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## Fungi and algae co-occur in snow: an issue of shared habitat or algal facilitation of heterotrophs?

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#### **Abstract**

Late season alpine snows are often colonized by psychrophilic snow algae that may provide a source of nutrients for microbes. Such late season snows are a harsh environment, but support a diverse and complex fungal community. We used culture independent methods (Illumina MiSeq) to test if the presence of snow algae influences fungal communities. We compared algae-colonized snows to adjacent (3 m distant) noncolonized snows in a paired experimental design. Our data indicate that several fungi are locally enriched in algae colonized snows. Although many such fungi were basidiomycetous yeasts, our analyses identified a large number of snow-borne members of phylum Chytridiomycota. While the ecology and function of these Chytridiomycetes remain unclear, we hypothesize that their enrichment in the algal patches suggests that they depend on algae for nutrition. We propose that these chytrids are important components in snow ecosystems, highlighting the underestimation of their diversity and importance. Taken together, our data strongly indicate that fungal communities are heterogeneous in snow even among adjacent samples. Further, fungal and algal communities may be influenced by similar environmental drivers resulting in their co-occurrence in snow.

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#### Introduction

Earth's cryosphere is composed of solid water persisting for more than one month (Fountain et al., 2012) and includes all snow, permafrost, sea ice, freshwater ice, glaciers, and ice shelves. It plays important roles in global climate (Walsh et al., 2005) and terrestrial energy balance by influencing surface albedo (Prestrud, 2007). With the predicted increase in the mean global annual temperature, the cryosphere is declining and becoming a more endangered ecosystem (Derksen et al., 2012). The decrease in the annual persistence of late season snow has exceeded climate model projections in the Northern Hemisphere (Derksen and Brown, 2012). These changes likely impact local watershed dynamics as well as global biogeochemical cycles (Fountain et al., 2012). In addition to the consequences to local and global hydrological cycles, the cryosphere decline sets constraints on the distribution and diversity of organisms that depend on these unique habitats (Hoham and Duval, 2001). The transience of the late season snow coupled with its changing volume highlights the importance of understanding the endemic biodiversity residing in late season snow packs.

Snowpacks are a harsh environment characterized by low temperatures and intense ultraviolet irradiation that may act as mutagenic stressors. Yet, there is evidence for rich and diverse metabolically active microbial life in snow (Carpenter et al., 2000; Harding et al., 2011; Hell et al., 2013). These metabolically active communities contrast the belief of some that snow is but a passive recipient of aerially dispersed propagules whose metabolism is limited because of minimally available liquid water (Warren and Hudson, 2003). Yet, microbial activity or at least the presence of diverse microbial communities has been suggested for over a century (Hersey, 1913). These dichotomous viewpoints emphasize our present rudimentary understanding of microbial diversity in snow, particularly so for eukaryotic microbes. Consequently, snow can arguably be considered as a vast unexplored and undocumented ecosystem for microbial diversity (Larose et al., 2013).

Alpine and polar snows that persist through or linger late into the growing season often house snow-borne algal communities, frequently dominated by the red-pigmented algae Chlamydomonas nivalis or Chloromonas nivalis, both of whose taxonomies remain currently unresolved. These algae often produce colonies that are visible to the naked eye as a result of their characteristic red color. The red color of these algae is a result of the secondary carotenoid astaxanthin (Müller et al., 1998) and its fatty acid ester derivatives (Gorton et al., 2001) produced in large quantities during their diploid, zygotic stage that is also characterized by thickened cell walls that are resistant to harsh environmental conditions including repeated freezing temperatures (Hoham, 1980; Remias et al., 2005, 2010). During the warm season in small meltwater pools, the zygotes undergo meiosis, producing haploid offspring that are green, are metabolically active, and multiply asexually. Late in the season, when nitrogen is more limiting, these organisms develop into flagellated sexual gametes that mate producing new zygotes that can survive the next season's cold temperatures and snow (Müller et al., 1998).

Although the red C. nivalis colonies may be visually dominant, snow algal communities often consist of many species representing Chlorophyceae (Fujii et al., 2010; Remias et al., 2010). In addition, snow colonized by algae houses a broad range of fungi and bacteria that may be specifically adapted to grow in such environments (Hodson et al., 2008; Naff et al., 2013). Some evidence suggests syntrophic relationships between the snow algae and bacteria or fungi. In the most comprehensive microscopic examination to date, Weiss (1983) described the ultrastructure of the snow alga C. nivalis and repeatedly found encapsulated gram-negative bacteria on the surface of the zygotic resting stage. Weiss (1983) posited that the microscopic observations suggested syntrophy, as no similar bacteria were present in the adjacent snow without algal colonization. Similar syntrophisms have been suggested for snow algae and fungi (Kol, 1968; Hoham et al., 1993). In such syntrophic or loose symbiotic relationships, algae-associated microorganisms may utilize dissolved organic carbon (DOC) excreted by the algae. This is indirectly supported by recent studies of *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*, suggesting that algae excrete large amounts of carbon (Kind et al., 2012). Algae, in turn, may benefit from the "shade" provided by the microorganisms, thus buffering the algae against the harsh environmental conditions (Light and Belcher, 1968; Hoham and Duval, 2001; Remias et al., 2005). However, Kol (1968) argued that some of these fungi might simply parasitize the algae rather than form mutually beneficial associations.

To our knowledge, studies of snow-borne fungi and bacteria are rare and limited primarily to select fungi such as "snow molds." Generally, these "snow molds" are filamentous and thrive on organic substrates in the snow-soil interphase, but are not active in the snow itself (Robinson, 2001; Matsumoto, 2009). Recently, Naff et al. (2013) suggested that Chytridiomycota are abundant in snow and significantly influence snow food-web dynamics. Additional broad inquiries of snow-borne microbial communities indicate an abundance of microbes in snow (Harding et al., 2011) and suggest that these snow/ice-inhabiting microbes are physiologically adapted to psychrophilic environments (Gunde-Cimerman et al., 2003). Our current understanding of the general ecology of fungi in snow remains rudimentary and is based primarily on soils liberated by thawing snow (de Garcia et al., 2007) or periglacial soils (Freeman et al., 2009; Schmidt et al., 2012; Brown and Jumpponen, 2014). Studies of fungal communities associated with snow algae are usually motivated by the great abundance of fungi observed in the course of microscopic examination (Stein and Amundsen, 1967; Kol, 1968; Hoham et al., 1993).

Here we present the first high-throughput investigation of fungal communities associated with the snow algae by targeted ITS2 Illumina MiSeq sequencing. The Internal Transcribed Spacer (ITS) regions are the designated fungal barcode of life (see Schoch et al., 2012). The ITS2 region in particular has been more frequently utilized because its diminutive and largely conserved length allows for sequencing the entire region even when using more recent sequencing technologies that provide relatively short reads. We utilized a community-filtering framework (Diamond, 1975; Keddy, 1992) and explicitly test hypotheses on co-occurrence of algae and snow fungi (see Jumpponen and Egerton-Warburton, 2005). We compared paired adjacent samples with and without visible snow algae. We utilized this paired sample design because both snow algae (Müller et al., 1998) and nutrient loads (Fahnestock et al., 2000) in snow are heterogeneous and potentially confound landscape level analyses. Thus, any shifts in community-wide distributions should be detected locally (in all or most of the paired samples). Paired sample designs to interrogate community ecology are not new (Wellington, 1982; Schooley et al., 2000), but are often under-utilized in microbial community analyses (but see Taylor and Bruns, 1999; Hartmann et al., 2014). In this study, we addressed the following three questions: (1) do snow algae enrich the communities with specific fungi; (2) do snow algae shift fungal community composition; and, (3) will such shifts be consistent across larger geographic scales?

#### Materials and Methods

SAMPLING SITES

We sampled late season snows at six paired locations in September 2011 and August 2012 in the Glacier Peak Wilderness area, Wenatchee National Forest, Washington, U.S.A. (see Table

1 for locations and dates). Samples from each of the locations in Washington State were within 150 m of each other between 2011 and 2012. Additionally, in Colorado we sampled two paired sampling locations within Niwot Ridge Long Term Ecological Research Site (http://culter.colorado.edu/NWT) in August 2011 and in July 2012 at two paired sampling locations within nearby Indian Peaks Wilderness area, Arapahoe and Roosevelt National Forest. Colorado sites at Niwot Ridge LTER could not be sampled in 2012 due to lack of snow in areas where 2011 samples were collected. The sampling locations were still adjacent: the maximum distance between the 2011 and 2012 Colorado sampling locations was 5.7 km. We sampled all the accessible algae colonized snows at each location, resulting in 16 paired samples (32 total). Most snow colonized by algae was inaccessible and could not be sampled (similar to Müller et al., 1998). At each sampling site, snows were collected only if the following conditions were met: (1) there were no signs of foot traffic or other anthropogenic disturbance; (2) there was an adjacent patch of uncolonized snow (based on visual assessment) within 3 m from the boundary of algae-colonized patch but within the same snow pack; and (3) there were no topographical differences between algal and nonalgal colonized snows, thus minimizing potential confounding effects of microsites. We confirmed the absence of algae in the uncolonized snows using flow cytometry.

#### SAMPLING PROTOCOL

Snows colonized by algae and paired noncolonized controls 3 m away from the edge of the algal colony were selected (selection criteria detailed above) and a total of five 85 cm<sup>3</sup> volumetric surface subsamples were collected using a steel cylinder. Surface scrapings of the top 5 cm were combined into clean 1-gallon zip-top plastic bags and allowed to melt at ambient temperature. Once melted, one 100 mL sample was drawn with a sterile syringe (BD 30 mL Syringe, Dickinson and Company, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey) and passed through a 1.0 µm Nuclepore Track-Etch Membrane filter (47 mm diameter) encased in a 47 mm Swin-Lok Plastic Filter Holder (Whatman, Kent, U.K.) to collect large cells (mainly fungi and algae). The flow-through was collected into a field-sterilized container (using denatured alcohol) and passed through 0.22 µm Nuclepore Track-Etch Membrane filter (47 mm diameter) to collect bacterial cells (data not shown here). Collection and flow through containers were field sterilized with denatured alcohol between sample collections. Filter holders and syringes were used only once to minimize cross contamination between samples. After filtration, filters were stored in MoBio UltraClean Soil DNA Isolation Kit bead tubes (Carlsbad, California) with reagents S1 and IRS added to aid in sample preservation. In 2012, additional unfiltered samples were collected into sterile 15 mL falcon tubes for flow cytometric cell counts. Samples were shipped to Kansas State University and stored at -20 °C until processed. Total proportions of autofluorescent microbial constituents in snow (cells with chloroplasts relative to all cells) from the 2012 samples were estimated using flow cytometry (Guava Technologies PCA-96, Hayward, California) equipped with a 532 nm (green) excitation laser to confirm the low abundance of algae in noncolonized snows. Triplicate 10 µL samples were diluted in 250 mL 1X PBS. A combination of fluorescence emission at 675 nm (PM2, measure of chloroplast autofluorescence) and Forward Scatter (FCS) directly related to particle size were used to generate dot-plots. Using the program Flowing Software (v.2.5; www. flowingsoftware.com), boundaries of segregating autoflorescent

TABLE 1
Sampling locations of paired algae-colonized and uncolonized snows across consecutive years. WA = Washington State, U.S.A., CO = Colorado, U.S.A. All Washington sampling locations were collected at or near the Lyman Glacier Basin.

State	Site	Landmark	Latitude	Longitude	Date	Elevation (m)
2011						
CO	Niwot 1	Near Soddie Laboratory	40°02′56″N	105°34′51″W	10 Aug.	3368
CO	Niwot 2	Saddle	40°03′30″N	105°35′20″W	10 Aug.	3514
WA	Glacier Peak 1	Cloudy Pass	48°12′09″N	120°55′28″W	13 Sept.	1961
WA	Glacier Peak 2	Terminal moraine	48°10′59″N	120°54′11″W	13 Sept.	1802
WA	Glacier Peak 3	Lyman Glacier	48°10′21″N	120°53′50″W	14 Sept.	1880
WA	Glacier Peak 4	Spider Gap N	48°10′14″N	120°52′55″W	14 Sept.	2135
WA	Glacier Peak 5	Spider Gap S	48°10′10″N	120°52′53″W	14 Sept.	2123
WA	Glacier Peak 6	Lower Spider snowfield	48°09′42″N	120°52′42″W	14 Sept.	1897
2012						
CO	Indian Peaks 1	E of Shoshoni Peak	40°04′02″N	105°37′44″W	15 July	3407
CO	Indian Peaks 2	S shore Lake Isabelle	40°04′01″N	105°04′01″W	15 July	3358
WA	Glacier Peak 1	Cloudy Pass	48°12′10″N	120°55′27″W	2 Aug.	1966
WA	Glacier Peak 2	Terminal moraine	48°10′58″N	120°54′11″W	2 Aug.	1794
WA	Glacier Peak 3	Lyman Glacier	48°10′24″N	120°53′49″W	2 Aug.	1866
WA	Glacier Peak 4	Spider Gap N	48°10′14″N	120°52′55″W	2 Aug.	2173
WA	Glacier Peak 5	Spider Gap S	48°10′10″N	120°52′53″W	2 Aug.	2137
WA	Glacier Peak 6	Lower Spider snowfield	48°09′41″N	120°52′35″W	2 Aug.	1893

cells along the FCS axis were manually generated based on visual clustering. The proportions of snow algae were estimated by the proportion of counts that autofluoresced but were larger than bacteria (to discriminate against cyanobacteria). Pollen grains may autofluoresce using these cytometric filters (gymnosperms have paternal ctDNA transmission and may be included) potentially overestimating the algal counts. However, pollen grain deposition in snow is generally spatially homogenous (Bourgeois et al., 2001) at the local scale and unlikely to impact the efficacy of the analyses of algal abundance. We used a paired t-test to test if the proportion of algae in the visibly colonized and uncolonized snows differed. The autofluorescent particles were on average 35 times more abundant within the algal snows than in the adjacent noncolonized snows (t = 3.25, P = 0.007). In conclusion, the algae were functionally negligible in the noncolonized snows.

#### DNA EXTRACTION AND AMPLICON GENERATION

Total genomic DNA was extracted using MoBio extraction kits according to the manufacturer's protocol with the following modifications: (1) filters were sonicated for 10 minutes (FS20; ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, Massachusetts) in DNA extraction tubes to dislodge any cells adhering to the filters; (2) the filter was removed and two 2.4 mm zirconia beads (Bio-Spec Products, Bartlesville, Oklahoma) were added into the bead tubes; and (3) particles were homogenized in a FastPrep instrument (FP120; ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, Massachusetts) at setting 4.0 for 60 s. The extracts were quantified (ND1000 spectrophotometer; NanoDrop Technologies, Wilmington, Delaware) and each sample was aliquoted to a 96-well

plate at 2 ng µL<sup>-1</sup> DNA concentration. PCR amplicons for Illumina MiSeq sequencing were generated using fungus specific primers to amplify the Internal Transcribed Spacer 2 (ITS2) region of the fungal rRNA gene repeat with primers fITS7 (Ihrmark et al., 2012) and ITS4 (White et al., 1990). Unique molecular identifier tags (MIDs) were incorporated to the ITS4 primer (MID-ITS4). MIDs were selected from the published Illumina MID list (Caporaso et al., 2012) and each MID-ITS4 combination was tested in silico (OligoAnalyzer 3.1; Integrated DNA Technologies, Coralville, Iowa, http://www.idtdna.com/analyzer/Applications/OligoAnalyzer) for possible hairpins and/or primer dimers at melting temperatures above 40 °C. Primers that passed this rubric were synthesized. PCR amplicons were generated in 50 µL reactions under the following conditions: 1 μM forward and reverse primers, 10 ng template DNA, 200 μM of each deoxynucleotide, 2.5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 10 μL 5x Green GoTaq Flexi Buffer (Promega, Madison, Wisconsin), 14.6 µL molecular biology grade water, and 2 U GoTaq Hot Start Polymerase (Promega, Madison, Wisconsin). PCR cycle parameters consisted of 94 °C initial denaturing step for 4 min, followed by 30 cycles of 94 °C for 1 min, 54 °C annealing for 1 min, and 72 °C extension step for 2 min, followed by a final extension step at 72 °C for 10 min. All PCR reactions were done in triplicate to control for PCR stochasticity. Negative PCR controls (sterile molecular grade water in place of DNA template) were included in each run; these controls remained free of observable amplification. Triplicate PCR products were pooled by experimental unit (total of 32) and cleaned with Agencourt AmPure cleanup kit using a SPRIplate 96-ring magnet (Beckman Coulter, Beverly, Massachusetts) following the manufacturer's protocol, ex-

TABLE 2

The most abundant OTUs and sequence abundance for each observed phylum are provided. Nested within phylum, the most abundant order and family (genera where Incertae sedis at the family level are represented parenthetically) are provided in subsequent columns. Taxonomic representations of OTUs based on best BLASTn matches across accessioned fungi deposited in GenBank. Purported ecologies at the family (genus) level are also reported. Number of OTUs representing each taxonomic rank are provided (number of OTUs at phylum level sum to 200, and OTU counts within phylum are a subset of the total OTUs shown for phylum).

Phyla	Orders	Families/(Genera)	Ecology	Percentage of sequences	Number of OTUs
Ascomycota		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		12.6%	67
	Dothideales			5.9%	13
		Dothiorceae	Biotrophic or Necrotrophic	4.8%	8
		(Celosporium)	Uncertain (BFM)	1.0%	5
	Chaetothyriales			2.3%	12
		Herpotrichiellaceae		0.9%	8
		(Sarcinomyces)	Uncertain (BFM)	1.3%	4
	Pleosporales			1.5%	7
		Pleosporaceae	Necrotrophic or Saprobic	1.4%	5
Basal fungal lineages				1.1%	6
	Mucorales			0.7%	2
		(Umbelopsis)		0.7%	2
	Mortierellales			0.4%	4
		Mortierellaceae	Saprobic	0.4%	4
Basidiomycota				77.3%	99
	Incertae sedis			32.3%	15
		(Rhodotorula)	Saprobic/(Pathogen?)	32.3%	15
	Kriegariales			20.5%	17
		Kriegeriaceae	Saprobic/(Pathogen?)	20.5%	17
	Leucosporidiales			7.3%	9
		(Leucosporidiella)	Uncertain (non-phytoparasitic)1	4.1%	4
		(Leucosporidium)	Uncertain (non-phytoparasitic)1	3.2%	5
Chytridiomycota‡				9.4%	26
	Rhizophydiales			6.6%	10
		Incertae sedis	Uncertain	4.3%	2
		Rhizophydiaceae	Saprobic	2.3%	7
	Polychytriales			1.1%	4
		(Polychytrium)	Saprobic	1.1%	4
	Incertae sedis			0.2%	11
Glomeromycota‡				0.5%	2
	Glomerales			0.5%	2
		Glomeraceae		0.5%	2

 $\ddagger$ Best BLASTn match to phyla Chytridiomycota and Glomeromycota are extremely dissimilar to any accessioned taxa (query coverage  $\le 25\%$  and BLAST score  $\le 90$ ; see Appendix Table A2). Thriving Glomeromycetes are unlikely in absence of host, thus these likely represent unknown taxa. BFM = black meristematic fungi, polyphyletic group, primarily anamorphic, known to be resistant to harsh environments.

cept we used a 1:1 bead solution to amplicon ratio to better discriminate against small nontarget DNA. Barcoded samples were equimolarly combined so that each experimental unit was equally represented. This final pool was cleaned with Agencourt

AmPure cleanup kit once more as above. Illumina MiSeq sequencing linkers were ligated onto the library and paired-end sequenced on a MiSeq Personal Sequencing System (Illumina, San Diego, California) using a MiSeq Reagent Kit v2 with 500

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>These genera are defined as nonphytoparasitic (Sampaio et al., 2003) but ecologies remain uncertain.

cycles. Ligation and sequencing were performed at the Integrated Genomics Facility at Kansas State University.

#### SEQUENCE ANALYSIS

Sequence data were processed using MOTHUR (v. 1.29.1; Schloss et al., 2009). The two obtained fastq (bidirectional reads) were contiged and the resultant fasta and qual files used as inputs for further sequence processing that we briefly describe below. We screened contiged sequences and required the following for inclusion: exact match to the MIDs (see Appendix Table A1 for complete list of MID sequences), at most 1 bp difference in match to both forward and reverse primers, and with a quality score of ≥35 over a 50 bp sliding window for the sequence. In other words, a sequence was culled if the average Q-score fell below 35 for any 50 bp window (with a 1 bp slide) or if the sequences did not match both primers or MID. Additionally, sequences were culled if they had homopolymers longer than 8 bp or contained ambiguous nucleotides. This ensured that only high-quality full-length ITS2 reads remained. ITS2 sequences were truncated to 250 bp for further analysis removing any conserved 5.8S regions, sequences shorter than 250 bp culled, and putative chimeras removed (UCHIME, Edgar et al., 2011). Remaining sequences were pair-wise aligned (Needleman-Wunsch) and the resulting distance matrix was clustered at 97% similarity using the average-neighbor algorithm. The rare OTUs (operational taxonomic units) (OTUs not among the 200 most abundant OTUs) were eliminated to focus on only the most abundant and presumably also the metabolically active taxa in these analyses. The 200 most abundant fungal OTUs represented 97.12% of all fungal sequences, therefore likely minimizing the impact of resident dormant propagules in these analyses. Randomly selected sequences representing each of the 200 most abundant OTUs were queried (BLASTn nr/nt with the exclusion of uncultured and environmental samples against GenBank) and best BLAST matches were recorded with full taxonomic string (see Appendix Table A2). Despite the use of fungal specific primers, many common OTUs were classified to nonfungal phyla: Chlorophyta (15 OTUs), Streptophyta (3 OTUs), Ciliphora (1 OTU), and supergroup Rhizaria (1 OTU). We omitted these nonfungal OTUs and appended our analyses to include only the most abundant 200 fungal OTUs. Of note is that the most abundant OTU was algal (best BLASTn match to Coenochloris sp.) and seven times more abundant than the next most abundant OTU, suggesting that primer bias was not adequate to discriminate against algal targets in samples highly enriched with phylum Chlorophyta under the reaction conditions that we used. Richness and diversity estimates were calculated iteratively—OTU richness = S<sub>obs</sub>, Good's coverage =  $1 - n_1 N^{-1}$  where  $n_1$  is number of local singletons and N is number of sequences within each sample, complement of Simpson's Diversity =  $1 - D = 1 - \sum pi^2$  (where pi is the proportion of individuals in the *i*th species), and Simpson's Evenness =  $Ed = (1 D^{-1}) S^{-1}$  (where S is the OTU richness at each sample and D is the Simpson's diversity index)—using 1000 iterations at a subsampling depth of 1500 sequences per experimental unit to control for biases due to unequal sampling (Gihring et al., 2011), the average of each estimator used in our analyses. This iterative approach controls for potential false positives on diversity estimates due to single subsample-based (rarefying) diversity estimates as detailed by McMurdie and Holmes (2014) by diminishing the importance of false positives as one extreme measurement has little impact on community-wide metrics after multiple

iterations. Nonmetric Multidimensional Scaling (NMDS), based on a subsampled Bray-Curtis dissimilarity matrix with 1000 iterations (at 1500 subsampling depth) was used to examine fungal community composition for the first three axes (73.3% community variation, 3D stress = 0.198). To determine if the Washington sites possessed different fungal communities than the Colorado sites or if the 2011 and 2012 Washington samples differed, we used Analysis of Molecular Variance (AMOVA; PERMANOVA in Anderson, 2001). Diversity estimates and NMDS generation and analyses based on iterative subsampling were implemented in MOTHUR. Across the resolved three-dimensional NMDS space, linear (Euclidian) distances were calculated between paired algae colonized and nonalgae colonized samples and these values were analyzed using Student's t-test to test if Colorado and Washington paired samples differ in their community similarities. To test for OTU enrichment between paired algae-colonized and uncolonized snows, we used a nonparametric paired test of count data. Because of our paired design, our richness, diversity, NMDS axes scores, and OTU abundance were analyzed using a nonparametric two-tailed Wilcoxon signed-rank test (H0: M<sub>algae</sub> =  $M_{\text{non-algae}}$ , H1:  $M_{\text{algae}} \neq M_{\text{non-algae}}$ ) and any significant responses were corrected for multiple comparison effects using a liberal False Discovery Rate (FDR = 0.50). Data were also analyzed using a parametric paired t-test. These analyses were consistently congruent with the nonparametric tests. As a result, we only report the nonparametric test statistics, as those rely on no assumptions on data distribution or variance homogeneity. All statistics were performed using a combination of MOTHUR and JMP (v. 10.0.2, SAS Institute, Cary, North Carolina).

The taxon assignment of OTUs to phylum Chytridiomycota (26-or 13%-of the top 200 OTUs) was challenging due to their low similarity to any vouchered or uncultured/environmental accessions. Since the low coverage and low similarity to any accessioned sequence made these BLASTn assignments to Chytridiomycota tentative, we further explored these data through a confirmatory Maximum Likelihood (PhyML) analysis. The hypervariable ITS gene regions are difficult to align globally at the phylum level and thus considered poor at discerning taxonomic relationships in phylogenetic analyses at more inclusive taxonomic ranks (order/family). Even though we used the designated barcode for identifying fungal taxa, these putative Chytridiomycota consistently failed to be assigned with satisfactory affinities. As a result, we utilized the PhyML approach as a method to confirm the phylum-level placement of the OTUs tentatively assigned within Chytridiomycota. ITS2 reads for representatives of our chytridiomycetous environmental reads (26 OTUs) were aligned with a number of accessioned and vouchered Chytridiomycota and two closely related basal phyla (Blastocladiomycota and Monoblepharidomycota) with full-length ITS2 gene regions in GenBank as well as the ascomycetous yeast Saccharomyces cerevisiae, as an outgroup. Reference sequences were selected across phylum Chytridiomycota to include all available orders of Chytridiomycota (orders Cladochytriales and Polychytriales were not included because no full-length ITS2 sequences from vouchered specimens were available in GenBank at the time of analysis). Sequences were aligned using MUSCLE (1000 iterations) as implemented in GENEIOUS (v. 5.3.4, BioMatters, Auckland, New Zealand). The alignment was trimmed manually to only include full-length ITS2 regions and a Maximum Likelihood tree was generated (100 bootstrap iterations, substitution model = HKY85) in GENEIOUS with Saccharomyces cerevisiae as an outgroup. The fasta file of the representative sequences of OTUs used for this confirmatory PhyML analysis along with reference sequences used are available as a Appendix File A1 (available as an open access file accompanying the online version of this article).

#### **Results**

#### SEQUENCE DATA CHARACTERIZATION

We obtained more than  $11 \times 10^6$  sequences from our MiSeq library (paired-end fastg files are deposited in Sequence Read Archive at NCBI: SRR1104197), Of these, 1,466,702 full-length ITS2 sequences were retained after quality control. After the removal of nontarget, mainly algal OTUs (363,005 sequences) and OTUs that were not among the 200 most abundant, 466,243 sequences remained with unequal sequence counts per experimental unit (range 1971-24,964). Among the total of 7835 OTUs are OTUs that are exceedingly uncommon (3949 global singletons and an additional 3686 nonsingleton rare OTUs) and most likely represent dormant organisms and aerially deposited spores or hyphal fragments that unlikely contribute to ecosystem function, or methodological artifacts of uncertain origin (Brown et al., 2015). For this reason, we limited our analysis to the 200 most abundant OTUs (see Appendix Fig. A1) that represent more than 97% of all fungal sequences in our data set (see Appendix File A2 for OTU × Sample community matrix) (File A2 available as an open access file accompanying the online version of this article).

#### TAXONOMIC DISTRIBUTION

The fungal communities were dominated by Basidiomycota (see Table A2 for complete taxonomic assignments for the 200 most abundant OTUs and Appendix File A3 [available as an open access file accompanying the online version of this article] for representative sequences of the 200 most abundant OTUs). Sequence and OTU counts of the most abundant orders and families with inferred ecological roles are presented in Table

2. Cosmopolitan polyphyletic yeasts in the genus Rhodotorula (46 OTUs—23% of all OTUs and 53.30% of total sequences) dominated among Basidiomycetes, as also observed in other snow and glacier fungi surveys (de Garcia et al., 2007, 2012). The four most abundant OTUs were classified as Rhodotorula and the next most abundant OTU was classified as Cryptococcus saitoi, a commonly encountered snow-dwelling yeast with uncertain ecology. OTUs assigned to Lyophyllaceae were also common (8 OTUs) and included 2 OTUs with close BLASTn affinities to accessioned sequences of Asterophora—a genus with members known to be parasites. The remaining 6 OTUs in the family were marginally similar to genus Lyophyllum, members of which are often described as soil-borne saprobic or mycorrhizal macrofungi. Chytridiomycota were surprisingly frequent (26 OTUs—13% and ~10% of total sequences). Of these OTUs, none had a strong similarity to any accessioned sequences based on BLASTn alignments (coverage ranged from 15% to 60% with very low total BLAST scores; see Table A2). Because of the low similarity for known accessioned Chytridiomycota, we reanalyzed these data in queries that also included uncultured/ environmental sequences. These BLASTn analyses consistently failed to match closely any accessioned sequences. Despite their low similarity to sequences in the combined global genetic databases, our confirmatory Maximum Likelihood (PhyML) analysis supported placement of the 26 OTUs with 99% bootstrap support within Chytridiomycota. Additionally, our environmental OTUs were most closely related to the soil-borne chytridiomycetous order Lobulomycetales (Appendix Fig. A2). Yet, bootstrap support within the environmental Chytridiomycota clade remains low, a likely result of use of the hypervariable ITS2 region that tends to perform poorly in analyses in more inclusive taxonomic ranks (e.g., order or family). As a result, the placement of these OTUs below phylum cannot be deduced from our PhyML analysis. Yet, most of our snow Chytridiomycota OTUs form a distinct clade suggesting that these taxa may represent a monophyletic group of snow-borne Chytridiomycetes with very little ITS2 sequence similarity to anything known. Unfortunately, our phylogenetic analyses suffered from the poorly populated databases that include no vouchered reference ITS2 sequences similar to the observed environmental chytrids.

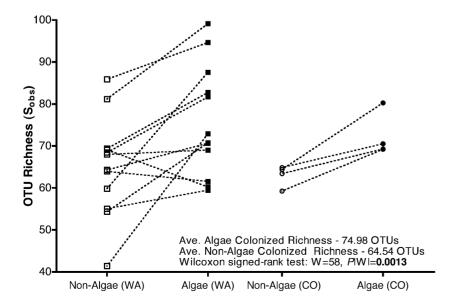


FIGURE 1. Operational taxonomic unit (OTU) richness in the algae-colonized snows are higher than in the adjacent paired uncolonized snows (Wilcoxon Sign-Rank test). This analysis is based on 1000 iterations to generate average richness estimates (1500 sequences subsampled per iteration) based on the 200 most abundant OTUs. Uncolonized fungal OTU richness estimates are solid symbols and algae colonized richness estimates are open symbols. Dashed lines connect paired samples.

#### DIVERSITY ESTIMATORS

Coverage and rarefaction (see Appendix Fig. A3) estimators indicated that the fungal community was adequately captured (Good's Coverage for colonized and noncolonized snow 0.972 ± 0.003 and  $0.986 \pm 0.001$ , respectively) in our sequencing. We find that a greater proportion of the 200 most abundant OTUs occur in the algal-colonized snow than in the snow without algae. Estimated OTU richness in the algae-colonized snow (74.98 ± 11.72; mean ±1 SD) was greater than in the adjacent, noncolonized snow (64.54 ± 11.72) across both sites and years (Fig. 1; paired two-tailed Wilcoxon Sign-Rank test; W = 58, P = 0.0013). In contrast, neither diversity (complement of Simpson's Diversity, 1 - D:  $0.890 \pm 0.051$ for the algae-colonized and  $0.865 \pm 0.067$  for noncolonized snows; W = 30, P = 0.130) nor evenness (E<sub>D</sub>: 0.146 ± 0.053 for algaecolonized and 0.145  $\pm$  0.073 for noncolonized snows; W = 10, P= 0.632) differed between the paired colonized and noncolonized snow samples.

#### **COMMUNITY DIFFERENCES**

Fungal communities were resolved optimally on three NMDS axes (stress = 0.198,  $r^2$  = 0.733). Our community-wide AMOVA (PERMANOVA in Anderson, 2001) analyses indicated regional (Colorado vs. Washington) but not temporal differences in the snow fungal communities. These analyses failed to distinguish fungal communities in the colonized and noncolonized snow ( $F_{1,30}$  = 1.247, P = 0.227) globally. However, paired analyses of the Axis 2 ordination loading scores (representing 57.16% of community variability) indicated that fungal communities in the algae-colonized snow were distinct from those in the paired uncolonized snows (Fig. 2; W = 48, P = 0.011). In contrast, neither Axis 1 ( $r^2$  = 6.38%) nor Axis 3 ( $r^2$  = 9.85%) distinguished between the paired algal and

nonalgal snows (W=21, P=0.298; W=23, P=0.252, respectively). When the paired Axis 2 values were analyzed separately for Colorado and Washington, an interesting pattern emerged. Our Colorado locations showed no discernable difference between the fungal communities of the paired samples across all three axes (see insert in Fig. 2). The Washington samples show a contrast; a shift in fungal communities in the paired algae colonized/uncolonized snows (W=27, P=0.034 for Axis 2; see insert in Fig. 2). Further, our AMOVA suggested no difference across years ( $F_{1,30}=1.135$ , P=0.286) in the Washington sites but clearly distinguished the snow inhabiting fungal communities from Colorado and Washington ( $F_{1,30}=8.654$ , P<0.001). These analyses suggest that although our sites located in Colorado and Washington are distinct, the communities remain fairly stable over time—likely as a result of local and/or regional fungal propagule inputs.

We also analyzed Euclidian distances between the paired samples from algae colonized and uncolonized snows to test if they differed in the magnitude of fungal community-wide shifts between Colorado and Washington. The Euclidian distances across the three resolved axes between paired algae-colonized and uncolonized snow-fungal communities was greater in the Washington snows than in Colorado (t = 2.47, P = 0.0267; Appendix Fig. A4). This difference may be the result of a constrained shift in the fungal community associated with sampling locations or dates.

In all, 13 of the 200 most abundant OTUs were more common in algae-colonized snow (see Table 3), whereas none were enriched in the uncolonized snow as determined by paired Wilcoxon Sign-Rank analyses of OTU abundance. An additional 3 OTUs differed between paired algal-colonized and uncolonized snows but were no longer significant after controlling for multiple comparisons. The colonized snow was enriched for saprobic and putatively pathogenic OTUs. Several *Rhodotorula* OTUs were enriched in the algal-colonized snows, suggesting the opportunistic utilization

TABLE 3

Fungal operational taxonomic units that are enriched in algal colonized snow compared to paired nonalgal colonized snow based on Wilcoxon Sign-Rank test after correction for multiple comparisons (P[W] is the two-tailed P-value between colonized and paired uncolonized snow). Best BLASTn matches and putative ecologies are also reported (EcM = ectomycorrhizal). The symbol '‡' represents taxa whose best BLASTn match is extremely dissimilar to any accessioned taxa (query coverage  $\leq 25\%$  and BLAST score  $\leq 90$ ; see Appendix Table A2) that are likely novel fungal taxa whose ecologies remain uncertain.

OTU number	Wilcoxon Sign-Rank test statistic (W)	P-value $(P W )$	Ecology	Best BLASTn match
2	47	0.0126	Saprobic	Rhodotorula sp.
4	41.5	0.03	Saprobic	Rhodotorula psychrophenolica
9	43	0.0248	Unknown	Rhizophydiales sp. ‡
37	30	0.0059	Unknown	Chytridiomycota sp. ‡
40	14	0.0156	Unknown	Chytridiomycota sp. ‡
43	23.5	0.0156	Saprobic	Rhodotorula sp.
45	32	0.0103	Saprobic	Rhodotorula sp.
48	10.5	0.0313	EcM (‡Unknown)	Tylopilus formosus ‡
59	47	0.0122	Pathogenic	Ilyonectria macrodidyma
119	22.5	0.0234	Saprobic	Rhodotorula sp.
163	14	0.0156	Saprobic (‡Unknown)	<i>Lyophyllum</i> sp. ‡
195	14	0.0156	Saprobic	Rhodotorula sp.
199	10.5	0.0313	Saprobic	Leucosporidium scottii

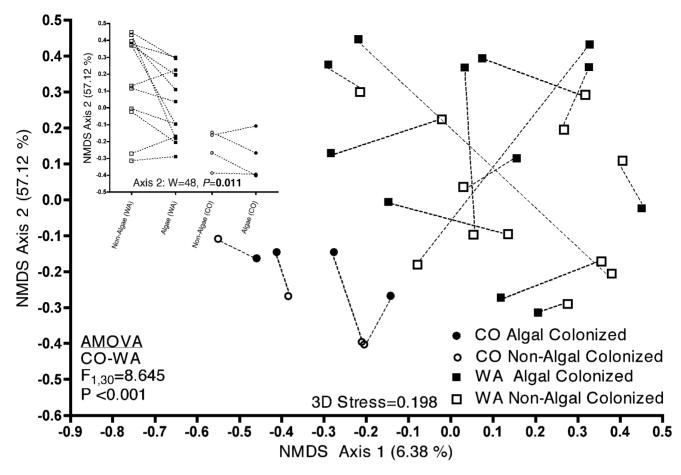


FIGURE 2. Non-Metric Multi-Dimensional Scaling (NMDS) plot of snow-borne fungi in algal colonized snow (solid symbols) and uncolonized snow (open symbols). Dashed lines connect paired algal colonized and adjacent uncolonized samples. Analysis of Molecular Variance (AMOVA) indicates that Colorado (circles) and Washington (squares) fungal communities are distinct. Insert represents paired Wilcoxon Signed-Rank test across Axis 2 (57.12% of community variability) and indicates that snow algae colonized snows possess different fungal communities than paired uncolonized snows (W = 48, P = 0.011); dashed lines connect paired samples.

of increased organic matter associated with these snow algae. Particularly interesting are OTUs 9, 37, and 40 that—based on our PhyML analyses—represent novel chytrids whose functions remain unknown (Fig. A2). OTUs 48 and 163 were more common in algal-colonized snow but are highly dissimilar to any known accessioned fungi (see Table A2 for full BLAST scores). Best BLASTn matches identify these OTUs within the genera *Tylopilus* (ectomycorrhizal) and *Lyophyllum* (saprobic or parasitic). Given the great dissimilarity to any accessioned taxa, these OTUs most likely represent novel taxa and/or taxa that are underrepresented in the global nucleotide repositories. Thus, further and more detailed investigation is needed to better understand the fungal communities in this environment.

#### **Discussion**

We present one of the very first deep-sequencing studies of snow-borne fungi. The late season alpine snow-packs are a declining ecosystem; climate change predictions suggest that the earth's cryosphere will dramatically decline in volume (Derksen and Brown, 2012). As a result, assessment of the biodiversity in these "endangered" ecosystems is timely and critical. There is a dearth

of knowledge about snow-borne life or microbial communities and their function in snow, particularly so for fungi. Our analyses suggest strongly coupled snow-borne fungi/algae co-occurrence patterns.

Our data indicate that the presence of snow algae may act as an environmental filter (Jumpponen and Egerton-Warburton, 2005) that structures the snow-borne fungal community. Alternatively, the snow algae and co-occurring fungal communities share some yet unidentified environmental variable that determines their greater frequency in those samples. This co-occurrence is best evidenced by the shift in the Axis 2 loading scores between the paired colonized and uncolonized samples (Fig. 2). Interestingly, this shift only was significant in the Washington samples in our conservative nonparametric tests. There are two primary reasons that may underlie the lack of significance in Colorado samples. (1) Our sampling in Colorado was more superficial than that in Washington and included only two algae patches that we were able to locate within the Niwot Ridge LTER or Indian Peaks Wilderness. With so few samples, we may lack the statistical power to resolve those trends. (2) Alternatively, for logistical reasons, the Colorado snows were sampled about one month before the Washington snows in both years. This temporal difference may explain this observation; perhaps the shifts in communities are not as strong in Colorado because the communities have not had as much time to diverge early in the growing season. We speculate that the establishment of greater algal abundance later in the growing season or similar environmental tolerances may facilitate a component of the extant snow fungal community. However, our Colorado sampling preceded this community shift. Our ordination analyses partially support this explanation: the Euclidian distance between the paired samples in ordination space is smaller in Colorado than in Washington (Fig. A4), suggesting that sampling later in the season may permit a further divergence among the compared snow communities. Naturally, we cannot distinguish between the temporal effects of sampling and the confounding spatial effects in this case.

Alpine snow supports diverse fungal communities dominated by basidiomycetous yeasts whose ecologies and taxonomies are poorly understood. Yeast-dominated systems have been reported on glacier surfaces (de Garcia et al., 2012) and in periglacial soils (Schmidt et al., 2012; Brown and Jumpponen, 2014). In our analyses, the most common fungal OTU was assigned to genus Rhodotorula (46 OTUs in all; 6 of which are enriched in algal snows). These yeasts are polyphyletic, understudied, and their generic delineation is historically morphological, not phylogenetic (Toome et al., 2013). Additionally, many OTUs were placed into taxa grouped as black meristematic fungi (BMF), another polyphyletic grouping based on anamorph phenotypes. Although BMFs are overall poorly understood, they are suspected to play a large role in mineral transformations and often are resilient in harsh environments (Onofri et al., 2007). These cosmopolitan BMFs most likely utilize allochthonous organic matter such as wind-blown particulate matter common on the snow surface. These results reiterate that there is a dearth of information on psychrophilic/tolerant fungi and highlights the importance for future studies into these systems.

We expected that OTUs enriched in algae-associated snows would provide the most valuable clues on the ecology of these fungi. We initially hypothesized that the algal cells and/or their nutrient-rich exudates provide substrates that potentially facilitate syntrophy or presence of opportunistic saprobes and algal pathogens. Many of the observed enriched OTUs are suspected to have saprobic/parasitic ecologies and thus support our latter hypotheses. Additionally, several taxa that were more abundant in algae-colonized snow were either macrofungi or form ectomycorrhizal associations. The presence of an active community of macrofungi in snow is unlikely but may represent snowbank fungi that fruit at the periphery of snowpacks (Cooke, 1955; Cripps, 2009). Additionally, there may be an abundance of fungal spores representing an allochthonous introduction from surrounding areas. Unfortunately, our analyses do not permit assessing whether these yeasts or other observed fungi are metabolically active in this substrate.

The abundance of Chytridiomycota in our study was surprising. This suggests that these enigmatic fungi may be more abundant and diverse than previously thought. We have just recently begun to appreciate the hidden diversity of Chytridiomycota. Freeman et al. (2009) demonstrated that Chytridiomycota dominate high altitude periglacial soils. The snow chytrids in our study were abundant and dissimilar to any sequences accessioned to the nucleotide repositories. Our confirmatory phylogenetic analyses suggested that these fungi might represent a novel clade of snow Chytridiomycota (Fig. A2). Placement of these novel chytrids from this study at levels below phylum remains uncertain but they may belong to the early divergent snow Chytridiomycetes identified as 'Snow Clades' from North American and European snows (Naff et al., 2013). However, this cannot be determined because our study and that of Naff et al. (2013) targeted different rRNA gene regions,

making direct comparisons impossible. Naff et al. (2013) posited that these snow Chytridiomycetes parasitize snow algae because they were common in clone libraries from algal snows. However, these hypotheses were not explicitly tested, nor is parasitism the only reasonable nutritional hypothesis. The present study also differs from Naff et al. (2013) in a very important way, Naff and coauthors only collected snow that was colonized by snow algae and sequenced shallowly, whereas we utilized paired samples with and without algae. Given that Chytridiomycota also were abundant in the snows free of algae, these Chytridiomycota may be saprobes or facultative syntrophs. Nevertheless, to capture a high abundance of Chytridiomycota is striking; Chytridiomycota tend to be infrequent in most locus-targeted community sequencing studies. This may be a result of the highly divergent and difficult to amplify ITS regions of these basal fungi (Schoch et al., 2012), and analyses of environmental DNA may get overwhelmed by more easily amplified templates (Anderson and Cairney, 2004; but see Taylor et al., 2008). Thus, even the relatively high estimates of the chytrid abundance observed here might be an underestimation. Of note, solely relying on OTU abundance as a proxy for organismal abundance may be ill advised as there is no 1:1 relationship between copy numbers and organism abundance (Amend et al., 2010). Also, different fungal lineages may be differentially abundant in environmental sequences due to a myriad of factors including primer bias and differential ITS copy number (Pukkila and Skrzynia, 1993; Porter and Golding, 2012). Yet, despite the potential poor amplification of Chytridiomycota, we found that chytrids were abundant and diverse, highlighting that they both are common and likely important in snows.

It is tempting to speculate on whether these chytrids parasitize or prey on snow algae (Naff et al., 2013) as such associations are common in algae-dominated freshwater systems (Hoffman et al., 2008; Gutman et al., 2009; Rasconi et al., 2011). Snow chytrids may also act as facultative mutualists or have obligate syntrophic relationships; there is a precedence of such relationships in other aquatic systems (Picard et al., 2013). Although our data suggest the enrichment of these communities with such fungi, they do not allow specific statements about their ecology or life strategies. However, it is most likely that these novel chytrids are major players in snow-borne fungal communities. It is also clear that snow fungi are a product of establishment from local propagule pools as the snow-borne fungal communities were compositionally distinct in Washington and Colorado. In contrast, both locations had stable fungal communities over two sampling years. It is probable that snow fungi initially establish from local propagules and the presence of snow algae facilitate their growth and metabolic activity. Many small-scale biotic and/or abiotic factors that vary spatially can select for cryotolerant communities differing in their ecological and functional attributes. Further and more detailed investigations of the snow fungal metabolic activity and community dynamics are needed to better understand them in the cryosphere.

Overall, our results indicate that snow algae and snow fungi co-occur and either share similar environmental tolerances or algae may act as an environmental filter in fungal community assembly. In the latter case, this community filtering is potentially facilitated by enrichment of saprobic and pathogenic fungi that are able to utilize snow algae directly or indirectly through their exudates. Alternatively, the enrichment of specific fungal community constituents may be an outcome of facultative syntrophic associations between algae and fungi that are engaged in loose symbioses. Further indepth studies on the life history strategies and ecology of snow-inhabiting fungi are required to shed light into these unresolved

questions. Interestingly and congruently with other studies (Naff et al., 2013), our data identified potentially novel groups of Chytridiomycota, some of which were enriched in algae-colonized snows and of undetermined functions. From these studies, it is clear that we are barely scratching the surface of the nearly unexplored cryosphere. To put it simply, snow is an ecosystem that maintains unique communities that may vanish with the declining cryosphere before we have an opportunity to understand them.

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## **APPENDIX**

 $TABLE\,A1$  Primer sequences (upper) and multiplex Molecular Identifier sequence tags (lower) used in this study.

Gene Primers	
ITS7f	5'-GTGARTCATCGAATCTTTG-3'
ITS4	5'-TCCTCCGCTTATTGATATGC-3
Tags	Samples
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ACGAGACTGATT	Lyman-1-2011-Algae
TACCGCTTCTTC	Niwot-3-2011-Algae
ATCACCAGGTGT	Lyman-3-2011-Algae
TGGTCAACGATA	Lyman-4-2011-Algae
ATCGCACAGTAA	Niwot-1-2011-Algae
GTCGTGTAGCCT	Lyman-6-2011-Algae
GATTATCGACGA	Niwot-2-2011-Algae
ATCCTTTGGTTC	Lyman-2-2011-Algae
GCCTAGCCCAAT	Lyman-6-2011-Non_Algae
ACCGGTATGTAC	Lyman-2-2011-Non_Algae
GATGTATGTGGT	Lyman-4-2011-Non_Algae
TGCATACACTGG	Lyman-5-2011-Non_Algae
AGTCGAACGAGG	Niwot-1-2011-Non_Algae
ACCAGTGACTCA	Niwot-2-2011-Non_Algae
GAATACCAAGTC	Lyman-3-2011-Non_Algae
GTAGATCGTGTA	Niwot-3-2011-Non_Algae
TAACGTGTGTGC	Lyman-1-2011-Non_Algae
ACTCCTTGTGTT	IndianPeaks-2-2012-Algae
CCAATACGCCTG	IndianPeaks-1-2012-Algae
ACTTGGTGTAAG	Lyman-3-2012-Algae
TCACCTCCTTGT	Lyman-4-2012-Algae
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GCAACACCATCC	Lyman-5-2012-Algae
GCACACCTGATA	Lyman-2-2012-Algae
CGAGCAATCCTA	Lyman-1-2012-Algae
AGTCGTGCACAT	IndianPeaks-1-2012-Non_Algae
GCGACAATTACA	IndianPeaks-2-2012-Non_Algae
CGAGGGAAAGTC	Lyman-2-2012-Non_Algae
TCATGCTCCATT	Lyman-6-2012-Non_Algae
AGATTGACCAAC	Lyman-3-2012-Non_Algae
AGTTACGAGCTA	Lyman-4-2012-Non_Algae
GCATATGCACTG	Lyman-1-2012-Non_Algae
CAACTCCCGTGA	Lyman-5-2012-Non_Algae

Full taxonomic descriptions of the 200 most abundant fungal OTUs including sequence count, best BLASTn match, Max Score, Total Score, Query Coverage, E-Value, Max Identity and Accession numbers for the closet match. TABLE A2

OUT	Seq	Species	Kingdom	Phylum	Subphylum	Class	Order	Family	Genus	Species	Max	Total	Query	E value	Max Identity	Accession
2	49594	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota					Rhodotorula		315	31.5	100%	1.00E-82	%68	JF805370.1
3	45579	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota					Rhodotorula		407	407	100%	3.00E-110	%96	AB474394.1
4	41353	Rhodotorula psychrophenolica	Fungi	Basidiomycota			Kriegariales	Kriegeriaceae	Rhodotorula	psychrophenolica	446	446	100%	3.00E-122	%66	EF151247.1
2	39847	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota					Rhodotorula		297	297	100%	4.00E-77	%18	JF805370.1
9	32545	Cryptococcus saitoi	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Tremellomycetes	Filobasidiales		Cryptococcus	saitoi	125	125	%96	1.00E-25	74%	JX976323.1
7	29737	Rhodotorula glacialis	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina		Kriegariales	Kriegeriaceae	Rhodotorula	glacialis	302	302	2001	9.00E-79	%88	JQ857032.1
∞	21673	Asterophora sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Agaricales	Lyophyllaceae	Asterophora		374	374	100%	2.00E-100	93%	HM036644.1
6	20636	Rhizophydiales sp.	Fungi	Chytridiomycota		Chytridiomycetes	Rhizophydiales				87.8	87.8	25%	3.00E-14	%16	EF634250.1
10	16371	Leucosporidiella fragaria	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Microbotryomycetes	Leucosporidiales		Leucosporidiella		356	356	100%	4.00E-95	95%	JN400812.1
Ξ	13141	Sydowia polyspora	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Dothideales	Dothiorceae	Sydowia	polyspora	452	452	100%	8.00E-124	%001	JQ780656.1
12	12874	Leucosporidium sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Microbotryomycetes	Leucosporidiales		Leucosporidium		273	273	100%	4.00E-70	%58	JX014242.1
15	7325	Rhodotorula glacialis	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina		Kriegariales	Kriegeriaceae	Rhodotorula	glacialis	340	340	100%	3.00E-90	%06	JN400812.1
16	6726	Asterophora sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Agaricales	Lyophyllaceae	Asterophora		266	266	100%	6.00E-68	%58	HM036644.1
17	6460	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota					Rhodotorula		385	385	100%	9.00E-104	84%	AB474394.1
18	6264	Rhodotorula psychrophenolica	Fungi	Basidiomycota			Kriegariales	Kriegeriaceae	Rhodotorula	psychrophenolica	210	210	%56	4.00E-51	%5%	EF151247.1
19	5958	Sarcinomyces crustaceus	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Eurotiomycetes	Chaetothyriales		Sarcinomyces	crustaceus	452	452	100%	8.00E-124	100%	JN040515.1
20	5880	Stemphylium sp.	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Pleosporales	Pleosporaceae	Stemphylium		446	446	100%	3.00E-122	%66	HQ622100.1
21	5839	Polyporoletus sublividus	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Russulales	Albatrellaceae	Polyporoletus	sublividus	4.4	4.49	18%	4.00E-07	%16	DQ389663.1
22	5764	Rhodotorula glacialis	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina		Kriegariales	Kriegeriaceae	Rhodotorula	glacialis	298	298	100%	1.00E-77	%88	JQ857032.1
23	5057	Coniozyma leucospermi	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Dothideales	Dothiorceae	Coniozyma	leucospermi	443	443	100%	4.00E-121	%66	EU552113.1
24	4644	Polychytrium aggregatum	Fungi	Chytridiomycota		Chytridiomycetes	Polychytriales		Polychytrium	aggregatum	4.49	64.4	15%	4.00E-07	%16	NG_027613.1
25	4054	Rhizophydium sp.	Fungi	Chytridiomycota		Chytridiomycetes	Rhizophydiales	Rhizophydiaceae	Rhizophydium		2.68	2.68	21%	1.00E-14	%96	DQ485621.1
26	3238	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota					Rhodotorula		385	385	100%	9.00E-104	%4%	AB474394.1
27	2914	Umbelopsis ramanniana	Fungi	(Zygomycota)	Mucoromycotina		Mucorales		Umbelopsis	ramanniana	66.2	66.2	28%	1.00E-07	83%	EU715662.1
28	2877	Rhizophydium chlorogonii	Fungi	Chytridiomycota		Chytridiomycetes	Rhizophydiales	Rhizophydiaceae	Rhizophydium	chlorogonii	4.4	64.4	15%	4.00E-07	%16	JN943815.1
29	2591	Aureobasidium pullulans	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Dothideales	Dothiorceae	Aureobasidium	pullulans	421	421	100%	1.00E-114	%86	FJ744598.1
30	2523	Celosporium larixicola	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Dothideales		Celosporium	larixicola	426	426	%86	3.00E-116	%86	FJ997287.1
31	2436	Glomus diaphanum	Fungi	Glomeromycota		Glomeromycetes	Glomerales	Glomeraceae	Glomus	diaphanum	66.2	66.2	20%	1.00E-07	%06	AJ972462.1
32	2339	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota					Rhodotorula		347	347	%001	2.00E-92	%16	AB474394.1
33	2115	Rhizophydium sp.	Fungi	Chytridiomycota		Chytridiomycetes	Rhizophydiales	Rhizophydiaceae	Rhizophydium		80.5	9.08	%09	5.00E-12	74%	DQ485665.1
35	2040	cf.Sistotrema sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Corticiales	Corticiaceae	sistotrems		260	260	100%	3.00E-66	84%	FR838002.1
36	1908	Phaeococcomyces nigricans	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Eurotiomycetes	Chaetothyriales	Herpotrichiellaceae	Phaeococcomyces	nigricans	389	389	87%	8.00E-105	%66	AY843154.1
37	1739	Chytridiomycota sp.	Fungi	Chytridiomycota							89	89	18%	3.00E-08	93%	EU873018.1
38	1646	Leucosporidium sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Microbotryomycetes	Leucosporidiales		Leucosporidium		316	316	100%	4.00E-83	%68	JQ272411.1
39	1627	Leucosporidiella sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Microbotryomycetes	Leucosporidiales		Leucosporidiella		215	215	%68	4.00E-51	83%	JN197600.1
40	1621	Chytridiomycota sp.	Fungi	Chytridiomycota							89	89	18%	3.00E-08	93%	EU873018.1
41	1532	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota					Rhodotorula		307	307	100%	2.00E-80	%88	AB474394.1

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OUT	Seq	Species	Kingdom	Phylum	Subphylum	Class	Order	Family	Genus	Species	Max Score	Total	Query	E value	Max Identity	Accession
42	1464	Rhodotorula glacialis	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Microbotryomycetes	Kriegariales	Kriegeriaceae	Rhodotorula	glacialis	288	288	100%	2.00E-74	%18	JQ857032.1
43	1457	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota					Rhodotorula		311	311	100%	2.00E-81	%88	JF805370.1
4	1394	Rhizophydium chlorogonii	Fungi	Chytridiomycota		Chytridiomycetes	Rhizophydiales	Rhizophydiaceae	Rhizophydium	chlorogonii	66.2	66.2	16%	1.00E-07	%56	JN943815.1
45	1338	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota					Rhodotorula		302	302	100%	9.00E-79	%1%	AY474394.1
46	1212	Celosporium larixicola	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Dothideales		Celosporium	larixicola	407	407	%86	3.00E-110	%16	FJ997287.1
47	1142	Rhodotorula glacialis	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Microbotryomycetes	Kriegariales	Kriegeriaceae	Rhodotorula	glacialis	425	425	100%	1.00E-115	%86	JQ857037.1
84	1105	Tylopilus formosus	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Boletales	Boletaceae	Tylopilus	formosus	8.69	8.69	20%	9.00E-09	%06	HM060320.1
49	1066	Aureobasidium pullulans	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Dothideales	Dothiorceae	Aureobasidium	pullulans	444	4	100%	1.00E-121	%66	JN400825.1
50	1036	Leucosporidiella sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Microbotryomycetes	Leucosporidiales		Leucosporidiella		232	232	%68	1.00E-57	%58	JN197600.1
52	966	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota					Rhodotorula		324	324	100%	3.00E-85	%06	AB474394.1
53	926	Cryptococcus podzolicus	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Tremellomycetes	Filobasidiales		Cryptococcus	podzolicus	452	452	100%	8.00E-124	200%	HF558652.1
54	196	Trichosporon gamsii	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Tremellomycetes	Tremellales		Trichosporon	gamsii	452	452	100%	8.00E-124	2001	NR_073247.1
55	934	Leucosporidiella muscorum	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Microbotryomycetes	Leucosporidiales		Leucosporidiella	muscorum	302	302	100%	9.00E-79	%18	FR717869.1
57	905	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota					Rhodotorula		437	437	100%	2.00E-119	%66	AB474394.1
28	868	Cladophialophora minutissima	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Eurotiomycetes	Chaetothyriales	Herpotrichiellaceae	Cladophialophora	minutissima	336	336	%16	4.00E-89	%16	EF016382.1
59	862	Ilyonectria macrodidyma	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Sordariomycetes	Hypocreales	Nectriaceae	Ilyonectria	macrodudyma	452	452	100%	8.00E-124	200%	KC311505.1
09	828	Mycocentrospora cantuariensis	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Capnodiales	Mycosphaerellaceae	Mycocentrospora	cantuariensis	398	398	100%	1.00E-107	%56	EU326864.1
61	840	Rhodotorula glacialis	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Microbotryomycetes	Kriegariales	Kriegeriaceae	Rhodotorula	glacialis	266	266	%86	6.00E-68	%98	JQ857032.1
62	834	Capronia sp.	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Eurotiomycetes	Chaetothyriales	Herpotrichiellaceae	Capronia		349	349	%66	7.00E-93	92%	AF284129.1
63	805	Rhodotorula glacialis	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Microbotryomycetes	Kriegariales	Kriegeriaceae	Rhodotorula	glacialis	293	293	100%	4.00E-76	%18	JQ857032.1
92	692	Rhodotorula glacialis	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Microbotryomycetes	Kriegariales	Kriegeriaceae	Rhodotorula	glacialis	260	260	100%	3.00E-66	%58	JQ857032.1
29	709	Polychytrium aggregatum	Fungi	Chytridiomycota					Polychytrium	aggregatum	66.2	66.2	15%	1.00E-07	%16	NG_027613.1
89	692	Chyridiomycota sp.	Fungi	Chytridiomycota							89	89	18%	3.00E-08	93%	EU873018.1
70	682	Mortierella kuhlmanii	Fungi	(Zygomycota)	Mortierellomycotina		Mortierellales	Mortierellaceae	Mortierella	kuhlmanii	389	389	%16	8.00E-105	%96	HQ630294.1
71	199	Rhodotorula glacialis	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Microbotryomycetes	Kriegariales	Kriegeriaceae	Rhodotorula	glacialis	232	232	100%	1.00E-57	%18	JQ857032.1
72	643	Polychytrium aggregatum	Fungi	Chytridiomycota					Polychytrium	aggregatum	66.2	66.2	15%	1.00E-07	%16	NG_027613.1
73	612	Mortierella verticillata	Fungi	(Zygomycota)	Mortierellomycotina		Mortierellales	Mortierellaceae	Mortierella	verticillata	452	452	100%	8.00E-124	100%	JN943798.1
74	809	Trichosporon coprophilum	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Tremellomycetes	Tremellales		Trichosporon	coprophilum	452	452	100%	8.00E-124	100%	AB180199.1
75	009	Chyridiomycota sp.	Fungi	Chytridiomycota							4.4	4.49	18%	4.00E-07	%16	EU873018.1
92	593	Rhodotorula glacialis	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Microbotryomycetes	Kriegariales	Kriegeriaceae	Rhodotorula	glacialis	242	242	%06	7.00E-61	%98	JQ857032.1
77	593	Leucosporidium fellii	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Microbotryomycetes	Leucosporidiales		Leucosporidium	fellii	235	235	%66	1.00E-58	%78	NR_073276.1
78	577	Umbelopsis nana	Fungi	(Zygomycota)	Mucoromycotina		Mucorales		Umbelopsis	nana	452	452	100%	8.00E-124	100%	KC489506.1
79	576	Capronia sp.	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Eurotiomycetes	Chaetothyriales	Herpotrichiellaceae	Capronia		446	446	100%	3.00E-122	%66	JQ354915.1
08	292	Dothidea berberidis	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Dothideales	Dothiorceae	Dothidea	berberidis	437	437	100%	2.00E-119	%66	EU167601.1
81	999	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota					Rhodotorula		289	289	100%	5.00E-75	%18	JF805370.1
82	256	Chytridiomycota sp.	Fungi	Chytridiomycota							64.4	64.4	18%	4.00E-07	%16	EU873018.1
83	551	Polychytrium aggregatum	Fungi	Chytridiomycota					Polychytrium	aggregatum	66.2	66.2	15%	1.00E-07	%16	NG_027613.1

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98	509	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota					Rhodotorula		398	398	100%	1.00E-107	95%	AB474394.1
87	497	Aureobasidium sp.	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Dothideales	Dothiorceae	Aureobasidium		432	432	100%	7.00E-118	%86	HQ829153.1
68	492	Celosporium larixicola	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Dothideales		Celosporium	larixicola	387	387	%86	3.00E-104	95%	FJ997287.1
16	486	Typhula variabilis	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Thelephorales	Typhulaceae	Typhula	variabilis	430	430	100%	2.00E-117	%86	AB267395.1
93	470	Rhodotorula glacialis	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Microbotryomycetes	Kriegariales	Kriegeriaceae	Rhodotorula	glacialis	223	223	%06	7.00E-55	84%	JQ857032.1
94	453	Ulocladium chartarum	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Pleosporales	Pleosporaceae	Urocladium	chartarum	452	452	100%	8.00E-124	100%	KC180717.1
95	450	Mortierella sp.	Fungi	(Zygomycota)	Mortierellomycotina		Mortierellales	Mortierellaceae	Mortierella		446	446	100%	3.00E-122	%66	HQ608097.1
96	438	Malassezia sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Ustilaginomycotina	Exobasidiomycetes	Malasseziales	Malasseziceae	Malassezia		439	439	100%	5.00E-120	%66	DQ347480.1
76	437	Trichoderma spirale	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Sordariomycetes	Hypocreales	Hypocreaceae	Trichoderma	spirale	452	452	100%	8.00E-124	100%	JZ076964.1
86	417	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota					Rhodotorula		293	293	100%	4.00E-76	<b>%98</b>	AB474394.1
66	408	Lactarius longisporus	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Russulales	Russulaceae	Lactarius	longisporus	208	208	100%	1.00E-50	%08	DQ421971.1
100	390	Rhodotorula glacialis	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Microbotryomycetes	Kriegariales	Kriegeriaceae	Rhodotorula	glacialis	302	302	100%	9.00E-79	%88	JQ857032.1
101	380	Fibulobasidium murrhardtense	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Tremellomycetes	Tremellales	Sirobasidiaceae	Fibulobasidium	murrhardtense	194	194	100%	3.00E-46	78%	GU327540.1
102	373	Celosporium larixicola	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Dothideales		Celosporium	larixicola	360	360	%86	4.00E-96	92%	FJ997287.1
103	370	Ramariopsis laeticolor	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Agaricales	Clavariaceae	Ramariopsis	laeticolor	293	293	100%	4.00E-76	%88	EU1186181
104	367	Celosporium larixicola	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Dothideales		Celosporium	larixicola	340	340	%86	3.00E-90	91%	FJ997287.1
105	362	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota					Rhodotorula		360	360	100%	4.00E-96	93%	AB474394.1
106	358	Clavulinopsis miyabeana	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Agaricales	Clavariaceae	Clavulinopsis	miyabeana	168	168	100%	1.00E-38	77%	AB509666.1
107	350	Alternaria tenuissima	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Pleosporales	Pleosporaceae	Alternaria	tenuissima	452	452	100%	8.00E-124	100%	KC460834.1
108	344	Ganoderma sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Polyporales	Ganodermataceae	Ganoderma		452	452	100%	8.00E-124	100%	HM192933.1
109	319	Rhodotorula glacialis	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Microbotryomycetes	Kriegariales	Kriegeriaceae	Rhodotorula	glacialis	443	443	100%	4.00E-121	%66	JQ857032.1
110	314	Rhodotorula glacialis	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Microbotryomycetes	Kriegariales	Kriegeriaceae	Rhodotorula	glacialis	423	423	100%	4.00E-115	%86	JQ857032.1
Ξ	314	Lyophyllum sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Agaricales	Lyophyllaceae	Lyophyllum		75.2	75.2	22%	2.00E-10	%68	DQ182502.1
112	314	Aureobasidium sp.	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Dothideales	Dothiorceae	Aureobasidium		235	235	100%	1.00E-58	82%	JX462675.1
113	308	Hyaloraphidium curvatum	Fungi	Chytridiomycota	Monoblepharidomycetes	Monoblepharidales			Hyaloraphidium	curvatum	66.2	66.2	39%	1.00E-07	78%	AY997055.1
114	308	Polychytrium aggregatum	Fungi	Chytridiomycota					Połychytrium	aggregatum	66.2	66.2	15%	1.00E-07	%16	NG_027613.1
115	305	Fusarium acuminatum	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Sordariomycetes	Hypocreales	Nectriaceae	Fusarium	acuminatum	452	452	100%	8.00E-124	100%	KF181242.1
116	299	Tricholoma portentosum	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Agaricales	Tricholomataceae	Tricholoma	portentosum	9.08	9.08	20%	5.00E-12	94%	AB699672.1
117	296	Phaeosclera dermatioides	Fungi	Ascomycota					Phaeosclera	dematioides	233	233	87%	4.00E-58	<b>%98</b>	AJ244254.1
118	294	Chytridiomycota sp.	Fungi	Chytridiomycota							89	89	18%	3.00E-08	93%	EU873018.1
119	287	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Cystobasidiomycetes	Erythrobasidiales	Erythrobasidiaceae	Rhodotorula		232	232	%88	1.00E-57	84%	KC455921.1
120	284	Dothideomycetes sp.	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes					430	430	100%	3.00E-117	%86	GQ153222.1
121	282	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Cystobasidiomycetes	Erythrobasidiales	Erythrobasidiaceae	Rhodotorula		372	372	100%	6.00E-100	94%	KC455921.1
122	274	Połychytrium aggregatum	Fungi	Chytridiomycota		Chytridiomycetes	Polychytriales		Polychytrium		64.4	64.4	15%	4.00E-07	%16	NG_027613.1
123	268	Amandinea punctata	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Lecanoromycetes	Caliciales	Caliciaceae	Amandinea	punctata	408	408	100%	8.00E-111	%96	HQ650627.1
124	267	Endosporium aviarium	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Myriangiales		Endosporium		232	232	%06	1.00E-57	85%	EU304350.1
125	267	Curvularia spicifera	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Pleosporales	Pleosporaceae	Curvularia	spicifera	452	452	100%	8.00E-124	100%	KC897667.1

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126	260	Lophium mytiilnum	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Mytilinidales	Mytilinidiaceae	Lophium	mytilinum	242	242	100%	7.00E-61	82%	EF596819.1
127	258	Vernucaria sp.	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Eurotiomycetes	Verrucariales	Verrucariaceae	Vernucaria		206	206	100%	5.00E-50	%08	FJ664851.1
128	257	Alphamyces chaetifer	Fungi	Chytridiomycota		Chyridiomycetes	Rhizophydiales	Alphamycetaceae	Alphamyces		82.4	82.4	18%	2.00E-12	100%	EF585633.1
129	251	Leucosporidium fellii	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Microbotryomycetes	Leucosporidiales		Leucosporidium	fellii	185	185	100%	2.00E-43	777%	NR_073276.1
130	244	Rhodotorula glacialis	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Microbotryomycetes	Kriegariales	Kriegeriaceae	Rhodotorula	glacialis	248	248	%68	2.00E-62	%98	KC455919.1
131	240	Lyophyllum sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Agaricales	Lyophyllaceae	Lyophyllum		89	89	24%	3.00E-08	84%	JX966308.1
132	234	Clavulinopsis miyabeana	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Agaricales	Clavariaceae	Clavulinopsis	miyabeana	125	125	72%	1.00E-25	%91	AB509796.1
133	233	Zalerion arboricola	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Sordariomycetes	Lulworthiales		Zalerion	arboricola	434	434	100%	2.00E-118	%86	FR837917.1
134	230	Helicosporium gracile	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes		Tubeufiaceae	Helicosproium	gracile	141	141	100%	2.00E-30	74%	AY916485.1
136	222	Phaeococcomyces eucalypti	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Arthoniomycetes	Lichenostigmatales	Phaeococcomycetaceae	Phaeococcomyces	eucalypti	246	246	%86	6.00E-62	84%	KC005769.1
137	222	Presuuia sp.	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Pleosporales	Sporormiaceae	Preussia		448	448	100%	1.00E-122	%66	KC333160.1
138	221	Dothichiza pityophili	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Dothideales	Dothiorceae	Dothichiza	pityophila	389	389	87%	8.00E-105	%66	AJ244242.1
139	221	Venturiaceae sp.	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Venturiales	Venturiaceae			134	134	100%	3.00E-28	73%	JQ272465.1
140	219	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Cystobasidiomycetes	Erythrobasidiales	Erythrobasidiaceae	Rhodotorula		379	349	100%	4.00E-102	94%	AB474394.1
141	217	Rhiz ophydium sp	Fungi	Chytridiomycota		Chyridiomycetes	Rhizophydiales	Rhizophydiaceae	Rhizophydium		84.2	84.2	18%	4.00E-13	100%	EF585662.1
142	216	Paecilomyces sp.	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Sordariomycetes	Hypocreales	Clavicipitaceae	Paecilomyces		347	347	%96	2.00E-92	93%	GU108582.1
143	213	Botrysphaeriacese sp.	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Botryosphaeriales	Botryosphaeriaceae			235	235	10%	1.00E-58	82%	HM176528.1
44	210	Clavulinopsis sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Agaricales	Clavariaceae	Clavulinopsis		134	134	100%	3.00E-28	71%	JN569120.1
145	207	Phialocephala fluminis	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Leotiomycetes	Helotiales		Phialocephala	Auminus	383	383	100%	3.00E-103	93%	NR_103569.1
146	206	Rhizophydium sp	Fungi	Chytridiomycota		Chytridiomycetes	Rhizophydiales	Rhizophydiaceae	Rhizophydium		98	98	22%	1.00E-13	%56	EF585662.1
147	205	Rhizophydium chlorogonii	Fungi	Chytridiomycota		Chytridiomycetes	Rhizophydiales	Rhizophydiaceae	Rhizophydium	chlorogonii	64.4	64.4	15%	4.00E-07	%16	JN943815.1
148	205	Tricholoma dulciolens	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Agaricales	Tricholomataceae	Tricholoma	dulciolens	141	141	100%	2.00E-30	74%	AB738883.1
150	203	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Cystobasidiomycetes	Erythrobasidiales	Erythrobasidiaceae	Rhodotorula		230	230	%96	5.00E-57	82%	KC455921.1
151	198	Trechispora confinis	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Trechisporales		Trechispora	confinis	143	143	95%	5.00E-31	75%	AF347081.1
152	191	Cryptococcus magnus	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Tremellomycetes	Filobasidiales		Cryptococcus	magnus	446	446	100%	3.00E-122	%66	KC455883.1
153	191	Polychytrium aggregatum	Fungi	Chytridiomycota		Chyridiomycetes	Polychytriales		Połychytrium	aggregatum	66.2	66.2	15%	1.00E-07	%16	NG_027613.1
152	188	Sarcinomyces crustaceus	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Eurotiomycetes	Chaetothyriales		Sarcinomyces	crustaceus	372	372	100%	6.00E-100	94%	JN040515.1
155	188	Dothideomycetes sp.	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes					425	425	100%	1.00E-115	%86	GQ153222.1
156	185	Trichoderma hamatum	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Sordariomycetes	Hypocreales	Hypocreaceae	Trichoderma	hamatum	452	452	100%	8.00E-124	100%	KC884769.1
157	184	Mrakiella sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Tremellomycetes	Cystofilobasidiales		Mrakiella		452	452	100%	8.00E-124	100%	JN400824.1
158	183	Entoloma minutum	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Agaricales	Entolomataceae	Entoloma	minutum	199	199	100%	8.00E-48	%08	JX454829.1
159	179	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Cystobasidiomycetes	Erythrobasidiales	Erythrobasidiaceae	Rhodotorula		381	381	100%	1.00E-102	94%	KC455921.1
160	175	Tomentella sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Thelephorales	Thelephoraceae	Tomentella		89	89	20%	3.00E-08	%06	JN129414.1
161	172	Geminibasidium hirsutum	Fungi	Basidiomycota		Walleminomycetes	Geminibasidiales		Geminibasidium	hirsutum	334	334	88%	2.00E-88	94%	JX242880.1
163	170	Lyophyllum sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Agaricales	Lyophyllaceae	Lyophyllum		75.2	75.2	22%	2.00E-10	%68	DQ182502.1
164	169	Mortierella sp.	Fungi	(Zygomycota)	Mortierellomycotina		Mortierellales	Mortierellaceae	Mortierella		443	443	100%	4.00E-121	%66	GQ302682.1
165	168	Donadinia nigrella	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Pezizomycetes	Pezizales	Sarcosomataceae	Donadinia	nigrella	325	325	92%	8.00E-86	%16	JX669836.1

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166	168	Thysanophora penicillioides	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Eurotiomycetes	Eurotiales	Aspergillaceae	Thysanophora	penicillioides	203	203	100%	6.00E-49	79%	AB213266.1
167	167	Epicoccum nigrum	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes			Epicoccum	nigrum	452	452	100%	8.00E-124	100%	KC164754.1
168	166	Helicoma isiola	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes		Tubeufiaceae	Helicoma	isiola	27.1	271	100%	2.00E-69	%58	DQ341099.1
169	160	Trechispora subsphaerospora	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Trechisporales		Trechispora	subsphaerospora	253	253	100%	4.00E-64	%4%	AF347080.1
170	160	Tuber mexiusanum	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Pezizomycetes	Pezizales	Tuberaceae	Tuber	mexiusanum	446	446	100%	3.00E-122	%66	JX030294.1
171	159	Polychytrium aggregatum	Fungi	Chytridiomycota		Chytridiomycetes	Polychytriales		Polychytrium	aggregatum	66.2	66.2	15%	1.00E-07	%16	NG_027613.1
172	159	Phialocephala fluminis	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Leotiomycetes	Helotiales		Phialocephala	fluminus	374	374	100%	2.00E-100	93%	NR_103569.1
173	158	Trichosporon dermatis	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Tremellomycetes	Tremellales		Trichosporon	dermatis	89	89	24%	3.00E-08	%5%	KC254108.1
174	158	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Cystobasidiomycetes	Erythrobasidiales	Erythrobasidiaceae	Rhodotorula		334	334	100%	2.00E-88	%16	KC333170.1
175	155	Postia alni	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Polyporales		Postia	alni	82.4	82.4	70%	2.00E-12	74%	KC595931.1
176	72	Sarcinomyces crustaceus	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Eurotiomycetes	Chaetothyriales		Sarcinomyces	crustaceus	307	307	100%	2.00E-80	%68	JN040515.1
177	152	Lyophyllum sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Agaricales	Lyophyllaceae	Lyophyllum		71.6	71.6	26%	3.00E-09	%58	DQ182502.1
178	150	Lyophyllum sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Agaricales	Lyophyllaceae	Lyophyllum		75.2	75.2	22%	2.00E-10	%68	DQ182502.1
179	150	Ascomycota sp.	Fungi	Ascomycota							452	452	100%	8.00E-124	100%	JQ775574.1
180	149	Glomus sp.	Fungi	Glomeromycota		Glomeromycetes	Glomerales	Glomeraceae	Glomus		66.2	66.2	18%	1.00E-07	%16	AJ504633.1
181	147	Metarhizium anisopliae	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Sordariomycetes	Hypocreales	Clavicipitaceae	Metarhizium	anisopliae	446	446	100%	3.00E-122	%66	JN256671.1
182	143	Cryptococcus sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Tremellomycetes			Cryptococcus		389	389	100%	8.00E-105	%56	FJ873574.1
183	143	Mrakia gelida	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Tremellomycetes	Cystofilobasidiales	Cystofilobasidiaceae	Mrakia	gelida	120	120	77%	6.00E-24	75%	JQ857036.1
184	143	Paecilomyces carneus	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Sordariomycetes	Hypocreales	Clavicipitaceae	Paecilomyces	carneus	304	304	100%	3.00E-79	%68	KC180711.1
185	143	Lyophyllum sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Agaricales	Lyophyllaceae	Lyophyllum		75.2	75.2	22%	2.00E-10	%68	DQ182502.1
186	139	Rhizophydiales sp	Fungi	Chytridiomycota		Chytridiomycetes	Rhizophydiales		Rhizophydiales		82.4	82.4	23%	2.00E-12	92%	FR670788.1
187	139	Hygrocybe irrigata	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Agaricales	Hygrophoraceae	Hygrocybe	irrigata	116	116	54%	7.00E-23	%18	FM208881.1
188	138	Sistotrema sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Corticiales	Corticiaceae	Sistotrema		233	233	100%	4.00E-58	82%	FR838002.1
189	138	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Cystobasidiomycetes	Erythrobasidiales	Erythrobasidiaceae	Rhodotorula		300	300	%86	3.00E-78	%68	KC455921.1
190	137	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Cystobasidiomycetes	Erythrobasidiales	Erythrobasidiaceae	Rhodotorula		309	309	100%	6.00E-81	%88	AB474394.1
191	137	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Cystobasidiomycetes	Erythrobasidiales	Erythrobasidiaceae	Rhodotorula		273	273	100%	4.00E-70	%5%	AB474394.1
192	136	Penicillium sp.	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Eurotiomycetes	Eurotiales	Aspergillaceae	Penicillium		452	452	100%	8.00E-124	100%	KF305753.1
193	131	Exophiala sp.	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Eurotiomycetes	Chaetothyriales	Herpotrichiellaceae	Exophiala		452	452	100%	8.00E-124	100%	JX243973.1
195	129	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Cystobasidiomycetes	Erythrobasidiales	Erythrobasidiaceae	Rhodotorula		309	309	100%	6.00E-81	%88	KC333170.1
196	129	Lophiostoma sp.	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Pleosporales	Lophiostomataceae	Lophiostoma		396	396	100%	5.00E-107	%96	HQ914838.1
197	128	Rhodotorula glacialis	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Cystobasidiomycetes	Erythrobasidiales	Erythrobasidiaceae	Rhodotorula	glacialis	269	269	100%	5.00E-69	%96	KC455919.1
198	127	Saccharomyces cerevisiae	Fungi	Ascomycota	Saccharomycotina	Saccharomycetes	Saccharomycetales	Saccharomycetaceae	Saccharomyces	cerevisiae	466	466	100%	3.00E-122	%66	KC183729.1
199	125	Leucosporidium scottii	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Microbotryomycetes	Leucosporidiales		Leucosporidium	scottii	347	347	100%	2.00E-92	%16	JX014242.1
200	124	Chytridiomycota sp.	Fungi	Chytridiomycota							8.69	8.69	22%	1.00E-08	%88	EU873018.1
201	124	Clavulinopsis miyabeana	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Agaricales	Clavariaceae	Clavulinopsis	miyabeana	163	163	77%	6.00E-37	%08	AB509666.1
202	123	Clavulinopsis sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Agaricales	Clavariaceae	Clavulinopsis		109	109	82%	1.00E-20	71%	JN569120.1
204	122	Capronia pulcherrima	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Eurotiomycetes	Chaetothyriales	Herpotrichiellaceae	Capronia	pulcherrima	298	298	100%	1.00E-77	%98	AF050256.1

# TABLE A2 Continued

OUT	Seq	Species	Kingdom	Phylum	Subphylum	Class	Order	Family	Genus	Species	Max Score	Total Score	Query Coverage	E value	Max Identity	Accession
205	120	Phaeosclera sp.	Fungi	Ascomycota					Phaeosclera		6:96	6.96	40%	7.00E-17	82%	AY843195.1
206	119	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Cystobasidiomycetes	Erythrobasidiales	Erythrobasidiaceae	Rhodotorula		311	311	100%	2.00E-81	%88	AB474394.1
207	117	Clavulinopsis miyabeana	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Agaricales	Clavariaceae	Clavulinops is	miyabeana	199	199	100%	8.00E-48	78%	AB509666.1
208	114	Capronia sp.	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Eurotiomycetes	Chaetothyriales	Herpotrichiellaceae	Capronia		360	360	%66	4.00E-96	93%	AF284129.1
209	112	Alternaria infectoria	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Pleosporales	Pleosporaceae	Altemaria	infectoria	452	452	100%	8.00E-124	200%	HG324079.1
210	112	Mycena oregonenis	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Agaricomycetes	Agaricales	Tricholomataceae	Mycena	oregonensis	255	255	100%	1.00E-64	82%	JF908409.1
211	111	Capronia villosa	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Eurotiomycetes	Chaetothyriales	Herpotrichiellaceae	Capronia	villosa	210	210	100%	4.00E-51	81%	AF050261.1
213	110	Saccharata sp.	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Botryosphaeriales	Botryosphaeriaceae	Saccharata		239	239	100%	9.00E-60	%78	JN225922.1
214	109	Sarcinomyces crustaceus	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Eurotiomycetes	Chaetothyriales		Sarcinomyces	crustaceus	589	589	100%	6.00E-75	%98	JN040515.1
215	108	Trichoderma strigosellum	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Sordariomycetes	Hypocreales	Hypocreaceae	Trichoderma	strigosellum	446	446	100%	3.00E-122	%66	EU280139.1
216	108	Phaeomoniella prunicola	Fungi	Ascomycota					Phaeomoniella	prunicola	342	342	100%	1.00E-90	%16	GQ154588.1
217	107	Lophium mytithum	Fungi	Ascomycota	Pezizomycotina	Dothideomycetes	Mytilinidales	Mytilinidiaceae	Lophium	mytilinum	452	452	100%	8.00E-124	200%	EF596819.1
218	105	Holtermanniella watticus	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Agaricomycotina	Tremellomycetes	Holtermanniales		Holtermanniella	watticus	452	452	100%	8.00E-124	%001	JQ857031.1
219	105	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Cystobasidiomycetes	Erythrobasidiales	Erythrobasidiaceae	Rhodotorula		385	385	100%	1.00E-103	%4%	KC455921.1
220	103	Rhodotorula sp.	Fungi	Basidiomycota	Pucciniomycotina	Cystobasidiomycetes	Erythrobasidiales	Erythrobasidiaceae	Rhodotorula		262	262	%86	8.00E-67	%58	KC455921.1

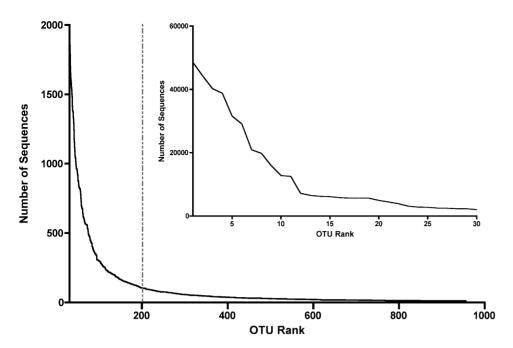


FIGURE A1. Ranked operational taxonomic unit (OTU) abundance distribution plot of all OTUs. The dashed line represents our cutoff of 200 OTUs for analyses and represents greater than 97% of all fungal sequences. Insert represents the 30 most abundant OTUs (notice the change in scale) demonstrating that few OTUs make up most of the fungal community members.

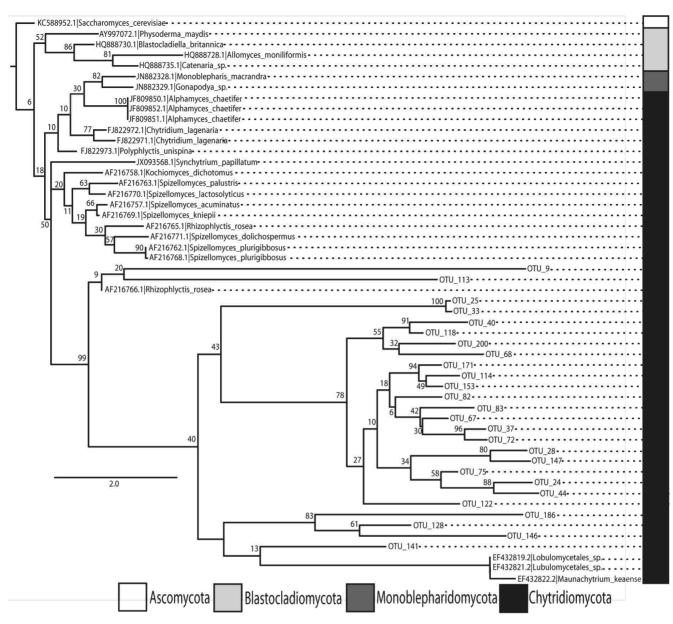


FIGURE A2. Phylogenetic analysis (Maximum Likelihood) of putative chytrid OTUs with vouchered representative ITS2 sequences within phyla Chytridiomycota, Blastocladiomycota, and Monoblepharidomycota indicates that observed novel OTUs are nested within phylum Chytridiomycota with 99% bootstrap support.

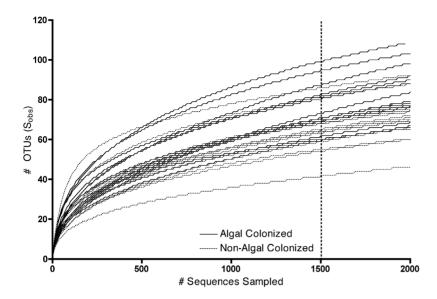


FIGURE A3. Rarefaction analysis of observed OTUs for algal colonized and non-algal colonized snow fungi indicate that at the 1500 sequence subsampling point (dashed line), the majority of community members have been observed as this subsample value is well past the inflection point of the curves.

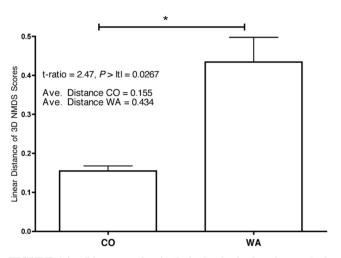


FIGURE A4. Distances of paired algal colonized and non-algal colonized axes loading score across three-dimensional space indicate that Colorado (CO) fungal communities are more similar between paired samples than Washington (WA) paired fungal communities (Euclidian distance between paired samples based on *t*-test).