quesada-Ocampo [2016](#page-126-12)). Infection and colonization are highly dependent on the enzymes produced by the fungi. To establish within the host, *Rhizopus* species produce numerous enzymes, including amylase, pectinase, and cellulase that can damage cell walls and permit host colonization (Ogundero [1988;](#page-123-6) Tang et al. [2012](#page-127-6)). This results in the softening of the host tis-sue; one of the symptoms of the disease (Nelson [2009](#page-123-7); Kwon et al, [2012](#page-120-12); Bautista-Baños et al. [2014;](#page-110-14) Feliziani and Romanazzi [2016\)](#page-114-9). During initial stages of infection, Rhizopus rot appears as water-soaked areas and in the case of *Rhizopus stolonifer*, the rot also exudes clear leachate. In the case of Rhizopus soft rot caused by *R. oryzae* in banana,
the symptoms and disease cycle are similar to *R. stolonifer* (Kwon et al. [2012](#page-120-0)). In Okinawan sweet potatoes, the disease causes a soft and moist appearance and a stringy fesh during the initial stages and as the disease progresses, the tissue of the sweet potato turns brownish and eventually black (Nelson [2009\)](#page-123-0). In the case of *R. stolonifer*, the fungal mycelia quickly spread across the infection site. The sporangia formed are normally black and the whole plant is covered by fungal mycelia (Bautista-Baños et al. [2014](#page-110-0)). The enzymes exuded from the pathogen generally liquefy the internal tissues, for an example in sweet potato parenchyma of the root becomes liquefed, leaving the periderm and outer fbres of the root intact (Scruggs and Quesada-Ocampo [2016\)](#page-126-0). The disease becomes more severe in warm, humid environments (Zoffoli and Latorre [2011](#page-130-0)). Avoidance of *Rhizopus* species is difficult due to their ubiquitous nature; therefore, sanitation and storing produce under unfavourable disease conditions is the key to control this pathogen.

Morphology- based identifcation and diversity

Rhizopus is normally distinguished by rhizoids, stolons and single or branched sporangiophores (Vebliza et al. [2018\)](#page-128-0). Identifcation of species takes into account the growth temperature, size of sporangiophore and sporangium and the branching of rhizoids (Abe et al. [2007\)](#page-109-0). The white mycelia consist of coenocytic hyphae which bear the sporangiophore with normally black sporangia. These taxa are fast-growing and form rhizoids at the base of sporangiophores. The sporangium contains a columella and spores (Bullerman [2003](#page-111-0)). During the sexual stage, there is the formation of zygospores and chlamydospores can also be seen during the growth of the fungi (Bullerman [2003;](#page-111-0) Abe et al. [2007](#page-109-0)).

Molecular identifcation and diversity

Traditionally, *Rhizopus* species were classifed using morphological characters such as the shape and size of the structures (chlamydospores, rhizoids, sporangiophores and columellae) and physiological features such as optimal growth conditions. Current classifcation and taxonomic grouping follow that of Schipper (Schipper [1984](#page-126-1)). Schipper classifed *Rhizopus* into three groups namely *R. microsporus*, *R. stolonifer* and *R. arrhizus* based on the physiological factors and morphology (Abe et al. [2010;](#page-109-1) Gryganskyi et al. [2018](#page-116-0)). Later, studies such as Abe et al. [\(2006\)](#page-109-2), Liu et al. ([2007](#page-121-0)), Zheng et al. $(2007a, b)$ $(2007a, b)$ $(2007a, b)$ $(2007a, b)$ $(2007a, b)$, Abe et al. (2010) (2010) (2010) implemented molecular phylogeny using DNA sequence data in the classifcation of these fungi. With novel approaches used, the classifcation proposed by Schipper was found to agree with some recent studies while others divided the genus into ten species and seven varieties or eight species. Zheng et al. [\(2007b\)](#page-130-2) used zygospore formation, and molecular systematic morphological characters, mating compatibility, physiology and molecular systematic to accept the division of the genus in ten species and seven varieties. Abe et al. ([2010](#page-109-1)) also used the rDNA ITS gene region together with actin-1 and *tef1*, to reorganize the proposed taxonomy into eight species instead of ten species. One important data provided by this study was the problematic rDNA ITS region of *R. americanus*. It was discovered that *R. sexualis* var*. americanus* has three rDNA ITS gene regions which are distinct from each other. However, Liu et al. ([2007\)](#page-121-0) were not able to obtain all three rDNA ITS gene region instead they were able to amplify only one ITS region which was similar to that of *Rhizopus oryzae*. So, this led to the conclusion that *R. americanus* was phylogenetically diferent from *R. sexualis.*

*Genetic markers (species and genus level)—*ITS and *rpb1 Genetic markers (higher-level phylogeny)—*SSU, LSU and *act*

*Accepted number of species—*There are 152 species epithets in Index Fungorum [\(2020\)](#page-118-0), however only **12** species have DNA sequence data (Table [25](#page-102-0)).

*References—*Bullerman [\(2003](#page-111-0)), Abe et al. [\(2007](#page-109-0)) (morphology); Abe et al. ([2010\)](#page-109-1), Gryganskyi et al. ([2018](#page-116-0)), Vebliza et al. [\(2018\)](#page-128-0) (morphology and phylogeny)

Discussion

This is the fourth in the *One Stop Shop* series focusing on providing a stable platform for the taxonomy of plant pathogenic fungi and fungus-like organisms. These series aim to provide updated backbone trees and information regarding plant pathogens in one place for ease of access. Databases play an important role in aggregating the scattered data into an easily accessible form and many of the pathogenic genera were annotated in the UNITE database (Nilsson et al. [2014](#page-123-1)). However, this database mainly focused on ITS region rather than the protein-coding gene regions. There are very few databases dedicated to identity the plant pathogens and related fungi-like organisms. We have been trying to provide a stable and updated taxonomy for 97 genera and three families since 2014, which are listed in Table [1](#page-1-0). All this information is available in [http://www.onestopshopfungi.org.](http://www.onestopshopfungi.org)

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