

1 **Detection of oat crown rust disease in Taiwan (2019-
2 2021)**

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19 **Abstract**

20 Oat is a minor forage crop grown in Taiwan. Only a few historical records of oat
21 rust disease have been reported in the country, therefore the pathogen
22 population remains poorly characterized. A rust-like disease outbreak was
23 detected at the Experimental Farm of National Taiwan University in 2019, which
24 caused significant damage to the field experiments. To determine the identity of
25 the pathogen responsible for this disease outbreak, we collected infected foliar
26 material. Disease signs suggested infection by the oat crown rust fungus.
27 Hence, common procedures in rust pathology were applied to confirm the
28 identity of the pathogen with phenotypic and molecular diagnostic techniques.
29 A total of 50 field samples from infected oat cultivars were collected in 2019 and
30 five rust isolates were purified in 2020 and 2021. Phylogenetic analysis based
31 on ITS sequences indicated that the pathogen was likely *Puccinia coronata* f.
32 sp. *avenae* (*Pca*), which was further supported by the placement of Taiwanese
33 isolate NTU-01 with other *Pca* representatives in a phylogenetic tree of
34 Basidiomycete fungi. Phenotyping assays across 36 oat differential lines
35 demonstrated that Taiwanese isolates are phenotypically similar with relatively
36 limited virulence. This study presents the first molecular confirmation of *Pca* in
37 Taiwan and reports the virulence profiles of Taiwanese *Pca* population.

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40 **Introduction**

41 Oat (*Avena sativa* L.) ranks as the seventh largest cereal in the world in terms
42 of grain production and cultivated surface (FAOSTAT, 2022). Oat has desirable
43 health benefits in both human food and as forage for rumen (Butt et al. 2008;
44 Coblenz et al. 2013; Contreras-Govea and Albrecht 2006). The most significant
45 foliar disease of oat worldwide is crown rust (Nazareno et al. 2018). Oat crown
46 rust disease is caused by the Basidiomycete biotrophic fungus *Puccinia*
47 *coronata* f. sp. *avenae* (*Pca*), which can cause grain yield losses between 10
48 to 40% and total loss in severe epidemics (Nazareno et al. 2018). *Pca* also
49 reduces the forage dry matter yield and quality (Andrzejewska et al. 2019). The
50 life cycle of *Pca* is heterocious, with asexual reproduction occurring on oat and
51 the sexual cycle occurring on several species of *Rhamnus* (Nazareno et al.
52 2018). In places where no alternative host is reported, it is often assumed that
53 clonality (asexual reproduction) and somatic mutation drive the evolution of
54 pathogen and the emergence of new strains (Figueroa et al. 2020)
55 The use of resistant varieties is the most economically effective and sustainable
56 approach to control rust diseases (McCallum et al. 2007; Periyannan et al.
57 2017). Like other rust systems, resistance to *Pca* can be classified into race-
58 specific or race-nonspecific categories (Ohm and Shaner 1992; Periyannan et

59 al. 2017). Race-specific resistance, also known as seedling resistance, follows
60 the classical gene-for-gene interaction where immunoreceptors encoded by the
61 resistance genes in the plant (*R*) recognize the avirulence factors (*Avr*) in the
62 pathogen (Dodds 2023; Flor 1970). For oat crown rust, these *R* genes are
63 referred to as *Pc* genes. Race-specific resistance has been largely deployed in
64 rust resistance breeding programs around the globe. However, the lifespan of
65 released oat varieties that carry single *R* genes (*Pc* genes) does not often last
66 longer than five years because of the rapid virulence evolution of *Pca*
67 populations frequent emergence of new virulent strains of the pathogen
68 (Carson 2011; Nazareno et al. 2018). Assignment of races of *Pca* follows
69 scoring of infection types in a set of differential lines where each line is
70 postulated to carry different *Pc* resistance genes (Nazareno et al. 2018).
71 Unfortunately, the oat crown differential set has not been genetically
72 characterized at depth. Across different oat crown rust differential sets,
73 phenotypic and genotypic discrepancies among common lines have been
74 identified, suggesting that race assignments are not always comparable across
75 institutions (Nguyen et al. 2023). Furthermore, other studies highlight the
76 potential redundancy of crown rust resistance genes within oat lines (Hewitt et
77 al. ; Miller et al. 2020).

78 Non-specific race resistance, also known as adult plant resistance (APR) or
79 partial resistance, does not necessarily manifest at the seedling stage and often
80 presents delayed symptom development or low disease severity at adult plant
81 stage (Nazareno et al. 2018). This resistance is more durable but individual loci
82 have smaller effects and varying mechanisms for conferring resistance. Efforts
83 to characterize adult plant resistance and new sources of race-specific
84 resistance and combine them for oat breeding programs are ongoing
85 (Admassu-Yimer et al. 2018; Babiker et al. 2015; Díaz-Lago et al. 2003;
86 Leonard 2002; Nazareno et al. 2022; Nazareno et al. 2018).

87 In Taiwan, oat is a minor crop that is grown for cut-and-carried forage by dairy
88 cattle farmers (Chen and Huang 2021). Although Taiwan is far from the center
89 of origin of oat and oat seed is mostly imported from other countries, wild oat
90 (*Avena fatua* L.) is present in some places across Taiwan (iNaturalistTW 2024).

91 The tropical/subtropical environment of Taiwan requires that spring oat varieties
92 typically grown in temperate regions are sown between October to December
93 and harvested between February and April to avoid heat stress. Since the
94 1980's, oat was grown annually in small parcels at the Experimental Farm of
95 National Taiwan University (NTU) to support the oat breeding program. Larger
96 forage oat field experiments were planted in NTU annually beginning in 2015.

97 In the growing season of 2017 – 2018, we observed rust-like symptoms in the
98 field for the first time, which were followed by a disease outbreak in the season
99 2018 – 2019. While corn and sugarcane rusts have been reported in Taiwan
100 throughout the broader rust research community (Hooker 1985; Hou et al. 1978;
101 Hsieh et al. 1977; Purdy 1985), records of oat rusts did not attract much
102 attention as they were written in Japanese or in Chinese and reported only
103 observation sites and pathogen names (Chen et al. 1980; Sawada 1928, 1943).
104 Given the poor characterization of cereal rusts in Taiwan and the recently
105 emerging need to introduce rust resistance traits into our oat breeding program,
106 we isolated the pathogen from diseased field trials from 2019-2021 and
107 phenotyped 55 rust samples on a set of oat crown rust differential lines. We
108 then verified the identity of the pathogen with phylogenetic trees generated from
109 ITS and whole-genome sequencing data. Here, we confirm through infection
110 assays and phylogenetic analysis that *Pca* is the causal agent of the 2019
111 disease epidemic detected in oat fields on the Experimental Farm of NTU.

112 **Materials and Methods**

113 ***Puccinia coronata f. sp. avenae collection, storage, and microscopy***
114 *Pca* samples were collected in 2019, 2020, and 2021 from the Experimental
115 Farm, College of Bio-resources and Agriculture, NTU (25.01514, 121.54008).

116 In April 2019, 50 samples of rust-infected leaves were collected from 43 oat
117 lines (Supplemental Table 1). Infected leaves were dried at room temperature
118 in an airtight container with desiccant for one week. The 50 dried leaf samples
119 were shipped to the USDA-ARS Cereal Disease Laboratory (CDL), Saint Paul,
120 MN, USA for oat differential line inoculation and virulence testing. In May and
121 June 2020 and February 2021, samples of *Pca* urediniospores were directly
122 collected from infected leaves using gelatin capsules, among which five isolates
123 were purified using standard single-pustule technique (Supplemental Table 1).
124 Urediniospores were dried at room temperature in an airtight container with
125 desiccant for one week. Capsules containing dried urediniospores were stored
126 at -80°C before use. A heat-shock activation at 45°C for 10 minutes (Miller et al.
127 2020) was applied to the -80°C-stored urediniospores prior to the inoculation.
128 For urediniospore morphology observation, fresh urediniospores were sampled
129 from infected leaves and mixed with distilled water for brightfield observation
130 using Olympus System Microscope BX51 (Olympus, Tokyo, Japan).

131 ***Plant materials and growth conditions***

132 A subset of 36 lines from the oat differential set were used for the virulence
133 testing both at the USDA-ARS CDL and NTU (Chong et al. 2000; Nazareno et
134 al. 2018). In addition to the oat differential set, two highly susceptible oat

135 cultivars in Taiwan, Swan and NTU Sel. No.1, were used for the purification and
136 amplification of rust isolates for experiments conducted at NTU.
137 Oat seeds were disinfected with 1% NaClO for five minutes, rinsed by deionized
138 water three times, and then soaked in deionized water at room temperature for
139 16 hours before planting. Six seeds were sowed in the medium of peat moss
140 (pH 5.5, Kekkilä-BVB, Vantaa, Finland) and red soil mixture (1:1) in a 3-inch
141 round pot for *Pca* purification and amplification while seeds were sowed in line
142 in 3-inch square pots for pathogenicity evaluation. Oat seedlings for purification
143 and amplification were treated with 3 mM maleic hydrazide (Sigma-Aldrich, St.
144 Louis, MO, USA) at emergence. Approximately seven to nine days after
145 germination, seedlings reached one- to two-leaf stage were used for inoculation.

146 ***Plant inoculation and pathogenicity evaluation***

147 Pathogenicity evaluation with the 2019 samples was completed at the USDA
148 ARS CDL facility as described by Miller et al. (2021). Bulk inoculation was used
149 for each sample without undergoing single pustule purification. Infection type
150 was scored with the 0-4 scale adapted from Murphy (1935) where scores from
151 0 to 2 indicate resistance and scores from 3 to 4 indicates susceptibility.
152 Pathogen isolation and characterization undertaken in Taiwan followed a similar
153 methodology to characterize isolates collected in 2020 and 2021. The plant

154 inoculation and pathogenicity method used in Taiwan was modified as follows.

155 Fresh urediniospores generated from a single pustule culture were suspended

156 in Isopar M (ExxonMobil, Houston, TX, USA) at 1-mg spores per ml (Cabral and

157 Park 2014). To ensure an even inoculation on the leaves, we used a sprayer

158 (K-3A-05, diameter 0.5 mm, Kinki Factory, Osaka, Japan) to spread the

159 inoculum at a pressure of 12.5 pound per square inch. The sprayer was set 30

160 cm away in parallel to the leaves. After inoculation, the mineral oil was allowed

161 to evaporate for 40 minutes, then the inoculated plants were placed in an

162 opaque plastic box which provided a dark and humid environment (90% relative

163 humidity) at 18-20°C for 16 hours. After 16 hours, the inoculated plants were

164 placed in a greenhouse at 20/16°C. Ten to twelve days after inoculation,

165 infection type was scored based on five leaves per line using a modified Cobb

166 scale from 0 to 4 (Supplemental Table 2) (Cabral and Park 2014; Miller et al.

167 2020; Murphy 1935; Nazareno et al. 2018). Infection types were further

168 converted into 0 and 1 to indicate avirulent (infection types from 0 to 2) and

169 virulent (infection types of 3 and 4) reactions for heatmap visualization using

170 the *pheatmap()* function implemented in R 4.3.1 (R-Core-Team 2023).

171 Manhattan distance was used to cluster similar isolates.

172 **DNA extraction from rust isolates, ITS amplification and phylogenetic**

173 **analysis**

174 The CTAB method (Doyle and Doyle 1990) was used to extract DNA from rust
175 urediniospores for the amplification of the internal transcribed spacer (ITS). We
176 use forward primer ITS-1F (5'-CTTGGTCATTAGAGGAAGTAA-3') and
177 reverse primer ITS4 (5'- TCCTCCGCTTATTGATATGC-3') to amplify ITS
178 (Gardes and Bruns 1993; Manter and Vivanco 2007; White et al. 1990).

179 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) was performed in a solution containing 12.5
180 μ l 2xTaq Master Mix (Protech, Taipei, Taiwan), 1 μ l of each primer at 10 μ M,
181 with 1 μ l DNA and 9.5 μ l ddH₂O added up to 25 μ l with the following program:
182 initial heating of 95°C for 5 minutes, 32 cycles of 95°C for 30 seconds, 55°C for
183 30 seconds, 72°C for 60 seconds, and a final extension at 72°C for 10 minutes.

184 The PCR products were separated by electrophoresis with 2% agarose gel
185 under 110V for 30 minutes. PCR product was purified using GenepHlow™
186 Gel/PCR Kit (DFH300, Geneaid, New Taipei City, Taiwan). The purified PCR
187 products were sequenced by Sanger sequencing (ABI3730, Core Laboratory
188 of Biotechnology, National Taiwan University). The sequencing data were
189 curated using CodonCode Aligner (CodonCode Corporation, Centerville, Ohio,
190 USA) prior to phylogenetic analysis. Seventeen *Puccinia coronata* ITS
191 sequences and two *Puccinia graminis* ITS sequences (Szabo 2006) in addition

192 to one ITS from *Chrysomyxa conituberculata* (Wang et al. 2022) were
193 downloaded from NCBI and were included in the phylogenetic analysis.
194 Phylogenetic analysis was performed using the maximum likelihood method
195 implemented in software Mega X (Kumar et al. 2018) with 5,000 bootstrap. *C.*
196 *conituberculata* was used as the outgroup.

197 ***Whole-genome sequencing and phylogenetic analysis of Taiwanese Pca***
198 ***isolate NTU1***

199 For whole-genome sequencing, genomic DNA was extracted using the
200 Omniprep DNA isolation kit (G-Biosciences, St. Louis, MO, USA) from 20 mg of
201 urediniospores of *Pca* isolate NTU1. DNA concentration was determined using
202 Equalbit 1 × dsDNA HS Assay Kit (Vazyme, Nanjing, China) and a Qubit 3.0
203 Fluorometer (Life Technologies, Singapore) before submission for whole-
204 genome sequencing. DNA sequencing was completed at Azenta Life Sciences
205 (Suzhou, China) with NovaSeq S4, 300 cycles (Illumina, San Diego, CA, USA)
206 to produce 150 bp paired-end reads with 35X target coverage. Read2tree was
207 used to place NTU1 within *Puccinia* (Dylus et al. 2024). Briefly, 1149 marker
208 genes for 52 Basidiomycete species representing 39 genera were downloaded
209 from the Orthologous Matrix (OMA) browser and prepared for use in read2tree
210 (read2tree -- reference) (Altenhoff et al. 2020). Illumina reads from 11 isolates

211 representing seven *Puccinia* species/formae specialis (*P. graminis* f. sp. *avenae*,
212 *P. graminis* f. sp. *tritici*, *P. polysora*, *P. coronata* f. sp. *avenae*, *P. striiformis* f. sp.
213 *tritici*, *P. hordei*, *P. triticina*) and *Melampsora larici-populina* were aligned to the
214 downloaded Basidiomycota marker genes (read2tree --reads) (Supplemental
215 Table 3). Subsequently, the alignments were merged and a phylogenetic tree
216 was constructed (read2tree --merge_all_mappings --tree). Bootstrap values (n
217 = 1000) were added with IQ-TREE v2.2.0.5 (iqtree -m LG -B 1000) (Minh et al.
218 2020). The resulting tree was visualized with iTOL (Letunic and Bork 2021).

219 **Results**

220 ***Collection of P. coronata f. sp. avenae in Taiwan***
221 The signs and symptoms present in oat trials at the Experimental Farm of NTU
222 from 2019 to 2021 and spore morphology suggested that the pathogen was
223 likely *P. coronata* f. sp. *avenae* (*Pca*), the oat crown rust fungus (Fig. 1).
224 Macroscopic signs included yellow-orange sporulation covering primarily
225 leaves (Figure 1A and 1B). This observation aligns with signs of oat crown rust
226 rather than oat stem rust, which is darker orange in color and forms larger
227 oblong pustules on leaves and stems (Martens 1985; Simons 1985). Spores
228 collected from infected plants are circular and approximately 25 μ M in diameter
229 as reported previously for *Pca* urediniospores (Savile 1984).

230 We revived 50 samples from 2019 and 5 samples from 2020-2021 and tested
231 them across 36 oat differential lines routinely used for race assignment at the
232 USDA-ARS CDL (Nazareno et al. 2018). The phenotypes of Taiwanese *Pca*
233 samples collected from 2019-2021 were similar, with six sets of isolates having
234 identical phenotypes across the 36 differential lines (Figure 2). Only 17 of the
235 36 differential lines used showed variation in virulence across isolates, and 11
236 of these lines differed for six or fewer isolates (Pc14, Pc38, Pc39, Pc48, Pc52,
237 Pc54, Pc59, Pc60, Pc61, IAB605Xsel., TAM-O-405) (Figure 2). Most isolates
238 were virulent to Pc36, Pc56, Pc67, Pc96, and Marvelous. Virulence was not
239 detected for 19 lines (Pc40, Pc45, Pc46, Pc50, Pc51, Pc55, Pc57, Pc58, Pc62,
240 Pc63, Pc64, Pc68, Pc91, Pc94, WIX4361-9, Belle, HiFi, Leggett, Stainless).
241 Marvelous is used as a control line for phenotyping in the North America as it
242 consistently displays an extremely susceptible phenotype against crown rust.
243 However, in the infection assays performed in Taiwan for 2020-2021 isolates,
244 the phenotype of Marvelous was borderline, considered avirulent for some
245 isolates and virulent for others. Lines Swan and NTU Sel. No. 1 had a more
246 severe susceptible phenotype when tested in Taiwan, like what was observed
247 for 2019 isolates tested on Marvelous in the USA. Therefore, Swan may be
248 better than Marvelous for use as a susceptible check in tropical and subtropical

249 climates.

250 ***Molecular confirmation of the identity of *P. coronata* f. sp. *avenae****

251 ITS sequences amplified from four Taiwanese rust isolates and published

252 sequences from *Puccinia graminis* and *P. coronata* f. sp. *avenae* were used to

253 generate a phylogenetic tree, with the ITS from *Chrysomyxa contibuerculata*

254 used as a Pucciniomycete outgroup (Szabo 2006; Wang et al. 2022). The four

255 ITS sequences from Taiwanese *Pca* isolates were nearly identical to *P.*

256 *coronata* ITS collected on oat, *Lolium*, and *Rhamnus cathartica*, which

257 correspond to previously described Clade V (representing *Pca*) in *P. coronata*

258 subspecies trees (Liu and Hambleton 2013; Szabo 2006). As further

259 confirmation, whole genome sequencing data for Taiwanese isolate NTU1 was

260 used to place the isolate in a Basidiomycete phylogenetic tree. This phylogeny

261 accurately delineated the major Basidiomycota subdivisions Agaricomycotina,

262 Wallemia, Ustilagomycotina, and Pucciniomycotina with 100% bootstrap

263 support (Figure 4). NTU1 was placed with *Pca* isolates 12SD80, 12NC29, and

264 *Pca*203 with high bootstrap support (100%) (Figure 4). This phylogeny does not

265 place NTU1 with *P. graminis* f. sp. *avenae*, another significant oat rust pathogen.

266 The available genetic evidence suggests *Pca* caused the 2019 oat rust

267 epidemic in Taiwan, showcasing the first robust identification of *Pca* in Taiwan.

268 **Discussion**

269 Rust fungi described as oat pathogens (*Avena* spp.) include oat crown rust (*Pca*)

270 and oat stem rust (*Pga*). Although oat is not known to host other *P. coronata*

271 *formae specialis*, other grass genera such as *Hordeum* (barley), *Lolium*, and

272 *Phalaris* have been reported infected with *Pca* (Liu and Hambleton 2013).

273 Further, the best-described alternate host for *Pca* (*Rhamnus cathartica*) and

274 other *Rhamnus* species host multiple *P. coronata formae specialis*. Because of

275 these overlapping host ranges and complicated subspecies relationships, it is

276 prudent to confirm the identity of rust growing on oat. The macroscopic signs

277 and phylogenetic trees generated from ITS and marker gene sequences

278 confirm that *Pca* as the cause of recent rust epidemics in Taiwan over *Pga* or

279 other *Puccinia* spp. Although rust on oats has been described in Taiwan in the

280 past, previous reports lack the required information to validate the presence of

281 *Pca* specifically (Chen et al. 1980; Sawada 1928, 1943), positioning this

282 publication as the first report of *Pca* with molecular evidence in Taiwan.

283 While the cause of a sudden *Pca* epidemic in Taiwan is not certain, it is possible

284 that warmer conditions across south and eastern Asia reported during the

285 winter 2018/2019 and monsoon cycle facilitated appropriate climatic conditions

286 (e.g., temperature, precipitation) for *Pca* epidemic development (Sato 2019).

287 The oat cropping area in Taiwan declined from 440 hectares in 1982 to 9.64
288 hectares in 2019 (Agriculture 2024), suggesting that the epidemic is not likely
289 to be related to large-scale changes in oat cropping area or practices. However,
290 the authors note that from 2015 oat cultivation area increased on the NTU
291 experimental farm. It is possible that this local increase in susceptible oats
292 enabled the epidemic growth of a small existing *Pca* population in the area.

293 Regardless of what caused the first significant outbreak of *Pca* in Taiwan, oat
294 crown rust was also sampled in 2020 and 2021 and has been observed in
295 subsequent years. *Pca* will likely persist in Taiwan unless conditions that
296 prevent uredinial reproduction (host availability, weather) occur over an
297 extended period to cause local extinction.

298 Compared to *Pca* populations from the USA and Australia, Taiwanese samples
299 collected in 2019 have relatively limited virulence traits (Henningsen et al. 2023;
300 Hewitt et al. 2023; Miller et al. 2020). In the USA, virulence to all resistance
301 sources has been detected (Hewitt et al. 2023), whereas virulence was either
302 absent or rarely detected in the 2019 Taiwan population for all but eight lines.
303 Many of these tested resistance sources have been overcome in Australia at
304 moderate to high frequency as well, with a virulence to a few differential lines
305 being rare (Pc58, Pc59, Pc94, HiFi, Leggett, Stainless, WIX4361-9, Belle, TAM-

306 O-405) or absent (Pc63) like in Taiwan (Henningsen et al. 2023). Given the
307 phenotypic similarity and low virulence of Taiwanese isolates, it is likely that the
308 *Pca* isolates responsible for the epidemic in Taiwan are members of an older,
309 more avirulent race. However, this hypothesis should be examined with whole-
310 genome sequencing of additional Taiwanese isolates, placement in a species-
311 specific phylogenetic tree, and generation of a haplotype phased genome
312 reference.

313 There were some notable differences in phenotyping conducted in the USA
314 (2019 population) as compared to in Taiwan (2020-2021 isolates). For example,
315 virulence for Pc36 and Marvelous were fixed in the 2019 population, however
316 2020-2021 isolates were all avirulent on Pc36 and two of the five were avirulent
317 on Marvelous. These results may accurately reflect the variation between
318 isolates collected across these years. Alternatively, this could arise from
319 systemic biases that complicate comparing phenotyping results across
320 countries and institutions. Individual researchers make biased assessments
321 during visual phenotyping. Germplasm purity is another challenge, as recent
322 work has described genotypic and phenotypic inconsistencies between the
323 same oat differential lines from different seed sources (Nguyen et al. 2023).
324 Further, oat lines with multiple sources of resistance may begin segregating

325 following their initial release, further complicating the interpretation of
326 phenotyping conducted at different institutions (Nguyen et al. 2023). Finally,
327 resistance loci effective against other rust fungi display temperature sensitivity
328 (Adhikari et al. 2000; Gousseau et al. 1985; Niu et al. 2014; Yu et al. 2023).
329 These, among other, factors, may partially explain the differences between
330 2019 assays conducted in the USA and 2020-2021 assays conducted in Taiwan.

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520 **Figure Captions**

521 Figure 1. Photos of infected plant materials from 2021 at the Experimental Farm,
522 National Taiwan University. (A) infected plants in the field. (B) a closer view of
523 sporulating pustules on oat leaves. (C) urediniospores collected from infected
524 tissue examined with microscopy at 400X magnification.

525 Figure 2. Heatmap of virulence phenotypes from 55 *Puccinia coronata* f. sp.
526 *avenae* isolates collected in Taiwan on 36 oat differential lines. Collection year
527 is indicated by the first two numbers of isolate names. Colors indicate virulence
528 (red) or avirulence (yellow). Isolates are clustered by phenotypic similarity.

529 Figure 3. Midpoint rooted phylogenetic tree based on published *Puccinia*

530 *coronata* f. sp. *avenae* (*Pca*) ITS sequences, including *P. graminis* f. sp. *tritici*
531 for comparison and *Chrysomyxa conituberculata* as an outgroup. Taiwanese
532 *Pca* isolates are highlighted with bold text. Tree scale is mean substitutions per
533 site.

534 Figure 4. Midpoint rooted phylogenetic tree of Basidiomycete species from the
535 Orthologous Matrix browser and publicly available rust short read data
536 generated from alignments between 1149 marker genes. The rust isolate from
537 Taiwan is highlighted in yellow. Basidiomycota subdivisions other than
538 Pucciniomycotina (shown with bracket) are collapsed. 1000 bootstraps were
539 performed and branches with 100% support have white circles at their midpoint.
540 Tree scale is mean substitutions per site.

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Figure 1

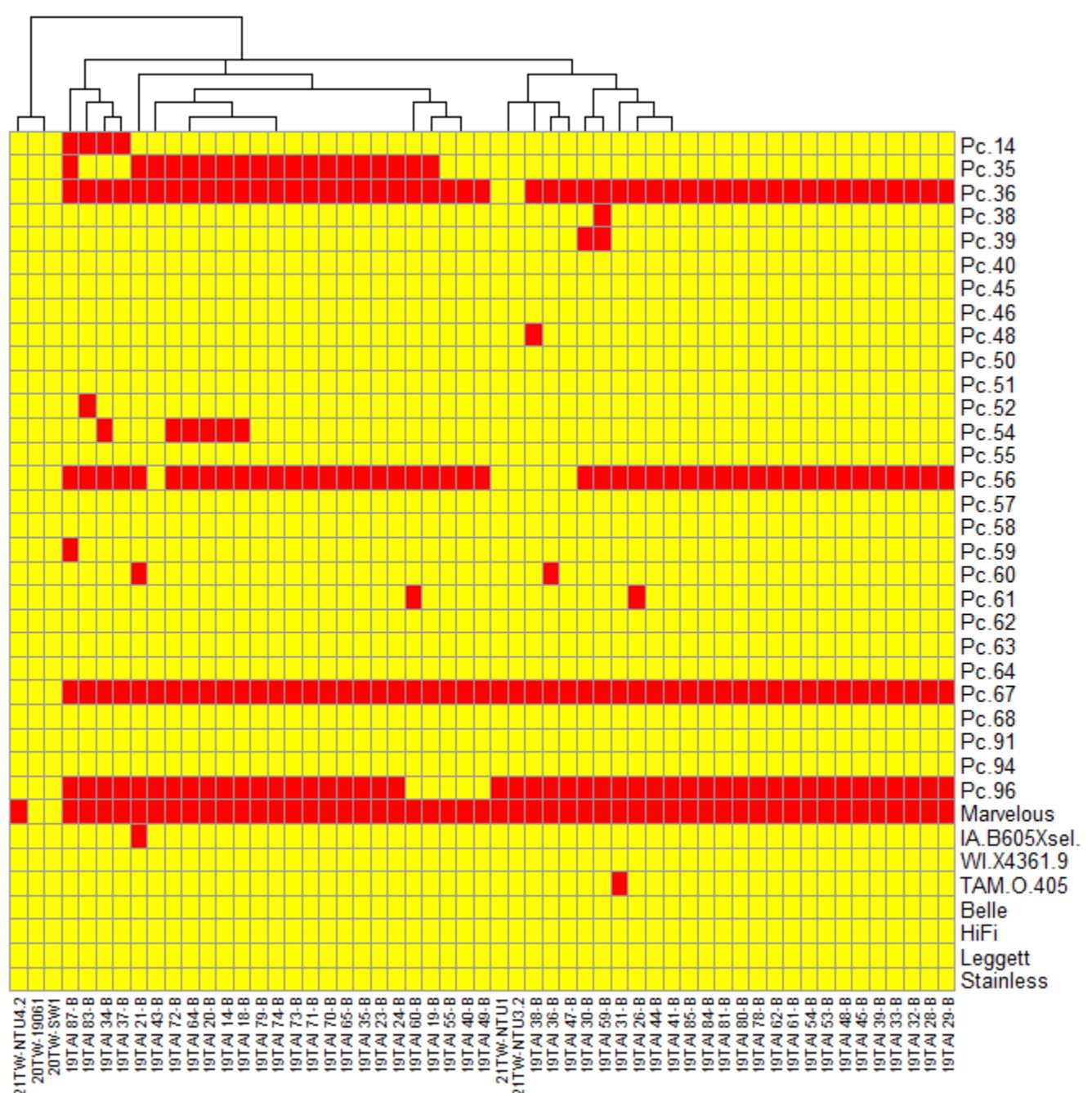


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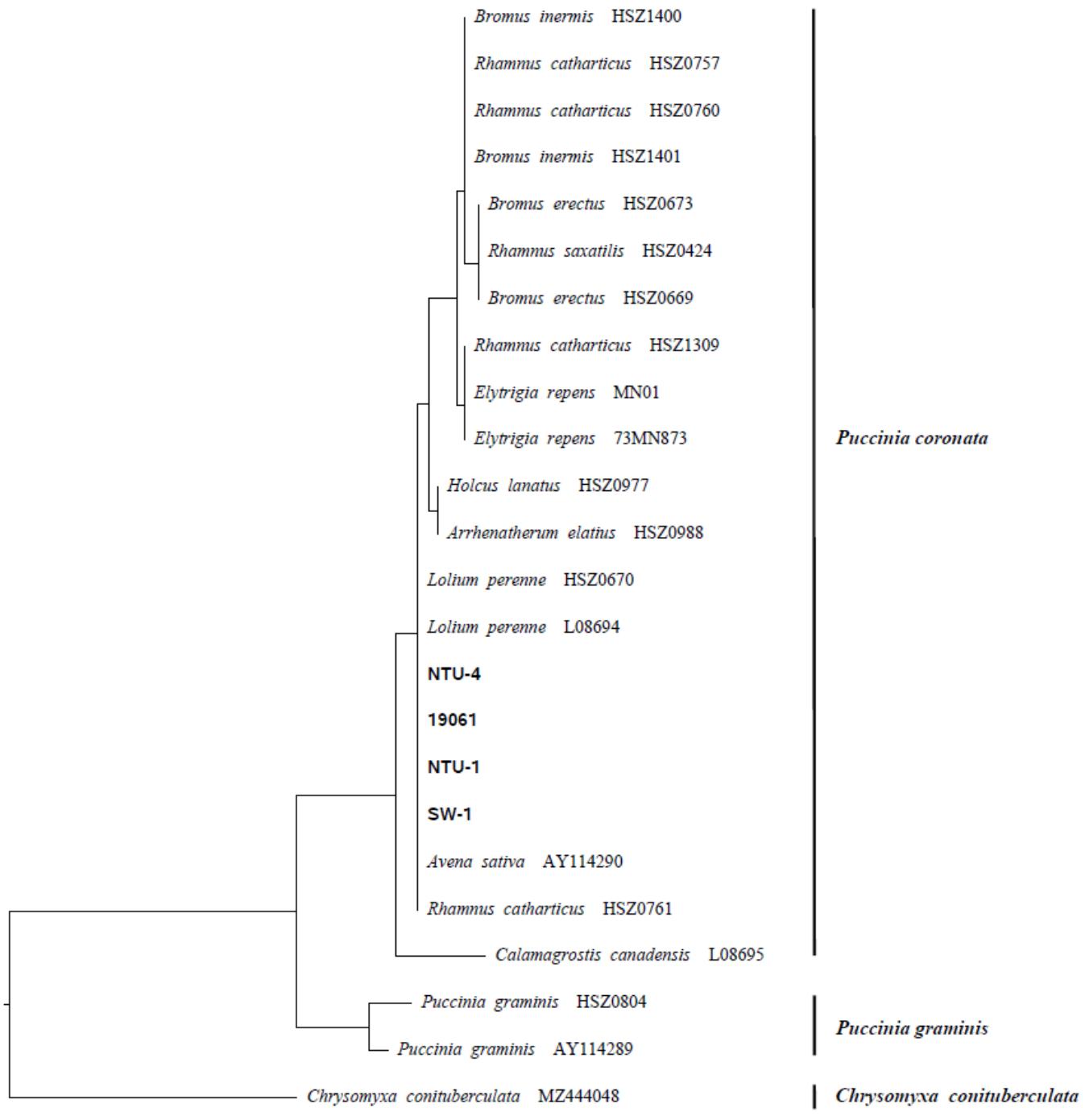


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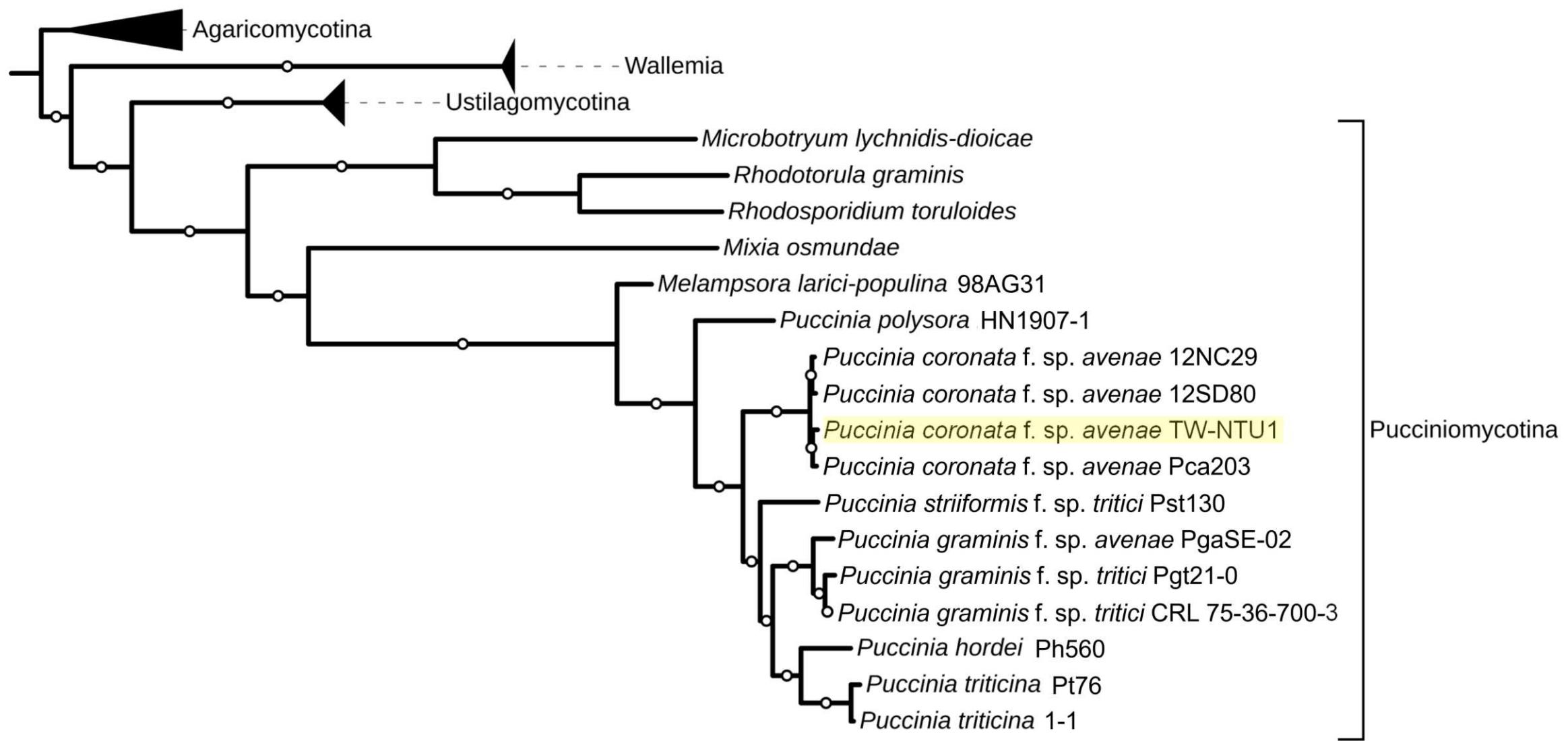


Figure 4