

Taxonomic assignment of endophytic isolate E14504F

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Introduction

This is the script used to build a tree for Nneoma's fungus and assign its taxonomy.

I started by rolling through the databases from the recent review <http://jcm.asm.org/content/55/4/1011.full> to check if any would be useful for this project.

- BOLD systems http://v4.boldsystems.org/index.php/IDS_OpenIdEngine only have ITS identification.
- Looks like this is a good place for morphological features <https://aftol.umn.edu/> and can even make a nexus file to include in the tree – but aftol has been lost? (goes to godaddy website...)
- BROAD doesn't have an identification portal
- EZBioCloud doesn't have a fungal id section
- FungiDB is just genomics
- UNITE is just ITS
- IndexFungorum doesn't have an id search (but could be useful for morphology)
- CBS can be searched directly for LSU and there are lots of good hits. However, I'd rather find a paper that has gone through the effort of identifying isolates with multiple loci
- SILVA has an LSU search <https://www.arb-silva.de/>
- Identity: 43.61, LCA tax SILVA: None
- SSU Iden: 99.37, LCA tax. SILVA: None
- RDP <http://rdp.cme.msu.edu/classifier/>
- E14504F-LSU Root(100%) Fungi(100%) Basidiomycota(100%) Agaricomycetes(100%) Cantharellales(100%) Ceratobasidiaceae(100%) Thanatephorus(100%)

The RDP result is strong, with 100% confidence in the genus *Thanatephorus*. The CBS searches also found organisms of either *Thanatephorus* (telomorph) or *Rhizoctonia* (anamorph). This will very likely be the genus to which E14504F belongs. In addition, Nneoma and I found a few papers that deal with isolates of *Rhizoctonia*/*Thanatephorus*:

- [Gonzalez et al.] has a bunch of *Thanatephorus* isolates with genbank accession numbers for ITS and 28S, but nothing outside the genus (which is necessary to demonstrate the circumscription in this case).
- [Tupac Otero et al.] just have ITS and have several genera that were isolated from orchids. It's more orchid-centric than fungus-centric.
- [López-Chávez et al.] defines a *Thanatephorus* isolate using ITS alone. The tree shows weak node support separating *Thanatephorus* from *Ceratobasidium*, but clearly their isolate is closest to a *Thana*.
- [González et al.] does a really nice job of creating a multi-locus tree. This should be the model going forward.

Methods

I converted the table of genbank accession numbers from [González et al.] to a google spreadsheet.

```
# Load table into dataframe
sheet <- gs_title("E14504F")

## Sheet successfully identified: "E14504F"

x <- gs_read(sheet)

## Accessing worksheet titled 'Sheet1'.
## Parsed with column specification:
## cols(
##   Name = col_character(),
##   `Voucher ID` = col_character(),
##   Host = col_character(),
##   `Geographic Origin` = col_character(),
##   ITS = col_character(),
##   SSU = col_character(),
##   LSU = col_character(),
##   RPB1 = col_character(),
##   RPB2 = col_character(),
##   TEF1 = col_character(),
##   ATP6 = col_character(),
##   Reference = col_character(),
##   Notes = col_character()
## )

# Convert hyphen-only columns to NA
x <- data.frame(apply(x, 2, function(x) gsub("^-$", NA, x)), as.is = TRUE)

# Take in a character vector of genbank accession numbers and return a fasta file in ape format
RetrieveSequences <- function(charvec){
  try({
    string <- entrez_fetch(db = "nucleotide", id = charvec, rettype = "fasta")
    lsu <- unlist(strsplit(string, split = "\n"))
    temp <- tempfile()
    write(lsu, temp)
    lsu <- ape::read.dna(temp, format = "fasta")
    return(lsu)
  }, silent = TRUE)
}

# Retrieve all sequence into a list
loci <- colnames(x[,5:11])
fastas <- list()
for (i in loci) {
  fastas[[i]] <- RetrieveSequences(x[,grep(i, colnames(x))])
}
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}
# Remove those without any sequences
fastas <- fastas[-(which(sapply(fastas, class) == "try-error"))]

```

Here are the files that Nneoma created using the Staden package (pregap & gap). As soon as these have genbank accession numbers I'll add them to the table so that they can be pulled with the other sequences from the table.

```

# Read in Nneoma's files
lsu <- read.dna(file = "~/Dropbox/Rainforest project/E14504F sequences/E14504F LSU FULL.fasta")
# rpb1 <- read.dna(file = "~/Dropbox/Rainforest project/E14504F sequences/E14504 RPB1.fasta")
rpb2 <- read.dna(file = "~/Dropbox/Rainforest project/E14504F sequences/E14504F RPB2.fasta", f
# ssu <- read.dna(file = "~/Dropbox/Rainforest project/E14504F sequences/E14504F SSU ver2.fasta")
tef1 <- read.dna(file = "~/Dropbox/Rainforest project/E14504F sequences/E14504F TEF1.fasta", f

# Align sequences
alns <- lapply(fastas, ape::muscle)

```

Results and Discussion

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