

1   **Comparative genomic analysis revealed rapid differentiation in the**  
2   **pathogenicity-related gene repertoires between *Pyricularia oryzae* and**  
3   ***Pyricularia penniseti* isolated from a *Pennisetum* grass**

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45 **Abstract**

46 **Backgrounds:** *Pyricularia* is a multispecies complex that could infect and  
47 cause severe blast disease on diverse hosts, including rice, wheat and many  
48 other grasses. Although the genome size of this fungal complex is small [~40  
49 Mbp for *Pyricularia oryzae* (syn. *Magnaporthe oryzae*), and ~45 Mbp for *P.*  
50 *grisea*], the genome plasticity allows the fungus to jump and adapt to new  
51 hosts. Therefore, deciphering the genome basis of individual species could  
52 facilitate the evolutionary and genetic study of this fungus. However, except for  
53 the *P. oryzae* subgroup, many other species isolated from diverse hosts, such  
54 as the *Pennisetum* grasses, remain largely uncovered genetically.

55 **Results:** Here, we report the genome sequence of a pyriform-shaped fungal  
56 strain *P. penniseti* P1609 isolated from a *Pennisetum* grass (JUJUNCAO)  
57 using PacBio SMRT sequencing technology. We performed a phylogenomic  
58 analysis of 28 Magnaportheales species and 5 non-Magnaportheales species  
59 and addressed P1609 into a *Pyricularia* subclade that is distant from *P. oryzae*.  
60 Comparative genomic analysis revealed that the pathogenicity-related gene  
61 repertoires were fairly different between P1609 and the *P. oryzae* strain 70-15,  
62 including the cloned avirulence genes, other putative secreted proteins, as well  
63 as some other predicted *Pathogen-Host Interaction (PHI)* genes. Genomic  
64 sequence comparison also identified many genomic rearrangements.  
65 **Conclusion:** Taken together, our results suggested that the genomic  
66 sequence of the *P. penniseti* P1609 could be a useful resource for the genetic

67 study of the *Pennisetum*-infecting *Pyricularia* species.

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70 **Introduction**

71 *Pyricularia* was established by Saccardo to accommodate a type of fungal  
72 species based on the pyriform conidia when the first species of this pathogen,  
73 *Pyricularia grisea*, was isolated from crabgrass (*Digitaria sanguinalis* L.) [1].  
74 What raised the concern of this *Pyricularia* fungus was the notorious blast  
75 disease on rice and wheat caused by one of its species, *Pyricularia oryzae*  
76 (syn. *Magnaporthe oryzae*) [2-4]. To date, 100 plant genera comprising of 256  
77 species have been documented as the hosts of the *Pyricularia* species  
78 (<https://nt.ars-grin.gov/fungaldatabases/fungushost/fungushost.cfm>), among  
79 which 54 genera belong to the Poaceae family. Seven *Pyricularia* species  
80 (including one unidentified species) have been isolated from *Pennisetum* spp.,  
81 a widespread genus in the Poaceae family, and more than one *Pyricularia*  
82 species can be found on the same *Pennisetum* species. For instance, 4  
83 *Pyricularia* species, namely, *P. penniseti*, *P. penniseticola*, *P. setariae* and  
84 *Pyricularia* sp. have been found on *P. typhoides* [5, 6].

85 The genome sequence of *P. oryzae* strain 70-15, a hybrid clone of  
86 rice-infecting isolate 104-3 and the weeping love grass isolate AR4 [7] has  
87 facilitated the revelation of developmental and pathogenic mechanisms of the  
88 blast fungus and rendered it to become one of the most important model  
89 fungus [8, 9]. Since the publication of the *P. oryzae* strain 70-15 genome, more  
90 field blast isolates were sequenced and assembled, including the Ina168,  
91 HN9311, FJ81278, Y34, P131, 98-06 and Guy11 [10-14]. Comparative

92 genomic analyses and functional studies of these strains revealed genome  
93 plasticity and the involvement of the lineage specific genes in pathogenicity [12,  
94 14]. More recently, facilitated by the fast developing of sequencing  
95 technologies, a number of field isolates from rice, as well as isolates from  
96 different grass and cereal hosts, were sequenced and subjected to  
97 population-level analyses, revealing host immunity as the major force driving  
98 specialization after host shift [2, 15-18]. However, genomes of most of the  
99 species of the *Pyricularia* complex remain unexplored. For example, among  
100 the 7 identified *Pyricularia* species isolated from *Pennisetum* grasses [5], only  
101 *P. pennisetigena* was recently sequenced [2].

102 Here, we reported the whole-genome sequence of *P. penniseti* [19]  
103 isolated from a *Pennisetum* grass JUJUNCAO (*Pennisetum giganteum* z. x.  
104 Lin). JUJUNCAO was originally developed as culture matrix for the cultivation  
105 of edible mushrooms by Lin *et al*, and later became a versatile grass that are  
106 used as forage for cattle and sheep, material for the biofuel production, and  
107 tool for the remedy of soil erosion [20-23]. We have recently isolated a  
108 pyriform-shaped fungus, P1609, from leaf spots of JUJUNCAO. P1609 caused  
109 a typical blast fungal disease symptom on JUJUNCAO, showing small, round  
110 or elliptical lesions as an initial symptom and spindle shaped, grayish to tan  
111 necrotic with yellow halos at a later disease stage. Since the morphologic and  
112 phylogenetic analyses distinguished P1609 from other identified *Pyricularia*  
113 species, but undistinguished from the *P. penniseti* reported in 1970 India [5, 24],

114 we therefore termed this fungus *P. penniseti* [19]. In this study, we performed  
115 genome sequencing of this strain, aiming for a proper classification of this  
116 fungus in the *Pyricularia* population and identification of genes that may be  
117 involved in the adaptation of this fungus to JUJUNCAO.

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119 **Results**

120 **Genome sequencing and assembly**

121 We sequenced the P1609 genome with the long-read PacBio technology. In  
122 total, 312,061 reads with 8.6 Kb average lengths were obtained, representing  
123 about 60-fold coverage of the genome (Fig. 1A). The genome sequence was  
124 assembled with the HAGP pipeline, resulting in the total assembly space of  
125 41.82 Mb (Table 1), similar to assemblies of isolates sequenced by PacBio [10].  
126 The assembly contains 53 contigs, with the N50 of 3.4 Mb and the largest  
127 contig of 7.56 Mb (Fig. 1B). Contigs > 1Mb cover 89.7% and contigs > 100 Kb  
128 cover 98.5% of the genome (Fig. 1B; Table 1), indicating long-continuity of the  
129 assembly. The GC content of the assembly is 50.3%, similar to genomes of  
130 *Pyricularia* isolates from different host plants, which range from 48.6% to 51%  
131 [18]. Genome annotation identified 13,102 genes with average gene size of  
132 1,758 bp, fairly evenly dispersed on contigs (Table 2, Fig. 1C, track b).

133 *De novo* repeat sequence analysis identified 7.67% of repeat  
134 sequences, among which 4.27% were Gypsy and Copia, the two long terminal  
135 repeats (LTR)-type retrotransposons. This finding is consistent with former

136 studies, suggesting that LTR-type retrotransposons are the most expanded  
137 transposable elements (TEs) in P1609 genome [25]. The TEs are not evenly  
138 distributed along the contigs. While some contigs are enriched with TEs, other  
139 contigs have less TE rich regions, suggesting that the P1609 genome also  
140 underwent transposon expansion as observed in other plant pathogens [26].

141 **Comparative and phylogenetic analysis**

142 To understand the genetic relationship of P1609 with other fungal  
143 phytopathogens, we generated a phylogenetic tree of P1609 with *Botrytis*  
144 *cinerea* (Bc), *Colletotrichum gloeosporioides* (Cg), *Fusarium graminearum*  
145 (Fg), *Neurospora crassa* (Nc), *Pyricularia oryzae* (Po), *Sclerotinia sclerotiorum*  
146 (Ss), *Trichoderma reesei* (Tr) and *Ustilago maydis* (Um). Since P1609 showed  
147 a close morphological relationship with *P. oryzae* isolates, we included  
148 *Pyricularia* isolates collected from different host plants, including *Oryza sativa*  
149 (PoOs), *Triticum aestivum* (PoTa), *Digitaria sanguinalis* (PoDs), *Setaria viridis*  
150 (PoSv), and *Eleusine indica* (MoEi). In total, 2,051 single-copy genes shared  
151 by all the examined genomes were selected to infer phylogeny [27]. The  
152 resulting phylogenetic tree indicated that P1609 is more divergent with PoOs,  
153 PoTa, PoSv, and PoEi (*P. oryzae*) in contrast to PoDs (*P. grisea*) (Fig. 2A). We  
154 then estimated divergence time of P1609 and *Pyricularia* isolates by assuming  
155 a constant molecular clock calibrated in a previous study, which estimated the  
156 divergence of *Neurospora* and *Pyricularia* at about 200 million years ago  
157 (MYA). The estimation indicated that P1609 and *Pyricularia* isolates diverged

158 at about 31 MYA, earlier than the divergent time of rice- and *S. viridis*-infecting  
159 isolates (about 10,000 years ago) [28, 29]. The phylogenetic tree also  
160 indicated that P1609 is a member of Magnaporthales, but is distantly related to  
161 the *Pyriculaira* isolates collected from PoOs, PoTa, PoDs, PoSv, and PoEi. To  
162 further determine exactly where P1609 localized in Magnaporthales, we also  
163 generated a phylogenomic tree of P1609 with 28 Magnaporthales species and  
164 5 non-Magnaporthales species using amino acid sequences of 226 conserved  
165 orthologous genes as described [30]. The result showed that P1609 was  
166 localized in the *Pyricularia* subclade, and was closer to *P. oryzae* than  
167 *Xenopyricularia zizaniicola* (Fig. 2B), indicated that P1609 is a *Pyricularia*  
168 species.

169 We next conducted a comparative genomic study of P1609 with 70-15  
170 (the reference isolate of *P. oryzae*), *N. crassa*, *F. graminearum* and *C.*  
171 *gloeosporioides*. Venn diagram showed that 5 organisms share 5,454 of gene  
172 families with each other, which covers 50.2% of the gene set of P1609 (Fig.  
173 2C). Notably, the number of unique genes (no homologs in the selected  
174 organisms) in P1609 was 2,210, which is about twice more than the number of  
175 unique genes recorded for 70-15. Although most of these unique genes had no  
176 functional annotations, Pfam annotation indicated that some of the unique  
177 genes encode carbohydrate-active enzymes involved in polysaccharides  
178 metabolism pathways. The high representation of carbohydrate-active  
179 enzymes may be related to the adaptation to the host *P. giganteum* (Fig. S1).

180 We therefore scanned natural selection of 5,991 pairs of orthologs of *P. oryzae*  
181 and P1609, identifying 6 genes with Ka/Ks > 1 (Table 3). These genes are  
182 involves in different secondary metabolic pathways.

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#### 184 **Gene Categories Involved in Pathogenicity**

185 Plant pathogenic fungi employed diverse gene repertoires to invade host  
186 plants and subvert host immune systems, which include effectors,  
187 carbohydrate-active enzymes (CAZymes), other secreted enzymes and fungal  
188 secondary metabolisms [31, 32]. P1609 and *P. oryzae* isolates are divergent  
189 and no cross-infectivity exists between them. To understand their secretomic  
190 difference, we first compared predicted secretomes between P1609 and the *P.*  
191 *oryzae* isolates. Among 1,409 putative secreted proteins of P1609, 236 were  
192 unique in P1609 (Table S1). By contrast, 165 putative effectors in the 70-15  
193 genome were absent in the P1609 genome (Table S2). Notably, all known  
194 avirulence genes (AVRs) from the rice-infecting isolate genomes were absent  
195 in P1609 genome.

196 We next compared CAZymes of P1609, groups of enzymes enable  
197 plant pathogens to break down the plant cell wall [33]. Our BLASTp search  
198 results showed that P1609 contains more predicted CAZyme-coding genes  
199 than 70-15 (Fig. S2). Detailed analysis showed that the P1609 genome  
200 encodes 5 unique CAZyme-coding genes, namely CBM61, GH117, GH35,  
201 GH65 and PL24. While it has 6 copies of GH28 pectinases (3 copies in

202 *Pyricularia* species; Fig. S2). We then further analyzed the distribution of  
203 annotated PHI genes in P1609. In total, we identified 1,692 potential PHI  
204 genes belonging to 1,154 gene families (Table S3). Interestingly, we found that  
205 several PHI genes exhibited great expansion in P1609 genome. For instance,  
206 *MGG\_12656*, a gene involved in virulence in *P. oryzae*, has 107 homologs in  
207 P1609, and *ChLae1* contributing to toxin production and virulence in a maize  
208 pathogen *Cochliobolus heterostrophus* has 17 homologs in P1609 [34, 35].  
209 Compared with 70-15, 35 PHI genes were unique in P1609 (Table 4), most of  
210 which had highly similar homologs in *Fusarium (Gibberella)*.

211 **Chromosome rearrangements**

212 To explore genome collinearity and rearrangement between P1609 and 70-15,  
213 since 70-15 was assembled into chromosome level and showed a closer  
214 phylogenetic relationship with the P1609. The identified collinear gene blocks  
215 that linked with different chromosomes in 70-15 (Fig. 3A) were visualized in the  
216 contigs (ctgs) of P1609 (Fig. 3B). Generally, P1609 and 70-15 displayed high  
217 genome collinearity. Ctg2, ctg3, ctg5 and ctg7 in P1609 correspond to chr.2,  
218 chr.6, chr.3 and chr.1 of 70-15, respectively. We found that the second largest  
219 contig in the P1609, ctg2, is a recombinant of chr.4 and chr.7 of 70-15 (Fig. 3B).  
220 The joining region was spanned by multiple single PacBio long reads (Fig. 4),  
221 excluding the possibility that the rearrangement was an artifact due to  
222 assembly errors. Meanwhile, notably, contig end region of P1609 showed a  
223 higher level of chromosome deletion and rearrangement (Fig. 3c). For instance,

224 ctg4 and ctg8 were merged by blocks from chr.1 and chr.3 at the end of the  
225 contig, while ctg9 was merged by blocks from chr.3 and chr.5 at the end of the  
226 contig (Fig. 3B).

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## 228 **Discussion**

229 Although the genome size of *Pyricularia* species is small, it is well-known for its  
230 complicated genomic plasticity. Here we sequence the genome of *P. penniseti*  
231 using the PacBio SMRT technology. Comparative genomic analysis revealed  
232 several chromosome rearrangement events and difference in  
233 pathogenicity-related gene repertoires between the *P. penniseti* strain P1609  
234 and the *P. oryzae* strain 70-15.

## 235 **Chromosome fission and fusion**

236 Long-read sequencing greatly improved genome assembly and thus provided  
237 more valuable details on genome structures at a chromosome level. By  
238 comparing the chromosome structure between P1609 and 70-15, we found  
239 several chromosome splitting and rearrangement events. Chromosomal  
240 rearrangements have been reported to be associated with virulence evolution  
241 in several pathogens by losing the AVR gene(s) [26, 36, 37]. Our results  
242 indicated frequent chromosome rearrangement and splitting in the blast fungi,  
243 and the telomere regions are very unstable in its haploid genome during the  
244 adaptation to different host species. Further study is required to investigate the  
245 role of the chromosome recombination during the adaptation to JUJUNCAO.

246 **Unique genes and positively selected genes**

247 In this study, we found 2,210 unique genes that were absent in the 70-15  
248 genome. The P1609 genome encodes more CAZymes than 70-15 genome.  
249 For example, P1609 contains twice the number of genes encoding glycosyl  
250 hydrolase family 28 (GH28) pectinases in 70-15. Generally, necrotrophic plant  
251 pathogens possess more GH28 enzymes than biotrophic and non-pathogens  
252 fungi [38]. These results suggested that P1609 might heavily rely on CAZymes  
253 in the interaction with JUJUNCAO.

254 To identify the positively selected genes, we detected with Ka>Ks from  
255 5,991 orthologous pairs between *P. oryzae* and P1609 and identified 6 genes  
256 with Ka>Ks in P1609. Functional annotation showed that most of these genes  
257 involved in secondary metabolic pathways. For example, P1609\_5032  
258 encodes an isoamyl alcohol oxidase that turns isoamyl alcohol into  
259 isovaleraldehyde [39]. In *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, isoamyl alcohol could  
260 induce filament formation [40]. P1609\_5032 might play a role in fungal  
261 development through controlling the level of isoamyl alcohol. P1609\_791  
262 encodes a folylpolyglutamate synthase involved in biosynthesis of folate,  
263 required for protein synthesis of bacterial, mitochondrial, and chloroplast,  
264 including purines, dTMP, methionine, and formyl-methionyl-tRNA [41].  
265 P1609\_3360 encodes a glycerol uptake protein, which is an important  
266 intracellular osmolyte participating in osmotic stress response [42] and critical  
267 for the function of appressorium in *P. oryzae* [43]. P1609\_7869 encodes a

268 spore surface glycoprotein. Its homologs have been proved to be involved in  
269 spore adhesion to hydrophobic surface in several *Colletotrichum* species  
270 [44-46] rather than spore tip mucilage as in *P. oryzae* [47]. P1609\_1006  
271 encodes a BclB glycoprotein (collagen-like protein). Its homologs in *Bacillus*  
272 *anthracis* were important components of the infection-associated structure  
273 exosporium [48-50], although its role in filamentous pathogens remains  
274 unknown. The positive selection on these genes suggested that they might  
275 play roles in the interaction between P1609 and JUJUNCAO.

276 **Putative secreted proteins**

277 There are two layers of plant immunity: the pathogen-associated molecular  
278 patterns (PAMPs)-triggered immunity (PTI), and the effector-triggered immunity  
279 (ETI). It was previously proposed by Schulze-Lefert and Panstruga that ETI is  
280 the major force driving the host specificity of pathogens [51]. Our previously  
281 study focusing on *AVR* gene evolution of the *Pyricularia* species also revealed  
282 that directional selection exerted by host plants is the direct force driving host  
283 specificity in *Pyricularia* species [18]. Recent studies on the *P. oryzae*  
284 populations revealed that divergent host immunity systems (both PTI and ETI)  
285 in japonica (*Oryza sativa* subsp. xian) and indica (*Oryza sativa* subsp. geng),  
286 determining the deposition of effector repertoires and specialization to the two  
287 subspecies [15-17]. Our comparative genomic analysis showed that P1609  
288 contains a large number of unique effector candidates by comparing with  
289 70-15, but lost many putative effectors in the 70-15 genome, including all

290 known AVR effectors. One possible explanation is that the JUJUNCAO harbors  
291 a high level of basal immunity, as well as an arsenal of resistance genes, which  
292 driven P1609 to gain a lot of effectors to overcome the robust basal immunity  
293 posed by JUJUNCAO, and at the meanwhile, abandoned the AVR genes that  
294 could be recognized by the *R* genes from JUJUNCAO.

295 **Conclusion**

296 *Pyricularia* species are pathogens of either food- or forage grasses. The model  
297 fungus *P. oryzae* had been well studied. However, there are only a few  
298 whole-genome sequences available of other species, such as those from  
299 *Pennisetum* grasses. Here, we generated long-read PacBio reads and  
300 produced a assemblage with long-continuity contig sequences. Phylogenomic  
301 and comparative genomic analysis showed that P1609 is a *Pyricularia* species  
302 genetically distant with *P. oryzae*, and the two genomes vary substantially in  
303 their pathogenicity-related gene repertoires. In summary, the P1609 assembly  
304 and genome annotation represents the few available *Pyricularia* genome  
305 resources for studying the pathogenic mechanism of this fungus towards  
306 *Pennisetum* grasses.

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308 **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

309 **Isolation of the fungal strain**

310 The *Pennisetum*-infecting strain P1609 was isolated from the leaf spot lesion  
311 of JUJUNCAO (*Pennisetum giganteum* z. x. Lin), in the nursery of National

312 Engineering Research Center of JUNCAO Technology, Fujian Agriculture and  
313 Forestry University located at No. 63 Xiyuangong Road, Minhou County,  
314 Fuzhou, Fujian Province, China.

315 **DNA extraction, amplification and sequencing**

316 To prepare the genomic DNA for sequencing, the P1609 isolate was cultured in  
317 the liquid complete medium (CM) in a 110-rpm shaker at 25 °C for 3 to 4 days.  
318 The mycelia were then collected for the preparation of genomic DNA using a  
319 CTAB method as previously described [18]. Sequencing libraries were  
320 prepared using the SMRTbellTM Template Prep Kit 1.0 (PACBIO) and  
321 sequenced using PacBio Sequel platform (NovoGene, China).

322 **Assembly and annotation**

323 *De novo* sequence assembly was conducted by SMRTLink v. 5.0.1.10424,  
324 HGAP 4 pipeline provided by Pacific Bioscience Company. In HGAP 4 pipeline,  
325 the expected genome size was set as 45 Mb based on the reported size of  
326 *Pyricularia* genomes, and default settings were used for other parameters.  
327 Gene prediction was conducted using Fgenesh from SoftBerry (MolQuest II  
328 v2.4.5.1135, <http://linux1.softberry.com/berry.phtml>) with *Pyricularia* additional  
329 variants as training organism. Gene functional domain annotation was  
330 conducted by InterproScan (version 4.8, <http://www.ebi.ac.uk/interpro/>), and  
331 PfamScan [52]. Pathogen-Host Interaction (PHI) genes were predicted by  
332 performing a whole genome blastp analysis against the PHI database ( $E < 10^{-10}$ )  
333 [53, 54]. Putative carbohydrate-active enzymes (CAZymes) were identified

334 using the HMMER 3.1b1 by searching annotated HMM profiles of CAZymes  
335 downloaded from the dbCAN database in protein sequences of P1609 [55].

336 **Repeat analysis**

337 *De novo* repeat sequence identification was analyzed by using RepeatModeler  
338 (version 1.0.8) with default settings. Repeat sequences obtained from  
339 RepeatModeler have been used to search for repeat sequences in the P1609  
340 genome by RepeatMasker (version 3.3.0) (<http://www.repeatmasker.org/>) [56].

341 **Phylogenetic analysis and comparative genomic analysis**

342 Phylogenomic tree of P1609 and *B. cinerea* [57], *C. gloeosporioides* [58], *F.*  
343 *graminearum* [59], *N. crassa* [60], *P. oryzae* [8], *S. sclerotiorum* [57], *T. reesei*  
344 [61] and *U. maydis* [62] was built based on single copy orthologs from  
345 clustering result of OrthoFinder (v0.6.1) [27]. 2,051 single copy genes have  
346 been selected out from 13 organisms in total (see Fig. 1A) and aligned with  
347 MAFFT (mafft-linsi-anysymbol) [63]. The phylogenetic tree was constructed  
348 using FastTree based on the alignments of single-copy orthologs with  
349 approximately-maximum-likelihood model and bootstrap 100 [64]. For  
350 divergence time estimation, the phylogenetic analysis was conducted using  
351 r8s (version 1.81), and the divergence time of *Pyricularia* and *Neurospora* (200  
352 MYA) was used as a reference [29, 65]. Clustering result of 13 genomes was  
353 also used for unique gene identification and comparative genomic analysis.  
354 We used MCScanX to identified syntenic blocks between P1609 and 70-15. To  
355 detect the conserved synteny blocks, the reciprocal best-match paralogs of

356 P1609 and 70-15 were conducted by all-against-all BLASTP comparison, with  
357 E-value  $<10^{-10}$  [66].

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359 **List of abbreviations**

360 **Bc:** *Botrytis cinerea* (*B. cinerea*); **Cg:** *Colletotrichum gloeosporioides* (*C. gloeosporioides*); **Fg:** *Fusarium graminearum* (*F. graminearum*); **Nc:**  
361 *Neurospora crassa* (*N. crassa*); **P. grisea:** *Pyricularia grisea*; **Po:** *Pyricularia*  
362 *oryzae* (*P. oryzae*); **Ss:** *Sclerotinia sclerotiorum* (*S. sclerotiorum*); **Tr:**  
363 *Trichoderma reesei* (*T. reesei*); **Um:** *Ustilago maydis* (*U. maydis*); **PoDs:**  
364 *Pyricularia* strain isolated from *Digitaria sanguinalis*; **PoSv:** *Pyricularia* strain  
365 isolated from *Setaria viridis*; **MoEi:** *Pyricularia* strain isolated from *Eleusine*  
366 *indica*; **PoOs:** *Pyricularia* strain isolated from *Oryza sativa*; **PoTa:** *Pyricularia*  
367 strain isolated from *Triticum aestivum*; **P. penniseti:** *Pyrularia penniseti*; **P.**  
368 **giganteum:** *Pennisetum giganteum*; **P. penniseticola:** *Pyricularia*  
369 *penniseticola*; **P. setariae:** *Pyricularia setariae*; **P. typhoides:** *Pennisetum*  
370 *typhoides*; **AVR gene:** avirulence gene; **CAZymes:** carbohydrate-active  
371 enzymes; **CBM:** Carbohydrate-Binding Module Family; **chr:** chromosome; **CM:**  
372 complete medium; **CTAB:** Cetyltrimethyl Ammonium Bromide; **ctg:** contig; **ETI:**  
373 effector-triggered immunity; **GH:** glycosyl hydrolase family pectinases; **LTR:**  
374 long terminal repeats; **MYA:** million years ago; **PHI:** Pathogen-Host Interaction;  
375 **PL:** Polysaccharide Lyase Family; **PTI:** pathogen-associated molecular pattern  
376 (**PAMPs**)-triggered immunity; **R genes:** resistance gene; **SMRT:**  
377 (**PAMPs**)-triggered immunity;

378 Single-Molecule Real-Time; **TE**: transposable elements.

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421 **Additional files**

422 **Additional files 1: Table S1.** P1609\_vs\_7015\_unique\_seceted

423 **Additional files 2: Table S2.** 70-15 VS P1609 unique secreted proteins

424 **Additional files 3: Table S3.** Predicted PHI in P1609

425 **Additional files 4: Figure S1.** Gene copy numbers of CAZymes in *Botrytis cinerea* (Bc),

426 *Colletotrichum gloeosporioides* (Cg), *Fusarium graminearum* (Fg), *Neurospora crassa*

427 (*Nc*), *Sclerotinia sclerotiorum* (Ss), *Trichoderma reesei* (Tr) and *Ustilago maydis* (Um) as

428 well as *Pyricularia* isolates collected from *O. sativa* (PoOs), *T. aestivum* (PoTa), *D.*

429 *sanguinalis* (PoDs), *S. viridis* (PoSv), and *E. indica* (PoEi). Log2 Copy Number presents

430 variation of copy number with increased red color means increased number of CAZymes.

431 **Additional files 5: Figure S2.** GH28 of P1609 (P1609\_11576, P1609\_5879, P1609\_2497,

432 P1609\_5781, P1609\_680 and P1609\_5514)) and PoOs (MGG\_09608, MGG\_08752 and

433 MGG\_08938), PoDs (Ds0505\_9820). Extra copies of GH28 in P1609 is marked by blue.

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657 **FIGURE LEGENDS**

658 Table 1 Details of sequencing reads and genome assembly of P1609

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660 Table 2 Details of genome annotation of P1609

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662 Table 3 Positively selected genes in P1609

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664 Table 4 Unique Pathogen Host Interaction (PHI) genes in P1609.

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666 Fig. 1 PacBio sequencing and genome assembly of P1609.

667 (A) Reads length distribution.

668 (B) Contig length of assembled contig > 100 Kb.

669 (C) Overview of P1609 genome. (Track a) Contig1 to contig16 of P1609, (track

670 b) gene density, (track c) Transposon elements density, (track d) secreted

671 proteins density, (track e) unique gene (compared with *P. oryzae*, *N. crassa*, *F.*

672 *graminearum* and *C. gloeosporioides*) density of P1609 per 50 Kb.

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674 Fig. 2 Phylogenetic and comparative genomic study of P1609.

675 (A) Phylogenomic tree of P1609 with *Botrytis cinerea* (Bc), *Colletotrichum*

676 *gloeosporioides* (Cg), *Fusarium graminearum* (Fg), *Neurospora crassa* (Nc),

677 *Sclerotinia sclerotiorum* (Ss), *Trichoderma reesei* (Tr) and *Ustilago maydis*

678 (Um) as well as *Pyricularia* isolates collected from *O. sativa* (PoOs), *T.*

679 *aestivum* (PoTa), *D. sanguinalis* (PoDs), *S. viridis* (PoSv), and *E. indica* (PoEi)

680 based on 2,051 single copy genes. The values of all of the branches are 100.

681 (B) Maximum likelihood tree of P1609 and 28 Magnaportheales species, as well

682 as 5 Sordariomycetes used as outgroup species based on 82,715 amino acid

683 positions derived from 226 genes.

684 (C) Venn diagram showed an overlap of gene families among P1609,

685 *Pyricularia* rice isolates (PoOs), *C. gloeosporioides* (Cg), *F. graminearum* (Fg)

686 and *N. crassa* (Nc).

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688 Fig. 3 Chromosome rearrangement and splitting between P1609 and 70-15.

689 (A) Bar plot showing the chromosomes in 70-15.

690 (B) Bar plot showing the assembled contigs of P1609. Colinear chromosomes

691 of 70-15 and contigs of P1609 are indicated by the same color.

692 (C) Dual synteny plot showing splitting of Ctg2 of P1609 into chr. 4 and chr. 7 in

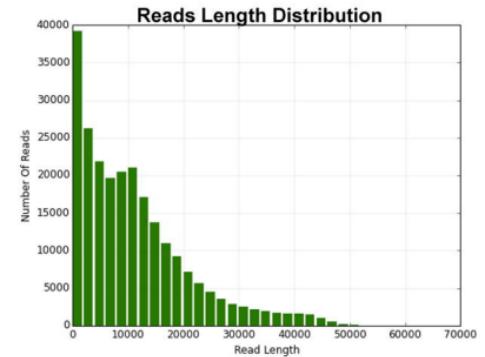
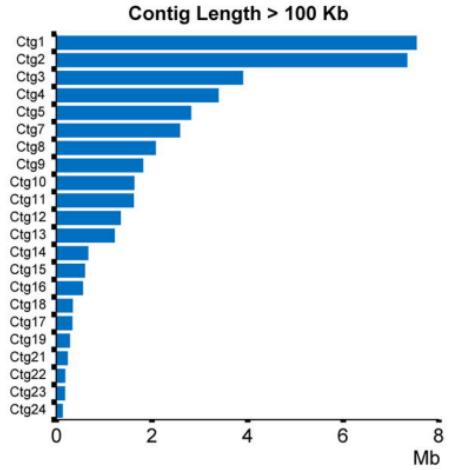
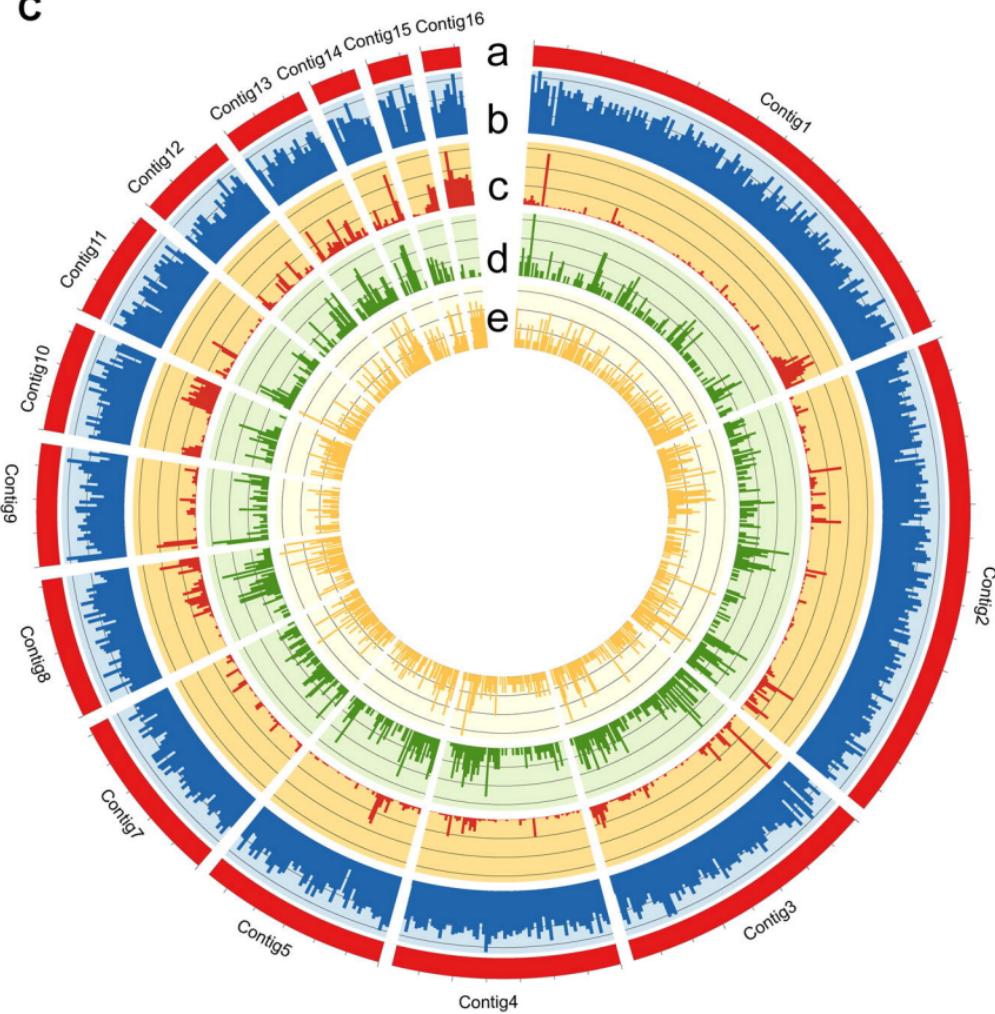
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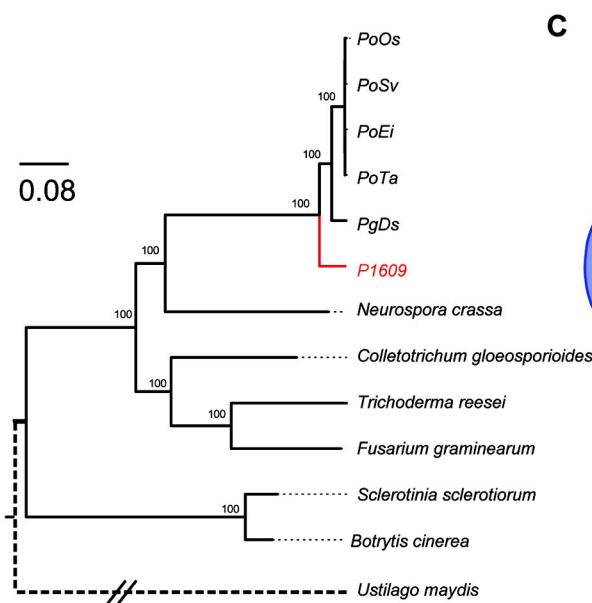
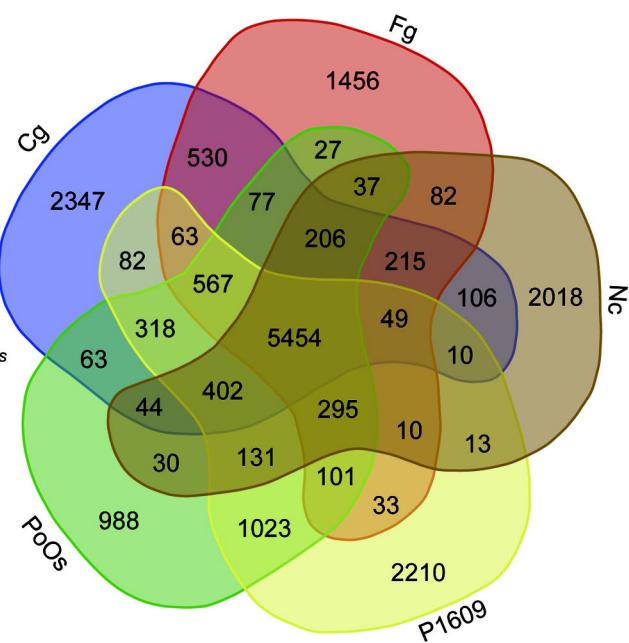
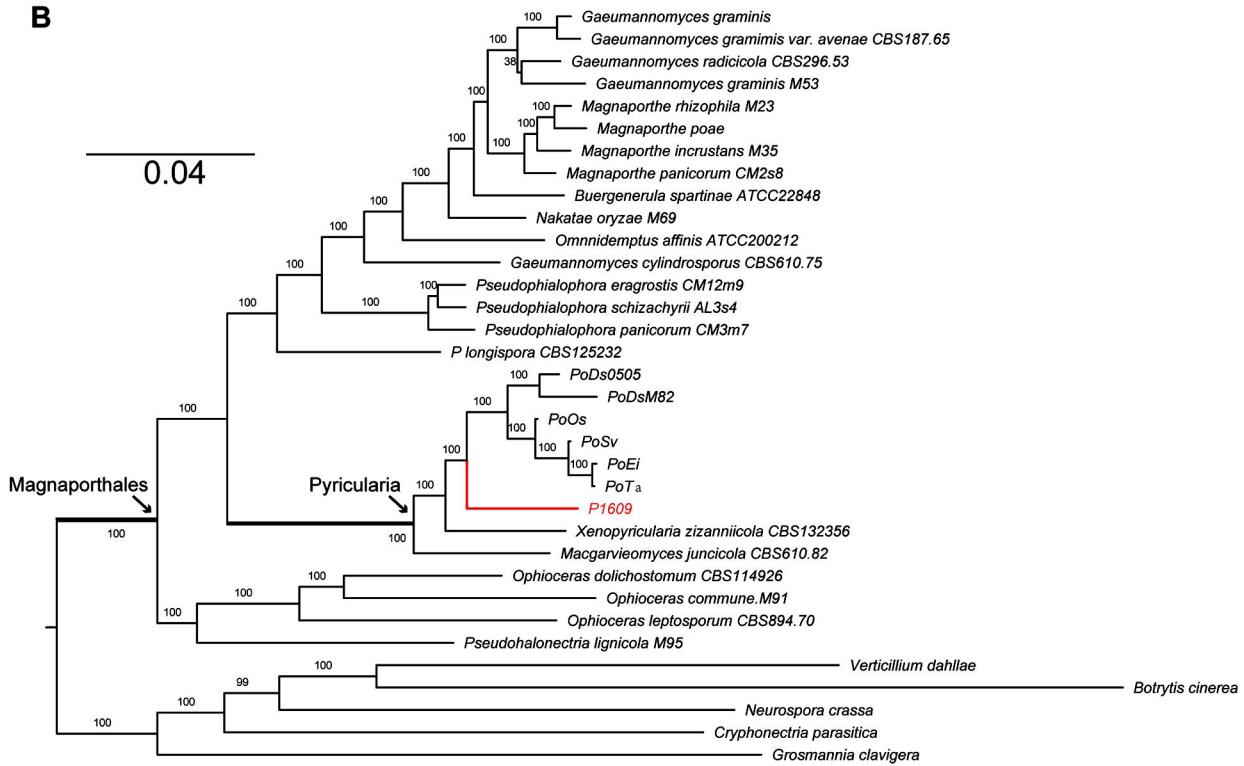
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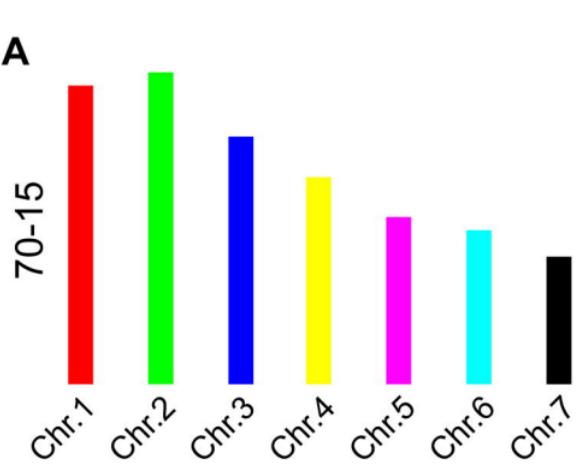
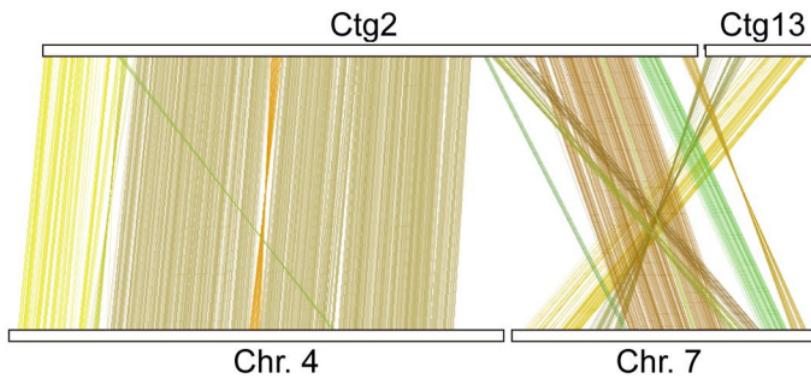
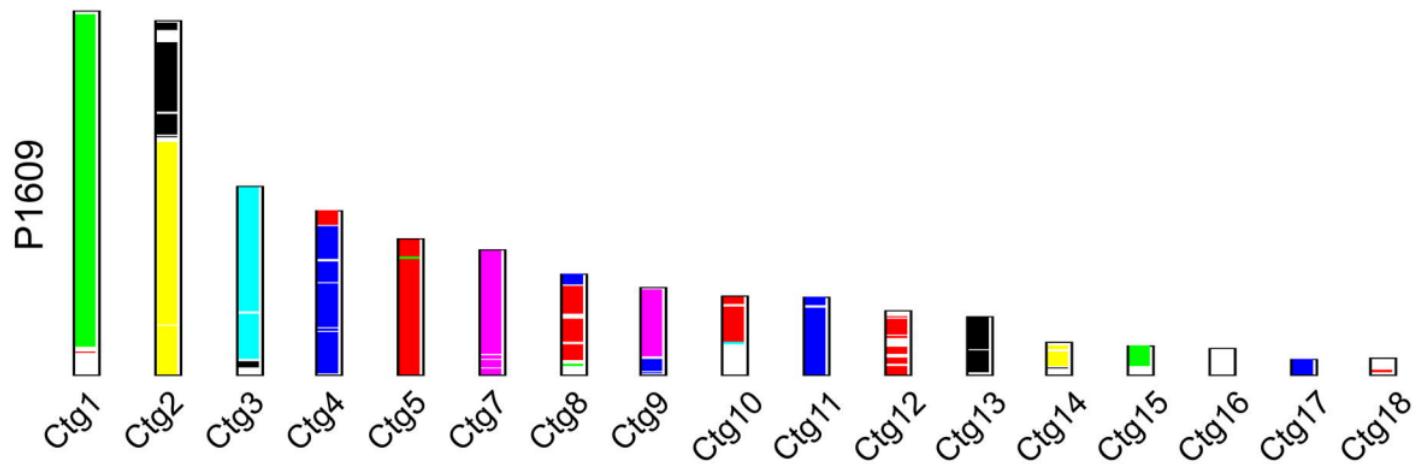
695 Fig. 4 PacBio long-read coverage from 2.02 to 2.94 Mb of Ctg 2. Color of reads

696 indicate different read lengths.

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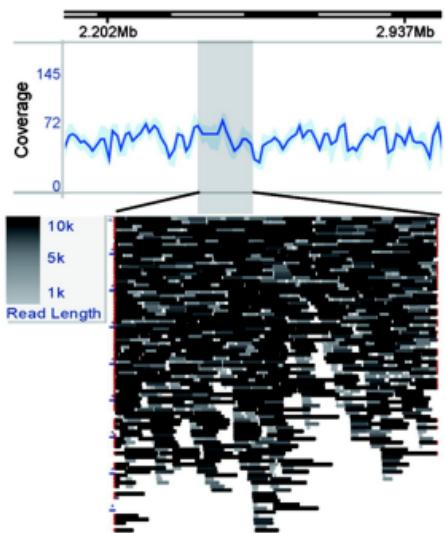


Table 1 Details of sequencing reads and genome assembly of P1609

Feature	Value
Number of Subreads	312,061
Total Length of Subreads (bp)	2,688,966,115
Mean Coverage	59
Polished Contigs	53
Maximum Contig Length (bp)	7,555,856
N50 Contig Length (bp)	3,411,241
Sum of Contig Lengths (Mb)	41.82
GC level	50.30%
length > 1 Mb	89.70%
length > 100 Kb	98.50%

Table 2 Details of genome annotation of P1609

Category	Value
Total TE	7.67%
LINEs	1.50%
LTR elements	4.27%
DNA elements	0.63%
Unclassified	1.27%
Gene Number	13102
Average Gene Length (bp)	1758
Secreted Protein Number	1409

Table 3 Positively selected genes in P1609

Protein ID	Ka	Ks	Ka/Ks	P-Value (Fisher)	Description
P1609_7184	0.707979	0.440748	1.60631	0.00697146	Unknown
P1609_5032	0.550905	0.343609	1.60329	1.98443E-06	Isoamyl alcohol oxidase
P1609_3360	0.183224	0.118517	1.54597	0.00293936	Glycerol uptake protein 1
P1609_791	0.302231	0.199786	1.51277	9.75093E-06	Folylpolyglutamate synthase
P1609_7869	0.491873	0.328109	1.49911	0.0296442	Thioredoxin reductase
P1609_1006	0.40206	0.275456	1.45962	0.0288585	Spore surface glycoprotein BclB

Table 4 Unique Pathogen Host Interaction (PHI) genes in P1609

Protein ID	PHI ID	Reference Organism	Phenotypes
P1609_2497_494aa	PHI:115	<i>Cochliobolus carbonum</i>	Unaffected pathogenicity
P1609_11506_262aa, P1609_12781_266aa, P1609_4501_233aa, P1609_683_218aa	PHI:698	<i>Vibrio cholerae</i>	Reduced virulence
P1609_11592_161aa, P1609_4614_892aa	PHI:1284	<i>Fusarium graminearum</i>	Unaffected pathogenicity
P1609_11335_610aa	PHI:1803	<i>Fusarium graminearum</i>	Unaffected pathogenicity
P1609_9374_326aa	PHI:2394	<i>Fusarium graminearum</i>	Increased virulence
P1609_1007_600aa	PHI:225	<i>Fusarium solani</i>	Reduced virulence
P1609_13007_833aa	PHI:1714	<i>Fusarium graminearum</i>	Lethal
P1609_3609_435aa, P1609_5044_426aa, P1609_8181_460aa, P1609_960_144aa	PHI:1455	<i>Fusarium graminearum</i>	Unaffected pathogenicity
P1609_11548_383aa, P1609_5843_397aa	PHI:1823	<i>Fusarium graminearum</i>	Unaffected pathogenicity
P1609_2665_64aa	PHI:1421	<i>Fusarium graminearum</i>	Lethal
P1609_2607_206aa, P1609_2608_820aa	PHI:3418	<i>Staphylococcus</i> <i>saprophyticus</i>	Mixed outcome
P1609_11380_688aa	PHI:1809	<i>Fusarium graminearum</i>	Lethal
P1609_7767_257aa	PHI:317	<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i>	Reduced virulence
P1609_6736_447aa	PHI:323	<i>Verticillium fungicola</i>	Reduced virulence
P1609_13_169aa	PHI:1147	<i>Fusarium</i> <i>pseudograminearum</i>	Unaffected pathogenicity
P1609_2376_825aa	PHI:1871	<i>Fusarium graminearum</i>	Lethal
P1609_10320_326aa	PHI:1522	<i>Fusarium graminearum</i>	Lethal
P1609_11485_355aa, P1609_2130_433aa	PHI:3116	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i>	Mixed outcome
P1609_10203_738aa	PHI:1815	<i>Fusarium graminearum</i>	Unaffected pathogenicity
P1609_11600_2486aa	PHI:2628	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>	Reduced virulence, 663
P1609_11388_1000aa	PHI:3076	<i>Candida parapsilosis</i>	Mixed outcome
P1609_11869_369aa	PHI:2375	<i>Alternaria brassicicola</i>	Mixed outcome
P1609_5035_383aa	PHI:233	<i>Cochliobolus carbonum</i>	Reduced virulence
P1609_5702_488aa	PHI:1271	<i>Fusarium graminearum</i>	Unaffected pathogenicity
P1609_11864_596aa	PHI:2380	<i>Alternaria brassicicola</i>	Mixed outcome