

1 Description of *Trachyrhizium urniformis* n. g., n. sp.

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3 ***Trachyrhizium urniformis* n. g., n. sp., a novel marine filose thecate amoeba related**
4 **to a cercozoan environmental clade (novel clade 4)**

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19 **ABSTRACT**

20 A novel cercozoan filose thecate amoeba, *Trachyrhizium urniformis* n. g., n. sp., was
21 isolated from a marine sediment sample collected at Agenashiku Island, Okinawa, Japan.

22 We performed light and electron microscopic observations, and a molecular
23 phylogenetic analysis using the small subunit ribosomal RNA gene of the isolate. Cells
24 of *T. urniformis* are spherical in shape and are covered by a thin theca possessing a wide
25 rounded aperture. Branching and occasionally anastomosing filopodia with small
26 granules emerge from the aperture. The granules are transported in the filopodia
27 bidirectionally. Transmission electron microscopy showed that cells of *T. urniformis*

1 possess nucleus with permanently condensed chromatin, Golgi apparatuses,
2 microbodies, mitochondria with tubular cristae, and extrusomes. Several morphological
3 and ultrastructural features of *T. urniformis* (the presence of thecae and nucleus with
4 permanently condensed chromatin) show similarities with those of Thecofilosea. In a
5 phylogenetic analysis, *T. urniformis* included in Thecofilosea with weak statistical
6 supports and formed a clade with two sequences that constitutes a cercozoan
7 environmental clade, novel clade 4. Based on morphological and ultrastructural
8 information and the results of the phylogenetic analysis, we propose *T. urniformis* as a
9 new member of class Thecofilosea.

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11 **Keywords**

12 Cercozoa; phylogeny; SSU rRNA gene; Thecofilosea; ultrastructure

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1 PHYLUM Cercozoa is a large assemblage of unicellular eukaryotes identified by result
2 of molecular phylogenetic analyses (Cavalier-Smith 1998; Cavalier-Smith and Chao
3 1997). Cercozoa is widely distributed in various environments such as marine,
4 freshwater, and soil and consists of protists with diverse morphologies and nutritional
5 behaviors, such as phagotrophic amoebae (e.g., *Gromia*, *Euglypha* and *Vampyrella*) and
6 amoeboflagellates (e.g., *Cercomonas*, *Thaumatomonas*), photosynthetic amoebae (e.g.,
7 *Chlorarachnion*, *Paulinella*, and parasites of land plants (e.g., *Plasmodiophora*),
8 animals (e.g., *Haplosporidium* and *Mikrocytos*), and algae (e.g., *Phagomyxa*) (Bass et al.
9 2009; Cavalier-Smith 1998; Cavalier-Smith and Chao 2003; Adl et al. 2012). However
10 environmental DNA survey revealed that Cercozoa still includes many environmental
11 clades (novel clades) that have not morphologically identified (Bass and Cavalier-Smith
12 2004). To date, over 20 novel clades have been reported (Bass et al. 2009; Bass and
13 Cavalier-Smith 2004), but only a few members of these environmental clades were
14 identified (novel clade 7 = *Agitata tremulans* [= *Cercobodo agilis*]; novel clade 8 =
15 *Platyreta germanica*; novel clade 11 = *Tremula longifila*; and novel clade endo-3 =
16 *Paradinium poucheti*) (Bass and Cavalier-Smith 2004; Bass et al. 2005; Bass et al.
17 2009; Howe et al. 2011a). To understand diversity and evolution of Cercozoa,
18 morphological and ultrastructural characterizations of these environmental clades are
19 required.

20 Testate and thecate filose amoebae have been described for more than 150
21 years, and there are many species and genera with variations in cell size, habitat, and
22 morphology of the thecae or tests (Cash et al. 1915; De Saedeleer 1934; Meisterfeld
23 2002). Cercozoa includes many testate and thecate filose amoebae and they are
24 classified into several subgroups (e.g. Euglyphida, Pseudodiffugiidae, and
25 Rhizaspididae). However, most of them lack molecular data, and therefore their
26 phylogenetic positions remain uncertain.

27 In this study, we successfully established a culture of novel cercozoan thecate

1 filose amoeba isolated from marine sediment sample collected from Agenashiku Island,
2 Okinawa, Japan. A molecular phylogenetic analysis shows that the new amoeba forms a
3 clade with two environmental sequences of novel clade 4 (Bass and Cavalier-Smith
4 2004). We also performed light and electron microscopic observations on the new
5 amoeba. Based on these data, we discuss the taxonomic position of the new amoeba,
6 and the morphology and lifestyle of novel clade 4 organisms.

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8 **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

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10 **Culture establishment**

11 Marine sediments samples were collected from the northwest side of Agenashiku Island
12 (latitude = 26.2177 °N, longitude = 127.2927 °E), Okinawa, Japan, on January 12, 2011.
13 The samples were incubated at 20 °C under a 14-h light/10-h dark cycle in ESM
14 medium (Kasai et al. 2009). Cells of *Trachyrhizium urniformis* n. g., n. sp. that fed on
15 pennate diatoms were found in the incubated sample. An individual *T. urniformis* cell
16 was isolated by micropipetting. The isolated cell was incubated in ESM medium with a
17 culture of *Nitzschia* sp. (strain E06) at 20 °C under a 14-h light/10-h dark cycle. An
18 established culture of *T. urniformis* (strain SRT104) was maintained in ESM medium
19 with the strain E06 or a culture of *Nitzschia* sp. (strain E09 [= NIES- 3877]) at 18 °C
20 under a 14-h light/10-h dark cycle.

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22 **Light and Electron microscopy**

23 Living cells of strain SRT104 were observed in glass-bottomed dishes using an
24 Olympus IX71 inverted microscope (Olympus, Tokyo, Japan) equipped with an
25 Olympus DP73 CCD camera.

26 Specimen for transmission electron microscopy (TEM) was prepared as follow:
27 a suspension of cultivated cells was pre-fixed using an equal amount of 4% (v/v)

1 glutaraldehyde and 0.02% OsO₄ in natural seawater for 1 h at room temperature. Fixed
2 cells were centrifuged and the resultant pellet was washed three times with 0.2 M
3 sodium cacodylate buffer (SCB; pH 7.2). Cells were post-fixed using 1% (v/v) OsO₄
4 with 0.1 M SCB for 30 min at 4 °C. Cells were dehydrated in a graded ethanol series
5 beginning at 30% and ending at 100% (v/v). After dehydration, cells were placed in 1:1
6 mixture of 100% ethanol and acetone for 10 min, followed by two 10 min intervals in
7 acetone. Resin replacement was performed using a 1:1 mixture of acetone and Agar
8 Low Viscosity Resin R1078 (Agar Scientific Ltd., Stansted, England) for 30 min,
9 followed by pure resin for 2 h. Resin was polymerized by heating at 60 °C for 12 h.
10 Ultrathin sections were prepared on a Reichert Ultracut S ultramicrotome (Leica,
11 Vienna, Austria), and then double-stained with 2% (w/v) uranyl acetate and lead citrate
12 (Hanaichi et al. 1986; Sato 1968), and observed using a Hitachi H-7650 electron
13 microscope (Hitachi High-Technologies Corp., Tokyo, Japan) equipped with a Veleta
14 TEM CCD camera (Olympus, Tokyo, Japan).

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16 **DNA extraction and polymerase chain reaction (PCR)**

17 Cells in the culture medium were collected by centrifugation and total DNA was
18 extracted from cells using a DNeasy Plant Mini Kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany),
19 according to the manufacturer's instructions. Small subunit (SSU) rRNA of strain
20 SRT104 was amplified by the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) using the forward and
21 reverse primers 18F and 18R, respectively (Yabuki et al. 2010). Amplifications
22 consisted of 30 cycles of denaturation at 94 °C for 30 s, annealing at 55 °C for 30 min,
23 and extension at 72 °C for 2 min. An additional extension for 4 min at 72 °C was
24 performed at the end of the reaction. Amplified DNA fragments were purified after gel
25 electrophoreses using a QIAquick Gel Extraction Kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany), and
26 then cloned into the p-GEM[®]-T Easy Vector (Promega, Tokyo, Japan). Three
27 independent clones were completely sequenced using a internal primer nest18sF2

1 (5'-GGTTCGATTCCGGAGAGGG-3') by a 3130 Genetic Analyzer (Applied
2 Biosystems, CA, USA) with a BigDye Terminator v3.1 Cycle Sequencing Kit (Applied
3 Biosystems, CA, USA). The SSU rDNA sequence of strain SRT104 was deposited as
4 LC125926, in GenBank.

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6 **Sequence alignment and phylogenetic analysis**

7 The SSU rRNA gene sequence of strain SRT104 was added to our alignment set of
8 cercozoan SSU rRNA genes. Sequences of the alignment set were automatically aligned
9 with MAFFT (Kato and Toh 2008), and then edited manually with SeaView (Galtier et
10 al. 1996). For the phylogenetic analysis, ambiguously aligned regions were manually
11 deleted from each alignment. Finally, we prepared the SSU rDNA alignment (1,615
12 positions). The alignment files used in the analysis are available upon request. The
13 maximum likelihood (ML) tree was heuristically searched using RAxML v.7.4.4
14 (Stamatakis 2006) under the GTR+ Γ model. Tree searches started with 20 randomized
15 maximum-parsimony trees, and the highest log likelihood (lnL) was selected as the ML
16 tree. An ML bootstrap analysis (1000 replicates) was conducted under the GTR+ Γ
17 model. A Bayesian analysis was run using MrBayes v. 3.2.2 (Ronquist and Huelsenbeck
18 2003) with the GTR + Γ model. One cold and three heated chains (Markov chain Monte
19 Carlo at default chain temperatures were run for 5×10^6 generations, sampling lnL
20 values and trees at 100-generation intervals. The first 1×10^6 generations had average
21 standard deviation of split frequencies (ASDSF) values greater than 0.01 were discarded
22 as "burn-in." Bayesian posterior probabilities (BPP) and branch lengths were calculated
23 from the remaining trees.

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25 **RESULTS**

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27 **Light microscopy**

1 Cells of *Trachyrhizium urniformis* n. g., n. sp. were fully covered by a thin smooth theca
2 except for the single, wide aperture (2.3–4.4 μm in diameter) (Fig. 1A–C). Thecae were
3 round or broadly ellipsoidal, and 7.5–17.6 μm in length (12.0 μm in average, n=36) (Fig.
4 1A–C). A large nucleus was located at the opposite side of the aperture (Fig. 1A) and
5 many bacteria, diatoms, and debris were observed near the aperture (Fig. 1C, D, H).
6 Thin filopodia emerged from the aperture and extended radially (Fig. 1E). The filopodia
7 were well branched and occasionally anastomosed, containing small granules (Fig. 1E,
8 F, H). The granules were transported within the filopodia bidirectionally (movie S1).
9 Aggregated colonies were frequently observed in aged cultures (Fig. 1G, H). The
10 colonies occasionally reached a maximum diameter of 40 μm .

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12 **Transmission electron microscopy**

13 Cells were covered with a thin smooth bilayered theca except for the single aperture
14 (Fig. 2A, B). The theca consisted of an electron dense outer layer, and a slightly
15 ambiguous and less dense inner layer (Fig. 2C). Cells had a nucleus with a conspicuous
16 nucleolus and permanently condensed chromatin (Fig. 2A, B, F). Several Golgi
17 apparatuses were located around the nucleus (Fig. 2D). Rounded mitochondrial profiles
18 with tubular cristae and microbodies were scattered throughout the cell (Fig. 2D, E).
19 Cells occasionally included lipid globules and food vacuoles that contain the digested
20 remnants of diatoms (Fig. 2F). Slender extrusomes covered with a single membrane
21 were observed mainly in the pseudopodia and occasionally in the cell body (Fig. 3).
22 Extrusomes were 0.4–0.5 μm in length and 0.15–0.2 μm in width, and consisted of a
23 spherical cap structure and an electron dense cylinder (Fig. 3B). The cylinder included a
24 less dense core approximately 40 nm in diameter (Fig. 3B, C).

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26 **Molecular phylogenetic analysis**

27 We sequenced 1766 bp of SSU rRNA gene sequence of *T. urniformis*. Our SSU rRNA

1 gene tree showed that *T. urniformis* was included in the cercozoan subphylum Filosa
2 and formed a clade with two environmental sequences, AY620348 and AY620314, that
3 make up novel clade 4 of Bass and Cavalier-Smith (2004), with high statistical support
4 (BP = 100%, BPP = 1.00) (Fig. 4). The clade including *T. urniformis* and the
5 environmental sequences of novel clade 4 formed the sister group to another clade
6 consisting of several thecofiloseans (Cryomonadida, Ebrida, Matazida, and the genus
7 *Botuliforma*), although statistical supports were weak (Fig. 4).

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9 **DISCUSSION**

10 **Morphological and ultrastructural comparison between *T. urniformis* and other** 11 **thecate or testate filose amoebae**

12 Our phylogenetic tree using SSU rRNA genes showed that *Trachyrhizium urniformis* n.
13 g., n. sp. forms a weakly supported clade with several thecofiloseans, and a robust clade
14 with two environmental sequences that make up novel clade 4 (Bass and Cavalier-smith
15 2004). Although *T. urniformis* was placed at an independent phylogenetic position, there
16 are several thecate and testate filose amoebae that have similar morphologies to *T.*
17 *urniformis*. Here, we compare the morphology of *T. urniformis* with other filose testate
18 or thecate amoebae to clarify its taxonomic position.

19 Filose thecate or testate amoebae have been described for more than 150 years,
20 and there are many species and genera with variations in cell size, habitat, and
21 morphology of the thecae or tests (Cash et al. 1915; De Saedeleer 1934; Meisterfeld
22 2002). These amoebae are recognized as paraphyletic and most of them are now placed
23 in separate classes of Cercozoa (e.g., Imbricatea, Thecofilosea, and possibly
24 Granofilosea), stramenopiles (Labyrinthulea), or treated as incertae sedis (Adl et al.
25 2012; Bass et al. 2009; Gomaa et al. 2013; Howe et al. 2011a). Thecofilosea mainly
26 consists of non-granular filose amoebae with non-siliceous thecae or tests, and some
27 thecofilosean genus such as *Rhogostoma*, *Lecythium*, and *Chlamydothryx* have smooth

1 thecae without debris and particles on their surfaces like that of *T. urniformis*.
2 *Rhogostoma* is a genus of small filose testate amoebae living in marine and freshwater
3 environments. Members of *Rhogostoma* resemble *T. urniformis* in cell size, and in their
4 possession of branching, and sometimes anastomosing pseudopodia; however,
5 *Rhogostoma* cells have crack-like apertures instead of round apertures (Myl'nikova and
6 Myl'nikov 2012; Howe et al. 2011a). *Chlamydothryx* and *Lecythium* are tectofilosid
7 filose thecate amoebae with an oval test and circular aperture. *Chlamydothryx* is clearly
8 different from *T. urniformis* in lacking granules in the filopodia, and by possessing gaps
9 between the cytoplasm and test (De Saedeleer 1934; Howe et al. 2011a; Meisterfeld
10 2002). *Lecythium* is different from *T. urniformis* in having non-granular filopodia
11 without anastomosing. Most species of *Lecythium* also can be distinguished from *T.*
12 *urniformis* based on size (i.e., they are larger) and by living in freshwater habitats (Kudo
13 1954; Meisterfeld 2002). Although another species, *L. minutum*, lives in marine
14 environments and has smaller cell (9.3–11 μm), neither granules nor anastomose were
15 observed in its filopodia like other *Lecythium* species (De Saedeleer 1934).

16 In our molecular phylogenetic analysis, *T. urniformis* was included in a
17 thecofilosean clade with weak statistical support and formed a sister lineage to novel
18 clade 4. Novel clade 4 also appeared to be one of the basal branches of Thecofilosea in
19 previous phylogenetic analyses (Bass et al. 2005; Howe et al. 2011a). *Trachyrhizium*
20 *urniformis* has a thin, bilayered, and smooth theca. In Cercozoa, extracellular thecae are
21 observed in Thecofilosea and Metromonadea. Metromonadean flagellates have a
22 delicate mono- or bilayered theca covered with fibrous material (Myl'nikov et al. 1999;
23 Myl'nikova and Myl'nikov 2011). The theca of *T. urniformis* is rigid, electron dense,
24 and lacks fibrous materials, features clearly different from those possessed by
25 metromonadeans. The thecae of thecofiloseans are basically rigid and consist of single
26 or multiple layers. The thickness, number of the layers, and presence or absence of
27 fibrous materials on the theca vary among species or genera (e.g., Hargraves 2002;

1 Hoppenrath and Leander 2006; Thomsen et al. 1991). Bilayered smooth and rigid thecae
2 are also reported in *Mataza hastifera* and *Cryothecomonas vesiculata*; however, the
3 thecae of these flagellates are different from *T. urniformis* in the density and thickness
4 of each layer (Yabuki and Ishida 2011; Thomsen et al. 1991). In conclusion, the theca of
5 *T. urniformis* is structurally more similar to those of thecofiloseans than to those of
6 metromonadeans, which corroborates the phylogenetic position of *T. urniformis*.

7 Nucleus with permanently condensed chromatin is widely reported in various
8 thecofilosean species (e.g., *Cryothecomonas*, *Protaspa*, *Ebria*, and *Mataza*) (e.g.
9 Hargraves 2002; Hoppenrath and Leander 2006, Myl'nikova and Myl'nikov 2012;
10 Thomsen et al. 1991; Yabuki and Ishida 2011). On the other hand, this ultrastructural
11 characteristic is rarely observed in other cercozoan groups, with some exceptions (Kies
12 1974; Shiratori et al. 2014). Permanently condensed chromatin was also observed in the
13 nucleus of *T. urniformis*, suggesting a close relationship between *T. urniformis* and other
14 thecofiloseans.

15 *Trachyrhizium urniformis* has filose branching pseudopodia like most other
16 thecofiloseans (e.g., *Botuliforma*, *Protaspa*, *Rhogostoma*, and *Ventrifissura*) (Chantangsi
17 and Leander 2010a; Hoppenrath and Leander 2006; Myl'nikova and Myl'nikov 2012).
18 However, the filopodia of *T. urniformis* are different from that of other thecofiloseans in
19 having granules that are actively transported in the filopodia bidirectionally. Based on
20 the transmission electron microscopic observations of the filopodia, the granules appear
21 to be extrusomes. Although bidirectional streaming of granules in pseudopodia are
22 characteristics of Foraminifera (Hausmann et al. 2003), it is relatively rare in Cercozoa.
23 Granular filose or reticulose pseudopodia are widely reported in Granofilosea (e.g.,
24 *Limnofila*, *Massisteria*, and *Mesofila*); however, bidirectional streaming of the granules
25 has only been reported in *Reticulamoeba* (Bass et al. 2009, 2012; Patterson and Fenchel
26 1990).

27 Extrusomes are widely observed in Cercozoa and vary in size and morphology.

1 In Thecofilosea, highly elongated extrusomes have been reported in several flagellates
2 (e.g., *Cryothecomonas*, *Mataza*, and *Protaspa*), but the shorter bipartite extrusomes
3 possessed by *T. urniformis* have never been reported (Hoppenrath and Leander 2006;
4 Schnepf and Kühn 2000; Yabuki and Ishida 2011). On the other hand, somewhat similar
5 extrusomes have been reported in Thaumatomonadida (*Thaumatomonas* spp.) and
6 Chlorarachnea (*Bigelowiella natans* and *Chlorarachnion reptans*) despite their distant
7 phylogenetic positions (Hibberd and Norris 1984; Karpov and Zhukov 1993; Moestrup
8 and Sengco 2001; Myl'nikov and Myl'nikova 2012).

9 As mentioned above, *T. urniformis* has rigid thecae and nucleus with
10 permanently condensed chromatin, which are characteristics shared with other
11 thecofiloseans. Our phylogenetic analysis also suggests the monophyly of *T. urniformis*
12 and several thecofilosean groups, although with weak statistical support. Therefore, we
13 propose to include *T. urniformis* within Thecofilosea. On the other hand, our
14 microscopic observations showed that *T. urniformis* has granular filopodia and shorter
15 extrusomes. These features have never been reported in Thecofilosea, suggesting there
16 is hidden morphological and ultrastructural diversity within Thecofilosea.

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18 **Putative morphology of novel clade 4 and taxonomic studies on eukaryovorous** 19 **Cercozoa**

20 Our study examined the morphology and ultrastructure of *T. urniformis* that is closely
21 related to novel clade 4. Novel clade 4 was initially recognized by an environmental
22 DNA survey focusing on the phylum Cercozoa (Bass et al. 2004) and there was no
23 morphological information so far. Interestingly, both environmental sequences of novel
24 clade 4 (i.e., AY620348 and AY620314) were collected from marine sediments, as was *T.*
25 *urniformis*, suggesting that members of novel clade 4 may possess similar morphologies
26 and lifestyles such as being algae-feeding filose thecate amoebae.

27 Recently, Dumack et al. (2016) succeeded to establish a culture of a new

1 species of poorly studied testate amoeba *Lecythium* (*L. terrestris*) and revealed
2 phylogenetic placement of the genus. Interestingly, *L. terrestris* is eukaryovorous (feeds
3 on various fungi and algae) like *T. urniformis*, which probably the reason why they had
4 not been cultivated. Actually, culture-based taxonomic studies on Cercozoa have mainly
5 focused on bacterivorous species (e.g., Bass et al. 2009; Howe et al. 2009, 2011b;
6 Scoble and Cavalier-Smith 2014) than eukaryovorous species. However, previous
7 studies on eukaryovorous cercozoans showed that they represent deep branches or novel
8 lineages within Cercozoa (e.g., Chantangsi and Leander 2010a, b; Hess and Melkonian
9 2013; Shiratori and Ishida 2014). Further taxonomic studies focusing on eukaryovorous
10 cercozoans will help for understanding the diversity of Cercozoa.

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12 **Taxonomic Treatment**

13 Class Thecofilosea Cavalier-Smith 2003

14 *Trachyrhizium* Shiratori and Ishida, n. g.

15 **Description:** Marine filose amoebae with thin smooth organic thecae. Filopodia thin,
16 branching, and occasionally anastomosing, including small granules with bidirectional
17 movement. Thecae consisting of two layers. Extrusomes present. Mitochondria with
18 tubular cristae. Presence of Golgi apparatuses and microbodies.

19 **Type species:** *Trachyrhizium urniformis*

20 **Etymology:** The genus name “*Trachyrhizium*” derived from Latin *Trachy* (rough) and
21 *rhizium* (root), referring to the granular pseudopodia of the type species. *Trachyrhizium*
22 is considered to be neuter.

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24 *Trachyrhizium urniformis* Shiratori and Ishida, n. sp.

25 Description. Cells spherical, 7.5–17.6 µm in diameter. Theca spherical with one wide
26 circular aperture. Theca bilayered with an electron dense outer layer, and a slightly
27 ambiguous and less dense inner layer. Feeding on diatoms. Extrusomes 0.4–0.5 µm in

1 length and 0.15–0.2 μm in width, consisting of a spherical cap structure and electron
2 dense cylinder that includes a less dense core.

3 **Hapantotype:** One microscope slide (TNS-AL-58920-s) deposited in the herbarium of
4 the National Museum of Nature and Science (TNS), Tokyo, Japan.

5 **Paratype:** One EM block (TNS-58920-b) deposited in the TNS. These cells are derived
6 from the same sample as the holotype.

7 **DNA sequence:** Small subunit ribosomal DNA, LC125926.

8 **Type locality:** Marine sediments collected from northwest side of Agenashiku Island,
9 Okinawa, Japan. (latitude = 26.2177 °N, longitude = 127.2927 °E).

10 **Collection date:** January 12, 2011.

11 **Authentic culture:** The strain SRT104 was used to describe this species, and is
12 deposited in and maintained by the National Institute for Environmental Sciences,
13 Tokyo, Japan, as NIES-3876.

14 **Etymology:** The specific epithet “*urniformis*” (urn-shaped) refers to the cell shape of
15 this organism.

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24 **FIGURE LEGENDS**

25 **Fig. 1.** Differential interference contrast (DIC) micrographs of living cells of
26 *Trachyrhizium urniformis* n. g., n. sp. B, bacteria; N, nucleus. Arrows indicate the theca.
27 Arrowheads indicate the wide aperture. Double arrowheads indicate granules in

1 filopodia. Thin arrows indicate anastomosing filopodia. Asterisks indicate diatoms. **A.**
2 Individual cell (side view) indicating the large nucleus (top) and the wide aperture
3 (bottom). **B.** Individual cell (top view) showing the wide aperture. **C, D.** Cells with
4 debris, bacteria, and/or diatoms near the apertures. **E.** Individual cell with branching and
5 anastomosing filopodia. **F.** High-magnification view of pseudopodia with granules. **G.**
6 Colony of cells. **H.** Colony of cells with diatoms and bacteria. Scale bar: A–C, H = 10
7 μm ; D–G = 20 μm

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9 **Fig. 2.** Transmission electron micrographs of *Trachyrhizium urniformis* n. g., n. sp. FV,
10 food vacuole; G, Golgi apparatus; IT, inner layer of theca; L, lipid globules; M,
11 mitochondria; MB, microbody; N, nucleus; n, nucleolus; OT, outer layer of theca. **A.**
12 Approximate longitudinal section of the cell. Scale bar = 2 μm . **B.** Approximate
13 transverse section of the cell. Scale bar = 2 μm . **C.** High-magnification view of the
14 theca. Scale bar = 500 nm. **D.** High-magnification view of the Golgi apparatus and
15 mitochondria. Scale bar = 1 μm . **E.** High-magnification view of microbodies. Scale bar
16 = 1 μm . **E.** High-magnification view of lipid globules and food vacuoles. Scale bar = 2
17 μm .

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19 **Fig. 3.** Transmission electron micrographs of *Trachyrhizium urniformis* n. g., n. sp. E,
20 extrusome. Double arrows indicate the less dense core of the cylinder. Triple
21 arrowheads indicate the spherical cap structure. **A.** Pseudopodium with several
22 extrusomes. Scale bar = 1 μm . **B.** High-magnification view of the longitudinal section
23 of an extrusome. Scale bar = 200 nm. **C.** High-magnification view of the transverse
24 section of an extrusome. Scale bar = 200 nm.

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26 **Fig. 4.** Maximum likelihood phylogeny of 96 cercozoan small subunit ribosomal RNA
27 gene sequences (1,615 bp). Environmental sequences are labeled with accession

1 numbers. Bootstrap support values $\geq 50\%$ are shown. Nodes supported by Bayesian
2 posterior probabilities ≥ 0.95 are indicated in bold.

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4 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

5 **FIGURE LEGEND**

6 **Movie S1.** Branching filopodia of *Trachyrhizium urniformis* n. g., n. sp.

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8 **Movie S2.** Filopodia of *Trachyrhizium urniformis* n. g., n. sp., showing granules that
9 transported bidirectionally.

Fig. 1

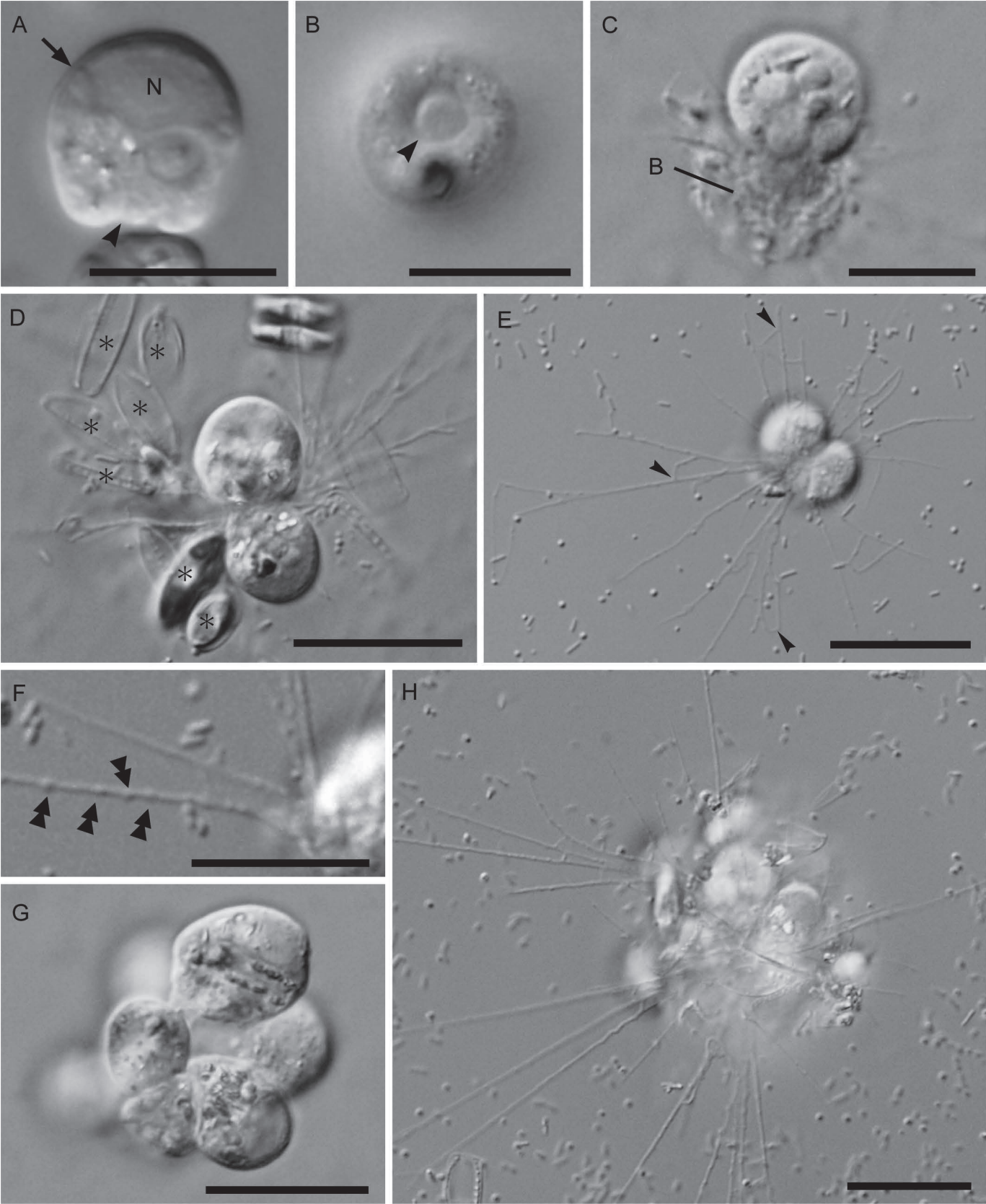


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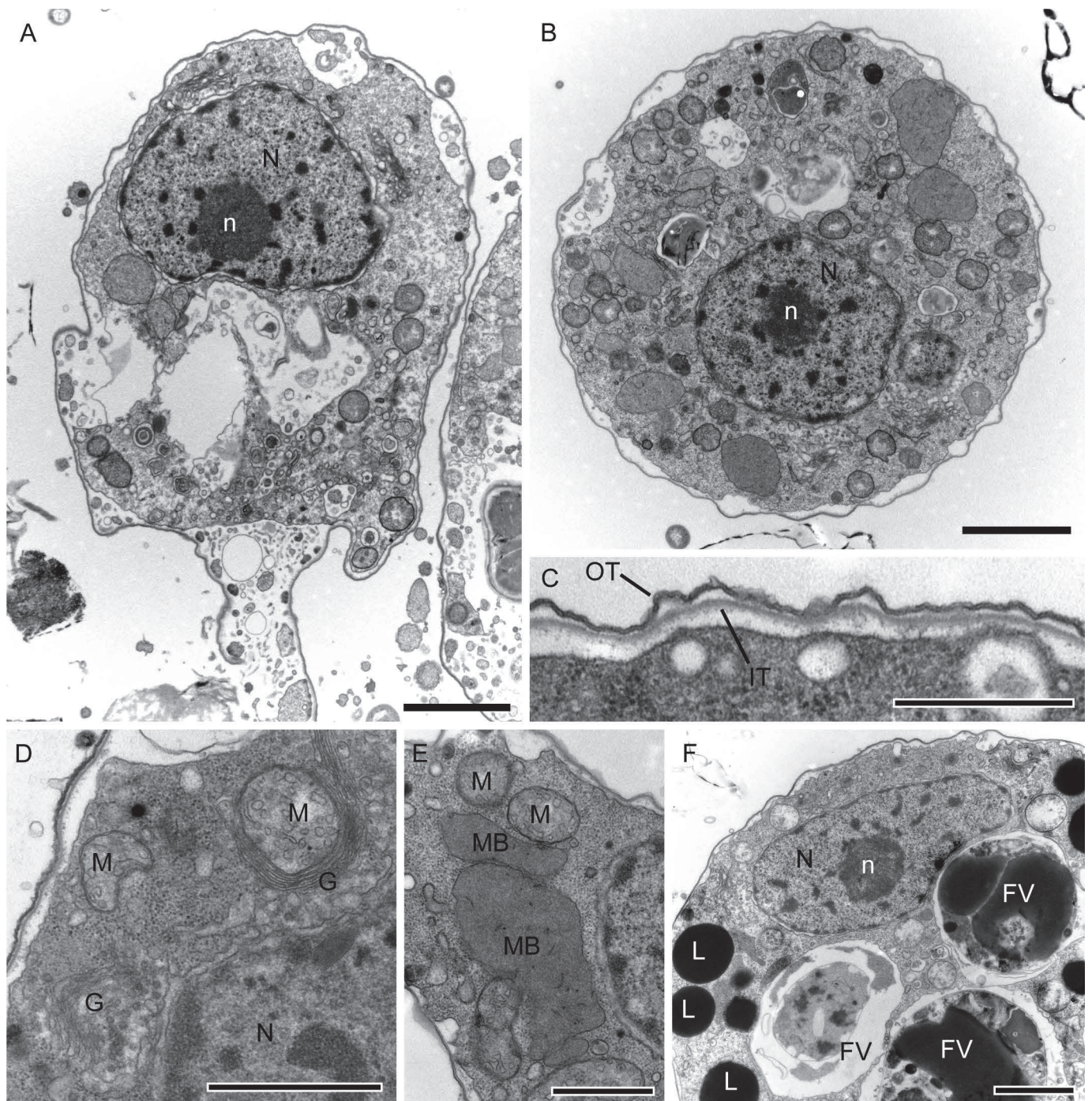


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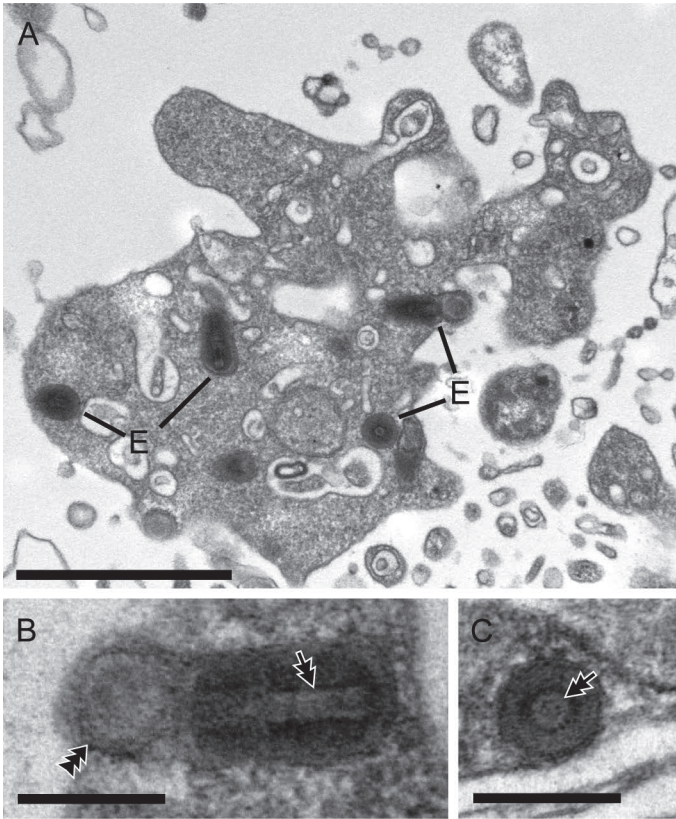


Fig. 4

