

1 **Multigene phylogenetics of *Polycephalomyces***
2 **(Ophiocordycipitaceae, Hypocreales), with two new species from**
3 **Thailand**

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Supplementary Table S1. Sources of isolates and GenBank accession numbers used in the paper

| Current name | Voucher | SSU | ITS | LSU | rpb2 | tef1 | rpb1 | References |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------------------------------|
| <i>O. agriotidis</i> | ARSEF 5692 | DQ522540 | JN049819 | DQ518754 | DQ522418 | DQ522322 | DQ522368 | Kepler et al. ⁵³ |
| <i>O. barnesii</i> | BCC 28560 | EU408776 | | | EU418599 | | EU408773 | Luangsa-Ard et al. ⁵⁴ |
| <i>O. barnesii</i> | BCC 28561 | EU408775 | | | EU408772 | | EU408774 | Luangsa-Ard et al. ⁵⁵ |
| <i>O. barnesii</i> | MFLU 17-1395 | MG266438 | | MG266439 | MG271929 | MG271932 | | This study |
| <i>O. brunneipunctata</i> | OSC 128576 | DQ522542 | | DQ518756 | DQ522420 | DQ522324 | DQ522369 | Spatafora et al. ⁵⁵ |
| <i>O. capitata</i> | OSC 71233 | AY489689 | | | DQ522421 | | AY489649 | Castlebury et al. ³⁷ |
| <i>O. cf. acicularis</i> | OSC 128580 | DQ522543 | | DQ518757 | DQ522423 | DQ522326 | DQ522371 | Spatafora et al. ⁵⁵ |
| <i>O. fracta</i> | OSC 110990 | DQ522545 | | DQ518759 | DQ522425 | DQ522328 | DQ522373 | Spatafora et al. ⁵⁵ |
| <i>O. japonica</i> | OSC 110991 | DQ522547 | JN049824 | DQ518761 | DQ522428 | DQ522330 | DQ522375 | Spatafora et al. ⁵⁵ |
| <i>O. ophioglossoides</i> | OSC 106405 | AY489691 | | | DQ522429 | | AY489652 | Castlebury et al. ³⁷ |
| <i>O. ravenelii</i> | OSC 110995 | DQ522550 | | DQ518764 | DQ522430 | DQ522334 | DQ522379 | Spatafora et al. ⁵⁵ |
| <i>O. stylophora</i> | OSC 111000 | DQ522552 | JN049828 | DQ518766 | DQ522433 | DQ522337 | DQ522382 | Spatafora et al. ⁵⁵ |
| <i>O. variabilis</i> | ARSEF 5365 | DQ522555 | | DQ518769 | DQ522437 | | DQ522386 | Spatafora et al. ⁵⁵ |
| <i>P. agaricus</i> | YHHPA1305 | KP276655 | KP276651 | | KP276667 | KP276659 | KP276663 | Wang et al. ⁹ |
| <i>P. agaricus</i> | YHCPA1303 | KP276657 | KP276653 | | KP276669 | KP276661 | KP276665 | Wang et al. ⁹ |
| <i>P. aurantiacus</i> | MFLUCC 17-2113 | MG136904 | MG136916 | MG136910 | MG136870 | MG136875 | MG136866 | This study |
| <i>P. aurantiacus</i> | MFLUCC 17-2114 | MG136905 | MG136917 | MG136911 | MG136871 | MG136874 | | This study |
| <i>P. aurantiacus</i> | MFLU 17-1394 | MG136906 | MG136918 | MG136912 | MG136872 | MG136876 | MG136867 | This study |
| <i>P. aurantiacus</i> | MFLU 17-1393 | MG136907 | MG136919 | MG136913 | MG136873 | MG136877 | MG136868 | This study |
| <i>P. formosus</i> | ARSEF1424 | KF049615 | KF049661 | KF049634 | KF049671 | KF049689 | KF049651 | Kepler et al. ⁵ |
| <i>P. kanzashianus</i> | | | AB027371 | | | | | Nikoh et al. ⁵⁶ |
| <i>P. lianzhouensis</i> | HIMGD20918 | | EU149921 | | | | | Zhang et al. ⁵⁷ |
| <i>P. lianzhouensis</i> | GIMYY9603 | KF226249 | EU149922 | KF226250 | | KF226252 | KF226251 | Zhang et al. ⁵⁷ |
| <i>P. marginaliradians</i> | MFLU 17-1582 | MG136908 | MG136920 | MG136914 | MG271931 | MG136878 | MG136869 | This study |
| <i>P. marginaliradians</i> | MFLUCC 17-2276 | MG136909 | MG136921 | MG136915 | MG271930 | MG136879 | | This study |
| <i>P. nipponicus</i> | BCC:1682 | KF049620 | KF049664 | KF049638 | | KF049694 | | Kepler et al. ⁵ |
| <i>P. nipponicus</i> | NBRC:101406 | JN941753 | JN943301 | JN941388 | | | JN992487 | Schoch et al. ⁵⁸ |
| <i>P. onorei</i> | BRA: CR23902 | | KU898841 | | | | | Crous et al. ¹⁰ |
| <i>P. onorei</i> | BRA: CR23904 | | KU898843 | | | | | Crous et al. ¹⁰ |

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|----------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>P. ramosopulvinatus</i> | | | AB027372 | | | | | Nikoh et al. ⁵⁶ |
| <i>P. ramosopulvinatus</i> | EFCC:5566 | | KF049658 | KF049627 | | KF049682 | KF049645 | Kepler et al. ⁵ |
| <i>P. ramosus</i> | RCEF6016 | | KC782530 | | | | | Crous et al. ¹⁰ |
| <i>P. ramosus</i> | NBRC:109983 | | AB925946 | | | | | Crous et al. ¹⁰ |
| <i>P. sinensis</i> | HMAS:43720 | | NR_119928 | NG_042573 | | | | Wang et al. ⁶ |
| <i>P. tomentosus</i> | BL4 | KF049623 | KF049666 | KF049641 | KF049678 | KF049697 | KF049656 | Kepler et al. ⁵ |
| <i>P. yunnanensis</i> | YHCPY1005 | | KF977848 | | KF977854 | KF977850 | KF977852 | Wang et al. ⁸ |
| <i>P. yunnanensis</i> | YHHPY1006 | | KF977849 | | KF977855 | KF977851 | KF977853 | Wang et al. ⁸ |
| <i>Pu. lilacinum</i> | CBS 284.36 | NG_061025 | NR_111432 | | | | | Luangsa-Ard et al. ⁶² |
| <i>Pu. lilacinum</i> | CBS 431.87 | | HQ842812 | | EF468940 | EF468791 | EF468897 | Luangsa-Ard et al. ⁶³ |

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40 **Supplementary Table S2.** Morphological comparison of asexual morph species of the genus *Polycephalomyces*

| Species | Host | Habitat | Synnemata (mm) | Phialides (μm) | Conidia (μm) | Reference |
|----------------------------|---|--------------------|---|---|--|--------------------------|
| <i>P. aurantiacus</i> | Coleopteran larvae & <i>O. barnesii</i> | Buried in the soil | Emerging after 30 days, solitary or not solitary, branched or unbranched, 1.3–2.2 long, showing 1–2 radiating ring-like distributions | α -phialides 10.4–18.3 \times 0.8–1.8, narrowly lageniform. β -phialides 22.9–64.2 \times 1–1.5, lanceolate or narrowly lageniform | α -conidia 1.8–2.2 \times 1.4–1.9 globose to subglobose, yellow slimy in mass. β -conidia 3.2–3.9 \times 1.4–1.8 fusiform, one-celled, catenate | This study |
| <i>P. marginaliradians</i> | On a Cossidae larva | Buried in the soil | Emerging after 14 days, single or branched into 2 or 3 branched, 3.2–4.6 long, showing 1–2 radiating ring-like distributions | α -phialides 11–14.4 \times 1.2–1.8, elongated lageniform, caespitose, palisade-like, monoverticillate, branched into 2 phialides, 3 branched on one metula; β -phialides 12.8–23.9 \times 1.8–2.7, solitary, growing from hyphae, narrow slender to narrow lageniform, with or without metula at the base | α -conidia 1.9–2.6 μm diam, globose, catenate, one-celled, pale yellow slimy in mass. β -conidia 3.1–3.9 \times 1.6–2.1 μm fusiform, one-celled | This study |
| <i>P. agaricus</i> | Ophiocordyceps sp. & melolonthid larvae | Buried in the soil | Solitary, unbranched, agaricshaped, size (0.34– 1.2 \times 0.11–0.42); conidial mass pileus-like, light yellow to pale brown, size (0.08–0.25 \times 0.36–0.99) | α -phialides lanceolate, length (30.7–81.9), base width (1.3–2.4), neck width (0.5–1.1); β -phialides narrowly lageniform or subulate, length (4.9–28.6), base width (1.8–3), neck width (0.4–0.8) | α -conidia globose to subglobose, size (2–3.1 \times 1.8–2.9); β -conidia fusiform, catenate or clump together, size (3.8–6.8 \times 1.7–3.2) | Wang et al. ⁹ |

| Species | Host | Habitat | Synnemata (mm) | Phialides (μm) | Conidia (μm) | Reference |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| <i>P. ditmarii</i> | On <i>Paravespula vulgaris</i> | | 2 to 3 distinct branches, 15–25 long, yellowish-white, darkening at the base; Each branch is surmounted by a small subsurface capitulum, 0.5–1 in diameter, with an irregular surface, dotted with numerous small blisters of orange-yellow color, more or less covered with a fine whitish powder | Elongated, cylindrical, attenuating at the top, measuring 20–37 \times 1.5–2.5 (3) | Conidia globose to subglobose, smooth, hyaline, measuring 2.2–3 (3.4) \times 1.3–1.6 | Van Vooren et al. ²⁸ |
| <i>P. formosus</i> | Coleopteran larvae & <i>O. barnesii</i> | On the ground or buried in soil | Solitary, caespitose, branched or unbranched, up to 20 \times 0.38 in size, conidial mass light yellow to caramel brown, diam (up to 0.15) | Cylindrical, subulate, length (10–15), base width (1.5–2), neck width (ca. 0.5) | α -conidia ovoid, size (2–2.8 \times 1.6–2); β -conidia fusiform, catenate, size (3.2–4.8 \times 0.8–1.6) | Seifert ¹⁶ , Bischoff et al. ¹⁷ |
| <i>P. lianzhouensis</i> | On a Lepidoptera larva | In fallen leaves. | Unbranched or dichotomously branched, 10–20 tall, 0.5–1.5 wide, conidial mass not seen | In whorls or intercalary and terminal, terminally awl-shaped, length (6–12), base width (1.3–1.7), neck width (0.5–0.8) | Ellipsoidal, oblong to cylindrical, size (5–7 \times 1.3–1.6) | Wang et al. ⁷ |
| <i>P. paludosus</i> | On a Lepidoptera larva | | Capitate, 10–20 long 0.5–0.8 thick, cinnamon brown, branched, the branches at right angles, 1–4 long, 0.1–0.2, thick, the branches and the upper portions of the stems slightly pulverulent | Subulate, 12–20 long, 1–1.5 wide at the base, phialides occurring scattered on the branches below the heads, ventricose, occasionally stellate above, 10.5–14.7 \times 1.5–2 | Conidia produced singly, hyaline, obovoid, 1.8–2.5 \times 1.1–1.3 μm covered by a mucus, agglutinating. | Mains ²⁹ |

| Species | Host | Habitat | Synnemata (mm) | Phialides (μm) | Conidia (μm) | Reference |
|----------------------|--|---|---|--|--|---|
| <i>P. ponerae</i> | Ant (<i>Ponera Latreille</i>) | In an ant nest | Simple, 5–10 long, 0.23–0.3 wide, emerged from multiple sites on host, fawn brown at base, white on the top, without obviously inflated ball, secondary synnemata cylindrical | α -phialides awl-formed (7.6–11.9 \times 1.1), mostly on the top of synnemata; β -phialides <i>Akanthomyces</i> -like, slightly inflated at base, tapering up into a slender neck, 5.4–11.9 \times 2.2, always on the middle of stipe | α -conidia ellipsoidal (2.2–3.2 \times 1.1), aggregate into distinct glutinous spore mass; β -conidia ellipsoidal to cylindrical or fusiform (2.2–4.3 \times 1.1), forming dry conidial short chain | Liang et al. ¹¹ |
| <i>P. ramosus</i> | Lepidopteran larvae & <i>Hirsutella guignardii</i> | On the ground or buried in soil, often found in caves | Solitary, crowded or caespitose, unbranched or branched, a size of up to 20 \times 1, conidial mass yellow to orange-yellow, diam (0.15–1) | α -phialides cylindrical to narrowly lageniform, length (7–24), base width (1–2), neck width (<i>ca.</i> 0.5); β -phialides narrowly lageniform or subulate, length (6–27), base width (2–3.5), neck width (0.5–1) | α -conidia ovoid, size (2.4–3.2 \times 1.6–2.4); β -conidia fusiform, catenate, size (3.2–4 \times 1.6–2) | Seifert ¹⁶ , Bischoff et al. ¹⁷ |
| <i>P. sinensis</i> | Lepidopteran larvae & <i>O. sinensis</i> | Buried in soil | Solitary, crowded, branched or unbranched, a length of up to 50–60 in culture, conidial mass yellow or yellow-orange | Lanceolate or narrowly lageniform, length (12.5–66), base width (1.4–3.5), neck width (0.6–1.8) | α -conidia ovoid, size (1.7–2.6 \times 1.3–2); β -conidia fusiform, catenate or clump together, size (3.3–4.5 \times 1.3–2) | Chen et al. ¹⁸ , Wang et al. ⁶ |
| <i>P. tomentosus</i> | On myxomycetes | | Fructification a synnema | | Conidia globose, 0.7–1 μm diam | Seifert ¹⁶ |

| Species | Host | Habitat | Synnemata (mm) | Phialides (μm) | Conidia (μm) | Reference |
|-----------------------|---|---------------|--|---|---|--------------------------|
| <i>P. yunnanensis</i> | Hemipteran adults & <i>O. nutans</i> | On the ground | Solitary, caespitose or crowded, branched or unbranched, size (0.7– 1.4 \times 0.05–1.2); conidial mass white to yellow-brown, size (0.2–1.5 \times 0.2–1.4) | α -phialides cylindrical to subulate, length (20.1–57.8), base width (1–2.3), neck width (0.5–1.3); β -phialides narrowly lageniform or subulate, length (7.1–30.6), base width (2.3– 3.7), neck width (0.5–1.1) | α -conidia subglobose, ellipsoidal, size (1.4–2.5 \times 1.2–2.2); β -conidia fusiform, catenate or clump together, size (2.8–5.7 \times 1.1–2.7) | Wang et al. ⁸ |

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Supplementary Table S3. Morphological comparison of sexual morph species of the genus *Polycephalomyces*

| Species | Host | Habitat | Stromata | Stipe (mm) | Fertile part (mm) | Perithecia (μm) | Asci (μm) | Ascospores (μm) | Part-spores (μm) | Reference |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|------------------------------------|
| <i>P. marginaliradians</i> | On larvae of <i>Cossidae</i> | Buried in the soil | 30–35 long, 2–4.5 mm diam, mostly single, stipitate, unbranched or branched brown to yellow | Cylindrical, 1–20 long, 2–3 diam, brown to yellow, with one or two fertile head | 4–4.2 long, 0.3–0.45 diam, capitate, lateral, globose to subglobose, pale yellow to yellow, with protruding ostiolar necks | 676–803 \times 246–328, immersed, yellow, flask-shaped | 459–556 \times 3.1–4.3, 8-spored, hyaline, filiform, with 1.4–2.5 \times 2.2–3.2 apical cap | As long as the asci, easily breaking into part-spores, filiform | 3.2–4.2 \times 1.3–1.7 cylindrical, straight | This study |
| <i>P. kanzashianus</i> | On <i>Cicadidae</i> | | Stipitate, branched, polycephalous | Cylindrical, 30 long, 3–5 diam, leather, rough, terminal branched | Apical or spherical, 2–5 in diam., yellow, small | Entirely immersed, flask-shaped, 900–1050 \times 270–300 | Asci 3 μm thick, apical cap 3 μm diam | Break into part-spores | 3–5 \times 1 both truncate | Kobayasi and Shimizu ⁵⁹ |
| <i>P. lianzhouensis</i> | On a <i>Lepidoptera</i> larva | In fallen leaves. | Numerous, simple, fleshy, arising from the head, abdomen, and back of the host | Cylindrical, reddish brown or cinnamon colored, 2–12 long, 0.5–1 wide | Hemispherical or capiform, pale yellow or pale yellowish brown, acrogenous, 1–2 wide, 1 high | Narrowly ovoid with protruding apices, vertically immersed, 355–473 \times 158–197 | Asci: cylindrical, 89–194 \times 2–4; caps: hemispherical, 2–3 thick, 2 high | Filiform, break into part-spores | Cylindrical, 3.9–7.8 \times 1 | Wang et al. ⁷ |

| Species | Host | Habitat | Stromata | Stipe (mm) | Fertile part (mm) | Perithecia (µm) | Asci (µm) | Ascospores (µm) | Part-spores (µm) | Reference |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|------------------------------------|
| <i>P. nipponicus</i> | On Cicadidae | Buried in the soil | Solitary or arranged in twos or threes 20–70 mm in height, often highly branched and polycephalous | Cylindrical simplex, irregularly branched sometimes base has two parts | Terminal or lateral, depressed, fleshy, sometimes crowded, 1–2.5. in diam | Immersed flask-shaped or ovoid, 800–950 × 300–370 | | Filiform, disarticulating into part-spores | 2.8–4.8 × 0.7 truncate | Kobayasi ⁶⁰ |
| <i>P. onorei</i> | On caterpillar (Arctinae) | Buried in soil, half buried, or among leaves and debris | Numerous, solitary, simple or 2–3 times branched, 10–25 × 0.5–1.5 mm, ampulliform, thickened at the base, cinnamon brown, darker when wet, fading with age and drying to greyish brown | Cylindrical | Subapical, forming lateral pads around stipe, pale brown to ochraceous orange, with sterile apical part | Immersed, 854–950 × 330–395, pyriform, with dark brown protruding apices | Asci 450–510 long | Filiform, cylindrical, breaking to part-spores | (3.5–)4(–5.5) × 0.5–1, truncate, bacilliform | Crous et al. ¹⁰ |
| <i>P. ramosopulvinatus</i> | Nymph of Cicada | | Stroma 100 mm long | Cylindrical, leathery, 3.6–4.5 wide, apically branching, glabrous, pallid ochreous in color | Fertile area cushion shaped to globose, with aggregated perithecia forming composite heads | Pyriform, 750–925 × 275–300 | 3.5–5 wide, with apical cap diameter 3–5 | Filiform, disarticulating into partspores | 3 × 1 truncate | Kobayasi and Shimizu ⁵⁹ |

55 **Supplementary Table S4.** Primers used for current study and optimized PCR protocols

| Locus | Primers | Optimised PCR protocols | Approximate size of the PCR amplicons obtained | References |
|---------------|--|---|--|---------------------------------|
| ITS | ITS4: 5'-TCCTCCGCTTATTGATATGC-3' ITS5: 5'-GGAAGTAAAAGTCGTAACAAGG-3' | (94 °C: 30 s, 51 °C : 50 s, 72 °C: 45 s) × 33 cycles | 500 bp | White et al. ³⁴ |
| SSU | NS1: 5'-GTAGTCATATGCTTGTCTC-3' NS4: 5'-CTTCCGTCAATTCCTTTAAG-3' | (94 °C: 30 s, 51 °C : 1 min, 72 °C: 2 min) × 33 cycles | 1000 bp | Sung et al. ⁶¹ |
| LSU | LROR: 5'-ACCCGCTGAACTTAAGC-3' LR5: 5'-TCCTGAGGGAAACTTCG-3' | (94 °C: 30 s, 51 °C : 1 min, 72 °C: 2 min) × 33 cycles | 800 bp | Sung et al. ⁶¹ |
| EF1- α | EF1-983F: 5'-GCYCCYGGHCAYCGTGAYTTYAT-3' EF1-2218R: 5'-ATGACACCRACRGCRCRGTGTG-3' | (94 °C: 30 s, 58 °C : 1 min 20 s, 72 °C: 1 min) × 33 cycles | 1000 bp | Castlebury et al. ³⁷ |
| RPB1 | CRPB1A: 5'-CAYCCWGGYTTYATCAAGAA-3' RPB1Cr: 5'-CCNGCDATNTCRTRTCCATRTA-3' | (94 °C: 30 s, 55 °C : 30 s, 72 °C: 1 min) × 33 cycles | 800 bp | Castlebury et al. ³⁷ |
| RPB2 | fRPB2-5f: 5'-GAYGAYMGWGATCAYTTYGG-3' fRPB2-7cR: 5'-CCCATRGCCTTGYYTTRCCCAT-3' | (94 °C: 30 s, 54 °C : 40 s, 72 °C: 1 min 20 s) × 33 cycles | 1000 bp | Sung et al. ³⁶ |

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