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Species diversity in the *Antrodia crassa* group (Polyporales, Basidiomycota)

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ABSTRACT

Antrodia is a polyphyletic genus, comprising brown-rot polypores with annual or short-lived perennial resupinate, dimittic basidiocarps. Here we focus on species that are closely related to *Antrodia crassa*, and investigate their phylogeny and species delimitation using geographic, ecological, morphological and molecular data (ITS and LSU rDNA, *tef1*). Phylogenetic analyses distinguished four clades within the monophyletic group of eleven conifer-inhabiting species (five described herein): (1) *A. crassa* s. str. (boreal Eurasia), *Antrodia cincta* sp. nova (North America) and *Antrodia cretacea* sp. nova (holarctic), all three being characterized by inamyloid skeletal hyphae that dissolve quickly in KOH solution; (2) *Antrodia ignobilis* sp. nova, *Antrodia sitchensis* and *Antrodia sordida* from North America, and *Antrodia piceata* sp. nova (previously considered conspecific with *A. sitchensis*) from Eurasia, possessing amyloid skeletal hyphae; (3) *Antrodia ladiana* sp. nova from the southern part of the USA, *Antrodia pinea* from East Asia, and *Antrodia ferox* – so far known from subtropical North America, but here reported also from Eurasia. These three species have inamyloid hyphae and narrow basidiospores; (4) the North American *Antrodia pini-cubensis*, sharing similar morphological characters with *A. pinea*, forming a separate clade. The habitat data indicate that several species are threatened by intensive forestry.

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Introduction

The polypore genus *Antrodia* was introduced by Karsten (1879). Later Donk (1960, 1966) redefined the genus and selected *Daedalea serpens* Fr. as its type. Since then *Antrodia* has grown to

one of the largest genera of polypores, including more than 50 species causing brown-rot of various trees (Kirk et al. 2008). The species in *Antrodia sensu lato* are characterized by resupinate to effused-reflexed basidiocarps, dimittic hyphal system with clamped generative hyphae and mostly

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colourless skeletal hyphae, and smooth, thin walled and inamyloid basidiospores (Ryvarden & Gilbertson 1993). Recent phylogenetic analyses based on molecular data have proven the genus to be polyphyletic as the 'core *Anurodia*' group comprises, besides *Anurodia* species that cluster in several strongly supported subsets, also species of *Daedalea*, *Fomitopsis*, and *Rhodonia* (Ortiz-Santana et al. 2013; Spirin et al. 2013).

Wood-inhabiting fungi in general, and the species in genus *Anurodia* in particular, merit attention because of their functional roles in forest ecosystems, as well as for their practical role in forest conservation. Species of this genus participate in decaying fallen dead-wood, thereby modulating the availability of resources for several other organism groups. Some *Anurodia* species are extremely abundant and their functional role may thus be significant in some forest systems. Other *Anurodia* species have become rare and threatened due to intensive forestry and deserve attention for practical use as indicators of old-growth forest habitat (e.g. Niemelä 2005; Kotiranta et al. 2010). However, their value as indicator species appears to be obscure (Runnel et al. 2014) due to the scarcity of comparative ecological and taxonomic studies.

Anurodia crassa (P. Karst.) Ryvarden is a perennial polypore occurring on gymnosperm hosts in the Northern Hemisphere (Gilbertson & Ryvarden 1986; Ryvarden & Gilbertson 1993; Núñez & Ryvarden 2001). In taxonomical literature it has also been placed in the genus *Amyloporia* (Bondartsev 1953; Vampola & Pouzar 1992; Cui & Dai 2013), typified with *Amyloporia xantha* (Fr.) Bondartsev & Singer, and appears to be closely related to the recently described *Anurodia pinea* (Cui & Dai 2013). *Anurodia crassa* has been used as an indicator of natural conifer forests in North Europe (Trass et al. 1999; Niemelä 2005). Recent DNA analyses of European specimens, however, showed that *A. crassa* includes two sibling species, differing in their ecological requirements and possibly geographic range (Runnel et al. 2014). In addition, another species, growing in old-growth forests in Europe and so far called *Anurodia sitchensis*, was detected as closely related to *A. crassa*.

The aim of the present study was to evaluate the identity *A. crassa*, and its kin species in what we call the *A. crassa* group. For that we studied type specimens of *A. crassa*, *A. pinea*, *A. sitchensis*, *Anurodia sordida*, and 108 specimens identified to belong to these species as well as some morphologically similar species. After a comparison of morphological, ecological, geographic, and molecular data (from nuclear ITS, LSU, and *tef1*), we concluded that *A. crassa* group encompasses eleven species, including five species that are new to science. Results of this study are described and illustrated below.

Materials and methods

Morphology

Type specimens and other collections from herbaria BJFC, BPI, CFMR, H, MICH, NY, O, PRM, TAAM, TU, as well as from private herbarium of the author JV, were studied and sequenced. Herbarium acronyms are given according to Thiers (2015). Terminology used in morphological descriptions, as well as microscopic routine and the pore measuring technique follow Miettinen et al. (2006, 2012). The following abbreviations are

used in the species descriptions: L – mean basidiospore length, W – mean basidiospore width, Q – mean length/width ratio, n – total number of measurements per specimens measured.

DNA extraction, PCR, and sequencing

For most of the specimens, DNA was extracted and the nuclear internal transcribed spacer (ITS) and large subunit (LSU) rDNA; and translation elongation factor 1- α (*tef1*) regions sequenced applying the protocols described by Tamm & Pöldmaa (2013) or Spirin et al. (2013). ITS region was amplified using the primers ITS1F (Gardes & Bruns 1993) or ITS0F-T (Tedersoo et al. 2008) and ITS4 (White et al. 1990), and the first two domains of LSU using primers LROR and LR5 (<http://biology.duke.edu/fungi/mycolab/primers.htm>). The large exon of *tef1* was amplified with primers *tef1*-983.2f (GCHYCHGGN-CAYCGTGAYTTYAT) and *tef1*-G2r (GCDATRTGNGCRGTRTGR-CARTC), obtained by modifying the original primers by Matheny et al. (2007). PCR products were sequenced at Macro-gen Inc. (Amsterdam, The Netherlands) or at the Genomics laboratory of the Biology Centre, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (České Budějovice, Czech Republic). For the two oldest herbarium specimens (Davidson FP-105587 and Lowe 7834), the primer combinations ITS1F/ITS2, and ITS3/ITS4 were used. In this case PCR and sequencing followed Niskanen et al. (2009), and were performed at the Faculty of Biological and Environmental Sciences, University of Helsinki. The sequences were edited and assembled in Sequencher 5.1 (Gene Codes, Ann Arbor, MI, USA).

Sequence alignment and phylogenetic analyses

We compiled five datasets for analyses. The datasets were aligned with Mafft 7 online version (Katoh & Toh 2008), using G-INS-I algorithm, followed by manual adjustment using GeneDoc 2.6.0.3.

- (1) combined ITS-LSU dataset aiming to understand the position of species in *Anurodia crassa* group within Fomitopsidaceae. This dataset contained a selection of sequences of brown-rot species within Fomitopsidaceae (mostly obtained from GenBank) and species in *A. crassa* group (mostly produced for this study). In this dataset *Anurodia albobrunnea* (Romell) Ryvarden was used as the outgroup. Before analyses, 94 basepairs in the beginning of LSU region were removed from the data, because in several combined sequences this region was absent. *Amyloporia nothofaginea* Rajchenb. & Gorjón was included in the dataset with sequences representing ITS region only. Gblocks (Castresana 2000) was used to select those regions of the sequences that were confidently aligned for analyses. The final dataset consisted of 45 sequences (of 23 species) with a length of 1251 basepairs.
- (2) ITS dataset, containing sequences of 12 species in *A. crassa* group and aiming to represent all known distribution areas for each species, and older herbarium collections. This dataset was compiled, adding the ITS sequences produced for this study to the dataset published in Runnel et al. (2014); and conducting BLAST searches in available public databases (GenBank and UNITE) to retrieve additional relevant

sequences. In this and the two following datasets, *Antrodia sinuosa* was used as the outgroup. The final dataset for ITS consisted of 53 sequences (28 produced for this study) with a length of 625 basepairs.

- (3) *tef1*; (4) ITS-LSU and (5) ITS-LSU-*tef1* datasets, all including a more restricted set of sequences of each of the studied species in the *A. crassa* group. As well as in (1), a stretch of 94 parsimony non-informative basepairs in the beginning of the LSU region were removed from the two combined multilocus datasets. The *tef1* dataset consisted of 23 sequences of 598 basepairs (all produced for this study), that covered a partial large exon of *tef1*. The ITS-LSU dataset consisted of 33 two-locus sequences (27 LSU sequences produced for this study) with a length of 1418 basepairs. The ITS-LSU-*tef1* dataset consisted of 23 three-locus sequences. Besides *Antrodia pinea* was included in this dataset with one combined sequence representing ITS-LSU region only. The ITS-LSU-*tef1* dataset had a length of 1977 basepairs.

Data for the studied specimens and the GenBank accession numbers of their ITS, LSU, and *tef1* sequences are presented in Table 1. Sequenced collections are marked by asterisk throughout the text. The final alignments for all three datasets were stored in TreeBASE (<http://www.treebase.org>; accession number S17962).

The three multilocus datasets were partitioned following the optimal partitioning strategy as identified in Partition-Finder 1.1.1 (Lanfear et al. 2012, 2014), using genes as initial partitions (ITS1, 5.8S, and ITS2 were considered one gene), linked branch lengths across partitions, and heuristic search algorithm (greedy algorithm). The optimal partitioning strategy identified was to analyse ITS and LSU as different partitions, and ITS and *tef1* as one partition.

We conducted Maximum Likelihood (ML) and Bayesian inference (BI) phylogenetic analyses with all of the four datasets. RAxML-HPC BlackBox 8.0.9 (Stamatakis 2014) was used for ML analyses of all datasets. The analyses were run without the invariant sites and with 1000 bootstrapping replicates. MrBayes v.3.2.1 (Ronquist et al. 2012) was used for Bayesian inference (BI) of one-gene and partitioned multilocus datasets with two parallel MCMC analyses, each consisting of seven chains, initiated from random starting trees. The analyses were run for 10 000 000 generations, sampling every 1000th generation. The first 25% of the trees were discarded as the burn-in; at this point, the average standard deviation of split frequencies had reached (1) 0.005 for Fomitopsidaceae ITS-LSU dataset, (2) 0.007 for ITS, (3) 0.005 for *tef1*, (4) 0.006 for *A. crassa* group ITS-LSU and (5) 0.005 for ITS-LSU-*tef1* datasets. Posterior probabilities (PP) were calculated from the remaining 15 002 trees in all cases. All phylogenetic analyses were run at the CIPRES Science Gateway (Miller et al. 2010).

Results

Phylogenetic analyses

ML and BI analyses generated nearly congruent topologies of the Fomitopsidaceae ITS-LSU dataset (Fig 1) as well as the

ITS (Fig 2), *tef1* (App. 1) ITS-LSU (App. 2), and ITS-LSU-*tef1* (Fig 3) datasets focussing on species in *A. crassa* group.

The analyses of combined ITS-LSU sequences of species in the Fomitopsidaceae (Fig 1) show that species in the *A. crassa* group form a well-supported monophyletic clade. This clade is nested within another clade that received high pp values but low BS support and comprised the type species of *Amyloporia* (*Amyloporia xantha*) and *Rhodonina* (*Rhodonina placenta*) and four other species (*A. nothofaginea*, *Amyloporia carbonica*, *A. sinuosa*, and *Antrodia alpina*).

Analyses focussing on *A. crassa* and its closest relatives consistently distinguished four clades within this group (Figs 2 and 3):

- (A) *Antrodia pini-cubensis* clade, represented by a single species.
- (B) *Antrodia crassa* clade. Three well-supported groups were distinguished in this clade. The sequences of *Pinus*-dwelling specimens from North-Europe, representing *A. crassa*, can be distinguished from the North-American *Antrodia cincta* sp. nov. (growing on *Pinus* as well), and the holarctic polyphagous *A. cretacea* sp. nov. The European sequences of *Antrodia cretacea* reveal no variation, the one originating from fruitbodies growing on *Picea* sp. in Minnesota, USA differs from the rest at four positions in ITS (as shown already by Runnel et al. 2014). The LSU (no *tef1* sequence available) sequences from Europe and USA were, however, identical. In the analyses of the combined ITS-LSU dataset the sequence from USA clustered together with the European ones in a strongly supported group (App. 2). Taken the identical morphology of the European and the North-American specimens, we prefer to consider these as one species.
- (C) *Antrodia sitchensis* clade. In this clade the Eurasian sequences originating from fruitbodies on *Picea abies* (with a few records on other conifer hosts) formed a well-supported subclade, distinct from all North-American sequences in analyses of all four datasets (ITS: BS = 88, PP = 0.94; *tef1*: BS = 100, PP = 0.91; ITS-LSU: BS = 71, PP = 0.89; ITS-LSU-*tef1*: BS = 89, PP = 0.93). Based on these results, as well as the distinct geographic range, we regard these spruce-dwelling specimens, previously considered conspecific with the North-American *A. sitchensis*, to represent a new species – *Antrodia piceata*. The sequences of North-American specimens formed another subclade. Analyses of the combined ITS-LSU and ITS-LSU-*tef1* datasets and the morphological studies confirm that the sequences within this subclade represent three closely related species, even though these species did not resolve in the ITS-based analyses. Namely, in the analyses of the combined data, the sequences from Arizona form a well-supported subclade (ITS-LSU: BS = 74 and PP = 0.71; ITS-LSU-*tef1*: BS = 98, PP = 0.99), described here as a new species – *Antrodia ignobilis*. *Antrodia sordida* was distinguished from *A. sitchensis* and *A. ignobilis* with strong support (BS = 84, PP = 92) in the analyses of the three gene dataset. Analyses of the *tef1* dataset (App. 1) however, did not distinguish the morphologically distinct *A. sitchensis* and *A. ignobilis*; while the analyses of the two-gene dataset did not distinguish *A. sitchensis* from *A. sordida* (App2).

Table 1 – Data for the ITS, LSU, and *tef1* sequences used in the phylogenetic analyses. Sequences produced in current study are marked with an asterisk.

Species	Voucher no.	GenBank no.			Country of origin
		ITS	LSU	<i>tef1</i>	
<i>Amyloporia carbonica</i>	CFMR FP-105585	KC585240	KC585062	–	USA
<i>A. carbonica</i>	DAOM F-8281	KC585239	KC585061	–	Canada
<i>A. nothofaginea</i>	BAFC 519794	JF713078	ibid	–	Argentina
<i>A. nothofaginea</i>	BAFC 519796	JF713079	ibid	–	Argentina
<i>A. xantha</i>	CFMR FP-100007	KC585255	KC585078	–	USA
<i>A. xantha</i>	Miettinen 12400 (X701)	JQ700269	ibid	–	Finland
<i>Antrodia albobrunnea</i>	CFMR FP-100514	EU232215	EU232299	–	–
<i>A. albobrunnea</i>	Miettinen 13277.2 (X991)	KC595889	ibid	–	Finland
<i>A. alpina</i>	Gilbertson 6107	KC585267	KC585090	–	USA
<i>A. alpina</i>	CFMR FP-105523	KC585266	KC585089	–	USA
<i>A. cincta</i>	Gilbertson 10630	KT711000*	–	–	USA
<i>A. cincta</i>	Lowe 3393	KC585253 ^a	KC585075 ^a	–	USA
<i>A. cincta</i> (holotype)	Miettinen 14830 (X1711)	KT711001*	KT711028*	KT711071*	USA
<i>A. cincta</i>	Vlasák 1009/12	KT711002*	KT711029*	KT711072*	USA
<i>A. crassa</i>	Helo 60707009 (X776)	KC595890	ibid	–	Finland
<i>A. crassa</i>	Junninen 6446	KJ028071	KT711030*	KT711069*	Finland
<i>A. crassa</i>	Kinnunen 3476	KJ028073	KT711031*	KT711070*	Finland
<i>A. crassa</i>	Spirin 6291	KT711003*	–	–	Russia
<i>A. crassa</i>	Spirin 6293	KT711004*	–	–	Russia
<i>A. cretacea</i>	Dvorak	KT711005*	–	–	Czech Republic
<i>A. cretacea</i>	Gilbertson 9497	EU232193 ^a	EU232289 ^a	–	USA
<i>A. cretacea</i>	Löhmus 521	KJ028060	–	–	Estonia
<i>A. cretacea</i>	Löhmus 946	KJ028062	–	–	Estonia
<i>A. cretacea</i> (holotype)	Löhmus 971	KJ028064	KT711032*	KT711067*	Estonia
<i>A. cretacea</i>	Niemelä 8659	KT711006*	–	–	Poland
<i>A. cretacea</i>	Pennanen 368 (X1177)	KJ028059	–	–	Finland
<i>A. cretacea</i>	Spirin 2176	KJ028065	–	–	Russia
<i>A. cretacea</i>	Spirin 4093	KT711007*	–	–	Russia
<i>A. cretacea</i>	Spirin 4285	KT711008*	KT711033*	KT711066*	Russia
<i>A. cretacea</i>	Svantesson	KT711009*	KT711034*	KT711068*	Sweden
<i>A. cretacea</i>	Vlasák 1207/1	KT711010*	–	–	Czech Republic
<i>A. favescens</i>	CFMR FP-103468	KC585268	KC585091	–	USA
<i>A. favescens</i>	L-12838	KC585272	KC585095	–	Costa Rica
<i>A. ferox</i>	Klepsland 277 (X873)	KC595891	ibid	–	Turkey
<i>A. ferox</i>	Vlasák 1209/75	KT711011*	KT711035*	KT711074*	USA
<i>A. heteromorpha</i>	CFMR FP-101702	KC585275	KC585098	–	USA
<i>A. heteromorpha</i>	Niemelä 6348 (X686)	JQ700268	ibid	–	Finland
<i>A. ignobilis</i> (culture)	Gilbertson 11175	KC585314	KC585139	KT711062*	USA
<i>A. ignobilis</i>	Gilbertson 8128	KT711012*	KT711036*	–	USA
<i>A. ignobilis</i>	Lindsey 283	KJ028049	KT711037*	–	USA
<i>A. ignobilis</i> (holotype)	Vlasák 1209/36	KT711013*	KT711038*	KT711061*	USA
<i>A. ladiana</i> (holotype)	Ryvarden 21853	KT711014*	KT711039*	KT711077*	USA
<i>A. ladiana</i>	Vlasák 1008/65	KT711015*	KT711040*	KT711073*	USA
<i>A. malicola</i>	L-13022	KC585288	KC585112	–	Costa Rica
<i>A. malicola</i>	BCRC 35452	DQ013299	AY873963	–	Taiwan
<i>A. mellita</i>	Spirin 3315 (X1333)	KC543140	ibid	–	Russia
<i>A. mellita</i>	Miettinen 2645 (X1079)	KC595897	ibid	–	Finland
<i>A. piceata</i>	Löhmus 1989	KJ028051	KT711041*	KT711056*	Estonia
<i>A. piceata</i>	Löhmus 610	KJ028053	–	–	Estonia
<i>A. piceata</i>	Löhmus 626	KJ028050	–	–	Estonia
<i>A. piceata</i>	Miettinen 1229	KJ028052	–	–	Finland
<i>A. piceata</i>	Norstedt 97215	KT711016*	KT711042*	KT711060*	France
<i>A. piceata</i>	Runnel 1094	KT711017*	KT711043*	KT711058*	Estonia
<i>A. piceata</i>	Spirin 3885	KJ028056	KT711044*	KT711059*	Russia
<i>A. piceata</i>	Spirin 4249	KJ028055	KT711045*	–	Russia
<i>A. piceata</i>	Spirin 4384	KJ028054	KT711046*	KT711057*	Russia
<i>A. piceata</i>	TAAM 174833	KJ028058	–	–	Estonia
<i>A. piceata</i> (holotype)	Vlasák 1110/14	KT711018*	KT711047*	KT711055*	Czech Republic
<i>A. pinea</i> (isotype)	Cui 6522	KC951148	KT711048*	–	China
<i>A. pinea</i>	Cui 6529	KC951149	–	–	China
<i>A. pinea</i>	Dai 10827	JQ837937	–	–	China
<i>A. pinea</i>	Spirin 4211	KT711019*	–	–	Russia

Table 1 – (continued)

Species	Voucher no.	GenBank no.			Country of origin
		ITS	LSU	tef1	
<i>A. pini-cubensis</i>	Vlasák 1008/66	KT711020*	KT711049*	KT711076*	USA
<i>A. serialis</i>	Boat 184	KC585297	KC585121	–	USA
<i>A. serialis</i>	Miettinen 12401 (X732)	JQ700271	ibid	–	Finland
<i>A. sinuosa</i>	Miettinen 12407 (X725)	JQ700270	ibid	–	Finland
<i>A. sinuosa</i>	Vlasák 0509/17	KT711021*	KT711050*	KT711075*	USA
<i>A. sitchensis</i>	CFMR FP-105587	KT711022*	–	–	USA
<i>A. sitchensis</i>	Lowe 7834	KT711023*	–	–	USA
<i>A. sitchensis</i>	Spirin 8782	KT711024*	KT711051*	KT711065*	USA
<i>A. sitchensis</i>	Vlasák 0709/77	KT711025*	KT711052*	–	USA
<i>A. sordida</i>	Miettinen 16954	KT711026*	KT711053*	KT711063*	USA
<i>A. sordida</i>	Vlasák 0509/190	KT711027*	KT711054*	KT711064*	USA
<i>Daedalea quercina</i>	DLL 08-35	KC585338	KC585163	–	Sweden
<i>D. quercina</i>	CFMR FP-103364	KC585335	KC585160	–	USA
<i>Fomitopsis pinicola</i>	Miettinen 12391 (X772)	JQ700273	ibid	–	Finland
<i>F. pinicola</i>	Miettinen 12439.1 (X1394)	KC595922	ibid	–	Bulgaria
<i>F. rosea</i>	Gilbertson 6954	KC585353	KC585181	–	USA
<i>F. rosea</i>	Niemi 118 (X1415)	KC595923	ibid	–	Finland
<i>Melanoporia nigra</i>	CFMR FP-90875	KC585356	KC585185	–	USA
<i>M. nigra</i>	CFMR FP-90888	KC585357	KC585186	–	USA
<i>Rhodonía placenta</i>	Dietz 7E	KC585390	KC585223	–	USA
<i>R. placenta</i>	X1351	KC595950	ibid	–	Finland

a Accessioned in Genbank as *A. sordida*.

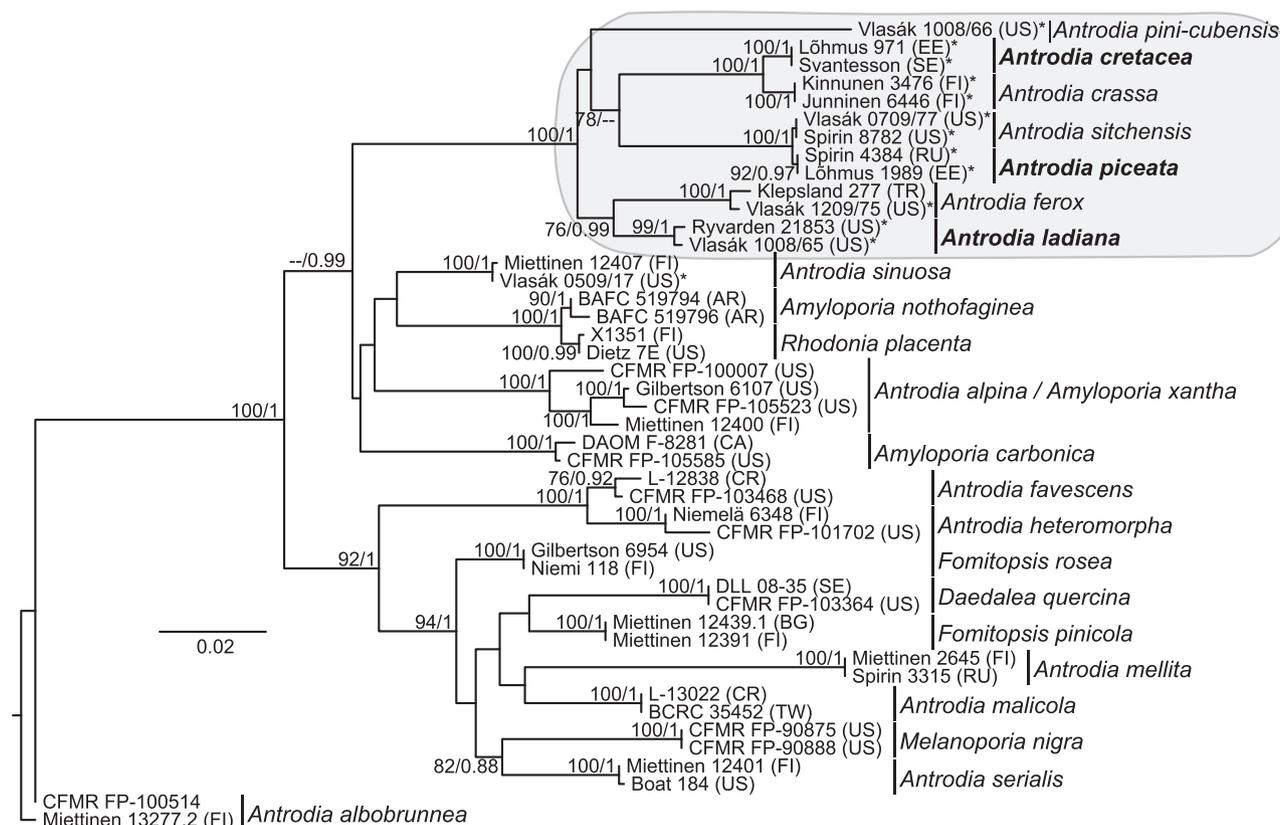


Fig 1 – Phylogenetic relationships of species in the *Antrodia crassa* group (coloured in grey) with other members of the Fomitopsidaceae. ML phylogram based on the ITS-LSU dataset. Numbers on nodes represent ML branch bootstrap scores (>70) and posterior probabilities obtained from the Bayesian analysis (>0.85).

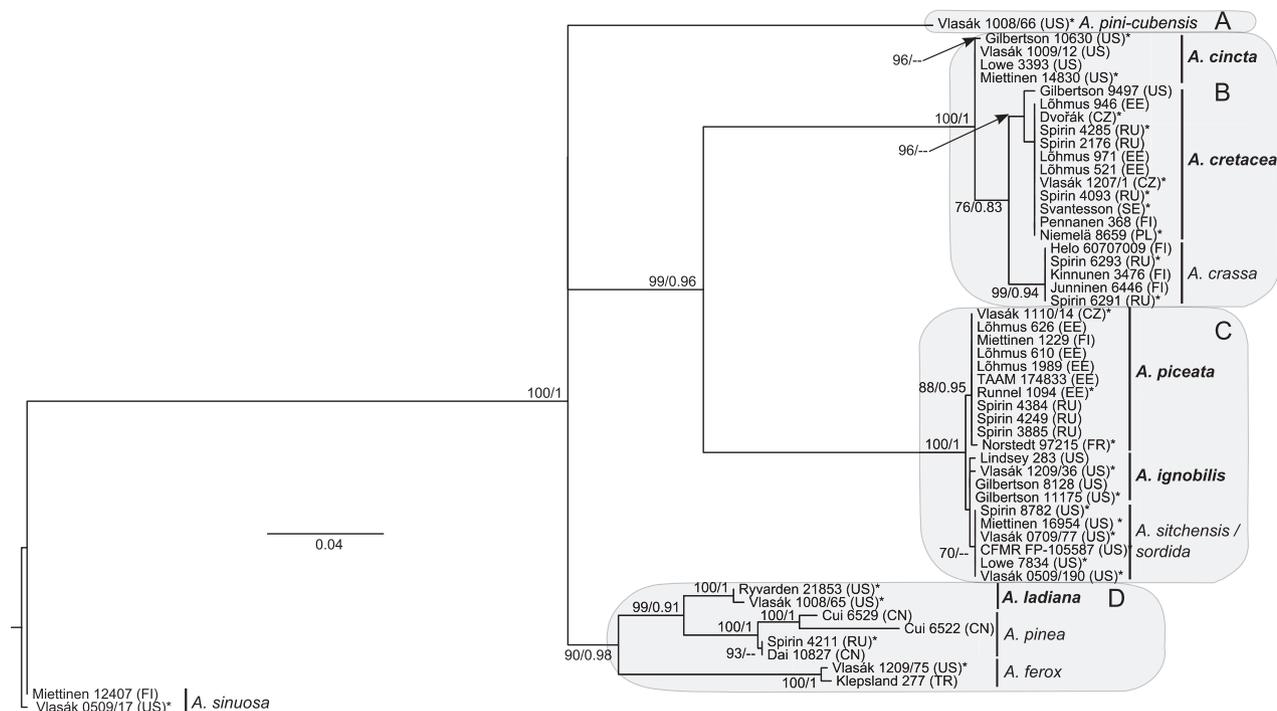


Fig 2 – Phylogenetic relationships of species in the *Antrodia crassa* group, inferred from the ML analysis of the ITS rDNA dataset. ML branch bootstrap (>70) and posterior probability scores (>0.85) are given; the sequences generated for this study are marked with an asterisk. The scale bar indicates substitutions per nucleotide position. Letters denote *A. pini-cubensis* (A), *A. crassa* (B), *A. sitchensis* (C), and *A. pinea* (D) clades.

(D) *Antrodia pinea* clade. The analyses resolved three species with maximum BS and PP scores in this clade. All of these species originate from subtropical to warm temperate zones. *Antrodia ferox* was so far known only from subtropical parts of North America. Besides a sequence from type locality, it is here represented by a sequence of specimen growing on *Juniperus* sp. in Turkey. *Antrodia pinea* from East Asia appears to be closely related to *Antrodia ladiana*, sp. nov. from the southern parts of the USA, differing in 49 characters of the ITS and nLSU rDNA (*tef1* sequence for *A. pinea* was not available).

Morphological distinction of the detected clades

Most characteristic features for the three species in the *Antrodia crassa* clade are rather large but easily crumbling basidiocarps with skeletal hyphae quickly dissolving in KOH; their basidiospores are broad, ellipsoid. Among these, *A. crassa* has small pores and ellipsoid basidiospores, *Antrodia cretacea* has wider pores and narrowly ellipsoid or thick cylindrical basidiospores, and *Antrodia cincta* is the small-pored and small-spored species.

Four species in the *Antrodia sitchensis* clade differ in having thinner, more compact basidiocarps, distinctly amyloid skeletal hyphae, which swell but do not dissolve in KOH, and narrower, cylindrical basidiospores. The species delimitation in

this group is difficult due to the minor morphological differences among species, in congruence with low interspecific variation of molecular characters studied (see above). Thus for recognition of species in this group, the geographic distribution is of major importance.

Three species in the *Antrodia pinea* clade are morphologically similar to *A. sitchensis* and its kin but their skeletal hyphae are inamyloid and subparallel in the tube trama (irregularly arranged in the *A. sitchensis* group). These species are distributed in warm temperate or subtropical zones. Of them, *Antrodia ferox* possesses fusiform to navicular basidiospores but otherwise is very similar to the closely related species. Morphological characters of *Antrodia pini-cubensis* resemble the members of the *A. pinea* clade.

Species descriptions

Antrodia cincta Spirin, Vlasák & Miettinen, sp. nov. – Figs 4 and 5

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Holotype. USA. Massachusetts: Worcester Co., Holden, Trout Brook, *Pinus strobus*, 26.IX.2011 Miettinen 14830.1* (H).

Etymology. Cinctus (Lat., adj.) – belted, delimited; referring to pronounced margin of vigorously growing basidiocarps.

Basidiocarps resupinate, effused (up to 20 cm in widest dimension), perennial. Margin first arachnoid to byssoid, sterile, white, in older basidiocarps indistinct, partly detaching from

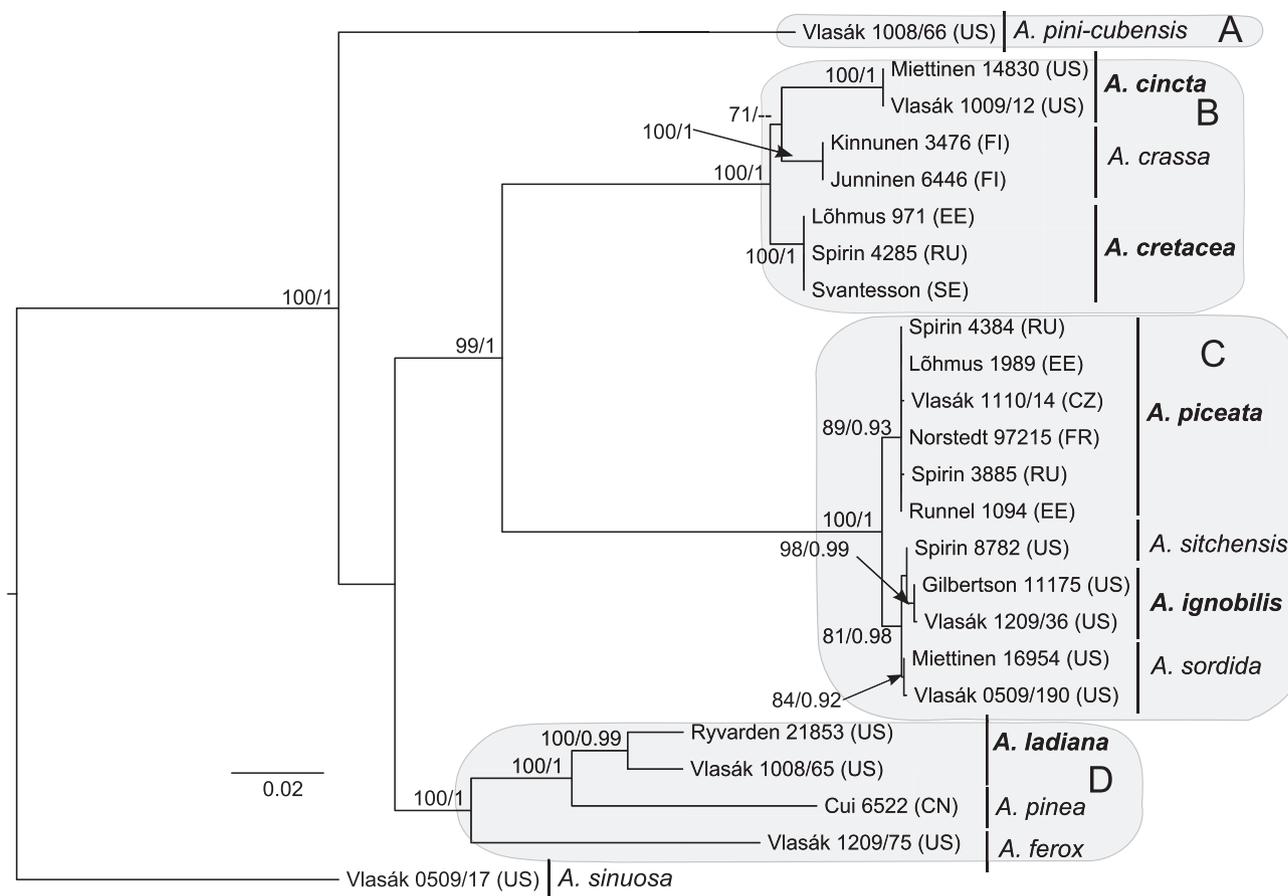


Fig 3 – Phylogenetic relationships of species in the *Antrodia crassa* group, inferred from ML analysis of the combined ITS-LSU-*tef1* dataset. ML branch bootstrap (>70) and posterior probability scores (>0.85) are given. The scale bar indicates substitutions per nucleotide position. Letters denote *A. pini-cubensis* (A); *A. crassa* (B), *A. sitchensis* (C); and *A. pinea* (D) clades. All *tef1* sequences were generated in this study.

the substrate, dirty-brown to grayish. Pore surface white, later cream-coloured, even; pores regular, round, on sloping substrates vertically elongated, usually shallow and filled by whitish mycelium, 6–7 per mm, dissepiments thick, opaque, uneven. Section: subiculum white, soft, and easily crumbling, up to 0.2 mm thick, in older basidiocarps indistinct; tubes concolorous with pore surface, cheese-like in fresh condition, fragile in herbarium specimens, indistinctly stratified, 2–5 (8) mm thick. Odour pleasant, sweet; taste weak, slightly bitter or sour.

Hyphal structure dimitic; hyphae with clamps.

Subiculum. Skeletal hyphae dominating, subsolid or solid, rarely branched, 2.7–3.8 μm in diam., inamyloid or very weakly amyloid, swelling and dissolving in KOH, some hyphae with inflated fragments (sclerids) 4.5–6 μm in diam. Generative hyphae rare, thin-walled, 2–3 μm in diam.

Tubes. Skeletal hyphae dominating, irregularly arranged, thick-walled to subsolid, occasionally branched, some strongly twisted, (2.3–) 2.6–3.7 (–3.8) μm in diam. ($n = 40/2$), inamyloid or very weakly amyloid, distinctly swelling and dissolving in KOH; generative hyphae thin-walled, 2.2–3.5 μm in diam. Subhymenium partly distinct, consisting of thin-walled

generative hyphae, up to 10 μm thick. Cystidioles abundant, especially in senescent hymenium, conical, bullet- or bottle-shaped, usually with blunt tips, (10.4–) 12.1–18.6 (–20.5) \times (4.0–) 4.1–5.3 (–5.4) μm ($n = 20/2$). Basidia broadly clavate, (10.4–) 10.6–16.3 (–16.5) \times (5.3–) 5.4–6.4 (–6.7) μm ($n = 20/2$). Resinous matter abundant, present as globules up to 10 μm in diam.; rhomboid crystals rarely present among tramal hyphae.

Basidiospores ellipsoid to thick cylindrical (longest spores), (3.6–) 3.7–7.2 (–7.6) \times (2.4–) 2.5–3.4 (–3.7) μm ($n = 90/3$), $L = 4.60$, $W = 2.85$, $Q = 1.47$ –1.71, ventral side flat, rarely slightly convex or concave, distal end evenly rounded, often with distinct oil droplets.

Discussion. *Antrodia cincta* is easily recognizable due to its basidiospores that are distinctly narrower and normally shorter than in *Antrodia crassa* and *Antrodia cretacea* (Table 2). Its tramal skeletal hyphae, basidia, and cystidia are more slender than in those species. The most striking macroscopic feature of *A. cincta* is a loose byssoid margin of vigorously growing basidiocarps. This character was mentioned by Lowe (1966) whose description of *A. crassa* partly covers the species in question. *Antrodia cretacea*, occurring in North America as



Fig 4 – Basidiocarps of the species in the *Antrodia crassa* group in nature: (A) *A. cincta* (holotype); (B) *A. cretacea* (Vlasák 0807/4); (C) *A. crassa* (photo by P. Helo; Finland. Kainuu: Sotkamo, 19.VIII.2005 Helo 1414); (D) *A. piceata* (J. Vlasák from the locus *classicus*, not collected; showing ‘winter colours’); (E) *A. sordida* (Vlasák 0509/190); (F) *A. sitchensis* (Miettinen 18825). (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

well, differs in having wider pores and larger basidiospores. The latter species is not found on pine wood in North America.

Distribution and ecology. *Antrodia cincta* is a pine-dwelling species inhabiting large dry lying trunks. The known records of *A. cincta* come from both untouched and exploited forests. Here it is reported from the US North-West (from *Pinus strobus*) and Arizona (from *Pinus ponderosa*). The record of *A. crassa* from New Mexico (Gilbertson 1974) may refer to this species, too.

Specimens examined: **USA.** Arizona: Pima Co., Coronado Nat. Forest, *P. ponderosa*, 6.X.1970 Gilbertson 10000 (NY, O), 16.VII.1972 Gilbertson 10630* (O F-500395). Massachusetts: Worcester Co., Holden, Trout Brook, *P. strobus*, 26.IX.2011 Miettinen 14830.1* (H – holotype, see above), 27.VII.2013 Miettinen 16625 (H). New York: Warren Co., The Pack Forest, *P. strobus*, 4.IX.1948 Lowe 3393* (CFMR). Pennsylvania: Adams Co., Gettysburg, Caledonia St. Park, *P. strobus*, 6.IX.2010 Vlasák 1009/12* (JV, H); Crawford Co., Hartstown, conifer stump, 18.XI.1929 Jennings (NY).

Antrodia crassa (P. Karst.) Ryvarde, Norwegian J. Bot. 20 (1): 8, 1973 – Figs 4 and 5

≡ *Physisporus crassus* P. Karst., Bidr. Känned. Finlands Nat. Folk 48: 319, 1889.

Lectotype. Finland. Etelä-Häme: Tammela, Mustiala, *Pinus sylvestris*, 6.VI.1872 Karsten (H, selected by Lowe 1956).

Basidiocarps resupinate, effused (up to 20 cm in widest dimension), perennial. Margin first distinct, sterile, densely floccose, later brown, and resinous, up to 2 mm wide, in older specimens indistinct. Pore surface first cream-to straw-coloured, later with distinct ochraceous or brownish hues, on sloping substrates normally even; pores round, regular, on sloping substrates elongated, (5) 6–7 per mm, dissepiments thick, opaque, first even, later moderately lacerate. Section: subiculum white or near so, up to 1 mm thick, in older basidiocarps degenerating in chalky mass fusing with older tube layers and adjacent substrate; tubes concolorous with pore surface, cheese-like in fresh condition, relatively hard but

Table 2 – Spore measurements of eleven species and 60 specimens in the *Antrodia crassa* group. All sequenced specimens are marked with an asterisk.

Specimen	L'	L	W'	W	Q'	Q	n
<i>A. cincta</i>	(3.6) 3.7–7.2 (7.6)	4.60	(2.4) 2.5–3.4 (3.7)	2.85	(1.3) 1.4–2.2 (2.6)	1.61	90
holotype*	(3.6) 3.7–4.3 (4.4)	4.00	2.6–2.8 (2.9)	2.72	(1.3) 1.4–1.5 (1.6)	1.47	30
Gilbertson 10630*	(4.0) 4.1–5.9 (6.1)	4.92	(2.6) 2.7–3.4 (3.7)	3.00	(1.4) 1.5–1.9 (2.0)	1.64	30
Vlasák 1009/12*	(3.6) 3.7–7.2 (7.6)	4.88	(2.4) 2.5–3.2 (3.3)	2.83	(1.3) 1.4–2.2 (2.6)	1.71	30
<i>A. crassa</i>	(4.8) 4.9–8.2 (9.0)	5.54	(2.9) 3.0–3.8 (4.0)	3.31	(1.4) 1.5–2.2 (2.4)	1.68	240
lectotype	(5.0) 5.1–8.2 (9.0)	5.88	(2.9) 3.0–3.8 (4.0)	3.36	(1.4) 1.6–2.2 (2.4)	1.74	30
Edman 845	(5.0) 5.1–7.6 (8.1)	5.77	(3.0) 3.1–3.8 (4.0)	3.31	(1.5) 1.6–2.0 (2.1)	1.74	30
Helo 60707009*	(4.9) 5.0–6.0 (6.2)	5.34	(2.9) 3.0–3.7 (3.8)	3.21	(1.5) 1.6–1.8 (1.9)	1.67	30
Kinnunen 3476*	(4.8) 4.9–6.1 (6.3)	5.19	(3.0) 3.1–3.5 (3.6)	3.25	(1.5) 1.6–1.7 (1.9)	1.60	30
Lindgren 1706	(5.0) 5.1–6.3 (6.6)	5.64	(3.0) 3.1–3.7 (3.8)	3.29	(1.5) 1.6–1.9 (2.0)	1.72	30
Niemelä 6321	(4.9) 5.0–6.1 (6.2)	5.39	(3.1) 3.2–3.8 (3.9)	3.39	(1.4) 1.5–1.7 (1.8)	1.59	30
Nissinen 117	(5.0) 5.1–6.1 (6.6)	5.41	(3.0) 3.1–3.5 (3.6)	3.25	(1.5) 1.6–1.7 (1.8)	1.67	30
TAAM 008597	(5.1) 5.2–6.5 (6.6)	5.69	(3.0) 3.1–3.8 (3.9)	3.42	(1.4) 1.5–1.8 (1.9)	1.67	30
<i>A. cretacea</i>	(4.5) 4.6–7.9 (8.2)	5.38	(2.6) 2.7–4.0 (4.2)	3.14	(1.3) 1.4–2.2 (2.3)	1.72	410
holotype*	(4.6) 4.7–6.2 (7.2)	5.33	(2.7) 2.9–3.4 (3.7)	3.12	1.5–1.8 (1.9)	1.70	30
Löhmus 276	(4.5) 4.6–6.1 (6.2)	5.10	(2.6) 2.7–3.3 (3.7)	2.94	(1.5) 1.6–1.9 (2.0)	1.73	30
Dvořák 27.VIII.2006*	(4.6) 4.7–7.1 (7.8)	5.42	(3.0) 3.1–3.8 (4.0)	3.30	(1.4) 1.5–1.9 (2.1)	1.64	30
Gilbertson 9497*	(4.5) 4.6–5.3 (6.0)	4.92	(2.8) 2.9–3.3 (3.5)	3.06	(1.4) 1.5–1.7 (1.8)	1.61	30
Niemelä 14.VIII.1969	(4.7) 4.8–5.9 (6.1)	5.27	(2.7) 2.8–3.2 (3.6)	2.98	(1.5) 1.6–2.0 (2.1)	1.77	30
Niemelä 15.VIII.1973	(5.0) 5.1–6.2 (6.5)	5.59	(3.1) 3.2–4.0 (4.1)	3.54	(1.3) 1.4–1.8 (1.9)	1.58	30
Niemelä 5998	(5.2) 5.3–7.8 (8.1)	6.23	3.3–4.2 (4.3)	3.83	(1.4) 1.5–1.8 (1.9)	1.63	30
Pennanen 368*	(4.7) 4.8–6.3 (7.2)	5.47	(2.8) 2.9–3.2 (3.9)	3.05	(1.5) 1.6–2.0 (2.1)	1.79	30
Löhmus 521*	(4.5) 4.6–5.3 (6.2)	5.04	(2.6) 2.7–3.2 (3.6)	2.95	(1.5) 1.6–1.8 (1.9)	1.72	30
Spirin 2176*	(4.6) 4.7–6.0 (6.1)	5.17	(2.7) 2.8–3.1 (3.2)	2.95	(1.6) 1.7–2.0 (2.1)	1.76	30
Spirin 4093*	(4.7) 4.8–5.6 (5.8)	5.14	(2.7) 2.8–3.2 (3.7)	2.97	1.6–1.9 (2.0)	1.74	30
Spirin 4285*	(4.6) 4.8–5.5 (5.7)	5.03	(2.6) 2.7–3.1 (3.2)	2.90	1.6–1.8 (1.9)	1.73	20
Tortič 81-73	(5.1) 5.2–7.9 (8.2)	6.14	(3.0) 3.1–4.0 (4.2)	3.39	(1.5) 1.6–2.2 (2.3)	1.81	30
Vlasák 9410/6	(4.7) 4.9–6.7 (7.2)	5.50	(2.7) 2.8–3.3 (3.8)	3.01	(1.6) 1.7–2.0 (2.1)	1.83	30
<i>A. ferox</i>	(5.3) 5.6–9.3 (10.1)	6.98	(2.5) 2.6–4.0 (4.1)	3.22	(1.7) 1.8–2.7 (2.8)	2.18	60
Klepsland 277*	(5.3) 5.6–7.2 (7.3)	6.32	(2.5) 2.6–3.3 (3.4)	2.81	(1.9) 2.0–2.7 (2.8)	2.25	30
Vlasák 1209/75*	(6.1) 6.2–9.3 (10.1)	7.63	(3.3) 3.4–4.0 (4.1)	3.62	(1.7) 1.8–2.5 (2.6)	2.11	30
<i>A. ignobilis</i>	(3.6) 3.7–5.3 (5.7)	4.31	(1.9) 2.0–2.4 (2.7)	2.17	(1.7) 1.8–2.3 (2.5)	1.99	120
holotype*	(3.6) 3.7–5.3 (5.4)	4.34	(2.0) 2.1–2.3 (2.6)	2.16	(1.7) 1.8–2.3 (2.4)	2.01	30
Gilbertson 8128*	(3.7) 3.8–4.8 (5.1)	4.25	(1.9) 2.0–2.4 (2.7)	2.12	(1.7) 1.8–2.2 (2.3)	2.01	30
Gilbertson 15170	(3.7) 3.8–5.2 (5.7)	4.32	(2.0) 2.1–2.4 (2.5)	2.22	(1.7) 1.8–2.2 (2.5)	1.95	30
Lindsey 283*	(3.7) 3.8–5.1 (5.2)	4.30	2.0–2.4 (2.7)	2.17	1.8–2.3 (2.4)	1.98	30
<i>A. ladiana</i>	(4.4) 4.5–6.1 (6.3)	5.23	(1.5) 1.6–2.1 (2.2)	1.81	(2.4) 2.5–3.5 (3.6)	2.92	60
holotype*	(4.4) 4.5–6.1 (6.3)	5.25	(1.5) 1.6–1.8 (1.9)	1.69	(2.6) 2.7–3.5 (3.6)	3.12	30
Vlasák 1008/65*	(4.4) 4.7–5.8 (6.1)	5.21	(1.7) 1.8–2.1 (2.2)	1.92	(2.4) 2.5–3.1 (3.2)	2.72	30
<i>A. piceata</i>	(3.7) 3.9–6.8 (7.4)	4.63	(1.6) 1.7–2.8	2.10	(1.5) 1.6–3.0 (3.4)	2.23	330
holotype*	(3.7) 3.9–6.1 (6.2)	4.49	(2.1) 2.2–2.8	2.42	(1.5) 1.6–2.3 (2.4)	1.86	30
Niemelä 7300	(3.8) 4.0–4.6 (4.8)	4.18	1.8–2.1 (2.2)	1.97	(1.8) 1.9–2.4 (2.5)	2.14	30
Niemelä 8373	(4.2) 4.3–7.2 (7.4)	4.92	(1.8) 1.9–2.2 (2.3)	2.03	(2.1) 2.2–3.1 (3.2)	2.42	30
Niemelä 8732	(4.1) 4.2–6.3 (6.6)	4.88	(2.0) 2.1–2.6 (2.8)	2.33	(1.6) 1.7–2.5 (2.7)	2.11	30
Norstedt 97215*	(4.1) 4.2–6.2 (7.4)	4.86	(1.9) 2.0–2.3 (2.4)	2.11	(1.8) 1.9–3.0 (3.4)	2.31	30
TAAM 059287	(4.0) 4.1–5.2 (5.3)	4.51	(1.6) 1.7–2.0 (2.1)	1.82	(2.3) 2.4–2.8 (3.0)	2.49	30
TAAM 174833*	(3.9) 4.0–5.2 (5.5)	4.55	(1.6) 1.7–2.0 (2.1)	1.86	(2.2) 2.3–2.6 (2.7)	2.45	30
Pouzar PRM 870295	(3.8) 3.9–4.8 (5.0)	4.24	(2.0) 2.1–2.3 (2.5)	2.22	(1.7) 1.8–2.3 (2.4)	1.92	30
Löhmus 1989*	(3.8) 3.9–4.5 (4.6)	4.25	(1.8) 1.9–2.2 (2.3)	2.06	(1.8) 1.9–2.2 (2.3)	2.07	30
Spirin 1401	(4.2) 4.4–6.8 (7.4)	5.40	(1.9) 2.0–2.6 (2.8)	2.28	(1.8) 2.0–2.8 (3.2)	2.37	30
Spirin 4384*	(4.0) 4.1–6.2 (6.3)	4.67	(1.6) 1.7–2.1 (2.5)	1.94	(2.0) 2.1–3.0 (3.2)	2.41	30
<i>A. pinea</i>	(4.7) 5.0–6.1 (6.2)	5.48	(1.7) 1.8–2.0 (2.1)	1.92	(2.3) 2.5–3.3 (3.4)	2.86	30
isotype*	(4.7) 5.0–6.1 (6.2)	5.48	(1.7) 1.8–2.0 (2.1)	1.92	(2.3) 2.5–3.3 (3.4)	2.86	30
<i>A. pini-cubensis</i>	(5.1) 5.2–6.2 (6.4)	5.48	(1.9) 2.0–2.2 (2.3)	2.09	(2.3) 2.5–3.3 (3.4)	2.63	30
holotype	(5.1) 5.2–6.2 (6.4)	5.48	(1.9) 2.0–2.2 (2.3)	2.09	(2.3) 2.5–3.3 (3.4)	2.63	30
<i>A. sitchensis</i>	(3.9) 4.1–6.8 (7.6)	4.80	(1.8) 1.9–2.9 (3.2)	2.21	(1.4) 1.5–2.8 (3.1)	2.20	180
holotype	(3.9) 4.2–6.8 (7.6)	4.72	(2.2) 2.3–2.9 (3.2)	2.66	(1.4) 1.5–2.4 (2.5)	1.79	30
DAOM 125959	(4.4) 4.7–6.1 (6.5)	5.15	(1.9) 2.0–2.3 (2.4)	2.08	(2.1) 2.2–2.7 (3.1)	2.48	30
DAOM 125027	(4.2) 4.3–5.5 (5.7)	4.86	(1.9) 2.0–2.2 (2.6)	2.09	(1.8) 1.9–2.8 (2.9)	2.33	30
Lowe 7834*	(4.0) 4.1–5.0 (5.2)	4.43	(1.8) 1.9–2.4 (2.5)	2.11	(1.6) 1.8–2.6 (2.7)	2.11	30
Miettinen 18825	(4.3) 4.5–5.7 (5.8)	5.03	(1.9) 2.0–2.3	2.15	(2.0) 2.1–2.5 (2.6)	2.34	30
Spirin 8782*	4.3–5.1 (5.2)	4.62	(1.9) 2.0–2.5 (2.6)	2.19	(1.7) 1.8–2.4 (2.6)	2.12	30

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Table 2 – (continued)

Specimen	L'	L	W'	W	Q'	Q	n
<i>A. sordida</i>	(3.6) 3.7–6.0 (6.2)	4.54	(1.6) 1.7–2.2 (2.3)	1.85	(1.8) 1.9–2.9 (3.0)	2.41	120
holotype	(4.0) 4.1–5.6 (6.0)	4.60	(1.6) 1.7–1.9 (2.0)	1.77	(2.4) 2.5–2.9 (3.0)	2.59	30
Atkinson VI.1916	(3.9) 4.0–5.2 (5.3)	4.43	(1.6) 1.7–2.0 (2.1)	1.82	(2.1) 2.2–2.7 (2.8)	2.44	30
Miettinen 16954*	(4.1) 4.3–6.0 (6.2)	5.14	1.8–2.2 (2.3)	2.04	(2.1) 2.2–2.9 (3.0)	2.53	30
Vlasák 0509/190*	(3.6) 3.7–4.3 (4.4)	3.99	(1.6) 1.7–1.9 (2.0)	1.76	(1.8) 1.9–2.4 (2.5)	2.07	30

easily cut in herbarium specimens, with distinct annual layers, 2–10 mm thick (each layer 1–2 mm thick). Odour pleasant, strong, persisting in herbarium specimens; taste clearly bitter or sour.

Hyphal structure dimitic; hyphae with clamps.

Subiculum. Skeletal hyphae dominating, subsolid, 3–4 µm in diam., inamyloid, strongly swelling, and dissolving in KOH. Generative hyphae rare, with thickened walls and oil-rich, strongly cyanophilous content, 2.5–3.5 µm in diam. In older basidiocarps hyphae almost totally degenerating in amorphous crystalline mass and thus indiscernible.

Tubes. Skeletal hyphae dominating, irregularly arranged, thick-walled to subsolid, occasionally branched, some strongly twisted, (2.0–) 2.3–4.2 (–4.3) µm in diam. (n = 80/4), inamyloid, strongly swelling and dissolving in KOH; generative hyphae thin-to slightly thick-walled, some with cross (H-like) connections, 2.5–4 µm in diam. Subhymenium partly distinct, consisting of thin-walled generative hyphae, up to 15 µm thick. Cystidioles abundant, especially in senescent hymenium, conical, bullet- or bottle-shaped, mostly with blunt tips, (12.3–) 12.8–22.2 (–24.3) × (4.7–) 4.8–7.6 (–8.2) µm (n = 38/5). Basidia broadly clavate, (10.4–) 10.6–19.2 (–22.6) × (5.5–) 5.8–9.2 (–10.8) µm (n = 37/6). Resinous matter abundant, in young basidiocarps present as globules up to 15 µm in diam., in older ones as large amorphous bodies up to 40 µm in diam.; rhomboid crystals sometimes present among tramal hyphae.

Basidiospores ellipsoid to narrowly ellipsoid (longest spores), (4.8–) 4.9–8.2 (–9.0) × (2.9–) 3.0–3.8 (–4.0) µm (n = 240/8), L = 5.54, W = 3.31, Q = 1.59–1.74, ventral side slightly convex or flat, distal end evenly rounded.

Discussion. *Antrodia crassa* was described as *P. crassus* P. Karst. (Karsten 1889) based on several specimens collected on pine wood in Mustiala, the south-western part of Finland. The protologue represents a short formal description with a reference to *Physisporus obducens* (Pers.) P. Karst. (now *Oxyporus obducens* (Pers.) Donk) as the most similar species. The lectotype of *P. crassus* (selected by Lowe 1956) is a very typical, richly fertile collection.

Macroscopically, *A. crassa* can easily be identified due to its clearly stratified, thick, pulvinate basidiocarps with small, normally regular pores 6–7 per mm. Pore surface is usually yellowish or pale ochraceous (as if it is soaked in oil) and flat or convex; notched surface was detected only in a few very old basidiocarps more than 1 cm thick. The basidiospores of *A. crassa* are ellipsoid, constantly exceeding 3 µm wide; however, their variation range mostly overlaps that of *A. cretacea* (see below).

Distribution and ecology. *Antrodia crassa* is distributed in North Europe and the boreal zone of Asia. It grows on tough

lying trunks of *P. sylvestris* and *Pinus koraiensis* in dead-wood rich mature to old pine forests (Junninen 2009). Within such habitat this species is not very rare, although uncommon. The similarly looking *A. cretacea* is a more southern species with wider host range.

Specimens examined. Finland. Etelä-Häme: Tammela, Mustiala, *P. sylvestris*, 6.VI.1872 Karsten (H, lectotype), IX.1878, IX.1886 Karsten (H). Pohjois-Karjala: Lieksa, Resvasuo-Kitkasuo, *P. sylvestris*, 26.IX.2005 Kinnunen 3476 (H 6029178), Patvinsuo Nat. Park, *P. sylvestris*, 12.X.2005 Junninen 6444, 6446* (H 6029176, 6029177), Ruunaa, *P. sylvestris*, 7.IX.1999 Vehmaa 2428 (H); Valtimo, Salmijärvi, *P. sylvestris*, 26.IX.2005 Kinnunen 3476* (H 6029179). Kainuu: Suomussalmi, Pahamaailma, *P. sylvestris*, 15.X.2006 Helo 61015005 (H 6029180). Koillismaa: Kuusamo, Oulanka Nat. Park, *P. sylvestris*, 13.V.2008 Junninen 7449 (H 6029185); Salla, Kaunisharju, *P. sylvestris*, 6.IX.2005 Kinnunen 3348 (H); Taivalkoski, Jokijärvi, *P. sylvestris*, 15.VIII.1994 Lindgren 1706 (H), Kylmäluoma, *P. sylvestris*, 7.VII.2006 Helo 60707009* (H 6029183), Metsäkylä, *P. sylvestris*, 16.VIII.1994 Nissinen 117 (H). Perä-Pohjanmaa: Rovaniemi, Tervajuppo, *P. sylvestris*, 23.V.2008 Tahvonen (H 6029182). Sompion-Lappi: Sodankylä, Rautavaara, *P. sylvestris*, 28.VIII.2002 Hiltunen 02RH11 (H); Pekosenniemi, Luosto, *P. sylvestris*, 20.VIII.1998 Niemelä 6321 (H). Russia. Gornyi Altai: Altai Nat. Res., Kyga, *P. sylvestris*, 28.VIII.1959 Parmasto (TAAM 008597, 008011). Krasnoyarsk Reg.: Stolby Nat. Res., *P. sylvestris*, 12.VIII.1980 Parmasto (TAAM 102875). Primorie Reg.: Krasnoarmeiskii Dist., Melnichnoe, *Pinus koraiensis*, 23.VIII.2013 Spirin 6291*, 6293* (H); Ternei Dist., Maisa, *P. koraiensis*, 23.IX.1979, 16.IX.1990 Parmasto (TAAM 101719, 151116). Sweden. Hälsingland: Ljusdal, Sundsberget, ?*P. sylvestris*, 10.IX.1997 Edman 845 (H).

Antrodia cretacea Runnel, Spirin & Löhmus, sp. nov. – Figs 4 and 5

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Holotype. Estonia. Pärnumaa: Kanaküla, *Picea abies*, 8.IX.2006 Löhmus 971* (TU 121005 – holotype, H – isotype).

Etymology. Cretaceous (Lat., adj.) – chalky; referring to the basidiocarp consistence.

Basidiocarps resupinate, widely effused (up to 40 cm in widest dimension), perennial. Margin first distinct, whitish to cream-coloured, sterile, densely floccose and partly detaching from the substrate, later usually brownish or grayish, degenerating in crumbling mass, up to 2 mm wide, in senescent basidiocarps sometimes up to 5 mm or even more. Pore surface first whitish to cream-coloured, later yellowish-ochraceous or brownish, on sloping substrates certainly stepwise-like; pores roundish to angular, on sloping substrates vertically elongated, 4–6 (7) per mm, dissepiments

thick, opaque, first wavy, later moderately lacerate. Section: subiculum white or near so, easily crumbling, up to 1 mm thick, in older basidiocarps degenerating in chalky mass fusing with older tube layers and underlying substrate; tubes concolorous with pore surface or slightly paler, cheese-like in fresh condition, soft, and easily cut in herbarium specimens, with indistinct annual layers, 2–8 (10) mm thick. Odour pleasant, faint, or absent; taste slightly bitter or sour, in herbarium specimens usually indistinct.

Hyphal structure dimitic; hyphae with clamps.

Subiculum. Skeletal hyphae dominating, with capillary lumen or subsolid, 2.9–4 µm in diam., faintly amyloid (reaction indistinct), strongly swelling and dissolving in KOH. Generative hyphae rare, with thickened walls and oil-rich, strongly cyanophilous content, 2–3.5 µm in diam. Resinous matter abundant, usually producing globose bodies up to 20 µm in diam.

Tubes. Skeletal hyphae dominating, irregularly arranged, thick-walled to subsolid, occasionally branched, some strongly twisted, (2.5–) 2.6–4.1 (–4.3) µm in diam. (n = 80/5), faintly amyloid (very pale violet in IKI) or inamyloid, strongly swelling and dissolving in KOH; generative hyphae thin to slightly thick-walled, 2.5–4 µm in diam. Subhymenium usually distinct, consisting of thin-walled generative hyphae, up to 20 µm thick. Cystidioles abundant, bottle-shaped, with sharpened or blunt tips, some bifurcate, (10.8–) 12.0–21.6 (–24.3) × (4.1–) 4.2–6.1 (–6.3) µm (n = 37/4). Basidia broadly clavate, (11.3–) 13.2–20.2 (–22.6) × (4.5–) 4.7–8.1 (–8.8) µm (n = 57/8). Resinous matter relatively rare in some specimens, abundant in others, in young basidiocarps present as globules up to 10 µm in diam., in older ones as large amorphous bodies up to 25 µm in diam. or even more.

Basidiospores narrowly ellipsoid to thick cylindrical, (4.5–) 4.6–7.9 (–8.2) × (2.6–) 2.7–4.0 (–4.2) µm (n = 410/14), L = 5.38, W = 3.14, Q = 1.58–1.83, ventral side flat or slightly convex, rarely a bit concave, longest basidiospores slightly tapering to the distal end.

Discussion. In macroscopic terms, *A. cretacea* looks like an intermediate between *A. crassa* and *Antrodia piceata*/*Antrodia sitchensis*. The specimens we studied were mislabelled either as *A. crassa* or as *A. sitchensis* with approximately the same frequency. *Antrodia crassa* has denser and longer-lasting basidiocarps with smaller and more regular pores; usually, it does not produce stepwise-like growths on sloping substrates, very characteristic to *A. cretacea*. In older basidiocarps of the latter species the lowest tube layers and context quickly fuse into a crumbling mass, which deeply gorges the underlying substrate and thus firmly fastens them. In contrast, *A. crassa* mostly produces loose mycelial films filling fissures of the underlying wood; the substrate (the so-called 'kelo' – Niemelä et al. 2002) is usually so hard that the oldest basidiocarps easily detach from it.

The microscopic differences of *A. cretacea* from *A. crassa* are very subtle – basidiospores are normally thinner in *A. cretacea*, thick cylindrical to narrowly ellipsoid (Table 2). However, attention should be paid to the age of observed basidiocarps because senescent specimens of *A. cretacea* produce basidiospores which may be even wider than in *A. crassa*. *Antrodia sitchensis* in North America and *A. piceata* in Eurasia are macroscopically similar to *A. cretacea*. However, basidiospores of

these species are narrower and cylindrical (Table 2, Fig 5). In addition, skeletal hyphae of these species do not change in KOH, and possess a clear amyloid reaction. The latter character may be used for identification if the specimen at hand is sterile.

Pilát (in Kavina & Pilát 1936–1942) listed *Polyporus subfuscoflavidus* Rostk. as a possible synonym of *Poria crassa* P. Karst. The latter species was described from Germany or, possibly, Poland (the former Prussia) as a large resupinate polypore growing on spruce. The substrate fits well with *A. cretacea*; however, the picture published by Rostkovius (1848) displays a large-pored species with yellowish-grayish tubes. Fries's (1874) redescription of *P. subfuscoflavidus* refers to the oak-dwelling species found in Sweden. Unfortunately, no original collections of *P. subfuscoflavidus* exist. Romell (1926) stated an uncertain identity for this species that will be dealt with in more detail in a future study; it does not belong to the *A. crassa* group.

Distribution and ecology. *Antrodia cretacea* occurs in temperate and boreal zones of Europe, East Asia, and North America. In Europe its distribution is more southern than that of *A. crassa*, and it preferably grows on lying trunks or stumps of *Picea* spp. Moreover, *A. cretacea* is not so strict in its ecological preferences, occurring in old-growth as well as managed forests and clear-cut areas (Runnel et al. 2014).

Specimens examined. **Croatia.** Lika-Senja Reg.: Plitvička Jezera Nat. Park, *Picea abies*, 8.VIII.1973 Tortič 81-73 (H). **Czech Republic.** South Bohemia: Černé Údolí, *P. abies*, X.1994 Vlasák 9410/6 (H); Hluboká nad Vltavou, Baba, *P. abies*, 12.VII.2012 Vlasák 1207/1* (JV, H), Libochovka, *P. abies*, VIII.2007 Vlasák 0807/4 (JV). Moravia: Vývěry Punkvy, *P. sylvestris*, 27.VIII.2006 Dvořák* (JV, H). **Estonia.** Pärnumaa: Kanaküla. *P. abies*, 6.IX.2006 Lõhmus 946* (TU 121004), 8.IX.2006 Lõhmus 971* (TU 121005 – holotype, H – isotype). Tartumaa: Järvelja, *P. abies*, X.1956 Kalmeti (TAAM 184518, 193258, 202960), 22. IX.2005 Lõhmus 276 (TU 121002), Laeva, *P. abies*, 1951 Pettai (TAAM 193257), Vara, *P. abies*, 01.X.2005 Lõhmus 521* (TU 121003). **Finland.** Etelä-Savo: Sulkava, Lohikoski, *P. abies*, 22–23.VIII.2006 Pennanen 368* (H 6012732); **Poland.** Podlesie Reg.: Hajnówka, Białowieża Nat. Park, *P. sylvestris*, 14.VIII.1969 Niemelä (H), *Picea abies*, 22.V.1996 Niemelä 5998 (H), 15.IX.2009 Niemelä 8659* (H). Kraków Reg.: Babia Góra Nat. Park, *P. abies*, 15.VIII.1973 Niemelä (H). **Russia.** Arkhangelsk Reg.: Plesetsk Dist., Yemtsa, *P. sylvestris*, 24.VIII.1965 Parmasto (TAAM 017593). Khabarovsk Reg.: Solnechnyi Dist., Gorin, *Picea ajanensis*, 12.VIII.2011 Spirin 4093* (H), Razlivnaya, *P. ajanensis*, 22.VIII.2011 Spirin 4285* (H). Leningrad Reg.: Tikhvin Dist., Choga, *P. abies*, 22.VII.2011 Sorokina (H). Nizhny Novgorod Reg.: Bor Dist., Kerzhenets Nat. Res., *P. sylvestris*, 24.IX.1998 Spirin (LE 213348); Sharanga Dist., Kilemary Nat. Res., *P. abies*, 18.VIII.2004 Spirin 2176* (H); Tonshaevy Dist., Kamennyi Ovrage Nat. Res., *Abies sibirica*, 30.V.2000 Spirin (LE 211365). **Sweden.** Västergötland: Vänersborg, Ovandalen, *P. abies*, 15.VII.2010 Svantesson* (GB). **USA.** Michigan: Chippewa Co., Neebish Island, *Tsuga canadensis*, IX.1909 Harper (NY). Minnesota: Clearwater Co., Itasca Nat. Forest, *Picea* sp., 1.VIII.1970 Gilbertson 9497* (O ex ARIZ – as *Poria oleagina*), *Abies balsamea*, 16.IX.1977 Ryvarden 14380 (H ex O). New York: Warren Co., Warrensburg, *Picea* sp., 2.IX.1946 Lowe 3119 (H).

Antrodia ferox (Long & D.V. Baxter) Gilb. & Ryvarden, Mycotaxon 22 (2): 363, 1985

≡ *Poria ferox* Long & D.V. Baxter, Pap. Michigan Acad. Sci. 25 (1): 149, 1940.

Antrodia ferox is the North American species inhabiting dead juniper wood. One specimen collected in Turkey (Klepsland 277) was found to be very similar to the North American taxon but to differ in having shorter and narrower basidiospores and slightly wider pores (Table 2). While the material is scanty, the ITS data supported its identification as the first record of *A. ferox* from Eurasia. A modern description of this species is presented by Gilbertson & Ryvarden (1986).

Specimens examined. **Turkey.** Isparta: Eğirdir, *Juniperus* sp., 14.IX.2007 Klepsland 277* (O, H). **USA.** Arizona: Graham Co., Pinaleno Mt., Swift Trail, *Juniperus scopulorum*, 7.IX.2012 Vlasák 1209/75* (JV, H).

***Antrodia ignobilis* Spirin & Vlasák, sp. nov. – Figs 4 and 5**

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Holotype. USA. Arizona: Pima Co., Coronado Nat. Forest, St. Catalina, *P. ponderosa*, 3.IX.2012 Vlasák 1209/36* (H – holotype).

Etymology. *Ignobilis* (Lat., adj.) – ignoble, plebeian; referring to absence of striking macroscopic features.

Basidiocarps resupinate, widely effused (up to 15 cm in widest dimension), perennial. Margin distinct, whitish to cream-coloured or pale ochraceous, sterile, densely floccose, in young basidiocarps partly detaching from the substrate. Pore surface first whitish to cream-coloured, later with yellowish or ochraceous hues, in oldest parts with resinous stains (as if soaked by oil); pores roundish to angular or sinuous, on sloping substrates vertically elongated and open, 6–8 per mm, dissepiments first even, later moderately lacerate. Section: subiculum white or near so, easily crumbling, up to 1 mm thick, in older basidiocarps degenerating in chalky mass; tubes concolorous with pore surface or slightly paler, cheese-like in fresh condition, soft and easily cut in herbarium specimens, with distinct annual layers, (0.5) 1–5 mm thick. Odour pleasant, faint, or absent; taste slightly bitter or sour, in herbarium specimens usually indistinct.

Hyphal structure dimitic; hyphae with clamps.

Subiculum. Skeletal hyphae dominating, with capillary lumen or subsolid, (2.2–) 2.3–3.3 (–3.4) μm in diam. ($n = 20/1$), very faintly amyloid, swelling inwards in KOH. Generative hyphae rare, with thickened walls and oil-rich, strongly

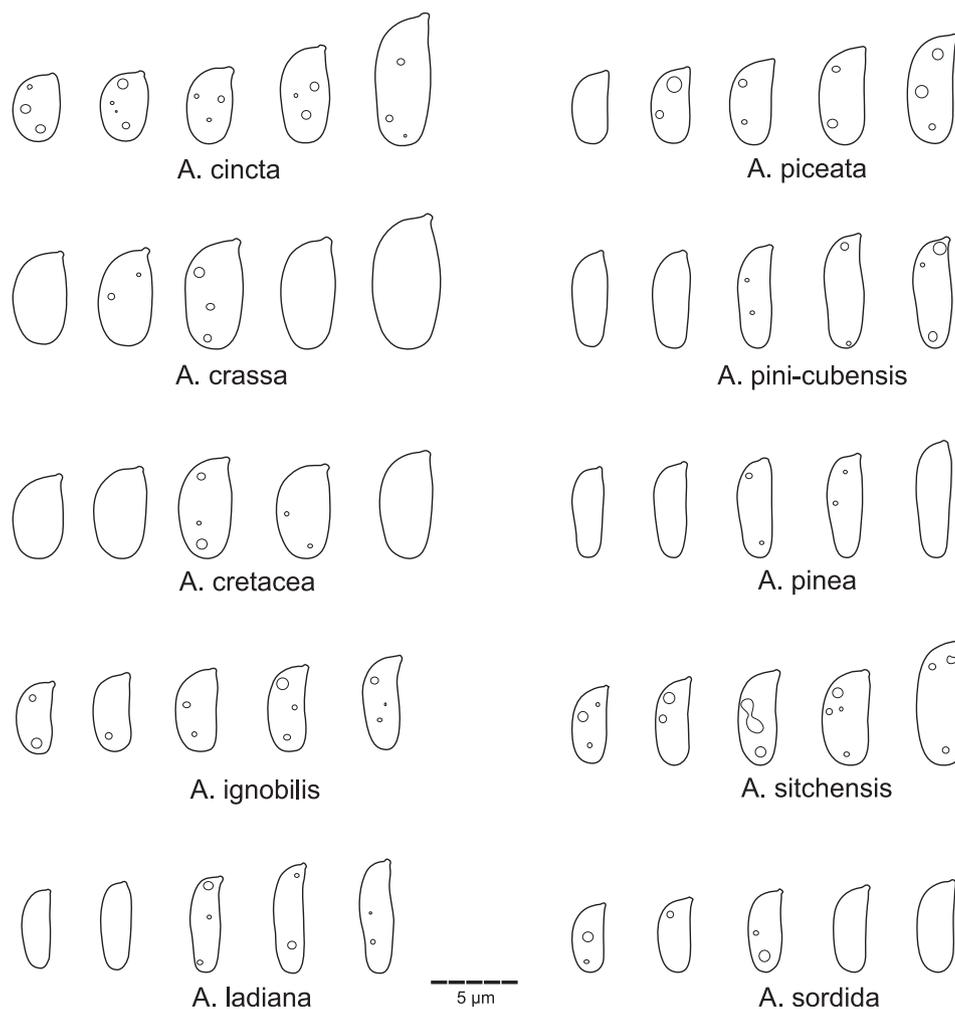


Fig 5 – Spore drawings of the species in the *Antrodia crassa* group: *A. cincta* (3 left – holotype, 2 right – Vlasák 1009/12), *A. crassa* (lectotype), *A. cretacea* (holotype), *A. ignobilis* (holotype), *A. ladiana* (holotype), *A. piceata* (holotype), *A. pini-cubensis* (holotype), *A. pinea* (holotype), *A. sitchensis* (3 left – Spirin 8782, 2 right – holotype), *A. sordida* (3 left – Vlasák 0509/190, 2 right – Miettinen 16954).

cyanophilous content, 2–2.5 µm in diam. Resinous matter abundant or scarce.

Tubes. Skeletal hyphae dominating, irregularly arranged, thick-walled to subsolid, occasionally branched, some strongly twisted, (2.0–) 2.3–3.6 (–3.8) µm in diam. ($n = 40/2$), weakly amyloid (pale violet in IKI, in some specimens reaction indistinct), swelling inwards but not dissolving in KOH, sparse at the tube orifices; generative hyphae thin-to slightly thick-walled, 1.5–2.5 µm in diam. Subhymenium usually distinct, consisting of thin-walled generative hyphae, up to 30 µm thick. Cystidioles abundant, bullet-shaped, mostly with blunt tips, (10.2–) 10.9–17.1 (–19.6) × (3.0–) 3.1–5.2 (–5.5) µm ($n = 25/2$). Basidia clavate-pedunculate, (10.8–) 11.0–17.2 (–17.3) × (4.7–) 4.8–6.0 (–6.2) µm ($n = 24/2$). Resinous matter abundant, present as droplets or globules up to 15 µm in diam.

Basidiospores thick cylindrical, (3.6–) 3.7–5.3 (–5.7) × (1.9–) 2.0–2.4 (–2.7) µm ($n = 120/4$), $L = 4.31$, $W = 2.17$, $Q = 1.95$ –2.01, ventral side slightly concave, longest spores slightly tapering to the distal end.

Discussion. *A. ignobilis* is morphologically similar to *A. sitchensis*, differing in having smaller pores and shorter spores (Tables 2 and 3). Moreover, the lowest parts of the tube dissepiments in *A. ignobilis* possess very scanty skeletal hyphae and therefore look almost monomitic, in contrast to the strongly dimitic dissepiment edges of *A. sitchensis*. Basidiocarps of *A. ignobilis* are often easily detaching from the substrate, possessing inrolling parts, and its senescent fruitbodies disintegrate in crumbling chalk-like mass. In addition, the distribution range of *A. ignobilis* and *A. sitchensis* are different.

Distribution and ecology. *Antrodia ignobilis* is found in Arizona and New Mexico (USA); it inhabits dry lying trunks of *P. ponderosa* and *Pinus strobiformis*. Previous records of *A. sitchensis* from these states (Gilbertson 1974) refer to *A. ignobilis*.

Specimens examined. USA. Arizona: Pima Co., Coronado Nat. Forest, *P. ponderosa*, 31.X.1969 Gilbertson 9330 (O), 3.IX.2012 Vlasák 1209/36* (H – holotype, JV – isotype), *Pinus strobiformis*, 11.VIII.1972 Gilbertson 10686 (O); Coconino Co., Coconino Nat. Forest, *P. ponderosa*, 21.VIII.1973 Lindsey 283* (H ex O F-910108), 22.VIII.1984 Gilbertson 15170 (CFMR). New Mexico: Otero Co., Lincoln Nat. Forest., *P. ponderosa*, 23.VIII.1968 Gilbertson 8128* (NY, MICH).

***Antrodia ladiana* Spirin & Runnel, sp. nov. – Fig 5**

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Holotype. USA. California: Tulare Co., Sequoia Nat. Park, *Pinus sabiniana*, 20.III.1984 Ryvar den 21853* (O F-910054 – holotype, H – isotype).

Etymology. Ladianos (Greek, adj.) – greasy; referring to numerous droplets exuding in microscopic mountants.

Basidiocarps resupinate, up to 15 cm in widest dimension, perennial. Margin distinct, whitish to cream-coloured, sterile, densely floccose, firmly attached. Pore surface cream-coloured, later with ochraceous or light brownish hues (as if soaked by oil); pores angular, variable and of irregular size, 4–6 (7) per mm, dissepiments thin, semitranslucent, first even, later minutely serrate. Section: subiculum white, densely floccose, up to 0.1 mm thick; tubes concolorous with pore surface, soft leathery and easily cut in herbarium specimens, no distinct annual layers, 0.3–1.5 mm thick. Odour absent; taste indistinct.

Hyphal structure dimitic; hyphae with clamps.

Subiculum. Skeletal hyphae dominating, irregularly arranged, with capillary lumen or subsolid, 2–3 µm in diam., inamyloid, slightly swelling in KOH. Generative hyphae rare, with thickened walls, 2.5–3.5 µm in diam. Resinous matter absent.

Tubes. Skeletal hyphae dominating, subparallel, thick-walled to subsolid, 2.0–4.1 (–4.5) µm in diam. ($n = 40/2$), inamyloid, slightly swelling in KOH; generative hyphae thin-to slightly thick-walled, 2.2–3.2 (3.5) µm in diam. Subhymenium distinct in young basidiocarps, 15–20 µm thick, composed by delicate easily collapsing generative hyphae. Cystidioles abundant, bullet-shaped, with blunt tips, rarely tapering, (8.8–) 9.4–13.1 (–13.2) × (3.8–) 3.9–4.6 (–5.4) µm ($n = 30/2$). Basidia clavate, (8.3–) 9.2–13.1 (–15.4) × (4.1–) 4.3–5.2 (–5.3) µm ($n = 30/2$). Resinous matter absent, crystals occasionally present, rhomboid or polygonal, 5–15 µm wide.

Basidiospores cylindrical, (4.4–) 4.5–6.1 (–6.3) × (1.5–) 1.6–2.1 (–2.2) µm ($n = 60/2$), $L = 5.23$, $W = 1.81$, $Q = 2.72$ –3.12, ventral side flat, rarely slightly concave, longest spores slightly tapering to the distal end.

Discussion. According to morphological and DNA data, *A. ladiana* is closely related to *A. ferox* and *A. pinea* from East Asia. *Antrodia ferox* differs in having peculiar basidiospores and it inhabits juniper wood. *Antrodia pinea* has smaller pores (6–8 per mm) and large rhomboid crystals among hyphal tissues; it is distributed in East Asia. *Antrodia pini-cubensis* from the Caribbean is morphologically similar to *A. ladiana* as well, although it is not closely related. It differs in having more deeply coloured, bright ochraceous basidiocarps and a presence of abundant oily droplets in microscopic mounts. Microscopically, it is almost identical to *A. ladiana* except slightly wider cystidioles and basidia. A good hint for recognizing these species is the shape of pores which show a highly variable diameter in *A. ladiana* but more or less regular and in general smaller in *A. pini-cubensis*.

Distribution and ecology. So far the species is known only from two localities in warm temperate to subtropical regions in southwestern and southeastern USA, growing on lying trunks of *Pinus* spp. The specimen from Florida was collected from a charred lying trunk of *Pinus elliotii*, on which it was growing side by side with *A. pini-cubensis*.

Specimens examined. USA. California: Tulare Co., Sequoia Nat. Park, *P. sabiniana*, 20.III.1984 Ryvar den 21853* (O F-910054 – holotype, H – isotype). Florida: Collier Co., Everglades Nat. Park, *P. elliotii*, 29.VIII.2010 Vlasák 1008/65* (JV, H).

***Antrodia piceata* Runnel, Spirin & Vlasák, sp. nov. – Figs 4 and 5**

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Holotype. Czech Republic. South Bohemia Reg.: Boubín Nat. Res., *Picea abies*, 29.X.2011 Vlasák 1110/14* (H – holotype).

Etymology. Piceatus (Lat., adj.) – resinous; referring to resinous-brown margin of old basidiocarps.

Basidiocarps resupinate, large, covering several decimetres, perennial. Margin distinct, first whitish to cream-coloured or pale ochraceous, sterile, leathery, firmly attached, in older basidiocarps becoming resinous, dark brown to almost black, up to 3 mm wide. Pore surface first cream-coloured, later pale ochraceous to dirty orange, even to stepwise-like;

Table 3 – Main characteristics of the eleven species in the *Antrodia crassa* group.

Species	Distribution	Host trees	Pores per mm	Skeletal hyphae (diameter, arrangement, reactions if indicative)	Basidiospores (shape, size)
<i>A. cincta</i>	North America, temperate	<i>Pinus</i> spp.	6–7	2.6–3.7 µm, irregular, dissolving in KOH	Ellipsoid to thick cylindrical, 3.7–7.2 × 2.5–3.4 µm
<i>A. crassa</i>	Eurasia, boreal	<i>Pinus</i> spp.	6–7	2.3–4.2 µm, irregular, dissolving in KOH	Ellipsoid to narrowly ellipsoid, 4.9–8.2 × 3.0–3.8 µm
<i>A. cretacea</i>	North America, Eurasia, boreal – temperate	Various conifers, mostly <i>Picea</i> spp.	4–6	2.6–4.1 µm, irregular, dissolving in KOH	Narrowly ellipsoid to thick cylindrical, 4.6–7.9 × 2.7–4.0 µm
<i>A. ferox</i>	North America, Eurasia, warm temperate – subtropical	<i>Juniperus</i> spp.	4–6	2–3 µm, subparallel	Fusiform to navicular, 5.6–9.3 × 2.6–4.0 µm
<i>A. ignobilis</i>	North-America, South-West, warm temperate	<i>Pinus</i> spp.	6–8	2.3–3.6 µm, irregular	Thick cylindrical, 3.7–5.3 × 2.0–2.4 µm
<i>A. ladiana</i>	North America, warm temperate – subtropical	<i>Pinus</i> spp.	4–6	2.0–4.1 µm, subparallel	Cylindrical, 4.5–6.1 × 1.6–2.1 µm
<i>A. piceata</i>	Eurasia, boreal – temperate	Various conifers, mostly <i>Picea</i> spp.	5–7	2.5–4.2 µm, irregular, amyloid	Cylindrical to thick cylindrical, 3.9–6.8 × 1.7–2.8 µm
<i>A. pinea</i>	East Asia, temperate – subtropical	<i>Pinus letteri</i> , <i>Picea ajanensis</i>	6–8	2.0–3.3 µm, subparallel	Cylindrical, 5.0–6.1 × 1.8–2.0 µm
<i>A. pini-cubensis</i>	Caribbean, warm temperate – subtropical	<i>Pinus</i> spp.	6–7	2.1–3.2 µm, subparallel	Cylindrical, 5.2–6.2 × 2.0–2.2 µm
<i>A. sitchensis</i>	North-America, North-West	Various conifers, mostly <i>Picea</i> spp.	4–6	2.3–4.2 µm, irregular, amyloid	Cylindrical to thick cylindrical, 4.1–6.8 × 1.9–2.9 µm
<i>A. sordida</i>	North-America, North-East	<i>Picea</i> spp.	6–8	2.1–3.2 µm, irregular, amyloid	Cylindrical, 3.7–6.0 × 1.7–2.2 µm

pores roundish to angular, on sloping substrates open, (4) 5–7 per mm, dissepiments first even, later minutely serrate. Section: subiculum white, first leathery, in older basidiocarps degenerating in chalky mass, up to 0.2 mm thick; tubes concolorous with pore surface, cheese-like in fresh condition, woody hard but rather easily cracking in herbarium specimens, annual layers distinct, 2–15 mm thick. Odour pleasant, reminiscent of clove oil; taste slightly bitter or sour.

Hyphal structure dimitic; hyphae with clamps.

Subiculum. Skeletal hyphae dominating, irregularly arranged, with capillary lumen or subsolid, (1.9–) 2.0–3.0 (–3.4) μm in diam. ($n = 20/1$), amyloid (grey in KOH), slightly swelling in KOH. Generative hyphae with thickened walls, some with oil-rich content, 3–4 μm in diam. Resinous matter abundant, present as droplets up to 10 μm wide.

Tubes. Skeletal hyphae dominating, irregularly arranged, thick-walled to subsolid, (2.4–) 2.5–4.2 (–4.3) μm in diam. ($n = 150/7$), amyloid (grey in IKI), slightly swelling in KOH; generative hyphae thin-to slightly thick-walled, 2–3.5 μm in diam. Subhymenium distinct in some specimens, up to 20 μm thick. Cystidioles abundant, bullet-shaped, with blunt tips, or sharp-pointed, (10.2–) 10.3–17.6 (–19.3) \times (3.6–) 3.7–6.3 (–6.6) μm ($n = 60/7$). Basidia broadly clavate, with narrowed base, (10.2–) 10.3–18.6 (–20.1) \times (4.3–) 4.4–7.2 (–7.8) μm ($n = 60/5$). Resinous matter present as small droplets, abundant to scanty.

Basidiospores cylindrical to thick cylindrical (bean-shaped), (3.7–) 3.9–6.8 (–7.4) \times (1.6–) 1.7–2.8 μm ($n = 330/11$), $L = 4.63$, $W = 2.10$, $Q = 1.86$ –2.49, ventral side flat or slightly concave, longest spores slightly tapering to the distal end.

Discussion. The distinction of *A. piceata* from morphologically similar species relies mainly on the DNA characters and distribution ranges. Its closest relatives are *A. sitchensis* and *A. sordida* from North America. In earlier treatments of European polypores, *A. piceata* has been mislabelled with both of these names (David & Tortić 1984; Niemelä et al. 1992; Vampola & Pouzar 1992; Ryvarde & Gilbertson 1993; Ryvarde & Melo 2014). However, our data show that *A. sitchensis* and *Antrodia sordida* do not occur in Eurasia. Morphological differences between these three species are minute. *Antrodia sordida* seems to be more distinct in morphological terms, having smaller pores, narrower skeletal hyphae, shorter basidia, and slightly narrower basidiospores. In microscopic characters, *A. piceata* is almost identical to *A. sitchensis*, and with extremely large infraspecific variation of basidiospores (Table 2). *Antrodia piceata* has on the average smaller pores than *A. sitchensis*, and the pore surface of older basidiocarps is more deeply coloured (especially in the winter) and often stepwise.

Distribution and ecology. Most records of *A. piceata* are from old-growth forests, where it inhabits large lying trunks of conifer trees, mostly *Picea* spp. It is an Eurasian species, with records from France, Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Croatia, Estonia, Finland, European part of Russia (Russian Karelia, Leningrad, and Nizhny Novgorod Regions), Russian Far East (Khabarovsk Reg. and Primorie), northern parts of China (Heilongjiang) and Japan (Hokkaido), although it is very rare throughout its distribution range.

Specimens examined. **China.** Heilongjiang: Yichun, Fenglin Nat. Res., *Picea* sp., 5.VIII.2006 Penttilä 13209 (H). **Croatia.** Lika-

Senj: Plitvička Jezera Nat. Park, *Abies alba*, 2.V.1975 Tortić (H). **Czech Republic.** South Bohemia Reg.: Boubín Nat. Res., *P. abies*, 29.X.2011 Vlasák 1110/14* (H – holotype, JV – isotype). **Estonia.** Ida-Virumaa: Muraka, *P. abies*, 21.X.2005 Lõhmus 595 (TU 121006), Lõhmus 610* (TU 121007), Lõhmus 626* (TU 121008). Jõgevamaa: Torma *P. abies* 28.IX.2014 Runnel 1094* (TU). Tartumaa: Järvselja *P. abies* 19.IX.2009 Lõhmus 1989* (TU 121009). Võrumaa: Haanja, *P. abies*, 26.VII.2000 Parmasto* (TAAM 174833, H). **Finland.** Etelä-Häme: Padasjoki, Vesijako, *P. abies*, 15.IX.1999 Miettinen 1229* (H 6012565), Ruovesi, Nuijakorpi, *P. abies*, 25.VIII.2002 Niemelä 7300 (H). **France.** Haute-Corse: Ariola, *Pinus nigra* var. *laricio*, 20.X.1997 Norstedt 97215* (H ex O 15982). **Japan.** Hokkaido: Akan, conifer, 23.IX.1994 Núñez 630 (H ex O). **Poland.** Podlesie Reg.: Hajnówka, Białowieża Nat. Park, *P. abies*, 30.IV.1960 Domański 797 (TAAM 099957), 2.IX.2007, 2.X.2010 Niemelä 8373, 8732 (H). **Russia.** Karelia: Kondopoga Dist., Kivach Nat. Res., *P. abies*, 28.V.1997 Miettinen 141 (H). Khabarovsk Reg.: Khabarovsk Dist., Malyi Niran, *P. koraiensis*, 6.VIII.2012 Spirin 4957 (H); Solnechnyi Dist., Igdomi, *P. ajanensis*, 6.VIII.2011 Spirin 3885* (H), Razlivnaya, *P. ajanensis*, 22–24.VIII.2011 Spirin 4249*, 4384* (H). Leningrad Reg.: Podporozhie Dist.: Tokari, *P. abies*, 27.IX.2007 Spirin 2729 (H), Vazhino, *P. abies*, 29.IX.2010 Spirin 3567, 3569, 3570 (H). Nizhny Novgorod Reg.: Vetluga Dist., Kleonovik Nat. Res., *A. sibirica*, 9.VIII.1999 Spirin 1401 (H). Primorie Reg.: Chuguevo Dist., Bulyga-Fadeevo, *P. ajanensis*, 6.IX.1975 Parmasto (TAAM 59287, H). **Slovakia.** Banská Bystrica Reg.: Čierny Balog, Dobročský Prales, *P. abies*, 26.VIII.1986 Pouzar (H ex PRM 870295).

Antrodia pinea (B.K. Cui & Y.C. Dai) Spirin, *comb. nov.* – Fig 5

≡ *Amyloporia pinea* B.K. Cui & Y.C. Dai, Antonie van Leeuwenhoek J. Microb. 104: 821, 2013.

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Holotype. China. Hainan: Changjiang Co., Bawangling Nat. Res., *Pinus latteri*, 10.V.2009 Cui 6522 (BJFC, H – isotype).

Basidiocarps resupinate, effused (up to 20 cm in widest dimension), perennial. Margin first narrow (up to 0.3 mm wide), pale cream-coloured, in older basidiocarps degenerating. Pore surface pale yellow to pale ochraceous, in older basidiocarps with grey hues; pores roundish to angular, on sloping surfaces elongated, 6–8 per mm, dissepiments thin, opaque, even or slightly wavy. Section: subiculum first white, thin (up to 0.2 mm), later degenerating in crumbling amorphous mass; tubes one-layered or indistinctly stratified, soft chalky, easily crumbling, 0.5–1.5 mm thick. No distinct odour; taste mild.

Hyphal structure dimitic; hyphae with clamps.

Subiculum. Skeletal hyphae dominating, irregularly arranged, with capillary lumen or subsolid, (1.9–) 2.0–2.7 (–2.8) μm in diam. ($n = 20/1$), inamyloid, slightly swelling in KOH. Generative hyphae rare, with thickened walls, 1.5–2.5 μm in diam. Resinous matter present in senescent parts as irregular bodies on hyphae.

Tubes. Skeletal hyphae dominating, subparallel, thick-walled with capillary lumen, (1.8–) 2.0–3.3 (–3.4) μm in diam. ($n = 40/2$), inamyloid, slightly swelling in KOH; generative hyphae thin-to slightly thick-walled, 2–3 μm in diam. Subhymenium distinct in some parts, up to 30 μm thick. Cystidioles abundant, bottle-shaped with sharp tips, rarely

tapering blunt-tipped, (9.8–) 9.9–13.4 (–15.0) × (3.2–) 3.5–4.9 (–5.3) μm ($n = 20/1$). Basidia clavate, with narrowed base, (9.7–) 10.1–14.7 (–15.8) × (4.4–) 4.6–5.3 (–5.4) μm ($n = 20/1$). Resinous matter abundant, present in older basidiocarps as globules or large amorphous bodies up to 30 μm wide. Rhomboid crystals abundant on tramal hyphae, up to 25 μm in longest dimension.

Basidiospores cylindrical, (4.7–) 5.0–6.1 (–6.2) × (1.7–) 1.8–2.0 (–2.2) μm ($n = 30/1$), $L = 5.48$, $W = 1.92$, $Q = 2.87$, ventral side flat, longest spores arcuate near apiculus and slightly tapering to the distal end.

Discussion. This species was recently described as belonging to the genus *Amyloporia* (Cui & Dai 2013) as outlined by Rajchenberg et al. (2011). Morphologically, it is most similar to the North American *A. ladiana* and *A. pini-cubensis*. *Antrodia piceata*, widely distributed in the boreal zone of Eurasia, differs from *A. pinea* in having larger and tougher basidiocarps, wider pores and amyloid skeletal hyphae.

Distribution and ecology. *Antrodia pinea* was described based on several collections from the southern part of China (Cui & Dai 2013), and it was reported as growing on lying trunks of *Pinus* spp. We found it also from Russian Far East on a lying trunk of *P. ajanensis*. The species evidently prefers xerophilic habitats.

Specimens examined. **China.** Hainan: Changjiang Co., Bawangling Nat. Res., *Pinus latteri*, 10.V.2009 Cui 6522* (BJFC – holotype, H – isotype). **Russia.** Khabarovsk Reg.: Solnechnyi Dist., Suluk-Makit, *P. ajanensis*, 19.VIII.2011 Spirin 4211* (H).

Antrodia pini-cubensis Vampola, Kotlaba & Pouzar, Czech Mycol. 47 (3): 190, 1994 – Fig 5

Holotype. Cuba. Oriente Prov.: Mayarí, Sierra Nipe, *Pinus cubensis*, 13.III.1967 Kotlaba (PRM 756464).

Basidiocarps resupinate, effused (up to 7 cm in widest dimension), perennial. Margin first narrow (up to 0.5 mm wide), white to pale cream-coloured, in older basidiocarps degenerating. Pore surface bright ochraceous, contrasting with paler margin, in older basidiocarps with resinous-brown hues; pores round, more or less regular, on sloping surfaces elongated, (5) 6–7 per mm, dissepiments rather thick, opaque, even or slightly wavy. Section: subiculum first white, very thin (less than 0.1 mm), later degenerating in crumbling amorphous mass; tubes one-layered or indistinctly stratified, soft leathery or chalky, 0.5–2 mm thick. No distinct odour; taste mild.

Hyphal structure dimitic; hyphae with clamps.

Subiculum. Skeletal hyphae dominating, with capillary lumen or subsolid, (2.0–) 2.2–2.7 (–2.8) μm in diam. ($n = 20/1$), inamyloid, slightly swelling in KOH. Generative hyphae rare, with thickened walls, 1.5–2.5 μm in diam. Resinous matter present as irregular bodies on hyphae.

Tubes. Skeletal hyphae dominating, subparallel, thick-walled to subsolid, (1.9–) 2.1–3.2 (–3.3) μm in diam. ($n = 40/2$), inamyloid, slightly swelling in KOH; generative hyphae thin-to slightly thick-walled, 2–3 μm in diam. Subhymenium distinct in some parts, up to 10 μm thick. Cystidioles abundant, bullet-shaped, with blunt tips, rarely tapering, (8.4–) 9.0–13.2 (–13.8) × (4.1–) 4.2–5.9 (–6.3) μm ($n = 20/1$). Basidia broadly clavate, with narrowed base, (9.2–) 9.7–13.7 (–13.8) × (5.2–) 5.3–6.6 (–6.7) μm ($n = 20/1$). Resinous matter

abundant, present as small droplets, in older basidiocarps producing large amorphous bodies up to 20 μm wide.

Basidiospores cylindrical, (5.1–) 5.2–6.2 (–6.4) × (1.9–) 2.0–2.2 (–2.3) μm ($n = 30/1$), $L = 5.48$, $W = 2.09$, $Q = 2.63$, ventral side flat, longest spores slightly tapering to the distal end.

Discussion. The original description of *A. pini-cubensis* (Vampola et al. 1994) was based on two specimens from the eastern part of Cuba collected on *P. cubensis*. Its differences from the morphologically similar *A. ladiana* are listed above.

Distribution and ecology. *Antrodia pini-cubensis* is distributed in the Caribbean and so far known from Cuba and Florida.

Specimens examined. **Cuba.** Oriente Prov.: Mayarí, Sierra Nipe, *P. cubensis*, 13.III.1967 Kotlaba (PRM 756464 – holotype). **USA.** Florida: Collier Co., Everglades Nat. Park, *P. elliotii*, 29.VIII.2010 Vlasák 1008/66* (JV, H).

Antrodia sitchensis (D.V. Baxter) Gilb. & Ryvarden, Mycotaxon 22 (2): 364, 1985 – Figs 4 and 5

≡ *Poria sitchensis* D.V. Baxter, Pap. Michigan Acad. Sci. 23: 293, 1938 ('1937').

Holotype. USA. Alaska: Sitka Co., Sitka, *Picea sitchensis*, 1.IX.1933 Baxter (MICH 11825).

Basidiocarps resupinate, large, covering several decimetres, perennial. Margin distinct, first whitish to cream-coloured, sterile, leathery, firmly attached or partly detaching, in older basidiocarps becoming resinous and dark brown to almost black, up to 2 mm wide. Pore surface first cream-coloured, later pale ochraceous, even to indistinctly stepwise-like; pores roundish to angular, on sloping substrates open, 4–6 (7) per mm, dissepiments first even, later minutely serrate. Section: subiculum white, first leathery, in older basidiocarps degenerating in chalky mass, up to 0.2 mm thick; tubes concolorous with pore surface, cheese-like in fresh condition, woody hard but rather easily cracking in herbarium specimens, annual layers distinct, 1.5–12 mm thick. Odour pleasant, sweet; taste slightly bitter or sour.

Hyphal structure dimitic; hyphae with clamps.

Subiculum. Skeletal hyphae dominating, mostly solid, (2.8–) 2.9–4.0 (–4.2) μm in diam. ($n = 20/1$), amyloid (grey in KOH), slightly swelling in KOH. Generative hyphae with thin or thickened walls, 2.5–3.5 μm in diam. Resinous matter abundant, present as droplets up to 15 μm wide.

Tubes. Skeletal hyphae dominating in trama, irregularly arranged, thick-walled to subsolid, (2.1–) 2.3–4.2 (–4.7) μm in diam. ($n = 120/6$), amyloid (grey in IKI), slightly swelling in KOH; generative hyphae thin-to slightly thick-walled, 2.5–4 μm in diam. Subhymenium distinct in some specimens, up to 20 μm thick. Cystidioles abundant, bullet-shaped, with blunt tips, or sharp-pointed, (9.8–) 10.8–19.2 (–19.4) × (3.4–) 3.7–5.3 (–5.5) μm ($n = 40/4$). Basidia broadly clavate, with narrowed base, (12.0–) 13.6–20.0 (–20.2) × (4.7–) 5.1–7.1 (–7.2) μm ($n = 50/3$). Resinous matter present as small droplets, abundant to scanty.

Basidiospores cylindrical to thick cylindrical (bean-shaped), (3.9–) 4.1–6.8 (–7.6) × (1.8–) 1.9–2.9 (–3.2) μm ($n = 180/6$), $L = 4.80$, $W = 2.21$, $Q = 1.79$ –2.48, ventral side flat or slightly concave, longest spores slightly tapering to the distal end.

Discussion. This species was described by Baxter (1938) from the Pacific coast of Alaska. We studied its type as well as all

available specimens and newly obtained collections, some of which were sequenced. Our results show that most of the specimens labelled as *A. sitchensis* represent two distinct species and this name may be applied only to the species distributed in the American North-West. The closely related *A. piceata* and *A. sordida* grow in Eurasia and American North-East, respectively.

Distribution and ecology. *Antrodia sitchensis* is a temperate species that is known from virgin or near-virgin conifer forests. It grows on lying trunks of several coniferous tree genera (*Larix*, *Pinus*, *Picea*, *Pseudotsuga*) but seems to be rare throughout its geographic range that stretches from Alaska to the western part of Canada (British Columbia) and the US North-West (Montana, Oregon, Washington, northern part of California). Reports of this species from Arizona (Gilbertson 1974) and New York (Lowe 1966; Gilbertson & Ryverden 1986) represent *A. ignobilis* and *A. sordida*, respectively. Records of *A. sitchensis* from Eurasia belong to *A. cretacea* and *A. piceata*.

Specimens examined. **Canada.** British Columbia: Natural Bridge, *Pinus contorta*, 3.VIII.1960 Hughes (H, O ex DAOM 125959); Queen Charlotte Ids., Curch Creek, *Picea sitchensis*, 10.VII.1946 Forster (H ex DAOM 125027). **USA.** Alaska: Sitka Co., Sitka, *P. sitchensis*, 1.IX.1933 Baxter (MICH 11825 – holotype); Thorne Bay, *P. sitchensis*, 13.VII.1954 Kimmey (NY). California: Humboldt Co., Fern Canyon, *P. sitchensis*, IX.2007 Vlasák 0709/77* (JV, H). Montana: Glacier Co., Glacier Nat. Park, *Larix occidentalis*, 2.VIII.1952 Gilbertson 324 (H ex O). Oregon: Clatsop Co., Astoria, *Pseudotsuga menziesii*, 8.VII.1960 Davidson* (CFMR FP-105587). Washington: Jefferson Co., Hoh River, *P. sitchensis*, 19.VIII.1957 Lowe 7834* (NY), 20.X.2014 Spirin 8782* (H); Pend Oreille Co., Slate Creek, *L. occidentalis*, 15.X.2014 Miettinen 18825 (H).

Antrodia sordida Ryvardeen & Gilb., Mycotaxon 19: 143, 1984 – Figs 4 and 5

Holotype. USA. New Hampshire: Carroll Co., North Conway, *Picea rubens*, 10.VIII.1920 Snell 557 (BPI 000632).

Basidiocarps resupinate, large, up to 20 cm in widest dimension, perennial. Margin distinct, first whitish to cream-coloured or pale ochraceous, sterile, leathery, thinning-out firmly attached, in older basidiocarps disappearing, up to 0.5 mm wide. Pore surface first cream-coloured, later pale ochraceous, in older parts with brownish stains, even; pores roundish to angular, on sloping substrates open, 6–8 per mm, dissepiments first even, later minutely serrate. Section: subiculum white, leathery, up to 0.1 mm thick; tubes concolorous with pore surface, cheese-like in fresh condition, woody hard but rather easily cracking in herbarium specimens, annual layers distinct, 1–5 mm thick. Odour faint, pleasant, sweet; taste slightly bitter or sour.

Hyphal structure dimittic; hyphae with clamps.

Subiculum. Skeletal hyphae dominating, with capillary lumen or subsolid, (1.9–) 2.3–3.7 (–4.6) μm in diam. (n = 20/1), amyloid (grey in IKI), slightly swelling in KOH. Generative hyphae with thin or thickened walls, sometimes with oil-rich content, 2–3.5 μm in diam. Resinous matter abundant, present as droplets up to 15 μm wide.

Tubes. Skeletal hyphae dominating in trama, irregularly arranged, thick-walled to subsolid, (2.0–) 2.1–3.2 (–3.5) μm in diam. (n = 80/4), amyloid (grey in IKI), slightly swelling in

KOH; generative hyphae thin-to slightly thick-walled, 2–3 μm in diam. Subhymenium distinct in some specimens, up to 10 μm thick. Cystidioles abundant, mostly sharp-pointed, rarely bullet-shaped, (8.3–) 9.2–15.7 (–16.0) \times (3.1–) 3.3–4.5 (–5.6) μm (n = 20/2). Basidia broadly clavate, with narrowed base, (9.3–) 10.1–14.8 (–16.6) \times (3.8–) 4.3–6.1 (–6.2) μm (n = 40/2). Resinous matter present as small droplets, abundant to scanty.

Basidiospores cylindrical, (3.6–) 3.7–6.0 (–6.2) \times (1.6–) 1.7–2.2 (–2.3) μm (n = 120/4), L = 4.54, W = 1.85, Q = 2.07–2.59, ventral side flat or slightly concave.

Discussion. *Antrodia sordida* was introduced by Overholts (1942) under the name *P. oleagina*. In the original description, the Latin protologue was omitted, and therefore Ryvardeen & Gilbertson (1984) redescribed it as *A. sordida*. However, identity of this species remained vague until now. Its differences from the closely related species are listed under *A. piceata*. Vampola & Pouzar (1992) checked the type of *A. sordida* and stated that its skeletal hyphae dissolve in KOH solution. This is true for the type collection which is now about 100 y old, as well as for many other polypore specimens from various genera, that have been kept for decades. We studied two recent, fully developed and typical collections of *A. sordida* in which the skeletal hyphae swell in KOH solution only slightly, in the same manner as in *A. sitchensis* and *A. piceata*.

Distribution and ecology. *Antrodia sordida* grows on lying trunks of *Picea* spp. in the American North-East. The earlier collection of *A. sordida* (as *P. oleagina*) from Minnesota (Gilbertson & Lombard 1976) belongs to *A. cretacea*.

Specimens examined. **USA.** New Hampshire: Carroll Co., North Conway, *P. rubens*, 10.VIII.1920 Snell 557 (BPI 000632 – holotype). New York: Hamilton Co., Adirondack Nat. Park, Fish Creek Point, *Picea* sp., IX.2005 Vlasák 0509/190* (JV, H), Piseco, *Picea* sp., 28.VIII.1902 Atkinson (NY), Seventh Lake, conifer, VII.1916 Atkinson (NY); Essex Co., Arbutus Lake, *Picea* sp., 17.IX.2013 Miettinen 16954* (H).

Discussion

Morphological and phylogenetic revision of the *Antrodia crassa* group revealed eleven species (including five new species) in the boreal to subtropical zones of the Northern Hemisphere. The monophyletic group of these species appeared most closely related to species of *Antrodia* and *Amyloporia*, including the type of the latter genus, *Amyloporia xantha*. Similar results from earlier works, comprising only a few members of the *A. crassa* group, have led to their inclusion in *Amyloporia* (Rajchenberg et al. 2011; Cui & Dai 2013). However, recent phylogenetic analyses by Ortiz-Santana et al. (2013) do not support the monophyly of *Amyloporia* with respect to its expanded concept, introduced by Rajchenberg et al. (2011). Our results distinguished several well-supported groups involving species combined into *Amyloporia*. However, the larger clade including all of these groups received controversial support and comprised also the type of *Rhodonia*, *Rhodonia placenta*. Since the morphological characterisation of the resulting heterogenous assemblage is infeasible, we anticipate further generic splitting of *Amyloporia sensu* Rajchenberg et al. (2011). For the time being, we prefer to retain the wide concept of *Antrodia*

as defined by Ryvardeen (1991). Therefore we have described all members of the *A. crassa* group as species of *Antrrodia* while acknowledging their distant relationship to the type species of the latter genus, *Antrrodia serpens*.

Morphological data also support the distinction of the *A. crassa* group from the genetically differentiated groups including *Amyloporia xantha* and *Antrrodia sinuosa*. *Amyloporia xantha*, and its closest relatives, *Antrrodia alpina* and *Antrrodia subxantha* (Dai et al. 2012; Cui & Dai 2013), develop a densely packed hymenium consisting of narrow and rather short, thin-walled basidia, and slender, poorly differentiated cystidioles. In addition, basidiospores of these species are allantoid and distinctly curved, and skeletal hyphae in tube trama are strongly amyloid, parallel, with a broad lumen, neither twisted nor inflated. No resinous matter is detected among hyphal tissues. In turn, *A. sinuosa* produces wide-pored greyish basidiocarps, often with strong smell of licorice, and its skeletal hyphae are parallel, but they are subsolid, inamyloid, brownish, and often bearing large rhomboid crystals. Basidia of *A. sinuosa* are narrowly clavate, and the basidiospores are clearly curved and narrow, allantoid. By contrast, members of the *A. crassa* group have tortuous and variably inflated, in most species irregularly arranged skeletal hyphae with capillary or almost invisible lumen; abundant resinous matter occurs in the context and tubes. Moreover, skeletal are swelling and in some species almost totally dissolving in KOH solution. Basidia of *A. crassa* and its siblings are loosely arranged, broadly clavate to barrel-shaped, with thickened walls after spore detachment, and basidiospores are cylindrical to broadly ellipsoid, not curved.

The species of the *A. crassa* group differ from each other by combinations of host tree preference and distribution range. All but one of the six host tree-specific species, *Antrrodia cincta*, *A. crassa*, *A. ignobilis*, *A. ladiana*, and *A. pini-cubensis*, grow on dry fallen trunks of *Pinus* spp. Only *Antrrodia ferox* has been found on dead *Juniperus* trunks. Most of the pine-dwelling species are restricted to a particular vegetation zone in either boreal Eurasia (*A. crassa*) or subtropical North America (*A. ignobilis*, *A. ladiana*, *A. pini-cubensis*). *Antrrodia cincta*, however, is found both in the subtropical and temperate regions of North-America. The more widely distributed species, *A. cretacea*, *A. piceata*, and *A. sitchensis*, have been found from at least two different genera of conifers, with a preference for *Picea* spp. While *Antrrodia cretacea* is a holarctic species, *Antrrodia piceata* is known from boreal and temperate Eurasia, and *Antrrodia sitchensis* from the American North-West. The data on *Antrrodia pinea* and *Antrrodia sordida* are insufficient for drawing conclusions on their ecology and distribution.

The habitat data generally indicate that most species of the *Antrrodia crassa* group are potentially threatened by forest management. Among better-known species, both those inhabiting mid-to late successional forests (*A. piceata*, *A. crassa*) or post-disturbance habitats (*A. cretacea*) appear to be restricted to dead-wood rich areas (Junninen 2009; Runnel et al. 2014). The average coarse dead-wood in *A. crassa* habitats in Finland is 39 m³ ha⁻¹ (Junninen 2009) and in the Estonian clear-cuts hosting *A. cretacea* 12–41 m³ ha⁻¹ (data extracted from Löhmus et al. 2013). These amounts exceed the usual dead-wood left by intensive forestry (e.g. Siitonen 2001), while approximating the threshold levels suggested for red-listed

polypores in boreal forests (around 20 m³ ha⁻¹; Junninen & Komonen 2011). Given that, the conspicuous species of the *A. crassa* group might serve as indicators of the potential occurrence of other dead-wood dependent organisms or of sustainable conservation management of coniferous forests. However, the published lists of threatened and indicator species including the members of this group (e.g. Niemelä 2005; Brandrud et al. 2010; Kotiranta et al. 2010) first require a taxonomic revision.

Several species not mentioned so far may belong to the *A. crassa* group. *Polyporus caseicarnis* Speg., described from Argentina, has been placed into the synonyms of *A. crassa* by Rajchenberg & Wright (1987); however, the latter authors noted some minor differences from the European material. Ryvardeen & Johansen (1980) mentioned *A. crassa* and *A. sordida* (as *Antrrodia oleagina*) from the mountain areas of East Africa; their identity deserves further study. The records of *A. crassa* from China (Dai 2000) seem to represent *A. cretacea* but warrant further study.

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