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# Species delimitation at a global scale reveals high species richness with complex biogeography and patterns of symbiont association in *Peltigera* section *Peltigera* (lichenized Ascomycota: Lecanoromycetes)

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**Abstract** This comprehensive phylogenetic revision of sections *Peltigera* and *Retifoveatae* of the cyanolichen genus *Peltigera* is based on DNA sequences from more than 500 specimens from five continents. We amplified five loci (nrITS,  $\beta$ -tubulin and three intergenic spacers part of colinear orthologous regions [COR]) for the mycobiont, and the *rbclX* locus for the cyanobacterial partner *Nostoc*. Phylogenetic inferences (RAxML, BEAST) and species delimitation methods (bGMYS, bPTP, bPP) suggest the presence of 88 species in section *Peltigera*, including 50 species new to science, hence uncovering a surprisingly high proportion of previously unnoticed biodiversity. The hypervariable region in ITS1 (ITS1-HR) is a powerful marker to identify species within sections *Peltigera* and *Retifoveatae*. Most newly delimited species are restricted to a single biogeographic region, however, up to ten species have a nearly cosmopolitan distribution. The specificity of mycobionts in their association with *Nostoc* cyanobionts ranges from strict specialists (associate with only one *Nostoc* phylogroup) to broad generalists (up to eight *Nostoc* phylogroups uncovered), with widespread species recruiting a broader selection of *Nostoc* phylogroups than species with limited distributions. In contrast, species from the *P. didactyla* clade characterized by small thalli and asexual vegetative propagules (soredia) associate with fewer *Nostoc* phylogroups (i.e., are more specialized) despite their broad distributions, and show significantly higher rates of nucleotide substitutions.

**Keywords** collinear orthologous region; COR; cyanobiont; internal transcribed spacer; ITS1-HR; ITS1 hypervariable region; lichen; mycobiont; *Nostoc*; molecular systematics; Peltigerales; phylogeny; rates of evolution; specificity; symbiosis

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## INTRODUCTION

*Peltigera* Willd. (Lecanoromycetes: Peltigerales) is a genus of lichen-forming fungi (mycobionts) found in associations with cyanobacteria (cyanobionts) from the genus *Nostoc* Vaucher ex Bornet & Flahault. While most *Peltigera* species associate with *Nostoc* only (bi-membered thalli), a few species associate with a green alga of the genus *Coccomyxa* Schmidle as their main photobiont, and *Nostoc* as their secondary photobiont (tri-membered thalli) (Vitikainen, 1994; Miadlikowska & Lutzoni, 2000). *Peltigera* sect. *Peltigera* (the *canina* group) is one of eight sections of the genus *Peltigera* (Miadlikowska & Lutzoni, 2000). It is characterized mostly by the presence of a tomentum on the upper surface of thalli and by the lack of secondary metabolites detectable by thin-layer chromatography

(Holtan-Hartwig, 1993; Vitikainen, 1994; Miadlikowska & al., 2003). The sister section *Retifoveatae* Miadl. & Lutzoni was circumscribed to accommodate a single species (*P. retifoveata* Vitik.) with a distinct and rich chemical profile (Holtan-Hartwig, 1993; Miadlikowska & Lutzoni, 2000). Both sections contain exclusively bi-membered cyanolichens (Miadlikowska & Lutzoni, 2000; Miadlikowska & al., 2003).

Section *Peltigera* includes the emblematic *P. canina* (L.) Willd., type of the genus and one of the first three *Peltigera* species formally described by Linnaeus (1753) as *Lichen caninus*. It comprises thirty of the sixty-six species considered by Martínez & al. (2003) in their worldwide biogeographical study of the genus. Members of section *Peltigera* are found world-wide, with fifteen species in South America and Asia, thirteen in North America, ten in Europe, and nine in Africa and in Australia-New

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Zealand (Vitikainen, 1994, 1998; Brodo & al., 2001; Martínez & al., 2003). Within the last 25 years, ten new species have been described in this section, including five from Papua New Guinea: *P. fimbriata* Vitik. & al., *P. granulosa* Sérus. & al., *P. koponenii* Sérus. & al., *P. montis-wilhelmii* Sérus. & al., and *P. papuana* Sérus. & al. (Sérusiaux & al., 2009); two from China: *P. wulingensis* L.F.Han & S.Y.Guo (Han & al., 2013) and *P. isidiophora* L.F.Han & S.Y.Guo (Han & al., 2015); one from Africa: *P. lambinonii* Goffinet (= *P. soreidifera* (Nyl.) Vitik.; Goffinet & Hastings, 1995); and two from North America and Iceland: *P. castanea* Goward & al. (Goffinet & al., 2003) and *P. islandica* T.Goward & S.S.Manoharan-Basil (Manoharan-Basil & al., 2016). Overall, three species (*P. canina*, *P. didactyla* (With.) J.R.Laundon, *P. rufescens* (Weiss) Humb.) have been reported on all six continents (excluding Antarctica) and five additional species (*P. degenii* Gyeln., *P. lepidophora* (Vain.) Bitter, *P. membranacea* (Ach.) Nyl., *P. praetextata* (Flörke ex Sommerf.) Zopf, *P. ulcerata* Müll.Arg.) were reported from at least four continents (Martinez & al., 2003). Most of these morphologically delineated species were validated phylogenetically but based only on a few collections and using ribosomal loci exclusively (Miadlikowska & Lutzoni, 2000; Goffinet & al., 2003; Miadlikowska & al., 2003; Sérusiaux & al., 2009; Han & al., 2013; Manoharan-Basil & al., 2016; Jüriado & al., 2017; but see O'Brien & al., 2009).

Because many species of section *Peltigera* have large foliose thalli and are common, especially in the boreal biome, they were often the focus of a wide range of studies, e.g., symbionts culture-based experiments (Miao & al., 1997), patterns of host specialization (O'Brien & al., 2005, 2013), genome sequencing (Xavier & al., 2012), characterization of lectins (Lehr & al., 1995; Díaz & al., 2011; Manoharan & al., 2012), nitrogen fixation estimates and chlorophyll contents (Henriksson & Pearson, 1981; Darnajoux & al., 2017), bioaccumulation of metals (Haas & al., 1998; Darnajoux & al., 2015), and phytase activity (Higgins & Crittenden, 2015). Earlier phylogenetic studies on the genus *Peltigera* focused mostly on species complexes (Goffinet & al., 2003; O'Brien & al., 2009), and rarely covered entire sections (Miadlikowska & al., 2003). In each of the most recent multilocus phylogenetic revisions of specific sections of the genus *Peltigera* (i.e., *P. sect. Polydactylon* Miadl. & Lutzoni, sect. *Peltidea* (Ach.) Vain., sect. *Chloropeltigera* Gyeln.), at least one cosmopolitan morphospecies was shown to represent several distinct, and morphologically cryptic, evolutionary lineages (Magain & al., 2017a, b; Pardo-De la Hoz & al., in press; Miadlikowska & al., unpub.).

Section *Peltigera* includes species with different types of reproductive structures. For example, *P. canina* and *P. membranacea* produce numerous apothecia (ascmata) and, therefore, are assumed to reproduce mostly sexually. Other species develop various types of vegetative propagules that contain the fungal and cyanobacterial partners, such as phyllidia (e.g., *P. praetextata*), isidia (e.g., *P. evansiana* Gyeln., *P. lepidophora*), and soredia (e.g., *P. didactyla*, *P. extenuata* (Nyl. ex Vain.) Lojka, *P. ulcerata*) (Vitikainen, 1994; Goward & al., 1995; Goffinet & al., 2003). Despite the presence of asexual propagules, apothecia can also be frequent in some species (e.g.,

*P. didactyla* or *P. praetextata*). It is assumed that all species can potentially disperse through simple thallus fragmentation. The mode of reproduction in lichens can affect genetic diversity of both main partners and the specificity of their interactions (Otálora & al., 2010, 2013b; Dal Grande & al., 2012; Pardo-De la Hoz & al., in press). Asexual reproduction seems to lead to lower genetic diversity of the two partners, as symbiotic propagules foster vertical transmission of the photobiont. Sexual reproduction of the fungal partner involves an aposymbiotic phase (i.e., horizontal transmission of the photobiont), when the fungus must re-establish a symbiosis with a photosynthetic partner after each ascospore dispersion event. Furthermore, the identity of the symbiotic partners and their patterns of association are likely to drive macroevolutionary trends such as their diversification and evolutionary rates (Magain & Sérusiaux, 2014; Schneider & al., 2016; Magain & al., 2017a).

In *Peltigera-Nostoc* associations, *Peltigera* species are often more specialized than their cyanobiont partners (O'Brien & al., 2013; Magain & al., 2017a; Chagnon & al., 2018; Lu & al., 2018). However, mycobiont specificity is highly variable in section *Polydactylon*, ranging from highly specialized species, i.e., always associating with the same phylogroup of *Nostoc* (monophyletic group of *Nostoc* based on *rbcLX* phylogeny), to generalist species, i.e., associating with several distinct *Nostoc* phylogroups (Magain & al., 2017a). Generalist species generally show broader distribution ranges than specialists, seem to be more recently established, and genetically diverse. Chagnon & al. (2018) found that interactions between species of *P. sect. Polydactylon* and *Nostoc* phylogroups were highly modular and anti-nested, indicating strong preferences in interactions. Furthermore, when considering *Peltigera* communities at a local scale, they found associations to be asymmetric, with generalist *Nostoc* partners interacting with specialized *Peltigera* species, but this asymmetry was not detected at a global spatial scale. At an intrabiome scale (boreal biome in Québec, Canada), Lu & al. (2018) reported that *Peltigera* species had narrower ranges and showed a high degree of specialization towards more widespread generalist *Nostoc* phylogroups, and that bioclimatic factors were more limiting in the mycobiont distributions than the availability of cyanobionts. A recent study in Estonia (Jüriado & al., 2017) found most species of section *Peltigera*, many of which were undescribed, to have narrow habitat requirements. Pardo-De la Hoz & al. (in press) showed that the widespread, more temperate, species of section *Chloropeltigera* associate with more *Nostoc* phylogroups and show higher level of genetic diversity than the more boreal species of the sister section *Peltidea*. Based on these previous studies, we expect species from section *Peltigera* to be mainly generalists because many are widespread temperate species.

A nuclear ribosomal ITS- and LSU-based phylogenetic study of section *Peltigera* revealed several undescribed lineages that might represent new species (Miadlikowska & al., 2003). The recent discovery of multiple new species in every section of the genus revised up to date (Miadlikowska & al., 2014a, unpub.; Magain & al., 2017a, b; Pardo-De la Hoz & al., in press), supports the expectation of high species richness in section *Peltigera*. The goals of this study were to: (1) provide

a worldwide comprehensive phylogeny for species of section *Peltigera* based on five molecular markers, including three recently developed and tested collinear orthologous regions (COR) that each include an intergenic spacer; (2) re-evaluate the currently recognized species using species discovery and species validation approaches to assess the level of hidden biodiversity in this section; (3) reveal the patterns of specificity between *Peltigera* species from this section and their *Nostoc* phylogroups (based on the *rbclX* locus), and compare with the patterns of association detected in other sections of the genus *Peltigera*; and (4) to determine if the reproductive mode (primarily sexual versus asexual) of the mycobiont impacts specificity pattern as well as rates of nucleotide substitution and species diversification in section *Peltigera*.

## ■ MATERIALS AND METHODS

**Taxon sampling and data acquisition.** — More than 500 specimens of *Peltigera* sect. *Peltigera* and sect. *Retifoveatae* (identified as such based on morphology) were selected from several herbaria world-wide (AMNH, B, CDS, CGMS, CONC, CONN, DUKE, H, KW, LG, MAF, MEXU, NY, QFA, UBC, UDBC, UGDA, UMEX, UPS, WIS) or were collected during numerous field trips part of this study (Norway, Canada [Québec], and U.S.A. [North Carolina, Alaska] in 2011; Russia, Colombia, Peru, and Brazil in 2012; U.S.A. [Utah], Canada [Alberta], and Ecuador in 2013; Canada [British Columbia] in 1998–2016). We extracted DNA from 375 specimens (Appendix 1; Electr. Suppl.: Table S1) using a modified protocol from Zolan & Pukkila (1986) with a 2% sodium dodecyl sulphate (SDS) as the extraction buffer. For the mycobiont, we targeted five molecular markers. We amplified ca. 0.6 kb of the internal transcribed spacer (ITS) of the nuclear ribosomal tandem repeat using the ITS1F (Gardes & Bruns, 1993) and ITS4 (White & al., 1990) primers; ca. 0.7 kb of  $\beta$ -tubulin using the reverse primer BT2B (Glass & Donaldson, 1995) and the forward primer T1 (O'Donnell & Cigelnik, 1997) or alternatively bt\_34F (O'Brien & al., 2009); and three collinear orthologous regions (COR) each including an intergenic spacer (Magain & al., 2017b): COR1b using primers COR-1bF and COR-1bR-B; COR3 using primers COR-3F-A and COR-3R-B; and COR16 using primers COR-16Fout and COR-16Rmid1. For the cyanobiont, we sequenced ca. 1.0 kb of the *rbclX* region (which includes the last 82 amino acids of the RUBISCO large subunit [*rbcl*], a putative chaperone gene [*rbclX*] and two intergenic spacers; Li & Tabita, 1997) using primers CW and CX, following Rudi & al. (1998). PCR conditions for ITS and *rbclX* follow Magain & al., 2017a and literature cited therein.  $\beta$ -tubulin and the three COR markers were amplified using the following conditions: 94°C for 30 s, 55°C for 30 s (–0.4°/cycle), 72°C for 1 min (+2 s/cycle) for 24 cycles; 94°C for 30 s, 45°C for 30 s, 72°C for 2 min (+3 s/cycle) for 12 cycles; 72°C for 10 min, followed by storage at 4°C. All PCR amplicons were cleaned with ExoSAP (Affymetrix, Santa Clara, California, U.S.A.) following the manufacturer's protocol. Sequencing was carried out in 10  $\mu$ l reactions using the same primers as for PCR amplification in the following proportions:

1  $\mu$ l primer (10  $\mu$ mol/l), 1  $\mu$ l purified PCR product, 0.75  $\mu$ l Big Dye (Big Dye Terminator Cycle sequencing kit, ABIPRISM v.3.1; Perkin-Elmer, Applied Biosystems, Foster City, California, U.S.A.), 3.25  $\mu$ l Big Dye buffer, and 4  $\mu$ l double-distilled water. Automated reaction cleanup and visualization was performed at the Duke Genome Sequencing and Analysis Core Facility of the Institute for Genome Sciences and Policies (for details see Gaya & al., 2012).

All newly acquired sequences were subjected to BLAST searches to confirm the fungal or cyanobacterial origin of each sequence fragment. They were assembled and edited using the software package Sequencher v.4.1 (GeneCodes, 2000) and aligned manually with the program MacClade v.4.08 (Maddison & Maddison, 2005). The “Nucleotide with AA color” option was used for guiding all alignments for protein-coding genes, including the delimitation of exons and introns. Ambiguously aligned regions sensu Lutzoni & al. (2000) were delimited manually and excluded from subsequent analyses.

**Phylogenetic analyses of the mycobiont datasets.** — For *Peltigera* we generated a total of 1273 sequences: 318 ITS, 199  $\beta$ -tubulin, 252 COR1b, 251 COR3 and 253 COR16 (Appendix 1; Electr. Suppl.: Table S1). We also used sequences of ITS and  $\beta$ -tubulin from other studies (O'Brien & al., 2009; Sérusiaux & al., 2009; Han & al., 2015; Manoharan-Basil & al., 2016) available in GenBank for a total of 357 ITS and 245  $\beta$ -tubulin sequences used for this study. Prior to data concatenation, single-locus phylogenies were generated for all five fungal loci using RAxML-HPC2 v.7.2.8 (Stamatakis, 2006; Stamatakis & al., 2008) as implemented on the CIPRES portal (Miller & al., 2010). Searches for optimal tree and bootstrap analyses were conducted with the rapid hill-climbing algorithm for 1000 replicates with the GTRGAMMA substitution model (Rodriguez & al., 1990). To detect topological incongruence among single-locus datasets, a reciprocal 70% maximum likelihood (ML) bootstrap support criterion was implemented (Mason-Gamer & Kellogg, 1996; Reeb & al., 2004). The single-locus topologies (Electr. Suppl.: Fig. S1A–E) were considered congruent and we proceeded to concatenation.

The concatenated dataset included specimens with at least two of the five targeted loci, except for a few specimens of *P. fimbriata* and *P. isidiophora* for which only ITS was available. Five outgroup species representing section *Peltidea* (*P. aphthosa* (L.) Willd., *P. malacea* (Ach.) Funck) and section *Polydactylon* (*P. hymenina* (Ach.) Delise, *P. polydactylon* (Neck.) Hoffm., *P. scabrosa* Th.Fr.) were selected for a total of 303 specimens (Appendix 1; Electr. Suppl.: Table S1). Out of 298 ingroup specimens, the following sequences were missing: 4 ITS (1.3%), 59  $\beta$ -tubulin (19.8%), 51 COR1b (17.1%), 49 COR3 (16.4%) and 46 COR16 (15.4%) sequences. A total of 176 specimens (59.1%) were represented by all five loci, 71 (23.8%) by four loci, 21 (7%) by three loci, 24 (8%) by two loci, and 6 (2%) by a single locus. Section *Retifoveatae* had the largest amount of missing data (26.7%), whereas in section *Peltigera* the proportion of missing data was clade-dependent and varied from 4.8% to 20.8%. We used PartitionFinder v.1.0.1. (Lanfear & al., 2012) on a concatenated dataset with no missing data, to determine the best partitioning scheme and the optimal models

to be used in subsequent multi-locus phylogenetic analyses. The following ten data subsets were pre-delimited: ITS1, ITS2, 5.8S,  $\beta$ -tubulin 1st, 2nd and 3rd codon positions, and non-coding regions (introns), COR1b, COR3, COR16. We then reinserted all specimens for which we had sequences of at least two loci, using the *compare\_and\_choose* function of the PLEXUS PERL package (Magain, 2018), into a five-locus dataset. The best partitioning scheme for this global dataset included three subsets: ITS1 and ITS2 (with TVMef+I+ $\Gamma$  as the best model); 5.8S and the 1st and 2nd codon positions of  $\beta$ -tubulin (with JC as the best model); and a third subset with the 3rd codon position, as well as the non-coding regions of  $\beta$ -tubulin, COR1b, COR3 and COR16 (with HKY+ $\Gamma$  as the best model). We performed maximum likelihood searches for the optimal tree and bootstrap analyses (1000 replicates; GTRGAMMA substitution model) using RAxML v.7.4.2 (Stamatakis 2006; Stamatakis & al., 2008). We also ran Bayesian analyses for 40 million generations, sampling every 1000th generation with MrBayes v.3.1.2 (Huelsenbeck & Ronquist, 2001) as implemented on the CIPRES portal. Two independent runs, each composed of four chains, were completed. We assessed the convergence of chains using Tracer v.1.5 (Rambaut & Drummond, 2007) and Are We There Yet (AWTY; Nylander & al., 2008) as implemented on the website [http://king2.scs.fsu.edu/CEBProjects/awty/awty\\_start.php](http://king2.scs.fsu.edu/CEBProjects/awty/awty_start.php) (last accessed 8 Feb 2017 [website no longer available]).

Using the resulting concatenated five-locus phylogeny, we divided the dataset into nine subsets corresponding to well-supported major clades (1–9, Fig. 1). Species delimitations were performed on subclades of the section and separate RAxML analyses were performed on clades 4 to 9 (clades 1–3 contain only a few specimens representing the early evolutionary splits in the section; see Results section) using the same settings as for the complete dataset. An additional analysis was performed on a dataset comprising clades 4–7, with the same settings, to test for differences in evolutionary rates among these clades.

**Species delimitation methods.** — For clades 4–9, each of the five loci was analyzed separately (except  $\beta$ -tubulin for clade 4, because of the large amount of missing data), for a total of 29 analyses. BEAST v.1.7 (Drummond & Rambaut, 2007) was used to analyze the following partitioned datasets: for ITS: ITS1, ITS2, 5.8S; for  $\beta$ -tubulin: each codon and non-coding regions; no partitions for COR1b, COR3, COR16. Optimal evolutionary models were selected with MrModeltest v.2 (Nylander, 2004). Bayesian analyses were run for 20 million generations sampling every 200,000th generation. These analyses generated sets of 100 trees each. For each of these tree sets, we completed a bGMYC analysis (Pons & al., 2006; Reid & Carstens, 2012) for 50,000 generations with a burn-in of 40,000 generations, a thinning value of 100 and thresholds values of 2 and 20. We considered a species to be well delimited by bGMYC v.1.0 when the probability of grouping a set of haplotypes together was higher than the probability of any alternative grouping that included at least one haplotype from this putative species (Electr. Suppl.: Table S2). We also used bPTP v.0.51 (Zhang & al., 2013) on the best ML tree resulting from the concatenated analysis as implemented on <http://species.h-its.org/> (last accessed on 7 Feb 2017) using default parameters.

We used bPP v.2.2 (Yang & Rannala, 2010) to validate species delimitations obtained with bGMYC and bPTP. Specimens were grouped in a distinct lineage for the bPP analyses if at least two of the species discovery methods (any of the five bGMYC analyses on each locus separately and/or the bPTP analysis on the concatenated dataset) suggested they should be considered as distinct species. For each subset, we ran bPP for 100,000 generations, sampling every 2nd generation, with a burn-in of 2000. Relative nucleotide substitution rates of the loci were estimated using the best topologies resulting from single-loci ML analyses. We repeated the analyses for a wide variety of  $\theta$  and  $\tau$  values and examined the changes in the likelihood, as well as the difference between the prior values of  $\theta$  (as defined by the prior distribution) and the posterior values of  $\theta$  as averaged from the  $\theta$  values estimated for each branch (Electr. Suppl.: Table S3).

**Testing for differential nucleotide substitution rates.** — We implemented PAML v.4.8a (Yang, 1997) on the best ML tree reconstructed from a subset of clades 4–7 where we kept one representative per species (as delimited in this study; see Results section) to compare evolutionary rates between the clade comprising sorediate species (clade 4) and the remaining clades in the tree. We ran likelihood ratio tests (LRT) to compare the different scenarios using the best tree with either a strict molecular clock, several scenarios of local clocks along the tree, or no clock (Table 1).

**Biogeographical analyses.** — For each species delimited as part of this study, we selected specimens for which at least four loci were available. If this was not possible, we selected specimens with the highest number of loci. For computational purposes, and to prevent the dataset to be too asymmetrical, we further pruned the dataset. For species represented by more than five specimens, we kept the specimens according to the following selection scheme: highest number of loci, unique geographic origin, and unique phylogenetic placement. Our final adjusted five-locus matrix consisted of 225 specimens representing 90 species. We ran a Bayesian analysis using BEAST v.2.4.5 (Bouckaert & al., 2014) for 50 million generations, sampling every 1000th generation, using unlinked substitution models, a lognormal relaxed clock linked among loci, and linked trees. MrModeltest2 (Nylander, 2004) estimated the best substitution models to be: GTR+I+ $\Gamma$  for ITS, HKY+I+ $\Gamma$  for  $\beta$ -tubulin, and HKY+ $\Gamma$  for COR1b, COR3 and COR16. We collapsed branches within each species (single branch per species) using Mesquite v.3.11 (Maddison & Maddison, 2015).

We performed biogeographic history analyses on the resulting tree using the R package BioGeoBEARS v.0.2.1 (Matzke, 2013a, b). We delimited nine geographic regions and allowed a maximum of six geographic regions per species or node because of computational limitations. Regions were delimited as follows: Europe, North America, Asia (excluding Indonesia and the Philippines), Africa, Australasia (including Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and the Philippines), Neotropics (from Mexico to Brazil), Neantarctic (Argentina, Chile), Panboreal (boreal regions of Europe, North America and Asia) and Pacific Northwest (Oregon, Washington, British Columbia). Defined regions follow the observations of distribution patterns of *Peltigera* species in other sections (e.g., Magain

**Table 1.** Likelihood scores for the best ML tree resulting from an analysis on clades 4–7 under different rate conditions.

Rates	Scenario no.	Clade 4	Clade 5	Clade 6	Clade 7	No. of rates	lnL
Molecular clock	1	r1	r1	r1	r1	1	–16855.64734
Local clock in clade 4	2	r1	r2	r2	r2	2	<b>–16737.61097</b>
Local clock in clade 5+6	3	r1	r2	r2	r1	2	–16760.69642
Local clock in clade 7	4	r1	r1	r1	r2	2	–16766.77956
Local clock in clade 6	5	r1	r1	r2	r1	2	–16768.69647
Local clock in clade 5	6	r1	r2	r1	r1	2	–16774.92650
Local clocks in clade 4 and in clade 5+6	7	r1	r2	r2	r3	3	–16737.60911
No clock	8	NA	NA	NA	NA	equal to no. of branches	<b>–16605.81107</b>

Bold values indicate the best likelihood score overall and the best likelihood score with two rate parameters. NA, not applicable.

& al., 2017a). We tested six models: DEC, DEC+J (Ree & Smith, 2008; Matzke, 2014), and likelihood interpretations of the DIVA (Ronquist, 1997; Ronquist & Sanmartín, 2011) and BAYAREA models (Landis & al., 2013), with and without the J parameter (hereafter referred as DIVALIKE, DIVALIKE+J, BAYAREALIKE and BAYAREALIKE+J). The J parameter represents the relative per-event weight of founder-events (Van Dam & Matzke, 2016).

**Phylogenetic analyses of the cyanobiont dataset.** — We amplified and sequenced the *rbcLX* locus for 305 cyanobionts directly from the same DNA isolated from lichen thalli, which was used to sequence mycobiont loci (Appendix 1; Electr. Suppl.: Table S1). We added 455 sequences from GenBank resulting in a 759-sequence dataset. Identical sequences were collapsed using the script `collapse_multi.pl` from the PERL package PLEXUS v.0.1 (Electr. Suppl.: Table S4), resulting in a final dataset of 437 unique sequences. Ambiguous regions of the alignment (i.e., the two spacers) were excluded from the phylogenetic analyses.

We performed phylogenetic analyses on the *rbcLX* dataset using RAXML-HPC2 v.7.2.8. Optimal tree and bootstrap searches were conducted with the rapid hill-climbing algorithm for 1000 replicates with the GTRGAMMA nucleotide substitution model. The dataset was partitioned according to codon positions, and the best substitution models were determined with MrModeltest2. We ran MrBayes v.3.1.2 as implemented on

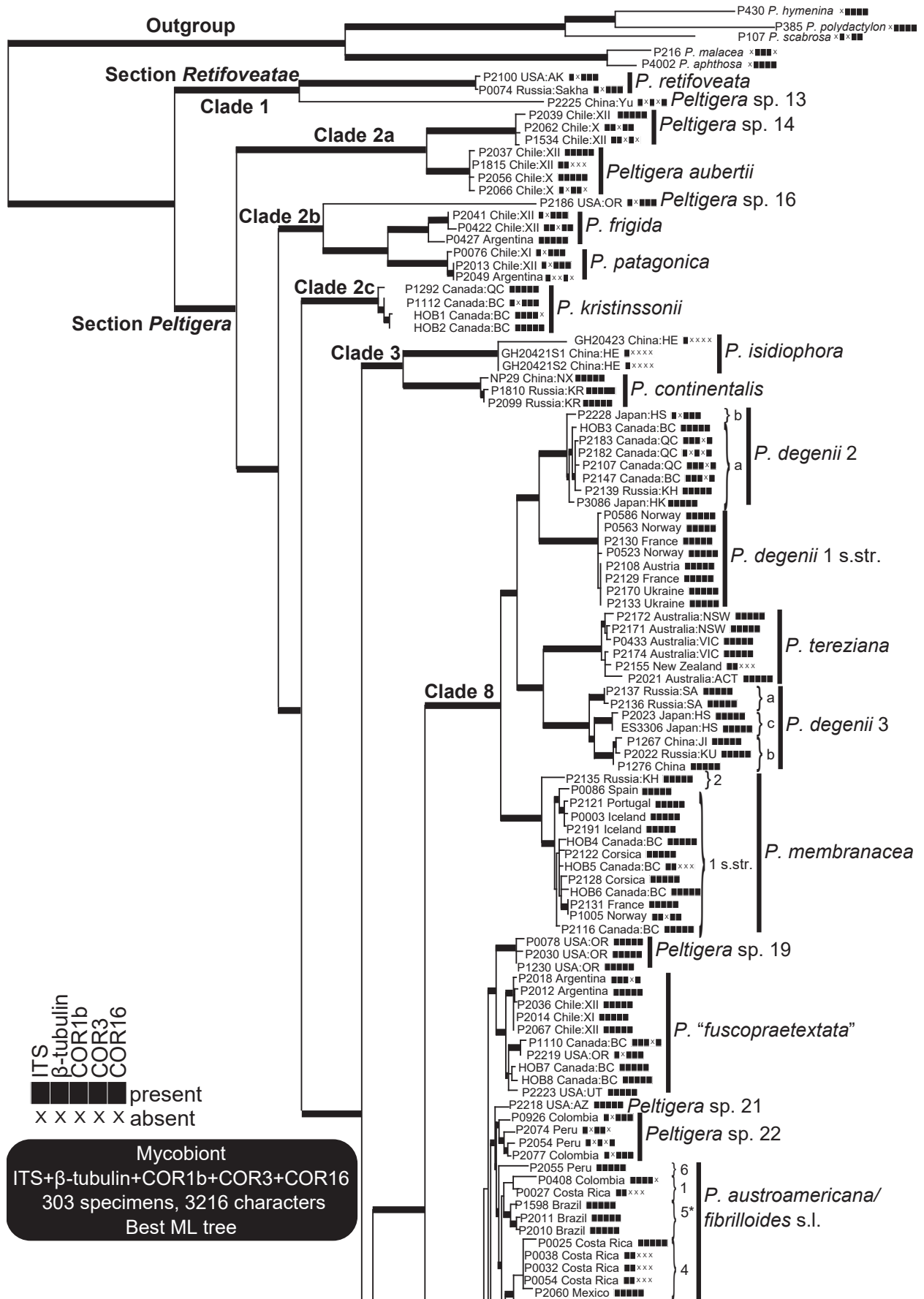
the CIPRES portal for 50 million generations, sampling every 1000th generation. Two independent runs, each composed of four chains, were performed. We assessed the convergence of chains using Tracer v.1.5 and AWTY as implemented on the website [http://king2.scs.fsu.edu/CEBProjects/awty/awty\\_start.php](http://king2.scs.fsu.edu/CEBProjects/awty/awty_start.php) (last accessed 8 Feb 2017 [website no longer available]). The first 25% of the samples were removed as burn-in.

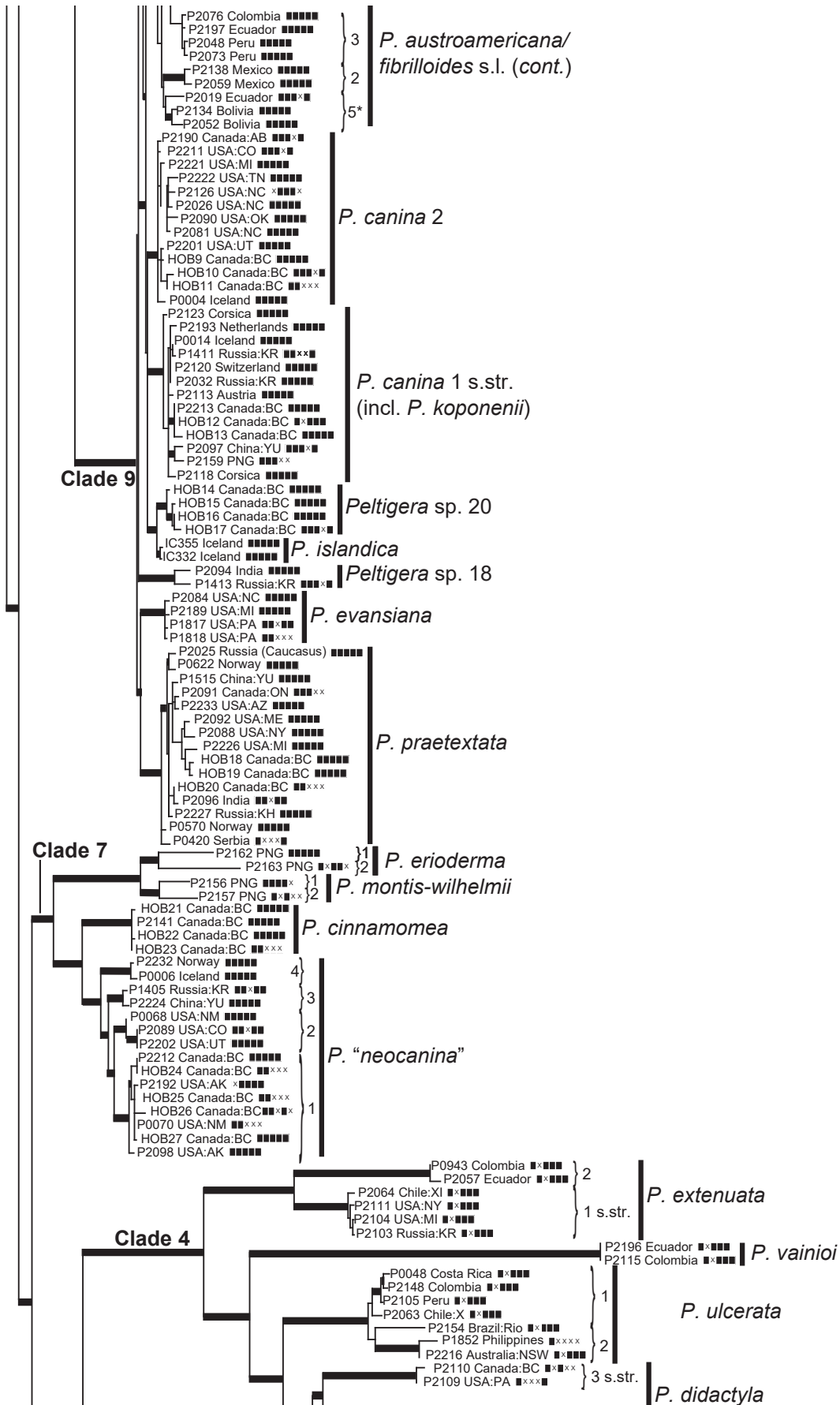
**Specificity index.** — For each *Peltigera* species for which the cyanobiont's *rbcLX* was sequenced from at least three specimens, we calculated a Specificity index, adapted from Simpson's index (Simpson, 1949), calculated as

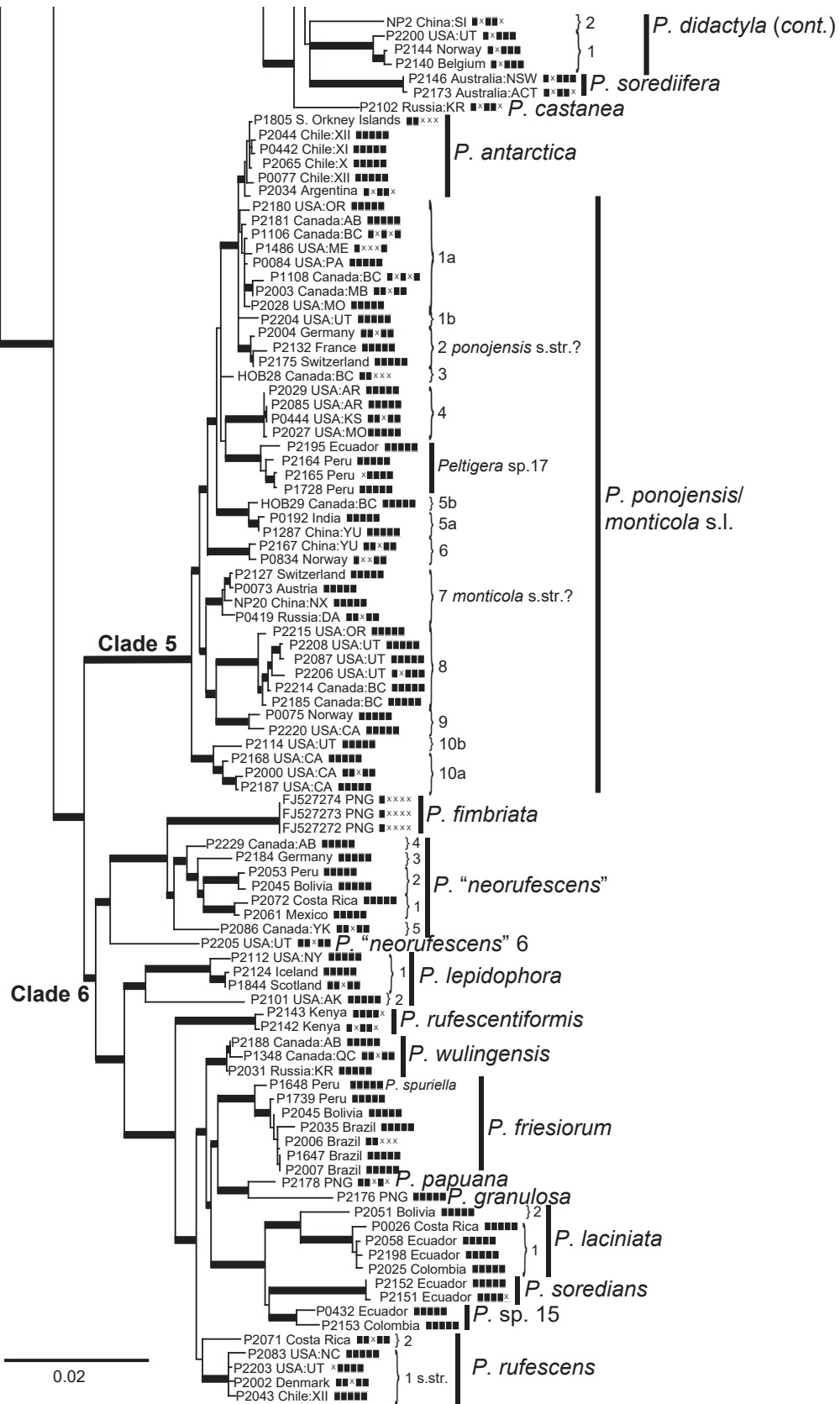
$$\sum_{i=1}^N f_i^2$$

where  $N$  is the number of *Nostoc* phylogroups that the species associates with, and  $f_i$  is the frequency of association with the phylogroup calculated as the number of *rbcLX* sequences from this phylogroup divided by the total number of *rbcLX* sequences available from cyanobionts associated with this *Peltigera* species. With this index, a true *Peltigera* specialist, i.e., a species always associating with the same *Nostoc* phylogroup, has a specificity of 1, whereas a species associating with one phylogroup in half of the thalli and another one in the other half of the specimens would have a value of 0.5. A *Peltigera* species associating with a different phylogroup in each thallus would have a value tending towards 0 with an infinite population size.

**Fig. 1.** Phylogeny of the genus *Peltigera*, sections *Peltigera* and *Retifoveatae*. Best ML tree resulting from a RaxML analysis on a concatenated dataset of five loci representing 298 specimens and 5 outgroup species from sections *Peltidea* and *Polydactylon* (Appendix 1; Electr. Suppl.: Table S1). The overall rooting of the tree follows Magain & al. (2017a). Black boxes after the reference number and geographic origin of the specimens represent sequenced loci in the following order: ITS,  $\beta$ -tubulin, COR1b, COR3, COR16. Sections were named according to Miadlikowska & Lutzoni (2000) and numbered clades were defined in this study. Thick branches received a bootstrap support  $\geq 70\%$  and Bayesian posterior probability support  $\geq 0.95$ . The consensus of species delimitations (see Results) is indicated by thick vertical lines and brackets. \**P. austroameri-canalfibrilloides* 5 as delimited by the consensus of methods does not appear monophyletic on this tree. Abbreviations: AB = Alberta, ACT = Australian Capital Territory, AK = Alaska, AR = Arkansas, AZ = Arizona, BC = British Columbia, CA = California, CO = Colorado, DA = Dagestan, HE = Hebei, HK = Hokkaido, HS = Honshu, JI = Jilin, KH = Khabarovsk, KR = Krasnoyarsk, KS = Kansas, KU = Kurile Islands, ME = Maine, MI = Michigan, MO = Missouri, NC = North Carolina, NM = New Mexico, NSW = New South Wales, NY = New York, NX = Ningxia, PA = Pennsylvania, OK = Oklahoma, ON = Ontario, OR = Oregon, PNG = Papua New Guinea, QC = Québec, SA = Sakhalin, SI = Sichuan, TN = Tennessee, UT = Utah, YK = Yukon, YU = Yunnan; X, XI, XII refer to numbers of Chilean Regions as shown in Appendix 1/ Electr. Suppl.: Table S1.









## RESULTS

### Phylogenetic relationships and species delimitation in *Peltigera* sect. *Peltigera* and sect. *Retifoveatae*.

— The monospecific section *Retifoveatae* seems to include a second species (*Peltigera* sp. 13; the numbering of new species follows Magain & al., 2017a, b, who reported 12 new *Peltigera* species for section *Polydactylon*) represented by a single collection from China (clade 1; Fig. 1). The chemistry of this putative new species is similar to the chemistry of *P. retifoveata*. The presence of unique terpenoids was the justification for recognizing a separate section (*Retifoveatae*) for *P. retifoveata* (Miadlikowska & Lutzoni, 2000).

Our results suggest the presence of 50 new species for a total of 88 species in section *Peltigera*. The newly discovered putative species are spread across the section (clades 2 and 3: 2 of 8; clade 4: 4 of 10; clade 5: 11 of 15; clade 6: 10 of 20; clade 7: 6 of 9; clade 8: 6 of 9; clade 9: 11 of 17). Ten major clades are well delimited and highly supported in section *Peltigera* (clades 2a–c, 3–9; Fig. 1); four of them (clades 2a–c, 3) represent lineages from early divergences. The first two divergences (clades 2a and 2b) include (with one exception) specimens from Chile and Argentina representing *Peltigera aubertii* C.W.Dodge and one newly recognized species (*P. sp. 14* corresponding to *Peltigera* sp. nov. in Miadlikowska & al., 2014a) in clade 2a, and two known species (*P. frigida* R.Sant., *P. patagonica* Räsänen) as well as a putative new species from the Pacific Northwest (Oregon) in clade 2b. The next two divergences include the North American *P. kristinssonii* Vitik. (clade 2c) and an Asian clade of two sister species: *P. continentalis* Vitik. and *P. isidiophora* (clade 3). The remaining six clades (clades 4–9), part of a single monophyletic group, are more species rich and contain multiple unnamed lineages intermixed with known species, some of which are non-monophyletic or are nested within broadly delimited species.

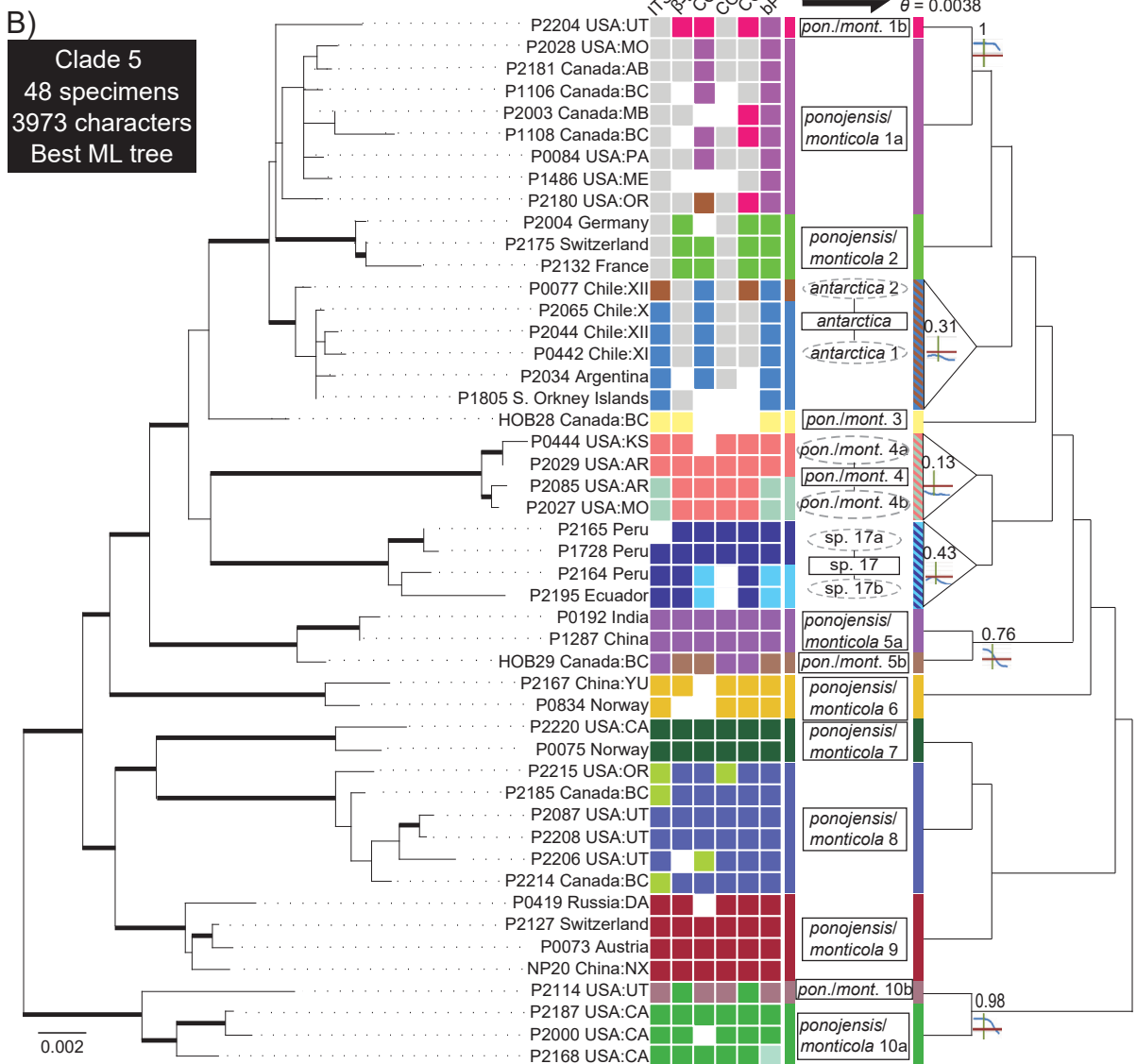
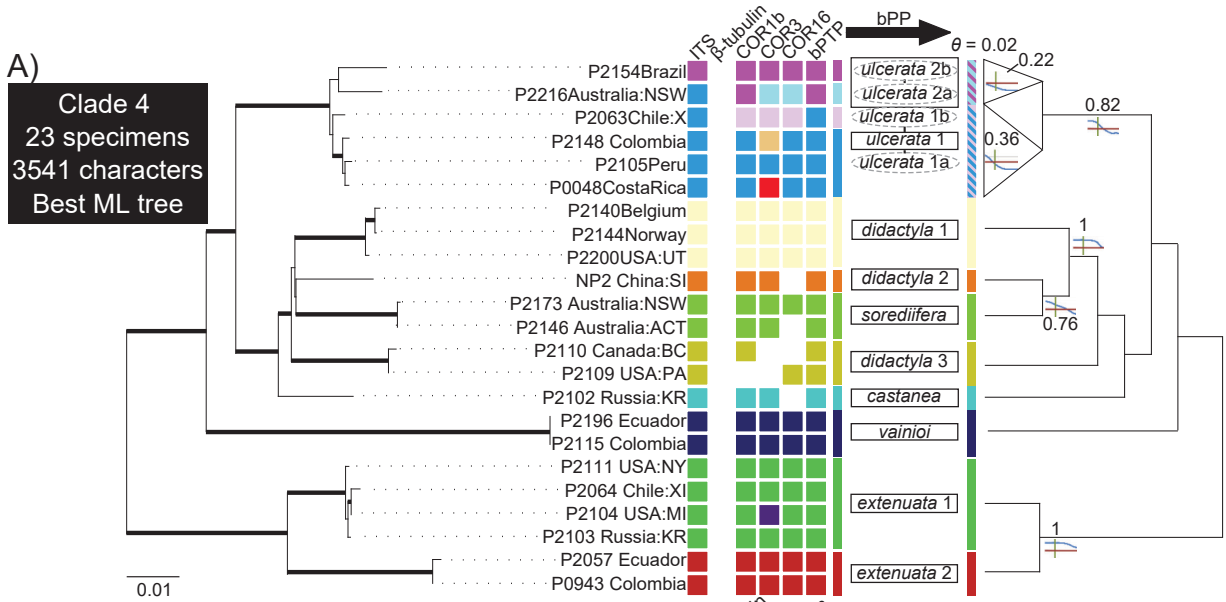
**Clade 4.** — The *P. didactyla* clade includes 24 specimens (Fig. 1) representing six currently recognized, all sorediate, species (Fig. 1): *P. castanea*, *P. didactyla*, *P. extenuata*,

*P. sorediifera*, *P. ulcerata*, and *P. vainioi* Gyeln. Species discovery methods delimited 10 to 14 species in this clade (Fig. 2A; Electr. Suppl.: Table S2). *Peltigera castanea*, *P. sorediifera* and *P. vainioi* were considered well-delimited, whereas each of the remaining three species represents potentially multiple species (*P. didactyla* includes three species, *P. extenuata* includes two, and *P. ulcerata* includes up to four). Twelve lineages were subjected to bPP analyses for validation (Fig. 2A). The final bPP analysis ( $\theta = 0.02$ ; Electr. Suppl.: Table S3) supported the recognition of two putative species within *P. ulcerata* (*P. ulcerata* 1 and 2; Fig. 2A), and validated the remaining eight species.

**Clade 5.** — The *P. ponojensis* Gyeln./*P. monticola* Vitik. clade includes 48 specimens (Fig. 1) representing three currently recognized species: *P. antarctica* C.W.Dodge, *P. monticola* and *P. ponojensis*. This is one of the two clades (together with clade 9) with the highest level of discrepancy among the results provided by the species discovery methods (11 to 17 species recognized) and with multiple specimens failing to group to a species according to our bGMYC criterion (gray boxes in Fig. 2B; Electr. Suppl.: Table S2). Among the 18 lineages selected to be validated by bPP ( $\theta = 0.0038$ ; Fig. 2B; Electr. Suppl.: Table S3), 15 were confirmed. Two of them represent the new species *P. sp. 17* and *P. antarctica* as currently circumscribed, whereas specimens identified as *P. monticola* and *P. ponojensis* were assigned to thirteen mostly intermixed putative species (Fig. 2B).

**Clade 6.** — The *P. rufescens* clade includes 43 specimens (Fig. 1) representing eleven currently recognized species: *Peltigera granulosa*, *P. fimbriata*, *P. laciniata* (G.Merr.) Gyeln., *P. lepidophora*, *P. papuana*, *P. rufescens*, *P. rufescentiformis* (Gyeln.) C.W.Dodge, *P. soredians* Vitik., *P. wulingensis*, specimens that probably correspond to *P. friesiorum* Gyeln. and *P. spuriella* Vain., and a putative species provisionally named *P. “neorufescens”* (Miadlikowska & Lutzoni, 2000; Miadlikowska & al., 2003). Species discovery methods suggested the presence of 12 to 19 species. All 19 lineages representing putative species were validated by bPP ( $\theta = 0.004$ ; Fig. 2C) with support values  $>0.99$  (Fig. 2C; Electr. Suppl.: Table S2).

**Fig. 2.** Comparison of species delimitations resulting from bGMYC analyses on each locus separately and bPTP analyses on members of the following clades within section *Peltigera*: 4 (A), 5 (B), 6 (C), 7 (D), 8 (E), and 9 (F). The left panel on each figure represents the best ML tree where thick branches received bootstrap support  $\geq 70\%$ . Boxes of the same color indicate congruent species delimitation among methods/loci for each specimen. White boxes indicate missing loci. A gradient of two colors represents conflicting species delimitations with similar probability values (see Electr. Suppl.: Table S2). The columns with locus names represent species delimitation with bGMYC. bPTP results were obtained on the best ML tree resulting from the concatenated 5-locus dataset. The color-coded bars to the left of the lineage names, as well as lineage names in dashed ovals, represent species assignments prior to the bPP analysis, whereas the color-coded bars to the right of the lineage names and the lineage names in black boxes represent the final bPP results (mean value of the  $\theta$  parameter of the final analysis is shown above the color-coded bars). The right panel on each figure represents a schematic species tree where triangles indicate lineages merged by bPP, whereas lines represent species validated by bPP, according to the final bPP analysis. Graphs associated with selected nodes represent the posterior probability of keeping the two species separate (from 0 to 1, Y axis) as a function of the prior mean of the  $\theta$  value (logarithmic scale, X axis); the horizontal red line represents a PP value of 0.5, whereas the vertical green line represents the  $\theta$  value chosen for the final analysis (Electr. Suppl.: Table S3).  $\theta$  values ranges from 0.001 to 0.032 for clades 5, 7, 8 and 9; from 0.01 to 0.1 for clade 4; and from 0.001 to 0.1 for clade 6. Posterior probability values associated with the final analyses are shown above each graph. Abbreviations: AB = Alberta, ACT = Australian Capital Territory, AK = Alaska, AR = Arkansas, AZ = Arizona, BC = British Columbia, CA = California, CC = Caucasus, CO = Colorado, DA = Dagestan, HE = Hebei, HK = Hokkaido, HS = Honshu, JI = Jilin, KH = Khabarovsk, KR = Krasnoyarsk, KS = Kansas, KU = Kurile Islands, ME = Maine, MI = Michigan, MO = Missouri, NC = North Carolina, NM = New Mexico, NSW = New South Wales, NY = New York, NX = Ningxia, PA = Pennsylvania, OK = Oklahoma, ON = Ontario, OR = Oregon, PNG = Papua New Guinea, QC = Québec, SA = Sakhalin, SI = Sichuan, TN = Tennessee, UT = Utah, YK = Yukon, YU = Yunnan, X, XI, XII refer to numbers of Chilean Regions as shown in Electr. Suppl.: Table S1. Specimens in the *ponojensis/monticola* clade were abbreviated as *pon./mont.* and *austroamericana/fibrilloides* as *austr./fibr.*

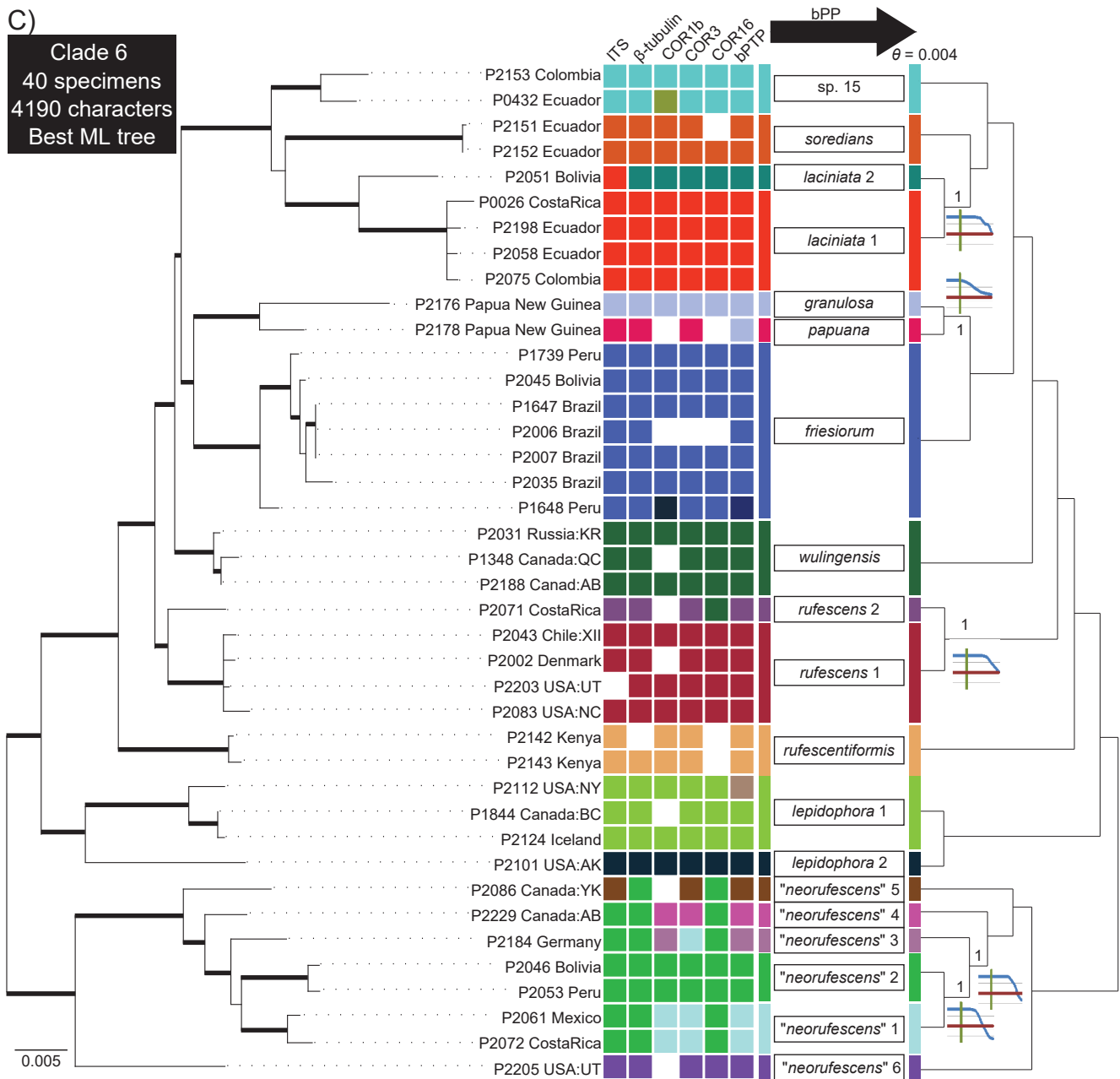


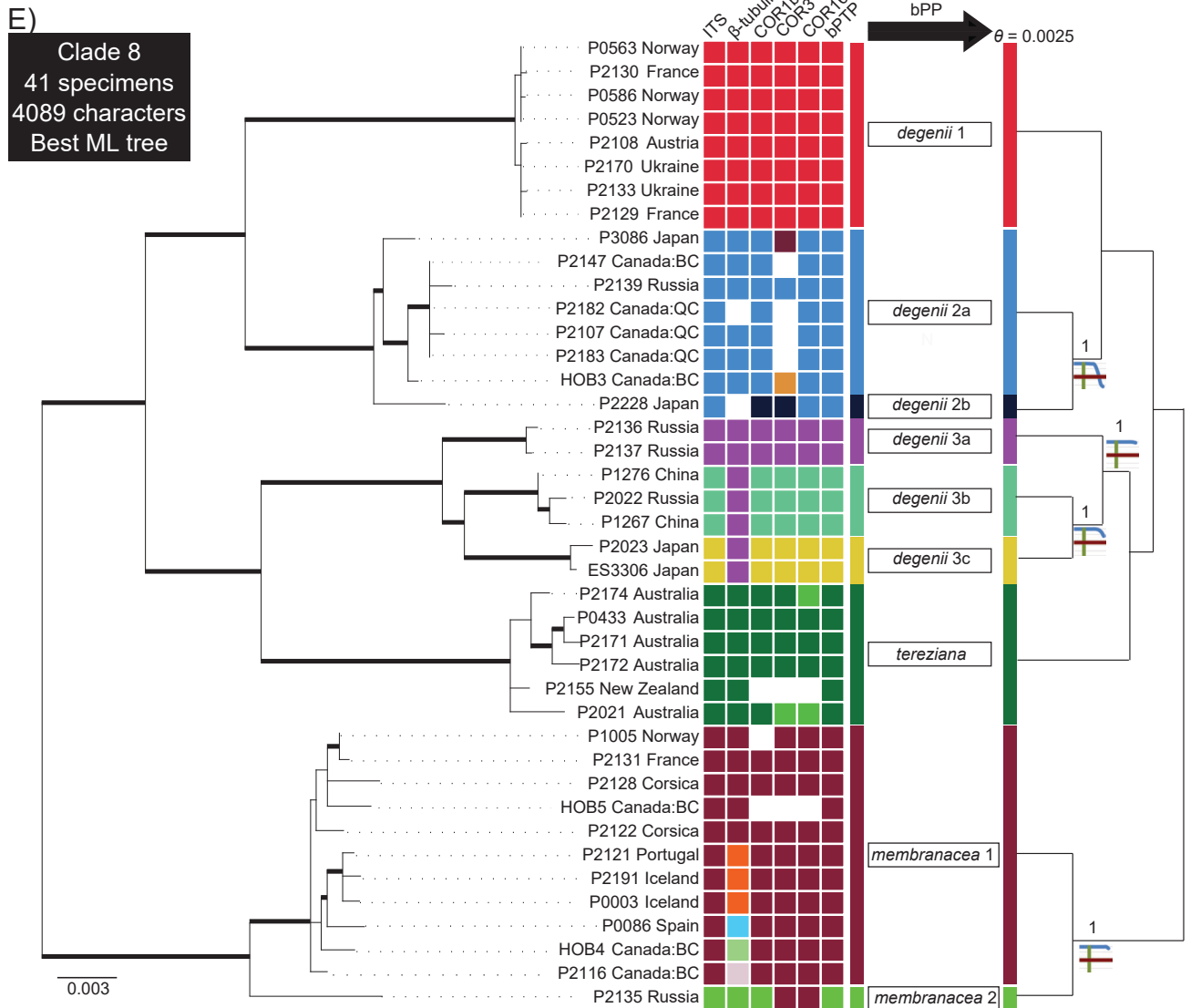
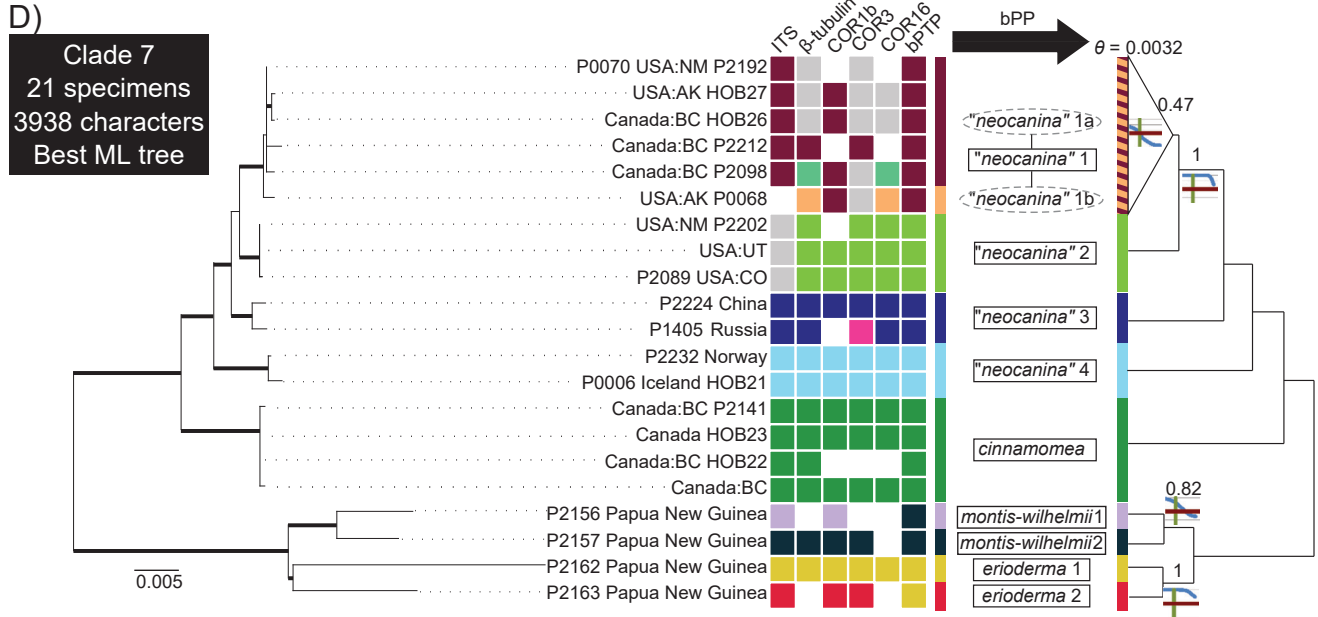
**Clade 7.** — The *P. cinnamomea* Goward clade includes 23 specimens (Fig. 1) representing three currently recognized species: *P. cinnamomea*, *P. erioderma* Vain., and *P. montis-wilhelmii*, as well as one putative species provisionally named *Peltigera* “*neocanina*” (informally introduced by Miadlikowska & Lutzoni, 2000 and Miadlikowska & al., 2003 and referred to by O’Brien & al., 2009). Discovery analyses on 21 specimens suggested the presence of 8 to 10 species (Fig. 2D; Electr. Suppl.: Table S2). Of the ten lineages representing putative species, bPP validated ( $\theta = 0.0032$ ) all but one (*P. “neocanina”* 1a and 1b were merged) (Fig. 2D). *Peltigera* “*neocanina*” seems to include four species, whereas *P. erioderma* and *P. montis-wilhelmii*, each seems to include two distinct species.

**Clade 8.** — The *P. degenii*/*P. membranacea* clade includes 42 specimens (Fig. 1) representing three currently recognized

species: *P. degenii*, *P. membranacea* and *P. tereziana* Gyeln. Species discovery methods suggested the presence of 8 to 11 species (Fig. 2E; Electr. Suppl.: Table S2). All nine tested lineages representing putative species were validated by bPP ( $\theta = 0.0025$ ) with PP values >0.99 (Fig. 2E). *Peltigera membranacea* and *P. degenii* seem to include two and six species, respectively.

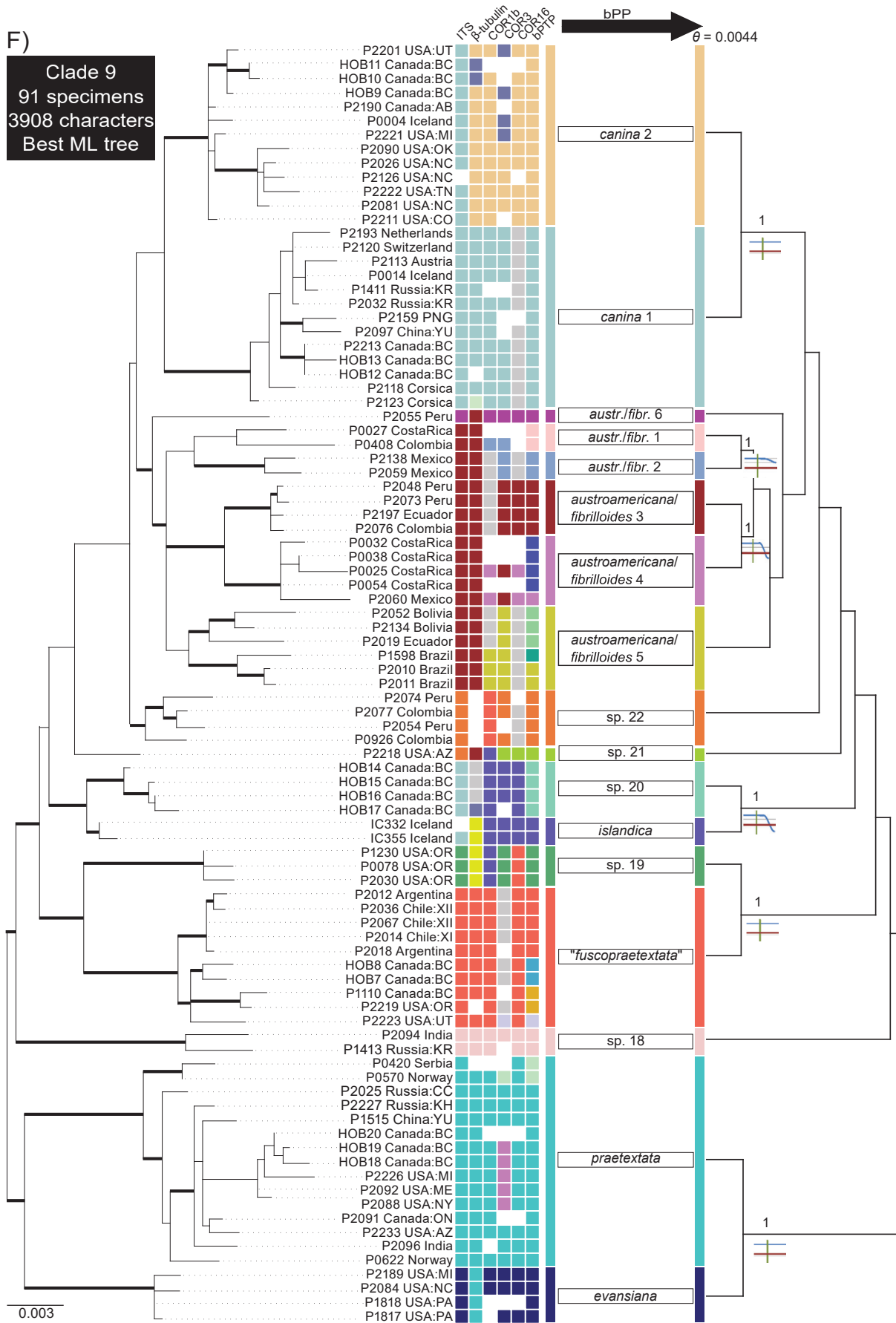
**Clade 9.** — The *P. canina* clade includes 91 specimens (Fig. 1) representing seven currently recognized species (*P. austroamericana* Zahlbr., *P. canina*, *P. evansiana* Gyeln., *P. fibriloides* (Gyeln.) Vitik., *P. islandica*, *P. koponenii*, *P. praetextata*), one putative species provisionally named *P. “fuscopraetextata”* (informally introduced by Miadlikowska & al. [2003] and referred to by O’Brien & al., 2009) and five unnamed lineages (*Peltigera* spp. 18–22). Species discovery methods showed a high disagreement in the number of suggested putative species





F)

Clade 9  
91 specimens  
3908 characters  
Best ML tree



(10 to 24) and some specimens remained outside of recognized species according to bGMYC (gray boxes in Fig. 2F; Electr. Suppl.: Table S2). Seventeen putative species were subjected to species validation using bPP ( $\theta = 0.0044$ ). All were validated with PP > 0.99. Specimens identified as *Peltigera austroamericana* and *P. fibrilloides* were intermixed within six distinct monophyletic groups (*P. austr./fibr.* 1–6). Monophyletic *Peltigera canina* seems to represent two species, including *Peltigera koponenii* nested in *P. canina* 1. Delimitations of the remaining species, i.e., *P. praetextata*, *P. evansiana*, and *P. sp.* 22 did not change (Fig. 2F).

**Contribution of intergenic spacers from COR to species delimitation.** — Although species discovery methods provided largely congruent results for most parts of the tree, there were some differences. For example, the addition of the three new COR loci that led to the recognition of a much higher number of species (but see Magain & al., 2017b). Genetic variation in these intergenic spacers could either unveil unknown species diversity not detected by commonly used markers like ITS and  $\beta$ -tubulin, or alternatively could reflect intraspecific structure. Cases supporting the recognition of several lineages deriving exclusively from COR regions include five and six species recognized within *P. “neorufescens”* and *P. austroamericana/fibrilloides*, respectively, versus 1–2 using other markers (Fig. 2C, F). *Peltigera canina* 1 and 2, which were treated as a single species based on ITS, were resolved as two distinct species based on all other loci, including  $\beta$ -tubulin.

**Sensitivity analyses for  $\theta$  values.** — Our species delimitation depends largely on the  $\theta$  value selected for the bPP validation analyses. It is very difficult to estimate this value because mutation rates and population sizes are unknown for lichen-forming fungi (Magain & al., 2017a). Therefore, we provided information about the observed changes in species delimitation as a function of the  $\theta$  prior values, to assess the sensitivity of the delimitations and consider alternative hypotheses (Figs. 2A–F; Electr. Suppl.: Table S3). Cases where slightly higher values of  $\theta$  resulted in the merging of otherwise distinct lineages include *P. ponojensis/monticola* 5a and 5b (in clade 5), *P. montis-wilhelmii* 1 and 2 (in clade 7), *P. ulcerata* 1 and 2, and *P. didactyla* 2/*P. sorediifera* (in clade 4). Noticeably higher  $\theta$  values caused additional merging in *P. islandica* and *Peltigera* sp. 20 in clade 9 (Manoharan-Basil & al., 2016); *P. laciniata* 1 and 2, *P. granulosa* and *P. papuana*, *P. “neorufescens”* 1–3, *P. rufescens* 1 and 2 in clade 6, or *P. degenii* 2a and 2b in clade 8. Very high values of  $\theta$  would lead to much broader species delimitations.

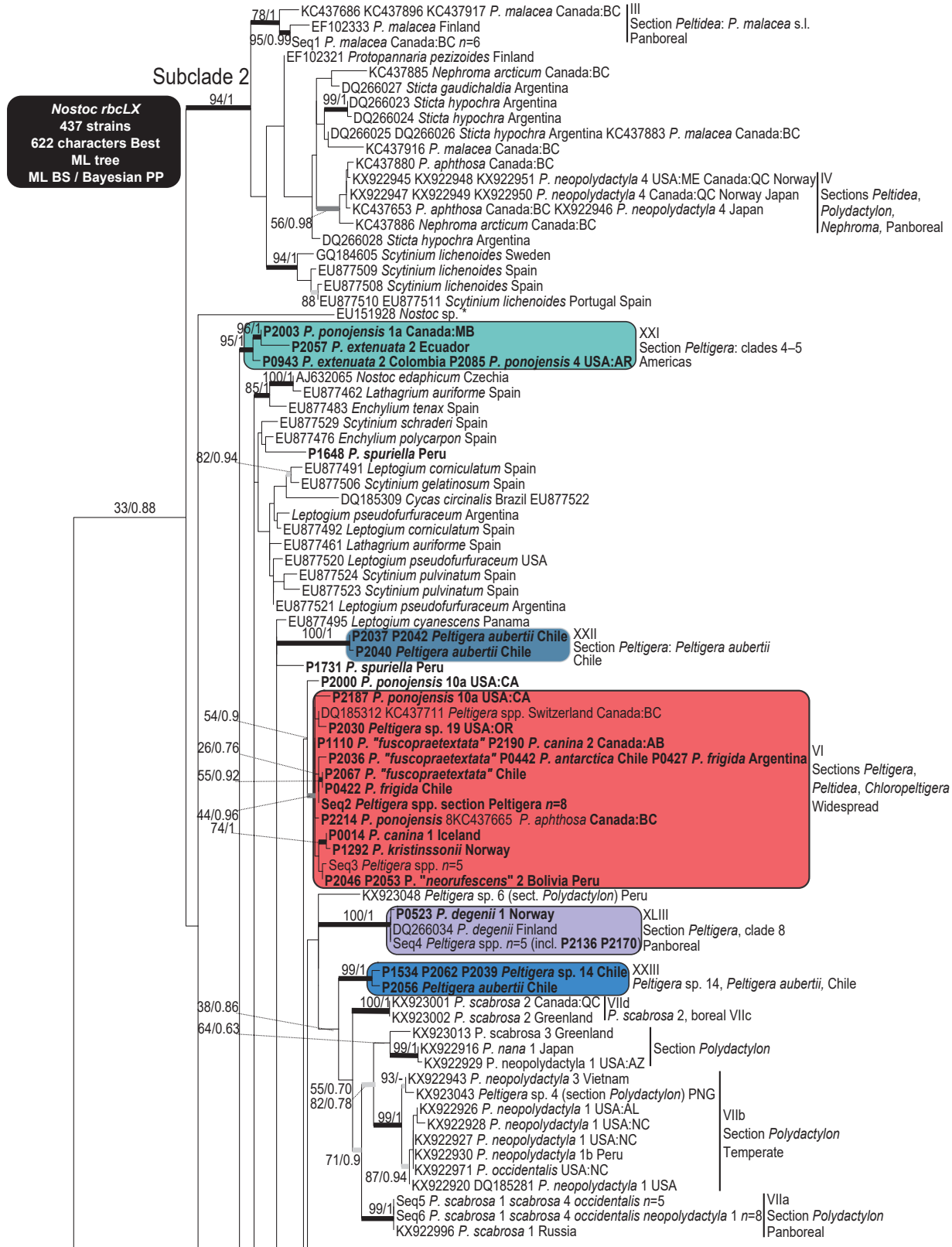
**Nucleotide substitution rate heterogeneity among clades 4–7 in section *Peltigera*.** — In the five-locus phylogeny (Fig. 1), clade 4 seems to be evolving faster compared to the other clades. We tested various scenarios of rates distribution by enforcing different molecular rate models across a phylogeny resulting from a dataset restricted to clades 4–7. A scenario without molecular clock along the tree (scenario 8; Table 1) was significantly better than the other models. A strict molecular clock (all rates equal, scenario 1) was rejected, suggesting a pattern of rate heterogeneity among clades. A model with a different rate of nucleotide substitution in clade 4 (scenario 2) was the best

of the scenarios where a local rate was applied to one specific clade (i.e., compared to scenarios 3–6). A scenario with three rates (one for clade 4, one for clade 5–6 and one for clade 7 (scenario 7), was not significantly better than scenario 2, but was significantly better than the other scenarios with two rates (scenarios 3–6). Our results suggest that the rate of nucleotide substitution in clade 4 (scenario 2) is nearly twice (1.92) as high as in the rest of the tree.

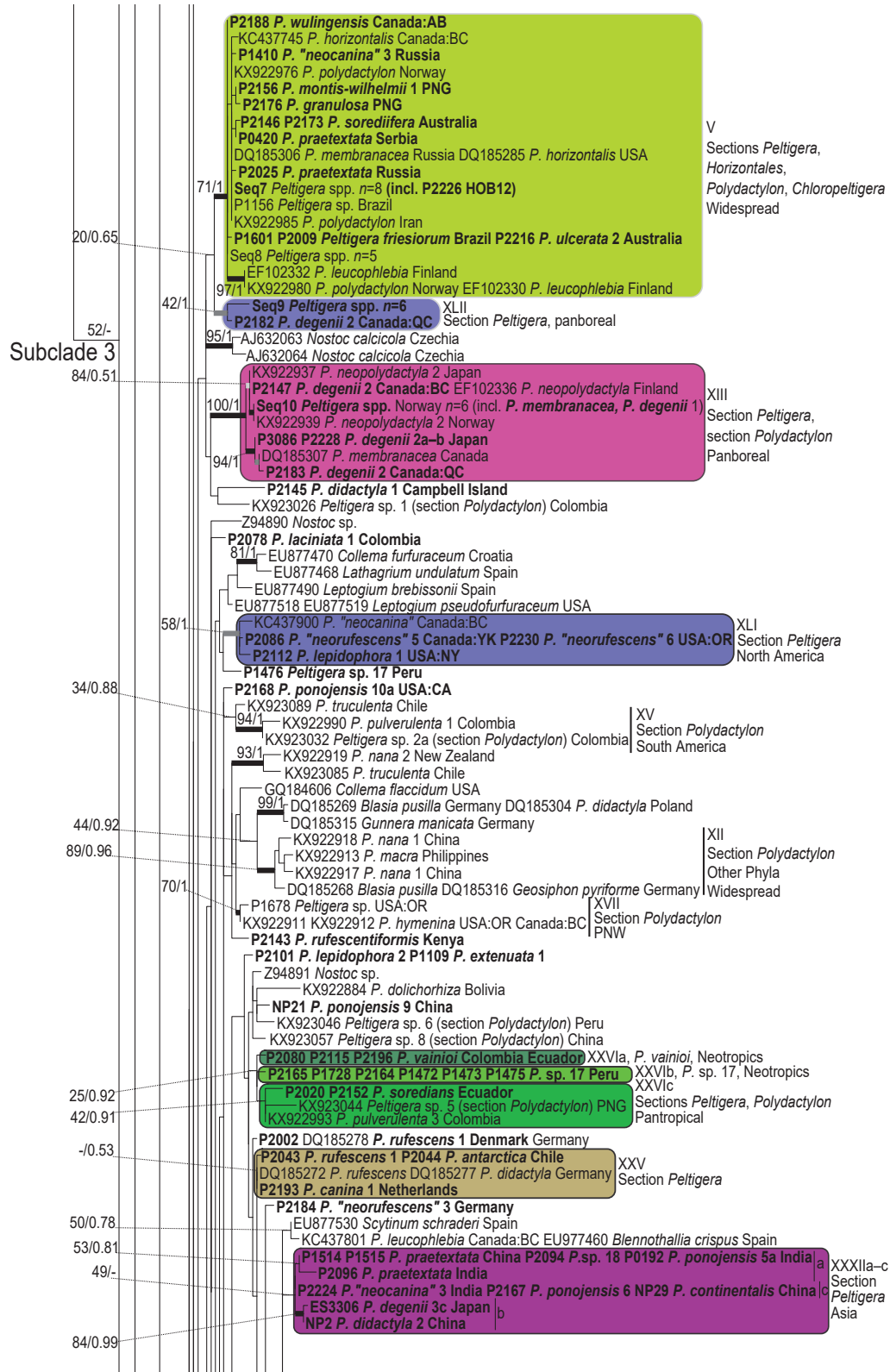
***Nostoc* phylogeny.** — Overall, the *rbcLX* phylogeny with two major *Nostoc* clades and three subclades within *Nostoc* clade 2 (Fig. 3) matches topologies from previous studies (O’álora & al., 2010; Magain & al., 2017a). *Nostoc* clade 1 and subclades 1 and 2 within clade 2 received high support. All cyanobionts associated with members of sections *Peltigera* and *Retifoveatae* belong to *Nostoc* clade 2 subclade 3, and many of them are part of a very large polytomy inside this subclade. In addition to the phylogroups delimited by O’Brien & al. (2013; phylogroups I–VI) and Magain & al. (2017a; phylogroups VII–XX), we recognized 28 phylogroups (phylogroups XXI–XLVIII) to accommodate well-defined clades containing newly added *rbcLX* sequences from *Nostoc* cyanobionts that were not represented in the previous studies. Phylogroups XXV, XXVI, XXVII, XXX, XXXI, XXXII, XXXIII, XXXVII, and XXXIX received low support, however, *Nostoc* strains within many of these clades seem to be associated with *Peltigera* species that share similar ecological conditions. The remaining phylogroups are mostly well-supported by ML bootstrap and/or Bayesian posterior probabilities (Fig. 3).

**Specificity of *Peltigera* species.** — The Specificity index (S-index) for species of section *Peltigera* ranges from 0.2 to 1 (Electr. Suppl.: Table S5; Figs. 4 and 5). Species for which we obtained *rbcLX* sequences from only three to four thalli show, on average, higher specificity values than species for which we sequenced *rbcLX* from more than four thalli (Fig. 4A). None of these species received an S-index value below 0.4, demonstrating the bias of small sample size toward high levels of specialization. Therefore, we compared the S-index values for species with at least five *rbcLX* sequences. The average specificity is lower in section *Peltigera* (95% confidence interval:  $0.49 \pm 0.08$ ; Fig. 4B) than in section *Polydactylon* (95% confidence interval:  $0.57 \pm 0.13$ ; Fig. 4C). Six of 25 species (24%) in section *Peltigera* have S-indexes  $\geq 0.6$  (Fig. 4B) compared to 7 of 17 species (41%) in section *Polydactylon* (Fig. 4C); whereas 9 of 25 (36%) species in section *Peltigera* have S-indexes  $< 0.4$  versus 5 of 17 (29%) in section *Polydactylon*.

Levels of specificity in section *Peltigera* seem to represent a continuum rather than distinct categories (Fig. 4B). Most species do not show a high degree of specialization, but early diverged species have in general high degrees of specificity (e.g., *P. retifoveata* and its phylogroup XXXIIIa, and *P. kristinssonii* with phylogroup VI [Fig. 5], which is concordant with the study by Magain & al. (2017a) for section *Polydactylon*. However, most early diverged species in section *Peltigera* were generally poorly sampled or are relatively rare, which may partly explain this trend. Moreover, *P. frigida* and *P. aubertii*, part of early speciation events (clades 2a and b), are exceptions with intermediate levels of specialization (Fig. 5).

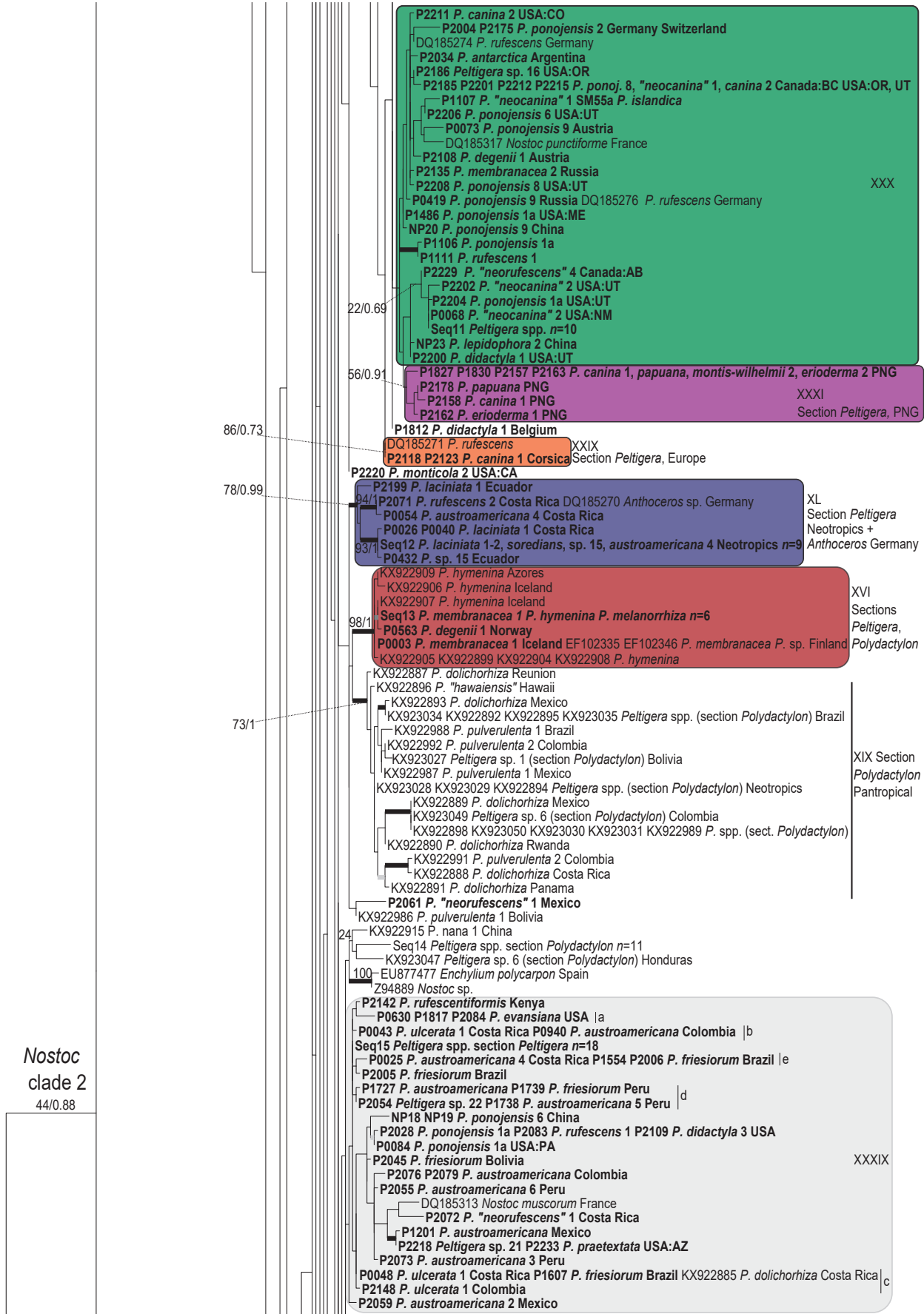


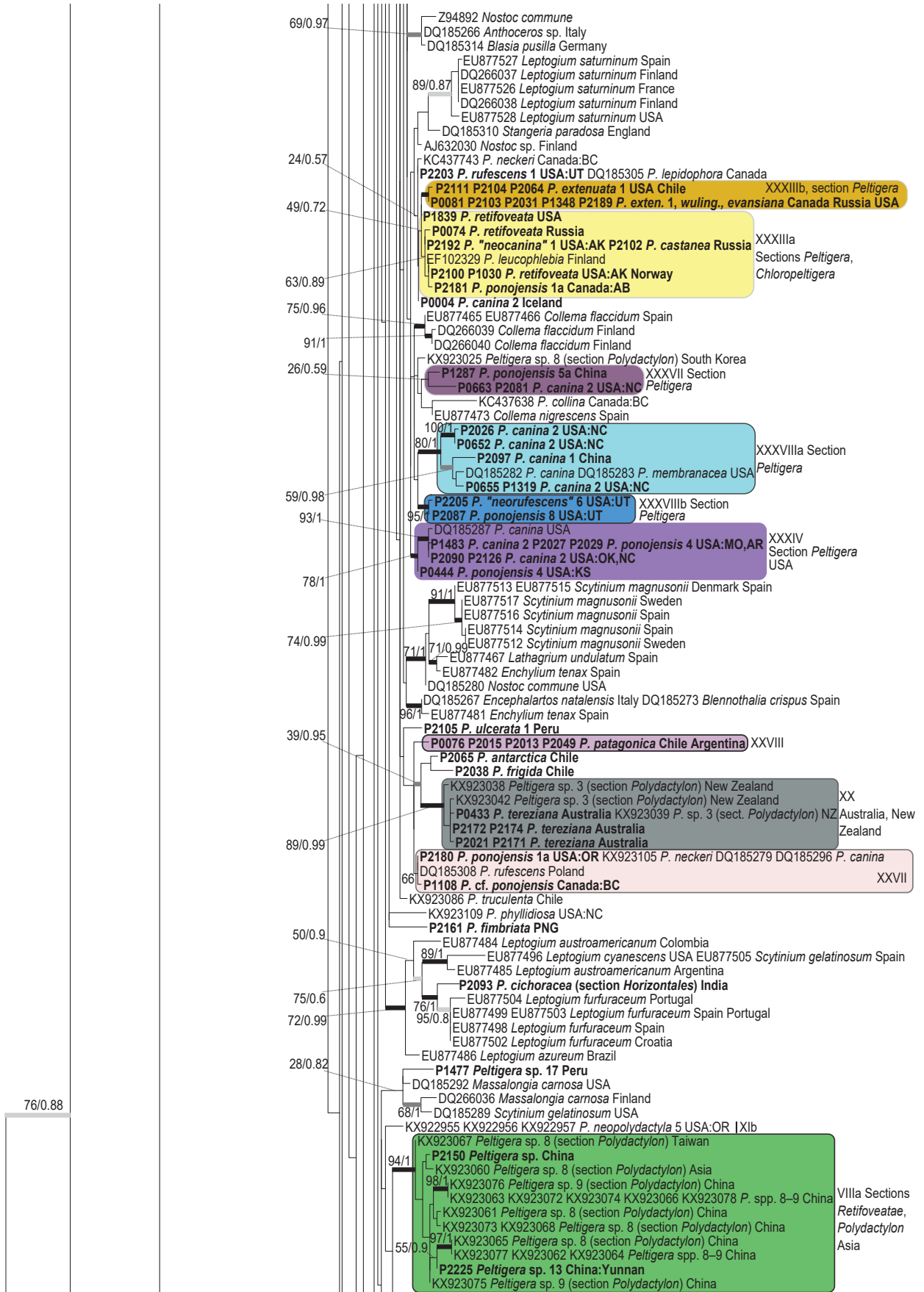
**Fig. 3.** Best ML tree for *Nostoc* resulting from a phylogenetic analysis on the *rbcLX* locus (622 characters) for 437 strains. The delimitation of *Nostoc* clades and subclades are concordant with Otálora & al. (2010). The delimitation of phylogroups follows O’Brien & al. (2013; phylogroups III–VI), Magain & al. (2017a; phylogroups VII–XX), and this study (phylogroups XXI–XLIII). Strains shown in bold represent sequences from sections *Peltigera* and *Retifoveatae* generated for this study. Colored boxes delimit *Nostoc* phylogroups, which contain newly generated sequences from cyanobionts associated with mycobionts of sections *Peltigera* and *Retifoveatae*. The remaining phylogroups are delimited by

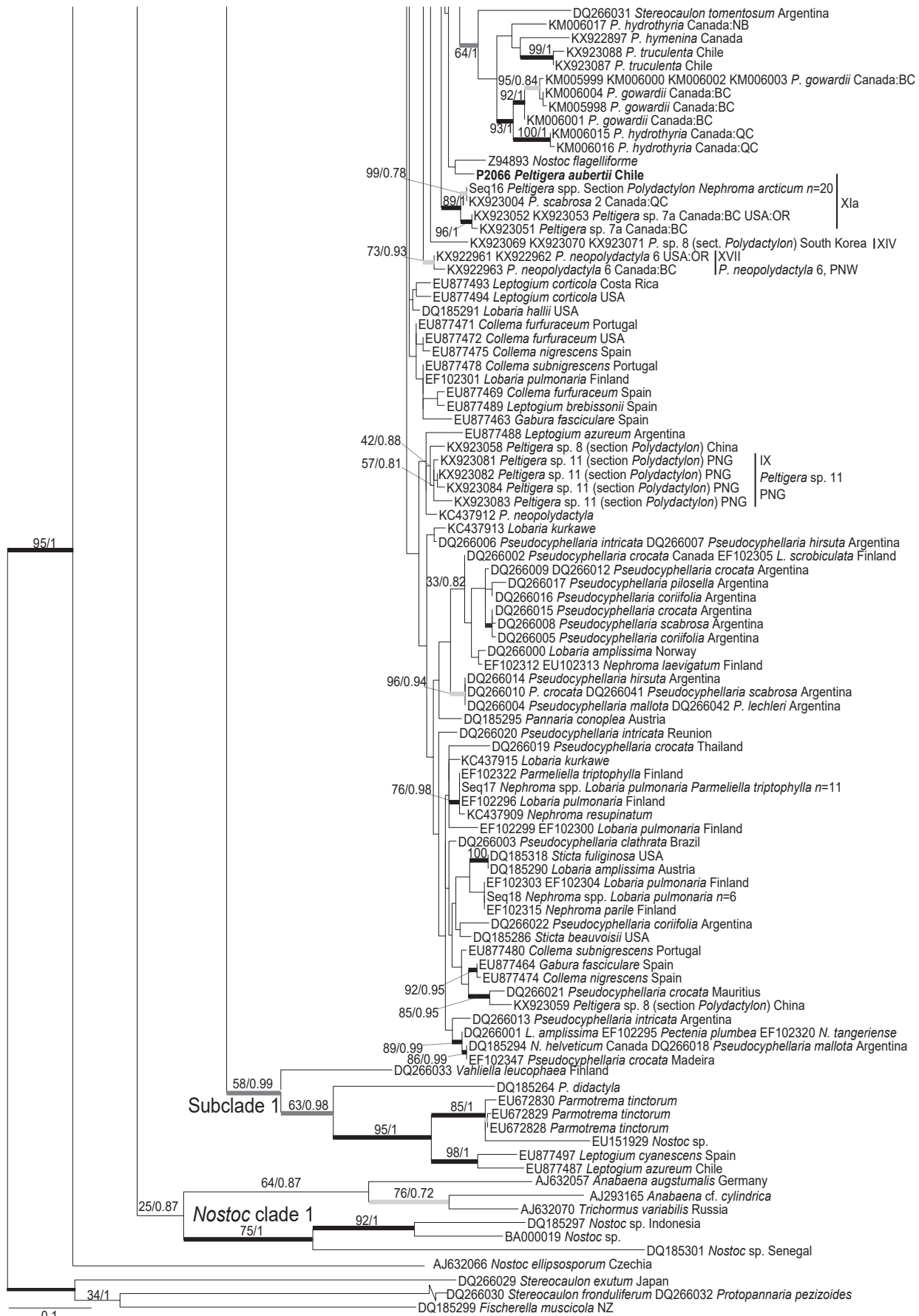


► black vertical bars. Values above or below branches represent the ML bootstrap support (before slash) and Bayesian posterior probabilities (after slash) when at least one branch is considered supported (ML BS  $\geq 70\%$  and or Bayesian PP  $\geq 0.95$ ). Thick branches received ML BS  $\geq 70\%$  and Bayesian PP  $\geq 0.95$ , dark gray branches received ML BS  $< 70\%$  and Bayesian PP  $\geq 0.95$ , whereas light gray branches received ML BS  $\geq 70\%$  and Bayesian PP  $< 0.95$ . Number of identical sequences (*n*) represented by a single strain in the phylogeny is provided after the terminal name and the complete list of sequences is included in Electr. Suppl.: Table S4. Symbionts of the *ponojensis/monticola* clade were abbreviated as *ponojensis* and *austroamericanafibrilloides* as *austroamericana*.



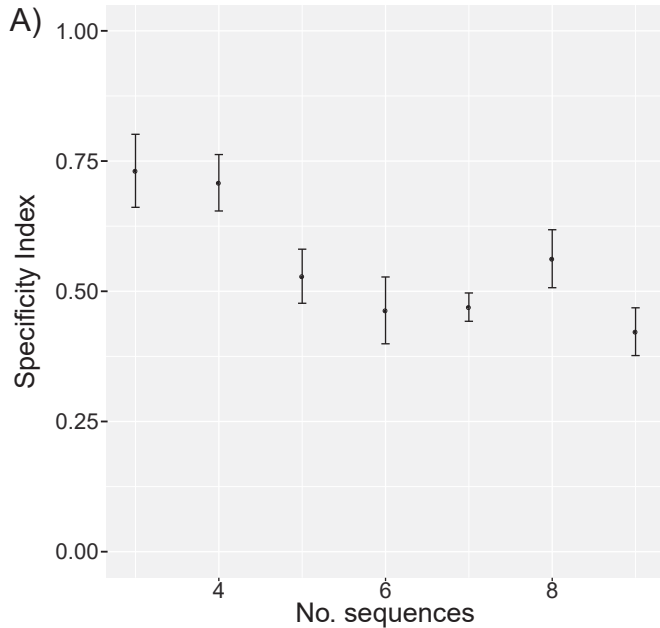




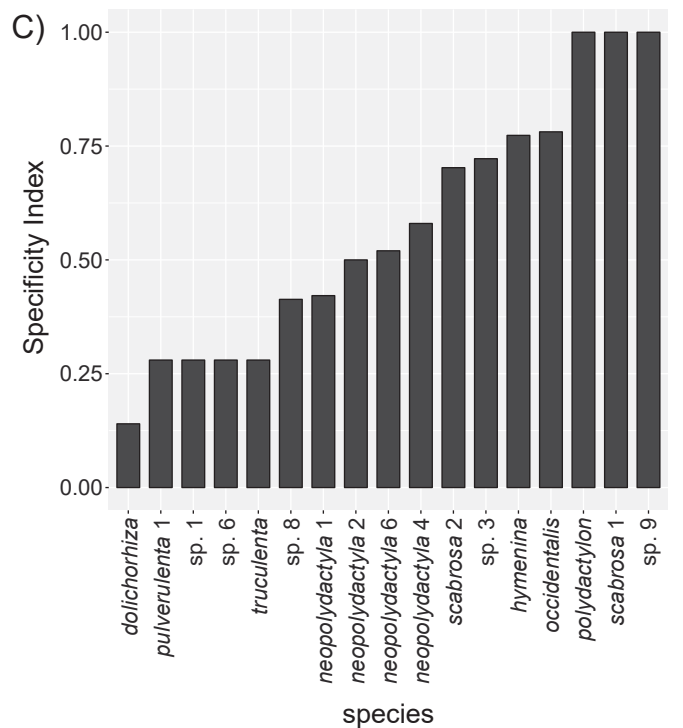
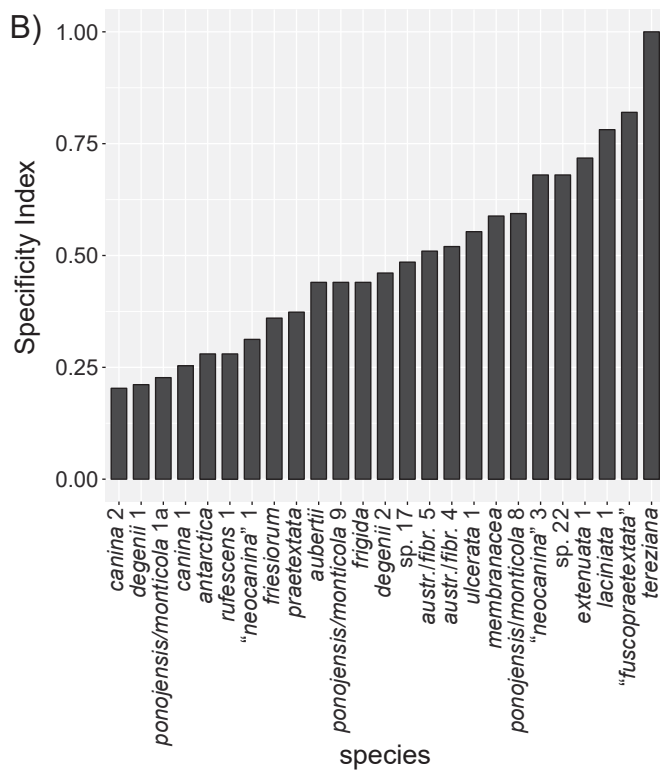


Contrary to the recent neotropical species of section *Polydactylon*, which are mostly generalists (Magain & al., 2017a), neotropical species from section *Peltigera* displayed moderate to high levels of specificity toward their cyanobionts, except for *P. friesiorum* with a Specificity index of 0.36 (Fig. 5). In section *Peltigera*, we detected two examples of one-to-one reciprocal specificity: *P. vainioi* with its phylogroup XXVIa and *P. patagonica* with phylogroup XXVIII. Another example of strong specificity involves the widespread *P. extenuata* 1, which was found with phylogroup XXXIIIb along a broad geographic range from Chile to Russia (Krasnoyarsk Region).

**Distribution and specificity of *Nostoc* phylogroups.** — Many *Nostoc* phylogroups associating with members of section *Peltigera* are widespread geographically and were found in association with multiple *Peltigera* species from this section. For example, phylogroup V occurred in 53 thalli of 20 species from section *Peltigera* (clades 4–9; Fig. 5). This *Nostoc* phylogroup was found in association with five species from section *Polydactylon*, and members of three other sections (*P.* sect. *Horizontales* Miqdl. & Lutzoni, sect. *Peltidea*, sect. *Chloropeltigera*; Magain & al., 2017a). *Nostoc* phylogroup V has an almost cosmopolitan distribution and was collected on all continents except Africa and Antarctica, from where little or no data is available (Fig. 3). *Nostoc* phylogroup VI was found in 28 thalli representing 12 species from four clades of section *Peltigera* (Fig. 5). This phylogroup is also commonly associated with species from section *Chloropeltigera* (Fig. 3) (O’Brien & al., 2013; Magain & al., 2017a; Pardo-De la Hoz & al., in press) and was collected in the two Americas and in Europe. Phylogroup XXX was reported from 35 thalli representing 19 species, whereas phylogroup XXXIX was found in 36 thalli



**Fig. 4. A,** Average raw Specificity index of *Peltigera* species calculated as the sum of the square frequencies of interactions with *Nostoc* as a function of the number of *rbcLX* sequences of the cyanobiont; **B,** Raw Specificity index for each species of section *Peltigera* for which we obtained *rbcLX* sequences from more than five cyanobionts; **C,** Raw Specificity index for each species of section *Polydactylon* for which *rbcLX* sequences were available from more than five cyanobionts (Magain & al., 2017a). Specimens in the *austroamericana/fibrilloides* as *austr.fibr.*



**Table 2.** Likelihood values and estimations of parameters for the six models tested for biogeographical analyses with BioGeoBEARS.

Model	LnL	No. parameters	d	e	j
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DEC+J	<b>-305.2048</b>	3	0.0437	1.00E-12	0.0433
DIVALIKE	-327.2447	2	0.0688	1.00E-12	0
DIVALIKE+J	-309.0618	3	0.0504	1.38E-08	0.0341
BAYAREALIKE	-352.1448	2	0.0594	0.6401	0
BAYAREALIKE+J	-315.6641	3	0.0355	1.00E-07	0.0676

The best likelihood value is shown in bold. d, dispersal; e, local extinction; j, founder effect.

representing 14 species (Fig. 5). These two phylogroups have almost cosmopolitan distributions. However, their monophyletic delimitation was poorly supported in the *Nostoc* phylogeny (Fig. 3).

Similar to other sections such as *Peltidea* and *Polydactylon* (O'Brien & al., 2013; Magain & al., 2017a), *Nostoc* phylogroups with very high specificity were also found in section *Peltigera*. They involve three phylogroups from the Neantarctic region: phylogroup XXII associated exclusively with *Peltigera aubertii*, phylogroup XXVIII found with *P. patagonica*, and phylogroup XXIII associated with *Peltigera* sp. 14 and a single specimen of *Peltigera aubertii*. Cases of high *Nostoc* phylogroup specificity were also found in the Neotropics: phylogroup XXVIa was found only from thalli of *P. vainioi*, and phylogroup XXVIb from *P. sp. 17*. Some other phylogroups were restricted to a single region, for example phylogroup XXXI did not occur outside of Papua New Guinea (Fig. 3).

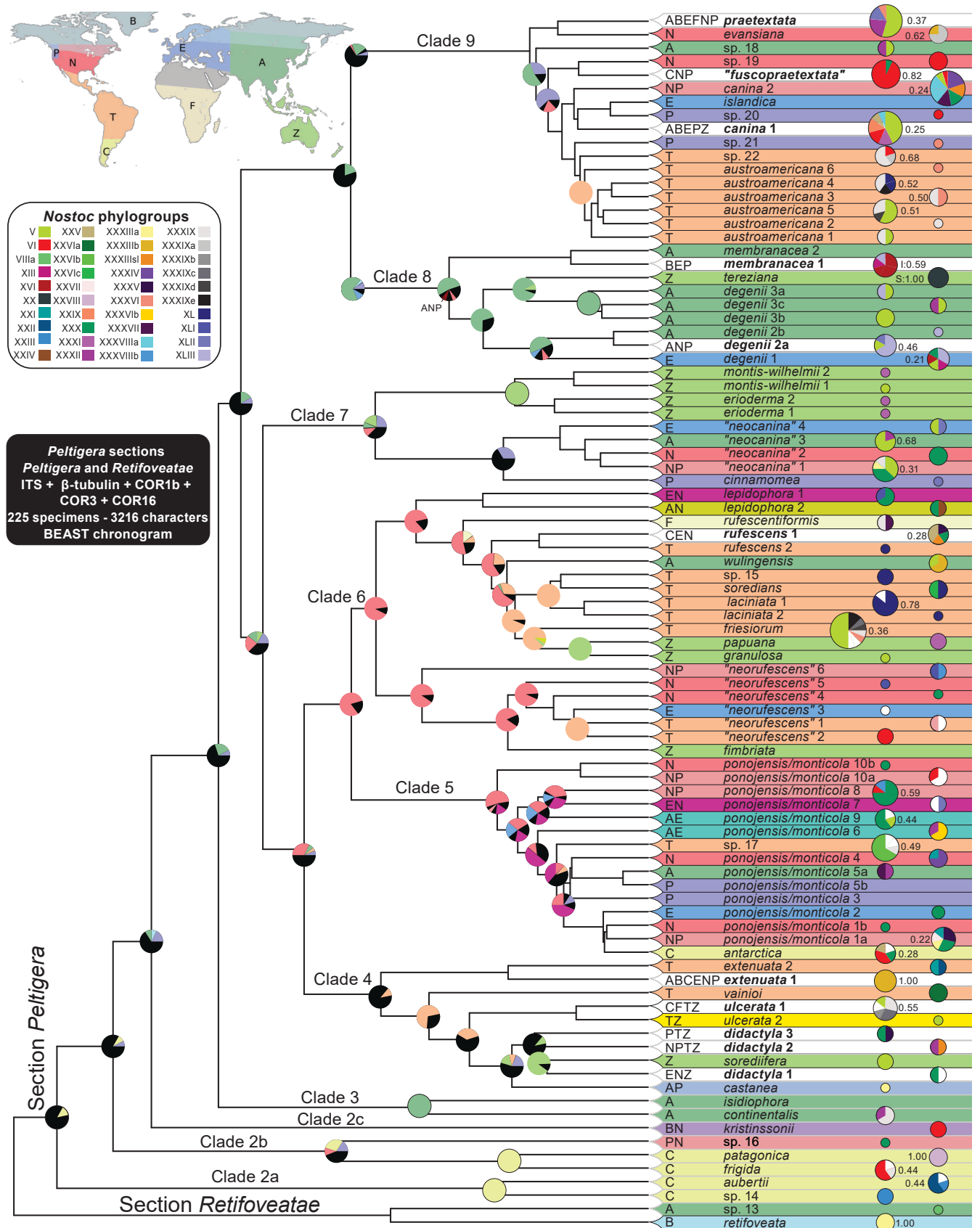
*Nostoc* phylogroup specificity was also detected at broader phylogenetic scales. For example, some *Nostoc* phylogroups are currently known to associate with only one section of the genus *Peltigera*. Nineteen *Nostoc* phylogroups were found exclusively in association with *Peltigera* species from sections *Peltigera* and *Retifoveatae*. Fourteen phylogroups associating with species from section *Polydactylon* were never found in thalli of *Peltigera* species from section *Peltigera* (Fig. 3;

Magain & al., 2017a). This broader phylogenetic scale of specificity does not pertain only to rare phylogroups. Very common phylogroups in section *Polydactylon* (e.g., VIIa, VIIb, XIa, and IV) have not yet been recovered from thalli of species from section *Peltigera*. Similarly, phylogroups VI, XXX and XXXIX, commonly found in section *Peltigera*, seemingly do not form symbiotic associations with *Peltigera* species from section *Polydactylon*. The only phylogroups shared by sections *Peltigera*, *Retifoveatae* and *Polydactylon* are phylogroups V, VIIIa, XIII, XVI and XX (Fig. 3).

#### Biogeographical history of *Peltigera* section *Peltigera*.

— The DEC+J model has three parameters: dispersal (d), local extinction (e) and founder-effect (j) (Table 2). In our BioGeoBears analysis, the local extinction (e) parameter was close to 0, whereas we obtained similar values (~0.043) for parameters d and j. All three models with parameter j (Table 2), as well as DIVALIKE estimated very low values for the local extinction parameter (e), whereas values of d and e were of the same order for the DEC and BAYAREALIKE models. Under the DEC+J model, the ancestor of section *Peltigera* originated in the Neantarctic region, but several subsequent nodes were reconstructed as of Asian origin, including the common ancestor of clades 8 and 9. The ancestors of clades 5–7 most likely inhabited North America, and the ancestor of clade 4 the Neotropics.

**Fig. 5.** Biogeographical patterns and specificity of *Peltigera* species within sections *Peltigera* and *Retifoveatae* toward their cyanobiont. The main tree represents a simplified BEAST chronogram (five-locus tree based on 3216 characters for 225 specimens) where each of the 90 putative *Peltigera* species from sections *Peltigera* and *Retifoveatae*, as defined by species delimitation methods (Fig. 2), is represented by one terminal branch. Pie charts associated with selected nodes summarize results of the biogeographical ancestral analysis as implemented in BioGeoBEARS, using the DEC+J model (Table 2). Pie charts color scheme corresponds to areas delimited in the map on the top left corner and black color represents the sum of all remaining probabilities. Background colors extending from the terminal branches and corresponding abbreviations represent geographic regions where thalli were sampled (as shown on the map on the top left corner). Additional colors are used when the species is present in two regions. Those correspond to their two-letter codes. When a species was collected in three or more regions, the name of the species is shown in bold and the background color is white. The capital letters in front of the species epithet refer to the capital letters on the geographical map: A = Asia, B = Panboreal, C = Neantarctics, E = Europe, F = Africa, N = North America, P = Pacific Northwest, T = Neotropics, Z = Australasia. The pie charts on the right of the species epithets represent the *Nostoc* phylogroups with which each species is associated. The size of each pie chart is proportional to the number of *rbclX* sequences available for this species and the sizes of the portions within each pie chart correspond to the number of *rbclX* sequences representing each phylogroup. Species for which we have no *Nostoc* information do not have a pie chart. The colors within pie charts correspond to *Nostoc* phylogroups as defined in Fig. 3 and represented in the legend provided here. White portions of the pie charts represent *Nostoc* haplotypes that are outside of defined phylogroups. When four or more *rbclX* sequences were available, the raw Specificity index is shown next to the corresponding pie chart. Specimens in the *austroamericanal fibrilloides* as *austroamericana*.



**ITS1 hypervariable region (ITS1-HR) sequence comparison.** — A high level of variation among ITS sequences especially within the ITS1 spacer, required the exclusion of 50% of the total 1036 sites of the alignment used for phylogenetic analyses. One of the excluded ambiguously aligned regions within the ITS1 spacer is the hypervariable region ITS1-HR sensu Miadlikowska & al. (2003), which varies greatly in length and can contain microsatellites with single nucleotide strings or short repeats. We re-delimited the ITS1-HR locus (sites 111–237 of the ITS1 alignment from Miadlikowska & al., 2003) to include additional variable sites (a total fragment corresponding to positions 182–335 of the ITS1 alignment). The inclusion of conserved flanking sites helped to extend the use of the ITS-HR as a powerful taxonomic marker, at the species level, to the entire section *Peltigera*. We added an ITS sequence from *P. spuriella* and 175 sequences from GenBank to our dataset (Electr. Suppl.: Table S6). No ITS1 sequence was available for *P. fimbriata*. A total of 201 different sequences of the ITS1-HR region were present among the 537 individuals from section *Peltigera* for which ITS sequences without missing/ambiguous data were available. Eighty-three of these sequences were found in more than one individual whereas the remaining 118 were unique (Electr. Suppl.: Fig. S2). The sequences varied in length from sixteen sites (conserved flanking region only) in *P. islandica* and its sister species *P. sp. 20*, to 137 nucleotides in *P. membranacea* 1 (Electr. Suppl.: Fig. S2). With some rare exceptions where identical sequences were shared among different putative species (e.g., *P. islandica* with *P. sp. 20*; *P. antarctica* with *P. ponojensis/monticola* 1 and 2; *P. granulosa* with *P. papuana* and *P. friesiorum*), overall, sequences of the ITS1-HR were more similar within than among species.

## DISCUSSION

**Species delimitation in *Peltigera* sect. *Peltigera* and sect. *Retifoveatae*.** — Overall the phylogeny for section *Peltigera* (Fig. 1) is in agreement with the topology recovered by Miadlikowska & al. (2003), which was based on ribosomal loci together with the recoded ambiguous regions (including ITS1-HR) and a considerably smaller set of species mostly from Europe and North America. Our phylogeny (Fig. 1) is more robust, as many previously unresolved or poorly supported relationships among and within major clades received high support. A single discrepancy between these two studies involved the placement of the *P. cinnamomea* clade (clade 7), which is sister to clade 4–6 (Fig. 1) versus clade 8–9 in Miadlikowska & al. (2003).

The proportion of uncovered biodiversity in section *Peltigera* is remarkably high (57%) (Fig. 2), but perhaps not unexpected considering earlier studies that had highlighted a phylogenetic structure indicative of several species complexes (e.g., Goffinet & al., 2003; Miadlikowska & al., 2003). Furthermore, the dramatic increase in species richness in this section parallels the trend emerging from inferences based on DNA data in other lineages of Peltigerales (Moncada & al., 2014a, b; Lücking & al., 2017; Magain & al., 2017a, b; Simon & al., 2018), as well as in other groups of lichen-forming fungi.

Similar to our findings, many widespread morphospecies were split into numerous more restricted phylogenetic species in the genera *Rhizoplaca* Zopf (Lecanoraceae, Leavitt & al., 2011), *Melanohalea* O. Blanco & al. (Parmeliaceae, Leavitt & al., 2013) and *Protoparmelia* M. Choisy (Parmeliaceae, Singh & al., 2015). Extreme examples include the presence of hundreds of undiscovered species in overlooked groups, especially in tropical regions, such as in the genus *Cora* Fr. (although based on a single marker [ITS]) or the family Graphidaceae (Lücking & al., 2014a, b). The high discrepancies between the phylogeny-based species delimitation methods on one hand, and traditional morphospecies on the other hand, leads to questioning the adequacy of using morphology as the leading criterion for describing lichen-forming fungal species (Lumbsch & Leavitt, 2011).

A recent study by Sukumaran & Knowles (2017) demonstrated that species delimitation methods relying on multispecies coalescence can interpret lineages reflecting intraspecific genetic structure as different species and, therefore, can inflate species biodiversity. Cases involving known morphology-based species that were validated phylogenetically as monophyletic, but that are split into multiple species by species delimitation methods, can represent structured intraspecific populations. Consequently, the resulting nested sister species are often phenotypically cryptic. Combining several methods can improve species delimitation (Carstens & al., 2013) but results can only be as good as the amount and quality of the data available, and the performance of the methods used.

Three main geographic patterns underlined the resulting species delimitations in section *Peltigera* (Fig. 5): (1) monophyletic morphospecies divided into several sympatric species (e.g., *P. austroamericana*/*P. fibrilloides* [six lineages] and *P. laciniata* [two lineages in the Neotropics], *P. montis-wilhelmii* and *P. erioderma* [two lineages for each, in Papua New Guinea], and *P. lepidophora* [two lineages in the Northern Hemisphere]); (2) monophyletic morphospecies divided into several species showing distinct geographic patterns (e.g., *P. “neocanina”* [four lineages, of which two occur in North America, one in Asia and one in Europe], *P. “neorufescens”* 1–5 [five lineages, two of which are in North America, one in Europe and two in the Neotropics]); (3) monophyletic morphospecies divided into several species showing restricted geographic pattern (e.g., *P. degenii* [three main groups, one in Europe, the second one mostly in North America, but also present in Asia, and the third group is found in Asia; the latter lineage was additionally divided into three lineages, well corroborated with geographic patterns, i.e., Sakhalin vs. Honshu vs. Kurile Islands and Jilin], *P. ponojensis/monticola* complex [fourteen species with partially overlapping distributions, together with the Neantarctic *P. antarctica* and the Neotropical *P. sp. 17* being part of this clade (Fig. 5). *Peltigera canina* is another well-known species divided into two species – one mostly restricted to North America and the other with almost a cosmopolitan distribution, while both putative species co-occur in Iceland and North America.

In our study, some putative species, such as *P. canina* 1 and 2 were represented by a large number of individuals (20 or more specimens), whereas others, such as within morphospecies *P. lepidophora*, *P. “neorufescens”* and *P. “neocanina”*,

include a single or often no more than two specimens (Fig. 2; Electr. Suppl.: Fig. S2). Singleton species are very common in species delimitation studies, and it has been suggested that in most cases they result from undersampling (Coddington & al., 2009). However, simulation studies showed that the GMYC model still performs well in the presence of large amounts of singleton species (Fujiawa & Barraclough, 2013). Whether *Peltigera* singletons represent distinct species or artifacts of the implemented methods awaits further testing based on additional samples bridging the current localities (often distant) and using complementary methods that rely on other models with different assumptions.

Our analyses confirmed that some taxa introduced informally in previous studies (Miadlikowska & Lutzoni, 2000; Miadlikowska & al., 2003; Jüriado & al., 2017) represent undescribed species, or assemblages of undescribed species, delimited consistently by multiple methods (e.g., *Peltigera* “*fuscopraetextata*”, *P. “neocanina*” and *P. “neorufescens*”). Other provisionally named taxa should be merged (as indicated by Miadlikowska & al., 2003), such as *P. “pallidorufescens*”, which is synonymous with *P. “fuscopraetextata*”, and *P. “fuscoponjensis*” which is nested within the *P. “neorufescens*” clade. The specimen of *P. “scotteri*” 1 included in Miadlikowska & al. (2003) belongs to *P. ponjensis/monticola* 10, whereas *P. “scotteri*” 2 represents *P. degenii* 2a. The collection of *P. “latopraetextata*” 1 falls within *P. cinnamomea*, *P. “latopraetextata*” 3 belongs to *P. praetextata*, *P. “boreorufescens*” 1 represents *P. canina* 2, and *P. “boreorufescens*” 2 belongs to *P. “neocanina*” 1. These provisional names will be corrected in all relevant GenBank records.

A recent study (Jüriado & al., 2017) reported a high level of undescribed species in section *Peltigera* collected in Estonia. Several lineages recognized by the authors based on ITS sequences correspond to species delimited in this study using multiple loci and methods. For example, Estonian lineages of *P. didactyla* I, II, and III represent *P. didactyla* 1 (*P. sp.* 2 in Goffinet & al., 2003), *P. didactyla* 3 (*P. didactyla* s.str. in Goffinet & al., 2003), and *P. didactyla* 2 (*P. sp.* 3 in Goffinet & al., 2003), respectively. *Peltigera lepidophora* from Jüriado & al. (2017) corresponds to our *P. lepidophora* 1, a species already known from Europe and North America and their *P. aff. neocanina* corresponds to our *P. “neocanina*” 4, collected in Norway and Iceland. Apart from the hyperdiverse *P. “neorufescens*” complex, all lineages detected in section *Peltigera* by Jüriado & al. (2017) were also sampled in our study. Furthermore, several species that were thought to occur exclusively or predominantly in North America seem to have much broader ranges as suggested by the recent records for *P. canina* 2 (corresponding to *P. canina* I), *P. “neorufescens*” 5 (corresponding to *P. neorufescens*), and *P. “neocanina*” 1 (corresponding to *P. neocanina*) from Estonia (Jüriado & al., 2017).

We reassessed the utility of the ITS1 hypervariable region (ITS1-HR) as a reliable tool to distinguish species in section *Peltigera* and *Retifoveatae* proposed by Miadlikowska & al. (2003). As in 2003, we found that sequences of the ITS1-HR were more similar within the majority of the monophyletic lineages delimited as species than among them, and therefore,

this hypervariable region continues to be a powerful marker to identify most species. However, we also have rare cases where morphologically distinct sister species have sometimes identical ITS1-HR sequences (e.g., *P. friesiorum*/*P. papuana*/*P. granulosa*; Electr. Suppl.: Fig. S2). Occurrences of similar types of ITS1-HR sequences across multiple recognized species, were overall rare and mostly restricted to large species complexes such as *P. ponjensis/monticola*, where phylogenetic relationships among putative species are not well established and poorly supported (Fig. 1; Electr. Suppl.: Fig. S2). In this clade, the morphotypes corresponding to *P. ponjensis* and *P. monticola* were rarely segregated into separate species and mostly mixed together across multiple delimited species. One of the few exceptions are the morphologically unique *P. sp.* 17 (the only species in this clade with sorediated isidia) that resembles *P. boulydelesdaii* Gyeln. (except for the absence of secondary metabolites), however its ITS-HR region is similar or identical to sequences recorded in other members of the *P. ponjensis/monticola* clade (Electr. Suppl.: Fig. S2). The description of *P. plittii* Gyeln. (type specimen collected in Colorado, U.S.A.) matches morphotypes of *P. ponjensis/monticola* 8, however, the disentanglement of this entire species complex requires a separate comprehensive revision.

Our results also suggest that *P. fibrilloides* and *P. austroamericana* (morphologically distinct; i.e., the tomentous versus glabrous upper thallus of *P. fibrilloides* versus *P. austroamericana* morphotypes, among other differences) may represent the same species because individuals growing intermixed in nature were mixed phylogenetically, and share the same ITS1-HR sequence (Fig. 1; Electr. Suppl.: Fig. S2). Another case of two named species with identical ITS1-HR sequences, includes *P. koponenii*, from Papua New Guinea, which is nested within *P. canina* 1 (representing *P. canina* s.str.), which together are separated from *P. canina* 2, a new putative species known from North America, Iceland and Estonia (Figs. 1 and 2; Electr. Suppl.: Fig. S2). Although our analyses recognized two putative species, the high similarity in the ITS1-HR region suggests that *P. sp.* 20, known only from British Columbia, should be merged with *P. islandica* as already indicated by Manoharan-Basil & al. (2016). A broader distribution of *P. islandica* is also in agreement with the recent report of *P. islandica* in Estonia (Jüriado & al., 2017). We used the name *P. antarctica* (described by Dodge, 1968, from Antarctica) for a clade in *P. ponjensis/monticola* complex encompassing a set of specimens morphologically and geographically consistent with *P. patagonica*, however, phylogenetically unrelated and associated with different cyanobionts (phylogroup XXVIII in *P. patagonica*, but VI, XXX, and XXV in *P. antarctica*). *Peltigera austroamericana/fibrilloides* 5 encompasses typically glabrous species and could correspond to *P. austroamericana* s.str. The name *P. ecuadoriana* Gyeln. is available for one of the recognized lineages of this clade. Finally, *P. spuriella* potentially represented by two specimens (P1648, P1731) seems to be closely related to *P. friesiorum*, based on the phylogeny and similarity of their ITS-HR region. Despite their distinct thallus morphology, both species were often considered conspecific by most species delimitation methods.



**Heterogeneity of nucleotide substitution rates: sorediate, fast growing, species have higher rates of evolution.** —

We estimated that the nucleotide substitution rates are nearly two times faster in clade 4 (*P. didactyla* clade) compared to clades 5–7 in section *Peltigera* (Fig. 1). All species in clade 4 produce asexual propagules (soredia) and therefore, can disperse both the fungal and cyanobacterial partners simultaneously (i.e., vertical transmission of the cyanobiont). Two other sorediate species, *P. sp. 17* and *P. granulosa*, which are placed outside of clade 4, i.e., among non-sorediate taxa in clades 5 and 6, respectively, do not seem to evolve at a faster rate. Overall, our results seem to contradict the expectation of higher evolutionary rates in sexually reproducing species compared to asexually reproducing species (see Melián & al., 2012, for a discussion; Rydholm & al., 2006). However, most of the species in clade 4 also reproduce sexually as suggested by the common presence of apothecia on their thalli. Compared to the majority of species from other clades (Vitikainen, 1994), species in clade 4 (e.g., *P. didactyla* and *P. ulcerata*) are typical early successional lichens with very small and fast growing thalli, often with apothecia (*P. didactyla*), and consequently probably have a drastically shorter generation time, leading to higher evolutionary rates, as it was suggested for animals (Martin & Palumbi, 1993). The fact that they also show very broad geographic distributions (Fig. 5) may also contribute to larger population sizes. Another result supporting higher evolutionary rates and/or population sizes for clade 4 is that the estimated value of  $\theta$  for bPP analyses, which was higher than for all other clades (0.02 vs. 0.0025–0.0044) in section *Peltigera*. Other factors have been proposed for explaining variation in substitution rates in lichen-forming fungi, such as changes in ecological conditions. It was suggested that evolutionary rates were higher in parmelioid lichens growing in tropical and oceanic habitats compared to those in more arid habitats (Lumbsch & al., 2008). Otálora & al. (2013a) reported that clades including species from tropical and humid habitats have higher evolutionary rates in the Collembataceae. We have not detected this trend in section *Peltigera*.

**Biogeographical patterns in *Peltigera* sect. *Peltigera*.** —

Four of the five early diverging species, i.e., *Peltigera sp. 14* and *P. aubertii*, *P. frigida* and *P. patagonica* (Fig. 5) are restricted to southern Chile and Argentina. The most recent common ancestor of section *Peltigera* could have inhabited the Neantarctic region of South America. A similar result was found in the genus *Flavoparmelia* Hale (Parmeliaceae), which comprises several subcosmopolitan species and whose origin was reconstructed in South America (Del-Prado & al., 2013). Most ancestors at the deepest nodes of the phylogeny seem to have originated in Asia and North America (Fig. 5). One possible scenario leading to the current distribution of species would have been a dispersion north from the Neantarctic to the Pacific Northwest, followed by a dispersion across North America and to Asia. An alternative scenario could involve a more broadly distributed ancestor than the extant species and, consequently, the current Neantarctic species would be the result of paleoendemism. The ancestor of clade 4 (sorediated, fast growing, species) was inferred to occur in the Neotropics, clades 5 and

6 (and potentially clades 4–6) in North America, and clade 8–9 in Asia. Most species in clade 9 may have diversified in the Pacific Northwest region, before the *P. austroamericana*/sp. 22 group dispersed to the Neotropics (Fig. 5).

The biogeographical analyses highlight at least five dispersion events to the Neotropics, all most likely from a Beringian origin (i.e., the ancestors of clade 4, the *P. laciniata*/sp. 15 group, the *P. “neurufescens”* 1 and 2 clade, *P. sp. 17* and the *P. austroamericana*/sp. 22 group; Fig. 5). A similar pattern was detected in section *Polydactylon* for *Peltigera sp. 6*, which is sister to the panboreal *P. occidentalis* (Å.E.Dahl) Kristinsson (Magain & al., 2017a). With the exception of clade 4, all these southern dispersion events were relatively recent in the history of the section. The reverse scenario seems to be plausible within clade 4 where the ancestral taxa were likely to be Neotropical, and very widespread species such as *P. extenuata* and *P. didactyla*, or their ancestors dispersed from this area to reach their current subcosmopolitan ranges. Only two inferred dispersion events (with the exception of subcosmopolitan species), for *P. antarctica* and *P. “fuscopraetextata”* were to the Neantarctic and occurred rather from North America than from the Neotropics. This pattern differs from the observation in section *Polydactylon*, where the only Neantarctic species, *P. truculenta*, originated from a Neotropical group (Magain & al., 2017a).

Dispersion to Australasia could have occurred from Asia (for *P. tereziana*) but also from the Americas, i.e., the Neotropics for the ancestor of the clade comprising *P. papuana* and *P. granulosa*, and from North America for the ancestor of *P. fimbriata* (Fig. 5). Except for the sorediate species from clade 4 (*P. ulcerata*, *P. didactyla*), the remaining subcosmopolitan species, such as *P. canina* 1 or *P. praetextata*, are absent from the Neotropics. In two cases (*P. extenuata* 1 and 2, *P. rufescens* 1 and 2), the neotropical members of the morphospecies appear as a sister species to a clade containing widespread and morphologically similar individuals from other regions, including Neantarctic (bipolar distribution). This pattern may suggest that climatic differences were a barrier impacting species distribution more than geographic distance. The importance of climate in shaping the ranges of both mycobionts and photobionts, has been shown in *Peltigera* (Magain & al., 2017a; Lu & al., 2018), other genera of lichenized fungi, such as *Cetraria* Ach. (Fernández-Mendoza & al., 2011) and *Protoparmelia* (Singh & al., 2016), as well as in bryophytes (Lewis & al., 2014).

Contrary to clade 4, which encompasses widespread sorediate, fast growing, species, most broadly distributed species are sister to species with very limited ranges. Examples include *P. rufescens* 1, part of a group of eleven species, each restricted to a single region, *P. canina* 1, closely related to *P. islandica* and *Peltigera sp. 20*, restricted to Iceland and to the Pacific Northwest, respectively, and *P. praetextata*, sister to *P. evansiana*, known only from North America.

A recent study questioned the use of DEC and DEC+J models because they inflate the contribution of cladogenetic events to the likelihood (Ree & Sanmartín, 2018). Our study did not aim to detect the relative impacts of cladogenesis and

anagenesis, but rather to reconstruct the global biogeographic patterns in section *Peltigera*. Overall, four of the six models tested (DEC, DEC+J, DIVALIKE, DIVALIKE+J) globally agree on the reconstruction of the geographical distribution of the ancestors of the main clades discussed in the results section (Neotropical for clade 4, North American for clades 5 and 6, Asian for clades 8, 9 and the common ancestor of clades 4–9). Results with one model, BAYAREALIKE, suggest that the ancestors at the deep nodes had worldwide distributions, and that current species distributions are the result of drastic reductions of their ranges. Results with BAYAREALIKE+J are somewhat intermediary, suggesting a Holarctic distribution for most of these deep nodes.

**Evolution and ecology of symbiotic specificity.** — In general, it seems that the specificity of *Peltigera* species towards their cyanobionts is driven in part by the mode of reproduction, at least in clade 4, where many sorediate species associate with fewer cyanobionts than members of other clades (Fig. 5). Exceptions include *P. didactyla* s.l., which seems to behave like a generalist, but this species, unlike *P. ulcerata* s.l. and *P. extenuata* s.l., frequently produce apothecia (Vitikainen, 1994; Miadlikowska & Lutzoni, 2000; Goffinet & al., 2003) and hence the horizontal transmission of the photobiont in *P. didactyla* may account for the lower specificity observed. Outside of clade 4, the occurrence of asexual propagules, allowing the vertical transmission of the photobiont, also leads to higher specificity compared to species lacking vegetative propagules. Sorediate (*P.* sp. 17), isidiate (*P. evansiana*) or phyllidiate (*P. “fuscopraetextata”*) species consistently have higher levels of specificity. Similarly, among two species in the genus *Pectenia* P.M.Jørg. & al. (former *Degelia* Arv. & D.J.Galloway), a vegetatively reproducing species was reported to be more specialized than its sexually reproducing close relative (Otálora & al., 2013b). Otálora & al. (2010) also found high levels of specificity in several species reproducing through asexual propagules in the family Collemataceae compared to closely related but sexually reproducing species. However, other studies (Wornik & Grube, 2010; Leavitt & al., 2015) on lichens involving green algae, instead of *Nostoc*, did not report a direct link between the reproduction mode and specificity.

Among the species for which we sequenced cyanobionts from more than five thalli, we found one strict mycobiont specialist – *P. tereziana*, that was associated with only one *Nostoc* phylogroup (Fig. 4B). Cases of strict specialists with lower *Nostoc* sampling include *Peltigera vainioi*, *P. retifoveata*, *P. patagonica*, *P. papuana* and *Peltigera* sp. 14. The fact that these species were found with a relatively rare *Nostoc* phylogroups (XXXVIa, XXXVIIIa, XXXI, and XXIII, respectively) may suggest that the observed specificity is real, whereas high specificity in *P. degenii* 3b and *Peltigera* sp. 19, which were only collected three times each, and always with very widespread phylogroups (V and VI, respectively) may be an artifact of a low sampling. Species sampled many times with a common phylogroup (such as *P. “fuscopraetextata”* with phylogroup VI) probably represent real cases of specialization on a widespread and generalist *Nostoc* phylogroup (Fig. 5; Electr. Suppl.: Table S1).

Many of the specialist species in section *Peltigera* have narrow geographic ranges and often have specific ecological niches, such as *Peltigera* sp. 14, which was collected in Chile from relatively wet to semi-aquatic habitats. *Peltigera patagonica* and *P. aubertii* were only found in the Neantarctic region, and *P. vainioi* is a rare species in the Neotropics. The distribution of *P. retifoveata* is restricted to the boreal zone, whereas *P. tereziana* occurs in Australia and New Zealand, and *P. papuana* in Papua New Guinea. A similar trend was reported for species from section *Polydactylon* (Magain & al., 2017a) and outside of the genus *Peltigera*, in *Pectenia* (Otálora & al., 2013), and in the family Collemataceae (Otálora & al., 2010), where specialist species have smaller ranges and are more restricted ecologically. At the other end of the spectrum, cosmopolitan or subcosmopolitan species, such as *P. canina* 1 (= *P. canina* s.str.), *P. rufescens* 1, *P. ponojensis/monticola* 9 or *P. praetextata* are generalists. At a global spatial scale (see Chagnon & al., 2018), this inverse correspondence between the level of specificity and geographic range of the mycobiont suggests that the ability to associate with a wider spectrum of photobionts increases the potential of a species to occupy greater geographical areas, whereas specialists restricted to one cyanobacterial partner might be limited by the availability of their cyanobiont, especially if the *Nostoc* phylogroup has a narrow distribution and is not a generalist. Another strategy leading to a larger range is to be specialized on a widespread and generalist phylogroup, such as *P. “fuscopraetextata”* with phylogroup VI or *P. membranacea* 1 with phylogroup XVI. A similar pattern was detected in section *Polydactylon* (Magain & al., 2017a) for *P. polydactylon* being a specialist with the common and generalist phylogroup V and *P. hymenina* often found with widespread and generalist phylogroup XVI.

True generalist interactions should involve frequent associations between the most abundant partners, as well as several rare interactions with rare partners (Vázquez & al., 2007). Such a pattern was observed in several cases in section *Peltigera*. For example, in South America, *P. friesiorum* was found multiple times associated with the widespread phylogroups V (eight times) and XXXIX (five times) in addition to four unique interactions. This is also the case for *P. canina* 1, *P. praetextata*, *P. “neocanina”* 1, and *P. austroamericana* 5, which associate frequently with phylogroup V but were also reported several times with other, less common phylogroups. Photobionts can show a similar pattern, for example *Nostoc* phylogroup V is frequently found (seven to eight times) with common species such as *P. canina* 1, *P. friesiorum* and *P. praetextata*, but in addition was sometimes reported with rare species such as *P. granulosa*, *P. montis-wilhelmii* 1 or *P. wulingensis* (Fig. 3; Electr. Suppl.: Table S1). Our results confirm specificity patterns observed in section *Peltigera* at a local scale (O’Brien & al., 2013). In general, *Peltigera* species that are generalists at an intercontinental scale might appear to be more specialized at a local scale, such as *P. canina* 1 and 2, which are mostly specialized on *Nostoc* from phylogroup VI in British Columbia (O’Brien & al., 2013) but are generalists at a global scale. Chagnon & al. (2018) also showed a higher asymmetry at local scales (several specialist mycobionts associating with

one or two generalist *Nostoc* phylogroups), compared to more symmetric associations at a global scale.

Within section *Peltigera*, clade 4 differs from other clades in several aspects. It includes morphologically distinct species with generally small, fast growing, thalli and with asexual propagules (soralia). This clade has the highest number of widespread species, with five of ten species occurring in three or more biogeographic regions while other clades contain no (clade 5, clade 7) or only a few species (one in clade 6, two in clade 8 and three in clade 9) with such broad distributions. Clade 4 has the highest average Specificity index (0.64 vs. 0.41–0.57 for other clades), the greatest number of species (three) associated with a single *Nostoc* phylogroup, as well as significantly higher rates of nucleotide substitutions (Table 1).

In summary, most species in section *Peltigera* show a relatively low level of specificity compared to section *Polydactylon* (Magain & al., 2017a). This could be due to differences in ecological requirements, as members of the *canina* group seem to be more ubiquitous compared to species from section *Polydactylon*, which are found mostly in boreal areas and at high elevations. This difference could also be due to the recent origin of many of the species in section *Peltigera*, which is the most speciose section of the genus *Peltigera*. Most specialists in section *Peltigera* either originated early during the evolution of the section (clades 2a–c; Figs. 1 and 5) or reproduce through vegetative propagules (clade 4; Figs. 1 and 5). Unlike section *Polydactylon*, section *Peltigera* includes several very widespread, almost cosmopolitan species. Large distributions should favor the maintenance of a generalist selection of photobionts, allowing these species to grow in a higher number of ecological and geographical environments. Future challenges include the formal description of putative species revealed by this study, following further validations using multidisciplinary approaches based on population genetics, phylogenomics, network analyses and physio-ecological studies. A global phylogenetic study of the genus *Peltigera* is now needed to enhance our understanding of its biodiversity, biogeography and patterns of symbiotic interactions.

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Lojka 2, Ecuador: Galapagos, *Spielmann 10611* (CDS-51978), MH758249, –, MH770040, MH770289, MH769785, MH770549; *P. fimbriata* Vitik. & al., Papua New Guinea, *Sérusiaux & al.* 2009, FJ527272, –, –, –, –, *P. fimbriata* Vitik. & al., Papua New Guinea, *Sérusiaux & al.* 2009, FJ527273, –, –, –, –, *P. fimbriata* Vitik. & al., Papua New Guinea, *Sérusiaux & al.* 2009, FJ527274, –, –, –, –, *P. friesiorum* Gyeln., Brazil, *Marcelli 25096* (H), MH758323, –, –, –, MH770621; *P. friesiorum* Gyeln., Brazil, *Miadlikowska & al. s.n.* (CGMS 34533), MH758324, –, –, –, MH770622; *P. friesiorum* Gyeln., Brazil, *Miadlikowska & al. s.n.* (CGMS 34582), MH758325, –, –, –, MH770623; *P. friesiorum* Gyeln., Brazil, *Miadlikowska & al. s.n.* (CGMS 34531), MH758326, –, –, –, MH770624; *P. friesiorum* Gyeln., Brazil, *Miadlikowska & al. s.n.* (CGMS 34575), MH758327, –, –, –, MH770625; *P. friesiorum* Gyeln., Brazil, *Miadlikowska & al. s.n.* (CGMS 34539), MH758328, MH770870, MH770094, MH770351, MH769848, MH770626; *P. friesiorum* Gyeln., Peru, *Miadlikowska s.n.* (DUKE 0401814), MH758337, MH770872, MH770096, MH770353, MH769850, MH770628; *P. friesiorum* Gyeln., Brazil, *Miadlikowska & al. s.n.* (CGMS 35043), MH758330, –, –, –, MH770629; *P. friesiorum* Gyeln., Brazil, *Lutzoni & al. s.n.* (CGMS 34570), MH758331, MH770873, –, –, –, MH770630; *P. friesiorum* Gyeln., Brazil, *Miadlikowska & al. s.n.* (CGMS 34587), MH758332, MH770874, MH770097, MH770354, MH769851, MH770631; *P. friesiorum* Gyeln., Brazil, *Miadlikowska & al. s.n.* (CGMS 35050), MH758333, –, –, –, MH770632; *P. friesiorum* Gyeln., Brazil, *Miadlikowska & al. s.n.* (CGMS 35054), MH758334, –, –, –, MH770633; *P. friesiorum* Gyeln., Brazil, *Spielmann & al.* 9935 (CGMS 35048), MH758335, MH770875, MH770098, MH770355, MH769852, MH770634; *P. friesiorum* Gyeln., Bolivia, *Kukwa 8465* (ex UGDA-L-17699 DUKE dupl.), MH758322, MH770876, MH770099, MH770356, MH769853, MH770635; *P. frigida* R.Sant., Chile: Region XI, *Rubio 4064* (H), MH758221, –, –, –, MH770517; *P. frigida* R.Sant., Chile: Region XII, *Stenroos 2192* (H), MH758222, MH770815, –, MH770262, MH769762, MH770518; *P. frigida* R.Sant., Argentina, *Stenroos 2158* (H), MH758220, MH770816, MH770016, MH770263, MH769763, MH770519; *P. frigida* R.Sant., Chile: Region XII *Goffinet 6643-1* (CONN), –, –, –, –, MH770520; *P. frigida* R.Sant., Chile: Region XII, *Shaw 18024* (DUKE), MH758223, –, MH770017, MH770264, MH769764, MH770521; *P. "fuscopraetextata"*, Canada: BC, *O'Brien 020708-62-5-3* (DUKE), FJ708893, FJ709317, MH770175, MH770436, MH769930, –, *P. "fuscopraetextata"*, Canada: BC, *O'Brien 020708-31-5-3* (DUKE), FJ708892, FJ709316, MH770176, MH770437, MH769931, –, *P. "fuscopraetextata"*, Canada: BC, *Goward 06-1538B* (UBC), MH758507, MH770947, MH770177, –, MH769932, MH770723;



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*P. "fuscopraetextata"*, Argentina, *Stenroos* 2235 (H), MH758500, MH770948, MH770178, MH770438, MH769933, MH770724; *P. "fuscopraetextata"*, Chile: Region XI, *Rubio* 4067 (H), MH758503, MH770949, MH770179, MH770439, MH769934, MH770725; *P. "fuscopraetextata"*, Argentina, *Tibell* 17537 (UPS 40375), MH758501, -, -, -, MH770726; *P. "fuscopraetextata"*, Chile: Region XII, *Tibell* 17788 (UPS 45291), MH758504, -, -, -, MH770727; *P. "fuscopraetextata"*, Argentina, *Kalb s.n.* (DUKE 0401830), MH758502, MH770950, MH770180, -, MH769935, MH770728; *P. "fuscopraetextata"*, Chile: Region XII, *Goffinet* 10490 (CONN), MH758505, MH770951, MH770181, MH770440, MH769936, MH770729; *P. "fuscopraetextata"*, Chile: Region XII, *Wheeler & Nelson* 6528 (CONC), MH758506, MH770952, MH770182, MH770441, MH769937, MH770730; *P. "fuscopraetextata"*, U.S.A.: OR, *McCune* 30990 (OSC), MH758508, -, MH770183, MH770442, MH769938, MH770731; *P. "fuscopraetextata"*, U.S.A.: UT, *Truong* 4016 (DUKE 0401863), MH758509, MH770953, MH770184, MH770443, MH769939, MH770732; *P. granulosa* Sérus. & al., Papua New Guinea, *Sérusiaux* 15150 (LG), MH758338, MH770877, MH770100, MH770357, MH769854, MH770637; *P. hymenina* (Ach.) Delise, Canada: NL, *Lendemer* 10397 (H), -, KX880099, MF947046, MF946937, MF946831, -, *P. isidiophora* L.F.Han & S.Y.Guo, China: Hebei, Han & al. 2015, KJ095108, -, -, -, *P. isidiophora* L.F.Han & S.Y.Guo, China: Hebei, Han & al. 2015, KJ095107, -, -, -, *P. islandica* T.Goward & S.S.Manoharan-Basil, Iceland, *Andresson* 332 (AMNH), KJ413245, KJ413189, MH770227, MH770481, MH769981, -, *P. islandica* T.Goward & S.S.Manoharan-Basil, Iceland, *Manoharan-Basil* 355 (AMNH), KJ413244, KJ413192, MH770228, MH770482, MH769982, -, *P. kristinssonii* Vitik., Canada: BC, *O'Brien* 020708-62-1-5 (DUKE), FJ708952, FJ709345, MH770018, MH770265, -, *P. kristinssonii* Vitik., Canada: BC, *O'Brien* 020708-70-5-9 (DUKE), FJ708944, FJ709341, MH770019, MH770266, MH769765, -, *P. kristinssonii* Vitik., Canada: BC, *Goward* 11-16 (UBC), MH758224, -, MH770020, MH770267, MH769766, MH770522; *P. kristinssonii* Vitik., Canada: QC, *Gagnon s.n.* (QFA-0594989), MH758225, KM005796, MH770021, MH770268, MH769767, *P. laciniata* (G.Merr.) Gyeln. 1, Costa Rica, *Miadlikowska & Lutzoni* 23-03-03-9 (DUKE 0401843), MH758343, KM005815, MH770101, MH770358, MH769855, MH770638; *P. laciniata* (G.Merr.) Gyeln. 1, Costa Rica, *Miadlikowska & Lutzoni* 23-03-03-23 (DUKE 0401841), MH758344, -, -, -, MH770639; *P. laciniata* (G.Merr.) Gyeln. 1, Bolivia, *Kukwa* 9194 (ex UGDA-L-17705, DUKE dupl. 0401840), MH758339, -, -, -, MH770640; *P. laciniata* (G.Merr.) Gyeln. 1, Ecuador, *Yanez-Anabaca* 2556 (CDF), MH758347, MH770878, MH770102, MH770359, MH769856, MH770641; *P. laciniata* (G.Merr.) Gyeln. 1, Colombia, *Lücking* 33693 (UDBC), MH758341, MH770879, MH770103, MH770360, MH769857, MH770642; *P. laciniata* (G.Merr.) Gyeln. 1, Colombia, *Coca and Patino s.n.* (FAUC), MH758342, -, -, -, MH770643; *P. laciniata* (G.Merr.) Gyeln. 1, Ecuador, *Truong* 3956 (DUKE 0401842), MH758350, MH770880, MH770104, MH770361, MH769858, MH770644; *P. laciniata* (G.Merr.) Gyeln. 1, Ecuador, *Truong* 3958 (DUKE 0401838), MH758351, -, -, -, MH770645; *P. laciniata* (G.Merr.) Gyeln. 2, Bolivia, *Kukwa* 9562 (ex UGDA-L-17724, DUKE dupl. 0401839), MH758340, MH770881, MH770105, MH770362, MH769859, MH770646; *P. lepidophora* (Vain.) Bitter 1, Canada: BC, *Goward s.n.* (UBC), MH758354, KM005810, -, MH770363, MH769860, MH770647; *P. lepidophora* (Vain.) Bitter 1, Iceland, *Kristinsson* 49244 (AMNH LA-29491), MH758353, MH770882, MH770106, MH770364, MH769861, MH770648; *P. lepidophora* (Vain.) Bitter 1, U.S.A.: NY, *Lendemer* 12047 (NY 0154474), MH758355, MH770883, MH770107, MH770365, MH769862, MH770649; *P. lepidophora* (Vain.) Bitter 2, U.S.A.: AK, *Miadlikowska & Lutzoni s.n.* (DUKE 0357968), MH758352, MH770884, MH770108, MH770366, MH769863, MH770650; *P. lepidophora* (Vain.) Bitter 2, China: Ningxia, *Niu* 12-0085 (Ningxia Univ.), MH758356, -, -, -, MH770651; *P. malacea* (Ach.) Funck, U.S.A.: AK, *Berg* 3072 (UBC), -, MH771011, MH770255, MH770506, -, *P. membranacea* (Ach.) Nyl. 1, Canada: BC, *O'Brien* 040605-10-1-1 (DUKE), FJ709034, FJ709434, MH770159, MH770419, MH769913, -, *P. membranacea* (Ach.) Nyl. 1, Canada: BC, *O'Brien* 040605-1-2 (DUKE), KC437646, FJ709435, -, -, -, *P. membranacea* (Ach.) Nyl. 1, Canada: BC, *O'Brien* 020708-0-9-1 (DUKE), FJ709031, FJ709431, MH770160, MH770420, MH769914, -, *P. membranacea* (Ach.) Nyl. 1, Iceland, *Miadlikowska & Lutzoni s.n.* (DUKE 0357981), MH758426, KM005814, MH770161, MH770421, MH769915, KX923102; *P. membranacea* (Ach.) Nyl. 1, Spain, *Vare* L1807 (H), MH758431, MH770932, MH770162, MH770422, MH769916, MH770712; *P. membranacea* (Ach.) Nyl. 1, Norway, *Magain s.n.* (LG), MH758428, MH770933, -, MH770423, MH769917, MH770713; *P. membranacea* (Ach.) Nyl. 1, Canada: BC, *Truong s.n.* (DUKE 0401833), MH758421, MH770934, MH770163, MH770424, MH769918, MH770714; *P. membranacea* (Ach.) Nyl. 1, Portugal, *Vust* 3084 (G), MH758429, MH770935, MH770164, MH770425, MH769919, MH770715; *P. membranacea* (Ach.) Nyl. 1, France: Corsica, *Vust* 6423 (G), MH758422, MH770936, MH770165, MH770426, MH769920, MH770716; *P. membranacea* (Ach.) Nyl. 1, France: Corsica, *Vust* 6405 (G), MH758423, MH770937, MH770166, MH770427, MH769921, -, *P. membranacea* (Ach.) Nyl. 1, France, *Magain s.n.* (DUKE 0401819), MH758424, MH770938, MH770167, MH770428, MH769922, -, *P. membranacea* (Ach.) Nyl. 1, Iceland, *Heidmarsson* 2746 (AMNH LA-31754), MH758427, MH770939, MH770168, MH770429, MH769923, MH770717; *P. membranacea* (Ach.) Nyl. 1, Greenland, *Vust* 6432 (G), MH758425, -, -, -, *P. membranacea* (Ach.) Nyl. 2, Russia: Khabarovsk Territory, *Miadlikowska & al. s.n.* (DUKE 0401812), MH758430, MH770940, MH770169, MH770430, MH769924, -, *P. montis-wilhelmii* Sérus. & al. 1, Papua New Guinea, *Sérusiaux s.n.* (LG), MH758382, MH770912, MH770134, MH770399, -, MH770690; *P. montis-wilhelmii* Sérus. & al. 2, Papua New Guinea, *Sérusiaux* 13984 (LG), MH758383, -, MH770135, -, MH770691; *P. "neocanina"* 1, Canada: BC, *O'Brien* 020708-0-5-1 (DUKE), FJ708922, FJ709443, -, -, -, *P. "neocanina"* 1, Canada: BC, *O'Brien* 020708-66-5-2 (DUKE), FJ708916, FJ709444, -, -, -, *P. "neocanina"* 1, Canada: BC, *O'Brien* 020708-66-9-1 (DUKE), FJ708917, FJ709438, -, MH770382, -, -, *P. "neocanina"* 1, Canada: BC, *O'Brien* 040605-2-2 (DUKE), KC437635, MH770899, MH770120, MH770383, MH769875, KC437877; *P. "neocanina"* 1, U.S.A.: NM, *Hollinger* 2460 (UBC), MH758395, MH770900, -, -, KX923107; *P. "neocanina"* 1, Canada: BC, *Goward* 11-37 (UBC), MH758388, -, -, -, MH770672; *P. "neocanina"* 1, Canada: MB, *Ahti* 63078 (H), -, -, -, MH770673; *P. "neocanina"* 1, U.S.A.: NM, *Hollinger* 2402 (UBC), MH758396, -, -, -, MH770674; *P. "neocanina"* 1, U.S.A.: AK, *Miadlikowska & Lutzoni s.n.* (DUKE 0401834), MH758384, MH770901, MH770121, MH770384, MH769876, MH770675; *P. "neocanina"* 1, U.S.A.: AK, *Miadlikowska & Lutzoni s.n.* (DUKE 0401816), -, MH770902, MH770122, MH770385, MH769877, MH770676; *P. "neocanina"* 1, Canada: BC, *Goward* 5306 (UBC), MH758385, MH770903, MH770123, MH770386, MH769878, MH770677; *P. "neocanina"* 2, U.S.A.: NM, *Hollinger* 2401 (UBC), MH758394, MH770904, MH770124, MH770387, MH769879, KX923106; *P. "neocanina"* 2, U.S.A.: CO, *King* L286 (NY), MH758397, MH770905, -, MH770388, MH769880, MH770678; *P. "neocanina"* 2, U.S.A.: UT, *Truong* 3995 (DUKE 0401867), MH758398, MH770906, MH770125, MH770389, MH769881, MH770679; *P. "neocanina"* 3, Russia: Krasnoyarsk Territory, *Miadlikowska & al. s.n.* (DUKE 0401821), MH758390, MH770907, -, MH770390, MH769882, MH770680; *P. "neocanina"* 3, Russia: Krasnoyarsk Territory, *Miadlikowska s.n.* (DUKE 0401802), MH758391, -, -, -, MH770681; *P. "neocanina"* 3, Russia: Krasnoyarsk Territory, *Miadlikowska s.n.* (DUKE 0401801), MH758392, -, -, -, MH770682; *P. "neocanina"* 3, Russia: Krasnoyarsk Territory, *Miadlikowska s.n.* (DUKE 0401803), MH758393, -, -, -, MH770683; *P. "neocanina"* 3, China: Yunnan, *Goffinet* 9979 (CONN), MH758386, MH770908, MH770126, MH770391, MH769883, MH770684; *P. "neocanina"* 4, Iceland, *Miadlikowska & Lutzoni* 08.08.10-5 (DUKE 0401832), MH758387, MH770909, MH770127, MH770392, MH769884, MH770685; *P. "neocanina"* 4, Norway, *Goward* 02-1480 (UBC), MH758389, MH770910, MH770128, MH770393, MH769885, MH770686; *P. "neorufescens"* 1, Mexico, *Barceñas-Peña* 1229 (MEXU), MH758362, MH770862, MH770088, MH770088, MH770088, MH770614; *P. "neorufescens"* 1, Costa Rica, *Miadlikowska & al. s.n.* (DUKE 0401820), MH758360, MH770863, MH770089, MH770344, MH769841, MH770613; *P. "neorufescens"* 2, Bolivia, *Kukwa* 8958 (ex UGDA-L-17704, DUKE dupl. 0401871), MH758357, MH770864, MH770090, MH770345, MH769842, MH770614; *P. "neorufescens"* 2, Peru, *Bennett s.n.* (WIS), MH758363, MH770865, MH770091, MH770346, MH769843, MH770615; *P. "neorufescens"* 3, Germany, *Sipman* 53601 (B 600127393), MH758361, MH770866, MH770092, MH770347, MH769844, MH770616; *P. "neorufescens"* 4, Canada: AB, *Miadlikowska & Lutzoni s.n.* (DUKE 0401823), MH758359, MH770867, MH770093, MH770348, MH769845, MH770617; *P. "neorufescens"* 5, Canada: YT, *Lendemer* 28945 (NY 0159332), MH758358, MH770868, -, MH770349, MH769846, MH770618; *P. "neorufescens"* 6, U.S.A.: UT, *Truong* 4023 (DUKE 0401868), MH758364, MH770869, -, MH770350, MH769847, MH770619; *P. "neorufescens"* 6, U.S.A.: OR, *Stone* 8083.1 (DUKE 0158517), MH758365, -, -, -, MH770620; *P. papuana* Sérus. & al., Papua New Guinea, *Sérusiaux* 13656 (LG), -, -, -, MH770652; *P. papuana* Sérus. & al., Papua New Guinea, *Sérusiaux* 13655 (LG), MH758366, MH770885, -, MH770367, -, MH770653; *P. patagonica* Räsänen, Chile: Region XI, *Rubio*

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