

Insights on the Evolution of Mycoparasitism from the Genome of *Clonostachys rosea*.

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Abstract

Clonostachys rosea is a mycoparasitic fungus that can control several important plant diseases. Here we report on the genome sequencing of *C. rosea* and a comparative genome analysis, in order to resolve the phylogenetic placement of *C. rosea* and to study the evolution of mycoparasitism as a fungal lifestyle. The genome of *C. rosea* is estimated to 58.3 Mbp, and contains 14268 predicted genes. A phylogenomic analysis shows that *C. rosea* clusters as sister taxon to plant pathogenic *Fusarium* species, with mycoparasitic/saprotrophic *Trichoderma* species in an ancestral position. A comparative analysis of gene family evolution reveals several distinct differences between the included mycoparasites. *C. rosea* contains significantly more ATP-binding cassette (ABC) transporters, polyketide synthases, cytochrome P450 monooxygenases, pectin lyases, glucose-methanol-choline oxidoreductases and lytic polysaccharide monooxygenases compared with other fungi in the Hypocreales. Interestingly, the increase of ABC transporter gene

number in *C. rosea* is associated with phylogenetic subgroups B (multidrug resistance proteins) and G (pleiotropic drug resistance transporters), while an increase in subgroup C (multidrug resistance-associated proteins) is evident in *T. virens*. In contrast with mycoparasitic *Trichoderma* species, *C. rosea* contains very few chitinases. Expression of six group B and group G ABC transporter genes were induced in *C. rosea* during exposure to the *Fusarium* mycotoxin zearalenone, the fungicide Boscalid or metabolites from the biocontrol bacterium *Pseudomonas chlororaphis*. The data suggests that tolerance towards secondary metabolites is a prominent feature in the biology of *C. rosea*.

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