

1 **Title:** *Schizophyllum radiatum*, an emerging fungus from human respiratory tract

2 **Running title:** *S. radiatum* from human clinical specimens

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12 **Abstract**

13 *Schizophyllum* is an important genus of basidiomycetes that, apart from having
14 genetic and biotechnological interest, is also reported as a plant and animal pathogen.
15 *Schizophyllum commune* is the best-known species, and the only one reported from
16 clinical specimens thus far, being recovered mainly from the respiratory tract. The aim
17 of this study was to determine the species diversity of 23 clinical isolates of
18 *Schizophyllum* from the USA, using a multi-locus phylogenetic analysis, and their *in*
19 *vitro* susceptibility against six drugs. The markers used for sequencing were the internal
20 transcribed spacer (ITS), a portion of the nuclear large subunit rDNA (LSU), the RNA
21 polymerase II second largest subunit (*RPB2*), and the translation elongation factor 1-
22 alpha (*EF-1α*) gene. The analyses revealed that 22 of the clinical isolates were placed in
23 the *Schizophyllum radiatum* clade, with high support values, and one isolate in the *S.*
24 *commune* clade. This is the first report of this species in clinical samples. The two
25 mentioned species show very similar morphological features in culture (i.e., white,

26 cottony, unsporulated colonies composed of hyphae with clamp connections), making
27 morphological discrimination impossible between the two. An epitype is designed for *S.*
28 *radiatum* and its sequences deposited in GenBank. The antifungal that showed the
29 greatest *in vitro* activity against the strains tested was shown by amphotericin B. In
30 general, the strains of *S. radiatum* showed higher MICs than *S. commune*.

31 **Introduction**

32 *Schizophyllum* (*Schizophyllaceae*, *Agaricales*) comprises one of the most
33 commonly found mushrooms on the planet (1). The most common species of the genus
34 is *S. commune*, a ubiquitous fungus, well-known as a wood decay organism able to
35 cause white rot (1, 2), but also by its biotechnological applications (3). It has been used
36 as an ethanol producer (4) and some of its metabolites have anticancer (5) and
37 antimicrobial properties (6, 7). It also has been studied for many years as a model for
38 understanding mating interactions (8, 9). In recent years, *S. commune* has become
39 clinically relevant as an etiological agent of respiratory infections in humans (10–15).
40 However, other types of infections have also been reported, such as a brain abscess (16,
41 17), meningitis (18), an eye infection (19), palate ulceration (20), and onychomycosis
42 (21). Infections have also been reported in other mammals (22–24) and in both
43 immunocompromised and immunocompetent individuals (25, 26).

44 The most effective treatment options for infections by *S. commune* are yet to be
45 determined, although various treatment modalities have been used (14, 25–29). Most
46 susceptibility patterns for these fungi are restricted to individual cases; however, studies
47 by Gonzalez et al. (30) and Chowdhary et al. (31), with five and 26 strains, respectively,
48 indicated that amphotericin B, itraconazole, and voriconazole had good *in vitro* activity
49 against the isolates tested, while elevated MICs were observed for flucytosine and
50 fluconazole.

51 The identification of *S. commune* and other filamentous basidiomycetes from
52 clinical specimens is often problematic. Key morphological features necessary for the
53 recognition of these fungi are the presence of clamp connections on hyphae and the
54 development of fruiting bodies (32). However, many clinical isolates of *S. commune* do
55 not form such structures and, in culture, only show colonies with white cottony
56 surfaces, a rapid growth rate, and droplets of exudate (33), which are clearly not
57 distinctive for either species or genus recognition. *Schizophyllum* includes nearly 20
58 species (<http://www.mycobank.org>). However, ex-type strains for many of those species
59 do not exist; only a limited number of strains for a few species identified by specialists
60 have been deposited into different public culture collections (i.e. *S. commune*, *S.*
61 *fasciatum*, *S. radiatum*, and *S. umbrinum*). In addition, some species such as *S.*
62 *commune* and *S. radiatum* have long been considered conspecific due to their
63 morphological similarity (2). Recently, molecular methods have more successfully
64 discriminated between various basidiomycetous moulds (13, 33, 34). Singh et al. (34)
65 proposed sequencing the ITS and D1/D2 regions for the identification of
66 basidiomycetes. However, when the sequences of these two regions are submitted in the
67 GenBank database for comparison, there is a low level of discrimination due mainly to
68 the lack of reliable sequences, therefore making a conclusive identification impossible
69 (35). Although it is well-known that databases may contain poor quality sequences, the
70 discordant results may also be related to the deposition of misidentified strains.
71 Therefore, the occurrence of *S. commune* may have been overestimated and other
72 species may in fact have been involved in both human and animal infections. Hence, the
73 real distribution of the species of this genus in clinical samples is unknown. Therefore,
74 the aim of this study was to assess the spectrum of *Schizophyllum* spp. in a set of
75 clinical isolates from the USA, comparing representative reference strains of different

76 *Schizophyllum* species, and using a multi-locus phylogenetic analysis to clarify their
77 taxonomy. Additionally, the *in vitro* antifungal susceptibility of the fungi investigated
78 was determined against six antifungal agents to determine if the susceptibility profiles
79 of the USA strains differ from those of strains isolated from other parts of the world.

80 **Material and Methods**

81 **Fungal isolates**

82 A total of 33 *Schizophyllum* strains were included in this study, 23 of which
83 were clinical isolates from across the USA and received in the Fungus Testing
84 Laboratory at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio
85 (UTHSCSA) for identification, antifungal susceptibility testing, or both. The USA
86 isolates were of human (n=21) and animal (n=2) origins, and were mainly recovered
87 from the respiratory tract (n=19, 82.6%), i.e. sinuses (43.5%), bronchoalveolar lavage
88 (26.1%), sputum (8.7%) and lung (4.3%). Additionally, one isolate was from a lymph
89 node and the other from a spinal mass, and two other isolates were of unknown origin.
90 The remaining 10 isolates were obtained from different international culture collections
91 as reference strains for comparison (Table 1).

92 **DNA extraction, amplification and sequencing**

93 Total genomic DNA was extracted from potato dextrose agar (PDA; Pronadisa,
94 Madrid, Spain) cultures after 7 days of incubation at 25°C using the FastDNA® Kit and
95 the FastPrep® Instrument (MP Biomedicals, Irvine CA, USA), according to the
96 manufacturer's specifications. Four DNA targets were amplified using the following
97 primer pairs: ITS4 and ITS5 for the internal transcribed spacer 1 (ITS1), the 5.8S gene,
98 and ITS2 regions (36); LR0R and LR5 for a portion of the large subunit (LSU) gene of
99 the rDNA (37); EF-983F and EF-2218R for the translation elongation factor 1 α (*EF-1 α*)
100 gene (38); and 5F and 7CR for the RNA polymerase II second largest subunit (*RPB2*)

101 gene (39). PCR products were sequenced in both directions, using the same primers, at
102 MacroGen Europe (MacroGen Inc., Amsterdam, The Netherlands). Sequences were
103 assembled and edited using Sequencher 4.1.4 (Gene Codes Corporation[®], Ann Arbor
104 MI, USA).

105 **Molecular identification and phylogenetic analyses**

106 The phylogenetic analyses were carried out first individually for each gene and,
107 after the topologies proved to be congruent, a concatenated study was performed. All
108 sequences used for the analyses were obtained from the strains included in this study.
109 For multiple sequence alignment, the ClustalW tool was used together with the
110 MUSCLE tool inside MEGA v.6 software (40), with manual adjustments. The
111 Maximum Likelihood (ML) phylogenetic method was also run with MEGA v.6
112 software, as well as the estimation of the best nucleotide substitution method. Support
113 of the internal branches was assessed by the Bootstrap (bs) method with 1000
114 replications, where values ≥ 70 were considered significant. The Bayesian Inference (BI)
115 method was performed using MrBayes v.3.1.2 software (41). The evolutionary models
116 that best fit each gene were assessed by MrModelTest v.2 software (42). Markov chain
117 Monte Carlo (MCMC) sampling was performed with two simultaneous runs for 3
118 million generations, with samples taken every 100 generations. The 50% majority rule
119 consensus trees and posterior probability values (pp) were calculated after removing the
120 first 25% of the resulting trees for burn-in. A pp value of ≥ 0.95 was considered in the
121 tree.

122 **Antifungal susceptibility testing**

123 The *in vitro* susceptibility profiles of the isolates were determined by CLSI
124 M38-A2 method with a few modifications (43). The modifications included working
125 inocula, obtained from colonies on PDA with 7 to 10 days of incubation at 30°C, of 2.5

126 $\times 10^4$ to 5.0×10^4 hyphal fragments/ml, and the microplates were incubated at 35°C for
127 72 h. The six antifungal agents tested were amphotericin B (AMB) (Sigma Aldrich
128 Quimica S.A., Madrid, Spain), itraconazole (ITC) (Jansen Pharmaceuticals, Beerse,
129 Belgium), posaconazole (PSC) (Schering-Plough Res., Inst., NJ, USA), voriconazole
130 (VRC) (Pfizer S.A., Madrid, Spain), caspofungin (CFG) (Merk & Co., Inc., Rahway,
131 USA), and terbinafine (TBF) (Sigma Aldrich Quimica S.A., Madrid, Spain). The
132 minimal inhibitory concentration (MIC) was defined as the lowest drug concentration
133 that produced 100% inhibition of visible fungal growth for the AMB and the azoles
134 (ITC, PSC and VRC) or 80% for TBF. The minimum effective concentration (MEC)
135 was determined for CFG and was defined microscopically as the lowest concentration
136 of drug that led to the growth of small, rounded, compact hyphal forms as compared
137 with the long, unbranched hyphal clusters that were seen in the growth control. Two
138 quality control strains (*Candida parapsilosis* ATCC 22019 and *Candida krusei* ATCC
139 6258) were used in each test, and their MIC ranges were within the CLSI reference
140 ranges. All tests were carried out in duplicate, on different days, for reproducibility.
141 Results were statistically analyzed using the Prism software for Windows v.6.0
142 (GraphPad Software, San Diego, CA).

143 Nucleotide sequence accession numbers

144 Sequences newly generated in this study were deposited in GenBank under
145 accession numbers shown in Table 1.

146 Results

147 The phylogenetic analyses of the individual markers proved that the rDNA
148 regions tested (ITS and LSU) were much conserved, not discriminating well between
149 the closely-related species *S. commune* and *S. radiatum*. The LSU, *EF-1 α* , and *RPB2*
150 markers showed consistency and were used to perform a concatenated study. The ITS

151 region was not included in the combined alignment because, apart from not being
152 informative for differentiating between the above-mentioned species, some strains were
153 difficult to amplify and sequence. For example, the ITS sequence could not be obtained
154 for MUCL 20578, UTHSCSA DI14-4 and UTHSCSA DI14-7 (Table 1).

155 The concatenated sequence alignment consisted of 2622 base pairs (LSU, 838
156 bp; *EF-1α*, 971 bp; *RPB2*, 813 bp), from which 539 bp were variable sites (LSU, 30 bp;
157 *EF-1α*, 248 bp; *RPB2*, 261 bp) and 282 bp parsimony informative (LSU, 2 bp; *EF-1α*,
158 116 bp; *RPB2*, 164 bp). The topologies of the trees obtained with ML and BI analyses
159 were basically the same, with only minor differences in the support values of internal
160 nodes observed. Figure 1 shows the phylogenetic tree constructed using the LSU, *EF*-
161 *1α*, and *RPB2* markers. Two main clades were observed in the phylogenetic tree. One
162 clade included the strains of *S. commune* (i.e., 7 reference strains and one clinical
163 isolate), and the other clade included the only reference strain of *S. radiatum* (CBS
164 301.32) used in the study together with the 22 remaining clinical isolates. Both clades
165 showed high support values (values of bootstrap/posterior probability of 99/1 and
166 100/0.87, respectively). The reference strains of *S. umbrinum* and *S. fasciatum* acted as
167 outgroups since the genetic distance to the clades of *S. radiatum* and *S. commune* were
168 elevated (around 11.5% for *S. umbrinum*, and around 9% for *S. fasciatum*, for the LSU,
169 *EF-1α* and *RPB2* markers). The average genetic distance between the clades of *S.*
170 *radiatum* and *S. commune* was 4.0%, and the differences within the clades were 1.8%
171 and 2.7% for the *S. radiatum* and *S. commune*, respectively.

172 In general, all the drugs tested showed activity against the *Schizophyllum*
173 isolates tested. However, the antifungal with the greatest potency was AMB, followed
174 by CFG and TBF (geometric mean MICs of 0.29 µg/ml, 0.58 µg/ml, and 0.79 µg/ml,
175 respectively), while the least effective agents were ITC and PSC (geometric means of

1.67 µg/ml, and 2.93 µg/ml, respectively). Significant variation in *in vitro* activity was noted among the strains, especially for TBF, with MIC values ranging from 0.03 to 16.0 µg/ml. The drug displaying the most consistent results was CFG, with MICs ranging from 0.25 to 1.0 µg/ml. *Schizophyllum radiatum* showed clearly higher geometric mean MICs for all the antifungals tested than *S. commune*, especially for ITC and PSC. The results of the *in vitro* susceptibility test are summarized in Table 2.

Taxonomy

Schizophyllum was described by Fries in 1815 (44) with *S. commune* as the type species. The same author transferred the morphologically similar species *Agaricus radiatum* to *Schizophyllum* (45), which was accepted by Linder in 1933 (46). By contrast, Cooke in 1961 considered both as varieties of the same species and treated *S. radiatum* as a synonym of *S. commune* (2). However, in the absence of modern taxonomic studies on this genus, due mainly to the lack of ex-type strains, the Index Fungorum (<http://www.indexfungorum.org>) and MycoBank (<http://www.mycobank.org>) databases list the species as different taxa.

According to our phylogenetic analysis, the clade formed by the confirmed strain of *S. radiatum* and most of the clinical isolates from the USA constitutes a well-supported monophyletic lineage with enough genetic differences to be considered a species distinct from *S. commune*, which forms a sister clade. For the purpose of taxonomic stability of the name *S. radiatum* and based on the current recommendations (47, 48), we selected the strain CBS 301.32 as epitype (CBS H-22699, MBT372269) for this species. This strain was collected in the same region as the type strain (Panama and Jamaica, respectively), and was identified by D. H. Linder (46) based on the original description provided by Fries (45). Among numerous specimens, Linder examined the authentic material of *S. radiatum*, which is deposited in the Farlow Herbarium at

201 Harvard University (46). Sequence data from the ex-epitype may be useful for future
202 phylogenetic studies of *Schizophyllum* species, especially for the identification of non-
203 sporulating isolates of *S. radiatum* involved in human infections, and to determine
204 whether this species is also predominant among the *Schizophyllum* species in other parts
205 of the world.

206 Our results also show that *S. commune* represents a species complex, which was
207 already mentioned by Linder (46), since the genetic variation within the clade ranged
208 from 0.9 % (between MUCL 20578 and UTHSCSA DI14-5) to 3.5 % (between MUCL
209 31016 and FMR 14713), with a mean variation of 2.7%. Nonetheless, further studies are
210 needed to solve taxonomic differentiation within the *S. commune* clade.

211 Discussion

212 *Schizophyllum* is a very common and cosmopolitan genus of basidiomycetes that
213 has been associated with human infections for over 60 years (11, 21). The most recent
214 reviews of infections by *S. commune* were by Buzina et al. (33), who reported 16
215 published cases, and Chowdhary et al. (13) with 71 cases. More recently, 15 additional
216 cases have been reported (14, 15, 17, 19, 49–59). Here, we studied 23 isolates of
217 *Schizophyllum* from different clinical specimens and, although histopathological
218 evidence for the corresponding infections is not available, this number of isolates from a
219 single country reinforces the growing importance of *Schizophyllum* in the clinical
220 setting. The different clinical manifestations highlight the versatility of this pathogen
221 (13); however, the pulmonary and respiratory sites appear to be the most common sites
222 of recovery. In Colombia, *S. commune* was the second most common agent of fungal
223 rhinosinusitis, following *Aspergillus* (60). In our study, 43.5% of the strains were
224 isolated from sinuses, and a total of 82.6% of strains from patients with respiratory
225 conditions. Interestingly, in a study on the distribution and seasonal diversity of

226 pathogenic fungi in outdoor air in the northeastern United States, which used
227 quantitative real-time PCR plus pyrosequencing, *S. commune* was the most abundant
228 species, particularly in spring (61). However, the identification exclusively of *S.*
229 *commune* in all those studies should be taken with caution due to the lack of phylogenic
230 studies that have clarified the taxonomy of closely-related species in *Schizophyllum*,
231 such as *S. commune* and *S. radiatum*.

232 Although in nature these fungi mainly adopt the form of a gilled mushroom (62),
233 when they are isolated from clinical specimens and growing in culture, *Schizophyllum*
234 strains often remain sterile (63). This precludes their morphological identification. In
235 routine laboratories, the induction of sporulation usually requires about 3 weeks and is
236 associated to high failure rates (34). Therefore, molecular methods, such as DNA
237 sequence analysis, are required for accurate identification of this kind of fungi that fails
238 to sporulate (13). The most commonly sequenced markers in *Schizophyllum* are the ITS
239 and D1/D2 regions of LSU (13, 33, 34). However, *Schizophyllum* has a highly
240 conserved ITS region, which is often difficult to amplify and to sequence. Singh et al.
241 (34) reported this difficulty, being unable to amplify three of 27 strains they identified
242 as *S. commune*. Although the LSU region is more informative, in general, its resolution
243 is only at the genus level. In addition, Romanelli et al. (35) demonstrated, with
244 filamentous basidiomycetes that included *Schizophyllum*, that a comparison in the
245 GenBank database can cause disagreement between results when both ITS and LSU
246 regions of the same strain are searched; of the 15 *Schizophyllum* strains (9 *S. commune*
247 and 6 *S. radiatum*) identified by ITS sequencing, only one strain of *S. radiatum* by the
248 LSU region agreed with the identification. Moreover, two strains identified as belonging
249 to *Phlebia* by the ITS, were identified as *Schizophyllum* spp. by the LSU region. The
250 inconsistency of results made it impossible to assign a conclusive identification to over

251 70% of the isolates included in that study (35). It would seem clear then that other, more
252 appropriate, markers need to be adopted for reliable species identification. In the present
253 study, the use of three combined markers (LSU, and *EF-1 α* , and *RPB2*) provided
254 enough phylogenetic information for this purpose. We were able to demonstrate that
255 more than one species may be involved in *Schizophyllum* infections; and, contrary to
256 general belief, *S. radiatum* was shown to be, almost exclusively, the species identified
257 from clinical isolates of a US reference center. In addition, this study provides a set of
258 33 strains (4 species) of *Schizophyllum* spp. for future comparison.

259 Optimum management of infections by *S. commune* has not yet been determined
260 (14, 31, 34). However, treatment with antifungal drugs has given encouraging results.
261 AMB is reported to be the most potent *in vitro* against *S. commune* and other antifungal
262 drugs have also shown good activity (14, 16, 31, 64). It is worth mentioning, however,
263 that at least one patient with allergic bronchopulmonary infection and treated with
264 itraconazole for 10 months showed no clinical improvement (65, 66). In fact, a
265 correlation between *in vitro* data and clinical efficacy has not been well established (54).
266 In agreement with other studies (30, 31), AMB showed the highest *in vitro* potency
267 against most *Schizophyllum* isolates tested. The strains of *S. commune* tested here had
268 low MICs for PSC and VRC (0.20 μ g/ml for both) similar to previous reports (30, 31).
269 For *S. radiatum*, our results revealed high variability among strains, especially for the
270 azoles and for TBF (Table 2). In the case of PSC, MIC values of *S. radiatum* were
271 significantly higher than those of *S. commune* (GM of 7.46 μ g/ml and 0.20 μ g/ml,
272 respectively; $p < 0.0001$), compared using the Mann-Whitney U test. For ITC and VRC,
273 the differences were not statistically significant even though the MICs of *S. radiatum*
274 were apparently higher than those of *S. commune* (GM of 2.82 μ g/ml and 0.37 μ g/ml for
275 ITC, and 1.72 μ g/ml and 0.20 μ g/ml for VRC). For the echinocandin tested, CSP, in

276 general low MIC values were observed (0.25–1.0 µg/ml), contrary to Singh et al. (34)
277 who reported high MICs (2–8 µg/ml) of the same drug for *S. commune*. Considering
278 that echinocandins have been reported as ineffective against clinically relevant
279 basidiomycetes (67, 68), our discrepant results might be due to variations in the method
280 (incubation time, preparation of the inoculum with hyphal fragments, etc.). Since there
281 is no standardized method for antifungal susceptibility testing of filamentous
282 basidiomycetes and non-sporulating fungi (68), studies often modify the CLSI protocol
283 (31, 34) in an attempt to obtain reproducible results, as in our case. Therefore, before
284 standardization of these protocols, inter-laboratory results cannot be properly compared.

285 In conclusion, the importance of *Schizophyllum* in the clinical setting has been
286 demonstrated by the number of reported cases and strains isolated. The present study,
287 on this collection of isolates from the USA, has shown that *S. radiatum*, rather than *S.*
288 *commune*, is the most frequently recovered species, and provides informative targets for
289 the molecular discrimination between the two species.

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487 **Fig 1** – Maximum likelihood tree obtained from the combined LSU, *EF-1 α* , and *RPB2*
488 sequences of the isolates. Branch lengths are proportional to phylogenetic distance.
489 Bootstrap support values/Bayesian posterior probability scores over 70/0.95 are
490 indicated on the nodes. The fully supported branches (100/1) and reference strains are
491 shown in bold. CBS: CBS Fungal Biodiversity Centre (The Netherlands); FMR:
492 Facultat de Medicina de Reus (Spain); MUCL: Université Catholique de Louvain
493 (Belgium); UTHSCSA: University of Texas Health Science Center (San Antonio,
494 USA).

Table 1 – Origin and GenBank accession numbers of the sequences of *Schizophyllum* strains included in this study

Species (no. isolates)	Strain	Origin	GenBank accession number			
			ITS	LSU	<i>EF-1α</i>	<i>RPB2</i>
<i>S. commune</i> (8)	CBS 132304	Man, India	LT217530	LT217561	LT217595	LT217629
	CBS 476.64	Unknown, USA	LT217531	LT217562	LT217596	LT217630
	FMR 14713	Sputum, India	LT217532	LT217563	LT217597	LT217631
	MUCL 20578	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> , Belgium	-	LT217564	LT217598	LT217632
	MUCL 29305	Man, Brazil	LT217533	LT217565	LT217599	LT217633
	MUCL 30748	<i>Saccharum officinarum</i> , Africa	LT217534	LT217566	LT217600	LT217634
	MUCL 31016	Hay, Belgium	LT217535	LT217567	LT217601	LT217635
	UTHSCSA DI14-5	Sinus-nasal, USA	LT217536	LT217568	LT217602	LT217636
<i>S. radiatum</i> (23)	CBS 301.32	Unknown, Panama	LT217537	LT217569	LT217603	LT217637
	UTHSCSA DI14-1	Unknown, USA	LT217539	LT217571	LT217605	LT217639
	UTHSCSA DI14-2	Lymph node ^a , USA	LT217540	LT217572	LT217606	LT217640
	UTHSCSA DI14-3	Lung ^a , USA	LT217541	LT217573	LT217607	LT217641
	UTHSCSA DI14-4	BAL, USA	-	LT217574	LT217608	LT217642
	UTHSCSA DI14-6	Sputum, USA	LT217542	LT217575	LT217609	LT217643
	UTHSCSA:DI14-7	Maxillary sinus, USA	-	LT217576	LT217610	LT217644
	UTHSCSA:DI14-8	BAL, USA	LT217543	LT217577	LT217611	LT217645
	UTHSCSA DI14-9	Sinus-nasal, USA	LT217544	LT217578	LT217612	LT217646
	UTHSCSA DI14-10	BAL, USA	LT217545	LT217579	LT217613	LT217647
	UTHSCSA DI14-11	Sinus-nasal, USA	LT217546	LT217580	LT217614	LT217648
	UTHSCSA DI14-12	Sphenoid sinus, USA	LT217547	LT217581	LT217615	LT217649
	UTHSCSA DI14-13	Spinal mass, USA	LT217548	LT217582	LT217616	LT217650
	UTHSCSA:DI14-14	Sphenoid sinus, USA	LT217549	LT217583	LT217617	LT217651
	UTHSCSA:DI14-15	BAL, USA	LT217550	LT217584	LT217618	LT217652
	UTHSCSA:DI14-16	BAL, USA	LT217551	LT217585	LT217619	LT217653
	UTHSCSA DI14-17	Sputum, USA	LT217552	LT217586	LT217620	LT217654
	UTHSCSA DI14-18	Abscess, USA	LT217553	LT217587	LT217621	LT217655
	UTHSCSA DI14-19	BAL, USA	LT217554	LT217588	LT217622	LT217656
	UTHSCSA DI14-20	Maxillary sinus	LT217555	LT217589	LT217623	LT217657
	UTHSCSA DI14-22	Sinus-nasal, USA	LT217556	LT217590	LT217624	LT217658
	UTHSCSA DI14-23	Ethmoid sinus, USA	LT217557	LT217591	LT217625	LT217659
	UTHSCSA DI14-26	Maxillary sinus, USA	LT217558	LT217592	LT217626	LT217660
<i>S. fasciatum</i>	CBS 267.60	Unknown, USA	LT217559	LT217593	LT217627	LT217661
<i>S. umbrinum</i>	MUCL 43017	Unknown, USA	LT217560	LT217594	LT217628	LT217662

BAL: bronchoalveolar lavage fluid specimen; CBS: CBS Fungal Biodiversity Centre (The Netherlands); FMR: Facultat de Medicina de Reus (Spain); MUCL: Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium); UTHSCSA: University of Texas Health Science Center (San Antonio, USA); ITS: internal transcribed spacer regions of the rDNA and 5.8S region; LSU: partial large subunit of the rDNA; *EF-1α*: partial translation elongation factor gene; *RPB2*: partial RNA polymerase II second largest subunit. ^aAnimal origin.

TABLE 2 – Results of *in vitro* antifungal susceptibility test for 31 isolates of *Schizophyllum* spp.

Species (no. isolates)	Parameter	MIC or MEC (µg/ml) for:					
		AMB	CFG	ITC	PSC	TBF	VRC
<i>S. commune</i> (8)	GM	0.09	0.41	0.37	0.20	0.61	0.20
	MIC range	0.03–0.25	0.25–1.0	0.25–1.0	0.12–0.5	0.12–>16	0.12–0.5
	Mode	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
<i>S. radiatum</i> (23)	GM	0.43	0.66	2.82	7.46	0.86	1.72
	MIC range	0.06–2.0	0.25–1.0	0.12–>16.0	0.25–>16.0	0.03–>16.0	0.06–>16.0
	Mode	0.5	1.0	>16.0	>16.0	0.5	>16.0
	MIC ₉₀	2.0	1.0	>16.0	>16.0	>16.0	>16.0
Total (31)	GM	0.29	0.58	1.67	2.93	0.79	0.99
	MIC range	0.03–2.0	0.25–1.0	0.12–>16.0	0.12–>16.0	0.03–>16.0	0.06–>16.0
	Mode	0.5	1.0	0.25	>16.0	0.25	0.12
	MIC ₉₀	2.0	1.0	>16.0	>16.0	>16.0	>16.0

AMB, amphotericin B; CFG, caspofungin; ITC, itraconazole; PSC, posaconazole; TBF, terbinafine; VRC, voriconazole; MIC, minimum inhibitory concentration; MEC, minimum effective concentration, for CFG; GM, geometric mean.

