

# Phylogenomic reassessment of *Cyttaria* Berk.

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## Introduction

*Cyttaria* Berk., is an enigmatic genus of *Ascomycota*, the species of which are obligately associated with southern beech trees (*Nothofagaceae*)<sup>1</sup>. These fungi have been a biological wonder since Charles Darwin first brought back a specimen collected from Tierra del Fuego during the expedition of the Beagle. *Cyttaria* exhibit a Gondwanan distribution, limited to *Nothofagaceae* hosts in the temperate forests of southern South America, Australia, and New Zealand. It has been thought their symbiosis represents long-term coevolution with their hosts<sup>2</sup>. Here we sequenced the genomes of 26 specimens representing 11 species and investigate cophylogenetic patterns between *Cyttaria* and their *Nothofagaceae* hosts to reevaluate past studies, and to enable future work in the ecology and evolution of *Cyttaria*.

## Methodology

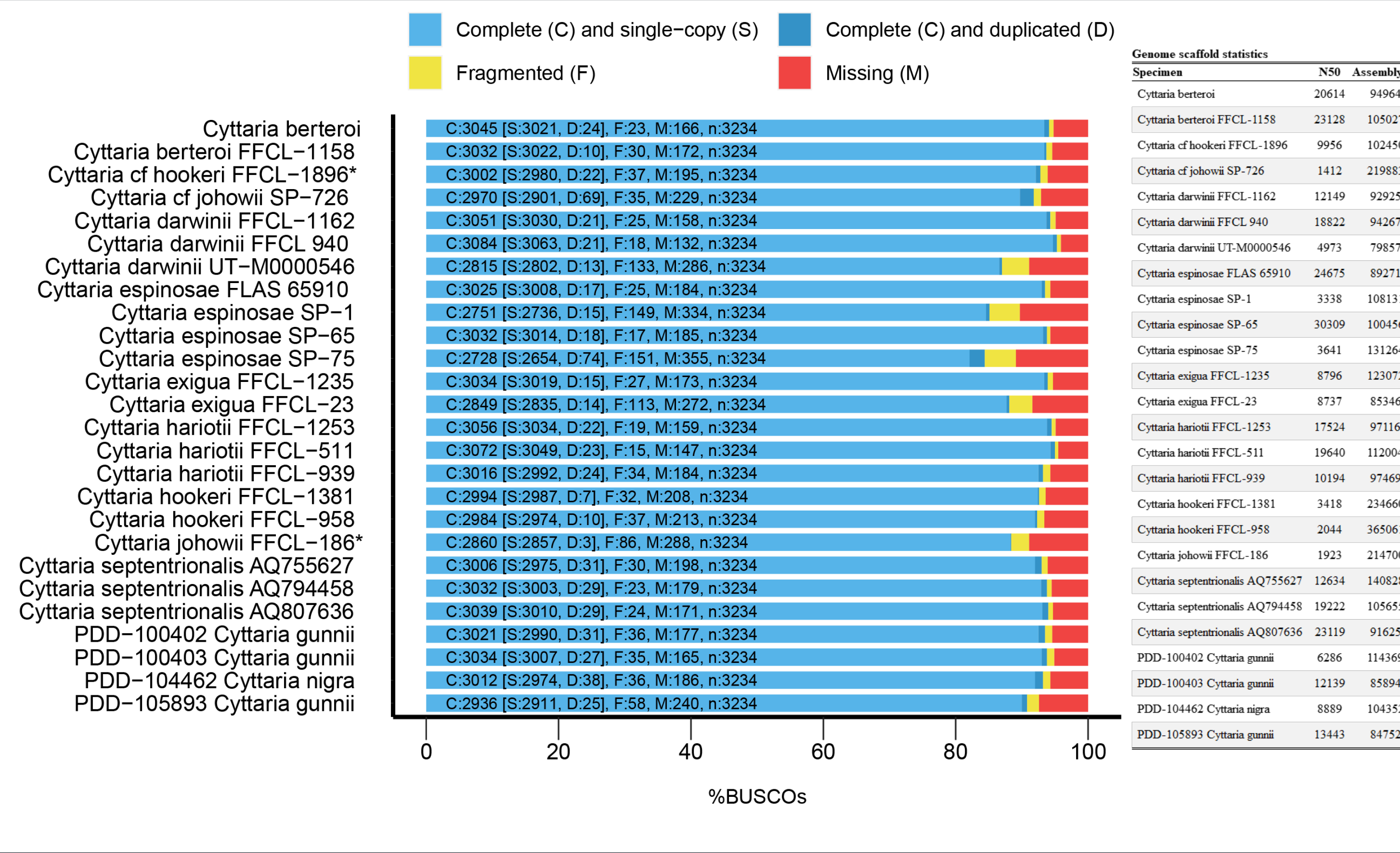
### Phylogenetic analysis

3173 single copy BUSCO<sup>3</sup> genes conserved across *Leotiomyces* were used for phylogenomic analysis. Tree topology was determined using weighted-hybrid ASTRAL<sup>4</sup> analysis of individual ML gene trees, branch lengths were then estimated using IQ-TREE 2 with automatic model finder<sup>5,6</sup>.

### Cophylogenetic analysis

Quantitative cophylogenetic analysis was performed using our *Cyttaria* species tree and an existing phylogeny of *Nothofagus*<sup>7</sup>. A procrustean approach implemented through the R package *paco*<sup>8</sup> was used under the “quasiswap” model algorithm and the parameters symmetric =T and nperm = 1000.

## BUSCO and Genome Assessment



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# *Cyttaria* Berk. exhibits significant cophylogenetic relationships with their *Nothofagus* hosts

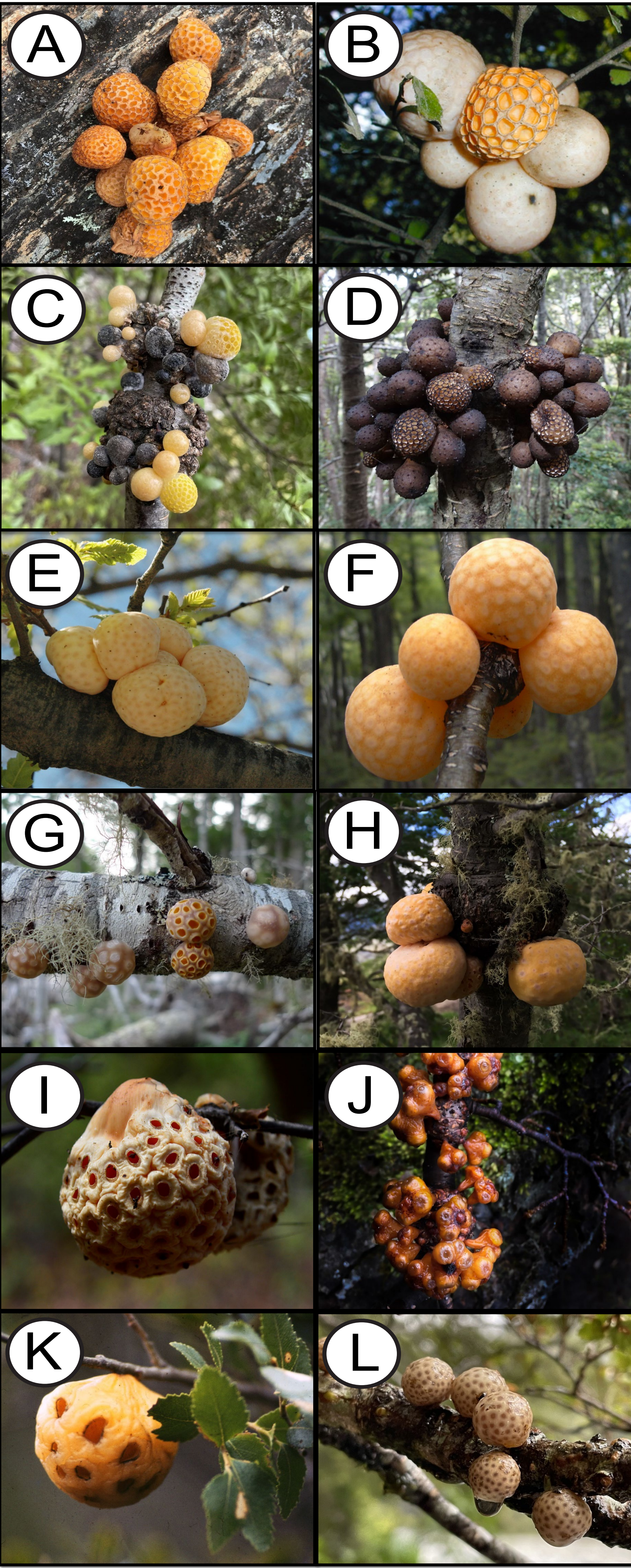
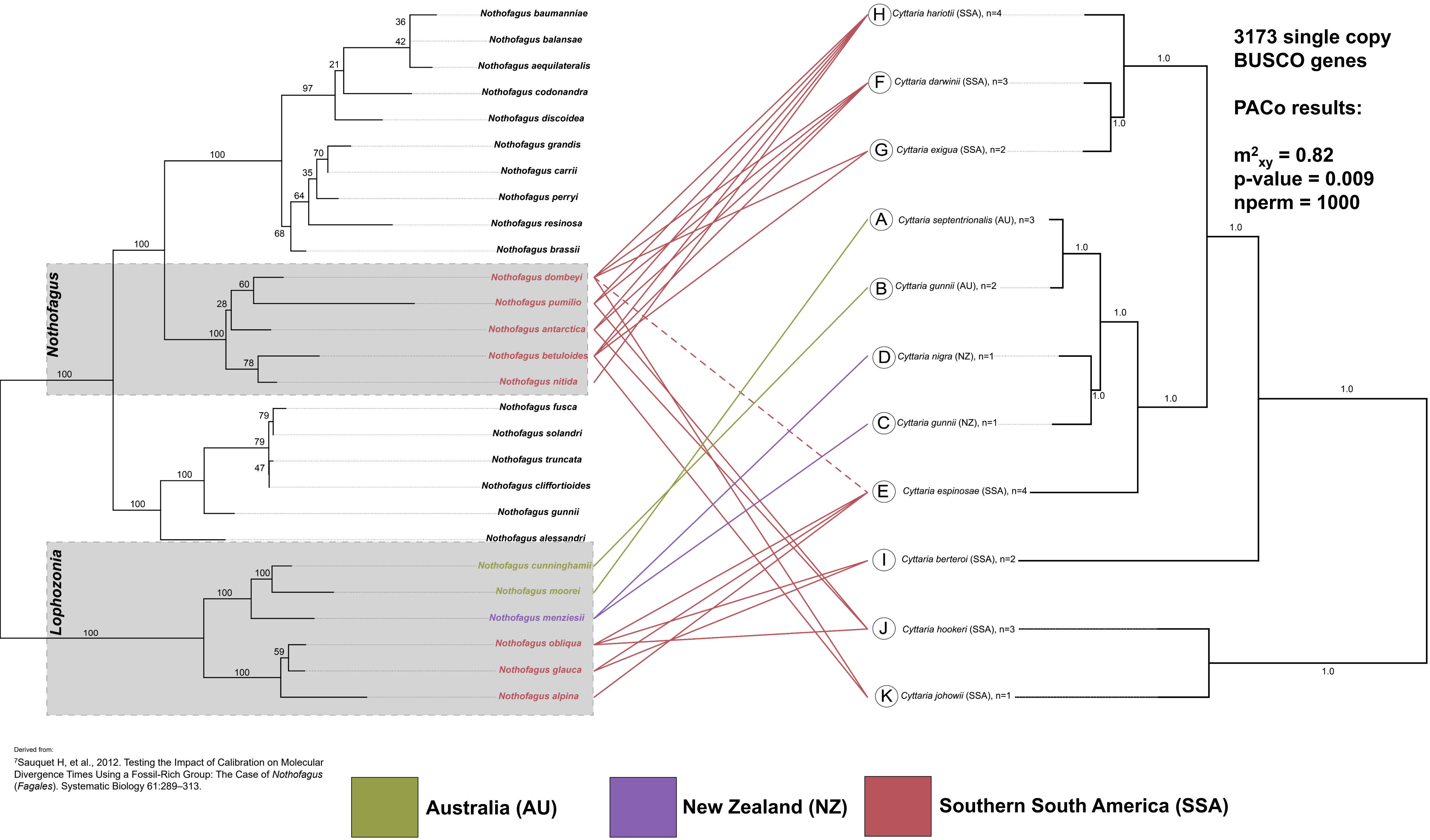


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