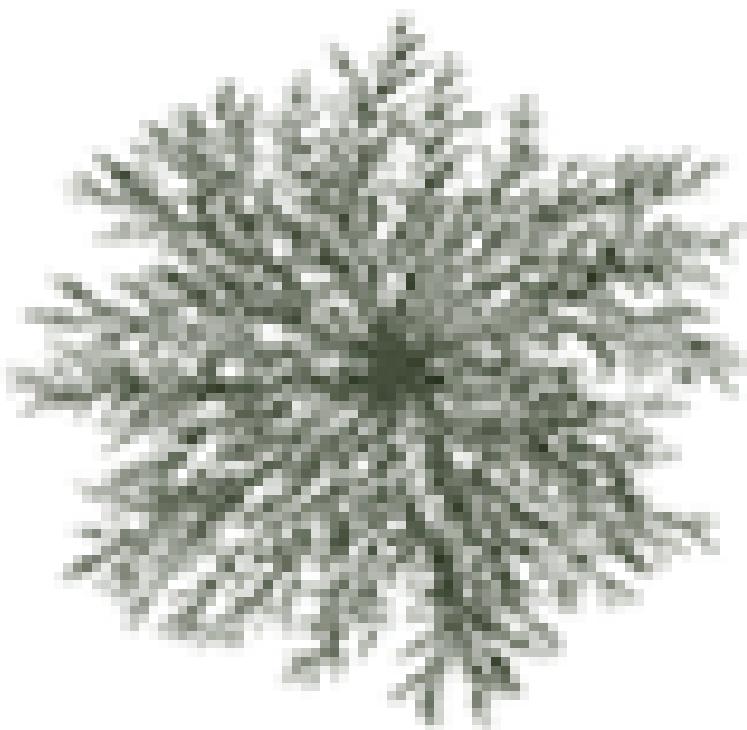


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Keywords: *Cantharellales*, *Hydnaceae*, molecular systematics, taxonomy, Yunnan Province

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In forest ecosystems, fungi play essential ecological roles by driving carbon cycling in forest soils, mediating mineral uptake by plants, and alleviating carbon limitations (Tedersoo et al., 2014). Wood-rotting fungi are a highly diverse cosmopolitan group that are associated with a range of plants growing in boreal, temperate, subtropical, and tropical regions (Gilbertson & Ryvarden, 1987; Núñez & Ryvarden, 2001; Bernicchia & Gorjón, 2010; Dai, 2012; Ryvarden & Melo, 2014; Dai et al., 2015; Wu et al., 2020; Dai et al., 2021). The wood-rotting fungal genus, *Sistotrema* Fr. (*Hydnaceae*, *Cantharellales*), typified by *S. confluens* Pers., is a comparatively large genus belonging to the phylum *Basidiomycota*, and is morphologically characterized by resupinate or pileate-stipitate, soft basidiomes, smooth, grandinoid, hydnoid, or poroid hymenophore with various characteristic textures (pellicular, membranaceous, or ceraceous), a monomitic hyphal system with oily inclusions, urniform basidia, and smooth, thin-walled, basidiospores containing cytoplasmic oil droplets (Eriksson, Hjortstam, & Ryvarden, 1984; Bernicchia & Gorjón, 2010). Based on the MycoBank database (<http://www.mycobank.org>, accessed Jun 20, 2022) and the Index Fungorum (<http://www.indexfungorum.org>, accessed Jun 20, 2022), the genus *Sistotrema* has 204 registered species and intraspecific names, however the actual number of the species is 60 (Eriksson et al., 1984; Bernicchia & Gorjón, 2010; Sugawara et al., 2022).

These pioneering phylogenetic studies reveal that the genus

Sistotrema is highly polyphyletic (Nilsson, Larsson, Larsson, & Köljalg, 2006; Larsson, 2007; Hibbett et al., 2014), and were conducted before the advent of molecular systematics (Kotiranta & Larsson, 2013; Cao, Hu, Yu, Wei, & Yuan, 2021; Sugawara et al., 2022). Kotiranta and Larsson (2013) conducted preliminary phylogenetic research on *Sistotrema* and proposed a new species, *S. luteoviride* Kotir. & K.H. Larss., which clustered with *S. citriforme* (M.P. Christ) K.H. Larss. & Hjortsam with high bootstrap support (98%), and was grouped together with *S. pistilliferum* Hauerslev, *Membranomyces spurius* (Bourdotted) Jülich, and two *Clavulina* J. Schröter species in a moderately supported clade (79%). The nuclear rDNA sequence analysis of the phylogenetic diversity of bulbil-forming lichenicolous fungi in *Cantharellales* by Lawrey et al. (2016) revealed that the type species, *S. confluens*, grouped closely with the genus *Cantharellus* Adans. ex Fr. A comprehensive phylogenetic analysis based on a multiple-marker dataset for the entire *Hydnaceae* sensu stricto indicated that *Sistotrema* along with its sister genus *Hydnnum* L. forms a fully supported lineage that is closely related to the genera *Craterellus* Pers. and *Cantharellus* (Cao et al., 2021). Phylogenetic trees obtained using the fungal nuc rDNA ITS and LSU and *rpb2* sequences showed that *Sistotrema* grouped with *Hydnnum*; however, the generic boundary was unclear (Sugawara et al., 2022).

An undescribed fungal taxon was identified during investigations on wood-rotting fungi in southern China. The unknown taxon was placed in the genus *Sistotrema* based on analyses of the morphology and sequences of the large subunit (LSU) nuclear ribosomal RNA gene, and is proposed here as a new species, *S. yun-*

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The specimens studied were deposited at the herbarium of Southwest Forestry University (SWFC), Kunming, Yunnan Province, P.R. China. Macroscopic descriptions are based on field notes. Color terms followed Petersen (1996). All the materials were examined under a Nikon 80i microscope. Drawings were made with the aid of a drawing tube. The measurements and drawings were made from slide preparations stained with cotton blue (0.1 mg aniline blue dissolved in 60 g pure lactic acid), Melzer's reagent (1.5 g potassium iodide, 0.5 g crystalline iodine, 22 g chloral hydrate, aq. dest. 20) and 5% (5 g potassiumhydroxide, 100 mL water) potassiumhydroxide. Spores were measured from sections cut from the hymenial layer, in presenting spore size data, 5% of the measurements excluded from each end of the range are shown in parentheses, and spore measurements were made in Cotton Blue. The following abbreviations were used: KOH = 5% potassium hydroxide, CB = Cotton Blue, CB- = acyanophilous, IKI = Melzer's reagent, IKI- = both inamyloid and indextrinoid, L = mean spore length (arithmetic average for all spores), W = mean spore width (arithmetic average for all spores), Q = variation in the L/W ratios between the specimens studied, n (a/b) = number of spores (a) measured from given number (b) of specimens.

Cetyltrimethylammonium bromide (CTAB) rapid plant genome extraction kit-DN14 (Aidlab Biotechnologies Co., Ltd, Beijing) was used to obtain genomic DNA from dried specimens, according to the manufacturer's instructions with some modifications that a small piece of dried fungal specimen (about 30 mg) was ground to powder with liquid nitrogen. The powder was transferred to a 1.5 mL centrifuge tube, suspended in 0.4 mL of lysis buffer, and incubated at 65 °C in a water bath for 60 min. After that, 0.4 mL phenol-chloroform (24:1) was added to each tube and the suspension was shaken vigorously. After centrifugation at 13,000 rpm for 5 min, 0.3 mL of supernatant was transferred to a new tube and mixed with 0.45 mL of binding buffer. The mixture was then transferred to an adsorbing column (AC) for centrifugation at 13,000 rpm for 0.5 min. Then, 0.5 mL of inhibitor removal fluid was added in AC for a centrifugation at 12,000 rpm for 0.5 min. After washing twice with 0.5 mL of washing buffer, the AC was transferred to a clean centrifuge tube, and 100 mL elution buffer was added to the middle of adsorbed film to elute the genome DNA. The nuc rDNA ITS region was amplified with primer pair ITS5 and ITS4 (White, Bruns, Lee, & Taylor, 1990). The nuc rDNA LSU region was amplified with primer pair LR0R and LR7 (Rehner & Samuels, 1994; Vilgalys & Hester, 1990). The PCR procedure for ITS was as follows: initial denaturation at 95 °C for 3 min, followed by 35 cycles at 94 °C for 40 s, 58 °C for 45 s and 72 °C for 1 min, and a final extension at 72 °C for 10 min. The PCR procedure for LSU marked as follows: initial denaturation at 94 °C for 1 min, followed by 35 cycles at 94 °C for 30 s, 48 °C 1 min and 72 °C for 1.5 min, and a final extension at 72 °C for 10 min. The PCR products were purified and directly sequenced at Kunming Tsingke Biological Technology Limited Company. All newly generated sequences were deposited in GenBank (Table 1).

DNA sequences were aligned in MAFFT 7 (<https://mafft.cbrc.jp/alignment/server/>) using the "G-INS-I" strategy for LSU, and manually adjusted in BioEdit (Hall, 1999). *Tilletaria anomala* Bandoni & B.N. Johri and *Platygloea disciformis* (Fr.) Neuhoff were selected as an outgroup for LSU analysis based on previous study (Sugawara et al., 2022) (Fig. 1). The sequence alignment was deposited in TreeBASE (submission ID 29714).

Maximum parsimony (MP) analyses were applied to the LSU dataset sequences. Approaches to phylogenetic analysis followed Zhao and Wu (2017), and the tree construction procedure was per-

formed in PAUP* version 4.0b10 (Swofford, 2002). All characters were equally weighted and gaps were treated as missing data. Trees were inferred using the heuristic search option with TBR branch swapping and 1,000 random sequence additions. Max-trees were set to 5,000, branches of zero length were collapsed and all parsimonious trees were saved. Clade robustness was assessed using a bootstrap (BT) analysis with 1,000 replicates (Felsenstein, 1985). Descriptive tree statistics tree length (TL), consistency index (CI), retention index (RI), rescaled consistency index (RC), and homoplasy index (HI) were calculated for each MP tree generated. Data-matrix was also analyzed using Maximum Likelihood (ML) approach with RAxML-HPC2 through the Cipres Science Gateway (www.phylo.org; Miller et al., 2009). Branch support (BS) for ML analysis was determined by 1,000 bootstrap replicates.

MrModeltest 2.3 (Nylander, 2004) was used to determine the best-fit evolution model for each data set for Bayesian inference (BI). BI was calculated with MrBayes 3.1.2 with a general time reversible (GTR+I+G) model of DNA substitution and a gamma distribution rate variation across sites (Ronquist & Huelsenbeck, 2003). Four Markov chains were run for 2 runs from random starting trees for 640 thousand generations for LSU (Fig. 1), and trees were sampled every 100 generations. The first one-fourth generations were discarded as burn-in. A majority rule consensus tree of all remaining trees was calculated. Branches were considered as significantly supported if they received the maximum likelihood bootstrap (BS) >70%, the maximum parsimony bootstrap (BT) >50%, or Bayesian posterior probabilities (BPP)>0.95.

The LSU dataset included sequences from 75 fungal specimens representing 59 taxa. The dataset had an aligned length of 1,622 characters in the dataset, of which 689 characters were constant, 463 were variable and parsimony-uninformative, and 470 were parsimony-informative. MP analysis yielded one equally parsimonious tree (TL = 2,903, CI = 0.471, HI = 0.528, RI = 0.611, RC = 0.288). The best model for LSU estimated and applied in Bayesian analysis had the following characteristics: GTR+I+G, lset nst = 6, rates = invgamma; prset statefreqpr = dirichlet (1,1,1,1). Bayesian analysis resulted in a similar topology with an average standard deviation of split frequencies (BI). The effective sample size (ESS) across the two runs was twice that of the average ESS (avg ESS) = 255. The phylogeny (Fig. 1) inferred from the LSU sequences showed that *S. yunnanense* nested in the family *Hydnaceae*.

***Sistotrema yunnanense* L.Q. Cai & C.L. Zhao, sp. nov. Figs. 2, 3.
MycoBank no.: MB 844701.**

Holotype: CHINA, Yunnan Province, Chuxiong, Zixishan National Forestry Park, E 101°24', N 25°0', alt. 1,950 m, on fallen branch of angiosperm, 2 Jul 2018, CLZhao 7357 (SWFC 007357). GenBank: LSU = ON810362, ITS = ON817194.

Etymology: *Yunnanense* (Lat.): referring to the province name of the type locality.

Basidiomata annual, resupinate, farinaceous to pruinose when fresh, becoming membranaceous upon drying, up to 11 cm long and 2 cm wide, 100–200 µm thick. Hymenial surface smooth, white when fresh, turning to pale cream upon drying, cracking with age. Margin narrow, slightly cream, fragile. Hyphal system monomitic; generative hyphae with clamp connections, colorless, thin- to slight thick-walled, branched, 2.5–5 µm in diam, frequently with oily contents, IKI-, CB-, tissues unchanged in KOH. Cystidia and cystidioles absent. Basidia suburniform to urniform, thin-walled, with four sterigmata and a basal clamp connection, with oily contents, 13.5–24 × 2.5–5.5 µm; basidioles abundant, in shape similar to basidia, but slightly smaller. Basidiospores subcylindrical to oblong ellipsoid, colorless, thin-walled, smooth, with oily contents,

Table 1. List of species, specimens, and GenBank accession numbers of sequences used in this study.

Species name	Sample no.	GenBank accession no.		References
		ITS	LSU	
<i>Bergerella atrofusca</i>	Berger 34240	MN902070		Lawrey et al. (2020)
<i>Botryobasidium candidans</i>	GEL3083	AJ406440		unpublished
<i>B. conspersum</i>	KHL11063	AY586657		Larsson et al. (2004)
<i>B. subcoronatum</i>	FCUG1286 SWE	AY647212		unpublished
<i>Bryoclavula phycophila</i> (Type)	TNS-F-79667	LC508118		Masumoto & Degawa (2020)
<i>Burgella lutea</i>	Etayo 27623	KC336075		Diederich et al. (2014)
<i>Burgellopsis nivea</i> (Type)	ATCC MYA-4209	KC336077		Diederich et al. (2014)
<i>Burgoa verzuoliiana</i> (Type)	ATCC 24040	DQ915475		Lawrey et al. (2007)
<i>Cantharellus alborufescens</i>	JLS880b	KR677531		Olarriaga et al. (2015)
<i>C. ambohitantelyi</i> (type)	BB 08.336	KF294656		Buyck et al. (2014)
<i>Ceratobasidium bulbillifaciens</i>	CBS 129339	KC336073		Diederich et al. (2014)
<i>Clavulinopsis cristata</i>	EL95_97	AY586648		Larsson et al. (2004)
<i>C. livida</i>	MCCNNU140159	KT946799		He et al. (2016)
<i>Hydnellum albidum</i>	MB11-6024/2	AY293186		Binder et al. (2005)
<i>H. crocidens</i>	PERTH08095981	KU612684		Feng et al. (2016)
<i>H. elatum</i>	FRI62309	KU612691		Feng et al. (2016)
<i>H. repandum</i>	KHL 8552	AF347095		Larsson et al. (2004)
<i>Membranomyces delectable</i>	KHL11147	AY586688		Larsson et al. (2004)
<i>M. spurius</i>	Hjm 19169	KF218966		Kotiranta & Larsson (2013)
<i>Minimedausa obcoronata</i>	F-082, 316	AY004068		Platas et al. (2001)
<i>M. polypora</i> (Type)	ATCC 24041	DQ915476		Lawrey et al. (2007)
<i>Multiclavula corynoides</i>	Lutzoni 930804-2, DUKE	U66440		Lutzoni (1997)
<i>M. mucida</i>	AFTOL-ID 1130	AY885163		unpublished
<i>Neoburgoa freyi isolate</i>	JL596-16	KX423755		Lawrey et al. (2016)
<i>Platygloea disciformis</i>	AFTOL-ID 710	AY629314		unpublished
<i>Rogersiomycetes malaysianus</i>	LE-BIN 3507-10	KU820986		Psurtsseva et al. (2016)
<i>Sistotrema adnatum</i> (Type)	FCUG 700	DQ898699		Moncalvo et al. (2006)
<i>S. alboluteum</i>	TAA167982	AY586713		Larsson et al. (2004)
<i>S. alboluteum</i>	TAA 180259	AJ606042		Nilsson et al. (2006)
<i>S. alboluteum</i>	MB6	KX358055		Stephenson et al. (2017)
<i>S. albopallescens</i>	KHL11070	AM259210		Nilsson et al. (2006)
<i>S. atheliooides</i> (Type)	FCUG 701	DQ898700		Moncalvo et al. (2006)
<i>S. biggsiae</i> (Type)	FCUG 782	DQ898697		Moncalvo et al. (2006)
<i>S. brinkmannii</i>	FCUG 2198	DQ898705		Moncalvo et al. (2006)
<i>S. brinkmannii</i>	FCUG 2055	DQ898706		Moncalvo et al. (2006)
<i>S. brinkmannii</i>	FCUG 2217	DQ898709		Moncalvo et al. (2006)
<i>S. brinkmannii</i>	aurim1111	JQ912675		Menkis et al. (2006)
<i>S. chloroporom</i>	TUMH:64400	LC642058		Sugawara et al. (2022)
<i>S. chloroporom</i>	TUMH:64396	LC642054		Sugawara et al. (2022)
<i>S. citriforme</i>	KHL15898	KF218962		Kotiranta & Larsson (2013)
<i>S. confluens</i>	PV174	AY586712		Larsson et al. (2004)
<i>S. confluens</i>	FCUG 298	DQ898711		Moncalvo et al. (2006)
<i>S. coroniferum</i>	KH Larsson s.n.	KF218968		Kotiranta & Larsson (2013)
<i>S. coroniferum</i>	Herbarium GB-BN-2	AM259215		Nilsson et al. (2006)
<i>S. coronilla</i>	NH7598	AF506475		Larsson et al. (2004)
<i>S. coronilla</i>	AFTOL-ID 618	DQ457641		Matheny et al. (2006)
<i>S. farinaceum</i> (Type)	FCUG 659	DQ898707		Moncalvo et al. (2006)
<i>S. flavorizomorphae</i>	TUMH:64401	LC642059		Sugawara et al. (2022)
<i>S. flavorizomorphae</i>	TUMH:64402	LC642060		Sugawara et al. (2022)
<i>S. hypogaeum</i>	CBS:393.63	MH869925		Vu et al. (2019)
<i>S. hypogaeum</i> (Type)	CBS:394.63	MH869926		Vu et al. (2019)
<i>S. luteoviride</i> (Type)	HK23176	KF218963		Kotiranta & Larsson (2013)
<i>S. muscicola</i>	KHL8791	AF506474		Larsson & Larsson (2003)
<i>S. muscicola</i>	KHL 11721	AJ606040		Nilsson et al. (2006)
<i>S. oblongisporum</i>	KHL 14077	KF218970		Kotiranta & Larsson (2013)
<i>S. oblongisporum</i>	KHL 11189	GQ162819		Kotiranta et al. (2011)
<i>S. oblongisporum</i>	GEL2125	DQ898728		Moncalvo et al. (2006)
<i>S. oblongisporum</i>	FCUG 1490	DQ898702		Moncalvo et al. (2006)
<i>S. oblongisporum</i>	KHL 14077	KF218970		Kotiranta & Larsson (2013)
<i>S. octosporum</i>	FCUG 2822	DQ898698		Moncalvo et al. (2006)
<i>S. octosporum</i>	CBS:126038	MH875510		Vu et al. (2019)
<i>S. pistilliferum</i>	EL 28/10	KF218964		Kotiranta & Larsson (2013)
<i>S. raduloides</i>	LR 44004	KF218969		Kotiranta & Larsson (2013)
<i>S. raduloides</i>	FCUG 1695	DQ898710		Moncalvo et al. (2006)
<i>S. resinicystidium</i>	FCUG 2188	DQ898708		Moncalvo et al. (2006)
<i>S. sernanderi</i>	CBS 926.70	AF518650		Hibbett & Binder (2002)
<i>S. sernanderi</i>	FCUG1049 SWE	AY647215		unpublished
<i>S. subconfluens</i>	Dai 12578	JX076811		Zhou & Qin (2013)
<i>S. subconfluens</i> (Type)	Dai 12577	JX076810		Zhou & Qin (2013)
<i>S. yunnanense</i>	CLZhao 7341 (SWFC007341)	ON817192	ON810360	Present study
<i>S. yunnanense</i>	CLZhao 7355 (SWFC007355)	ON817193	ON810361	Present study
<i>S. yunnanense</i>	CLZhao 7395 (SWFC007395)	ON817195	ON810363	Present study
<i>S. yunnanense</i> (Type)	CLZhao 7357 (SWFC007357)	ON817194	ON810362	Present study
<i>Sistotrema perpusilla</i>	CBS:126048	MH875516		Vu et al. (2019)
<i>Thanatephorus cucumeris</i>	AG8	AF354068		Gonzalez et al. (2001)
<i>T. theobromae</i>	Sulawesi-10	HQ424242		Samuels et al. (2012)
<i>Tilletiaria anomala</i>	AFTOL-ID 865	AY745715		unpublished
<i>Tulasnella cystidiophora</i>	KW 2871	AY585831		Shefferson et al. (2005)
<i>T. eremophila</i>	13062MD	KJ701189		Crous et al. (2015)

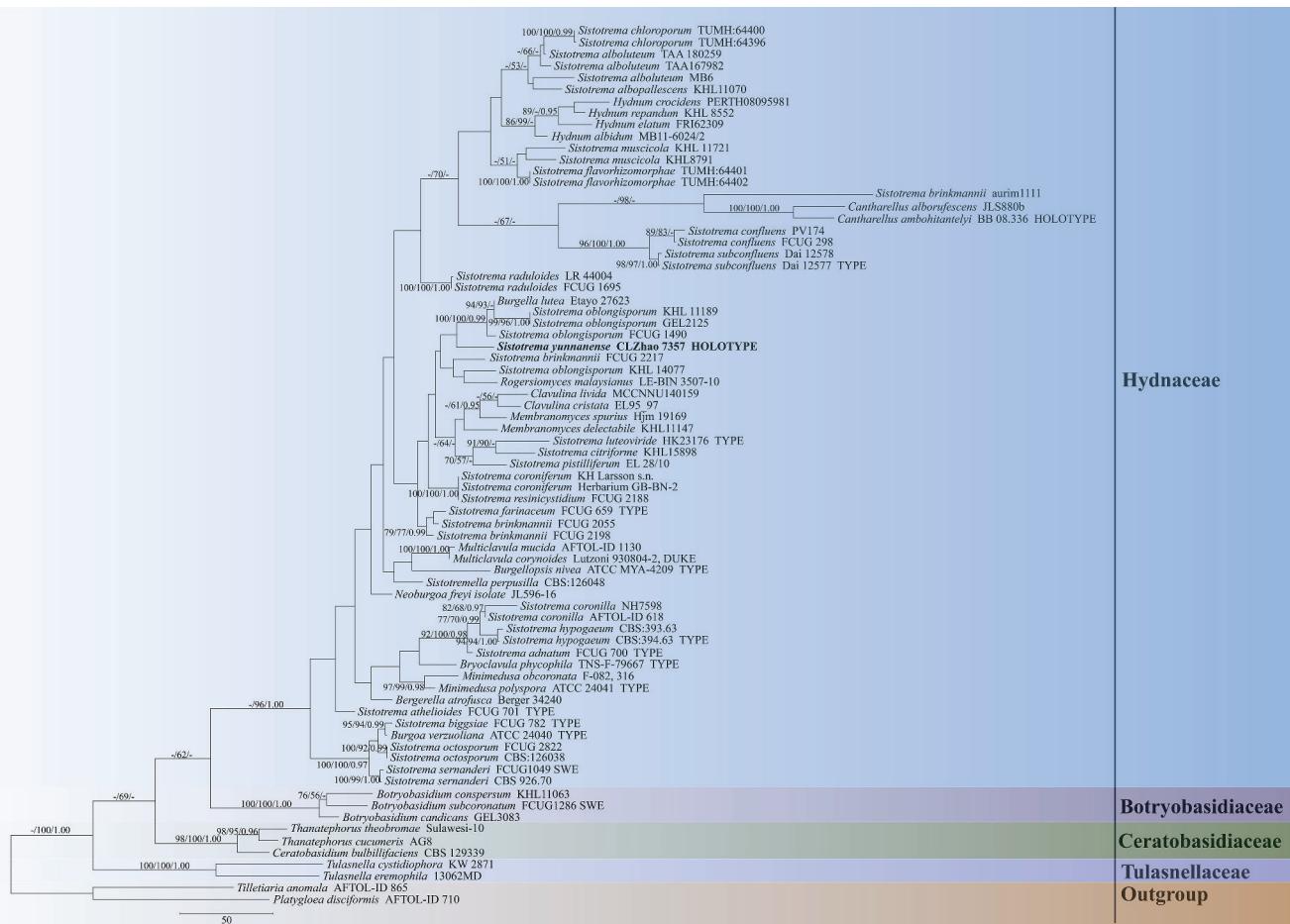


Fig. 1 – Maximum Parsimony strict consensus tree showing the phylogeny of a new *Sistotrema* species and related species in *Hydnaceae* s.l. based on nuc rDNA LSU sequences. Branches are labelled with maximum likelihood bootstrap > 70%, parsimony bootstrap proportions > 50% and Bayesian posterior probabilities > 0.95, respectively.

IKI-, CB-, (4-)4.5–6.5(-7) × (2.5-)3–4(-4.5) µm, L = 5.45 µm, W = 3.67 µm, Q = 1.43–1.51 (n = 120/4).

Type of rot: White rot.

Additional specimens examined (paratypes): CHINA, Yunnan Province, Chuxiong, Zixishan Forestry Park, E 101°24', N 25°0', alt. 1,950 m, on fallen branch of angiosperm, 2 Jul 2018, CLZhao 7355 (SWFC 007355), CLZhao 7341 (SWFC 007341), CLZhao 7395 (SWFC 007395).

In this study, a new species, *Sistotrema yunnanense* was described based on phylogenetic analyses and morphological characteristics.

The nuc rDNA LSU analysis showed that *S. yunnanense* belongs to *Hydnaceae* (Fig. 1) but not to *Sistotrema* s.s. clade (Sugawara et al., 2022), i.e., mycorrhizal lineage.

Morphologically, *Sistotrema brinkmannii* (Bres.) J. Erikss. differs from *S. yunnanense* by its rough, white to whitish gray hymenial surface having small aculei, and smaller basidiospores (3.4–4.6 × 1.9–3.0 µm; Dhingra, Priyanka, & Singh, 2009).

Sistotrema yunnanense is similar to *S. diademiferum* (Bourdot & Galzin) Donk and *S. porulosum* Hallenb in having farinaceous to pruinose hymenophores. However, *S. diademiferum* differs from *S. yunnanense* by its brownish-gray hymenial surface, thin-walled generative hyphae, and ellipsoid to ovoid, smaller basidiospores (3–5 × 2–3 µm; Kaur, Kaur, Singh, & Dhingra, 2018); *S. porulosum* differs in its smooth to porulose hymenophore with the grayish-white hymenial surface, basidia with 6–8 sterigmata, and nar-

rowly ellipsoid to allantoid, smaller basidiospores (4–5 × 1.9–2.4 µm; Kaur et al., 2018).

Sistotrema yunnanense is similar to *S. confluens* Pers. and *S. subconfluens* L.W. Zhou in having similar morphological characteristics, namely, subcylindrical to oblong ellipsoid basidiospores. However, *S. confluens* differs from *S. yunnanense* by having brittle, tomentose hymenophore with the whitish to cream hymenial surface and narrower basidiospores (5–6 × 2–3 µm; Piętek & Cabała, 2002); *S. subconfluens* differs from *S. yunnanense* by having pileate basidiomata with buff to cinnamon buff hymenial surface and smaller basidiospores (3.9–4.2 × 2–2.3 µm; Zhou & Qin, 2013). Both species belongs to other lineage “*Sistotrema* s.s.”.

Wood-rotting fungi are an extensively studied group of *Basidiomycota* (Núñez & Ryvarden, 2001; Dai, 2012; Ryvarden & Melo, 2014; Dai et al., 2015; Wu et al., 2020; Cao et al., 2021; Luo, Chen, & Zhao, 2022; Qu, Wang, & Zhao, 2022); however, the diversity of wood-rotting fungi in East Asia is remains poorly understood, especially in subtropical and tropical regions. Recently, many described taxa in this ecological group were recorded from these areas (Dai, 2012; Chen, Korhonen, Li, & Dai, 2014; Bian & Dai, 2015; Cui et al., 2019; Shen et al., 2019; Zhu, Song, Zhou, Si, & Cui, 2019; Sugawara et al., 2022), and our newly described taxon increases the number of corticioid fungal species in East Asia.

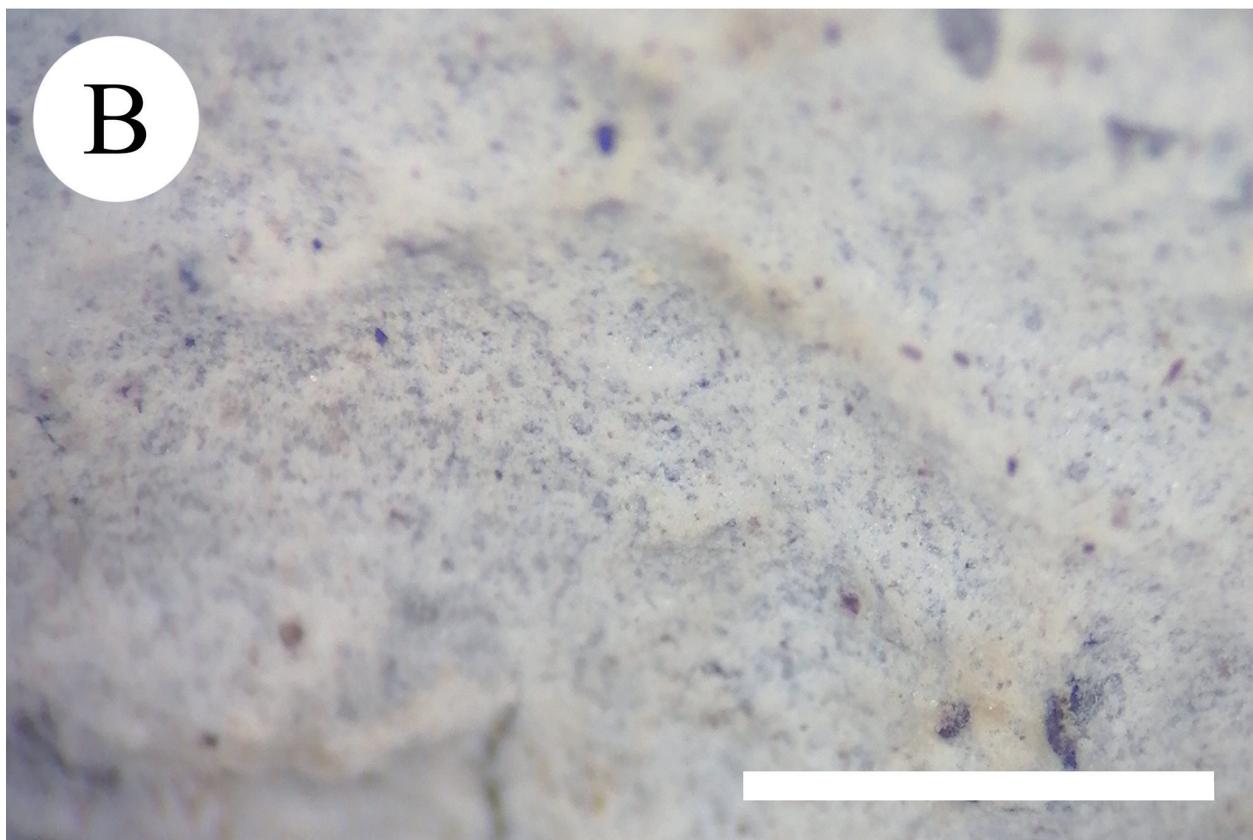


Fig. 2 – Macroscopic features of *Sistotrema yunnanense* (SWFC 007357, holotype): basidiomata. Bars: A 1 cm; B 1 mm.

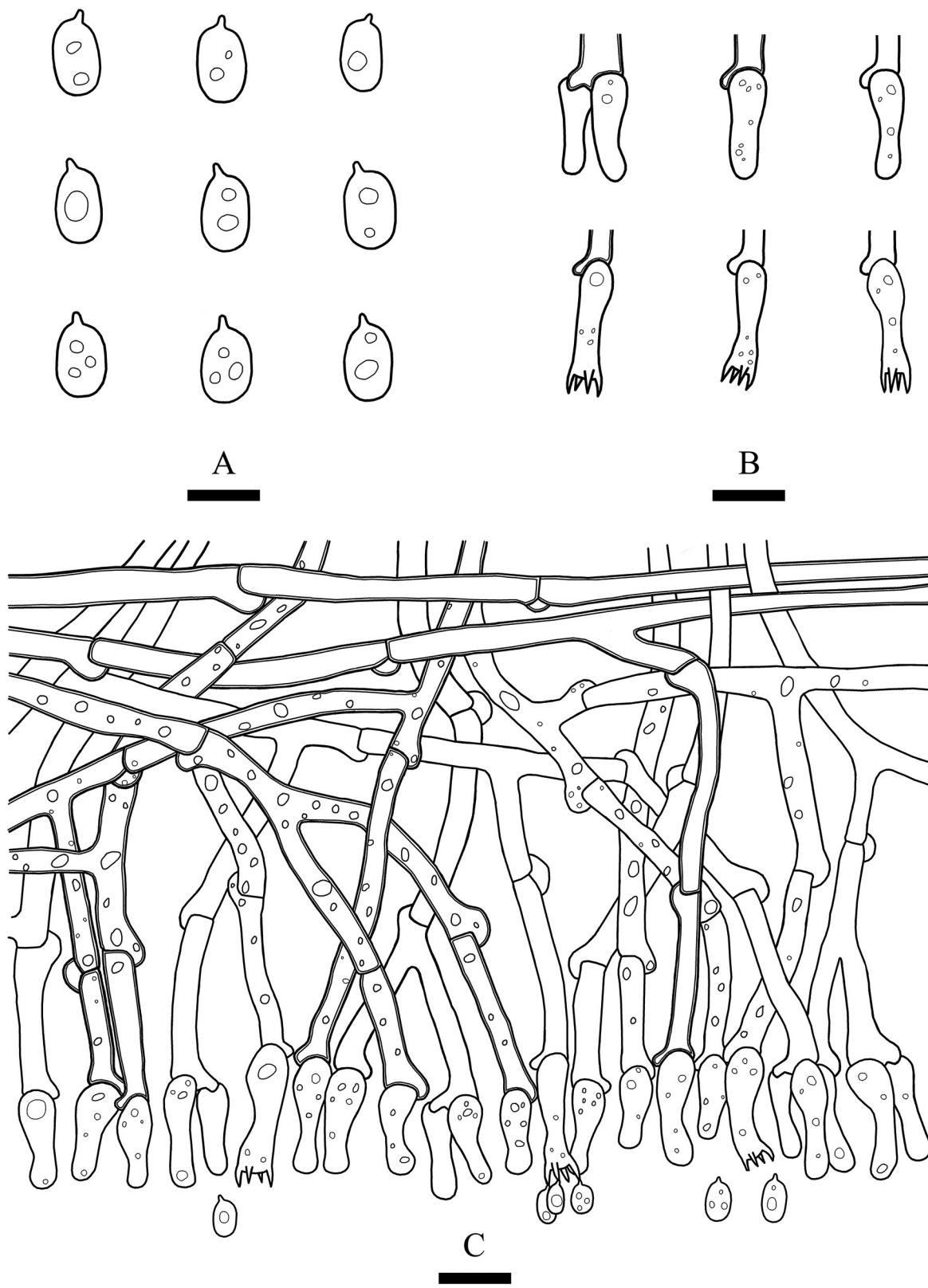


Fig. 3 – Microscopic features of *Sistotrema yunnanense* (SWFC 007357, holotype). A: Basidiospores. B: Basidia and basidioles. C: A part of the hymenial layer and subiculum. Bars: A 5 μm ; B, C 10 μm .

Disclosure

The authors declare no conflict of interest. All the experiments undertaken in this study comply with the current laws of the People's Republic of China.

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