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- 15 Abstract
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Metal trace elements accumulate in soils mainly because of anthropic activities, leading living organisms to develop 17 strategies to handle metal toxicity. Plants often associate with root endophytic fungi, including nonmycorrhizal fungi, 18 19 and some of these organisms are associated with metal tolerance. The lack of synthetic analyses of plant-endophytemetal tripartite systems and the scant consideration for taxonomy led to this review aiming (1) to inventory non-20 21 mycorrhizal root fungal endophytes described with respect to their taxonomic diversity and (2) to determine the mutualistic roles of these plant-fungus associations under metal stress. More than 1500 species in 100 orders (mainly 22 Hypocreales and Pleosporales) were reported from a wide variety of environments and hosts. Most reported 23 endophytes had a positive effect on their host under metal stress, but with various effects on metal uptake or 24 25 translocation and no clear taxonomic consistency. Future research considering the functional patterns and dynamics of these associations is thus encouraged. 26

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 interactions

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31 Introduction

Metal accumulation in soils is a growing concern in developed and developing countries. Fertilizers and pesticides rich in As, Pb, Cr, Cu and Zn, among others (Senesil et al., 1999), contribute directly to the deposition of metal trace elements (MTEs) in soils. MTEs may also be emitted to the atmosphere by road traffic (Cu, Zn, Pb) (Nikolaeva et al., 2019), industries (Bourennane et al., 2010), or coal combustion (Cd, Cu, Ni, Pb, Zn...) and may be deposited on soil secondarily (Senesil et al., 1999). As metal ions are not biodegradable, they tend to accumulate and persist in soil over more than two years (Senesil et al., 1999).

As primary producers, vascular plants are essential components of the terrestrial food chain. Thus, MTE 38 transfer and its biological effects on plants constitute crucial information for understanding the environmental fate of 39 40 these pollutants. Contaminated sites present toxicity for plants, leading to scarce vegetation and negatively affecting 41 agriculture and human health. For example, Zn and Cd are easily taken up by plants, causing chlorosis and stunted growth and disturbing N metabolism (Påhlsson, 1989); Cr reduces germination, yield and plant height and leads to the 42 43 formation of thick roots (Shanker et al., 2005). MTEs in general induce oxidative stress and ionic homeostasis disturbance in plants (Yaday, 2010). However, several plant species developed metal tolerance, either to one metal 44 45 (Zn for instance (Påhlsson, 1989)) or to several metals with a common mechanism (recapitulative figures in Domka et al., 2019; Singh et al., 2016). Metabolomics, ionomics and proteomics have shown numerous modifications in plant 46 metabolism in the presence of heavy metals (Singh et al., 2016), such as phytochelatins and glutathione, which 47 increase on metal contamination (Seth et al., 2012). Amino acids, organic acids and phenols participate in the 48 49 chelation and transport of metals, whereas glutathione and alpha-tocopherol are involved in the scavenging of ROS and lipid peroxides. Peptides such as phytochelatins and metallothioneins bind metal ions, and hormones such as 50 salicylic acid or abscisic acid participate in plant systemic responses to abiotic stress (Hu et al., 2020; Raza et al., 51 2020; Saeed-Ur-Rahman et al., 2020; Singh et al., 2016). Metal ions bound to phytochelatins are transported from the 52 cytosol to the vacuolar compartment, thus detoxifying the cytosol and limiting oxidative stress (Yadav, 2010; Zenk, 53 54 1996).

The plant and fungal kingdoms are strongly linked, with more than 85% of vascular plants forming symbiotic associations with mycorrhizal fungi (Brundrett & Tedersoo, 2018). Although seven categories of mycorrhizal symbioses have been reported (Finlay, 2008), two types, namely, arbuscular mycorrhizal and ectomycorrhizal symbioses, have been extensively studied for their role in plant-MTE interactions. Although the literature concerning the role of ericoid mycorrhizal (ErM) fungi is not as extensive as that for arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi (AMF) and
ectomycorrhizal fungi (EMF), some data are also available for this group.

At metal-contaminated sites, AM fungi are found in more than 80% of plants across a wide diversity and have 61 been shown to promote plant growth (Wang, 2017), demonstrating that not only are fungi tolerant to metals, but they 62 may also help plants tolerate metals. Therefore, the role of AMFs and EMFs on plant tolerance to metal stress has 63 been widely studied (e.g., Luo et al., 2014; Miransari, 2011; Shi et al., 2019, Zhan et al., 2019). AMFs increase plant 64 growth and alleviate metal stress, especially under high metal concentrations. Stress alleviation may come from 65 66 increased plant growth (metal dilution effect) and/or decreased concentrations of available metals in soil (Miransari, 2011, Khan, 2005) but also from participation and improvement of plant defences (Ferrol et al., 2016). 67 Ectomycorrhizae are present in approximately 2% of plant species, mainly trees (Brundrett, 2009; Brundrett & 68 Tedersoo 2018). Some EMFs immobilize metals in soil, whereas other EMFs promote metal uptake by the host plant. 69 Metal transporters produced by EMFs are important in mediating tolerance (Luo et al., 2014). Thus, in mycorrhizal 70 plants, both AMFs and EMFs can alleviate plant metal stress by sequestrating metal ions, improving the nutritional 71 and antioxidative status of the plant and stimulating the expression of genes involved in metal accumulation in both 72 73 partners (Shi et al., 2019; Yu et al., 2020). Similarly, ErM favour plant growth under Cu and Zn contamination with 74 lower MTE concentrations in shoots but higher concentrations in roots, suggesting an adsorption mechanism (Bradley et al., 1982), or with lower concentrations in roots, suggesting a filtering effect (Casrrubia et al., 2020). The metal 75 tolerance of fungal partners may explain in some way their host plant metal tolerance (Bradley et al., 1982): in 76 77 particular, the involvement of several fungal genes coding for antioxidant enzymes, metal transporters, and DNA 78 damage repair proteins are under investigation (Daghino et al., 2016). Transporters and metallothioneins, which could be involved in MTE sequestration in roots or MTE transport into plant tissues, have been identified in all three types 79 of mycorrhizae (Ruytinx et al., 2020) and seem to mitigate oxidative stress (Zou et al., 2020), but the precise 80 mechanism at the plant root-fungi interface remains unknown (Becquer et al., 2019). 81

In addition to mycorrhizae, other fungi associate with plant roots without forming an exchange structure. Dark-septate endophytes (DSEs) belong to this category. Rather well studied, they are often named "pseudomycorrhizae" (Jumpponen and Trappe, 1998) because of their specific association with plant roots and their mutualistic effects on plants. A meta-analysis of inoculation experiments showed that DSEs have positive or neutral effects on plant growth (Newsham, 2011). Keeping these four groups –AMF, EMF, ErM and DSE– aside, a high diversity of fungi is still found in plants. Some are classified as parasitic despite harbouring non-pathogenic

- interactions with some plants, while others are not truly studied. *Olpidium* or *Mucor* are examples of less studied
 fungal genera defined as "endophytes" (Zahoor et al., 2017; Zubek et al., 2016).
- Some authors defined the term "endophytes" as either bacterial or fungal symbionts within plant tissues that,
 during at least part of their life cycle, do not cause any visible signs of tissue damage or adverse effects on the host
 (Kageyama et al., 2008; Schulz and Boyle 2005; Wilson, 1995).

Numerous reviews on plant-fungus relationships, plant-MTE interactions and fungus-MTE interactions exist 93 (Figure 1). Some of them combine plant, fungi and heavy metal relationships, but most of them are restricted to some 94 95 plants (trees for example) or some microorganisms (AMFs mainly, DSEs, bacteria, etc.). Only a few studies considered the tripartite plant-endophyte-metal system at the whole ecosystem level, and even fewer used in situ 96 analyses. Despite the fact that the roles of fungal endophytes on plant metal tolerance, including DSEs, were well and 97 recently reviewed by Domka et al. (2019), the contemporaneous bibliography did not explore the phylogeny of this 98 large taxonomical group that is formed by endophytic fungi. Fungal endophyte biology may be highly diverse, and as 99 a result, the mechanisms of metal stress alleviation may vary between these groups, although some might be 100 conserved between closely related species. 101

102 Consequently, the objectives of this review are (1) to report phylogenetic relationships of fungal endophytes 103 described to date and (2) to explore their mutualistic function in the context of metal contamination and by way of 104 taxonomy. As roots are directly in contact with contaminated soil where MTE transfer occurs, we chose to inventory 105 root fungal endophytes exclusively. Thus, we answered the following questions: which are the fungal endophytes 106 present in plant roots? Do they participate in plant tolerance to metal contamination? Is there any evident relationship 107 between their mutualistic function and their taxonomy?

108 This review identifies fungal endophytes described in various plant roots and environments and places them in 109 a global phylogeny of Fungi. Then, different aspects of metal stress alleviation by endophytes are reported in light of 110 taxonomy. We propose future investigations to further elucidate the roles of endophytic fungi in plant metal tolerance.

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112 Identification and phylogenetic analysis

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114 This first chapter presents an inventory of fungal endophytes that were identified in plant roots (Table 1): this review 115 does not include mycorrhizal fungi. A total of 144 articles studied fungal root communities and identified them by sequencing approaches. The complete inventory is available in the supplementary data (Table S1), with more than
1500 different species referenced. Hereafter, all orders of identified species are presented.

Root endophytes were found wherever scientists searched for them by using molecular sequencing. Indeed, from grasslands to aquatic systems, deserts, forests, bogs, dunes, mountains and metal-polluted environments, fungi belonging to 101 orders, 40 classes and 12 divisions were retrieved and included in this review. However, many fungi are still of undetermined order.

Fungal communities may vary according to the season, site, soil characteristics and host plant. Root fungal 122 communities were extremely different between the early and late seasons in Bouteloua gracilis and Gutierrezia 123 sarothrae (Kageyama et al., 2008), and root culturable endophytes were strictly different between spring and summer 124 in the carnivorous plant Drosera rotundifolia (Quilliam and Jones, 2010). The colonization percentage by DSEs was 125 6-fold higher in May (12%) than in April (2%) in Salix humboldtiana (Becerra et al., 2009). Thus, communities of 126 fungal endophytes are highly variable in quality and quantity during the growing season, indicating temporal 127 variability, which may be related to different fungal growth velocities, different fungal phenologies or variable fungal 128 recruitment by the plant, depending on its growth state and environmental changes. 129

Endophyte communities also vary in terms of diversity and colonization levels between geographical sites. For 130 example, the DSE colonization percentage in Solanum nigrum varied from 1 to 10% between four sites at three 131 different elevations (Muthukumar and Sathya, 2017), and endophyte richness was greater in Festuca paniculata roots 132 in unmown grasslands than in mown grasslands, with Eurotiomycetes being specific to mown grasslands 133 (Mouhamadou et al., 2011). Local pedoclimatic conditions may represent abiotic filters limiting fungal colonization 134 and include the variation of physico-chemical parameters such as elevation, slope orientation, climate, and soil 135 characteristics (pH, N and K concentrations, granulometry, etc.). For instance, in the halophyte plant Inula 136 crithmoides, one undetermined DSE belonging to the Pleosporales was positively correlated with the salt gradient 137 (Maciá-Vicente et al., 2012). Nevertheless, these differences between sites may also be explained by limited fungal 138 dispersion or biotic filters or even by the abundance of DSEs in soil that were not systemically recorded. 139

Each order of Fungi is found in several types of plants (e.g., Pleosporales and Chaetosphaeriales in Orchidaceae, trees,
subshrubs and shrubs, Poaceae, and forest plants, while Pleosporales is also reported in aquatic plants, forbs,
halophytes, and hyperaccumulators) (Table 1, Table 2), indicating rather generalist plant-fungus associations.
However, fungal endophyte communities depend on the host plant. Indeed, endophytic assemblages differ between
two plant species belonging to the same genera, for example, between the halophyte *Inula crithmoides* and the non-

halophyte *Inula viscosa* (Maciá-Vicente et al., 2012). The frequencies of association between endophytes and different
trees (*Betula papyrifera*, *Abies balsamea*, and *Picea glauca*) revealed the preferences of some fungi for a specific tree;
for example, *Phialocephala fortinii* associates preferentially with *P. glauca* and *Oidodendron* sp. with *B. papyrifera*(Kernaghan and Patriquin, 2011). Similarly, in two grasses, *Phoma herbarum* and *Microdochium* sp. were found only
in *Bouteloua gracilis*, whereas *Lophiostoma* sp. was found only in *Gutierrezia sarothrae* (Kageyama et al., 2008).

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Root fungal endophytes were found among the great majority of Ascomycota (52 identified orders, Table 1), followed by Basidiomycota, Chytridiomycota, Mucoromycota, and Oomycota (32, 5, 3 and 2 orders, respectively, Table 2). Orders that are found in a large number of studies (more than a quarter of studies) are Hypocreales (Sordariomycetes), Pleosporales (Dothideomycetes), Helotiales (Leotiomycetes), Eurotiales (Eurotiomycetes) and Xylariales (Sordariomycetes) (Figure 2).

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157 Thus, fungal root endophytes are highly diverse. We placed them on a phylogenetic tree of Eumycetes (Figure 3).
158 Similar to foliar endophytes (Higgins et al., 2007), root endophytes are found throughout the phylogeny of Eumycetes
159 and do not form a monophyletic group. This suggests, similar to mycorrhizae (Fitter and Moyersoen, 1996), that the
160 ability to live within plant roots without harming them appeared several times in evolution.

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Among all fungal endophytes, the dark septate endophyte (DSE) morphological group is commonly – and more than 162 other endophytes - studied for its potential beneficial association with plants. Several orders were reported to contain 163 DSEs: Capnodiales, Chaetosphaeriales, Chaetothyriales, Dothideales, Elaphomycetales, Eurotiales, Helotiales, 164 Hypocreales, Leotiales, Microascales, Onygenales, Pleosporales, Pezizales, Saccharomycetales, Sordariales, 165 Taphrinales, and Xylariales (Grünig et al., 2011; Jumpponen and Trappe, 1998; Knapp and Kovács, 2016; Newsham, 166 2011). DSEs therefore constitute a paraphyletic group (Yuan et al., 2011), defined by their similar morphology (i.e., 167 168 intercellular melanised and septate hyphae and intracellular microsclerotia). We note that the seven orders that were the most often found from our results (Hypocreales, Pleosporales, Helotiales, Eurotiales, Xylariales, Capnodiales and 169 Sordariales) are known to contain DSEs (Knapp and Kovács, 2016; Jumpponen and Trappe 1998; Newsham 2011). 170

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Root fungal endophytes are commonly found in metal-contaminated soils (Domka et al., 2019; Lacercat-Didier et al.,
2016) and increase plant metal tolerance (Domka et al., 2019). The high diversity of root endophytes observed in this

174 study suggests that their roles in plant metal tolerance may strongly differ as well as their mechanisms of tolerance to 175 metal. Thus, in this work, the role of these organisms in plant metal tolerance and accumulation is analysed and 176 compared with respect to their taxonomic diversity.

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178 Fungal endophytes and plant metal tolerance

We made an inventory of root endophytes that were experimentally tested on plants in the context of metal contamination (Table 3). When described, we reported the effect of those endophytes on plant growth, metal uptake and metal translocation from roots to aerial parts. A complete inventory of the effects of endophytes on other plant traits in the context of metal contamination is available in the supplementary data.

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Of the 118 plant-fungus associations for which the MTE was specified, Cd was the most commonly studied (49), 184 followed by Pb (24) and Zn (15) (Figure 4A). These contaminants are particularly abundant in anthropized soils, 185 especially originating from coal combustion (Bourennane et al., 2010; Senesil et al., 1999) and agriculture for Cd 186 (Bourennane et al., 2010). These three elements presented enrichment factors from 10 to 30 in soils of industrial 187 regions, much higher than those of other trace elements (Bourennane et al., 2010). A relatively equal number of 188 studies examining monocontamination (35 associations) or polycontamination (27 associations) was observed (Figure 189 4B). Nine pot experiments directly tested field soil or wastewater contamination, in contrast to the rest of the studies 190 that used artificially mono- or polycontaminated soils. Metal availability for plants is related to its speciation in soil 191 (Kabata-Pendias, 2004), which cannot be controlled in greenhouses. Using field soil as a substrate for experiments 192 limits this bias and should be encouraged, although it makes the interactions between different metals more complex. 193 Almost all tested endophytes led to better welfare of plants in the presence of MTE (Table 3, Table 4, Figure 5A). 194 Plant metal tolerance may be associated with both metal accumulation in roots - metal uptake (Figure 5B) or shoots -195

metal translocation (Figure 5C) or with a reduction in the metal concentrations of plant parts (i.e., exclusion). This
shows two strategies of metal tolerance: MTE avoidance and MTE storage, confirming the previously reported smaller
inventory of Domka et al. (2019).

Metal uptake and metal translocation are not correlated (Table 4): fungi may increase metal concentrations in roots but decrease metal translocation to shoots (like AMF (Miransari, 2011)). Fungi may also decrease metal uptake but increase its translocation. Finally, metal uptake and translocation may both vary together, either increasing or decreasing in the presence of fungi. These effects depend on fungus/plant/metal identities, with the same fungal species having various effects according to its host plant and the contaminant. For example, *Trichoderma asperellum* does not have any effect on *Lactuca serriola* growth (Ważny et al., 2018), whereas it favours onion and *Suaeda salsa* growth in association with decreased metal uptake and translocation (Li et al., 2019; Téllez Vargas et al., 2017). Similarly, *Penicillium janthinellum* facilitates metal exclusion in *Solanum lycopersicum* in the presence of Cd (Khan et al., 2014) but increases metal accumulation in the presence of Al (Khan et al., 2015). Unfortunately, data are lacking concerning metal uptake and translocation induced by many fungal endophytes.

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These strategies are not linked with taxonomy, and much variability in strategies is observed, including within a single species. We observed that some fungi, such as *Fusarium oxysporum*, commonly considered pathogens (Michielse and Rep, 2009; Poletto et al., 2020), may have positive effects on plant growth in the context of metal contamination (Mostafa et al., 2019). This fungus has also been shown to decrease some biomarkers of oxidative stress in the legume *Cicer arietinum* under Cd contamination, probably acting like a filter (Laib et al., 2020).

Considering plant taxonomy, we did not observe any common strategies for trees or members of the Poaceae. Even for 215 a given plant species, different fungi may have different effects. Indeed, under Cd/Pb polycontamination, Brassica 216 napus is always stimulated by endophytes, but the metal uptake and translocation strategies differ; the fungal 217 endophyte Lasiodiplodia sp. increases metal uptake and translocation (Deng et al., 2014), whereas Fusarium sp., 218 Mucor circinelloides and Mucor racemosus have no effect on these parameters (Shi et al., 2017; Zhu et al., 2015). 219 Peniciilium sp. have no effect on metal uptake but increase Cd (but not Pb) translocation to shoots (Shi et al., 2017). 220 For Zea mays, metal uptake and translocation may be increased by some strains of the endophyte Peyronellaea sp. 221 (Shen et al., 2013), but metal translocation is decreased by *Exophiala pisciphila* (He et al., 2017; Li et al., 2011). Thus, 222 in the presence of metal, the different fungi present in a given plant could have antagonistic effects. 223

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Therefore, fungal endophytes have more than one way to improve metal tolerance in plants, and the different strategies are not linked to taxonomy. Different mechanisms of plant protection against MTE by fungal endophytes were reviewed in Domka et al. (2019) : for example, endophytic fungi can accumulate high quantities of MTE in their mycelia (48.6 mg Cr/g dry fungal biomass, corresponding to 81% of the total Cr in media concentrated at 600 μ g/mL) (Zahoor et al., 2017). The accumulation occurs through the production of metal chelating molecules such as glutathione (GSH), phytochelatins and metallothioneins (Domka et al., 2019). These small molecules bind toxic

metals and lead to their detoxification and storage in the vacuole. Endophytic fungi may also secrete chelating 231 molecules in the rhizosphere, preventing metals from entering the root. These molecules include citrates, organic 232 acids, siderophores, exopolysaccharides (EPSs), and phenolic compounds. Melanin, present in the fungal cell wall, is 233 reported for its ability to bind metal ions. In contrast, fungi may improve plant metal accumulation by stimulating 234 plant detoxification systems. Endophytes may indirectly improve plant growth in contaminated soil in other ways, 235 such as the production of phytohormones or the mobilization of nutrients (Domka et al., 2019). If the global metal 236 content in roots or shoots is not an indicator of plant tolerance, it is possible that subcellular locations of metal ions 237 would be more important for plant welfare. The DSE Exophiala pisciphila was shown to increase the subcellular 238 compartmentalization of Zea maize in response to Cd and to engage in the remodelling of plant cell walls, correlating 239 with an increase in Cd content (Shen et al., 2020). 240

Thus, endophytic fungi may immobilize MTE in the rhizosphere or within their mycelia. They may also favour plant (hyper)accumulation and storage and/or favour plant health independently of MTEs. All three strategies lead to better tolerance of host plants to MTEs.

244 Perspectives on the roles of endophytic fungi in plant metal tolerance

Ecology and evolution of plant-endophyte associations

This review, including major inventories of root fungal endophytes and their effect on plant metal tolerance, highlights the high taxonomic diversity of endophytes and their different effects on metal accumulation (uptake and translocation) in plants.

We referenced endophytes identified in plants growing in all types of environments and representing a large 249 250 taxonomic diversity of Fungi. This suggests the convergent and redundant appearance of endophytism in different times and spaces during the co-evolution of plants and fungi. Present in plants without generating any symptom of 251 disease, endophytes can shift their lifestyle, being latent saprotrophs or pathogens, temporary residents, mutualists or 252 commensal (Suryanarayanan, 2013). Some endophytes can survive as decomposers on leaves after the death of plant 253 tissues, suggesting that mutualism could derive from saprophytism (Suryanarayanan, 2013). This theory relates 254 directly to the saprotrophism, symbiosis and pathogenesis continuum described by Veneault-Fourrey and Martin 255 (2011) and the potential transition of some fungi from saprotrophism to the ectomycorrhizal lifestyle (e.g., brown-rot 256 fungi). Using a phylogenetic approach, Delaye et al. (2013) showed that at least four changes occurred in fungi when 257 shifting from endophytism to necrotrophism (fungi living in dead tissues) and at least four other different shifts occur 258

when the transition occurs in the opposite direction. However, when shifts occurred towards biotrophic pathogenicity, no return towards endophytism occurred. Thus, pathogenicity is an evolutionarily stable trait, but endophytism is not (Delaye et al., 2013). According to paleobotany, endophytism (including all living fungi in unharmed plant tissues) dates as far back as 400 MYA in terrestrial plants with differentiated organs as well as in prostrate plants (Krings et al., 2012). The major groups of Fungi were already diversified, and the structures involved in plant-fungus interactions were similar to those of today. The association of plants with fungi may have been a prerequisite for land colonization by plants.

This wide association between plants and fungi and the evolutionary convergence and redundancy of this association 266 raises the question of the costs and benefits of the association for both partners. Leaf endophytes may protect plants 267 against fungal pathogens, herbivory and abiotic stress but probably also interfere with photosynthesis (change the 268 photosynthetic spectrum, consume photosynthetates, and use CO_2 for respiration) (Suryanarayanan, 2013). Under 269 extreme resource limitation, because they utilize host photosynthates, endophytes are thought to be a cost for plants. 270 Indeed, the leaf endophyte *Neotyphodium lolii* was shown in *Lolium perenne* to reduce photosynthetic activity and the 271 proportion of living shoots (Cheplick, 2007). However, the costs and benefits of root endophyte associations in plants 272 as well as the costs and benefits from the point of view of the fungus are rarely discussed (but see Kusari et al. 273 274 (2012)).

275 MTE avoidance or accumulation

In this review, we particularly explored the benefits of root endophytes in plant metal tolerance. Two main strategiesof plant tolerance via fungi are observed: MTE avoidance and MTE accumulation.

278 We were not able to retrieve any fungal taxonomic patterns related to a given effect on plant metal tolerance: taxonomy does not seem to be a good predictor of the diversity of mechanisms of plant metal stress alleviation by 279 endophytes. Furthermore, the same fungal species showed antagonistic effects on different plants, decreasing or 280 281 increasing metal accumulation. This is the case for Piriformospora indica, which increases wheat but decreases maize metal uptake (Asilian et al., 2019; Shahabiyand et al., 2012), or Trichoderma asperellum, which has no effect on 282 283 Lactuca serriola metal uptake and translocation but shows a negative effect on onion and Suaeda salsa metal uptake and translocation (Li et al., 2019; Téllez-Vargas et al., 2017; Ważny 2018). It has been shown for AMF that fungal 284 tolerance may vary individually, with local adaptation to metal contamination at the intraspecific level (Colpaert et al., 285 2004; Jourand et al., 2010; Vallino et al., 2011). Similarly, the endophyte Peyronellaea sp. displays various effects on 286 metal uptake and translocation, depending on the tested strain (Shen et al., 2013). Thus, further studies should be 287

developed to analyse the effects of each fungal species at the infraspecific level before integrating them at the fungal community level to better assess their effect on plant metal tolerance. Fundamental studies should further identify functional similarities between fungi that share the same strategies or the conditions that determine the balance between different strategies.

292 Mechanisms and evolution of metal tolerance in the plant-endophyte association

Cellular mechanisms of metal tolerance pre-exist (i.e., are present but not necessarily expressed), including in some 293 plants growing in uncontaminated sites. These plants are able to grow when transferred to contaminated soil (Meyer et 294 al., 2016). In Arabidopsis halleri, the plasma membrane pump HMA4 (HEAVY METAL ATPASE 4) involved in 295 metal translocation and detoxification pre-existed before metal adaptation (Meyer et al., 2016). Metal tolerance may 296 297 also be the exaptation of another trait: "the current function of a trait may not be that for which the trait originally evolved (the latter being adaptation)" (Boyd, 2004). Indeed, uptake and translocation of toxic elements use the same 298 mechanisms as those dedicated to the acquisition and transport of micronutrients (Tangahu et al., 2011). Plant metal 299 tolerance results from the presence of metal chelators (phytochelatins, metallothioneins, phenols, organic acids, etc.), 300 but also from the presence of molecules limiting oxidative stress, such as alpha-tocopherol or polyphenols, which 301 scavenge ROS and prevent lipid peroxidation (Singh et al., 2016). Glutathione is involved in the production of 302 phytochelatins and the reduction of oxidative stress (Zenk, 1996). Glutathione may be induced by the growth hormone 303 304 salicylic acid, which is known for regulating many physiological processes, such as local and systemic plant-pathogen resistance and tolerance against abiotic stress (Singh et al., 2016). For both mycorrhizal and nonmycorrhizal fungi, 305 306 similar mechanisms have been described. Fungi may immobilize metal ions in soil through the excretion of chelators, such as the glycoprotein glomalin from *Glomus* spp., and those on chitin-containing cell walls, which offer many 307 binding sites to metals (Bellion et al., 2006; González-Guerrero et al., 2009). DSEs constitutively produce melanin in 308 309 their cell walls, and melanin is an important antioxidant (Zhan et al., 2011). This pigment is shown to increase in the presence of Cd (Zhan et al., 2011) and Pb (Ban et al., 2012), suggesting exaptation. In the cytosol, glutathione and 310 metallothioneins chelate metal ions, and efflux pumps are activated to transport these chemical complexes out of the 311 cell or into vacuoles. Finally, oxidative stress induced by metals is neutralized by the induction of superoxide 312 dismutase and the production of antioxidant molecules (Bellion et al., 2006; González-Guerrero et al., 2009). 313 Common molecules to both plant and fungal partners, such as polyphenols (Michalet et al., 2017; Pham et al., 2017), 314 315 glutathiones, metallothioneins, and metal transporters (González-Guerrero et al., 2009; Zenk, 1996), suggest a

potential interaction between the two partners. In particular, plant defences against MTEs (glutathione, 316 phytochelatins and metallothioneins) were reported to be either lowered when associated with an arbuscular 317 fungus (Ferrol et al., 2016; González-Guerrero et al., 2009), or increased (Ferrol et al., 2016). Those correlations 318 between symbiotic fungi and plant defences may be either related to direct production of defence molecules by 319 fungi, or induction of plant gene expression and protein synthesis by fungi (Ferrol et al., 2016). Basal (metabolic) 320 oxidative stress may be amplified by environmental stresses such as salt, cold or drought stresses (Xiong et al., 2002). 321 Thus, metal tolerance mechanisms could derive from plant adaptation to other abiotic stresses. In the same way, plant 322 metal tolerance inherited from the endophyte association may also be an exaptation of the plant-endophyte association 323 that could be seen as an extension of plant functional traits. 324

325 Conclusion

A wide variety of fungal endophytes are present in plant roots, all over the world and in all ecosystems where they 326 were searched. They belong in majority to Ascomycota, with some Mucoromycotina and Basidiomycota species. They 327 328 participate in plant tolerance to metal stress, improving plant growth and physiology. However, if root fungal endophytes influence root metal uptake and root-to-shoot translocation, this is in an inconsistent way. Plant MTE 329 tolerance through the association with root endophytes may result from the beneficial interactions of this association 330 compared to plant investment in their own defence systems and common defensive molecules. The mutualistic 331 function of root fungal endophytes do not seem to be related to their taxonomy, since different association types are 332 333 observed intraspecifically.

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335 Research perspectives

Endophyte research is often oriented to applications in phytoremediation, agricultural yield improvement or metabolite production. Isolation of endophytes is therefore a purely technical step for many researchers, who thus do not provide information such as plant tissue provenance (e.g., Biswas et al., 2020). It would be of great value to share this information, which can be useful for more fundamental research (the previously cited article and others could not have been included in this inventory for this reason).

Current research mainly focuses on Cd, letting the effects of other anthropically emitted MTEs, such as Cr and Ni, go largely unexplored. Although approximately half of the studies combine several MTEs, we still do not have a clear understanding of the interactions between MTEs *in situ* (Påhlsson, 1989). Studies using contaminated field soil are encouraged. In amended soils, added metals will not be complexed as they would be *in situ*, leading to different availabilities for plants. Using field soil as a substrate would help to control the bias of metal availability and gain insights into interactions between MTEs. In addition, using field soil could help to determine the processes of microflora recruitment and thus the stability of plant-fungi associations.

One could find here potential applications for phytoremediation: as endophytes stimulate plant growth and, in some cases, phytoaccumulation of MTEs in aerial parts, we could argue that carefully chosen endophytes may be inoculated into polluted soils with particular plants to increase the degree of phytoextraction of metals (Berthelot et al., 2017; Deng and Cao, 2017). However, endophytes will be amended to existing communities, and though some studies have been conducted on the competition between various fungi *in vitro* (Berthelot et al., 2019), we have little idea of their competitive abilities against endogenous communities *in situ*. Further studies should thus include soil collected from the field to disentangle those processes.

Competitive abilities of endophytes are not only determined by direct interactions between fungi, but also by their 355 interactions with the host plant and other microbial and biotic communities. Indeed, plants have evolved some 356 mechanisms to distinguish pathogens from beneficial microbes, through specific receptors, nutrient monitoring, 357 damage sensing, and probably other ways that remain to be explored (Plett and Martin, 2018). Some authors 358 359 hypothesised that under abiotic stresses, plants may recruit beneficial microbes through the modulation of root secondary metabolism, helping them to better cope with these stress – the "plant call for help hypothesis" (Thijs et al. 360 2016). Future research should follow considering the mechanisms of the association between plant and fungi and its 361 dynamic: is this association randomly occurring? To what extent does plant recruit fungi that are the most beneficial 362 363 for it and how?

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Figure Legends

Figure 1: Existing reviews on plant-fungi-MTE interactions. EM: Ectomycorrhiza Fungi, AMF: Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungi.

Figure 1: Number of references per order of fungal endophytes.

Figure 3: Endophytes in the phylogeny of Eumycetes. Root fungal occurrences are defined as one fungus/one plant host/one environment/one reference article. Modified from Nagy and Szöllősi (2017).

Figure 4: Research on fungal endophytes in relation to plant tolerance to MTE: which MTE and which protocol? A: number of counts for each metal; B: Number of counts for each protocole of contamination (mono-, poly- contamination or field soil). Each count corresponds to a line of the table 3, i.e. one fungus * one plant host genera * one response dynamic * one reference.

Figure 5: Fungal endophyte effects in the presence of metal on plant growth (A), metal uptake (B) and MTE translocation (C). Green: positive effect, red: negative effect, grey: neutral effect.

Table Legends

Table 1: Fungal root plant endophytes: Ascomycota. ND: not determined, NS: not specified.

Table 2: Fungal root plant endophytes except Ascomycota. ND: not determined, NS: not specified.

Table 3: Fungal endophytes and their effects on plant growth, metal uptake and translocation on metal-contaminated soil. Oth: other endophyte. Root metal concentration was included in metal uptake, and shoot metal concentration was included in metal translocation. A line corresponds to one fungus * one plant host genera * one response dynamic * one reference. Green: positive effect, red: negative effect, ocher: neutral effect. Rs: research, Rv: review.

Table 4: Correlation between the effects of fungal endophytes metal uptake and translocation. Green and bold writing: positive effect on plant growth, *: no effect on plant growth. Lines and columns: effects on metal translocation (lines) and uptake (columns): green: positive effect, red: negative effect, grey: neutral effect.

References Table 1 & 2











Class	Order	Type of plant	References				
(-mycetes)	• · · · · · ·		100				
Archaeorhizo-	Archaeornizomycetales	Forest plants					
Asco-	Incertae sedis	Forb, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Shrub, Subshrub, Tree	12, 17, 22, 48, 61, 68, 95, 120, 142				
Asco-	ND	Forb, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Shrub, Tree	3, 13, 33, 47, 82, 83, 91, 99, 100, 103, 110, 113, 120, 122				
Chaetothyrio-	ND	Shrub	17				
Coelo-	ND	Forb	13				
Dothideo-	Botryosphaeriales	Forb, Forest plants, Halophytes, Hyperaccumulator, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Shrub, Subshrub, Tree	2, 6, 12, 20, 21, 28, 33, 48, 49, 62, 67, 81, 82, 85, 89, 102, 107, 109, 115, 116				
Dothideo-	Capnodiales	Aquatic plant, Arborescent Poaceae, Forb, Forest plants, Halophytes, Hyperaccumulator, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Shrub, Subshrub, Tree	2, 8, 12, 17, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 31, 38, 43, 49, 51, 54, 55, 57, 58, 62, 66, 68, 70, 74, 81, 82, 85, 90, 91, 92, 98, 102, 107, 109, 110, 112, 113, 116, 117, 122, 129				
Dothideo-	Dothideales	Forb, Forest plants, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Subshrub, Tree	9, 12, 16, 21, 28, 30, 32, 33, 43, 51, 57, 61, 87, 90, 91, 92, 102, 113, 131				
Dothideo-	Incertae sedis	Forb, Forest plants, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Shrub, Subshrub, Tree	4, 12, 33, 53, 70, 76, 81, 82, 87, 101, 102, 116, 120				
Dothideo-	Kirschsteiniotheliales	Forest plants	102				
Dothideo-	Minutisphaerales	Forest plants, Orchidaceae, Poaceae	12, 63, 102				
Dothideo-	Myriangiales	Forest plants	102				
Dothideo-	ND	Forest plants, Poaceae, Shrub, Tree	33, 64, 72, 76, 81, 90, 102				
Dothideo-	Neocelosporiales	Shrub	81				
Dothideo-	Pleosporales	Aquatic plant, Forb, Forest plants, Halophytes, Hyperaccumulator, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Shrub, Subshrub, Tree, NS	2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 20, 21, 23, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 49, 50, 51, 53, 54, 57, 58, 62, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 73, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 85, 86, 87, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 97, 98, 101, 102, 104, 105, 107, 108, 109, 110, 113, 115, 116, 117, 120, 123, 128, 129, 131, 140, 141, 142, 143, 145				
Dothideo-	Tubeufiales	Forest plants, Tree	65, 102				
Dothideo-	Venturiales	Forb, Forest plants	102, 139				
Eurotio-	Chaetothyriales	Forb, Forest plants, Halophytes, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Subshrub, Tree, NS	4, 8, 12, 14, 20, 21, 22, 36, 43, 49, 51, 52, 55, 57, 62, 63, 66, 70, 72, 76, 83, 85, 91, 99, 101, 102, 118, 120, 121				
Eurotio-	Eurotiales	Aquatic plant, Arborescent Poaceae, Carnivorous, Forb, Forest plants, Halophytes, Hyperaccumulator, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Shrub, Subshrub, Tree, NS	1, 2, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 25, 29, 33, 34, 36, 39, 43, 44, 46, 48, 49, 51, 53, 54, 57, 61, 62, 66, 67, 68, 70, 73, 74, 81, 82, 85, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 96, 101, 102, 104, 106, 107, 109, 110, 113, 115, 116, 117, 119, 120, 123, 125, 129, 131, 134, 135, 136, 137, 140				
Eurotio-	ND	Forest plants, Tree	76, 102				
Eurotio-	Onygenales	Hyperaccumulator, Poaceae	62, 86, 92				
Eurotio-	Phaeomoniellales	Forest plants, Poaceae	102, 120				
Geoglosso-	Geoglossales	Forest plants	102				
Incertae sedis	Incertae sedis	Arborescent Poaceae, Fern, Forb, Forest plants, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Shrub, Tree	2, 9, 10, 12, 13, 19, 21, 29, 45, 56, 57, 63, 82, 83, 93, 97, 102, 103				
Incertae sedis	ND	Forb, Forb or Poaceae, Subshrub	44, 66, 87				
Lecanoro-	Lecanorales	Роасеае	63				
Lecanoro-	ND	Forest plants	102				
Lecanoro-	Ostropales	Forest plants, NS	101, 102				
Leotio-	Chaetomellales	Forb or Poaceae, Hyperaccumulator, Orchidaceae	20, 21, 62, 66				
Leotio-	Erysiphales	Роасеае	120				
Leotio-	Helotiales	Aquatic plant, Arborescent Poaceae, Carnivorous, Fern, Forb, Forest plants, Hyperaccumulator, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Shrub, Subshrub, Tree, NS	2, 3, 4, 10, 12, 17, 19, 21, 29, 30, 33, 34, 36, 40, 44, 47, 48, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 62, 63, 67, 68, 70, 72, 76, 79, 81, 82, 83, 87, 88, 92, 93, 95, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 107, 109, 114, 115, 118, 120, 122, 124, 128, 131, 145				
Leotio-	Incertae sedis	Forb, Forest plants, Orchidaceae, Shrub, Tree, NS	10, 44, 51, 55, 61, 76, 81, 101, 102, 141				
Leotio-	ND	Tree, Orchidaceae, Forest plants	20, 48, 102				

Table 1: Fungal root plant endophytes: Ascomycota. ND: not determined, NS: not specified.

Leotio-	Rhytismatales	Forest plants, Poaceae, Shrub, NS	81, 91, 92, 101, 102
		Aquatic plant, Carnivorous, Forb, Forest plants, Halophytes, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Shrub,	17 49 51 54 55 57 72 90 91 92 99 102 105 110 120
ND		Subshrub, Tree	17, 48, 51, 54, 55, 67, 72, 80, 81, 82, 88, 102, 100, 110, 125
Neolecto-	Neolectales	Forest plants	102
Orbilio-	ND	Orchidaceae	55
Orbilio-	Orbiliales	Forest plants, Orchidaceae, Shrub, Subshrub, Tree	12, 29, 78, 95, 102
Pezizo-	Pezizales	Forb, Forest plants, Poaceae, Shrub, Tree	12, 58, 81, 82, 86, 102, 103
Saccharo-	Saccharomycetales	Aquatic plant, Forb, Forest plants, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Tree, NS	21, 51, 54, 55, 77, 90, 91, 92, 101, 102, 115, 144
Sareo-	Sareales	Shrub	81
Sordario-	Amphisphaeriales	Fern, Forb, Forest plants, Halophytes, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Tree, NS	12, 21, 23, 28, 29, 49, 57,68, 93, 101, 102, 107, 112, 113, 130, 138
Sordario-	Atractosporales	Forest plants, Tree	76, 102
Sordario-	Cephalothecales	Forest plants, Poaceae	91, 102
Sordario-	Chaetosphaeriales	Forest plants, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Shrub, Tree, NS	4, 12, 33, 48, 55, 57, 58, 76, 92, 94, 101, 102, 107, 109, 145
Sordario-	Coniochaetales	Forb, Forest plants, Poaceae, Shrub, Tree	36, 48, 63, 66, 81, 87, 102, 126, 131
Sordario-	Coronophorales	Forest plants	102
Constants	Discussion	Forb, Forest plants, Halophytes, Hyperaccumulator, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Shrub, Tree,	2, 12, 22, 23, 28, 29, 33, 34, 45, 51, 62, 65, 66, 67, 68, 73, 78, 81, 87, 90, 91, 92, 98,
Sordario-	Diaporthales	NS	101, 102, 109, 112, 115, 117, 119, 120, 144, 145
Sordario	Glomorollalos	Early Early Flants Halaphytas Hyperaccumulator Orchidacoae Reasons Shrub Tree	3, 4, 9, 12, 13, 20, 21, 22, 28, 34, 37, 43, 45, 49, 53, 62, 66, 73, 78, 79, 81, 91, 96, 98,
301 uai 10-	Giornerenales	Forb, Forest plants, fialophytes, hyperaccumulator, Orchitaceae, Foaceae, Sindu, free	102, 104, 107, 110, 112, 115, 144
Sordario-	Halosphaeriales	Роасеае	86
			2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37,
Sordario	Hypocreales	Aquatic plant, Arborescent Poaceae, Carnivorous, Fern, Forb, Forest plants, Halophytes,	41, 42, 44, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 57, 58, 60, 61, 62, 63, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 77, 70, 70, 91, 92, 92, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 90, 01, 02, 02, 06, 07, 08, 101
Solualio-		Hyperaccumulator, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Shrub, Subshrub, Tree, NS	102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 109, 110, 111, 113, 115, 117, 118, 119, 120, 123, 125, 126,
			129, 130, 133, 136, 140, 141, 144, 145
Sordario-	Incertae sedis	Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Subshrub	12, 21, 33, 116
Sordario-	Lulworthiales	Forb, Poaceae, Shrub, Subshrub, Tree	2, 13, 51, 76, 82, 108, 116
Sordario-	Magnaporthales	Forb, Poaceae, Shrub	8, 33, 41, 62, 70, 145
Sordario-	Melanosporales	Forb, Forb or Poaceae, Orchidaceae, Shrub, Subshrub, Tree	12, 20, 21, 57, 66, 68, 81, 116, 140
Sordario-	Microascales	Forb, Forest plants, Hyperaccumulator, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Shrub, Tree	2, 4, 5, 12, 13, 45, 57, 62, 67, 82, 91, 92, 102, 106
Sordario-	Myrmecridiales	Forest plants	102
Sordario-	ND	Forest plants, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Shrub, Tree	33, 55, 76, 102, 145
Sordario-	Ophiostomatales	Forest plants, Poaceae, Tree	43, 50, 57, 102
Sordario-	Phomatosporales	Orchidaceae	12
Sordario-	Phyllachorales	Роасеае	92
Sordario-	Pleurotheciales	Forest plants, Poaceae	63, 102
		Climber, Forb, Forest plants, Halophytes, Hyperaccumulator, Orchidaceae, Poaceae,	2, 5, 12, 13, 16, 20, 21, 23, 28, 29, 30, 41, 42, 49, 51, 53, 57, 61, 62, 63, 66, 67, 68,
Sordario-	Sordariales	Shrub, Subshrub, Tree	69, 70, 72, 73, 81, 85, 86, 87, 91, 92, 102, 106, 107, 116, 123, 127, 129, 145
Sordario-	Togniniales	Forb, Forest plants, Tree	90, 102, 140
Sordario-	Trichosphaeriales	Poaceae	92
Sordario-	Xenospadicoidales	Forest plants	102
Courdoui o	Y de state e	Forb, Forest plants, Halophytes, Hyperaccumulator, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Shrub,	2, 4, 5, 8, 11, 12, 20, 21, 22, 23, 28, 30, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 41, 45, 57, 62, 63, 66, 70,
Sordario-	xyiariales	Subshrub, Tree	72, 81, 85, 91, 92, 102, 103, 107, 112, 116, 119, 120, 123, 129, 140
Taphrino-	Taphrinales	Forest plants	102

Division	Class	Order	Type of plant	References
Basidio-	Agarico-	Agaricales	Aquatic plant, Forb, Forest plants, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Shrub, Subshrub, Tree, NS	12, 17, 18, 21, 24, 28, 32, 33, 41, 42, 48, 50, 52, 54, 57, 58, 63, 64, 76, 85, 86, 91, 92, 94, 100, 101, 102, 108, 109, 120, 122, 140, 145
Basidio-	Agarico-	Atheliales	Forb, Forest plants, Shrub, Subshrub, Tree, NS	47, 52, 102, 131
Basidio-	Agarico-	Auriculariales	Forest plants, Orchidaceae, Tree	12. 76. 102
Basidio-	Agarico-	Boletales	Forest plants, Tree	76, 94, 102
Basidio-	Agarico-	Cantharellales	Aquatic plant, Forb, Forest plants, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Shrub, Tree	2, 12, 16, 22, 33, 35, 54, 55, 58, 64, 75, 81, 83, 85, 94, 98,102, 115
Basidio-	Agarico-	Corticiales	Forest plants, Poaceae, Subshrub, Shrub	52, 92, 102
Basidio-	Agarico-	Geastrales	Forest plants, NS	101, 102
Basidio-	Agarico-	Hymenochaetales	Forest plants, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Shrub	12, 24, 42, 81, 102
Basidio-	Agarico-	Incertae sedis	Orchidaceae	12
Basidio-	Agarico-	ND	Forest plants, Shrub	102, 106
Basidio-	Agarico-	Phallales	Forest plants, Poaceae	86, 102
Basidio-	Agarico-	Polyporales	Aquatic plant, Forb, Forest plants, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Shrub, Tree	8, 12, 61,64, 68, 81,92, 102, 106, 108, 132, 134
Basidio-	Agarico-	Russulales	Forest plants, Orchidaceae, Shrub, Tree	12, 43, 68, 76, 81, 86, 94, 102, 109
Basidio-	Agarico-	Sebacinales	Forest plants, Orchidaceae, Subshrub, Shrub	22, 52, 102
Basidio-	Agarico-	Thelephorales	Forest plants, Orchidaceae, Tree, NS	12, 47, 59, 94, 101, 102
Basidio-	Agarico-	Trechisporales	Forest plants	101, 102
Basidio-	Agaricostilbo-	Agaricostilbales	Forest plants, Poaceae	92, 102
Basidio-	Agaricostilbo-	ND	Forest plants	102
Basidio-	Atractiello-	Atractiellales	Tree	76
Basidio-	Basidio-	ND	Forb, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Shrub	12, 23, 34, 52, 120, 122
Basidio-	Botryo-	Heterogastridiales	Forest plants	102
Basidio-	Cystobasidio-	Cystobasidiales	Forest plants	102
Basidio-	Cystobasidio-	Erythrobasidiales	Forest plants	102
Basidio-	Dacry-	Dacrymycetales	Forest plants	102
Basidio-	Exobasidio-	Exobasidiales	Forest plants, Halophytes	49, 102
Basidio-	Exobasidio-	Malasseziales	Forest plants, Poaceae	63, 102, 108
Basidio-	Incertae sedis	Incertae sedis	Forest plants	102
Basidio-	Microbotryo-	Incertae sedis	Forest plants	102
Basidio-	Microbotryo-	Leucosporidiales	Forest plants	102
Basidio-	Microbotryo-	Microbotryales	Forest plants	102
Basidio-	Microbotryo-	ND	Forest plants	102

Table 1: Fungal root plant endophytes except Ascom	ycota. ND: not determined, NS: not specified.

Basidio-	Microbotryo-	Sporidiobolales	Forest plants, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Subshrub, Tree	57, 91, 92, 102, 105, 116
Basidio-	ND	ND	Forest plants, Shrub, Tree	17, 57, 102
Basidio-	Puccinio-	ND	Forest plants	102
Basidio-	Tremello-	Cystofilobasidiales	Forest plants, Poaceae	92, 102
Basidio-	Tremello-	Filobasidiales	Forest plants	102
Basidio-	Tremello-	ND	Forest plants	102
Basidio-	Tremello-	Tremellales	Aquatic plant, Forb, Forest plants, Poaceae, Tree	43, 54, 92, 102, 142
Basidio-	Tremello-	Trichosporonales	Forb, Forest plants, Poaceae	37, 102, 120
Basidio-	Ustilagino-	Ustilaginales	Forest plants, Poaceae	92, 102
Basidio-	Wallemio-	Geminibasidiales	Forest plants	102
Basidio-	Wallemio-	Wallemiales	Forest plants, Poaceae	102, 120
Basidiobolo-	Basidiobolo-	Basidiobolales	Forest plants	102
Chytridio-	Chytridio-	Chytridiales	Aquatic plant	54
Chytridio-	Lobulo-	Lobulomycetales	Forest plants, Poaceae	102, 108
Chytridio-	Monoblepharido-	Monoblepharidales	Aquatic plant	54
Chytridio-	ND	ND	Aquatic plant, Poaceae	54, 108
Chytridio-	Rhizophlyctido-	Rhizophlyctidales	Aquatic plant, Forest plants	54, 102
Chytridio-	Spizello-	Spizellomycetales	Poaceae	64
Entomophthoro-	Entomophthoro-	Entomophthorales	Forest plants	102
Incertae sedis	Deutero-	ND	Forb	13
Incertae sedis	Incertae sedis	Incertae sedis	Tree	65
Kickxello-	Kickxellomycetes	Kickxellales	Forest plants	102
Kickxello-	Kickxellomycetes	Kriegeriales	Forest plants	102
Mortierello-	Mortierello-	Mortierellales	Forest plants, Halophytes, Poaceae, Orchidaceae, Shrub, Tree, NS	49, 52, 55, 58, 63, 68, 81, 92, 102
Mucoro-	Incertae sedis	Endogonales	Aquatic plant, Forest plants	54, 63
Mucoro	Mucoro	Mucoralos	Forb, Forest plants, Hyperaccumulator, Non-hyperaccumulator,	12, 15, 26, 29, 43, 44, 57, 62, 66, 67, 68, 81, 85, 89, 96, 102,
IVIUCOTO-	IVIUCOTO-	IVIUCUTAIES	Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Shrub, Tree	107, 115, 135
Mucoro-	ND	ND	Tree	72, 76
Mucoro-	Umbelopsido-	Umbelopsidales	Forest plants, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Shrub, Subshrub, Tree, NS	43, 48, 57, 61, 68, 72, 81, 100, 101, 102, 116, 118, 145
			Aquatic plant, Arborescent Poaceae, Carnivorous, Forb, Forest	2, 9, 13, 16, 17, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 33, 35, 37, 40, 41, 43,
ND	ND	ND	plants, Hyperaccumulator, Orchidaceae, Poaceae, Shrub,	45, 48, 54, 58, 62, 65, 66, 67, 72, 79, 81, 83, 86, 88, 92, 95, 98,
			Subshrub, Tree	99, 102, 103, 105, 108, 110, 120, 122, 133
00-	00-	ND	Forb	131
00-	00-	Peronosporales	Forb	131
00-	00-	Pythiales	Forb, Poaceae, Shrub, Tree	58, 78, 115, 131
Zoopago-	Zoopago-	Zoopagales	Tree	93
Zygo-	Zygo-	ND	Poaceae, Shrub	81, 96

Table 1: Fungal endophytes and their effects on plant growth, metal uptake and translocation on metal-contaminated soil. Oth: other endophyte. Root metal concentration was included in metal uptake, and shoot metal concentration was included in metal translocation. A line corresponds to one fungus * one plant host genera * one response dynamic * one reference. Green: positive effect, red: negative effect, ocher: neutral effect. Rs: research, Rv: review.

Division -mycota	Class - mycetes	Order	Fungal endophytes	Type of endophyte	Metal	Contamination	Plant	Type of article	Plant growth / nutrition	Metal uptake	Metal translo- cation	References
-	-	-	Endophyte community	Oth	Pb, Zn, Cd	poly (field soil)	Arabis alpina	Rs	+		-	Sharma 2019
-	-	-	Endophyte fungus	Oth	Cd	mono	Lolium arundinaceum	Rs	+	+	+	Ren 2011
Asco-	-	-	-	DSE	-	-	Salix caprea	Rv		-		Terhonen 2019
Asco-	-	-	-	DSE	-	-	-	Rv				Veragarame 2019
Asco-	Dothideo -	Botryosphaerial es	Lasiodiplodia	Oth	Cd, Pb	poly	Brassica napus	Rs	+	+	+	Deng 2014
Asco-	Dothideo -	Pleosporales	Acrocalymma vagum	DSE			Тоbассо	Rs	+		-	Jin 2017
Asco-	Dothideo -	Pleosporales	Acrocalymma vagum	DSE	Cd	mono	Medicago sativa	Rs	+		+	Hou 2020
Asco-	Dothideo -	Pleosporales	Acrocalymma vagum	DSE	Cd	mono	Ammopiptanthus mongolicus	Rs	+		+	Hou 2020
Asco-	Dothideo -	Pleosporales	Alternaria alternata	Oth	Cd	mono	Solanum nigrum	Rs	+	-		Khan 2017a
Asco-	Dothideo -	Pleosporales	Lewia sp.	Oth	Pb	mono	Festuca arundinacea	Rs	+	+	no effect	Ortega-Aguilar 2020
Asco-	Dothideo -	Pleosporales	Peyronellaea sp.	Oth	Pb	mono	Zea mays	Rs	+ with some strains	+ with some strains	+ with some strains	Shen 2013
Asco-	Dothideo -	Pleosporales	Peyronellaea sp.	Oth	Zn	mono	Zea mays	Rs	+	+ with some strains	+	Shen 2013
Asco-	Dothideo -	Pleosporales	Peyronellaea sp.	Oth	Cd	mono	Zea mays	Rs	+	+ with some strains	+ with some strains	Shen 2013
Asco-	Eurotio-	Chaetothyriales	Exophiala pisciphila	DSE	Cd, Pb, Zn	mono	Zea mays	Rs			-	Li 2011
Asco-	Eurotio-	Chaetothyriales	Exophiala pisciphila	DSE	Cd	mono	Zea mays	Rs	+		-	He 2017
Asco-	Eurotio-	Chaetothyriales	Phialophora mustea	DSE	Cd	poly (field soil)	Betula pendula	Rs	+		no effect	Berthelot 2017
Asco-	Eurotio-	Chaetothyriales	Phialophora mustea	DSE	Cd	poly (field soil)	Populus tremula x alba	Rs	no effect		no effect	Berthelot 2017
Asco-	Eurotio-	Eurotiales	Aspergillus flavus	Oth	Cd, Ni	mono	-					Oyewole 2019
Asco-	Eurotio-	Eurotiales	Aspergillus niger	Oth	Cd, Ni	mono	-					Oyewole 2019
Asco-	Eurotio-	Eurotiales	Paecilomyces	Oth	AI, Cd,	poly (+ drought	Glycine max	Rs	+			Bilal 2020

			formosus		Ni	& heat)						
Asco-	Eurotio-	Eurotiales	Penicillium funiculosum	Oth	Cu	mono	Glycine max	Rs	+	-	-	Khan&Lee 2013
Asco-	Eurotio-	Eurotiales	Penicillium funiculosum	Oth	Al, Cd, Ni	poly (+ drought & heat)	Glycine max	Rs	+	-	-	Bilal 2020
Asco-	Eurotio-	Eurotiales	Penicillium janthinellum	Oth	Cd	mono	Solanum lycopersicum	Rs	+	-	-	Khan 2014
Asco-	Eurotio-	Eurotiales	Penicillium janthinellum	Oth	Al	mono	Solanum lycopersicum	Rs	+	+	+	Khan 2015
Asco-	Eurotio-	Eurotiales	Penicillium notatum	Oth	Cd, Ni	mono poly (waste	- Solanum surattense					Oyewole 2019
Asco-	Eurotio-	Eurotiales	Penicillium roqueforti	Oth	Ni, Cd, Zn, Pb	water contaminated soil)	or wheat? (contradiction in the article)	Rs	+		-	lkram 2018
Asco-	Eurotio-	Eurotiales	Penicillium sp.	Oth	Cd	mono	Brassica napus	Rs	+		+	Shi 2017
Asco-	Eurotio-	Eurotiales	, Penicillium sp.	Oth	Pb	mono	Brassica napus	Rs	+	no effect	+	Shi 2017
Asco-	Eurotio-	Eurotiales	Penicillium sp.	Oth	Cd	poly	Brassica napus	Rs	+	no effect	+	Shi 2017
Asco-	Eurotio-	Eurotiales	Penicillium sp.	Oth	Pb	poly	Brassica napus	Rs	+	no effect	no effect	Shi 2017
Asco-	Leotio-	-	Leptodontidium sp.	DSE	Cd	poly (field soil)	Betula pendula	Rs	+		no effect	Berthelot 2017
Asco-	Leotio-	-	Leptodontidium sp.	DSE	Cd	poly (field soil)	Populus tremula x alba	Rs	no effect		no effect	Berthelot 2017
Asco-	Leotio-	Helotiales	Rhizodermea veluwensis	Oth	Cu, Ni, Zn, Cd, Pb	poly	Clethra barbinervis	Rs	+	-	-	Yamaji 2016
Asco-	Leotio-	Helotiales	Cadophora sp.	DSE	Cd	poly (field soil)	Betula pendula	Rs	no effect		no effect	Berthelot 2017
Asco-	Leotio-	Helotiales	Cadophora sp.	DSE	Cd	poly (field soil)	Populus tremula x alba	Rs	no effect		no effect	Berthelot 2017
Asco-	Leotio-	Helotiales	Phialocephala fortinii	DSE	-	-	Clethra barbinervis	Rv				Terhonen 2019
Asco-	Leotio-	Helotiales	Phialocephala fortinii	DSE	Cu, Ni, Zn, Cd, Pb	poly	Clethra barbinervis	Rs	+	-	-	Yamaji 2016
Asco-	Leotio-	Helotiales	Phialophora / Cadophora complex	DSE	Cd	mono	Salix caprea	Rs			-	Likar & Regvar 2013
Asco-	Leotio-	Helotiales	Rhizodermea veluwensis	AMF	-	-	Clethra barbinervis	Rv				Terhonen 2019
Asco-	Leotio-	Helotiales	Rhizoscyphus sp. = Hyaloscypha = Meliniomyces	Ericoid	Cu, Ni, Zn, Cd, Pb	poly	Clethra barbinervis	Rs	+	-	-	Yamaji 2016
Asco-	Leotio-	Helotiales	Scytalidium lignicola	DSE	Cd	mono	Medicago sativa	Rs	+		+	Hou 2020
Asco-	Leotio-	Helotiales	Scytalidium lignicola	DSE	Cd	mono	Ammopiptanthus mongolicus	Rs	+		+	Hou 2020
Asco-	Sordario	Diaporthales	Phomopsis fukushii	DSE	Cd	-	Solanum nigrum	Rv		+	+	Domka 2019
Asco-	Sordario-	Diaporthales	Phomopsis fukushii	Oth	Cd	mono	Solanum nigrum	Rs	+	+	+	Khan 2017b

Asco-	Sordario-	Glomerellales	Glomerella truncata	Oth	Cd	mono	Solanum nigrum	Rs	+	+ (Cd 15 mg/kg) or - (Cd 5 mg/kg)	+	Khan 2017b
Asco-	Sordario-	Hypocreales	Fusarium oxysporum	Oth	Cd	mono	Wheat	Rs		-		Rahimi Tamandegani & Zafari 2019
Asco-	Sordario-	Hypocreales	Fusarium oxysporum	Oth	Cd	mono	Barley	Rs	+		no	Mostafa 2019
Asco-	Sordario-	Hypocreales	Fusarium sp.	Oth	Cd	mono	Brassica napus	Rs	+	no effect	effect	Shi 2017
Asco-	Sordario-	Hypocreales	Fusarium sp.	Oth	Pb	mono	Brassica napus	Rs	+	1.1	effect	Shi 2017
Asco-	Sordario-	Hypocreales	Fusarium sp.	Oth	Pb, Cd	poly	Brassica napus	Rs	+	no effect	no effect	Shi 2017
Asco-	Sordario-	Hypocreales	Neotyphodium	Oth	Cd	mono	Festuca arundinacea, Festuca pratensis	Rs	+	+	+	Soleimani 2010
Asco-	Sordario-	Hypocreales	Purpureocillium sp.	Oth	Cu	mono	Kandelia candel	Rs	+	-	-	Gong 2017
Asco-	Sordario-	Hypocreales	Trichoderma asperellum	Oth	Zn, Cd, Pb, Fe	Poly	Lactuca serriola	Rs	no effect	no effect	no effect	Wazny 2018
Asco-	Sordario-	Hypocreales	Trichoderma asperellum	Oth	Cu	mono	Onion	Rs	+	-	-	Téllez-Vargas 2017
Asco-	Sordario-	Hypocreales	Trichoderma asperellum	Oth	Pb	poly	Suaeda salsa	Rs	+	-	-	Li 2019
Asco-	Sordario-	Hypocreales	Trichoderma asperellum	Oth	Pb, Cd	mono	Arabidopsis thaliana	Rs	+			Zhang 2018
Asco-	Sordario-	Hypocreales	Trichoderma harzianum	Oth	-	-	-	Book				Zaidi 2014
Asco-	Sordario-	Hypocreales	Trichoderma harzianum	Oth	Cd, Mn, Ni, Pb, Zn	poly	Salix fragilis	Rs	+	no effect	+	Adams 2007
Asco-	Sordario-	Hypocreales	Trichoderma logibrachiatum	Oth	Pb	mono	Helianthus annuus	Rs				Devi 2017
Asco-	Sordario-	Hypocreales	Trichoderma pseudokoningii	Oth	Cd, Cr, Cu, Fe, Zn	poly	Pennisetum glaucum	Rs	+	+		Firdaus-e- Bareen 2012
Asco-	Sordario-	Sordariales	Chaetomium cupreum	Oth	Cu	mono	Eucalyptus globosus	Prod of IAA and siderophores	+	-		Ortiz 2019
Basidio-	Agarico-	Polyporales	Trametes hirsuta	Oth	Pb	mono	Triticum aestivum	Rs	+	+	+	Malik 2020
Basidio-	Microbot ryo-	Sporidiobolales	Rhodotorula sp.	Yeast	Cd, Cu, Pb	poly	Brassica napus, B. alboglabra, B. campestris ssp. Cinensis var. utilis	Rs	no effect	+		Wang 2013
Basidio-	Microbot ryo-	Sporidiobolales	Rhodotorula sp.	Yeast	Cd, Cu, Pb	poly	Brassica campestris ssp. Cinensis var.	Rs		+		Wang 2013

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Mucoro-	-	-	Mucor circinelloides	Oth	Pb, Cd	mono	Arabidopsis thaliana	Rs	+			Zhang 2018
Mucoro-	-	-	Mucor circinelloides, Mucor racemosus	Oth	Pb, Cd	poly	Brassica napus	Rs	+	no effect	no effect	Zhu 2015
Mucoro-	-	-	Mucor sp.	Oth	Zn, Cd, Pb, Fe	poly	Lactuca serriola	Rs	+	+	+	Wazny 2018
Mucoro-	-	-	Mucor sp.	Oth	Zn, Fe	-	Arabidopsis arenosa	Rv		-	+	Rozpądek 2018
Mucoro-	-	-	Mucor sp.	Oth	Cd	-	Arabidopsis arenosa	Rs	+	no effect	+	Rozpądek 2018
Mucoro-	-	-	Mucor sp.	Oth	Zn, Cr, Co, Mn, Cu	poly	Brassica campestris	Rs	+	-		Zahoor 2017
Mucoro-	-	-	Mucor sp.	Oth	Zn, Fe	poly (field soil)	Arabidopsis arenosa	Rs	+		+	Rozpądek 2018
Mucoro-	-	-	Mucor sp.	Oth	Zn, Fe, Cd	poly (field soil)	Arabidopsis arenosa	Rs	+			Domka 2019

Table 1: Correlation between the effects of fungal endophytes metal uptake and translocation. Green and bold writing: positive effect on plant growth, *: no effect on plant growth. Lines and columns: effects on metal translocation (lines) and uptake (columns): green: positive effect, red: negative effect, grey: neutral effect.

			No information on metal		
		-	=	+	uptake
	-	Trichoderma asperellum Rhizodermea veluwensis Phialocephala fortinii Penicillium roqueforti Penicillium funiculosum Penicillium janthinellum Purpureocillium sp. Paecilomyces formosus		Piriformospora indica	Endophyte community Exophiala pisciphila Phialocephala fortinii* Phialophora/Cadophora complex* Acrocalymma vagum*
Metal translocation	=	Fusarium sp.	Trichoderma asperellum* Fusarium sp.* Penicillium sp. Peyronella sp.*	Lewia sp.	Phialophora mustea Leptodontidium sp. Phialophora mustea Leptodontidium sp. Cadophora sp.
	+	Mucor sp. Penicillium sp. Glomerella truncata*	<i>Mucor</i> sp. * Penicillium sp. Peyronella sp. *	Lasodiplodia Phomopsis fukushi* Endophyte fungus* Neotyphodium Mucor sp. Peyronella sp. Penicillium janthinellum Glomerella truncata Trametes hirsuta	Acrocalymma vagum Scytalidium lignicola Trichoderma harzianum
No information o translocati	on metal on	Alternaria alternata Fusarium oxysporum* Chaetomium cupreum Piriformospora indica* Mucor sp.		Aspergillus flavus* Aspergillus niger* Penicillium terreus* Aspergillus flavus Penicillium chrysogenum Trichoderma pseudokoningii Rhodotorula sp.*	Aspergillus flavus* Aspergillus niger* Penicillium notatum* Exophiala pisciphila DSE* Trichoderma harzianum* Trichoderma logibrachiatum* Trichoderma asperellum Fusarium oxysporum Mucor circinelloides Mucor racemosus Mucor sp.