

Table S5: The germination efficiency of *C. zeina* conidia after inoculation on the surface of B73 maize leaves.

Time	3 hpi	16 hpi	24 hpi	4 dpi
Number of SEM images	8	10	60	45
Number of biological replicates	2	4	6	2
Number of germinated conidia	12	24	71	34
Number of conidia	28	34	92	44
% Germinated conidia*	42.8	70.6	77.2	77.3

* The conidial germination percentage was determined from observations of scanning electron microscopy (SEM) images of maize leaf samples inoculated with a *C. zeina* conidial suspension.