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# *Distoseptispora hydei* sp. nov. (Distoseptisporaceae), a novel lignicolous fungus on decaying bamboo in Thailand

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# Abstract

In this paper, we described and illustrated a new species of lignicolous fungi, *Distoseptispora hydei*, found on decaying bamboo in Phitsanulok Province, Thailand. According to the phylogenetic results from combined sequence data (LSU, ITS and RPB2), the new species is distinct from other *Distoseptispora* species. *Distoseptispora hydei* is characterized by obpyriform to fusiform conidia with 7–9 distosepta and a hyaline, gelatinous sheath around the tip. Phylogenetic analyses and morphological comparisons with other species of *Distoseptispora* are provided in this study.

Key words: 1 new species, Distoseptisporales, phylogeny, Sordariomycetes, taxonomy

# Introduction

An upswell in research on taxonomy and phylogeny of saprobic fungi in Thailand has occurred over the last decade (Liu *et al.* 2011, Monkai *et al.* 2013, Phookamsak *et al.* 2015, Wanasinghe *et al.* 2016, 2017, Doilom *et al.* 2017, Promputtha *et al.* 2017, Tibpromma *et al.* 2018, Jayasiri *et al.* 2019, Mapook *et al.* 2020, Phookamsakda *et al.* 2020). In terrestrial habitats, several taxa have been reported from different lignicolous substrates and hosts (Kodsueb *et al.* 2008a, b, Boonmee *et al.* 2011, 2014, 2016, Shang *et al.* 2017, Lu *et al.* 2018, Lin *et al.* 2019, Liu *et al.* 2019). Among them, bamboo is an important host for saprobic fungi in need of more research (Hyde *et al.* 2002a, b, Morakotkarn *et al.* 2007, Tanaka *et al.* 2009, 2015, Phookamsak *et al.* 2014, 2015, Dai *et al.* 2017, 2018). A review of the literature revealed that up to 1300 species of fungi associated with bamboo have so far been described globally (Dai *et al.* 2012, 2014, 2017, Jaklitsch *et al.* 2015, Liu *et al.* 2015, Phookamsak *et al.* 2015, Tanaka *et al.* 2015, Wang *et al.* 2012, 2014, 2017, Jaklitsch *et al.* 2015, Liu *et al.* 2015, Phookamsak *et al.* 2015, Tanaka *et al.* 2015, Wang *et al.* 2018, Jiang *et al.* 2018, 2019, 2020).

The genus *Distoseptispora* (Distoseptisporaceae, Distoseptisporales) was introduced and typified with *D. fluminicola* by Su *et al.* (2016). This genus is known only for its asexual morph, which is mainly characterized by hyphomycetous, macronematous conidiophores, percurrent, elongate conidiogenous cells, olivaceous, brown or yellowish or reddish brown, euseptate or distoseptate conidia, and occasionally muriform conidia (Su *et al.* 2016, Xia

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*et al.* 2017, Luo *et al.* 2018, Tibpromma *et al.* 2018, Yang *et al.* 2018, Hyde *et al.* 2020). *Distoseptispora* is regarded as saprobic lignicolous fungal genus and presently comprises 28 species, 16 of which were found from freshwater and 12 from terrestrial habitats (Yang *et al.* 2015, 2018, Hyde *et al.* 2016, 2020, Su *et al.* 2016, Xia *et al.* 2017, Luo *et al.* 2018, 2019, Tibpromma *et al.* 2018, Crous *et al.* 2019, Phookamsak *et al.* 2019, Phukhamsakda *et al.* 2020, Sun *et al.* 2020). Many new species of *Distoseptispora* have been discovered in Thailand in recent years; *D. rayongensis* was introduced by Hyde *et al.* (2020) from submerged wood; and *D. clematidis* was introduced by Phukhamsakda *et al.* (2020) from dead stem of *Clematis sikkimensis*. Sun *et al.* (2020) introduced *D. bambusae* from dead bamboo in Guizhou, China and also reported this species from Chiang Rai, Thailand while also reporting *D. tectonae* from dead wood in Thailand.

This paper aims to describe the new species of *Distoseptispora* with morphological descriptions and illustrations, and to evaluate their molecular phylogenetic relationships in Distoseptisporaceae using molecular analyses. We introduce a new species, *Distoseptispora hydei*, found on decaying bamboo, with evidence from morphology and phylogenetic analyses. A synopsis of the morphological characters of *Distoseptispora* species is also provided.

# Materials and methods

# Specimen collection, morphological observation and isolation

A collection of decaying bamboo was carried out in a disturbed forest in Phitsanulok Province, Thailand. Fungi was examined using a Motic SMZ 168 Series microscope (Motic Incorporation Ltd., Hong Kong). Micro-morphological characteristics were observed and captured using a Nikon ECLIPSE 80i compound microscope equipped with a Canon EOS 600D digital camera. All measurements were calculated using the Tarosoft (R) Image Frame Work program, and figures were processed using Adobe Photoshop CS6 Extended version 10.0 software (Adobe Systems, USA). The single spore isolation method was used to obtain a pure culture according to the protocol described in Chomnunti *et al.* (2014). The germinating conidia were transferred to potato dextrose agar (PDA) and incubated at 25–28°C for four weeks. The fungal culture was deposited in the Mae Fah Luang University Culture Collection (MFLUCC), and the holotypic specimen was deposited in the herbarium of Mae Fah Luang University (MFLU). The Faces of Fungi number was registered as outlined in Jayasiri *et al.* (2015), and the Index Fungorum number was registered as outlined in Index Fungorum (2020).

# DNA extraction, PCR amplification and sequencing

Fungal isolates were grown on PDA at 25-28°C for four weeks, and fresh mycelium was scraped from the margin of a colony for DNA extraction. DNA extraction was conducted using a Biospin Fungus Genomic DNA Extraction Kit (BioFlux®, Hangzhou, P.R. China) following the manufacturer's protocol. Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) amplification was processed for three gene regions, including the partial 28S large subunit nuclear ribosomal DNA (LSU) using primer pairs LR0R and LR5 (Vilgalys & Hester 1990); the internal transcribed spacers region of ribosomal DNA (ITS) using primer pairs ITS5 and ITS4 (White et al. 1990); and the RNA polymerase II second largest subunit (RPB2) using primers fRPB2-5F and fRPB2-7cR (Liu et al. 1999). The final volume of PCR reaction is 25 µL, composed of 2 µL template DNA (50 ng/µL), 12.5 µL of PCR Master Mix (0.5 mM of each primer, 50 U Taq DNA polymerase 400 mM of each dNTP, and 3 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>) 1 µL of each primer and 8.5 µL of double distilled water (ddH<sub>2</sub>O). The PCR thermal cycling programs were set for LSU and ITS with an initial denaturation at 94 °C for 3 minutes, followed by 40 cycles of denaturation at 94 °C for 45 seconds, annealing at 56 °C for 50 seconds, extension at 72 °C for 1 minute and a final extension step at 72 °C for 10 minutes. The PCR amplification of RPB2 was set at initial denaturation at 95 °C for 5 minutes, followed by 40 cycles of denaturation at 95 °C for 1 minute, annealing at 52 °C for 2 minutes and extension at 72 °C for 90 seconds, and a final extension step at 72 °C for 10 minutes. PCR products were sent for purification and sequencing to TsingKe Biological Technology, Kunming City, Yunnan Province, China (Kunming, P.R. China).

# Phylogenetic analysis

The sequences generated in this study were blasted to search for preliminary identification with GenBank database (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/blast/). The dataset composed of LSU, ITS and RPB2 sequences of the closely related taxa to the new isolate were compiled based on the blastn results from GenBank and recent publications (Luo *et al.* 2018, 2019, Yang *et al.* 2018; Phookamsak *et al.* 2019, Phukhamsakda *et al.* 2020, Hyde *et al.* 2020, Sun *et al.* 2020). Detailed information on fungal strains used in this paper are provided in TABLE 1. Consensus sequences were aligned

by MAFFT v.7 via online web portal (http://mafft.cbrc.jp/alignment/server/index.html; Katoh *et al.* 2019) using the default settings and adjusted manually using BioEdit v. 7.0.9.1. (Hall *et al.* 1999).



**FIGURE 1.** Phylogenetic tree obtained from RAxML analyses of a combined LSU, ITS and RPB2 sequence data. Bootstrap support values for ML, MP equal or greater than 75% and Bayesian posterior probabilities greater than 0.95 PP are indicated at the nodes. The ex-type strains are in bold and the new isolate of this study is in red bold. The tree is rooted to *Aquapteridospora fusiformis* (MFLUCC 18-1601) and *A. lignicola* (MFLUCC 15-1172).

Maximum likelihood (ML) analysis was performed by raxmlGUI v.1.3 (Silvestro & Michalak 2012) using the GTRGAMMAI model of nucleotide substitution with 1000 replicates. Maximum parsimony (MP) analysis was carried out with the heuristic search option in PAUP (Phylogenetic Analysis Using Parsimony) v.4.0b 10 (Swofford 2002) with 1000 sequence additions. The branches of zero length were collapsed, and gaps were treated as missing data. Descriptive tree statistics for parsimony; Tree Length [TL], Consistency Index [CI], Retention Index [RI], Relative Consistency Index [RC] and Homoplasy Index [HI] were analyzed for the maximum parsimonious tree.

Bayesian inference (BI) analysis was conducted by MrBayes v3.1.2 (Ronquist *et al.* 2012) using Markov chain Monte Carlo sampling (BMCMC) (Huelsenbeck & Ronquist 2001, Zhaxybayeva & Gogarten 2002). Parameters of BI analysis in MrBayes were set up on six simultaneous Markov chains, run for 1000000 generations, and sampled every 100<sup>th</sup> generations. The initial trees were checked for the effective sampling size (ESS) using Tracer v. 1.6 (Rambaut & Drummond 2007). The first 10% of the generated trees were discarded, and the remaining trees were used to evaluate the posterior probabilities (PP) of the 50% majority rule consensus tree. Phylograms were visualized using FigTree v1.4.0 (Rambaut, 2012) and rearranged in Adobe Photoshop CS6 software (Adobe Systems, USA).

Species	Culture accession no.	G	enBank accession no.	
		LSU	ITS	RPB2
Aquapteridospora lignicola	MFLUCC 15-1172	KU221018	N/A	N/A
A. fusiformis	MFLUCC 18-1601	MK849798	MK828652	N/A
Distoseptispora adscendens	HKUCC 10820	DQ408561	N/A	DQ435092
D. appendiculata	MFLUCC 18-0259	MN163023	MN163009	N/A
D. aquatica	MFLUCC 15-0374	KU376268	MF077552	N/A
D. aquatica	S-965	MK849792	MK828647	MN124537
D. bambusae	MFLUCC 20-0091	MT232718	MT232713	MT232881
D. bambusae	MFLUCC 14-0583	MT232717	MT232712	MT232882
D. cangshanensis	MFLUCC 16-0970	MG979761	MG979754	N/A
D. caricis	CPC 36498	MN567632	NR_166325	N/A
D. caricis	CBS 146040	N/A	N/A	MN556806
D. clematidis	MFLUCC 17-2145	MT214617	MT310661	MT394721
D. dehongensis	KUMCC 18-0090	MK079662	MK085061	N/A
D. fluminicola	MFLUCC 15-0417	KU376270	MF077553	N/A
D. fluminicola	DLUCC 0391	MG979762	MG979755	N/A
D. guttulata	MFLUCC 16-0183	MF077554	MF077543	N/A
D. hydei	MFLUCC 20-0481*	MT742830	MT734661	MT767128
D. leonensis	HKUCC 10822	DQ408566	N/A	DQ435089
D. lignicola	MFLUCC 18-0198	MK849797	MK828651	N/A
D. martinii	CGMCC 318651	KX033566	KU999975	N/A
D. multiseptata	MFLUCC 15-0609	KX710140	KX710145	N/A
D. multiseptata	MFLUCC 16-1044	MF077555	MF077544	MF135644
D. neorostrata	MFLUCC 18-0376	MN163017	MN163008	N/A
D. obclavata	MFLUCC 18-0329	MN163010	MN163012	N/A
D. obpyriformis	DLUCC 0867	MG979765	MG979757	MG988416
D. obpyriformis	MFLUCC 17-1694	MG979764	N/A	MG988415
D. palmarum	MFLUCC 18-1446	MK079663	MK085062	MK087670
D. phangngaensis	MFLUCC 16-0857	MF077556	MF077545	N/A
D. rayongensis	MFLUCC 18-0415	MH457137	MH457172	MH463255
D. rostrata	MFLUCC 16-0969	MG979766	MG979758	MG988417

**TABLE 1.** List of the taxa used in the analyses and their GenBank accession numbers. Newly generated sequences are indicated with asterisk (\*) after collection number. The ex-type strains are indicated in bold. "N/A" sequence is unavailable.

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#### TABLE 1. (Continued)

Species	Culture accession no.	G	enBank accession no.	
		LSU	ITS	RPB2
D. rostrata	DLUCC 0885	MG979767	MG979759	N/A
D. rostrata	MFLUCC 18-0479	NG_064513	NR_157552	N/A
D. submersa	<b>MFLUCC 16-0946</b>	MG979768	MG979760	MG988418
D. suoluoensis	<b>MFLUCC 17-0224</b>	MF077557	MF077546	N/A
D. tectonae	MFLUCC 12-0291	KX751713	KX751711	KX751708
D. tectonae	MFLUCC 20-0090	MT232719	MT232714	N/A
D. tectonigena	MFLUCC 12-0292	KX751714	KX751712	KX751709
D. thailandica	MFLUCC 16-0270	MH260292	MH275060	N/A
D. thysanolaenae	KUMCC 18-0182	MK064091	MK045851	N/A
D. xishuangbannaensis	KUMCC 17-0290	MH260293	MH275061	MH412754

# Results

### Phylogenetic analyses

The combined dataset composed of LSU, ITS and RPB2 sequences comprised 40 strains in Distoseptisporaceae and other related taxa, including two outgroup taxa (FIGURE 1). The RAxML analysis of the combined dataset yielded a best scoring tree with a final ML optimization likelihood value of -11870.204445. The aligned sequence matrix comprises 796 distinct alignment patterns, with 31.93% undetermined characters or gaps. Estimated base frequencies were as followed; A = 0.238984, C = 0.246561, G = 0.298618, T = 0.215836; substitution rates AC = 1.551456, AG = 3.282721, AT = 1.068920, CG = 0.713411, CT = 7.921686, GT = 1.000000; gamma distribution shape parameter  $\alpha$  = 0.209797. The maximum parsimonious dataset consisted of 2213 characters of which 1423 were constant, 622 parsimony-informative and 168 parsimony-uninformative. The parsimony analysis of the data matrix resulted in a single most parsimonious tree (TL = 1924, CI = 0.619, RI = 0.731, RC = 0.452, HI = 0.381). Bayesian analysis indicated that the average standard deviation of split frequencies at the end of total MCMC generations was less than 0.01. Phylogenetic analyses retrieved from ML, MP and BI analyses were not significantly different and show similar topologies. The new species, *Distoseptispora hydei sp. nov.*, formed a sister clade to *D. rostrata* with strong statistical support (100% ML, 100% MP and 1.00 PP, FIGURE 1).

# Taxonomy

# Distoseptispora hydei Monkai & Phookamsak, sp. nov. FIGURE 2

Index Fungorum number: IF557858; Facesoffungi number: FoF 08845

*Etymology* – Named in honor of Kevin D. Hyde for his excellent contributions to mycology and to commemorate his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. *Holotype* – MFLU 20-0481

Saprobic on decaying bamboo culm. Sexual morph: Undetermined. Asexual morph: Colonies effuse, dark brown, hairy or velvety. Mycelium mostly immersed, consisting of branched, septate, smooth, subhyaline to pale brown hyphae. Conidiophores macronematous, mononematous, solitary, dark brown, paler at apical part, 4–9-septate, straight or slightly flexuous, unbranched, smooth, cylindrical, 87–145 × 3–7  $\mu$ m ( $\overline{x} = 126 \times 5 \mu$ m, n = 20), rounded at the apex. Conidiogenous cells monoblastic, integrated, terminal, brown, cylindrical. Conidia acrogenous, solitary, obpyriform to fusiform, straight or slightly curved, 7–9-distoseptate, olivaceous to brown, truncate at base, narrow at apex, 32–58 × 10–15  $\mu$ m ( $\overline{x} = 49 \times 12 \mu$ m, n = 20), smooth-walled, guttulate, with a hyaline, globose, gelatinous sheath around tip, 5.3–8 × 6.4–8  $\mu$ m ( $\overline{x} = 6.7 \times 7.2 \mu$ m, n = 5).

Known distribution:—Thailand

**Culture characteristics:**—Conidia germinated on PDA within 24 hours and germ tubes were produced from both ends. Colony on PDA reached at 5–10 mm diam. in two weeks at 28°C, circular, with fluffy, dense, dark brown mycelium in the center, becoming sparse and paler at the entire margin and in reverse pale brown.

Material examined:—Thailand, Phitsanulok Province, Amphoe Nakhon Thai, Tambon Huai Hia, saprobic on decaying bamboo culm, 25 July 2019, E. Yasanthika, E3-4 (MFLU 20-0481, holotype), ex-type living culture, MFLUCC 20-0115.

Notes:—Phylogenetic analyses of a concatenated LSU, ITS and RPB2 sequence dataset revealed that the new species clustered within *Distoseptispora* with high statistical support in a sister clade of *D. rostrata* (100% ML, 100% MP and 1.00 PP, FIGURE 1). The new species resembles *D. appendiculata* in having a gelatinous sheath around the tip; however, the latter has obclavate conidia with a higher number of septa and longer size (32–58 µm vs 67–89 µm) (Luo *et al.* 2019). *Distoseptispora hydei* differs from *D. rostrata* in having obpyriform and shorter conidia (32–58 µm vs 115–155 µm) (Luo *et al.* 2018). *Distoseptispora hydei* shares similar characteristics with *D. obpyriformis* in having obpyriform conidia (Luo *et al.* 2018). However, *D. obpyriformis* has longer conidia (53–71 µm vs 32–58 µm) (Luo *et al.* 2018). *Distoseptispora bambusae*, also found on bamboo, is distinguished from *D. hydei* by its obclavate conidia (Sun *et al.* 2020). A comparison of morphological features of species in *Distoseptispora* is provided in TABLE 2.



**FIGURE 2**. *Distoseptispora hydei* (MFLU 20-0481, **holotype**). **a** Colonies on substrate. **b** Conidiophore with attached conidium. **c**, **d** Conidiophores showing conidial production. **e**–**h** Conidia. **i** Germinating conidium. **j**, **k** Culture on PDA after 21 days ( $\mathbf{j} = \text{from above}$ ,  $\mathbf{k} = \text{from below}$ ). Scale bars:  $\mathbf{b}$ – $\mathbf{i} = 20 \,\mu\text{m}$ .

Species	Conidiophores	Conidia (um)	Conidia septation	Conidia characteristics	Habitat	Host	References
4	(unl)	,	4				
Distoseptispora hydei	87–145 × 3–7	$32-58 \times 10-15$	7-9-distoseptate	Obpyriform to fusiform, olivaceous to brown, with gelatinous sheath around tip	Terrestrial	Dead bamboo culm	This study
D. adscendens	$28-46 \times 8-10$	$(80-)350-500 \times 15-18$	80-distoseptate	Cylindrical, hemisphaerical apex, hyaline	Terrestrial	Decaying wood of Fagus sylvatica	Shoemaker & White (1985), Réblová (1999)
D. appendiculata	62–86 × 4.5–5.5	67–89 ×10–16	13-17-distoseptate	Obpyriform or obclavate, olivaceous or dark brown, with gelatinous sheath around tip	Freshwater	Unidentified submerged wood	Luo <i>et al.</i> (2019)
D. aquatica	29–41 × 7–9	110–157 × 13.5–16.5	15-28-distoseptate	Obclavate, dark brown with bluish green to malachite green tinge	Freshwater	Unidentified submerged wood	Su <i>et al.</i> (2016)
D. bambusae	$40-96 \times 4-5.5$	$45-74 \times 5.5-9.5$	5-10-distoseptate	Obclavate, olivaceous or brown	Terrestrial	Dead bamboo culms	Sun <i>et al</i> . (2020)
D. cangshanensis	$44-68 \times 4-8$	58–166(–287) × 10–14	Multi-distoseptate	Obclavate or lanceolate, olivaceous or brown	Freshwater	Unidentified submerged wood	Luo <i>et al</i> . (2018)
D. caricis	$35-90 \times 6-7$	$(55-)65-85(-100) \times 15-16(-17)$	5-10-distoseptate	Obclavate, brown	Terrestrial	Leaves of Carex sp.	Crous et al. (2019)
D. clematidis	$22-40 \times 4-10$	$120-210 \times 12-20$	28-35-distoseptate	Obclavate, cylindrical or rostrate, brown with green tinge	Terrestrial	Dried branches of Clematis sikkimensis	Phukhamsakda <i>et al.</i> (2020)
D. dehongensis	$45-80 \times 4-5$	$17-30 \times 7.5-10$	3-5-distoseptate	Obpyriform to obclavate, broad cylindrical	Freshwater	Unidentified submerged wood	Hyde <i>et al.</i> (2019)
D. fluminicola	21–33 × 5.5–6.5	$125-250 \times 13-15$	17-34-distoseptate	Oblong to obclavate or cylindrical, brown with green tinge	Freshwater	Unidentified submerged wood	Su <i>et al.</i> (2016)
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Species	Conidiophores	Conidia (µm)	Conidia septation	Conidia characteristics	Habitat	Host	References
	(mm)						
D. leonensis	Up to $175 \times$	(38–)50–75(–85) ×	7-12-distoseptate	Obclavate, rostrate, brown	Terrestrial	Dead culms of	Ellis (1958), McKenzie
	6-7	11–15				Pennisetum purpureum	(1995)
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D. guttulata	× (c+1–)06–cc	$11-7 \times (c01-30)$	11-14(-20)-	Obclavate or lanceolate,	Freshwater	Unidentified submerged	Yang <i>et al.</i> (2018)
	3.5-5.5		euseptate	rostrate, mid to dark brown or		wood	
				olivaceous			
D. lignicola	$84-124 \times 4-5$	$60{-}108 \times 7{-}9$	5–9-euseptate	Obclavate, brown	Freshwater	Unidentified submerged	Luo <i>et al.</i> (2019)
						poom	
D. martinii	$50{-}110 \times$	$15-20 \times 11-16$	Transversal septa	Transversal ellipsoid, oblate	Terrestrial	Unidentified dead	Xia et al. (2017)
	3.5-4.5			or subglobose, muriform, pale		branches	
				brown to brown			
D. multiseptata	$29-47 \times 4-6$	$147 - 185 \times 12 - 14$	Multi-distoseptate	Obclavate, rostrate, dark	Freshwater	Unidentified submerged	Hyde et al. (2016)
				olivaceous green		wood	
D. neorostrata	$93-117 \times$	$109-147 \times 13-15$	Multi-distoseptate	Obclavate, rostrate, dark	Freshwater	Unidentified submerged	Luo <i>et al.</i> (2019)
	5.5-6.5			olivaceous to mid or dark		poom	
				brown			
D. obclavata	$117.5 - 162.5 \times$	$46-66 \times 9-11$	9-11-distoseptate	Obclavate, olivaceous to pale	Freshwater	Unidentified submerged	Luo <i>et al.</i> (2019)
	5-7			or dark brown		poom	
D. obpyriformis	$97{-}119 \times 5{-}7$	$53-71 \times 12-16$	9-11-distoseptate	Obpyriform, olivaceous to pale	Freshwater	Unidentified submerged	Luo <i>et al.</i> (2018)
				or dark brown		poom	
D. palmarum	$75{-}125 \times$	$35{-}180 \times 7{-}11$	7-27-distoseptate	Oblong, obclavate, cylindrical	Terrestrial	Rachis of Cocos	Hyde et al. (2019)
	3.5-5.5			or rostrate		nucifera (Arecaceae)	
D. phangngaensis	$18-30(-40) \times$	$165-350 \times 14-19$	Multi-distoseptate	Elongate, obclavate, rostrate,	Freshwater	Unidentified submerged	Yang et al. (2018)
	4.3-6.5			dark olivaceous to mid or dark		wood	
				brown			
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Species	Conidiophores (µm)	Conidia (µm)	Conidia septation	Conidia characteristics	Habitat	Host	References
D. rayongensis	75–125 ×	$(36-)60-106(-120) \times$	Mostly 9–13-	Obclavate or obspathulate,	Freshwater	Unidentified submerged	Hyde <i>et al.</i> (2020)
	3.5-5.5	9–14.5	euseptate, rarely	rostrate, pale brown or pale		wood	
			14–15-septate	olivaceous			
D. rostrata	$82-126 \times 5-7$	$115-155 \times 9-11$	(15-)18-23-	Obclavate or lanceolate,	Freshwater	Unidentified submerged	Luo <i>et al.</i> (2018)
			distoseptate	rostrate, olivaceous to pale		wood	
				brown			
D. submersa	$55-73 \times 7-9$	$95 - 123 \times 15 - 19$	17-23(-28)-	Obclavate, lanceolate or	Freshwater	Unidentified submerged	Luo <i>et al.</i> (2018)
			distoseptate	obpyriform, mid olivaceous to		wood	
				brown			
D. suoluoensis	$80-250 \times$	(65-)80-125(-145)	8-10-euseptate	Narrowly obclavate or	Freshwater	Unidentified submerged	Yang et al. (2018)
	4.5-5.8	$\times$ 8–13		obspathulate, yellow brown or		wood	
				dark olivaceous			
D. tectonae	Up to $40 \times 4-6$	(90-)130-140(-170)	20-28-distoseptate	Cylindric-obclavate, dark	Terrestrial	Dead twig of Tectona	Hyde et al. (2016)
		$\times$ 13–14		reddish brown		grandis	
D. tectonigena	Up to $110 \times$	$148-225(-360) \times$	20-46-distoseptate	Cylindric-obclavate, dark	Terrestrial	Dead twig of Tectona	Hyde et al. (2016)
	5-11	11-12		reddish brown		grandis	
D. thailandica	$15-26 \times 3-6$	$130-230 \times 13.5-17$	35-52-distoseptate	Oblong, obclavate, cylindrical	Terrestrial	Dead leave of <i>Pandanus</i>	Tibpromma et al. (2018)
				or rostrate, reddish brown to		sp.	
				brown			
D. thysanolaenae	$30-80 \times$	$21.5-80 \times 6.5-12.8$	8-14-distoseptate	Elongated obclavate, slightly	Terrestrial	Dead culms of	Phookamsak et al. (2019)
	3.5-5.5			curved, light to dark brown,		Thysanolaena maxima	
				paler at the apex			
D.	$12 - 17 \times 2 - 5$	$160 - 305 \times 8 - 15$	Up to 40-	Cylindric-obclavate, tapering	Terrestrial	Dead leave of Pandanus	Tibpromma et al. (2018)
xishuangbannaensis			distoseptate	towards apex,		utilis	
				oreen-hrown to hrown			

# Discussion

Luo *et al.* (2019) raised Distoseptisporaceae to the order Distoseptisporales based on evidence from morphological and phylogenetic analyses of combined LSU, SSU, RPB2 and TEF1- $\alpha$  sequence data, and also treated the genus *Aquapteridospora* in the Distoseptisporales genera *incertae sedis*. However, Wijayawardene *et al.* (2020) placed *Aquapteridospora* in the Diaporthomycetidae genera *incertae sedis* following Yang *et al.* (2015). The phylogenetic status of *Aquapteridospora* is thus uncertain. We follow the latest treatment of Distoseptisporales in Wijayawardene *et al.* (2020), and accordingly, the order Distoseptisporales currently only accommodates the family Distoseptisporaceae, whereas *Aquapteridospora* is treated in the Diaporthomycetidae genera *incertae sedis* pending further study.

Su *et al.* (2016) included two species in *Distoseptispora* and also included two taxa in *Ellisembia* (Sordariomycetes genera *incertae sedis*): *Ellisembia adscendens* and *E. leonensis* in *Distoseptispora* as *D. adscendens* and *D. leonensis* based on phylogenetic support. However, these two species are invalidly introduced as new combinations in *Distoseptispora*. Thus, the generic types *E. adscendens* and *E. leonensis* are in need of clarification to be validly introduced into *Distoseptispora*. Many subsequent authors followed Su *et al.*'s (2016) treatment, and accordingly, 28 species are currently accommodated in this genus (Luo *et al.* 2019, Phookamsak *et al.* 2019, Phukhamsakda *et al.* 2020, Sun *et al.* 2020).

The generic concept of *Distoseptispora* is based on the characteristics of asexual morph (Su *et al.* 2016, Luo *et al.* 2018, Hyde *et al.* 2020). Conidial characteristics include septate types (distoseptate vs euseptate), septate number, size, shape and color, all of which are mainly used to identify species in *Distoseptispora* (Su *et al.* 2016, Luo *et al.* 2018, Tibpromma *et al.* 2018, Yang *et al.* 2018, Hyde *et al.* 2020). However, these characteristics are not significantly correlated with the phylogenetic relationship. Some species, including *D. guttulata*, *D. lignicola*, *D. rayongensis* and *D. suoluoensis*, produced euseptate conidia (Yang *et al.* 2018, Luo *et al.* 2019, Hyde *et al.* 2020). Phylogenetic analysis showed that they form distinct subclades, clustering with other *Distoseptispora* species that produced distoseptate conidia (FIGURE 1), and this has led to *Distoseptispora* possessing a broad generic concept. Therefore, it is necessary to combine both morphological characteristics and multi-gene phylogenetic analyses to clarify their taxonomic placement (Luo *et al.* 2018, 2019).

*Distoseptispora* is one genus of many lignicolous fungi encountered in aquatic and terrestrial habitats (Luo *et al.* 2019, Hyde *et al.* 2020). Species of *Distoseptispora* are not restricted to any particular hosts and have been recorded from a diverse range of plants, including both monocotyledons and dicotyledons, e.g., *Carex* sp., *Pandanus* sp., *Tectona grandis* (Hyde *et al.* 2016, Tibpromma *et al.* 2018, Crous *et al.* 2019). *Distoseptispora hydei* is the second species of *Distoseptispora* to occur on bamboo. In addition, *Distoseptispora* species are almost exclusively distributed in Thailand and China (Yang *et al.* 2015, 2018, Hyde *et al.* 2016, 2020, Su *et al.* 2016, Xia *et al.* 2017, Luo *et al.* 2018, 2019, Tibpromma *et al.* 2018, Crous *et al.* 2019, Phukhamsakda *et al.* 2020, Sun *et al.* 2020). Only two species, *D. adscendens* and *D. leonensis*, have been found from Hungary and Malaysia, respectively (Shoemaker & White 1985, McKenzie 1995). Therefore, more collections of *Distoseptispora* and related taxa are needed, from a range of geographic regions and hosts, to investigate their sexual morphs and better resolve their phylogenetic relationships and taxonomic placements.

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