Guyanagarika, a new ectomycorrhizal genus of Agaricales from the Neotropics

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A new genus and three new species of Agaricales are described from the Pakaraima Mountains of Guyana in the central Guiana Shield. All three of these new species fruit on the ground in association with species of the ectomycorrhizal (ECM) tree genus Dicymbe (Fabaceae subfam. Caesalpinioideae) and one species has been shown to form ectomycorrhizas. Multi-locus molecular phylogenetic analyses place Guyanagarika gen. nov. within the Catathelasma clade, a lineage in the suborder Tricholomatineae of the Agaricales. We formally recognize this ‘Catathelasma clade’ as an expanded family Catathelasmataceae that includes the genera Callistosporium, Catathelasma, Guyanagarika, Macrocybe, Pleurocollybia, and Pseudolaccaria. Within the Catathelasmataceae, Catathelasma and Guyanagarika represent independent origins of the ectomycorrhizal habit. Guyanagarika is the first documented case of an ECM Agaricales genus known only from the Neotropics.

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the discovery of cryptic species within morphologically identical taxa (Harder et al. 2013; Stefani et al. 2014). The discovery of such ‘hidden’ species-level diversity has facilitated the assessment of fungal diversity and conservation priorities (Hibbett & Donoghue 1996; Agapow et al. 2004).

Recent studies have suggested that ectomycorrhizal (ECM) fungal diversity is higher in temperate and boreal latitudes than in the tropics (Tedersoo et al. 2012; Tedersoo et al. 2014). Nonetheless, the importance of ECM fungi in tropical ecosystems has been highlighted, e.g., they alleviate plant stress (Bandou et al. 2006) and contribute to plant establishment and community structure (Newbery et al. 2002; Henkel et al. 2005; Peay et al. 2010). Some studies have documented high ECM fungal diversity in Palaeotropical ecosystems (Peay et al. 2010; Tedersoo et al. 2010; Bå et al. 2012). In the Neotropics, ECM fungal diversity in central Guiana Shield forests dominated by the ECM canopy tree genera Dicyembe, Pakaraimaea, and Aldina has been shown to be remarkably high (Smith et al. 2011; Henkel et al. 2012; Smith et al. 2013). In recent years, several new genera and over 100 new species have been described from this area (e.g. Henkel et al. 2011, 2016; Husbands et al. 2013; Grupe et al. 2015; Smith et al. 2015).

Among the rich assemblage of Guyana’s Dicyembe-associated ECM fungi reported by Henkel et al. (2012), Smith et al. (2013) reported the discovery of a conspicuous yet enigmatic orange-coloured agaric species from western Guyana. Morphologically this fungus resembles a species of Tricholoma (Fr.) Staude, with tricholomatoid stature, hyaline, smooth basidiospores, lack of a partial veil, sinuate lamellae attachment, and a fruiting habit on soil in association with ECM trees. Given the paucity of reports for Tricholoma sensu lato from the Neotropics, Smith et al. (2013) attempted to place the fungus using nuclear ribosomal large subunit (LSU) sequences, but no relationship to Tricholoma was indicated and putative affinities with either Entoloma P. Kumm. or Clitocybe (Fr.) Staude lacked statistical support. Evidence for an ECM relationship of the fungus was obtained by matching internal transcribed spacers (ITS) sequences from Dicyembe ECM root tips with sequences obtained directly from the fungal sporocarps (Smith et al. 2013). Furthermore, large clusters of white ECM root tips are often found in the soil beneath the sporocarps of this mushroom (Smith & Henkel, personal observations; Smith et al. 2013). The prominence of this fungus in the Dicyembe-associated ECM fungal assemblage (Henkel et al. 2012), its Tricholoma-like morphology, and initial lack of convincing molecular-based relationship with any known genus of the Agaricales motivated us to re-examine all collected specimens of this taxon and reconstruct a multi-gene phylogeny to elucidate its phylogenetic relationships and taxonomy.

Materials and methods

Collections and morphological analyses

Collections were made during May–July of 1998–2002, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, and 2015 from the Upper Ircang, Upper Potaro, and Upper Mazaruni River Basins in the Pakaraima Mountains of Guyana in the central Guiana Shield. Collecting sites in the Upper Ircang and Upper Potaro River Basins were dominated by ECM Dickeye corymbosa Spruce ex. Benth. and/or Dickeye altsonii Sandw. (Henkel et al. 2012), and collecting sites in the Upper Mazaruni River Basin were dominated by ECM Pakaraimaea dipterocarpaceae Maguire & P.S. Ashton and Dickeye jenmanii Sandw. (Smith et al. 2013).

Descriptions of macromorphological characters were made from fresh collections in the field. Colours were documented with the Methuen Handbook of Colour (Kornerup & Wanscher 1976), with colour plates noted in parentheses. Sporocarps were dried in the field with silica gel for later microscopic examination and DNA extraction. Specimens were rehydrated with 70 % ethanol, sectioned by hand, and mounted in 5 % KOH, Melzer’s reagent (to test for an amyloid reaction), or stained with Congo red, Sudan IV, or cotton blue (to test for a cyanophilius reaction) following recommendations of Clémentçon (2009), and examined using a Nikon Eclipse 80i microscope. Thirty basidiospores and at least ten basidia and other structures were measured per collection. Basidiospore measurements were taken from spores deposited on the stipe. A one-way ANOVA followed by a Tukey post-hoc test were performed in R to examine the significance of differences in spore size and shape (Q = quotient of length divided by width). Collections were deposited in the following herbaria: BRG, FLAS, HSC, PUL, and TENN (herbarium abbreviations per Thiers (continuously updated)). Ectomycorrhizal roots attached to hyphal cords extending from the base of some specimens were collected for future morphological and molecular studies (Smith et al. 2013). Taxonomic descriptions presented below are composite descriptions from all specimens examined.

DNA extraction, PCR amplification, and sequencing

The protocols of Aime & Phillips-Mora (2005), Smith et al. (2011), and Sánchez-Garcia et al. (2014) were followed for DNA extraction, PCR amplification, and sequencing of the ITS, LSU, nuclear ribosomal small subunit (SSU), the largest subunit of RNA polymerase II (rpb1), and the second largest subunit of RNA polymerase II (rpb2). The conserved domains A–C from the rpb1 gene region were amplified and sequenced using the same protocols used for rpb2 in Sánchez-Garcia et al. (2014), but with the primers gAf, fCr, int2f, int2.1f, and int2.1r (Stiller & Hall 1997; Matheny et al. 2002; Frøslev et al. 2005). GenBank accession numbers for sequences from type and other Guyana collections are shown in Table S1, along with those of other fungi used in the phylogenetic analyses.

Sequence alignment and phylogenetic analyses

Phylogenetic analysis of LSU sequences in Smith et al. (2013) suggested that this mushroom was closely related to Entoloma and Clitocybe, genera of the suborder Tricholomataceae. To evaluate this phylogenetic placement, we incorporated the LSU, SSU, rpb1, and rpb2 sequences into a dataset of the Tricholomataceae that consisted of 255 taxa including Ampulloclitocybe clavipes (Pers.) Redhead, Lutzoni, Moncalvo & Vilgalys as an outgroup (Binder et al. 2010), hereafter referred to as the Tricholomataceae dataset. Some of these sequences were generated at the University of Tennessee, and others were obtained from GenBank. Alignments for individual gene regions were
done with MAFFT 7.244 (Katoh & Standley 2013) and manually adjusted with Aliview 1.17.1 (Larsson 2014). Individual gene alignments were concatenated using SeaView 4.5.4 (Gouy et al. 2010), after inspection for intergene conflict. PartitionFinder 1.0.1 (Lanfear et al. 2012) was used to find the best partition strategy and the best models of molecular evolution. Alignments are available from TreeBASE (http://purl.org/phylo/treebase/phylows/study/TB2:S19658).

A maximum likelihood (ML) analysis was performed with RAxML 8.1.17 (Stamatakis 2014) executing 1000 rapid ML bootstrap searches. Bayesian inference (BI) analyses were performed using MrBayes 3.2.2 (Huelsenbeck & Ronquist 2001; Ronquist & Huelsenbeck 2003; Altekar et al. 2004) with two independent runs and four Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) for 50 million generations, and sampling trees every 5000 generations. To determine the appropriate number of generations to discard as burn-in, we evaluated the output using Tracer 1.5 (Rambaut & Drummond 2007), after which 25% of the trees were discarded. Trees sampled from the posterior distribution were summarized into a maximum clade credibility (MCC) tree using TreeAnnotator 1.7.5 (Drummond et al. 2012). Bootstrap values (BS) ≥70 and posterior probabilities (PP) ≥0.90 were considered evidence for strong support.

Fig 1 – Maximum likelihood phylogeny (LSU, SSU, rpb1, rpb2) of the suborder Tricholomatineae. Bootstrap values ≥70 are shown above branches and Bayesian posterior probabilities ≥0.90 are shown below branches.
Fig 2 – Maximum likelihood phylogeny (LSU, SSU, rpb1, rpb2, ITS) of the family Catathelasmataceae. Bootstrap values ≥70 are shown above branches and Bayesian posterior probabilities ≥0.90 are shown below branches.
Preliminary analyses from the Tricholomatinaceae dataset suggested that this taxon could be closely related to the Catathelasma clade. We assembled a second dataset of sequences for the aforementioned loci that included members of the orange-coloured Guyana mushroom (hereafter referred to as the Catathelasma clade dataset). In this dataset we also incorporated ITS sequences prior to running ML and BI analyses as described above.

**Congruence among loci**

To test the level of congruence among loci, we used the congruence among distance matrices (CADM) test (Campbell et al. 2011), as implemented in the package ape in R. The null hypothesis of this test is the complete incongruence of the phylogenetic trees obtained from each locus; in other words, phylogenetic trees with different evolutionary histories. The level of congruence (W; Kendall’s coefficient of concordance) ranges from 0 (total incongruence) to 1 (complete congruence).

**Results**

The Tricholomatinaceae dataset consisted of 269 specimens and 4917 nucleotide positions. The alignment was separated into nine partitions: (1) LSU; (2) SSU; (3) rp2 second codon positions; (4) rp2 third codon positions; (5) rp2 second codon positions; (6) rp1 first codon positions; (7) rp1 second codon positions; (8) rp1 third codon positions; and (9) rp1 intron 2, implementing the GTR + GAMMA + I model for both the ML and BI analyses as suggested by PartitionFinder.

The Catathelasma clade dataset consisted of 50 specimens and 5921 nucleotide positions. The alignment was separated in seven partitions as suggested by PartitionFinder: (1) ITS; (2) LSU; (3) SSU; (4) rp2 all codon positions; (5) rp1 first and second codon positions; (6) rp1 third codon positions; and (7) rp1 intron 2, implementing the GTR + GAMMA + I model for both the ML and BI analyses as suggested by PartitionFinder.

The orange-coloured mushroom complex, herein named Guyanagarika gen. nov., was recovered with high support (BS-96/PP-0.99) as sister to the Catathelasma clade (Moncalvo et al. 2006), a lineage that includes the genera Callistosporium, Pleurocollybia, and Pseudolaccaria. We assembled a second dataset of sequences described above.

Based on these analyses the family Catathelasmataceae was recovered as sister to Callistosporium, Clitocybe aff. fellea, Macrocybe, Pleurocollybia, and Pseudolaccaria, and three highly supported clades were recovered within Guyanagarika (Fig 2). Results from the CADM test showed no significant incongruence among all loci, supporting three independent evolutionary lineages and the species-level recognition of the three monophyletic groups within Guyanagarika. The null hypothesis was rejected (W = 0.90; p < 0.001). Based on the strength of the molecular analyses, we describe these clades as new species: 1) Guyanagarika aurantia sp. nov., 2) Guyanagarika pakaraimensis sp. nov., and 3) Guyanagarika anomala sp. nov.

The statistical analyses performed to determine differences in spore size and shape show that G. pakaraimensis presents significantly smaller spores (mean = 7.82 × 4.95) than G. aurantia (mean = 7.96 × 5.12) and G. anomala (mean = 8.01 × 5.09). No significant differences were found across Q values. Results from the one-way ANOVA, and the post-hoc Tukey test are presented in the Supplementary Material (Tables S2 and S3, and Fig. S1).

Phylogenetic analyses of the Catathelasma dataset (Fig 2) show a collection of Pleurocollybia sp. as potentially congenic with Callistosporium. These sequences were retrieved from GenBank, and we cannot confirm their taxonomic identity, although this accession may possibly represent a misidentified specimen of Callistosporium since both genera are lignicolous and morphologically similar (Table 1).

**Taxonomy**


Emended here to include the genera Callistosporium, Guyanagarika gen. nov., Macrocybe, Pleurocollybia, and Pseudolaccaria.

Habit tricholomatoid, collybioid or pleurotoid. Lamellae adnate, adnexed, sinuate, emarginated to decurrent. Basidiospore deposit white. Basidiospores ellipsoid, hyaline, smooth, inamyloid or amyloid, acyanophilic or cyanophilic. Cheilocystidia present or absent, pleurocystidia absent, if present then only as pseudocystidia. Hymenophoral trama regular to bilateral becoming regular. Pileipellis a cutis, ixocutis or cutis becoming a trichoderm. Clamp connections present or absent. On soil or rotten wood. Saprotrophic or ectomycorrhizal.

Genera included: Callistosporium, Catathelasma, Guyanagarika gen. nov., Macrocybe, Pleurocollybia, Pseudolaccaria.

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Etymology: Guyana, in reference to the country of origin; and from the Greek agariko = agaric, or gilled mushroom.

Diagnosis: Habit tricholomatoid. Pileus dark orange becoming lighter towards the margin, broadly convex to broadly sub- conic to plano-convex with prominent broad umbo with age. Surface glabrous to minutely tomentose. Lamellae sub-thick to thick, initially adnate to adnexed, sinuate with age, brittle. Stipe equal, tapering evenly from apex to base, solid. Basidiospores hyaline, smooth, inamyloid, acyanophilic. Spore
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deposit white. Hymenial cystidia absent. Pileipellis initially a cutis becoming a trichoderm with age. Clamp connections present in all tissues. Thromboplerous hyphae (oleiferous hyphae sensu Clemención 2004) present in all tissues.

Type species: **Guyanagarika aurantia** Sánchez-García, T.W. Henkel & Aime, sp. nov.

**Guyanagarika aurantia** Sánchez-García, T.W. Henkel & Aime, sp. nov. (Fig 3)

MycoBank No.: MB817739

Etymology: from the Latin *aurantia* = orange-coloured, in reference to the uniform colour of the basidioma.

Diagnosis: Morphological characteristics of the genus and similar to *G. pakaraimensis* and *G. anomala*, but forming a distinct species-level clade supported by multiple loci data (ITS, LSU, rpb1, and rpb2). The ITS sequence is 82–90 % similar to other species of *Guyanagarika*, unique molecular synapomorphies at positions 31, 33, 34, 82, 109, 129, 133, 134 (ITS1); 357, 359, 423, 466 (ITS2). The LSU sequence is 92–96 % similar to other species of *Guyanagarika*, unique molecular synapomorphies at positions 176, 415, 427, 436, 440, 442, 443, 460, 461, 467, 489, 558, 608, 609, 616, 685, 690, 697, 778, 779. The rpb2 sequence is 98–99 % similar to other species of *Guyanagarika*, unique molecular synapomorphies at positions 7, 857, 927.

Holotype: **Guyana**: Region 7 Cuyuni-Mazaruni: Pakaraima Mountains, Upper Mazaruni River Basin, ~6 km west of Mt. Ayanganna in vicinity of Pegaima savanna camp site at 5°26’21.3”N 60°04’43.1”W, 300 m south of base camp, on white sand soils in forest dominated by ECM Pakaraimaea dipterocarpacea and Dicymbe jenmanii, 6 Jun. 2012, Henkel 9693 (BRG 41227; isotypes HSC G1184, TENN 070902). GenBank accession...
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numbers: ITS (KX092078), LSU (KX092078), SSU (KX092111), rpb1 (KX092118), rpb2 (KX092132).

**Pileus** 30–60 mm broad, 15–32 mm tall, convex to sub-conic to plano-convex with prominent umbo 6–13 mm tall with age, orange throughout (5A8–6B3), darker orange (6B8–6C6) over disc when young, hygrophanous somewhat to lighter yellowish orange (4A6–4A7) with age, otherwise uniformly concolourous, margin incurved and sub-crenululate to crenulate when young, and broadly undulate at maturity, edge sub-crenulate; surface glabrous to minutely tomentosely especially over disc, under hand lens a regular, low, sub-erect to erect pile of fibrillose elements more concentrated over disc, on mature specimens near margin erect elements reduced, nearly minutely granulose-pruinose; sub-dry to moist; tramata off-white to pale cream (4A3–4A4), orange-concolourous under pileipellis, 0.5 mm at margin, 2 mm over lamellae, and 9 mm over stipe/umbo, unchanging. **Lamellae** sub-thick to thick, sub-distant, adnate-adnexed when young, sinuate at maturity, cream to light orange (4A5–4A6–4A7), brittle, unchanging; edges concolourous, smooth, irregularly slightly eroded in places; one to three lamellae 1–7 (10) mm long. **Stipe** 45–105 (180) × 6–11 (15) mm, equal to sub-equal or tapering evenly and slightly from apex to base, usually light orange (4A5–4A6), rarely creamish orange (4A3–4A4), sometimes lightening to nearly white over basal one-fifth, glabrous to finely longitudinally striate macroscopically, under hand lens with a fine, dense, and longitudinal mat with occasional minute projecting elements; tramata off-white, faintly cream near stipitipellis, fibrous, solid, snapping easily and cleanly, cartilaginous; basal mycelium an off-white mat subtended by thin to thick white hyphal chords. Odour none, or fungoid when cut to slightly soapy-chemical. **Basidiospores** 7.2–8.5 × 4.4–5.5 µm (mean 7.96 × 5.12 µm), hyaline, smooth, ellipsoid, Q range = 1.4–1.8, Q mean = 1.59, inamyloid, acyanophilic, usually containing 2–4 guttules. **Basidia** 38–52 × 4.4–7 µm, clavate, 4-sterigmatate, occasionally 2-sterigmatate, hyaline. Edge of the lamellae sterile due to the presence of short, clavate, thin-walled cells resembling basidioles and rarely protruding elements. **Hymenial cystidia** absent. **Hymenophoral** trama regular to slightly interwoven. **Pileipellis** a cutis made up of interwoven hyphae, orangeochreous in mass with intracellular pigments; cells 48–80 × 6–9 µm, with ascending terminal cells; subpellis consisting of interwoven hyphae. **Stipitipellis** a cutis; cells 61–100 × 8–10 µm with ellipsoid to cylindrical terminal elements. **Clamp connections** and **thromboplerous hyphae** present in all tissues.

**Habit, habitat, and distribution:** Solitary to scattered on humic mat on sandy soils under the ECM trees Pakaraimaeae dipterocarpaceae and Dicymbe jenmani in the Upper Mazaruni River Basin of Guyana; also found under Dicymbe corymbosa in the Upper Potaro and Upper Ireng River Basins of Guyana.

**Other specimens examined: Guyana:** Region 8 Potaro-Siparuni: Pakaraima Mountains, Upper Ireng River, 0.5 km from base camp at 5’18’04.8”N 59’54.40”W, 710 m, vicinity of base camp, 16 Jun. 2000, Henkel 7505 (BRG 41281, HSC G1187, TENN 070899); ibidem, 1 Jun. 2001, Aime 1741 (BRG, PUL F3425, TENN 070895); ~4 km southeast of base camp near mixed forest plot 3, 12 Jun. 2001, Henkel 8269 (BRG 41282, HSC G1188, TENN 070900); 1.5 km northeast base camp, 28 May 2010, Henkel 9235 (BRG 41283, HSC G1189, TENN 070901); ~300 m northeast of base camp behind Leon camp, 19 Jun. 2013, Henkel 9835 (BRG 41284, HSC G1190, TENN 070903); ~0.5 km east of base camp between North Benny’s Ridge and Leon camp, 11 Jun. 2015, Henkel 10068 (BRG 41286, HSC G1192, TENN 070896).

**Guyanagarika pakaraimensis** Sánchez-García, T.W. Henkel & Aime, sp. nov. (Fig 4)

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Etymology: pakaraimensis (-ensis Latin) indicating place of origin, referring to the locality where this species is found, the Pakaraima Mountains of Guyana.

**Diagnosis:** Morphological characteristics of the genus and similar to G. aurantia and G. anomala, but with smaller spores (mean 7.82 × 4.95) and forming a distinct species-level clade supported by multiple loci data (ITS, LSU, rpb1, and rpb2). The ITS sequence is 81–90 % similar to other species of Guyanagarika, unique molecular synapomorphies at positions 32, 42, 84, 108, 123, 124, 139, 132, 133 (ITS1); 360, 361, 363, 460, 462, 464 (ITS2). The LSU sequence is 92–96 % similar to other species of Guyanagarika, unique molecular synapomorphies at positions 181, 471, 472, 514, 558, 582, 608, 616, 720, 807. The rpb2 sequence is 98–99 % similar to other species of Guyanagarika, unique molecular synapomorphies at positions 258, 830, 857.

Holotype: **Guyana:** Region 8 Potaro-Siparuni: Pakaraima Mountains, Upper Potaro River, within 5 km radius of Potaro base camp at 5’18’04.8”N 59’54.40”W, 710 m, vicinity of base camp, 15 Jul. 2008, Henkel 8941 (BRG 41228; isotypes HSC G1193, TENN 070901). GenBank accession numbers: ITS and LSU (KT339200), SSU (KX092114), rpb1 (KX092128), rpb2 (KX092145).

**Pileus** 17–38 × 85 mm broad, 10–16 mm tall, broadly convex to plano-convex to uplifted, with a low, broad umbo 9–14 mm tall, deep orange (6A8–6B8) at centre, peach-orange (5F4–5F5) to rich orange (5A8–5B8) towards the margin; margin entire, incurred when young to sub-crenulate with age, sometimes crisped to eroded and irregularly split towards disc; surface initially glabrous, with age composed of fibrillose hairs upturned above disc and becoming repent towards margin, outer one-third becoming sulcate above gills with maturity, sub-moist to moist; trama <0.5 mm at margin, 2 mm centrally, 8 mm above stipe, off-white, unchanging. **Lamellae** sub-thick to thick, sub-distant to distant, adnate-adnexed to subside and slightly decurrent, pale yellow to pale orange (4A4–5A4), brittle, unchanging; edges concolourous, smooth to finely eroded; one to three lamellae 1–3 mm long. **Stipe** (40–55) × 100 (150) × 6–22 mm, equal, occasionally tapering from apex to base, pale orange to orangish cream (5A3–5A6) approaching apex, paler toward base, solid; surface with minute fibrillose hairs creating granulose appearance,
longitudinally striate throughout; trama off-white; stipitipellis 0.5 mm thick; basal mycelium a white tomentum over lower 1/5, grading downward into thin white rhizomorphs connected to concolourous ectomycorrhizae. Odour mild to faintly farinaceous. Taste mild to faintly farinaceous.

Basidiospores $6.7 - 8.7 \times 4.1 - 5.7$ μm (mean $7.82 \times 4.95$ μm), hyaline, smooth, ellipsoid, Q range = 1.3–1.7, Q mean = 1.52, inamyloid, acyanophilic, usually with 2–4 guttules. Basidia $40 - 48 \times 5 - 8$ μm, clavate, 4-sterigate, occasionally 2-sterigate, hyaline. Edge of the lamellae sterile due to the presence of short, clavate, thin-walled cells resembling basidioles and rarely protruding elements. Hymenial cystidia absent. Hymenophoral trama regular to slightly interwoven. Pileipellis a cutis made up of interwoven hyphae of interwoven hyphae, orange-ochraceous in mass with intracellular pigments; cells 45–85 × 7–8 (–10) μm with sub-erect, cylindrical terminal elements; subpellis consisting of interwoven hyphae. Stipitipellis a cutis; cells 39–70 × 7–10 μm, with ellipsoid to cylindrical terminal elements. Clamp connections and thromboplerous hyphae present in all tissues.

Habit, habitat, and distribution: solitary to scattered on humic mat of forest floor under Dicymbe corymbosa; known from the Upper Potaro and Upper Ireng River Basins in the central Pakaraima Mountains of Guyana. Other specimens examined: Guyana: Region 8 Potaro-Siparuni: Pakaraima Mountains, Upper Ireng River, Suruwubaru Creek, within 2 km of base camp at 5°05’N 59°54’W, 720 m, east bank of Sukabi-Ireng confluence, 24 May 1998, Henkel 6595 (BRG, HSC G1201, TENN 070914); Mt. Kukuinang, ~3 km southwest from mountain peak, fringing forest on edge of savanna, 25 May 1998, Henkel 6618 (BRG, HSC G1202, TENN 070915); vicinity of base camp, 30 Jun. 1998, Henkel 6995 (BRG 41287, HSC G1194, TENN 070916); Upper Potaro River, within 5 km radius of Potaro base camp at 5°18’04.8”N 59°54’40.4”W, 710 m, Benny’s Ridge, 29 May 2012, Aime 4776 (BRG, PUL F3430, TENN 070908); across the river, vicinity of plot 3, 24 Jun. 2000, Aime 1350 (BRG, PUL F3432, TENN 070922); across the river, vicinity of plot 3, 3 Jun. 2012, Aime 4820 (BRG, PUL F3429, TENN 070909); within 5 km radius of Potaro base camp at 5°18’04.8”N 59°54’40.4”W, 710 m, 1.5 km southeast of base camp in Dicymbe plot 1, 2 Jul. 2002, Henkel 8512 (BRG 41288, HSC G1195, TENN 070917); vicinity of
Guyanagarika anomala Sánchez-García, T.W. Henkel & Aime, sp. nov. (Fig 5)
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Etymology: from the Latin anomala = abnormal, anomalous.
Diagnosis: Morphological characteristics of the genus and similar to G. aurantia and G. pakaraimensis, but forming a distinct species-level clade supported by multiple loci data (ITS, LSU, and rpb2). The ITS sequence is 81–82 % similar to other species of Guyanagarika, unique molecular synapomorphies at positions 41, 43, 50, 66, 81, 100, 102, 104, 126, 129, 131, 133, 137, 142, 146 (ITS1); 308, 319, 328, 331, 332, 341, 347, 348, 376, 381, 385, 454, 455, 456, 461, 463 (ITS2). The LSU sequence is 92 % similar to other species of Guyanagarika, unique molecular synapomorphies at positions 134, 143, 177, 214, 215, 224, 240, 448, 464, 485, 498, 499, 558, 561, 565, 576, 590, 591, 594, 596, 600, 607, 608, 610, 613, 616, 619, 686, 714, 730, 763, 806, 816; The rpb2 sequence is 81–82 % similar to other species of Guyanagarika, unique molecular synapomorphies at positions 3, 8,
and Clamp connectors: erect, cylindrical terminal elements; subpellis consisting of inofforal with intracellular pigments; cells rarely protruding elements.


Pileus 40–130 mm broad, convex to plane to slightly uplifted, deep orange (5A8–5B8 –5C8) at disc, paler (4A5) towards margin; margin broadly scalloped and wavy; surface glabrous to coarsely rugose, whitish canescent over disc, trama off-white. Lamellae sub-thick to thick, close to sub-distant, adnate to adnexed, pale yellow-orange (4A4), brittle, edges coarsely and irregularly serrate with age, up to six lamellae. Stipe 35–140 × 9–25 mm, equal or tapering towards the base, pale yellow-orange (4A2–4A3), mostly glabrous, longitudinally striate; trama off-white, fibrous; basal mycelium a fine white tomentum. Odour none. Taste mild.

Basidiospores 7–9 (–9.5) × 4.1–5.5 µm (mean 8.01 × 5.09 µm), hyaline, smooth, ellipsoid, Q range = 1.4–1.8, Q mean = 1.63, inamyloid, acyanophilic, usually with 2–4 guttules. Basidia 48–55 × 5–8.8 µm, clavate, 4-sterigate, occasionally 2-sterigate, hyaline. Edge of the lamellae sterile due to the presence of short, clavate, thin-walled cells resembling basidioles and rarely protruding elements. Hymenial cystidia absent. Hymenophoral trama regular to slightly interwoven. Pileipellis a cutis made up of interwoven hyphae, orange-ochraceous in mass with intracellular pigments; cells 55–90 × 6–10 µm, with sub-erect, cylindrical terminal elements; subpellis consisting of interwoven hyphae. Stipitipellis a cutis; cells 48–89 × 7–10 µm, with ellipsoid to cylindrical terminal elements. Clamp connections and thromboplerous hyphae present in all tissues. Habit, habitat, and distribution: solitary on humic mat of forest floor under Dicymbe corymbosa, known from the Upper Potato River Basin of Guyana.

Other specimens examined: Guyana: Region 8 Potaro-Siparuni: Pakaraima Mountains, Upper Potato River, within 5 km radius of Potato base camp at 5°18′04.8″N 59°54′40.4″W, 710 m, vicinity of base camp, 18 May 2001, Aime 1519 (BRG, PUL F3426, TENN 070919). Holotype: Guyana: Region 8 Potaro-Siparuni: Pakaraima Mountains, Upper Potato River, within 5 km radius of Potato base camp at 5°18′04.8″N 59°54′40.4″W, 710 m, vicinity of base camp, 26 May 2000, Henkel 7419 (BRG 41229; isotypes HSC G1200, TENN 070920).

Discussion

Guyanagarika is recognized in the field by its medium to large basidiomata that are uniformly bright orange in colour, prominently umbonate pileus, relatively thick, sinuate lamellae, lack of a partial veil, and always fruits directly on soil in association with ECM trees. This tricholomatioid stature combined with hyaline, smooth, inamyloid basidiospores of Guyanagarika immediately bring to mind the largely north temperate ECM agaricoid genus Tricholoma (Bigelow 1979; Riva 2003). Based solely on morphology Guyanagarika would be best placed in Tricholoma. Molecular data, however, do not support this relationship. The tricholomatioid stature combined with the thick lamellae gives some resemblance to the genus Hygrophorus, but Guyanagarika lacks the divergent hymenophoral trama characteristic of that genus.

In addition to the new genus, we recognize the three distinct, highly resolved lineages within Guyanagarika as different species. While statistical differences were found in the average spore length and width of Guyanagarika pakaraimensis with respect to the other two species, these differences are very small (<0.2 µm) and not very helpful for distinguishing G. pakaraimensis from Guyanagarika aurantia and Guyanagarika anomala. It is widely accepted that some fungal species are difficult to distinguish from each other based on morphology alone, and such cryptic diversity may be rather common (e.g. Grem et al. 2006; Hallenberg et al. 2007; Hughes et al. 2007; Sato et al. 2007; Hasegawa et al. 2010; Jargeat et al. 2010; Gazis et al. 2011; Harder et al. 2013; Stefani et al. 2014; Sánchez-Ramírez et al. 2015; Singh et al. 2015). It has also been shown that the application of species recognition criteria can affect not just diversity estimates, but also ecological and evolutionary hypotheses and conservation strategies (Agapow et al. 2004; Frankham et al. 2012). The recognition of G. aurantia, G. pakaraimensis, and G. anomala is only possible through molecular markers. Of special note is that these three cryptic species occur sympatrically in the same local ecosystem.

Other cryptic species in Guyana have been previously documented within Clavulina sprucei and Singerocorus rubriflavus (Henkel et al. 2011; Henkel et al. 2016). Henkel et al. (2016) found that the putative cryptic species of S. rubriflavus associate with different host plants in sites ~100 km distant, perhaps driving speciation within this bolete group. We do not see this occurring within the three species of Guyanagarika, as they are sympatric and have overlapping hosts.

Initially, the Catathelasmataceae consisted of only one genus, Catathelasma. Singer (1986) included this genus in his broad concept of the Tricholomataceae, and the two families were synonymized. Moncalvo et al. (2002) and Matheny et al. (2006) recognized the Catathelasma clade as one of the major groupings within the Tricholomatioid clade (suborder Tricholomatinae). At that time only three genera were recognized as part of this clade, Callistosporium, Catathelasma, and Clitocybe subvelosa, the latter being subsequently transferred to the genus Cleistocybe Ammirati, A.D. Parker & Matheny (Ammirati et al. 2007). Our analyses failed to recover the latter species as part of the Catathelasma clade, but recovered the genera Callistosporium, Catathelasma, Pleurocollybia, Pseudolaccaria, Macrocybe, and Clitocybe aff. fellea. While there are no obvious morphological or ecological synapomorphies uniting members of the Catathelasmataceae (Table 1), in previous studies these taxa have consistently formed a monophyletic group within the suborder Tricholomatinae (Matheny et al. 2006; Ammirati et al. 2007; Sánchez-Garcia et al. 2014). Guyanagarika is strongly supported as a sister taxon to these taxa within the expanded Catathelasmataceae (Fig 1).

The relationship between Cleistocybe and Catathelasma has been examined in detail by Ammirati et al. (2007); both genera are characterized by having a partial veil, divergent hymenophoral trama, and acyanophilic spores. Based on these morphological similarities, and the fact that the phylogenetic position of Cleistocybe within the Tricholomatinae is not well supported (Fig 1), we consider that this taxon may certainly be part of the Catathelasmataceae, and that failure to recover Cleistocybe as part of this family could be due to missing data (the lack of rpb1 and rpb2 sequences) in our
phylogenetic analyses. These two loci have been shown to increase resolution and have higher proportions of informative characters than ribosomal DNA sequences (Matheny et al. 2002; Frøslev et al. 2005; Schoch et al. 2009); however, to date only ribosomal sequences are available for Clitocybe. Additionally, based on our phylogenetic analyses Clitocybe fellea appears congeneric with Pseudolacaria, although future work is needed to determine whether it is conspecific or a distinct species of Pseudolacaria, as has been previously discussed by Lavorato et al. (2015).

Guyanagarika represents an independent evolutionary origin of the ECM lifestyle within the Catathelasmataceae, and within the Agaricales in general. While some putatively endemic ECM lineages have been detected from ECM root sequences from various tropical sites (Federsoo & Smith 2013) and some unique ECM Neotropical genera in the Boletaceae have recently been described (Smith et al. 2015; Henkel et al. 2016), Guyanagarika represents the only known ECM genus among the Agaricales with a distribution restricted to the Neotropics, and more specifically to Guyana, based on current knowledge and sampling. As only a small fraction of the estimated fungal diversity is currently known (Blackwell 2011), the knowledge of the distribution of this genus may be expanded as new areas and more fungal taxa are studied.

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