

Reporting Summary

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Statistics

For all statistical analyses, confirm that the following items are present in the figure legend, table legend, main text, or Methods section.

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The exact sample size (n) for each experimental group/condition, given as a discrete number and unit of measurement
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A statement on whether measurements were taken from distinct samples or whether the same sample was measured repeatedly
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The statistical test(s) used AND whether they are one- or two-sided
Only common tests should be described solely by name; describe more complex techniques in the Methods section.
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A description of all covariates tested
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A description of any assumptions or corrections, such as tests of normality and adjustment for multiple comparisons
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A full description of the statistical parameters including central tendency (e.g. means) or other basic estimates (e.g. regression coefficient) AND variation (e.g. standard deviation) or associated estimates of uncertainty (e.g. confidence intervals)
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For null hypothesis testing, the test statistic (e.g. F, t, r) with confidence intervals, effect sizes, degrees of freedom and P value noted
Give P values as exact values whenever suitable.
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For Bayesian analysis, information on the choice of priors and Markov chain Monte Carlo settings
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For hierarchical and complex designs, identification of the appropriate level for tests and full reporting of outcomes
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Estimates of effect sizes (e.g. Cohen's d, Pearson's r), indicating how they were calculated

Our web collection on statistics for biologists contains articles on many of the points above.

Software and code

Policy information about availability of computer code

Data collection

Np software was used to collect data in this study.

Data analysis

The following software, versions and links were used to analyse data in this study:
CLOCI v0.1.11 <https://github.com/xonq/cloci> <https://doi.org/10.1093/nar/gkae625>
exonerate v.2.2.0 <https://bioweb.pasteur.fr/packages/pack@exonerate@2.2.0> <https://doi.org/10.1186/1471-2105-6-31>
clinker v.0.0.28 <https://github.com/gamcil/clinker> <https://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/btab007>
MMseqs v.14.7e284 <https://github.com/soedinglab/MMseqs2> <https://doi.org/10.1038/nbt.3988>
Mycotools v.0.30.36 <https://github.com/xonq/mycotools> <https://doi.org/10.1101/2023.09.08.556886>
mafft v.7.487 <https://mafft.cbrc.jp/alignment/software/source.html> <https://doi.org/10.1093/molbev/mst010>
hmmbuild v.3.3.2 <http://hmmer.org/download.html> <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pcbi.1002195>
ClipKIT v.1.3.0 <https://github.com/JLSteenwyk/ClipKIT> <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pbio.3001007>
IQ-TREE v. 1.6.11 <https://github.com/Cibiv/IQ-TREE/> <https://doi.org/10.1093/molbev/msu300>
IQ-TREE v.2.2.6 COVID-edition <https://github.com/iqtree/iqtree2/> <https://doi.org/10.1093/molbev/msaa015>
OrthoFinder v.2.3.12 <https://github.com/davidemms/OrthoFinder/> <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13059-019-1832-y>

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Data

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- Accession codes, unique identifiers, or web links for publicly available datasets
- A description of any restrictions on data availability
- For clinical datasets or third party data, please ensure that the statement adheres to our [policy](#)

The data that support the findings of this study are available within the paper and its Supplementary Material, or are available from the corresponding author upon request.

Research involving human participants, their data, or biological material

Policy information about studies with [human participants or human data](#). See also policy information about [sex, gender \(identity/presentation\), and sexual orientation](#) and [race, ethnicity and racism](#).

Reporting on sex and gender	No human participants were involved in this study.
Reporting on race, ethnicity, or other socially relevant groupings	N/A
Population characteristics	N/A
Recruitment	N/A
Ethics oversight	N/A

Note that full information on the approval of the study protocol must also be provided in the manuscript.

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Life sciences study design

All studies must disclose on these points even when the disclosure is negative.

Sample size	No sample size calculation was used. For in vitro comparative assays, 5 independent samples were used.
Data exclusions	No data were excluded
Replication	All attempts at replication were successful and were consistent with previously-published findings.
Randomization	Not applicable as this study did not compare different experimental groups.
Blinding	Blinding was not relevant as there were no clinical trials or group allocation.

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Materials & experimental systems

Methods

n/a	Involved in the study
☒	☐ Antibodies
☒	☐ Eukaryotic cell lines
☒	☐ Palaeontology and archaeology
☐	☒ Animals and other organisms
☒	☐ Clinical data
☒	☐ Dual use research of concern
☒	☐ Plants

n/a	Involved in the study
☒	☐ ChIP-seq
☒	☐ Flow cytometry
☒	☐ MRI-based neuroimaging

Animals and other research organisms

Policy information about [studies involving animals](#); [ARRIVE guidelines](#) recommended for reporting animal research, and [Sex and Gender in Research](#)

Laboratory animals	The study did not involve laboratory animals.
Wild animals	The study did not involve wild animals.
Reporting on sex	This study did not involved attributing findings to one sex and it is not known if these two fungi have a sexual cycle.
Field-collected samples	The study did not involved samples collected from the field.
Ethics oversight	No ethical approval was required for this study as it concerned microorganisms only (fungi).

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Plants

Seed stocks	This study did not involve plants.
Novel plant genotypes	N/A
Authentication	N/A