# The inclusion of downy mildews in a multi-locus-dataset and its reanalysis reveals a high degree of paraphyly in Phytophthora 

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#### Abstract

Pathogens belonging to the Oomycota, a group of heterokont, fungal-like organisms, are amongst the most notorious pathogens in agriculture. In particular, the obligate biotrophic downy mildews and the hemibiotrophic members of the genus Phytophthora are responsible for a huge variety of destructive diseases, including sudden oak death caused by $P$. ramorum, potato late blight caused by $P$. infestans, cucurbit downy mildew caused by Pseudoperonospora cubensis, and grape downy mildew caused by Plasmopara viticola. About 800 species of downy mildews and roughly 100 species of Phytophthora are currently accepted, and recent studies have revealed that these groups are closely related. However, the degree to which Phytophthora is paraphyletic and where exactly the downy mildews insert into this genus in relation to other clades could not be inferred with certainty to date. Here we present a molecular phylogeny encompassing all clades of Phytophthora as represented in a multilocus dataset and two representatives of the monophyletic downy mildews from divergent genera. Our results demonstrate that Phytophthora is at least six times paraphyletic with respect to the downy mildews. The downy mildew representatives are consistently nested within clade 4 (contains Phytophthora palmivora), which is placed sister to clade 1 (contains Phytophthora infestans). This finding would either necessitate placing all downy mildews and Phytopthora species in a single genus, either under the oldest generic name Peronospora or by conservation the later name Phytophthora, or the description of at least six new genera within Phytophthora. The complications of both options are discussed, and it is concluded that the latter is preferable, as it warrants fewer name changes and is more practical.


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## INTRODUCTION

Oomycetes are a group of organisms that superficially resemble fungi in their hyphal growth and absorptive way of nutrition. However, they are not closely related to Mycota, but belong to a group of heterokont organisms, Straminipila (Dick 2001), which also includes diatoms and sea-weeds. Oomycetes have adapted to parasitism of plants at least three times, once in the Saprolegniales in the genera Aphanomyces and Pachymetra (Riethmüller et al. 1999, Diéguez-Uribeondo et al. 2009), and separately in Albuginales and Peronosporales (Riethmüller et al. 2002, Hudspeth et al. 2003, Thines et al. 2008). While the evolution of obligate biotrophy seems to be an ancient occurrence for the white blister rusts (Thines \& Kamoun 2010), the downy mildews have more recently arisen from Phytophthora-like ancestors (Riethmüller et al. 2002,

Göker et al. 2003, 2007, Thines et al. 2008, 2009, Thines 2009). The close relationship of the downy mildews and Phytophthora revealed by these studies is in contrast to the widely used taxonomic classifications of Waterhouse (1973) and Dick (1984, 2001), in which Phytophthora and Pythium were grouped together in the family Pythiaceae. Although Cooke et al. (2000) inferred a position of Peronospora sparsa as a sister group of clade 4 (as defined in that study) based on ITS sequences alone, no substantial phylogenetic resolution was present on the phylogenetic backbone, thus failing to position this group within the genus Phytophthora. Other studies (including multi-locus studies) that included both downy mildew and Phytophthora species have so far not resolved the placement of downy mildews in relation to the different clades of Phytophthora (Riethmüller et al. 2002, Göker et al. 2007, Thines et al. 2009, Giresse et al. 2010). Additionally, Thines et
al. (2009) demonstrated that the support for the sister-group relationship of Peronospora and clade 4 inferred by Cooke et al. (2000) could have been the result of an alignment artefact. Conversely, a recent study by Blair et al. (2008) addressed the phylogenetic relationships of Phytophthora species with good resolution, but no downy mildew was included in that study, leaving their placement to speculation. Downy mildews have been shown to be a monophyletic assemblage by Göker et al. (2007). However, Göker \& Stamatakis (2006) later (in spite of being published earlier than Göker et al. 2007) came to the conclusion that a placement of Phytophthora clade 1 within the downy mildews would also be possible, although no support could be obtained for this scenario. The question of which is the sister clade of the downy mildews, and how this clade is embedded among the different lineages of Phytophthora therefore continues to be controversial, but is fundamental for understanding the evolution of this group of important plant pathogens, especially with respect to the evolution of biotrophy. In addition, the taxonomic status of many Phytophthora species depends on the degree of paraphyly of the genus. At least with two clades, 9 and 10, Phytophthora is paraphyletic with respect to downy mildews (Cooke et al. 2000, Göker et al. 2007, Thines et al. 2009), but so far, the degree of paraphyly of Phytophthora could not be resolved. Therefore, it was the aim of this study to resolve the phylogenetic placement of the monophyletic downy mildews (represented by the two divergent downy mildew genera for which genome data are currently available) among Phytophthora and to test this placement statistically, to further clarify the relationships within this group of important plant pathogens.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

All sequences of Phytophthora and Pythium were obtained from the study of Blair et al. (2008) available in the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) nucleotide database, GenBank. The dataset includes sequences of seven different loci, and all species for which all seven loci were not available were discarded, except for two Pythium species for which only six of the seven loci could be obtained. This resulted in an overall dataset of 121 species sampled. The sequences of Phytophthora infestans were used to obtain homologous sequences from the genome of Hyaloperonspora arabidopsidis from the NCBI database using BLAST (Altschul et al. 1997) and from the genome of Pseudoperonospora cubensis (Tian et al. 2011) using the annotated EST sequence information. Because no sequence information for the 28S nuclear ribosomal DNA locus of Pseudoperonospora cubensis could be obtained from the EST library, which was enriched for protein-coding genes, sequence information was obtained from the NCBI database, using a sequence from the study of Riethmüller et al. (2002). GenBank accession numbers for all sequences included in the analyses are given in Table S1 (Supplementary Information, online only).

Each of the seven sets of sequences was edited (i.e. leading and trailing gaps were removed) using the DNASTAR
computer package v. 8 (Lasergene, Madison, WI), and were aligned separately using MAFFT v. 6.240 (Katoh et al. 2005) using a webserver interface (http://www.genome.jp/tools/ mafft/). The G-INS-i algorithm was chosen for all alignments. Subsequently, the aligned sequences were concatenated for phylogenetic analyses and no further editing was done on the alignment to ensure reproducibility and to prevent introduction of bias. After the removal of leading and trailing gaps 6282 nucleotide sites were included in the phylogenetic analyses. These comprised seven loci: 1119 bp of the betatubulin gene, 493 bp of the 60S ribosomal protein L10 gene, 873 bp of the translation elongation factor 1-alpha gene, 720 bp of the 28 S nuclear ribosomal DNA gene, 646 bp of the glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase gene, 1438 bp of the heat shock protein 90 gene, and 993 bp of the enolase gene. The alignment, together with the tree from the Bayesian Analysis shown in Fig. 1, has been deposited in TreeBASE (www.treebase.org) under the accession number S11829.

The general time reversible (GTR) model was selected for the concatenated alignment using Modeltest v. 3.7 (Posada \& Crandall 1998) and PAUP v. 4.0 b10 (Swofford 2002), with gamma-distributed substitution rates (shape parameter $=$ 0.69 ) and proportion of invariable sites (pinv = 0.54). The values of these parameters were included in the Bayesian and Minimum Evolution analyses.

Minimum Evolution (ME) analysis was done using MEGA v. 4.0 (Tamura et al. 2007), with the gamma-distributed substitution rates as inferred by Modeltest and using the Maximum-Composite-Likelihood substitution model. For inferring tree robustness, 1000 bootstrap replicates (Felsenstein 1985) were computed.

For Maximum Likelihood (ML) inference, the RAxML webserver at http://phylobench.vital-it.ch/raxml-bb/ (Stamatakis et al. 2008) was used with standard settings and maximum likelihood search, including an estimation of invariable sites. The analysis was repeated five times with 100 bootstrap replicates each. The bootstrap support values obtained were averaged, because the rapid bootstrapping algorithm can lead to some deviation.

For Bayesian analysis, MrBayes (Huelsenbeck \& Ronquist 2001) at the Phylemon2 webserver (http://phylemon.bioinfo. cipf.es/) and at a local server, for parallel runs, was used. Four incrementally heated simultaneous Markov Chain Monte Carlo chains were run for two million generations with every $1000^{\text {th }}$ tree sampled, under the general time reversible (GTR) model with the gamma-distributed substitution rates and proportion of invariable sites as inferred by Modeltest. Maintaining that the standard deviation of split frequencies was constantly below 0.01 and the stationary phase of the likelihood values was reached after $10 \%$ of sampled trees when quitting the analysis. The first 1000 trees sampled this way were discarded, and the remaining 1000 trees were used to compute a $50 \%$ majority rule consensus tree and to estimate the posterior probabilities. To ensure general reproducibility, the analysis was repeated twice using the webserver, and twice on a local server using MrBayes v . 3.1.2.


Fig. 1. Phylogenetic reconstruction for Phytophthora and the downy mildews (Bayesian Analysis), with support values in Minimum Evolution, Maximum Likelihood, and Bayesian Analysis, in the respective order, on the branches, and Bremer support below the branches. Small Asterisks denote maximum support in a single analysis, big asterisks denote maximum support in all three phylogenetic analyses. Clade designations are those of Blair et al. (2008), with some additional differentiation corresponding to the statistical testing of the tree topology as given in Table 1. Predominantly caducous and papillate clades are highlighted in blue, the clade containing downy mildews is highlighted in green and the clades with predominantly non-caducous, non-papillate or semi-papillate members are highlighted in brown. For Phytophthora, the highlighted areas are divided into blocks representing groups that lead to paraphyly of Phytophthora and could potentially serve as a basis for the description of new genera.

Table 1. Results of the site-wise log-likelihoods generated under possible associations of species in base edges. The first column gives the possible associations for which the site-wise log-likelihoods were produced. Columns show the support values for the approximately unbiased (AU) test, the observed log-likelihood differences of the edges (OBS), Bootstrap probability tests (NP, BP; and PP), Kishino-Hasegawa (KH) test, Shimodaira-Hasegawa (SH) test, weighted Kishino-Hasegawa (WKH) test, and the weighted Shimodaira-Hasegawa (WSH) test.

| Possible associations | AU | OBS | NP | BP | PP | KH | SH | WKH | WSH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (4.2, DM) | 0,983 | -106,9 | 0,992 | 0,993 | 1,000 | 0,966 | 0,992 | 0,974 | 0,989 |
| (1, 4, DM) | 0,983 | -106,9 | 0,992 | 0,993 | 1,000 | 0,966 | 0,992 | 0,974 | 0,989 |
| (1, 2, 4, DM) | 0,983 | -106,9 | 0,992 | 0,993 | 1,000 | 0,966 | 0,992 | 0,974 | 0,989 |
| (4, DM) | 0,979 | -39,4 | 0,985 | 0,985 | 1,000 | 0,901 | 0,988 | 0,94 | 0,996 |
| $(1 \mathrm{c}, 1 \mathrm{~b})$ | 0,882 | -32,7 | 0,981 | 0,981 | 1,000 | 0,860 | 0,925 | 0,925 | 0,925 |
| $(3,6)$ | 0,713 | -28,2 | 0,918 | 0,919 | 1,000 | 0,753 | 0,753 | 0,753 | 0,753 |
| (1-8, 9.1, DM) | 0,679 | -14,1 | 0,648 | 0,646 | 1,000 | 0,721 | 0,909 | 0,666 | 0,916 |
| (1-4, 6, DM) | 0,670 | -5,6 | 0,47 | 0,467 | 0,997 | 0,592 | 0,967 | 0,592 | 0,967 |
| (2b, 2.2) | 0,644 | -5,1 | 0,407 | 0,399 | 0,973 | 0,593 | 0,911 | 0,593 | 0,927 |
| $(5,7)$ | 0,617 | -14,7 | 0,741 | 0,742 | 1,000 | 0,653 | 0,807 | 0,653 | 0,831 |
| (1, 2, 4, 5, 7, DM) | 0,555 | 5,6 | 0,104 | 0,103 | 0,002 | 0,408 | 0,949 | 0,408 | 0,951 |
| (1, 2, 4, 5, DM) | 0,440 | 14,7 | 0,251 | 0,252 | 0,000 | 0,347 | 0,815 | 0,347 | 0,806 |
| (1-6, DM) | 0,383 | 14,7 | 0,259 | 0,258 | 0,000 | 0,347 | 0,678 | 0,347 | 0,676 |
| (2.1, 2b) | 0,356 | 5,1 | 0,593 | 0,601 | 0,027 | 0,407 | 0,585 | 0,407 | 0,569 |
| (9.1,9.2) | 0,321 | 14,1 | 0,352 | 0,354 | 0,000 | 0,279 | 0,678 | 0,334 | 0,668 |
| (3,5-7) | 0,302 | 5,8 | 0,093 | 0,091 | 0,000 | 0,232 | 0,911 | 0,232 | 0,821 |
| (1-5, 7, DM) | 0,287 | 28,2 | 0,082 | 0,081 | 0,000 | 0,247 | 0,636 | 0,247 | 0,645 |
| (1-4, DM) | 0,287 | 28,2 | 0,082 | 0,081 | 0,000 | 0,247 | 0,636 | 0,247 | 0,645 |
| $(1 \mathrm{~b}, 1.1)$ | 0,118 | 32,7 | 0,019 | 0,019 | 0,000 | 0,140 | 0,596 | 0,075 | 0,330 |
| (3, 6, DM) | 0,022 | 106,9 | 0,007 | 0,006 | 0,000 | 0,034 | 0,093 | 0,015 | 0,065 |
| $(1,4.1)$ | 0,021 | 39,4 | 0,015 | 0,015 | 0,000 | 0,099 | 0,406 | 0,031 | 0,156 |
| $(1,4)$ | 0,017 | 106,9 | 0,008 | 0,007 | 0,000 | 0,034 | 0,093 | 0,015 | 0,051 |
| $(1,2,4,5)$ | 0,017 | 106,9 | 0,008 | 0,007 | 0,000 | 0,034 | 0,093 | 0,015 | 0,051 |
| $(1,2,4)$ | 0,017 | 106,9 | 0,008 | 0,007 | 0,000 | 0,034 | 0,093 | 0,015 | 0,051 |

The following species were randomly chosen as representatives for the corresponding clades and subclades in the statistical analysis 1c, Phytophthora cactorum ; 1b, P. nicotianae; 1c, P. iranica; 1.1, P. infestans; 2ab, P. capsici; 2.1, P. bisheria; 2.2, P. multivesiculata; 3, P. nemorosa; 4.1, P. quercina; 4.2, P. palmivora; 5, P. katsurae; 6, P. humicola; 7, P. europaea; 8, P. ramorum; 9.1, P. polonica; 9.2, P. captiosa; 10, P. boehmeriae; DM, Pseudoperonospora cubensis.

Inference of Bremer support was done using Maximum Parsimony with the Parsimony Ratchet implemented in PRAP2 (Müller 2003), using PAUP v. 4.0b10. The starting tree was obtained by stepwise addition and subsequently the tree-bisection-and-reconnection (TBR) algorithm was used. Two hundred replicates were run with $25 \%$ randomly chosen characters weighted double and the shortest tree of each run was saved. Afterwards the decay index of each of the bisections was obtained in PRAP2.

The Approximately Unbiased (AU) test (Shimodaira 2002) was applied to the 100 bootstrap replicate trees of the first Maximum Likelihood analysis and to the last 100 sampled trees of the first Bayesian Analysis using the CONSEL computer package (Shimodaira \& Hasegawa 2001). The respectively most probable trees were compared to the topologies of the resulting trees of the ML, ME and Bayesian analyses and no conflicting support was found to be present.

For conducting the AU testing of the position of the downy mildews within Phytophthora and additional statistical tests,
representatives of each of the clades at a node important to infer the position of the downy mildews or the major monophyletic clades were chosen. For these 18 accessions, a Bayesian analysis was conducted as described above, but with estimation of the gamma-distribution and the proportion of invariable sites by MrBayes, for enabling the AU testing with CONSEL. The sampled accessions are given in Table 1. The resulting tree was compared to the original tree and no conflicting support was present, and only minor changes in topology (placement of clade 5) were observed, ensuring the validity of the results. One hundred trees (i.e. every $20000^{\text {th }}$ generation) of the Bayesian analysis were used to create a site-wise log-likelihood output in PAUP for bootstrap analysis and statistical testing in CONSEL. The TREEASS program of the CONSEL computer package assesses support for each possible association of species in base edges in the underlying trees and outputs $p$-values for the AU test, Bootstrap probability tests (NP, BP; and PP), Kishino-Hasegawa (KH) test, Shimodaira-Hasegawa (SH)
test, weighted Kishino-Hasegawa (WKH) test, and weighted Shimodaira-Hasegawa (WSH) test. Default settings of 10 scaling factors of $0.5-1.4$, with 10000 pseudoreplicates for each, were used. Phytophthora boehmeria, of the most basal clade of Phytophthora, was used as an outgroup for the analyses.

## RESULTS

When used independently, the loci of the concatenated alignment always yielded topologies with no significantly supported inconsistencies (data not shown). The Maximum Likelihood (ML) analysis of the concatenated alignment resulted in a best tree with a log-likelihood of -62481.32, a Minimum Evolution (ME) tree with a sum of branch lengths of 1.04068070, and the best tree from Bayesian Analysis (BA) had a log-likelihood score of -62678.74. The best tree from the BA, with posterior probabilities and bootstrap support values from the other analyses, is given in Fig. 1. In addition, Bremer support values are given for all clades and subclades. Under the given tree, Bremer decay indices > 5 can be considered as significant support and values of 10 or higher as strong support. It should be noted that the Bremer support is not linearly correlated with bootstrap support. Species of Phytophthora were grouped into nine highly supported clades, with clade 9 also including clade 10 of Blair et al. (2008). Tree topology was similar to the one found in Blair et al. (2008) and no supported conflicts were observed, with the exception of the before-mentioned inclusion of clade 10 into clade 9 . Downy mildews, represented by the two divergent genera, Hyaloperonospora and Pseudoperonospora, were grouped together with maximum support in ML and BA and strong support in ME inference, and were consistently found among the members of clade 4 of Blair et al. (2008) with varying support in the full dataset (Fig. 1). The sistergroup relationship of downy mildews with a part of clade 4, comprised of Phytophthora megakarya, P. quercetorum, P. palmivora, and $P$. areceae received $70 \%$ bootstrap support in ME, $59 \%$ in ML and a posterior probability of 0.91 , at a confidence interval at $95 \%$ for the trees sampled. This group was found sister to $P$. quercina, although this grouping received significant support only in the BA. Clade 1 and the monophyletic group containing the downy mildews and the clade 4 species of Phytophthora were consistently grouped together in all analyses, with varying support of $57 \%$ bootstrap support in ME, $73 \%$ in ML, and a posterior probability of 0.99 . The Bremer decay index was 7 for the grouping of DM with P. megakarya, P. quercetorum, P. palmivora, and P. areceae and also 7 for the sister-group placement of the above assemblage with $P$. quercina. The sister-group relationship of clade 1 with clade 4 (including downy mildews) was supported by a Bremer decay index of 10, thus providing an independent support for the monophyly of this grouping. The monophyly of clade 1 was well supported with moderate to maximum support in the phylogenetic analyses and a Bremer decay index of 24. The monophyly of clades 2 and

5 was also strongly supported; however, their sister-group relationship did not receive significant support in any of the analyses. Clades 1, 4 (plus downy mildews), 2, and 5 were grouped together with weak support in ME and ML analyses, but maximum support in the BA. This group was grouped together with clades 3,6 , and 7 with weak support in ME ( 67 $\%$ ), moderate support in ML (78 \%) and maximum support in the BA. Clades 3,6 , and 7 were all found to be monophyletic with strong to maximum support in all analyses. However, their grouping as a monophyletic assemblage received only weak support in ME and BA. Clade 8 was placed basal to the before-mentioned clades 1-7 and its monophyly received strong to maximum support in all analyses. A deep divergence was found between clades 1-8 on the one side and clades 9 and 10 on the other side, resulting in a strong to maximum support for the monophyly of the assemblage comprised of clades 1-8 in all phylogenetic analyses, and a Bremer decay index of 10. Clade 10 was found to be nested within clade 9 in ML and BA, and the monophyly of the group containing these clades was weakly supported in ME, but strongly supported in ML and BA, and also received a Bremer decay index of 9 . In the reduced dataset (Fig. S1, Supplementary Information, online only) the downy mildews, represented by Pseudoperonospora cubensis, grouped together with Phytophthora palmivora of clade 4 with maximum support, and $P$. quercina was found to be the sister taxon of this group with strong statistical support. The group comprising the downy mildew and clade 4 representatives was found to be sister to clade 1 with maximum support. An alternative topology was observed for some weakly supported nodes, as the grouping of clades 3 and 6 as well as the grouping of clades 5 and 7 received significant support.

To test the robustness of the observed grouping of the clades, especially with respect to the placement of the downy mildews within Phytophthora, and to infer the probability of alternative groupings, several tests were performed, which are summarised in Table 1. The analyses were carried out without constraints, seeking for all possible groupings of the clades and subclades of Phytophthora and the downy mildews. The clustering of downy mildews with clade 4.2 had the highest AU values and also received the highest scores in all other analyses, and also the larger clusters of clades 1, 4, and DM, and $1,2,4$, and DM scored equally high. The latter of these groupings is, in contrast to the tree presented in Fig. 1, as it excludes clade 5, which was grouped together in the full phylogenetic analysis with clade 2 without significant support. But in the phylogeny of the clade representatives, the grouping that scored high in the AU analysis could also be observed (Fig. S1). The nesting of the downy mildews within clade 4 received almost equally high support, with 0.979 in the AU analysis. Thus the topology of the tree presented in Fig. 1 with respect to the immediate relationships of the downy mildews received the highest support in the AU analysis and all other tests employed. Only four contradicting clusters were found to be possible. These include an alternative placement of the downy mildews with clades 3 and 6 ; the clustering of clades 1 and 4 with the exclusion of
downy mildews; the clustering of clades $1,2,4$ and 5 with the exclusion of downy mildews; and the clustering of clades 1,2 , and 4 with the exclusion of downy mildews. But the high improbability of these groupings is reflected by very low AU scores, which were 0.022 for the first and 0.017 for the other groupings. Groupings of Phytophthora which received significant support are the clustering of clades 1b and 1c (AU 0.882 ); although these scored less than for the position of downy mildews as a sister group of clade 4.2 and their nested placement in clade 4 . The grouping of clades 3 and 6 , which were affiliated to other clades without significant support in the phylogenetic analyses, received moderate support (AU 0.713 ). Another grouping which was not observed in the phylogenetic analysis is the clustering of clades 5 and 7, which was also moderately supported (AU 0.617). Moderate support was also obtained for the grouping of clades 1-8, including downy mildews, together with 9.1 (AU 0.679), and clades 1-4, including downy mildews, together with clade 6 (AU 0.670).

## DISCUSSION

The genus Phytophthora is one of the largest genera of the oomycetes and contains about 100 currently accepted species, of which about 60 species were included in the monograph of Erwin \& Ribeiro (1996), and to which about 40 species have been added subsequently (Érsek \& Ribeiro 2010). As many of the species are of ecological and economic interest, Phytophthora has received much attention in the past decades, and as a consequence, the genome sequencing of several of its members has been undertaken (Tyler et al. 2006, Haas et al. 2009). New species are being discovered in the previously species-poor basal clades (Brasier et al. 2005, Belbahri et al. 2006, Dick et al. 2006), and it seems likely that only a small fraction of the evolutionary diversity of this genus has been discovered. The genus Phytophthora has often been considered a member of Pythiaceae (Waterhouse 1973, Dick et al. 1984, Dick 2001), while the obligate biotrophic downy mildews were viewed as constituting the family Peronosporaceae. Dick et al. (1984) even placed the Peronosporaceae together with the Albuginaceae into the order Peronosporales and opposed this to the cultivable Pythiales, which also included Phytophthora. However, Gäumann (1952) already realised that Phytophthora and the downy mildews were likely to be closely related, and this hypothesis was later corroborated with the first molecular phylogenies including members of both Phytophthora and the downy mildews (Cooke et al. 2000, Riethmüller et al. 2002). The strict split between downy mildews and Phytophthora is rather synthetic, as there are species with intermediate character states that bridge the apparent gulf between the necrotrophic and hemibiotrophic members of Phytophthora and the obligate biotrophic downy mildews (Thines 2009). For example, the downy mildew genus Viennotia (Göker et al. 2003) possesses sporangiophores capable of additional growth after sporulation, Poakatesthia (Thines et al. 2007)
forms intracellular mycelium apart from haustoria, and Sclerophthora has hyphal sporangiophores which do not form sporangia simultaneously (Payak \& Renfro 1967). All of these features are usually attributed to Phytophthora species, although other characteristics place these genera among the downy mildews (Thines 2009). The chimeric appearance of Sclerophthora is so pronounced that it was even included in the monograph of Phytophthora by Erwin \& Ribeiro (1996). It is also noteworthy that evolution of the downy mildews may have been initiated as parasites of grass relatives (Thines et al. 2007, Thines 2009). Support for this hypothesis is provided by Phytophthora species from Cyperaceae which have also been considered members of an independent genus, Kawakamia, and are not readily cultivable (Erwin \& Ribeiro 1996). On the other hand, there are reports of axenic cultivation for Sclerospora graminicola (Tiwari \& Arya 1969) and Sclerophthora macrospora (Tokura 1975), although these results have not been confirmed by independent experiments of other groups. Unfortunately, none of the above-mentioned parasites of grasses could be included in the present study because of difficulties of amplification using the primers available. Also, for downy mildews in general, the primers used by Blair et al. (2008) do not readily amplify the targeted genes, therefore we obtained these sequences directly from the genomes of Hyaloperonospora arabidopsidis (Baxter et al. 2010) and Pseudoperonospora cubensis (Tian et al. 2011). However, as the downy mildews most likely represent a monophyletic group (Göker et al. 2007), the inclusion of only these two exemplars from largely divergent downy mildew genera can be considered valid for inferring the placement of this group amongst the phylogenetic lineages currently placed in Phytophthora.

The topology of the tree shown here is mostly congruent with the topology presented by Blair et al. (2008). However, the inclusion of the downy mildews has in some cases resulted in lower support values, especially on the backbone and to a grouping of clades 2 and 5 without significant support. In Blair et al. (2008), clade 5 was inferred as being basal to clade 2 with weak to moderate support. In our investigations, however, the downy mildews were consistently grouped together with some members of clade 4, which is in line with the sister-group relationship for Peronospora sparsa with a group made up of Phytophthora arecae, P. palmivora, and P. megakarya as observed by Cooke et al. (2000) on the basis of ITS sequence data, although it cannot be ruled out that the finding in that study was influenced by alignment artefacts (Thines et al. 2009) and a bias of the Neighbourjoining analysis. In our study, which is based on the multilocus dataset of Blair et al. (2008) to which sequences from downy mildew representatives have been added, the close relationship of the downy mildews with members of clade 4 is also supported by several phylogenetic methods and statistical tests, in which the sister-group relationship of clade 4.2 with the downy mildews and the grouping of downy mildews within clade 4 as a whole received strong support. As discussed in previous publications on the global phylogeny of Phytophthora (e.g. Blair et al. 2008, Cooke et al. 2000, Kroon
et al. 2004), there are no clear-cut synapomorphies identified for the different clades so far. However, four of the five groups with predominantly papillate or caducous sporangia ( $1,2,4$, and 5), together with the downy mildews, form the crown group of Phytophthora, and it is thus likely that caducous and papillate sporangia represent a derived character state. This is in contrast to the conclusion of Kroon et al. (2004), who, based on a smaller set of loci, deduced that papillate sporangia could also be a plesiomorphic trait. Clade 3, which was considered papillate by Kroon et al. (2003), was found to sister to clade 6 in this study, although the support for this grouping, and also the further clustering of clades 3 and 6 with clade 7, was low. An alternative placement closer to the other predominantly papillate clades can therefore not be ruled out at present, although moderate support for a sistergroup relationship of clades 3 and 6 was also observed in the AU analysis. In line with Blair et al. (2008), P. quercina, which was considered a member of clade 3 in Cooke et al. (2000), was placed in clade 4, and is referred to as clade 4.1 in this study, as this species was found to be basal to the group of the other members of clade 4 and the downy mildews. This placement received varying support in analysis of the full dataset and strong support in the reduced dataset. The predominantly non-papillate clades $6-10$ were found predominantly in a basal position with respect to the crown group, providing evidence that the non-papillate stage might be ancestral, and the development of semi-papillate sporangia in clade 8b and clade 9 (sensu Blair et al. 2008) represents a homoplasy. Clade 9 (including clade 10) was found to be separated from the other Phytophthora clades with strong support and represented the most basal clade of Phytophthora. As was previously attested by Cooke et al. (2000), no obvious phylogenetic pattern with respect to temperature or climate adaptation can be observed from the phylogenetic analyses.

Cooke et al. (2000) doubted if the species in these clades could be retained in Phytophthora and stated that it is likely that further investigation would lead to their exclusion from Phytophthora. As revealed in this study, paraphyly of Phytophthora is pronounced, rendering Phytophthora a typical example of a paraphyletic genus, with the most derived linages sharing some synapomorphies with downy mildews, while the more basal clades are more similar to Halophytophthora, Phytopythium and Pythium. This is similar to the situation in Peronosporales as a whole, for which Hulvey et al. (2010) recently proposed a broad circumscription of Peronosporaceae, encompassing all downy mildew genera, Halophytophthora, and Phytopythium, to avoid the description of several new, poorly differentiated families. If a similar option were chosen for the genus Phytophthora, this would mean an inclusion of all downy mildew genera and Phytophthora into a single genus. The oldest available name for this assemblage on genus level would be Peronospora (Corda 1837), which was described much earlier than Phytophthora (de Bary 1876), thus, if Phytophthora were not conserved that would necessitate the inclusion of about 300 species of downy mildews, currently placed in other well-defined and widely
accepted genera, e.g. Basidiophora, Bremia, Plasmopara, Peronosclerospora, Pseudoperonospora, and Scleropsora (Thines 2006, Voglmayr 2008), and about 100 species of Phytophthora (Waterhouse 1963, Erwin \& Ribeiro 1996, Érsek \& Ribeiro 2010) into this genus. This would not only be a nomenclatural nightmare but would also result in a highly heterogeneous group, encompassing species with divergent physiological, ecological, and morphological properties. For these reasons, but also because even more namechanges would be necessary, conservation of Phytophthora and an inclusion of all downy mildew genera (necessitating about 400-500 name changes for Peronospora alone), is not preferable. If this option were chosen, 700-800 names would have to be changed, including many well-known pathogens in the genera Bremia (e.g. Bremia lactucae), Plasmopara (e.g. Plasmopara viticola and PI. halstedii), Hyaloperonospora (Hyaloperonospora brassicae, H. arabidopsidis, H. parasitica), and Peronospora (e.g. Pe. tabacina, Pe. destructor, Pe. effusa, Pe. farinosa, Pe. lamii).

An alternative solution would be to resolve the paraphyly of this group by introducing new generic names where none existed for the lineages not belonging to the monophyletic subtree that includes Phytophthora infestans (the type species of Phytophthora). Judging from the results of this study, Phytophthora is at least six times paraphyletic as revealed by the phylogenetic investigations, but possibly seven times paraphyletic with respect to the downy mildews judging from the results obtained from the statistical tests. This would necessitate the introduction of new generic names (or the adoption of currently unused generic names) for clades 4.1, 4.2, 8, and the group (9, 10). In addition to these clusters, additional generic names would have to be introduced for groups formed by members of clades 2, 3, 5,6 , and 7. In the phylogenetic analysis, while the groups $(2,5)$ and $(3,6,7)$ were observed, their monophyly could not be ascertained; indeed, some support for alternative clusters $(3,6)$ and $(5,7)$, with clade 2 as an independent linage, was received in statistical tests. Several loci will need to be added in future phylogenetic studies to clarify the evolutionary relationships of these groups. Based on the current data, it can be assumed that Phytophthora is at least six, but possibly seven times paraphyletic with respect to downy mildews. Species of clade 1, which include the economically most important pathogen of the genus, Phytophthora infestans, as well as the well-known pathogens, $P$. nicotianae and $P$. cactorum, would retain their original names. This solution would need only a quarter of the name changes (less than 100) needed for the first option (inclusion of all downy mildew and Phytophthora species into Peronospora), and only about $15 \%$ of the name changes that would be needed if Phytophthora were conserved and all downy mildews were transferred into this genus. In addition, it would leave the names of most of the most important pathogens of the Peronosporaceae unchanged, like Bremia lactucae, Hyaloperonospora brassicae, Phytophthora infestans, Plasmopara halstedii, Plasmopara viticola, Pseudoperonospora cubensis and

Pseudoperonospora humuli. Therefore, we feel that this solution is to be preferred. But to introduce the new names for the clades outlined above will necessitate a search for characters defining synapomorphies for these groups, which might not be easy, judging from the apparent discrepancies between the morphological classification of Waterhouse (1963), and recent phylogenetic studies (Cooke et al. 2000, Kroon et al. 2004, Blair et al. 2008). Probably, these genera might have to be defined with the aid on DNA sequence synapomorphies, rather than only morphology. But retaining the usage of the generic name Phytophthora for all the at least six monophyletic groups between Halophytophthora and at the same time retaining the 19 downy mildew genera, would not only be contrary to the widely accepted idea of ideally having monophyletic taxa only, but also hamper the awareness of the unique evolution of these organisms, stepwise towards obligate biotrophy (Thines \& Kamoun 2010). For example, in terms of evolution, Phytophthora infestans is much closer to downy mildews than to $P$. sojae or even $P$. ramorum. But for the understanding of the evolution of obligate biotrophy, which is one of the most fascinating and fundamental evolutionary tipping points for any group of pathogens, it will be even more important to obtain genome sequences for members of the clades 4.1 and 4.2, which are apparently the closest relatives of the downy mildews, and of the neglected species of Phytophthora affecting Cyperaceae.

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Table S1. GenBank accession numbers for the sequences used in the present study.

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| Phytophthora alni | P10568 | EU080605.1 | EU080606.1 | EU080607.1 | EU080608.1 | EU080609.1 | EU080610.1 | EU080611.1 |
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| Phytophthora arecae | P10213 | EU080809.1 | EU080810.1 | EU080811.1 | EU080812.1 | EU080813.1 | EU080814.1 | EU080815.1 |
| Phytophthora asparagi | P10690 | EU080564.1 | EU080565.1 | EU080566.1 | EU080567.1 | EU080568.1 | EU080569.1 | EU080570.1 |
| Phytophthora asparagi | P10705 | EU080644.1 | EU080645.1 | EU080646.1 | EU080647.1 | EU080648.1 | EU080649.1 | EU080650.1 |
| Phytophthora bisheria | P1620 | EU080612.1 | EU080613.1 | EU080614.1 | EU080615.1 | EU080616.1 | EU080617.1 | EU080618.1 |
| Phytophthora bisheria | P10117 | EU080741.1 | EU080742.1 | EU080743.1 | EU080744.1 | EU080745.1 | EU080746.1 | EU080747.1 |
| Phytophthora boehmeriae | P6950 | EU080161.1 | EU080162.1 | EU080163.1 | EU080164.1 | EU080165.1 | EU080166.1 | EU080167.1 |
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| Phytophthora brassicae | P10414 | EU080523.1 | EU080524.1 | EU080525.1 | EU080526.1 | EU080527.1 | EU080528.1 | EU080529.1 |
| Phytophthora brassicae | P10153 | EU080768.1 | EU080769.1 | EU080770.1 | EU080771.1 | EU080772.1 | EU080773.1 | EU080774.1 |
| Phytophthora brassicae | P10154 | EU080782.1 | EU080783.1 | EU080784.1 | EU080785.1 | EU080786.1 | EU080787.1 | EU080788.1 |
| Phytophthora cactorum | P0714 | EU080277.1 | EU080278.1 | EU080279.1 | EU080280.1 | EU080281.1 | EU080282.1 | EU080283.1 |
| Phytophthora cactorum | P0715 | EU080284.1 | EU080285.1 | EU080286.1 | EU080287.1 | EU080288.1 | EU080289.1 | EU080290.1 |
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| Phytophthora cambivora | P0592 | EU080550.1 | EU080551.1 | EU080552.1 | EU080553.1 | EU080554.1 | EU080555.1 | EU080556.1 |
| Phytophthora capsici | P0253 | EU080851.1 | EU080852.1 | EU080853.1 | EU080854.1 | EU080855.1 | EU080856.1 | EU080857.1 |
| Phytophthora capsici | P10735 | EU079618.1 | EU079619.1 | EU079620.1 | EU079621.1 | EU079622.1 | EU079623.1 | EU079624.1 |
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| Phytophthora colocasiae | P6317 | EU079906.1 | EU079907.1 | EU079908.1 | EU079909.1 | EU079910.1 | EU079911.1 | EU079912.1 |
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| Phytophthora cuyabensis | P8218 | EU080351.1 | EU080352.1 | EU080353.1 | EU080354.1 | EU080355.1 | EU080356.1 | EU080357.1 |

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| Phytophthora fragariae | P3821 | EU080651.1 | EU080652.1 | EU080653.1 | EU080654.1 | EU080655.1 | EU080656.1 | EU080657.1 |
| Phytophthora glovera | P10619 | EU080222.1 | EU080223.1 | EU080224.1 | EU080225.1 | EU080226.1 | EU080227.1 | EU080228.1 |
| Phytophthora gonapodyides | P10337 | EU080530.1 | EU080531.1 | EU080532.1 | EU080533.1 | EU080534.1 | EU080535.1 | EU080536.1 |
| Phytophthora hedraiadra | P11056 | EU080072.1 | EU080073.1 | EU080074.1 | EU080075.1 | EU080076.1 | EU080077.1 | EU080078.1 |
| Phytophthora heveae | P10167 | EU080795.1 | EU080796.1 | EU080797.1 | EU080798.1 | EU080799.1 | EU080800.1 | EU080801.1 |
| Phytophthora hibernalis | P3822 | EU079513.1 | EU079514.1 | EU079515.1 | EU079516.1 | EU079517.1 | EU079518.1 | EU079519.1 |
| Phytophthora humicola | P3826 | EU080168.1 | EU080169.1 | EU080170.1 | EU080171.1 | EU080172.1 | EU080173.1 | EU080174.1 |
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| Phytophthora infestans | P10650 | EU079625.1 | EU079626.1 | EU079627.1 | EU079628.1 | EU079629.1 | EU079630.1 | EU079631.1 |
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| Phytophthora ipomoeae | P10225 | EU080830.1 | EU080831.1 | EU080832.1 | EU080833.1 | EU080834.1 | EU080835.1 | EU080836.1 |
| Phytophthora ipomoeae | P10226 | EU080837.1 | EU080838.1 | EU080839.1 | EU080840.1 | EU080841.1 | EU080842.1 | EU080843.1 |
| Phytophthora ipomoeae | P10227 | EU080844.1 | EU080845.1 | EU080846.1 | EU080847.1 | EU080848.1 | EU080849.1 | EU080850.1 |
| Phytophthora iranica | P3882 | EU080111.1 | EU080112.1 | EU080113.1 | EU08014.1 | EU080115.1 | EU080116.1 | EU080117.1 |
| Phytophthora katsurae | P10187 | EU080802.1 | EU080803.1 | EU080804.1 | EU080805.1 | EU080806. 1 | EU080807.1 | EU080808.1 |
| Phytophthora katsurae | P3389 | EU079814.1 | EU079815.1 | EU079816.1 | EU079817.1 | EU079818.1 | EU079819.1 | EU079820.1 |
| Phytophthora kelmania | P10613 | EU079605.1 | EU079606. 1 | EU079607.1 | EU079608.1 | EU079609.1 | EU079610.1 | EU079611.1 |
| Phytophthora kernoviae | P10681 | EU079645.1 | EU079646.1 | EU079647.1 | EU079648.1 | EU079649.1 | EU079650.1 | EU079651.1 |
| Phytophthora lagoariana | P8223 | EU080364.1 | EU080365.1 | EU080366.1 | EU080367.1 | EU080368.1 | EU080369.1 | EU080370.1 |

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| Phytophthora lateralis | P3888 | EU079852.1 | EU079853.1 | EU079854.1 | EU079855.1 | EU079856.1 | EU079857.1 | EU079858.1 |
| Phytophthora macrochlamydospora | P10267 | EU080004.1 | EU080005.1 | EU080006.1 | EU080007.1 | EU080008.1 | EU080009.1 | EU080010.1 |
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| Phytophthora medicaginis | P10683 | EU079899.1 | EU079900.1 | EU079901.1 | EU079902.1 | EU079903.1 | EU079904.1 | EU079905.1 |
| Phytophthora megakarya | P8516 | EU079969.1 | EU079970.1 | EU079971.1 | EU079972.1 | EU079973.1 | EU079974.1 | EU079975.1 |
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| Phytophthora mexicana | P0646 | EU080702.1 | EU080703.1 | EU080704.1 | EU080705.1 | EU080706.1 | EU080707.1 | EU080708.1 |
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| Phytophthora multivesiculata | P10410 | EU080065.1 | EU080066.1 | EU080067.1 | EU080068.1 | EU080069.1 | EU080070.1 | EU080071.1 |
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| Phytophthora nemorosa | P10288 | EU079474.1 | EU079475.1 | EU079476.1 | EU079477.1 | EU079478.1 | EU079479.1 | EU079480.1 |
| Phytophthora nicotianae | P6303 | EU080598.1 | EU080599.1 | EU080600.1 | EU080601.1 | EU080602.1 | EU080603.1 | EU080604.1 |
| Phytophthora nicotianae | P10802 | EU080715.1 | EU080716.1 | EU080717.1 | EU080718.1 | EU080719.1 | EU080720.1 | EU080721.1 |
| Phytophthora nicotianae | P10116 | EU079962.1 | EU079963.1 | EU079964.1 | EU079965.1 | EU079966.1 | EU079967.1 | EU079968.1 |
| Phytophthora nicotianae | P1452 | EU080503.1 | EU080504.1 | EU080505.1 | EU080506.1 | EU080507.1 | EU080508.1 | EU080509.1 |
| Phytophthora nicotianae | P7146 | EU079555.1 | EU079556.1 | EU079557.1 | EU079558.1 | EU079559.1 | EU079560.1 | EU079561.1 |
| Phytophthora nicotianae | P10318 | EU080676.1 | EU080677.1 | EU080678.1 | EU080679.1 | EU080680.1 | EU080681.1 | EU080682.1 |
| Phytophthora niederhauserii | P10617 | EU080242.1 | EU080243.1 | EU080244.1 | EU080245.1 | EU080246.1 | EU080247.1 | EU080248.1 |
| Phytophthora palmivora | P0255 | EU080338.1 | EU080339.1 | EU080340.1 | EU080341.1 | EU080342.1 | EU080343.1 | EU080344.1 |
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| Phytophthora phaseoli | P10145 | EU080748.1 | EU080749.1 | EU080750.1 | EU080751.1 | EU080752.1 | EU080753.1 | EU080754.1 |
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| Phytophthora porri | P10728 | EU079672.1 | EU079673.1 | EU079674.1 | EU079675.1 | EU079676.1 | EU079677.1 | EU079678.1 |
| Phytophthora porri | P6207 | EU079880.1 | EU079881.1 | EU079882.1 | EU079883.1 | EU079884.1 | EU079885.1 | EU079886.1 |
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| Phytophthora primulae | P10220 | EU080816.1 | EU080817.1 | EU080818.1 | EU080819.1 | EU080820.1 | EU080821.1 | EU080822.1 |
| Phytophthora primulae | P10224 | EU080823.1 | EU080824.1 | EU080825.1 | EU080826.1 | EU080827.1 | EU080828.1 | EU080829.1 |

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| Phytophthora pseudosyringae | P10437 | EU079562.1 | EU079563.1 | EU079564.1 | EU079565.1 | EU079566.1 | EU079567.1 | EU079568.1 |
| Phytophthora pseudotsugae | P10339 | EU080426.1 | EU080427.1 | EU080428.1 | EU080429.1 | EU080430.1 | EU080431.1 | EU080432.1 |
| Phytophthora psychrophila | P10433 | EU080516.1 | EU080517.1 | EU080518.1 | EU080519.1 | EU080520.1 | EU080521.1 | EU080522.1 |
| Phytophthora quercetorum | MD9-2 | EU080900.1 | EU080901.1 | EU080902.1 | EU080903.1 | EU080904.1 | EU080905.1 | EU080906.1 |
| Phytophthora quercina | P10334 | EU080489.1 | EU080490.1 | EU080491.1 | EU080492.1 | EU080493.1 | EU080494.1 | EU080495.1 |
| Phytophthora quercina | P10441 | EU080591.1 | EU080592.1 | EU080593.1 | EU080594.1 | EU080595.1 | EU080596.1 | EU080597.1 |
| Phytophthora ramorum | P10301 | EU080683.1 | EU080684.1 | EU080685.1 | EU080686.1 | EU080687.1 | EU080688.1 | EU080689.1 |
| Phytophthora richardiae | P10811 | EU080496.1 | EU080497.1 | EU080498.1 | EU080499.1 | EU080500.1 | EU080501.1 | EU080502.1 |
| Phytophthora richardiae | P10359 | EU080571.1 | EU080572.1 | EU080573.1 | EU080574.1 | EU080575.1 | EU080576.1 | EU080577.1 |
| Phytophthora richardiae | P10355 | EU080578.1 | EU080579.1 | EU080580.1 | EU080581.1 | EU080582.1 | EU080583.1 | EU080584.1 |
| Phytophthora richardiae | P7788 | EU080637.1 | EU080638.1 | EU080639.1 | EU080640.1 | EU080641.1 | EU080642.1 | EU080643.1 |
| Phytophthora sansomea | P3163 | EU080270.1 | EU080271.1 | EU080272.1 | EU080273.1 | EU080274.1 | EU080275.1 | EU080276.1 |
| Phytophthora sinensis | P1475 | EU079749.1 | EU079750.1 | EU079751.1 | EU079752.1 | EU079753.1 | EU079754.1 | EU079755.1 |
| Phytophthora sojae | P3114 | EU079789.1 | EU079790.1 | EU079791.1 | EU079792.1 | EU079793.1 | EU079794.1 | EU079795.1 |
| Phytophthora sp. | P10417 | EU080391.1 | EU080392.1 | EU080393.1 | EU080394.1 | EU080395.1 | EU080396.1 | EU080397.1 |
| Phytophthora sp. | P10672 | EU080412.1 | EU080413.1 | EU080414.1 | EU080415.1 | EU080416.1 | EU080417.1 | EU080418.1 |
| Phytophthora sp. | P8619 | EU080202.1 | EU080203.1 | EU080204.1 | EU080205.1 | EU080206.1 | EU080207.1 | EU080208.1 |
| Phytophthora syringae | P10330 | EU080557.1 | EU080558.1 | EU080559.1 | EU080560.1 | EU080561.1 | EU080562.1 | EU080563.1 |
| Phytophthora tentaculata | P8497 | EU079955.1 | EU079956.1 | EU079957.1 | EU079958.1 | EU079959.1 | EU079960.1 | EU079961.1 |
| Phytophthora trifolii | P7010 | EU080141.1 | EU080142.1 | EU080143.1 | EU080144.1 | EU080145.1 | EU080146.1 | EU080147.1 |
| Phytophthora tropicalis | P10329 | EU080305.1 | EU080306.1 | EU080307.1 | EU080308.1 | EU080309.1 | EU080310.1 | EU080311.1 |
| Phytophthora uliginosa | P10328 | EU079692.1 | EU079693.1 | EU079694.1 | EU079695.1 | EU079696.1 | EU079697.1 | EU079698.1 |
| Phytophthora vignae | P3019 | EU079782.1 | EU079783.1 | EU079784.1 | EU079785.1 | EU079786.1 | EU079787.1 | EU079788.1 |
| Pythium undulatum | P10342 | EU080440.1 | EU080441.1 | EU080442.1 | - | EU080443.1 | EU080444.1 | EU080445.1 |
| Pythium vexans | P3980 | EU080483.1 | EU080484.1 | EU080485.1 | - | EU080486.1 | EU080487.1 | EU080488.1 |
| Hyaloperonospora arabidopsidis | Genome |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pseudoperonospora cubensis | Genome |  |  |  |  |  | AY035496.1 |  |

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Fig. S1. Bayesian analysis of the clade representatives used for the statistical tests for the topology of the grouping of the individual clades with posterior probability values.

