

# Chemodiversity of *Penicillium* isolated from alpine and arctic environments, including ten new species

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**Abstract:** Polar, high altitude montane and cold desert environments harbour only sparse plant life and often remain frozen for extended periods. Because of their remoteness, often combined with restricted access, such regions are rarely visited and the fungal biodiversity of the soils is scarcely studied. Despite this, when such studies are undertaken, psychrophilic *Penicillium* species are often reported and the isolates exhibit a high spectrum of biologically active compounds of biotechnological interest. Small molecule profiling by mass spectrometry (often called ‘metabolomics’) can supplement phylogenetic species concepts and provide information to characterize variation within species or populations. During large scale fungal isolation surveys exploring new psychrophilic fungi from high altitude alpine and arctic tundra soils, several undescribed *Penicillium* species were discovered. A polyphasic taxonomic approach was adopted to formally describe ten new species using multigene phylogenetic analyses and phenotypic characterizations including secondary metabolite production, colony characters, and microscopic analysis of morphological structures. Using untargeted metabolomics and molecular networking tools, an emphasis was made to characterize, compare and discuss in depth, the chemical diversity associated with these new *Penicillium* species.

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## INTRODUCTION

Terrestrial cold-temperature environments—habitats often comprised of exposed soils, bare rocks, permafrost, glaciers and snow, such as regions found in extreme polar latitudes, areas of high altitude, and cold deserts—are often frozen for extended periods of time over the year and support sparse plant life. In common with temperate and tropical ecosystems, fungi are the primary decomposers of herbaceous and wood residues in polar and high-altitude alpine soils and play a crucial role in soil development and nutrient cycling (Donhauser & Frey 2018). Fungi in cold ecosystems are subjected to environmental extremes, such as extensive freeze-thaw cycling, extreme UV / solar radiation and low nutrient availability; selective pressures that may influence adaptive evolution of incumbent fungal species. Species of fungi that have adapted to growth in cold habitats are termed psychrophiles, or psychrotrophs, if they exhibit growth at or near 0 °C; a psychrophile has a growth optimum at 15 °C, whereas a psychrotroph has a growth optimum at or greater than 20 °C (Hassan *et al.* 2016). Due to restricted accessibility, fungal biodiversity in polar and high-altitude soils remain largely understudied. Snow and ice deposits act as reservoirs of fungal spores, in which various genera of ubiquitous fungi (i.e. *Penicillium*) are typically found (Ma *et al.* 2000), probably transported in the

atmosphere and deposited during periods of precipitation.

The genus *Penicillium* is cosmopolitan and speciose, with over 598 accepted species (Houbraken *et al.* 2020, Visagie *et al.* 2024) classified in subgenus *Aspergilloides* (with 20 sections, which are further subdivided into 66 series) and subgenus *Penicillium* (with 13 sections and 38 series). When describing new *Penicillium* species, a polyphasic taxonomic approach is preferred, where new species are characterised based on phenotypic characters such as colony appearance, microscopic morphology descriptions and secondary metabolite profiles in concert with the comparison and correlation of multigene phylogenies that include other known taxa (Frisvad & Samson 2004, Visagie *et al.* 2014b, 2024). Psychrophilic *Penicillium* species are reported from polar and high-altitude ecosystems, including soils (Azmi & Spepelt 1997, Frisvad *et al.* 2006, Litova *et al.* 2014), glaciers (Sonjak *et al.* 2006, Sonjak *et al.* 2007), saline niches (Loque *et al.* 2009, Cantrell *et al.* 2017), lakes (Ellis-Evans 1996), and historical woodlands (Arenz *et al.* 2006). Despite consistent reports of penicillia from alpine and arctic environments, only a few new *Penicillium* species have been described (McRae *et al.* 1999, Frisvad *et al.* 2006, Sonjak *et al.* 2007).

Generally, *Penicillium* species produce a diverse range of

secondary metabolites (also referred to as extrolites) which, apart from their taxonomic utility, are of interest to natural product discovery programs. Psychrophilic and psychrotrophic fungi often produce unique molecules with potential biotechnological and pharmaceutical applications, including biologically active secondary metabolites, exopolysaccharides, and cold-active enzymes (Zuconni *et al.* 2020, dos Santos *et al.* 2021). Profiling small molecule production using mass spectrometry is an effective and refined approach used to investigate or characterise variations in secondary metabolite production within and between fungal species (Witte & Overy 2022). To assess variations within mass spectrometry data sets, untargeted metabolomics workflows break down the metabolite composition of culture extracts into representative mass features (associated with a chromatographic retention time (RT) and observed ion mass to charge ratio ( $m/z$ )); where data matrices of mass feature abundance are evaluated in an “unbiased” manner using multivariate and univariate statistics. Additionally, mass feature content can further be evaluated using molecular networking of MS/MS experiments, where observed molecular fragmentation spectra are used to annotate metabolites and organise the data into discrete networks linking together similar molecules and molecular families (Yang *et al.* 2013). As secondary metabolite production can be growth condition dependent, multiple different metabolite profiles can be consolidated into a consensus phenotype to represent a given strain or species (Witte & Overy 2022). Together, untargeted metabolomics and molecular networking workflows can be used to holistically assess and compare the secondary metabolite diversity produced by collections of fungal isolates, where both known and “unknown” molecules are incorporated into the analysis (Witte & Overy 2022).

Our previous study of four psychrotolerant *Penicillium* species from arctic and alpine soils documented a high chemical diversity, including a broad spectrum of biologically active compounds of pharmaceutical interest that included griseofulvin, asperfuran, compactin, pseurotin and several pyripyropenes, benzomalvins, and fumagillins (Frisvad *et al.* 2006). The psychrophilins and cycloaspeptides are examples of cyclic peptide secondary metabolites that were first discovered from several *Penicillium* species derived from arctic soils (Dalsgaard *et al.* 2004, 2005). During large scale surveys searching for novel psychrophilic fungi in samples from high altitude alpine and arctic tundra soils, we isolated several undescribed *Penicillium* species. Here, ten new species are formally described using the polyphasic taxonomic approach and combined with untargeted metabolomics to explore their chemical diversity.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Strains, sampling and isolations

The *Penicillium* strains under study are derived from historical soil sampling surveys carried out in 1973, 1988, 1993, 1994, 1996, and 1999–2002. Multiple soil samples were obtained from various collection sites that included southern portions of the Rocky Mountains in North America (Wyoming, USA: Wind River Mountain Range and Snowy Mountain Range – Routt National Forest (Medicine Bow), Lake Marie, Libby Flats, Hanging Lakes, North Platte River (Fort Steele), & Table Rock road; Colorado, USA: Front Mountain Range - Cache la Poudre River; New Mexico, USA: Chihuahuan Desert - Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge), from

Denmark (Greenland: Zackenberg, Jameson Land peninsula, Disco Island, & Qeqertarsuaq (historically known as Godhavn); Faroe Islands: Eidi), and from Norway (Svalbard). Soil samples were streaked onto the selective low-water-activity medium DG18 using a serial dilution technique and incubated at 15 and 25 °C. Streak plates were monitored routinely for fungal growth; emerging fungal colonies were excised as they appeared and transferred to new growth medium to isolate axenic cultures. Strains were preserved as spore suspensions in 10 % glycerol and stored at -80 °C. Strains were accessioned in various collections as indicated in Table 1.

### DNA extraction, sequencing and phylogenetic analysis

Genomic DNA extractions were made from 7-d-old colonies grown on malt extract agar (MEA) using the Ultraclean™ Microbial DNA isolation Kit (MoBio, Solano Beach, USA). The DNA was stored at -20 °C until used for PCR amplification. The 5.8S rDNA and flanking internal transcribed spacer regions (ITS), partial beta-tubulin (*BenA*), partial calmodulin (*CaM*) and partial RNA polymerase II second largest subunit (*RPB2*) gene regions were amplified using the primer pairs V9G & LS266 for ITS (de Hoog & Gerrits van den Ende 1998, Masclaux *et al.* 1995), Bt2a & Bt2b for *BenA* (Glass & Donaldson 1995), cmd5 & cmd6 for *CaM* (Hong *et al.* 2005) and RPB2-F1 & RPB2-7CR\_1 for *RPB2* (Houbraken *et al.* 2020), while amplification conditions as proposed by Visagie *et al.* (2014b) and Houbraken *et al.* (2020) were used. The PCR's were prepared in 25 µL volumes and consisted of 0.5 µL dNTP's, 0.04 µL for each primer (20 µM), 1 µL 10× Titanium *Taq* buffer (Clontech, California, USA), 0.1 µL 50× Titanium *Taq* enzyme, 0.5 µL template DNA and 7.82 µL sterile distilled water. The BigDye Terminator Cycle Premix Kit (Applied Biosystems, Waltham, USA) and primers used for PCRs were subsequently used to prepare sequencing reactions. Products were run on an ABI PRISM™ 310 DNA automated sequencer (Applied Biosystems). Contigs were assembled and edited in Geneious Prime v. 2021.1 (BioMatter Ltd., Auckland, New Zealand). Obtained sequences were compared to a locally curated reference sequence dataset based on sequences published for all accepted species (Houbraken *et al.* 2020). Based on these results, a subset of sequences was prepared for phylogenetic comparisons (Table 1). Newly generated sequences were deposited to GenBank ([www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genbank/](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genbank/)) and accessions are listed in Table 1.

For phylogenetic analyses, datasets were aligned in MAFFT v. 7.453 (Kato & Standley 2013) using the G-INS-i algorithm. Alignments were trimmed and concatenated in Geneious. Concatenated datasets were divided into gene regions and subdivided into introns and exons with each treated as separate partitions. Single gene datasets were divided into exons and introns, with these treated as separate partitions. The general time reversible model with gamma distribution and invariable sites (GTR+G+I) was applied to each partition (Abadi *et al.* 2019). Phylogenetic analyses were based on Maximum Likelihood (ML) performed in IQ-TREE v. 2.3.4. and bootstrap analyses using 1000 replicates (Minh *et al.* 2020). Tree figures were created using TreeViewer v. 2.2.0 and edited in Affinity Publisher v. 2.5.2 (Serif (Europe) Ltd, Nottingham, UK).

### Morphology

Morphological characters were recorded using standardised protocols as proposed in Visagie *et al.* (2014b). Growth rates and colony characters were observed from Czapek yeast autolysate agar

Table 1. Strains used for phylogenetic comparisons. Names in **bold** represent new species described in this study.

Species	Strains			GenBank accession nr			
	Section	Series	Strains	ITS	BenA	CalM	RPB2
<i>P. algidum</i>	<b>Ramosum</b>	<b>Lanosa</b>	DAOMC 256945 = IBT 21988 = CMW 57197 = CN093E9	KY989166	KY989041	KY989102	MZ984119
	<b>Ramosum</b>	<b>Lanosa</b>	IBT 22020 = CMW 57198 = CN093F1	KY989167	KY989042	KY989103	MZ984120
	<b>Ramosum</b>	<b>Lanosa</b>	DAOMC 256946 = IBT 22067 = IBT 24414 = CBS 102886 = CMW 57199 = CN093F2 (ex-type)	KY989168	KY989043	KY989104	MZ984123
<i>P. americanum</i>	Ramosum	Soppiorum	NRRL 66819 (ex-type)	MK791278	MK803427	MK803428	—
<i>P. aquamarinum</i>	<b>Robsamsonia</b>	<b>Robsamsonia</b>	DAOMC 251672 = IBT 16643 = CMW 57210 = CN093A4 (ex-type)	KY989143	KY989018	KY989083	KY989204
	<b>Robsamsonia</b>	<b>Robsamsonia</b>	DAOMC 251673 = IBT 17669 = CMW 57211 = CN093A5	KY989146	KY989021	KY989085	KY989206
	<b>Robsamsonia</b>	<b>Robsamsonia</b>	DAOMC 251680 = IBT 22760 = CMW 57212 = CN093A6	KY989182	KY989057	KY989116	KY989218
<i>P. aurantiogriseum</i>	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CBS 324.89 (ex-type)	AF033476	MN969372	KU896822	JN406573
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CBS 792.95	JN942749	AY674298	—	JN985381
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CV0048	JX091395	JX091501	JX141571	MK450820
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	IBT 35659	—	GCA019977855	GCA019977855	GCA019977855
<i>P. beceitense</i>	Ramosum	Lanosa	CBS 142989 (ex-type)	LT899780	LT899229	LT899764	LT899798
<i>P. brevispitatum</i>	Robsamsonia	Robsamsonia	AS 3.6887 (ex-type)	DQ221696	DQ221695	KU896824	JN406528
	Robsamsonia	Robsamsonia	IBT 31321	—	GCA002072405	GCA002072405	GCA002072405
<i>P. chroogomphum</i>	Ramosum	Soppiorum	CBS 136204 (ex-type)	KC594043	KP684056	KP684057	MN969167
	Robsamsonia	Robsamsonia	AS 3.15411 (ex-type)	KM973207	KM973203	KM973200	KT698909
<i>P. concentricum</i>	Robsamsonia	Robsamsonia	CBS 477.75 (ex-type)	KC411763	AY674413	DQ911131	KT900575
	Robsamsonia	Robsamsonia	IBT 3081	—	GCA028827145	GCA028827145	GCA028827145
<i>P. coprobium</i>	Robsamsonia	Robsamsonia	PPRI 25884	MK951933	MK951812	MK951881	—
	Robsamsonia	Robsamsonia	CBS 280.97	—	AY674423	—	—
	Robsamsonia	Robsamsonia	CBS 561.90 (ex-type)	DQ339559	AY674425	KU896830	KT900576
	Robsamsonia	Robsamsonia	CBS 562.90	—	AY674424	—	—
<i>P. coprophilum</i>	Robsamsonia	Robsamsonia	CBS 110760 (ex-type)	AF033469	AY674421	KU896831	JN406645
	Robsamsonia	Robsamsonia	IBT 35676	—	GCA028826855	GCA028826855	GCA028826855
<i>P. crustosum</i>	Fasciculata	Camembertiorum	CBS 115503 (ex-type)	AF033472	MN969379	DQ911132	MN969114
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CBS 101136	JN942747	AY674308	—	JN985383
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CBS 144.45 (ex-type)	JN097811	MN969380	KU896832	JN985388
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CBS 477.84	JN942737	AY674309	—	JN985393
Fasciculata	Viridicata	IBT 34249	—	GCA028828185	GCA028828185	GCA028828185	

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Species	Section	Series	Strains	GenBank accession nr				
				ITS	BerA	CaM	RPB2	
<i>P. discoense</i>	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Soppiorum</i>	DAOMC 251813 = IBT 22667 = CMW 57213 = CN093B2 (ex-type)	KY989178	KY989053	KY989112	MZ984138	
	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Soppiorum</i>	DAOMC 251814 = IBT 22668 = CMW 57214 = CN093B3	KY989179	KY989054	KY989113	MZ984139	
	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Soppiorum</i>	DAOMC 251815 = IBT 22669 = CMW 57215 = CN093B4	KY989180	KY989055	KY989114	MZ984140	
	<i>Robsamsonia</i>	<i>Robsamsonia</i>	CBS 140575 (ex-type)	KU904342	KT698887	KT698896	KT698906	
<i>P. fimorum</i>	<i>Robsamsonia</i>	<i>Robsamsonia</i>	CBS 140576	—	KT698888	KT698897	KT698907	
	<i>Robsamsonia</i>	<i>Robsamsonia</i>	DTO 159-F1	—	KT698889	KT698898	KT698908	
	<i>Robsamsonia</i>	<i>Robsamsonia</i>	IBT 29495	—	GCA028828255	GCA028828255	GCA028828255	
	<i>Fasciculata</i>	<i>Viridicata</i>	CBS 101486	JN942735	AY674291	—	JN985395	
<i>P. freii</i>	<i>Fasciculata</i>	<i>Viridicata</i>	CBS 112292	JN942731	AY674292	—	JN985397	
	<i>Fasciculata</i>	<i>Viridicata</i>	CBS 476.84 (ex-type)	MIN431389	KU896813	KU896836	JN985430	
	<i>Fasciculata</i>	<i>Viridicata</i>	CMW 59922	—	PP993238	PP993245	PP993252	
	<i>Fasciculata</i>	<i>Viridicata</i>	CMW 59951	—	PP993239	PP993246	PP993253	
<i>P. hesseltinei</i>	<i>Fasciculata</i>	<i>Viridicata</i>	DAOMC 242723	—	GCA001513925	GCA001513925	GCA001513925	
	<i>Fasciculata</i>	<i>Viridicata</i>	IBT 34325	—	GCA028827385	GCA028827385	GCA028827385	
	<i>Fasciculata</i>	<i>Viridicata</i>	DAOMC 251664 = IBT 12396 = CMW 57228 = CN093B5 (ex-type)	KY989128	KY989003	KY989070	KY989195	
	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Lanosa</i>	CBS 102888 (ex-type)	DQ267912	DQ309448	KJ866985	MIN969121	
<i>P. jamesonlandense</i>	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Lanosa</i>	IBT 21985 = CMW 57180 = CN093B6	KY989164	KY989039	KY989101	KY989214	
	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Lanosa</i>	IBT 22068 = CMW 57181 = CN093B7	KY989169	KY989044	KY989105	MZ984124	
	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Lanosa</i>	IBT 24408 = IBT 22663 = CMW 57182 = CN093B8	KY989176	KY989051	MZ984165	MZ984126	
	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Lanosa</i>	IBT 24453 = CMW 57183 = CN093B9	KY989193	KY989068	KY989126	MZ984125	
<i>P. jugorum</i>	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Lanosa</i>	DAOMC 251817 = IBT 22778 = CMW 57185 = CN093C2 (ex-type)	KY989184	KY989059	KY989118	MZ984129	
	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Lanosa</i>	DAOMC 256962 = IBT 22779 = CMW 57184 = CN093C1	KY989183	KY989058	KY989117	MZ984127	
	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Lanosa</i>	DAOMC 256963 = IBT 22780 = CMW 57186 = CN093C3	KY989186	KY989061	KY989120	MZ984134	
	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Lanosa</i>	DAOMC 256964 = IBT 22792 = CMW 57187 = CN093C4	KY989188	KY989063	KY989121	MZ984128	
<i>P. kojigenum</i>	<i>Ramosum</i>	CBS 345.61 (ex-type)	AF033489	KJ834463	KJ867011	JN406564		
<i>P. lanosum</i>	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Lanosa</i>	CBS 106.11 (ex-type)	DQ304540	DQ285627	FJ530974	KU904356	
	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Lanosa</i>	IBT 4172	DQ267919	DQ285619	—	—	
<i>P. lentirescens</i>	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Lanosa</i>	IBT 6619	DQ267908	DQ285612	—	—	
	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Soppiorum</i>	CBS 138215 (ex-type)	KJ775675	KJ775168	KJ775404	MIN969123	

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Species	Section	Series	Strains	ITS	BetaA	GenBank accession nr	RPB2
<i>P. lusitanum</i>	Ramosum	Soppiorium	CNUFC JCW3-5	MZ687466	OK105099	—	OK539663
	Ramosum	Soppiorium	IBT 22478 = CMW 57217 = CN093C6	KY989173	KY989048	KY989108	MZ984142
	Ramosum	Soppiorium	IBT 22479 = CMW 57218 = CN093C7	KY989174	KY989049	KY989109	MZ984143
	Ramosum	Soppiorium	IBT 22992 = CMW 57219 = CN093C8	KY989189	KY989064	KY989122	MZ984144
	Ramosum	Soppiorium	IBT 24418 = IBT 22356 = CN093C5 (ex-type)	KY989172	KY989047	KY989107	MZ984141
	Ramosum	Soppiorium	MUM 18.49 (ex-type)	MK702084	MK702085	—	—
<i>P. marthae</i>	Fasciculata	Viridicata	DAOMC 251665 = IBT 12661 = CMW 57220 = CN103F6	KY989129	KY989004	KY989071	KY989196
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	DAOMC 251666 = IBT 12662 = CMW 57221 = CN103F7	KY989130	KY989005	KY989072	KY989197
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	DAOMC 251667 = IBT 12685	KY989131	KY989006	KY989073	KY989198
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	DAOMC 251668 = IBT 12687 = CMW 57222 = CN103F8	KY989132	KY989007	KY989074	KY989199
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	DAOMC 251669 = IBT 12691	KY989133	KY989008	KY989075	KY989200
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	DAOMC 251670 = IBT 13054 = CMW 57223 = CN103F9 (ex-type)	KY989134	KY989009	KY989076	KY989201
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CBS 115506 (ex-type)	MN431393	MN969387	KU896843	KU904358
<i>P. melanoconidium</i>	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CV1331	JX091410	JX091545	JX141587	MK450844
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CBS 101135	JN942722	AY674299	—	JN985406
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CBS 101468	JN942721	—	—	JN985407
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CBS 101472	JN942720	—	—	JN985408
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CBS 110343	JN942719	AY674300	—	JN985409
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CBS 169.87 (ex-type)	JN942722	MN969388	KU896844	JN985406
	Ramosum	Lanosa	DAOMC 251821 = IBT 23951 = CMW 57190 = CN093D2 (ex-type)	KY989190	KY989065	KY989123	MZ984135
	Ramosum	Lanosa	DAOMC 256947 = IBT 22341 = CMW 57188 = CN093C9	KY989171	KY989046	KY989106	KY989215
	Ramosum	Lanosa	DAOMC 256961 = IBT 22541 = CMW 57189 = CN093D1	KY989175	KY989050	KY989110	MZ984130
	Ramosum	Lanosa	DAOMC 256948 = IBT 22909 = CMW 57192 = CN093D5	—	MZ984156	MZ984166	MZ984131
	Ramosum	Lanosa	DAOMC 256965 = IBT 24500 = CMW 57191 = CN093D3	KY989194	KY989069	KY989127	KY989220
<i>P. polonicum</i>	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CBS 101479	JN942718	JN398145	—	JN985410
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CBS 222.28 (ex-type)	AF033475	MN969392	KU896848	JN406609
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CGMCC 3.5272	—	GCA025589915	GCA025589915	GCA025589915
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CMW 59905	—	PP993237	PP993244	PP993251
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CMW 59955	—	PP993236	PP993243	PP993250
Fasciculata	Viridicata	IBT 4502	—	GCA002072265	GCA002072265	GCA002072265	

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Species	Section	Series	Strains	ITS	GenBank accession nr		
					BerA	CaM	RPB2
<i>P. raistrickii</i>	<i>Fasciculata</i>	<i>Viridicata</i>	PB2502	—	GCA025768265	GCA025768265	GCA025768265
	<i>Fasciculata</i>	<i>Viridicata</i>	PM3203	—	GCA025768295	GCA025768295	GCA025768295
	<i>Fasciculata</i>	<i>Viridicata</i>	PPR1 11295	—	MK450898	MK451635	MK450846
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	<i>Fasciculata</i>	<i>Viridicata</i>	PPR1 13653	—	MK450899	MK451636	MK450847
<i>P. ribis</i>	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Raistrickiorum</i>	CBS 261.33 (ex-type)	AY373927	KJ834485	KJ867006	JN406592
	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Lanosa</i>	CBS 127809 = DAOM 234091 = IBT 16537 = IBT 24431 (ex-type)	DQ267916	MN969395	KJ866995	JN406631
<i>P. rivulorum</i>	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Lanosa</i>	IBT 21215 = CMW 57205 = CN093E7	KY989163	KY989038	KY989100	MZ984112
	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Lanosa</i>	IBT 24403 = IBT 17760 = CMW 57201 = CN093E2	KY989147	KY989022	KY989086	MZ984111
	<b><i>Ramosum</i></b>	<b><i>Lanosa</i></b>	<b>DAOMC 251681 = IBT 24420 = IBT 17740 = CMW 57228 = CN02E3 (ex-type)</b>	<b>KY989192</b>	<b>KY989067</b>	<b>KY989125</b>	<b>MZ984109</b>
	<i>Robsamsonia</i>	<i>Robsamsonia</i>	CBS 140573 (ex-type)	KU904339	KT698885	KT698894	KT698904
	<i>Robsamsonia</i>	<i>Robsamsonia</i>	CBS 140574	—	KT698886	KT698895	KT698905
<i>P. sajarovii</i>	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Raistrickiorum</i>	IBT 29466	—	GCA028829455	GCA028829455	GCA028829455
	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Scabrosa</i>	CBS 277.83 (ex-type)	KC411724	MN969397	MN969295	JN406588
<i>P. scabrosum</i>	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Scabrosa</i>	CBS 663.89 (ex-type)	DQ267906	DQ285610	FJ530987	JN406541
	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Scabrosa</i>	CN047G8	—	OR241737	OR241826	OR241881
<i>P. simile</i>	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Raistrickiorum</i>	CBS 129191 (ex-type)	FJ376592	FJ376595	GQ979710	MN969137
	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Soppiorum</i>	CBS 144.83	KC411676	MN395873	MN402468	—
<i>P. soppii</i>	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Soppiorum</i>	CBS 226.28 (ex-type)	AF033488	MN969399	KJ867002	JN406606
	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Soppiorum</i>	CBS 438.88	KC411760	MN395874	MN402471	—
<i>P. swiecickii</i>	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Soppiorum</i>	CBS 869.70	DQ267909	DQ285613	—	—
	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Soppiorum</i>	IBT 19343	DQ267920	DQ285620	—	—
	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Lanosa</i>	CBS 119391 (ex-type)	AF033490	KJ834494	KJ866993	JN406635
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	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Lanosa</i>	CMW 57209 = CN093F5	KY989187	KY989062	MZ984168	MZ984133
	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Lanosa</i>	DAOMC 214755	DQ267904	DQ285608	—	—
	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Lanosa</i>	DTO 244-H3	KJ775695	KJ775188	—	—
	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Lanosa</i>	IBT 16536	KY989139	KY989014	KY989080	—
	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Lanosa</i>	IBT 16545 = IBT 24425	KY989140	KY989015	KY989081	—
	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Lanosa</i>	IBT 18311 = CMW 57207 = CN093F3	KY989155	KY989030	MZ984158	MZ984137

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Species	Section	Series	Strains	GenBank accession nr				
				ITS	BenA	CaM	RPB2	
<i>P. tricolor</i>	Ramosum	Lanosa	IBT 18945 = KAS2430	KY989157	KY989032	KY989094	—	
	Ramosum	Lanosa	IBT 20705 = KAS2435	KY989161	KY989036	KY989098	PP993259	
	Ramosum	Lanosa	IBT 22666 = KAS2458	KY989177	KY989052	KY989111	KY989216	
	Ramosum	Lanosa	IBT 22735 = KAS2463	KY989181	KY989056	KY989115	KY989217	
	Ramosum	Lanosa	IBT 22773 = KAS2467	KY989185	KY989060	KY989119	—	
	Ramosum	Lanosa	IBT 23954 = KAS2480	KY989191	KY989066	KY989124	—	
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CBS 101488	JN942705	—	—	JN985421	
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CBS 635.93 (ex-type)	JN942704	MN969403	KU869852	JN985422	
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CBS 636.95	—	AY674311	—	—	
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CBS 637.93	JN942703	AY674312	—	JN985423	
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CMW 57231 = CN093D7	—	MZ984155	MZ984163	MZ984147	
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CMW 57232 = CN093D6	—	MZ984154	MZ984162	MZ984146	
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	DAOMC 251674 = IBT 18159 = CMW 57229 = CN093G1	KY989151	KY989026	KY989089	KY989207	
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	DAOMC 251676 = IBT 18292 = CMW 57230 = CN093G2	KY989153	KY989028	KY989091	KY989209	
<i>P. tunisiense</i>	Fasciculata	Viridicata	DAOMC 251678	KY989159	KY989034	KY989096	PP993257	
	Ramosum	Soppiorum	MUM 17.62 (ex-type)	MG586956	MG586970	MG586974	—	
	Ramosum	Soppiorum	MUM 17.80	MG586957	MG586971	MG586975	—	
	<b>Ramosum</b>	<b>Lanosa</b>	<b>DAOMC 256942 = IBT 17778 = CMW 57195 = CN093E3</b>	<b>KY989148</b>	<b>KY989023</b>	<b>KY989087</b>	<b>MZ984122</b>	
<i>P. virgatum</i>	<b>Ramosum</b>	<b>Lanosa</b>	<b>DAOMC 256941 = IBT 24419 = IBT 16625 = CMW 57193 = CN093D9 (ex-type)</b>	<b>KY989142</b>	<b>KY989017</b>	<b>KY989082</b>	<b>MZ984117</b>	
	Ramosum	Virgata	CBS 114838 (ex-type)	AJ748692	KJ834500	KJ866992	JN406641	
	Ramosum	Virgata	IBT 19272 = CMW 57220 = CN093F6	KY989158	KY989033	KY989095	KY989211	
	Ramosum	Virgata	IBT 20823 = CMW 57222 = CN093F8	KY989162	KY989037	KY989099	KY989213	
	Ramosum	Virgata	IBT 24423 = IBT 14166 = CMW 57221 = CN093F7 (ex-type)	KY989137	KY989012	KY989078	KY989202	
	Ramosum	Virgata	IBT 24449 = IBT 16398 = CMW 57223 = CN093F9	KY989144	KY989019	KY989084	KY989205	
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CBS 101034	—	AY674293	—	JN985424	
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CBS 101475	JN942701	—	—	JN985425	
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CBS 109826	JN942700	AY674294	—	JN985426	
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CBS 112052	JN942699	—	—	JN985427	
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CBS 264.29	JN942698	—	—	JN985428	
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CBS 390.48 (ex-type)	AY373939	MN969406	KU869856	JN121511	
	Fasciculata	Viridicata	CMW 59940	—	PP993242	PP993249	PP993256	

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Species	Section	Series	Strains	GenBank accession nr				
				ITS	BerA	CaM	RPB2	RPB2
	<i>Fasciculata</i>	<i>Viridicata</i>	CMW 59952	—	PP993240	PP993247	PP993254	
	<i>Fasciculata</i>	<i>Viridicata</i>	CMW 59957	—	PP993241	PP993248	PP993255	
<i>P. vulpinum</i>	<i>Robsamsonia</i>	<i>Claviformia</i>	CBS 126.23 (ex-type)	AF506012	KJ834501	KU896857	KU904367	
<i>P. wyomingense</i>	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Lanosa</i>	DAOMIC 256943 = IBT 17868 = CMW 57202 = CN093E4	KY989149	KY989024	MZ984160	MZ984114	
	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Lanosa</i>	DAOMIC 256944 = IBT 18067 = CMW 57203 = CN093E5	KY989150	KY989025	KY989088	MZ984115	
	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Lanosa</i>	DAOMIC 256940 = IBT 24433 = IBT 14073 = CMW 57231 (ex-type)	KY989136	KY989011	KY989077	PP993258	
<i>P. xyleborini</i>	<i>Ramosum</i>	<i>Soppiorium</i>	CMW 56800 (ex-type)	MW504356	MW480817	MW480823	MW480824	

Table 2. *Penicillium* section *Ramosum* series *Lanosa* species morphologically characterised in this study.

Species	Conidia walls	Stipe walls	Growth rates after 7 d (mm)											
			CYA 10 °C	CYA 15 °C	CYA 20 °C	CYA 25 °C	CYA 30 °C	CYAS	MEA	MEA 20 °C	YES	DG18	OA	CREA
<i>P. algidum</i>	smooth	rough	5-8	13-17	18-21	21-22	no growth to microcolonies	22-23	19-21	21-22	27-29	17-19	22-24	13-14
<i>P. jamesonlandiense</i>	rough	smooth	8-9	14-16	17-18	10-13	no growth	15-16	8-12	16-22	12-16	11-13	9-11	5-9
<i>P. jugorum</i>	rough	finely roughened	5-8	12-14	16-18	4-6	no growth	6-8	4-6	16-20	11-16	9-11	4-6	4-6
<i>P. lusitanum</i>	smooth	smooth to finely roughened	6-10	7-9	16-18	19-20	no growth	15-20	5-7	14-16	15-18	17-19	5-7	4-5
<i>P. oreophilum</i>	rough	rough	7-10	16-17	17-22	15-20	no growth	16-20	15-18	20-24	20-24	15-17	12-13	10-12
<i>P. ribis</i>	smooth	rough	9-10	16-17	19-21	19-24	no growth	18-24	18-21	20-23	25-27	16-18	20-22	10-12
<i>P. rivulorum</i>	smooth	rough	10-11	18-19	25-27	26-28	3-4	25-27	29-31	28-30	34-36	22-24	26-28	15-20
<i>P. swiecickii</i>	smooth	smooth	13-16	22-23	26-28	25-27	no growth	21-25	21-24	27-30	25-30	15-18	20-23	11-14
<i>P. turcosum</i>	smooth	smooth and rough	9-11	16-17	20-21	24-25	microcolonies	25-26	20-23	22-24	28-30	17-18	21-23	13-14
<i>P. wyomingense</i>	smooth	rough	8-9	15-16	18-19	21-22	5-8	23-24	20-21	19-21	28-30	20-21	23-25	12-14

(CYA), CYA with 5 % NaCl (CYAS), DG18 (Oxoid CM0729), MEA (Oxoid CM0059), oatmeal agar (OA), yeast extract sucrose agar (YES) and creatine sucrose agar (CREA). Media were prepared in 90-mm-diam. Petri dishes. Inoculations were made in three-point fashion and plates were incubated in the dark for 7 d at 25 °C. Additional CYA plates were incubated at 5, 10, 15, 20, 30 and 37 °C. Additional MEA plates were incubated at 20 °C. Colour names and codes used in descriptions follow Kornerup & Wanscher (1967). Colonies were captured with a Sony a6400 camera equipped with a Sony FE 90mm f/2.8 Macro G OSS Lens. Microscopic observations were made using an Olympus SZX12 dissecting and Olympus BX50 compound microscopes equipped with Infinity3 and InfinityX cameras run by Infinity Analyze v. 6.5.1 software (Lumenera Corp., Ottawa, Canada). Extended Depth of Field stacking of colony texture micrographs was performed using Helicon Focus v. 7.6.1 (HeliconSoft, Kharkiv, Ukraine). Plates were prepared in Affinity Photo v. 2.5.2 [Serif (Europe) Ltd, Nottingham, UK]. For aesthetic purposes, micrographs were edited using the “inpainting brush tool” without altering areas of scientific significance.

### Untargeted metabolomics profiling

The extraction and metabolomic profiling of strains using ultra-high pressure liquid chromatography coupled to high resolution mass spectrometry (UPLC-HRMS) was performed as detailed in Witte & Overy (2022). In brief, strains were three-point inoculated onto CYA, YES and DG18 agar and incubated for 14 d in the dark at 25 °C; after which, six plug explants were removed from across the diameter of a single culture, solvent extracted, shaking in 15 mL of EtOAc for 2 h, the solvent removed and dried under vacuum. Dried extracts were reconstituted in methanol and analysed on a Thermo Ultimate 3000 UPLC coupled to a Thermo LTQ Orbitrap XL high resolution mass spectrometer and a Thermo Dionex Ultimate 3000 Diode array detector (190–800 nm). Chromatography was performed on a Phenomenex C18 Kinetex column (50 mm × 2.1 mm ID, 1.7 µm) with a flow rate of 0.35 mL/min, running a gradient of water (+ 0.1 % formic acid) and acetonitrile (+ 0.1 % formic acid): starting at 5 % acetonitrile increasing to 95 % acetonitrile by 4.5 min, held at 95 % acetonitrile until 8 min, returning to 5 % acetonitrile by 9 mins and held to 10 mins to equilibrate the column to starting conditions. The HRMS was operated in ESI<sup>+</sup> mode (monitoring a range of 100–2000 *m/z*) using the following parameters: sheath gas (40), auxiliary gas (5), sweep gas (2), spray voltage (4.2 kV), capillary temperature (320 °C), capillary voltage (35 V), and tube lens (100 V).

Mass spectrometry data preprocessing was performed using MZmine v. 2.37 (Pluskal *et al.* 2010) with parameters as detailed in Witte & Overy (2022), with the following exceptions: mass features were kept in the analysis if at least one sample exhibited an intensity over  $1 \times 10^7$ , and were filtered out from sample rows if their intensities were less than  $1 \times 10^6$ . Additionally, the ‘gap-filling’ and ‘normalisation’ steps were omitted. The pre-processed raw data files were converted into a data matrix of discriminate variables, referred to as mass features, consisting of retention time (RT) and *m/z*. Mass features representing associated adducts and in-source fragments of the same parent ion were grouped using Pearson correlation analysis over a sliding window of elution time (using an in-house R script). Mass feature data were converted to binary form, and then summed across the three media conditions to form a ‘pseudo-binary’ matrix of detection frequencies for each mass feature. Heatmaps were produced using the ComplexHeatMap R package (Gu *et al.* 2016).

### Mass feature annotation

Representative extracts were selected based on untargeted metabolomics results for LC-HRMS/MS profiling by nanoLC coupled to the Q-Exactive Plus mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Chromatographic separation of metabolites was performed on a Proxeon EASY nLC II System (Thermo Fisher Scientific) equipped with a Thermo Scientific™ Acclaim™ PepMap™ RSLC C18 column (P/N ES800A), 15 cm × 75 µm ID, 3 µm, 100 Å employing a water/acetonitrile/0.1 % formic acid gradient for 60 min at a flow rate of 0.25 µL/min. Compounds were separated using a linear gradient from 10 to 100 % of acetonitrile for 45 min. The HRMS was operated in ESI<sup>+</sup> mode with an ion source temperature of 250 °C and an ion spray (Thermo Scientific™ EASY spray) voltage of 2.1 kV. The FTMS scan type was full MS/data dependent (dd)-MS<sup>2</sup>; with full mass scan parameters as follows: a resolution of 70000, an auto gain control target under  $3 \times 10^6$ , a maximum isolation time of 100 ms, and an *m/z* range of 100–1500. The parameters of the dd-MS<sup>2</sup> scan were as follows: a resolution of 17500, an auto gain control target under  $1 \times 10^5$ , a maximum isolation time of 100 ms, a loop count of top 10 peaks, an isolation window of *m/z* 2, a normalised collision energy of 35 and dynamic exclusion duration of 10 s.

Preprocessing of the acquired Xcalibur raw data files was completed using MZmine v. 3.5.0. Masses were detected with a noise threshold of  $1 \times 10^4$ . Chromatogram building was completed with the ADAP algorithm using a minimum group size of 10, a minimum intensity for consecutive scans of  $1 \times 10^6$  and a minimum absolute height  $5 \times 10^6$ . RT and *m/z* tolerances were consistently set to 0.2 min and 0.01 *m/z* respectively, throughout pre-processing. Chromatogram deconvolution was carried out using ADAP feature resolver with a signal to noise threshold of 30, a minimum feature height of  $5 \times 10^6$ , and a coefficient/area threshold of 40, a peak duration range of 0.00–10.0 and an RT wavelet range of 0.00–1.0. Isotopic peaks were then removed followed by alignment of peaks using the JOIN aligner method and a 2:1 ratio for *m/z* to RT weight. Correlation grouping was then applied to group together adducts and in source fragments present within the dataset, using an intensity threshold for correlation of  $1 \times 10^6$ . Ion identity networking was completed using a minimum height of  $1 \times 10^5$  (Schmid *et al.* 2021). Peaks missing from the data matrix were then back filled using the same RT and *m/z* range gap-filling algorithm before applying feature filtering to remove peaks that were not associated with MS<sup>2</sup> spectra. The mass features were then networked together using GNPS feature-based molecular network analysis using default parameters (Wang *et al.* 2016) with the following modification: MS<sup>2</sup> spectra were linked into networks if they have at least 10 shared fragments and a cosine score greater than 0.75.

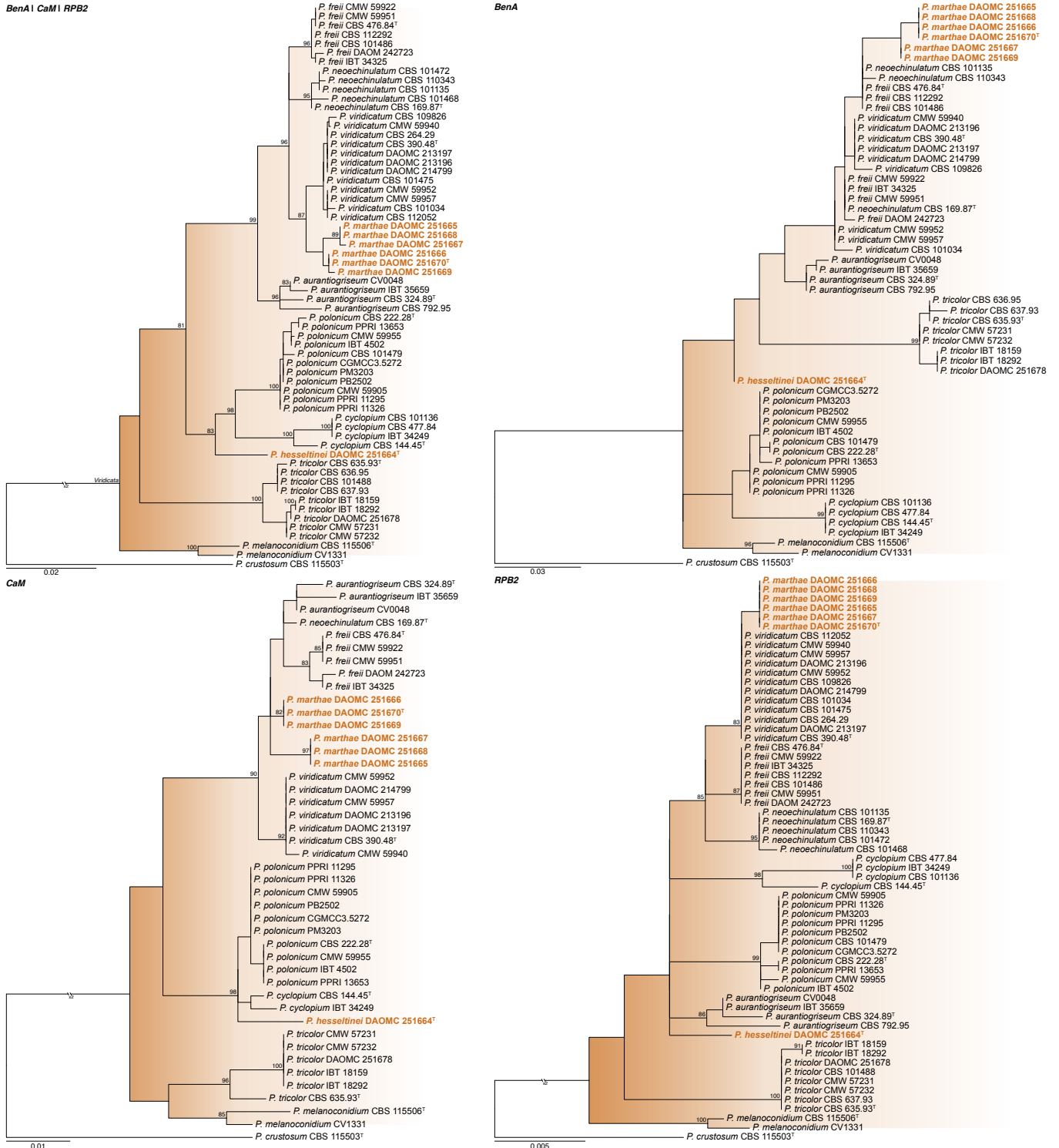
Associated mass feature chemical formulas were predicted based on high resolution exact masses of [M+H]<sup>+</sup> or [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> ions (< 5 ppm) combined with isotope abundance patterns (analysed using MassWorks, Cerno Bioscience). All compound annotations matched exact *m/z* (< 5 ppm) to reported compounds in *Penicillium* literature. Annotations were supported wherever possible by analysis of MS<sup>2</sup> fragmentation patterns using MS-FINDER for rules-based filtering of structure databases using *in silico* fragmentation analysis (Tsugawa *et al.* 2016), with hypothesised annotations accepted if they were within the top 3 structural matches. Annotations were further supported by the GNPS workflow for comparison to experimentally derived MS<sup>2</sup> spectral databases during the feature-based molecular network analysis (Wang *et al.* 2016), and/or by MS-DIAL workflow for MS<sup>2</sup> spectral database matching (Tsugawa

et al. 2015). MS<sup>2</sup> spectral databases queried included all databases available at the Massbank of North America (<https://mona.fiehnlab.ucdavis.edu>, accessed April 1, 2024) which included the GNPS MS<sup>2</sup> databases. Lastly, annotations were supported wherever possible by comparison of UV absorbance spectral signatures from literature and in house databases.

## RESULTS

### Phylogenetic analyses

Comparisons with our curated reference dataset resolved strains into section *Fasciculata* series *Viridicata*, section *Ramosum*



**Fig. 1.** Multi- and single gene phylogenetic trees of section *Fasciculata* series *Viridicata* based on *BenA*, *CaM* and *RPB2*. *Penicillium crustosum* was selected as outgroup. Branches supported by bootstrap values higher than 80 % are indicated at relevant branches. Strains of new species are shown in bold coloured text. Ex-type strains are indicated by †.



Section *Ramosum* (Fig. 2): Houbraken et al. (2020) accepted 18 species in section *Ramosum* [*P. xyleborini* since described in Crous et al. (2021)] and divided it into five series, including series *Lanosa*, *Raistrickiorum*, *Scabrosa*, *Soppiorum* and *Virgata*. *Penicillium beceitense*, *P. jamesonlandense*, *P. kojigenum*, *P. lanosum*, *P. ribis* (syn. *P. ribium*) and *P. swiecickii* belong to the series *Lanosa*. Based on phylogenetic data presented here, it is our opinion that *P. kojigenum* is a synonym of *P. lanosum*. Six of our newly proposed species belong to this series. Two of the species, described below as *P. oreophilum* and *P. jugorum*, are clearly resolved as distinct species in all phylogenies. *Penicillium oreophilum* differs from other species by at least 7 bp based on *BenA*, 9 bp based on *CaM*, 3 bp based on *RPB2*, and 1 bp based on ITS. *Penicillium jugorum* differs from other species by at least 6 bp based on *BenA*, 2 bp based on *CaM*, 6 bp based on *RPB2*, and 2 bp based on ITS. In section *Ramosum*, we also introduce four new species in the *P.*

*ribis* species complex as *P. algidum*, *P. rivulorum*, *P. turcosum* and *P. wyomingense*. This group is very similar with *BenA* and *CaM* not able to distinguish between all species. The ITS of *P. ribis*, *P. algidum*, *P. turcosum* and *P. wyomingense* are identical, with *P. rivulorum* that has at least 4 bp differences from other species. Comparing the other gene regions, *P. algidum* has at least 4 bp differences based on *BenA*, 1 bp based on *CaM*, and 2 bp based on *RPB2*; *P. turcosum* has at least 2 bp differences based on *BenA*, 1 bp based on *CaM*, and 2 bp based on *RPB2*; *P. wyomingense* is identical to *P. ribis* based on *BenA* and *CaM*, but differs at least 13 bp based on *RPB2*; and *P. rivulorum* has at least 10 bp differences based on *BenA*, 4 bp based on *CaM*, and 11 bp based on *RPB2*. Sequence variation is thus low in both *BenA* and *CaM*, but *RPB2* performs better. Future work will be focused on the isolation of more strains and sequencing their genomes in order to better explain the relationships within this clade. However, as discussed below,

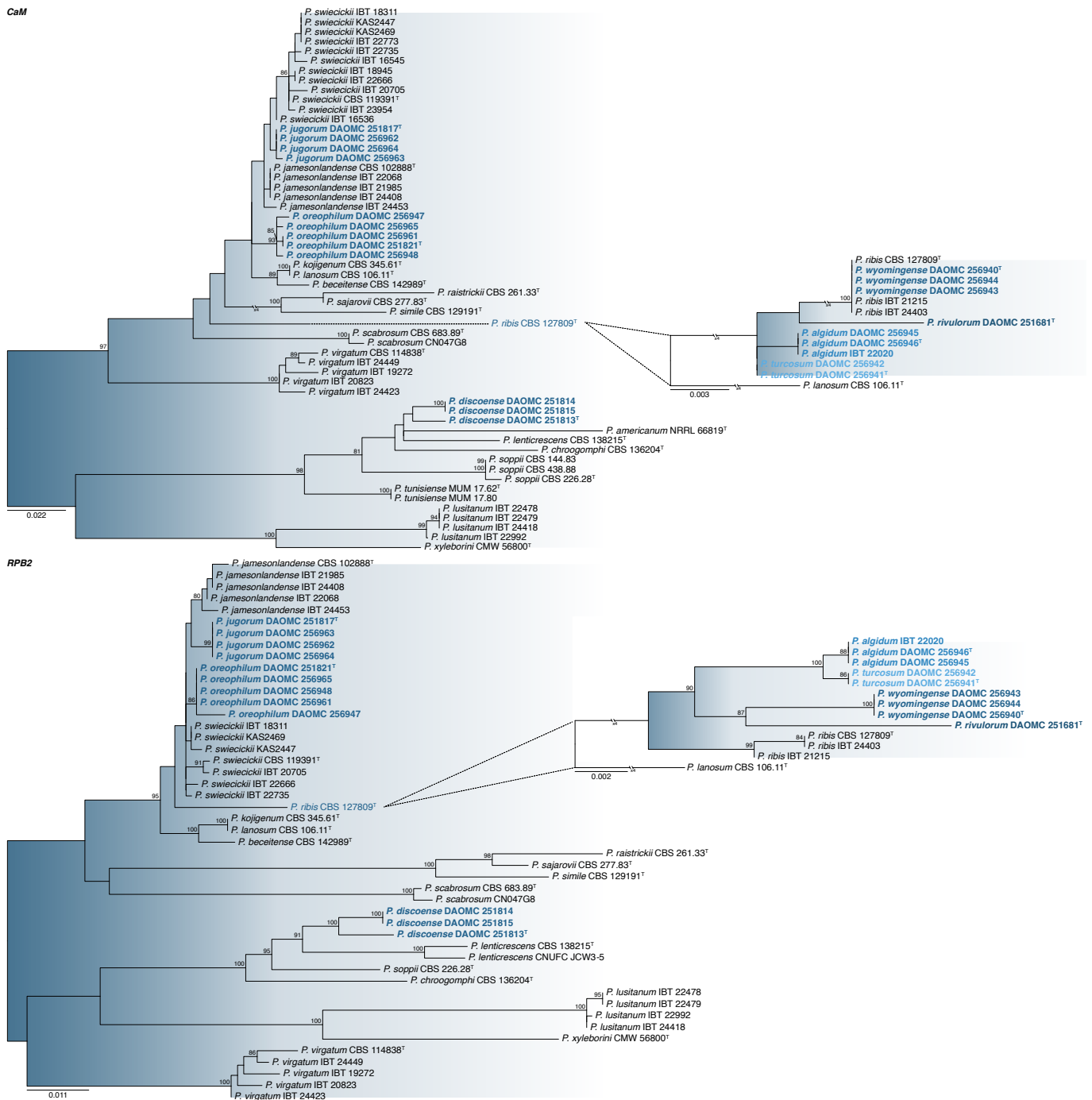


Fig. 2. (Continued).

chemical profiles of these strains are very unique and follow the grouping revealed by the multigene phylogeny. Additionally, we introduce a new species in series *Soppiorum* as *P. discoense*. Phylogenetically, it is most closely related to *P. chroogomphum*, *P. lenticrescens* and *P. soppii*. *Penicillium discoense* differs from other species by at least 15 bp based on *BenA*, 23 bp based on *CaM*, 34 bp based on *RPB2*, and 3 bp based on ITS. Strain DAOMC 251813 shows a large degree of variation from the other two strains. Other species identified during this study includes *P. virgatum* and the recently described *P. lusitanum* (Gonçalves *et al.* 2019).

**Section *Robsamsonia* (Fig. 3):** One new species is introduced in section *Robsamsonia* series *Robsamsonia* as *P. aquamarinum*. All genes resolved this species as a close relative of *P. robsamsonia* and *P. fimorum*. *Penicillium aquamarinum* differed from other species by at least 10 bp based on *BenA*, 16 bp based on *CaM* and 6 bp based on *RPB2*. The ITS region is identical to that of *P. robsamsonia* and *P. concentricum*.

## Morphology

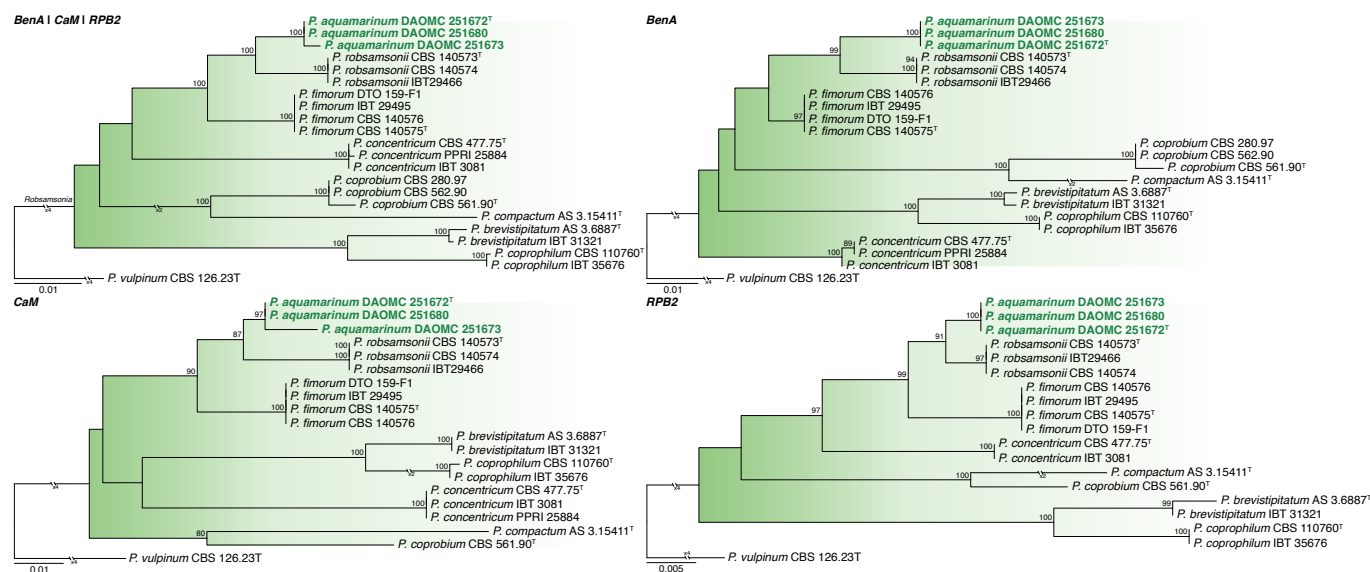
Ten new *Penicillium* species are formally described in the Taxonomy section below. They belong to section *Fasciculata* series *Viridicata*, section *Ramosum* series *Lanosa* and *Soppiorum*, and section *Robsamsonia* series *Robsamsonia*. Strains generally conformed to the typical characters of other close relatives. Section *Ramosum* species were found to be psychrophilic, growing as well or better at lower temperatures (Table 2). Notes on morphological similarity between new species and their close relatives are provided in the Taxonomy section.

## Secondary metabolite production

Untargeted metabolomic profiling was used to construct a phenotype for each of the new species, presented in the Fig. 4 as a heatmap representing metabolite production based on a cumulative mass feature occurrence frequency by media. Each of the new species as delineated by phylogenetic and morphological phenotyping produced a unique expression of secondary metabolites that can

be considered as diagnostic for each species (refer to Taxonomy Section). Over 80 secondary metabolites were annotated from the metabolomic phenotypes (of the ten new species and the additional inclusion of *P. ribis*), representing a diverse range of chemistry that included secondary metabolite products derived from non-ribosomal peptide synthases (NRPS), polyketide synthases (PKS), hybrid NRPS-PKS biosynthesis, and terpenoid biosynthesis (associated mass spectrometry data are summarized in Supplemental Information Table S1 and corresponding MS2 mirror plots in Figs S1–S30). Of particular note, metabolite annotation was not possible for several mass features that also contributed to a considerable portion of the metabolomic phenotype of each species – in some cases, unannotated mass features constituted entire phenotype blocks shared between species (i.e. block 7 in the metabolomic phenotype with shared production by *P. discoense* and *P. wyomingense*).

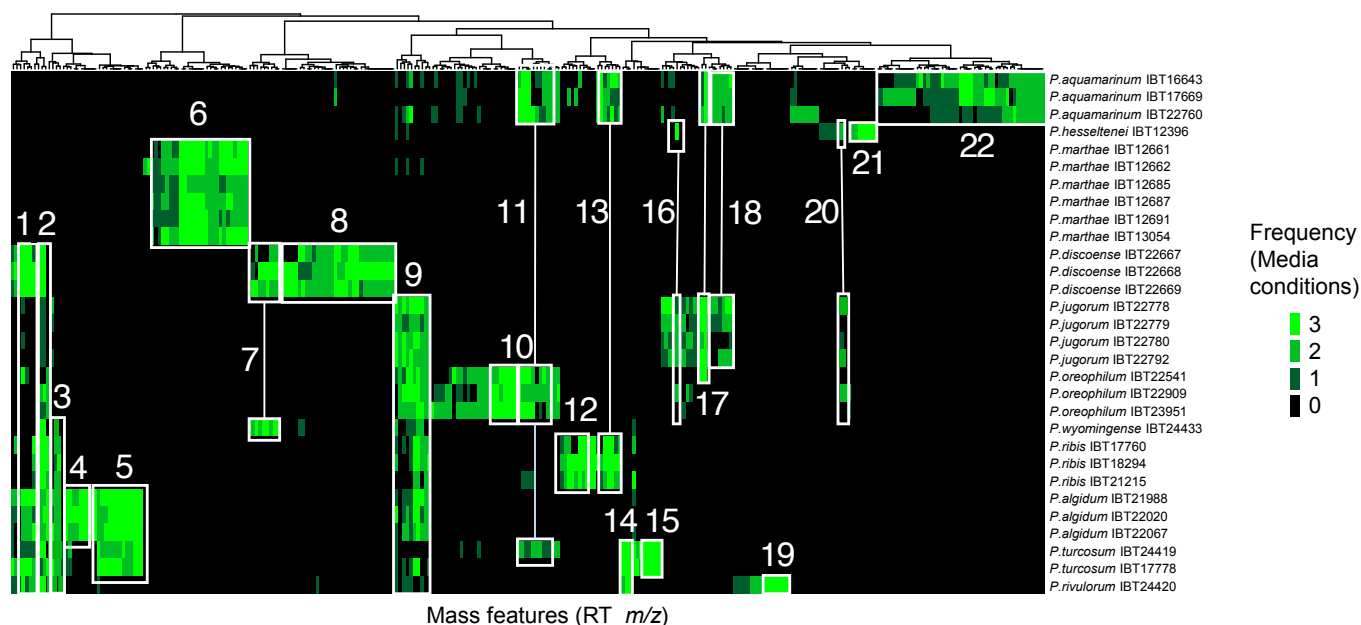
**NRPS-derived secondary metabolites (Figs 5, 6):** Numerous cyclodipeptides contributed to the metabolomic phenotype of several of the *Penicillium* species. In particular, *P. aquamarinum* was a prolific producer of cyclodipeptides and associated prenylated analogues, as observed from the large block of mass features in block 22 of the heatmap (Fig. 4). Marcorfines A–C (**1–3**), penicilherquamide B (**4**), and mangrovamide F (**5**) produced by *P. aquamarinum*; mangrovamide G (**6**) produced by *P. aquamarinum* and *P. ribis*; chrysoenamamide A (**7**) produced by *P. discoense*; and paraherquamide B (**8**) produced by *P. turcosum*, are structurally similar, complex heptacyclic dipeptides – several of which are known bioactive molecules due to their spirooxindole moiety (Panda *et al.*, 2023). Numerous cyclodipeptide diketopiperazines, also recognized for their associated biological activities, such as the roquefortines C & D (**9, 10**) by *P. aquamarinum*; rhinocladin A (**11**) produced by *P. turcosum*; tryprostatin B (**12**) produced by *P. ribis*; amauromine (**13**) and fellutanines A–C (**14–16**) produced by *P. aquamarinum*, *P. jugorum*, *P. oreophilum*; and the structurally related aurantiamine (**17**), pre-aurantiamine (**18**), and viridamine (**19**) produced *P. marthae*, contributed greatly to the chemical diversity of the metabolomic phenotype of each species. The remaining cyclodipeptides identified were the communesins A, F–H (**20–23**) produced by *P. rivulorum*; complex cytotoxic heptacyclic molecules



**Fig. 3.** Multi- and single gene phylogenetic trees of section *Robsamsonia* based on *BenA*, *CaM* and *RPB2*. *Penicillium chrysogenum* was selected as outgroup. Branches supported by high bootstrap values (> 80 %) and/or posterior probabilities (> 0.95) are indicated at relevant branches (\* = 100 % or 1 pp). Strains of new species are shown in bold coloured text. Ex-type strains are indicated by <sup>T</sup>.

that are often functionalized by prenylated and acylated side chains. Penigequinolone A (**24**) and yaequinolones B, F, & J1 (**25–27**) produced by *P. oreophilum*, are oxidized prenylated alkaloids containing a bicyclic quinolone backbone formed by the NRPS mediated condensation of anthranilate and o-methyltyrosine (Zou *et al.* 2015). *Penicillium marthae* produced a unique block of mass features in the metabolomic phenotype (block 6, Fig. 4) representing the quinazolinobenzodiazepine alkaloids, sclerotigenin (**28**) and circumdatin F (**29**), molecules that contain 3 amino acid residues and are also associated with known insecticidal activity. Additional mass features associated with the NRPS-derived, N-methylated linear peptides viridic acid (**30**) were observed in block 5 of the metabolomic phenotype associated with *P. marthae*. Production of the quinolone- $\gamma$ -lactam alkaloids quinolactacins A-C (**31–33**) was unique to *P. algidum*, where biosynthesis of the quinolone- $\gamma$ -lactam scaffold is mediated by two single module NRPSs (Zhao *et al.*, 2020). Production of the cytotoxic NRPS-derived amino acid ester, asperphenamate (**34**) and a hydroxyl analogue (**35**), represented by mass features in block 2 of the metabolomic phenotype (Fig. 4) was common to most of the *Penicillium* species examined, including *P. discoense*, *P. jugorum*, *P. oreophilum*, *P. wyomingense*, *P. ribis*, *P. algidum*, *P. turcosum*, *P. rivulorum*.

A variety of different macrocyclic peptides were also observed to be produced by most of section *Ramosum* species. Production of the  $\gamma$ -aminobutyric acid (GABA)-containing cyclic heptapeptides unguisins A & C (**36, 37**) were unique to *P. turcosum*. Psychrophilins A–D (**38–41**),  $\alpha$ -nitro-containing cyclic tripeptides produced through the combined action of a dimodular and monomodular NRPSs (Zhao *et al.*, 2016), were observed to be produced from *P. rivulorum* and *P. turcosum*, while psychrophilins A, B & D were observed from *P. algidum*, psychrophilin A & D from *P. ribis* and psychrophilin A from *P. wyomingense*. The N-methylated cyclic pentapeptides known as the cycloaspeptides (**42–48**) were produced by *P. jugorum*, *P. oreophilum*, *P. ribis*, *P. algidum*, and *P. turcosum* (block 9 of the metabolomic phenotype, Fig. 4). Cycloaspeptides A (**42**) and D (**45**) were the most predominant cycloaspeptide analogues produced (based on mass feature relative abundance); however, due to the unique biosynthesis of the cycloaspeptides – in terms of N-methylation and NRPS promiscuity of amino acid incorporation (de Mattos-Shibley *et al.* 2018) – numerous additional cycloaspeptide analogues were also observed [i.e. cycloaspeptides E, G & H\* (**46–48**)]. Ion molecular networking (presented in Fig. 7) further revealed new, additional analogues of cycloaspeptides D, E, and G, suggestive of incorporation of phenylalanine or tyrosine



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Griseofulvin, dechlorogriseofulvin, norlichexanthone</li> <li>2. Asperphenamate (and analog)</li> <li>3. Psychrophilins A-D, asperfuran</li> <li>4. Penitrem A, B, D, E, F, quinolactacins A, B, C</li> <li>5. Funiculosin, melearoride A/PF1163B</li> <li>6. Xanthomegnins (viomellein, vioxanthin, xanthomegnin), sclerotigenin, circumdatin F, viridic acid, aurantiamines/viridamines</li> <li>7. Unknowns</li> <li>8. Unknowns, chrysogenamide A</li> <li>9. Cycloaspeptides A, B/C/D, E, G</li> <li>10. Phenylquinolines (e.g. yaequinoline J1)</li> <li>11. Compactins, lovastatin, mevastatin</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. Tryprostatin B, atlantinones A, B, andrastin E</li> <li>13. Mangrovamide G</li> <li>14. Unguisins A, C</li> <li>15. Paraherquamide B, rhinocladin A</li> <li>16. Pseurotin A</li> <li>17. Amauromine/fellutanines</li> <li>18. Chaetoglobosins A, B, E, cytoglobosin D</li> <li>19. Communesins A, F, G, H</li> <li>20. Synerazol</li> <li>21. Viridicatol</li> <li>22. Roquefortines, mangrovamides, marcfortines, penicisherquamide B, pyripyropenes A, deacetyl A, dehydroxy-A, B/C/D, E, F</li> </ol> |
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**Fig. 4.** Consensus metabolomic phenotypes derived from UPLC-HRMS profiling of culture extracts for representative strains of the ten new *Penicillium* species and *P. ribis*. Heatmap colours represent the number of media conditions on which a given mass feature (column) was detected for a specific strain (row), ranging from 0 (black) to 3 (bright green). The dendrogram on the top axis represents a hierarchical cluster analysis of detection frequencies that was used to align mass features within the heatmap based on similar production patterns. Particular groupings of mass features for which metabolite annotation was achieved are “boxed” with an associated number that correspond with metabolite names listed below the heatmap.

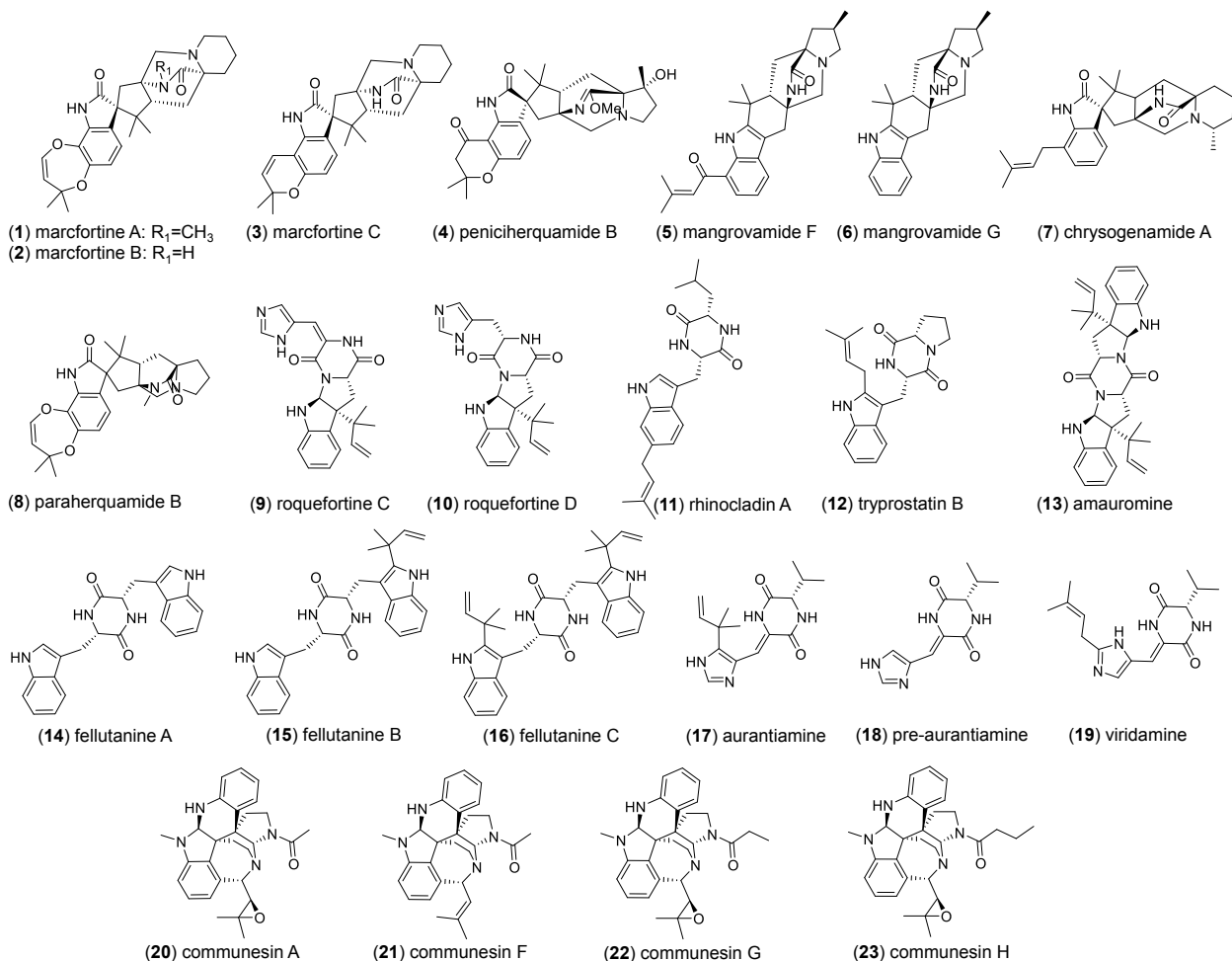


Fig. 5. Molecular structures of the cyclodeptides annotated from the untargeted metabolomics phenotyping.

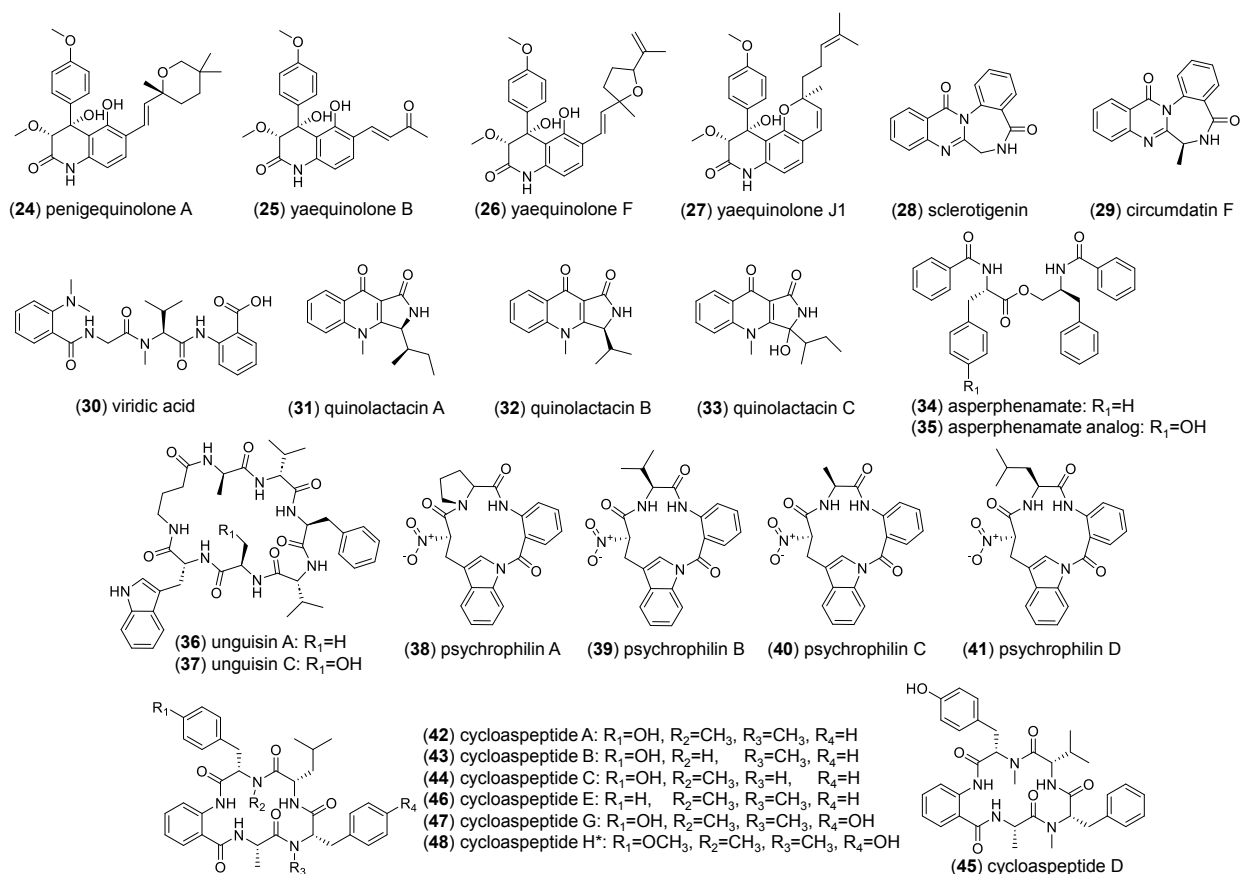


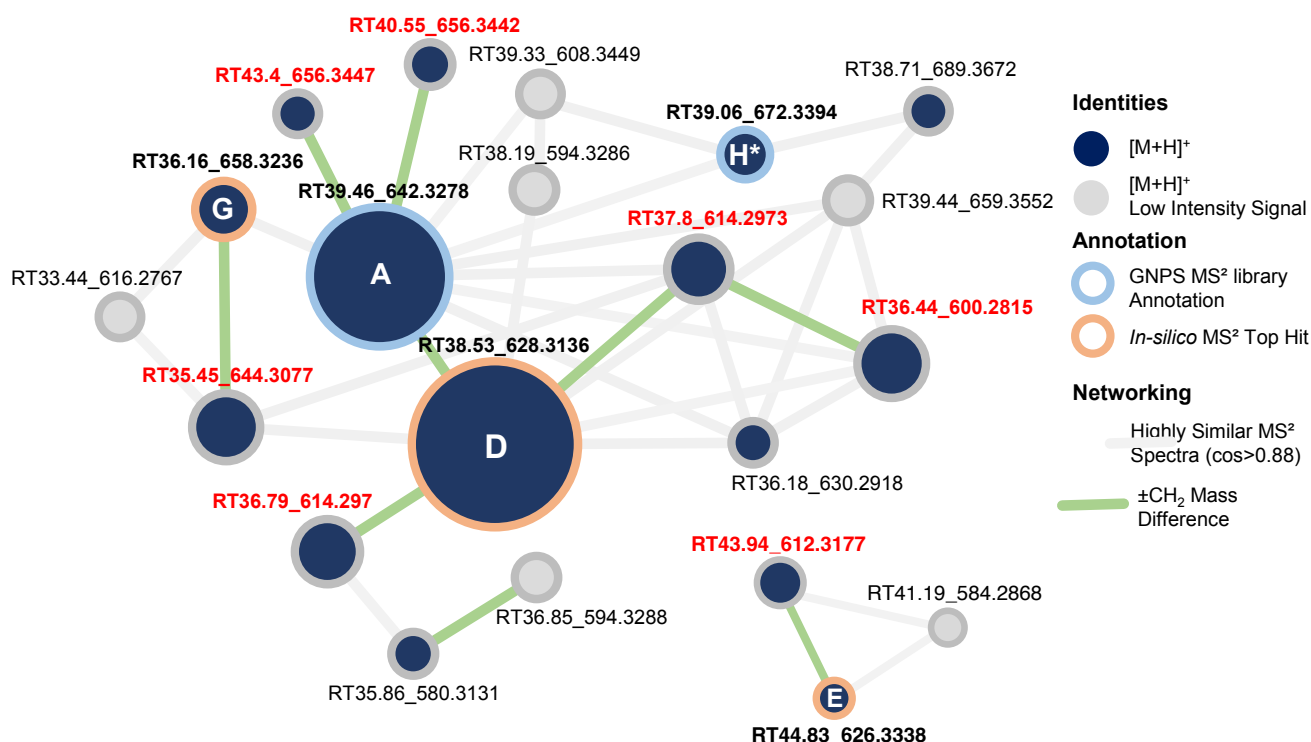
Fig. 6. Molecular structures of the NRPS-derived secondary metabolites annotated from the untargeted metabolomics phenotyping.

residues lacking *N*-methylation [similar to cycloaspeptides B and C (**43**, **44**)], and structural variants of cycloaspetide A in which the tyrosine phenol is methylated (similar to cycloaspeptide H\*).

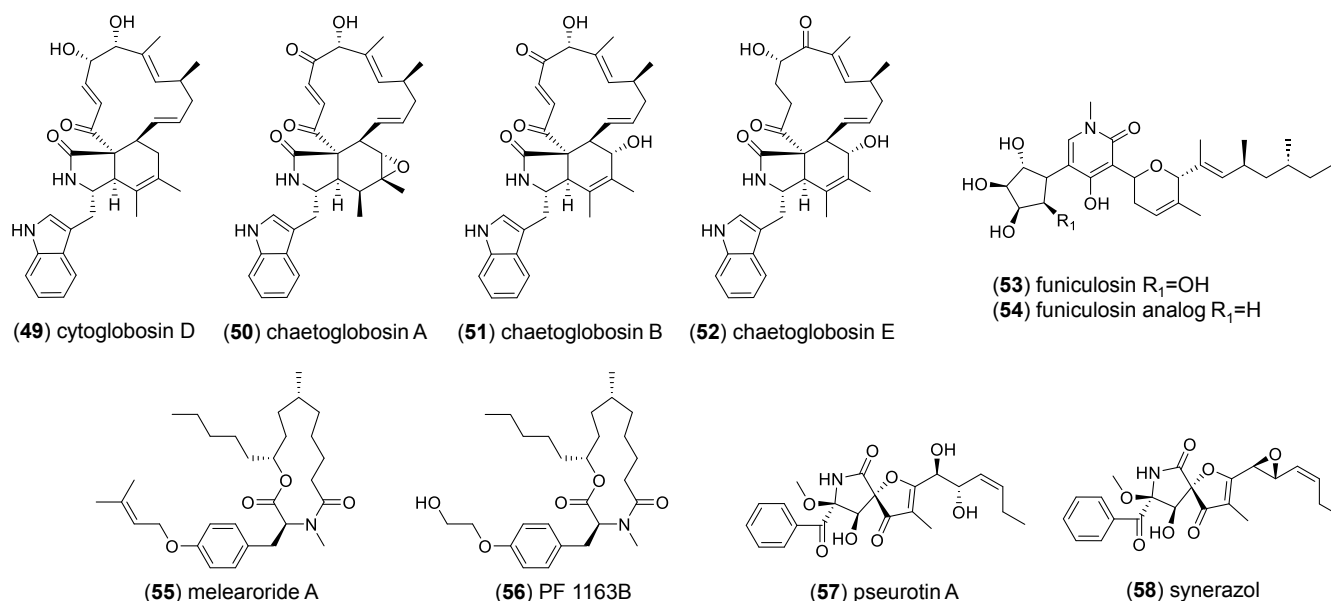
**NRPS-PKS derived secondary metabolites (Fig. 8):** Production of a selection of NRPS-PKS derived secondary metabolites were observed to be shared between many of the *Penicillium* species studied. For example, production of the cytochalasin alkaloids, cytoglobosin D (**49**) and chaetoglobosins A, B, and E (**50–52**) were observed (block 18 of the metabolomic phenotype) from both *P. aquamarinum* and *P. jugorum*. Production of funiculosin (**53**) and a funiculosin analog (**54**) (unique substituted pyridones having a

cyclopentanetretol and a cyclopentanetriol moieties respectively) and the macrolide lactams melearoride A (**55**) and PF 1163B (**56**) were shared between both *P. algidum* and *P. turcosum* (block 5 of the metabolomic phenotype heatmap). The highly functionalized, azaspirocyclic  $\gamma$ -lactams pseurotin A (**57**) and synerazol (**58**) were produced by a combination of *P. hesseltenei*, *P. jugorum*, and *P. oreophilum*.

**PKS derived secondary metabolites (Fig. 9):** The halogenated, spirocyclic hexaketide molecule griseofulvin (**59**) and the biosynthetic precursor dechloro-griseofulvin (**60**) were produced by *P. discoense*, *P. algidum*, *P. turcosum*, and *P. rivulorum*, along with norlichexanthone



**Fig. 7.** Molecular networking maps of cycloaspeptides detected in culture extracts from nanoLC-HRMS/MS experiments. Nodes represent observed [M+H]<sup>+</sup> precursor ions and lines connecting nodes represent highly similar cosine scores (> 0.88) comparing MS<sup>2</sup> scans. Cycloaspeptides mass features appear in bold and are labelled as: A (cycloaspeptide A), D (cycloaspeptide D), E (cycloaspeptide E), G (cycloaspeptide G), and H\* (cycloaspeptide H\_130057). Mass features in red bold text represent predicted, structurally new cycloaspeptide analogues with variations in *N*-methylation and *O*-methylation patterns (as denoted by green lines).



**Fig. 8.** Molecular structures of secondary metabolites derived from hybrid NRPS-PKS biosynthesis observed from the untargeted metabolomics phenotyping.



[i.e. lovastatin open form (**72**), 3,5-dihydro-3-oxo ML236C (**73**), and a 3-hydroxy-2-methylbutanoate lovastatin derivative (**74**)] associated with ‘statin’ production. Further investigation into extracted ion chromatograms revealed that compactin and compactin-associated intermediates (such as ML236A) were the predominant ‘statin’ analogues observed (in terms of relative ion abundance) as compared to lovastatin and pravastatin analogues from all three producing species.

**Terpenoid secondary metabolites (Fig. 11):** Indole diterpenoid alkaloids represent a large class of fungal secondary metabolites, often associated with biological activity. The penitrem A–F (**75–79**), produced by *P. algidum*, consist of a cyclic diterpenoid backbone and an indole moiety derived from tyrtophan, however, penitrem biosynthesis does not involve a NRPS (Hou *et al.*, 2022). The meroterpenoid pyripyropenes consist of a triketide–sesquiterpenoid molecular scaffold fused with a pyridine ring derived from nicotinic acid and differ based on hydroxylations and acetylations at various points on the molecular scaffold. Production of the pyripyropenes were limited to *P. aquamarinum*, from which pyripyropene A (**80**), dihydroxyl-pyripyropene A (**81**), deacetyl-pyripyropene A (**82**), pyripyropene E (**83**) and mass features associated with either pyripyropene B, C, or D were observed (block 22 of the metabolomic phenotype unique to *P. aquamarinum*). Atlantinones A & B (**84**, **85**) and andrastin E (**86**) are meroterpenoids produced by *P. ribis* (block 12 of the metabolomic heatmap) that are biosynthetically related to the pyripyropenes, as both metabolite classes are derived from farnesylated 3,5-dimethylorsellinic acid; however, neither atlantinone A, B, or andrastin E were observed from any of the other described *Penicillium* species under study.

## TAXONOMY

***Penicillium algidum*** Visagie, Overy, Seifert & Frisvad, *sp. nov.* MB 855913. Fig. 12.

**Etymology:** Latin, *algidum*, meaning cold or chilly, referring to the psychrotrophic nature of the species.

**Subgeneric classification:** *Penicillium* section *Ramosum* series *Lanosa*.

**Colony diam. (7 d, at 25 °C, in mm):** CYA 21–22; CYA 10 °C 5–8; CYA 15 °C 13–17; CYA 20 °C 18–21; CYA 30 °C no growth to microcolonies; CYA 37 °C no growth; CYAS 22–23; MEA 19–21; MEA 20 °C 21–22, YES 27–29; DG18 17–19; OA 22–24; CREA 13–14.

**Colony characters:** CYA (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies low, raised centrally, radially lightly sulcate, sectoring; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia white; texture velutinous; sporulation moderately dense, conidia *en masse* Greenish Grey (26C2), Greyish to Dull Green (26B4–E4); soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Yellowish White (2A2), Greenish Grey (1C3), Dull to Greyish Yellow (3B3–4B3). CYA (20 °C, 7 d): Colonies resembling those incubated at 25 °C. MEA (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies low, raised centrally, radially lightly sulcate, sectoring typical; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia white; texture velutinous; sporulation moderately dense, conidia *en masse* Greenish Grey (26C2), Greyish to Dull Green (26B4–E4); soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Yellowish White (2A2), Greenish Grey (1C3), Dull to Greyish Yellow (3B3–4B3). MEA (20 °C, 7 d): Colonies resembling those incubated at 25 °C. DG18 (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies low, plane to sulcate; margins low, wide, entire; mycelia white; texture velutinous and floccose; sporulation moderately dense, conidia *en masse* Greenish to Dull Green (25C4–D4–5); soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Yellowish White (2A2), Greyish Green (1D3–4). YES (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies low, raised centrally, radially lightly sulcate; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia white; texture velutinous and floccose; sporulation moderately dense, conidia *en masse* Greyish to Dull Green (26C3–D3–5); soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Pale Yellow to Greyish Yellow (4A3–B3–6). CREA (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies exhibiting weak growth; acid not produced.

**Conidiophores** terverticillate, a minor proportion biverticillate; **stipes** rough, 150–1500 × 3–5 μm; **branches** 2–3 per stipe, divergent, 12–25(–32) μm; **metulae** appressed, 3–6 per branch, 10–14(–17) × 3–4 μm; **phialides** ampulliform, 4–8 per metula, 8–10(–11) × (2.5–)3–4

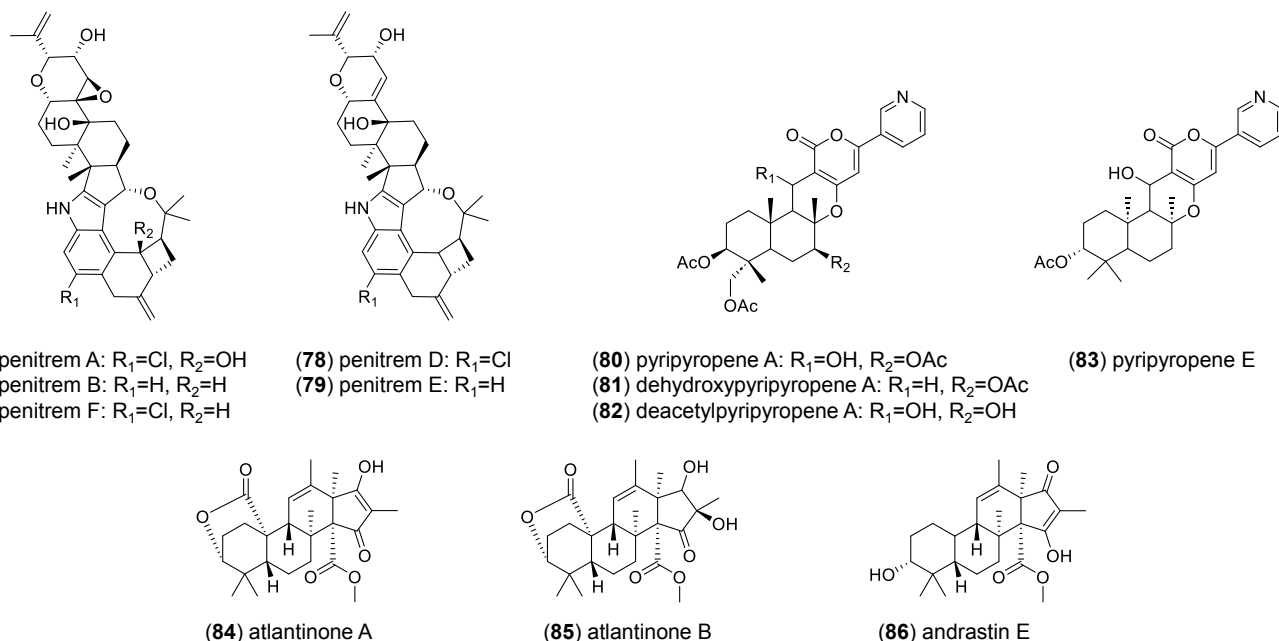


Fig. 11. Molecular structures of the terpenoid secondary metabolites annotated from the untargeted metabolomics phenotyping.



**Fig. 12.** *Penicillium algidum* sp. nov. (DAOMC 256946). A. Colonies on CYA, MEA, DG18, YES and OA. B. Colony texture on MEA. C. Conidia. D-I. Conidiophores. Scale bars = 10  $\mu$ m.

$\mu\text{m}$ , average length metula/phialide 1.28; *conidia* smooth, globose,  $2.5\text{--}3 \times 2.5\text{--}3 \mu\text{m}$  ( $\bar{x} = 2.76 \pm 0.17 \times 2.72 \pm 0.16$ ), average width/length = 0.98,  $n = 54$ .

*Extrolites*: Asperfuran; asperphenamate and hydroxyasperphenamate; cycloaspeptides A–E, G & H; funiculosin and dehydro-funiculosin; griseofulvin and dechloro-griseofulvin; melearoride A; norlichexanthone; PF 1163B; penitremes A, B, D–F; psychrophilins A, B & D; and quinolactacins A–C.

*Typus*: **Greenland**, Zackenberg, east of Oksestien, red/brown clay like soil proximal to *Calluna* sp. (heather) and *Salix* sp. (willow), 1999, E.K. Lyhne (**holotype** DAOM 985253, dried specimen, ex-type culture DAOMC 256946 = IBT 22067 = IBT 24414 = CBS 102886 = CMW 57199 = CN093F2).

*DNA barcodes*: ITS = KY989168, *BenA* = KY989043, *CaM* = KY989104, *RPB2* = MZ984123.

*Additional materials examined*: **Greenland**, Jameson Land peninsula, near Hugin Lake, tundra soil under *Calluna* sp. (heather), 1999, E.K. Lyhne, culture DAOMC 256945 = IBT 21988 = CMW 57197 = CN093E9; Jameson Land peninsula, near Hugin Lake, coastal sand, 1999, E.K. Lyhne, culture IBT 22020 = CMW 57198 = CN093F1.

*Notes*: *Penicillium algidum*, *P. turcosum*, *P. wyomingense* and *P. rivulorum* are introduced as new species in the *P. ribis* species complex. Morphologically and phylogenetically distinguishing among these species is difficult (Fig. 2, Table 2). *Penicillium rivulorum* consistently grows faster than its close relatives, while it can grow at 30 °C, as do *P. turcosum* and *P. wyomingense*. Chemical profiling of strains showed patterns similar to what is observed in the groupings of the multigene phylogeny (discussed in secondary metabolite results above). *P. algidum* differs from other species of the *P. ribis* species complex by the production of penitremes A, B, D, E, & F and quinolactacins A–C along with multiple unique mass features associated with unknown chemistry.

***Penicillium aquamarinum*** Visagie, Overy, Seifert & Frisvad, *sp. nov.* MB 855897. Fig. 13.

*Etymology*: Latin, *aquamarinum*, named after the production of green/blue (aquamarine) colonies on CYA.

*Subgeneric classification*: *Penicillium* section *Robsamsonia* series *Robsamsonia*.

*Colony diam.* (7 d, at 25 °C, in mm): CYA 19–23; CYA 10 °C 12–14; CYA 15 °C 19–23; CYA 20 °C 18–23; CYA 30 °C 8–15; CYA 37 °C no growth; CYAS 16–23; MEA 25–30; MEA 20 °C 27–30; YES 37–45; DG18 25–28; OA 27–30; CREA 15–20.

*Colony characters*: CYA (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies moderately deep, radially and concentrically sulcate; margins low to moderately deep, narrow, somewhat irregular; mycelia white; texture floccose to weakly fasciculate; sporulation moderately dense, conidia *en masse* Greyish Green (25B3–D5–E5) to Greyish Turquoise (24B3–B5–E5); soluble pigments brownish, inconspicuous; exudates clear, abundant; reverse Light to Greyish Yellow (4A4–B4), to Brownish Orange (5C6). CYA (20 °C, 7 d): Colonies resembling those incubated at 25 °C. MEA (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies deep, radially lightly

sulcate; margins low, narrow to wide, somewhat irregular; mycelia white; texture velutinous, becoming strongly fasciculate with age; sporulation dense, conidia *en masse* Greyish Green (25B3–D5–E5); soluble pigments absent; exudates clear; reverse Yellowish Brown to Brown (5C5–E7). MEA (20 °C, 7 d): Colonies resembling those incubated at 25 °C, except for more floccose appearance. DG18 (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies low, plane; margins low, wide, entire; mycelia white; texture velutinous, loosely floccose; sporulation dense, conidia *en masse* Greyish to Dull Green (25C4–D4–5); soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Yellowish White (3A2), Olive to Olive Brown (3D5–4D5). YES (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies moderately deep, raised at centre, radially and concentrically sulcate; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia white; texture velutinous and floccose; sporulation moderately dense, conidia *en masse* Greyish Green (25B3–26B3–27B3), darker Greyish Green (25E5) centrally; soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Light Yellow (4A4), Orange (5B6–8), Greyish Green (1C3). CREA (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies moderate growth; acid weakly produced.

*Conidiophores* ter- to quaterverticillate, a minor proportion biverticillate, borne from surface and aerial mycelia; *stipes* rough, 150–1000  $\times$  3–4(–5)  $\mu\text{m}$ ; *branches* 2–4 per stipe, appressed and divergent, (8.5–)11–22(–42)  $\mu\text{m}$ ; *metulae* appressed, 3–6 per branch, 7–11.5(–13.5)  $\times$  3–4(–4.5)  $\mu\text{m}$ ; *phialides* ampulliform, 4–6 per metula, 6.5–8.5(–10)  $\times$  2.5–3.5  $\mu\text{m}$ , average length metula/phialide 1.26; *conidia* smooth, broadly ellipsoidal, a minor proportion ovoid, 3.5–4.5  $\times$  3–4  $\mu\text{m}$  ( $\bar{x} = 3.9 \pm 0.2 \times 3.3 \pm 0.2$ ), average width/length = 0.84,  $n = 75$ .

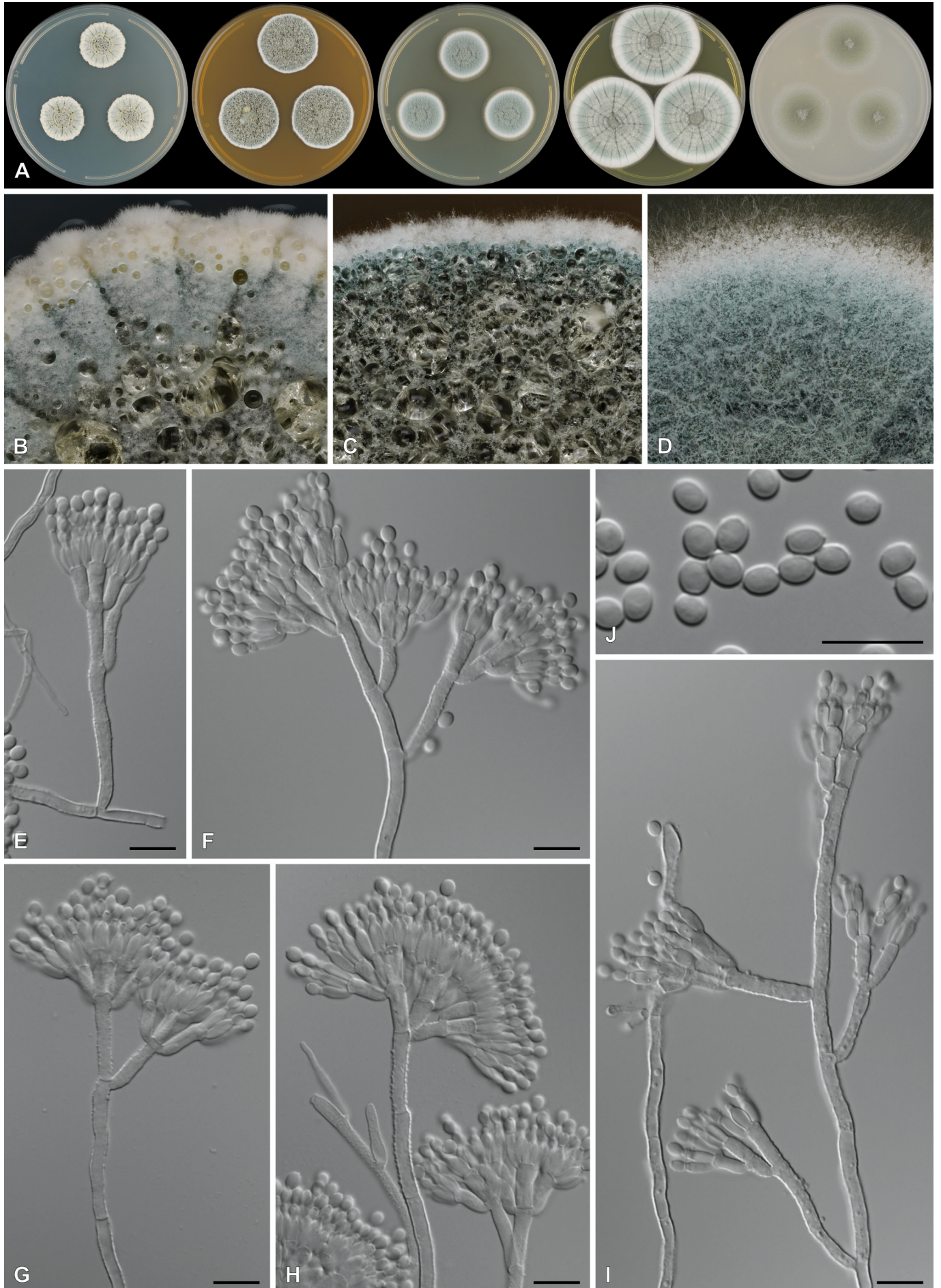
*Extrolites*: Amauromine; chaetoglobosins A, B, & E and cytoglobosin D; fellutanines A–C; marcfortines A–C; mangrovamides F & G; penicilerquamide B; pyripropene A, dihydroxyl-pyripropene A, deacetyl-pyripropene A and pyripropene E; roquefortines C & D; and statins (compactin, lovastatin and hydroxy-2-methylbutanoate lovastatin, pravastatin, ML236A and 3,5-dihydro-3-oxo ML236C).

*Typus*: **USA**, Wyoming, Medicine Bow-Rout National Forest, soil near beaver dam, 26 Oct. 1994, J.C. Frisvad (**holotype** DAOM 749220, dried specimen, ex-type culture DAOMC 251672 = IBT 16643 = CMW 57210 = CN093A4).

*DNA barcodes*: ITS = KY989143, *BenA* = KY989018, *CaM* = KY989083, *RPB2* = KY989204.

*Additional materials examined*: **USA**, Wyoming, Medicine Bow, Pilot Hill Rd., soil, 26 Oct. 1994, J.C. Frisvad, culture DAOMC 251673 = IBT 17669 = CMW 57211 = CN093A5; Northwest of Lake Marie parking lot, soil beneath *Caltha leptosepala* (mountain marsh marigold), 19 Jul. 1996, J.C. Frisvad, culture DAOMC 251680 = IBT 22760 = CMW 57212 = CN093A6.

*Notes*: *Penicillium aquamarinum* is closely related to *P. fimorum* and *P. robsamsonii* (Fig. 3). On CREA, acid production is absent in *P. fimorum* and *P. robsamsonii* but present in *P. aquamarinum* (Houbraken *et al.* 2016). Also, *P. aquamarinum* colonies on CYA have a floccose to weakly fasciculate texture and produce clear exudates. Colonies on CYA of *P. fimorum* have a velvety and somewhat fasciculate texture at the centre and produce large pale brown exudates, while *P. robsamsonia* colonies on CYA are strongly fasciculate and produce large pale brown exudates. In terms of extrolite production, *P. aquamarinum* does not share any commonalities in extrolites with those reported for *P. fimorum*



**Fig. 13.** *Penicillium aquamarinum* sp. nov. (DAOMC 251672). **A.** Colonies on CYA, MEA, DG18, YES and OA. **B–D.** Colony texture on CYA (B), MEA (C) and DG18 (D). **E–I.** Conidiophores. **J.** Conidia. Scale bars = 10 µm.

(Houbraken *et al.* 2016). In contrast, *P. aquamarinum* and *P. robsamsonii* both share traits in the production of chaetoglobosins, pyripyropenes, and roquefortines. However, *P. aquamarinum* is easily distinguished from *P. robsamsonii* by the production of amauromine, fellutanines A–C, marcfortines A–C, mangrovamides F & G, penicilherquamide B, and the various statin analogs listed above; while *P. robsamsonii* produces andrastin E, clavatols, quinolactacins and patulodin (Houbraken *et al.* 2016).

***Penicillium discoense*** Visagie, Overy, Seifert & Frisvad, *sp. nov.* MB 855898. Fig. 14.

**Etymology:** Latin, *discoense*, named after Disco Island in Greenland, from where the type was isolated.

**Subgeneric classification:** *Penicillium* section *Ramosum* series *Soppiorum*.

**Colony diam.** (7 d, at 25 °C, in mm): CYA (5–)13; CYA 10 °C 5–8; CYA 15 °C 10–14; CYA 20 °C 13–16; CYA 30 °C no growth; CYA 37 °C no growth; CYAS 10–14; MEA (5–)11–12; MEA 20 °C (15–)20–21; YES (13–)18–19; DG18 13–15; OA (5–)12–13; CREA 4–7.

**Colony characters:** CYA (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies moderately deep, radially and concentrically lightly sulcate; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia white, inconspicuously yellow; texture floccose; sporulation absent to sparse, conidia *en masse* greyish turquoise to greyish green (24B3–25B3); soluble pigments inconspicuously yellow; exudates clear; reverse Light Yellow (4A4). CYA (20 °C, 7 d): Colonies resembling those incubated at 25 °C, except for inconspicuously yellow exudates. MEA (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies low, plane; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia inconspicuously yellow; texture floccose; sporulation moderately dense, conidia *en masse* Dull to Greyish Green (25D4–E5); soluble pigments absent; exudates clear to yellow; reverse Greyish Orange to Brown (6B4–E7). MEA (20 °C, 7 d): Colonies resembling those incubated at 25 °C, except for sulcation plane. DG18 (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies low, raised at centre, radially and concentrically lightly sulcate; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia white; texture floccose; sporulation moderately dense, conidia *en masse* Greyish Turquoise (24B4–D5); soluble pigments inconspicuously yellow; exudates absent; reverse Yellowish White (3A2) to Yellow (3A6). YES (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies moderately deep, radially and concentrically sulcate; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia white and yellow; texture floccose; sporulation sparse to moderately dense, conidia *en masse* Dull to Greyish Green (25D4–E5); soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Orange White (5A2) to Orange (5B7). CREA (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies exhibiting weak growth; acid not produced.

**Conidiophores** ter- to quaterverticillate, a minor proportion biverticillate, borne from surface mycelia; *stipes* smooth, 150–1000 × 3.5–5 µm; *branches* 2 per stipe, divergent, 16–38 µm; *metulae* divergent, 3–6 per branch, 10–15(–17) × 3–5(–5.5) µm; *phialides* ampulliform, 3–6 per metula, (7–)8–9 × 2.5–4 µm, average length metula/phialide 1.7; *conidia* smooth, globose, 2.5–3.5 × 2.5–3.5 µm ( $\bar{x}$  = 2.55 ± 0.2 × 2.54 ± 0.2), average width/length = 1.00, n = 50.

**Extrrolites:** Asperphenamate and hydroxyl-asperphenamate; chrysogenamide A; griseofulvin and dechlorogriseofulvin; and norlichexanthone.

**Typus:** Greenland, Disco Island, Fortune Bay, sandy soil, 26 Jul. 2000, S. Gravesen (**holotype** DAOM 749224, dried specimen, ex-type culture DAOMC 251813 = IBT 22667 = CMW 57213 = CN093B2).

**DNA barcodes:** ITS = KY989178, *BenA* = KY989053, *CaM* = KY989112, *RPB2* = MZ984138.

**Additional materials examined:** Greenland, Disco Island, Fortune Bay, sandy soil, 26 Jul. 2000, S. Gravesen, culture DAOMC 251814 = IBT 22668 = CMW 57214 = CN093B3; Disco Island, Fortune Bay, sandy soil, 26 Jul. 2000, S. Gravesen, culture DAOMC 251815 = IBT 22669 = CMW 57215 = CN093B4.

**Notes:** *Penicillium discoense* is classified in section *Ramosum* series *Soppiorum* and is closely related to *P. americanum*, *P. chroogomphum*, *P. lenticrescens* and *P. soppii* (Fig. 2). These species all grow restrictedly on CYA and MEA at 25 °C, with colonies typically less than 15 mm in 7 d. *Penicillium discoense* [(5–)13 mm] and *P. chroogomphum* (7–8 mm) grow slower than their close relatives on CYA at 25 °C. Also, *P. discoense* has globose to broadly ellipsoidal conidia reaching a diameter of up to 3.5 µm. This contrasts with the larger ellipsoidal conidia (4–5 × 3–4 µm) of *P. chroogomphum* (Rong *et al.* 2016). *Penicillium lenticrescens* and *P. soppii* can be distinguished from other species of the section by their conidiophore branching, typically biverticillate and never terverticillate. *Penicillium soppii* was originally reported to produce strong yellow soluble pigments (Zaleski 1927), while *P. lenticrescens* lacks soluble pigments (Visagie *et al.* 2014a). The remaining species, *P. americanum* displays similar growth rates on most media, except on CYAS (17–18 mm) (Crous *et al.* 2019). Of the extrrolites identified from *P. discoense*, the products associated with asperphenamate and griseofulvin biosynthesis are fairly common in section *Ramosum* species; however, production of chrysogenamide A is unique to *P. discoense*, along with a block of unannotated mass features (Fig. 4, block 8) representing further unique extrrolite chemistry associated with *P. discoense*.

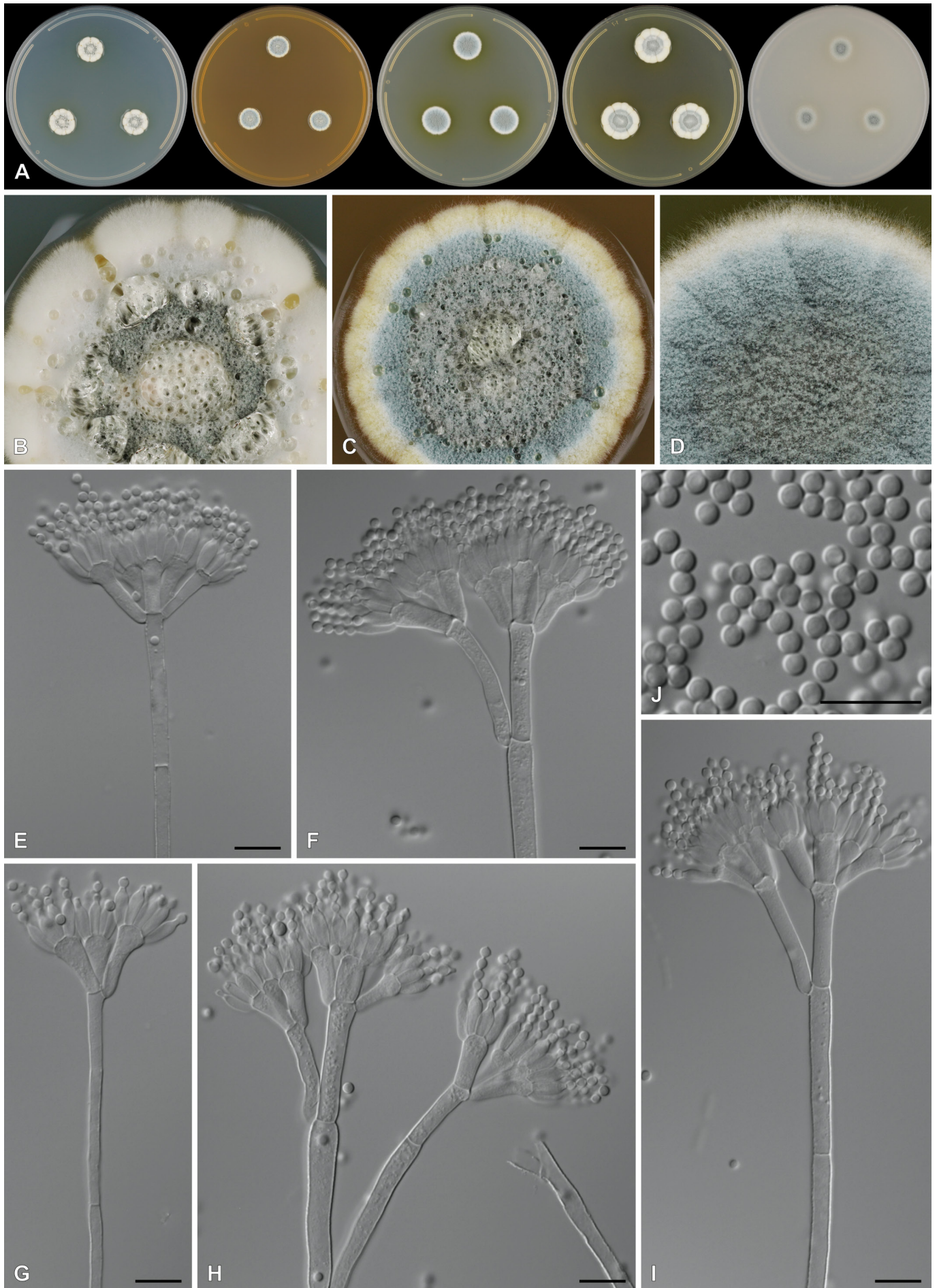
***Penicillium hesseltinei*** Visagie, Overy, Seifert & Frisvad, *sp. nov.* MB 855899. Fig. 15.

**Etymology:** Latin, *hesseltinei*, named to honour the work of C.W. Hesseltine.

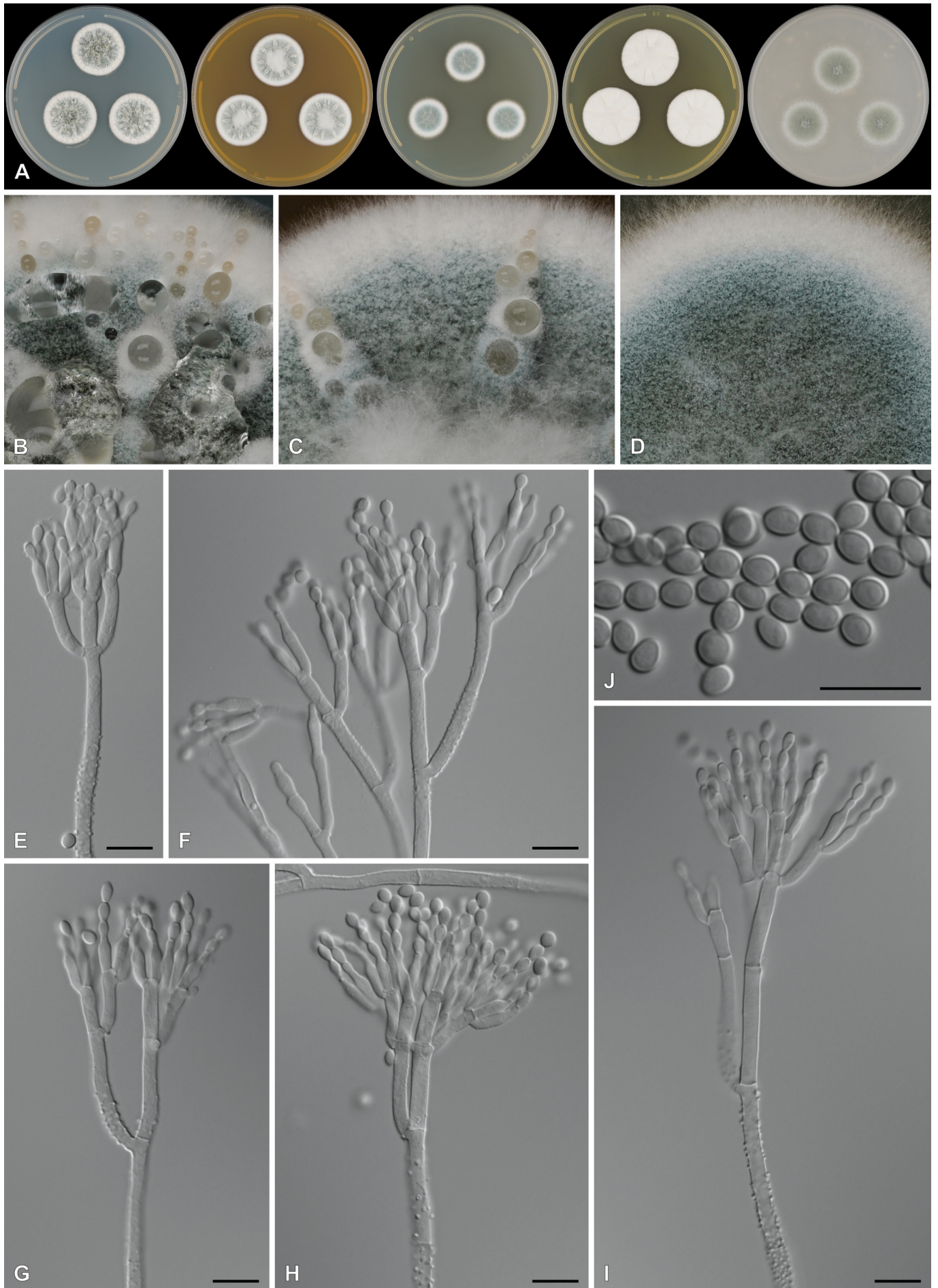
**Subgeneric classification:** *Penicillium* section *Fasciculata* series *Viridicata*.

**Colony diam.** (7 d, at 25 °C, in mm): CYA 20–26; CYA 10 °C 7–8; CYA 15 °C 14–16; CYA 20 °C 20–24; CYA 30 °C 15–20; CYA 37 °C no growth; CYAS 25–28; MEA 23–27; MEA 20 °C 24–25; YES 28–30; DG18 19–22; OA 20–21; CREA 20–21.

**Colony characters:** CYA (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies moderately deep to deep, radially sulcate; margins low to moderately deep, narrow, entire; mycelia white; texture velutinous to weakly fasciculate, some floccose mycelia; sporulation dense, conidia *en masse* Greyish to Dull Green (25C4–E4–6); soluble pigments absent; exudates clear; reverse Yellowish White to Yellowish Grey (2A2–B2), Greyish Yellow (4B5) centrally. CYA (20 °C, 7 d): Colonies resembling those incubated at 25 °C. MEA (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies moderately deep,



**Fig. 14.** *Penicillium discoense* sp. nov. (DAOMC 251813). **A.** Colonies on CYA, MEA, DG18, YES and OA. **B–D.** Colony texture on CYA (B), MEA (C) and DG18 (D). **E–I.** Conidiophores. **J.** Conidia. Scale bars = 10  $\mu$ m.



**Fig. 15.** *Penicillium hesseltinei* sp. nov. (DAOMC 251664). **A.** Colonies on CYA, MEA, DG18, YES and OA. **B–D.** Colony texture on CYA (B), MEA (C) and DG18 (D). **E–I.** Conidiophores. **J.** Conidia. Scale bars = 10  $\mu$ m.

lightly radially sulcate; margins low, wide; mycelia white; texture velutinous, floccose centrally; sporulation moderately dense, conidia *en masse* Greyish to Dull Green (25C4–D4–5); soluble pigments absent; exudates clear; reverse Yellowish Brown to Brown (5D4–E4). *MEA* (20 °C, 7 d): Colonies resembling those incubated at 25 °C, except for more floccose appearance centrally. *DG18* (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies low, plane to lightly radially sulcate; margins low, wide, entire; mycelia white; texture velutinous; sporulation dense, conidia *en masse* Greyish to Dull Green (25C4–D4–5); soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Yellowish White to Yellowish Grey (2A2–B2), Greyish Yellow (4B5) centrally. *YES* (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies low, raised centrally, radially lightly sulcate; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia white; texture not determined; sporulation absent; soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Light Yellow to Greyish Yellow (4A4–B5), Orange (5A6–B6). *CREA* (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies good growth; acid strongly produced.

*Conidiophores* terverticillate, a minor proportion quaterverticillate; *stipes* coarsely rough, 150–1500 × 2.5–4 µm; *branches* 2–3 per stipe, divergent, 13–32 µm; *metulae* appressed, 3–6 per branch, 10–18(–22) × 2.5–4 µm; *phialides* ampulliform, 4–6 per metula, 8.5–11 × 2.5–3.5 µm, average length metula/phialide 1.38; *conidia* smooth, ellipsoidal, some ovoid, 3.5–4.5 × 2.4–4.5 µm ( $\bar{x}$  = 4 ± 0.2 × 3 ± 0.2), average width/length = 0.74, n = 71.

*Extrolites*: Pseurotin A and synerazol.

*Typus*: **USA**, New Mexico, Chihuahuan Desert, Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge, cheek pouch of banner-tailed kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys spectabilis*), Mar. 1988, J.C. Frisvad (**holotype** DAOM 749218, dried specimen, ex-type culture DAOMC 251664 = IBT 12396 = CMW 57228 = CN093B5).

*DNA barcodes*: ITS = KY989128, *BenA* = KY989003, *CaM* = KY989070, *RPB2* = KY989195. *Reference genome*: JAPZBW01.

*Notes*: Phylogenies resolve *P. hesseltinei* basal to the clade containing *P. cyclopium* and *P. polonicum* in series *Viridicata*. *Penicillium marthae* is sister to *P. viridicatum*. Other close relatives in the series includes *P. aurantiogriseum*, *P. freii* and *P. neoechinulatum*. Comparing unique phenotypic variation between these species: *P. neoechinulatum* produces rough conidia; *P. freii* does not grow on CYA at 30 °C; *P. cyclopium* grows very slowly on CYA at 30 °C (2–6 mm); while *P. hesseltinei* grows slower than the others on CYA at 15 °C (14–16 mm) and has ellipsoidal to ovoid conidia. Comparing distinguishing phenotypic traits among the remaining species is more complicated. *Stipes* of *P. viridicatum* are roughened as compared to the smooth to finely roughened *stipes* of *P. aurantiogriseum*, *P. polonicum*, and *P. marthae*; *P. aurantiogriseum* grows more restricted on CYA at 15 °C as compared to *P. polonicum* (16–23 vs 27–30 mm); and *P. marthae* can produce an orange colony reverse on YES. Comparative data are derived from Frisvad & Samson (2004).

***Penicillium jugorum*** Visagie, Overy, Seifert & Frisvad, *sp. nov.* MB 855900. Fig. 16.

*Etymology*: Latin, *jugorum*, meaning “from mountain ridges”.

*Subgeneric classification*: *Penicillium* section *Ramosum* series *Lanosa*.

*Colony diam* (7 d, at 25 °C, in mm): CYA 4–6; CYA 10 °C 5–8; CYA 15 °C 12–14; CYA 20 °C 16–18; CYA 30 °C no growth; CYA 37 °C no growth; CYAS 6–8; MEA 4–6; MEA 20 °C 16–20; YES 11–16; DG18 9–11; OA 4–6; CREA 4–6.

*Colony characters*: *CYA* (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies moderately deep, plane; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia white; texture floccose; sporulation absent, soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Pale Yellow to Light Orange (4A3–5A4). *CYA* (20 °C, 7 d): Colonies moderately deep, radially and concentrically lightly sulcate; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia white; texture floccose; sporulation absent to sparse, conidia *en masse* greyish to dull green (25B3–D4); soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Pale Yellow to Light Orange (4A3–5A5). *MEA*: Colonies moderately deep, plane; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia white; texture floccose; sporulation absent, soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Brown (6D8). *MEA* (20 °C, 7 d): Colonies low, lightly radially sulcate; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia white; texture floccose; sporulation moderately dense, conidia *en masse* Greyish to Dull Green (25B3–D4); soluble pigments absent to minute clear droplets; exudates absent; reverse Pale Yellow (3A3), Brownish Orange (6C8). *DG18*: Colonies moderately deep, radially and concentrically lightly sulcate; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia white; texture floccose; sporulation sparse, conidia *en masse* Greyish Green (25B3); soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Yellowish White to Greyish Yellow (4A2–B3). *YES*: Colonies moderately deep, radially and concentrically lightly sulcate; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia white; texture floccose; sporulation absent, soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Orange White to Greyish Orange (5A2–B4–5). *CREA*: Colonies exhibiting weak growth; acid weakly produced.

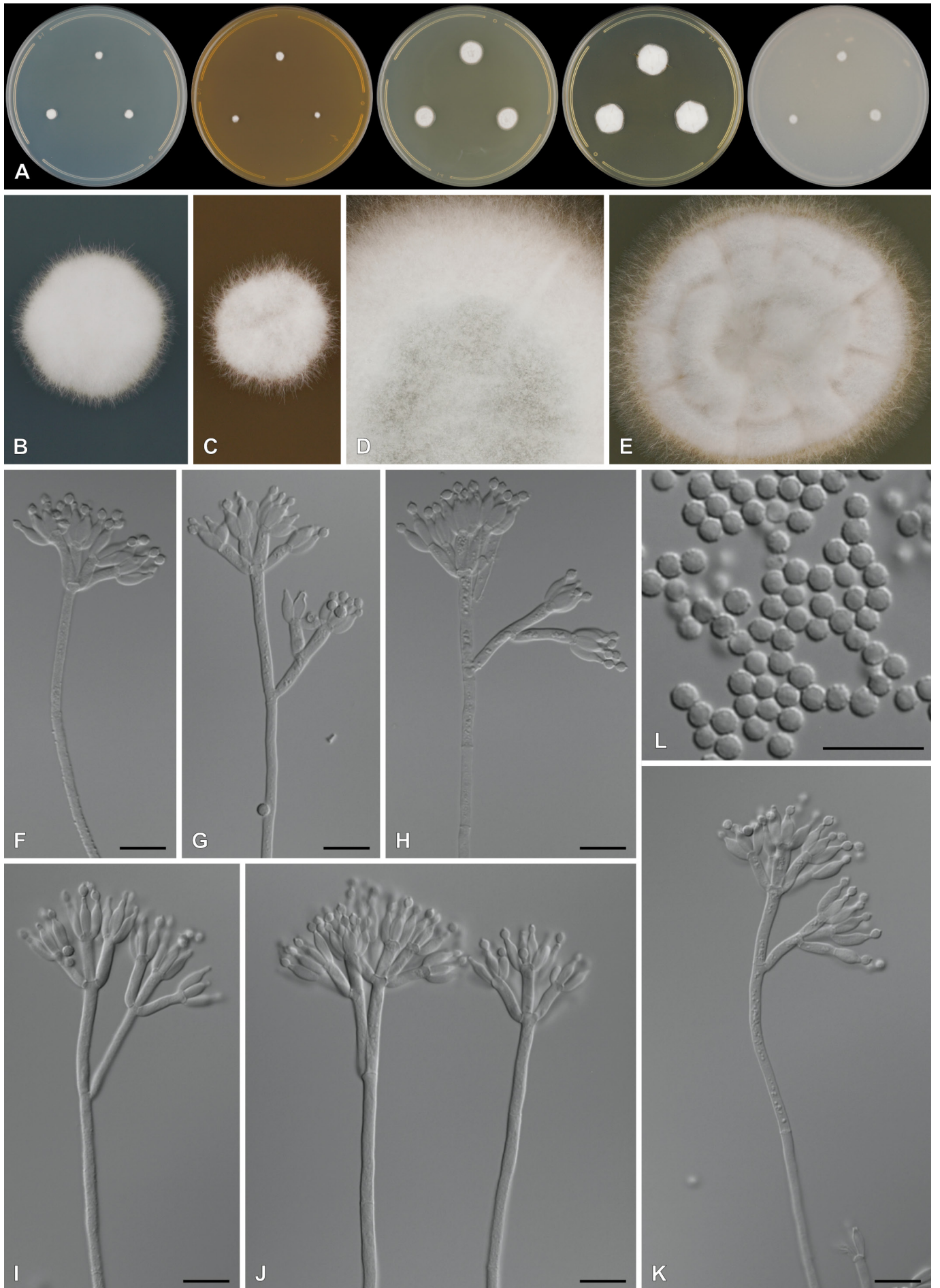
*Conidiophores* terverticillate, divaricate, sometimes biverticillate; *stipes* finely rough, 150–1000 × 2.5–3.5 µm; *branches* 2 per stipe, divergent, 10–35 µm; *metulae* divergent, (2–)3–6 per branch, 8–12(–14) × 2.5–3 µm; *phialides* ampulliform, 4–6 per metula, (6.5–)7–8 × 2–3 µm, average length metula/phialide 1.38; *conidia* rough, globose to subglobose, 2–3 × 2–3 µm ( $\bar{x}$  = 2.5 ± 0.1 × 2.5 ± 0.1), average width/length = 0.96, n = 87.

*Extrolites*: Amauromine; asperphenamate and hydroxyl-aperphenamate; chaetoglobosins A, B, & E; cycloaspeptides A–E, G & H and cytoglobosin D; fellutanines A–C; pseurotin A and synerazol.

*Typus*: **USA**, Wyoming, Snowy Range, Libby Flats, soil under *Picea* species, 19 Jul. 1996, J.C. Frisvad (**holotype** DAOM 749225, dried specimen, ex-type culture DAOMC 251817 = IBT 22778 = CMW 57185 = CN093C2 = KAS2466).

*DNA barcodes*: ITS = KY989184, *BenA* = KY989059, *CaM* = KY989118, *RPB2* = MZ984129.

*Additional materials examined*: **USA**, Wyoming, Snowy Range, Libby Flats, soil under *Picea* sp., 19 Jul. 1996, J.C. Frisvad, culture DAOMC 256962 = IBT 22779 = CMW 57184 = CN093C1; *ibid.*, culture DAOMC 256963 = IBT 22780 = CMW 57186 = CN093C3; Wyoming, Snowy Range, Hanging Lakes, soil under *Pinus contorta*, 11 Sept. 1994, J.C. Frisvad, culture DAOMC 256964 = IBT 22792 = CMW 57187 = CN093C4.



**Fig. 16.** *Penicillium jugorum* sp. nov. (DAOMC 251817). **A.** Colonies on CYA, MEA, DG18, YES and OA. **B–E.** Colony texture on CYA (B), MEA (C), MEA 20 °C (D) and DG18 (E). **F–K.** Conidiophores. **L.** Conidia. Scale bars = 10 µm.

Notes: *Penicillium jugorum* and *P. oreophilum* are resolved in section *Ramosum* series *Lanosa* as close relatives of *P. jamesonlandense* and *P. swiecickii* (Fig. 2). Colony growth rates on standardised media and incubation conditions, and stipe and conidia wall texture, are taxonomically informative in the series (Table 2). *Penicillium jugorum* (CYA 5–8 mm; MEA 4–6 mm) and *P. jamesonlandense* (CYA 10–13 mm; MEA 8–12 mm) grow more restrictedly than other species at 25 °C. At 20 °C, both grow significantly better (*P. jugorum* CYA 16–18 mm & MEA 16–20 mm; *P. jamesonlandense* CYA 17–18 mm & MEA 16–22 mm). The distantly related *P. lusitanum* has similar growth patterns, especially on MEA, but this species has smooth to finely roughened stipes compared to the smooth stipes of *P. jugorum* and *P. jamesonlandense*. *Penicillium oreophilum* grows relatively faster than both and produces rough walled stipes and conidia, which easily distinguishes it as a new species. *Penicillium jugorum* is easily distinguished from *P. jamesonlandense* based on extrolite production. Although both species produce pseurotin A and cycloaspeptides, *P. jugorum* produces a combination of amauromine, asperphenamates, chaetoglobosins, cytoglobosin D, fellutanines and synerazol; while *P. jamesonlandense* produces chyrogine, griseofulvins, kojic acid, and penicillic acid (Frisvad *et al.* 2006).

***Penicillium marthae*** Visagie, Overy, Seifert & Frisvad, *sp. nov.* MB 855901. Fig. 17.

*Etymology*: Latin, *marthae*, named for Martha Christensen.

*Subgeneric classification*: *Penicillium* section *Fasciculata* series *Viridicata*.

*Colony diam.* (7 d, at 25 °C, in mm): CYA 25–33; CYA 10 °C 13–15; CYA 15 °C 24–27; CYA 20 °C 28–33; CYA 30 °C 11–18; CYA 37 °C no growth; CYAS 33–38; MEA 31–37; MEA 20 °C 30–24; YES 37–45; DG18 25–32; OA 25–29; CREA 12–15.

*Colony characters*: CYA (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies deep, radially and concentrically very deep sulcations; margins low, narrow, irregular; mycelia white to inconspicuously yellow, sometimes yellow; texture floccose; sporulation sparse to moderately dense, conidia *en masse* Greyish to Dull Green (26C4–D4–27D4); soluble pigments brownish, inconspicuous; exudates clear; reverse Orange White (5A2) and Brownish Orange (5C4–6). CYA (20 °C, 7 d): Colonies resembling those incubated at 25 °C, except for bright yellow mycelia. MEA (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies moderately deep, plane to lightly sulcate, synnemata present after 4 wk; margins low, wide, entire; mycelia white and yellow; texture velutinous, fasciculate and floccose; sporulation dense, moderately dense in some isolates, conidia *en masse* Dull Green (25D4–E4–26E4); soluble pigments absent; exudates absent to minute clear droplets; reverse Greyish Orange (5B5) to Brown (6E7). MEA (20 °C, 7 d): Colonies resembling those incubated at 25 °C, except for more floccose appearance. DG18 (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies moderately deep, plane to radially lightly sulcate; margins low, wide, entire; mycelia white; texture velutinous; sporulation dense, conidia *en masse* Greyish to Dull Green (26D4–E5–6); soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Greenish Grey (1B3–C3), Greyish Green (1C5), Olive Yellow (3F6). YES (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies deep, radially and concentrically sulcate; margins moderately deep, narrow, entire; mycelia white and yellow; texture floccose; sporulation sparse to moderately dense in some isolates, conidia *en masse* Greyish Turquoise (24C4–25C4), Greyish Green (25E5–6) in denser areas; soluble pigments absent;

exudates absent; reverse Light Yellow (4A4), Orange (5A6–B6–7). CREA (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies good growth; acid strongly produced.

*Conidiophores* ter- to quaterverticillate, sometimes biverticillate, borne from surface and aerial mycelia; *stipes* commonly rough, but sometimes smooth, 135–700(–2000) × 3–5 µm; *branches* 2–4 per stipe, appressed and divergent, 11.5–32 µm; *metulae* appressed, 3–6 per branch, 8.5–15(–24) × 2.5–3.5 µm; *phialides* ampulliform, 3–8 per metula, 7–9(–13) × 2.5–3 µm, average length metula/phialide 1.40; *conidia* smooth to finely rough, globose to subglobose, 2.5–3.5 × 2.5–3.5 µm ( $\bar{x}$  = 3.0 ± 0.1 × 2.9 ± 0.15), average width/length = 0.94, n = 83.

*Extrolites*: Aurantiamine, pre-aurantiamine & viridamine; circumdatin F; sclerotigenin; viridic acid; and xanthomegnins (viomellein, vioxanthin, and xanthomegnin).

*Typus*: USA, New Mexico, Chihuahuan Desert, soil, 28 Dec. 1993, J.C. Frisvad (**holotype** DAOM 749219, dried specimen, ex-type culture DAOMC 251670 = IBT 13054 = CMW 57223 = CN103F9).

*DNA barcodes*: ITS = KY989134, *BenA* = KY989009, *CaM* = KY989076, *RPB2* = KY989201.

*Additional materials examined*: USA, New Mexico, Chihuahuan Desert, soil, 28 Dec. 1993, J.C. Frisvad, culture DAOMC 251665 = IBT 12661 = CMW 57220 = CN103F6 = KAS2399; *ibid.*, culture DAOMC 251666 = IBT 12662 = CMW 57221 = CN103F7; *ibid.*, culture DAOMC 251667 = IBT 12685; *ibid.*, culture DAOMC 251668 = IBT 12687 = CMW 57222 = CN103F8; *ibid.*, culture DAOMC 251669 = IBT 12691.

*Notes*: See notes under *P. hesseltinei* above for morphological comparison. Although *P. marthae* and *P. viridicatum* have some commonalities in extrolite production (xanthomegnins, viridamine, and viridic acid), *P. marthae* is easily distinguished by the production of circumdatin F and sclerotigenin, while *P. viridicatum* produces brevianamides and penicillic acid (Frisvad *et al.* 2004). *Penicillium marthae* was also observed to produce aurantiamine and pre-aurantiamine; however, both metabolites are likely biosynthetically co-produced with the isomeric molecule viridamine (observed from both *P. marthae* and *P. viridicatum*) and are therefore likely also associated with *P. viridicatum* (yet to be reported).

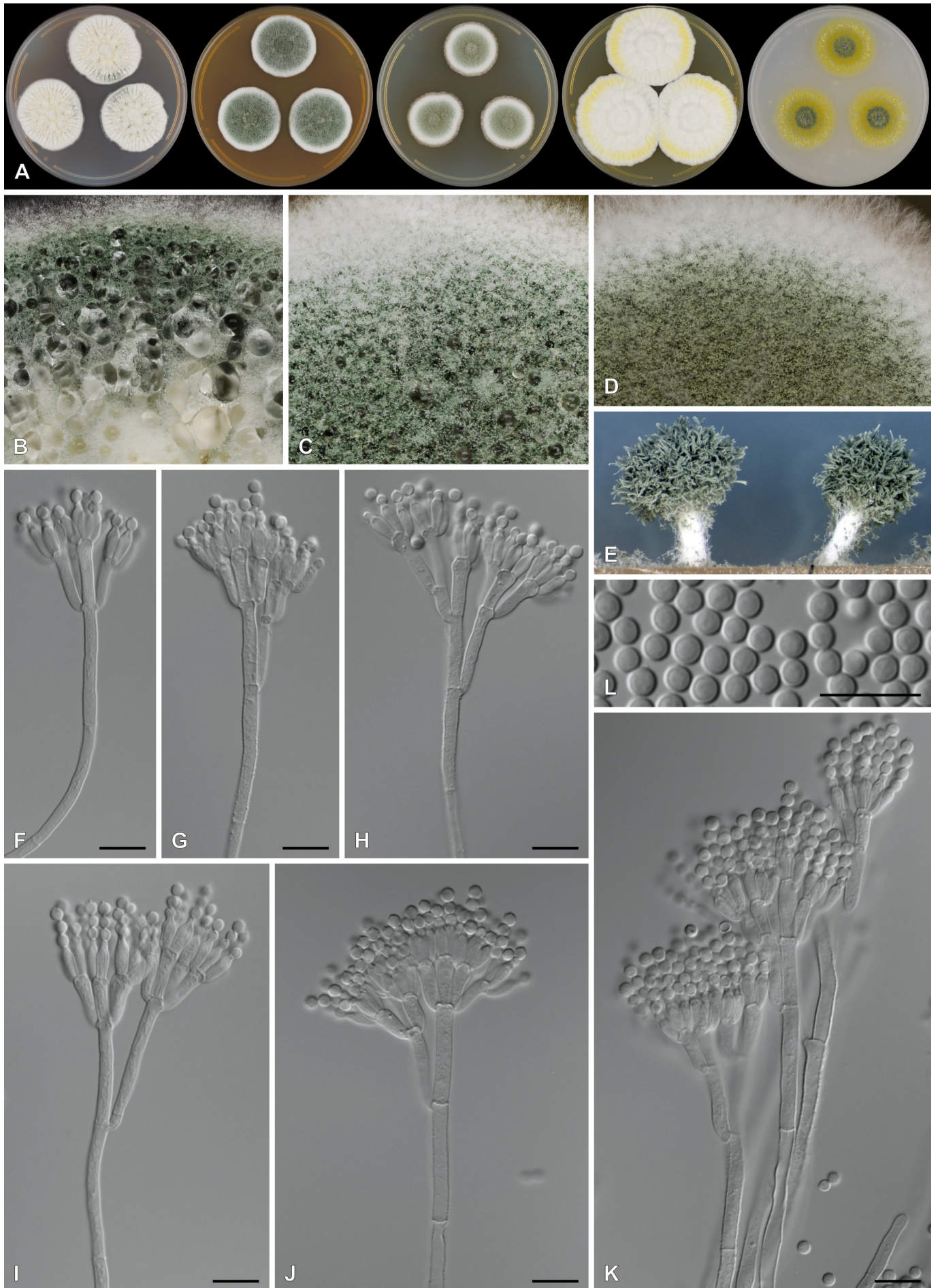
***Penicillium oreophilum*** Visagie, Overy, Seifert, Christensen & Frisvad, *sp. nov.* MB 855902. Fig. 18.

*Etymology*: Latin, *oreophilum*, meaning “mountain loving”.

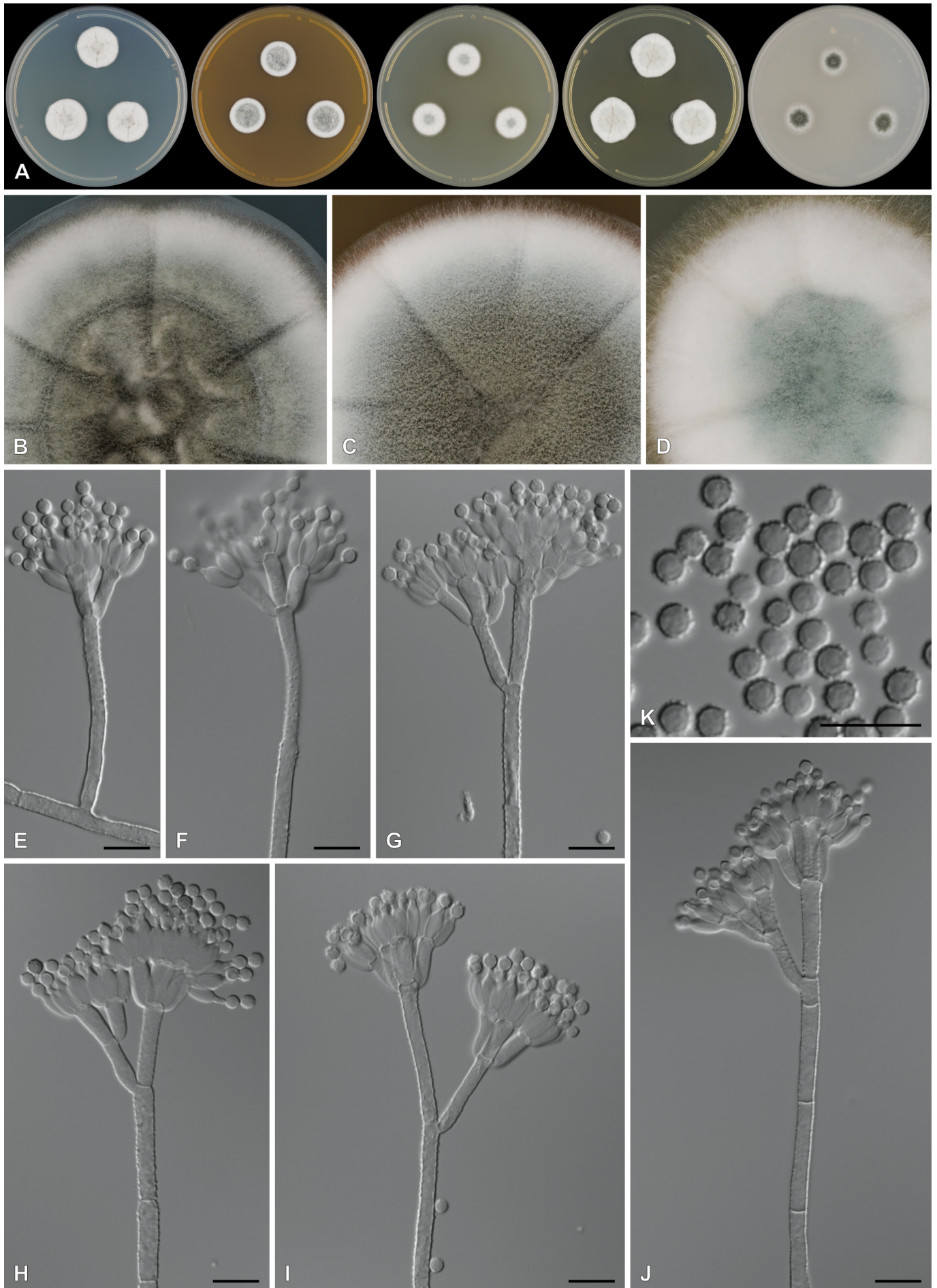
*Subgeneric classification*: *Penicillium* section *Ramosum* series *Lanosa*.

*Colony diam.* (7 d, at 25 °C, in mm): CYA 15–20; CYA 10 °C 7–10; CYA 15 °C 16–17; CYA 20 °C 17–22; CYA 30 °C no growth; CYA 37 °C no growth; CYAS 16–20; MEA 15–18; MEA 20 °C 20–24; YES 20–24; DG18 15–17; OA 12–13; CREA 10–12.

*Colony characters*: CYA (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies moderately deep, radially and concentrically sulcate; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia white; texture floccose; sporulation sometimes absent to sparse, sometimes moderately dense, conidia *en masse* Greenish White to Pale Green (25A2–3), Dull Green (25D3–4); soluble



**Fig. 17.** *Penicillium marthae* sp. nov. (DAOMC 251670). **A.** Colonies on CYA, MEA, DG18, YES and OA. **B–D.** Colony texture on CYA (B), MEA (C) and DG18 (D). **E.** Synnema produced on MEA after 4 wk. **F–K.** Conidiophores. **L.** Conidia. Scale bars = 10 µm.



**Fig. 18.** *Penicillium oreophilum* sp. nov. (DAOMC 251821). **A.** Colonies on CYA, MEA, DG18, YES and OA. **B–D.** Colony texture on CYA (B), MEA (C) and DG18 (D). **E–J.** Conidiophores. **K.** Conidia. Scale bars = 10 µm.

pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Yellowish White (3A2), Pale to Dull to Greyish Yellow (3A3–B3–4B3). *CYA* (20 °C, 7 d): Colonies resembling those incubated at 25 °C. *MEA* (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies low, plane to lightly sulcate; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia white; texture floccose; sporulation sparse to moderately dense, conidia *en masse* Dull Green (25D4–E4) to Greyish Turquoise (24E4); soluble pigments absent; exudates absent to clear; reverse Light Yellow (4A4) to Yellowish Brown (6D7). *MEA* (20 °C, 7 d): Colonies resembling those incubated at 25 °C. *DG18* (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies low to moderately deep, plane to very lightly sulcate; margins low, wide, entire; mycelia white; texture floccose; sporulation sparse to moderately dense in some isolates, conidia *en masse* Pale Turquoise to Greyish Turquoise (24A3–24D6); soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse pale to Light Yellow (3A3–4), dull to Greyish Yellow (3B3–C4). *YES* (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies low, raised centrally, radially and concentrically sulcate; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia white; texture floccose; sporulation sparse, conidia *en masse* Greyish Turquoise to Greyish Green (24B3–25B3); soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Light Yellow (4A4), Orange Yellow (5A6–B6). *CREA* (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies exhibiting weak growth; acid weakly produced.

*Conidiophores* terverticillate, a minor proportion biverticillate; *stipes* rough, 150–1000 × 3–4.5 µm; *branches* 2 per stipe, divergent, 13–24(–37) µm; *metulae* appressed to divergent, (2–)3–5 per branch, 9.5–15 × 3–4 µm; *phialides* ampulliform, 3–6 per metula, 7.5–9.5 × 2.5–3.5 µm, average length metula/phialide 1.38; *conidia* rough, globose to subglobose, 2.5–3.5 × 2.5–3.5 µm ( $\bar{x}$  = 3.28 ± 0.2 × 3.2 ± 0.2), average width/length = 0.99, n = 88.

*Extrolites*: Amauromine; asperphenamate and hydroxyl-aperphenamate; cycloaspeptides A–E, G & H; fellutanines A–C (only in IBT 22541); penigequinolone A; pseurotin A and synerazol; statins (compactin, lovastatin and hydroxy-2-methylbutanoate lovastatin, pravastatin, ML236A and 3,5-dihydro-3-oxo ML236C); and yaequinolones B, F, & J1.

*Typus*: **USA**, Wyoming, Wind River Mountain Range, alpine soil, 14 Jun. 2002, *M. Christensen* (**holotype** DAOM 749222, dried specimen, ex-type culture DAOMC 251821 = IBT 23951 = CMW 57190 = CN093D2).

*DNA barcodes*: ITS = KY989190, *BenA* = KY989065, *CaM* = KY989123, *RPB2* = MZ984135.

*Additional materials examined*: **Denmark**, Eidi, Faroe Islands, soil, 26 Jun. 1999, *E.K. Lyhne*, culture DAOMC 256947 = IBT 22341 = CMW 57188 = CN093C9; Eidi, Faroe Islands, soil, 1 Sep. 2000, *E.K. Lyhne*, culture DAOMC 256961 = IBT 22541 = CMW 57189 = CN093D1. **Greenland**, Godhavn, soil, 12 Jan. 2001, *E.K. Lyhne*, culture DAOMC 256948 = IBT 22909 = CMW 57192 = CN093D5. **Norway**, Svalbard, ice, Aug. 2001, *N. Gunde-Cimerman*, culture DAOMC 256965 = IBT 24500 = CMW 57191 = CN093D3.

*Notes*: See notes under *P. jugorum* above. Although the production of multiple extrolites is shared by *P. oreophilium* and *P. jugorum* (amauromine; asperphenamates, cycloaspeptides, fellutanines, pseurotin A and synerazol), *P. oreophilium* is distinguished from *P. jugorum* by the production of penigequinolone A, yaequinolones, and a variety of different fungal statins (compactin, lovastatin and hydroxy-2-methylbutanoate lovastatin, pravastatin, ML236A and 3,5-dihydro-3-oxo ML236C).

***Penicillium rivulorum*** Visagie, Overy, Seifert & Frisvad, **sp. nov.** MB 855903. Fig. 19.

*Etymology*: Latin, *rivulorum*, meaning “from or proximal to streams”.

*Subgeneric classification*: *Penicillium* section *Ramosum* series *Lanosa*.

*Colony diam.* (7 d, at 25 °C, in mm): *CYA* 26–28; *CYA* 10 °C 10–11; *CYA* 15 °C 18–19; *CYA* 20 °C 25–27; *CYA* 30 °C 3–4; *CYA* 37 °C no growth; *CYAS* 25–27; *MEA* 29–31; *MEA* 20 °C 28–30; *YES* 34–36; *DG18* 22–24; *OA* 26–28; *CREA* 15–20.

*Colony characters*: *CYA* (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies low, raised centrally, radially lightly sulcate, sectoring; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia white; texture velutinous; sporulation moderately dense, conidia *en masse* Greenish Grey (26C2), Greyish to Dull Green (26B4–E4); soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Yellowish White (2A2), Greenish Grey (1C3), Dull to Greyish Yellow (3B3–4B3). *CYA* (20 °C, 7 d): Colonies resembling those incubated at 25 °C. *MEA* (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies low, raised centrally, radially lightly sulcate, sectoring typical; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia white; texture velutinous; sporulation moderately dense, conidia *en masse* Greenish Grey (26C2), Greyish to Dull Green (26B4–E4); soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Yellowish White (2A2), Greenish Grey (1C3), Dull to Greyish Yellow (3B3–4B3). *MEA* (20 °C, 7 d): Colonies resembling those incubated at 25 °C. *DG18* (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies low, plane to sulcate; margins low, wide, entire; mycelia white; texture velutinous and floccose; sporulation moderately dense, conidia *en masse* Greenish to Dull Green (25C4–D4–5); soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Yellowish White (2A2), Greyish Green (1D3–4). *YES* (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies low, raised centrally, radially lightly sulcate; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia white; texture velutinous and floccose; sporulation moderately dense, conidia *en masse* Greyish to Dull Green (26C3–D3–5); soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse pale yellow to Greyish Yellow (4A3–B3–6). *CREA* (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies exhibiting weak growth; acid not produced.

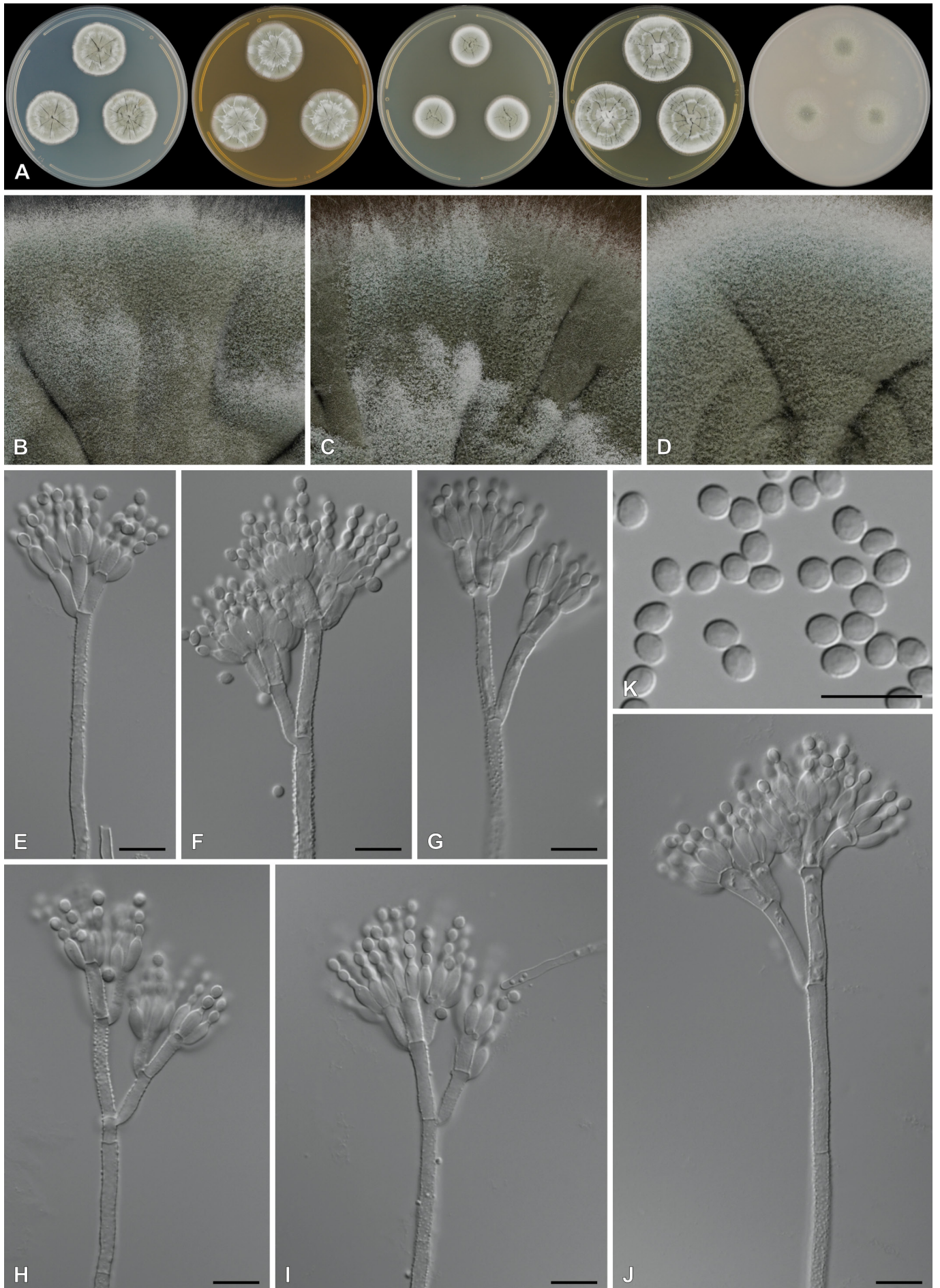
*Conidiophores* terverticillate, a minor proportion biverticillate; *stipes* rough, 150–1000 × 2.5–4 µm; *branches* 2 per stipe, divergent, 13–37 µm; *metulae* appressed, 3–4 per branch, 9.5–14 × 3–4 µm; *phialides* ampulliform, 5–8 per metula, 8–11 × 2.5–3.5 µm, average length metula/phialide 1.28; *conidia* smooth, broadly ellipsoidal, 3–4 × 2.5–3.5 µm ( $\bar{x}$  = 3.6 ± 0.2 × 3 ± 0.2), average width/length = 0.84, n = 97.

*Extrolites*: Asperphenamate and hydroxyl-aperphenamate; communesins A, F, G & H; griseofulvin and dechloro-griseofulvin; norlichexanthone; and psychrophilins A–D.

*Typus*: **USA**, Colorado, Cache la Poudre River, soil under old cottonwood, 13 Nov. 1994, *J.C. Frisvad* (**holotype** DAOM 749223, dried specimen, ex-type culture DAOMC 251681 = IBT 24420 = IBT 17740 = CMW 57228 = CN022E3).

*DNA barcodes*: ITS = KY989192, *BenA* = KY989067, *CaM* = KY989125, *RPB2* = MZ984109.

*Notes*: See notes under *P. algidum* above. *Penicillium rivulorum* differs from other species of the *P. ribis* species complex by the production of communesins A, F, G & H along with multiple unique mass features associated with unknown chemistry.



**Fig. 19.** *Penicillium rivulorum* sp. nov. (DAOMC 251681). **A.** Colonies on CYA, MEA, DG18, YES and OA. **B–D.** Colony texture on CYA (B), MEA (C) and DG18 (D). **E–J.** Conidiophores. **K.** Conidia. Scale bars = 10 µm.

***Penicillium turcosum*** Visagie, Overy, Seifert & Frisvad, *sp. nov.* MB 855904. Fig. 20.

**Etymology:** Latin, *turcosum*, name in reference to the green to blue-green mineral turquoise associated with the states of Wyoming and Colorado from which the strains were isolated.

**Subgeneric classification:** *Penicillium* section *Ramosum* series *Lanosa*.

Colony diam. (7 d, at 25 °C, in mm): CYA 24–25; CYA 10 °C 9–11; CYA 15 °C 16–17; CYA 20 °C 20–21; CYA 30 °C microcolonies; CYA 37 °C no growth; CYAS 25–26; MEA 20–23; MEA 20 °C 22–24, YES 28–30; DG18 17–18; OA 21–23; CREA 13–14.

**Colony characters:** CYA (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies low, raised centrally, radially lightly sulcate, sectoring; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia white; texture velutinous; sporulation moderately dense, conidia *en masse* Greenish Grey (26C2), Greyish to Dull Green (26B4–E4); soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Yellowish White (2A2), Greenish Grey (1C3), Dull to Greyish Yellow (3B3–4B3). CYA (20 °C, 7 d): Colonies resembling those incubated at 25 °C. MEA (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies low, raised centrally, radially lightly sulcate, sectoring typical; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia white; texture velutinous; sporulation moderately dense, conidia *en masse* Greenish Grey (26C2), Greyish to Dull Green (26B4–E4); soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Yellowish White (2A2), Greenish Grey (1C3), Dull to Greyish Yellow (3B3–4B3). MEA (20 °C, 7 d): Colonies resembling those incubated at 25 °C. DG18 (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies low, plane to sulcate; margins low, wide, entire; mycelia white; texture velutinous and floccose; sporulation moderately dense, conidia *en masse* Greenish to Dull Green (25C4–D4–5); soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Yellowish White (2A2), Greyish Green (1D3–4). YES (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies low, raised centrally, radially lightly sulcate; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia white; texture velutinous and floccose; sporulation moderately dense, conidia *en masse* Greyish to Dull Green (26C3–D3–5); soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Pale Yellow to Greyish Yellow (4A3–B3–6). CREA (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies exhibiting weak growth; acid not produced.

**Conidiophores** terverticillate, a minor proportion biverticillate; *stipes* smooth to rough, 150–1500 × 2.5–4 µm; *branches* 2–3 per stipe, divergent, 11–30(–38) µm; *metulae* appressed, 3–6 per branch, 11–15 × 3–4 µm; *phialides* ampulliform, 4–8 per metula, 8–10 × 3–4 µm, average length metula/phialide 1.4; *conidia* smooth, globose, 2.5–3 × 2.5–3 µm ( $\bar{x}$  = 2.94 ± 0.15 × 2.77 ± 0.16), average width/length = 0.95, n = 50.

**Extrolites:** Asperfuran; asperphenamate and hydroxyasperphenamate; cycloaspeptides A–E, G & H; funiculosin and dehydro-funiculosin; griseofulvin and dechloro-griseofulvin; melearoride A; norlichexanthone; paraherquamide B; PF 1163B; psychrophilins A–D; rhinocladin A; statins (compactin, lovastatin and hydroxy-2-methylbutanoate lovastatin, pravastatin, ML236A, and 3,5-dihydro-3-oxo ML236C); and unguisin A & C.

**Typus:** USA, Wyoming, Fort Steele, North Platte River, alpine soil under *Populus augustifolia*, 10 May 1994, J.C. Frisvad (**holotype** DAOM 985254, dried specimen, ex-type culture DAOMC 256941 = IBT 24419 = IBT 16625 = CMW 57193 = CN093D9).

**DNA barcodes:** ITS = KY989142, *BenA* = KY989017, *CaM* = KY989082, *RPB2* = MZ984117.

**Additional materials examined:** USA, Colorado, Cache la Poudre River, alpine soil under old cottonwood, 13 Nov. 1994, J.C. Frisvad, culture DAOMC 256942 = IBT 17778 = CMW 57195 = CN093E3.

**Notes:** See notes under *P. algidum* above. *Penicillium turcosum* differs from other species of the *P. ribis* species complex by the production of paraherquamide B, rhinocladin A, fungal statins (including compactin, lovastatin & hydroxy-2-methylbutanoate lovastatin, pravastatin, ML236A, and 3,5-dihydro-3-oxo ML236C), and unguisin A & C, along with multiple unique mass features associated with unknown chemistry.

***Penicillium wyomingense*** Visagie, Overy, Seifert & Frisvad, *sp. nov.* MB 855905. Fig. 21.

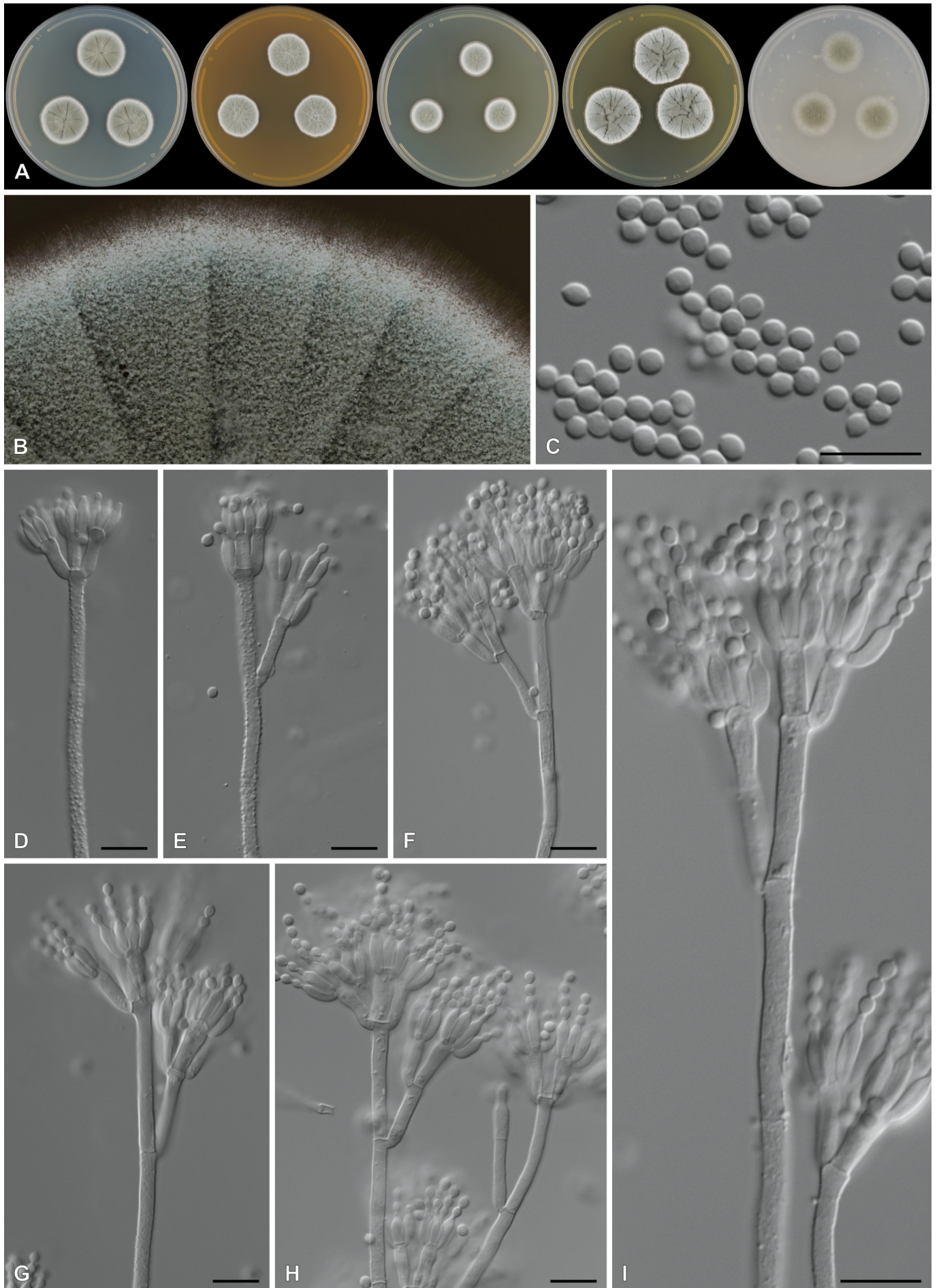
**Etymology:** Latin, *wyomingense*, named after the Wyoming big sagebrush, the shrub native to the western United States from where the species was isolated.

**Subgeneric classification:** *Penicillium* section *Ramosum* series *Lanosa*.

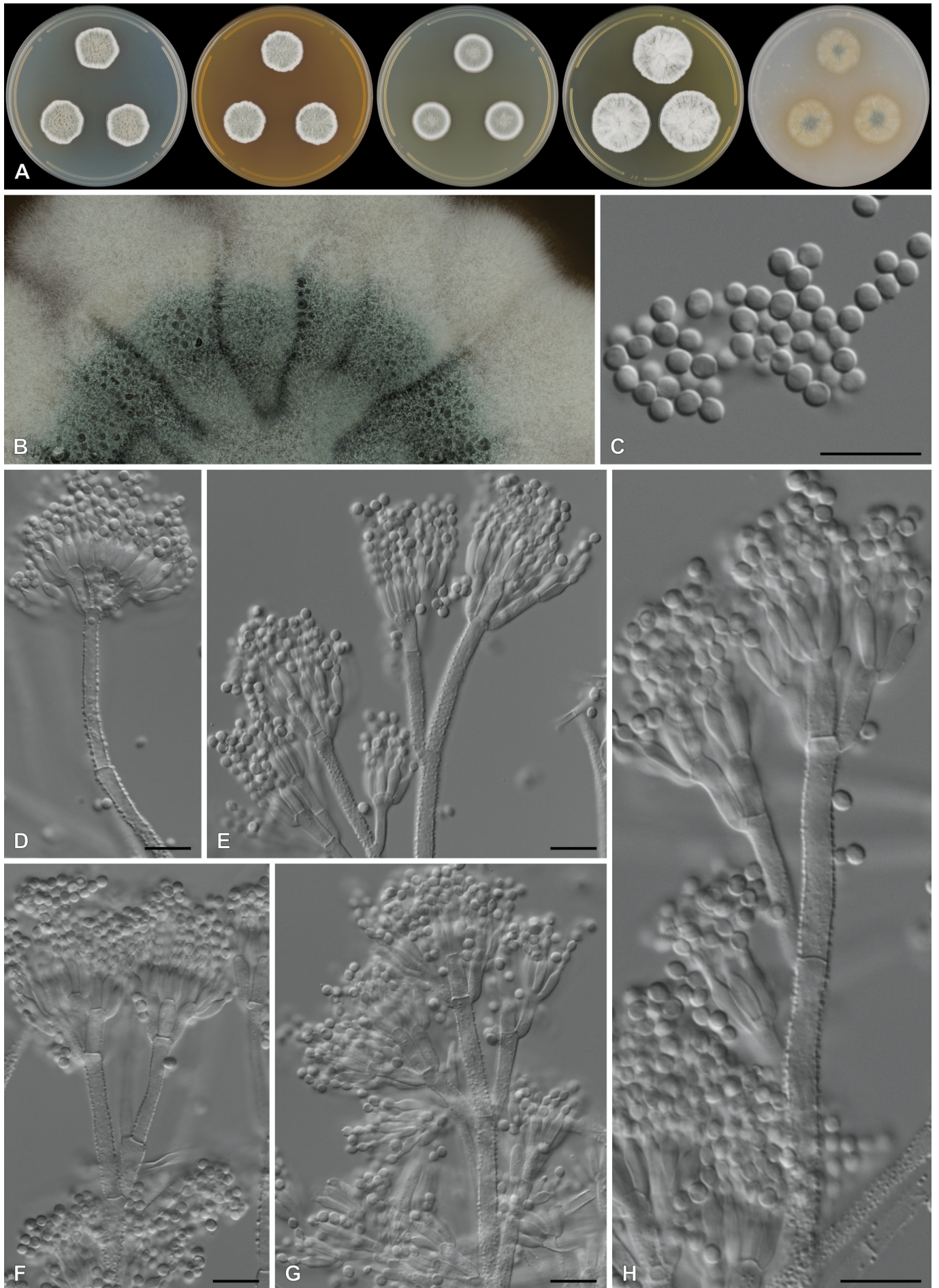
Colony diam. (7 d, at 25 °C, in mm): CYA 21–22; CYA 10 °C 8–9; CYA 15 °C 15–16; CYA 20 °C 18–19; CYA 30 °C 5–8; CYA 37 °C no growth; CYAS 23–24; MEA 20–21; MEA 20 °C 19–21, YES 28–30; DG18 20–21; OA 23–25; CREA 12–14.

**Colony characters:** CYA (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies low, raised centrally, radially lightly sulcate, sectoring; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia white; texture velutinous; sporulation moderately dense, conidia *en masse* Greenish Grey (26C2), Greyish to Dull Green (26B4–E4); soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Yellowish White (2A2), Greenish Grey (1C3), Dull to Greyish Yellow (3B3–4B3). CYA (20 °C, 7 d): Colonies resembling those incubated at 25 °C. MEA (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies low, raised centrally, radially lightly sulcate, sectoring typical; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia white; texture velutinous; sporulation moderately dense, conidia *en masse* Greenish to Dull Green (25C4–D4–5); soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Yellowish White (2A2), Greyish Green (1D3–4). YES (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies low, raised centrally, radially lightly sulcate; margins low, narrow, entire; mycelia white; texture velutinous and floccose; sporulation moderately dense, conidia *en masse* Greyish to Dull Green (26C3–D3–5); soluble pigments absent; exudates absent; reverse Pale Yellow to Greyish Yellow (4A3–B3–6). CREA (25 °C, 7 d): Colonies exhibiting weak growth; acid not produced.

**Conidiophores** terverticillate, a minor proportion biverticillate; *stipes* rough, 150–1500 × 3.5–5 µm; *branches* 2–3 per stipe, divergent, 17–35(–50) µm; *metulae* appressed, 3–6 per branch, 10–16 × 3–4.5 µm; *phialides* ampulliform, 4–8 per metula, 8–14 × 2.5–3.5 µm, average length metula/phialide 1.09; *conidia* smooth, globose



**Fig. 20.** *Penicillium turcosum* sp. nov. (DAOMC 256941). **A.** Colonies on CYA, MEA, DG18, YES and OA. **B.** Colony texture on MEA. **C.** Conidia. **D–I.** Conidiophores. Scale bars = 10 µm.



**Fig. 21.** *Penicillium wyomingense* sp. nov. (DAOMC 256940). **A.** Colonies on CYA, MEA, DG18, YES and OA. **B.** Colony texture on MEA. **C.** Conidia. **D–H.** Conidiophores. Scale bars = 10  $\mu$ m.

to subglobose,  $2.5\text{--}3 \times 2.5\text{--}3 \mu\text{m}$  ( $\bar{x} = 2.93 \pm 0.15 \times 2.73 \pm 0.13$ ), average width/length = 0.94,  $n = 51$ .

**Extrolites:** Asperfuran; asperphenamate and hydroxyl-asperphenamate; and psychrophilin A.

**Typus:** USA, Wyoming, Rock Springs, alpine soil under *Artemisia tridentata* subspecies *wyomingensis* (Wyoming Big Sagebrush), 1978, M. Christensen (**holotype** DAOM 985255, dried specimen, ex-type culture DAOMC 256940 = IBT 24433 = IBT 14073 = CMW 57231).

**DNA barcodes:** ITS = KY989136, *BenA* = KY989011, *CaM* = KY989077, *RPB2* = PP993258.

**Additional materials examined:** USA, Wyoming, Snowy Mountain Range, Table Rock Rd, soil under *Artemisia tridentata* subspecies *wyomingensis* (Wyoming Big Sagebrush), 10 May 1994, J.C. Frisvad, culture DAOMC 256943 = IBT 17868 = CMW 57202 = CN093E4; *ibid.*, culture DAOMC 256944 = IBT 18067 = CMW 57203 = CN093E5.

**Notes:** See notes under *P. algidum* above. *P. wyomingense* differs from other species of the *P. ribis* species complex by the production of several unknown metabolites as observed from the presence of unique mass features (unknown block 7; Fig. 4) derived from the untargeted metabolomics analysis. *Penicillium ribis* produces a substantially different extrolite profile as compared to *P. wyomingense* characterized by the production of trypostatin B, andrastin E, atlantinones A & B, cycloaspeptides, psychrophilins, mangrovamide G, and norlichexanthone.

## DISCUSSION

A polyphasic approach to taxonomy is essential in speciose genera like *Penicillium*, where characterization of secondary metabolite production provides diagnostic characters useful to support the description of new species. However, use of secondary metabolites as phenotypic characters is somewhat constrained as, in a historical context, much of the fungal secondary metabolite chemical diversity has yet to be characterised. The application of metabolome phenotyping tools, such as untargeted metabolomics, allows for the comparison of inter- and intra-species chemical diversity that takes into consideration not only structurally characterised molecules, but also molecules of unknown chemistry, to generate a more holistic comparison.

Although a putative chemical phenotype can be assembled from observed mass features, the complete correlation of all detected mass features with known chemistry remains elusive. In the current study, diagnostic mass features ( $\text{MS}^2$  fragmentation patterns) were compared to online spectral databases (for matching with experimentally derived and *in silico* predicted metabolite standards), allowing for the annotation of 86 metabolites. All the metabolites reported from the new species in this survey were previously found to be produced by other *Penicillium* species; however, the combination of secondary metabolites produced are unique for each of the new species described. Molecular networking analysis of  $\text{MS}^2$  spectra was also successfully applied to detect deviations in structural moieties from known secondary metabolite products (e.g. cycloaspeptides and fungal 'statins'), providing insight into an increased diversity of new metabolite analogues or the production of distinct molecules sharing comparable structural motifs. Further

experimental work is required to complete the annotation of many of the unknown mass features in this study – work that requires purification of sufficient quantities for structure elucidation efforts for characterization by, for example, NMR. However, as the candidate unknown mass features were not annotated using extensive molecular prediction tools, it is likely that the unknown mass features represent novel chemistry awaiting complete structural elucidation.

## Secondary metabolite (extrolite) diversity in *Penicillium* is associated with diverse biological activities

Many of the secondary metabolites produced by the new *Penicillium* species described here have reported biological activity. Several have known cytotoxic effects against mammalian cells lines (or living animals) and therefore are considered mycotoxins, such as the roquefortines, the penitremes, viomellein and xanthomegnin (Robbers *et al.* 1978, Coton *et al.* 2020). Other metabolites have been evaluated as antiproliferative candidates in the screening for cancer therapeutics, such as asperphenamate, pseurotin A, the tryprostatins, the chaetoglobosins, the communesins, and the psychrophilins (Cui *et al.* 1995, Dalsgaard *et al.* 2005, Liu *et al.* 2016, Pompeo *et al.* 2019). Other metabolites, including chrysogenamide A produced by *P. discoense*, exhibit promising neuroprotective effects against oxidative stress-induced neurocyte death (Lin *et al.* 2008). The quinolactacins produced by *P. algidum* are potent acetylcholinesterase inhibitors that suppress inflammatory immune system responses involved in conditions such as Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis (Kakinuma *et al.* 2000).

Many of the observed metabolites have associated antimicrobial activities, such as asperfuran, the chaetoglobosins, funiculosin, synerazol, the melearorides and PF1163 analogues, and griseofulvin and associated analogues (Nelson *et al.* 1977, Pfeifferle *et al.* 1990, Ando *et al.* 1991, Huang *et al.* 2016, Okabe *et al.* 2016). Of the antimicrobial secondary metabolites observed in this survey, griseofulvin (produced by *P. discoense*, *P. algidum*, *P. turcosum*, and *P. rivulorum*) is the only example of a commercial antifungal drug in widespread clinical use to treat superficial, dermatophytic fungal infections in both animals and humans. Although the exact mode of action for griseofulvin remains inconclusive, research indicates that it interferes with cellular mitosis by interacting with the microtubule mitotic machinery in fungi (Petersen *et al.* 2014).

## Cholesterol lowering therapeutics

Several of the secondary metabolites observed are lead candidate molecules or were developed as drugs for the treatment of hypercholesterolemia. Pyripyropene A (produced by *P. aquamarinum*) is a selectively potent, orally active sterol O-acyltransferase 2 / acyl-coenzyme A:cholesterol acyltransferase 2 inhibitor. It was developed as an antiatherogenic lead compound and attenuates hypercholesterolemia and atherosclerosis *in vivo* (Ohshiro *et al.* 2011). The fungal 'statins' represent another class of secondary metabolites produced by several of our *Penicillium* species and now currently used as drugs for the management of hypercholesterolemia.

Fungal 'statins' (and 'statin'-inspired molecules) reduce the amount of low-density lipoprotein cholesterol in the blood by competitively inhibiting 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl coenzyme A reductase, which catalyses a rate limiting step in the hepatic biosynthesis of cholesterol (Campbell & Vederas 2010, Azemawah *et al.* 2019). First generation fungal 'statins' were discovered in the 1970's and early 1980's from several different fungi, including

*Aspergillus terreus*, *Monascus ruber*, *P. solitum* (misidentified as *P. brevicompactum* and *P. citrinum*) (Alberts *et al.* 1980, Brown *et al.* 1976, Endo *et al.* 1976, Endo 1979, Frisvad & Filtenborg 1989), although multiple different names often were assigned to the same molecules (i.e. lovastatin is also known as mevinolin and monacolin K; and compactin is also known as mevastatin and ML-236B). Metabolomic phenotyping in this study revealed numerous 'statin' molecules produced by *P. aquamarinum*, *P. oreophilum*, and *P. turcosum* – where observed molecules represented not only biosynthetic end products, but also various biosynthesis associated intermediates and potential shunt products. MS/MS ion network analysis also revealed multiple mass features representing additional undescribed 'statin'-associated analogues, some of which are likely stereoisomers.

The biosynthesis of fungal 'statins' was characterised from different producing organisms – lovastatin biosynthesis in *Aspergillus terreus* (Kennedy *et al.* 1999) and compactin biosynthesis in *P. solitum* (misidentified as *P. citrinum*) (Abe *et al.* 2002) – where associated biosynthetic gene clusters contain homologs of five different genes that encode for specific enzymes that are essential for biosynthesis. Enzymatic biosynthesis occurs in two steps, first a highly reducing iterative type I PKS produces the decalin containing nonaketide structural backbone of the molecule. Because the PKS lacks an enoyl reductase domain, enoyl reduction occurs by a separate enoyl reductase and additional hydroxylation/oxidation occurs by a cytochrome P450 monooxygenase at subsequent biosynthetic steps to generate various intermediate products (i.e. ML236A). The diketide side chain is biosynthesized by a second PKS that is condensed onto the decalin ring by an esterase to form the final product (Abe *et al.* 2002, Campbell & Vederas 2010). Interestingly, although the enzymes for both lovastatin and compactin biosynthetic gene clusters are analogous, the methyl transferase domain in the highly reducing iterative type I PKS (MlcA in *P. citrinum*) is thought to be inactive and therefore results in the absence of the C-6 methyl in compactin as compared to lovastatin (Abe *et al.* 2002). Historical reports of fungal 'statin' production favour the specific production of either lovastatin or compactin as final end products of biosynthesis. Researchers have hypothesised that predicted differences in the conserved methyl transferase domain between LovB in *A. terreus* and MlcA in *P. citrinum* might account for the lack of methyltransferase activity of MlcA (Abe *et al.* 2002); however, this hypothesis has never been proven. All three of the fungal 'statin' producing *Penicillia* in our study (*P. aquamarinum*, *P. oreophilum*, and *P. turcosum*) produce both compactin and lovastatin (and their associated intermediates), indicating that there is some level of fluidity occurring during biosynthesis, resulting in a diversity of products.

## Insecticides and anthelmintics

Eight of the eleven psychrotolerant species (ten new species and *P. ribis*) that we studied produced secondary metabolites with associated insecticidal/anthelmintic activity. Insecticidal effects of the communesins (produced by *P. rivulorum*) were observed in oral feeding experiments with silkworm instar larvae (Hayashi *et al.* 2014). Chaetoglobosin A, produced by *P. aquamarinum* and *P. jugorum*, is reported from various fungal genera and linked with nematocidal effects and reduces fecundity of various agricultural cyst nematode pathogens, prompting suggestion for potential use for biocontrol applications in integrated management of cyst nematodes (Hu *et al.* 2012, Ashrafi *et al.* 2017).

Penitrems, produced by *P. algidum*, are also associated with insecticidal activity and reduced fecundity against a broad range of agricultural insect pests from the orders *Lepidoptera*, *Diptera* and *Hemiptera*, for which their use as an insecticide was patented (González *et al.* 2003, Hou *et al.* 2022). Penitrems affect the nervous systems of vertebrates through the blockage of ion channels, resulting in tremors and convulsions (Hou *et al.* 2022). Convulsions and mortality also occur in exposed invertebrate pests, probably associated with similar disruption of ion channel function.

Penigequinolone A and yaequinolones B, F, and J1, produced by *P. oreophilum*, are associated with mortality of arthropods and nematodes (Uchida *et al.* 2005, Uchida *et al.* 2006, Kusano *et al.* 2014); the insecticidal/anthelmintic activity of quinolone alkaloids is attributed to their unique chemical structure, due to the presence of appended oxidized prenyl groups to the quinolone chemical scaffold (Zou *et al.* 2015). The quinazolinobenzodiazepine alkaloids, sclerotigenin and circumdatin F, produced by *P. marthae*, have insecticidal effects against *Helicoverpa zea*, the maize earworm pest (Joshi *et al.* 1999), probably a consequence of inhibition of the mitochondrial respiratory chain (López-Gresa *et al.* 2005) by interference with proton-translocating NADH:ubiquinone oxidoreductase activity (Lümmen 1998).

The structurally related marcfortines and paraherquamides, prenylated heptacyclic spiro-oxindole cyclodipeptides produced by *P. aquamarinum* and *P. turcosum* respectively, were patented as anthelmintics; paraherquamides were also developed as a veterinary therapeutic (López-Gresa *et al.* 2006). The broad-spectrum anthelmintic activity of the paraherquamides occurs through disruption of L-type nicotinic acetylcholine receptors, leading to nematode paralysis by blockage of cholinergic neuromuscular transmission (Koizumi *et al.* 2023). Pyripyropenes produced by *P. aquamarinum* are also reported as insecticidal against sucking insect pests like aphids and whiteflies (*Hemiptera*), with a mode of action that prompted some to suggest they might represent a novel class of insecticide (Goto *et al.* 2019).

First described as having moderate antiplasmodial activity against the malarial parasite, *Plasmodium falciparum* (Dalsgaard *et al.* 2005), the cycloaspeptides, in particular cycloaspeptide E, have attracted attention for their insecticidal activity against Lepidopteran crop pests. Production of cycloaspeptides is prevalent in *Penicillium* section *Ramosum*, and we detected them in *P. algidum*, *P. jugorum*, *P. oreophilum*, *P. ribis* and *P. turcosum*. They were previously reported from other section *Ramosum* species *P. jamesonlandse* and *P. soppii* (Frisvad *et al.* 2006). Cycloaspeptides have also been reported from other genera such as *Trichothecium* and insect pathogens in *Isaria* (Lewer *et al.* 2006, Zhang *et al.* 2009). Cycloaspeptides biosynthesis involves a 5-module NRPS that incorporates different amino acids (including *N*-methylated amino acids) into a cyclic pentapeptide molecule; however, the cycloaspeptide NRPS lacks integral *N*-methyltransferase domains. Instead, amino acid *N*-methylation occurs via a separate trans-acting *N*-methyltransferase, prior to incorporation into the elongating pentapeptide during biosynthesis (de Mattos-Shiple *et al.* 2018). Both the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> module adenylation domains of the cycloaspeptide NRPS have a strong preference for *N*-methylated amino acids, although those residues also will accept and incorporate non-methylated amino acids during cycloaspeptide biosynthesis (de Mattos-Shiple *et al.* 2018). The first NRPS module incorporates anthranilic acid, the second, alanine (or serine), the third phenylalanine (or tyrosine), the fourth leucine (or valine) and the fifth either a tyrosine or phenylalanine. The unique biosynthesis of the cycloaspeptides – in terms of

external amino acid *N*-methylation and promiscuity of the NRPS adenylation domains regarding amino acid incorporation – produces a variety of cycloaspeptides analogues. We observed at least five new cycloaspeptide analogues using ion molecular networks in *P. algidum*, *P. jugorum*, *P. oreophilum*, *P. ribis* and *P. turcosum*, and presumably more analogues await discovery. The presence of a phenylalanine instead of tyrosine in position 5 of the cycloaspeptide molecule (as is observed in cycloaspeptide E), appears to be necessary for insecticidal properties (Lewer *et al.* 2006).

### Integrating metabolomics and genomics tools to advance polyphasic taxonomy

Combining untargeted metabolomics with genome mining is a powerful approach to assess the secondary metabolite potential of inter- and infra-species populations (Witte *et al.* 2021). Untargeted metabolomic analysis can be considered a ‘bottom up’ approach, where, as was demonstrated in this study, consensus metabolomic phenotypes are constructed taking into account both known and unknown secondary metabolites. However, there are limitations to such an approach, because secondary metabolite production is often modulated by global transcriptional regulators, hence biosynthetic gene cluster transcription (and ultimately secondary metabolite production) is medium/growth condition dependent. Therefore, it is imperative to use diverse growth conditions to stimulate the maximal secondary metabolite potential of a given strain or species.

Genome sequencing and genome mining tools represent a powerful ‘top down’ approach to characterise the secondary metabolite potential of a given strain or species. A ‘top down’ approach provides information on all or nearly all secondary metabolite biosynthetic gene clusters in a genome, even if their transcription remains ‘silent’ under laboratory conditions. Moreover, if the makeup of biosynthetic gene clusters can be compared between species where homologous synthase genes are found, observed differences in the content of genes associated with ‘tailoring enzymes’ (such as hydroxylases, methyltransferases, dehydrogenases, prenyltransferases, etc.) in the biosynthetic gene clusters, can be predicted to give rise to structurally similar, yet different secondary metabolites.

Comparative genome analysis might also reveal events of pseudogenization of some secondary metabolite synthase genes, which would render the pathway inoperable. However, this would provide evidence that the species at one time had the ability to produce a particular secondary metabolite, even though production is no longer detectable. Although secondary metabolite biosynthetic gene clusters can be predicted from a genomic sequence, and compared among strains and species, linking them to specific secondary metabolites is often not possible, because few secondary metabolite products are currently linked with their respective biosynthetic gene clusters and for many biosynthetic gene clusters an associated secondary metabolite product is not known.

An additional advantage to inclusion of a ‘top down’ approach to characterising species diversity is that genomic analysis provides an opportunity to identify relevant phylogenetically useful markers [such as universal single copy ortholog genes (Manni *et al.* 2021)], rather than the somewhat arbitrarily selected single or multiple genes currently being applied in taxonomic descriptions and biosystematics studies. Inclusion of a greater diversity of genes in phylogenetic analyses will provide greater taxonomic resolution, especially for genera where typical barcoding genes are less effective. With the

costs of genome sequencing becoming more and more affordable, the future of fungal taxonomy is phylogenomics, where hundreds of genes from whole genomes will be compared and used to define new species and their potential to produce secondary metabolites.

### Psychrotrophic penicillia represent an underexplored source of fungal and chemical diversity

Many of the newly described psychrotrophic species of *Penicillium* are classified in subgenus section *Ramosa*. All of the species we described in this section (*P. algidum*, *P. discoense*, *P. jugorum*, *P. oreophilum*, *P. rivulorum*, *P. turcosum*, and *P. wyomingense*) share commonalities in secondary metabolites. All strains produced asperphenamates, most produced griseofulvin (and associated intermediate metabolites) and cycloaspeptides, and many produced asperfuran and psychrophilins. Phylogenetically, based on several barcoding genes, *P. algidum*, *P. rivulorum*, *P. turcosum* and *P. wyomingense* form a clade with *P. ribis*, and represent a “species complex” in section *Ramosum* series *Lanosa*. Although similarities in secondary metabolite production were observed (with *P. algidum* and *P. turcosum* being the most similar), each of the proposed new species produces unique secondary metabolite consensus phenotypes that differ from *P. ribis*. Further work towards resolving and expanding the *P. ribis* species complex will require focused isolations from psychrotrophic habitats, followed by genome comparisons to help elucidate evolutionary relationships in and between these species. This will also help to explain why variation in ITS, *BenA* and *CaM* is low in the complex, but *RPB2* follow groupings observed in the chemistry of these species.

As global warming advances, frozen or ice-covered regions of both arctic and high alpine environments are progressively more exposed. These areas represent a potential resource of unexplored fungal and chemical diversity. The potential chemical diversity of psychrotolerant fungi is quite high, as is shown in this study. Not only did the ten new species produce a wide spectrum of biologically active chemical compounds, they also produced numerous metabolites that were unknown, representing potential new secondary metabolites. With warming soil temperatures and increased water content of soil from melt waters, psychrotolerant species will need to proliferate and compete for resources, not only with other fungi but also prokaryotes and arthropod predators prevalent in cold environments during warmer months. Focusing upon the isolation and screening of psychrotolerant fungi will increase understanding of fungal biodiversity and unveil new secondary metabolite diversity. As the results from this study reveal, psychrotrophic *Penicillia* are an excellent source of structurally diverse molecules – especially associated with insecticidal and anthelmintic activities.

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## DATA AVAILABILITY

The sequences generated in this study are deposited with NCBI GenBank (See Table 1). The aligned DNA sequence datasets, partitioning schemes and tree files were uploaded to the University of Pretoria's research data repository hosted on Figshare <https://doi.org/10.25403/UPresearchdata.27117037>.

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**Fig. S1.** MS-FINDER annotation of asperfuran based on in silico MS2 fragmentation prediction. Experimentally obtained spectrum is in black while in silico predicted spectral scores are in red. **A.** Asperfuran  $m/z$  219.1012 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

**Fig. S2.** GNPS annotation of asperphenamates. Experimentally obtained spectra are in black, spectra from MS2 database are coloured green. **A.** Asperphenamate  $m/z$  507.2263 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. **B.** Asperphenamate Analog  $m/z$  523.2209 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

**Fig. S3.** MS-FINDER annotation of aurantiamines based on in silico MS2 fragmentation prediction. Experimentally obtained spectra are in black while in silico predicted spectral scores are in red. **A.** Pre-aurantiamine  $m/z$  235.119 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. **B.** Viridamine or aurantiamine  $m/z$  303.1815 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

**Fig. S4.** MS-FINDER annotation of chaetoglobosins based on MS2 fragmentation prediction/analysis. Experimentally obtained spectra are in black, in silico predicted spectral scores are in red and spectra from MS2 database are coloured green. **A.** Chaetoglobosin A  $m/z$  529.2695 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. **B.** Viomellein  $m/z$  561.1392 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. **C.** Chaetoglobosin E  $m/z$  531.2850 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. **D.** Cytoglobosin  $m/z$  515.2904 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

**Fig. S5.** MS-FINDER annotation of chrysogenamide A based on in silico MS2 fragmentation prediction. Experimentally obtained spectra are in black while in silico predicted spectra are in red. **A.** Chrysogenamide

- A *m/z* 448.2966 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. B. Chrysogenamide A *m/z* 448.2966 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.
- Fig. S6.** MS-FINDER annotation of communesins based on in silico MS2 fragmentation prediction. Experimentally obtained spectra are in black while in silico predicted spectral scores are in red. A. Communesin A *m/z* 457.2587 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. B. Communesin F *m/z* 441.2634 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. C. Communesin G *m/z* 471.2739 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. D. Communesin H *m/z* 485.2898 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.
- Fig. S7.** MS-FINDER annotation of fungal statins based on comparison to experimentally-derived MS2 spectra (compactin and compactin open forms) and in silico MS2 fragmentation prediction (lovastatin and pravastatin). Experimentally obtained spectra are in black, spectra from MS2 database are coloured green, and in silico predicted spectral scores are in red. A. Compactin *m/z* 391.2481 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. B. Compactin Open Form *m/z* 391.2480 [M+H-H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>. C. Compactin Open Form *m/z* 391.2482 [M+H-H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>. D. Lovastatin *m/z* 405.2639 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. E. Pravastatin *m/z* 447.2355 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>.
- Fig. S8.** MS-FINDER annotation of additional fungal statins based on comparison to experimentally-derived MS2 spectra (ML236A) and in silico MS2 fragmentation prediction (CNP0217257, CNP0429426 and ML236A). Experimentally obtained spectra are in black, spectra from MS2 databases are coloured green while in silico predicted spectral scores are in red. A. CNP0217257 *m/z* 405.2635 [M+H-H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>. B. CNP0217257 *m/z* 423.2744 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. C. CNP0429426 *m/z* 325.2013 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. D. ML236A *m/z* 307.1905 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. E) ML236A *m/z* 307.1905 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.
- Fig. S9.** MS-FINDER annotation of cycloaspeptides based on comparison to experimentally-derived MS2 spectra (cycloaspeptide A and H) and in silico MS2 fragmentation prediction (cycloaspeptide B/C/D and E). Experimentally obtained spectra are in black, spectra from MS2 databases are coloured green, while in silico predicted spectral scores are in red. A. Cycloaspeptide A *m/z* 642.3283 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. B. Cycloaspeptide B/C/D *m/z* 628.3127 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. C. Cycloaspeptide E *m/z* 626.3339 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. D. "Cycloaspeptide H\_130057" *m/z* 672.3394 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (see text for discussion on cycloaspeptide H annotation).
- Fig. S10.** MS-FINDER annotation of cycloaspeptide G based on in silico MS2 fragmentation prediction. Experimentally obtained spectra are in black while in silico predicted spectral scores are in red. A. Cycloaspeptide G *m/z* 658.3240 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. B. Cycloaspeptide G *m/z* 658.3240 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.
- Fig. S11.** MS-FINDER annotation of marcfortines based on in silico MS2 fragmentation prediction. Experimentally obtained spectra are in black, spectra from MS2 database are coloured green, and in silico predicted spectral scores are in red. A. Fellutanine A *m/z* 373.166 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. B. Fellutanine B *m/z* 448.2597 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. C. Fellutanine C *m/z* 509.291 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. D. Amauromine *m/z* 509.2914 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.
- Fig. S12.** MS-FINDER annotation of funiculosins based on in silico MS2 fragmentation prediction. Experimentally obtained spectra are in black while in silico predicted spectral scores are in red. A. Funiculosin *m/z* 492.2958 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. B. Funiculosin-like *m/z* 476.3013 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.
- Fig. S13.** GNPS annotation of griseofulvins based on comparison to standard-derived MS2 spectra. Experimentally obtained spectra are in black and spectra from MS2 database are coloured green. A. Griseofulvin *m/z* 353.0784 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. B. Dechlorogriseofulvin *m/z* 319.1176 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.
- Fig. S14.** MS-FINDER annotation of mangrovamides based on in silico MS2 fragmentation prediction. Experimentally obtained spectra are in black while in silico predicted spectral scores are in red. A. Mangrovamide F *m/z* 432.2646 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. B. Mangrovamide G or VM-55599 *m/z* 350.2226 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.
- Fig. S15.** MS-FINDER annotation of marcfortines based on in silico MS2 fragmentation prediction. Experimentally obtained spectra are in black while in silico predicted spectral scores are in red. A. Marcfortine A *m/z* 478.2704 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. B. Marcfortine B *m/z* 464.2546 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. C. Marcfortine C *m/z* 448.2597 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.
- Fig. S16.** MS-FINDER annotation of melearoride A and PF 1136B based on in silico MS2 fragmentation prediction. Experimentally obtained spectra are in black while in silico predicted spectral scores are in red. A. Melearoride A *m/z* 486.3577 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. B. PF 1136B *m/z* 462.3219 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.
- Fig. S17.** MS-FINDER annotation of prenylated cyclodipeptides based on in silico MS2 fragmentation prediction. Experimentally obtained spectra are in black while in silico predicted spectral scores are in red. A. Penigequinolone A *m/z* 450.2286 [M+H-H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>. B. Penicherquamide *m/z* 494.2647 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.
- Fig. S18.** MS-FINDER annotation of penitrems based on in silico MS2 fragmentation prediction. Experimentally obtained spectra are in black while in silico predicted spectral scores are in red. A. Penitrem B *m/z* 584.3372 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. B. Penitrem D *m/z* 568.3423 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. C. Penitrem E *m/z* 600.3321 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. D. Penitrem F *m/z* 618.2979 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.
- Fig. S19.** MS-FINDER annotation of pseurotin A and synerazol based on in silico MS2 fragmentation prediction. Experimentally obtained spectra are in black while in silico predicted spectral scores are in red. A. Pseurotin A *m/z* 432.1644 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. B. Synerazol *m/z* 414.1544 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.
- Fig. S20.** MS-FINDER annotation of psychrophilins based on in silico MS2 fragmentation prediction. Experimentally obtained spectra are in black while in silico predicted spectral scores are in red. A. Psychrophilin A *m/z* 433.1499 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. B. Psychrophilin B *m/z* 435.1652 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. C. Psychrophilin C *m/z* 407.134 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. D. Psychrophilin D *m/z* 449.1820 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.
- Fig. S21.** MS-FINDER annotation of pyripyropenes based on in silico MS2 fragmentation prediction. Experimentally obtained spectra are in black while in silico predicted spectral scores are in red. A. Pyripyropene A *m/z* 584.2513 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. B. Pyripyropene C *m/z* 598.263 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. C. Pyripyropene E *m/z* 452.2432 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. D. dehydroxypyripyropene A *m/z* 568.2538 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. E) 1-Deacetylpyripyropene A / 7-Deacetylpyripyropene A *m/z* 542.2381 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.
- Fig. S22.** MS-FINDER annotation of quinolactacins based on in silico MS2 fragmentation prediction. Experimentally obtained spectra are in black while in silico predicted spectral scores are in red. A. Quinolactacin A *m/z* 271.1436 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. B. Quinolactacin B *m/z* 257.1282 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. C. Quinolactacin C *m/z* 287.1388 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.
- Fig. S23.** GNPS annotation of roquefortines based on match to MS2 database spectra. Experimentally obtained spectra are in black while matched database spectra are in green. A. Roquefortine C *m/z* 390.1922 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. B. Roquefortine D *m/z* 392.2082 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.
- Fig. S24.** MS-FINDER and GNPS annotation of quinazolinone alkaloids based on in silico MS2 fragmentation prediction. Experimentally obtained spectra are in black, spectra from MS2 database are coloured green (GNPS), and in silico predicted spectra are in red (MS-FINDER). A. Sclerotigenin *m/z* 278.0923 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. B. Circumdatin F *m/z* 292.1079 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.
- Fig. S25.** GNPS annotation of tryprostatin B based on MS2 fragmentation prediction. Experimentally obtained spectra are in black while database-matched spectra are in green. A. Tryprostatin B *m/z* 352.2011 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.
- Fig. S26.** MS-FINDER annotation of unguisins based on in silico MS2 fragmentation prediction. Experimentally obtained spectra are in black while in silico predicted spectral scores are in red. A. Unguisin A *m/z* 759.4212 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. B. Unguisin C *m/z* 775.4131 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.
- Fig. S27.** MS-FINDER annotation of viridic acid. Experimentally obtained spectra are in black while in silico predicted spectral scores are in red. A. Viridic acid *m/z* 455.2283 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.
- Fig. S28.** MS-FINDER annotation of xanthomegnins based on in silico MS2 fragmentation prediction. Experimentally obtained spectra are in black while in silico predicted spectral scores are in red. A. Xanthomegnin *m/z*

575.1185 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. **B.** Viomellein *m/z* 561.1392 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. **C.** Vioxanthin *m/z* 547.1599 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. **D.** Norlichexanthone *m/z* 259.0601 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

**Fig. S29.** GNPS annotation of yaequinolones based on match to MS2 database spectra. Experimentally obtained spectra are in black while matched database spectra are in green. **A.** Yaequinolone B *m/z* 384.1443 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. **B.** Yaequinolone F *m/z* 448.2123 [M-H<sub>2</sub>O+H]<sup>+</sup>. **C.** Yaequinolone J1 *m/z* 450.2286 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

**Fig. S30.** MS-FINDER annotation of prenylated cyclodipeptides based on in silico MS2 fragmentation prediction. Experimentally obtained spectra are in black while in silico predicted spectral scores are in red.

**A.** Paraherquamide B *m/z* 464.2541 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. **B.** Rhinocladin A *m/z* 368.2327 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

**Table S1.** Secondary metabolites annotated in this study. Annotation level definitions: 1 = match to *m/z* from known *Penicillium* metabolite; 2 = supported by in silico prediction of fragmentation scoring (MSFINDER); 3 = supported by match to spectra from online databases of chemical standards (using MSDIAL or GNPS); N/A = unknown structure, hypothesized by predicted chemical formula.