

Whole-Genome Sequencing and Comparative Genomic Analysis of Potential Biotechnological Strains from *Trichoderma harzianum*, *Trichoderma atroviride*, and *Trichoderma reesei*

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Abstract

Fungi of the genus *Trichoderma* exhibit high genetic diversity and can thus be utilized in a large range of biotechnological applications. While *Trichoderma reesei* is the primary source of industrial enzymatic cocktails, *Trichoderma atroviride* and *Trichoderma harzianum* are widely used as commercial biocontrol agents against plant diseases. Recently, *T. harzianum* IOC-3844 (Th3844) and *T. harzianum* CBMAI-0179 (Th0179) demonstrated great potential in the enzymatic conversion of lignocellulose into fermentable sugars. Despite such potential, the genomes of both hydrolytic strains remain unclear. Herein, we performed whole-genome sequencing and assembly of Th3844 and Th0179 strains. To assess the genetic diversity within the genus *Trichoderma*, the results of both strains were compared with those from *T. atroviride* CBMAI-00020 (Ta0020) and *T. reesei* CBMAI-0711 (Tr0711). The resulting assembly revealed a total length of 40 Mb, (Th3844), 39 Mb (Th0179), 36 Mb (Ta0020), and 32 Mb (Tr0711), in which 10,786 (Th3844), 11,322 (Th0179), 10,082 (Ta0020), and 8,796 (Tr0711) genes were predicted. Then, the annotation of the predicted CDS sequences from the evaluated strain genes revealed 413 (Th3844), 413 (Th0179), 377 (Ta0020), and 329 (Tr0711) CAZymes. The orthology analysis revealed 18,349 orthogroups, which encompassed 95% of the total genes, 3,378 orthogroups with all species present, and 408 species-specific orthogroups. A genome-

39 wide phylogenetic analysis modeled from the 1,864 single-copy orthogroups provided details on the
40 relationship of the newly sequenced species with other *Trichoderma* and with more evolutionarily
41 distant genera. Structural variants revealed genomic rearrangements between Th3844, Th0179,
42 Ta0020, and Tr0711 with the *T. reesei* QM6a reference genome as well as the functional effects of
43 such variants on the evaluated strains. In conclusion, the findings presented herein allow the genetic
44 diversity of the evaluated strains, including those from the same species, to be viewed, offering
45 opportunities to further explore such fungal genomes in future biotechnological and industrial
46 applications.

47 1 Introduction

48 Fungi of the genus *Trichoderma* are characterized by their considerable nutritional versatility
49 (Sharma et al., 2019), which allows them to be employed in a wide range of biotechnological
50 applications (Kidwai and Nehra, 2017). For example, *Trichoderma reesei* is the primary fungal
51 source of the industrial cellulases and hemicellulases present in enzymatic cocktails (Bischof et al.,
52 2016). In addition to enzymatic activities, the capacity of biocontrol against plant pathogenic fungi
53 has been widely explored in *Trichoderma harzianum* and *Trichoderma atroviride* (Medeiros et al.,
54 2017; Saravanakumar et al., 2017). Recently, *T. harzianum* strains were explored for their enzymatic
55 potential and were demonstrated to be useful for improving the lignocellulosic conversion into sugars
56 during second-generation ethanol (2G ethanol) production (Almeida et al., 2021; Delabona et al.,
57 2020a; Motta et al., 2021; Zhang et al., 2020a).

58 The phenotypic and ecological heterogeneity across fungi of the same genera is reflected, in part, by
59 the diversity observed within their genomes (Priest et al., 2020). In this way, the diverse and
60 important roles of fungi, as well as the technological advances in next-generation sequencing, have
61 motivated broad efforts to sequence several fungal genomes (Ganesh Kumar et al., 2021; Hagestad et
62 al., 2021; Nagel et al., 2021; Varga et al., 2019; Wu et al., 2018). Since the genome of *T. reesei*
63 QM6a was first presented (Martinez et al., 2008), *Trichoderma* sequencing studies have increased
64 with the goal of better understanding the biological and ecological roles of *Trichoderma* to improve
65 their applications (Druzhinina et al., 2018b; Horta et al., 2014; Kubicek et al., 2011; Kubicek et al.,
66 2019; Li et al., 2017; Schmoll et al., 2016). Such a growing number of sequenced species may help
67 reveal the molecular basis for the specific features of diverse *Trichoderma* strains.

68 Previously, the transcriptional profiles of two *T. harzianum* strains, *T. harzianum* IOC-3844 (Th3844)
69 and *T. harzianum* CBMAI-0179 (Th0179), were analyzed under cellulose degradation conditions and
70 compared with those from *T. atroviride* CBMAI-0020 (Ta0020) and *T. reesei* CBMAI-0711 (Tr0711)
71 (Almeida et al., 2021; Horta et al., 2018). Such studies have suggested the great potential of both *T.*
72 *harzianum* strains as hydrolytic enzyme producers, and this was similar to Tr0711, while Ta0020
73 showed a low cellulolytic ability. Furthermore, differences in the transcription regulation within
74 hydrolytic enzyme expression were observed for Th3844 and Th0179 (Rosolen et al., 2021),
75 highlighting the genetic differences between such strains. Although previous studies investigated the
76 Th3844 genomic regions, which are related to biomass degradation, through bacterial artificial
77 chromosome (BAC) library construction (Crucello et al., 2015; Ferreira Filho et al., 2017), genomic
78 information regarding the hydrolytic strains of *T. harzianum*, Th3844 and Th0179 remains unclear.

79 In this study, Pacific Biosciences (PacBio) (Ardui et al., 2018) technology was used to obtain highly
80 contiguous de novo assemblies and to describe the genetic variation present among Th3844 and
81 Th0179. Aiming to expand knowledge on the genetic diversity within the genus *Trichoderma*, the
82 results obtained for *T. harzianum* strains were compared to those from *T. atroviride* and *T. reesei*. The

83 chosen species are appropriate for the study's goal because while *T. atroviride* is a biocontrol species
84 that is distantly related to the lignocellulolytic species *T. reesei* (Druzhinina et al., 2006), representing
85 a well-defined phylogenetic species (Dodd et al., 2003), *T. harzianum sensu lato* is also commonly
86 used in biocontrol but constitutes a complex of several cryptic species (Chaverri et al., 2015;
87 Druzhinina et al., 2010).

88 After performing whole-genome annotation, we investigated the content of carbohydrate-active
89 enzymes (CAZymes) (Cantarel et al., 2009) that were distributed among the studied genomes. To
90 thoroughly investigate the genetic variability across the four evaluated strains, we explored the
91 structural variants (SVs), which represent a major form of genetic and phenotypic variations that are
92 inherited and polymorphic in species (Mills et al., 2011), between them and *T. reesei* QM6a, the
93 reference genome (Martinez et al., 2008). In addition, by performing a comparative genomic analysis
94 across the genus *Trichoderma* and more evolutionarily distant genera, the orthologs and the
95 orthogroups across them were identified, and the rooted gene tree based on the single-copy orthologs
96 was inferred.

97 The genomic resources we provide herein significantly extend our knowledge regarding the evolution
98 and basic biology of the evaluated strains, and this may increase their biotechnological employment.
99 The results from this study might also increase the availability of genomic data, which can be used to
100 perform comparative studies to correlate phenotypic differences in the genetic diversity of
101 *Trichoderma* species; therefore, the study may help to improve the search for enzymes with enhanced
102 properties and provide aid toward improving the production of chemicals and enzymes in such fungi.

103 **2 Material and methods**

104 **2.1 Fungal strains and culture conditions**

105 The species originated from the Brazilian Collection of Environment and Industry Microorganisms
106 (CBMAI), which is located in the Chemical, Biological, and Agricultural Pluridisciplinary Research
107 Center (CPQBA) at the University of Campinas (UNICAMP), Brazil. The identity of *Trichoderma*
108 isolates was authenticated by CBMAI based on phylogenetic studies of their internal transcribed
109 spacer (ITS) region and translational elongation factor 1 (*tef1*) marker gene. Briefly, Th3844,
110 Th0179, Ta0020, and Tr0711 strains were cultivated on potato dextrose agar (PDA) solid medium
111 (ampicillin 100 µg/ml and chloramphenicol 34 µg/ml) for 3 days at 28 °C. Conidia were harvested,
112 and an initial spore solution was used to inoculate 500 mL of potato dextrose broth (PDB) medium.
113 The cultivation process was performed in biological triplicates for 72 h at 28 °C and 200 rpm for all
114 evaluated strains. Then, mycelial samples were harvested using Miracloth (Millipore), frozen using
115 liquid nitrogen, and stored at -80 °C. Frozen material was used for DNA extraction.

116 **2.2 DNA extraction and sequencing**

117 The ground fungal tissue was suspended using lysis buffer, then phenol:chloroform:isoamyl alcohol
118 (25:24:1) (Sigma, US) was added. After centrifugation at 4 °C and 13,000 rpm for 10 min, the
119 aqueous layer was collected, and genomic DNA was precipitated via the addition of isopropanol.
120 DNA was harvested by centrifugation at 4 °C and 13,000 rpm for 10 min, and the pellet was washed
121 with 70% ethanol, followed by centrifugation at 4 °C and 13,000 rpm for 5 min. After a second
122 washing with 95% ethanol and centrifugation at 4 °C and 13,000 rpm for 5 min, the pellet was dried
123 at room temperature and dissolved in TE buffer. Before the quality control steps, the DNA was
124 subjected to RNase treatment.

125 The quantity of the extracted gDNA was determined by measuring the absorbance at 260 nm using a
126 NanoDrop 1000 spectrophotometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and Qubit Fluorometer (Thermo
127 Fisher Scientific). The quality of extracted gDNA was assessed through 0.8% agarose gel
128 electrophoresis. HiFi sequencing libraries were prepared according to the PacBio protocol, and
129 sequencing was performed at the Arizona Genomics Institute (AGI; Tucson, USA) using a SMRT
130 DNA sequencing system from PacBio (PacBio RSII platform).

131 **2.3 Genome assembly**

132 The data were transferred to a local server, and the genomes were assembled de novo using Canu
133 software (v.2.1) (-pacbio – hifi, and a genome estimate equal to 40 Mb for all evaluated strains),
134 which was developed for long-read sequencing (Koren et al., 2017). Genome integrity was assessed
135 using the Quality Assessment Tool (QUAST) (Gurevich et al., 2013) (v.5.0.2) and Benchmarking
136 Universal Single-Copy Orthologs (BUSCO) (Simão et al., 2015) (v.4.1.4) tools. The Nucmer
137 alignment tool from the MUMmer (v.4.0.0beta2) toolbox (Kurtz et al., 2004; Marçais et al., 2018)
138 was used to perform the whole-genome alignments between the evaluated strains.

139 **2.4 Gene prediction and functional annotation**

140 Gene prediction was performed using AUGUSTUS (v.3.3.3) (Stanke et al., 2006) through gene
141 models, which were built from *T. harzianum* T6776, *T. atroviride* IMI206040, and *T. reesei* QM6a
142 (TrainAugustus (v.3.3.3)), together with the MAKER (Cantarel et al., 2008) (v.2.31.11). Such
143 programs are implemented on the Galaxy platform. The predicted genes were functionally annotated
144 by searching for homologous sequences in the UniProt (The UniProt, 2021), eggNOG-mapper v.2
145 (Cantalapiedra et al., 2021), and Protein Annotation with Z score (PANNZER2) (Törönen et al.,
146 2018) databases. Transmembrane proteins were predicted using TMHMM v.2.0 (Krogh et al., 2001).
147 For the annotation of CAZymes, we used CDS sequences as homology search queries against the
148 database of the dbCAN2 server (Zhang et al., 2018), which integrates (I) DIAMOND (E-Value < 1e-
149 102) (Buchfink et al., 2015), (II) HMMER (E-Value < 1e-15, coverage > 0.35) (Finn et al., 2011),
150 and Hotpep (Frequency > 2.6, Hits > 6) (Busk et al., 2017) tools. We considered all CDSs as true hits
151 if they were predicted by at least two tools. Coverages were estimated with QualiMap
152 (Okonechnikov et al., 2016) (v.2.2.2c) using minimap2 (Li, 2018) v. 2.17 + galaxy4, which were
153 both implemented on the Galaxy platform (Afgan et al., 2018).

154 **2.5 Ortholog identification and clustering**

155 The proteomes of Th3844, Th0179, Ta0020, and Tr0711 were compared with the *Trichoderma* spp.
156 proteomes that are available on NCBI databases. *Fusarium* spp., *Aspergillus* spp., and *Neurospora*
157 spp. were used as outgroup. For this analysis, we used the software OrthoFinder (Emms and Kelly,
158 2015, 2019) v2.5.2, which clustered the protein sequences of fungi into orthologous groups and
159 allowed the phylogenetic relationships between them to be identified. The consensus species tree was
160 inferred using STAG algorithm (Emms and Kelly, 2018) and rooted using STRIDE algorithm (Emms
161 and Kelly, 2017), which are implemented on the OrthoFinder program. The resulting tree from the
162 OrthoFinder analysis was visualized and edited using Interactive Tree of Life (iTOL) v6 (Letunic and
163 Bork, 2007).

164 **2.6 Long-read structural variant analysis**

165 SVs were identified by aligning the PacBio HiFi reads from Th3844, Th0179, Ta0020, and Tr0711
166 with the *T. reesei* QM6a reference genome (Martinez et al., 2008) using the software Map with

167 BWA-MEM (Li and Durbin, 2010) v.0.7.17.2 with (-x pacbio, sort by chromosomal coordinates).
168 The duplicate reads in the BAM file were identified and marked using the tool MarkDuplicates
169 (Institute) v.2.18.2.2. Variants were called using Sniffles (Sedlazeck et al., 2018) v.1.0.12+galaxy0
170 allowing for a minimum support of 10 (--min_support), maximum number of splits of 7 (--
171 max_num_splits), maximum distance of 1000 (--max_distance), minimum length of 30 (--
172 min_length), minimum mapping quality of 20 (--minmapping_qual), and CCS reads option (--
173 ccs_reads). SVs were annotated using SnpEff (v.4.3+T. galaxy1) (Cingolani et al., 2012), which
174 allowed the effects of variants in genome sequences to be categorized. Such tools are implemented
175 on the Galaxy platform (Afgan et al., 2018).

176 **3 Results**

177 **3.1 Strain cultivations and evaluation of extracted DNA**

178 First, we cultivated Th3844, Th0179, Ta0020, and Tr0711, which can be identified by common
179 morphological characteristics, such as a bright green conidial pigment and a repetitive branch (Figure
180 1). Next, the DNA from the evaluated *Trichoderma* isolates was extracted, and its integrity and
181 quality were assessed (Supplementary Material 1: Supplementary Table 1 and Supplementary
182 Material 1: Supplementary Figure 1).

183 **3.2 Assembled genomic features and general comparison across *Trichoderma* spp.**

184 In the present study, we introduced the whole-genome sequences of Th3844, Th0179, Ta0020, and
185 Tr0711 (Table 1). Overall, the genomes of the evaluated *Trichoderma* spp. varied in a number of
186 contigs (14–26), sizes (32–40 Mb) and gene contents (8,796–11,322 genes). In comparison with the
187 other strains, Th0711 contains the smallest gene repertoire, while Th3844 contains the highest gene
188 repertoire. To assess the completeness and integrity of the assembled genomes, BUSCO analysis was
189 performed. For all evaluated strains, over 90% of genes were complete. Although the genome of
190 Th3844 presented a considerable number of missing genes (9.7%), its assembled genome exhibited a
191 lower degree of fragmentation compared to that of other genomes.

192 Considering the genome sequencing coverage, genome size, GC content, length metrics (N50 and
193 L50 values), assembly level, and number of genes, the genomes of Th3844, Th0179, Ta0020, and
194 Tr0711 were compared to other fungal genome references (Baroncelli et al., 2015; Chung et al.,
195 2021; Kubicek et al., 2011; Li et al., 2017; Martinez et al., 2008) (Table 2). All *T. harzianum*
196 genomes were similar in size and GC content. The same profile was observed for the *T. atroviride*
197 and *T. reesei* genomes. Large differences were found for the genome sequencing coverage, in which
198 Th3844, Th0179, Ta0020, and Tr0711 presented higher values than those reported for other strains in
199 the literature (Baroncelli et al.; Kubicek et al., 2011; Li et al., 2017). In regard to quality, except for
200 Tr0711, the genomes assembled in this study showed a lower degree of fragmentation compared to
201 those previously available (Baroncelli et al., 2015; Chung et al., 2021; Kubicek et al., 2011; Li et al.,
202 2017; Martinez et al., 2008).

203 We also performed alignment analyses to evaluate the similarities and variations between the genomes
204 of the studied strains (I) with *T. reesei* QM6a, which is a model organism for the lignocellulose
205 deconstruction system and has a genome that is assembled at the chromosomal level (Li et al., 2017)
206 (Figure 2), and (II) with their respective reference genomes (Supplementary Material 1: Supplementary
207 Figure 2). The profile of alignment across the genomes illustrated the degree of divergence across the
208 studied strains with *T. reesei* QM6a and with the closest related strain of each evaluated fungus. For
209 each evaluated strain, we observed alignment in different regions of the *T. reesei* QM6a reference

210 genome. Using *T. reesei* QM6a as a reference genome, we found a total of (I) 12% aligned bases for
211 Th3844, (II) 13% aligned bases for Th0179, (III) 8% aligned bases for Ta0020, and (IV) 95% aligned
212 bases for Tr0711. The total percentage of aligned bases for Th3844 and Th0179 genomes with the *T.*
213 *harzianum* T6776 genome was approximately 83.5% and 89%, respectively. In addition, for the
214 Ta0020 genome, the total percentage of aligned bases to the *T. atroviride* IMI206040 reference genome
215 was approximately 88%.

216 3.3 Genome functional annotation and CAZyme distribution

217 After performing the genome assembly and gene prediction steps, functional annotation was
218 accomplished by a homology search. The functional category distribution regarding the clusters of
219 orthologous groups of proteins (COG) (Tatusov et al., 2000) is shown in Figure 3 and Supplementary
220 Material 1: Supplementary Table 2. Disregarding the (S) function unknown category, the top 5
221 functional categories were (G) carbohydrate metabolism and transport, (O) posttranslational
222 modification, protein turnover, chaperone functions, (Q) secondary structure, (E) amino acid
223 transport and metabolism, and (U) intracellular trafficking, secretion, and vesicular transport.
224 Overall, the evaluated strains seem to have similar COG assignment profiles. The complete
225 functional annotation of the four genomes is available in Supplementary Material 2: Supplementary
226 Table 3.

227 Within filamentous fungi, the genus *Trichoderma* is a model system for the production of CAZymes,
228 which includes glycoside hydrolases (GHs), carbohydrate esterases (CEs), glycosyltransferases
229 (GTs), polysaccharide lyases (PLs), auxiliary activities (AAs), and carbohydrate-binding modules
230 (CBMs) (Cantarel et al., 2009). Due to the important role of CAZymes in microparasitism and
231 saprophytic degradation of debris, a thorough investigation regarding the enzyme content in the
232 genomes of the four *Trichoderma* spp. was performed (Supplementary Material 3: Supplementary
233 Table 4). Overall, the genes encoding the CAZymes encompassed approximately 3.8% of the
234 genomes assembled herein. Moreover, to detect similarities and differences between the strains, their
235 CAZyme profiles were compared (Figure 4A).

236 Among the main CAZyme classes detected in all strains, GHs were overrepresented, and Th3844
237 (256) and Th0179 (252) had the highest number, followed by Ta0020 (230) and Tr0711 (184). This
238 CAZyme class was followed by GTs as follows: (I) 88 (Th3844), (II) 90 (Th0179), (III) 90 (Ta0020),
239 and (IV) 86 (Tr0711). However, when the CAZymes with predicted signal peptides were analyzed,
240 we observed that only a few GTs were secreted, as follows: (I) 8 (Th3844), (II) 9 (Th0179), (III) 7
241 (Ta0020), and (IV) 4 (Tr0711) (Figure 4B). The distribution of the different CAZyme families
242 among strains was investigated and is available in Supplementary Material 1: Supplementary Figure
243 3. For simplification purposes, only the CAZyme families related to biomass degradation are
244 exhibited in Figure 5. Overall, CAZymes from the GH5, AA1, AA3, GH2, and GH3 families were
245 well represented for all strains, and the highest numbers were in Th3844 and Th0179.

246 Due to the mycoparasitic characteristics of some fungi from the genus *Trichoderma*, CAZymes
247 involved in such activity were also identified in the four evaluated genomes (Supplementary Material
248 1: Supplementary Figure 3). For example, CAZymes from the GH18 family, which are related to
249 chitin degradation, were present in all evaluated strains, and CAZymes from GH75 are related to
250 chitosan degradation. Additionally, we would like to highlight that other CAZyme classes, including
251 GH16, GH55, and GH64, are related to the mycoparasitic interaction that was present in the genomes
252 of Th3844, Th0179, Ta0020, and Tr0711.

253 3.4 Orthology analysis, phylogenetic profiling, and structural variant analyses

254 The predicted proteomes of Th3844, Th0179, Ta0020, and Tr0711 were compared with those of 19
255 other *Trichoderma* spp. and with those from more phylogenetically distant fungi, including *Fusarium*
256 spp., *Aspergillus* spp., and *Neurospora* spp. (outgroups) (Supplementary Material 4: Supplementary
257 Table 5). We identified a total of 18,349 orthogroups, which encompassed 313,444 genes (95%) in a
258 total of 329,927 genes, i.e., the number of unassigned genes was equal to 16,483 (5%) genes.
259 Moreover, we detected 3,378 orthogroups with all species present, of which 1,864 consisted entirely
260 of single-copy genes and 408 species-specific orthogroups. Fifty percent of all genes were in
261 orthogroups with 29 or more genes (G50 was 29) and were contained in the largest 4,609
262 orthogroups (O50 was 4609). Regarding the orthologous relationships across the evaluated strains,
263 both *T. harzianum* strains shared the highest number of orthologous genes among them compared to
264 that of the other strains. In relation to the other evaluated strains, Th3844 and Th0179 presented more
265 orthologs that were in common with Ta0020 than with Tr0711 (Table 3). To explore the evolutionary
266 history of Th3844, Th0179, Ta0020, and Tr0711, a rooted species tree was inferred using the 1,864
267 single-copy orthologous genes that were conserved in the 29 fungi analyzed (Figure 6 and
268 Supplementary Material 1: Supplementary Figure 4). Such phylogenetic analysis indicated that
269 Tr0711 was most closely related to *Trichoderma parareesei* CBS 125925, while Ta0020 was most
270 closely related to *T. atroviride* IMI206040. On the other hand, Th0179 and Th3844 were
271 phylogenetically close to *Trichoderma lentiforme* CFAM-422 and to other *T. harzianum* strains
272 (TR274 and CB226.95), respectively.

273 The SVs of the evaluated *Trichoderma* isolates were identified by mapping the long reads of the
274 fungi against the reference genome of *T. reesei* QM6a (Martinez et al., 2008). A total of 12,407
275 (Th3844), 12,763 (Th0179), 11,650 (Ta0020), and 7,103 (Tr0711) SVs were identified for each
276 strain, showing substitution rates of $\sim 1/2,674$ nucleotides (Th3844), $\sim 1/2,585$ nucleotides (Th0179),
277 $\sim 1/2,832$ nucleotides (Ta0020), and $\sim 1/4,655$ nucleotides (Tr0711). These SVs included different
278 phenomena that affect gene sequences, such as break ends, deletions, multiple nucleotides and
279 InDels, duplications, insertions, and inversions (Supplementary Material 5: Supplementary Table 6
280 and Figure 7A). Compared with the other evaluated strains, Tr0711 presented a low number of SVs,
281 while Th0179 displayed the highest number. For all evaluated strains, the most presented SV
282 categories were multiple nucleotides and an InDel, followed by deletions and insertions (Figure 7A).
283 To thoroughly investigate the functional effects of the identified SVs, we performed an annotation of
284 the structural rearrangements, which were placed into different classes based on their predicted
285 effects on protein function. Details of these effects can be found in Supplementary Material 6:
286 Supplementary Table 7, and the most prevalent effects are represented in Figure 7B. For all evaluated
287 strains, the majority of variants presented a modifier impact, which was higher at downstream and
288 upstream genomic locations. Such an effect was more accentuated for both *T. harzianum* strains. In
289 addition, SVs present in transcripts, genes, and intergenic regions were well represented for Ta0020.

290 4 Discussion

291 Diversity within the genus *Trichoderma* is evident from the wide range of phenotypes exhibited by
292 the fungi as well as the various ecological roles and industrial purposes the fungi serve (Nakkeeran et
293 al., 2021). Because of their various applications, different *Trichoderma* species have become model
294 organisms for a broad spectrum of physiological phenomena, such as plant cell wall degradation and
295 enzyme production (Fang et al., 2021), biocontrol (Zin and Badaluddin, 2020), and response to light
296 (Schmoll, 2018). Within the genus *Trichoderma*, *T. harzianum* has been used as a commercial
297 biocontrol agent against plant diseases (Fraceto et al., 2018). In addition to their mycoparasitic
298 activities, hydrolytic enzymes from *T. harzianum* strains have demonstrated great potential in the
299 conversion of lignocellulosic biomass into fermentable sugars (Almeida et al., 2021; Delabona et al.,

2020b; Motta et al., 2021; Zhang et al., 2020b). Recently, different types of enzymatic profiles across *Trichoderma* species were reported, in which Th3844 and Th0179 presented a higher hydrolytic potential during growth on cellulose than that of Ta0020 (Almeida et al., 2021); furthermore, differences between Th3844 and Th0179 concerning the transcriptional regulation coordinated by XYR1 and CRE1 during cellulose degradation were reported (Rosolen et al., 2021). Because such diversity in enzyme response might be related to transcriptomic and genomic differences, we aimed to provide foundations for further studies that could investigate such variations at a genomic level.

Technological advances, particularly in long-read sequencing, coupled with the increasing efficiency and decreasing costs across sequencing platforms, enabled fungal genomes to be characterized (Dal Molin et al., 2018; Miyauchi et al., 2020; Wu et al., 2020). Herein, we presented high-quality genome assemblies for two *T. harzianum* strains with hydrolytic potential (Th3844 and Th0179) and, for comparative purposes, for a mycoparasitic species (Ta0020) and saprotrophic species (Tr0711). Thus, *T. reesei* and *T. atroviride* strains were used to assess the genetic differences in the genus *Trichoderma*. With the aim of obtaining high-quality genomes, we employed Canu software for the genome assemblies, and this software has been applied with success in the assembly of fungal genomes (Courtine et al., 2020; Gan et al., 2020; Montoliu-Nerin et al., 2020). Except for Tr0711, the resulting genomics assemblies displayed the highest coverage scores and the lowest fragmentation values compared to those of *Trichoderma virens* Gv29-8 (Kubicek et al., 2011) as well as to *T. harzianum* T6776 (Baroncelli et al., 2015) and *T. atroviride* IMI206040 (Kubicek et al., 2011), which were used as the reference genome in preceding studies from our research group (Almeida et al., 2021; Horta et al., 2018). Although the genomes were not assembled at the chromosome level, the quality of the Th3844, Th0179, Ta0020, and Tr0711 genome assemblies based on the BUSCO value was over 90%. Only the Th3844 genome exhibited 9.7% missing genes. However, even chromosome-level genome assembly does not necessarily achieve a complete BUSCO score (Chung et al., 2021). This may be because the assembly is not 100% accurate, but at the same time, the BUSCO value may not be a perfect indicator to assess genomic qualities. Despite its limitations, without a definitive alternative, BUSCO is still an essential genomic quality assessment tool that includes up-to-date data from many species.

After evaluating the quality of the four assembled genomes, we performed a gene prediction and functional annotation for the datasets. The ecological behavior of the mycoparasites *T. atroviride* and *T. virens*, compared to the plant wall degrader *T. reesei*, is reflected by the sizes of the respective genomes; *T. atroviride* (36 Mb) and *T. virens* (39 Mb) were somewhat larger than the weakly mycoparasitic *T. reesei* (33 Mb) (Kubicek et al., 2011; Martinez et al., 2008). Herein, compared to Th3844 (40 Mb), Th0179 (39 Mb), and Ta0020 (36 Mb), the genome of Tr0711 (32 Mb) was smaller, which might be conceivably as the gene function is lost to mycoparasitism during the evolution of *T. reesei* (Kubicek et al., 2011). In relation to the number of genes, our results showed that Tr0711 presented a smaller gene content than that of Th3844, Th0179, and Ta0020. Such findings corroborated a previous study (Xie et al., 2014), in which 9,143 and 11,865 genes were predicted for *T. reesei* and *T. atroviride*, respectively. In relation to the *T. reesei* QM6a reference genome, the genomes of Th3844, Th0179, Ta0020, and Tr0711 displayed significant structural reorganization, which was more greatly accentuated by an increased phylogenetic distance. Interestingly, this structural reorganization was also observed within strains of the same species, highlighting their genetic diversity.

4.1 Comparative and functional genomics

344 To obtain insights regarding the functional profile of Th3844, Th0179, Ta0020, and Tr0711, COG
345 analyses of proteins from their genomes were performed. “Carbohydrate metabolism and transport”
346 was a notable COG term for all evaluated strains, suggesting that the genomic arsenal of these fungi
347 is connected to their ability of using carbon sources that are available in the environment. Such
348 characteristics are well known for saprophytic fungal *T. reesei* (Arntzen et al., 2020), and recent
349 studies have observed the same characteristics for *T. harzianum* (Almeida et al., 2021; Delabona et
350 al., 2020a). “Posttranslational modification, protein turnover, chaperone functions” was the second
351 most notable COG term that was present in the four evaluated genomes. Posttranslational
352 modifications (PTMs), which are used by eukaryotic cells to diversify their protein functions and
353 dynamically coordinate their signaling networks, encompass several specific chemical changes that
354 occur on proteins following their synthesis (Ramazi and Zahiri, 2021). The production of intact and
355 functional proteins is a prerequisite for large-scale protein production, and extensive host-specific
356 PTMs often affect the catalytic properties and stability of recombinant enzymes. The high
357 extracellular secretion capability and eukaryotic PTM machinery make *Trichoderma* spp. particularly
358 interesting hosts (Wei et al., 2021). In this context, PTMs are a major factor in the cellulolytic
359 performance of fungal cellulases (Amore et al., 2017; Beckham et al., 2012; Dana et al., 2014), and
360 the impact of plant PTMs on the enzyme performance and stability of the major cellobiohydrolase
361 Cel7A from *T. reesei* has already been determined (van Eerde et al., 2020). In addition, PTMs,
362 especially phosphorylation, of the proteins involved in plant biomass degradation, including CRE1,
363 play an essential role in signal transduction to achieve carbon catabolite repression (CCR) (Han et al.,
364 2020; Horta et al., 2019). Thus, describing this class of *Trichoderma* genomes is essential to
365 understand the impact of alternative PTMs on the catalytic performance and stability of recombinant
366 enzymes. We also would like to highlight that the “secondary structure” and “amino acid transport
367 and metabolism”, which are related to PTMs, were overrepresented COG terms.

368 To achieve the complete depolymerization of complex lignocellulosic polysaccharides, a repertoire
369 of enzymes that act together on different chemical bonds is needed (Chukwuma et al., 2020). The
370 comparative genomics of *Trichoderma* spp. suggested that mycoparasitic strains, such as *T. vires* and
371 *T. atroviride*, presented a set of genes, including CAZymes and genes encoding secondary
372 metabolites, that were more expressive and related to mycoparasitism compared to those of the
373 saprotrophic species *T. reesei* (Kubicek et al., 2011). Although such fungi are widely used in industry
374 as a source of cellulases and hemicellulases, they have a smaller arsenal of genes that encode the
375 CAZymes related to biomass deconstruction than that of other lignocellulolytic fungi (Martinez et al.,
376 2008). A potential reason for this observation is that its CAZyme content was shaped by loss and a
377 massive horizontal gene transfer (HGT) was gained in enzymes that degrade plant cell walls
378 (Druzhinina et al., 2018a). Herein, compared to the other evaluated strains, Tr0711 also displayed a
379 lower quantity of genes that encode CAZymes. Although the genome of the evaluated strains
380 presented a significant number of GTs, only a few were predicted to be secreted proteins. Such a
381 result could be related to the enzyme activity exhibited by the CAZymes from the GT class, which
382 includes enzymes that are involved in cell wall synthesis in microorganisms and not necessarily in
383 lignocellulose deconstruction (Ardèvol and Rovira, 2015). Furthermore, the presence of putative
384 CAZyme-encoding genes in the genomes of Th0179 and Th3844 provides insight into its
385 lignocellulose-degrading enzyme potential but cannot be directly related to its real degradation
386 ability. In fact, since fungal species rely on different strategies, it has been observed that the number
387 of genes related to the degradation of a given polysaccharide is not necessarily correlated to the
388 extent of its degradation (Arntzen et al., 2020; Kjærboelling et al., 2020). For instance, *T. reesei* relies
389 on the high production levels of a limited set of glycosyl hydrolases (Arntzen et al., 2020). For this
390 reason, CAZy analysis is associated with functional approaches, such as enzymatic activity assays,
391 which provide valuable insight into the actual behavior of the concerned species on specific

392 lignocellulose substrates. Regarding the CAZyme content, the results found here for the Th3844,
393 Th0179, Ta0020, and Tr0711 genomes follow the same profile as that of a previous study (Fanelli et
394 al., 2018), in which the CAZyme genetic endowment of some strains from *T. harzianum*, including
395 B97 and T6776, was significantly higher than that of *T. atroviride* IMI206040, *T. reesei* QM6a, and
396 *T. virens* Gv-29-8.

397 In relation to the CAZyme families that are directly associated to the deconstruction of plant biomass,
398 the genomes of Th3844, Th0179, Ta0020, and Tr0711 showed an expressive number of genes
399 encoding GH5, which includes cellulases that are most abundant in fungi (Li and Walton, 2017) and
400 are commonly present in industrial enzymatic cocktails; GH3, which includes β -glucosidases that are
401 frequently secreted into the medium (Guo et al., 2016); and AA3, which is a member of the enzyme
402 arsenal that is auxiliary to GHs (Levasseur et al., 2013). Lytic polysaccharide monooxygenases
403 (LPMOs), which are classified into CAZy auxiliary activity families AA9-AA11 and AA13-AA16,
404 are copper-dependent enzymes that also perform important roles in lignocellulose degradation
405 (Couturier et al., 2018; Monclaro and Filho, 2017). As AA9, AA11, AA13, AA14, and AA16 are
406 exclusive to fungal genomes, multiple genes encoding LPMOs appear to be common in fungal
407 genomes, particularly in Ascomycetes and Basidiomycetes (Kracher et al., 2016). Herein, each of the
408 Th3844, Th0179, Ta0020, and Tr0711 genomes exhibited three AA9 and two AA14 enzymes.
409 Compared to other fungi, the genomes of *Trichoderma* species harbor a high number of chitinolytic
410 genes (Kubicek et al., 2011; Kubicek et al., 2019), reflecting the importance of these enzymes in the
411 mycoparasitic characteristic of fungi. From the *Trichoderma* genomes that were analyzed in detail
412 thus far, the fungal chitinases that belong to the family GH 18 are significantly expanded in *T. virens*,
413 *T. atroviride*, *T. harzianum*, *Trichoderma asperellum*, *Trichoderma gamsii*, and *Trichoderma*
414 *atrobrunneum* (Fanelli et al., 2018; Kubicek et al., 2011). Similarly, the number of chitosanases
415 (GH75) is enhanced and there are at least five corresponding genes; in contrast, most other fungi
416 have only one or two corresponding genes (Kappel et al., 2020; Kubicek et al., 2011). Furthermore,
417 β -1,3-glucanases that belong to GH families 16, 17, 55, 64, and 81 are expanded in *Trichoderma*
418 mycoparasites compared to other fungi (Fanelli et al., 2018; Kubicek et al., 2011). Here, the
419 CAZyme families that are related to mycoparasitic activity were present in the four genomes studied,
420 and the most were in Th3844 and Th0179.

421 4.2 Insights into the evolutionary history

422 Comparative genomics could be a powerful tool for studying fungal evolution and promoting insights
423 into their genetic diversity. In this context, identifying orthology relationships among sequences is an
424 essential step to more thoroughly understand the genetic correlation of particular fungi. Thus, by
425 applying orthology analyses, we could identify orthogroups and orthologs between the evaluated
426 strains, as well as among some other *Trichoderma* spp. and filamentous fungi that are more
427 genetically distant. In the genus *Trichoderma*, several lifestyles have been documented, including
428 saprotrophy, which is a lifestyle that is also observed in other filamentous fungi, such as *Neurospora*
429 spp., *Aspergillus* spp., and *Fusarium* spp. (Arntzen et al., 2020; Corrêa et al., 2020; Najjarzadeh et
430 al., 2021). Thus, the proteomes of some species and strains of such genera were also included in the
431 orthology analysis. Through our results, we may infer that some genus-specific genes are necessary
432 for specific lifestyles and are shared by fungi that have the same lifestyle but are in quite different
433 evolutionary orders. The phylogenetic tree modeled from the orthologous analysis revealed a low
434 bootstrap value for the clade formed by aligning the sequence proteomes from *T. harzianum*.
435 Furthermore, the presence of other *Trichoderma* species, such as *T. lentiforme*, *T. guizhouense*, and
436 *T. simmonsii*, was observed. These observations might be explained by the complex speciation
437 process within the *T. harzianum* species group (Druzhinina et al., 2010); therefore, the phylogenetic

438 position is uncertain for fungi from these species. However, the molecular identification of Th3844
439 and Th0179 based on the ITS and *tef1* sequences has already been reported (Rosolen et al., 2021),
440 confirming that both strains were phylogenetically close to other *T. harzianum* strains. Tr0711 was
441 grouped with *T. pararessei* CBS 125925, and both were phylogenetically in proximity to other *T.*
442 *reesei* strains.

443 While short reads perform well in the identification of single nucleotide variants (SNVs) and small
444 insertions and deletions (InDels), they are not well suited for detecting changes in larger sequences
445 (Mahmoud et al., 2019). SVs, which include insertions, deletions, duplications, inversions, or
446 translocations that affect ≥ 50 bp (Mills et al., 2011), are more amenable to long-read sequencing
447 (Mitsuhashi and Matsumoto, 2020; Sakamoto et al., 2020). In fungi, SV analysis was employed
448 successfully using reads from third-generation sequencing (Badet et al., 2021; Basile et al., 2021). In
449 this study, we detected SVs by aligning our four genomes against *T. reesei* QM6a (Martinez et al.,
450 2008); although the genomes were assembled at a scaffolding level, unlike the *T. reesei* QM6a
451 reference genome that was assembled at the chromosome level, we chose to proceed with this dataset
452 because its annotation file was available (Li et al., 2017). As expected, due to phylogenetic proximity
453 to the reference genome (Rosolen et al., 2021), Tr0711 showed the lowest number of SVs compared
454 to that of the other strains. However, although *T. atroviride* is phylogenetically distant from *T. reesei*
455 (Rosolen et al., 2021), Ta0020 exhibited fewer SVs than that of both *T. harzianum* strains, and this
456 result might be explained by the uncertain phylogenetic position of fungi in these species (Druzhinina
457 et al., 2010). Although the *T. harzianum* strains are phylogenetically close (Rosolen et al., 2021),
458 genetic variability across the strains is evident when comparing the SVs that were identified from
459 mapping both genomes against *T. reesei* QM6a (Martinez et al., 2008). Such results are consistent
460 with the findings of previous studies in that genetic variations between fungal strains of the same
461 species are not uncommon (Andersen et al., 2011; de Vries et al., 2017; Thanh et al., 2019).

462 Considering their basic and economic importance, the high-quality genomes found herein might be
463 helpful for better understanding the diversity within the genus *Trichoderma*, as well as improving the
464 biotechnological applications of such fungi. Furthermore, the comparative study of multiple related
465 genomes might be helpful for understanding the evolution of genes that are related to economically
466 important enzymes and for clarifying the evolutionary relationships related to protein function.

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485 **Abbreviations**

486 **2G ethanol:** second-generation ethanol
487 **BAC:** bacterial artificial chromosome
488 **BUSCO:** benchmarking universal single-copy orthologs
489 **CAZymes:** carbohydrate-active enzymes
490 **CBMs:** carbohydrate-binding modules
491 **CBMAI:** Brazilian collection of environmental and industrial microorganisms
492 **CCR:** carbon catabolite repression
493 **CEs:** carbohydrate esterases
494 **COG:** clusters of orthologous groups of proteins
495 **CPQBA:** chemical, biological, and agricultural pluridisciplinary research center
496 **GHS:** glycoside hydrolases
497 **GTs:** glycosyltransferases
498 **HGT:** horizontal gene transfer
499 **InDels:** small insertion and deletions
500 **iTOL:** interactive tree of life
501 **ITS:** internal transcribed spacer
502 **LPMOs:** lytic polysaccharide mono-oxygenases
503 **PacBio:** pacific biosciences
504 **PANNZER2:** protein annotation with z score
505 **PDA:** potato dextrose agar
506 **PDB:** potato dextrose broth
507 **PLs:** polysaccharide lyases
508 **PTMs:** posttranslational modifications
509 **QUAST:** quality assessment tool
510 **SNVs:** single nucleotide variants
511 **SVs:** structural variants
512 **Ta0020:** *Trichoderma atroviride* CBMAI-0020
513 **tef1:** translational elongation factor 1
514 **Th0179:** *Trichoderma harzianum* CBMAI-0179
515 **Th3844:** *Trichoderma harzianum* IOC-3844

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1000 **Figure legends**

1001 **Figure 1. *Trichoderma* isolates evaluated in this study.** (A) Th3844, (B) Th0179, (C) Tr0711, and
1002 (D) Ta0020 cultivated on potato dextrose broth (PDA) solid medium at 28 °C. After DNA extraction,
1003 their genome was sequenced and assembled. Ta0020: *T. atroviride* CBMAI-0020; Th0179: *T.*
1004 *harzianum* CBMAI-0179; Th3844: *T. harzianum* IOC-3844; Tr0711: *T. reesei* CBMAI-0711.

1005 **Figure 2. Comparisons between the genomes of the analyzed *Trichoderma* isolates and the *T.***
1006 ***reesei* QM6a reference genome.** Dot plots of the assemblies of (A) Th3844, (B) Th0179, (C)
1007 Ta0020, and (D) Tr0711 that were generated by Canu (y-axis) against those from *T. reesei* QM6a (x-
1008 axis) that are available in the NCBI database. Ta0020: *T. atroviride* CBMAI-0020; Th0179: *T.*
1009 *harzianum* CBMAI-0179; Th3844: *T. harzianum* IOC-3844; Tr0711: *T. reesei* CBMAI-0711.

1010 **Figure 3. COG functional category distribution of the *Trichoderma* isolates considered.** The plot
1011 shows the number of genes in the genomes of (A) Th3844, (B) Th0179, (C) Ta0020, and (D) Tr0711,
1012 in which a COG classification was obtained. The size of the boxes represents the abundance of the
1013 genes at the level of individual COG families. Only the COG functional categories with more than a
1014 hundred counts were represented. Ta0020: *T. atroviride* CBMAI-0020; Th0179: *T. harzianum*
1015 CBMAI-0179; Th3844: *T. harzianum* IOC-3844; Tr0711: *T. reesei* CBMAI-0711.

1016 **Figure 4. Distribution of CAZymes in *Trichoderma* spp.** (A) The predicted CAZymes from the
1017 assembled genomes were classified according to the CAZy database. (B) The secreted CAZymes
1018 were grouped according to their CAZyme class. CAZymes: carbohydrate-active enzymes; Ta0020: *T.*
1019 *atroviride* CBMAI-0020; Th0179: *T. harzianum* CBMAI-0179; Th3844: *T. harzianum* IOC-3844;
1020 Tr0711: *T. reesei* CBMAI-0711. AA: auxiliary activity; CBM: carbohydrate-binding module; EC:
1021 carbohydrate esterase; GH: glycosyl hydrolase; GT: glycosyl transferase; PL: polysaccharide lyase.

1022 **Figure 5. Quantitative comparison of the biomass-degrading enzyme repertoires of**
1023 ***Trichoderma* isolates.** Heatmap of the number of enzymes in each CAZY family from the Th3844,
1024 Th0179, Ta0020, and Tr0711 genomes. This map includes only the enzymes/proteins related to
1025 biomass degradation. Ta0020: *T. atroviride* CBMAI-0020; Th0179: *T. harzianum* CBMAI-0179;
1026 Th3844: *T. harzianum* IOC-3844; Tr0711: *T. reesei* CBMAI-0711; LPMOs: Lytic polysaccharide
1027 monooxygenases; CDHs: Cellobiose dehydrogenases; PHDs: Pyranose dehydrogenases.

1028 **Figure 6. Phylogenetic relationships of *Trichoderma* spp. as inferred by an orthology analysis.**
1029 The phylogenetic tree modeled by OrthoFinder software was based on the concatenation of 2,229
1030 single copy orthogroups. In addition to the proteomes of Th3844, Th0179, Ta0020, and Tr0711, this
1031 methodology shows the inferred relationships among 19 *Trichoderma* spp., for which the proteomes
1032 are available in the NCBI database. *Fusarium* spp., *Aspergillus* spp., and *Neurospora* spp. were used
1033 as the outgroup. Bootstrap values are shown at the nodes.

1034 **Figure 7. Structural variant heterogeneity across the genomes of the evaluated *Trichoderma***
1035 **spp.** (A) Long-read alignment-based structural variant (SV) analyses among the evaluated
1036 *Trichoderma* isolates and *T. reesei* QM6a showed breakends (BNDs), deletions (DELs), multiple
1037 nucleotides and InDels (MIXEDs), duplications (DUPs), insertions (INSSs), and inversions (INVs)
1038 between the genomes. (B) Functional effects of the identified SVs. Ta0020: *T. atroviride* CBMAI-
1039 0020; Th0179: *T. harzianum* CBMAI-0179; Th3844: *T. harzianum* IOC-3844; Tr0711: *T. reesei*
1040 CBMAI-0711.

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1042 **Tables**

1043 **Table 1.** Genome assembly and annotation statistics.

	Th3844	Th0179	Ta0020	Tr0711
Number of reads	418,031	504,913	458,142	282,252
Genome size (bp)	40,219,724	39,170,259	36,411,897	32,448,670
GC content (%)	47.5	49.4	49.5	53.5
N50 reads	3,607,994	2,983,622	3,146,023	1,694,659
L50 contigs	5	6	5	7
Number of contigs	15	18	14	26
Complete BUSCOs (%)	90.1	98.7	99	99.1
Complete and single-copy BUSCOs (%)	89.6	98.1	98.8	98.9
Complete and duplicated BUSCOs (%)	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.2
Fragmented BUSCOs (%)	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Missing (%)	9.7	1.1	0.9	0.8
Number of predicted genes	10,786	11,322	10,082	8,796
Number of annotated genes	10,611	11,065	9,547	8,495

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1068 **Table 2.** Comparison of the genome features of *Trichoderma* spp. genomes.

Species	Strain	Coverage	NCBI accession	Genome size (Mb)	GC content (%)	N50 reads	L50 contigs	Assembly level	Genes	Reference
<i>T. harzianum</i>	IOC-3844	164 x	SAMN23309297	40	47.5	3,607,994	5	Contigs (15)	10,786	This study
<i>T. harzianum</i>	CBMAI-0179	219 x	SAMN23309298	39	49.4	2,983,622	6	Contigs (18)	11,322	This study
<i>T. harzianum</i>	T6776	85 x	SAMN02851310	39	48.5	68,846	178	Scaffolds (1,572)	11,501	(Baroncelli et al., 2015)
<i>T. harzianum</i>	CBS 226.95	120 x	SAMN00761861	41	47.6	2,414,909	7	Scaffolds (532)	14,269	-
<i>T. virens</i>	Gv29–8	8 x	SAMN02744059	39	49.2	1,836,662	8	Scaffolds (93)	12,405	(Kubicek et al., 2011)
<i>T. simmonsii</i>	GH-Sj1	-	SAMN15516371	40	48.13	6,451,197	3	Scaffolds (7)	13,296	(Chung et al., 2021)
<i>T. atroviride</i>	CBMAI-0020	229 x	SAMN23309299	36	49.5	3,146,023	5	Contigs (14)	10,082	This study
<i>T. atroviride</i>	IMI206040	8 x	SAMN02744066	36	49.7	2,007,903	6	Contigs (29)	11,809	(Kubicek et al., 2011)
<i>T. reesei</i>	CBMAI-0711	143 x	SAMN23309300	32	53.5	1,694,659	7	Contigs (26)	8,796	This study
<i>T. reesei</i>	QM6a	80 x	SAMN05250858	35	51.0	18,236	3	Chromosomes (7)	10,877	(Li et al., 2017)
<i>T. reesei</i>	QM6a	9 x	SAMN02746107	33	52.8	1,219,543	9	Scaffolds (77)	9,109	(Martinez et al., 2008)

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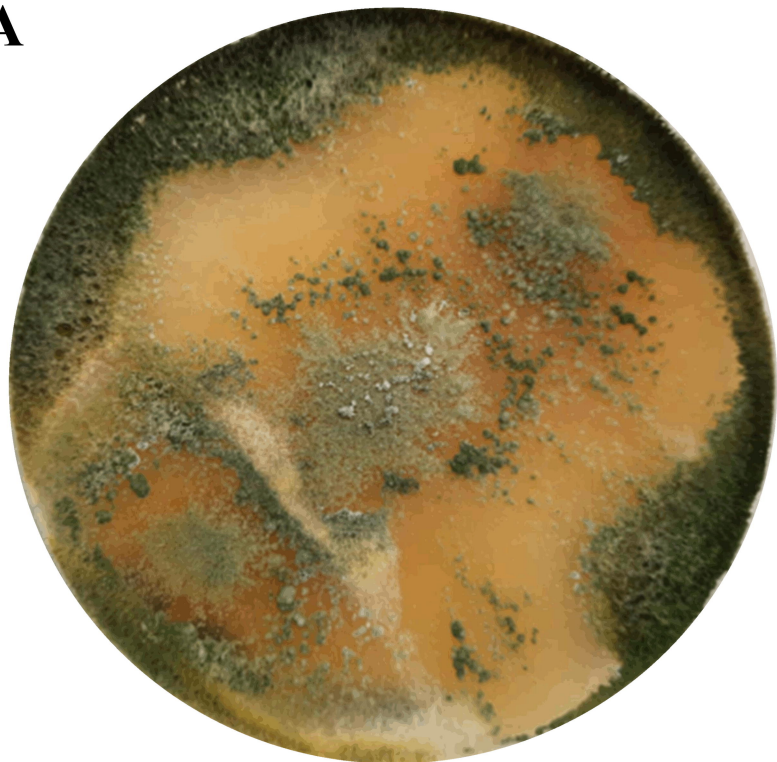
1074 **Table 3.** Distribution of Th3844, Th0179, Ta0020, and Tr0711 orthologs.

	Th3844	Th0179	Ta0020	Tr0711
Th3844	-	9,729	7,927	7,330
Th0179	9,729	-	8,755	8,141
Ta0020	7,927	8,755	-	7,784
Tr0711	7,330	8,141	7,784	-

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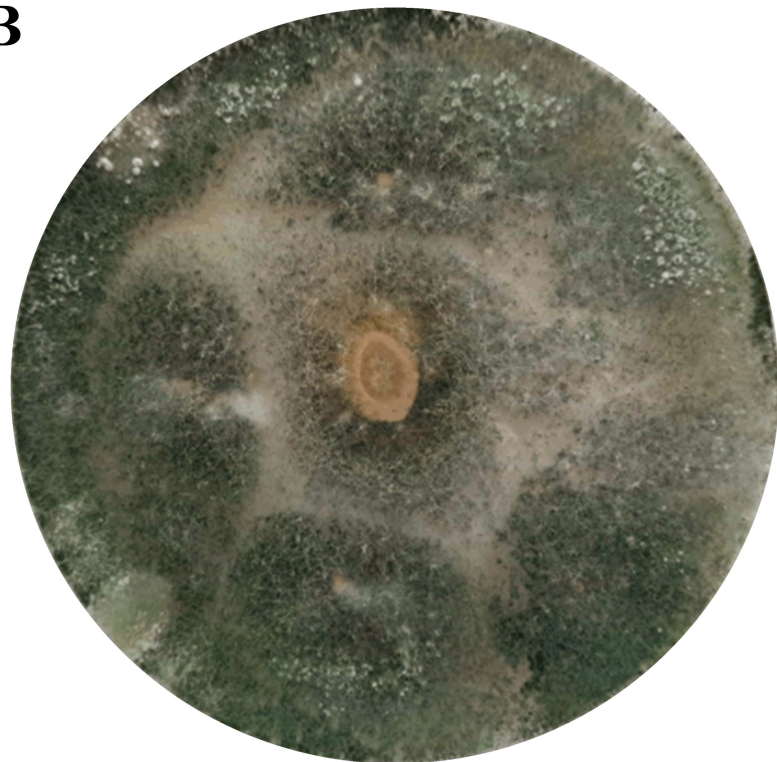
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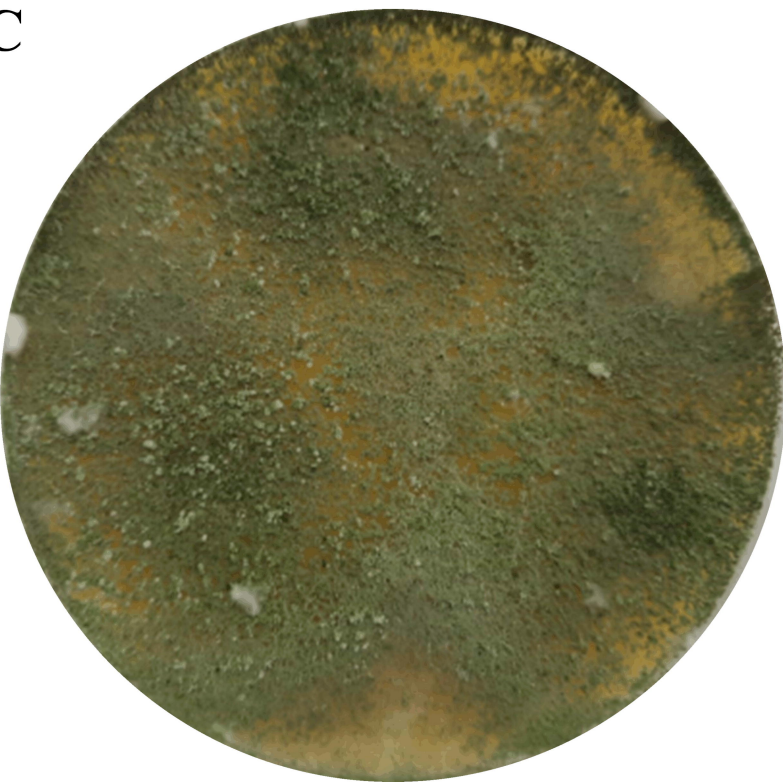
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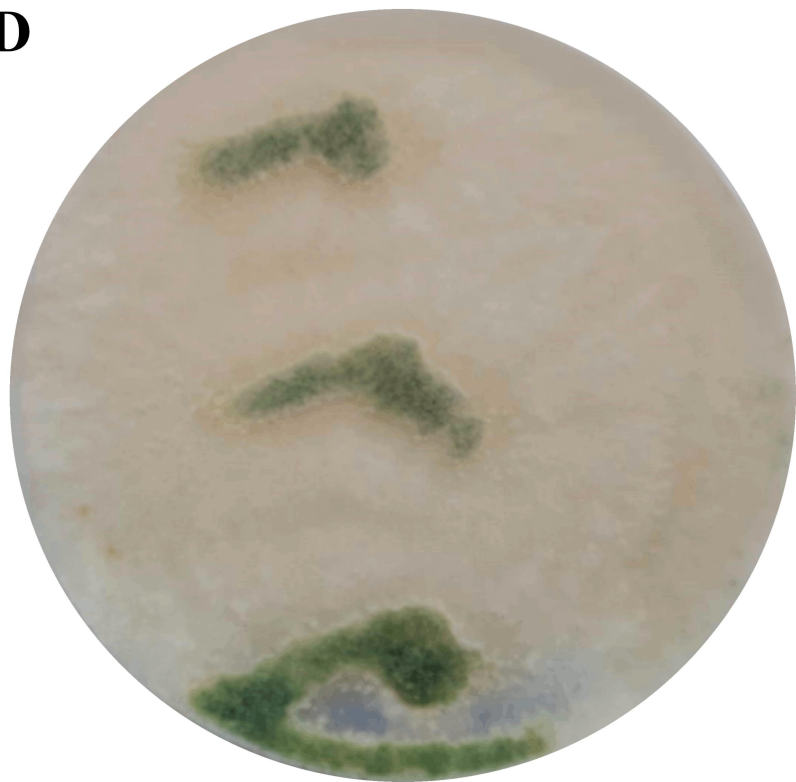
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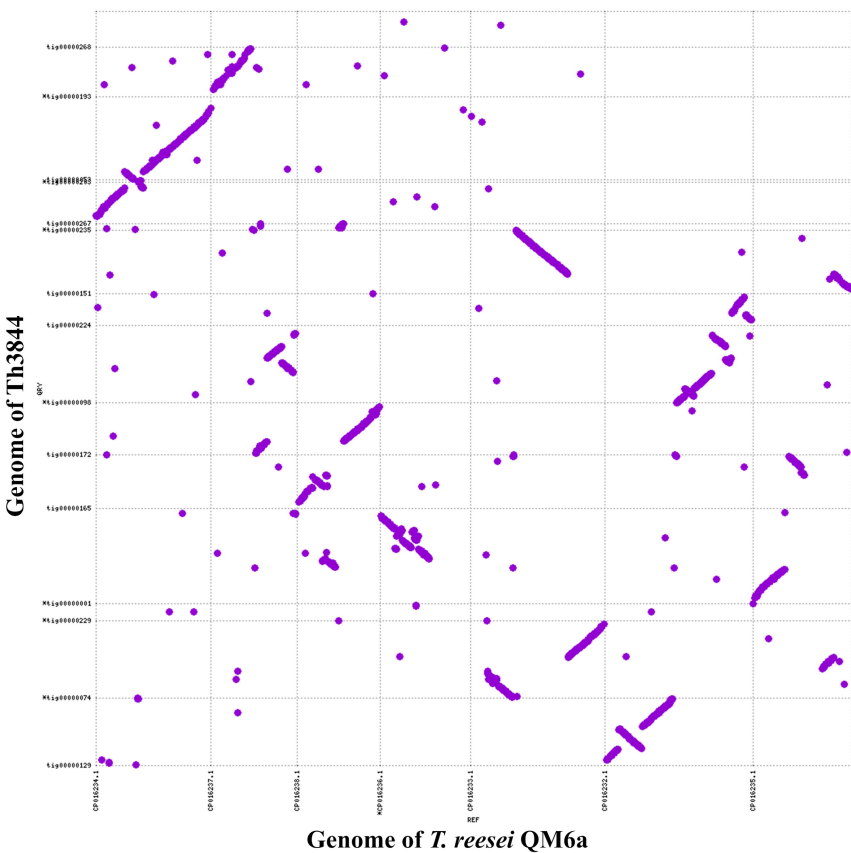
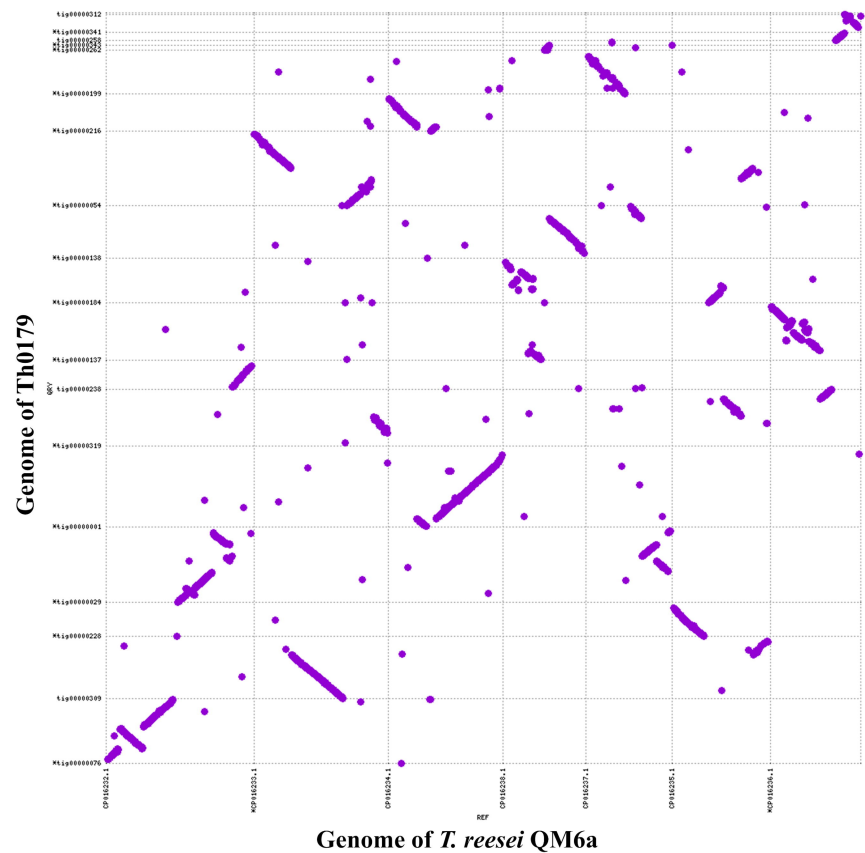
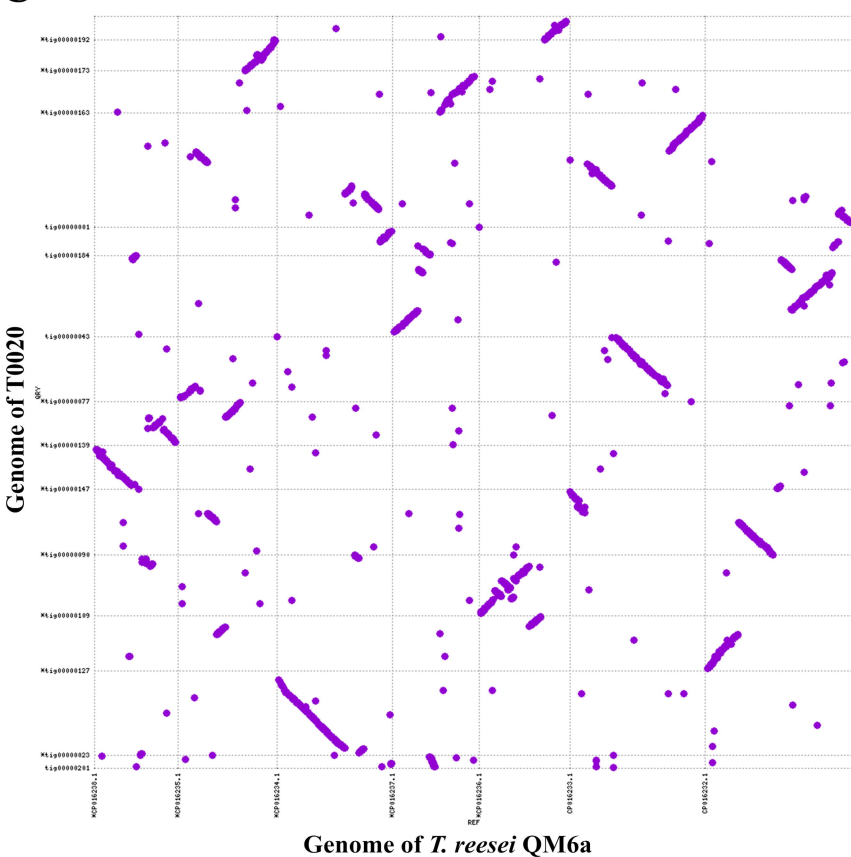
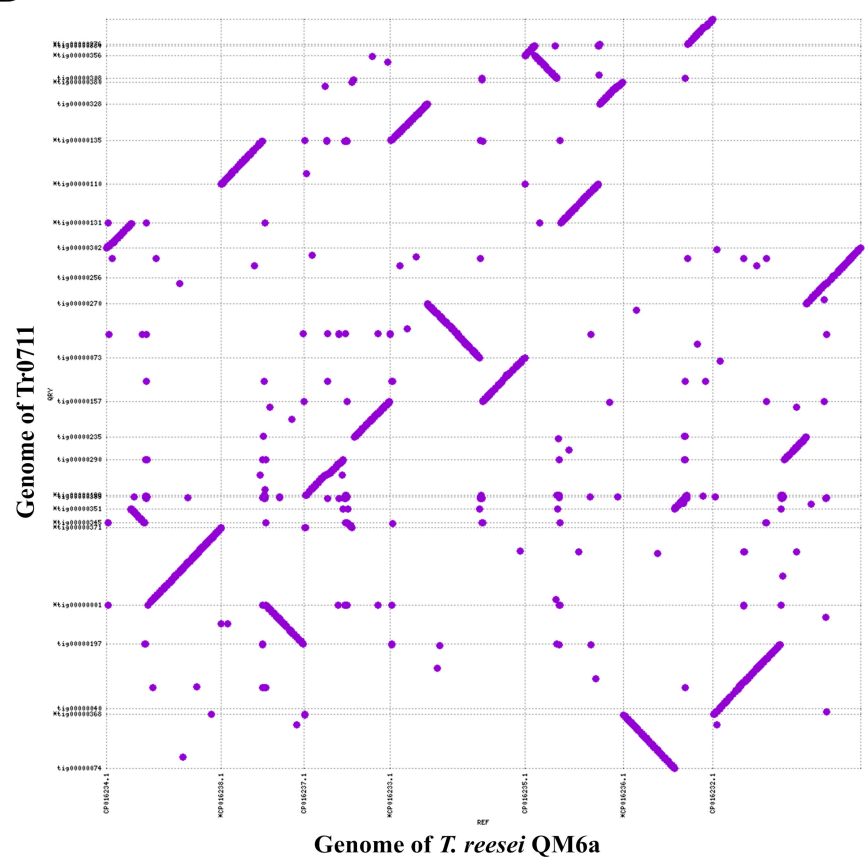
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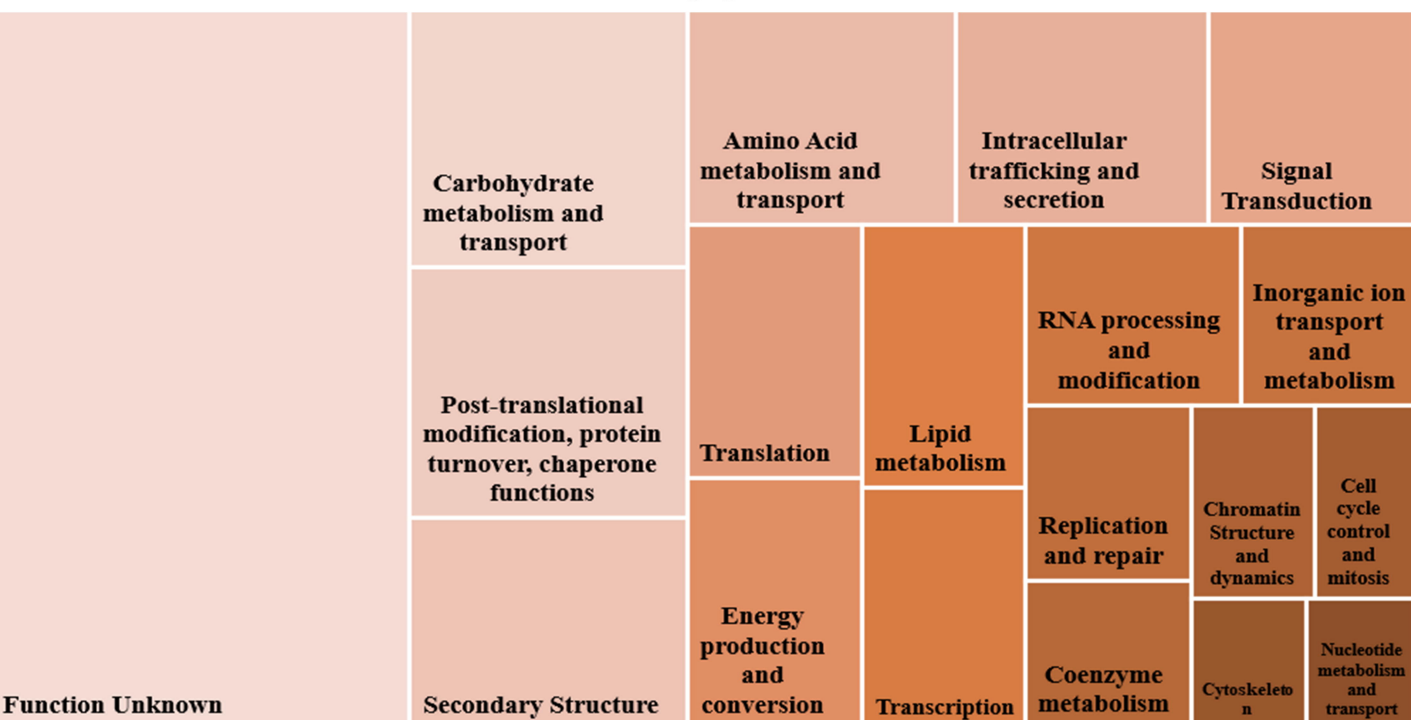
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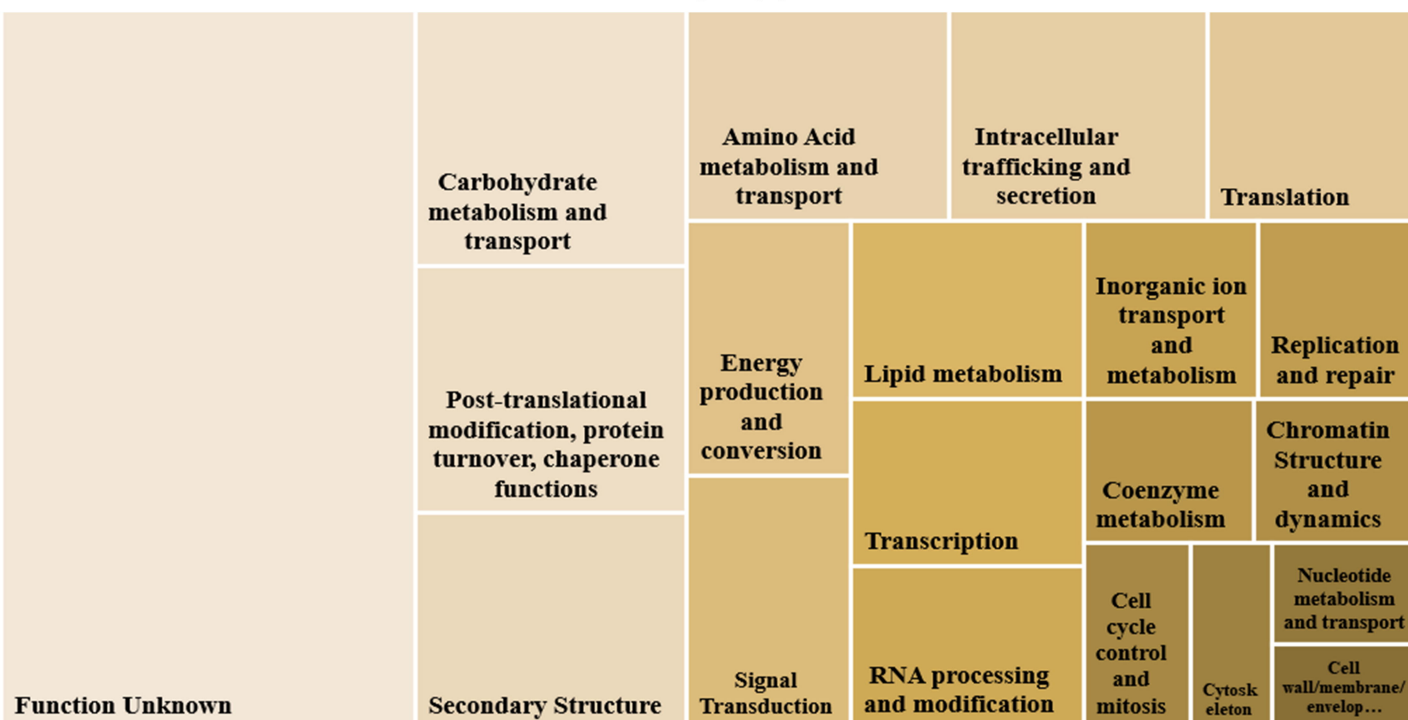
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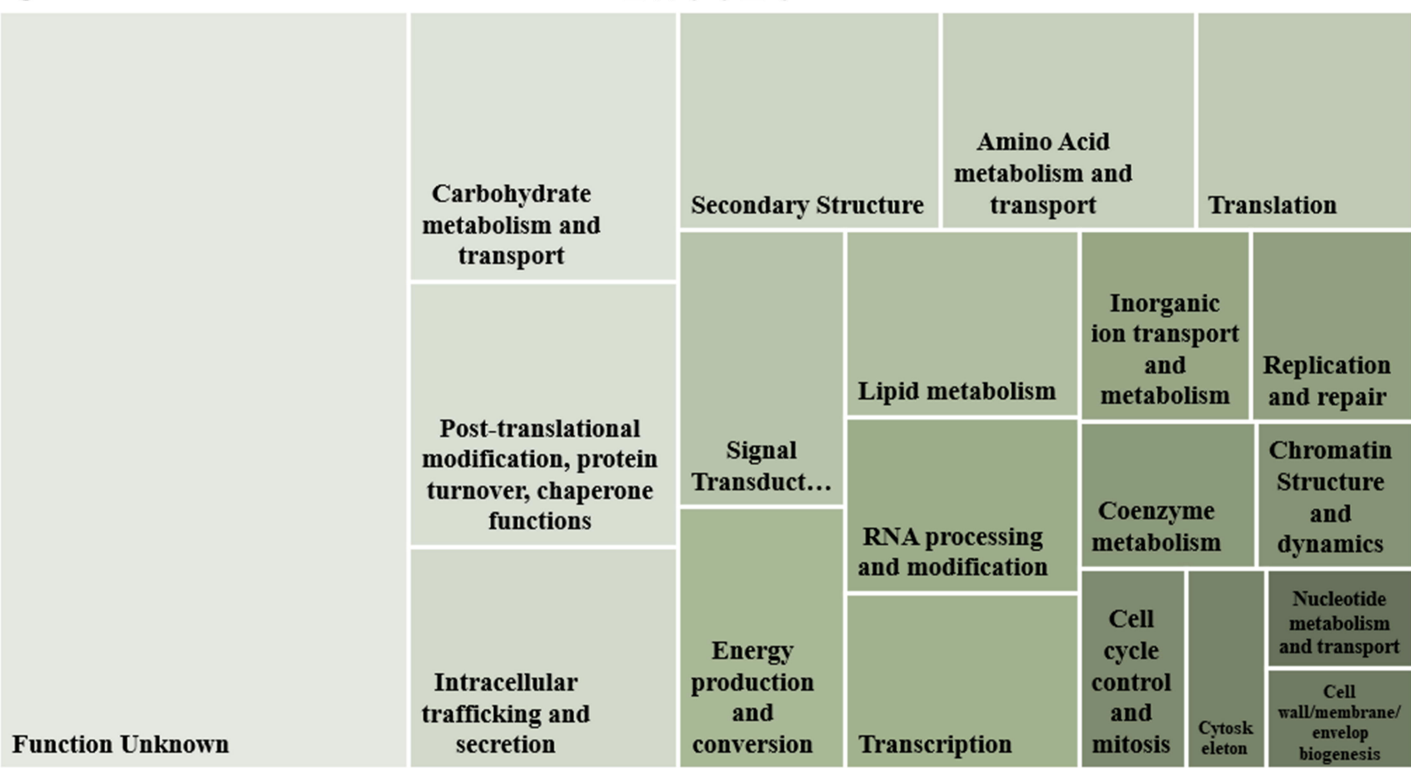
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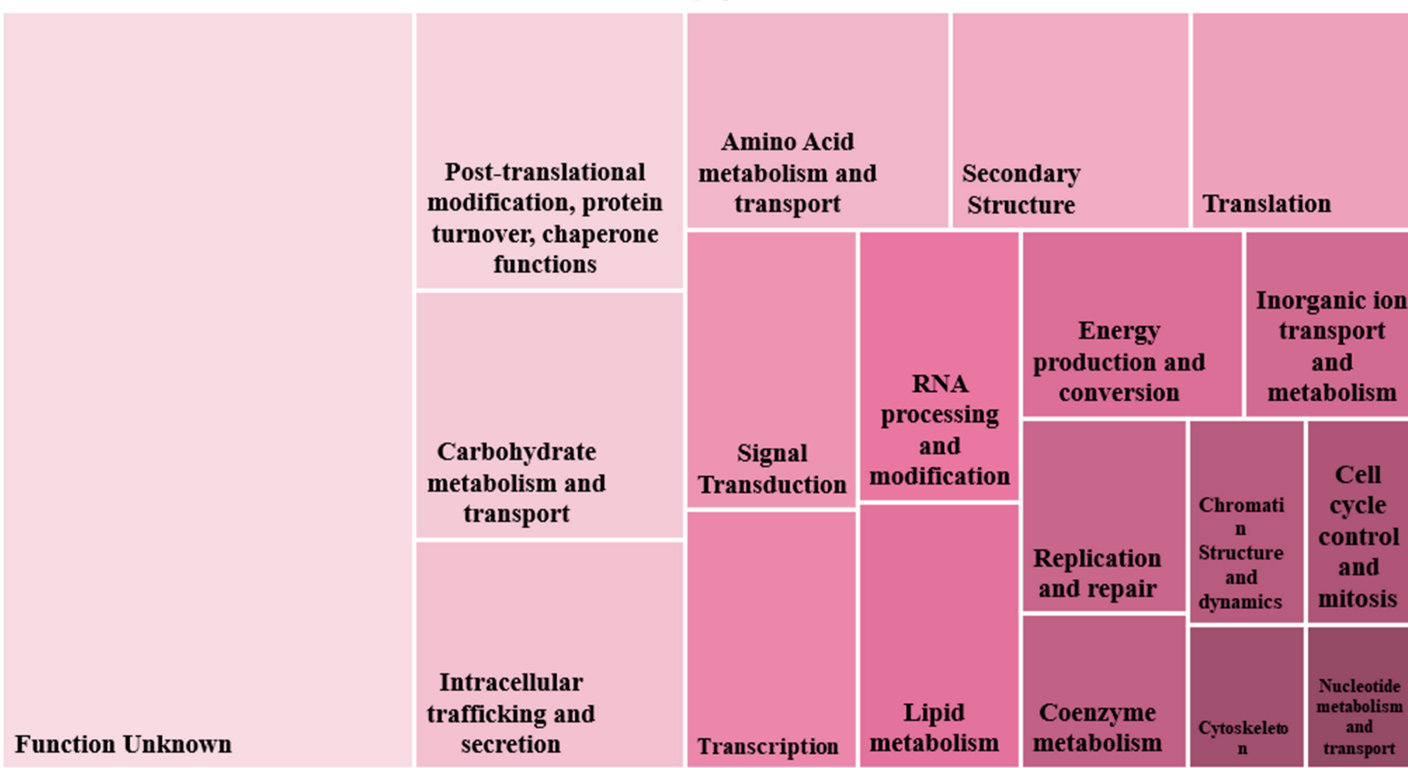
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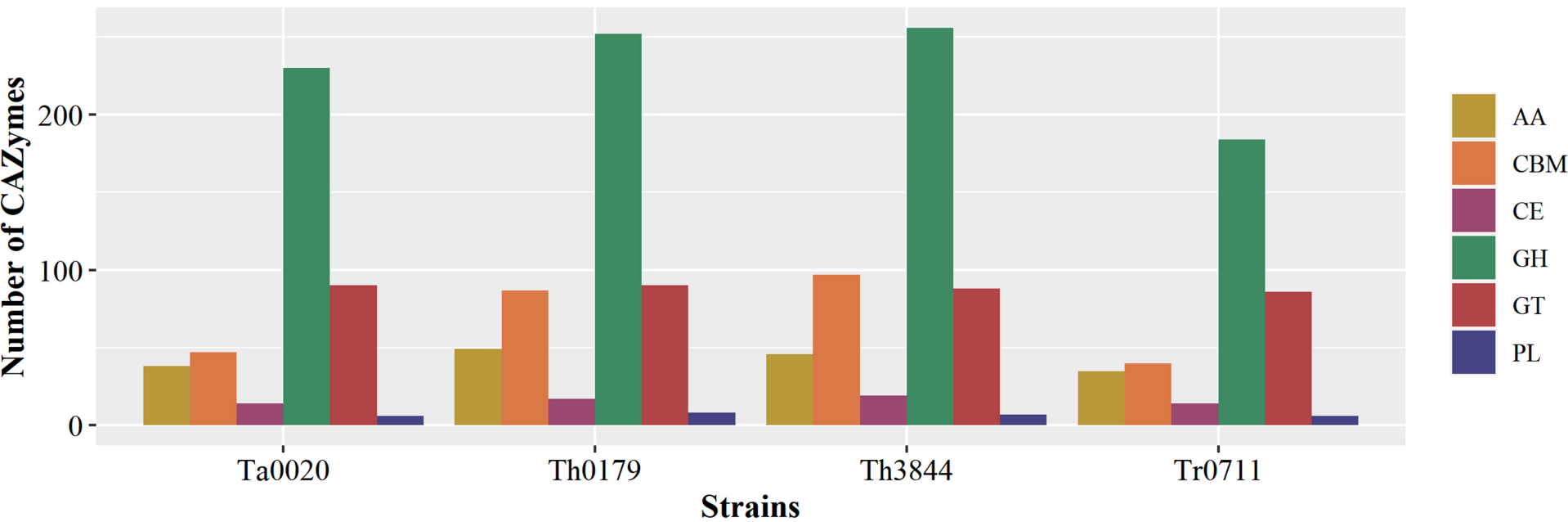
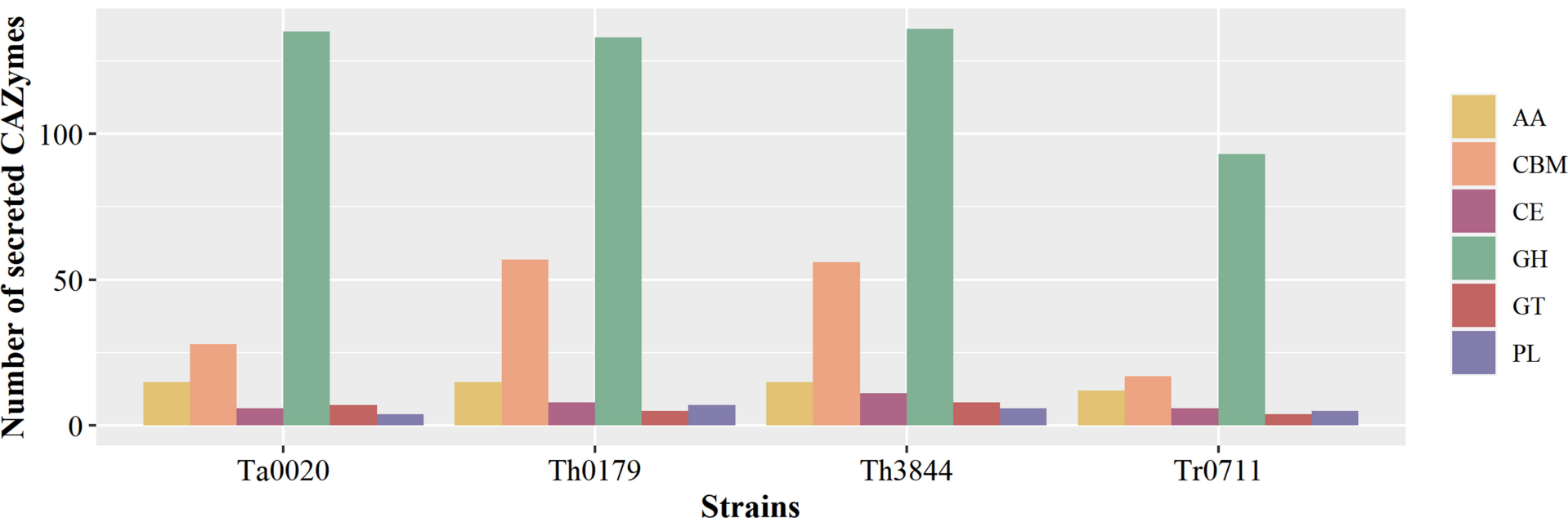
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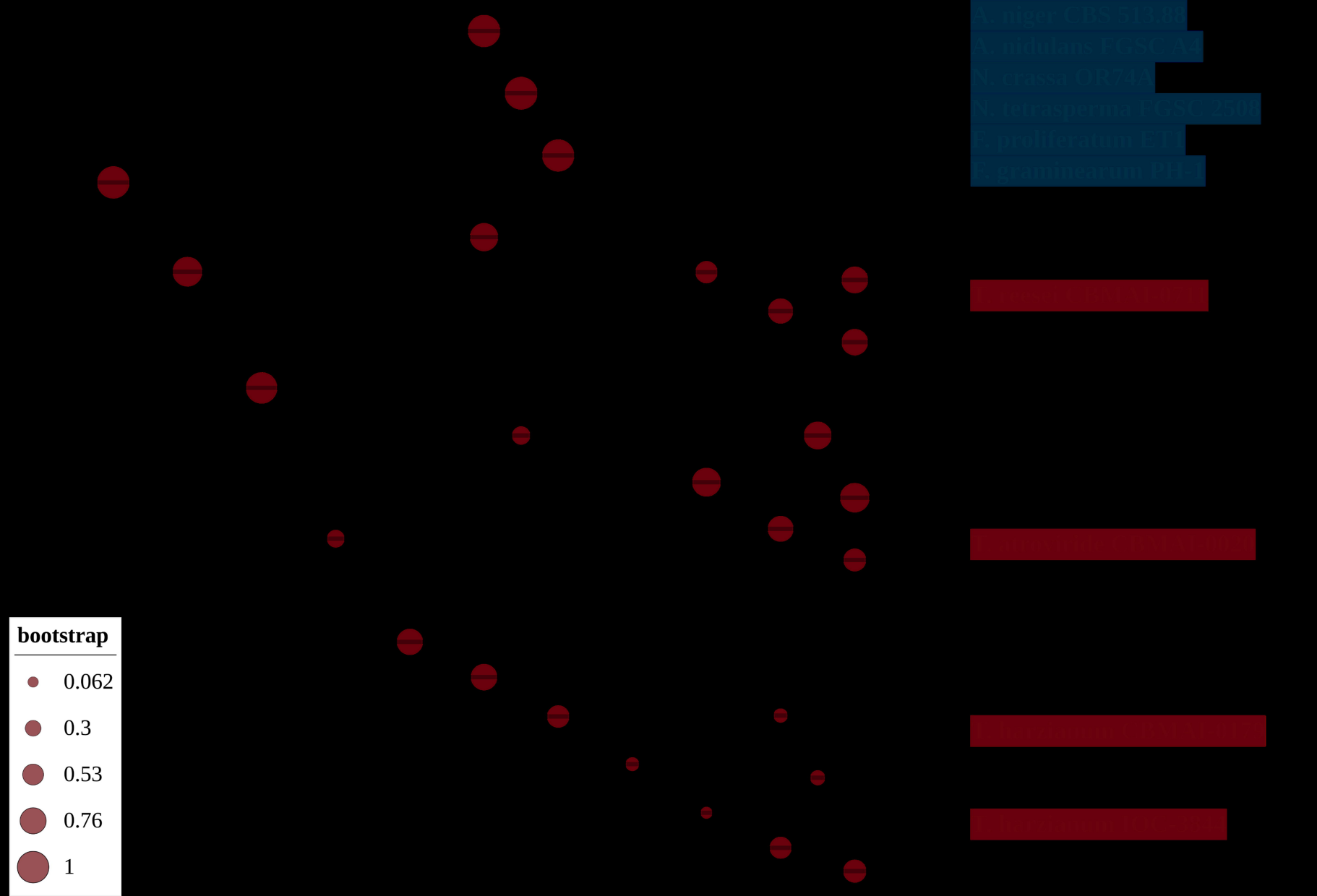
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Substrate/enzyme category	Enzyme class	CAZy family	Th3844	Th0179	Ta0020	Tr0711
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	Arabinofuranosidases	GH54	2	2	2	2
	Endoarabinanases	GH43	5	4	4	2
Cellulose	Cellobiohydrolases	GH6	1	1	1	1
	Oligosaccharide oxidases	AA7	2	3	1	1
	LPMOs	AA9	3	3	3	3
	Endoglucanases	GH5	10	10	9	7
Esterases	Feruloyl/p-coumaroyl/acetyl esterases	CE1	1	0	0	0
	4-O-methyl-glucuronoyl esterases	CE15	1	1	1	1
	Acetyl esterases	CE5	4	4	3	4
Lignin	Glyoxal oxidases (GLOX)	AA5	1	1	1	1
	1,4-benzoquinone reductases	AA6	1	1	1	1
	Vanillyl-alcohol oxidases	AA4	2	3	0	0
	Peroxidases	AA2	1	3	5	3
	Laccases	AA1	9	9	6	4
Lignin/Cellulose	Oxidoreductases/CDHs	AA3	19	20	12	12
Monosugars	PDHs	AA12	1	1	1	0
Pectin	Pectin lyases	PL1	0	0	1	0
	Pectin methylesterases	CE8	1	1	1	0
	Rhamnosidases	GH78	2	2	2	1
	Pectin lyases	PL20	2	2	2	2
	Polygalacturonases	GH28	5	5	5	4
Soluble oligosaccharides	β -glucosidases	GH1	4	4	4	2
	Mannosidases	GH2	11	13	10	7
Xylan	Xylanases	GH10	2	2	1	1
	LPMOs	AA14	2	2	2	2
	Xylanases	GH11	4	4	4	3
Xylosidases/ β -glucosidases	Xylosidases/ β -glucosidases	GH3	16	17	15	12



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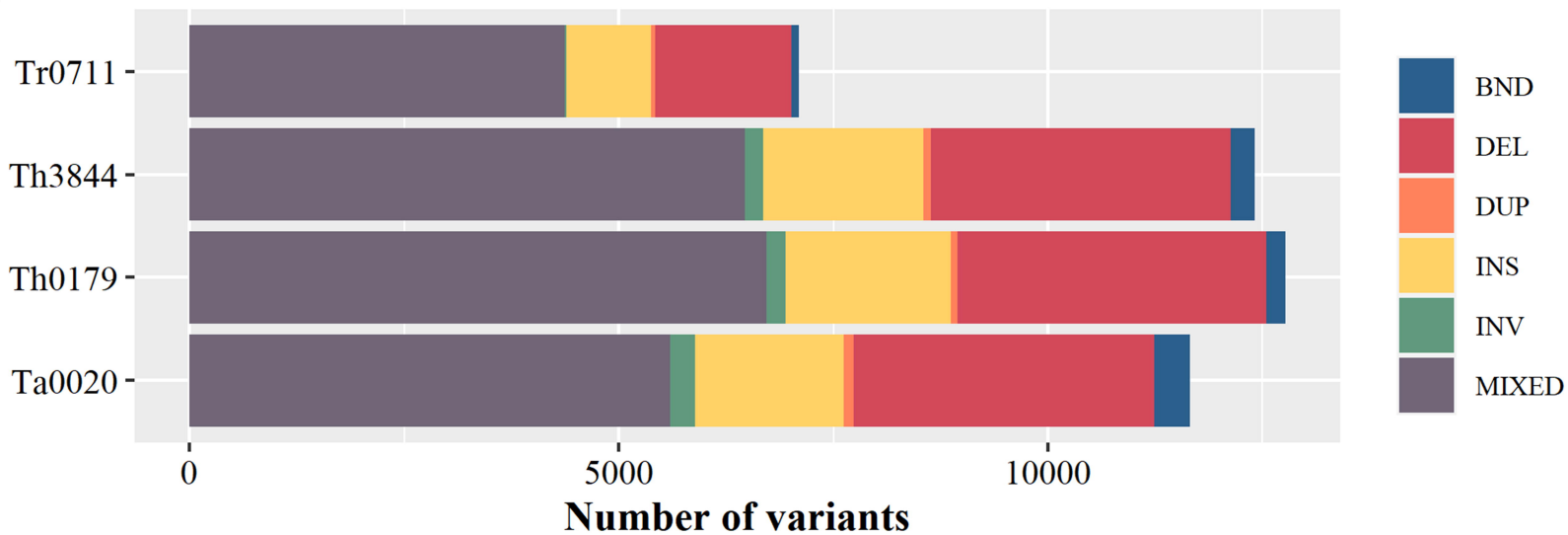
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