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Phylogenetic study of the *Cladonia cervicornis* group (*Cladoniaceae*, *Lecanorales*) discloses a new species, *Cladonia teuvoana*

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Abstract

The *Cladonia cervicornis* group comprises lichen-forming fungi characterized by having scyphi with central proliferations. It includes *c*. 20 species globally. The taxonomy of this group is poorly resolved, with many species not thoroughly disentangled. The focus of this study is the European species in the *C. cervicornis* group. In order to estimate the phylogenetic relationships of these species, six loci were used: ITS rDNA, IGS rDNA, *RPB1*, *RPB2*, *ef1a* and *cox1*. Species delimitation methods (ASAP, PTP and GMYC) were used to infer the species boundaries based on four loci, ITS rDNA, IGS rDNA, *cox1* and *RPB2*. A morphological analysis based on multivariate methods was performed to assess the importance of phenotypic differences among the lineages. The phylogenetic reconstructions placed the species of this group in the subclade Cladonia. Five lineages were recovered, corresponding to *C. cervicornis*, *C. macrophyllodes*, *C. pulvinata*, *C. verticillata* and a new lineage that we describe here, *C. teuvoana*. Our analyses revealed that *Cladonia cineracea*, *C. stricta* and *C. trassii* are polyphyletic.

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Introduction

The genus *Cladonia* is one of the most speciose genera of macrolichens (Lücking et al. 2017), with more than 475 accepted species described (Stenroos et al. 2019). Most of the species are terricolous, growing in open areas that have a certain amount of moisture (Ahti 2000). The genus has a subcosmopolitan distribution. It is notably diverse in the Neotropics (c. 195 species), particularly Eastern Brazil, and Australasia-Melanesia with around 40% of species endemic for this region (Ahti & Aptroot 1992; Ahti 2000; Aptroot et al. 2021), while in Europe c. 105 species have been reported (Litterski & Ahti 2004). The genus Cladonia is easily recognizable by usually having a dimorphic thallus, consisting of a squamulose or crustaceous primary thallus and a fruticose secondary thallus. However, species identification within this genus can be challenging (Burgaz et al. 2020; Černajová et al. 2022). Most of the taxonomic characters used to distinguish Cladonia species are associated with the secondary thallus, called podetium (Ahti 2000). Due to the limited number of characters available, distinguishing species based on squamule morphology is often difficult (Burgaz et al. 2020). However, many species

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have a dominant primary thallus and rarely develop podetia (Ahti 2000; Pino-Bodas *et al.* 2010*a*, 2012). In these cases, morphological characters associated with the primary thallus are indispensable for distinguishing species. The study of secondary metabolites can also be of great use for species circumscription (Huovinen & Ahti 1982; Culberson 1986), since morphologically similar species sometimes contain different secondary metabolites, for example *C. subulata* (L.) F. H. Wigg. and *C. rei* Schaer. or *C. humilis* (With.) J. R. Laundon and *C. conista* (Nyl.) Robbins (Dolnik *et al.* 2010; Pino-Bodas *et al.* 2010*b*, 2013*a*).

This study focuses on the C. cervicornis (Ach.) Flot. group in Europe. Members of this group are characterized by scyphose podetia with a corticate surface and by having proliferations arising from the centre of the scyphi. There are c. 20 species of Cladonia globally with these features (Ahti 2007). The most recent phylogeny of the genus placed them within the clade Cladonia, subclade Cladonia. This clade also includes species of the former sections Cladonia, Helopodium and Unciales, including the type species of the genus, C. subulata (Stenroos et al. 2019). Numerous authors have paid attention to the taxonomy of species with central proliferations in different geographical regions (Abbayes 1949; Ahti & Marcelli 1995; Ahti 1978, 1980, 1983, 1998, 2007; van Herk & Aptroot 2003; Pino-Bodas et al. 2010a; Charnei & Eliasaro 2013). However, many taxa are still not well understood (Ahti 2000, 2007) and phylogenetic studies have shown that some are polyphyletic (Pino-Bodas et al. 2013b; Stenroos et al. 2019).

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Nine species in the C. cervicornis group have been previously reported from Europe: C. cervicornis, C. firma (Nyl.) Nyl., C. macrophyllodes Nyl., C. pulvinata (Sandst.) Van Herk & Aptroot, C. stricta (Nyl.) Nyl., C. subcervicornis (Vain.) Kernst., C. trassii Ahti, C. uliginosa (Ahti) Ahti, and C. verticillata (Hoffm.) Schaer. (Ahti & Stenroos 2013). However, phylogenetic studies have shown that C. firma and C. subcervicornis do not belong to this group as they are phylogenetically distant from the rest of the species (Stenroos et al. 2019). In addition, there is another species restricted to Macaronesia, C. microphylla Ahti & Aptroot (Ahti & Aptroot 2009). Cladonia cervicornis, C. pulvinata and C. verticillata have a wide distribution in Europe (van Herk & Aptroot 2003; Ahti & Stenroos 2013; Burgaz et al. 2020; Pino-Bodas et al. 2021), while C. stricta, C. trassii and C. uliginosa are primarily distributed in the arctic or arctic-boreal regions of Eurasia and North America, with some outposts in the Alps, although their distribution is not yet well known (Ahti 1998; Brodo et al. 2001; Ahti & Stenroos 2013; Pino-Bodas et al. 2021). Cladonia macrophyllodes is more widely distributed, but outside arctic regions it is restricted to mountainous areas (Goward & Ahti 1997; Ahti & Stenroos 2013; Burgaz et al. 2018, 2020). The distribution patterns of C. cervicornis, C. pulvinata and C. verticillata differ, although in several regions of Europe they often coexist, and morphological discrimination can be difficult (Ahti 1980; Ahti & Stenroos 2013; Søchting 2017; Gheza et al. 2018; Burgaz et al. 2020). Morphological studies by van Herk & Aptroot (2003) showed that the coloration and morphology of the primary thallus can be used to distinguish these three taxa. In addition, the presence of psoromic acid allows C. pulvinata to be distinguished from the other two species, which do not synthesize this compound. Cladonia cervicornis is a highly variable species and some authors have indicated the need for further studies to clarify its taxonomy (Ahti & Stenroos 2013; Burgaz et al. 2020). Specimens of these taxa have been the subject of some molecular research (Pino-Bodas et al. 2010a, 2013b; Osyzcka et al. 2018; Stenroos et al. 2019), the results of which indicate that C. cervicornis, C. pulvinata and C. verticillata form independent lineages. However, it should be noted that sampling has been mostly focused on the Mediterranean region, where C. cervicornis is particularly common (Burgaz et al. 2020), while less sampling has been carried out in Central and Northern Europe where C. verticillata is more frequent and more difficult to distinguish from C. cervicornis (Ahti & Stenroos 2013). Phylogenetic studies have shown C. verticillata to be polyphyletic (Pino-Bodas et al. 2013b; Stenroos et al. 2019), and more extensive sampling will be necessary to determine whether European specimens belong to a single species.

The aims of this study were: 1) to evaluate the monophyly of the species within the *C. cervicornis* group reported for Europe; 2) to estimate the phylogenetic relationships of the species of the *C. cervicornis* group within the subclade Cladonia; 3) to carry out a morphological study that characterizes each of the lineages found.

Material and Methods

Taxon sampling

This study is based on 160 specimens from 18 countries. Specimens representing all known European species with central proliferations were included in the phylogenetic analyses. New study specimens included: *C. cervicornis* (n = 57), *C. cineracea* Ahti (n = 1), *C. macrophyllodes* (n = 26), *C. microphylla* (n = 7),

C. pulvinata (n = 15), C. stricta (n = 4), C. trassii (n = 6), C. uliginosa (n = 2) and C. verticillata (n = 32). In addition, a selection of specimens from other regions of the world were included. A small number of specimens of C. rappii A. Evans, a species difficult to distinguish from C. verticillata in North America, were newly sequenced (Table 1). The specimens studied are deposited in C, H, E, K, MACB and TROM. Types of C. cervicornis (lectotype H-ACH 1672B and isolectotype BM-ACH 722A), C. macrophyllodes (H-ACH 1673), C. pulvinata (lectotype H), and representative specimens of C. sobolifera Nyl. (H-NYL-0608, 0638, 38780, 38784, 38785, 387986) were studied to compare their morphological features with our specimens.

Phenotypic study

The secondary metabolites of each specimen were studied by thin-layer chromatography (TLC). The standard protocol was used as described in White & James (1985) and Orange et al. (2010), with solvents A (toluene:1,4-dioxane:acetic acid) and C (toluene:acetic acid). The specimens were identified following van Herk & Aptroot (2003), Ahti (2007), Ahti & Stenroos (2013) and Burgaz et al. (2020). The morphological study was focused on C. cervicornis, C. pulvinata and C. verticillata which are the more common taxa in Europe and difficult to distinguish from each other. Based on previous studies (van Herk & Aptroot 2003; Ahti 2007; Ahti & Stenroos 2013; Burgaz et al. 2020), 13 quantitative traits were selected to conduct the morphological analyses: length of squamules, width at the middle of squamules, maximum width of squamules, squamule incision depth, length of the blackened base of squamules, thickness of squamules, length of first scyphi, total length of podetium, number of proliferations, number of tiers, widening in lower half of podetium, width of scyphi, and thickness of podetial wall. To better represent morphological patterns, the length ratio of the variables 'width of squamules', 'width of scyphi', 'squamules incisions depth' and 'blackened base of squamules' were used. To determine whether the widening of the scyphi is gradual from the base or abrupt above the middle of the podetium, the difference in width of the podetium was analyzed, corrected for length (width at the middle – width at the base / 1/2 (podetium length)). These traits were examined in a selection of 63 specimens, representing all phylogenetic lineages, by measuring three squamules and three podetia per specimen (whenever the amount of material permitted) under a dissecting microscope (Nikon SMZ21000) using a digital caliper. In addition to quantitative characters, the following qualitative features were also studied: colour of the underside of the squamules, colour of the upper side of the squamules, morphology of the squamules, morphology of the squamule lobes, presence of veins on the underside of the squamules, presence of rhizines and continuity of the podetial algal layer.

All statistical analyses were conducted in R v. 4.1.2 (R Core Team 2022). The normality and homoscedasticity of the quantitative variables were assessed using the Shapiro-Wilk and Bartlett tests, respectively. It was found that only 'depth of incisions' was normally distributed. Due to the lack of normality, the variables did not meet the assumptions of a principal component analysis (PCA), so the dataset was analyzed using nonmetric multidimensional scaling (NMDS; Kruskal 1964), a more robust method for this type of data (Austin 1985; Minchin 1987). NMDS was conducted with the Bray-Curtis distances in the *vegan* package (Oksanen *et al.* 2013). Permutational

Таха	DNA code	Voucher specimens	Secondary metabolites	ITS rDNA	IGS rDNA	cox1	RPB2	RPB1	ef1α
C. albonigra	CL335	Russia, Primorye Territory, T. Ahti 72042 (H)		MK179466	MK141792	_	MK179764	MK180176	MK152559
C. aleuropoda	CL287	Bolivia, P. Rodriguez & A. Flakus 21998 (H)		MK179468	MK141794	_	_	MK180178	MK152561
C. aleuropoda	CL272	Bolivia, P. Rodriguez & A. Flakus 2202 (H)		MK179467	MK141793	_	_	MK180177	MK152560
C. andesita	CL418	Costa Rica, San José, P. Clerc & C. Rojas PC2013/121 (H)			_	_	_	_	_
C. andesita	AT679	Kenya, Chuah-Petiot 947 (TUR)		MK214455	MK141799	_	MK179770	_	MK152568
C. apodocarpa	CL86	USA, New York, S. Stenroos 5757 (H)		MK179743	MK141801	_	MK179772	MK180184	MK152570
C. boryi	LK6	Canada, Nova Scotia, <i>T. Ahti</i> 57176 (H)		AF455163	KR019448	_	MK179801	_	MK152602
C. brevis	CL114	USA, Pennsylvania, <i>J. Lendemer</i> 13914 (H)		MK179660	MK141824	_	MK179806	MK180213	MK152607
C. caespiticia	LK72	Canada, Nova Scotia, <i>T. Ahti</i> 57084 (H)		AF455205	MK141825	_	_	_	MK152608
C. calycantha	CL279	Bolivia, A. Flakus & O. Plata 20358 (H)		MK179501	MK141828	_	_	MK180215	MK152610
C. calycantha	CL280	Bolivia, A. Flakus & O. Plata 20399 (H)		MK179654	MK141829	_	_	_	MK152611
C. calycantha	CL316	Bolivia, <i>M. Kukwa</i> 8943 (H)		MK179531	MK141830	_	_	_	MK152612
C. centrophora	CL222	France, Réunion, M. Brand 58833 (H)		MK179502	MK141850	_	_	_	
C. ceratophyllina	CL172	France, Réunion, F. Schumm & J.P. Frahm 15187 (H)		MK179709	MK141855	_	MK179830	_	MK152638
C. ceratophyllina	CL159	Madagascar, Baranow & Szlachetko (H)		MK179504	MK141854	_	MK179829	_	MK152637
C. ceratophyllina	CL115	France, Réunion, P. & B. van der Boom 40320 (H)		MK179503	MK141853	_	MK179828	_	MK152636
C. cervicornis	CL1080	Albania, Shkodër, Malësi e Madhe, Dedaj, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 124079)	FUM	PQ256170	PQ252398	PQ252547	PQ274471	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1087	Albania, Vlorë, Finiq, Muzinë, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 127516)	FUM	PQ256177	PQ252404	PQ252552	PQ274474	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1507	Algeria, Kala National Park, Capa Rosa, M. A. Ahmed & S. Boudiaf	FUM	OQ267629	PQ252498	PQ252614	PQ274537	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1506	Algeria, Kala National Park, Capa Rosa, M. A. Ahmed & S. Boudiaf	FUM	OQ267625	PQ252497	PQ252613	PQ274536	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1508	Algeria, Kala National Park, Capa Rosa, M. A. Ahmed & S. Boudiaf	FUM	OQ267628	PQ252499	PQ252615	PQ274538	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1247	Bulgaria, Blagoevgrad, Garmen, Krushevo, Dolno, <i>A. R. Burgaz</i> (MACB 124085)	FUM	PQ256222	PQ252445	PQ252591	PQ274515	-	_
C. cervicornis	CL1246	Bulgaria, Sliven, Sliven, Balkan Mts, Slivenska Planina, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 124081)	FUM	PQ256221	PQ252444	PQ252590	PQ274514	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1084	Cyprus, Kantara, Kyrenia Mts (Pentadactylos Mts), Kantara Forest, <i>A. R. Burgaz</i> (MACB 110034)	FUM, ATR	PQ256174	PQ252401	PQ252549	PQ274548	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1081	Cyprus, Pano Lefkara, road Lythrodontas, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 127535)	FUM, ATR	PQ256171	_	_	PQ274472	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1082	Cyprus, Pano Panagia, Troodos Mts, Paphos Forest, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 127535)	FUM, ATR	PQ256172	PQ252399	PQ252548	PQ274482	-	_

Table 1. List of subclade *Cladonia* specimens included in the study with voucher information, secondary metabolites detected by thin-layer chromatography and GenBank accession numbers. New sequences are in bold.

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C. cervicornis	CL1083	Cyprus, Paphos, Neo Chorio, Akamas Peninsula, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 127517)	FUM	PQ256173	PQ252400	_	PQ274473	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1123	Czech Republic, C Bohemia, Praha, Natural Park Košíře, <i>Z. Palice</i> 24916 (MACB 124101)	FUM	_	PQ252421	PQ252571	PQ274492	_	-
C. cervicornis	CL1067	Czech Republic, C Bohemia, Prague, Motol, Natural Park Kšiř-Motol, <i>T. Aht</i> i 74315, <i>J. Steinová, J. Liška & Z. Palice</i> (H)	FUM	PQ256160	PQ252387	PQ252538	PQ274467	_	-
C. cervicornis	CL1129	Czech Republic, N Bohemia, Dist. Česká Lípa, Sosnová, <i>Z. Palice</i> 24927 (MACB 124098)	FUM	_	PQ252426	PQ252576	PQ274498	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1068	Denmark, Bornholm, Sandkås, <i>E. S. Hansen</i> , lichenes Danici Exsiccati 598 (H)	FUM	PQ256161	PQ252388	PQ252539	PQ274549	_	-
C. cervicornis	CL1415	Denmark, Jutland, Bredevandsbakker, U. Søchting OSE5151 (C-L 75833)	FUM	PQ256241	PQ252481	_	PQ274534	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1409	Denmark, Jutland, Vandflod, N of Oksby, U. Søchting 12449 (C-L 75835)	FUM	PQ256235	PQ252475	PQ252602	PQ274528	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1408	Denmark, Kølvrå, U. Søchting DMS-9207986 (C-L 75842)	FUM	_	PQ252474	_	PQ274527	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1406	Denmark, Nordmarken, U. Søchting DMS-931277 (C-L 75838)	FUM, fatty acid	PQ256233	PQ252462	PQ252600	PQ274526	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1412	Denmark, Spidsbjerg, U. Søchting DMS-9320520 (C-L 75829)	FUM	PQ256238	PQ252478	PQ252603	PQ274531	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1411	Denmark, Spidsbjerg, U. Søchting DMS-9320521 (C-L 75830)	FUM	PQ256237	PQ252477	_	PQ274530	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1414	Denmark, Spidsbjerg, U. Søchting DMS-9320522 (C-L 75827)	FUM	PQ256240	PQ252480	PQ252605	PQ274533	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1413	Denmark, Spidsbjerg, U. Søchting DMS-9320523 (C-L 75828)	FUM	PQ256239	PQ252479	PQ252604	PQ274532	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1194	France, Provence-Alpes-Côte D'Azur, Piste de Vidauban, <i>A. R. Burgaz</i> (MACB 112582)	FUM	PQ256215	PQ252439	PQ252587	PQ274509	_	-
C. cervicornis	CL1195	France, Provence-Alpes-Côte D'Azur, Tanneron, Les Marjoris-Tanneron, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 110701)	FUM	PQ256216	PQ252440	PQ252588	PQ274510	_	-
C. cervicornis	CL1189	France, Provence-Alpes-Côte D'Azur, Var, Chemin de Patusque, <i>A. R. Burgaz</i> (MACB 112576)	FUM	PQ256210	PQ252435	PQ252582	PQ274504	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1191	France, Provence-Alpes-Côte D'Azur, Var, Langoustaou A. R. Burgaz (MACB)	FUM, CPH1	PQ256212	PQ252437	PQ252584	PQ274506	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1192	France, Provence-Alpes-Côte D'Azur, Var, Colgolin, <i>A. R. Burgaz</i> (MACB 112579)	FUM	PQ256213	PQ252438	PQ252585	PQ274507	_	-
C. cervicornis	CL1089	France, Provence-Alpes-Côte D'Azur, Var, Esterel Massif, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 112576)	FUM	PQ256179	PQ252406	PQ252553	PQ274476	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1193	France, Provence-Alpes-Côte D'Azur, Var, Gonfaron, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 112577)	FUM	PQ256214	-	PQ252586	PQ274508	-	-
C. cervicornis	CL1190	France, Provence-Alpes-D'Azur, Var, Les Pierrons, <i>A. R. Burgaz</i> (MACB 112578)	FUM	PQ256211	PQ252436	PQ252583	PQ274505	_	-
C. cervicornis	CL1186	Germany, V. Otte 7408 (GLM)	FUM	PQ256209	PQ252432	_	_	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1092	Greece, Crete, Chania, Kissamos, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 110846)	FUM, ± PHY	PQ256182	PQ252409	PQ252555	PQ274478	_	_
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C. cervicornis	CL1093	Greece, Crete, Chania, Platanias, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 110823)	FUM, ± PHY	PQ256183	_	PQ252556	PQ274479	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1091	Greece, Crete, Heraklion, Malevizi, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 124087)	FUM, CPH1	PQ256181	PQ252408	_	PQ274477	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1090	Greece, Crete, Herajlion, Hersonissos, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 124089)	FUM, ± PHY, ± ZEO	PQ256180	PQ252407	PQ252554	PQ274555	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1088	Greece, Macedonia-Tracia, Thásos island, Theologos, A. R. Burgaz (MACB)	FUM	PQ256178	PQ252405	_	PQ274475	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1208	Italy, Calabria, Reggio Calabria, San Luca, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 124091)	FUM	PQ256217	PQ252441	_	PQ274511	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1085	Italy, Sardinia, Nuoro, Sassari, Tempio Pausania, <i>A. R. Burgaz</i> (MACB 124078)	FUM	PQ256175	PQ252402	PQ252550	PQ274553	-	-
C. cervicornis	CL1086	Italy, Sardinia, South Sardinia, Villasimius, Notteri, <i>A. R. Burgaz</i> (MACB 127519)	FUM	PQ256176	PQ252403	PQ252551	PQ274554	-	-
C. cervicornis	CL1144	Italy, Sicily, Catania, Caltagirone, Santo Pietro, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 124096)	FUM	PQ256207	_	PQ252581	PQ274503	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1142	Italy, Sicily, Catania, Linguaglossa, P. dell'Etna, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 124094)	FUM	PQ256205	_	PQ252579	PQ274501	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1145	Italy, Sicily, Catania, Zafferana Etnea, P. dell'Etna, <i>A. R. Burgaz</i> (MACB 124095)	FUM	PQ256208	PQ252430	-	-	_	-
C. cervicornis	CL1141	Italy, Sicily, Messina, Castanea delle Furìe, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 124093)	FUM	PQ256204	_	PQ252578	PQ274500	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1143	Italy, Sicily, Palermo, Monreale, Ficuzza, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 124097)	FUM	PQ256206	_	PQ252580	PQ274502	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1040	Spain, Toledo, Belvis de la Jara, R. Pino-Bodas (MACB 127536)	FUM	PQ256157	PQ252384	PQ252535	PQ274550	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1301	Spain, Toledo, Sevilleja de la Jara, <i>R. Pino-Bodas</i> (MACB)	FUM	_	PQ252449	_	PQ274519	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1112	The Netherlands, Drenthe, Gasteren, A. Aptroot 76156 (MACB 127515)	FUM	PQ256195	PQ252416	PQ252567	PQ274488	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1114	The Netherlands, Noord-Brabant, Loonse en Drunense, <i>A. Aptroot</i> 76168 (MACB 124104)	FUM	-	PQ252418	PQ252569	PQ274490	-	-
C. cervicornis	CL1113	The Netherlands, Utrecht, Zeist, A. Aptroot 76145 (MACB 127514)	FUM	PQ256196	PQ252417	PQ252568	PQ274489	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1317	UK, England, East Kent, Canterbury, Stodmarch NNR, P. F. Cannon (K-M)	FUM, ZEO	PQ256227	PQ252452	PQ252594	PQ274521	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1384	UK, England, Isles of Scilly, St. Mary´s Peninnis Head, <i>H. Thüs</i> S143b (BM 001084827)	FUM	-	-	-	PQ274525	-	-
C. cervicornis	CL1315	UK, England, Surrey, Esher Common, Round Hill, B. M. S. Sponer & M.B. Aguirre-Hudson (K-M)	FUM, ZEO	_	PQ252451	-	_	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1512	UK, Hampshire, New Forest National Park, Lyndhurst, R. Pino-Bodas & N. Sanderson (MACB 127520)	FUM	PQ256252	PQ252500	PQ252616	PQ274539	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1513	UK, Hampshire, New Forest National Park, Lyndhurst, R. Pino-Bodas & N. Sanderson (MACB 127521)	FUM	-	PQ252501	PQ252617	PQ274540	_	-
C. cervicornis	CL1461	UK, Surrey, Thursley Natural Reserve, R. Pino Bodas (K-M)	FUM	PQ256248	_	_	_	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1439	UK, Surrey, Thursley Natural Reserve, R. Pino Bodas (K-M)	FUM	PQ256246	_	_	_	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1459	UK, Surrey, Thursley Natural Reserve, R. Pino Bodas (K-M)	FUM	PQ256247	_	_	_	_	_

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C. cervicornis	CL1420	UK, Surrey, Thursley Natural Reserve, R. Pino Bodas (MACB 127537)	FUM	PQ256245	PQ252486	PQ252607	_	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL1064	Ukraine, Crimea, Alushta District, O. Nadyeina (H)	FUM	PQ256158	PQ252385	PQ252536	PQ274465	_	-
C. cervicornis	CL1066	Ukranie, Crimea, NE vicinities of Kerch city, O. Nadyeina (H)	FUM	PQ256159	PQ252386	PQ252537	PQ274466	_	_
C. cervicornis	9CER	Spain, Cuenca, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 90718)	FUM	FM205906	_	FM208171	_	_	_
C. cervicornis	1CER	Spain, Cádiz, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 91631)	FUM	FM211897	MK141856	_	_	MK180239	MK152639
C. cervicornis	5CER	Spain, Guadalajara, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 90738)	FUM	FM205904	_	_	FM2057578	_	MK152640
C. cervicornis	13CER	Spain, Huelva, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 91610)	FUM	FM205916	_	_	_	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL198	Greece, F. Schumm & Düll 13410 (H)		MK179619	MK141859	PQ252621	MK179833	MK180242	MK152643
C. cervicornis	CL193	Spain, Mallorca, F. Schumm, J. P. Frahm & Lüth 16330 (H)		MK179618	MK141857	PQ252620	MK179831	MK180240	MK152641
C. cervicornis	7CER	Spain, Madrid, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 90840)	FUM	FM205905	—	FM208170	—	_	_
C. cervicornis	CL230	Greece, H. Sipman & T. Raus (H)		MK179594	MK141858	PQ252626	MK179832	MK180241	MK152642
C. aff. cervicornis	CL1078	USA, Maine, Washington County, T10 SD, Donnell Pond Public Reserve Lands, <i>J. Lendemer</i> 22968 (H)	FUM	PQ256168	PQ252455	PQ252545	PQ274470	_	_
C. cineracea	CL1331	Russia, Kamchatka Peninsula, Koryak Okrug, Olutorsky District, Koryak State Reserve, N to Kuyakynvayam River, <i>D. E. Himelbrant & I. S.</i> <i>Stepanchikova</i> Kor-Goven-26-2018 (H)	FUM, ATR	_	PQ252460	PQ252597	PQ274523	_	-
C. cineracea	CL117	Russia, Sakha Republic, T. Ahti 64967 (H)		MK141867	MK179710	_	_	_	MK152651
C. cineracea	CL1332	Russia, Kamchatka Peninsula, Koryak Okrug, Olutorsky, D. E. Himelbrant & I. S. Stepanchikova Kor-Goven-26-2018 (H)	FUM	PQ256231	PQ252461	PQ252598	-	_	_
C. clathrata	LK83	Brazil, Minas Gerais, S. Stenroos 5085a (TUR)		AF455185	_	_	MK179840	_	MK152652
C. cornuta ssp. cornuta	10CORN	Finland, Uusima, R. Pino-Bodas (MACB)	FUM	JN811385	JN811350	_	JN811428	MK180269	MK152678
C. farinacea	4FARIN	Chile, Magallanes, A. R. Burgaz (MACB)	FUM	KR818327	KR818411	_	KR818502	_	_
C. fimbriata	CL259	Finland, V. Haikonen 28468 (H)		MK141945	MK179532	_	MK179898	MK180305	MK152729
C. firma	CL1517	UK, E. Cornwall, Hemar Tor, Lanlivery, N. A. Sanderson 2679	FUM, ATR	PQ256255	_	PQ252619	_	_	_
C. firma	1FIRM	Spain, Burgos, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 91615)	FUM, ATR	FM205909	MK141946	FM208168	FM207577	MK180306	KC526124
C. foliacea	16FOL	UK, Scotland, B. Coppins (MACB 95602)	FUM, USN	FM205898	MK141950	FM208145	FM207566	MK180309	MK152733
C. furcata	1FURC	Spain, León, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 91055)	FUM	KR818310	KR818394	_	KR818488	_	MK152739
C. furfuraceoides	LK60	Guyana, S. Stenroos 4794 (TUR)		AF455202	MK141956	_	MK179907	MK180316	MK152741
C. gracilis ssp. gracilis	1GRAC	Spain, A. R. Burgaz (MACB)		JN811386	JN811386	_	JN811412	MK180321	MK152747
C. graeca	CL211	Greece, H. Sipman & T. Raus 53957a (H)		MK179510	MK141965	_	_	MK180326	MK152754
C. grayi	CL87	USA, New York, S. Stenroos 5752 (H)		MK141970	MK179716	_	_	_	MK152759
C. isabellina	1ISABEL	Ecuador, <i>R. Pino-Bodas</i> (MACB)		MK179717	MK141982	_	_	_	MK152771
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C. isabellina	CL288	Bolivia, A. Flakus & O. Plata 22705 (H)		MK179482	MK142029	_	MK179972	MK180381	MK152824
C. isabellina	CL347	Costa Rica, P. Clerc & C. Rojas PC2013/170 (H)		MK179476	MK141986	_	MK179929	_	MK152773
C. isabellina	CL278	Bolivia, <i>P. Rodriguez</i> 1210 (H)		MK141984	MK179475	_	_	_	_
C. isabellina	CL269	Bolivia, P. Rodriguez & A. Flakus 1103 (H)		MK141983	MK179474	_	_	MK180339	MK152772
C. isabellina	CL282	Bolivia, A. Flakus & O. Plata 21705 (H)		MK179571	MK141985	_	_	_	_
C. islandica	CL255	USA, Alaska, S. Talbot AML008-X-13Ab (H)		MK179511	MK141987	_	_	MK180340	MK152774
C. islandica	CL262	USA, Alaska, S. Talbot AML008-X-13A (H)		MK141988	MK179512	_	MK179930	MK180341	MK152775
C. itatiaiae	AT563	Brazil, Minas Gerais, S. Stenroos 4996 (H)		_	MK141989	_	_	_	MK152776
C. krempelhuberi	CL71	New Zealand, S. Stenroos 6012 (H)		MK179477	MK141991	_	_	_	MK152781
C. latiloba	1LATILOB	Brazil, Santa Catarina, Sanders s.n. (H)			MK141995	_	JN621967	_	JN621998
C. macrophyllodes	CL2216	Andorra, Encamp, Soldeu, Port d'Envalira, <i>R. Pino-Bodas</i> 373-2022 & <i>A. R. Burgaz</i> (MACB 127526)	FUM, ATR	PQ256257	-	-	-	-	-
C. macrophyllodes	CL2217	Andorra, Encamp, Soldeu, Port d'Envalira, <i>R. Pino-Bodas</i> 375-2022 & <i>A. R. Burgaz</i> (MACB 127527)	FUM, ATR	PQ256258	_	_	_	_	_
C. macrophyllodes	CL2219	Andorra, Encamp, Soldeu, Port d'Envalira, <i>R. Pino-Bodas</i> 378-2022 & <i>A. R. Burgaz</i> (MACB 127528)	FUM, ATR	PQ256259	-	-	_	_	-
C. macrophyllodes	CL2223	Andorra, Ordino-Arcalís, <i>R. Pino-Bodas</i> 450-2022 & <i>A. R. Burgaz</i> (MACB 127530)	FUM, ATR	PQ256261	PQ252503	PQ252623	_	_	_
C. macrophyllodes	CL2226	Andorra, Ordino-Arcalís, <i>R. Pino-Bodas</i> 452-2022 & <i>A. R. Burgaz</i> (MACB 127531)	FUM, ATR	PQ256263	PQ252515	PQ252624	-	-	-
C. macrophyllodes	CL2228	Andorra, Ordino-Arcalís, <i>R. Pino-Bodas</i> 458-2022 & <i>A. R. Burgaz</i> (MACB 127532)	FUM, ATR	PQ256264	PQ252505	PQ252625	_	-	-
C. macrophyllodes	CL2224	Andorra, Ordino-Arcalís, <i>R. Pino-Bodas</i> 456-2022 & <i>A. R. Burgaz</i> (MACB 127529)	FUM, ATR	PQ256262	PQ252504	-	-	-	-
C. macrophyllodes	CL1302	Bulgaria, Blagoevgrad, Bansko, Pirin Mts, A. R. Burgaz (MACB)	FUM, ATR	PQ256226	PQ252450	_	PQ274520	_	_
C. macrophyllodes	CL1299	Bulgaria, Blagoevgrad, Bansko, Pirin Mts, around Vihren, A. R. Burgaz (MACB)	FUM, ATR	PQ256225	PQ252448	PQ252593	PQ274518	_	_
C. macrophyllodes	CL2461	Canada, British Columbia, Cathedral Lake, G.W. Scotter QLL02 (CANL)	FUM, ATR	PQ256267	PQ252507	_	_	_	_
C. macrophyllodes	CL2460	Canada, British Columbia, Osoyoos Division Yale Land, <i>G.W. Scotter</i> JPL20 (CANL)	FUM, ATR	PQ256266	PQ252506	_	-	_	_
C. macrophyllodes	CL2385	Montenegro, Crna Gora, Plav, Meteh Babino Polije, <i>A. R. Burgaz</i> (MACB 111751)	FUM, ATR	-	-	PQ252627	-	_	-
C. macrophyllodes	CL1577	Montenegro, Plav, Meteh, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 111751)	FUM, ATR	PQ256256	_	_	_	_	_
C. macrophyllodes	CL1484	Norway, Nord-Trøndelag, Snåsa, <i>H. Holien</i> 12195 (TRH L-13141)	FUM, ATR	_	PQ252496	_	_	_	_

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C. macrophyllodes	CL3018	Norway, Østerdalen, Innlandet, Alvdal, Tron Mountain, <i>R. Pino-Bodas</i> 645-2023 (MACB 127553)	FUM, ATR	-	PQ252522	PQ252632	-	_	-
C. macrophyllodes	CL2251	Portugal, Mihno, Peneda-Gerês National Park, <i>R. Pino-Bodas</i> 307-2022 (MACB 127552)	FUM, ATR	PQ256265	_	-	_	-	-
C. macrophyllodes	CL3036	Switzerland, Kallarmes Schneetälchen, M. Vust TL22JG4107	FUM, ATR	_	PQ252528	—	_	_	_
C. macrophyllodes	CL2746	Switzerland, M. Vust 3849	FUM, ATR	_	PQ252520	_	_	_	_
C. macrophyllodes	CL2740	Switzerland, UR, Realp, Col de la Furka, M. Vust 5966 & C. Scheidegger	FUM, ATR	_	PQ252514	_	_	_	_
C. macrophyllodes	CL2742	Switzerland, VS, Bagnes, La Ly, M. Vust 6815	FUM, ATR	_	PQ252517	_	_	_	_
C. macrophyllodes	CL2733	Switzerland, Canton Uri, Alps, road between Wassen, <i>R. Pino-Bodas</i> 457_2023 (MACB 12755)	FUM, ATR	_	PQ252513	-	_	-	-
C. macrophyllodes	CL2744	Switzerland, UR, Realp, Col de la Furca, M. Vust & C. Scheidegger 6044	FUM, ATR	_	PQ252519	_	_	_	_
C. macrophyllodes	CL2747	Switzerland, VS, Bagnes, La Ly, M. Vust 654	FUM, ATR	_	PQ252521	_	_	_	_
C. macrophyllodes	CL2741	Switzerland, VS, Bagnes, Pte du Parc, M. Vust 961	FUM, ATR	_	PQ252516	_	_	_	_
C. macrophyllodes	CL2743	Switzerland, VS, Obergoms, Col de la Furka, M. Vust & C. Scheidegger 6091	FUM, ATR	_	PQ252518	_	_	_	_
C. macrophyllodes	LK79	Greenland, E. S. Hansen, Lich. Groenl. Exs. 683 (H)		AF455173	MK142013	_	MK179959	_	MK152806
C. magyarica	2MAGY	Hungary, L. Lökös (MACB 98243)		KC526136	KC526045	_	KC526075	MK180368	KC526114
C. mauritiana	CL113	France, Réunion, P. & B. van der Boom 40842 (H)		MK179620	MK142022	_	_	_	MK152815
C. mauritiana	CL191	France, Réunion, F. Shumm & J.P. Frahm 15496 (H)		MK179600	MK142023	_	MK179967	MK180375	MK152816
C. mauritiana	AT584	Seychelles, <i>Saaristo</i> (TUR)		AF453846	MK142020	_	MK179965	_	MK152813
C. mauritiana	CL101	Cameroon, Piatek & Piatek 2 (KRAM)		MK179616	MK142021	_	MK179966	MK180374	MK152814
C. mawsonii s. lat.	LK12	Kerguelen, Poulsen RSP-1044 (TUR)		AF455178	MK142025	—	_	_	MK152818
C. mawsonii	CL30	New Zealand, S. Stenroos 5901 (H)		MK179480	MK142024	_	MK179968	MK180376	MK152817
C. melanopoda	CL277	Bolivia, <i>A. Flakus</i> 21788 (H)		MK179481	MK142028	_	_	_	_
C. mateocyatha	CL123	USA, Pensylvania, Harris 54245 (H)		MK179479	MK142019	_	_	_	MK152812
C. microphylla	CL1218	Cape Verde, Porto Santo, loc. 894, S. Pérez-Ortega 6035 (MA)	FUM	PQ256218	PQ252442	_	PQ274512	_	_
C. microphylla	CL1221	Cape Verde, Porto Santo, loc. 899, S. Pérez-Ortega 6120 (MA)	FUM	PQ256220	PQ252443	PQ252589	PQ274513	_	_
C. microphylla	CL1070	Portugal, The Azores, Pico island, Candelária, R. Pino-Bodas (H)	FUM	PQ256163	PQ252390	PQ252541	PQ274551	_	_
C. microphylla	CL1071	Portugal, The Azores, Faial island, Cedros, R. Pino-Bodas (H)	FUM	PQ256164	PQ252391	PQ252542	PQ274552	_	_
C. microphylla	CL817	Portugal, The Azores, Terceira Island, R. Pino-Bodas (H)	FUM, CPH2	PQ256276	PQ252529	PQ252640	PQ274547	_	_
C. microphylla	CL1100	Portugal, The Azores, Terceira, Algar do Carvão, J. Etayo 31054	FUM	PQ256186	PQ252410	PQ252557	-	_	_
C. microphylla	-			MN586949	_	_	_	_	_
C. neozelandica	CL32	New Zealand, S. Stenroos 5903 (H)		MK179539	MK142053	-	MK179993	MK180398	MK152849

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C. nipponica	CL213	USA, Alaska, <i>K. Dillman</i> 19 (H)		KR019397	KR019473	_	MK179999	MK180404	MK152855
C. nitens	FH346	Russia, Sakha Republic, <i>T. Ahti</i> 64841 (H)		MK179513	MK142059	—	MK180001	MK180406	MK152857
C. petrophila	CL227	USA, North Carolina, Perlmutter 2538 (H)		MK179679	MK142069	—	MK180011	MK180415	MK152868
C. peziziformis	AT631	USA, DC, S. Stenroos 5198 (TUR)		AF455221	KR019478	_	_	_	MK152870
C. phyllophora	CL2222	Andorra, Ordino-Arcalís, R. Pino-Bodas 455-2022 & A. R. Burgaz (MACB)	FUM, ATR	PQ256260	—	PQ252622	_	_	_
C. phyllophora	CL3035	Norway, Østerdalen, Innlandet, Dovre Municipality, <i>R. Pino-Bodas</i> 754b-2023 (MACB 127554)	FUM	-	PQ252527	PQ252637	PQ274545	-	_
C. phyllophora	CL3033	Norway, Østerdalen, Innlandet, Venabygb, Venabu, <i>R. Pino-Bodas</i> 461-2023 (MACB 127534)	FUM	PQ256272	PQ252525	PQ252635	PQ274557	-	_
C. phyllophora	CL3031	Norway, Østerdalen, Innlandet, Venabygb, Venabu, <i>R. Pino-Bodas</i> 463-2023 (MACB)	FUM	PQ256271	PQ252524	PQ252634	PQ274543	_	_
C. phyllophora	CL3034	Norway, Østerdalen, Innlandet, Alvdal, Tron Mountain, <i>R. Pino-Bodas</i> 648-2023 (MACB 127533)	FUM	-	PQ252526	PQ252636	PQ274544	-	_
C. phyllophora	LK15	Finland, S. Stenroos 5161 (TUR)		AF455170	MK142071	_	MK180012	MK180417	MK152872
C. polycarpoides	CL1252	Bulgaria, Blagoevgrad, Sandanski, Gorno Spanchevo, <i>A. R. Burgaz</i> (MACB 127538)	NSTIC, CNSTIC	PQ256224	PQ252446	PQ274517	_	_	_
C. polycarpoides	FH354	Russia, Leningrad Region, T. Ahti 68339 (H)		MK179607	MK142084	_	_	MK180427	MK152886
C. polyscypha	LK73	Guyana, S. Stenroos 4789 (TUR)		AF453847	MK142088	_	MK180025	MK180430	MK152890
C. pulvinata	CL1405	Denmark, Harrild Hede, U. Søchting DMS-9196414 (C-L 75839)	PSO, CPSO	PQ256232	PQ252471	PQ252599	_	_	_
C. pulvinata	CL1407	Denmark, Lodbjerg Fyr, U. Søchting DMS-9316490 (C-L 75837)	PSO, CPSO	PQ256234	PQ252472	PQ252601	_	_	_
C. pulvinata	CL1475	Norway, Sør-Trøndelag, Åfjord, Storfjellet, <i>H. Holien</i> 14946 (TRH L-16327)	PSO, CPSO	PQ256249	PQ252473	PQ252609	_	_	_
C. pulvinata	CL1096	Portugal, Beira Alta, Penhas Douradas, Serra da Estrela, A. R. Burgaz (MACB)	PSO, CPSO	PQ256185	PQ252464	_	_	_	_
C. pulvinata	CL1094	Spain, Ávila, Candelario, P. Nat. S° de Candelario, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 95387)	PSO, CPSO	PQ256184	PQ252463	_	_	_	_
C. pulvinata	CL1098	Spain, Burgos, Pineda de la Sierra, S° de Mencilla, <i>A. R. Burgaz</i> (MACB 98143)	PSO, CPSO	-	PQ252466	_	_	_	_
C. pulvinata	CL1097	Spain, Cáceres, Guadalupe, Sª de Guadalupe, subida al pico Villuercas, <i>A. R. Burgaz</i> (MACB 95141)	PSO, CPSO	_	PQ252465	-	_	-	-
C. pulvinata	CL2661	Spain, Guipúzcoa, Urbia, R. Pino-Bodas 227-2023 (MACB 125072)	PSO, CPSO	PQ256268	PQ252511	PQ252630	PQ274542	_	_
C. pulvinata	CL1095	Spain, Soria, Muriel Viejo, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 98303)	PSO, CPSO	—	_	_	PQ274480	_	_
C. pulvinata	CL1106	The Netherlands, Gelderland, Kootwijik, A. Aptroot 76138 (MACB 124102)	PSO, CPSO	PQ256191	PQ252467	PQ252562	PQ274483	-	-
C. pulvinata	CL1110	The Netherlands, Gelderland, Wekerom, A. Aptroot 76141 (MACB 124105)	PSO, CPSO	-	_	PQ252565	_	_	_
C. pulvinata	CL1109	The Netherlands, Noord-Brabant, Loonse en Drunense, <i>A. Aptroot</i> 76167 (MACB 124107)	PSO, CPSO	PQ256194	PQ252469	PQ252564	PQ274486	_	-

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C. pulvinata	CL1107	The Netherlands, Utrecht, Zeist, A. Aptroot 76143 (MACB 124103)	PSO, CPSO	PQ256192	PQ252468	-	PQ274484	_	_
C. pulvinata	CL1103	The Netherlands, Utrecht, Zeist, A. Aptroot 76144 (MACB 124106)	PSO, CPSO	PQ256189	_	PQ252560	PQ274481	_	_
C. pulvinata	CL1321	UK, Scotland, VC92, Aberdeenshire, Glen Quioch, <i>A. Delaney & R. Yahr</i> 5363 (E 007188)	PSO, CPSO	-	PQ252470	_	-	_	-
C. pulvinata	9PUL	Spain, Segovia, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 95598)	PSO, CPSO	_	_	_	_	_	_
C. pulvinata	7PUL	Portugal, Tras-Os-Montes, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 94339)	PSO, CPSO	_	_	_	_	_	_
C. pulvinata	4PUL	Spain, Orense, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 91646)	PSO, CPSO	FM205911	KC526048	FM208172	FM207579	—	MK152905
C. pulvinata	CL132	The Netherlands, A. Aptroot 59984 (H)		MK142101	MK179725	_	MK180039	_	MK152906
C. ramulosa	CL344	Denmark, P. Corfixen, S. Christensen & E. S. Hansen (H)		MK142113	MH183220	_	MH183038	_	MK152919
C. rappii	CL648	Canada, New Brunswick, T. Ahti 74421 & S. Clayden (H)	FUM	PQ256273	PQ252456	_	_	_	_
C. rappii	CL649	Canada, New Brunswick, T. Ahti 74439 & S. Clayden (H)	FUM	PQ256274	PQ252457	_	_	_	_
C. rappii	CL1329	Canada, Newfoundland & Labrador, Island of Newfoundland, SW coast, Isle aux Mort, <i>T. Ahti</i> 75979 & <i>J. M. McCarthy</i> (H)	FUM	-	PQ252458	_	-	_	-
C. rappii	CL350	Costa Rica, P. Clerc & C. Rojas PC2013/155 (H)		MK179492	MK142128	_	_	_	MK152933
C. rappii	CL273	Bolivia, A. Flakus & O. Plata 21564 (H)		MK179491	MK142127	_	_	MK180465	MK152932
C. rappii	CL183	Australia, Western Australia, F. Schumm & Stocker 15647 (H)		MK179687	MK142215	_	MK180149	MK180549	MK153032
C. rappii	CL174	Australia, Western Australia, F. Schumm & Stocker 15800 (H)		MK179499	MK142219	_	_	_	MK153035
C. rappii	AT707	Australia, New South Wales, Wall s.n. (TUR)		AF455177	MK142129	_	MK180062	MK180466	MK152934
C. rappii	LK29	Bhutan, U. Søchting 8205 (H)		AF453843	MK142130	_	MK180063	MK180467	MK152935
C. signata	AT562	Brazil, Minas Gerais, S. Stenroos 4955 (TUR)		AF455233	MK142152	_	MK180082	MK180483	MK152955
C. staufferi	AT738	Australia, Victoria, Hammer 7051 (H)		AF455179	MK142164	_	MK180088	MK180491	MK152964
C. stricta	CL1424	Greenland, Narsaq, Mt Nuluk S of Igaliku, S. Svane (C-L75516)	FUM, ATR	_	PQ252488	_	_	_	_
C. stricta	CL1422	Greenland, Narsaq, Narsaq Kommune, V. Alstrup 7609 (C)	FUM	_	PQ252487	_	_	_	_
C. stricta	CL1339	Iceland, Mýrasýla, Norðurárdalur, Túnpŕyði farm, P. F. Cannon (K-M 201921)	FUM	_	_	_	PQ274524	_	_
C. stricta	CL1482	Norway, Nord-Trøndelag, Namssos, H. Holien 11342 (TRH L-1279)	FUM	_	PQ252489	_	_	_	_
C. sobolescens	1SUBCARI	USA, New Jersey, J. Lendemer et al. 1037 (H)		JN621936	MK142169	_	JN621969	_	JN622000
C. subcervicornis	1SUBCER	Portugal, A. R. Burgaz (MACB)		MK179610	MK142171	_	MK180096	MK180498	MK152974
C. subcervicornis	CL99	UK, Scotland, S. Stenroos 6090 (H)		MK179681	MK142173	_	MK180098	MK180499	MK152976
C. subcervicornis	CL135	Faeroe Islands, <i>H. Väre</i> L1841 (H)		MK179726	MK142172	-	MK180097	_	MK152975
C. subchordalis	LK90	Chile, Osorno, Feuerer 60406 (TUR)		AF455174	_	_	MK180100	MK180501	MK152978
C. subchordalis	AT512	Chile, Magallanes, Feuerer 60166 (TUR)		AF455175	_	_	MK180099	MK180500	MK152977
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C. subsquamosa	CL296	Bolivia, A. Flakus & O. Plata 20894 (H)		MK179630	MK142182	_	MK180110	_	MK152989
C. subulata	CL336	Finland, T. Ahti 71379 (H)		MK179686	MK142198	_	MK180129	_	MK153007
C. subulata	LK64	Germany, A. Thell 9932 (TUR)		AF455181	_	_	MK180130	MK180527	MK153008
C. teuvoana sp. nov.	CL1130	Czech Republic, C Bohemia, Praha, Natural Park Košíře, <i>Z. Palice</i> 24917 (MACB 127523)	FUM	PQ256203	PQ252426	PQ252577	PQ274499	-	-
C. teuvoana sp. nov.	CL1410	Denmark, Jutland, Harrild, Hede, U. Søchting 12520 (C-L 75831)	FUM	PQ256236	PQ252476	-	PQ274529	_	_
C. teuvoana sp. nov.	CL2663	Spain, Guipúzcoa, Urbia, R. Pino-Bodas 229-2023 (MACB 125083)	FUM	PQ256269	PQ252512	PQ252631	_	_	_
C. teuvoana sp. nov.	CL1111	The Netherlands, Drenthe, Balloo, A. Aptroot 76154 (MACB 127525)	FUM	PQ252415	_	PQ252566	PQ274487	_	_
C. teuvoana sp. nov.	CL1108	The Netherlands, Drenthe, Gasteren zand, A. Aptroot 76155 (MACB 127524)	FUM	PQ256193	PQ252414	PQ252563	PQ274485	_	_
C. teuvoana sp. nov.	CL1515	UK, Hampshire, New Forest National Park, Lyndhurst, <i>R. Pino-Bodas & N. Sanderson</i> (MACB 127522)	FUM	—	PQ252502	PQ252618	PQ274541	_	_
C. teuvoana sp. nov.	CL129	Sweden, <i>Løfall</i> 10970 (H)		MK179606	MK142083	_	_	_	MK152885
C. trassii	CL1480	Norway, Nordland, Grane, Holmvassdalen, H. Holien 11879 (TRH L-12715)	FUM, ATR	_	PQ252492	_	_	_	_
C. trassii	CL1481	Norway, Nord-Trøndelag, Namssokogan, W of Steinfjellettunnelen, <i>H. Holien</i> 11753 (TRH L-12481)	FUM, ATR	PQ256251	PQ252493	PQ252612	_	-	-
C. trassii	CL1478	Norway, Trøndelag, Namdalseid, H. Holien 12184 (TRH L-13132)	FUM, ATR	_	PQ252490	PQ252610	_	_	_
C. trassii	CL1479	Norway, Trøndelag, Snåsa, S of Grønhaugen, H. Holien 12184 (TRH L-13132)	FUM, ATR	PQ256250	PQ252491	PQ252611	_	_	_
C. trassii	CL1330	Russia, Kamchatka Peninsula, Koryak Okrug, Olutorsky, <i>Himelbrant & I.S. Stepanchikova</i> Kor-Goven-10add-2018 (K)	FUM, ATR	PQ256230	PQ252459	PQ252596	PQ274522	-	-
C. trassii	CL1323	UK, Scotland, VC94 Banffshire, Cairngorms, Beinn, Macduibh, Garbh Uisge Mor, <i>P. Harrold</i> 11328 (E0075565)	FUM, ATR	PQ256228	PQ252453	PQ252595	-	-	-
C. turgida	AT645	Finland, Jääskeläinen (TUR)		AF455203	MK142207	_	MK180138	MK180536	MK153017
C. uliginosa	CL1328	Russia, Kamchatka Peninsula, Koryak Okrug, Olutorsky, D. E. Himelbrant & I.S. Stepanchikova Kor-Galin-26-2018 (K)	FUM, ATR	PQ256229	PQ252454	_	_	-	-
C. uliginosa	CL327	Finland, V. Haikonen 29139 (H)		MK179498	MK142208	_	_	MK180537	MK153018
C. verticillata	CL1251	Bulgaria, Vidin, Ruzhintsi, Pleshivets, Vidin-Kulata road, <i>A. R. Burgaz</i> (MACB 127541)	FUM	PQ256223	PQ252447	PQ252592	PQ274516	_	-
C. verticillata	CL869	Canada, New Brunswick, Saint John, <i>T. Ahti</i> 74443 & <i>S. R. Clayden</i> (MACB 124110)	FUM	PQ256277	PQ252530	-	-	_	-
C. verticillata	CL1073	Canada, Newfoundland & Labrador, Island of Newfoundland, Humber East District, <i>T. Ahti</i> 74744 (H)	FUM	PQ256165	PQ252392	PQ252543	PQ274468	-	-
C. verticillata	CL1419	Canada, Newfoundland & Labrador, Island of Newfoundland, <i>T. Ahti</i> 75602 & <i>J. McCarthy</i> (H)	FUM	PQ256244	PQ252485	_	_	_	_
C. verticillata	CL1074	Canada, Newfoundland, White Bay South region, T. Ahti 70697 (H)	FUM	PQ256166	PQ252393	_	_	_	_

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C. verticillata	CL2487	Canada, Quebec, Bas-St-Laurent, C. Boudreault 20191024A9 (H)	FUM	_	_	PQ252629	_	_	_
C. verticillata	CL2486	Canada, Quebec, C. Boudreault 20210724A4 (H)	FUM	_	PQ252510	_	_	_	_
C. verticillata	CL1125	Czech Republic, N Bohemia, National Park České, <i>Z. Palice</i> 24886 (MACB 127545)	FUM	PQ256199	-	PQ252572	PQ274494	-	-
C. verticillata	CL1124	Czech Republic, N Bohemia, National Park České, <i>Z. Palice</i> 24897 (MACB 127546)	FUM	PQ256198	PQ252422	-	PQ274493	-	-
C. verticillata	CL1131	Czech Republic, N Bohemia, Dist. Česká Lípa, Sosnová, <i>Z. Palice</i> 24928 (MACB 124111)	FUM	_	PQ252428	_	_	_	-
C. verticillata	CL1122	Czech Republic, N Bohemia, Dist. Česká Lípa, Sosnová, <i>Z. Palice</i> 24935 (MACB 127549)	FUM	PQ256197	PQ252420	PQ252570	-	_	_
C. verticillata	CL1121	Czech Republic, N Bohemia, Jetřichovice, National Park, <i>Z. Palice</i> 24921 "České Švýcarko" (MACB 124110)	FUM	-	PQ252419	-	PQ274491	-	-
C. verticillata	CL1132	Czech Republic, N Bohemia, National Park České, <i>Z. Palice</i> 18869 (MACB 124108)	FUM	_	PQ252429	_	_	_	_
C. verticillata	CL1127	Czech Republic, N Bohemia, National Park České Švýcarsko, <i>Z. Palice</i> 24898 (MACB 127547)	FUM	PQ256201	PQ252424	PQ252574	PQ274496	_	_
C. verticillata	CL1128	Czech Republic, N Bohemia, National Park České Švýcarsko, <i>Z. Palice</i> 24937 (MACB 127548)	FUM	PQ256202	PQ252425	PQ252575	PQ274497	_	_
C. verticillata	CL1417	Denmark, Ålbæk Klitplantage, U. Søchting DMS-9198468 (C-L 75840)	FUM	PQ256242	PQ252483	_	PQ274535	_	_
C. verticillata	CL1418	Denmark, Hanstholm Vildtresevat, U. Søchting DMS-9245802 (C-L 75841)	FUM	PQ256243	PQ252484	PQ252606	_	_	_
C. verticillata	CL1416	Denmark, Hulsig Hede, U. Søchting DMS-9198104 (C-L 75834)	FUM	_	PQ252482	_	_	_	_
C. verticillata	CL870	Finland, Uusimaa, Espoo, R. Pino-Bodas s.n. & T. Ahti (MACB 124109)	FUM, ± PHY	PQ256278	PQ252531	PQ252641	_	_	_
C. verticillata	CL1069	Finland, Uusimaa, Espoo, Takkula, <i>T. Ahti</i> 74359 & <i>R. Pino-Boda</i> s (MACB 127551)	FUM	PQ256162	PQ252389	PQ252540	-	_	-
C. verticillata	CL1185	Germany, Halbeldorf, V. Otte (GLM-L 30348)	FUM	_	PQ252431	_	_	_	_
C. verticillata	CL1126	Germany, Sachsen-Anhalt, Ergebirge, Z. Palice 24972	FUM	PQ256200	PQ252423	PQ252573	PQ274495	_	_
C. verticillata	CL1188	Germany, Sarnser, Oberlasia, V. Otte (GLM-L 39356)	FUM	_	PQ252434	_	_	_	_
C. verticillata	CL1187	Germany, Sarnser, Oberlasia, V. Otte (GLM-L 39419)	FUM	_	PQ252433	_	_	_	_
C. verticillata	CL1079	Hungary, Baranya, Cserkút, Mts. Mecsek, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 112583)	FUM	PQ256169	PQ252397	PQ252546	_	_	_
C. verticillata	CL1474	Norway, Sør-Trøndelag, Åfjord, Storfjellet, <i>H. Holien</i> 14948 (TRH L-16326)	FUM	_	_	PQ252608	_	_	_
C. verticillata	CL3030	Norway, Østerdalen, Innlandet, Venabygb, Venabu, <i>R. Pino-Bodas</i> 479-2023 (MACB 127539)	FUM	PQ256270	PQ252523	PQ252633	_	-	_
C. verticillata	CL806	Russia, Leningrad Region, Bolshoy Tuters island, <i>I. S. Stepanchikova</i> 12-2015 (H)	FUM	PQ256275	PQ252495	PQ252639	PQ274546	_	-

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C. verticillata	CL1101	The Netherlands, Drenthe, Gasteren, A. Aptroot 76157 (MACB 12544)	FUM	PQ256187	PQ252411	PQ252558	_	_	_
C. verticillata	CL1105	The Netherlands, Gelderland, Kootwijik, A. Aptroot 76139 (MACB 127542)	FUM	PQ256190	PQ252413	PQ252561	_	_	_
C. verticillata	CL1102	The Netherlands, Noord-Brabant, Loonse en Drunense, <i>A. Aptroot</i> 76169 (MACB 127543)	FUM	PQ256188	PQ252412	-	PQ274556	-	-
C. verticillata	CL311	The Netherlands, Gelderland, Garderen, T. Ahti 72002 & A. Aptroot (H)	FUM	_	_	PQ252638	_	_	_
C. verticillata	1947	Canada, Ontario, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 103716)	FUM	KC776933	PQ252382	PQ252532	PQ274463	_	_
C. verticillata	1vertti	Spain, Burgos, Villasur de Herreros, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 103717)	FUM	KC776932	_	PQ252534	_	_	_
C. verticillata	1948	USA, New Hampshire, A. R. Burgaz (MACB 103718)	FUM	KC776934	PQ252383	PQ252533	PQ274464	_	_
C. verticillata	CL1483	Norway, Leirfjord, E of Fagervika, H. Holien 10714 (TRH L-11882)	FUM	_	PQ252494	_	_	_	_
C. verticillata	CL1076	Canada, British Columbia, Nass Ranges, T. Goward 196 (H)	FUM	PQ256167	PQ252395	PQ252544	PQ274469	_	_
C. verticillata	CL2485	Canada, Quebec, C. Boudreault 20180817B3	FUM	_	PQ252509	PQ252628	_	_	_
C. verticillata	LK49	Canada, Newfoundland, T. Ahti 56951 (H)		AF453845	MK142217	_	MK180151	MK180551	MK153034
C. verticillata	CL134	USA, Pennsylvania, J. Lendemer 16481 (H)		_	MK142218	_	_	_	_
C. vescula	CL275	Bolivia, A. Flakus & O. Plata 20543 (H)		MK179667	MK141900	_	MK179863	MK180277	MK152686

ATR = atranorin; FUM = fumarprotocetraric acid; CNSTIC = connorstictic acid; CPH-2 = confumarprotocetraric acid; CPSO = conpsoromic acid; NSTIC = norstictic acid; PHY = physodalic acid; PSO = psoromic acid; USN = usnic acid; ZEO = Zeorin

multivariate analysis of variance (PERMANOVA) was used to test differences between clades and species, with the Bray-Curtis dissimilarity, 999 permutations and Bonferroni correction for multiple comparisons.

Contingency tables were used to assess the association between qualitative characters and different clades. The morphological characters studied were: upcurled dry squamules, upper surface colour, lanceolate lobes, colour of base squamules, continuous algal layer and basal colour of podetia (alternative states are listed in Supplementary Material Table S1, available online). The analyses were performed using the *abind* package (Plate & Heiberger 2016). As the number of specimens in clade C was low, Fisher's test was used instead of the chi-square test (Agresti 2018).

DNA extraction, PCRs and sequencing

A single podetium per specimen was used for DNA extraction. Exceptionally, for the molecular biology study, specimens with poorly developed podetia or without them were included. Before DNA extraction, the fragment was soaked in acetone for 1 h to remove secondary metabolites. The acetone extracts were used to conduct TLC. Total genomic DNA was extracted using the E.Z.N.A. Forensic Kit (Omega) following the manufacturer's instructions; DNA was dissolved in 100 µl of elution buffer (10 mM Tris-Cl). Based on preliminary studies (Pino-Bodas et al. 2010a, 2013a, c; Stenroos et al. 2019), the regions ITS rDNA, IGS rDNA, RPB2 and cox1 were selected to conduct the revision of the C. cervicornis group. The primers and PCR conditions are described in Pino-Bodas et al. (2010b) and Stenroos et al. (2019). PCR reactions were carried out using BIOTAQ polymerase (Bioline), including 0.3 µl of Taq polymerase, 2.5 µl of 10× PCR buffer, 1.4 μ l of MgCl₂ (50 μ m μ l⁻¹), 1.6 μ l of dNTPs (2.5 μ m μ l⁻¹), 1 μ l of BSA (1 μ m μ l⁻¹), 1 μ l of each primer (10 μ m μ l⁻¹), and 1 µl of extracted DNA. PCR products were sequenced at Macrogen Spain (http://www.macrogen.com).

Phylogenetic analyses

The dataset used for the phylogenetic analyses included the specimens newly sequenced from the C. cervicornis group, sequences of Cladonia species with central proliferation from other regions of the world included in clade Cladonia, subclade Cladonia, and other species without central proliferations but belonging to this clade (Stenroos et al. 2019). Additionally, specimens of Cladonia species representing other major lineages within the clade Cladonia (Stenroos et al. 2019) were included in the phylogenetic analyses (Table 1). Cladonia borvi Tuck. and C. nipponica Vain., belonging to clade Boryia, were used as an outgroup. The sequences were assembled using Sequencher v. 4.1.4 (Gene Codes Corporation, Inc., Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA). The alignments of each genetic region were performed using the online version of MAFFT (Katoh & Standley 2013), with default parameters. Ambiguous positions of ITS rDNA and IGS rDNA alignments were removed with Gblocks v. 0.91b (Castresana 2000) using less restricted options (allowing final blocks, gap positions and less strict flanking positions).

Maximum likelihood (ML) analyses were performed in RAxML v. 7.04 (Stamatakis *et al.* 2008) for each locus, using 500 pseudoreplicates of rapid bootstrap and the GTRGAMMA model. The congruence among loci was inspected manually, based on the method described by Kauff & Lutzoni (2002, 2003). No incongruences were detected, and the datasets were combined. In addition to the genetic regions amplified in the specimens of the C. cervicornis group, concatenated analyses also included RPB1 and $ef1\alpha$ loci, which were used to estimate the phylogeny of *Cladonia* (Stenroos et al. 2019) and numerous sequences for specimens of the Cladonia subclade were available. This approach increased the number of loci sampled within the clades in the phylogeny. We verified that *RPB*1 and *ef*1 α were not represented exclusively in specimens of some branches of the phylogeny. The concatenated dataset was restricted to specimens represented by at least two loci. The concatenated dataset was analyzed by ML and Bayesian inference. JModelTest (Posada 2008) under the Akaike information criterion (AIC) was used to select the best substitution model for each region. The selected models were: TrNef+G for ITS rDNA, IGS rDNA and RPB2; K80+G for cox1; SYM + G for $ef1\alpha$ and TrNef + I + G for RPB1. The partitioning scheme used to analyze the concatenated datasets considered 15 partitions: ITS rDNA, IGS rDNA and each codon position for the loci cox1, ef1a, RPB1 and RPB2. ML analysis was conducted in RAxML using the GTRGAMMA model for each partition and 1000 pseudoreplicates of rapid bootstrap. The Bayesian analyses were performed using MrBayes v. 3.2.6 (Ronquist et al. 2012). Posterior probabilities were approximated by sampling trees using Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC). Two simultaneous runs, each with 20 000 000 generations and employing four chains, were executed. Every 1000th tree was saved into a file. The first 25% of trees was discarded as burn-in. Convergence between chains was assessed using Tracer v. 1.7 (Rambaut et al. 2018). The likelihood versus generation number and the average standard deviation of split frequencies (≤ 0.01) were plotted. Branches with posterior probabilities ≥ 0.95 and bootstrap values $\geq 70\%$ were considered strongly supported. The phylogenetic analyses based on the concatenated dataset were performed on the CIPRES Science Gateway web portal (Miller et al. 2010).

Species delimitation analyses

In addition to the clade delimitation obtained in the phylogenetic reconstructions, three species delimitation methods were employed to assess the number of species within the C. cervicornis group: Automatic Partitioning (ASAP) (Puillandre et al. 2021), Poisson Tree Processes (PTP) (Zhang et al. 2013) and General Mixed Yule Coalescent (GMYC) (Pons et al. 2006). These algorithms belong to the category of 'discovery' species delimitation methods, since they do not require any prior information on species boundaries. These analyses included only putative species represented by more than two sequences, removing singletons that may create artefacts (Lim et al. 2012; Pentinsaari et al. 2017). ASAP was implemented on the web server (https://bioinfo.mnhn.fr/abi/public/asap/) using the Jukes-Cantor (JC69) model to compute the genetic distances. PTP analyses were performed using the best ML tree estimated in RAxML for each locus. The analyses were conducted on the webserver (http://species.h-its.org/) with default parameters that included 500 000 generations, with a thinning rate of 100 and 10% burn-in. GMYC was conducted using iTaxoTools (Vences et al. 2021), using a single threshold. ML trees of each locus were transformed into ultrametric trees with the 'chromos' function of the ape package (Paradis & Schliep 2019) for R v. 4.3.3 (http://www.rproject.org/) and used for GMYC analyses.

Results

In this study, 469 new DNA sequences were generated (119 of ITS rDNA, 145 of IGS rDNA, 95 of *RPB*2 and 110 of *cox1*). The

concatenated dataset was composed of 221 specimens and 3798 characters. The ML analysis resulted in a tree with -Lnl = 27581.920. The Bayesian analyses produced a consensus tree with an arithmetic mean of -Lnl = 102147.35. ML and Bayesian consensus trees showed similar topologies. Figure 1 shows the Bayesian 50% majority-rule consensus tree, which is consistent with the topology of the subclade Cladonia generated in the phylogeny of Stenroos et al. (2019). The subclade Cladonia was revealed as monophyletic with high support, while the centrally proliferating species are not monophyletic. All specimens of C. verticillata from Europe form a monophyletic clade, although this is supported only in the Bayesian analysis (PP = 1/Bootstrap = 64). A small number of specimens from North America are included in this clade, which is closely related to C. subulata. The results appear to suggest that C. trassii is polyphyletic; one specimen of C. trassii is basal to the clade formed by C. verticillata and C. subulata, while three other specimens occur distantly, close to a specimen of C. cineracea and C. rappii. Cladonia pulvinata was monophyletic and highly supported in both analyses. Specimens identified as C. cervicornis form two well-supported clades. One clade (clade C), with seven specimens, is closely related to a clade comprising C. ceratophyllina (Nyl.) Vain., C. centrophora Müll. Arg., C. andesita Vain. and C. nitens Ahti. Clade D includes most of the specimens of C. cervicornis in addition to all the specimens studied of C. microphylla. Cladonia *macrophyllodes* is found to be monophyletic and closely related to C. uliginosa, which is represented by two specimens in the phylogeny. One specimen (Lendemer 22968) morphologically related to C. cervicornis from North America appears to be related to C. mateocyatha Robbins.

The results of species delimitation methods are presented in Fig. 2. The number of inferred species ranges from 2 to 115. In general, these methods showed little congruence with each other and with the current species delimitation. However, several of the methods for different loci identified clade C of *C. cervicornis* as a different species. Specifically, this putative species was inferred by ASAP for ITS rDNA, *RPB2* and *cox1*, by PTP for ITS rDNA and *RPB2*, and by GMYC for *RPB2*.

Table 1 shows the secondary metabolites detected by TLC in each specimen studied. The results show a high chemical homogeneity within the taxa. As a major substance, all the specimens of *C. pulvinata* contained psoromic acid, and all the specimens of *C. verticillata* contained fumarprotocetraric acid. Most *C. cervicornis* samples contained fumarprotocetraric acid, except for a small number of samples from Cyprus which also contained atranorin. Traces of other substances such as physodalic acid, confumarprotocetraric acid and a fatty acid with an R_f compatible with rangiformic acid were detected in specimens from different geographical origins (Table 1).

Table 2 presents the PERMANOVA pairwise comparison. PERMANOVA analyses showed a clear morphological differentiation between *C. cervicornis* and *C. verticillata*, and between *C. cervicornis* and *C. pulvinata*. However, there were no significant differences between *C. verticillata* and *C. pulvinata*. Our analyses showed that the specimens of clade C were morphologically very similar to *C. pulvinata*. These results were confirmed by NMDS analysis (Fig. 3), where specimens of *C. cervicornis* and *C. verticillata* clearly form separate clusters, while those of *C. pulvinata* and clade C overlap.

The contingency table analyses showed significant associations between the clades and the characters: lower surface colour (*P*-value = 0.0001034), upper surface colour (*P*-value = 0.01213),

lanceolate/rounded lobes (*P*-value = 0.001965), basal colour of squamules (*P*-value = 1.917e-11), and basal colour of podetia (*P*-value = 0.01323), although there were no significant associations among clades for continuous/discontinuous algal layer (*P*-value = 0.11).

Discussion

Species delimitation of the Cladonia cervicornis group in Europe

It is well known that many species of *Cladonia* present a high level of morphological intraspecific variation. This variation may be due to different stages of development, to changes produced by different environmental conditions, such as different light intensity or humidity, or a response to anthropogenic disturbances (Osyzcka & Rola 2013; Osyczka et al. 2014, 2018; Pino-Bodas et al. 2015). Therefore, determining which phenotypic traits can be used as diagnostic characters is often challenging. Species delimitation in *Cladonia* has been hampered by the low genetic variability of the genus, which means that the markers used in phylogenetic and species delimitation studies in fungi often do not have sufficient resolution (Pino-Bodas et al. 2011, 2013c; Stenroos et al. 2019). Several studies have shown that phenotypically and ecologically disparate species cannot be genetically distinguished even using multiple loci (Stenroos et al. 2019; Steinová et al. 2022). The low genetic variation among Cladonia species may be attributed to recent divergence among species or to the dominance of asexual reproduction (Ahti 2000; Stenroos et al. 2019; Steinová et al. 2022).

This research investigates the morphological and genetic variation of the C. cervicornis group in Europe, focusing on the three most common species, C. cervicornis, C. pulvinata and C. verticillata. Characters traditionally used to distinguish species of the C. cervicornis group have been: the number of central proliferations, the number of tiers, the presence of a melanotic region at the base of the podetia, gradual or abrupt podetial tapering, morphology of squamules, and the secondary metabolites (Ahti 2000, 2007; van Herk & Aptroot 2003). Although preliminary phylogenetic studies indicated that these three taxa were monophyletic and constituted independent lineages (Pino-Bodas et al. 2010a, 2013b; Stenroos et al. 2019), the large morphological variation documented in C. cervicornis and the difficulty in distinguishing some specimens from C. verticillata (Ahti & Stenroos 2013; Søchting 2017; Burgaz et al. 2020) prompted us to perform a new phylogenetic study. In this study, we used an integrative approach, combining the results of phylogenetic analyses, different methods for molecular species delimitation and the phenotypic study of specimens, to address species delimitation in the C. cervicornis group in Europe. Phylogenetic analyses showed five clades (Fig. 1), one corresponding to C. verticillata (clade A), another to C. pulvinata (clade B), two clades including specimens previously identified as C. cervicornis (clades C and D) and one corresponding to C. macrophyllodes (clade E). Nevertheless, these five clades were not identified as distinct species by the different species delimitation methods employed (Fig. 2). In fact, the results of the different species delimitation methods displayed great inconsistencies between them (Fig. 2), most showing an unrealistic amount of oversplitting. Although species delimitation methods have been widely used to establish species boundaries more objectively within different groups of lichen-forming fungi (Parnmen et al. 2012; Del-Prado et al. 2016; Pérez-Ortega et al. 2016; Wei et al.



Figure 1. Phylogeny of subclade Cladonia, based on concatenated ITS rDNA, IGS rDNA, *RPB1*, *RPB2*, *ef1* α and *cox1*, showing the 50% majority-rule consensus tree of the Bayesian analysis. Branches with a bootstrap value of > 70% and a posterior probability of > 0.95 are in bold. Species of the *C. cervicornis* group are indicated in different colours. The country of origin of the specimen is indicated in brackets using the ISO abbreviations. In colour online.



Figure 2. Results of species delimitation analyses (Automatic Partitioning (ASAP) (Puillandre *et al.* 2021); Poisson Tree Processes (PTP) (Zhang *et al.* 2013); General Mixed Yule Coalescent (GMYC) (Pons *et al.* 2006)) in the *Clandonia cervicornis* group, based on ITS rDNA, IGS rDNA, *cox1* and *RPB2*. The same colour indicates that the specimens were inferred to belong to the same species. The absence of colour indicates that the specimens were not analyzed. The DNA code corresponds to that shown in Fig. 1. Further details of the specimens can be found in Table 1. In colour online.

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Table 2. PERMANOVA results of morphological pairwise comparison among subclade *Cladonia cervicornis* group. Significant *P*-values are in bold.

Taxon comparisons	P-value
C. cervicornis-C. pulvinata	0.012
C. cervicornis-C. teuvoana	0.006
C. cervicornis-C. verticillata	0.006
C. pulvinata-C. teuvoana	0.528
C. pulvinata-C. verticillata	0.078
C. verticillata-C. teuvoana	0.006

2016; Košuthová et al. 2020), it has been common to obtain inconsistent or unrealistic results in terms of the number of species delimited (Pino-Bodas et al. 2018; Mercado-Díaz et al. 2020; Myllys et al. 2023). Inconsistencies may be attributed to breaking assumptions of different methods, employing low numbers of specimens, lack of sampling across the geographical range of species, or recent divergence (Carstens et al. 2013; Magoga et al. 2021). Although our sampling was extensive, with a large number of specimens analyzed, it was focused on Europe and might be geographically biased for some lineages. Reciprocal monophyly has been used as a criterion for species delimitation, since it is indicative of sufficient divergence between lineages (De Queiroz 1998; Lücking et al. 2021). Based on this criterion and our knowledge of genetic variation in Cladonia, we consider that the lineages found in the phylogenetic analyses represent different species. In addition, most of these lineages are supported by phenotypic differences. Our morphological analyses not only document variation in each lineage, but also show morphological differences among most of them (Fig. 3, Table 2), confirming the results of van Herk & Aptroot (2003).

Our analyses show that all European *C. verticillata* specimens belong to a single lineage, clade A. Therefore, this clade represents *C. verticillata* s. str. Furthermore, morphological analyses indicate morphological differences with the specimens of *C. cervicornis*. Clade A not only included European specimens, but also some from North America. Within this clade, two well-supported subclades could be distinguished, one containing three specimens from North America, the other with all European specimens and some from North America. However, these subclades were not delimited as independent species by any of the species delimitation methods. Other specimens of *C. verticillata* from other regions were not included in this clade, which confirms that a worldwide study is required to clarify the taxonomy of *C. verticillata* (Ahti 2007; Pino-Bodas *et al.* 2021).

Clade B consists exclusively of *C. pulvinata* specimens. According to our morphological analyses, the distinction between *C. pulvinata* and *C. verticillata* is difficult, since they display a large amount of overlap (Fig. 3). However, in regions where the species grow side-by-side, they can usually be reliably distinguished (van Herk & Aptroot 2003), and the presence of psoromic acid in *C. pulvinata* can always be used as a diagnostic character to identify the specimens of this lineage.

Clade C encompasses specimens with a more or less Atlantic distribution. Morphological analyses indicate differences from the rest of the lineages of the *C. cervicornis* group. This lineage was also supported by some species delimitation analyses (Fig. 2). From a morphological point of view, this lineage is distinguished by the narrower scyphi compared to other taxa within



Figure 3. Non-metric multidimensional scaling (NMDS) plot, illustrating the morphological variation among the species belonging to the Cladonia cervicornis group. Stress = 0.14. In colour online.

the group. These scyphi display abrupt widening and no tier proliferations have been observed. The squamules are smaller than those of the other lineages and may have a blackened zone on the underside, reaching up to 1/3 of the length of the squamules, which are white at the ends. Study of the type material has allowed us to determine that C. cervicornis s. str. corresponds to clade D. The primary thallus of the C. cervicornis type (lectotype and isolectotype) is morphologically similar to that of the specimens of this clade (Fig. 4), characterized by large, deeply incised squamules and an underside with purplish-greyish tinged ends. Possible designations applicable to clade C would be C. cristata Hoffm. or C. sobolifera. However, neither the iconography presented by Dillenius (1742) nor the description by Hoffmann (1796) matches the morphology of the specimens in this clade and we therefore rule out applying C. cristata to this clade. We did not have access to the type of C. sobolifera but we studied the Nylander specimens in the Helsinki herbarium and conclude that they belong to C. cervicornis (Fig. 4). Therefore, we consider clade C to be a new species that we describe here under the name Cladonia teuvoana.

Clade D consists of the specimens of C. cervicornis s. str. together with all the analyzed specimens of C. microphylla (Fig. 1), a Macaronesian endemic species characterized by deeply divided squamules (Ahti & Aptroot 2009). Although the analyses performed here did not distinguish this species from C. cervicornis, we do not propose any taxonomic changes since we did not undertake an in-depth morphological study of this taxon. In addition, phylogenomic analyses have resolved relationships between closely related species of lichen-forming fungi that conventional markers (e.g. ITS rDNA, LSU rDNA, RPB2) used in fungal phylogenies failed to separate (Grewe et al. 2018). We expect that analyses at the genomic scale will provide a better understanding of the boundaries between C. cervicornis and C. microphylla. Cladonia cervicornis specimens grouped in this clade show a high morphological variation (Fig. 3), but this variation is not related to genetic variation. Despite the low genetic variation found, several of the species delimitation methods divided the clade into several species. Given the lack of congruence among the delimitation methods, we opted for the most conservative option, which is to keep this lineage as a single species, a hypothesis that was supported only by ASAP for ITS rDNA and RPB2.

Cladonia cervicornis has been reported from North America (Hammer & Ahti 1990; Hammer 1995; Ahti & Hammer 2002) but the identity of these specimens is uncertain. Our results, based on the study of a single specimen, indicate that *C. cervicornis* s. str. is probably not present in North America (Fig. 1).

Clade E includes all the analyzed specimens of *C. macrophyllodes*. No circumscription problems have been reported for this species; although the primary thallus could be confused with that of *C. subcervicornis*, the two species have somewhat different habitat requirements (Ahti & Stenroos 2013; Burgaz *et al.* 2020). However, as for the remaining lineages, most species delimitation analyses inferred more than one species within this lineage, with the exception of ASAP and PTP for *cox1*. In the absence of other evidence, we maintain *C. macrophyllodes* as a single species.

Phylogenetic relationships within the Cladonia cervicornis group

The phylogenetic placement of species with central proliferations has been examined in previous studies (Stenroos *et al.* 2002, 2019; Beiggi & Piercey-Normore 2007; Pino-Bodas *et al.* 2010*a*, 2013*b*). However, in the present study the sampling is expanded substantially, including specimens from numerous countries and species not sampled to date, or poorly studied, such as *C. macrophyllodes, C. trassii* or *C. stricta.* The phylogenetic placement of the species of the *C. cervicornis* group is consistent with the results obtained by Stenroos *et al.* (2019), with all of them belonging to the Cladonia subclade.

The phylogenetic relationships of species in the *C. cervicornis* group, within the Cladonia subclade, are uncertain. Our results indicate that *C. verticillata* s. str. is related to *C. subulata*, a sorediate species without central proliferations, although this relationship was only supported in the Bayesian analysis (Fig. 1). This is a similar result to that found by Beiggi & Piercey-Normore (2007). However, the phylogeny of Stenroos *et al.* (2019) showed a possible relationship between *C. verticillata* and *C. pulvinata*, although it was not supported.

In our phylogeny, some clades consisted exclusively of species with central proliferations, but these clades did not always include species with morphological or biogeographical similarities. An example is the clade formed by *C. andesita*, *C. centrophora*, *C.*



Figure 4. A–C, Cladonia teuvoana sp. nov. (MACB 127525—holotype). D, Cladonia sobolifera (H-NYL 0608). E, Cladonia cervicornis (BM-ACH 722A—isolectotype). Scales: A, B & D = 1 cm; C = 0.5 cm. In colour online.

ceratophyllina, *C. nitens* and *C. teuvoana*. While *C. teuvoana* is restricted to Europe, the rest of the species have very different distribution patterns. *Cladonia ceratophyllina* and *C. centrophora* are two morphologically similar African species (Swinscow & Krog 1988; Ahti & Aptroot 1992). *Cladonia andesita* was originally described from Colombia, but other populations later found in Africa, with some morphological differences, could represent a different species (Swinscow & Krog 1988; Ahti 2000). *Cladonia nitens* has an amphi-Beringian distribution and is characterized by having slender, shiny podetia and a large melanotic zone (Ahti 2007).

Another clade, consisting exclusively of species with central proliferations, is formed by *C. aleuropoda* Vain., *C. calycantha* Delise ex Nyl., *C. cineracea*, *C. isabellina* Vain., *C. mawsonii* C.W. Dodge, *C. melanopoda* Ahti and a specimen of *C. rappii*. This clade was previously shown in the phylogeny of Stenroos *et al.* (2019) but without support. With the exceptions of *C. mawsonii*, which has a disjunct distribution between Australasia and Tierra del Fuego, and *C. rappii*, with a broader distribution (Stenroos & Ahti 1990; Ahti 2000), the remaining taxa in the clade are neotropical, abundant in the páramos of the Andes and morphologically very similar. The delimitation of neotropical species is still not well understood and needs further study (Ahti 2000).

The phylogenetic relationships of C. trassii are studied here for the first time. Although numerous specimens were selected for phylogenetic analysis, sequencing failed for most of the gene regions (Table 1). Only for IGS rDNA were a high number of sequences obtained. Phylogenetic analyses of this region revealed that the specimens identified as C. trassii formed a polyphyletic group. A similar result was found in the multilocus analysis, which included only those specimens with sequences for at least two loci. This result is not surprising, since C. trassii is an extremely variable species, difficult to distinguish from C. stricta and C. uliginosa (Ahti 1998; Ahti & Stenroos 2013). However, phylogenetic analyses did not show that C. trassii specimens are related to C. uliginosa. Our results point out a possible relationship between C. uliginosa and C. macrophyllodes, although it was supported only in the Bayesian analysis. These two species are easily distinguishable. Cladonia macrophyllodes has a welldeveloped and persistent primary thallus, while C. uliginosa has an inconspicuous and evanescent primary thallus. The two species also show considerable discrepancies in the morphology of

the podetia. *Cladonia uliginosa* has podetia with a discontinuous cortex, with several tiers of proliferations and a strongly melanotic base. None of these characters are shared by *C. macrophyllodes*, which has podetia with a continuous cortex and abundant squamules on the scyphi, and tiers are rarely present. However, both species synthesize the same secondary metabolites: fumarprotoce-traric acid and atranorin (Ahti 1978; Hansen & Ahti 2011; Ahti & Stenroos 2013).

Our analyses did not resolve the phylogenetic relationships of C. stricta. IGS rDNA analysis showed that the specimens of this species formed a polyphyletic group (based on three sequences) and the only RPB2 sequence obtained for it showed a relationship with a specimen of C. trassii. However, these data are not enough to draw conclusions about the taxonomy and phylogenetic relationships of this species. Based on its morphological features, C. stricta has been related to C. phyllophora Hoffm., a species characterized by podetia with a strongly melanotic base, with lateral proliferations that open and rarely produce central proliferations (Osyczka 2006; Hansen & Ahti 2011; Ahti & Stenroos 2013). Our phylogenetic analyses included several specimens of C. phyllophora, which was resolved as a monophyletic group, confirming the findings of Fontaine et al. (2010). However, C. phyllophora does not belong to the subclade Cladonia, as the phylogeny of Stenroos et al. (2019) showed, but belongs to the subclade Foliosae.

The phylogeny of the subclade Cladonia is in general still poorly resolved (Fig. 1). Although some well-supported clades have been found within this subclade, the relationships among them are not supported. This result highlights the need for future studies, including sampling in other geographical regions, that will help to better understand both the phylogenetic relationships of species with central proliferations as well as species delimitation. Preliminary data for some species such as *C. rappii* reveal that they may include more than one species and therefore a thorough morphological and molecular study is necessary to clarify their taxonomy. The use of phylogenomic techniques that increase the number of loci will allow better-founded phylogenetic hypotheses to be established.

Taxonomy

Cladonia teuvoana Pino-Bodas, Burgaz & Aptroot

MycoBank No.: MB 855855

Primary thallus persistent, with small squamules, white on the lower surface. Podetia with narrow scyphi, abruptly widening, with a corticate surface.

Type: The Netherlands, Drenthe, Gasterense zand, on sand, 24 March 2018, *A. Aptroot* 76154 (MACB 127525—holotype). GenBank Accession nos.: PQ252415, PQ252566, PQ254487.

(Fig. 4A-C)

Primary thallus persistent, prostrate or ascendent, squamules 3.7-8.11(9.2) mm long $\times 3.4-5.8$ mm wide, apices sometimes incurved, green to greenish brown on the upper side, white on the lower side, darkening towards the base (up to 1/3 of squamule length). *Podetia* 4.7-8.7 mm tall, slender, simple, scyphose, rarely with squamules at the base, brownish, without a melanotic base; scyphi regular, with margins entire, very narrow, 1-3 mm wide, abruptly tapering; surface corticate, cortex smooth in the

upper part, vertucose in old parts, faintly pruinose towards the scyphi; podetial wall $183-223 \,\mu$ m wide. *Hymenial discs* infrequent, dark brown, no well-developed ones observed; ascospores not observed.

Conidiomata at margin of scyphi, globose, pycnidial slime hyaline; conidia $7-10 \times 1$ mm, hyaline, falciform.

Chemistry. PD+ red, K-, UV-; contains the fumarprotocetraric acid complex.

Etymology. This species is named in honour of Prof. Teuvo Ahti, on the occasion of his 90th birthday, for his great contribution to lichenology.

Habitat and distribution. Cladonia teuvoana occurs on heathlands and sandy areas, and is currently known from Denmark, the Czech Republic, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

Remarks. The species differs from *C. cervicornis* s. str. in having a less well-developed primary thallus with a white underside and narrower scyphi that abruptly widen. It can be distinguished from *C. pulvinata* by the absence of psoromic acid and differs from *C. verticillata* in having narrow scyphi and a smaller primary thallus. *Cladonia teuvoana* probably has a wider distribution in Europe. To achieve a more realistic understanding of its distribution, it would be necessary to conduct a comprehensive study of herbarium material.

Additional specimens. Great Britain: England: V.C. 11, South Hampshire, New Forest National Park, Lyndhurst, Bolton Bench, heather with Calluna vulgaris and Erica cinerea, 50° 52'17.2"N, 1°33'23"W, alt. 36 m, 2019, R. Pino-Bodas & N. Sanderson (MACB).-Denmark: Jutland, Harrild, Hede, 62.07550°N 5.10650°E, 2016, U. Søchting 12520 (C-L 75831).-The Netherlands: Drenthe: Balloo, Ballooerveld, on sand, 2024, Aptroot 76155 (MACB).-Czech Republic: C. Bohemia: Praha, Natural Park Košíře-Motol, path of a heath with grove of Quercus petraea, Betula pendula and Pinus sylvestris with Calluna vulgaris in understorey, 50°03'45.6"N, 14°19'48.7"E, alt. 338 m, 2018, Z. Palice & P. Uhlík 24917.-Spain: Guipúzcoa: Oñate, Aizkorri-Aratz Natural Park, Malkorra, heathland with sandstone, 42°56′36.5″N, 2°21′51.9″W, alt. 1500 m, R. Pino-Bodas 254-2023 (MACB 125083).—Sweden: 2005, B. P. Løfall 10970 (H).

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