

1 **Genetic diversity patterns of arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi associated with the**
2 **mycoheterotroph *Arachnitis uniflora* Phil. (Corsiaceae)**

3 Short running title: Genetic diversity of arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi in *A. uniflora*

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1 Abstract

- 2 • **Background and Aims.** Molecular tools allow to understand that not all
3 mycoheterotrophs are extreme specialists; indeed, some mycoheterotrophic plants
4 have the ability to associate with more than one fungal family. Were identified
5 fungal taxa associated with *Arachnitis uniflora* across its geographic range, and
6 tested the role of historical events and current environmental, geographical and
7 altitudinal variables on the fungal genetic diversity.
- 8 • **Methods.** Fungi of *A. uniflora* were sampled in 25 sites, obtained 104 fungal DNA
9 sequences from the 18S ribosomal rDNA gene. Phylogenetic relationships were
10 reconstructed; genetic diversity was calculated and main divergent lineages were
11 dated. Phylogeographic analysis was performed with the main fungal clade. Fungal
12 diversity associations with environmental factors were explored.
- 13 • **Key results.** Three Glomeromycotan families were found and Glomeraceae was
14 the dominant symbiont, building a main clade (*Arachnitis* clade) which was
15 originated around the Upper Cretaceous and diversified at the Miocene. High
16 genetic diversity was found in Bolivia and both in northern and southern Patagonia,
17 which was also associated with temperature, rainfall and soil features.
- 18 • **Conclusions.** Fungal genetic diversity and its distribution were explained by both,
19 an ancient evolutionary history of Glomeraceae, and micro-scale environmental
20 conditions in a geographical mosaic pattern. The two families not previously found
21 in *A. uniflora* may represent facultative associations.

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26 Introduction

27 The most common mycorrhizal symbiosis occurs between arbuscular mycorrhizal
28 fungi (AMF) and plants; in fact, ca. 70-90% of land plant species form mycorrhizas with
29 members of the fungal phylum Glomeromycota (Parniske, 2008; Smith and Read, 2008;
30 Merckx et al., 2012). The relationship between AMF and green plants is interpreted as
31 mutualistic, and it generally assumed that there is bidirectional transfer of nutrients. In this
32 kind of relationship the fungi are obligate partners, because they cannot complete their life
33 cycle without plants. In contrast, arbuscular mycorrhizal green plants are autotrophic and
34 mostly capable of development in the absence of AMF colonization; therefore, plants are

1 considered facultative symbionts in this relationship (Smith and Read, 2008). A third
2 partner, such as an achlorophyllous plant, can interfere with the arbuscular mycorrhizal
3 mutualism; this additional partner takes advantage of that mycorrhizal relationship by
4 becoming a "cheater" which invades a mutualism between two other organisms. Thus, a
5 tripartite symbiosis arises where an obligate cheater plant becomes part of, and depends
6 on the fate of, the mutualism it targets (Bidartondo, 2005; Smith and Read, 2008;
7 Waterman et al., 2013). Achlorophyllous plants sustained by fungi are referred to as
8 mycoheterotrophs (Leake, 1994). Mycoheterotrophy shows multiple independent origins,
9 and is present in ten families of angiosperms, seven of which are monocots (Merckx et al.,
10 2013a; Merckx et al., 2013b).

11 The biochemical and structural mechanisms of mycoheterotrophic plants to avoid
12 recognition and/or suppress defences in their fungal hosts (*sensu* Merckx et al., 2009)
13 while they sequester fungal carbon are unclear; however, the evolution and maintenance
14 of these pathways may also generate selective pressures toward specialization (Futuyma
15 and Moreno, 1988; Waterman et al., 2013). Furthermore, the dependence of a
16 mycoheterotrophic plant on fungi for its establishment, survival, and/or diversification
17 agree with the observation that some mycoheterotrophic associations are extremely
18 specific (Bidartondo and Bruns, 2002; Bidartondo et al., 2002; Taylor et al., 2002; Leake,
19 2004). On the other hand, generalists have greater potential to adapt to new
20 environments, providing more opportunities for speciation and a reduced risk of extinction
21 (Zayed et al., 2005). The development of molecular tools shows that not all
22 mycoheterotrophs are extreme specialists; indeed, some mycoheterotrophic plants have
23 the ability to associate with more than one fungal families. Generalist mycoheterotrophic
24 relationships have been found in *Sciaphila ledermannii* (Triuridaceae) which associates
25 with Acaulosporaceae, Gigasporaceae and Glomeraceae, in *Campylosiphon congestus*
26 (Burmanniaceae) and *Gymnosiphon capitatus* (Burmanniaceae) with Acaulosporaceae
27 and Glomeraceae, and in *Voyria* species (Gentianaceae) with Gigasporaceae and
28 Glomeraceae (Bidartondo et al., 2002; Franke et al., 2006; Merckx et al., 2010; Courty et
29 al., 2011; Merckx et al., 2012). Nonetheless, Glomeraceae is the most common family
30 targeted by mycoheterotrophic plants (Merckx et al., 2012) possibly due to its capability to
31 contact roots quickly and to produce an extensive mycelium inside the roots (Hart and
32 Reader, 2002).

33 There is substantial evidence showing that nutrient availability, dispersal limitation,
34 host plant communities and other environmental factors affect AMF distribution,

1 abundance, root colonization, hyphal development, and spore germination (Smith and
2 Read, 2008; Camargo-Ricalde, 2002; Kivlin et al., 2011). In mycoheterotrophic
3 relationships, it is difficult to separate the requirements of each partner, but in general, the
4 host fungi delimit the habitat the achlorophyllous plant can occupy (McKendrick et al.,
5 2000; Waterman et al., 2013).

6 Environment influence upon the biota is not restricted to the present day. In the last
7 several million years, glaciations and associated climate change, tectonic events,
8 volcanism, palaeobasins, seashore shifts and marine introgressions have dramatically
9 altered the landscape, e.g. in South America (Ortiz-Jaureguizar and Cladera, 2006;
10 Ramos and Ghiglione, 2008; Martínez and Kutscher, 2011; Ponce et al., 2011; Sérsic et
11 al., 2011), with concomitant effects in the patterns of distribution and diversification in the
12 biota.

13 Here, we studied *Arachnitis uniflora* Phil. from the completely mycoheterotrophic
14 monocot family Corsiaceae Becc (Fig. 1, inset). This species grows principally in dense
15 and shaded Andean-Patagonian temperate forests of Argentina and Chile, in sub-humid
16 and humid tropical Andean forests in Bolivia, and in the treeless Malvinas-Falkland Islands
17 (Dimitri, 1972; Cribb et al., 1995; Ibsch et al., 1996). Bidartondo et al. (2002) showed a
18 specific association with AMF belonging to *Glomus* group A (currently placed within
19 Glomeraceae) in three populations of *A. uniflora*. It is unclear whether fungal diversity
20 varies as the number of populations increases, especially when including distant areas, as
21 well as different floristic regions. Though evidence indicates that specialization towards a
22 fungal species does not preclude a wide distribution (i.e. the orchid *Eulophia zollingeri*;
23 Ogura-Tsujita and Yukawa, 2008), the extensive geographic range of *A. uniflora* suggests
24 that fungal variation may await discovery due to historical factors and/or adaptation to
25 environmental conditions. To test these expectations, we used fungal DNA sequence data
26 to identify mycorrhizal fungi associated with individuals of *A. uniflora* across nearly all of its
27 geographic range (with the exception of the Malvinas-Falkland Islands). We tested the
28 influence on fungal diversity of current environmental, geographical and altitudinal
29 variables, as well as the role of historical events through molecular dating of fungal clades.

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31 **Materials and Methods**

32 *Plant species and sampling*

33 *Arachnitis uniflora* Phil. grows underground and surfaces only during flowering and
34 fruiting, when a shoot ca. 6-40 cm tall is formed ending in a single zygomorphic flower

1 (Fig. 1, inset). The root system consists of a star-like cluster of about 10 tuberous roots
2 that store starch and oil and are densely colonized internally by mycorrhizal fungi (Dimitri,
3 1972; Ibsch et al., 1996; Domínguez and Sérsic, 2004; Domínguez et al., 2005; Fig. 1,
4 inset). It inhabits shaded forests where it co-exists with *Austrocedrus chilensis* (D. Don)
5 Pic. Serm. and Bizzarri (Cupressaceae), *Nothofagus* spp. (Nothofagaceae), *Osmorrhiza*
6 *chilensis* Hook. and Arn. (Apiaceae), *Araucaria araucana* (Molina) K. Koch
7 (Araucariaceae), *Chusquea culeou* E. Desv. (Poaceae), *Luma apiculata* (DC.) Burret
8 (Mirtaceae), and *Lomatia hirsuta* (Lam.) Diels (Proteaceae).

9 One hundred twenty-three roots of *A. uniflora* were collected from 24 sites along
10 the Andean-Patagonian forests from Argentina and Chile and the Bolivian forests to cover
11 the geographic range of the species (see Table 1). The whole root system was removed,
12 washed and immediately stored in 2% CTAB buffer, and preserved at -20°C until further
13 processing. All voucher specimens were deposited in the Herbarium of CORD. All LAV
14 representatives were obtained by Bidartondo et al. (2002) and were retrieved from
15 GenBank.

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17 *Fungal DNA extraction, amplification and sequencing*

18 Total DNA from one thin section of one root of each *A. uniflora* individual was
19 extracted according to Gardes and Bruns (1993) with a purification step using GeneClean
20 (QBioGene). The whole fungal 18S ribosomal rDNA gene was amplified (JumpStart,
21 Sigma), using the specific primers NS1 (White et al., 1990) and EF3 (Smit et al., 1999).
22 The PCR procedure was 2 min at 94°C; 34 cycles of 30 s at 94°C, 30 s at 53°C, and 1:30
23 min at 72°C; a 7 min final extension at 72°C. Because initial DNA sequence screening
24 produced some electropherograms of multiple overlapping copies, cloning was performed
25 using TOPO TA kits (Invitrogen, U.K.). At least four putative positive colonies from each
26 amplification product were used. The cycling scheme was 7 min at 94°C; 25 cycles of 30 s
27 at 94°C, 30 s at 53°C, and 1:30 min at 72°C; a 5 min final extension at 72°C. The primers
28 used were NS1/NS3, NS3/NS5, and NS5/EF3 (White et al., 1990), covering the whole 18S
29 gene. Each fragment was sequenced (BigDye, Applied Biosystems) with a 3730 Genetic
30 Analyzer (Applied Biosystems). Two different matrices were constructed, one including the
31 sequences of the 18S (1,514 pb), and another containing only the fragment with the
32 highest number of polymorphic sites (S). This fragment (604 pb) corresponds to the middle
33 part of the 18S amplified with the NS3/NS5 primers. Sequences were identified by BLAST,
34 and non-Glomeromycotan DNA sequences were discarded. Additionally, the sequences

1 were also identified against taxa in the MaarjAM database of Glomeromycota (Öpik et al.,
2 2010).

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4 *Phylogenetic analysis*

5 The fungal sequences obtained from *A. uniflora* roots were assigned by BLAST to
6 virtual taxa (VTX) in the MaarjAM database; those VTX with $\geq 97\%$ sequence similarity
7 were added to the matrices (10 sequences). Eight *A. uniflora* *Glomus* group A sequences,
8 classified as Glomeraceae by Schüßler and Walker (2010), obtained by Bidartondo et al.
9 (2002) were retrieved from GenBank. Finally, 23 sequences of other genera of
10 Glomeraceae cited in Krüger et al. (2011) and Redecker et al. (2013) were included.
11 *Paraglomus* (Paraglomeraceae) was selected as outgroup. The complete dataset is shown
12 in Table S1.

13 Phylogenetic relationships among sequences were reconstructed with Bayesian
14 Inference (BI). The GTR+I+G model of DNA evolution was selected under the Akaike
15 Information Criterion (AIC) as implemented in MrModeltest 2.2 (Nylander, 2004). Analysis
16 was performed in MrBayes 3.1 (Ronquist and Huelsenbeck, 2003) and consisted of two
17 independent runs of 1×10^7 generations with four chains (three heated and one cold),
18 sampling every 100 cycles; first 10% of the sampled trees (corresponding to the burn-in
19 period) were discarded. Correlation among runs were evaluated in Tracer v.1.6 (Rambaut
20 et al., 2014), through of effective sample sizes (ESS; Table S2). All these procedures were
21 implemented on both matrices (complete and middle part of the 18S gene).

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23 *Molecular dating*

24 Estimation of the divergence time in the different clades of AMF associated with *A.*
25 *uniflora* was conducted using three calibration points. The split between Ascomycota,
26 Basidiomycota and Glomeromycota was set to 595 Mya and the crown node of
27 Glomeromycota was constrained in 460 Mya (Redecker et al., 2000). The calibration point
28 to Gigasporaceae was 240 Mya (Padovan et al., 2005). Because the selected priors were
29 located outside of Glomeraceae, it was necessary to add sequences from Ascomycota,
30 Basidiomycota and representatives of each Glomeromycota family to the alignment used
31 in the above analysis. These sequences were retrieved from GenBank, following Merckx
32 and Bidartondo (2008) and are shown in Table S1. Divergence times were estimated using
33 a Bayesian approach and implementing a relaxed molecular clock model with BEAST
34 v.1.6 (Drummond and Rambaut, 2007). The substitution model was GTR with a Gamma

1 site heterogeneity model with four categories following the Mr Modeltest result; the clock
2 model was set as an uncorrelated log-normal relaxed model; and was selected the birth-
3 death process as speciation model. The Monte Carlo Markov Chain was set to run for
4 2×10^7 generations sampling every 1000 cycles; first 10% of the sampled trees
5 (corresponding to the burn-in period) were discarded. Correlation among runs were
6 evaluated in Tracer v.1.6 (Rambaut et al., 2014), through of effective sample sizes (ESS;
7 Table S2).

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9 *Genetic diversity and structure*

10 Nucleotide diversity (π ; Nei, 1987) and number of AMF taxa (Glomeromycota
11 families and Glomeraceae genera; see Results section) were calculated at each site, while
12 those sequences belonging to the main AMF clade associated with *A. uniflora* roots (see
13 Results section) were selected to calculate haplotype diversity (H; Nei, 1987). Indexes
14 were calculated in DnaSP 5.10 (Rozas et al., 2003). The distributions of these AMF
15 diversities across sites were plotted using the point-to-grid statistical analysis tool in Diva-
16 GIS 7.5.0 (Hijmans et al., 2005). This plotting was conducted with a grid size of $0.3 \times 0.3^\circ$
17 (33.3×33.3 km at the equator) and a circular neighbourhood option of 1.5° (166.5 km).

18 A haplotype network was built using the median-joining algorithm implemented in
19 Network 5.0 (Bandelt et al., 1999); for this analysis only the sequences grouped in the
20 main AMF clade were selected and autapomorphies and gaps were not considered. Five
21 ambiguous connections (loops) were resolved using the three criteria postulated by the
22 coalescent theory (Crandall and Templeton, 1993).

23 Patterns of genetic diversity and structure were estimated by genetic landscape
24 shape interpolation analyses using the program Alleles In Space 1.0 (Miller, 2005). This
25 procedure allows the graphical representation of inter-individual genetic distance to detect
26 the location of putative barriers or contact zones with dissimilar gene composition. The
27 analysis was carried out with a grid size of 50×50 and a distance weight value of $a=1$.
28 The analysed DNA sequences were those belonging to the main clade of AMF detected.

29 Spatial structure of the genetic diversity of the AMF main clade associated to *A.*
30 *uniflora* was analysed across the distribution range using Bayesian inference implemented
31 in Geneland v.4.0.0 (Guillot et al., 2005). Five independent replicate runs, with the number
32 of populations ranging between 1 and 25, assuming a correlated allelic frequency model,
33 and a spatial model without uncertainty on coordinates. Each run consisted in 8×10^6
34 iterations a thinning interval of 1000 and a burn-in phase of 800 iterations. Given the

1 complete consistency in the more probably number of populations among runs, the run
2 with the highest posterior probability value was selected; with which membership maps
3 with a 50x50 pixel spatial domain were created, according to authors' recommendations.

4 5 *AMF diversity and environmental conditions*

6 Geographical coordinates and altitude of each site were recorded with a GPS.
7 Using the WorldClim database (Hijmans et al., 2005), bioclimatic variables were obtained
8 for each locality at a spatial resolution of 1 km². From the 19 bioclimatic variables were
9 selected those with biological relevance, trying to avoid correlated variables: annual
10 temperature (in °C) and precipitation (in mm) averages, temperature and precipitation of
11 the warmest, coldest, driest and wettest quarters (i.e. 3-month seasons; Table S3). To
12 characterize edaphic features, one soil sample of approximately 500 g was removed from
13 the ground surface to a depth of 15 cm at each location. For each sample, pH,
14 percentages of organic carbon (C), nitrogen (N), sand (Sd) and silt (St), and
15 concentrations of phosphorus (P, in ppm) and potassium (K, in meq 100 g⁻¹) were
16 determined by the soil laboratory at the Facultad de Ciencias Agrarias (Universidad
17 Nacional de Córdoba). The relationships between AMF nucleotide diversity (Table 1) and
18 environmental factors (Table S3) were tested using linear regressions with Infostat v.2014
19 (Di Rienzo et al., 2014).

20 21 **Results**

22 Extracted DNA of 123 *A. uniflora* individual roots allowed finding Glomeromycota
23 sequences only in 69 different plants. Sequences of four clones per root retrieved a total of
24 104 Glomeromycota sequences belonging to 24 sites along distribution range. Non-
25 Glomeromycota fungi (e. g. Pezizales in Ascomycota and Agaricales in Basidiomycota,
26 principally) were not considered in this study because previous morphological and
27 molecular studies performed on roots of *A. uniflora* never revealed the presence of
28 ectomycorrhizal fungi (Bidartondo et al., 2002; Dominguez and Sérsic, 2004; Dominguez
29 et al. 2009).

30 31 *Phylogenetic analysis*

32 Bayesian phylogenetic relationships were reconstructed with the 104
33 Glomeromycotan DNA sequences, with the addition of the sequences obtained from the
34 GenBank and MaarjAM databases, summarizing 145 sequences (Table S1). Trees were

1 generated with both length matrices; the topologies of both trees were similar (Figure 1
2 and Appendix S1); however, stronger support for each node was found for the tree
3 constructed with the middle part of the 18S gene rather than for the tree obtained from the
4 entire gene. Thus, further analyses were carried out using only the middle portion.

5 The selected Bayesian phylogenetic tree (Fig. 1) revealed the presence of fungal
6 symbionts of *A. uniflora* belonging to three well-supported Glomeromycotan families,
7 *sensu* Schüßler and Walker (2010): Glomeraceae (Bayesian posterior probability; BPP=
8 1.00), Acaulosporaceae (BPP= 1.00) and Claroideoglomeraceae (BPP= 0.98). The
9 Glomeraceae clade was well supported and retrieved the largest portion of the analyzed
10 sequences (95.5%), where three genera were recognized: *Glomus* (paraphyletic),
11 *Sclerocystis* (BPP= 0.66) and *Rhizophagus* (BPP= 0.96); however, the 84.1% of these
12 sequences were clustered in an unresolved Glomeraceae group (hereafter, '*Arachnitis*
13 clade'; BPP= 0.78) identified as virtual taxon VTX00123 (*Arachnitis uniflora* symbiont, from
14 Bidartondo et al., 2002) in the MaarjAM database.

15 The Glomeraceae family clade (Fig. 1) shows an early division separating the
16 genus *Funneliformis* from the remaining genera which form a large well-supported clade
17 (BPP=0.99). Most remaining lineages cluster in two clades (BPP= 0.86), a small one
18 formed by a *Glomus* of uncertain position (BPP= 0.98) and containing one fungus from *A.*
19 *uniflora* (ALE5) and a large clade with two sub-clades, the '*Arachnitis* clade' that is
20 unresolved and contains most *A. uniflora* fungi, and a second clade (BPP= 0.89) that also
21 divides in two, one clade containing *Sclerocystis* (BPP= 0.66) and *Rhizophagus* (BPP=
22 0.96), and the other with *Glomus* (BPP= 1.00) and one sequence from *A. uniflora* (AAN1)
23 roots. The *Sclerocystis* and *Rhizophagus* clades contain two and 13 sequences from *A.*
24 *uniflora*, respectively. This tree topology suggests that *Glomus* would be paraphyletic.

25 Outside the Glomeraceae, the families Claroideoglomeraceae and
26 Acaulosporaceae constituted two well supported clades, containing three and two
27 individuals from *A. uniflora*, respectively (Fig. 1). Acaulosporaceae was located within a
28 bigger clade, grouping Diversisporales GenBank sequences (BPP= 0.99).
29 Acaulosporaceae representatives were restricted to the Bolivian forest sites (VAG4 and
30 PPG5). Claroideoglomeraceae fungi were found in one Bolivian site (PPG3) and in two
31 different plants at ALE (ALE1a and ALE2a; Fig. 1; Table 1).

32 Only two plant individuals presented two fungal families in the same root
33 (Glomeraceae and Claroideoglomeraceae) at ALE, but we detected up to three different
34 AMF clades per root at ALE, CAM, PEM, and VAG, among which the '*Arachnitis* clade'

1 was always present. Within each site, ALE and PPG showed four different Glomeromycota
2 clades; HUA and VAG, three AMF clades; AAN, BAR, CAM and PEM showed two clades;
3 in the remaining sites only the dominant AMF group, 'Arachnitis clade' was present. Only
4 at AAN we found no 'Arachnitis clade' representatives (Fig. 1; Table 1).

5 6 *Genetic diversity and structure*

7 Considering the Glomeromycota detected in *A. uniflora* roots, the nucleotide
8 diversity index (π) showed the highest values for Bolivian and AAN sites, with $\pi= 0.0617$ in
9 PPG; $\pi= 0.0545$ in AAN and $\pi= 0.0416$ in VAG (Table 1). The lowest values were found in
10 LAV ($\pi= 0$). It was not possible to calculate π in NIN, because just one fungal sequence
11 was found. In general, AMF genetic diversity tended to increase towards lower latitudes
12 (Fig. 2a); high diversity was detected in Bolivia and the northernmost sites of Chile.
13 However, a cline pattern is not clear due to medium-high genetic diversity detected at the
14 southernmost latitudes. A similar pattern was found when considering the number of
15 different AMF taxa (Acaulosporaceae, Claroideoglomeraceae, *Glomus*, *Sclerocystis*,
16 *Rhizophagus* and 'Arachnitis clade') at each site (Fig. 2b).

17 Spatial structuring of the genetic diversity of the 'Arachnitis clade' evidenced three
18 populations clusters (Fig. 3a), according to Bayesian posterior probability (BPP). COR site
19 formed an exclusive cluster (Fig. 3b; BPP=0.45); Bolivia grouped together with almost all
20 Patagonian sites (i.e. Northern than COR towards PAI; Fig. 3c; BPP=0.34); with exception
21 of the three sites associated with Tierra del Fuego which formed the last genetic group
22 (Fig. 3d; BPP=0.4).

23 24 *Genetic diversity and phylogeography of the 'Arachnitis clade'*

25 As the 'Arachnitis clade' (i.e. VTX00123) included most DNA sequences and
26 covered nearly the whole plant species geographical range, it was used for
27 phylogeographic analyses. Haplotype diversity showed no spatial structure; eight
28 populations showed the highest haplotype diversity values ($H=1$; Table 1; Fig. 2c), while all
29 others showed lower values, ranging from $H=0.69$ to $H=0$. The NIN and AAN sites were
30 not included in the diversity analysis because of scarcity of sequences. The haplotype
31 network displayed a total of 20 haplotypes. Haplotypes H1 and H2 were the most frequent
32 and widespread (Fig. 4); H1 was distributed from the Bolivian sites to PAI, one of the
33 southernmost continental sites, while H2, although absent in Bolivia, extended along the
34 Patagonian forest to Tierra del Fuego. Haplotypes H6 and H8 were also widespread, but

1 less frequent. Considering the mutational steps, H3 and its derived H15 were the most
2 divergent, separated from H8 by 14 and 15 mutational steps, respectively; these two
3 haplotypes were found between latitudes 39° and 45° S. Haplotypes H4, H6, and H16
4 formed a group which originated from an non-sampled or extinct ancestor (median vector)
5 and diverged from the rest by three mutational steps. All other haplotypes differed in one
6 or two mutational steps from each other. The most geographically isolated Bolivian sites
7 contained, besides H1, an exclusive haplotype (H11). Haplotypes 5, 7, 9-10 and 12-20
8 were exclusive to single populations (Table 1). With the exception of NIN and LAV, all
9 populations were polymorphic, with ALE reaching five haplotypes, the highest number.

10 Divergence times among haplotypes from the 'Arachnitis clade' were estimated and
11 the obtained phylogenetic tree recovered the same network structure, with six main
12 haplotype lineages (Fig. 4c). The origin of this diversification dated from the Upper
13 Cretaceous (93.95 Mya; 95% HPD interval= 48.6-158.1 Mya); while the occurrence of the
14 first lineages ranged from 71.2 to 40.9 Mya during the Paleocene-Eocene, principally; and
15 the last divergences of the current haplotypes occurred during the Miocene (24.2-9.3
16 Mya). Other important clades of the AMF associated with *A. uniflora* were e.g.
17 Glomeraceae (229.1 Mya; 95% HPD interval= 145.3-315.2 Mya), Claroideoglomeraceae
18 (119.4 Mya; 95% HPD interval= 37.8-241 Mya), and Acaulosporaceae (145 Mya; 95%
19 HPD interval= 59.4 - 250.1 Mya), and are showed in Figure 1 and Table 2.

20 Genetic landscape shape interpolation analyses (Fig. 5) produced surface plots
21 that show two major genetic discontinuities, indicating probable contact areas at 44°
22 around the NIN and FON sites, and another at latitude 49.4° S, between FIZ and GLA;
23 both delimiting a northern and a southern region in the Andean-Patagonian forest. The
24 northern region was in general characterized by the presence of haplotypes derived from
25 H1 (lineage 6; H12, H13, H14, H18, and H19) and haplotypes derived from H8 (lineage 2;
26 H10 and H17 only situated in this region). The most divergent haplotypes H3 and H15
27 (lineage 1) were found only between 37.5° and 46.7° S breaks. Although lineage 3 (H4, H6
28 and H16) was widespread, its haplotypes were principally distributed in this region, with H4
29 and H16 only present here. The southern region was dominated by haplotypes derived
30 from H2 (lineages 4 and 5; H5, H7, H9 and H20), being present the most widespread
31 haplotype. Other smaller peaks also appear at 37.5°, 39° and 46.7° S. Depressions
32 indicate more homogeneous genetic zones, occurring principally around 41.3°S and
33 southward from 49.4° S.

1 *AMF diversity and environmental conditions*

2 Environmental conditions were highly variable across the sampled sites. For
3 example, annual temperature and rainfall ranged from 4° to 16.8° C and from 665 to 2,143
4 mm, respectively (Table S3). Temperature of the coldest season and precipitation of the
5 warmest season were the most variable bioclimatic factors with variation coefficients of
6 89.6 and 62.5, respectively. In relation to edaphic traits, P concentration was the most
7 variable, ranging from 0.4 to 114.7 ppm (VC= 156.2). Linear regressions performed to
8 contrast fungal nucleotide diversity with environmental factors showed some significant
9 associations. Within variables related to temperature, AT ($R^2= 0.24$; $p= 0.0092$), TWeS
10 ($R^2= 0.24$; $p= 0.009$), TWaS ($R^2=0.15$; $p= 0.036$) and TCS ($R^2= 0.27$; $p= 0.0058$) were
11 positively and significantly associated with AMF diversity (Fig. 6a-d). One variable related
12 to precipitation (PDS, $R= 0.26$, $p= 0.0064$) and another to edaphic traits (pH, $R= 0.24$, $p=$
13 0.0105) were significantly negatively correlated with AMF genetic diversity (Fig. 6e,f). Only
14 significant regressions are shown.

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16 **Discussion**

17 *Arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi in A. uniflora roots*

18 Nearly 95% of the Glomeromycota sequences from *A. uniflora* roots belong to
19 Glomeraceae, supporting conclusions from Bidartondo et al. (2002), who showed that all
20 *A. uniflora* samples were associated with only one AMF lineage, *Glomus* group A.
21 Glomeraceae is the most common AMF in mycoheterotrophic plants (Merckx et al., 2012),
22 and *A. uniflora* is not an exception. However, our study revealed the existence of two
23 additional families associated with *A. uniflora* roots (Acaulosporaceae and
24 Claroideoglomeraceae). The present and other recent works provide evidence that
25 families other than Glomeraceae can be associated with mycoheterotrophic plants.
26 Acaulosporaceae representatives, as well as the Glomeraceae genera *Rhizophagus*,
27 *Sclerocyctis* and *Glomus* were also recorded in other mycoheterotrophic species (Russell
28 and Bulman, 2005; Franke et al., 2006; Merckx and Bidartondo, 2008; Merckx et al., 2010;
29 Courty et al., 2011; Yamato et al., 2011; Merckx et al., 2012). However,
30 Claroideoglomeraceae had not been reported before in mycoheterotrophic plants (Franke
31 et al., 2006; Merckx et al., 2012). This is the first study to address the genetic diversity of
32 fungi associated with a mycoheterotrophic plant across its geographic range. In addition to
33 the clade representing most common *A. uniflora* symbionts, the high geographic coverage
34 of this study may have allowed to recover AMF taxa that associate more rarely with the

1 plant species. These latter may be less effective co-colonizers and/or could represent taxa
2 specific to a certain habitat or geographic region within the range of *A. uniflora*.

3 The topology of the phylogenetic tree (Fig. 1) is in general congruent with
4 previously published Glomeromycota phylogenetic trees (i.e. Kruger et al., 2011; Redecker
5 et al., 2013). Compared with these, topological differences occurred mainly in the positions
6 of Claroideoglomeraceae (sister family of Glomeraceae) and *Funneliformis* (sister genus of
7 *Glomus*). It is important to note that the topology recovered in the tree constructed with the
8 entire 18S (Appendix S1) was similar to the previously cited phylogenies, but node
9 supports were in general lower, with several non-monophyletic groups. In Fig. 1 *Glomus*
10 appears to be polyphyletic; in fact, this was already observed by Schüßler and Walker
11 (2010) who categorized as 'species of uncertain position' some *Glomus* individuals and/or
12 clades. Although in these kinds of analyses high phylogenetic resolution is always
13 desirable, our main intention was to test how diverse were the AMF associated with *A.*
14 *uniflora*.

15 In the present study, the Bolivian sites showed the highest AMF taxa and genetic
16 diversity containing representatives of three Glomeromycotan families and with
17 Acaulosporaceae exclusively present at those sites. Noticeably, Claroideoglomeraceae
18 was found disjunct in one Bolivian site and in ALE in the Andean-Patagonian region.

19 As mentioned before, the family Glomeraceae, and essentially the '*Arachnitis*
20 clade', are the most common AMF found in *A. uniflora*. This confirms that this plant
21 depends on representatives of Glomeraceae (or '*Arachnitis* clade') for its establishment
22 and/or survival. The other fungal families present more rarely in *A. uniflora* could represent
23 'facultative' mycobionts as suggested by Franke et al. (2006), or incipient host shifts
24 according to the geographic mosaic theory of coevolution (Thompson, 2005). This latter
25 postulates that variations in species assemblages, in this case that of AMF, would lead to
26 local adaptations, e.g., host-shifts. It is important to remark that here we only addressed
27 the AMF part of this symbiosis. Respect to the colonizing ability of the different AMF that
28 makes shifts possible, Hart and Reader (2002) noted that members of Glomeraceae
29 usually contacted roots quickly and produced a more extensive mycelium inside the roots
30 than in soil, while members of the Acaulosporaceae contacted roots more slowly and
31 established a much less extensive mycelium in either roots or soil (Chagnon et al., 2013).

32
33 *Geographic structure of genetic diversity*

1 Considering the geographical distribution patterns of the whole genetic diversity
2 indices (Fig. 2), it was possible to recognize several areas of high diversity that can be
3 hypothesized as glacial refugia for AMF associated with *A. uniflora*, in concordance with
4 sites of high genetic diversity of *A. uniflora* (Renny et al., unpublished). The northernmost
5 sites in Bolivia showed high fungal genetic diversity due principally to the presence of fungi
6 of three families and, though sharing H1 with the remaining sites, retrieved an exclusive
7 haplotype (H11) probably as a response of fragmentation and isolation processes. Across
8 the Patagonian sites, other five putative refugia were identified, such as in the Chilean-
9 Coastal mountain range at 36.8° S (HUA), also proposed by Sérsic et al. (2011). In the
10 Central Depression of Chile at 38.7° S (CNI), where Vergara et al. (2014) found a refugial
11 population of *Nothofagus obliqua* and Acosta et al. (2014) found one *Nothofagus*
12 population with an exclusive haplotype within the same place. Noteworthy is to mention
13 that *Nothofagus* is a common co-occurring genus with *A. uniflora* along its Andean-
14 Patagonian range and specifically *N. dombeyii* was reported associated with *A. uniflora*
15 (Bidartondo et al., 2002). Other refugial areas were located in a longitudinal zone along the
16 western (LNE) and eastern (RCH and LOL) flanks of the Andes between 39.3° S and 40.7°
17 S, at 42.5°-43° S (CHO and ALE) in concordance with refugia proposed in broad analyses
18 by Sérsic et al. (2011) and Souto et al. (2015), and in specific studies by Premoli et al.
19 (2000), Marchelli and Gallo (2004) and Cosacov et al. (2010); while that HUA refuge was
20 proposed only by Sérsic et al. (2011). The southernmost refuge was proposed at 53.7° S
21 (CAM), in agreement with Jakob et al. (2009), Tremetsberger et al. (2009) and Souto et al.
22 (2015). It is remarkable that this last refuge in CAM reinforces the idea of local persistence
23 of the forest in southern latitudes (Premoli et al., 2000). Noticeably, the appearance of the
24 putative co-colonizers or 'facultative' fungi coincides with sites VAG, PPG, ALE, HUA,
25 CAM, and zones around these, proposed here as refuges.

26 Twenty-four of the 25 analysed sites were represented by individuals belonging to
27 the 'Arachnitis clade'; this large geographical representation allowed a detailed
28 phylogeographic analysis with this clade. The pattern achieved with the haplotype network
29 and geographical distribution of haplotypes showed no clear geographic structure,
30 evidenced by the wide distribution of the most frequent haplotypes, although it is possible
31 to distinguish two diversification areas, the northern area had a prevalence of haplotypes
32 derived from H1, while the southern area contained almost haplotypes derived from H2.
33 This is in concordance with the clusters obtained by the statistical test implemented in
34 Geneland.

1 Centred on the two most frequent and widespread haplotypes (H1-H2), the network
2 (Fig. 4b) showed a star-like topology – a pattern suggesting a rapid expansion of an
3 ancestral haplotype over a large geographical area (Avisé 2000). Moreover, the four most
4 abundant haplotypes (H1-H2, H6, and H8) were shared in almost all populations,
5 indicating ancient fluid relationships among populations. Thus, geographical distances
6 seem not to be relevant barriers to haplotype connection, as was already reported by
7 Davison et al. (2015); indeed Bolivian populations shared one out of two haplotypes with
8 the Patagonian forests.

9 Two main breaks detected with the landscape analyses (interpreted as meeting
10 zones between long-term divergent genetic sources; Fig. 5) at latitudes 44° S and 49.4° S,
11 between sites FON and FIZ, were consistent with the clusters previously mentioned,
12 defining the northern and southern area. These breaks coincide with a region where no *A.*
13 *uniflora* records in Herbaria or other data bases exist, however it is not possible to dismiss
14 the possibility that this mainly underground species grows in the area. The presence of a
15 peak at latitude 46.7° S in the middle of the gap suggests that the lack of collections from
16 this area may have affected the surface plot results (Fig. 5). Minor breaks were detected
17 for latitudes 37.5° and 39° S between HUA and CNI, and around LLA, respectively. All
18 latitudinal breaks detected are in agreement with barriers proposed by Sérsic et al. (2011)
19 for the Patagonian Andes, except for 46.7° that was found by Mathiasen and Premoli
20 (2010).

21 In general, refugia and breaks are correlated with climatic changes associated to
22 Pleistocene glaciations (Sérsic et al., 2011 and references therein), though the molecular
23 dating of haplotype divergences would also show concordance with previous events in the
24 Patagonian Andes. Thus, it was possible to identify an ancient diversification origin within
25 the '*Arachnitis* clade' during the Upper Cretaceous (93.95 Mya; 95% HPD= 48.6-158.1
26 Mya). As Corsiaceae diversified more recently, during the Eocene (53-36 Mya; Mennes et
27 al., 2015), it would suggest that these ancient AMF diversifications must have occurred in
28 association with green plants of the community. Fungal diversification and distribution
29 would have enough time to be shaped by successive historic events, beginning in the
30 Cretaceous and continuing until the Pleistocene climate changes. In the same line, a study
31 performed on *Nothofagus* (Acosta and Premoli, 2010; Acosta et al., 2014), provides five
32 genetic discontinuities (at 37.5°, 39°, 42° 40', 46°, and 50° S) in agreement with those
33 found here, which were explained as a result of marine ingressions during the Oligocene-
34 Miocene. Finally, the last fungal '*Arachnitis* clade' haplotype divergences, which occurred

1 during the Miocene, could have occurred in association with diversification events within
2 the Corsiaceae ancestors of *A. uniflora*.

3 4 *Environmental drivers of the AMF genetic diversity*

5 From the three studied environmental factors, temperature (TCS, AT, TWeS and
6 TWaS) was strongly and positively associated with AMF genetic diversity (Fig. 6a-d).
7 Rainfall and edaphic features were poorly correlated with AMF diversity, and only were
8 represented by PDS (from the precipitation variables; Fig. 6e) and pH values (from the
9 edaphic variables; Fig. 6f); both significantly and negatively correlated, respectively. There
10 is knowledge about the influence of several factors – temperature, soil nutrients and
11 characteristics, latitudinal range, and others – on the distribution, richness and fitness of
12 AMF (i.e. Green et al., 1976; Koske 1987; Porter et al., 1987; Johnson et al., 1991; Allen et
13 al., 1995; Lekberg et al., 2007; Kivlin et al., 2011; Davison et al., 2015; Öpik and Davison,
14 2016). Indeed other factors, like the surrounding community, or particular AMF species'
15 requirements can alter the diversity patterns in fungi (Camargo-Ricalde, 2002; Landis et
16 al., 2004; Kivlin et al., 2011).

17 In line with this close relationship between temperature pattern and fungal diversity
18 in *A. uniflora* roots, Pirozynski (1968) suggested that temperature is the major factor
19 determining the distribution and occurrence of fungi in general. Moreover, Green et al.
20 (1976) argued that pH and temperature similarly drive AMF distribution, in agreement with
21 our results (Fig. 6e,f). Temperature has a stimulating effect on AMF (e.g. Schenck et al.,
22 1975; Koske, 1987; Hu et al., 2013) by increasing hyphal P uptake and transport (Gavito et
23 al., 2003). The results here suggest that genetic diversity of AMF positively correlates with
24 pH, as observed in VAG, CAM, PPG, and ALE (Fig. 6f; Table S3) which is in agreement
25 with previous findings (Anderson and Liberta, 1992; Coughlan et al., 2000).

26 Finally, increasing diversity of fungi associated with *A. uniflora* was correlated with
27 sites with low precipitation during the driest season. In the Andean-Patagonian forests, this
28 period coincides with the spring-summer time. In general, AMF colonization peaks are
29 reported in spring-summer seasons (Sigüenza et al., 1996; Lugo et al., 2003; Bohrer et al.,
30 2004) associated to water stress (Kennedy et al., 2002). This driest time was correlated
31 too with the highest spore density periods for different ecosystems (i.e. Mago and Mukerji,
32 1994; Carvalho et al., 2001; Lugo and Cabello, 2002; Escudero and Mendoza, 2005;
33 Sivakumar, 2013), in line with our findings.

1 **Concluding Remarks**

2 The non-photosynthetic mycorrhizal plant *Arachnitis uniflora* can associate with
3 fungi of three Glomeromycotan families, among which Claroideoglomeraceae had never
4 before been found in mycoheterotrophic plants. Glomeraceae fungi of three genera are by
5 far the most common and widespread fungi that nourish this plant species. The ‘*Arachnitis*
6 clade’, the main group of AMF with *A. uniflora*, experienced several and successive
7 climatic and geological events that moulded their distribution and diversity. In line with
8 these processes, it is possible that fungi rarely found in this plant may have resulted from
9 facultative associations during adverse environment conditions in several time periods.

10 In this tripartite relationship, AMF and their chlorophyllous hosts have far more
11 control than mycoheterotrophic plants, considering the huge differences in biomass and
12 because mycoheterotrophic plants depend on AMF and their green hosts, but not vice
13 versa. We found temperature is the most important factor determining the distribution of
14 AMF genetic diversity; however, there was no geographic pattern to temperature, rather
15 environment acts at the micro-scale where some determining factors (e.g. temperature, pH
16 and dry periods acting all together or combined differently) create geographical mosaics
17 with particular conditions that allow *Arachnitis uniflora* to increase its fungal diversity.

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20 **Supplementary Materials**

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22 **Table S1:** Sequences included in the phylogenetic analysis. Individuals denominated by
23 species name where taken from GenBank, following Krüger *et al.* (2011) and Redecker *et*
24 *al.* (2013). Virtual taxa (VTX) were downloaded from MarjaAM database (Öpik *et al.*,
25 2010). Sequences denominated as *Arachnitis uniflora* symbiont were taken from
26 Bidartondo *et al.* (2002).

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28 **Table S2:** ESS values from Bayesian analyses obtained with Tracer.

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30 **Table S3:** Collection sites and ID, and environmental variables (temperature, precipitation,
31 and soil traits) of the sampled sites for fungi associated to *A. uniflora* roots. Annual
32 temperature and precipitation averages (AT and AP, respectively), temperature and
33 precipitation of the wettest (TWeS and PWeS, respectively), driest (TDS and PDS,

1 respectively), warmest (TWaS and PWaS, respectively), and coldest (TCS and PCS)
2 seasons, percentage of organic carbon (C), nitrogen (N), sand (Sd) and silt (St),
3 phosphorus (P; in ppm), potassium (K; in meq/100g), and pH values.

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6 **Appendix S1:** Bayesian inference tree based on the complete (1514 pb) nuclear 18S
7 rDNA gene sequences of the Glomeromycotan individuals found in *Arachnitis uniflora*
8 roots and other fungal lineages used as identifiers, which are described in Table S1.
9 Terminal nodes denoted without GenBank accession numbers correspond to fungi found
10 in this work. Node supports are shown as Bayesian posterior probability (BPP) at each
11 node. Nodes with BPP < 0.5 were collapsed to polytomies.

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15 Legends for figures

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17 **Fig. 1:** Bayesian inference tree based on the mid fragment (604 pb) of the nuclear 18S
18 rDNA gene sequences of the Glomeromycotan individuals found in *Arachnitis uniflora*
19 roots and other fungal lineages used as identifiers, which are described in Table S1.
20 Terminal nodes denoted without GenBank accession numbers correspond to fungi found
21 in this work. Node support is shown as Bayesian posterior probability (BPP) over each
22 node. Nodes with BPP < 0.5 were collapsed to polytomies. Black boxes under nodes
23 indicate main divergence times (in Mya); all Roman numerals correspond to node ages
24 which are shown in Table 2, together with its 95% HPD intervals. Inset: Image of *A.*
25 *uniflora* plants and details of its flower and roots.

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27 **Fig. 2:** Geographical distribution patterns of genetic diversity. (a) nucleotide diversity of all
28 *Arachnitis uniflora* associated fungi taxa, at each site; (b) number of Glomeromycotan
29 clades per site; (c) haplotype diversity using only those sequences belonging to 'Arachnitis
30 clade' (see Fig. 1). Colour scales indicate genetic diversity values per a 33.3 x 33.3 km
31 grid cell.

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33 **Fig. 3:** Bayesian clustering of the AMF belonging to the 'Arachnitis clade'. (a) More
34 probable population membership arrangement, each colour indicates a cluster. (b-d) Maps

1 of each cluster selected by Geneland; colours indicate the Bayesian Posterior Probability
2 (BPP) being white the maximum value, and red the lowest BPP. Black dots show each
3 studied site. (b) COR group. (c) Most Patagonian sites and Bolivian representatives. (d)
4 Southernmost Patagonian sites, associated to Tierra del Fuego.

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6 **Fig. 4:** Geographical distribution and genealogical relationship of the nuclear 18S rDNA
7 haplotypes found in those fungi associated to *Arachnitis uniflora* roots and particularly
8 belonging to the 'Arachnitis clade'. Correspondence in colours exists between figures. (a)
9 Haplotype distribution, where pie charts reflect the frequency of occurrence of each
10 haplotype in each site. Code sites are referenced in Table 1. (b) Haplotype network, where
11 each short line on the bar between haplotypes represents one mutational step. Black dots
12 represent median vectors and are represented as non sampled or extinct ancestors. (c)
13 Haplotype lineages found within the 'Arachnitis clade' and its respective divergence times
14 (over each node).

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16 **Fig. 5:** Genetic landscape shape interpolation analysis using a 50 x 50 grid size and a
17 distance weighting parameter of $a=1$. The x- and y-axes correspond to geographic
18 locations; the z-axis shows the genetic distances. Positive peaks show genetic
19 discontinuities or possible barriers to gene flow, and are referenced with latitude
20 coordinates. The analysis was conducted with the fungal sequences belonging to the
21 'Arachnitis clade' (see Fig. 1).

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23 **Fig. 6:** Relationship between nucleotide diversity of *Arachnitis uniflora* fungi and
24 environmental factors at each site, listed in Table 1. Only significant regressions are
25 shown. (a) annual temperature; (b) mean temperature during the wettest season; (c) mean
26 temperature during the warmest season; (d) mean temperature during the coldest season;
27 (e) precipitation during the driest season; (f) soil pH.

1 **Table 1:** Collection sites and codes (where A is Argentina, B is Bolivia, and C is Chile),
 2 coordinates, altitude, genetic diversity indices (for the obtained Glomeromycota sequences
 3 and exclusively for 'Arachnitis clade'), and haplotypes found in each site, for fungi
 4 associated to *Arachnitis uniflora* roots. Haplotype diversity (H), nucleotide diversity (π).
 5 (^d) only sequences obtained from GenBank (LAV site).

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Site ID	Site	Latitude	Longitude	Altitude	π in Glomeromycota	H in the 'Arachnitis clade'	Haplotypes
VAG	Valle Grande (B)	-18.572	-64.043	2387	0.042	1.000	H1, H11
PPG	Pampa Grande (B)	-18.677	-63.917	2378	0.062	0.667	H1, H11
COR	Corel (C)	-35.535	-71.197	487.3	0.009	0.667	H10, H14
QUI	Quillón (C)	-36.668	-72.460	41.2	0.012	0.500	H1, H16
HUA	Hualpén (C)	-36.805	-73.172	17.7	0.037	1.000	H1-H2, H17
AAN	Alto Antuco (C)	-37.369	-71.697	749	0.054	-	-
CNI	Ñielol Hill (C)	-38.724	-72.589	217.6	0.025	1.000	H3, H8
LLA	Llancaihú (C)	-39.236	-71.636	333	0.011	1.000	H1-H2, H6
RCH	Ruca Choroy Lake (A)	-39.246	-71.189	1241.9	0.010	1.000	H1-H2, H6, H20
LNE	Los Nevados (C)	-39.327	-71.834	400	0.016	0.900	H1, H3, H17-H18
PLP	La Peña (C)	-39.507	-72.582	153.9	0.003	0.667	H1-H2
LOL	Lolog Lake (A)	-40.683	-71.373	936.9	0.019	0.867	H1, H3, H13, H17
LAV ^d	Verde Lake, Villa La Angostura (A)	-40.777	-71.659	813	0.000	0.000	H1
BAR	San Carlos de Bariloche (A)	-41.053	-71.541	822.3	0.015	0.476	H1-H2
PEM	Perito Moreno Hill, El Bolsón (A)	-41.857	-71.537	593.2	0.027	0.500	H1, H4
CHO	Cholila (A)	-42.461	-71.610	580	0.006	0.733	H1-H2, H8
ALE	Los Alerces National Park (A)	-42.887	-71.608	526.2	0.040	0.857	H1-H2, H12, H15, H19
NIN	Los Niños Lagoon (A)	-44.006	-71.490	1026.3	-	-	H6
FON	Fontana Lake (A)	-44.890	-71.527	927.8	0.024	0.833	H1, H3-H4
FIZ	Fitz Roy, El Chaltén (A)	-49.268	-72.950	693.2	0.005	1.000	H1-H2
GLA	Los Glaciares National Park (A)	-50.484	-72.875	403	0.010	1.000	H1, H6
PAI	Torres del Paine National Park (C)	-51.092	-73.198	258.2	0.002	0.667	H1, H2
BUL	Fuerte Bulnes (C)	-53.610	-70.945	403.9	0.006	0.800	H2, H7-H8
CAM	Puerto Cameron (C)	-53.750	-70.095	116.4	0.034	1.000	H8-H9
RED	Redonda Island (A)	-54.863	-68.479	402.2	0.007	0.700	H2, H5-H6

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1 **Table 2:** Divergence ages and its confidence intervals (95% HPD) obtained in the dating
 2 of the AMF associated with *A. uniflora*.
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Lineage nodes	Median age	95% HPD Interval
Clades not shown in Figure 1		
Ascomycota-Basidiomycota- Glomeromycota divergence	595.01	521 - 667.41
Ascomycota	216.44	55.12 - 404.42
Basidiomycota	286.53	131.14 - 488.87
Diversisporales	309.75	245.25 - 381.73
Glomeromycota clades shown in Figure 1		
I - Glomeromycota	476.04	420.64 - 527.5
II - Claroideoglomeraceae	119.39	37.81 - 241
III	75.62	26.11 - 153.94
IV	335.01	268.21 - 406.05
V	279.64	221 - 346.53
VI - Acaulosporaceae	148.99	59.43 - 250.14
VII	52.08	17.53 - 107.53
VII - Gigasporaceae	215.00	177.12 - 252.73
IX - Glomeraceae	229.14	145.33 - 315.18
X - <i>Glomus</i> - Uncertain position	41.67	7.15 - 105.4
XI - ' <i>Arachnitis</i> clade'	93.95	48.57 - 158.08
XII - <i>Glomus</i>	49.8	13.61 - 105.64
XIII	134.56	72.08 - 214.44
XIV - <i>Sclerocystis</i>	100.16	40.04 - 173.77
XV	16.78	1.54 - 51
XVI - <i>Rhizophagus</i>	91.66	44.86 - 151.32
XVII	46.95	14.48 - 94.38
XVIII	69.44	32.46 - 118
XIX	36.97	8.32 - 82.16
XX	44.75	18.88 - 82.69
XXI	15.1	3.23 - 34.59
XXII	2.66	0 - 14.27

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Rhizophagus

Sclerocystis

Glomus

'Arachnitis clade'

Glomus - Uncertain position

Acaulosporaceae

Claroideoglomeraceae

Glomeraceae











