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Variation in *Botryosphaeriaceae* from *Eucalyptus* plantations in YunNan Province in southwestern China across a climatic gradient

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ABSTRACT

The *Botryosphaeriaceae* accommodates many important pathogens of woody plants, including *Eucalyptus*. Recently, *Botryosphaeriaceae* were isolated from diseased plant parts from surveys of *Eucalyptus* plantations in the YunNan Province, China. The aims of this study were to identify these *Botryosphaeriaceae* isolates and to evaluate their pathogenicity to *Eucalyptus*. A total of 166 isolates of *Botryosphaeriaceae* were obtained from six regions in the YunNan Province, of which 76 were from *Eucalyptus urophylla* × *E. grandis* hybrids, 49 from *E. globulus* trees, and 41 isolates were from other unknown *Eucalyptus* species or hybrids. Isolates were identified by comparing DNA sequences of the internal transcribed spacer ribosomal RNA locus (ITS), partial translation elongation factor 1-alpha (*tef1*), β-tubulin 2 (*tub2*) and DNA-directed RNA polymerase II subunit (*rpb2*) genes, and combined with their morphological characteristics. Eleven species were identified, including *Botryosphaeria fusicpora*, *B. wangensis*, *Lasiodiplodia pseudotheobromae*, *Neofusicoccum kwambonambiense*, *N. parvum*, and six novel species described as *B. puerensis*, *N. dianense*, *N. magniconidium*, *N. ningerense*, *N. parviconidium* and *N. yunnanense*. The dominant species across the regions were *N. yunnanense*, *N. parvum* and *B. wangensis*, representing 31.3, 25.3 and 19.9% of the total isolates, respectively. Species diversity and composition changed across the different climatic zones, despite their relatively close geographic proximity and the fact that some of the species have a global distribution. All the *Botryosphaeriaceae* species were pathogenic to one-year-old plants of an *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* clone and *E. globulus* seed-derived plants, but showed significant inter- and intra-species variation in aggressiveness amongst isolates. The study provides a foundation for monitoring and management of *Botryosphaeriaceae* through selection and breeding of *Eucalyptus* in the YunNan Province of southwestern China.

KEYWORDS: *Botryosphaeria*, *Lasiodiplodia*, *Neofusicoccum*, Pathogenicity, Phylogeny, Taxonomy

INTRODUCTION

Eucalyptus species have been widely planted in many countries of the world for wood and fibre needs, mostly due to their rapid growth and adaptability to a variety of ecological conditions (Coppen 2002). In China, with

more than 4.5 million hectares of *Eucalyptus* planted, an important area for *Eucalyptus* plantation establishment is the YunNan Province (Xie et al. 2017). This province includes seven climatic zones due to variation in altitude. These include a cold highland zone (T1), central temperate zone (T2), southern temperate zone (T3), northern sub-tropical zone (T4), central sub-tropical zone (T5), southern sub-tropical zone (T6) and tropical zone (T7) (Ye 2017). Most *Eucalyptus* have been planted in the sub-tropical and tropical (T4–T7), central and

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southern parts of the YunNan Province. The *Eucalyptus* species planted include large areas of *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* hybrids and *E. globulus*, and smaller areas of *E. nitens* and *E. smithii* (Qi 2002).

In recent years, *Eucalyptus* plantations in China have faced significant health threats from different pathogens, including species in the *Botryosphaeriaceae* (Chen et al. 2011), *Cryphonectriaceae* (Chen et al. 2010; Wang et al. 2018) and *Teratosphaeriaceae* (Burgess et al. 2006a), as well as *Botrytis* (Liu et al. 2016), *Calonectria* (Lombard et al. 2010; Li et al. 2017), *Ceratocystis* (Chen et al. 2013), *Quambalaria* (Zhou et al. 2007; Chen et al. 2017) and *Ralstonia* (Carstensen et al. 2017). Of these, *Botryosphaeriaceae* are amongst the most widespread and common associated with *Eucalyptus* plantations in southern China (Chen et al. 2011; Li et al. 2018).

Diseases associated with *Botryosphaeriaceae* have been reported on a variety of woody plants globally (Slippers and Wingfield 2007; Dissanayake et al. 2016; Mehl et al. 2017; Slippers et al. 2017). They usually occur when plants are subjected to environmental stresses, including drought, frost, physical damage and biological stress (Old et al. 2003; Slippers and Wingfield 2007; Manawasinghe et al. 2016). Typical symptoms associated with *Botryosphaeriaceae* infections include die-back, canker, shoot blight, and fruit rot (Slippers and Wingfield 2007; Slippers et al. 2017; Billones-Baaijens and Savocchia 2019). On *Eucalyptus* in China, the *Botryosphaeriaceae* has been associated with stem cankers as well as shoot and twig blights.

The taxonomic status of *Botryosphaeriaceae* has been substantially revised in recent years and now includes 23 genera and at least 200 species known from culture (Liu et al. 2012; Phillips et al. 2013; Dissanayake et al. 2016; Slippers et al. 2017; Yang et al. 2017; Jayawardena et al. 2019a, 2019b). These species include many cryptic taxa and require DNA sequence-based identification, often considering sequence data from multiple loci. Recent studies on the *Botryosphaeriaceae* from *Eucalyptus* in China that have been based on DNA sequence data have identified twelve species. These include *Botryosphaeria dothidea*, *B. fabicerciana*, *B. fusispora*, *B. pseudoramosa*, *B. qingyuanensis*, *Lasiodiplodia brasiliense*, *L. pseudotheobromae*, *L. theobromae*, *Neofusicoccum microcondium*, *N. parvum*, *N. ribis* sensu lato and *N. sinoeucalypti* (Yu et al. 2009; Chen et al. 2011; Li et al. 2015, 2018). These studies have, however, not included thorough sampling from *Eucalyptus* in the YunNan Province.

During disease surveys in *Eucalyptus* plantations in the YunNan Province in 2014, typical disease symptoms linked to the *Botryosphaeriaceae* were observed. The aims of this study were to (1) identify the species of *Botryosphaeriaceae* isolated from diseased *Eucalyptus*

trees in YunNan Province based on phylogenetic inference combined with morphological characteristics, (2) determine their geographic distribution in different regions of this province, and (3) evaluate their pathogenicity on one-year-old plants of an *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* hybrid clone and *E. globulus* seed-derived plants.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Sample collection and fungal isolation

Field surveys of *Eucalyptus* plantations were conducted in YunNan Province of southwestern China during 2014. A large area of these *Eucalyptus* plantations was severely damaged by disease with symptoms typical of the *Botryosphaeriaceae*. These symptoms included die-back, leaf and shoot blight, stem and branch canker, and they resulted in tree death in some plantations (Fig. 1).

Stems, branches and twigs from *Eucalyptus* trees showing typical symptoms of *Botryosphaeriaceae* infection were collected. *Botryosphaeriaceae* isolates were obtained as described in Li et al. (2018). All cultures were deposited in the Culture Collection (CSF) of the China Eucalypt Research Centre (CERC), Chinese Academy of Forestry (CAF), ZhanJiang, GuangDong Province, China. Duplicate cultures were deposited in the culture collection (CMW) of the Forestry and Agricultural Biotechnology Institute (FABI), University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa, and representative cultures were deposited in the China General Microbiological Culture Collection Center (CGMCC), Beijing, China. The dried specimens were deposited in the mycological fungarium of the Institute of Microbiology, Chinese Academy of Sciences (HMAS), Beijing, China.

DNA extraction, PCR amplification and sequencing

Total DNA of each isolate was extracted from the mycelium of 7-day-old cultures using the CTAB method as described in van Burik et al. (1998). RNA from each DNA sample was removed by adding 2 mL RNase A (10 mg/mL) and incubating at 37 °C for 1 h. Quality and quantity of the DNA samples were determined using a NanoDrop 2000 Spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. Waltham, MA, USA), and each DNA sample was diluted to approximately 100 ng/uL with DNase/RNase-free ddH₂O (Sangon Biotech Co., Ltd., Shanghai, China) for PCR amplification. Three to four loci were amplified, including the internal transcribed spacer (ITS), a part of the translation elongation factor 1-alpha (*tef1*), a part of the β-tubulin 2 (*tub2*) and a part of DNA directed RNA polymerase II subunit (*rpb2*). Details regarding primers, PCR reactions and cycling conditions were as described by Li et al. (2018). Primers were synthesised and PCR products were sequenced by the Beijing Genomics Institute (BGI), GuangZhou, GuangDong Province, China.



Fig. 1 Disease symptoms on *Eucalyptus* trees associate with *Botryosphaeriaceae* in YunNan Province. **a, b.** die-back of *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* hybrids; **c–e.** branch and twig blight of *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* hybrids. **f–h.** die-back of *E. globulus*; **i.** fruiting structures on an *E. globulus* stem

Sequences obtained in this study were all deposited in GenBank (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>) (Table 1).

Phylogenetic analyses

Sequences of the ITS, *tef1* and *tub2* regions for all isolates obtained in this study were generated for species identification. Based on these sequences, the initial genotype of each isolate was determined. Representative

isolates based on initial genotype characterisation, host and location for each species were selected for sequencing of the *rpb2* locus. The final genotypes of the selected isolates were thus determined based on sequence data from four loci. Preliminary identification in this study was performed using Standard Nucleotide BLAST (<https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi>), and available sequences of all species in related genera containing ex-

Table 1 Isolates sequenced and used for phylogenetic analyses, morphological studies and pathogenicity tests in this study

Identity ^a	Genotype ^b	Isolate No. ^c	Host	Location	GPS information	Collector	GenBank accession No. ^d	
							ITS	tef1
							tub2	rpb2
<i>Botryosphaeria fusispora</i>	AAAAAA	CSF6021 ^f	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	NingEr County, PuEr Region, YunNan Province, China	23°05'26"N, 102°02'40"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028551	MT028883 MT029049
	AAAAAA	CSF6056 ^f	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	JingGu County, PuEr Region, YunNan Province, China	23°23'58"N, 100°50'37"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028552	MT028884 MT029050
	AAAAAA	CSF6160 ^h	<i>E. globulus</i>	LuFeng County, ChuXiong Region, YunNan Province, China	25°03'12"N, 101°46'29"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028553	MT028885 MT029051
	AAAABA	CSF5663 ^f	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	PingBian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°00'52"N, 103°38'09"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028554	MT028886 MT029052
	AAA-AA	CSF5852	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	MengZi County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°12'24"N, 103°30'58"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028555	MT028721 MT028887 N/A
	AAA-AA	CSF5950 ^h	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	YuanLiang County, YuXi Region, YunNan Province, China	23°29'04"N, 102°07'34"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028556	MT028722 MT028888 N/A
	AAA--	CSF6162	<i>E. globulus</i>	LuFeng County, ChuXiong Region, YunNan Province, China	25°03'12"N, 101°46'29"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028557	MT028723 MT028889 N/A
	AAA--	CSF6066	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	JingGu County, PuEr Region, YunNan Province, China	23°23'58"N, 100°50'37"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028558	MT028724 MT028890 N/A
	AAA--	CSF5957	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	YuanLiang County, YuXi Region, YunNan Province, China	23°29'04"N, 102°07'34"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028559	MT028725 MT028891 N/A
	AAA--	CSF5964	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	YuanLiang County, YuXi Region, YunNan Province, China	23°29'04"N, 102°07'34"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028560	MT028726 MT028892 N/A
	AAA--	CSF5976	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	YuanLiang County, YuXi Region, YunNan Province, China	23°29'04"N, 102°07'34"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028561	MT028727 MT028893 N/A
	ABABAA	CSF5871 ^{fh}	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	PingBian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°12'24"N, 103°30'58"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028562	MT028728 MT028894 MT029053
	ABABAA	CSF5832 ^f	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	PingBian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°12'24"N, 103°30'58"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028563	MT028729 MT028895 MT029054
	ACAAAAA	CSF6178 ^{fh}	<i>E. globulus</i>	AnNing County, KunMing Region, YunNan Province, China	24°55'02"N, 102°23'41"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028564	MT028730 MT028896 MT029055
	ACAAAAA	CSF6063 th	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	JingGu County, PuEr Region, YunNan Province, China	23°23'58"N, 100°50'37"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028565	MT028731 MT028897 MT029056
	ACA--	CSF6179	<i>E. globulus</i>	AnNing County, KunMing Region, YunNan Province, China	24°55'02"N, 102°23'41"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028566	MT028732 MT028898 N/A
	ACA--	CSF6180	<i>E. globulus</i>	AnNing County, KunMing Region, YunNan Province, China	24°55'02"N, 102°23'41"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028567	MT028733 MT028899 N/A
	ACA--	CSF6181	<i>E. globulus</i>	AnNing County, KunMing Region, YunNan Province, China	24°55'02"N, 102°23'41"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028568	MT028734 MT028900 N/A
	BA. puerensis	AAAAAA	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	JingGu County, PuEr Region, YunNan Province, China	23°20'21"N, 100°54'38"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028569	MT028735 MT028901 MT029057

Table 1 Isolates sequenced and used for phylogenetic analyses, morphological studies and pathogenicity tests in this study (Continued)

Identity ^a	Genotype ^b	Isolate No. ^c	Host	Location	GPS information	Collector	GenBank accession No. ^d	
					ITS	tef1	tub2	rpb2
<i>B. wangensis</i>	AAAAAA	CSF5737	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	Pingbian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°08'00"N, 103°32'39"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028570	MT028736
	AAAAAA	CSF5770 ^{f,h}	<i>E. globulus</i>	MengZi County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°14'27"N, 103°28'59"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028571	MT028903
	AAAAAA	CSF5980 ^{f,h}	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	Yuanliang County, YuXi Region, YunNan Province, China	23°29'04"N, 102°07'34"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028572	MT028738
	AAAAAA	CSF6158	<i>E. globulus</i>	LuFeng County, ChuXiong Region, YunNan Province, China	25°03'12"N, 101°46'29"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028574	MT028740
	AAAABBA	CSF6113 ^f	<i>E. globulus</i>	ChuXiong County, ChuXiong Region, YunNan Province, China	25°02'48"N, 101°41'46"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028573	MT028739
	AAA--	CSF6133	<i>E. globulus</i>	ChuXiong County, ChuXiong Region, YunNan Province, China	25°02'48"N, 101°41'46"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028575	MT028741
	AAA--	CSF6159	<i>E. globulus</i>	LuFeng County, ChuXiong Region, YunNan Province, China	25°03'12"N, 101°46'29"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028576	MT028908
	AAA--	CSF5776	<i>E. globulus</i>	MengZi County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°14'27"N, 103°28'59"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028577	MT028909
	AAA--	CSF5812	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	MengZi County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°12'24"N, 103°30'58"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028578	MT028744
	AAA--	CSF5830	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	MengZi County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°12'24"N, 103°30'58"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028579	MT028745
	AAA--	CSF5850	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	MengZi County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°12'24"N, 103°30'58"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028580	MT028746
	AAA--	CSF5741	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	MengZi County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°08'00"N, 103°32'39"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028581	MT028747
	AAA--	CSF5923	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	Pingbian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°09'26"N, 103°32'14"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028582	MT028748
	ABAAAA	CSF6173 ^{f,h}	<i>E. globulus</i>	AnNing County, KunMing Region, YunNan Province, China	24°55'02"N, 102°23'41"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028583	MT028749
	ABAAAA	CSF6174 ^f	<i>E. globulus</i>	AnNing County, KunMing Region, YunNan Province, China	24°55'02"N, 102°23'41"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028584	MT028916
	ACAAAA	CSF6237 ^{f,h}	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	FuNing County, WenShan Region, YunNan Province, China	23°36'26"N, 105°40'43"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028585	MT028751
	ADACAA	CSF6242	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	FuNing County, WenShan Region, YunNan Province, China	23°36'26"N, 105°40'43"E	S.F. Chen	MT028586	MT028752
	ADACAA	CSF5781 ^{f,h}	<i>E. globulus</i>	MengZi County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°14'27"N, 103°28'59"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028587	MT028753
	ADACAA	CSF5878 ^{f,h}	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	Pingbian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°08'02"N, 103°32'29"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028588	MT028754

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Identity ^a	Genotype ^b	Isolate No. ^c	Host	Location	GPS information	Collector	GenBank accession No. ^d		
						ITS	tef1	tub2	rpb2
ADACAA	CSF5971	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	YuanJiang County, YuXi Region, YunNan Province, China	23°29'04"N, 102°07'34"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028589	MT028755	MT028921	MT029069
ADA--	CSF6243	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	FuNing County, WenShan Region, YunNan Province, China	23°36'26"N, 105°40'43"E	S.F. Chen	MT028590	MT028756	MT028922	N/A
ADA--	CSF5847	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	MengZi County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°12'24"N, 103°30'58"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028591	MT028757	MT028923	N/A
ADA--	CSF5890	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	PingBian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°09'26"N, 103°32'14"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028592	MT028758	MT028924	N/A
ADA--	CSF5895	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	PingBian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°09'26"N, 103°32'14"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028593	MT028759	MT028925	N/A
ADA--	CSF5972	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	YuanJiang County, YuXi Region, YunNan Province, China	23°29'04"N, 102°07'34"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028594	MT028760	MT028926	N/A
BAAAAA	CSF6235	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	FuNing County, WenShan Region, YunNan Province, China	23°36'26"N, 105°40'43"E	S.F. Chen	MT028595	MT028761	MT028927	MT029070
BAAAAA	CSF5868 ^{f,h}	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	MengZi County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°12'24"N, 103°30'58"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028596	MT028762	MT028928	MT029071
BAAAAA	CSF5944	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	YuanJiang County, YuXi Region, YunNan Province, China	23°29'04"N, 102°07'34"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028597	MT028763	MT028929	MT029072
BAAAAA	CSF5733 ^f	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	PingBian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°08'00"N, 103°32'39"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028598	MT028764	MT028930	MT029073
BAA--	CSF5948	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	YuanJiang County, YuXi Region, YunNan Province, China	23°29'04"N, 102°07'34"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028599	MT028765	MT028931	N/A
BAA--	CSF5969	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	YuanJiang County, YuXi Region, YunNan Province, China	23°29'04"N, 102°07'34"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028600	MT028766	MT028932	N/A
CAAAA	CSF5820 ^{f,h}	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	MengZi County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°12'24"N, 103°30'58"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028601	MT028767	MT028933	MT029074
CAAAA	CSF5838 ^f	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	MengZi County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°12'24"N, 103°30'58"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028602	MT028768	MT028934	MT029075
Lasidiplodia pseudotrichobroma	CSF6050 ^{f,h}	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	JingGu County, PuEr Region, YunNan Province, China	23°20'21"N, 100°54'38"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028603	MT028769	MT028935	MT029076
AAAAAA	CSF5802 ^{f,h}	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	PingBian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°10'07"N, 103°32'27"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028604	MT028770	MT028936	MT029077
<i>Neofusicoccum diantense</i>	AAAAAA	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	JingGu County, PuEr Region, YunNan Province, China	23°23'58"N, 100°50'37"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028605	MT028771	MT028937	MT029078
AAAAAA	CSF5840	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	MengZi County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°12'24"N, 103°30'58"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028606	MT028772	MT028938	MT029079
AAAAAA	CSF5841	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	MengZi County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°12'24"N, 103°30'58"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028607	MT028773	MT028939	MT029080

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						ITS	tef1	tub2	rpb2	
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	BAAABA	CSF5722 ^{f,h}	E. globulus	PingBian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°05'36"N, 103°31'52"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028609	MT028775	MT028941	
N. magniconidium	AAAAAA	CSF5875=CGMC C3.2007 ^{f,g,h}	E. urophylla × E. grandis	NingEr County, PuEr Region, YunNan Province, China	23°05'26"N, 102°02'40"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028610	MT028776	MT029083	
	AAAAAA	CSF5876=CGMC C3.2007 ^{e,f,g,h}	E. urophylla × E. grandis	PingBian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°08'02"N, 103°32'29"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028611	MT028777	MT028943	
N. ningerense	AAAAAA	CSF6028 ^{f,g,h}	E. urophylla × E. grandis	NingEr County, PuEr Region, YunNan Province, China	23°08'02"N, 103°32'29"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028612	MT028778	MT028944	
	AAAAAA	CSF6030 ^{f,g,h}	E. urophylla × E. grandis	NingEr County, PuEr Region, YunNan Province, China	23°05'26"N, 102°02'40"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028613	MT028779	MT028945	
N. parviconidium	AAAAAA	CSF5667=CGMC C3.2007 ^{e,f,g,h}	Eucalyptus sp.	PingBian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°00'52"N, 103°38'09"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028615	MT028781	MT028947	
	AAAAAA	CSF5670	Eucalyptus sp.	PingBian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°00'52"N, 103°38'09"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028616	MT028782	MT028948	
AAAAAA	CSF5671	Eucalyptus sp.	PingBian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°00'52"N, 103°38'09"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028617	MT028783	MT028949	MT029089	
	AAAAAA	CSF5672	Eucalyptus sp.	PingBian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°00'52"N, 103°38'09"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028618	MT028784	MT028950	MT029091
AAAAAA	CSF5677=CGMC C3.2008 ^{f,g,h}	Eucalyptus sp.	PingBian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°00'52"N, 103°38'09"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028619	MT028785	MT028951	MT029092	
	AAAAAA	CSF5678	Eucalyptus sp.	PingBian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°00'52"N, 103°38'09"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028620	MT028786	MT028952	MT029093
AAAAAA	CSF5681 ^{g,h}	Eucalyptus sp.	PingBian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°00'52"N, 103°38'09"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028622	MT028788	MT028954	MT029095	
	AAAAAA	CSF5682	Eucalyptus sp.	PingBian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°00'52"N, 103°38'09"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028623	MT028789	MT028955	MT029096
N. parvum	AAAAAA	CSF6220	E. urophylla × E. grandis	FuNing County, WenShan Region, YunNan Province, China	23°36'26"N, 105°40'43"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028624	MT028790	MT028956	MT029097
	AAAAAA	CSF600 ^f	E. urophylla × E. grandis	JingGu County, PuEr Region, YunNan Province, China	23°23'58"N, 100°50'37"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028625	MT028791	MT028957	MT029098
AAAABA	AAAAAA	CSF5818 ^f	Eucalyptus sp.	MengZi County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°12'24"N, 103°30'58"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028626	MT028792	MT028958	MT029099
	AAAABA	CSF6032 ^f	E. urophylla × E. grandis	NingEr County, PuEr Region, YunNan Province, China	23°05'26"N, 102°02'40"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li				

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AAACAA	CSF5604 ^f	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	PingBian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°00'52"N, 103°38'09"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028628	MT028794	MT028960	MT029101
AAA--	CSF6244	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	FuNing County, WenShan Region, YunNan Province, China	23°36'26"N, 105°40'43"E	S.F. Chen	MT028629	MT028795	MT028961	N/A
AAA--	CSF6067	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	JingGu County, PuEr Region, YunNan Province, China	23°23'58"N, 100°50'37"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028630	MT028796	MT028962	N/A
AAA--	CSF6068	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	JingGu County, PuEr Region, YunNan Province, China	23°23'58"N, 100°50'37"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028631	MT028797	MT028963	N/A
AAA--	CSF5827	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	MengZi County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°12'24"N, 103°30'58"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028632	MT028798	MT028964	N/A
AAA--	CSF5835	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	MengZi County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°12'24"N, 103°30'58"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028633	MT028799	MT028965	N/A
AAA--	CSF5837	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	MengZi County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°12'24"N, 103°30'58"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028634	MT028800	MT028966	N/A
AAA--	CSF5891	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	PingBian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°09'26"N, 103°32'14"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028635	MT028801	MT028967	N/A
AAA--	CSF5897	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	PingBian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°09'26"N, 103°32'14"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028636	MT028802	MT028968	N/A
AAA--	CSF5920	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	PingBian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°09'26"N, 103°32'14"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028637	MT028803	MT028969	N/A
AAA--	CSF7345	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	PingBian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°08'02"N, 103°32'29"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028638	MT028804	MT028970	N/A
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AAA--	CSF5685	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	PingBian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°00'52"N, 103°38'09"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028641	MT028807	MT028973	N/A
AAA--	CSF5967	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	YuanJiang County, YuXi Region, YunNan Province, China	23°29'04"N, 102°07'34"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028643	MT028809	MT028975	N/A
AAA--	CSF5979	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	YuanJiang County, YuXi Region, YunNan Province, China	23°29'04"N, 102°07'34"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028644	MT028810	MT028976	MT029102
ABAAAA	CSF6219	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	FuNing County, WenShan Region, YunNan Province, China	23°36'26"N, 105°40'43"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028645	MT028811	MT028977	MT029103
ABAAAA	CSF5782 ^{f,h}	<i>E. globulus</i>	MengZi County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°14'27"N, 103°28'59"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li				

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ABAAAAA	CSF5810	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	PingBian County, HongHe Region, Yunnan Province, China	23°10'07"N, 103°32'27"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028647	MT028813	MT028979
ABA---	CSF6252	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	FuNing County, WenShan Region, Yunnan Province, China	23°36'26"N, 105°40'43"E	S.F. Chen	MT028648	MT028814	MT028980
ABA---	CSF5783	<i>E. globulus</i>	MengZi County, HongHe Region, Yunnan Province, China	23°14'27"N, 103°28'59"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028649	MT028815	MT028981
ABA---	CSF5784	<i>E. globulus</i>	MengZi County, HongHe Region, Yunnan Province, China	23°14'27"N, 103°28'59"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028650	MT028816	MT028982
ABA---	CSF5785	<i>E. globulus</i>	MengZi County, HongHe Region, Yunnan Province, China	23°14'27"N, 103°28'59"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028651	MT028817	MT028983
ABA---	CSF6020	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	NingEr County, PuEr Region, Yunnan Province, China	23°05'26"N, 102°02'40"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028652	MT028818	MT028984
ABA---	CSF6031	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	NingEr County, PuEr Region, Yunnan Province, China	23°05'26"N, 102°02'40"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028653	MT028819	MT028985
BAAAAAA	CSF6224 ^f	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	FuNing County, WenShan Region, Yunnan Province, China	23°36'26"N, 105°40'43"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028654	MT028820	MT028986
BAAAAAA	CSF6053	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	JingGu County, PuEr Region, Yunnan Province, China	23°20'21"N, 100°54'38"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028655	MT028821	MT028987
BAAAAAA	CSF6038 ^{g,h}	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	NingEr County, PuEr Region, Yunnan Province, China	23°05'26"N, 102°02'40"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028656	MT028822	MT028988
BAADAA	CSF5687 ^f	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	PingBian County, HongHe Region, Yunnan Province, China	23°04'02"N, 103°36'33"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028657	MT028823	MT028989
BAA---	CSF6230	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	FuNing County, WenShan Region, Yunnan Province, China	23°36'26"N, 105°40'43"E	S.F. Chen	MT028658	MT028824	MT028990
BAA---	CSF6250	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	FuNing County, WenShan Region, Yunnan Province, China	23°36'26"N, 105°40'43"E	S.F. Chen	MT028659	MT028825	MT028991
BAA---	CSF6054	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	JingGu County, PuEr Region, Yunnan Province, China	23°20'21"N, 100°54'38"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028660	MT028826	MT028992
BAA---	CSF5755 ^h	<i>E. globulus</i>	MengZi County, HongHe Region, Yunnan Province, China	23°14'27"N, 103°28'59"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028661	MT028827	MT028993
BAA---	CSF5824	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	MengZi County, HongHe Region, Yunnan Province, China	23°12'24"N, 103°30'58"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028662	MT028828	MT028994
BAA---	CSF5753	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	PingBian County, HongHe Region, Yunnan Province, China	23°08'00"N, 103°33'23"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028663	MT028829	MT028995
BAA---	CSF5798	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	PingBian County, HongHe Region, Yunnan Province, China	23°10'07"N, 103°32'27"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028664	MT028830	MT028996

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N. yunnanense	AAAAAA	CSF6169	<i>E. globulus</i>	AnNing County, KunMing Region, YunNan Province, China	24°55'02"N, 102°23'34"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028831	MT028997
	AAAAAA	CSF6171	<i>E. globulus</i>	AnNing County, KunMing Region, YunNan Province, China	24°55'02"N, 102°23'41"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028832	MT028998
	AAAAAA	CSF6142 = CGMC C3.2083 ^{e,f,g,h}	<i>E. globulus</i>	LuFeng County, ChuXiong Region, YunNan Province, China	25°03'12"N, 101°46'29"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028833	MT028999
	AAAAAA	CSF6146	<i>E. globulus</i>	LuFeng County, ChuXiong Region, YunNan Province, China	25°03'12"N, 101°46'29"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028668	MT028834
	AAAAAA	CSF6161	<i>E. globulus</i>	LuFeng County, ChuXiong Region, YunNan Province, China	25°03'12"N, 101°46'29"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028669	MT028835
	AAAAAA	CSF6166 ^g	<i>E. globulus</i>	LuFeng County, ChuXiong Region, YunNan Province, China	25°03'12"N, 101°46'29"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028670	MT028836
	AAAAAA	CSF7384	<i>E. globulus</i>	LuFeng County, ChuXiong Region, YunNan Province, China	25°03'12"N, 101°46'29"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028671	MT028837
	AAAAAA	CSF6034 = CGMCC3.20080 ^{f,g,h}	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	NingEr County, PuEr Region, YunNan Province, China	23°05'26"N, 102°02'40"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028672	MT028838
	AAAAAA	CSF5686	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	PingBian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°04'02"N, 103°36'33"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028673	MT029005
	AAA-AA	CSF6036	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	NingEr County, PuEr Region, YunNan Province, China	23°05'26"N, 102°02'40"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028674	MT029004
	ABAAAA	CSF6175	<i>E. globulus</i>	AnNing County, KunMing Region, YunNan Province, China	24°55'02"N, 102°23'41"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028841	MT029007
	ABAAAA	CSF6111	<i>E. globulus</i>	ChuXiong County, ChuXiong Region, YunNan Province, China	25°02'48"N, 101°41'46"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028676	MT029008
	ABAAAA	CSF6225	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	FuNing County, WenShan Region, YunNan Province, China	23°36'26"N, 105°40'43"E	S.F. Chen	MT028677	MT028843
	ABAAAA	CSF6051	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	JingGu County, PuEr Region, YunNan Province, China	23°20'21"N, 100°54'38"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028678	MT028844
	ABAAAA	CSF6137	<i>E. globulus</i>	LuFeng County, ChuXiong Region, YunNan Province, China	25°03'12"N, 101°46'29"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028679	MT029009
	ABAAA	CSF5761	<i>E. globulus</i>	MengZi County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°14'27"N, 103°28'59"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028680	MT028846
	ABAAA	CSF6033	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	NingEr County, PuEr Region, YunNan Province, China	23°05'26"N, 102°02'40"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028681	MT029011
	ABAAA	CSF5706 ^{f,h}	<i>E. globulus</i>	PingBian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°05'36"N, 103°31'52"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028682	MT028848
	ABAAA	CSF5974 ^{f,h}	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	YuanLiang County, YuXi Region, YunNan Province, China	23°29'04"N, 102°07'34"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028683	MT028849

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ABA---	CSF6118	<i>E. globulus</i>	ChuXiong County, ChuXiong Region, YunNan Province, China	25°02'48"N, 101°41'46"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028685	MT028851	MT029017 N/A
ABA---	CSF6122	<i>E. globulus</i>	ChuXiong County, ChuXiong Region, YunNan Province, China	25°02'48"N, 101°41'46"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028686	MT028852	MT029018 N/A
ABA---	CSF6126	<i>E. globulus</i>	ChuXiong County, ChuXiong Region, YunNan Province, China	25°02'48"N, 101°41'46"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028687	MT028853	MT029019 N/A
ABA---	CSF6127	<i>E. globulus</i>	ChuXiong County, ChuXiong Region, YunNan Province, China	25°02'48"N, 101°41'46"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028688	MT028854	MT029020 N/A
ABA---	CSF6247	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	FuNing County, WenShan Region, YunNan Province, China	23°36'26"N, 105°40'43"E	S.F. Chen	MT028689	MT028855	MT029021 N/A
ABA---	CSF6251	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	FuNing County, WenShan Region, YunNan Province, China	23°36'26"N, 105°40'43"E	S.F. Chen	MT028690	MT028856	MT029022 N/A
ABA---	CSF6078	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	JingGu County, PuEr Region, YunNan Province, China	23°23'58"N, 100°50'37"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028691	MT028857	MT029023 N/A
ABA---	CSF6150	<i>E. globulus</i>	LuFeng County, ChuXiong Region, YunNan Province, China	25°03'12"N, 101°46'29"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028692	MT028858	MT029024 N/A
ABA---	CSF6152	<i>E. globulus</i>	LuFeng County, ChuXiong Region, YunNan Province, China	25°03'12"N, 101°46'29"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028693	MT028859	MT029025 N/A
ABA---	CSF6154	<i>E. globulus</i>	LuFeng County, ChuXiong Region, YunNan Province, China	25°03'12"N, 101°46'29"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028694	MT028860	MT029026 N/A
ABA---	CSF6163	<i>E. globulus</i>	LuFeng County, ChuXiong Region, YunNan Province, China	25°03'12"N, 101°46'29"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028695	MT028861	MT029027 N/A
ABA---	CSF6165	<i>E. globulus</i>	LuFeng County, ChuXiong Region, YunNan Province, China	25°03'12"N, 101°46'29"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028696	MT028862	MT029028 N/A
ABA---	CSF7400	<i>E. globulus</i>	LuFeng County, ChuXiong Region, YunNan Province, China	25°03'12"N, 101°46'29"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028697	MT028863	MT029029 N/A
ABA---	CSF5768	<i>E. globulus</i>	MengZi County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°14'27"N, 103°28'59"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028698	MT028864	MT029030 N/A
ABA---	CSF5778	<i>E. globulus</i>	MengZi County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°14'27"N, 103°28'59"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028699	MT028865	MT029031 N/A
ABA---	CSF5833	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	MengZi County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°12'24"N, 103°30'58"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028700	MT028866	MT029032 N/A
ABA---	CSF5848	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	MengZi County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°12'24"N, 103°30'58"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028701	MT028867	MT029033 N/A
ABA---	CSF5772	<i>E. globulus</i>	PingBian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°05'36"N, 103°31'52"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028702	MT028868	MT029034 N/A

Table 1 Isolates sequenced and used for phylogenetic analyses, morphological studies and pathogenicity tests in this study (Continued)

Identity ^a	Genotype ^b	Isolate No. ^c	Host	Location	GPS information	Collector	GenBank accession No. ^d	
					ITS	tef1	tub2	rpB2
ABA---	CSF5719	<i>E. globulus</i>	Pingbian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°05'36"N, 103°31'52"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028703	MT028869	MT029035 N/A
ABA---	CSF5739	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	Pingbian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°08'00"N, 103°32'39"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028704	MT028870	MT029036 N/A
ABA---	CSF5751	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	Pingbian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°08'00"N, 103°32'39"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028705	MT028871	MT029037 N/A
ABA---	CSF5873	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	Pingbian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°08'02"N, 103°32'29"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028706	MT028872	MT029038 N/A
ABA---	CSF5886	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	Pingbian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°08'02"N, 103°32'29"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028707	MT028873	MT029039 N/A
ABA---	CSF5894	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	Pingbian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°08'02"N, 103°32'14"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028708	MT028874	MT029040 N/A
ABA---	CSF5900	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	Pingbian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°09'26"N, 103°32'14"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028709	MT028875	MT029041 N/A
ABA---	CSF5906	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	Pingbian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°09'26"N, 103°32'14"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028710	MT028876	MT029042 N/A
ABA---	CSF5911	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	Pingbian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°09'26"N, 103°32'14"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028711	MT028877	MT029043 N/A
ABA---	CSF5918	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	Pingbian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°09'26"N, 103°32'14"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028712	MT028878	MT029044 N/A
ABA---	CSF7344	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	Pingbian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°08'02"N, 103°32'29"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028713	MT028879	MT029045 N/A
ABA---	CSF7360	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	Pingbian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°08'02"N, 103°32'29"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028714	MT028880	MT029046 N/A
ABA---	CSF5788	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	Pingbian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°10'07"N, 103°32'27"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028715	MT028881	MT029047 N/A
ABA---	CSF5793	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	Pingbian County, HongHe Region, YunNan Province, China	23°10'07"N, 103°32'27"E	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	MT028716	MT028882	MT029048 N/A

^a Species names in bold are novel species described in this study^b Genotype within each identified species, determined by ITS, tef1, tub2 and rpB2 loci; '-' means not available^c CSF Culture Collection from Southern Forests (CSF), ZhanJiang, GuangDong Province, China, CGMCC China General Microbiological Culture Collection Center, Beijing, China^d ITS Internal transcribed spacer, tef1 Translational elongation factor 1-alpha, tub2 β-tubulin 2, rpB2 RNA polymerase II subunit, N/A Not available^e Isolates represent ex-type^f Isolates used for phylogenetic analyses^g Isolates used for morphological and culture growth studies^h Isolates used for pathogenicity tests

Table 2 Isolates from other studies and used in the phylogenetic analyses for this study

Species	Isolate No. ^a	Host	Location	Collector	GenBank accession No. ^b			Reference
					ITS	tef1	tub2	
<i>Botryosphaeria agaves</i>	MFLUCC 0125	<i>Agave</i> sp.	Thailand	R. Phookamsak	JX646791	JX646856	JX646841	N/A
	= CBS 133992 ^c			P. Chomnunti	JX646790	JX646855	JX646840	Liu et al. 2012
<i>B. aurasmontanum</i>	MFLUCC 0051	<i>Agave</i> sp.	Thailand	F.J.J. van der Walt & J. Roux	EU101303	EU101348	N/A	N/A
	= CBS 121769 ^c			P.V. Oudemans	DQ299245	EU017539	EU673107	N/A
<i>B. corticis</i>	CMW 25413	<i>Acacia mellifera</i>	Namibia	R.D. Millholland	DQ299247	EU673291	EU673108	Phillips et al. 2006, 2008
	= CBS 119047 ^c	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	USA	B. Slippers	AY236949	AY236898	AY236927	Phillips et al. 2006, 2008
<i>B. dotidea</i>	ATCC 22927	<i>Vaccinium</i> sp.	USA	A.J.L. Phillips	AY250902	AY573218	EU673106	Alves et al. 2004, Phillips et al. 2008
	CBS 115476	<i>Prunus</i> sp.	Switzerland	M.J. Wingfield	HQ332197	HQ332213	KF779068	MF410137 Chen et al. 2011; Li et al. 2018
	= CMW 8000 ^c							
	CBS 110302	<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	Portugal	A.J.L. Phillips				
<i>B. fabriciciana</i>	CMW 27094	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	China	M.J. Wingfield				
	= CBS 127193 ^c							
	CMW 27121	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	China	M.J. Wingfield	HQ332198	HQ332214	KF779069	MF410138 Chen et al. 2011, Li et al. 2018
	= CBS 127194							
<i>B. fusiclora</i>	MFLUCC 10–0098 ^c	<i>Entada</i> sp.	Thailand	S. Boonmee	JX646789	JX646854	JX646839	N/A
	MFLUCC 11–0507	<i>Entada</i> sp.	Thailand	R. Cheewangkoon	JX646788	JX646853	JX646838	N/A
<i>B. kuwatsukai</i>	CBS 135219	<i>Malus domestica</i>	China	C.S. Wang	KJ433388	KJ433410	N/A	Xu et al. 2015
	= PG 2 ^c							
<i>B. minitispermatia</i>	LSP 5	<i>Pyrus</i> sp.	China	C.S. Wang	KJ433395	KJ433417	N/A	N/A
	GZCC 16–0013 ^c	dead wood	Guizhou, China	H.A. Ariyawansa	KX447675	KX447678	N/A	Xu et al. 2015
	GZCC 16–0014	dead wood	Guizhou, China	H.A. Ariyawansa	KX447676	KX447679	N/A	Ariyawansa et al. 2016
<i>B. pseudoramosa</i>	CERC2001	<i>Eucalyptus</i> hybrid	GuangXi, China	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	KX277989	KX278094	KX278198	MF410140 Li et al. 2018
	= CGMC C3.18739 ^c							
	CERC2983	<i>Melastoma sanguineum</i>	Zhanjiang Region, GuangDong Province, China	S.F. Chen	KX277992	KX278097	KX278201	MF410143 Li et al. 2018
	= CGMC							
<i>B. qingyuanensis</i>	CERC2946	<i>Eucalyptus</i> hybrid	QingYuan Region, GuangDong Province, China	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	KX278000	KX278105	KX278209	MF410151 Li et al. 2018
	= CGMC							

Table 2 Isolates from other studies and used in the phylogenetic analyses for this study (Continued)

Species	Isolate No. ^a	Host	Location	Collector	GenBank accession No. ^b		Reference
					ITS	tef1	
	C3.18742 ^c	<i>Eucalyptus</i> hybrid	QingYuan Region, GuangDong Province, China	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	KX278001	KX278106	KF278210 MF410152 Li et al. 2018
	CEFC2947 = CGMC C3.18743	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i>	Australia	T.J. Burgess	EU144055	KF766132	N/A Pavlic et al. 2008, Slippers et al. 2013
<i>B. ramosa</i>	CBS 122069 = CMW 261167 ^c	<i>Eucalyptus Malus</i> sp.	Shandong, China	Y. Zhang & J.Q. Zhang	KX197074	KX197094	KX197101 N/A Zhou et al. 2017
	C3.18007 ^c	<i>Amygdalus</i> sp.	Shandong, China	Y. Zhang, J.Q. Zhang & Z.P. Dou	KX197075	KX197095	KX197102 N/A Zhou et al. 2017
<i>B. rosaceae</i>	CGMCC3.18008	<i>Mangifera indica</i>	Iran	J. Abdollahzadeh	JQ772020	JQ772057	N/A N/A Abdollahzadeh et al. 2013
	IRAN 1529C = CBS 124703 ^c	<i>Mangifera indica</i>	Iran	J. Abdollahzadeh & A. Javadi	JQ772019	JQ772056	N/A N/A Abdollahzadeh et al. 2013
	= CBS 124702						
<i>B. sinensis</i>	CGMCC3.17723	<i>Morus</i> sp.	Henan, China	Z.P. Dou	KT343254	KU221233	KX197107 N/A Zhou et al. 2016, 2017
	CGMCC3.17724	<i>Juglans regia</i>	Henan, China	Z.P. Dou	KT343256	KU221234	KX197108 N/A Zhou et al. 2016, 2017
	CERC2298 = CGMC C3.18744 ^c	<i>Cedrus deodara</i>	RuZhou Region, HeNan Province, China	S.F. Chen	KX278002	KX278107	KX278211 MF410153 Li et al. 2018
<i>B. wangensis</i>	CERC2299	<i>Cedrus deodara</i>	RuZhou Region, HeNan Province, China	S.F. Chen	KX278003	KX278108	KX278212 MF410154 Li et al. 2018
	= CGMC C3.18745						
	CMW 41467 ^c	<i>Avicennia marina</i>	South Africa	J.A. Osorio & J. Roux	KP860835	KP860680	KP860758 KU587878 Osorio et al. 2017
	LAS 199 DNA	<i>Avicennia marina</i>	South Africa	J.A. Osorio & J. Roux	KU587957	KU587947	KU587868 KU587880 Osorio et al. 2017
	CERC1961 = CFCC50065 ^c	<i>Pistacia vera</i>	Arizona, USA	T.J. Michailides	KP217059	KP217067	KP217075 MF410161 Chen et al. 2015, Li et al. 2018
	CERC1960 = CFCC50064	<i>Pistacia vera</i>	Arizona, USA	T.J. Michailides	KP217058	KP217066	KP217074 MF410162 Chen et al. 2015, Li et al. 2018
	CMM 4015 ^c	<i>Mangifera indica</i>	Brazil	M.W. Marques	JX464063	JX464049	N/A N/A Netto et al. 2014
	CMW 35884	<i>Adansonia madagascariensis</i>	Madagascar		KU886972	KU887466	KU696345 Cruywagen et al. 2017
<i>L. brasiliense</i>	CMW 41470 ^c	<i>Bruguiera gymnorhiza</i>	South Africa	J.A. Osorio & J. Roux	KP860833	KP860678	KP860756 KU587875 Osorio et al. 2017
<i>L. bruguierae</i>							

Table 2 Isolates from other studies and used in the phylogenetic analyses for this study (Continued)

Species	Isolate No. ^a	Host	Location	Collector	GenBank accession No. ^b		Reference
					ITS	tef1	
<i>L. catinensis</i>	CMW 41614	<i>Bruguiera gymnorhiza</i>	South Africa	J.A. Osorio & J. Roux	KP860834	KP860679	KU587877 Osorio et al. 2017
<i>L. chinensis</i>	CMM 1325 ^c	<i>Citrus sinensis</i>	Itarema, Ceará, Brazil	I.B.L. Coutinho & J.S. Lima	KT154760	KT154767	N/A Coutinho et al. 2017
<i>L. chinensis</i>	IBL 40	<i>Spondias mombin</i>	Itarema, Ceará, Brazil	J.S. Lima & J.E. Cardoso	KT154762	KT154769	N/A Coutinho et al. 2017
<i>L. chonburiensis</i>	CGMC C3.18061 ^c	Unknown	China	W. He & Z.P. Dou	KX499889	KX500002	KX499965 Dou et al. 2017 ^a
<i>L. chonburiensis</i>	MFLUCC 16–0376	<i>Hevea brasiliensis</i>	China	Y. Zhang & Y.P. Zhou	KX499899	KX500012	KX499974 Dou et al. 2017 ^a
<i>L. cinnamomi</i>	CFCC 51997 ^c	<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>	China	N. Jiang	MG866028	MH236799	MH236801 Jiang et al. 2018
<i>L. citricola</i>	CFCC 51998	<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>	China	N. Jiang	MG866029	MH236800	MH236798 MH236802 Jiang et al. 2018
<i>L. citricola</i>	CBS 124707	<i>Citrus</i> sp.	Iran	J. Abdollahzadeh & A. Javadi	GU945354	GU945340	KU887505 KU696351 Abdollahzadeh et al. 2010, Cruywagen et al. 2017
<i>L. cressispore</i>	CBS 124706	<i>Citrus</i> sp.	Iran	A. Shekari	GU945353	GU945339	KU887504 KU696350 Abdollahzadeh et al. 2010, Cruywagen et al. 2017
<i>L. euphorbiicola</i>	CBS 118741	<i>Santalum album</i>	Kununurra, Australia	T.J. Burgess & B. Dell	DQ103550	EU673303	KU887506 KU696353 Burgess et al. 2006b, Phillips et al. 2008, Cruywagen et al. 2017
<i>L. exigua</i>	CBS 137785 ^c	<i>Retama raetam</i>	Tunisia	Unknown	EF622086	EU673134	N/A Alves et al. 2008, Phillips et al. 2008
<i>L. gilanensis</i>	BL 184	<i>Retama raetam</i>	Tunisia	B.T. Linaldeddu	KF234543	KF226689	KF254926 N/A Machado et al. 2014
<i>L. gilanensis</i>	CBS 124704	Unknown	Iran	A. R. Machado & O. L. Pereira	KU887149	KU887026	KU887455 KU696346 Cruywagen et al. 2017
<i>L. gilaniensis</i>	= IRAN 1523C	<i>Jatropha curcas</i>	Brazil	B.T. Linaldeddu	KJ638317	KJ638336	KU887509 KU696355 Linaldeddu et al. 2015, Cruywagen et al. 2017
<i>L. gilaniensis</i>	CMM 3609 ^c	<i>Adansonia digitaria</i>	Botswana	J. Abdollahzadeh & A. Javadi	KJ638318	KJ638337	N/A N/A Linaldeddu et al. 2015
<i>L. gilaniensis</i>	CBS 124705	Unknown	Iran	J. Abdollahzadeh & A. Javadi	KU945351	KU945342	KU887511 KU696357 Abdollahzadeh et al. 2010, Cruywagen et al. 2017
<i>L. gonubiensis</i>	CBS 115812	<i>Syzygium cordatum</i>	South Africa	D. Pavlic	AY639595	DQ103566	DQ458860 KU696359 Pavlic et al. 2004, Burgess et al. 2006b, Phillips et al. 2008, Cruywagen et al. 2017
<i>L. gonubiensis</i>	= CMW 14077 ^c						

Table 2 Isolates from other studies and used in the phylogenetic analyses for this study (Continued)

Species	Isolate No. ^a	Host	Location	Collector	GenBank accession No. ^b			Reference
					ITS	tef1	tub2	
<i>L. gravistriata</i>	CBS 116355 = CMW 14078	<i>Syzygium cordatum</i>	South Africa	D. Pavlic	AY639594	DQ103567	EU673126	KU696358 Pavlic et al. 2004, Burgess et al. 2006b, Phillips et al. 2008, Cruywagen et al. 2017
<i>L. humozganensis</i>	CMM 4564 ^c = IRAN 1500 ^c	<i>Anacardium humile</i>	Brazil	M.S.B. Netto	KT250949	KT250950	N/A	N/A Netto et al. 2017
<i>L. hyalina</i>	CBS 124709 = IRAN 1498C	<i>Olea</i> sp. <i>Mangifera indica</i>	Iran	J. Abdollahzadeh & A. Javadi	KT266812	N/A	N/A	Netto et al. 2017
<i>L. indica</i>	CGMC C3.17975 ^c = B 6180	<i>Acacia confusa</i>	China	Y. Zhang & Y. P. Zhou	GU945356	GU945343	KU887515	KU696361 Abdollahzadeh et al. 2010, Cruywagen et al. 2017
<i>L. iraniensis</i>	IRAN 1520C ^c	<i>Angiospermous tree</i>	China	Z. P. Dou & Z. C. Liu	KX499879	KX499917	KX499992	KX499955 Dou et al. 2017b
<i>L. laelocattleyae</i>	IRAN 1502C	<i>Salvadora persica</i>	Iran	I.B. Prasher & G. Singh	KM376151	N/A	N/A	N/A Prasher and Singh 2014
<i>L. lignicola</i>	CBS 16728 ^c	<i>Juglans</i> sp.	Iran	J. Abdollahzadeh & A. Javadi	GU945348	GU945336	KU887516	KU696363 Abdollahzadeh et al. 2010, Cruywagen et al. 2017
<i>L. macrospora</i>	CBS 124925 = CMW 27801 ^c	<i>Laeliocattleya</i> <i>Mangifera indica</i>	Italy	C. Sibila	GU945347	GU945335	KU887517	KU696362 Abdollahzadeh et al. 2010, Cruywagen et al. 2017
<i>L. marginata</i>	MFLUCC 11-0435 = CBS 134112 ^c	Unknown	Thailand	P. Guerrero	KU507487	KU507454	N/A	N/A Rodríguez-Gálvez et al. 2017
<i>L. mediterranea</i>	CMM 3833 ^c	<i>Jatropha curcas</i>	Brazil	A.D. Ariyawansa	JX646797	KU887003	JX646845	KU696364 Liu et al. 2012, Cruywagen et al. 2017
<i>L. mahajangana</i>	CBS 124926 = CMW 27820	<i>Terminilia catappa</i>	Madagascar	J. Roux	KF234557	KF226718	KF254941	N/A Machado et al. 2014
<i>L. margaritacea</i>	CBS 122519 = CMW 26162 ^c	<i>Adansonia gibbosa</i>	WA, Tunnel Creek Gorge	T.J. Burgess	FJ900595	FJ900641	FJ900630	KU696366 Begoude et al. 2010, Cruywagen et al. 2017
	CBS 137783 ^c	<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Italy	B.T. Linaldeddu	EU144050	EU144065	KU887520	KU696367 Pavlic et al. 2008, Cruywagen et al. 2017

Table 2 Isolates from other studies and used in the phylogenetic analyses for this study (Continued)

Species	Isolate No. ^a	Host	Location	Collector	GenBank accession No. ^b		Reference
					ITS	tef1	
<i>L. missouriana</i>	CBS 137784	<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	Italy	<i>S. Serra</i>	KJ638311	KU887522	KU696369 Linaldeddu et al. 2015
	CBS 128311	<i>Vitis sp. × Vitis labruscana</i>	Missouri, USA	K. Striegler & G.M. Leavitt	HQ288225	HQ288304	KU696370 Urbez-Torres et al. 2012, Cruywagen et al. 2017
	= UCD2193MO ^c						
	CBS 128312	<i>Vitis sp. × Vitis labruscana</i>	Missouri, USA	K. Striegler & G.M. Leavitt	HQ288226	HQ288268	KU696371 Urbez-Torres et al. 2012, Cruywagen et al. 2017
	= UCD2199MO						
<i>L. pandanicola</i>	MFLUCC 16-0265 = KUMCC 16-0158 ^c	<i>Pandanus</i> sp.	Thailand	B. Thongbai	MH275068	MH412774	N/A
	CBS 45678 ^c	Cassava-field soil	Colombia	O. Rangel	EF622083	KU887523	KU696372 Alves et al. 2008, Cruywagen et al. 2017
	CBS 49478	Cassava-field soil	Colombia	O. Rangel	EF622084	EU673114	KU696373 Alves et al. 2008, Phillips et al. 2008, Cruywagen et al. 2017
	CBS 120832 ^c	<i>Prunus salicina</i>	Stellenbosch, Western Cape, South Africa	U. Damm	EF445362	KU887524	KU696374 Damm et al. 2007, Cruywagen et al. 2017
	CBS 121103	<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	South Africa	F. Halleen	AY343482	EF445396	KU887525 Damm et al. 2007, Cruywagen et al. 2017
	CMM 1277 ^c	<i>Spondias purpurea</i>	Pio IX/Piauí/Brazil	J.S. Lima & F.C.O. Freire	KT151794	KT151797	N/A Coutinho et al. 2017
	CBS 116459 ^c	<i>Gmelina arborea</i>	Costa Rica	J. Carranza & Velásquez	EF622077	EU673111	KU696376 Alves et al. 2008, Phillips et al. 2008, Cruywagen et al. 2017
	CMM 3887	<i>Jatropha curcas</i>	Brazil	A. R. Machado	KF234559	KF226722	KF254943 N/A Machado et al. 2014
	CBS 121770	<i>Acacia mellifera</i>	Dordabis, Namibia	F.J.J. van der Walt & J. Roux	EU101307	EU101352	KU887527 KU696378 Slippers et al. 2014, Cruywagen et al. 2017
	= CMW 25414 ^c						
	CBS 121771	<i>Acacia mellifera</i>	Dordabis, Namibia	F.J.J. van der Walt & J. Roux	EU101308	EU101353	KU887528 KU696379 Slippers et al. 2014, Cruywagen et al. 2017
	= CMW 25415						
	CBS 118740	<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i>	Tully, Queensland	T.J. Burgess & G. Pegg	DQ103553	DQ103571	EU673136 KU696380 Burgess et al. 2006b, Phillips et al. 2008, Cruywagen et al. 2017
	= CMW 14700						
	= WAC 12535 ^c						
	WAC 12536	<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i>	Tully, Queensland	T.J. Burgess & G. Pegg	DQ103554	DQ103572	KU887530 KU696381 Burgess et al. 2006b, Cruywagen et al. 2017
	= CMW 15207						
	CBS 34278 ^c	<i>Sterculia oblonga</i>	Germany	S. Bruhn	KX464140	KX464908	KX463989 Yang et al. 2017
	CMM 3872 ^c	<i>Jatropha curcas</i>	Brazil	A.R. Machado & O.L. Pereira	KF234558	KF226721	KF254942 N/A Machado et al. 2014
	CMM 4046	<i>Jatropha curcas</i>	Brazil	A.R. Machado & O.L.	KF234560	KF226723	KF254944 N/A Machado et al. 2014

Table 2 Isolates from other studies and used in the phylogenetic analyses for this study (Continued)

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Species	Isolate No. ^a	Host	Location	Collector	GenBank accession No. ^b		Reference		
					ITS	tef1			
	= CMW 28363 ^c	<i>catappa</i>		D. Begoude & J. Roux	FJ900608	FJ900654	FJ900635	FJ900616	Begoude 2010
	CBS 124923	<i>Terminalia catappa</i>	Cameroon						
	= CMW 28320								
<i>N. brasiliense</i>	CMM 1338 ^c	<i>Mangifera indica</i>	Brazil	M.W. Marques	JX513630	KC794031	N/A		Marques et al. 2013
	CMM 1285	<i>Mangifera indica</i>	Brazil	M.W. Marques	JX513628	KC794030	N/A		Marques et al. 2013
	CBS 11675 ^c	<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	France	H.A. van der Aa	KX464165	KX464678	N/A		Yang et al. 2017
	CBS 113714	<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	Sweden	O. Constantinescu	KX464164	KX464677	KX464954	KX464009	Yang et al. 2017
	CBS 123634	<i>Syzygium cordatum</i>	South Africa	D. Pavlic	EU821898	EU821868	EU821838	EU821928	Pavlic et al. 2009a, 2009b, Yang et al. 2017
	= CMW 13992 ^c								
	CBS 123635	<i>Syzygium cordatum</i>	South Africa	D. Pavlic	EU821903	EU821873	EU821843	EU821933	Pavlic et al. 2009a, 2009b
	CBS 14056								
<i>N. cordaticola</i>	CBS 120081 ^c	<i>Eucalyptus corticosa</i>	Australia	B.A. Summerell	DQ923533	KX464682	KX464958	KX464013	Summerell et al. 2006, Yang et al. 2017
	CBS 118099	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i>	Australia	P. Barber	KX464168	KX464681	KX464957	KX464012	Yang et al. 2017
	CMM 23785	<i>Eucalyptus</i> trees	South Africa	H.M. Maleme	FJ752742	FJ752713	FJ752756	KX464014	Crous et al. 2013, Yang et al. 2017
	= CBS 122813 ^c								
<i>N. cryptoaustrale</i>	CBS 115679	<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i>	Orbost, Victoria, Australia	M.J. Wingfield	AY615141	AY615133	AY615125	N/A	Slippers et al. 2004b
	= CMW 6539 ^c								
	CBS 115766	<i>Eucalyptus rossii</i>	Tidbinbilla, NSW, Australia	M.J. Wingfield	AY615143	AY615135	AY615127	N/A	Slippers et al. 2004b, 2013
	= CMW 6217								
<i>N. eucalyptorum</i>	CBS 115791	<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i>	South Africa	H. Smith	AF283686	AY236891	AY236920	N/A	Smith et al. 2001, Slippers et al. 2004c
	= CMW10125 ^c								
	CMM 10126	<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i>	South Africa	H. Smith	AF283687	AY236892	AY236921	N/A	Smith et al. 2001, Slippers et al. 2004c
	CBS 129518	<i>Grevillea aurea</i>	Australia	P.W. Crous & R.G. Shivas	JF951137	N/A	N/A	N/A	Crous et al. 2011
	= CPC 16999 ^c								
	CERC1947	<i>Pistachia vera</i>	Thessaloniki, Greece	T.J. Michailides	KP217053	KP217061	KP217069	N/A	Chen et al. 2015
	= CFCC50067 ^c								
	CERC1948	<i>Pistachia vera</i>	Aghios Mamas, Chalkidiki, Greece	T.J. Michailides	KP217054	KP217062	KP217070	N/A	Chen et al. 2015
	= CFCC50068								

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Species	Isolate No. ^a	Host	Location	Collector	GenBank accession No. ^b			Reference
					ITS	tef1	tub2	
<i>N. hongkongense</i>	CERC2968 = CGMC C3.18748	<i>A. cunninghamii</i>	HongKong, China	S.F. Chen	KX278051	KX278156	KX278260	KX278282 Li et al. 2018
<i>N. italicum</i>	CERC2973 = CGMC C3.18749 ^c	<i>A. cunninghamii</i>	HongKong, China	S.F. Chen	KX278052	KX278157	KX278261	KX278283 Li et al. 2018
<i>N. illiticii</i>	CGMC C3.18310 ^c	<i>Ullicum verum</i>	Guangxi, China	L. Wang	KY350149	N/A	KY350155	N/A Zhang et al. 2017
<i>N. italicum</i>	CGMCC3.18311 MFUCC 15– 0900 ^c	<i>Ullicum verum</i> <i>Vitis vinifera</i>	Guangxi, China Italy	L. Wang E. Camporesi	KY350150	KY817756	KY350156	N/A Zhang et al. 2017
<i>N. kwambonambiense</i> = CMW 14023 ^c	CBS 123639 = CMW 14140	<i>Syzygium</i> <i>cordatum</i>	South Africa	D. Pavlic	KY856755	KY856754	N/A N/A	Márin-Félix et al. 2017
<i>N. lummitzerae</i>	CBS 123641 = CMW 14140	<i>Syzygium</i> <i>cordatum</i>	South Africa	D. Pavlic	KY821900	EU821870	EU821840	EU821930 Pavlic et al. 2009a, 2009b
<i>N. lummitzerae</i>	CMW 41466 ^c	<i>Lummitzera</i> <i>racemosa</i>	South Africa	J.A. Osorio & J. Roux	KY821919	EU821889	EU821859	EU821949 Pavlic et al. 2009a, 2009b
<i>N. lummitzerae</i>	CMW 41228	<i>Lummitzera</i> <i>racemosa</i>	South Africa	J.A. Osorio & J. Roux	KP860881	KP860724	KP860801	KU587925 Osorio et al. 2017
<i>N. luteum</i>	CBS 56292 = ATCC 58193 ^c	<i>Actinidia delicosa</i> , lesion on ripe fruit	New Zealand	J.A. Osorio & J. Roux	KP860882	KP860725	KP860803	KU587926 Osorio et al. 2017
<i>N. macroclavatum</i>	CBS 118223 = WAC 12444 ^c	<i>Eucalyptus</i> <i>globulus</i>	Western Australia	T. Burgess	KX464170	KX464690	KX464988	KX464020 Yang et al. 2017
<i>N. mangiferae</i>	CBS 118531 = CMW 7024	<i>Mangifera indica</i>	Australia	G.I. Johnson	DQ093196	DQ093217	DQ093206	KX464022 Burgess et al. 2005, Yang et al. 2017
<i>N. mangroviorum</i>	CBS 118532 = CMW 7797	<i>Mangifera indica</i>	Australia	G.I. Johnson	AY615185	DQ093221	AY615172	N/A Burgess et al. 2005, Slippers et al. 2005
<i>N. mediterraneum</i>	CMW 41365 ^c	<i>Avicennia marina</i>	South Africa	J.A. Osorio & J. Roux	AY615186	DQ093220	AY615173	KX464023 Burgess et al. 2005, Slippers et al. 2005, Yang et al. 2017
<i>N. microconidium</i>	CERC3497 = CGMC	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E.</i> <i>grandis</i>	ZhanJiang Region, GuangDong Province, China	J.A. Osorio & J. Roux	KP860859	KP860702	KP860779	KU587905 Osorio et al. 2017
					KP860848	KP860692	KP860770	KU587895 Osorio et al. 2017
					P.W. Crous, M.J. Wingfield & A.J.L. Phillips	GU251176	GU251308	KX464024 Crous et al. 2007, Yang et al. 2017
					S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	KX278053	KX278158	KX278262 MF410203 Li et al. 2018

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Species	Isolate No. ^a	Host	Location	Collector	GenBank accession No. ^b		Reference		
					ITS	tef1			
C3.1875 ^c	CEFC3498 = CGMC C3.18751	<i>E. urophylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	Zhanjiang Region, GuangDong Province, China	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	KX278054	KX278159	KX278263	MF410204	Li et al. 2018
N. nonquae situm	CBS 126655 = PD 484 ^c	<i>Umbellularia californica</i>	USA	F.P. Trouillas	GU251163	GU251295	GU251823	KX464025	Inderbitzin et al. 2010, Yang et al. 2017
PD 301	Vaccinium corymbosum cv. Elliot	Chile		E.X. Briceno, J.G. Espinoza, B.A. Latorre & J.G. Espinoza	GU251164	GU251296	GU251824	N/A	Inderbitzin et al. 2010
N. occulatum	CBS 128088 = MUCC 227 ^c	<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i> hybrid	Australia	T.J. Burgess	EU301030	EU339509	EU339472	EU339558	Sakalidis et al. 2011
MUCC 286	<i>Eucalyptus pellita</i>	Australia		T.J. Burgess	EU736947	EU339511	EU339474	EU339560	Sakalidis et al. 2011
N. pandanicola	MFLUCC 17- 2270 = KUMCC 17- 0184 ^c	<i>Pandanus</i> sp.	China	T. Aluthwaththa	MH275072	N/A	N/A	N/A	Tibpromma et al. 2018
N. panum	ATCC 58191 = CMW 9081 ^c	<i>Populus nigra</i>	New Zealand	G.J. Samuels	AY236943	AY236888	AY236917	EU821963	Slippers et al. 2004a, Pavlic et al. 2009a
CMW 9080	<i>Populus nigra</i>	New Zealand		G.J. Samuels	AY236942	AY236887	AY236916	EU821962	Slippers et al. 2004a, Pavlic et al. 2009a
N. pennatisporum	WAC 13153 = ICMP 8002	<i>Allocasuarina fraseriana</i>	Western Australia	K.M. Taylor	EF591925	EF591976	EF591959	N/A	Taylor et al. 2009
N. pistaciae	CBS 595.76 ^c	<i>Pistacia vera</i>	Greece	D.G. Zachos	KX464163	KX464676	KX464953	KX464008	Yang et al. 2017
N. pistaciarium	CBS 113083 = CPC 5253 ^c	<i>Pistacia vera</i>	USA	T.J. Michailides	KX464186	KX464712	KX464998	KX464027	Yang et al. 2017
CBS 113084 = CPC 5284	Redwood	USA		T.J. Michailides	KX464187	KX464713	KX464999	KX464028	Yang et al. 2017
N. pistaciola	CBS 11309 ^c	<i>Pistacia vera</i>	USA	T.J. Michailides	KX464199	KX464727	KX465014	KX464033	Marin-Felix et al. 2017, Yang et al. 2017
N. protearum	CBS 114176 = STE-U 177 ^c	<i>Leucadendron salignum</i>	South Africa	S. Denman	AF452539	KX464720	KX465006	KX464029	Denman et al. 2003, Yang et al. 2017
N. pruni	CBS 111200 = CPC 1357	<i>Leucadendron</i> sp.	South Africa	P.W. Crous	KX464193	KX464719	KX465005	N/A	Yang et al. 2017
CBS 121112 ^c	<i>Prunus salicina</i>	South Africa		U. Damm	EF445349	EF445391	KX465016	KX464034	Damm et al. 2007, Marin-Felix et al.

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Species	Isolate No. ^a	Host	Location	Collector	GenBank accession No. ^b		Reference		
					ITS	tef1			
<i>N. ribis</i>	CBS 115475 = CMW 7772 ^c	<i>Ribes</i> sp.	USA	B. Slippers & G. Hudler	AY236935	AY236877	AY236906	EU821958	Slippers et al. 2004a, Pavlic et al. 2009a
	CBS 12126 = CMW 7054 = CPC4598 ^c	<i>Ribes rubrum</i>	USA	N.E. Stevens	AF241177	AY236879	AY236908	EU821960	Slippers et al. 2004a, Pavlic et al. 2009a
<i>N. sinense</i>	CGMC C318315 ^c	unknown woody plant	Guizhou, China	J.J. Gan	KY350148	KY817755	KY350154	N/A	Zhang et al. 2017
<i>N. sinoeucalypti</i>	CEFC2005 = CGMC C3.18752 ^c	<i>Europhylla</i> × <i>E. grandis</i>	Zhanjiang Region, GuangDong Province, China	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	KX278061	KX278166	KX278270	KX278290	Li et al. 2018
	CERC3416	<i>Eucalyptus</i> hybrid	BeiHai Region, GuangXi Province, China	S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li	KX278064	KX278169	KX278273	KX278293	Li et al. 2018
#NAME?	CBS 110864 ^c	<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	South Africa	F. Halleen	AY343407	AY343348	KX465047	KX464042	van Niekerk et al. 2004, Yang et al. 2017
<i>N. stellenboschiana</i>	CBS 125263 = CMW 26679 ^f	<i>Terminia</i> <i>sericea</i>	South Africa	D. Begoude & J. Roux	GQ471802	GQ471780	KX465052	KX464045	Begoude 2010, Yang et al. 2017
<i>N. terminaliae</i>	CBS 125264 = CMW 26683	<i>Terminia</i> <i>sericea</i>	South Africa	D. Begoude & J. Roux	GQ471804	GQ471782	KX465053	KX464046	Begoude 2010, Yang et al. 2017
	CBS 123645 = CMW 14058 ^c	<i>Syzygium cordatum</i>	South Africa	D. Pavlic	EU821904	EU821874	EU821844	EU821934	Pavlic et al. 2009a, 2009b
	CBS 123646 = CMW 14060	<i>Syzygium cordatum</i>	South Africa	D. Pavlic	EU821905	EU821875	EU821845	EU821935	Pavlic et al. 2009a, 2009b
	CMW 24480	<i>Eucalyptus</i> trees	South Africa	H.M. Maleme	FJ752746	FJ752709	KX465056	KX464047	Crous et al. 2013, Yang et al. 2017
	= CBS 122811 ^c								
	CMW 23790	<i>Eucalyptus</i> trees	South Africa	H.M. Maleme	FJ752745	FJ752708	KX465057	N/A	Crous et al. 2013, Yang et al. 2017
	CMW 37739 ^c	<i>Mimusops caffra</i>	South Africa	M.J. Wingfield	MH558608	N/A	MH569153	N/A	Jami et al. 2018
	CMW 37742	<i>Mimusops caffra</i>	South Africa	M.J. Wingfield	MH558609	MH576585	MH569154	N/A	Jami et al. 2018
	CBS 112878	<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	South Africa	F. Halleen	AY343381	AY343342	KX465058	KX464048	Phillips et al. 2013, Yang et al. 2017
	= SITE-U 5044 ^c								
	CBS 112977 = SITE-U 5041	<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	South Africa	F. Halleen	AY343380	AY343341	KX465059	N/A	Phillips et al. 2013, Yang et al. 2017

Table 2 Isolates from other studies and used in the phylogenetic analyses for this study (Continued)

Species	Isolate No. ^a	Host	Location	Collector	GenBank accession No. ^b			Reference
					ITS	tef1	tub2	
<i>N. vitifusiforme</i>	CBS 110887 = STE-U 5252 ^c	<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	South Africa	J.M.van Niekerk	AY343383	AY343343	KX465061	XK464049 van Niekerk et al. 2004, Yang et al. 2017
	CBS 110880 = STE-U 5050	<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	South Africa	J.M.van Niekerk	AY343382	AY343344	KX465008	N/A van Niekerk et al. 2004, Yang et al. 2017

^a ALG Personal culture collection A; Berraf-Tebbal, ATCC American Type Culture Collection, Virginia, USA; BL Personal number of B.T. Linaldeddu, CAA Personal culture collection Artur Alves, Universidade de Aveiro, Portugal; CBS CBS-KNAW Fungal Biodiversity Centre, Utrecht, The Netherlands; CERC Culture collection of China Eucalypt Research Centre, Chinese Academy of Forestry, Zhanjiang, GuangDong, China; FCCC China Forestry Culture Collection Center, Beijing, China; CGMCC China General Microbiological Culture Collection Center, Beijing, China; CMM Culture Collection of Phytopathogenic Fungi 'Prof. Maria Menezes', Universidade Federal Rural de Pernambuco, Recife, Brazil; CMW Tree Pathology Co-operative Program, Forestry and Agricultural Biotechnology Institute, University of Pretoria, South Africa; CPC Working collection of P.W. Crous, housed at CBS; GZCC Guizhou Academy of Agricultural Sciences Culture Collection, GuiZhou, China; IBP Personal culture collection, I.B.L. Coutinho, IBP Personal culture collection, I.B. Prashier, CIMP International Collection of Microorganisms from Plants, Auckland, New Zealand; IRAN Iranian Fungal Culture Collection, Iranian Research Institute of Plant Protection, Iran; KUJCCC Kunming Institute of Botany Culture Collection, MFLUC Mae Fah Luang University Culture Collection, Chiang Rai, Thailand; MUCC Culture collection of Murdoch University, Perth, Australia; STE-U Culture collection of the Department of Plant Pathology, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa; UCD University of California, Davis, Plant Pathology Department Culture Collection, WAC Department of Agriculture, Western Australia Plant Pathogen Collection, South Perth, Western Australia

^b ITS internal transcribed spacer; tef1 translation elongation factor 1-alpha; tub2 β-tubulin 2; rpb2 DNA-directed RNA polymerase II subunit; N/A not available

^c Isolates represent ex-type are from samples that have been linked morphologically to type materials of the species

type isolates were downloaded from the NCBI for phylogenetic analyses. The sequences were aligned using the online version of MAFFT v.7 (<http://mafft.cbrc.jp/alignメント/server/>) (Katoh and Standley 2013), with the iterative refinement method (FFT-NS-i setting). The alignments were checked manually and edited in MEGA v.6.0.5 (Tamura et al. 2013). Sequence alignments were deposited in TreeBASE.

Maximum likelihood (ML) analyses with 1000 bootstrap replicates were conducted using PhyML v.3.0 (Guindon et al. 2010). The best-fit model of nucleotide substitution for each dataset was determined using jModelTest v.2.1.5 (Darriba et al. 2012). Maximum parsimony (MP) trees were generated in PAUP v.1.0b10 (Swofford 2002), using the heuristic search function with tree bisection and reconstruction (TBR) as branch swapping algorithms and 1000 random addition replicates. Gaps were treated as a fifth character and the characters were unordered and given equal weight. MAXTREES were set to 5000, branches of zero length were collapsed and all multiple, equally parsimonious trees were saved. Tree length (TL), consistency index (CI), retention index (RI), rescaled consistency index (RC) and homoplasy index (HI) were calculated. Bootstrap support values were evaluated using 1000 bootstrap replicates (Hillis and Bull 1993). The phylogenetic analyses for *Botryosphaeria* were rooted using *N. parvum* (ATCC 58191), and phylogenetic analyses for *Lasiodiplodia* and *Neofusicoccum* were rooted using *Botryosphaeria dothidea* (CBS 115476) (Table 2).

The criterion applied to determine species boundaries was based on phylogenetic analyses and sequences comparisons. Thus, species were considered unique when isolate(s) formed a distinct lineage that differentiated them from other isolates in at least two of the three or four individual loci (ITS, *tef1* and *tub2* for *Botryosphaeria*; or ITS, *tef1*, *tub2* and *rpb2* for *Lasiodiplodia* and *Neofusicoccum*). Furthermore, where these groupings were not contradicted at the other loci, and where they had fixed Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs) that differentiated them from their phylogenetically closest species.

Morphology

For the description of putatively novel species, microscopic features and colony characteristics were examined. More than one *Botryosphaeriaceae* species was frequently isolated from the pycnidia on the same *Eucalyptus* branch, and most of the isolates were obtained from diseased tissues, which were free of fruiting structures. Consequently, isolates were grown on Petri dishes containing 2% water agar (WA) with several double-autoclaved pine needles on their surface (Smith et al. 1996). These plates were incubated at room temperature

under near-ultraviolet light for 4–6 wk. to induce sporulation. Relevant morphological characteristics were examined and recorded using a Zeiss Axio Imager A1 microscope and a Zeiss AxioCam MRc digital camera with Zeiss Axio Vision v.4.8 software (Carl Zeiss Ltd., Oberkochen, Germany). The lengths and widths of 50 conidia per isolate were measured. These are presented as average (mean), standard deviation (SD), minimum (min) and maximum (max) of the conidial measurements are presented as (min–) (mean–SD)–(mean + SD)(–max). The ratio of average length to average width (L/W) for each species was calculated. Morphological descriptions were deposited in MycoBank (www.myco-bank.org).

To determine the optimum temperatures for growth of the novel species, a 5-mm-diam plug of agar was cut from the actively growing margin of a 7-day-old colony and placed at the centre of a 90-mm-diam Petri dish containing 2% MEA. Five replicate plates were used for each isolate at each temperature and these were incubated in the dark at temperatures ranging from 5 to 40 °C at 5 °C intervals. Two diameter measurements, perpendicular to each other, were recorded daily until the fastest growing culture reached the edge of the Petri dish. The average colony diameter for each of the eight temperatures was calculated. Colony colour was determined from 7-day-old cultures grown on 2% MEA at 25 °C using the colour charts of Rayner (1970).

Pathogenicity tests

To determine the relative pathogenicity of the species identified in this study, inoculation trials were conducted under natural conditions using potted-trees of an *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* hybrid clone and *E. globulus* seed-derived plants at the South China Experiment Nursery (SCEN), located in ZhanJiang, GuangDong, China. One-year-old healthy plants of the *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* clone and *E. globulus* seed-derived plants, approximately 170 cm high and 2 cm diameter at the root collar, were utilised. For each plant, a 5-mm-diam wound was made on the stem (approximately 30 cm above the root collar) using a cork borer to remove the bark and expose the cambium. Seven-day-old cultures of representative isolates, representing different species of *Botryosphaeriaceae* incubated at 25 °C in the dark, were prepared and mycelial plugs were cut with a 5-mm-diam cork borer from the actively growing margins of these cultures. Mycelial plugs were placed into wounds with the mycelium facing the xylem. The wounds were sealed with masking tape immediately after inoculation to protect them from contamination and desiccation.

Ten trees of each *Eucalyptus* species were inoculated for each isolate. Negative controls were conducted on ten trees of the *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* hybrid clone or

E. globulus seed-derived plants with clean 2% MEA plugs. After one month, lesion lengths were measured and the average lesion length for the control treatments was subtracted from the average length for the fungus-treated plants. This measurement reflected the result of the fungal inoculation without including the wound response due to physical damage in the controls. Re-isolations were made from the inoculated plants to fulfil Koch's postulates. General Linear Model (GLM) Univariate Analysis (two-way ANOVA) and one-way ANOVA were used to determine the differences in aggressiveness among isolates utilising the programmes SPSS v.20 (IBM Corp 2011) and SAS v.9.3 (SAS Institute Inc 2011), respectively for the two analyses.

RESULTS

Sample collection and fungal isolation

For each sampled tree, between one and five isolates of *Botryosphaeriaceae* were obtained. A total of 166 *Botryosphaeriaceae* isolates from 89 *Eucalyptus* trees were collected from the six regions (ChuXiong, HongHe, KunMing, PuEr, WenShan and YuXi) sampled (Table 1, Fig. 11). Of these, 76 isolates (45.8%) were from *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis*, including 23 isolates from 11 trees in the HongHe Region, 25 isolates were from 12 trees in the PuEr Region, 14 isolates from six trees in the WenShan Region and 14 isolates were from nine trees in the YuXi Region. Forty-nine isolates (29.5%) were from *E. globulus*, including 23 isolates from 18 trees in the ChuXiong Region, 16 isolates from eight trees in the HongHe Region and 10 isolates from four trees in the KunMing Region. Forty-one isolates (24.7%) were from 21 other unknown *Eucalyptus* species or hybrids in the HongHe Region.

Phylogenetic analyses

The ITS, *tef1* and *tub2* loci were amplified for all the 166 isolates (Table 1). Subsequently, 82 representative isolates were selected based on these sequences so as to include all the genotypes revealed by these three loci, as well as all the sampling regions and *Eucalyptus* genotypes. The *rpb2* locus was then also sequenced for these 82 isolates (Table 1). The sequence fragments were approximately 520 bp for the ITS, 280 bp for the *tef1*, 430 bp for the *tub2* and 610 bp for the *rpb2*. The genotype of each isolate was determined based on the four loci, and one or two isolates were then selected for phylogenetic analyses, depending on the number of isolates available for each genotype (Table 1).

Based on the BLAST search against the nucleotide database on the NCBI website, three genera (*Botryosphaeria*, *Lasiodiplodia* and *Neofusicoccum*) in the *Botryosphaeriaceae* were identified. Sequences of ex-type isolates for all species in these genera were downloaded

and used in the phylogenetic analyses. The aligned sequences for each locus (ITS, *tef1*, *tub2* and *rpb2*), as well as the combined sequences of three or four loci (*Botryosphaeria*: ITS, *tef1*, *tub2*; *Lasiodiplodia* and *Neofusicoccum*: ITS, *tef1*, *tub2*, *rpb2*) were deposited in TreeBASE (No. S25832). Statistical values for all datasets for ML and MP analyses are presented in Table 3. Isolates obtained in this study were divided into 11 groups (A to K) based on phylogenetic analyses. Single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) analyses for the novel taxa emerging from this study and their closest sister taxa are presented in Table 4.

Species in *Botryosphaeria*

Sequence data were not available for *rpb2* for ex-type isolates of various *Botryosphaeria* species (Table 2). The *Botryosphaeria* isolates clustered in three groups (Group A, Group B and Group C) based on *tef1*, *tub2*, *rpb2* and combined ITS/*tef1/tub2* analyses, and two groups based on ITS analyses, including Group A and where Group B clustered with Group C (Fig. 2).

Isolates in Group A clustered with *B. wangensis* and *B. minutispermatia* based on phylogenetic analyses of ITS dataset (Fig. 2a). In the *tef1* tree, they clustered with or were closely related to *B. wangensis*, *B. auasmontanum*, *B. dothidea*, *B. minutispermatia* and *B. sinensis* (Fig. 2b). In the *tub2* tree, they clustered with *B. dothidea*, *B. fabiceriana*, *B. qingyuanensis*, *B. rosaceae* and *B. sinensis*, and were closely related to *B. wangensis* (Fig. 2c). In the *rpb2* tree, they clustered with or were closely related to *B. wangensis* and *B. dothidea* (Fig. 2d). In the combined ITS/*tef1/tub2* tree, these isolates were closely related to *B. wangensis* (Fig. 2e). Some isolates formed an independent clade based on one of the four individual loci (isolates CSF6173 and CSF6174 in the *tef1* tree, isolate CSF6237 in the *tef1* tree, and isolate CSF6113 in the *rpb2* tree) (Fig. 2b–d); isolates CSF5781 and CSF5878 formed an independent clade based on two loci (*tef1* and *rpb2* trees) (Fig. 2b, d), while they only had three fixed SNPs (one in each of ITS, *tef1* and *tub2* loci, respectively) different to the phylogenetically closest species, *B. wangensis*. Based on the phylogenetic analyses for the different datasets and fixed SNPs difference, isolates in Group A were identified as *B. wangensis*.

Isolate CSF6052 in Group B clustered with *B. fabiceriana*, *B. fusicpora*, *B. kuwatsukai* and *B. rosaceae* based on the ITS tree (Fig. 2a). This isolate formed an independent clade that was distinct from all known species based on the *tef1*, *tub2*, *rpb2* and the combined ITS/*tef1/tub2* trees (Fig. 2b–e). There were also 23 fixed SNPs different to its phylogenetically closest species, *B. qingyuanensis*. Consequently, isolate CSF6052 was recognised as an undescribed species.

Table 3 Statistical values of datasets for maximum parsimony and maximum likelihood analyses

Genus	Dataset	Maximum likelihood									
		Subst. model ^a	NST ^b	Rate matrix						p-inv	Gamma
<i>Botryosphaeria</i>	ITS	TrN + I	6	1.0000	1.5461	1.0000	1.0000	5.4052	0.7570	–	Equal
	tef1	TVM + I	6	1.2703	4.1281	1.8345	0.0377	4.1281	0.5680	–	Equal
	tub2	TIM2 + G	6	0.2584	4.1669	0.2584	1.0000	8.5072	–	0.0280	Gamma
	rpb2	TPM3uf + I	6	2872.6267	37,884.9415	1.0000	2872.6267	37,884.9415	0.7290	–	Equal
	ITS/tef1/tub2	TrN + I	6	1.0000	3.6483	1.0000	1.0000	6.4337	0.7430	–	Equal
<i>Lasiodiplodia</i>	ITS	TPM1uf + I + G	6	1.0000	8.3069	3.1151	3.1151	8.3069	0.6640	0.7300	Gamma
	tef1	TrN + G	6	1.0000	3.1913	1.0000	1.0000	5.0207	–	0.4440	Gamma
	tub2	TIM3 + G	6	2.6726	3.8861	1.0000	2.6726	10.7258	–	0.4200	Gamma
	rpb2	TrN + I + G	6	1.0000	4.7971	1.0000	1.0000	13.7321	0.4690	1.8510	Gamma
	ITS/tef1/tub2/rpb2	TIM2 + I + G	6	1.2861	4.0643	1.2861	1.0000	8.3643	0.5010	0.6480	Gamma
<i>Neofusicoccum</i>	ITS	TIM1 + I + G	6	1.0000	10.7228	2.7330	2.7330	23.3748	0.5420	0.5670	Gamma
	tef1	TPM2uf + G	6	1.6352	7.1729	1.6352	1.0000	7.1729	–	0.6840	Gamma
	tub2	TIM3 + G	6	1.9226	7.3114	1.0000	1.9226	12.7028	–	0.2070	Gamma
	rpb2	TIM3 + G	6	2.4608	9.3031	1.0000	2.4608	24.9646	–	0.2660	Gamma
	ITS/tef1/tub2/rpb2	TrN + I + G	6	1.0000	5.0967	1.0000	1.0000	9.7420	0.4430	0.7340	Gamma
Genus	Dataset	No. of taxa	No. of bp ^c	Maximum parsimony							
				PIC ^d	No. of trees	Tree length	CI ^e	RI ^f	RC ^g	HI ^h	
<i>Botryosphaeria</i>	ITS	49	530	30	86	51	0.8039	0.8913	0.7165	0.1961	
	tef1	49	353	115	120	152	0.8684	0.9385	0.8150	0.1316	
	tub2	42	414	22	35	30	0.8000	0.9063	0.7250	0.2000	
	rpb2	30	718	23	4	37	0.8378	0.9483	0.7945	0.1622	
	ITS/tef1/tub2	49	1297	167	234	241	0.8174	0.9085	0.7427	0.1826	
<i>Lasiodiplodia</i>	ITS	74	511	50	5000	91	0.6813	0.8858	0.6035	0.3187	
	tef1	73	323	135	1233	415	0.6024	0.8922	0.5375	0.3976	
	tub2	64	409	41	5000	60	0.7667	0.9310	0.7138	0.2333	
	rpb2	53	532	104	3297	192	0.6354	0.8649	0.5496	0.3646	
	ITS/tef1/tub2/rpb2	74	1775	330	3989	854	0.5621	0.8508	0.4782	0.4379	
<i>Neofusicoccum</i>	ITS	99	535	86	1790	205	0.5512	0.8844	0.4875	0.4488	
	tef1	98	307	150	5000	312	0.7308	0.9413	0.6879	0.2692	
	tub2	98	424	72	1380	149	0.6040	0.8952	0.5407	0.3960	
	rpb2	76	605	116	2619	201	0.6915	0.9180	0.6348	0.3085	
	ITS/tef1/tub2/rpb2	101	1871	424	3584	936	0.6090	0.8968	0.5461	0.3910	

^a Subst. model = best fit substitution model^b NST Number of substitution rate categories^c bp Base pairs^d PIC Number of parsimony informative characters^e CI Consistency index^f RI Retention index^g RC Rescaled consistency index^h HI Homoplasy index

Table 4 Number of fixed SNPs between newly described species and their phylogenetically close taxa

Species	Single nucleotide polymorphism comparisons of four loci					
	<i>B. puerensis</i>	<i>N. dianense</i>	<i>N. magniconidium</i>	<i>N. ningerense</i>	<i>N. parviconidium</i>	<i>N. yunnanense</i>
<i>Botryosphaeria corticis</i>	13/16/14/* ^a	—	—	—	—	—
<i>B. fabicerciana</i>	1/14/9/12	—	—	—	—	—
<i>B. fusispora</i>	1/16/11/*	—	—	—	—	—
<i>B. kuwatsukai</i>	1/10/*/*	—	—	—	—	—
<i>B. qingyuanensis</i>	2/9/9/3	—	—	—	—	—
<i>B. rosaceae</i>	1/13/9/*	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Neofusicoccum algeriense</i>	— ^b	3/1/7/*	—	—	—	3/1/4/*
<i>N. dianense</i>	—	—	—	—	—	2/2/3/6
<i>N. hongkongense</i>	—	4/0/2/4	—	—	—	4/2/1/2
<i>N. italicum</i>	—	4/0/5/5	—	—	—	4/1/*/*
<i>N. macroclavatum</i>	—	—	9/1/6/2	7/1/6/2	—	—
<i>N. mangiferae</i>	—	—	—	—	2/5/2/27	—
<i>N. microconidium</i>	—	—	—	—	1/3/1/1	—
<i>N. ningerense</i>	—	—	2/0/2/2	—	—	—
<i>N. parvum</i>	—	3/2/5/5	—	—	—	1/4/2/0

^a The number means the difference of two species in four loci, ITS/tef1/tub2/rpb2; “**” represents the sequence is unavailable

^b “—” represent the sequences between two species were not compared

Isolates in Group C clustered with *B. fusispora*, *B. fabicerciana*, *B. kuwatsukai*, *B. puerensis* and *B. rosaceae* in the ITS tree (Fig. 2a). They were closely related to *B. fusispora* and *B. fabicerciana* in the tef1 tree (Fig. 2b) and clustered with *B. fusispora* in the tub2 tree (Fig. 2c). They clustered with or were close to *B. fabicerciana* in the rpb2 tree, but could not be compared with *B. fusispora* because sequence data for this region are not available for that species (Fig. 2d). Based on tef1 data (Fig. 2b), three independent clades emerged accommodating isolates CSF5683, CSF6021 and CSF6056; CSF5871 and CSF5872; and CSF6063 and CSF6178, but they had only three or four fixed SNPs different to their phylogenetically closest species *B. fusispora*. These isolates in Group C were phylogenetically close to *B. fusispora* based on ITS, tef1, tub2 and the combined ITS/tef1/tub2 trees (Fig. 2) and they were identified as that species.

Species in Lasiodiplodia

Analyses were conducted for *Lasiodiplodia* based on sequences for the ITS, tef1, tub2 and rpb2 loci. Based on phylogenetic analyses for these loci and the combined ITS/tef1/tub2/rpb2 datasets, two *Lasiodiplodia* isolates clustered in one group (Group D) (Fig. 3). These isolates were phylogenetically related to *L. pseudotheobromae* and various other species based on ITS and tub2 trees (Fig. 3a, c). They were closest *L. pseudotheobromae* based on tef1 tree (Fig. 3b), and clustered with *L. pseudotheobromae* based on rpb2 tree (Fig. 3d). The tree based on the combined ITS/tef1/tub2/rpb2 dataset also

showed that the two isolates making up Group D were phylogenetically closely related to *L. pseudotheobromae* and they were treated as that species (Fig. 3e).

Species in Neofusicoccum

The *Neofusicoccum* isolates resided in seven groups based on ITS, tub2 and the combined ITS/tef1/tub2/rpb2 datasets (Groups E–K). For the tef1 dataset, there were six groups including Groups E–H, Group I that clustered with Group J and Group K. For the rpb2 dataset, there were six groups including Group E that clustered with Group F and Groups G–K (Fig. 4).

Isolates in Group E were closely related to *N. parvum* and various other species based on the ITS, tef1 and rpb2 trees (Fig. 4a, b, d) and they also clustered with *N. parvum* based on the tub2 tree (Fig. 4c). They formed multiple independent clades based on the ITS, tef1, rpb2 and the combined ITS/tef1/tub2/rpb2 trees (Fig. 4a, b, d, e). Based on these analyses of five datasets, isolates in Group E were treated as *N. parvum* (Fig. 4).

Isolates in Group F were closely related to *N. algeriense* based on phylogenetic analyses of tef1 dataset (Fig. 4b). They clustered with *N. mangiferae* and *N. parvum* in the rpb2 tree (Fig. 4d). Isolates in Group F formed one independent clade that was distinct from all known species based on ITS and tub2 trees, and isolates CSF6034 and CSF6142 (ex-type) formed a distinct lineage in tef1 tree (Fig. 4a–c). In the combined tree, isolates CSF6034 and CSF6142 (ex-type), and other isolates in Group F formed an independent sub-clade (Fig. 4e).

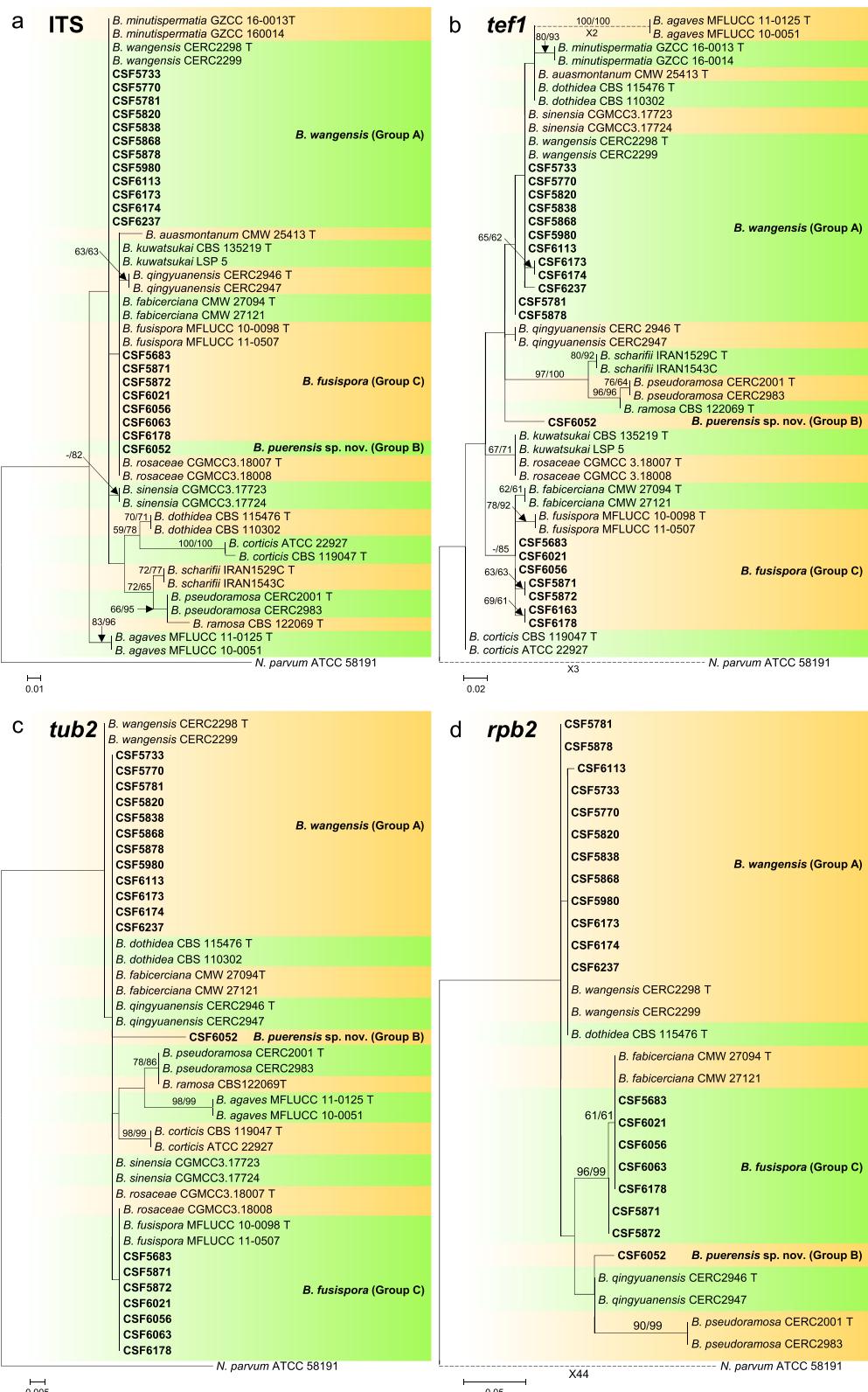
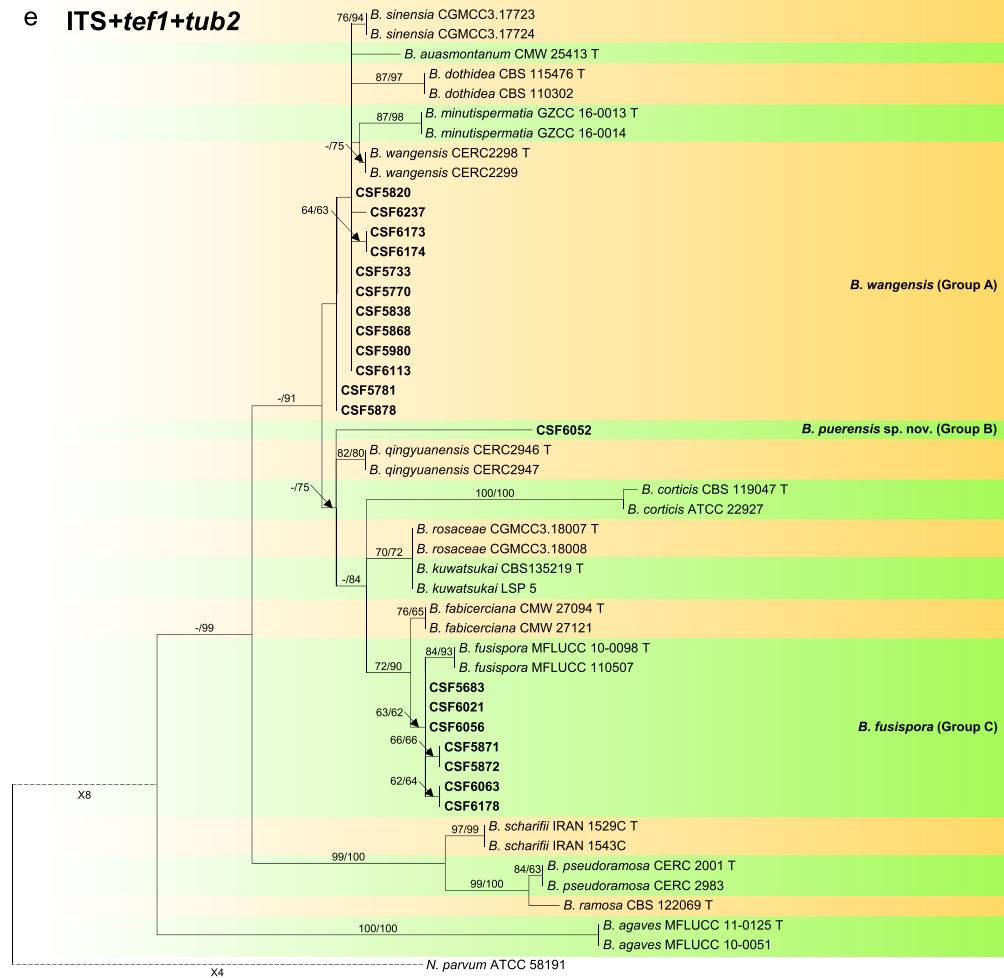


Fig. 2 Phylogenetic trees based on maximum likelihood (ML) analyses for species in *Botryosphaeria*. **a**, ITS; **b**, tef1; **c**, tub2; **d**, rpb2; **e**, combination of ITS, tef1 and tub2. Isolates sequenced in this study are in bold. Bootstrap support values $\geq 60\%$ for ML and MP are presented above branches as follows: ML/MP, bootstrap support values $< 60\%$ are marked with ‘-’, and absent are marked with ‘**’. Ex-type isolates are marked with ‘T’. The trees were rooted to *N. parvum* (ATCC 58191)

e ITS+tef1+tub2**Fig. 2** Continued

Seven fixed SNPs also differentiated isolates in Group F from their phylogenetically closest relatives *N. algeriense* and *N. parvum* in the ITS, *tef1* and *tub2* regions, and five fixed SNPs differentiated them from *N. italicum* in the ITS and *tef1* regions (*tub2* not available for *N. italicum*) (Table 4). These isolates were consequently treated as representing a novel species.

Isolate CSF6037 in Group G clustered with *N. kwambonambiense* in the *tub2* tree (Fig. 4c). It also clustered with *N. kwambonambiense* and various other species in the *tef1* tree (Fig. 4b), and was most closely related to that species in the ITS, *rpb2* and the combined ITS/*tef1/tub2/rpb2* trees (Fig. 4a, d, e). Isolate CSF6037 was consequently identified as *N. kwambonambiense*.

Isolates in Group H clustered with *N. illicii* in the ITS tree (Fig. 4a) and with *N. hongkongense* in the *tef1* tree (Fig. 4b). Based on the *tub2* and *rpb2* trees, these isolates formed an independent clade that was

distinct from all known species of *Neofusicoccum* (Fig. 4c, d). This clade was well supported by high bootstrap values in the *tub2* and combined ITS/*tef1/tub2/rpb2* trees (*tub2*, ML/MP = 87%/87%; ITS/*tef1/tub2/rpb2*, ML/MP = 95%/98%) (Fig. 4c, e). There were also ten fixed SNPs differentiating isolates in Group H from their phylogenetically closest species, *N. hongkongense* (Table 4). Consequently, isolates in Group H were considered to represent a novel species of *Neofusicoccum*.

Isolates in both Group I and Group J formed a single clade that clustered with *N. illicii* in the *tef1* tree, and isolates in Group I clustered with *N. illicii* in the *tub2* tree (Fig. 4c). But isolates in these two groups formed two independent clades in the ITS and *rpb2* trees (Fig. 4a, d), and those in Group J also formed an independent clade in the *tub2* tree (Fig. 4c). The two independent clades were supported by high

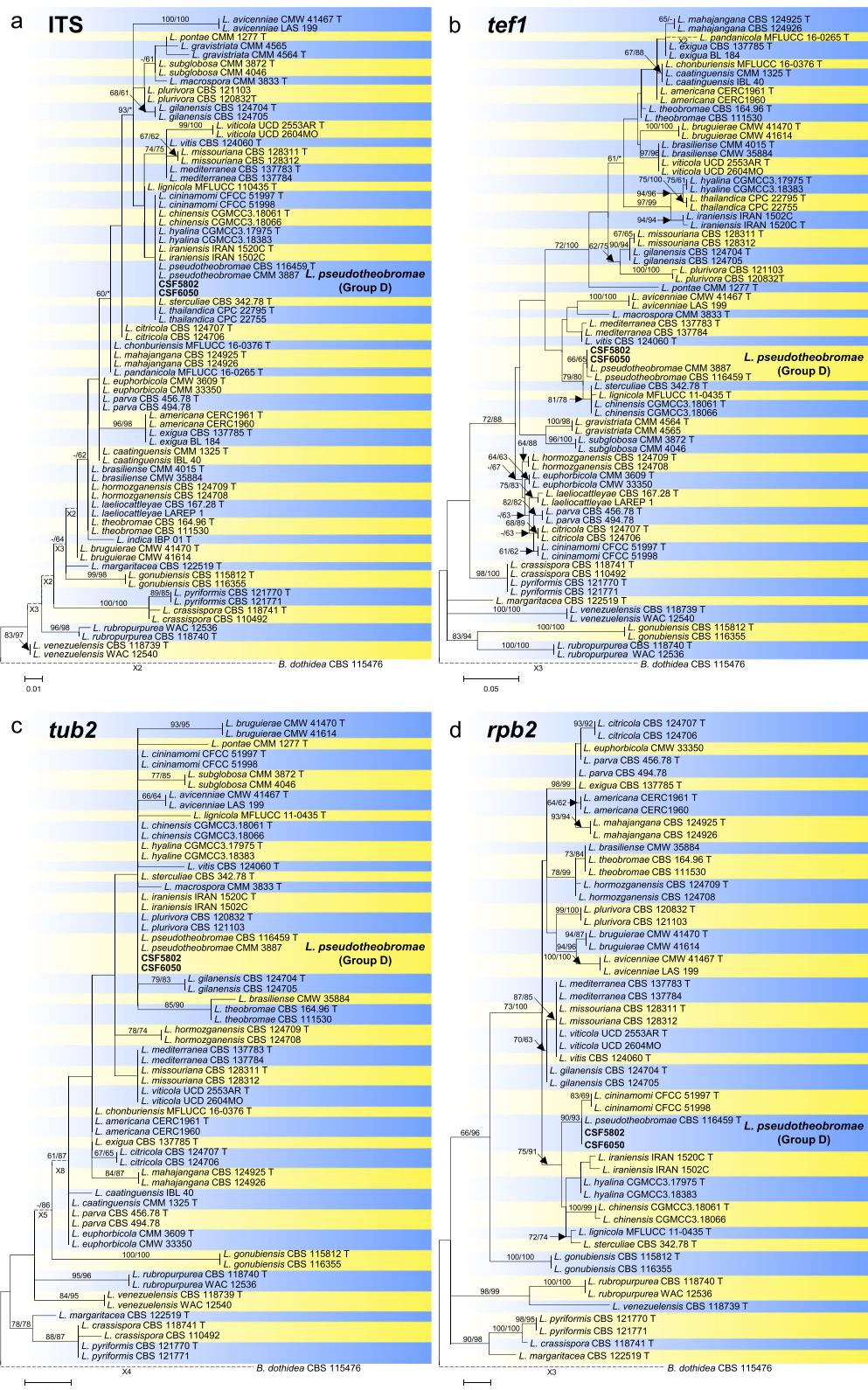
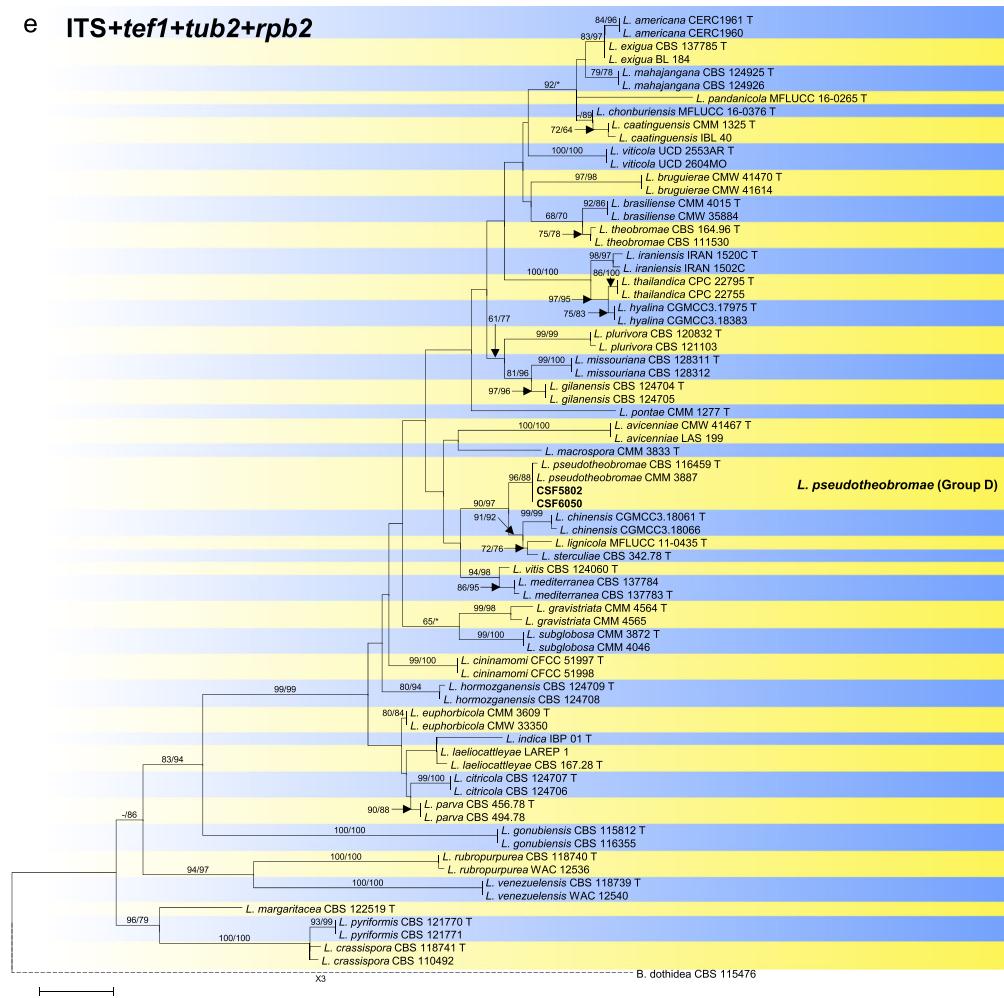


Fig. 3 Phylogenetic trees based on maximum likelihood (ML) analyses for species in *Lasiodiplodia*. **a**, ITS; **b**, tef1; **c**, tub2; **d**, rpb2; **e**, combination of ITS, tef1, tub2 and rpb2. Isolates sequenced in this study are in bold. Bootstrap support values $\geq 60\%$ for ML and MP are presented above branches as follows: ML/MP, bootstrap values $< 60\%$ are marked with ‘-’, and absent are marked with “**”. Ex-type isolates are marked with ‘T’. The trees were rooted to *B. dothidea* (CBS 115476)

e ITS+tef1+tub2+rpb2

**Fig. 3** Continued

bootstrap values in the combined ITS/*tef1/tub2/rpb2* tree (Group I, ML/MP = 99%/98%; Group J, ML/MP = 94%/85%) (Fig. 4e). In addition, there were six fixed SNPs observed between isolates in Group I and Group J (Table 4). Thus, isolates in Group I and Group J were considered to represent two undescribed species of *Neofusicoccum*.

Isolates in Group K clustered with *N. microconidium* in the ITS tree (Fig. 4a). However, they formed a distinct clade that was separated from all known species in the *tef1*, *tub2*, and *rpb2* trees (Fig. 4b–d). These isolates resided in a single clade, which was supported by high bootstrap values in the combined ITS/*tef1/tub2/rpb2* tree (ML/MP = 99%/98%) (Fig. 4e). There were also six fixed SNPs observed between isolates in Group K and their phylogenetically closest relative, *N. microconidium* (Table 4). Consequently,

isolates in Group K were considered to represent a novel species.

Morphology and taxonomy

Based on analyses of DNA sequence data, the isolates obtained in the present study clustered in 11 phylogenetic groups of the *Botryosphaeriaceae*. The culture morphology of all isolates in these groups was morphologically similar to other species of *Botryosphaeriaceae*, consistent with the fact that this characteristic has little taxonomic significance.

Isolates representing Groups B, F and H–K were identified as novel species based on the phylogenetic analyses. Representative isolates for these groups were selected to induce fruiting structures (Table 1). With the exception of those in Group J (isolates CSF6028 and CSF6030), that did not sporulate, these putatively novel

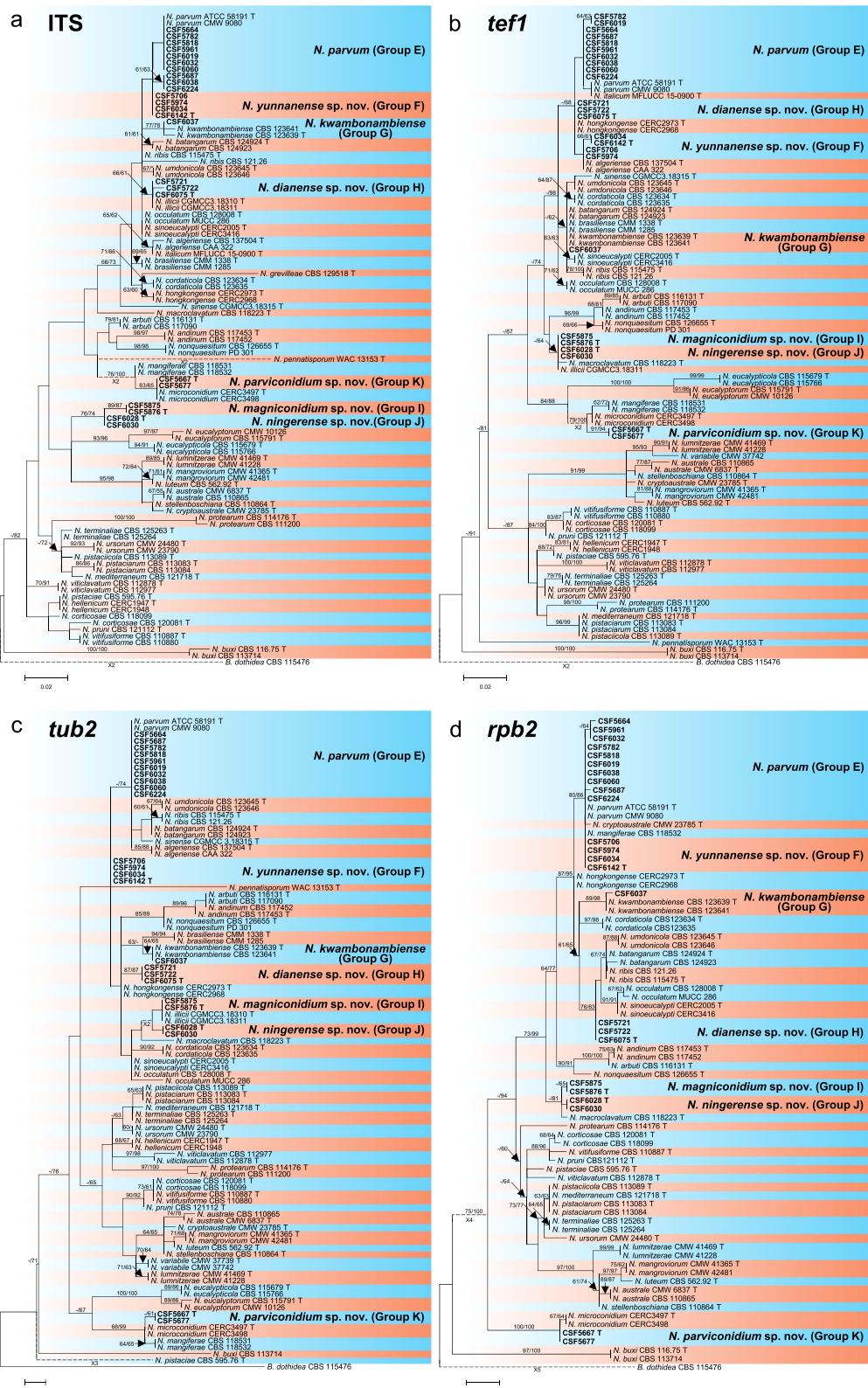


Fig. 4 Phylogenetic trees based on maximum likelihood (ML) analyses for species in *Neofusicoccum*. **a**, ITS; **b**, tef1; **c**, tub2; **d**, rpb2; **e**, combination of ITS, tef1, tub2 and rpb2. Isolates sequenced in this study are in bold. Bootstrap support values $\geq 60\%$ for ML and MP are presented above branches as follows: ML/MP, bootstrap support values $< 60\%$ are marked with '‡', and absent are marked with *. Ex-type isolates are marked with 'T'. The trees were rooted to *B. dothidea* (CBS 115476)

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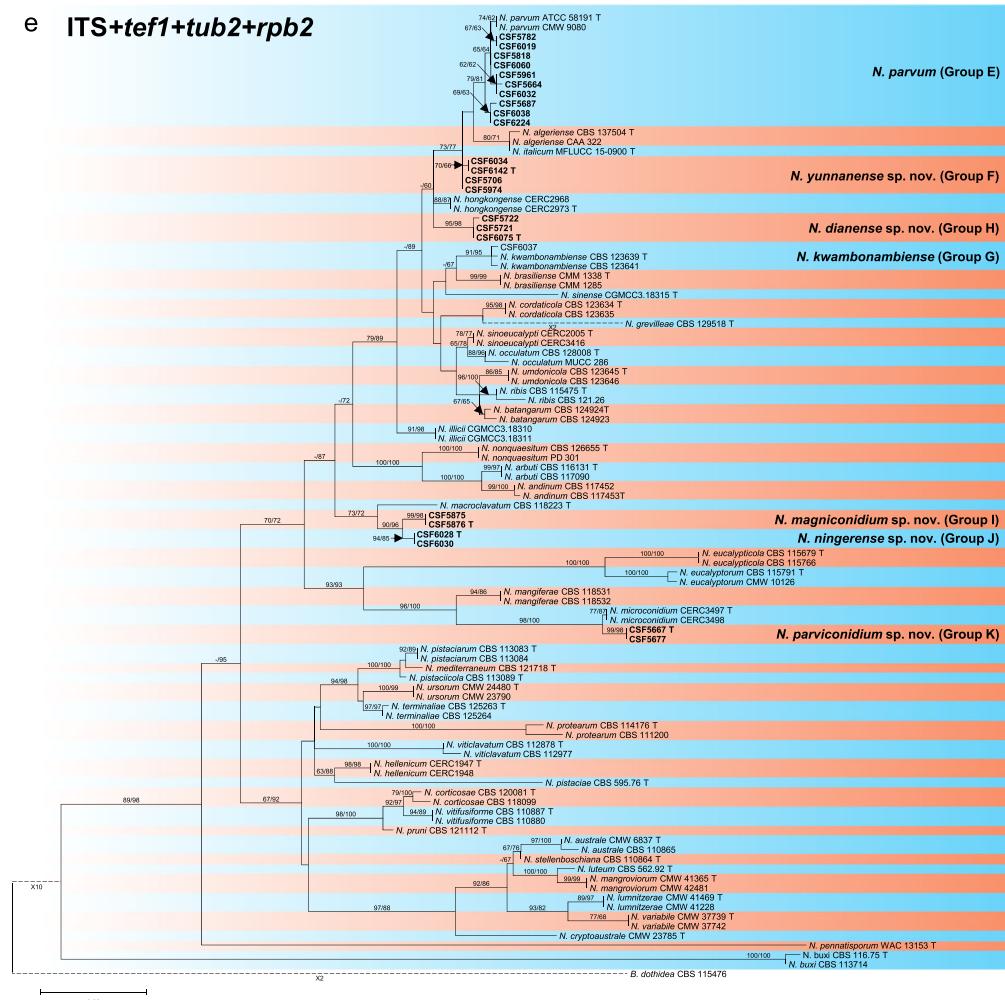


Fig. 4 Continued

taxa produced only asexual structures. Morphological differences were observed for the phylogenetically distinct species (Table 5) and these have been included in their descriptions. Based primarily on phylogenetic inference but including available morphological characteristics, isolates in Groups B, F, H–K were recognised as representing six previously undescribed species for which names are proposed as follows:

Botryosphaeria puerensis G.Q. Li & S.F. Chen, sp. nov.

Mycobank MB834102. (Fig. 5).

Etymology: Name reflects the PuEr Region where the fungus was isolated for the first time.

Diagnosis: *Botryosphaeria puerensis* produces shorter

conidia than *B. corticis*, but longer conidia than other species of *Botryosphaeria*.

Type: China: YunNan Province, PuEr Region, JingGu County (GPS 23°20'21"N, 100°54'38"E), from twigs of one *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* tree, 16 November 2014, S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li, fruiting structures induced on needles of *Pinus* sp. on water agar (HMAS255719 – holotype, CSF6052 = CGMCC3.20081 – ex-type culture).

Description: Sexual state unknown. Conidiomata pycnidial, produced on pine needles on WA medium within 4–6 wk., globose to ovoid, dark brown to black, up to 662 µm wide, 1041 µm high, embedded in needle tissue, semi-immersed to superficial, unilocular, with a central ostiole. Conidiophores reduced to conidiogenous cells. Conidiogenous cells holoblastic, discrete, hyaline, cylindrical to lageniform, phialidic with periclinal thickening, (6–)7–14(–20) × (1.5–)2–3.5(–4) µm. Paraphyses not seen. Conidia hyaline, thin-walled, smooth with granular

Table 5 Conidial measurements of *Botryosphaeriaceae* species described in this study and comparison with phylogenetically close species in previous studies

Species ^a	Conidial size (μm) ($L \times W$) ^b	Mean (μm) ($L \times W$) ^c	L/W^d	Reference
<i>Botryosphaeria corticis</i>	(20.5–)23.5–32.5(–34.5) \times (5.0–)5.5–7(–7.5)	28.9 \times 6.4	4.5	Phillips et al. 2006
<i>B. fabicirciana</i>	(16.5–)19.5–24.5(–26) \times (4.5–)5–6.5(–7.5)	22.0 \times 5.8	3.8	Chen et al. 2011
<i>B. fusispora</i>	16–22 \times 4–5.5	20.0 \times 5.0	4.0	Liu et al. 2012
<i>B. kuwatsukai</i>	(18.5–)20–24.5(–26) \times 5–7(–8)	22.3 \times 6.2	3.6	Xu et al. 2015
<i>B. puerensis</i>^a	(22.5–)24–29.5(–32) \times (4.5–)5.5–7.5(–8)	26.8 \times 6.4	4.2	This study
<i>B. qingyuanensis</i>	(15–)19.5–24.5(–28.5) \times (5–)6–6.5(–7.5)	22.0 \times 6.2	3.5	Li et al. 2018
<i>B. rosaceae</i>	20–31 \times 6–8	26.2 \times 6.7	3.9	Zhou et al. 2017
<i>Neofusicoccum algeriense</i>	(14.5–)17–18(–21) \times (4.5–)5.5–5.7(–6.5)	17.6 \times 5.6	3.1	Berraf-Tebbal et al. 2014
<i>N. dianense</i>^a	(16–)16.5–21(–24) \times (4.5–)5–5.5(–6)	18.9 \times 5.2	3.6	This study
<i>N. hongkongense</i>	(11.5–)13–15.5(–17.5) \times (4–)4.5–5(–5.5)	14.1 \times 4.7	3.0	Li et al. 2018
<i>N. italicum</i>	13–18.5 \times 3.5–6	15.8 \times 5.2	— ^e	Marin-Felix et al. 2017
<i>N. macroclavatum</i>	(19–)25–35(–41) \times (5–)6–8(–10)	30.3 \times 7.1	4.2	Burgess et al. 2005
<i>N. magniconidium</i>^a	(27–)27.5–30(–34) \times (5.5–)6–7.5(–8)	29.1 \times 6.7	4.3	This study
<i>N. mangiferae</i>	(11–)12–15(–17.5) \times 5–6.6	13.6 \times 5.4	2.0–2.5	Slippers et al. 2005
<i>N. microconidium</i>	(10–)11.5–13(–14.5) \times (4–)4.5–5.5(–6)	12.3 \times 5.0	2.5	Li et al. 2018
<i>N. parviconidium</i>^a	(9.5–)10.5–11.5(–12.5) \times (4.4–)5–5.5(–6)	10.9 \times 5.2	2.1	This study
<i>N. parvum</i>	(12–)13.5–21(–24) \times 4–6(–10)	17.1 \times 5.5	3.2	Phillips et al. 2013
<i>N. yunnanense</i>^a	(13–)13.5–17.5(–20) \times (3.5–)4–4.5(–5)	15.6 \times 4.4	3.5	This study

^a Species in bold are novel species described in this study^b Minimum–(average – standard deviation)–(average + standard deviation)–maximum or minimum–maximum, L \times W = length \times width^c L \times W = average length \times average width^d L / W = average length/average width^e “—” indicates no data was available

contents, unicellular, aseptate narrowly fusiform, base subtruncate to bluntly rounded, (22.5–)24–29.5(–32) \times (4.5–)5.5–7.5(–8) μm (av. of 100 conidia 26.8 \times 6.4 μm ; L/W = 4.2) (Table 5).

Culture characteristics: Colonies on MEA medium having fluffy mycelia with uneven margins and a few cottony aerial mycelia reaching to the lids of Petri plates, mycelial mat appressed, sparse to moderately dense. Colony mycelia initially white, becoming smoke gray (19^{”f}) to olivaceous (21^{”k}) at the surface and olivaceous gray (23^{”b}) to iron gray (23^{”k}) at the reverse after 10 d. Optimal growth temperature 25 °C. No growth at 5 °C and 40 °C. After 4 d, colonies at 10 °C, 15 °C, 20 °C, 25 °C, 30 °C and 35 °C reaching 14 mm, 31 mm, 43 mm, 64 mm, 62 mm and 10 mm, respectively.

Host: *E. urophylla* \times *E. grandis*.

Distribution: Currently only known from PuEr Region in YunNan Province, China.

Notes: *Botryosphaeria puerensis* is phylogenetically closely related to *B. corticis*, *B. fabicirciana*, *B. fusispora*, *B. kuwatsukai*, *B. rosaceae* and *B. qingyuanensis* (Fig. 2). Conidia (Table 5) of *B. puerensis* (av. 26.8 \times 6.4; L/W = 4.2) are larger than in those species with the exception of *B. corticis* (av. 28.9 \times 6.4; L/W = 4.5) (Phillips et al.

2006; Chen et al. 2011; Liu et al. 2012; Xu et al. 2015; Zhou et al. 2017; Li et al. 2018).

***Neofusicoccum dianense* G.Q. Li & S.F. Chen, sp. nov.**

MycoBank MB834103. (Fig. 6).

Etymology: Name refers to “Dian”, an ancient kingdom of YunNan Province, where the type specimen was collected.

Diagnosis: Based on phylogenetic inference, *Neofusicoccum dianense* resides in ‘*N. parvum* / *N. ribis*’ complex. It produces the longer conidia than its closest phylogenetic relatives including *N. algeriense*, *N. hongkongense*, *N. italicum*, *N. parvum*, *N. yunnanense*. The optimal growth temperature of *N. dianense* also differs from that of *N. yunnanense*.

Type: China: YunNan Province, PuEr Region, JingGu County (GPS 23°23'58" N, 100°50'37" E), from twigs of one *E. urophylla* \times *E. grandis* tree, 16 November 2014, S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li, fruiting structures induced on

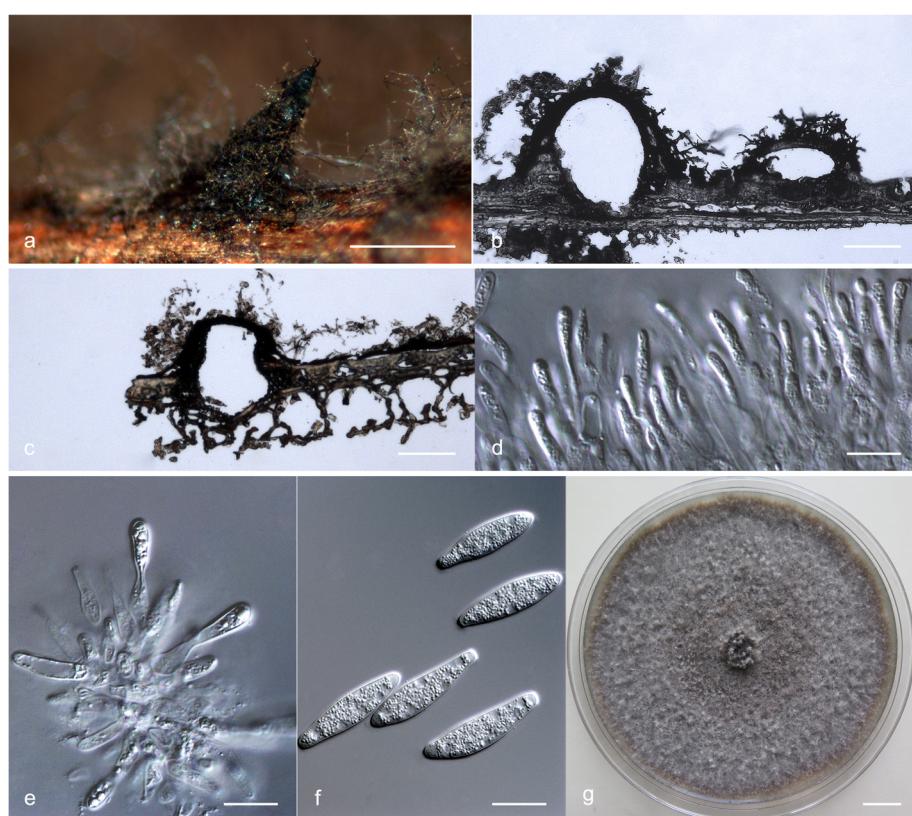


Fig. 5 *Botryosphaeria puerensis*. **a**. Conidiomata formed on pine needle culture; **b, c**. Longitudinal section through conidiomata; **d, e**. Conidiogenous cells and developing conidia; **f**. Conidia; **g**. Living culture after 10 d on 2% MEA (front). Scale bars: a = 500 µm; b, c = 100 µm; d–f = 10 µm; g = 1 cm

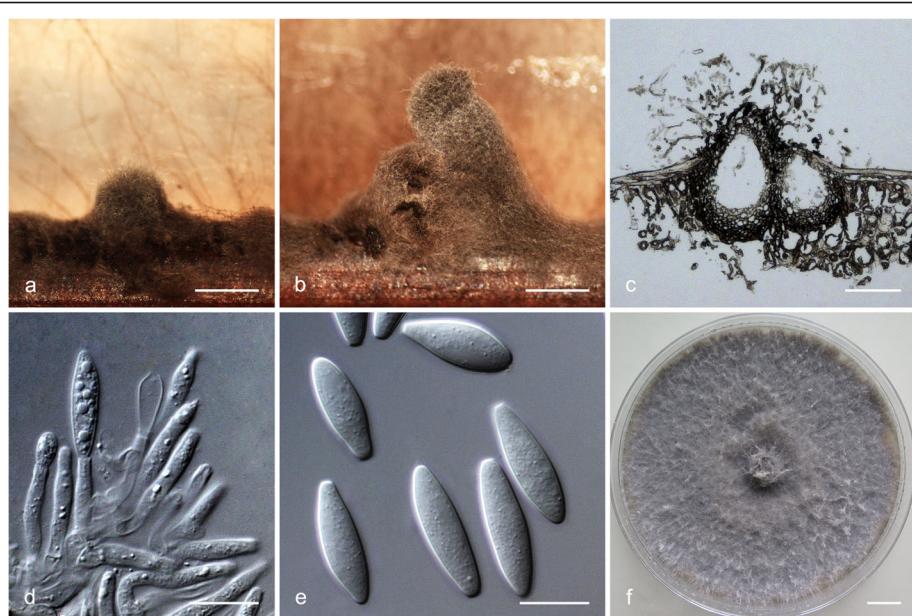


Fig. 6 *Neofusicoccum dianense*. **a, b**. Conidiomata formed on pine needle culture; **c**. Longitudinal section through conidiomata; **d**. Conidiogenous cells and developing conidia; **e**. Conidia; **f**. Living culture after 10 d on 2% MEA (front). Scale bars: a, b = 500 µm; c = 100 µm; d, e = 10 µm; f = 1 cm

needles of *Pinus* sp. on water agar (HMAS255720 – holotype, CSF6075 = CGMCC3.20082 – ex-type culture).

Description: Sexual state unknown. Conidiomata pycnidial, produced on pine needles on WA medium within 4–6 wk., globose to ovoid, dark brown to black, up to 1363 µm wide, 2298 µm high, embedded in needle tissue, semi-immersed to superficial, unilocular, with a central ostiole. Conidiophores reduced to conidiogenous cells. Conidiogenous cells holoblastic, discrete, hyaline, cylindrical to lageniform, phialidic with periclinal thickening, (8.5–)10.5–15(–16.5) × (2–)2.5–3(–3.5) µm. Paraphyses not seen. Conidia hyaline, thin-walled, smooth with granular contents, unicellular, aseptate narrowly fusiform, base subtruncate to bluntly rounded, (16–)16.5–21(–24) × (4.5–)5–5.5(–6) µm (av. of 100 conidia 18.9 × 5.2 µm; L/W = 3.6) (Table 5).

Culture characteristics: Colonies on MEA medium with fluffy mycelia with uneven margins and a few cotony aerial mycelia reaching to the lids of Petri plates, mycelial mat appressed, sparse to moderately dense. Colony mycelia initially white, becoming pale mouse grey (15[”]d) to mouse grey (13[”]i) at the surface and olivaceous grey (23[”]b) to iron grey (23[”]k) at the reverse after 10 d. Optimal growth temperature 25 °C. No growth at 5 °C and 40 °C. After 4 d, colonies at 10 °C, 15 °C, 20 °C, 25 °C, 30 °C and 35 °C reaching 16 mm, 47 mm, 71 mm, 86 mm, 73 mm and 12 mm, respectively.

Host: *E. globulus*, *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* and *Eucalyptus* sp.

Distribution: Currently known from PuEr and HongHe Regions in YunNan Province, China.

Notes: *Neofusicoccum dianense* is phylogenetically closely related to *N. algeriense*, *N. hongkongense*, *N. italium*, *N. parvum* and *N. yunnanense* (Fig. 4). The conidia (Table 5) of *N. dianense* (av. 18.9 × 5.2; L/W = 3.6) are larger than those of *N. hongkongense* (av. 14.1 × 4.7; L/W = 3.0; Li et al. 2018) and *N. yunnanense* (av. 15.6 × 4.4; L/W = 3.5), and longer than those of *N. algeriense* (av. 17.6 × 5.6; L/W = 3.1; Berraf-Tebbal et al. 2014), *N. italium* (av. 15.8 × 5.2; L/W = 3.0; Marin-Felix et al. 2017) and *N. parvum* (av. 17.1 × 5.5; L/W = 3.2; Phillips et al. 2013).

Additional specimens examined: **China:** YunNan Province, HongHe Region, PingBian County (GPS 23°05'36"N, 103°31'52"E), from twigs of one *E. globulus* tree, 13 November 2014, S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li, fruiting structures induced on needles of *Pinus* sp. on water agar (HMAS255721, culture CSF5721 = CGMC C3.20075); YunNan Province, HongHe Region, PingBian County (GPS 23°05'36"N, 103°31'52"E), from twigs of one *E. globulus* tree, 13 November 2014, S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li (culture CSF5722); YunNan Province, HongHe Region, MengZi County (GPS 23°12'24"N, 103°30'58"E), from twigs of one *Eucalyptus* tree, 14 November 2014, S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li (culture CSF5840).

***Neofusicoccum magniconidium* G.Q. Li & S.F. Chen, sp. nov.**



Fig. 7 *Neofusicoccum magniconidium*. **a**. Conidiomata formed on pine needle culture; **b**. Longitudinal section through conidioma; **c, d**. Conidiogenous cells and developing conidia; **e**. Conidia; **f**. Living culture after 10 d on 2% MEA (front). Scale bars: a = 500 µm; b = 100 µm; c–e = 10 µm; f = 1 cm

MycoBank MB834104. (Fig. 7).

Etymology: Name refers to the exceptionally large conidia in this species.

Diagnosis: *Neofusicoccum magniconidium* is phylogenetically closely related to *N. ningerense* and *N. macroclavatum*. Its conidia are smaller than those of *N. macroclavatum* and conidia have not been observed in *N. ningerense*. *Neofusicoccum magniconidium* grows optimally at 25 °C, which is different to *N. ningerense* that grows best at 30 °C.

Type: **China:** YunNan Province, HongHe Region, PingBian County (GPS 23°08'02"N, 103°32'29"E), from twigs of one *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* tree, 14 November 2014, S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li, fruiting structures induced on needles of *Pinus* sp. on water agar (HMAS255722 – holotype, CSF5876 = CGMCC3.20077 – ex-type culture).

Description: Sexual state unknown. Conidiomata pycnidial, produced on pine needles on WA medium within 4–6 wk., globose to ovoid, dark brown to black, up to 1224 µm wide, 774 µm high, embedded in needle tissue, semi-immersed to superficial, unilocular, with a central ostiole. Conidiophores reduced to conidiogenous cells. Conidiogenous cells holoblastic, discrete, hyaline, cylindrical to lageniform, phialidic with periclinal thickening, (8.5–)10–14.5(–16.5) × 2.5–3.5(–4) µm. Paraphyses not seen. Conidia hyaline, thin-walled, smooth with granular contents, unicellular, aseptate narrowly fusiform, base subtruncate to bluntly rounded, (27–)27.5–30(–34) × (5.5–)6–7.5(–8) µm (av. of 100 conidia 29.1 × 6.7 µm; L/W = 4.3) (Table 5).

Culture characteristics: Colonies on MEA medium with fluffy mycelia, uneven margins and a few cottony aerial mycelia reaching to the lids of Petri plates, mycelial mat appressed, sparse to moderately dense. Colony mycelia initially white, becoming pale mouse grey (15""d) to mouse grey (13""i) at the surface and olivaceous grey (23""b) to iron grey (23""k) at the reverse after 10 d. Optimal growth temperature 25 °C. No growth at 5 °C and 40 °C. After 4 d, colonies at 10 °C, 15 °C, 20 °C, 25 °C, 30 °C and 35 °C reaching 22 mm, 50 mm, 68 mm, 87 mm, 82 mm and 11 mm, respectively.

Host: *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis*.

Distribution: Currently known only from HongHe Region in YunNan Province, China.

Notes — *Neofusicoccum magniconidium* is phylogenetically closely related to *N. ningerense* and *N. macroclavatum*, but conidia (Table 5) of *N. magniconidium* (av. 29.1 × 6.7; L/W = 4.3) are smaller than those of *N. macroclavatum* (av. 30.3 × 7.1, L/W = 4.2; Burgess et al. 2005). *Neofusicoccum ningerense* could not be induced to sporulate in culture. Conidia of *N. macroclavatum* are

occasionally 1–4-septate when mature before germination, and spermatia have been observed in this species (Burgess et al. 2005); characters not observed in *N. magniconidium*.

Additional specimens examined: **China:** YunNan Province, HongHe Region, PingBian County (GPS 23°08'02"N, 103°32'29"E), from twigs on one *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* tree, 14 November 2014, S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li, fruiting structures induced on needles of *Pinus* sp. on water agar (HMAS255723, culture CSF5875 = CGMCC3.20076).

Neofusicoccum ningerense G.Q. Li & S.F. Chen, sp. nov.

MycoBank MB834105. (Fig. 8).

Etymology: Name refers to the NingEr County where the fungus was isolated for the first time.

Diagnosis: *Neofusicoccum ningerense* is closely related to *N. magniconidium*, but differs from the latter species at two bases in each of the ITS, *tub2* and *rpb2* loci. The optimal growth temperature for *N. ningerense* is also different from that of *N. magniconidium*.

Type: **China:** YunNan Province, PuEr Region, NingEr County (GPS 23°05'26"N, 102°02'40"E), from twigs of one *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* tree, 16 November 2014, S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li, dried 30-day-old culture grown on 2% MEA at 25 °C (HMAS255724 – holotype, CSF6028 = CGMCC3.20078 – ex-type culture).

Description: Sexual state unknown. Conidiomata-like structures produced on pine needles on WA medium within 4–6 wk., embedded in needle tissue, unilocular (Fig. 8a–c). No conidiophores, conidiogenous cells or conidia have been observed.

Culture characteristics: Colonies on MEA medium with fluffy mycelia, uneven margins and a few cottony aerial mycelia reaching to the lids of Petri plates, mycelial mat appressed, sparse to moderately dense. Colony mycelia initially white, becoming pale mouse grey (15""d) to mouse grey (13""i) at the surface and olivaceous grey (23""b) to iron grey (23""k) at the reverse after 10 d. Optimal growth temperature is 30 °C, covering the 90 mm plates after 4 d. No growth at 5 °C and 40 °C. After 4 d, colonies at 10 °C, 15 °C, 20 °C, 25 °C, 30 °C and 35 °C reached 23 mm, 53 mm, 69 mm, 88 mm, 90 mm and 10 mm, respectively.

Host: *E. u ropylla* × *E. grandis*.

Distribution: Currently known only from the PuEr Region in YunNan Province, China.

Notes: Only conidiomata were observed in this fungus, and no other asexual structures were observed. Different methods were used in an attempt to induce sporulation but all of these failed. *Neofusicoccum*

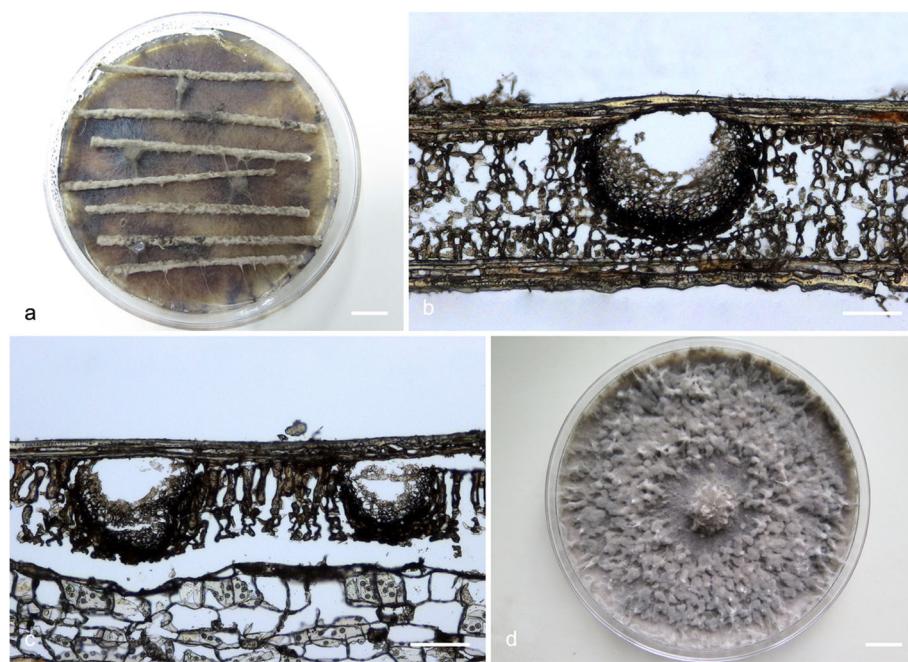


Fig. 8 *Neofusicoccum ningerense*. **a**. WA plate with pine needle to induce sporulation; **b, c**. Longitudinal section through conidiomata-like structure; **d**. Living culture after 10 d on 2% MEA (front). Scale bars: a, d = 1 cm; b, c = 100 µm

ningerense is phylogenetically closely related to *N. magniconidium* (Fig. 4). The optimal growth temperature of *N. ningerense* (30 °C) differs from that of *N. magniconidium* (25 °C).

Additional specimens examined: China: YunNan Province, PuEr Region, NingEr County (GPS 23°05'26"N, 102°02'40"E), 16 November 2014, S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li, from twigs of one *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* tree, dried 30-day-old culture grown on 2% MEA at 25 °C (HMAS255725, culture CSF6030 = CGMCC3.20079).

***Neofusicoccum parviconidium* G.Q. Li & S.F. Chen, sp. nov.**

Mycobank MB834106. (Fig. 9).

Etymology: Name refers to the small conidia in this fungus.

Diagnosis: *Neofusicoccum parviconidium* can be distinguished from other *Neofusicoccum* species by its exceptionally short conidia.

Type: China: YunNan Province, HongHe Region, PingBian County (GPS 23°00'52"N, 103°38'09"E), from twigs of one *Eucalyptus* tree, 13 November 2014, S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li, fruiting structures induced on needles of *Pinus* sp. on water agar (HMAS255726 – holotype, CSF5667 = CGMCC3.20074 – ex-type culture).

Description: Sexual state unknown. Conidiomata pycnidial, produced on pine needles on WA medium within 4–6 wk., globose to ovoid, dark brown to black, up to 604 µm wide, 1205 µm high, embedded in needle tissue, semi-immersed to superficial, unilocular, with a central ostiole. Conidiophores reduced to conidiogenous cells. Conidiogenous cells holoblastic, discrete, hyaline, cylindrical to lageniform, phialidic with periclinal thickening, (5.5–)7–15(–20) × 2–2.5(–3) µm. Paraphyses not seen. Conidia hyaline, thin-walled, smooth with granular contents, unicellular, aseptate ellipsoid to fusoid, base subtruncate to bluntly rounded, (9.5–)10.5–11.5(–12.5) × (4.4–)5–5.5(–6) µm (av. of 100 conidia 10.9 × 5.2 µm; L/W = 2.1) (Table 5).

Culture characteristics: Colonies on MEA medium with fluffy mycelia, uneven margins and a few cottony aerial mycelia reaching to the lids of Petri plates, mycelial mat appressed, sparse to moderately dense. Colony mycelia initially white, becoming smoke grey (21""f) to pale mouse grey (15""d) at the surface and olivaceous (21""k) to iron grey (23""k) at the reverse after 10 d. Optimal growth temperature 30 °C. No growth at 5 °C and 40 °C. After 4 d, colonies at 10 °C, 15 °C, 20 °C, 25 °C, 30 °C and 35 °C reaching 16 mm, 39 mm, 55 mm, 74 mm, 85 mm and 29 mm, respectively.

Host: *Eucalyptus* sp.

Distribution: Currently only known from HongHe Region in YunNan Province, China.

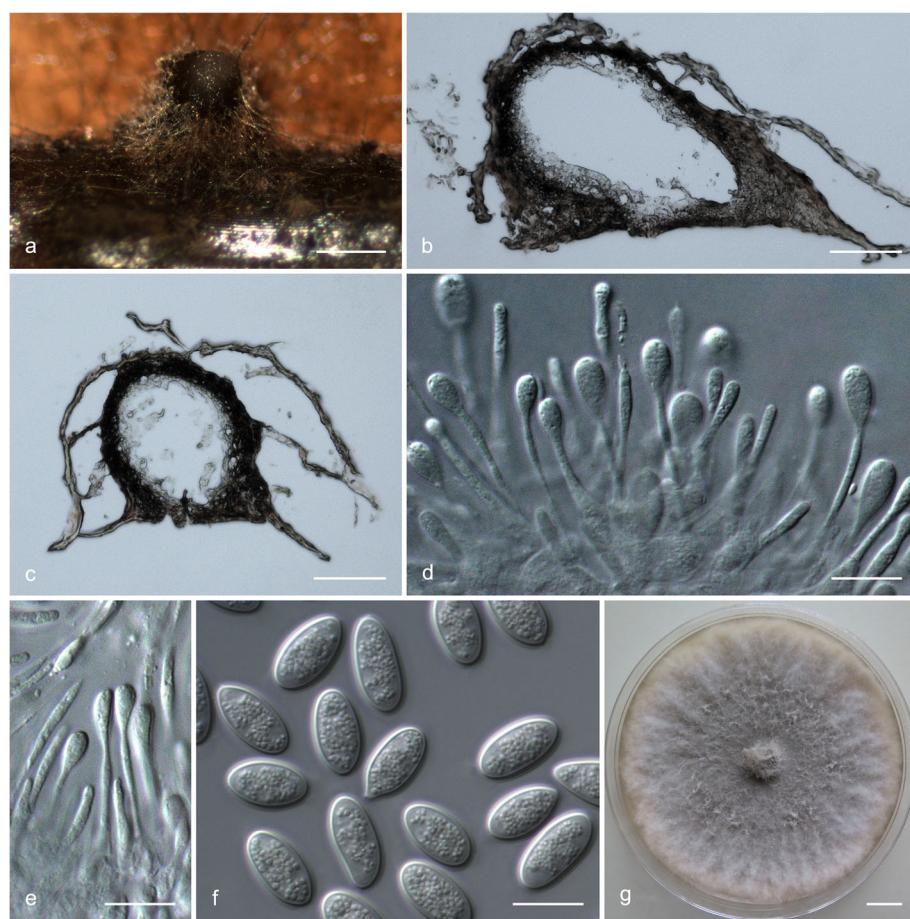


Fig. 9 *Neofusicoccum parviconidium*. **a**, Conidioma formed on pine needle culture; **b, c**, Longitudinal section through conidioma; **d, e**, Conidiogenous cells and developing conidia; **f**, Conidia; **g**, Living culture after 10 d on 2% MEA (front). Scale bars: a = 500 µm; b, c = 100 µm; d–f = 10 µm; g = 1 cm

Notes: *Neofusicoccum parviconidium* is phylogenetically closely related to *N. mangiferae* and *N. microconidium* (Fig. 4), but conidia (Table 5) of *N. parviconidium* (av. 10.9×5.2 ; L/W = 2.1) are smaller than those of *N. mangiferae* (av. 13.6×5.4 ; L/W = 2.0–2.5; Slippers et al. 2005), shorter and wider than those of *N. microconidium* (av. 12.3×5.0 ; L/W = 2.5; Li et al. 2018).

Additional specimens examined: China: YunNan Province, HongHe Region, PingBian County (GPS $23^{\circ}00'52''N$, $103^{\circ}38'09''E$), from twigs on one *Eucalyptus* tree, 13 November 2014, S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li, fruiting structures induced on needles of *Pinus* sp. on water agar (HMAS255727, culture CSF5677 = CGMCC3.20085); YunNan Province, HongHe Region, PingBian County (GPS $23^{\circ}00'52''N$, $103^{\circ}38'09''E$), from twigs of one *Eucalyptus* tree, 13 November 2014, S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li (culture CSF5670); YunNan Province, HongHe Region, PingBian County (GPS $23^{\circ}00'52''N$, $103^{\circ}38'09''E$), from twigs of one *Eucalyptus* tree, 13 November 2014, S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li (culture CSF5681).

Neofusicoccum yunnanense G.Q. Li & S.F. Chen, sp. nov.

Mycobank MB834107. (Fig. 10).

Etymology: Name refers to the YunNan Province where the fungus was isolated for the first time.

Diagnosis: *Neofusicoccum yunnanense* resides in '*N. parvum* / *N. ribis*' complex and has smaller conidia than its closest relatives, *N. algeriense*, *N. dianense*, *N. italium* and *N. parvum*, yet longer than those of *N. hongkongense*. *Neofusicoccum yunnanense* grew optimally at 30°C , which is different from that of *N. algeriense* (25°C), *N. dianense* (25°C) and *N. hongkongense* (25°C). Data for growth in culture are not available for *N. italium* or *N. parvum*.

Type: China: YunNan Province, ChuXiong Region, LuFeng County (GPS $25^{\circ}03'12''N$, $101^{\circ}46'29''E$), from twigs of one *E. globulus* tree, 19 November 2014, S.F.

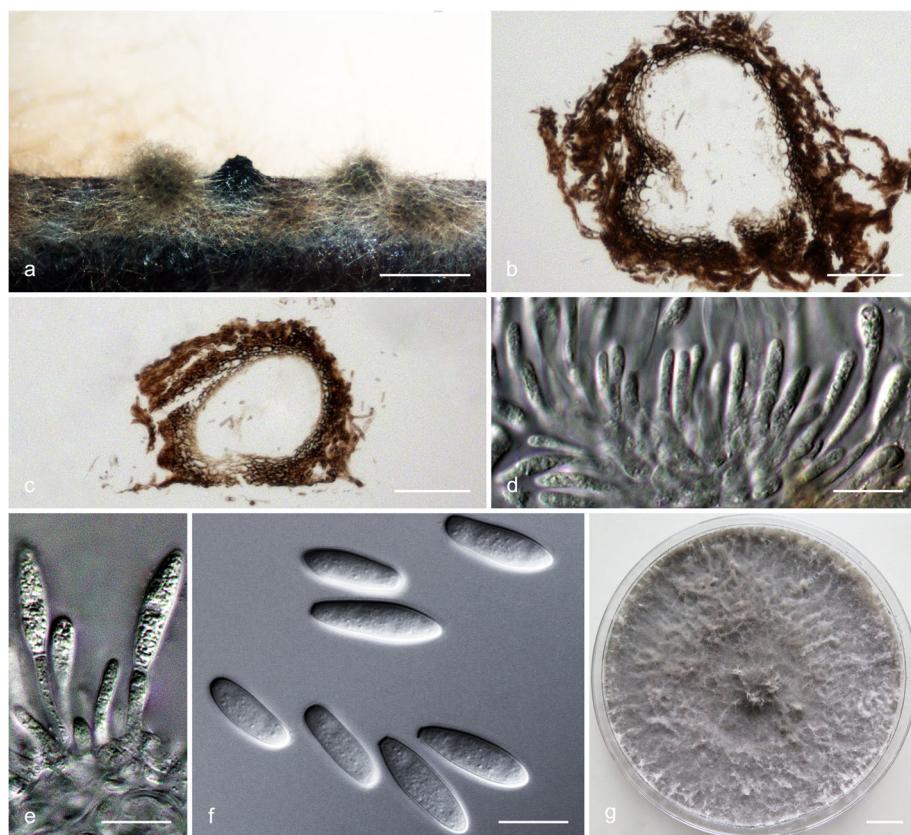


Fig. 10 *Neofusicoccum yunnanense*. **a**, Conidiomata formed on pine needle culture; **b, c**, Longitudinal section through conidioma; **d, e**, Conidiogenous cells and developing conidia; **f**, Conidia; **g**, Living culture after 10 d on 2% MEA (front). Scale bars: a = 500 µm; b, c = 100 µm; d–f = 10 µm; g = 1 cm

Chen & G.Q. Li, fruiting structures induced on needles of *Pinus* sp. on water agar (HMAS255728 – holotype, CSF6142 = CGMCC3.20083 – ex-type culture).

Description: Sexual state unknown. Conidiomata pycnidial, produced on pine needles on WA medium within 4–6 wk., globose to ovoid, dark brown to black, up to 982 µm wide, 549 µm high, embedded in needle tissue, semi-immersed to superficial, unilocular, with a central ostiole. Conidiophores reduced to conidiogenous cells. Conidiogenous cells holoblastic, discrete, hyaline, cylindrical to lageniform, phialidic with periclinal thickening, (10.5–)11–15(–18.5) × (1.5–)2–2.5(–3) µm. Paraphyses not seen. Conidia hyaline, thin-walled, smooth with granular contents, unicellular, aseptate narrowly fusiform, base subtruncate to bluntly rounded, (13–)13.5–17.5(–20) × (3.5–)4–4.5(–5) µm (av. of 100 conidia 15.6 × 4.4 µm; L/W = 3.5) (Table 5).

Culture characteristics: Colonies on MEA medium with fluffy mycelia, uneven margins and a few cottony aerial mycelia reaching the lids of Petri plates, mycelial mats appressed and sparse to moderately dense. Colony mycelia initially white, becoming pale mouse grey (15”“d) to mouse grey (13”“i) at the

surface and olivaceous grey (23”“b) to iron grey (23”“k) at the reverse after 10 d. Optimal growth temperature 30 °C, covering the 90 mm plates after 4 d. No growth at 5 °C and 40 °C. After 4 d, colonies at 10 °C, 15 °C, 20 °C, 25 °C, 30 °C and 35 °C reaching 13 mm, 42 mm, 64 mm, 86 mm, 90 mm and 16 mm, respectively.

Host: *E. globulus*, *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* and *Eucalyptus* sp.

Distribution: Currently known from ChuXiong, HonHe, KunMing, PuEr, WenShan and YuXi Regions in YunNan Province, China.

Notes: *Neofusicoccum yunnanense* is phylogenetically closely related to *N. algeriense*, *N. dianense*, *N. hongkongense*, *N. italium* and *N. parvum* (Fig. 4). Conidia of *N. yunnanense* (av. 15.6 × 4.4; L/W = 3.5) are smaller than those of *N. algeriense* (av. 17.6 × 5.6; L/W = 3.1; Berraf-Tebbal et al. 2014), *N. dianense* (av. 18.9 × 5.2; L/W = 3.6), *N. italium* (av. 15.8 × 5.2; L/W = 3.0; Marin-Felix et al. 2017) and *N. parvum* (av. 17.1 × 5.5; L/W = 3.2; Phillips et al. 2013) and longer than those of *N. hongkongense* (av. 14.1 × 4.7; L/W = 3.0; Li et al. 2018).

Additional specimens examined: China: YunNan Province, PuEr Region, NingEr County (GPS 23°05'26"N, 102°02'40"E), from twigs of one *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* tree, 16 November 2014, S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li, fruiting structures induced on needles of *Pinus* sp. on water agar (HMAS255729, culture CSF6034 = CGMC C3.20080); YunNan Province, HongHe Region, PingBian County (GPS 23°04'02"N, 103°36'33"E), from twigs of one *Eucalyptus* tree, 13 November 2014, S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li (culture CSF5686); YunNan Province, KunMing Region, AnNing County (GPS 24°55'02"N, 102°23'41"E), from twigs of one *E. globulus* tree, 19 November 2014, S.F. Chen & G.Q. Li (culture CSF6169).

Distribution of *Botryosphaeriaceae* in YunNan Province

Based on phylogenetic and morphological analyses, eleven species were identified from collections in YunNan Province. Of these, *Neofusicoccum yunnanense* (31.3%) was the most prevalent species, followed by *N. parvum* (25.3%), *B. wangensis* (19.9%), *B. fusispora* (10.8%), *N. parviconidium* (4.8%), *N. dianense* (3.0%), *L. pseudotheobromae* (1.2%), *N. magniconidium* (1.2%), *N. ningerense* (1.2%), *B. puerensis* (0.6%) and *N. kwambonambiense* (0.6%) (Fig. 11b). *Neofusicoccum yunnanense* was detected in all six regions surveyed, *B. wangensis* was found in all regions other than PuEr, *N. parvum* was found in all regions other than ChuXiong, *B. fusispora* was found in the ChuXiong, HongHe, PuEr and YuXi Regions, and the other species were found in one or two regions of YunNan (Fig. 11c).

Sampling sites in this study included four distinct climate types. Samples in ChuXiong (Region A), KunMing (Region B) and WenShan (Region F) Regions were from the northern sub-tropical or central sub-tropical zone; samples in HongHe (Region E), PuEr (Region D) and YuXi (Region C) were from the southern sub-tropical or tropical zone. Four species were detected in all four climate types surveyed and these included *B. fusispora*, *B. wangensis*, *N. parvum* and *N. yunnanense*. The remaining seven species identified in this study were detected in only southern sub-tropical or tropical zone (Fig. 11a, c).

Pathogenicity tests

Based on their ITS, *tef1* and *tub2* genotypes, thirty-six isolates of the *Botryosphaeriaceae* in three genera and representing 11 species were selected for inoculation. Typical lesions were observed on inoculated *Eucalyptus* plants and lesion lengths were recorded one month after inoculation. The results of pathogenicity tests showed that all isolates produced lesions on the test plants, while the controls produced only small zones of wound reaction (Fig. 12, Additional file 1: Figure S1). The inoculated species were re-isolated from the lesions, but never

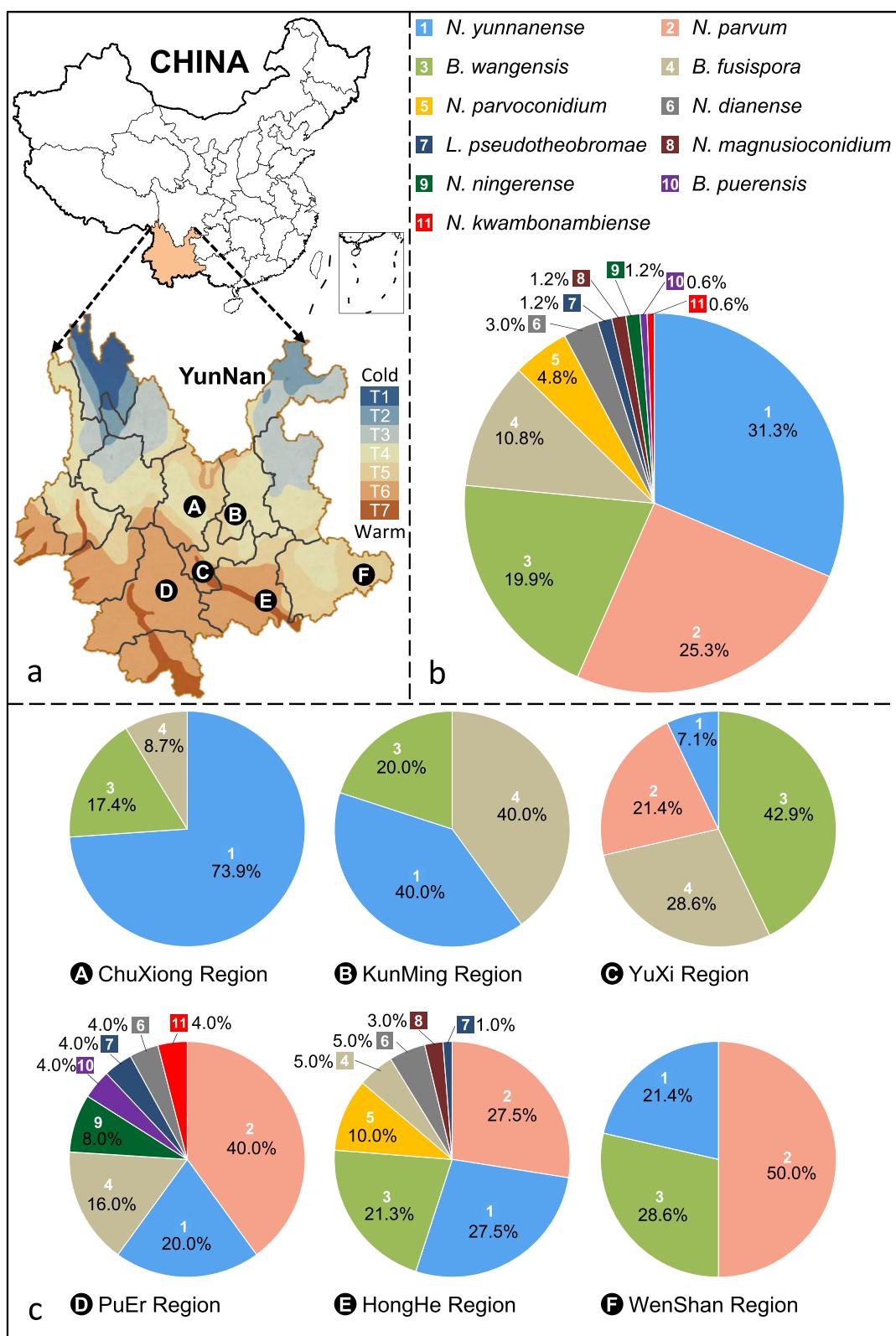
from the negative controls. Consequently, Koch's postulates were fulfilled.

Lesion length data were not normally distributed based on Kolmogorov-Smirnov normality test ($P < 0.05$). All data were consequently transformed (Kolmogorov-Smirnov normality test, $P = 0.2$) by conducting a Rank transformation using the statistical package SPSS v. 20.

On *E. globulus* and *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis*, the shortest lesions were produced by isolate CSF5802 of *L. pseudotheobromae* and isolate CSF6178 of *B. fusispora* (Fig. 12). Results of the one-way ANOVA showed that some isolates produced lesions significantly longer than those caused by isolate CSF5802 on *E. globulus* and isolate CSF6178 on *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* ($P = 0.05$). These isolates included CSF5820 (*B. wangensis*), CSF6050 (*L. pseudotheobromae*), CSF5721 and CSF6075 (*N. dianense*), CSF6037 (*N. kwambonambiense*), CSF5875 (*N. magniconidium*), CSF6028 and CSF6030 (*N. ningerense*), CSF5667, CSF5677 and CSF5681 (*N. parviconidium*), CSF5782 and CSF6038 (*N. parvum*), CSF5706, CSF5974 and CSF6034 (*N. yunnanense*) as shown in Fig. 12. Of these, the most aggressive isolate was CSF6050 (*L. pseudotheobromae*), which produced the longest lesions on *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* (70.80 ± 7.17 mm) and *E. globulus* (58.00 ± 8.34 mm) as shown in Fig. 12.

Results of GLM Univariate Analysis (two-way ANOVA) showed a significant ($P = 0.001$) interaction effect between isolate and host. The analyses also showed that not all isolates of the same species of *Botryosphaeriaceae* reacted in the same manner on the tested *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* clone or *E. globulus* plants. For example, lesions produced by isolate CSF5802 (*L. pseudotheobromae*) on *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* were significantly longer than those on *E. globulus*, while the lesion lengths produced by isolate CSF6050 (*L. pseudotheobromae*) on the two tested *Eucalyptus* genotypes were not significantly different ($P = 0.05$). The results also showed that the pathogenicity of isolates of the same species on the two tested *Eucalyptus* genotypes can be different. For example, lesion lengths produced by isolate CSF5820 (*B. wangensis*) on *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* and *E. globulus* were significantly longer than the other isolates of this species ($P = 0.05$) (Fig. 12). In contrast, lesion lengths produced by all isolates of *B. fusispora* on both *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* and *E. globulus* were not significantly different ($P = 0.05$) from each other (Fig. 12).

For the tested isolates residing in three genera of the *Botryosphaeriaceae*, the overall data showed that species of *Lasiodiplodia* were the most aggressive, followed by those in *Neofusicoccum* (Fig. 12). The overall data also showed that plants of the *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* clone and *E. globulus* seed-derived plants had similar levels of susceptibility to most of the tested isolates (Fig. 12). The exceptions were for isolates CSF5802 (*L.*

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Fig. 11 *Botryosphaeriaceae* species detected from *Eucalyptus* plantations in six regions in YunNan Province. **a.** Sampling regions across different climatic zones. T1: cold highland zone, T2: central temperate zone, T3: southern temperate zone, T4: northern sub-tropical zone, T5: central sub-tropical zone, T6: southern sub-tropical zone, T7: tropical zone; **b.** Prevalence of *Botryosphaeriaceae* species as a percentage of the total isolates in YunNan Province. Different species are represented by numbers with different colours; **c.** Prevalence of *Botryosphaeriaceae* species as a percentage of the total isolates in each of the different sampling regions

pseudotheobromae), CSF5722 (*N. dianense*), CSF6028 (*N. ningerense*), and CSF5974 (*N. yunnanense*), where the lesions were significantly different on the *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* clone and the *E. globulus* plants.

DISCUSSION

In this study, 166 isolates of the *Botryosphaeriaceae* were characterized from *Eucalyptus* plantations in six regions of the YunNan Province. Eleven species residing in the three genera *Botryosphaeria*, *Lasiodiplodia* and *Neofusicoccum* were identified. These included *Botryosphaeria fusispora*, *B. wangensis*, *Lasiodiplodia pseudotheobromae*, *Neofusicoccum kwambonambiense*, *N. parvum*, and six novel species described here as *B. puerensis*, *N. dianense*, *N. magniconidium*, *N. ningerense*, *N. parviconidium* and *N. yunnanense*.

Analysis of multi-gene phylogenetic concordance has emerged as standard practice for species identification in the *Botryosphaeriaceae* (Phillips et al. 2013; Chen et al. 2014a, 2014b; Slippers et al. 2017; Yang et al. 2017; Li et al. 2018; Jayawardena et al. 2019a, 2019b; Phillips et al. 2019). This approach was also essential in the present study to distinguish between closely related species, where we considered the phylogenetic signal for four loci, including ITS, *tef1*, *tub2* and *rpb2*. The most common loci used for species delineation in *Botryosphaeria* are ITS, *tef1* and *tub2* (Phillips et al. 2013; Chen et al. 2014a, 2014b; Osorio et al. 2017; Li et al. 2018) and in *Lasiodiplodia* and *Neofusicoccum* are ITS, *tef1*, *tub2* and *rpb2* (Pavlic et al. 2009a, 2009b; Sakalidis et al. 2011; Cruywagen et al. 2017; Yang et al. 2017; Li et al. 2018; Phillips et al. 2019). These were also the most informative loci for the genera in this study. However, a limitation lies in the fact that there are numerous species for which sequence data are not available for all of these loci.

The majority of the isolates (67%) obtained in this study were species of *Neofusicoccum*. Five of these were previously undescribed taxa and these were found in addition to the well-known species *N. kwambonambiense* and *N. parvum*. Together with the newly described species, *Neofusicoccum* now includes 48 species (Phillips et al. 2013; Yang et al. 2017; Jami et al. 2018; Li et al. 2018).

Neofusicoccum yunnanense was isolated from all six regions in the sub-tropical and tropical zones, suggesting that it has a wide distribution in different climatic zones.

In contrast, the other new species of *Neofusicoccum* (*N. dianense*, *N. magniconidium*, *N. ningerense* and *N. parviconidium*) were all from the southern sub-tropical or tropical zone that has relatively high average temperatures. *Neofusicoccum parvum* was isolated in five sampled regions, while *N. kwambonambiense* was isolated only from PuEr. A previous study has shown that these two species have a wide geographic distribution including areas, with mediterranean and sub-tropical climates worldwide (Sakalidis et al. 2013), and that they have a wide range of hosts (Pavlic et al. 2009a; Phillips et al. 2013; Sakalidis et al. 2013). In China, *N. parvum* has also been reported from a wide range of hosts including *Cupressus funebris* (Li et al. 2010), *Eriobotrya japonica* (Zhai and Zhang 2019), *Eucalyptus* spp. (Chen et al. 2011), *Koelreuteria paniculata* (Fang et al. 2019), *Hevea brasiliensis* (Liu et al. 2017) and *Juglans regia* (Yu et al. 2015) and in these cases, from sub-tropical and tropical zones. *Neofusicoccum kwambonambiense* was first reported from *Syzygium cordatum* (Myrtaceae) in South Africa (Pavlic et al. 2009a). The present study represents the first report of this species associated with *Eucalyptus* and also the *Myrtaceae* in China.

Two new cryptic species (*N. dianense* and *N. yunnanense*) were discovered in the '*N. parvum* / *N. ribis*' complex based on concordance in the phylogenetic analyses of the ITS, *tef1*, *tub2* and *rpb2* datasets in this study. Cryptic species are defined as two or more distinct species often treated as a single species because they are at least superficially indistinguishable based on their morphology (Bickford et al. 2007). The use of multi-locus phylogenetic concordance has revealed numerous cryptic species in the *Botryosphaeriaceae* in recent years (Alves et al. 2008; Pavlic et al. 2009b; Phillips et al. 2013; Slippers et al. 2014, 2017; Yang et al. 2017). This is especially true in the '*N. parvum* / *N. ribis*' complex, where six cryptic species with similar conidia have been distinguished based on multi-gene analyses (Pavlic et al. 2009a; Sakalidis et al. 2011; Li et al. 2018). Amongst the three new *Neofusicoccum* species (*N. magniconidium*, *N. ningerense* and *N. parviconidium*) discovered in the present study and that reside in the '*N. parvum* / *N. ribis*' complex, *N. parviconidium*, like *N. microconidium*, have relatively small conidia compared to other species in the genus. *Neofusicoccum magniconidium* has larger conidia in comparison with those of *N. macroclavatum*, and it is phylogenetically most closely related to *N. macroclavatum*, and *N. ningerense*, the latter of

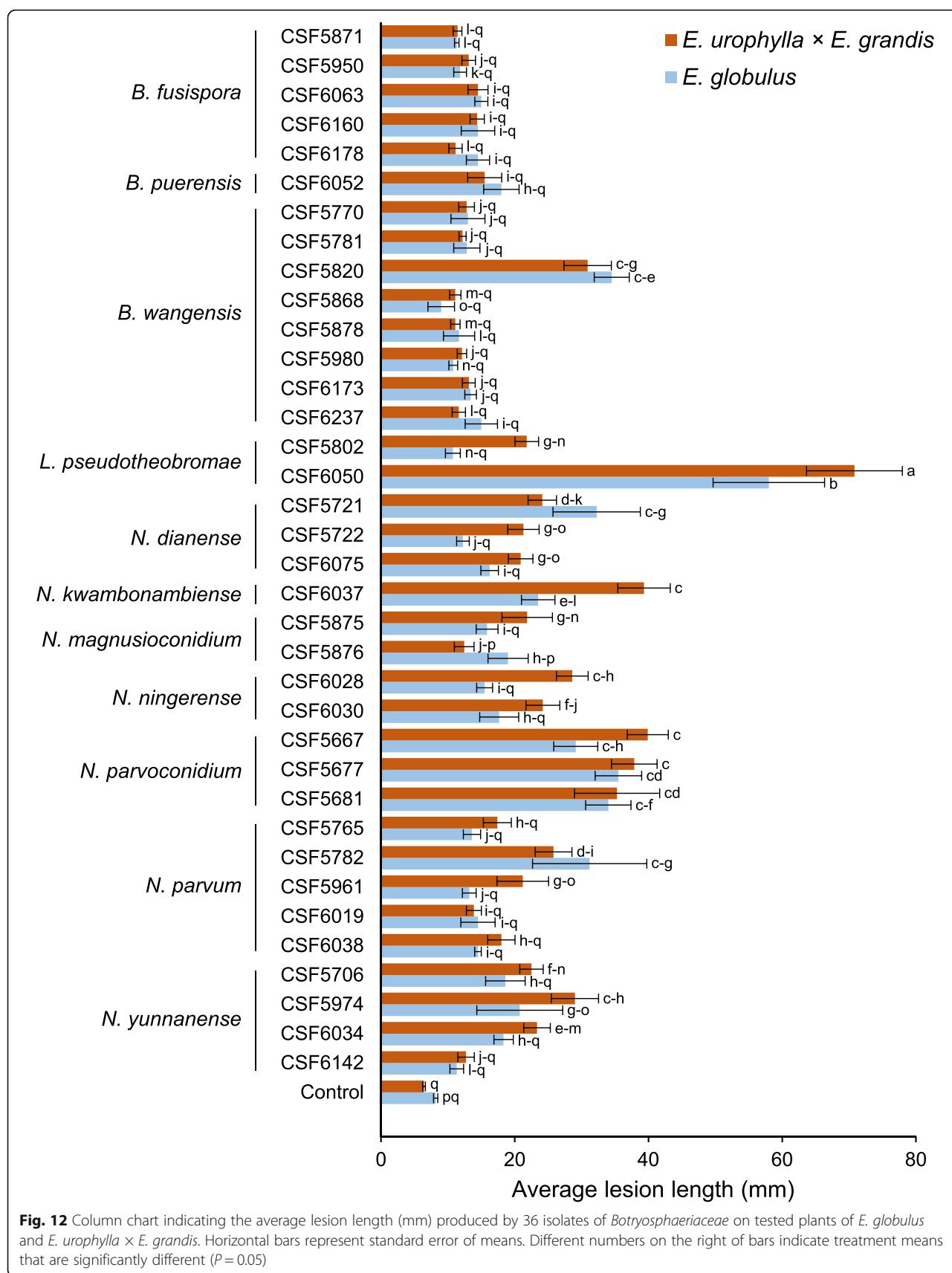


Fig. 12 Column chart indicating the average lesion length (mm) produced by 36 isolates of *Botryosphaeriaceae* on tested plants of *E. globulus* and *E. urophylla × E. grandis*. Horizontal bars represent standard error of means. Different numbers on the right of bars indicate treatment means that are significantly different ($P = 0.05$)

which failed to produce fruiting structures. These newly described species, together with other species in the '*N. parvum* / *N. ribis*' complex, makes this one of the most widespread 'lineages' in the *Botryosphaeriaceae*.

When our results are consolidated with those from previous studies (Chen et al. 2011; Li et al. 2018), a total of nine species of *Neofusicoccum* have been identified from *Eucalyptus* plantations in China. These include *N. dianense*, *N. kwambonambiense*, *N. magniconidium*, *N. microconidium*, *N. ningerense*, *N. parviconidium*, *N. parvum*, *N. sinoeucalypti* and *N. yunnanense*. Seven of these nine species were first described from or are known only from China on *Eucalyptus* in plantations. The exceptions are *N. parvum* and *N. kwambonambiense* (Chen et al. 2011, Li et al. 2018). These results suggest an unusually high diversity of *Neofusicoccum* species in non-native *Eucalyptus* plantations in China. They could also imply that many additional *Neofusicoccum* species could exist in yet unsampled regions of the country.

A total of 52 isolates were identified as species of *Botryosphaeria*, including *B. fusicpora*, *B. wangensis* and the newly described *B. puerensis* found in this study. The genus *Botryosphaeria* was first introduced in 1863 by Cesati & De Notaris, and 143 species were recorded in this genus up to 1997 (Denman et al. 2000). As is true for most groups in the *Botryosphaeriaceae*, *Botryosphaeria* has been substantially revised in recent years using a combination of DNA sequence and morphological data. The genus now accommodates 16 species for which clear taxonomic descriptions and DNA sequence data are available (Phillips et al. 2013; Slippers et al. 2014; Xu et al. 2015; Ariyawansa et al. 2016; Zhou et al. 2016, 2017; Li et al. 2018).

Many *Botryosphaeria* species occur widespread across a broad climatic environment and on diverse hosts. For example, *Botryosphaeria fusicpora* was first described from *Entada* sp. in Thailand (Chiang Rai, Doi Tung: tropical zone; Liu et al. 2012), and subsequently in the Fujian, GuangDong and GuangXi Provinces in sub-tropical and tropical zones in China (Li et al. 2018). In the present study, *B. fusicpora* was isolated in four of six sampled regions in the YunNan Province, indicating that this species has a wide distribution in *Eucalyptus* plantations in sub-tropical and tropical zones. *Botryosphaeria wangensis* was known only from *Cedrus deodara* in the HeNan Province in Central China (temperate zone) previously (Li et al. 2018). In contrast, it was detected in five regions (sub-tropical and tropical zones) in YunNan Province in the present study, suggesting that it can also survive at a broad range of temperatures. Many of the other *Botryosphaeria* species previously described occur in more temperate climates, but this is clearly not a characteristic of the genus.

The newly described *B. puerensis* is known from only one isolate. It was clearly separate from all other known species based on phylogenetic analyses of *tef1*, *tub2* and *rpb2* datasets. Obvious morphological differences were also observed between *B. puerensis* and its closest known sister species. While we recognise that it is preferable to describe new species based on more than one isolate or specimen (Seifert and Rossman 2010), we chose to describe this species because it was well defined and this is not unprecedented in studies of the *Botryosphaeriaceae* (e.g. Slippers et al. 2014; Yang et al. 2017; Zhang et al. 2017).

Lasiodiplodia pseudotheobromae was identified from *Eucalyptus* plantations in PuEr and HongHe Regions (tropical zone) in YunNan Province. This species has previously been reported from a wide variety of hosts across many different climate zones globally including Brazil (tropical zone) (Netto et al. 2014), China (sub-tropical and tropical zones) (Zhao et al. 2010; Li et al. 2018), Costa Rica and Suriname (tropical zone) (Alves et al. 2008), amongst many others. In China, *L. pseudotheobromae* was first reported in 2010 (Zhao et al. 2010) and recorded from different plant species more recently (Chen et al. 2011; Dissanayake et al. 2015; Li et al. 2015; Tennakoon et al. 2016; Wu et al. 2019). Collectively, these results suggest that *L. pseudotheobromae* is one of the most widespread species in the *Botryosphaeriaceae* globally and it has at least 105 recorded hosts (NCBI Nucleotide Database, 2019). It is a species that might easily be spread amongst regions and can be expected to have an important impact on a wide variety of plant-based industries in a diversity of environments.

Overall, the results of this study suggest that climate influences the distribution of *Botryosphaeriaceae*, even over relatively small distances (560 km across the widest sampling points in this study). This is despite the obvious adaptability to both hosts and temperature ranges that is reflected in their wide geographic distribution across climates worldwide (Slippers and Wingfield 2007; Slippers et al. 2014). Only three species of *Botryosphaeria* and one species of *Lasiodiplodia* were detected in the sub-tropical or tropical zone in YunNan Province, compared to the seven species of *Neofusicoccum*. A greater number of *Botryosphaeriaceae* species were detected in the southern sub-tropical or tropical zone (PuEr and HongHe Regions) than northern sub-tropical or central sub-tropical zone (ChuXiong, KunMing and WenShan Regions), suggesting that climate affects the distribution of species in the *Botryosphaeriaceae*. Relatively few species were detected from YuXi Region in the sub-tropical or tropical zone, which might have been affected by the lower number of samples collected in this region. Factors that probably

affect this species diversity and distribution include climates such as temperature and water, host-associated factors such as species and age of host and the host structures from which isolations are made (Slippers et al. 2017; Velásquez et al. 2018).

All 11 species identified in this study were pathogenic to the *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* hybrid clone and *E. globulus* seed-derived plants. Some of these species could present threats to the *Eucalyptus* industry. One isolate of *L. pseudotheobromae* produced significantly longer lesions than those of other genera of *Botryosphaeriaceae* on the tested *Eucalyptus* genotypes, which is consistent with the results of previous studies (Pérez et al. 2010; Chen et al. 2011; Li et al. 2018). With the exception of one isolate, isolates of the *Botryosphaeria* spp. produced the smallest lesions in the pathogenicity tests; a result similar to that of previous studies (Li et al. 2018). The species of *Neofusicoccum* were also pathogenic and produced lesions that were generally larger than those associated with the *Botryosphaeria* species, which is also consistent with the results of previous studies (Mohali et al. 2009; Pérez et al. 2010; Chen et al. 2011; Li et al. 2018). There was also significant variation in aggressiveness between isolates of species, which emphasises that evaluation of pathogenicity linked to *Eucalyptus* breeding trials should include isolates covering a broad range of aggressiveness.

The present study provides foundational data on the diversity, distribution and pathogenicity of the *Botryosphaeriaceae* from *Eucalyptus* plantations in YunNan Province in southwestern China. Together with previous studies (Chen et al. 2011; Li et al. 2015, 2018), the results revealed a high level of *Botryosphaeriaceae* diversity associated with diseased *Eucalyptus* in the sampled plantations. Special attention should be afforded in future monitoring, to species with wide distributions and high levels of aggressiveness to species of *Eucalyptus*.

CONCLUSIONS

This study provides important new data regarding on the diversity, distribution and pathogenicity of the *Botryosphaeriaceae* from *Eucalyptus* plantations in YunNan Province in southwestern China. Results revealed a high level of *Botryosphaeriaceae* diversity associated with diseased *Eucalyptus* in the sampled plantations. Species diversity and composition changed across the different climatic zones, despite their relatively close proximity and the fact that some of the species have a global distribution. All the *Botryosphaeriaceae* species were pathogenic to tested one-year-old *Eucalyptus* plants, but showed significant inter- and intra-species variation in aggressiveness amongst isolates. Future tree disease monitoring

should consider *Botryosphaeriaceae* species with wide distributions and high levels of aggressiveness to species of *Eucalyptus*. The study also provides a foundation for monitoring and management of *Botryosphaeriaceae* through selection and breeding of *Eucalyptus* in the YunNan Province in southwestern China.

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Additional file 1: Figure S1. Symptoms observed on *E. globulus* and *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* one month after inoculation. **a, b.** lesion produced on *E. globulus* by isolates (a) CSF6050 (*L. pseudotheobromae*) and (b) CSF5667 (*N. parviconidium*). **c.** negative control showing the absence of lesion development on *E. globulus*; **d–k.** lesion produced on *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis* by isolates (d) CSF5871 (*B. fusicpora*), (e) CSF5820 (*B. wangensis*), (f) CSF5721 (*N. dianense*), (g) CSF5876 (*N. magniconidium*), (h) CSF6028 (*N. ningerense*), (i) CSF5667 (*N. parviconidium*), (j) CSF5782 (*N. parvum*), and (k) CSF5974 (*N. yunnanense*); **l.** negative control showing the absence of lesion development on *E. urophylla* × *E. grandis*.

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