RESEARCH NOTE

Two Unrecorded Macrofungal Species from Sohwangbyeongsan in Korea

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ABSTRACT

Indigenous fungi from Mount Sohwangbyeongsan, Odaesan National Park, Pyeongchanggun, Gangwon-do, South Korea, were investigated between 2013 and 2016. Our survey identified a total of 137 macrofungi species. These species were systematically categorized into 2 phyla, 4 classes, 15 orders, 41 families, and 73 genera. We identified collected specimens to the species level based on their morphology and rDNA sequences. Two species-*Lentinellus flabelliformis* and *Tricholoma stans* were newly recorded as macromycota in Korea.

Keywords: Macrofungal flora, Odaesan National Park, Sohwangbyeongsan, Unrecorded species

Mount Sohwangbyeongsan, situated within the boundaries of Odaesan National Park in Pyeongchanggun, Gangwon-do, was designated as an intensive investigation area from 2013 to 2016. This mountainous terrain includes both a military zone and an alpine meadow region. Portions of this area were designated as military protection zones, accessible exclusively with military authorization, resulting in reduced human interference and nature preservation. The higher altitudes of the mountain reveal vast grassy pastures with minimal forestation. Additionally, these high-altitude areas are frequently enveloped in fog, creating a consistently humid and distinctive environment conducive to mushroom growth. The military-restricted zones, with their limited public access and well-preserved natural conditions, presented an ideal opportunity for the discovery of new mushroom species. This research aimed to comprehensively assess the fungal diversity on Mt. Sohwangbyeongsan through a collection survey of native macrofungi. Through detailed taxonomic investigations of the specimens collected from the mountain, we sought to identify previously undocumented species. These newly recognized species have been included in the Korean National Species List [1], contributing to biodiversity research.

The Korean National Institute of Biological Resources conducted seven fungal collection surveys on Mt. Sohwangbyeongsan within Odaesan National Park between 2013 and 2016. During these surveys, a total of 214 mushroom specimens were obtained. Each specimen underwent preliminary identification based on its macroscopic morphology. When necessary, further identification was pursued through a detailed microstructure examination using a microscope. Measurements and drawings were conducted



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under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution Non-Commercial License (http: //creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/4.0/) which permits unrestricted non-commercial use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original work is properly cited. employing a Nikon Eclipse 80i microscope (Nikon, Tokyo, Japan). In the process of identifying and describing two previously unrecorded species, twenty randomly selected mature basidiospores and basidia from each specimen were assessed and cross-referenced with published descriptions [2-7]. To facilitate genetic identification, total DNA was extracted from dried specimens using the AccuPrep Genomic DNA Extraction Kit (Bioneer, Daejeon, Korea). The internal transcribed spacer (ITS) region was then amplified using primers specifically designed for ITS1F and ITS4B [8]. DNA sequencing was performed at the DNA Synthesis and Sequencing Facility, Macrogen (Seoul, Korea) utilizing the primers mentioned above. The nucleotide sequences acquired were edited using MEGA 5 software [9] and subsequently deposited in GenBank. Species identities were verified by comparing the obtained nucleotide sequences with reference sequences from GenBank through BLASTn. A neighbor-joining phylogenetic analysis was executed within MEGA 5 software, incorporating Jukes–Cantor correction. The reliability of the inferred neighbor-joining topologies was assessed via 500 bootstrap replicates. Combining both morphological and phylogenetic analyses, all fungal taxa were enumerated and classified according to contemporary taxonomics. Taxonomic classification and nomenclature were assigned based on the Index Fungorum database (http://www.indexfungorum.org/).

The survey successfully identified a total of 137 macrofungi species in Mt. Sohwangbyeongsan within Odaesan National Park. These species were systematically categorized into 2 phyla, 4 classes, 15 orders, 41 families, and 73 genera (Appendix 1). Notably, this survey led to the discovery of two species—*Lentinellus flabelliformis* (Bolton) S. Ito 1959 and *Tricholoma stans* (Fr.) Sacc. 1887—marking their first recorded appearances in Korea. In this report, we provided photographic documentation of the fruiting bodies, detailed drawings of microscopic features (Fig. 1), comprehensive species descriptions, and insightful discussions. For scientific reference, the nucleotide sequences of these two species have been deposited in GenBank (accession numbers: OR701405 and OR976507). These sequences were compared to GenBank reference sequences and subsequently identified using ITS regions sequence analysis (Fig. 2). In particular, one specimen (NIBRFG0000130810) formed a distinct monophyletic clade with the reference sequence of *L. flabelliformis*, exhibiting a substantial bootstrap support of 90% and a sequence similarity of 99.7%. Likewise, another specimen (NIBRFG0000139843) established a monophyletic clade with the reference sequences of *T. stans*, marked by a robust bootstrap support of 100% and a sequence similarity of 100% (Fig. 2).

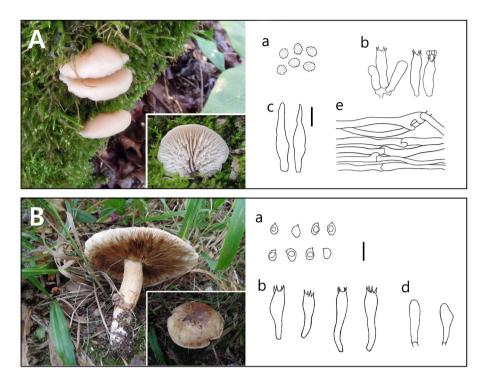


Fig. 1. Fruiting bodies and microscopic features of *Lentinellus flabelliformis* (A) and *Tricholoma stans* (B). a, basidiospores; b, basidia; c, pleurocystidia; d, basidioles; e, generative hyphae. Scale bar=10 µm.

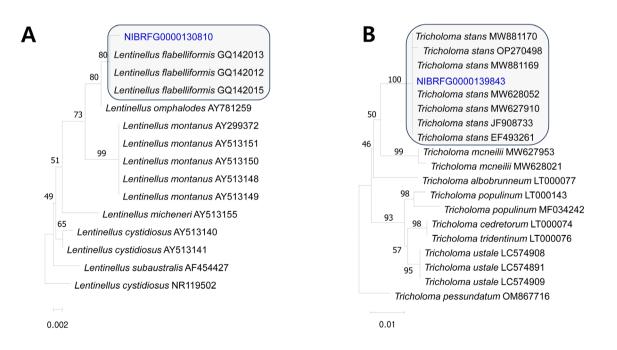


Fig. 2. Neighbor-joining tree of two unrecorded species constructed using internal transcribed spacer sequences. Bootstrap scores of >50 are presented at the nodes. The scale bar indicates the number of nucleotide substitutions per site. A, *Lentinellus flabelliformis*; B, *Tricholoma stans*.

A thorough examination of macrofungi species within Mt. Sohwangbyeongsan was conducted. A total of 214 collections were identified and classified down to the species level following contemporary classification systems, ultimately resulting in a comprehensive checklist comprising 137 species. These species, span across 7 families within the Ascomycota, including Helotiaceae, Sclerotiniaceae, Mollisiaceae, Leotiaceae, Helvellaceae, Pezizaceae, Cordycipitaceae, and Hypocreaceae. Additionally, we identified 128 species distributed among 34 families within the Basidiomycota, such as Agaricaceae, Amanitaceae, Amylocorticiaceae, Auriculariaceae, Auriscalpiaceae, Boletaceae, Clavulinaceae, Corticiaceae, Cortinariaceae, Crepidotaceae, Dacryobolaceae, Entolomataceae, Fomitopsidaceae, Ganodermataceae, Gomphaceae, Hydnangiaceae, Hygrophoraceae, Hymenochaetaceae, Marasmiaceae, Meruliaceae, Mycenaceae, Omphalotaceae, Phallaceae, Physalacriaceae, Polyporaceae, Psathyrellaceae, Pterulaceae, Russulaceae, Schizophyllaceae, Sparassidaceae, Strophariaceae, Suillaceae, Tricholomataceae, and Incertae sedis. Among these, the families Amanitaceae, Boletaceae, Cortinariaceae, and Russulaceae emerge as dominant flora throughout the mountain (Appendix 1). Of notable interest, we confirmed the presence of two species, L. flabelliformis and T. stans, as new additions to the Korean fungal diversity. Although the number of fungal species may not be as extensive as those found in inland national parks, we uncovered a diverse spectrum of macrofungi within this area, highlighting the unique macrofungal flora of Mt. Sohwangbyeongsan. Given its location in the alpine region of the eastern Korean Peninsula and its remarkable array of previously undocumented fungal taxa, this mountain holds significant potential for phylogeographical research.

Taxonomy

Basidiomycota R.T. Moore Agaricomycetes Doweld Agaricales Underw. Tricholomataceae R. Heim ex Pouzar *Tricholoma stans* (Fr.) Sacc., Sylloge Fungorum 5: 94 (1887) Korean name. Gi-Dung-Song-I, nom. nov. (기둥송이),

Pileus 8 cm across, convex becoming almost planar, smooth, viscid, reddish brown to grey brown with a pale margin, very weakly striate. Gills white or cream to reddish brown, moderately crowded, emarginate. Stem initially white, becoming pale brown, cylindrical, smooth or finely longitudinally fibrillose, 7.5 cm long, 1.8 cm diameter, no stem ring. Flesh White, turning brownish when handled. Basidia clavate 20.4- 37.7×5.2 -7.5 µm with 4 sterigmata 2.8-3.7 µm long. Basidospores ellipsoidal, smooth, 4.1-6.7 × 3.1-5.0 µm. Spore print white. Odour/taste indistinct, farinaceous taste.

Specimen examined: NIBRFG0000139843 (37.76641N, 128.66808E; GenBank accession No. OR976507): habitat, soil, and solitary.

Note: *Tricholoma stans* is so rare that careful microscopic studies are required. *T. pesundatum* is a similar species; however, it differs in exhibiting a stronger farinaceous odor and taste, and its spores are significantly narrower.

Russulales Kreisel ex P.M. Kirk, P.F. Cannon & J.C. David

Auriscalpiaceae Maas Geest.

Lentinellus flabelliformis (Bolton) S. Ito 1959

Korean name. Pyeon-Sim-Teol-Neu-Ta-Ri, nom . nov. (편심털느타리),

Pileus 2.7 cm across, a thin, compact, hairy upper layer, and a thick, soft, white to light brown lower layer that is made of thin, thread-like filaments arranged, laterally stipitate. Stipe is similarly divided, with a thin, dark and hairy cortical layer covered by hairs, which encircles inner ochre-colored flesh.; Blades subdecurrent to decurrent, close to subspaced, with lamellae, whitish to pale brownish, with deeply toothed edges; Pleurocystidia fusiod to subclavate, $27-48 \times 7.3-9.4 \mu m$, hyaline with clamp connections; Basidia clavate $27.7-30.5 \times 6.5-7.7 \mu m$ with 4 sterigmata 2.1-3.3 μm long; Basidiospores subglobose to broadly ellipsoid, thin-walled, spinose with fine apicle, without germ pore, hyaline, $5.6-7.0 \times 4.3-5.1 \mu m$.

Specimen examined: NIBRFG0000130810 (37.76528N, 128.67183E; GenBank accession no. OR701405); habitat: dead hardwoods and conifers, solitary or gregarious.

Note: The species of *Lentinellus* is easy to identify because of their spinose and amyloid basidiospores. In particular, *L. flavelliformis* cannot be confused with any other taxon because it has laterally stipitated basidiomata and clamp connections.

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Appendix 1. List of macrofungi from Sohwangbyeongsan.

Scientific name	Specimen NIBR No.	Scientific name	Specimen NIBR No.
Ascomycota		Amanita subjunquillea	NIBRFG0000130726
Leotiomycetes		Amanita vaginata	NIBRFG0000130732 NIBRFG0000139703 NIBRFG0000139726
Helotiales		Amanita virosa	NIBRFG0000500896
Helotiaceae		Amanita volvata	NIBRFG0000130721
Ascocoryne cylichnium	NIBRFG0000139760	Cortinariaceae	
Bisporella citrina	NIBRFG0000139762	Cortinarius anomalus	NIBRFG0000130720
Mollisiaceae		Cortinarius bolaris	NIBRFG0000139766
Tapesia fusca	NIBRFG0000139761	Cortinarius caperatus	NIBRFG0000139765
Sclerotiniaceae		Cortinarius hemitrichus	NIBRFG0000139770
Sclerotinia sclerotiorum	NIBRFG0000139826	Cortinarius rigens	NIBRFG0000139782 NIBRFG0000139833 NIBRFG0000139837
Leotiales		Cortinarius rubicundulus	NIBRFG0000130823
Leotiaceae		Cortinarius salor	NIBRFG0000139764 NIBRFG0000500902 NIBRFG0000500917 NIBRFG0000500917
Leotia lubrica	NIBRFG0000130827	Cortinarius tenuipes	NIBRFG0000500897 NIBRFG0000500916
Pezizomycetes		Cortinarius torvus	NIBRFG0000139758
Pezizales		Cortinarius violaceus	NIBRFG0000130731
Helvellaceae		Thaxterogaster purpurascens	NIBRFG0000130832
Helvella ephippium	NIBRFG0000139678	Crepidotaceae	
Helvella macropus	NIBRFG0000139823	Crepidotus applanatus	NIBRFG0000139844
Sordariomycetes		Entolomataceae	
Hypocreales		Entocybe nitida	NIBRFG0000139781
Cordycipitaceae		Hydnangiaceae	
Cordyceps kyusyuensis	NIBRFG0000500908	Laccaria laccata	NIBRFG0000130814 NIBRFG0000139718
Hypocreaceae		Laccaria vinaceoavellanea	NIBRFG0000139702
Hypomyces luteovirens	NIBRFG0000139701	Hygrophoraceae	
Basidiomycota		Hygrophorus eburneus	NIBRFG0000130714
Agaricomycetes		Marasmiaceae	
Agaricales		Marasmiellus candidus	NIBRFG0000139683
Agaricaceae		Marasmius maximus	NIBRFG0000130713
Lycoperdon caudatum	NIBRFG0000139724	Megacollybia marginata	NIBRFG0000139776
Lycoperdon perlatum	NIBRFG0000139779 NIBRFG0000500920	Mycetinis opacus	NIBRFG0000139673
Macrolepiota procera	NIBRFG0000500906	Rhodocollybia butyracea	NIBRFG0000130812
Amanitaceae		Mycenaceae	
Amanita fulva	NIBRFG0000139736	Mycena filopes	NIBRFG0000139756
Amanita punctata	NIBRFG0000130813	Mycena polygramma	NIBRFG0000139680
Amanita rubrovolvata	NIBRFG0000130820 NIBRFG0000139730 NIBRFG0000139840 NIBRFG0000500905	Panellus stipticus	NIBRFG0000130816 NIBRFG0000500900

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Omphalotaceae		Boletus ornatipes	NIBRFG0000130712
Gymnopus dryophilus	NIBRFG0000500899	Cyanoboletus pulverulentus	NIBRFG0000139699
Gymnopus erythropus	NIBRFG0000139828	Leccinum scabrum	NIBRFG0000139769 NIBRFG0000500907
Physalacriaceae		Leccinum versipelle	NIBRFG0000139689 NIBRFG0000139695
Armillaria gallica	NIBRFG0000130821	Tylopilus eximius	NIBRFG0000130727
Armillaria mellea	NIBRFG0000139746 NIBRFG0000139777	Tylopilus vinosobrunneus	NIBRFG0000139687 NIBRFG0000130729
Armillaria ostoyae	NIBRFG0000139814	Xerocomus chrysenteron	NIBRFG0000130734
Flammulina velutipes	NIBRFG0000130824	Suillaceae	
Hymenopellis raphanipes	NIBRFG0000139700	Suillus bovinus	NIBRFG0000139706
Oudemansiella venosolamellata	NIBRFG0000500903	Cantharellales	
Psathyrellaceae		Clavulinaceae	
Psathyrella candolleana	NIBRFG0000139773	Clavulina ornatipes	NIBRFG0000139742
Psathyrella piluliformis	NIBRFG0000139838	Clavulina rugosa	NIBRFG0000139780 NIBRFG0000139754
Pterulaceae		Corticiales.	
Radulomyces molaris	NIBRFG0000500914	Corticiaceae	
Schizophyllaceae		Laeticorticium roseocarneum	NIBRFG0000130833
Schizophyllum commune	NIBRFG0000500904	Gomphales	
Strophariaceae		Gomphaceae	
Gymnopilus junonius	NIBRFG0000139675	Ramaria flava	NIBRFG0000500898
Hypholoma fasciculare	NIBRFG0000139719	Hymenochaetales	
Hypholoma sublateritium	NIBRFG0000139830	Hymenochaetaceae	
Pholiota lenta	NIBRFG0000130826	Coltricia cinnamomea	NIBRFG0000139771
Pholiota lubrica	NIBRFG0000139774 NIBRFG0000139733 NIBRFG0000139763	Coltricia perennis	NIBRFG0000139723
Pholiota squarrosa	NIBRFG0000139734	Hymenochaete intricata	NIBRFG0000139721
Tricholomataceae		Hymenochaete tenuis	NIBRFG0000139775
Clitocybe gibba	NIBRFG0000139735	Inonotus mikadoi	NIBRFG0000139690
Lepista nuda	NIBRFG0000130817 NIBRFG0000139819	Inonotus nodulosus	NIBRFG0000130811
Tricholoma sejunctum	NIBRFG0000500918	Phellinus laevigatus	NIBRFG0000139676
Tricholoma stans	NIBRFG0000139843	Xanthoporia radiata	NIBRFG0000130735
Incertae sedis		Phallales	
Gloioxanthomyces nitidus	NIBRFG0000139672	Phallaceae	
Amylocorticiales		Pseudocolus schellenbergiae	NIBRFG0000139674
Amylocorticiaceae		Polyporales	
Plicaturopsis crispa	NIBRFG0000130818	Dacryobolaceae	
Auriculariales		Postia caesia	NIBRFG0000139834
Auriculariaceae		Fomitopsidaceae	
Exidia recisa	NIBRFG0000500921	Laetiporus sulphureus	NIBRFG0000139693
Boletales		Ganodermataceae	
Boletaceae		Ganoderma applanatum	NIBRFG0000139822

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Meruliaceae		Russula crustosa	NIBRFG0000139752
Crustodontia chrysocreas	NIBRFG0000139684 NIBRFG0000130736	Russula heterophylla	NIBRFG0000130830
Phlebia acerina	NIBRFG0000139686	Russula laccata	NIBRFG0000139717
Phlebia tremellosa	NIBRFG0000130825	Russula laurocerasi	NIBRFG0000139720
Stereopsis burtiana	NIBRFG0000139751	Russula lilacea	NIBRFG0000139705
Polyporaceae		Russula mairei	NIBRFG0000500901 NIBRFG0000130828 NIBRFG0000130831
Daedaleopsis confragosa	NIBRFG0000139750 NIBRFG0000139815 NIBRFG0000500919	Russula omiensis	NIBRFG0000500913
Datronia mollis	NIBRFG0000139816	Russula puellaris	NIBRFG0000139704
Polyporus brevibasidiosus	NIBRFG0000139696	Russula sanguinea	NIBRFG0000130722 NIBRFG0000139729
Polyporus brumalis	NIBRFG0000139682	Russula senecis	NIBRFG0000130716
Trametes versicolor	NIBRFG0000139818 NIBRFG0000146531	Russula vesca	NIBRFG0000130733 NIBRFG0000139697
Tyromyces chioneus	NIBRFG0000130815	Russula violeipes	NIBRFG0000130822
Sparassidaceae		Russula virescens	NIBRFG0000139740
Sparassis crispa	NIBRFG0000130715	Russula xerampelina	NIBRFG0000139688
Russulales			
Auriscalpiaceae			
Artomyces pyxidatus	NIBRFG0000130724 NIBRFG0000139692		
Lentinellus flabelliformis	NIBRFG0000130810		
Russulaceae			
Lactarius auriolla	NIBRFG0000139768		
Lactarius cucurbitoides	NIBRFG0000139685		
Lactarius mitratus	NIBRFG0000139725		
Lactarius quietus	NIBRFG0000130829 NIBRFG0000139738		
Lactarius vietus	NIBRFG0000500911		
Lactarius volemus	NIBRFG0000130723 NIBRFG0000139741 NIBRFG0000139842		
Lactifluus glaucescens	NIBRFG0000139744		
Lactifluus koreanus	NIBRFG0000139743		
Lactifluus longistipes	NIBRFG0000139745		
Lactifluus orientivolemus	NIBRFG0000500912		
Lactifluus subquercicola	NIBRFG0000500910		
Russula aeruginea	NIBRFG0000130718 NIBRFG0000130719 NIBRFG0000130725		
Russula alboareolata	NIBRFG0000139698		
Russula albonigra	NIBRFG0000139731 NIBRFG0000139732		
Russula amoena	NIBRFG0000130728 NIBRFG0000139694		
Russula atropurpurea	NIBRFG0000139708		
Russula aurea	NIBRFG0000139679		

Russula brunneoviolacea

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