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## Two new species of *Hydnum* with ovoid basidiospores: *H. ovoideisporum* and *H. vesterholtii*

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**Abstract:** Two new species of *Hydnum*, characterized by slender *Hydnum rufescens*-like basidiomes and ovoid to broadly ellipsoid basidiospores, are described from the Iberian Peninsula based on morphological and ITS molecular data. *Hydnum ovoideisporum* is distinguished by pilei with deep orange tones and strong preference for calcareous soil. It is widespread in the Iberian-Mediterranean area. *Hydnum vesterholtii* is characterized by its ocher to light ocher pileus, and nearly all the collections were made in the Pyrenees. Both ovoid-spored species are monophyletic well supported groups in the maximum parsimony and Bayesian ITS phylogenies, while the remainder of the samples assigned to *H. rufescens* s.l. and having globose basidiospores split into six well supported clades. The need to typify the name *Hydnum rufescens* is discussed, and a provisional key is given for the European taxa of *Hydnum*.

**Key words:** Cantharellales, cantharelloid clade, ITS nrDNA, phylogeny, stichic basidia, taxonomy

### INTRODUCTION

*Hydnum* L. : Fr. is an ectomycorrhizal genus characterized by stipitate and pileate basidiomata with spiny hymenophore, suburniform basidia of stichic nuclear division (Donk 1933, Maas Geesteranus 1971, Pegler et al. 1997) and ampullate septa on the mycelial hyphae (Raidl and Agerer 1992, Agerer et al. 1996). Molecular phylogenetic studies have

shown that *Hydnum* is nested in the cantharelloid clade (Pine et al. 1999, Moncalvo et al. 2006), for which the stichic basidia are a synapomorphy. The genus is distributed mainly over temperate and tropical areas of Europe, North America and Asia, but reports also are known from Australia and New Zealand (Cooke 1890, Maas Geesteranus 1971). Although the number of published *Hydnum* species is considerably greater ([www.mycobank.org](http://www.mycobank.org)), based on morphological characters, about 10 morphological species currently are accepted by the mycological community. However, the actual number of *Hydnum* species worldwide is certainly higher. Knowledge of species concepts, continental speciation and diversity is poor. *Hydnum* species, popularly called “hedgehogs” or “wood urchins”, are harvested and even commercialized (Pegler et al. 1997, Murrin 2008).

Despite being a common genus having edible species in several geographic areas, species delimitation in *Hydnum* is problematic (Hall and Stuntz 1971; Maas Geesteranus 1971, 1976; Grebenc et al. 2009). Three *Hydnum* species have been recognized conventionally in Europe (viz. *Hydnum albidum* Peck, *Hydnum repandum* L. : Fr. and *Hydnum rufescens* Pers. : Fr.). Whereas *H. albidum* is well characterized by pale basidiomata and small basidiospores, morphologically intermediate forms occur between *H. repandum* and *H. rufescens* (Maas Geesteranus 1976, Otto 1997, Huhtinen and Ruotsalainen 2006). Ostrow and Beenken (2004) demonstrated with morphological and ITS data that *H. repandum* and *H. rufescens* are separate species and described *Hydnum ellipsosporum* Ostrow & Beenken, characterized by ellipsoid basidiospores. Huhtinen and Ruotsalainen (2006) distinguished three *H. rufescens*-like taxa based on spore characters: *H. ellipsosporum*, *H. rufescens* and *Hydnum umbilicatum* Peck. The latter name, described from North America, was used for large globose-spored northern European collections distinct from *H. rufescens*. In addition to the basidiospore variability, Agerer et al. (1996) obtained different RFLP restriction patterns in *H. rufescens* samples from different areas in Europe. The ITS nrDNA analyses by Grebenc et al. (2009) yielded 11 well supported clades, of which six corresponded to specimens resembling *H. rufescens* (referred to as RU1–RU6) and two more clades for specimens with the typical morphological features of *H. repandum* (as RE1, RE2). In general, no specific characters could be

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assigned to any clade. However, other morphological species such as *H. albidum* and *H. ellipso sporum* yielded monophyletic clades.

A number of macroscopic characters have been used for *Hydnum* species delimitation, such as the basidioma habit, pileus color, presence of umbilicus in the pileus, spine shape and attachment to the stipe, and a central or excentric stipe. Some of these characters are variable and plastic. In this framework, microscopic data appear to be more constant and objective. The spore characters, especially the shape, seem to constitute the most reliable character to delimit some *Hydnum* species (Ostrow and Beenken 2004), such as *H. albidum* and *H. ellipso sporum*. However, in view of the high basidiospore diversity and the fact that it is not always easy to correlate spore characters with the clades obtained from the phylogenetic analyses of the ITS region (Ostrow and Beenken 2004, Grebenc et al. 2009), more thorough morphological studies are needed to compare to molecular data. Some of the further characters that might be taxonomically informative in *Hydnum* are the pileus color, shape of the spines, attachment to the stipe and number of sterigmata in the basidia.

During a morphological study of *Hydnum* focusing on the Iberian Peninsula (Olariaga, 2009), two undescribed morphological species that produce slender fruiting bodies of the *H. rufescens* type with ovoid basidiospores were found. Thus, the aims of this work were (i) to achieve a better understanding of species delimitation in *Hydnum*, drawing attention to the spore characters, and (ii) to describe two new species based on morphological and molecular data.

#### MATERIALS AND METHODS

*Morphological study.*—The morphological examination was based on 10 fresh specimens collected 2002–2009 in the Iberian Peninsula and the bordering French Pyrenees. Twenty-one additional dried specimens sequenced by Grebenc et al. (2009), including the holotype of *H. ellipso sporum* (M 139587), were examined (TABLE I). Color codes of fresh material were based on the charts of the Royal Horticultural Society (1995) and those of dried material on Munsell Color Corp. (1990). Microscopic characters were studied on dry material with a Nikon light microscope, with a 100× objective. To measure basidiospores a spine from the hymenophore was mounted in 5% KOH. Young, anomalous or aberrant basidiospores were disregarded, and well developed free basidiospores were measured in lateral view. Abbreviations describing basidiospore measurements are:  $L_m$  = mean length,  $W_m$  = mean width,  $Q_m = L_m/W_m$ ; 25 basidiospores were measured per collection. The number of collections measured is indicated by an “n”. The means of each collection were plotted in a graph for a more thorough comparison. Basidia measurements exclude sterigmata. The material is deposited at

BIO-Fungi, GDAC, JA, LJU and MA-Fungi herbaria (Holmgren and Holmgren 1998).

*DNA extraction, PCR amplification and sequencing.*—DNA was extracted with a DNeasy Plant Mini Kit (QIAGEN, Hilden, Germany), and the ITS regions were amplified with Ready-To-Go™ PCR Beads (GE Healthcare, UK) (Martin and Winka 2000). The primer pair ITS1F/ITS4 was used for amplification of the ITS1-5.8S-ITS2 region, as described by White et al. (1990) and Gardes and Bruns (1993). Before sequencing, products were cleaned from the gel with QIAquick PCR purification kit (QIAGEN, Chatsworth, California). Both strands were sequenced separately at Macrogen (Seoul, South Korea). All samples were sequenced in both directions with the same primers as in the amplification. Sequencher™ 4.2 (Gene Codes Corp., Ann Arbor, Michigan) was used to assemble the consensus sequence from the two strands of the ITS nrDNA of each isolate. Sequences were submitted to the EMBL/GenBank/DBJ (Cochrane et al. 2011) and UNITE (Abarenkov et al. 2011, <http://unite.ut.ee/cite.php>) databases (TABLE I). Sequences were compared with other available sequences at GenBank with Se-Al 2.0a11 Carbon (Rambaut 2002). The alignment was optimized visually. Alignment gaps were indicated as “–”, and ambiguous nucleotides were marked “n”.

*Phylogenetic analyses.*—The alignment was analyzed as in Grebenc et al. (2009) with PAUP\* 4.0b10 for Macintosh (Swofford 2002) and MrBayes 3.0 (Huelsenbeck and Ronquist 2001). We included three *Sistotrema* species as outgroup: *Sistotrema muscicola* (Pers.) S. Lundell (AJ606040) and *Sistotrema albuluteum* (Bourdot & Galzin) Bondartsev & Singer (AJ606042), both ectomycorrhizal and closely related to *Hydnum* (Moncalvo et al. 2006, Di Marino et al. 2008) and the saprotroph *Sistotrema coronilla* (Höhn.) Donk (DQ397337). The first maximum parsimony analysis (MP) was carried out using the heuristic searches with TBR branch-swapping and MULPARS option in PAUP\* and saving the best 1000 trees. Gaps were treated as missing data. Branch lengths equal to zero were collapsed to polytomies. For the assessment of branch confidence, nonparametric bootstrap (BP) support was estimated based on 10 000 replicates with the fast-step option (in each replication tree searches are performed with one random-sequence-addition replication and no branch swapping; Felsenstein 1985). The second analysis was conducted with a Bayesian approach (Larget and Simon 1999, Huelsenbeck and Ronquist 2001). It was performed assuming the HYK + G model as suggested by hierarchical likelihood ratio test (hKRTS) and Akaike information criterion (AIC). Best-fitting evolutionary model was estimated with MrModeltest 2.3 (Nylander 2004). Posterior probabilities (PP) were approximated by sampling trees with Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC). Posterior probabilities of each branch were calculated by counting the frequency of trees that were visited during MCMC analysis. A 10 000 000 generation run, starting at a random tree and employing two chains, was executed. A tree was saved every 100th generation, with a burn-in at 1000 sampled trees. AWTY (Nylander et al. 2008) was used to determine when the chains reached the stationary stage (Wilgenbusch et al.

TABLE I. Specimens included in the phylogenetic and spore diagram. New sequences are marked with an asterisk

Identification	Location	$L_m \times W_m$	$Q_m$	Voucher	GenBank	Clade
<i>H. albidum</i>	Slovenia, Divača, Divaški gabrk	5.2 × 3.7	1.43	LJU GIS 1341	AJ534974	AL
<i>H. ellipsosporum</i>	Germany, Thuringen, Steinach (west)	10.2 × 6.7	1.54	M 139587	AY817138	EL
<i>H. ellipsosporum</i>	Slovenia, Grajski Boršt	9.3 × 8.6	1.08	LJU-GIS 1327	AJ535304	–
<i>H. ovoideisporum</i> *, holotype	Spain, Araba, Barrio	9.0 × 7.1	1.27	BIO-Fungi 12683	HE611081	OV
<i>H. ovoideisporum</i> *	Spain, Gipuzkoa, Zumaia, Artadi	8.2 × 6.3	1.29	BIO-Fungi 14130	HE611083	OV
<i>H. ovoideisporum</i> *	Spain, Araba, Kanpezu	9.3 × 6.8	1.37	BIO-Fungi 12902	HE611082	OV
<i>H. ovoideisporum</i> *	Spain, Huesca, Villanúa	8.9 × 6.9	1.30	BIO-Fungi 12317	HE611080	OV
<i>H. vesterholtii</i> *	Spain, Huesca, Cañón de Añislo	8.2 × 6.5	1.27	BIO-Fungi 10429	HE611084	RE2
<i>H. vesterholtii</i> *	Spain, Huesca, Barranco Garmo Negro	8.4 × 6.6	1.28	BIO-Fungi 10452	HE611085	RE2
<i>H. vesterholtii</i> *, holotype	France, Pyrénées atlantiques, Forêt d'Issaux	8.7 × 6.8	1.29	BIO-Fungi 12904	HE611087	RE2
<i>H. vesterholtii</i> *	Spain, Huesca, Villanúa	8.2 × 6.4	1.28	BIO-Fungi 12330	HE611086	RE2
<i>H. vesterholtii</i>	Andorra, Estany de Engolateus	8.6 × 6.6	1.30	MA-Fungi 47726	AJ547887	RE2
<i>H. repandum</i>	Slovenia, Idrija, Gore	7.3 × 6.2	1.18	LJU GIS 1322	AJ547877	RE1
<i>H. repandum</i>	Slovenia, Idrija, Čekovik	7.5 × 6.6	1.13	LJU GIS 1321	AJ547878	RE1
<i>H. repandum</i>	Slovenia, Vače,	8.1 × 6.9	1.18	LJU GIS 1326	AJ547881	RE1
<i>H. repandum</i>	Slovenia, Šmartno pri Litiji, Pusti Javor	8.0 × 6.9	1.16	LJU GIS 1325	AJ547883	RE1
<i>H. repandum</i> f. <i>amarum</i>	Slovenia, Velike Lašče	8.4 × 7.1	1.27	LJU GIS 1337	AJ547871	RE1
<i>H. rufescens</i>	Slovenia, Ilova gora	7.7 × 6.2	1.24	LJU GIS 1324	AJ547869	RU1
<i>H. rufescens</i>	Slovenia, Polica, Grosuplje	9.1 × 7.0	1.32	LJUGIS 1340	AJ547884	RU1
<i>H. rufescens</i>	Slovenia, Idrija, Pringl	7.7 × 7.1	1.10	LJU GIS 1320	AJ535301	RU2
<i>H. rufescens</i>	Slovenia, Pusti Javor	7.5 × 7.0	1.08	LJU GIS 1328	AJ535302	RU3
<i>H. rufescens</i>	Slovenia, Pusti Javor, Šmartno pri Litiji	7.6 × 7.1	1.07	LJU GIS 1329	AJ535303	RU3
<i>H. rufescens</i> *	Spain, Araba, Kanpezu	8.0 × 7.2	1.11	BIO-Fungi 12901	HE611089	RU3
<i>H. rufescens</i>	Slovenia, Rajhenavski Rog virgin forest, Žaga-Rog	8.5 × 7.5	1.15	LJU GIS 1332	AJ547868	RU4
<i>H. rufescens</i>	Slovenia, Velike Lašče	8.8 × 7.5	1.17	LJU GIS 1336	AJ547885	RU4
<i>H. rufescens</i>	Slovenia, Radovna, Mežjanca	8.1 × 7.2	1.14	LJU GIS 1331	AJ783969	RU4
<i>H. rufescens</i>	Slovenia, Idrija, Ilovce	7.7 × 7.1	1.08	LJU GIS 1330	AJ547872	RU5
<i>H. rufescens</i> *	Portugal, Tras Os Montes, Macedo de Cavaleiros	8.9 × 7.3	1.22	BIO-Fungi 12760	HE611088	RU5
<i>H. rufescens</i>	Slovenia, close to Velike Lašče	8.4 × 7.0	1.21	LJU GIS 1333	AJ535305	RU6
<i>H. rufescens</i>	Slovenia, Nova Vas	8.5 × 7.7	1.10	LJU GIS 1339	AJ547867	RU6
<i>H. rufescens</i>	Andorra, El Serrat	7.8 × 7.4	1.06	MA-Fungi 47728	AJ547889	RU6

2004). The 50% majority rule consensus tree was calculated with the SUMT command of MrBayes. Phylogenetic trees were viewed with FigTree 1.3.1 (<http://tree.bio.ed.ac.uk/software/figtree/>) and edited with Adobe® Illustrator CS3 13.0.1. (Adobe Systems Incorporated).

A combination of both bootstrap proportion and posterior probabilities was used to assess the level of confidence for a specific node (Lutzoni et al. 2004). The alignment matrix and the 50% majority rule consensus tree

from the Bayesian analysis are available in TreeBASE (<http://www.trebase.org>) under TB2:S12109. Clades are named according to Grebenc et al. (2009).

## RESULTS

*Morphological study.*—The  $L_m$ ,  $W_m$  and  $Q_m$  spore values of the 31 specimens are provided (TABLE I).

The  $L_m$  and  $W_m$  of each collection were plotted (FIG. 1) for comparison. The two undescribed species and those *H. rufescens* samples placed in clade RU1 in Grebenc et al. (2009) form a group with ovoid to broadly ellipsoid basidiospores ( $Q_m$  1.24–1.37). A second group with globose to subglobose basidiospores ( $Q_m$  1.07–1.22) chiefly contains the samples identified as *H. rufescens* s.l. and shows no overlap with the first group. *Hydnum repandum* samples (RE1) show an intermediate spore type ( $Q_m$  1.16–1.21) between both groups but overlapping the globose to subglobose-spored group. The dimensions of the *H. albidum* collection are the smallest among the studied material ( $L_m$  5.2,  $W_m$  3.7). On the contrary, those of *H. elliposporum* were ellipsoid, with the highest  $L_m$  (10.2) and  $Q_m$  (1.54) values, which differ from the rest of the samples. Collection LJU GIS 1327 (AJ535304), assigned to *H. elliposporum* in Grebenc et al. (2009), has large subglobose basidiospores that differ from those of the holotype of *H. elliposporum*. The spore shape is constant within all clades, with the exception of RU5, where the  $Q_m$  range is broad (1.06–1.22).

*ITS sequence analyses.*—Ten new sequences belonging to the genus *Hydnum* were generated (TABLE I). The complete alignment of 71 sequences contained a total of 717 unambiguously aligned nucleotides, of which 443 were constant, 99 variable but parsimony uninformative and 175 parsimony informative. The maximum parsimony analysis and the Bayesian inference produced congruent results gathered in the 50% majority rule consensus tree (FIG. 2). The genus was divided into 12 well supported clades (bs  $\geq$  75% or pp  $\geq$  0.95). The clades are named as in Grebenc et al. (2009), except a strongly supported new clade (bs = 100%, pp = 1.0), referred to as OV, that includes sequences obtained from collections BIO-Fungi 12317, BIO-Fungi 12683, BIO-Fungi 12902 and BIO-Fungi 14130. Sequences from collections BIO-Fungi 10429, BIO-Fungi 10452, BIO-Fungi 12330 and BIO-Fungi 12904 group with sequences in clade RE2 in Grebenc et al. (2009) with strong support (bs = 91%, pp = 1.0) as well. This clade comprises two smaller, well supported groups, one of which is assigned to *H. vesterholtii* (bs = 98%, pp = 1.0) and the other one to *H. aff. vesterholtii* (bs = 85%, pp = 0.91). The unique molecular and morphological features of the specimens in the OV and *H. vesterholtii* clades let us propose two new species in the genus *Hydnum*. The remaining new sequences from this study, BIO-Fungi 12901 and BIO-Fungi 12760, grouped respectively in the clades RU3 and RU5 (Grebenc et al. 2009). The collections assigned to *Hydnum albidum* and *H. elliposporum*, characterized respectively by

small ovoid and large ellipsoid basidiospores, formed monophyletic groups, in agreement with Ostrow and Beenken (2004) and Grebenc et al. (2009).

#### TAXONOMY

***Hydnum ovoideisporum*** Olariaga, Grebenc, Salcedo & M.P. Martín, sp. nov. FIGS. 3, 4  
MycoBank MB563524

Basidiomata small to medium, growing isolated or fasciculate. Pileus 12–40 mm diam, generally non-fleshy, initially convex, plane afterward, sometimes depressed or umbilicate in the center, regular, seldom dimidiate. Surface velutinous, sometimes with small and erect scales at the margin, non-staining, not zoned. Color brownish orange (26A) to deep reddish orange (169C, 169D), pale orange in unexposed zones or basidiomata (23D, 26C), pale orange (23D) or white (155A, 159D) toward the margin. Margin initially involute, soon straight, somewhat sinuous and lobed with age. In exsiccatum ocher (10YR 6/6, 7/6). Stipe 20–40  $\times$  2.5–9 mm, cylindrical or broader at the base, central or somewhat excentric, solid, velutinous, white (155D) to pale ocher (20C). Staining ocher (26A) when handled, sometimes conspicuous. In exsiccatum ocher (10YR 6/6, 7/6). Spines normally non-decurrent, sometimes leaving a bare zone around the stipe and with small decurrent spines, conical, not flattened, acute, not fimbriate, sometimes joined at the base, crowded, 2.0–3.1  $\times$  0.2–0.4 mm, initially orange white (159D), pale orange ocher (19D, 20D) afterward. In exsiccatum brownish orange (7.5YR 5/8). Context white (155D), staining. Odor weak, fruity, citric-like; flavor mild, bitter afterward. Macrochemical reactions: KOH + context = pale greenish ocher.

Basidiospores ovoid to broadly ellipsoid, sometimes some cylindrical, apiculus cubic, thin-walled, non-amyloid, (7.5–)8–10(–10.5)  $\times$  6–7.5  $\mu$ m ( $L_m$  = 8.1–9.3;  $W_m$  = 6.4–7.1;  $Q_m$  = 1.27–1.38;  $n$  = 4). Basidia suburniform to claviform, 4–5-spored, sometimes with scattered one, two or three-spored ones, clamped, 36–56  $\times$  7–9.5(–12)  $\mu$ m. Hyphae of the apex of the spines arranged in parallel, cylindrical, thin-walled, yellow, clamped, with cylindrical to subclaviform ends (3–5  $\mu$ m wide), without crystals. Pileipellis composed of hyphae forming a cutis-trichoderm, cylindrical to swollen, thin-walled, colorless to yellowish, clamped, 5.5–14  $\mu$ m wide, with cylindrical and blunt ends. Stipitipellis composed of hyphae forming a trichoderm, cylindrical, thin-walled, with orange content, clamped, 3–5  $\mu$ m wide, with cylindrical to narrowly claviform ends. Hyphae of the context woven, cylindrical to swollen, thin-walled, colorless to yellowish, clamped, 4–14  $\mu$ m wide. Basal mycelium white, composed of woven hyphae, cylindrical, thin-walled, clamped, 4–5.5(–7)  $\mu$ m wide, with some ampullate at septa (6.5–8.5  $\mu$ m).

*Holotype:* SPAIN. ARABA PROVINCE: Gaubea-Valdego-bia, Barrio, under *Pinus sylvestris* on calcareous ground, 8

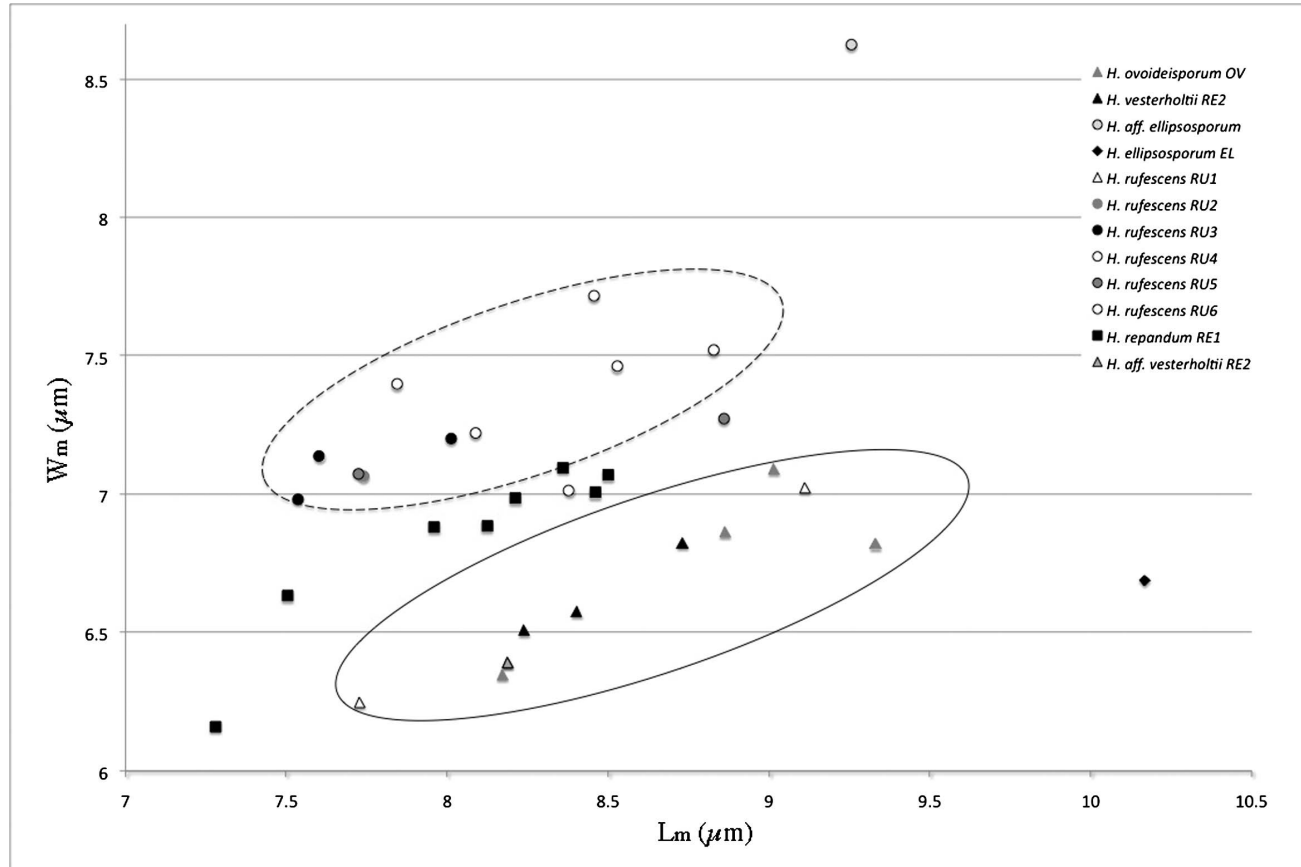


FIG. 1. Spore diagram of the *Hydnum* collections examined. *Hydnum albidum* is not plotted to allow the basidiospores of the rest of the species to be compared in more detail. The continuous oval shows the ovoid-spored group, and the dashed oval indicates the globose-subglobose-spored group.

Nov 2007, A. Laza & I. Olariaga, (BIO-Fungi 12683). Isotype, F-207037 (S).

*Etymology*: In reference to the ovoid basidiospores.

*Commentary*: *Hydnum ovoideisporum* is characterized by slender basidiomata with deep orange tones in the pileus, in combination with ovoid to broadly ellipsoid basidiospores. The deep orange tones of the pileus, normally non-decurrent spines and occurrence in forests with rich ground are good characters for a tentative identification in the field, at least in the Mediterranean area. *Hydnum rufescens* s.l. shares a similar macroscopic appearance but differs in having globose to subglobose basidiospores. Furthermore, some of the taxa subsumed under *H. rufescens* seem to have paler tones in the pileus and decurrent or spatulate spines. *Hydnum vesterholtii*, described below, shares with *H. ovoideisporum* a similar habit and basidiospores, but it is primarily distinguished from *H. ovoideisporum* by the pileus devoid of orange tones. The rest of the taxa with ovoid basidiospores are to be found among the species producing larger fleshy basidiomata, such as *H. repandum*. However,

the latter is delimited from *H. ovoideisporum* on the basis of the involute pileus that often has paler pinkish orange tones, decurrent spines and robust fruiting bodies with a thicker stipe.

*Hydnum ovoideisporum* has been observed to fruit abundantly in some localities of the northern Iberian Peninsula (e.g. Artadi and Barrio, Basque Country), where it seems to be a common and widespread species. The only records of *Hydnum ovoideisporum* that we are aware of are by Palazón (2001, as *H. rufescens*), and Mycokey (<http://www.mycokey.org>), where ovoid basidiospores are shown for *H. rufescens*-like collections. Huhtinen and Ruotsalainen (2006) cited some *H. rufescens* populations that had elongate and narrower basidiospores than the typical collections. The spore shape of these collections would match *H. ovoideisporum*, as does the macroscopical appearance. *Hydnum ovoideisporum* has proved to be a widespread and common species in the Iberian Peninsula that has been overlooked and mistaken for other taxa of the *H. rufescens* complex. No older name that can be applied with certainty to *H.*

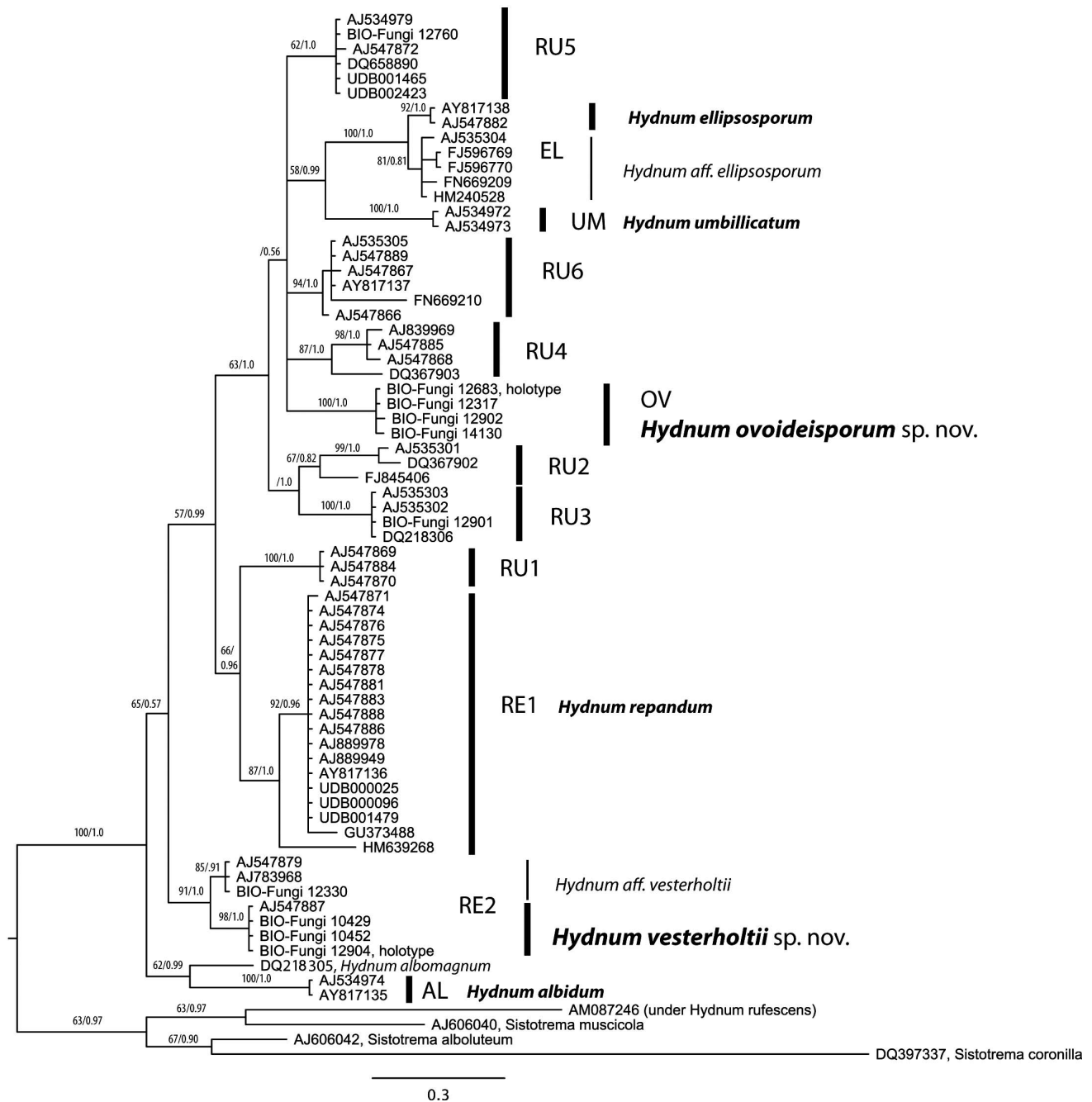


FIG. 2. The 50% majority rule Bayesian tree of *Hydnum* inferred from the ITS region assuming the HYK + G model. Parsimony bootstrap values ( $\geq 50\%$ ) and Bayesian posterior probabilities ( $\geq 95\%$ ) are indicated on the branches. AL, *H. albidum*; EL, *H. ellipsosporum*; OV, *H. ovoideisporum* sp. nov.; RE1, *H. repandum*; RU1 to RU6, *H. rufescens*; UM, *H. umbilicatum* and RE2, *H. vesterholtii* sp. nov.

*ovoideisporum* could be found in the literature. *Hydnum carnosum* Batsch was described making reference to a Schaeffer plate (Tab. 141, 1763), in which a taxon of *H. rufescens*-like appearance and globose spores is shown. Neither Batsch nor Schaeffer are known to have made herbarium specimens (Stafleu and Cowan 1976, 1985). Two names described by Raddi (1807), *Hydnum bicolor* Raddi and

*H. bulbosum* Raddi, are also *H. rufescens*-like, but no type material is kept at his herbarium, and it will remain unknown whether they are ovoid-spored. Furthermore, *H. bicolor* Raddi is illegitimate (Art. 53.1) due to being a later homonym of *H. bicolor* Alb. & Schwein. : Fr. Another taxon described from France, *Hydnum repandum* var. *serotinum* (Quél.) Bourdot & Galzin, also has *H. rufescens*-like basi-



FIG. 3. *Hydnum ovoideisporum* sp. nov. (BIO-Fungi 12683). In situ basidiomata.

diomes and depressed hymenium around the stipe (probably due to a umbilicate pileus), The pileus, described as reddish in the protolog (Bourdot 1899) and later as ochraceous tawny (Bourdot and Galzin 1928), does not appear to match the deep orange tones of *H. ovoideisporum*. Bourdot and Galzin (1928) stated that the spores were similar to those of *H. repandum*, which were described as subglobose and not ovoid as in *H. ovoideisporum*. No other name that conforms to *H. ovoideisporum* could be traced following the extensive synonym lists provided by Maas Geesteranus (1976) under *H. repandum* and *H. rufescens*.

Most of the records were made in localities from the Mediterranean biogeographic region, often occurring together with *H. albidum*. However, it also has been found in the Pyrenees. *Hydnum ovoideisporum* appears to show preference for calcareous soils, rather than for a certain ectomycorrhizal partner. Almost all the collections were made on calcareous sites, and it has been found, for instance, in pure stands of *Quercus rotundifolia* or *Pinus sylvestris*. Although almost no extra-Iberian material that can be attributed to *H. ovoideisporum* has been traced, the Danish record displayed in Mycokey and ovoid-spored collections reported by Huhtinen and Ruotsalainen (2006) suggest that *H. ovoideisporum* occurs further north in Europe.

*Specimens examined*: SPAIN. ARABA: Gaubea-Valdegobía, Barrio, 30TVN9340, 700 m, under *Pinus sylvestris* on calcareous ground, 08 Nov 2007, leg. A. Laza & I. Olariaga (HOLOTYPE, BIO-Fungi 12683); 12 Nov 2002, BIO-Fungi 9683. Kanpezu, 30TWN6325, under *Quercus rotundifolia* on calcareous ground, 04 Dec 2008, leg. E. Sarrionandia, BIO-Fungi 12902. Trespueñas, under *Quercus rotundifolia*, 10 Nov 2007, leg. I. Salcedo, BIO-Fungi 12672. Zigoitia, Apodaka, under *Quercus rotundifolia* on calcareous soil, 10 Nov 2007, leg. I. Salcedo, BIO-Fungi 12669. ÁVILA: El

Tiemblo, Garganta de la Yedra, 30TVK7168, 1100 m, under *Castanea sativa*, 7 Jun 1997, leg. P.P. Daniëls, MA-Fungi 37522 (as *Hydnum rufescens*). BURGOS: from Río de Losa to Oteo, Valle de Losa, 30TVN7657, 700 m, under *Pinus sylvestris* on rich soil, 12 Nov 2002, leg. I. Olariaga, BIO-Fungi 9676. GRANADA: Llano de la Perdiz, under *Quercus rotundifolia*, 7 Feb 1980, leg. A. Ortega & R. Galán, GDAC 10508 (as *Hydnum rufescens*). GIPUZKOA: Zumaia, Artadi, 30TWN6193, 50 m, under *Quercus ilex* on calcareous ground, 26 Dec 2009, leg. J.L. Teres, BIO-Fungi 14130. HUELVA: Camino de los Molinillos, Aracena, under *Quercus suber*, 4 Dec 1989, leg. M.T. Vizoso, GDAC 35130 (as *Hydnum rufescens*). Galaroza, Talenque-La Suerte, 29SQC0400, 660 m, forest with *Quercus suber*, *Castanea sativa*, *Quercus pyrenaica*, *Pinus* sp., 28 Nov 2002, leg. L. Romero de la Osa, JA 235 (as *Hydnum rufescens*). HUESCA: Villanúa, Fuente el Paco, under *Abies alba* and *Pinus sylvestris* on rich ground, 10 Oct 2006, leg. I. Olariaga, BIO-Fungi 12317. Jaca, Bernués, 30TXN9806, 1000 m, under *Quercus rotundifolia* on rich soil, 21 Oct 2003, leg. I. Olariaga, BIO-Fungi 9982. JAÉN: Cazorla, Linarejos, 30SW0897, 1100 m, forest with *Quercus*, *Pinus*, *Populus*, *Fraxinus*, *Betula*, 15 Nov 2002, leg. A. Martínez Macarro, JA 2272 (as *Hydnum rufescens*). ZARAGOZA: Venta Garrica, Sigüés, 30TXN6220, 510 m, under *Quercus rotundifolia* on rich soil, 21 Oct 2003, leg. I. Olariaga, BIO-Fungi 9980; BIO-Fungi 9987.

***Hydnum vesterholtii*** Olariaga, Grebenc, Salcedo & M.P. Martín, sp. nov. FIGS. 5, 6  
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Basidiomata small to medium, growing isolated or fasciculate. Pileus 10–30(–50) mm diam, non-fleshy, initially convex, plane afterward, often depressed in the center, seldom umbilicate, sometimes irregular or dimidate. Surface velutinous, not radially fibrillose, slightly hygrophanous, non-staining, sometimes vaguely zoned. Color ocher (22B), lighter ocher (158A, 158C) toward the margin. In dry conditions light ocher (158A, 158B). Margin initially involute, soon straight, somewhat sinuous and lobed with age, sometimes slightly fimbriate, excedent. In exsiccatum ocher (10YR 7/6, 8/6, 5/4). Stipe 15–55 × 3.5–5.5(–10) mm, cylindrical, sometimes tapering or broader at the base, central to completely excentric, solid, velutinous, white (155D). Staining often ocher when handled. In exsiccatum ocher (10YR 7/6, 8/6, 5/4). Spines non-decurrent to slightly decurrent, sharply delimited, conical, acute to subacute, fimbriate or not, not flattened, crowded, 1–1.7 × 0.2–0.25 mm, pale ocher (158A, 158C). In exsiccatum brownish ocher (10YR 5/8, 6/8). Context white (155D), ocher in the surface of the stipe, non-staining or staining ocher toward the base. Odor weak, fruity, citric-like; flavor mild, slightly bitter-acrid afterward. Macrochemical reactions: KOH + context = 0; TL4 + context = 0.

Basidiospores ovoid to broadly ellipsoid in lateral view, apiculus cubic, thin-walled, non-amyloid, (7–)8–9(–9.5) × 6–7.5(–8) μm ( $L_m = 8.2–8.7$ ;  $W_m = 6.4–6.8$ ;  $Q_m = 1.27–1.30$ ;  $n = 4$ ). Basidia subuniform to claviform, 3–5-spored, sometimes with scattered 1–2-

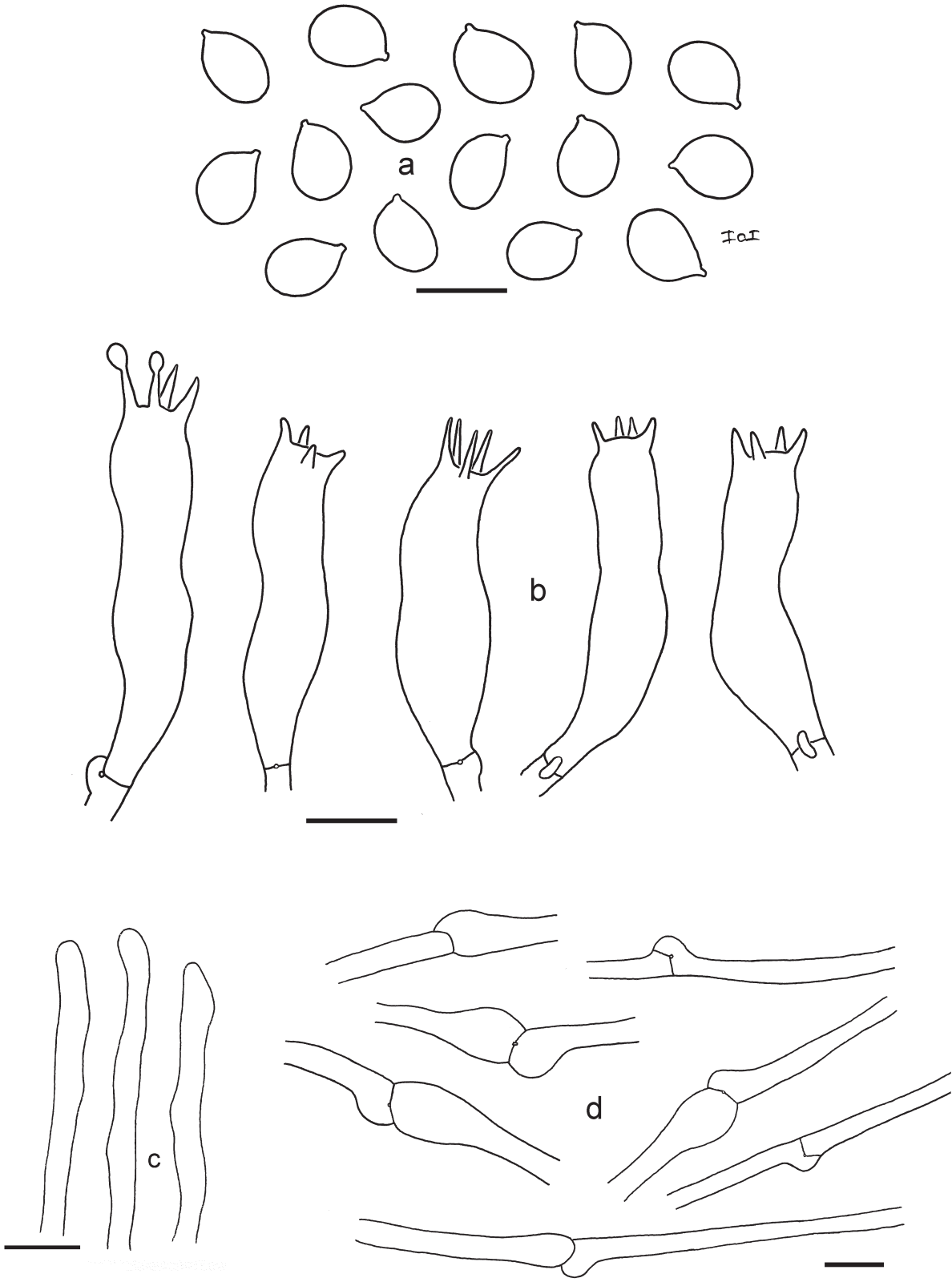


FIG. 4. *Hydnum ovoideisporum* sp. nov. (BIO-Fungi 12683). Bar = 10 mm approx. A. Basidiospores. B. Basidia. C. Hyphae of the apex of the spines. D. Mycelial hyphae. Bar = 10  $\mu$ m.





FIG. 5. *Hydnum vesterholtii* sp. nov. (BIO-Fungi 12904). In situ basidiomata. Bar = 10 mm approx.

spored ones, clamped,  $42\text{--}68 \times 8\text{--}9 \mu\text{m}$ . Hyphae of the apex of the spines arranged in parallel, cylindrical, thin-walled, yellow, clamped, with cylindrical to slightly broader ends ( $3.5\text{--}4.5 \mu\text{m}$ ), without crystals. Pileipellis composed of hyphae forming a cutis-trichoderm, cylindrical, thin-walled, with yellowish content, clamped,  $5\text{--}9.5(14) \mu\text{m}$  wide, with cylindrical and blunt ends.

Stipitipellis composed of hyphae forming a trichoderm, cylindrical, thin-walled, with yellow content, clamped,  $4\text{--}8 \mu\text{m}$  wide. Hyphae of the context woven, cylindrical to swollen, thin-walled, light yellowish, clamped,  $4\text{--}13 \mu\text{m}$  wide. Basal mycelium white, composed of woven hyphae, cylindrical, thin-walled, clamped,  $3\text{--}4.5 \mu\text{m}$  wide, with some ampullate inflations at septa ( $5.5\text{--}8.5 \mu\text{m}$ ).

*Etymology*: After Jan Vesterholt, Danish mycologist.

*Holotype*: FRANCE. PYRÉNÉES ATLANTIQUES PROVINCE: Forêt d'Issaux, from Col du Labays to Pierre Saint Martin, under *Abies alba* and *Fagus sylvatica* on calcareous ground, 12 Oct 2008, J.C. Zamora, J.A. Campos, M.A. Ribes, L.A. Parra & I. Olariaga, (BIO-Fungi 12904). Isotype: F-207038 (S).

*Commentary*: *H. vesterholtii* is characterized by slender basidiomata, ocher pilei that are sometimes umbilicate, often having decurrent spines and possessing ovoid basidiospores. The habit of *H. vesterholtii* conforms to the conventional concept of *H. rufescens* due to the relatively thin and long stipe, together with the non-fleshy cap. However, *H. rufescens* s.l. has been treated as having globose to subglobose basidiospores and orange pileus. *Hydnum ovoideisporum*, also described here, is the only species known to us that shares the same habit and same basidiospore shape as *H. vesterholtii*. The orange pileus of *H. ovoideisporum* is a morphologically

informative character to distinguish it from *H. vesterholtii*, as supported by ITS analyses (FIG. 2).

*Hydnum vesterholtii* shares some similarities with *H. repandum* (clade RE1) and *H. heimii* Maas Geest. (may correspond to clade RU1), such as the relatively pale color and the ovoid basidiospores. Both differ in having fleshier basidiomata with a larger pileus and thicker stipe and having a non-umbilicate pileus. Furthermore, *H. repandum* possesses pinkish orange tones in the pileus and a thick involute margin in young basidiomata. *Hydnum pallidum* Raddi, described from Italy, shares with *H. vesterholtii* slender basidiomata and pale color. However, it was described as “entirely pale-white”, and a completely white basidiocarp is depicted in the plate (Tab. 12, fig. 8, Raddi 1807), which instead might suggest *Hydnum albidum* Peck.

Among the extra-European taxa, *Hydnum albomagnum* Banker, described from North America, also should be compared to *H. vesterholtii* due to having a pale pileus and ovoid spores. However, the protolog of *H. albomagnum* describes a “fleshy plant”, “white throughout”, with a thick stipe, “1–2.5 cm thick” (Banker 1902), which does not resemble *H. vesterholtii*. Furthermore, the *H. albomagnum* sequence included in the phylogenetic analyses did not show affinity to those of *H. vesterholtii*. *Hydnum crocidens* Cooke is another taxon that shares with *H. vesterholtii* a similar slender basidiomata, pileus tending to be umbilicate and pale (Cooke 1890). The basidiospores of *H. crocidens*, however, are  $4\text{--}5 \mu\text{m}$  long and definitely smaller than those of *H. vesterholtii*. *Hydnum crocidens* is considered a synonym of *H. ambustum* Cooke & Massee in Index Fungorum, but the latter differs in the “testaceous” to “almost black” pileus and considerably larger spores ( $8\text{--}10 \mu\text{m}$ , Cooke 1887).

*Hydnum vesterholtii* probably had been reported earlier in the literature under other names. Maas Geesteranus (1971) depicted as *Hydnum repandum* a collection from New Zealand (PLATE 1, FIG. 3) that macroscopically resembles *H. vesterholtii*. However, we prefer to be cautious as to the identity of this fungus due to the antipodal distribution and the lack of microscopic data of this collection. Lüderitz (2005) provided, under the name *H. umbilicatum*, a color photo that shows macroscopic characteristics of *H. vesterholtii* due to the umbilicate and ocher pileus. However, no information regarding the spores was given and the identity of the fungus will remain doubtful until the material can be checked for the spore shape. In any case, the holotype of *H. umbilicatum* has large, globose basidiospores and this name must remain attached to a globose-spored taxon (Huhtinen and Ruotsalainen 2006).

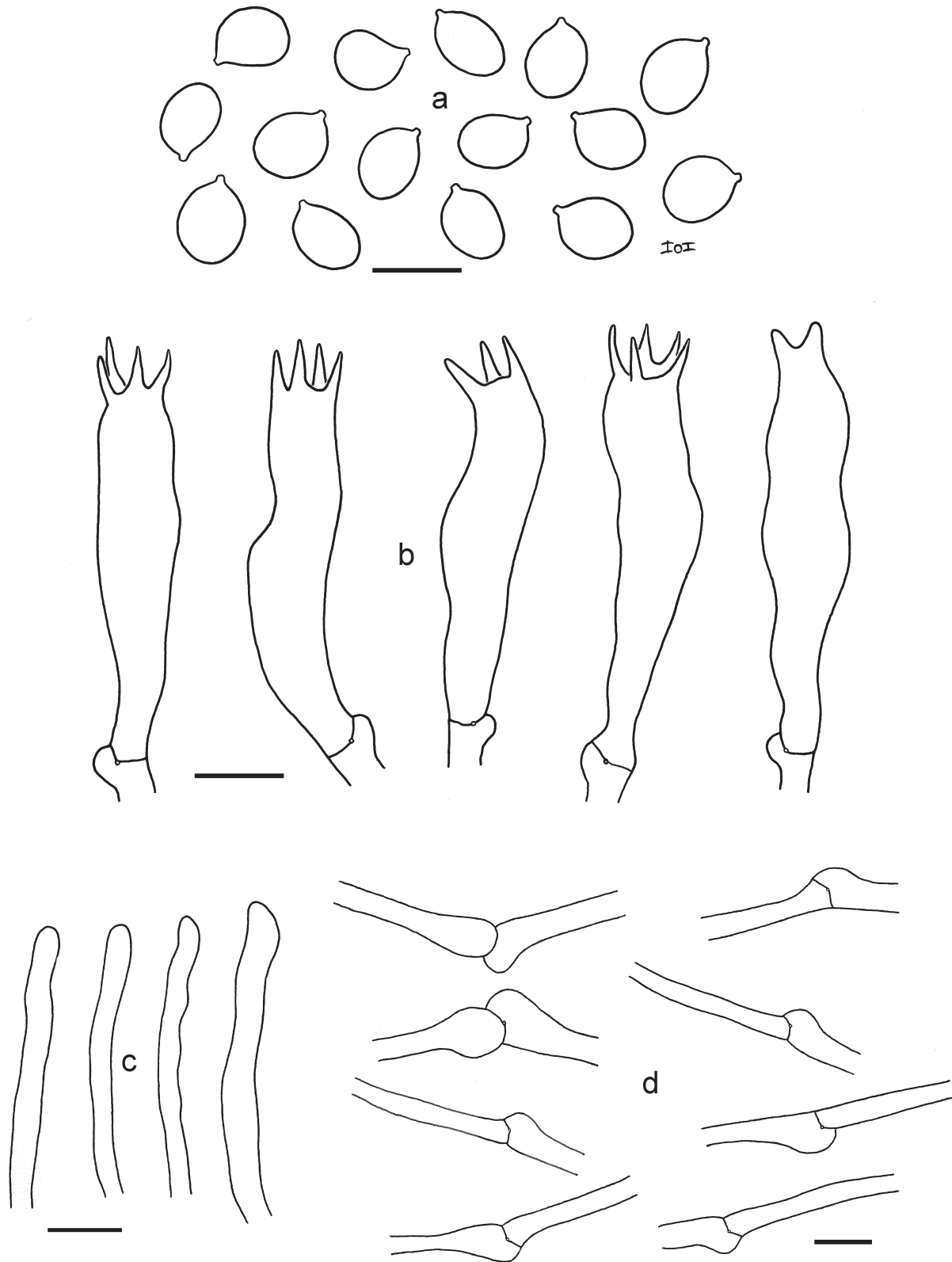


FIG. 6. *Hydnum vesterholtii* sp. nov. (BIO-Fungi 12904). A. Basidiospores. B. Basidia. C. Hyphae of the apex of the spines. D. Mycelial hyphae. Bar = 10  $\mu$ m.

Hence, we propose here *Hydnum vesterholtii* as a new species that can be recognized by morphological and anatomical data as well as molecular data. The sister clade of *H. vesterholtii* might represent a morphologically very similar species that shares a pale pileus and ovoid spores, judging from specimen BIO 12330. The latter collection differed only from the specimens in the *H. vesterholtii* clade in the very pale orange tinges of the pileus. However, further material would be required to address the question whether it can be referred to a different species. We thus prefer to be cautious and restrict our concept of *H. vesterholtii* to the clade where the holotype is included. The material of *H. vesterholtii* examined has been collected in southern Europe, and especially the Pyrenees. The Italian collection studied could not be successfully sequenced, but morphologically it matches the rest of the material examined.

*Specimens examined:* ANDORRA: Estany de Engolatus, under *Corylus avellana* and *Buxus sempervirens*, 16 Oct 2002, leg. M.P. Martin & T. Grebenc, MA-Fungi 47726 (sub *H. repandum*). FRANCE. PYRÉNÉES ATLANTIQUES (64), Forêt d'Issaux, from Col du Labays to Pierre Saint Martin, under *Abies alba* and *Fagus sylvatica* on calcareous ground, 12 Oct 2008, leg. J.C. Zamora, J.A. Campos, M.A. Ribes, L.A. Parra & I. Olariaga, (HOLOTYPE, BIO-Fungi 12904). ITALY. TOSCANA: Cala Violina NW of Grosseto, in *Quercus cerris* dominated forest with scattered *Q. ilex* and *Q. suber*, 7 Nov 1996, leg. J. Vesterholt, BIO-Fungi 12353, [dupla ex JV96-447]. SPAIN. HUESCA: Sallent de Gállego, Barranco de Garmo Negro, 30TYN1744, 1700 m, under *Fagus sylvatica*, 16 Sep 2004, leg. I. Olariaga, BIO-Fungi 10452. Fanlo, Cañon de Añisclo, 31BHN5717, 1500 m, under *Abies alba*, *Fagus sylvatica* and *Buxus sempervirens*, 17 Sep 2004, leg. I. Olariaga, BIO-Fungi 10429. *Hydnum* aff. *vesterholtii*.—SPAIN. HUESCA: Villanúa, Fuente el Paco, under *Abies alba* and *Pinus sylvestris* on rich ground, 10 Oct 2006, leg. I. Olariaga, BIO-Fungi 12330. CÁCERES: Castañar de Ibor, under *Castanea sativa*, 20 Feb 1977, leg. M.T. Telleria, MA-Fungi 3457.

DISCUSSION

The fact that the  $Q_m$  (mean length/width ratio) values were consistent in well characterized species, such as in *H. albidum*, *H. ellipsosporum* and *H. repandum*, and were congruent with the ITS nrDNA analyses supports the usefulness of the  $Q_m$  as a taxonomically informative character. The  $Q_m$  seems likewise useful as a morphological criterion to identify *H. ovoideisporum* and *H. vesterholtii*, although the sample size in both species is still low. On the other hand, several phylogenetic species exist that have globose spores with overlapping dimensions (Grebenc et al. 2009). More focused studies drawing attention to presence of umbilicate pileus, shape and attachment of the spines, number of predominant

sterigmata and ecological and distributional data could contribute to morphological characterization of this lineage. The species corresponding to clade RU3, characterized by large basidiomata (Grebenc et al. 2009) or the morphological species that is recognized as *H. umbilicatum* in northern Europe could serve as examples of this (Jeppson 2010), although the latter has not been tested with molecular data.

This scenario, in which several well supported clades comprising morphologically similar specimens are treated under *H. rufescens* s.l. (RU2–RU6), raises the question as to which of the clades should be used to typify *H. rufescens*. The description of *H. rufescens* by Persoon (1799) does not provide information on microscopic characters, and no type specimen seems to remain. However, it conventionally has been considered a globose-spored taxon (Lundell and Nannfeldt 1936, Ostrow and Beenken 2004, Huhtinen and Ruotsalainen 2006) and we agree. This situation requires narrowing the typification of *H. rufescens*, selecting a lectotype from the original material and an adequate epitype collection. A better morphological characterization and distributional data about the globose-spored species needs to be gained to choose the most appropriate clade to typify *H. rufescens*. Likewise, new species will have to be described or available names found when each of the remaining clades is better characterized. In the meantime, we propose a provisional key to the species that can be distinguished morphologically with the current knowledge of the European taxa including the two new species proposed, *H. ovoideisporum* and *H. vesterholtii*.

KEY TO THE EUROPEAN SPECIES OF *HYDNUM*

- 1. Pileus initially entirely white;  $L_m = 4.9\text{--}6.1\ \mu\text{m}$ ; basidia  $5\text{--}6.5\ \mu\text{m}$  wide . . . . . *H. albidum*
- 1.' Pileus initially not white  $L_m \geq 7\ \mu\text{m}$ ; basidia  $7.5\text{--}12\ \mu\text{m}$  wide . . . . . 2
- 2. Basidiospores broadly to narrowly ellipsoid,  $Q_m = 1.55\text{--}1.75$ ;  $L_m = 9.8\text{--}10.6$ ; spines often spatulate at least around the stipe, non-decurrent . . . . . *H. ellipsosporum*
- 2.' Basidiospores globose to broadly ellipsoid,  $Q_m = 1.06\text{--}1.38$ ;  $L_m = 7.7\text{--}9.3$ ; spines spatulate or not, decurrent or not . . . . . 3
- 3. Basidiomata slender, stipe up to 9 mm diam; basidiospores broadly ellipsoid to ovoid ( $Q_m = 1.24\text{--}1.38$ ) . . . . . 4
- 3.' Basidiomata slender to robust; stipe up to 20 mm in diam; basidiospores subglobose to ovoid ( $Q_m = 1.07\text{--}1.22$ ) . . . . . 6
- 4. Pileus with deep orange tones . . . . . *H. ovoideisporum*
- 4.' Pileus pale ocher, without deep orange tones . . . . . 5

5. Pileus pale ocher, without orange tinge . . . .  
 . . . . . *H. vesterholtii*
- 5.' Pileus with pale orange tinge . . . . .  
 . . . . . *H. aff. vesterholtii*
- 6.' Basidiomata fleshy; basidiospores  $Q_m = 1.16$ –  
 1.21 . . . . . *H. repandum* and clade RU1
- 6.' Basidiomata slender; if fleshy then basidiospores  
 $Q_m < 1.16$  . . . . . (*H. rufescens* s.l.) 7
- 7.' Basidiospores  $L_m > 9 \mu\text{m}$ ; spines sharply non-  
 decurrent, spatulate around the stipe and  
 often paler at the apex; pileus often umbilicate;  
 . . . . . *H. aff. ellipsosporum*
- 7.' Basidiospores  $L_m < 9 \mu\text{m}$ ; spines not sharply  
 delimited, without strong tendency to be  
 spatulate; pileus umbilicate or not. . . . .  
 . . . . . Clades RU2–RU6

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