

Morphology in the age of molecular techniques



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Warning to taxonomists?

making new species
is only a gate to science !



Museum Curator *Park Naturalist* **Biologist** *Dairy Technologist*
Organismal Biologist **Peace Corps Volunteer** *Mycorrhizal Technologist*
Enologist *Microbial Pesticide Specialist* *Veterinary Mycologist* **Molecular**
Fungal Technologist *Mining Company Remediation Officer* **Consultant** **Biologist**
Mycophagist *Greenhouse Manager* *Particle Analyst* *Veterinarian*
Biodeterioration Specialist **R&D Biochemistry** *Wild Mushroom*
Pathologist *Natural Products Chemist* *Collector*
Extension Agent/ **Mycotoxinologist**
Customs Farm *Natural Dyes*
Inspector *Advisor* *Hobbyist* **Teacher**
Quality Control Engineer **Medical Technician**
Molecular Geneticist *Nursery Operator*
Medical Mycologist *Research Technician*
Biological Pulping Specialist **Industrial Hygienist**
Mushroom Field *Mycophilatelist*
Guide *Author* **Mycologist** *Clinical Laboratory Technician* *Geneticist* **Specialist**
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Nature Plant Pathologist **Brewmaster** 1. *R&D*
Photographer *Chemotaxonomist* **Insect Pathologist** *Cooperative*
Ethnomycologist **Lab Technician** 2. *Biochemist* *Extension*
Fermentation *Allergist* **Microbiologist** *Fungal Cytologist* *Service Worker*
Engineer *Cheese* 3. *Sanitary Microbiologist*
Landscape Maker *Electron Microscopist* **Biodegradation Specialist**
Architect 4. **Experimental Mycologist**
Industrial Poisoning Consultant *Enzymologist* **Science Book**
Mycologist 5. **Horticulturist** *Infectious* **Editor, Dealer**
Dermatologist **Plant Quarantine Inspector** *Diseases* *Turf Grass Scientist*
Fungal Taxonomist/Systematist **Registered Specialist** *Fisheries Biologist*
Physiologist *Environmental Biologist* **Medical Evolutionary Biologist**
Food Technologist *Fungal Ecologist* **Technologist** *Forest Products*
Mushroom Grower **Biotechnologist** *Soil Scientist* *Microbiologist*
Post-harvest Pathologist **Strain Development**
Scientist *Cell* **Biological Expert**
Biologist **Control Nurse**
Culture Collection Curator **Specialist**
Forest Products Scientist **Lichenologist**
Laboratory Manager **Marine Biologist**
Biologist **Gynecologist**
Botanist **Mushroom Spawner**
Maker **Physician**

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This list of vocations and avocations is not exhaustive. We have tried to illustrate the breadth of uses of training in mycology, including those occupations and hobbies we are aware of through our own experience and that of our colleagues and former students. We have left five open spaces on this poster for you to write in additional names of vocations and avocations that use training in mycology.

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Taxonomic tools

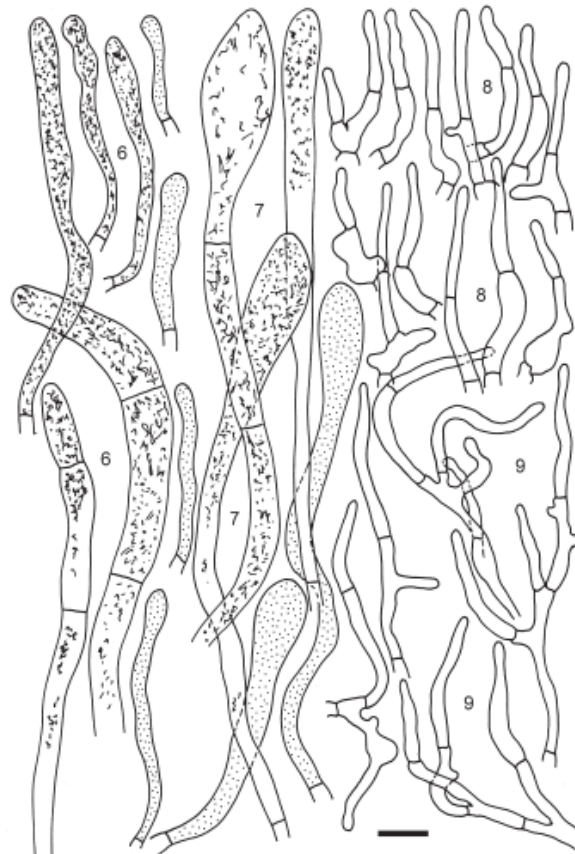
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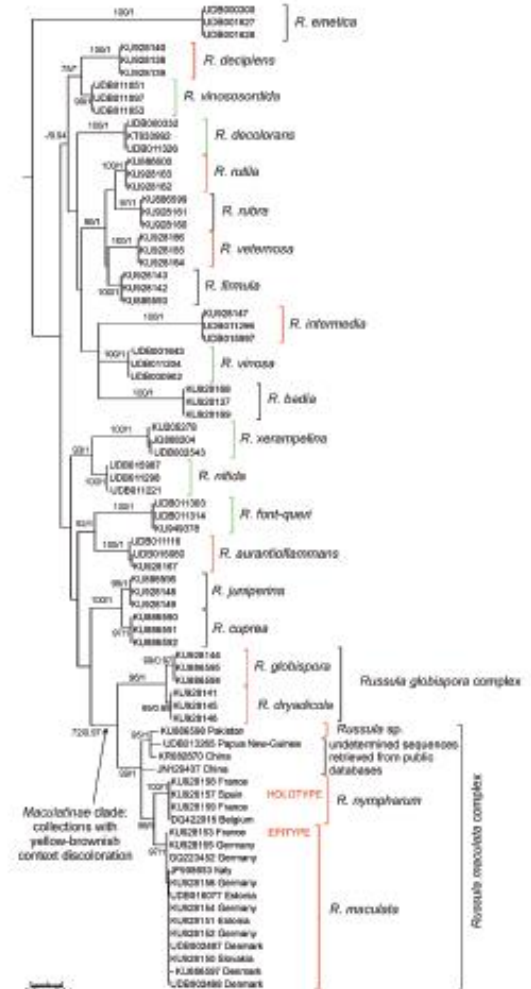
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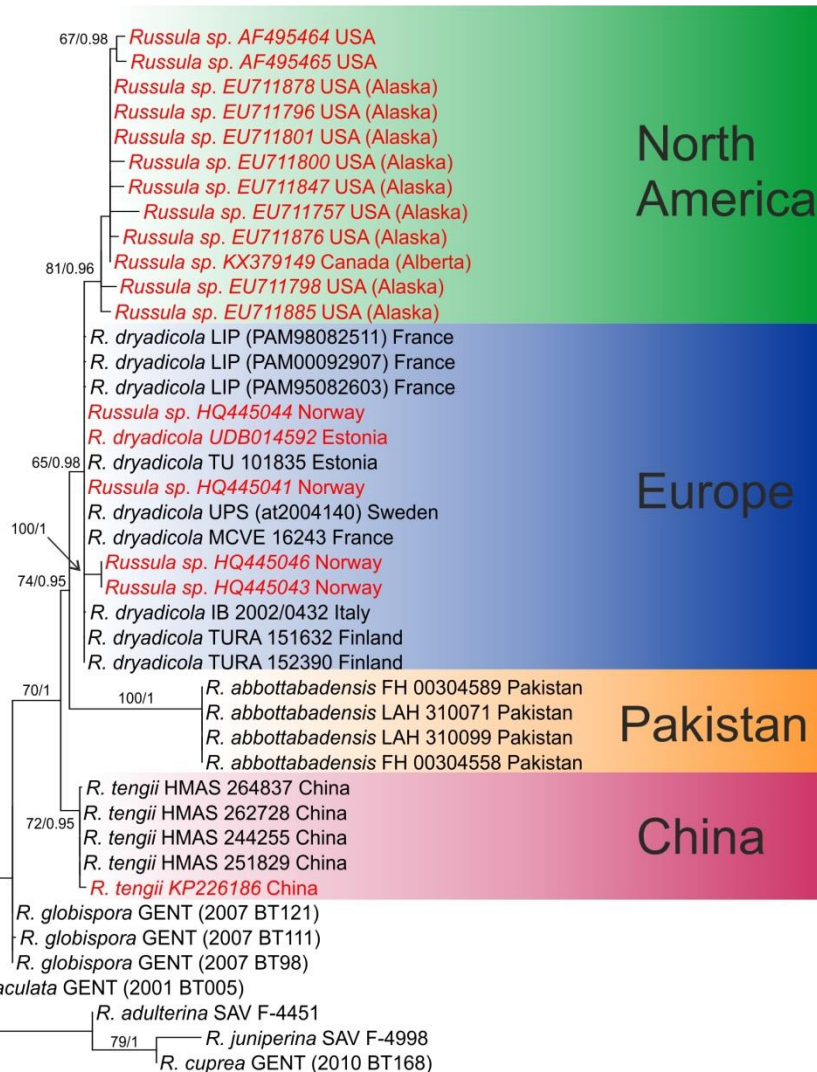


FIGURES 6–9. *Russula symphoranus* (holotype). 6. Filiose stidia near the pileus centre. 7. Filiose stidia near the pileus margin. 8. Hyphal terminations in the pileus centre. 9. Hyphal terminations near the pileus margin. Contents of cystidia are represented as observed in Congo Red for some elements only, the others are simply filled with dots to indicate their cystidial nature. Scale bar equals 10 µm. Drawings by: S. Željčević.



Taxonomy's changing

Sanger sequencing is not dominating any more
it is replaced by 2nd generation sequencing (Illumina, Pack Bio, MinION, ...)



prior to our study,
most published
sequences in
R. dryadicola lineage
were environmental

phylogeny, ecology and
biogeography offer
more reliable
arguments for species
delimitation

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morpho-species is
replaced by phylogenetic
species and MOTUs

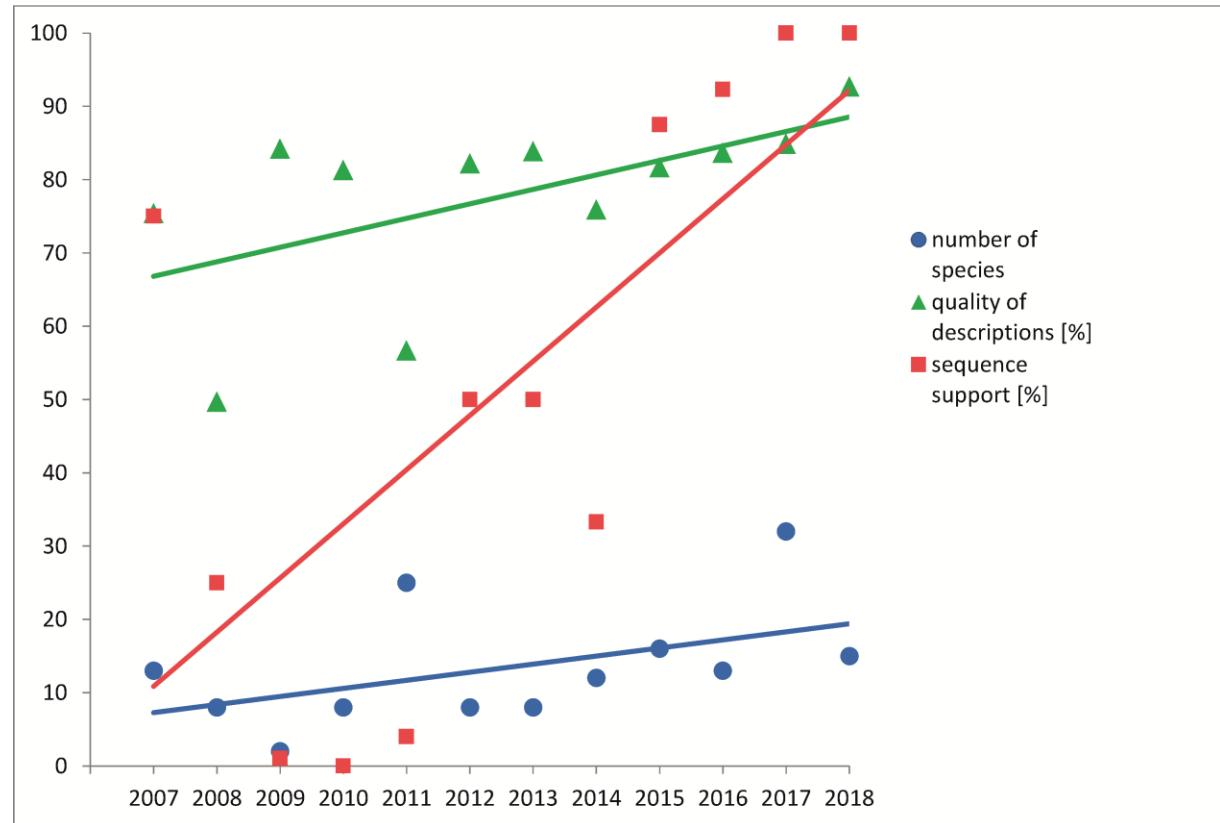
Decreasing role of morphology

Russula

ECM symbiont

More than
2000 species
worldwide

ca. 160 species
described since
2007 to 2018



Morphology is becoming only a formal necessity

Mycologists rely on molecular identifications, especially in ecological studies

The traditional view of morphology

type studies and
species concepts

species
identification

- 1 Spores with isolated prominent spines
- 2 Pileus with predominantly pale red, pink, ochre and cream colours; spores mainly up to 8.5 µm long; usually associated with *Fagus* *R. veterosa*
- 2* Pileus with predominantly wine-red, blue-red, purple and red-brown colours; spores mainly longer than 8.5 µm; usually associated with coniferous trees *R. firmula*
- 1* Spores with warts merged in chains and connected by occasional lines
- 3 Basidiomata medium sized to large (60–100 mm), with thick context turning slowly grey; pileus cuticle velutinous or matt; spore print ochre (IIIb–IIIc) *R. rubra*
- 3* Basidiomata small to medium sized (30–70 mm); context soon becoming fragile, thin and not turning grey; pileus cuticle shiny at least near the pileus margin; spore print yellow (IVb–IVd) *R. nitida*



species descriptions and
delimitations

Russula nymphaeum F. Hampe & Marxm., sp. nov. Figs. 4, 6–15
Mycobank no.:—MB 816289.

Etymology.—The species epithet refers to the collection site (Val des Nymphes) of two of the paratypes one of which was illustrated in Marxmüller (2014).

Holotype (designated here).—SPAIN. Mallorca: Bunyola, associated with *Quercus ilex* and *Arbutus unedo*, 15 December 2011, FH11121505 (GENT).

Short diagnosis.—Basidiomata relatively large and with firm, thick context, surface of stipe, pileus and lamellae with yellow-brownish spots, pileus cuticle red or orange and discolouring to cream, taste acrid, spore print yellow, spore ornamentation with low (up to 0.6 µm), amyloid warts often merged or connected by line connections, hymenial cystidia relatively numerous, hyphal terminations in pileipellis near the pileus margin mainly cylindrical, pileocystidia near the pileus margin 6–12 µm wide (on average wider than 7 µm).

Does bad morphology help?



80y old lady Cecilia Chimenez
said:

- With nothing but good intentions I did what I believed was the right thing.
 - The priest knew it.
 - We used always repair things in our church ourself.

Mycology often goes as far
as changing species concept
using morphology

What can we do better?

sampling

field descriptions

photography

drawings



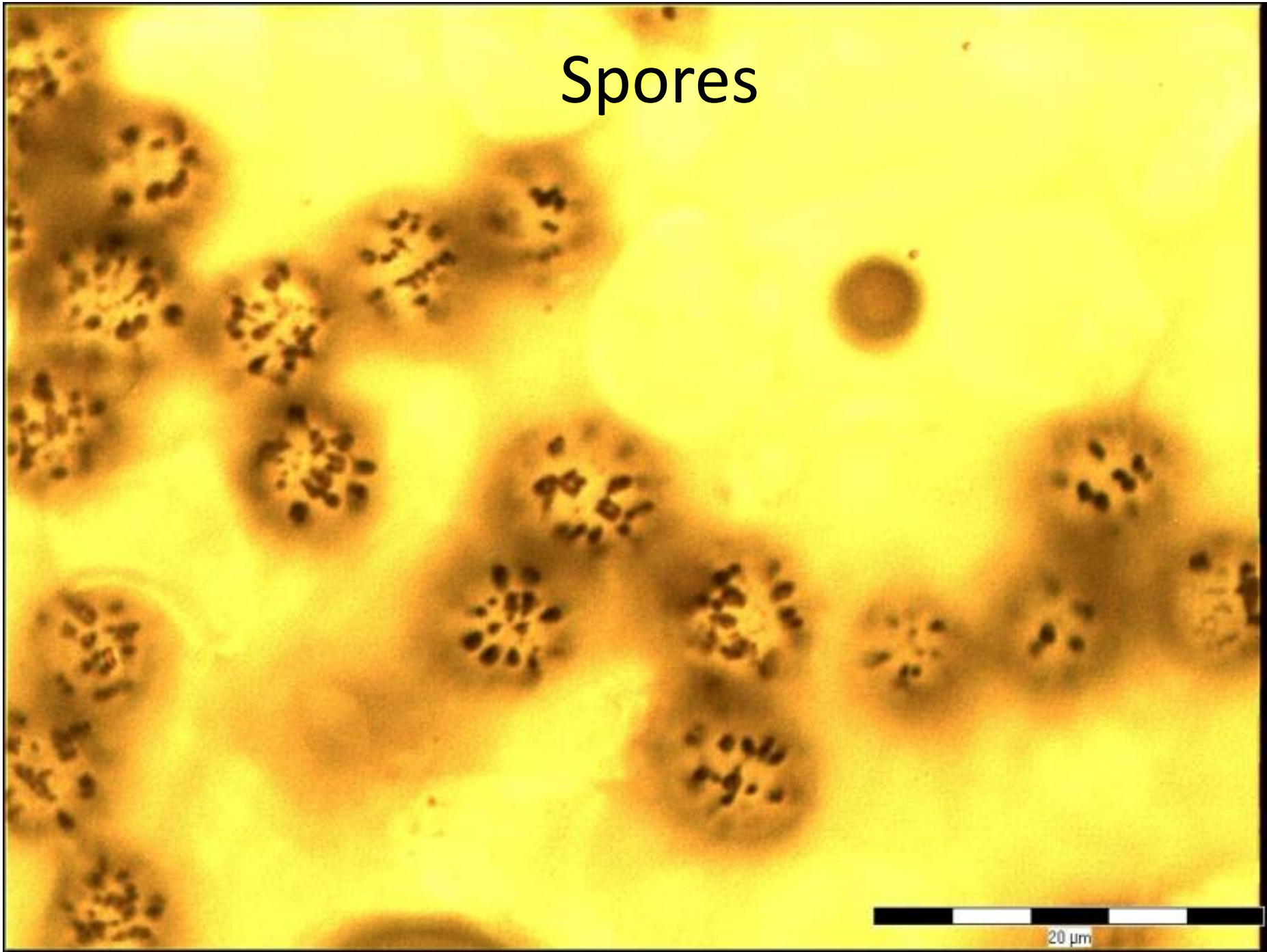
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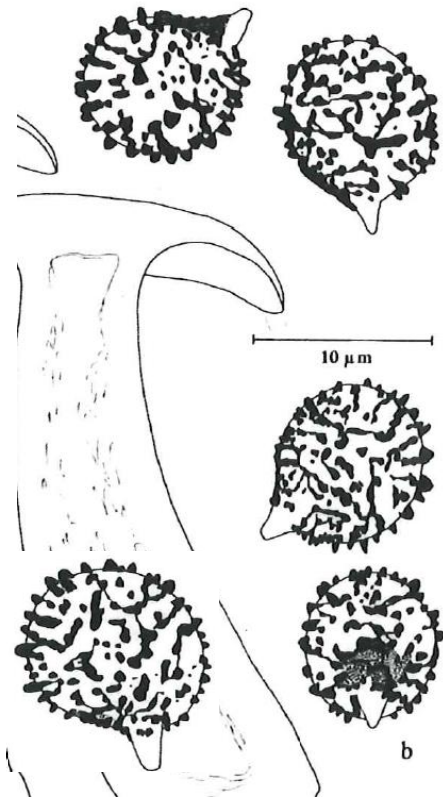
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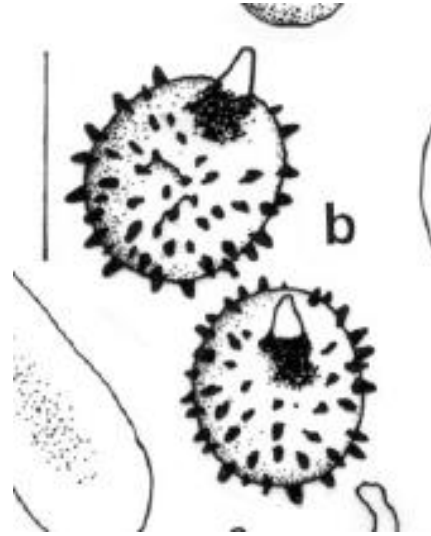
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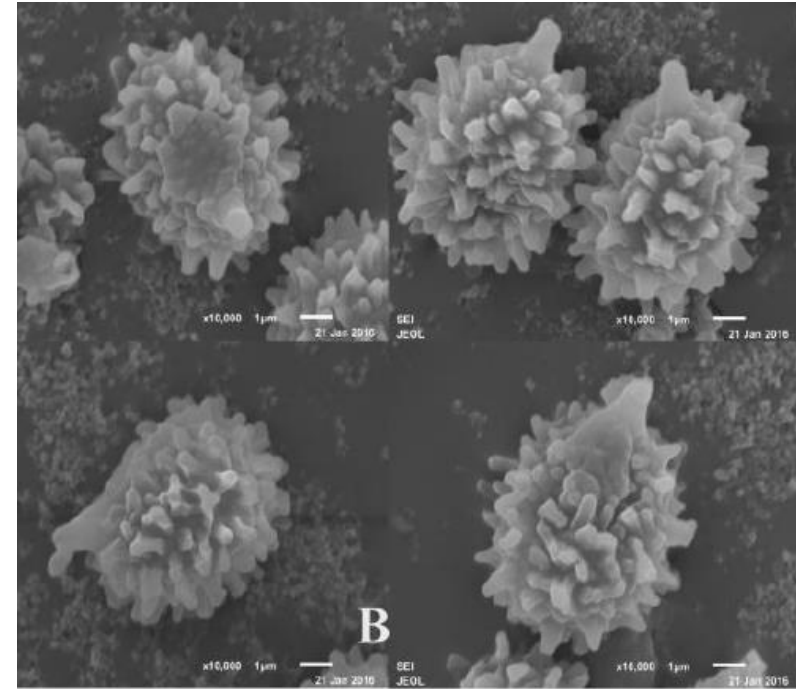
Examples



Europe



India



China

ratio of length and width – prominence of ornamentation – structure of ornamentation

Spores in mass ochre (Romagnesi IIIa–IVa), (8.3–)8.5–9.4–10.5(–11.0) × (7.0–)7.3–8.1–9.1(–9.5) μm, total range of mean values 8.9–9.8 × 7.6–8.6 μm, $Q = 1.1–1.16–1.2(–1.3)$, total range of mean Q values 1.14–1.19 (120 spores from 6 collections); subglobose, amyloid, with partial reticulum, warts up to 1.5 μm high, blunt to aculeate, plage amyloid. *Basidia* 39–48–56 ×

with partial reticulum

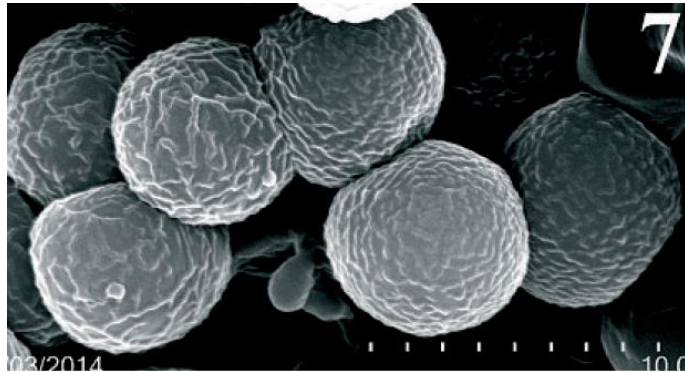
Basidiospores 7.7–11.5 × 6.2–9 μm, globose, subglobose, broadly ellipsoid to ellipsoid ($Q = 1.05–1.4$); ornamentation amyloid, composed of numerous conic warts, up to 1.75 μm high, rarely connected by fine ridges.

warts rarely connected by fine ridges

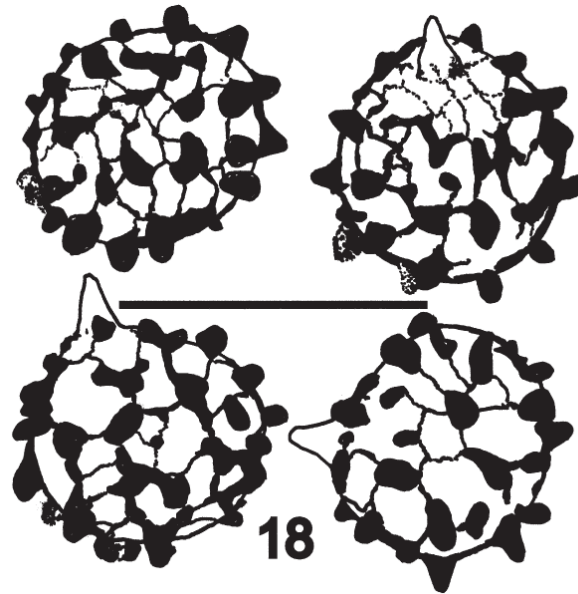
–Basidiospores (Fig. 2B) [52/2/2] (6.1) 6.2–8.5 (8.8) × (5.1) 5.3–7.1 (7.8) μm, [$Q = (1.0) 1.03–1.31 (1.43)$, $Q_{av} = 1.18 ± 0.09$], subglobose to broadly ellipsoid, rarely globose or ellipsoid; ornamentation amyloid; warts bluntly conical to subcylindrical 0.7–0.9 μm in height, isolated or connected at base or ridges, not forming a reticulum; plage distinctly, amyloid; hyaline in 5% KOH. –Basidia

isolated or connected at base or ridges

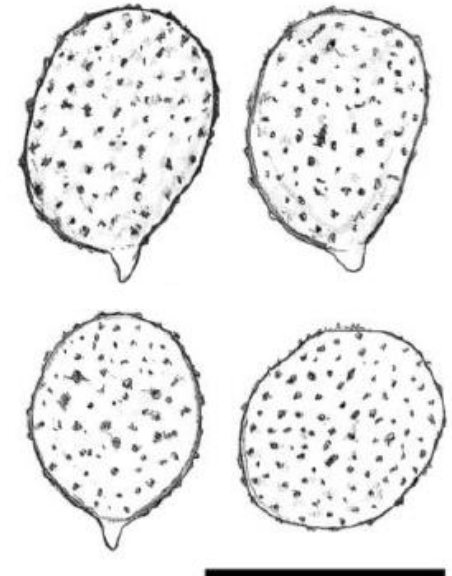
Examples



Africa



South America



North America

ratio of length and width – prominence of ornamentation – structure of ornamentation

Spores subglobuleuses à ellipsoïdes, 6-6,95-8 × 5-6,11-7 μm, (Q = 1,00-1,15-1,40, n = 30), à ornementation à peine visible, même dans le Melzer, très densément ; plage non amyloïde.

très densément

Basidiospores (6.8–)7.2–7.46–8 × 6–6.8(–7.2) μm (Q = 1.06–1.13–1.27), subglobose to broadly ellipsoidal; ornamentation reticulate or incompletely reticulate; ornamentation consisting of partial crests with short lateral diverticulations and large broadly conical or multiplex blunt spines, 1.6–2.8 μm high, connected by fine lines or verrucae, strongly but often partially amyloid; suprahilar plage moderately large, verruculose, barely decurrent on apiculus.

Spores deposit white (Codice Romagnesi Ia), spores 7–10 × 6–8 μm (avQ=1.2, n=30), subglobose, broadly ellipsoid to ovoid, weakly ornamented with low (<0.5 μm) amyloid warts connected in some places by very fine lines (the amyloid warts are so small and close together that the whole spore appears weakly amyloid).

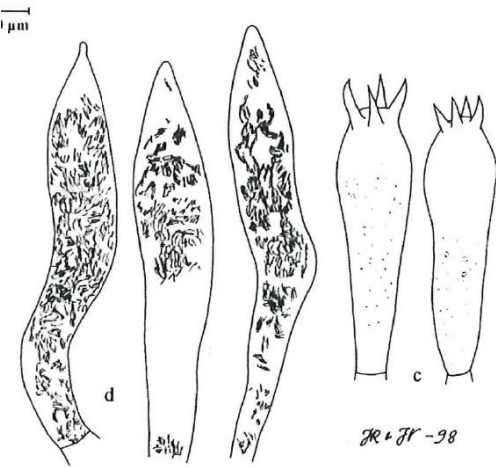
hymenium

20 μm



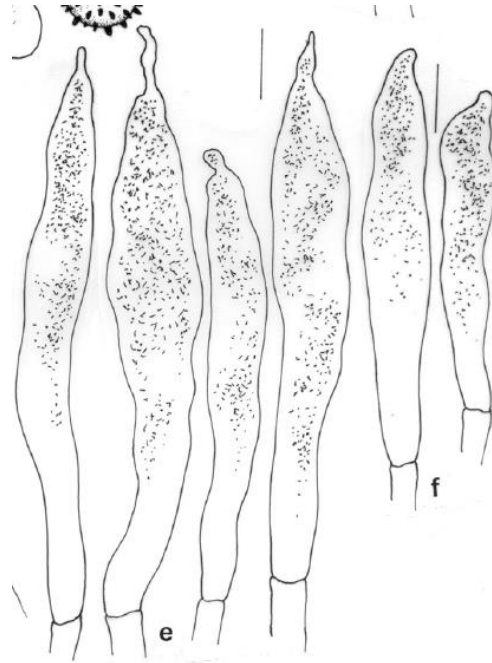
basidia and basidiola – hymental cystidia on sides – hymental cystidia on edges – marginal cells

Examples



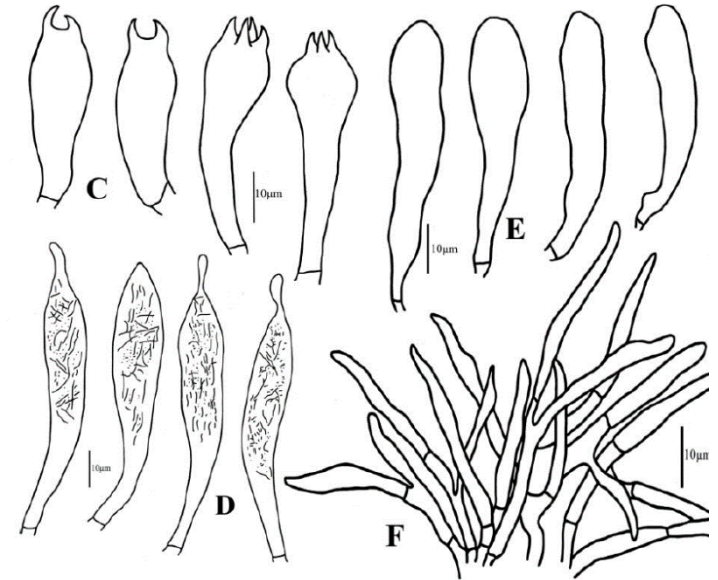
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Basidia 39-48-56 x 12- 14-16 µm (n = 31), clavate, 4-spored. **Hymenial cystidia** 10-15 µm broad, blunt to appendiculate.



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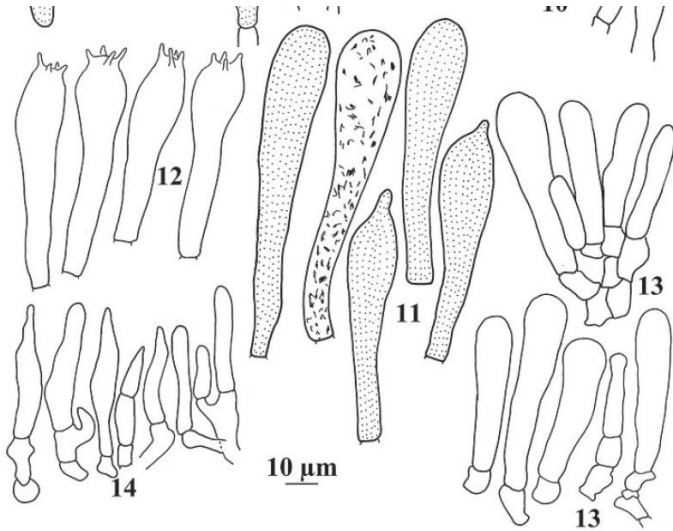
Basidia 40–50 x 7–9 µm, subclavate to clavate, 4-spored; sterigma up to 6 µm long. **Pleurocystidia** 65–125 x 7.7–15 µm, emergent up to 40 µm, abundant, fusiform or with acute, acuminate to narrowly moniliform apex; contents dense. **Lamellae edge** sterile with few cystidia. **Cheilocystidia** 46–70 x 6–9 µm, fusiform; contents dense. Subhymenium layer up to 20 µm thick, cellular.



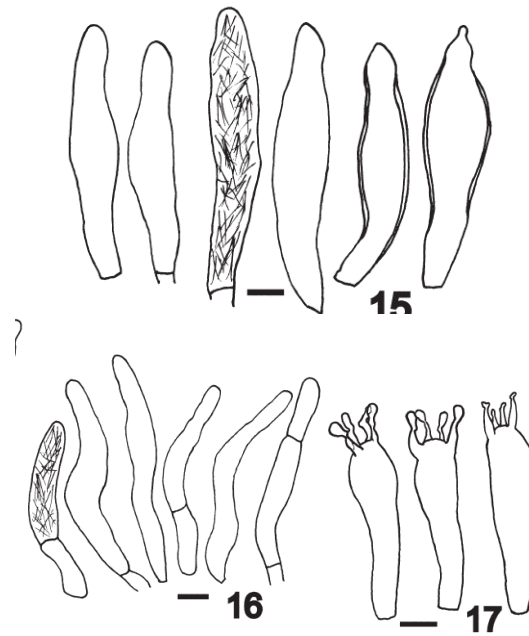
China

Basidia 14 (Fig. 2C) 32–46 (52) x 10–13.5 µm, narrowly clavate to clavate, inflated towards 15 upper half, 4-spored, rarely 2-spored, hyaline in KOH, sterigmata about 2.5–4.5 µm 16 long. – **Pleurocystidia** (Fig. 2D) 18 54–89 x 9.0–13µm, abundant, narrowly clavate to clavate, often apex with papillate 19 appendage, with abundant granular contents in the upper part, red to a slightly 20 purplish red with weakly grey in SV. – **Cheilocystidia** (Fig. 2E) 43–82x7–13 21 µm, rare, clavate with rounded or indistinctly mucronate apex, few with granular contents.

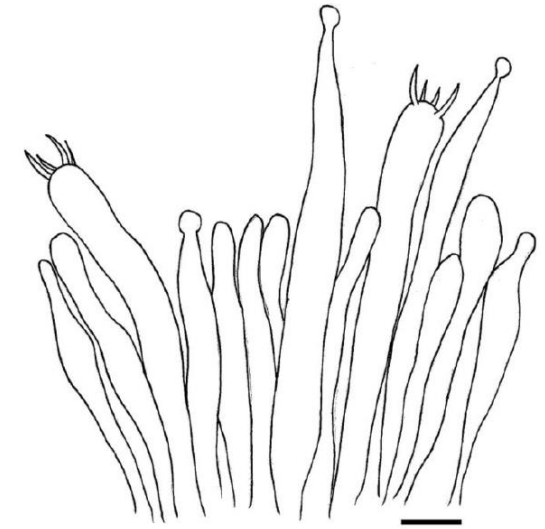
Examples



Africa



South America



North America

basidia and basidiola – hymenial cystidia on sides – hymenial cystidia on edges – marginal cells

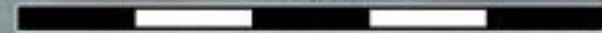
Basides 64-92 × 16-22 µm, clavulées, bi – à tétrasporiques; stérigmates assez petits, 5-7 × 1,5-3 µm. **Cystides** nombreuses, 90-140(155) × 18-26 µm, très apparentes et très volumineuses, à paroi légèrement épaissie, obtuses-arrondies à mucronées, à contenu variable, allant d'optiquement vide à pailleté très abondant. **Cellules marginales** petites, étroites, s'amincissant fréquemment vers le haut.

Basidia 55-62 × 12-15 µm, subclavate to nearly cylindrical, 4-spored; sterigmata stout 7-10 × 2-3 µm. **Cystidia** 80-95 × 15-20 µm, subclavate to subfusiform, thin or thick walled, emergent for ca. 20-30 µm, numerous, arising from gloeopleurous elements, with refringent to crystalline contents, SV+, thick walled lamprocystidia present but not numerous. **Marginal cells** 55-105 × 8-15 µm, narrowly subclavate, tortuous, thin-walled, optically empty, abundant. Subhymenium distinct, a gelatinous layer composed of interwoven cylindrical flattened and variously swollen hyphae of 2-5 µm diam. on apiculus.

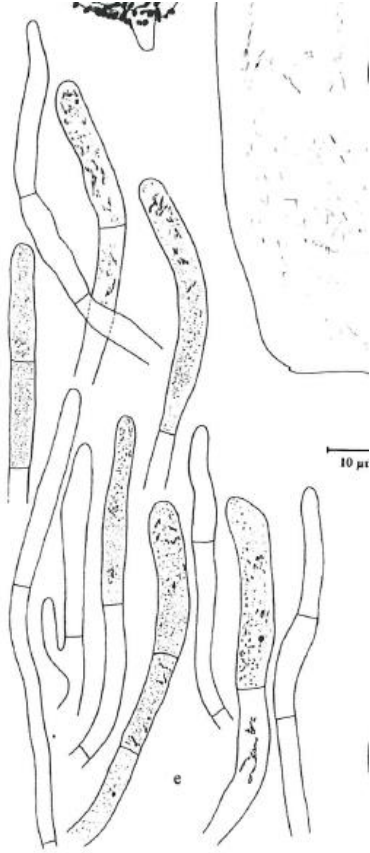
Pleurocystidia and **cheilocystidia** 50-90 × 6-12 µm, elongate-fusoid. **Basidia** 48-63 µm long, 5-7.5 µm thick; sterigmata 5-6.3 µm long.

Pileipellis

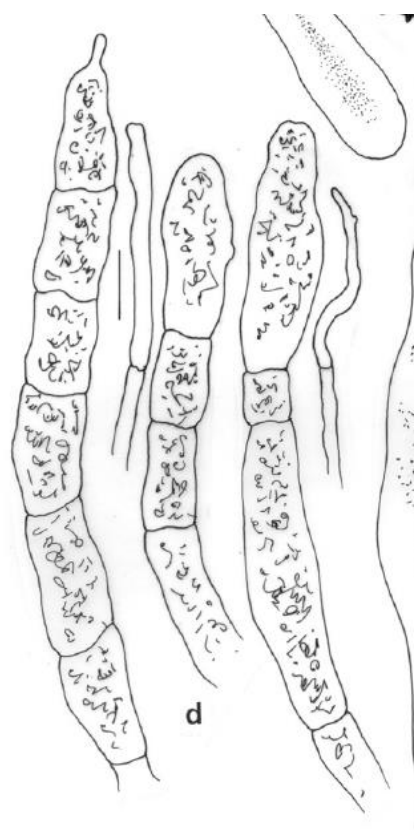
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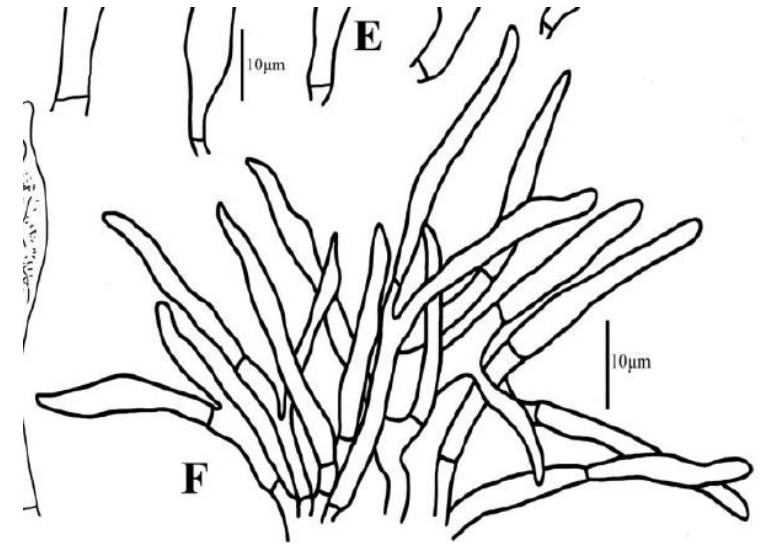
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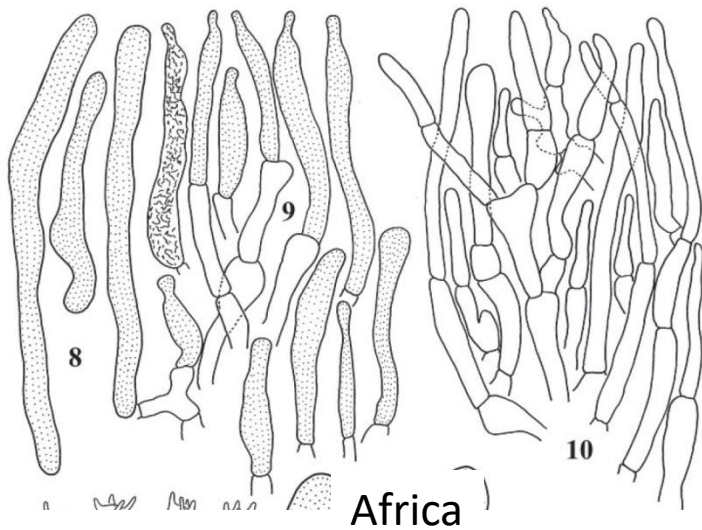
China

vertical structure – hyphal terminations – pileocystidia – macrochemical reactions

diculate. *Pileipellis*: apical cells 3–6 μm broad, cylindrical or tapering to apex, some with knobs, *dermatocystidia* 4–11 μm broad, 1–3 -septate, cylindrical to subclavate, without encrusted elements.

Pileipellis up to 100 μm thick, composed of erect to suberect hyphae and abundant pileocystidia; pileocystidia up to 12 μm, broad, fusiform to cylindrical or acuminate-rostrate, 3–6 septate.

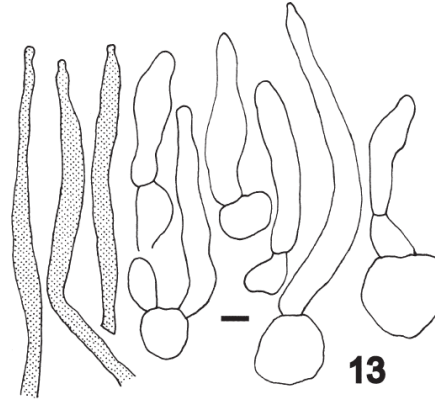
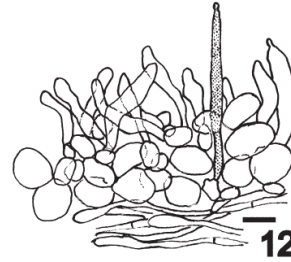
Pileipellis (Fig. 2F) composed of hyaline hyphae, often branched and interwoven, septate; terminal cells 16–37 × 2.2–4.1 μm, cylindrical, with obtuse apex, sometimes attenuate; –Pileocystidia absent.



Africa

Revêtement piléique à subpellis formé d'hyphes de 4-7 μm de large, parcouru par peu de dermatocystides, celles-ci mesurant 3-5 μm de large, obtuses-arrondies, à contenu pailleté, abondant et à paroi légèrement épaisse; surmonté d'un suprapellis composé d'un chevelu d'extrémités courtes, verticales ou en oblique, 3-8(10) μm de diam. avec l'article terminal cylindracé ou plus irrégulier, tortueux, obtus ou subcapité, à paroi légèrement épaisse, et mêlées aux pileocystides assez nombreuses et très apparentes, 40-140 \times 8-13 μm , coniques à subulées, minusculemment boutonnées-capitées, substituant l'article terminal des extrémités, à contenu pailleté, et avec la paroi légèrement épaissie, nettement plus longues encore dans le subpellis.

South America



Pileipellis **orthochromatic in Cresyl Blue**, two-layered; subpellis gelatinized, forming a dense mat close to the underlying trama, of tightly interwoven hyphae; hyphae 2-5 μm diam, thin-walled, frequently septate, with scattered strongly refringent gloeopleurous elements of 5 μm diam, frequently terminating with cylindrical to swollen or mucronate embedded dermatocystidia; suprapellis composed of 2-5 strongly inflated, spherical cells, often gradually smaller towards the terminal cell, the latter cylindrical to narrowly subclavate, ampullaceous, or mucronate, resembling an epithelium; pileocystidia dispersed, terminal, more or less the same diam. As other terminal elements, 50-90 \times 10-13 μm , contents granular-refringent in KOH.

vertical structure – hyphal terminations
pileocystidia – macrochemical reactions

Examples

North America
- no illustration

Pileocystidia not observed. Pileipellis 200-334 μm thick, embedded in a clear layer of gluten up to 250 μm thick; Epicuticular hyphae with free tips, 1.6-4.7 μm thick, interwoven and interspersed with thick-walled hyphae 3.1-4.7 μm .

Russula workshop on microscopy

“Quest for a globally comprehensible *Russula* language”

23. – 28. February 2018 in Slovakia.

agreement to use a standard morphological description for the genus *Russula* with defined minimal requirements

template measurements table
glossary of *Russula* terms
description template

Every participant prepared during the workshop a description of a new or an interesting *Russula*



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Quest for a globally comprehensible *Russula* language



Bart Buyck (Museum Histoire National Naturelle Paris, France) speaking about phylogenetic significance of morphological traits at higher-rank *Russula* taxonomy

Quest for a globally comprehensible *Russula* language



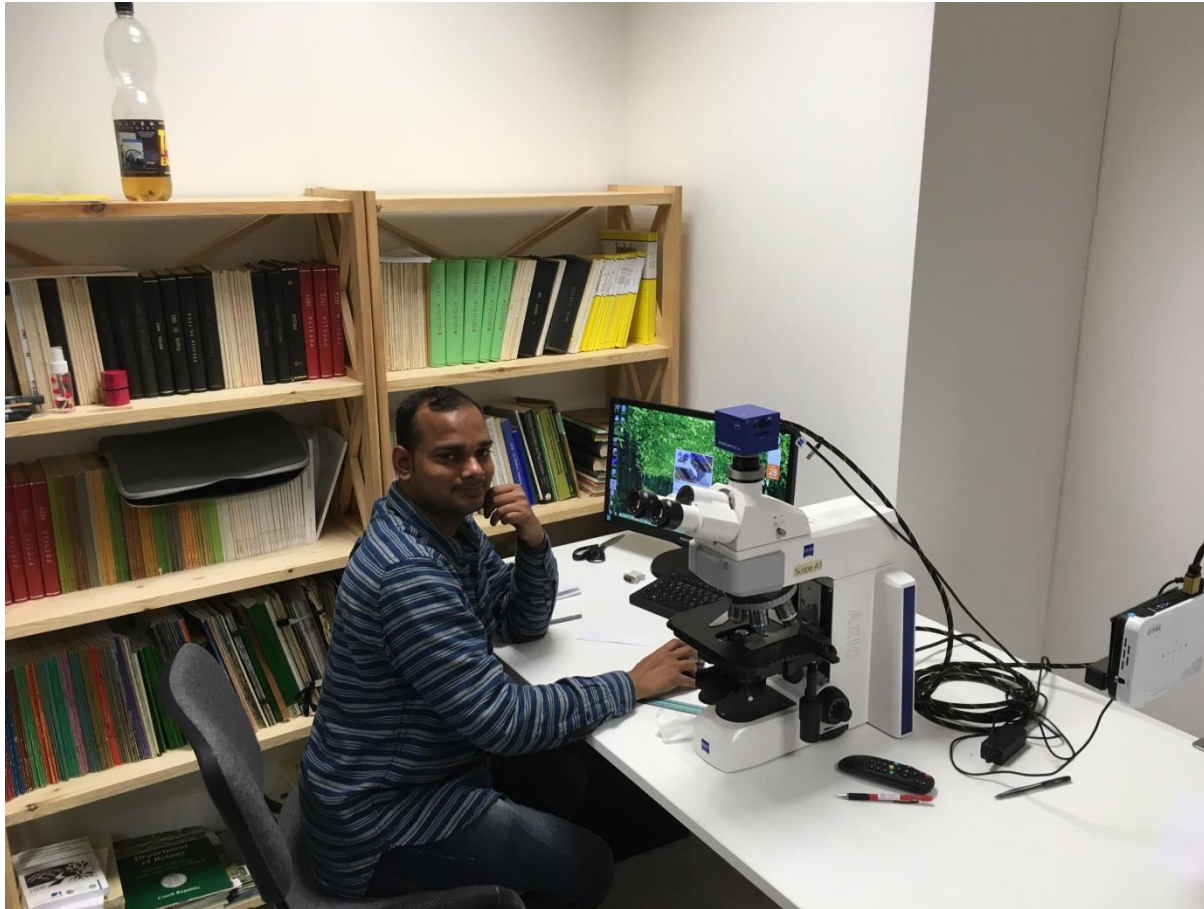
Brian Looney (INRA Nancy, France, now Duke university, USA) showing his nominate species from the lineage of *R. subtilis* (*Lilaceinae*)

Quest for a globally comprehensible *Russula* language



The youngest participant Magdalena Barajas from Indiana University (USA) with her quest to describe new North American members of *Foetentinae*

Quest for a globally comprehensible *Russula* language



Aniket Ghosh from Garhwal University (Uttarakhand, India) operating the microscope equipped by camera, measuring software and digital projector for drawing

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Microscopy room at the first day – spore observations

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... all microscopes were occupied and used a lot

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Miroslav Caboň was very willing and provided technical support for microscopes and software, he was also responsible for preparing of microscopy room with all tools and equipment

Quest for a globally comprehensible *Russula* language



Participants watching presentations of results with species descriptions almost ready to be published

The quest for a globally comprehensible *Russula* language

submitted in Fungal Diversity

- 26 *Russula* species described, 22 as new
- collections from 9 countries and 4 continents
 - 27 authors from 11 countries

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Standards: description template

Table 2. The description template used in this study. More details explaining character stages and observation styles are in Electronic Supplementary Table S6, numbering of characters (here in parenthesis) is consistent between both Tables and descriptions in the Taxonomy part.

Spores (1) shape and Q value, (2) size; (3) shape of elements in the spore ornamentation, (4) their density [in a 3 μm circle], and (5) prominence (6) general appearance of spore ornamentation, (7) frequency of line connections and fusions [in a 3 μm circle]; (8) size, amyloidy and surface of the suprahilar spot.

Basidia (9) size, shape and number of sterigma; (10) estimated size and shape of basidiola. **Hymenial cystidia on lamellae sides** (11) density at 1 mm^2 , (12) size, (13) shape, terminations, presence and length of an appendage, emergence above basidium level, origin and thickness of walls, (14) contents observed in Congo Red and sulfovanillin; **cystidia on lamellae edges** (15) size and (16) relative differences [compared to lamellae sides]. **Lamellae edges** (17) presence and frequency of different cell types; **marginal cells** (18) size, (19) shape, contents and thickness of walls.

Pileipellis (20) colour reaction in Cresyl Blue, (21) delimitation from context, (22) depth, (23) distinction and delimitation of supra- and subpellis, (24) gelatinization and presence of extra gelatinous matter; (25) suprapellis depth and arrangement of hyphal terminations; (26) subpellis depth, structure and hyphal width. **Hyphal terminations** near the pileus margin (27) general aspect; (28) terminal cells size, (29) shape and general appearance of the terminal cells; (30) subterminal cells width and relative differences [compared to the terminal cells]. Hyphal terminations near the pileus centre (31) size of terminal cells and (32) relative differences in general aspect, terminal and subterminal cells shape [compared to the pileus margin].

Pileocystidia in suprapellis near the pileus margin (33) number of cells, shape, insertion of basal part, thickness of cell walls and irregularities, (34) size of terminal cells, (35) their shape and terminations, (36) contents observed in Congo Red and sulfovanillin, (37) presence of acid-resistant incrustations and incrustations observed in Congo Red and sulfovanillin. Pileocystidia in suprapellis near the pileus centre (38) size of the terminal cells and (39) relative differences in general aspect and terminal cells shape [compared to the pileus margin]. **Cystidioid or oleiferous hyphae** (40) presence in subpellis and trama and contents.

Standards: character list

Supplementary Table S6. List of characters with explanations of character stages or observation styles

SPORES

1. Shape based on Q values calculated from average of minimum 20 measurements

Subglobose: $Q=1.05-1.15$

broadly ellipsoid: $Q=1.16-1.30$

ellipsoid: $Q=1.31-1.45$

narrowly ellipsoid: $Q=1.46-1.60$

oblong: $Q>1.60$

2. Size: length and width based on 20 measurements minimum (optimum on 3 specimens)
given as (minimum) average minus stand. dev. (SD) – average – average plus SD (maximum)

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HYMENIUM

9. Basidia

size represented by length and width, based on 20 measurements and given as minimum (optimum on 3 specimens) given as (minimum) average minus stand. dev. (SD) – average – average plus SD (maximum)

shape (e.g. subcylindrical, fusiform, clavate, ...)

number of sterigmata

10. Basidiola

shape and estimated width

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PILEOCYSTIDIA

33. General aspect of pileocystidia in the suprapellis near the pileus margin

number of cells

general shape (e.g. clavate, cylindrical, fusiform, lanceolate, lageniform, ...)

insertion of pileocystidia (in suprapellis, in upper or lower part of subpellis)

thickness of walls (also adding maximum thickness in μm if relevant)

irregularities (nodes, diverticules, lateral projections or branches ...)

40. Cystidioid or oleiferous hyphae

presence in subpellis and trama

character of their contents

Standards: terminology

Table 3. Explanation of selected terms used for descriptions of *Russula*

Terms	Explanation
Acid-resistant incrustations	incrustations that turn red in carbolfuchsin and retain the colour after being exposed to a weak acid for few seconds
Acute apical part	cell walls at the terminal part shaped in a sharp angle (narrowing tip)
Appendage	apical constriction of cystidium, resulting in a vermiform, capitulate, fusiform or moniliform 'appendage', which often easily breaks off and allows discharge of cystidial contents
Chains in spore ornamentation	more than two warts or spines aligned very closely
Cystidioid hyphae	hyphae (or portions of hyphae) in subpellis or trama with cystidia-like heteromorphous contents
Essential number of measurements	at least 20 measurements per specimen, optimum number 3 and more specimens measured per species
Essential statistics	length, width and for spores also ratio of length and width (Q value); always provide the average value and the range estimated as the average+/- standard deviation
Fusions in spore ornamentation	when two warts or spines adhere to each other (twinned elements)
Heteromorphous contents	contents of hyphae or pileocystidia, they may have granular, crystalline, banded components or refringent bodies, sometimes they are disconnected or limited to a part of the cystidium
Hymenial cystidia	sterile elements in hymenium defined by their contents or shape
Hyphal terminations	free terminations of hyphae that end in transition between suprapellis or subpellis; they can be represented by one or multiple cells
Incrustations	droplets, crystals or glutinous coatings on the surface of pileocystidia and hyphal terminations
Line connections	thin and low, amyloid lines that connect warts or spines of spore ornamentation
Marginal cells	sterile cells on lamellae edges that clearly differ from basidiola by their shape and size and have optically empty contents; mostly they are similar to hyphal endings of the pileipellis
Metachromatic reaction	colour change to blood red in Cresyl Blue, the negative reaction is orthochromatic
Mucronate apical part	having an abruptly projecting point
Number of cells of pileocystidia	number of cells that are separated by septa and have heteromorphous contents or a specific shape typical for pileocystidia
Obtuse apical part	rounded tips of hymenial elements
Oleiferous hyphae	hyphae in subpellis or trama with homogeneous, refractive, oily contents, sometimes pigmented
Pileipellis	cuticle on upper surface of pileus delimited from the pileus trama by its specific structure, often also with conspicuous pigmentations and gelatinisation
Pileocystidia	hyphal structures in pileipellis with specific contents or shape
Primordial hyphae	pileocystidia with acid-resistant incrustations staining red after carbolfuchsin treatment
Ridges	linear elements made up of aligned warts or spines that are interconnected by amyloid 'walls' of more than half their height
Spines on spores	elements of spore ornamentation with pointed (acute) tips
Spore shape	defined by ratio of length and width of spores
Spore size	length and width of spores excluding spore ornamentation
Subpellis	hyphal structure in pileipellis between trama and suprapellis; many species have a separable pileipellis under the suprapellis
Subterminal cells	single cell next to the terminal cell
Suprahilar spot	area above the hilum with nearly smooth or smooth surface that is in some species completely or partly amyloid
Suprapellis	the upper part of pileipellis that is near the surface and is composed of hyphal terminations and usually also pileocystidia
Terminal cells	single hyphal cells at the terminal position in suprapellis
Warts on spores	elements of spore ornamentation with obtuse tips
Wings	same as ridges, but much higher (> 2 µm)

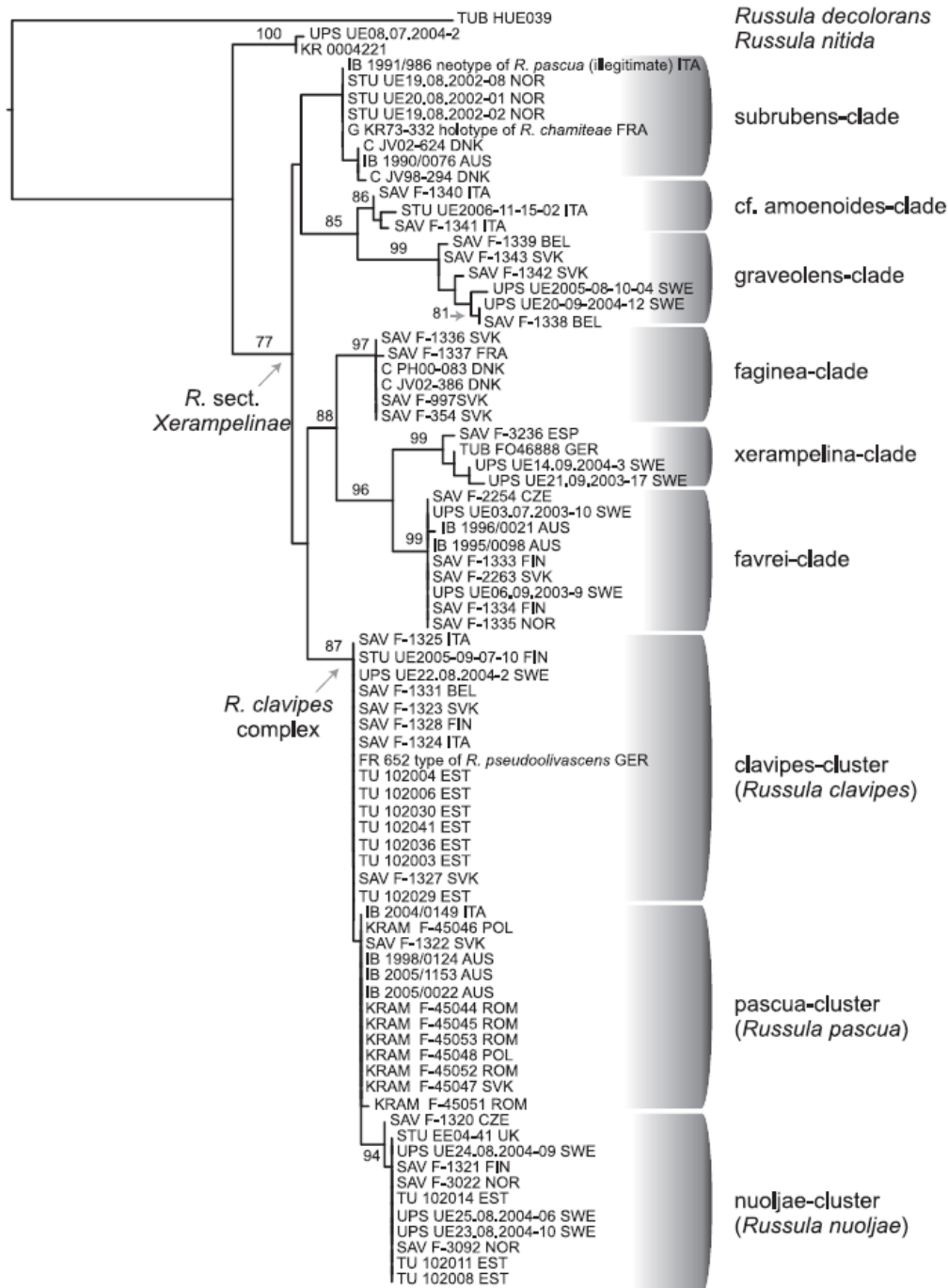
Standards: macrochemical reactions

Table 1. List of reagents and tissue preparations used for micro-morphological observations

Reagent	Composition / manner of use	Purpose of use	References
carbofuchsin	5 g phenol + 84 ml H ₂ O + 1 g fuchsin + 10 ml ethanol / stained with carbofuchsin, washed and observed in distilled water after incubation for a few seconds in a 10% solution of HCl	incrustations on primordial hyphae	Romagnesi (1967)
Congo Red	1 ml 25% NH ₃ dissolved in filtrated solution of 1.5 g Congo Red and 50 ml H ₂ O / used after short treatment in 10% KOH solution	contrast improvement of elements in hymenium and pileipellis	Heilmann-Clausen et al. (1998)
Cresyl Blue	2 ml Cresyl Blue + 1.3 ml glycerin + 2 ml ethanol + 4.2 ml H ₂ O / used directly	presence of metachromatic incrustations in pileipellis	Buyck (1989)
Melzer's reagent	1.5 g I + 5 g KI + 100 ml C ₂ H ₃ Cl ₃ O ₂ + 100 ml H ₂ O / used directly	colouring of spore ornamentation	Melzer and Zvára (1927)
sulfovanillin	1 g of vanillin dissolved in 6 ml H ₂ O and 5 ml concentrated H ₂ SO ₄ / used directly, observed after 5 min and 30 min staining	colouring of cystidia contents	Caboň et al. (2017)

Standards: what is the minimum for descriptions?

described species / compared species and description source	spores							hymenial elements				pileipellis								pairwise sequence identity	morphological difference				
	size	ratio of length and width	prominence of ornamentation	structure of ornamentation	number of elements	line connections	fusions	suprahilar spot	basidia	hymenial cystidia on sides size	hymenial cystidia on sides shape, contents, terminations	hymenial cystidia near edges size	marginal cells	depth	terminal cells near the pileus margin size	terminal cells near the pileus margin shape	subterminal cells	terminal cells near the pileus centre size	pileocystidia near the pileus margin size			pileocystidia near the pileus margin number of cells	pileocystidia near the pileus margin shape	pileocystidia near the pileus centre size	
R. aurantioflava / R. xantho (Buyck 2005)	1	0	0	0	-	-	-	0	1	0	0	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA	33,3%
R. brunneocystidiata / R. subsordida (Adamčík & Buyck 2014)	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	NA	59,1%
R. laevis / R. brevipes (Buyck & Adamčík 2013)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	NA	18,2%
R. purpureogracilis / R. albida (Adamčík & Buyck 2012)	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	-	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	NA	23,8%
R. seperina / R. cinerascens (Adamčík & Buyck 2011)	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	-	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	-	-	NA	45,0%
R. subtilis/ R. uncialis (Adamčík et al. 2018)	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	-	-	NA	23,8%
R. amarissima / R. indoarmeniaca (Ghosh et al. 2016)	1	0	-	0	-	-	-	-	0	1	-	0	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	81	28,6%
R. fortunae / R. eccentrica (Adamčík et al. 2018)	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	82	50,0%
R. aurantiopectinata / R. rufobasalis (Song et al. 2018)	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	1	-	1	1	84	29,4%	
R. wielangtae / R. flavida (Adamčík et al. 2018)	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	-	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	86	52,2%	
R. abietiphila / R. nympharum (Adamčík et al. 2016)	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	22,7%
R. tenuihyphata / R. abietiphila (this study)	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	88	36,4%	
R. amerorecondita / R. pectinatoides (Adamčík et al. 2013)	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	88	33,3%	
R. gemmata / R. subtilis (this study)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	89	27,3%
R. echidna / R. amerorecondita (this study)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	-	-	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	91	50,0%	
R. caesarea / R. aurantioflava (this study)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	92	33,3%	
R. castanopsidis / R. purpureogracilis (this study)	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	92	50,0%	
R. olivaceohimalayensis / R. seperina (this study)	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	94	59,1%	
R. tlaxcalensis / R. nuoljae (Adamčík et al. 2016)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	95	40,9%	
R. garyensis / R. amerorecondita (this study)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	95	37,5%	
R. spinuloconnata / R. globispora (Adamčík & Jančovičová 2013)	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	95	28,6%	
R. magica / R. olivaceohimalayensis (this study)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	95	13,6%	
R. fluvialis / R. foetentula (Adamčík et al. 2013)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	96	9,1%	
R. madrensis / R. xerampelina (Adamčík 2002)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	98	10,5%	
R. sancti-pauli / R. madrensis (this study)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	99	36,4%	
R. flavobrunnescens / R. katarinae (Adamčík et al. 2015)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	0	1	0	0	1	0	-	-	-	-	99	23,5%	
differences [%]	50,0%	30,8%	48,0%	19,2%	26,1%	30,4%	21,7%	8,0%	34,6%	34,6%	32,0%	26,3%	30,4%	45,8%	26,1%	39,1%	43,5%	43,5%	52,4%	15,0%	36,4%	50,0%			



What can we do better?

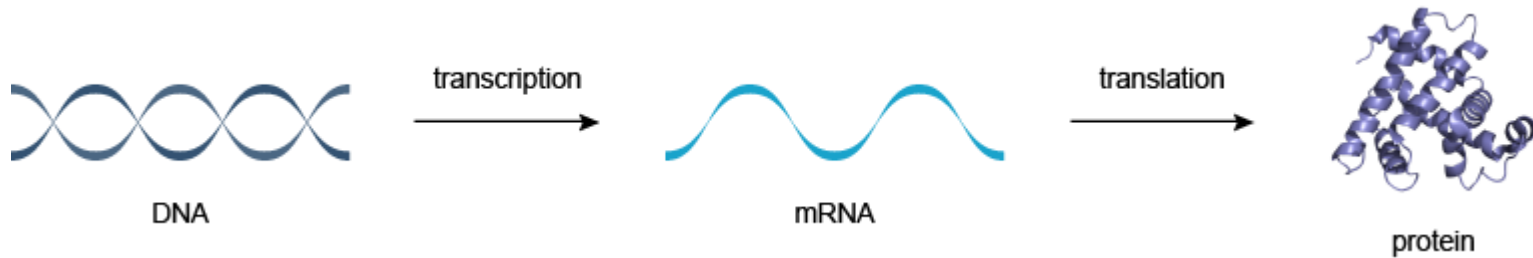
Focus on lineages and deep sampling to estimate diversity of phylogenetic species

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Let's do good morphology



Why should we do morphology?



phenotype

as result of evolutionary adaptation to climate and ecological factors

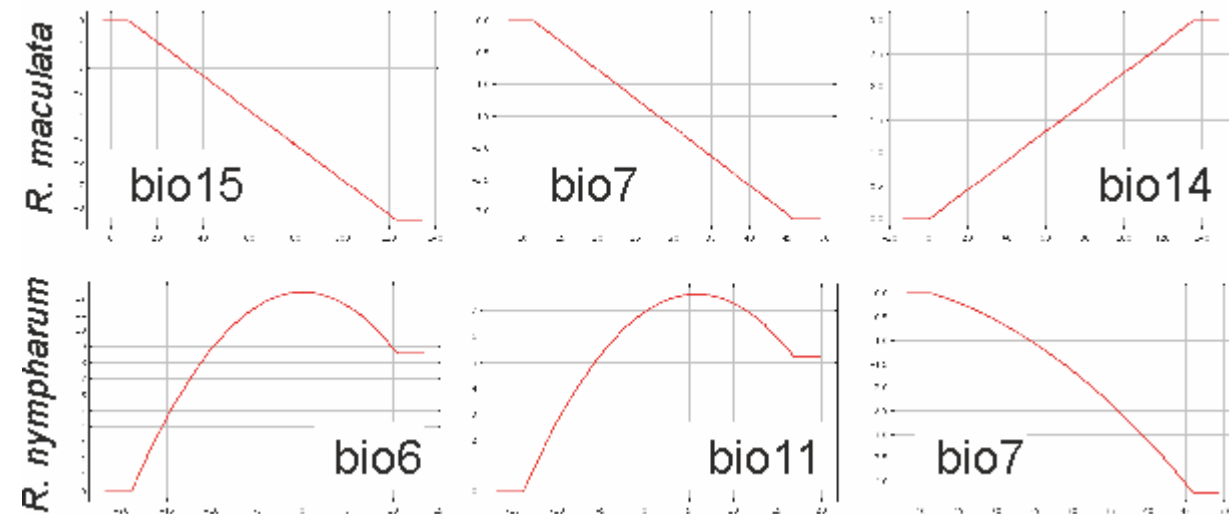
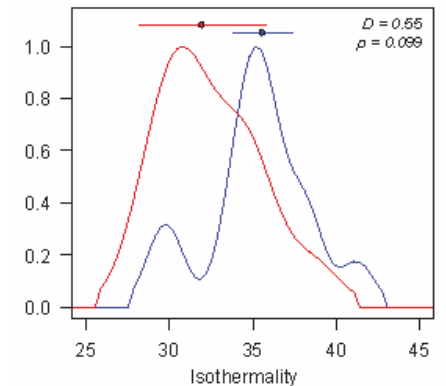
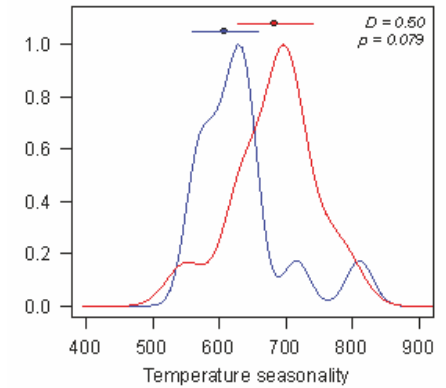
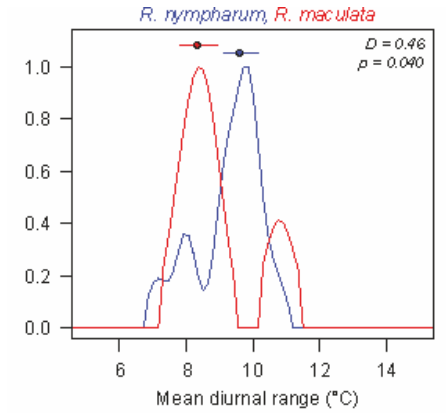
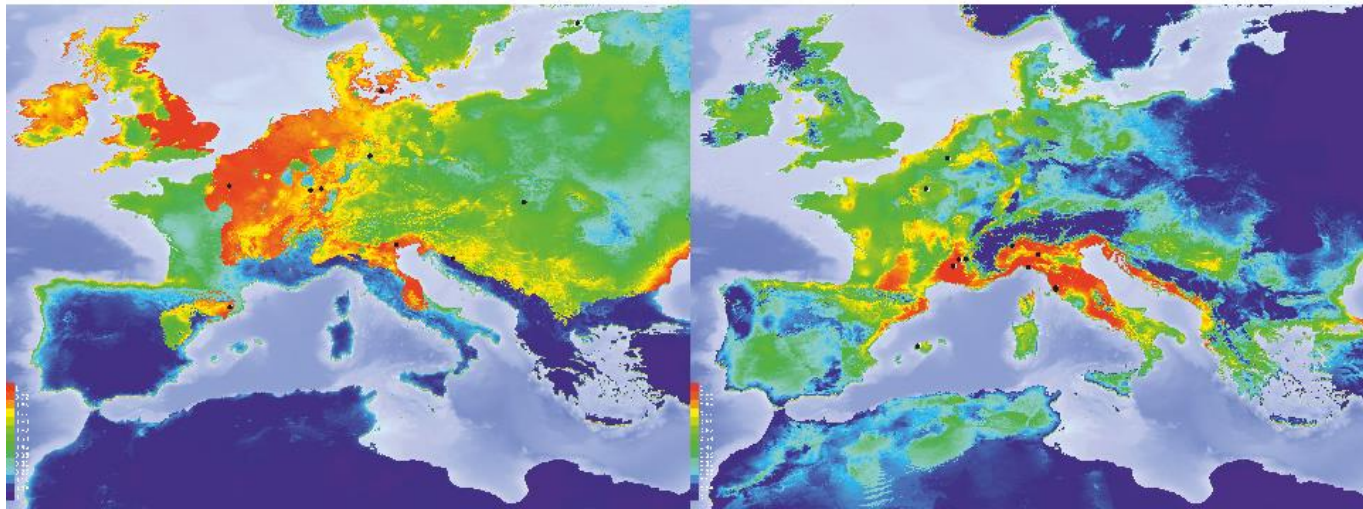
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Future challenge

Pileipellis as shield
to protect against
harsh conditions

Is structure of
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on adaptation ?



Thank you for the attention