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1 Transfer of *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *arecae*, and *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *musacearum* to
2 *Xanthomonas vasicola* (Vauterin) as *Xanthomonas vasicola* pv. *arecae* comb. nov., and *Xanthomonas*
3 *vasicola* pv. *musacearum* comb. nov. and description of *Xanthomonas vasicola* pv. *vasculorum* pv. nov.

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11 **ABSTRACT**

12 Recent DNA sequence and other data indicated that several important bacterial pathogens should be
13 transferred into the species *Xanthomonas vasicola* Vauterin 1995. The first objective of this letter is
14 to propose the transfer of *X. campestris* pv. *musacearum* (Yirgou and Bradbury 1968) Dye 1978 to *X.*
15 *vasicola* Vauterin 1995. The second objective is to give a clear overview of the different evolutionary
16 lineages that constitute the species *X. vasicola*, in the light of recent genomics analyses. These analyses
17 also indicate that strains described as [*X. campestris* pv. *zuae*] (Qhobela, Claflin, and Nowell 1990;
18 Coutinho and Wallis 1991) fall within the species *X. vasicola* Vauterin 1995. Furthermore, the
19 sequence of its *gyrB* gene suggested that *X. campestris* pv. *arecae* (Rao and Mohan 1970) Dye 1978 is
20 closely related to the type strain of *X. vasicola*. Note that in this manuscript pathovar names that have
21 no valid standing in nomenclature are presented with square brackets as is standard.

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56 **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

57 Members of the genus *Xanthomonas*, within the gamma-Proteobacteria, collectively cause disease on
58 more than 400 plant species (Hayward 1993), though some members are apparently non-pathogenic
59 (Vauterin et al. 1996) and some have been isolated from clinical samples such as skin microbiota (Seité,
60 Zelenkova, and Martin 2017). Historically, taxonomy of *Xanthomonas* was tied to the plant host of
61 isolation (Starr 1981; Wernham 1948), with the genus being split into large numbers of species, each
62 defined by this single phenotypic feature (Dye 1962). Subsequently, most of the species were
63 transferred (lumped) into a single species, *X. campestris*, and designated as nomenspecies because
64 the organisms could not be distinguished from one another by phenotypic and physiological tests
65 (Lapage et al. 1992; Dye and Lelliott 1974). As a temporary solution, and to help to maintain a
66 connection with the historical and plant pathological literature, these nomenspecies were designated
67 as pathovars within *X. campestris*, each defined by host range or disease syndrome (Dye et al. 1980).
68 More recently, DNA sequence comparisons and biochemical approaches revealed that some of the
69 host ranges of pathovars of *X. campestris* were not correlated with inferred phylogenies (Parkinson et
70 al. 2007, 2009; Rodriguez-R et al. 2012). There have been heroic advances to improve the taxonomy
71 of the genus as a whole (Vauterin et al. 1990; Vauterin, Rademaker, and Swings 2000; Rademaker et
72 al. 2005; Vauterin et al. 1995) and individual taxa (da Gama et al. 2018; Constantin et al. 2016; Trébaol
73 et al. 2000; Timilsina et al. 2019; Jones et al. 2004), based on phenotypic, chemotaxonomic and
74 genotypic analyses, but in a number of taxa there remain issues not fully resolved.

75 The bacterial pathogen *X. campestris* pv. *musacearum* (Yirgou and Bradbury 1968) Dye 1978 presents
76 a major threat to cultivation of banana and enset crops in central and eastern Africa, where it causes
77 banana Xanthomonas wilt (BXW) and enset Xanthomonas wilt (EXW). Originally described as *X.*
78 *musacearum* (Yirgou and Bradbury 1968), this pathogen was first isolated from enset and banana in
79 Ethiopia in the 1960s and early 1970s, respectively (Yirgou and Bradbury 1968, 1974), although

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80 symptoms consistent with EXW were reported for Ethiopia as early as the 1930s (Castellani 1939).
81 However, only in the 21st century did the disease establish in the banana-growing areas of Burundi,
82 Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda, (Biruma et al. 2007;
83 Tushemereirwe et al. 2004; Ndungo et al. 2006; Reeder et al. 2007; Carter et al. 2010). In this region
84 around the Great Lakes of eastern and central Africa, BXW disease severely challenges livelihoods and
85 food security (Blomme et al. 2017; Shimwela et al. 2016; Tinzaara et al. 2016; Blomme et al. 2013;
86 Biruma et al. 2007; Nakato, Mahuku, and Coutinho 2018).

87 There is confusion in the literature about the taxonomy of this bacterium. Since its assignment to *X.*
88 *campestris* (Young et al. 1978), molecular sequence and biochemical data indicate that this pathogen
89 is more closely related to *X. vasicola* (Parkinson et al. 2007; Aritua et al. 2007) as detailed below. Thus,
90 the first objective of this letter is to propose the transfer of *X. campestris* pv. *musacearum* (Yirgou and
91 Bradbury 1968) Dye 1978 to *X. vasicola* Vauterin 1995. The second objective is to give a clear overview
92 of the different evolutionary lineages that constitute the species *X. vasicola*, in the light of recent
93 genomics analyses. These analyses also indicate that strains described as [*X. campestris* pv. *zeae*]
94 (Qhobela, Claflin, and Nowell 1990; Coutinho and Wallis 1991) fall within a clade of *X. campestris* pv.
95 *vasculatorum* (Cobb 1894) Dye 1978 that belongs within the species *X. vasicola* Vauterin 1995.
96 Furthermore, the sequence of its *gyrB* gene suggested that *X. campestris* pv. *arecae* (Rao and Mohan
97 1970) Dye 1978 is closely related to the type strain of *X. vasicola* (Parkinson et al. 2009). Note that in
98 this manuscript pathovar names that have no valid standing in nomenclature are presented with
99 square brackets as is standard (Bull et al. 2012).

100 The species *X. vasicola* (Vauterin et al. 1995) was created to encompass *X. campestris* pv. *holcicola*
101 (Elliott 1930) Dye 1978 and a subset of strains (not including the pathotype) of *X. campestris* pv.
102 *vasculatorum* (Cobb 1894) Dye 1978 (Young et al. 1978; Vauterin et al. 1995). Taxonomic studies
103 revealed that *X. campestris* pv. *vasculatorum* contained groups of strains that are clearly distinguishable

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104 from the pathotype strain (of *X. campestris* pv. *vasculorum*) by phenotypic and molecular traits despite
105 their shared host ranges (Vauterin et al. 1992; Péros et al. 1994; Dookun, Stead, and Autrey 2000;
106 Stead 1989; Vauterin et al. 1995; Destéfano et al. 2003). Vauterin's type-B strains are distinguished
107 from type-A strains (to which the pathotype strain of *X. campestris* pv. *vasculorum* belongs) by SDS-
108 PAGE of proteins, gas chromatography of fatty acid methyl esters and DNA-DNA hybridization (Yang
109 et al. 1993). Type-A and type-B strains can also be distinguished by PCR-RFLP analysis (Destéfano et
110 al. 2003). Table 1 lists examples of *X. campestris* pv. *vasculorum* (Cobb 1894) Dye 1978 strains that
111 were classified in one or more of those studies. Vauterin and colleagues assigned type-A strains, along
112 with the pathotype, to *X. axonopodis* pv. *vasculorum* (Cobb) Vauterin, Hoste, Kersters & Swings and
113 type-B to [*X. vasicola* pv. *vasculorum*] (Vauterin et al. 1995). However, we note that this pathovar is
114 invalid because of the lack of a formal proposal differentiating it from other pathovars (Young et al.
115 2004) and no designation of a pathotype strain. For a given organism, competing classifications and
116 invalid names result in three different valid species names, *X. campestris*, *X. axonopodis* and *X.*
117 *vasicola*, having been used in the literature. For example, various authors have referred to strain
118 NCPPB 1326 as *X. campestris* pv. *vasculorum*, *X. axonopodis* pv. *vasculorum* (to which the strain clearly
119 does not belong) or [*X. vasicola* pv. *vasculorum*] (Wasukira et al. 2014; Lewis Ivey, Tusiime, and Miller
120 2010; Qhobela, Claflin, and Nowell 1990; Qhobela and Claflin 1992). Type-B strains NCPPB 702, NCPPB
121 1326 and NCPPB 206 were erroneously described as *X. axonopodis* pv. *vasculorum* (Lewis Ivey,
122 Tusiime, and Miller 2010) though they are clearly members of *X. vasicola*. However, we acknowledge
123 that examples of mistakes such as these will not likely be resolved by transfer of the pathovars from
124 *X. campestris* into *X. vasicola*.

125 A further source of confusion is the status of strains isolated from maize for which some authors use
126 the invalid name [*X. campestris* pv. *zea*] (Qhobela, Claflin, and Nowell 1990; Coutinho and Wallis
127 1991). Adding to the confusion, at least one strain of *X. campestris* pv. *vasculorum* (NCPPB 206)
128 isolated from maize has the fatty-acid type characteristic of *X. vasicola* (Dookun, Stead, and Autrey

129 2000); consistent with this, on the basis of phylogenetic analysis of DNA sequence, NCPPB 206 falls
130 among strains assigned to Vauterin's invalid [*X. vasicola* pv. *vasculatorum*] (Wasukira et al. 2014). A
131 useful nomenclature for this group has become more pressing since the recent outbreak of leaf streak
132 on corn in the USA, caused by bacteria very closely related to strains previously described as [*X.*
133 *campestris* pv. *zeae*]. One of these strains, NCPPB 4614 (=SAM119), has been suggested to be the
134 eventual pathotype strain of *X. vasicola* pv. *vasculatorum* though no valid proposal has been made (Lang
135 et al. 2017; Korus et al. 2017). Although [*X. vasicola* pv. *vasculatorum*] (Vauterin et al. 1995) is invalid,
136 this name has come to be understood by the community to represent a meaningful biological reality;
137 that is a set of *X. campestris* pv. *vasculatorum* strains that are biochemically and phylogenetically similar
138 to *X. vasicola*. Therefore, below we propose a formal description of *X. vasicola* pv. *vasculatorum* pv.
139 nov. that should be considered valid to harmonize the formal nomenclature with that which is in use.
140 Further, consistent with the previous suggestion (Lang et al. 2017) that strains classified to [*X. vasicola*
141 pv. *vasculatorum*] and [*X. campestris* pv. *zeae*] (Vauterin et al. 1995) are insufficiently distinct to warrant
142 separate pathovars, we therefore propose that [*X. vasicola* pv. *vasculatorum*] group B, [*X. campestris*
143 pv. *zeae*] and phylogenetically closely related strains isolated from sugarcane and maize be assigned
144 into the newly described *X. vasicola* pv. *vasculatorum* pv. nov.

145 Vauterin et al. (1995) designated the pathotype strain of *X. vasicola* pv. *holcicola* (LMG 736, NCPPB
146 2417, ICMP 3103 and CFBP 2543) as the type strain of *X. vasicola*, although they did not use the
147 pathovar epithet for the specific epithet of the species as is most appropriate to indicate this
148 relationship. The natural host range of *X. vasicola* pv. *holcicola* includes the cereal crops millet and
149 sorghum on which it causes bacterial leaf streak (Table 2). The host range of the strains that Vauterin
150 et al. (1995) called [*X. vasicola* pv. *vasculatorum*] is less well defined because in most of the relevant
151 pre-1995 literature it is impossible to distinguish between type-A and type-B of *X. campestris* pv.
152 *vasculatorum* and therefore between *X. axonopodis* pv. *vasculatorum* and strains belonging to *X. vasicola*.
153 However, *X. campestris* pv. *vasculatorum* type-B strains (that is, members of *X. vasicola*) have been

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154 isolated from sugarcane and maize and shown to infect these hosts on artificial inoculation (Vauterin
155 et al. 1995; Karamura et al. 2015).

156 Previous studies suggested a close relationship between *X. campestris* pv. *musacearum* (Yirgou and
157 Bradbury 1968) Dye 1978b and *X. vasicola* pv. *holcicola* (Elliott 1930) Vauterin et al. 1995 based on
158 fatty acid methyl ester analysis, genomic fingerprinting using rep-PCR and partial nucleotide
159 sequencing of the *gyrB* gene (Aritua et al. 2007; Parkinson et al. 2009). Draft or complete sequence
160 assemblies are now available for more than a thousand *Xanthomonas* genomes, including those of
161 type strains for most species and pathotypes for most pathovars. Genome-wide sequence data can
162 offer some advantages, such as generally applicable threshold values for species delineation (Glaeser
163 and Kämpfer 2015; Meier-Kolthoff et al. 2013; Meier-Kolthoff, Klenk, and Göker 2014; Richter and
164 Rosselló-Móra 2009). Therefore, we further explored relationships among these organisms using
165 whole genome sequences. We calculated pairwise average nucleotide identity (ANI) between *X.*
166 *campestris* pv. *musacearum* and representative *Xanthomonas* strains, including all available species
167 type strains and relevant pathotype strains. A representative subset of these pairwise ANI percentages
168 is tabulated in Figure 1. This revealed that the pathotype strain of *X. campestris* pv. *musacearum*
169 (Yirgou and Bradbury 1968) Dye 1978b shares 98.43 % ANI with the type strain of *X. vasicola* but only
170 87.27 % with the type strain of *X. campestris*. As expected, strains of *X. vasicola* pv. *holcicola* share
171 high ANI (> 99.6 %) with the *X. vasicola* type strain NCPPB 2417, which is also the pathotype strain of
172 *X. vasicola* pv. *holcicola* (Elliott 1930) Vauterin et al. 1995. Also as expected, strains of *X. campestris*
173 pv. *vasculorum* previously called [*X. vasicola* pv. *vasculorum*] or [*X. campestris* pv. *zuae*], including
174 sequenced strain SAM119 (=NCPBP 4614) from corn isolated by T. Coutinho (Qhobela, Claffin, and
175 Nowell 1990), share > 98.5 % ANI with the type strain of *X. vasicola*, supporting the need to transfer
176 these strains to this species. Furthermore, unclassified strains NCPPB 902, NCPPB 1394, NCPPB 1395
177 and NCPPB 1396, from *Tripsacum laxum* (Mulder 1961) and the pathotype strain of *X. campestris* pv.
178 *arecae* (Rao and Mohan 1970) Dye 1978 (NCPBP 2649) all share more than 98 % ANI with the type

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179 strain of *X. vasicola*, which places them unambiguously within *X. vasicola*. The next-nearest species to
180 *X. vasicola* is *X. oryzae*; ANI between the respective type strains of these two species is 91.7%. It has
181 been proposed that the boundary of a prokaryotic species can be delimited by 95 to 96% (Richter and
182 Rosselló-Móra 2009). By this criterion, *X. campestris* pv. *arecae*, *X. campestris* pv. *musacearum* and
183 strains from corn that are referred to by the invalid name [*Xanthomonas vasicola* pv. *zear*] clearly fall
184 within *X. vasicola* and outside *X. campestris*.

185 The high ANI levels clearly delineate a genom-species that includes the type strain *X. vasicola* NCPPB
186 2417. Nevertheless, despite the usefulness of ANI for delimiting species boundaries, it does not
187 include any model of molecular evolution and thus is unsuited for phylogenetic reconstruction.
188 Therefore, we used RaxML via the RealPhy pipeline (Bertels et al. 2014; Stamatakis, Ludwig, and Meier
189 2005) to elucidate phylogenetic relationships, based on genome-wide sequencing data. This approach
190 has the additional advantage of being based on sequence reads rather than on genome assemblies,
191 where the latter may be of variable quality and completeness (Bertels et al. 2014).

192 Figure 2 depicts the phylogeny of *X. vasicola* based on RealPhy analysis of genome-wide sequence
193 data. Pathovars *X. vasicola* pv. *holcicola* and *X. campestris* pv. *musacearum* are monophyletic,
194 comprising well supported clades within the *X. vasicola* genom-species. A third well supported clade
195 includes the four "*Xanthomonas* sp." strains originating from *Tripsacum laxum*. A fourth clade consists
196 of mostly *X. campestris* pv. *vasculorum* strains isolated from sugarcane but also includes *X. campestris*
197 pv. *vasculorum* strain NCPPB 206 isolated from maize and several strains from maize attributed to the
198 invalid name [*X. campestris* pv. *zear*]. This indicates that sequenced strains of [*X. campestris* pv. *zear*]
199 from corn (Sanko et al. 2018; Lang et al. 2017; Qhobela, Clafin, and Nowell 1990; Coutinho and Wallis
200 1991) are monophyletic and fall within the clade containing type-B strains of *X. campestris* pv.
201 *vasculorum* (Figure 2). The single sequenced pathotype strain of *X. campestris* pv. *arecae* falls

202 immediately adjacent to the *X. vasicola* clade containing strains from corn and *X. campestris* pv.
203 *vasculorum* type B strains (Figure 2).

204 Overall, our molecular sequence analyses strongly point to the existence of a phylogenetically
205 coherent species *X. vasicola* that includes strains previously assigned to *X. campestris* pathovars
206 *musacearum*, *arecae*, and some strains of *X. campestris* pv. *vasculorum* and strains collected from corn
207 and *T. laxum* grass that have not been previously assigned to species nor pathovar. Here we propose
208 that the pathovar *Xanthomonas vasicola* pv. *vasculorum* pv. nov. includes strains formerly classified
209 as *X. campestris* pv. *vasculorum* but distinguishable from *X. axonopodis* pv. *vasculorum* (Cobb)
210 Vauterin, Hoste, Kersters & Swings by protein SDS-PAGE, fatty acid methyl esterase (FAME) analysis
211 and DNA hybridisation (Vauterin et al. 1992; Yang et al. 1993; Vauterin et al. 1995). Our analyses also
212 support the transfer of *X. campestris* pv. *arecae* (Rao and Mohan 1970) Dye 1978 to *X. vasicola*.
213 Although only a single genome of this pathovar has been sequenced, that genome belongs to the
214 pathotype strain for this pathovar (Rao and Mohan 1970; C.T. Bull et al. 2010).

215 Our results are consistent with previous evidence for similarity between *X. campestris* pv.
216 *musacearum* (Yirgou and Bradbury 1968) Dye 1978 and strains of *X. vasicola*, based on FAME, genomic
217 fingerprinting with rep-PCR and *gyrB* sequencing (Aritua et al. 2007; Parkinson et al. 2007). The formal
218 species description for *X. vasicola* states that this species can be clearly distinguished by its FAME
219 profiles (Vauterin et al. 1995). Pathogenicity studies demonstrated phenotypic distinctiveness of *X.*
220 *campestris* pv. *musacearum* (Yirgou and Bradbury 1968) Dye 1978 on banana; *X. campestris* pv.
221 *musacearum* produces severe disease whereas *X. vasicola* pv. *holcicola* NCPPB 2417 and *X. campestris*
222 pv. *vasculorum* NCPPB 702 (which belongs to *X. vasicola*) showed no symptoms (Aritua et al. 2007).
223 The species description (Vauterin et al. 1995) also states that *X. vasicola* is characterised by metabolic
224 activity on the carbon substrates D-psicose and L-glutamic acid, and by a lack of metabolic activity on
225 the carbon substrates N-acetyl-D-galactosamine, L-arabinose, α-D-lactose, D-melibiose, P-methyl-D-

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226 glucoside, L-rhamnose, D-sorbitol, formic acid, D-galactonic acid lactone, D-galacturonic acid, D-
227 gluconic acid, D-glucuronic acid, p-hydroxyphenylacetic acid, α-ketovaleric acid, quinic acid,
228 glucuronamide, L-asparagine, L-histidine, L-phenylalanine, urocanic acid, inosine, uridine, thymidine,
229 DL-α-glycerol phosphate, glucose 1-phosphate, and glucose 6-phosphate. We are not aware that these
230 metabolic activities have been tested for *X. campestris* pv. *arecae*, *X. campestris* pv. *musacearum* and
231 strains referred to as [*X. campestris* pv. *zeae*]; it is possible that the species description may need to
232 be amended to accommodate any deviation from this definition among the repositioned pathovars.

233 Overall, it seems that the species *X. vasicola* (including *X. vasicola* pv. *holcicola*, *X. campestris* pv.
234 *vasculorum* type-B strains, [*X. campestris* pv. *zeae*] strains, *X. campestris* pv. *arecae* and some strains
235 isolated from *T. laxum*) is almost exclusively associated with monocot plants of the families Palmae
236 and Gramineae. In this respect, it is similar to its closest sibling species *X. oryzae*, whose host range is
237 limited to Gramineae (Bradbury 1986). The exception is a report of leaf blight and dieback in
238 *Eucalyptus* caused by *X. vasicola* (Coutinho et al. 2015), remarkable given the phylogenetic distance
239 between this dicot plant and the usual monocot hosts of *X. vasicola*; the infected South African
240 plantation was in an area where sugarcane is grown.

241 In conclusion, analysis of available genome sequence data, combined with published pathogenicity
242 and biochemical data, strongly support the transfer of *X. campestris* pathovars *arecae* and
243 *musacearum* to the species *X. vasicola* as *X. vasicola* pv. *musacearum* comb. nov. with NCPPB 2005 as
244 the pathotype strain (being the type strain of *X. musacearum* and pathotype strain of *X. campestris*
245 pv. *musacearum*) and *X. vasicola* pv. *arecae* comb. nov. with NCPPB 2649 as the pathotype strain (being
246 the type strain of *X. arecae* and pathotype strain of *X. campestris* pv. *arecae*). Strains NCPPB 206,
247 NCPPB 702, NCPPB 795, NCPPB 890, NCPPB 895, NCPPB 1326, NCPPB 1381, and NCPPB 4614 form a
248 phylogenetically and phenotypically coherent group with a distinctive host range causing symptoms
249 on maize and sugarcane but not on banana (Aritua et al. 2007; Karamura et al. 2015). We designate

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250 the pathotype strain for *X. vasicola* pv. *vasculorum* pv. nov. as NCPPB 4614. This strain was previously
251 proposed as the pathotype of *X. vasicola* pv. *vasculorum* (Lang et al. 2017) and causes disease
252 symptoms on maize and sugarcane (Lang et al. 2017) but not on banana (unpublished observation, Z.
253 Dubrow and A. Bogdanove). Furthermore, given that strains from corn formerly described by the
254 invalid name [*X. campestris* pv. *zeae*] are members of *X. vasicola* and have host ranges that can not be
255 distinguished from the pathotype strain of *X. vasicola* pv. *vasculorum*, we propose that these strains
256 are members of this pathovar. Phylogenetic data support this as the corn strains represent a sub-clade
257 within strains of *X. campestris* pv. *vasculorum* that fall within the emended *X. vasicola*.

258 **EMENDED DESCRIPTION OF *XANTHOMONAS VASICOLA* VAUTERIN ET.**
259 **AL., 1995.**

260 The characteristics are as described for the genus and the species (Vauterin et al., 1995) extended
261 with phylogenetic data from this study. The species can be clearly distinguished from other
262 xanthomonads by MLSA and whole genome sequence analysis with members having more than 98 %
263 ANI with the type strain. SDS-PAGE protein and FAME profiles have been shown to be distinguishing
264 for some pathovars (Yang et al. 1993; Vauterin et al. 1992; Aritua et al. 2007), by the presence of
265 metabolic activity on the carbon substrates D-psicose and L-glutamic acid, and by a lack of metabolic
266 activity on the carbon substrates N-acetyl-D-galactosamine, L-arabinose, α-D-lactose, D-melibiose, P-
267 methyl-D- glucoside, L-rhamnose, D-sorbitol, formic add, D-galactonic acid lactone, D-galacturonic
268 acid, D-gluconic acid, D-glucuronic acid, p-hydroxyphenylacetic acid, α-ketovaleric acid, quinic acid,
269 glucuronamide, L-asparagine, L-histidine, L-phenylalanine, urocanic acid, inosine, uridine, thymidine,
270 DL-α-glycerol phosphate, glucose 1-phosphate, and glucose 6-phosphate. The G+C content is between
271 63.1 and 63.6 mol % as calculated from whole-genome sequence data. The type strain is *X. vasicola*
272 pv. *holcicola* LMG 736 (= NCPPB 2417 = ICMP 3103 = CFBP 2543).

273 ***X. vasicola* pv. *holcicola* Vauterin et al., 1995.**

274 = *X. campestris* pv. *holcicola* (Elliott) Dye 1978.

275 Description is as presented by Vauterin et al., (1995). The pathovar is distinguished on the
276 basis of phytopathogenic specialization. As shown here and elsewhere (Lang et al. 2017), the
277 pathovar is distinct from other pathovars by MLSA and genome-wide sequence analysis.
278 According to Bradbury (1986), gelatin and starch are hydrolysed by most isolates examined.
279 The natural host range includes: *Panicum miliaceum*, *Sorghum* spp., *S. alnum*, *S. bicolor* (*S.*

280 *vulgare*), *S. caffrorum*, *S. durra*, *S. halepense*, *S. sudanense*, *S. technicum* (*S. bicolor* var.
281 *technicus*), *Zea mays*. The artificial host range (by inoculation) includes *Echinochloa*
282 *frumentacea*, *Pennisetum typhoides*, *Setaria italica*.

283 Pathotype strain: PDDCC 3103; NCPPB 2417.

284 ***X. vasicola* pv. *vasculorum* pv. nov.**

285 Description as for the species and this pathovar is distinguished on the basis of
286 phytopathogenic specialization and includes the strains of the former taxon *X. campestris* pv.
287 *vasculorum* type B and pathogens from corn. The pathovar is identified to species and
288 distinguished from other pathovars by its *gyrB* gene sequence (Parkinson et al. 2009) and
289 genome-wide sequence analysis. It is not known whether the strains being transferred to this
290 taxon conform to the species description for metabolic activity. According to previously
291 published work (Coutinho et al. 2015; Aritua et al. 2007; Karamura et al. 2015; Hayward
292 1962)(unpublished observation, S. Dubrow and A. Bogdanove) the natural host range
293 includes: *Saccharum* spp., *Zea mays*, *Eucalyptus grandis*.

294 Pathotype strain: NCPPB 4614; SAM119.

295 ***X. vasicola* pv. *arecae* (Rao & Mohan) Dye 1978 comb. nov.**

296 = *X. campestris* pv. *arecae* (Rao & Mohan) Dye 1978.

297 Description as for the species and this pathovar is distinguished on the basis of
298 phytopathogenic specialization. The pathovar is identified to species and distinguished from
299 other pathovars by its *gyrB* gene sequence (Parkinson et al. 2009) and by genome-wide
300 sequence analysis. According to Bradbury (1980) the natural host range includes: *Areca*
301 *catechu* (areca nut). Bradbury (1986) reports the artificial host range to include: *Cocos nucifera*
302 (coconut). Needle prick into sugar cane produced limited streaks, but the bacteria did multiply
303 to some extent and could be re-isolated. Disease: leaf stripe. Long, narrow water-soaked
304 lesions, becoming dark brown or black with age. It is not known if the strains being transferred
305 to this taxon conform to the species description for metabolic activity.

306 Pathotype strain: NCPPB 2649; PDDCC 5791.

307 ***X. vasicola* pv. *musacearum* (Yirgou & Bradbury) Dye 1978 comb. nov.**

308 = *X. campestris* pv. *musacearum* (Yirgou & Bradbury) Dye 1978.

309 Description as for the species and this pathovar is identified to species and distinguished on
310 the basis of phytopathogenic specialization and is distinct from other pathovars by its *gyrB*
311 gene sequence (Parkinson et al. 2009) and genome-wide sequence analysis. Gelatin slowly
312 liquefied, starch not hydrolysed. Growth quite rapid and very mucoid. According to Bradbury

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313 (1986), the natural hosts include: *Ensete ventricosum* (enset), *Musa* spp. (banana). Additional
314 hosts by inoculation: *Saccharum* sp. (sugarcane), *Zea mays* (maize) and disease is exhibited as
315 a bacterial wilt where leaves wilt and wither; yellowish bacterial masses are found in vascular
316 tissue and parenchyma. It is not known if the strains being transferred to this taxon conform
317 to the species description for metabolic activity.
318 Pathotype strain: NCPPB 2005; PDDCC 2870.

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521 **Table 1. Classification of strains previously assigned to *X. campestris* pv. *vasculorum*.**

Strain	Vauterin (Vauterin et al. 1992, 1995)	Dookun (Dookun, Stead, and Autrey 2000)	Péros (Péros et al. 1994)	Current species assignation
NCPPB 186	Type A	Group A	n/a	<i>X. axonopodis</i>
NCPPB 891	Type A	Group A	G1	<i>X. axonopodis</i>
NCPPB 892	n/a	Group A	n/a	<i>X. axonopodis</i>
NCPPB 893	n/a	Group A	n/a	<i>X. axonopodis</i>
NCPPB 181	Type A	Group B	n/a	<i>X. axonopodis</i>
NCPPB 796 PT	Type A	Group B	n/a	<i>X. axonopodis</i>
NCPPB 899	n/a	Group D	n/a	<i>X. axonopodis</i>
NCPPB 900	n/a	Group D	n/a	<i>X. axonopodis</i>
NCPPB 795	Type B	Group C	n/a	<i>X. vasicola</i>
NCPPB 889	Type B	Group C	n/a	<i>X. vasicola</i>
NCPPB 206	n/a	Group C	n/a	<i>X. vasicola</i>
NCPPB 702	n/a	Group C	n/a	<i>X. vasicola</i>
NCPPB 795	n/a	Group C	n/a	<i>X. vasicola</i>
NCPPB 889	n/a	Group C	n/a	<i>X. vasicola</i>
NCPPB 890	n/a	Group C	n/a	<i>X. vasicola</i>
NCPPB 895	n/a	Group C	n/a	<i>X. vasicola</i>
NCPPB 1326	n/a	Group C	n/a	<i>X. vasicola</i>
NCPPB 1381	n/a	Group C	n/a	<i>X. vasicola</i>

522 ^zIn this table, the superscript PT indicates the pathotype strain of *X. campestris* pv. *vasculorum*

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524 **Table 2. Host ranges of the taxa discussed in this letter.**

Current taxon	Proposed taxon	Pathotype or Type strains	Additional strains in NCPPB known to be part of the newly proposed taxon	Natural hosts	Hosts by inoculation
<i>X. campestris</i> pv. <i>arecae</i> (Rao and Mohan 1970) Dye 1978	<i>X. vasicola</i> pv. <i>arecae</i> pv. nov.	NCPPB 2649 = ICMP 5719 = LMG 533	None	<i>Areca catechu</i> (Bradbury 1986; Kumar 1993, 1983)	<i>Cocos nucifera</i> , <i>Saccharum</i> sp. (Bradbury 1986)
<i>X. campestris</i> pv. <i>musacearum</i> (Yirgou and Bradbury 1968) Dye 1978	<i>X. vasicola</i> pv. <i>musacearum</i> pv. nov	NCPPB 2005 = ATCC 49084 = CFBP 7123 = ICMP 2870 = LMG 785	NCPPB 2251; NCPPB 4378; NCPPB 4379; NCPPB 4380; NCPPB 4381; NCPPB 4383; NCPPB 4384; NCPPB 4386; NCPPB 4387; NCPPB 4388; NCPPB 4389; NCPPB 4390; NCPPB 4391; NCPPB 4392; NCPPB 4393; NCPPB 4394; NCPPB 4395; NCPPB 4433; NCPPB 4434	<i>Ensete ventricosum</i> , <i>Musa</i> sp. (Bradbury 1986), <i>Tripsacum</i> sp. (Unpublished observation, E. Wicker),	<i>Saccharum</i> sp., (Karamura et al. 2015), <i>Zea mays</i> (Karamura et al. 2015; Aritua et al. 2007)
[<i>Xanthomonas vasicola</i> pv. <i>zeae</i> Coutinho and Wallis 1990] [<i>Xanthomonas vasicola</i> pv. <i>zeae</i> Qhobela et al 1990]	<i>X. vasicola</i> pv. <i>vasculorum</i> pv. nov.	NCPPB 4614 = SAM119	None	<i>Zea mays</i> (Coutinho and Wallis 1991)	<i>Sorghum</i> sp. (Lang et al. 2017)
<i>X. vasicola</i> pv. <i>holcicola</i> (Elliott 1930) (Elliott 1930) Vauterin et al. 1995 (synonym of <i>X. campestris</i> pv. <i>holcicola</i>)	<i>X. vasicola</i> pv. <i>holcicola</i> (Elliott 1930) Vauterin et al. 1995	NCPPB 2417 = CFBP 2543 = ICMP 3103 = LMG 736	NCPPB 989; NCPPB 1060; NCPPB 1241; NCPPB 2417; NCPPB 2930; NCPPB 3162	<i>Panicum miliaceum</i> , <i>Sorghum</i> spp., <i>Zea mays</i> (Bradbury 1986)	<i>Echinochloa frumentacea</i> , <i>Pennisetum typhoides</i> , <i>Setaria italica</i> (Bradbury 1986)
<i>X. campestris</i> pv. <i>vasculorum</i> type B = [<i>X. vasicola</i> pv. <i>vasculorum</i> (Vauterin et al., 1995)]	<i>X. vasicola</i> pv. <i>vasculorum</i> pv. nov.	NCPPB 4614 = SAM119	NCPPB 206; NCPPB 702; NCPPB 795; NCPPB 889; NCPPB 890; NCPPB 895; NCPPB 1326; NCPPB 1381; NCPPB 4614	<i>Saccharum</i> spp., <i>Zea mays</i> , <i>Eucalyptus grandis</i> (Coutinho et al. 2015; Bradbury 1986; Vauterin et al. 1995)	<i>Saccharum</i> spp., <i>Zea mays</i> (Karamura et al. 2015)
<i>Xanthomonas</i> sp.	The taxonomic placement of these strains requires further study.	Not applicable	NCPPB 1394; NCPPB 1395; NCPPB 1396; NCPPB 902	<i>Tripsacum laxum</i> (Mulder 1961), <i>Vetiveria zizanioides</i> (Kumar 1993, 1983)	Not known

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100.00	98.03	98.33	98.61	98.41	98.46	98.62	98.65	98.67	98.67	98.63	98.60	87.06	89.69	90.03	90.19	90.11	90.09	90.55	90.56	90.69	90.63	91.34	91.24	X_sp_NCPPB_1394
98.03	100.00	98.43	98.60	98.55	98.60	98.73	98.82	98.84	98.81	98.80	98.84	87.35	89.97	90.40	90.50	90.43	90.42	90.91	90.89	90.96	90.95	91.77	91.64	X_vasicola_pv_holcicola_NCPPB_2417_T
98.33	98.43	100.00	98.93	98.81	98.84	99.05	99.04	99.03	99.03	99.06	99.07	87.27	89.98	90.43	90.58	90.49	90.49	90.99	90.96	91.02	91.01	91.79	91.66	X_campestris_pv_muscaeum_NCPPB_2005_PT
98.61	98.60	98.93	100.00	99.13	99.19	99.39	99.40	99.40	99.39	99.38	99.36	87.22	89.87	90.27	90.40	90.34	90.33	90.74	90.74	90.89	90.85	91.65	91.55	X_campestris_pv_arecae_NCPPB_2649_PT
98.41	98.55	98.81	99.13	100.00	99.50	99.31	99.43	99.41	99.41	99.47	99.42	87.22	89.87	90.31	90.44	90.36	90.39	90.76	90.73	90.89	90.84	91.69	91.56	X_campestris_pv_vasculorum_NCPPB_1326
98.46	98.60	98.84	99.19	99.50	100.00	99.38	99.48	99.47	99.47	99.50	99.47	87.22	89.91	90.34	90.45	90.37	90.40	90.76	90.75	90.91	90.86	91.70	91.58	X_campestris_pv_vasculorum_NCPPB_702
98.62	98.73	99.05	99.39	99.31	99.38	100.00	99.60	99.61	99.61	99.60	99.58	87.34	89.97	90.38	90.51	90.43	90.42	90.85	90.81	90.96	90.94	91.74	91.65	X_campestris_pv_vasculorum_NCPPB_206
98.65	98.82	99.04	99.40	99.43	99.48	99.60	100.00	99.99	99.97	99.97	99.84	87.36	90.02	90.39	90.53	90.47	90.45	90.85	90.83	91.00	90.94	91.85	91.72	X_campestris_pv_zeae_XGP
98.67	98.84	99.03	99.40	99.41	99.47	99.61	99.96	100.00	99.98	99.97	99.84	87.31	89.95	90.37	90.50	90.44	90.43	90.84	90.82	90.96	90.92	91.77	91.65	X_campestris_pv_vasculorum_NE744
98.67	98.81	99.03	99.39	99.41	99.47	99.61	99.97	99.98	100.00	99.98	99.85	87.32	89.95	90.37	90.49	90.43	90.42	90.84	90.82	90.96	90.92	91.77	91.66	X_campestris_pv_zeae_NCPPB_4614
98.63	98.80	99.06	99.38	99.47	99.50	99.60	99.97	99.97	99.98	100.00	99.89	87.46	90.04	90.42	90.56	90.49	90.47	90.85	90.83	90.99	90.96	91.86	91.74	X_campestris_pv_zeae_X45
98.60	98.84	99.07	99.36	99.42	99.47	99.58	99.94	99.94	99.95	99.95	100.00	87.42	90.04	90.44	90.54	90.47	90.46	90.83	90.82	90.99	90.95	91.86	91.75	X_campestris_pv_zeae_XZ9
87.06	87.35	87.27	87.22	87.22	87.22	87.34	87.36	87.31	87.32	87.46	87.42	100.00	87.79	87.46	87.44	87.35	87.35	87.53	87.55	87.59	87.42	87.28	87.43	X_campestris_pv_campestris_ATCC_33913_T
89.59	89.97	89.98	89.87	89.87	89.91	89.97	90.02	89.95	89.95	90.04	90.04	87.79	100.00	89.97	89.93	89.86	89.86	90.02	90.02	90.19	90.03	89.88	90.02	X_nasturtii_WHRI_8853_T
90.03	90.40	90.43	90.27	90.31	90.34	90.38	90.39	90.37	90.37	90.42	90.44	87.46	89.97	100.00	90.36	90.32	90.31	90.32	90.30	90.45	90.38	90.35	90.53	X_bromi_CFBP_1976_T
90.19	90.50	90.58	90.40	90.44	90.45	90.51	90.53	90.50	90.49	90.56	90.54	87.44	89.93	90.36	100.00	98.12	98.08	93.41	93.40	93.45	93.44	90.52	90.47	X_axonopodis_pv_axonopodis_LMG_982_T
90.11	90.43	90.49	90.34	90.36	90.37	90.43	90.47	90.44	90.43	90.49	90.47	87.35	89.86	90.32	98.12	100.00	99.84	93.25	93.24	93.33	93.25	90.40	90.40	X_axonopodis_pv_vasculorum_NCPPB_900
90.09	90.42	90.49	90.33	90.39	90.40	90.42	90.45	90.43	90.42	90.47	90.46	87.35	89.86	90.31	98.08	99.84	100.00	93.25	93.23	93.33	93.25	90.40	90.40	X_axonopodis_pv_vasculorum_CFBP_5823_PT
90.55	90.91	90.99	90.74	90.76	90.76	90.85	90.85	90.84	90.84	90.85	90.83	87.53	90.02	90.32	93.41	93.25	93.25	100.00	98.76	94.19	94.30	90.86	90.72	X_perforans_91-118_T
90.56	90.89	90.96	90.74	90.73	90.75	90.81	90.83	90.82	90.82	90.83	90.82	87.55	90.02	90.30	93.40	93.24	93.23	98.76	100.00	94.21	94.30	90.87	90.72	X_alfalfae_subsp_alfalfae_CFBP_3836_T
90.69	90.96	91.02	90.89	90.89	91.01	90.96	91.00	90.96	90.96	90.99	90.99	87.59	90.19	90.45	93.45	93.33	93.33	94.19	94.21	100.00	96.39	90.89	90.81	X_fuscans_pv_fuscans_LMG_826_T
90.63	90.95	91.01	90.85	90.84	90.86	90.94	90.94	90.92	90.92	90.96	90.95	87.42	90.03	90.38	93.44	93.25	93.25	94.30	94.30	96.39	100.00	90.82	90.75	X_citri_pv_citri_LMG9322_T
91.34	91.77	91.79	91.65	91.69	91.70	91.74	91.85	91.77	91.77	91.86	91.86	87.28	89.88	90.35	90.52	90.40	90.40	90.86	90.87	90.89	90.82	100.00	91.71	X_oryzae_ATCC_35933_T
91.24	91.64	91.66	91.56	91.56	91.58	91.65	91.72	91.65	91.66	91.74	91.75	87.42	90.02	90.53	90.47	90.40	90.40	90.72	90.72	90.81	90.75	91.71	100.00	X_prunicola_CFBP_8353_T
X_sp_NCPPB_1394	X_vasicola_pv_holcicola_NCPPB_2417_T	X_campestris_pv_muscaeum_NCPPB_2005_PT	X_campestris_pv_arecae_NCPPB_2649_PT	X_campestris_pv_vasculorum_NCPPB_1326	X_campestris_pv_vasculorum_NCPPB_702	X_campestris_pv_vasculorum_NCPPB_206	X_campestris_pv_zeae_XGP	X_campestris_pv_zeae_X45	X_campestris_pv_vasculorum_NE744	X_campestris_pv_zeae_NCPPB_4614	X_campestris_pv_zeae_X45	X_campestris_pv_zeae_XZ9	X_campestris_pv_campestris_ATCC_33913_T	X_nasturtii_WHRI_8853_T	X_bromi_CFBP_1976_T	X_axonopodis_pv_axonopodis_LMG_982_T	X_axonopodis_pv_vasculorum_NCPPB_900	X_axonopodis_pv_vasculorum_CFBP_5823_PT	X_perforans_91-118_T	X_alfalfae_subsp_alfalfae_CFBP_3836_T	X_fuscans_pv_fuscans_LMG_826_T	X_citri_pv_citri_LMG9322_T	X_oryzae_ATCC_35933_T	X_prunicola_CFBP_8353_T

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528 **Figure 1. Average nucleotide identity (ANI) with type strains of *Xanthomonas* species.** Genome

529 sequence assemblies were obtained from GenBank and aligned against each other and ANI was

530 calculated using the *dnadiff* function in MUMmer version 4 (Marçais et al. 2018). Accession numbers

531 of the genome assemblies: GCA_000774005.1, GCA_000772705.1, GCA_000277875.1,

532 GCA_000770355.1, GCA_000277995.1, GCA_000159795.2, GCA_000278035.1, GCA_003111865.1,

533 GCA_002191965.1, GCA_002191955.1, GCA_003111905.1, GCA_003111825.1, GCA_000007145.1,

534 GCA_001660815.1, GCA_002939755.1, GCA_001401595.1, GCA_002939725.1, GCA_000724905.2,

535 GCA_000192045.3, GCA_000488955.1, GCA_001401605.1, GCA_002018575.1, GCA_000482445.1

536 and GCA_002846205.1 (Studholme et al. 2010; Wasukira et al. 2014, 2012; Lang et al. 2017; Sanko et

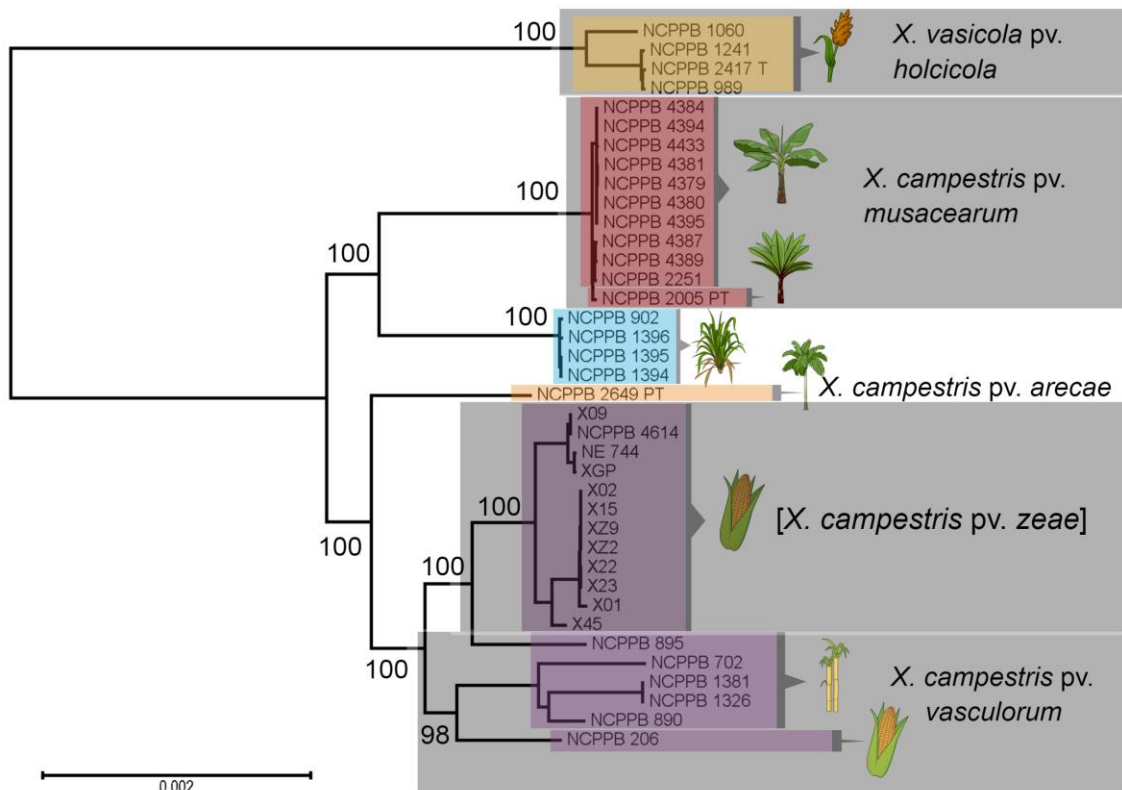
537 al. 2018; da Silva et al. 2002; Vicente et al. 2017; Harrison and Studholme 2014; Potnis et al. 2011;

538 Jacques et al. 2013).

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543 **Figure 2. Maximum-likelihood phylogenetic tree based on genomic sequencing reads.** The maximum
544 likelihood tree was generated using RealPhy (Bertels et al. 2014) and RaxML (Stamatakis, Ludwig, and
545 Meier 2005). Bootstrap values are expressed as percentages of 500 trials. Type and pathotype strains
546 are indicated by 'P' and 'PT' respectively. Whole-genome shotgun sequence reads were obtained from
547 the Sequence Read Archive (Leinonen, Sugawara, and Shumway 2011) via BioProjects PRJNA73853,
548 PRJNA163305, PRJNA163307, PRJNA31213, PRJNA374510, PRJNA374557, PRJNA439013,
549 PRJNA439327, PRJNA439328, PRJNA439329 and PRJNA449864 (Lang et al. 2017; Wasukira et al. 2014,
550 2012; Sanko et al. 2018).

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98.03	98.33	98.61	98.41	98.46	98.62	98.67	98.67	98.63	98.60	87.06	89.59	90.03	90.19	90.11	90.09	90.55	90.56	90.69	90.63	91.34	91.24	X. sp. NCPPB 1394			
98.03	100.00	98.43	98.60	98.55	98.80	98.73	98.82	98.84	98.81	98.90	98.84	87.35	89.97	90.40	90.50	90.43	90.42	90.91	90.89	90.96	90.95	91.77	91.64	X. vasicola pv. holcicola NCPPB 2417 T	
98.33	98.43	100.00	98.93	98.81	98.84	98.05	99.04	99.03	99.03	99.06	99.07	87.27	89.98	90.43	90.58	90.49	90.49	90.99	90.96	91.02	91.01	91.79	91.66	X. campestris pv. musacearum NCPPB 2005 PT	
98.61	98.80	98.93	100.00	99.13	99.19	99.39	99.40	99.40	99.39	99.38	99.38	87.22	89.87	90.27	90.40	90.34	90.33	90.74	90.74	90.89	90.85	91.65	91.55	X. campestris pv. arecae NCPPB 2649 PT	
98.41	98.35	98.81	99.13	100.00	99.50	99.31	99.43	99.41	99.41	99.47	99.42	87.22	89.87	90.31	90.44	90.36	90.39	90.76	90.73	90.89	90.84	91.69	91.56	X. campestris pv. vasculorum NCPPB 1326	
98.46	98.60	98.84	99.19	99.50	100.00	99.38	99.48	99.47	99.47	99.50	99.47	87.22	89.91	90.34	90.45	90.37	90.40	90.76	90.75	90.91	90.86	91.70	91.58	X. campestris pv. vasculorum NCPPB 702	
98.62	98.73	99.05	99.39	99.31	99.38	100.00	99.60	99.61	99.61	99.60	99.58	87.34	89.97	90.38	90.51	90.43	90.42	90.85	90.81	90.96	90.94	91.74	91.65	X. campestris pv. vasculorum NCPPB 206	
98.65	98.82	99.04	99.40	99.43	99.48	99.60	100.00	99.99	99.97	99.97	99.84	87.36	90.02	90.39	90.53	90.47	90.45	90.85	90.83	91.00	90.94	91.85	91.72	X. campestris pv. zeae XGP	
98.67	98.84	99.03	99.40	99.41	99.47	99.61	99.99	100.00	99.98	99.97	99.84	87.31	89.95	90.37	90.50	90.44	90.43	90.84	90.82	90.96	90.92	91.77	91.65	X. campestris pv. vasculorum NE744	
98.67	98.81	99.03	99.38	99.41	99.47	99.61	99.97	99.98	100.00	99.98	99.89	87.32	89.95	90.37	90.49	90.43	90.42	90.84	90.82	90.96	90.92	91.77	91.66	X. campestris pv. zeae NCPPB 4614	
98.63	98.80	99.06	99.38	99.47	99.50	99.60	99.87	99.87	99.88	100.00	99.89	87.46	90.04	90.42	90.56	90.49	90.47	90.85	90.83	90.99	90.96	91.86	91.74	X. campestris pv. zeae X45	
98.60	98.84	99.07	99.36	99.42	99.47	99.58	99.94	99.94	99.95	99.99	100.00	87.42	90.04	90.44	90.54	90.47	90.46	90.83	90.82	90.99	90.95	91.86	91.75	X. campestris pv. zeae XZ9	
87.06	87.35	87.27	87.22	87.22	87.22	87.34	87.36	87.31	87.32	87.46	87.42	100.00	87.79	87.46	87.44	87.35	87.35	87.53	87.55	87.59	87.42	87.28	87.43	X. campestris pv. campestris ATCC 33913 T	
89.59	89.97	89.96	89.87	89.87	89.91	89.97	90.02	89.95	89.95	90.04	90.04	87.79	100.00	89.97	89.93	89.86	89.86	90.02	90.02	90.19	90.03	89.88	90.02	X. nasturtii WHRI 8853 T	
90.03	90.40	90.43	90.27	90.31	90.34	90.38	90.39	90.37	90.37	90.42	90.44	87.46	89.97	100.00	90.36	90.32	90.31	90.32	90.30	90.45	90.38	90.35	90.53	X. bromi CFBP 1976 T	
90.19	90.50	90.58	90.40	90.44	90.45	90.51	90.53	90.50	90.49	90.56	90.54	87.44	89.93	90.36	100.00	98.12	98.08	93.41	93.40	93.45	93.44	90.52	90.47	X. axonopodis pv. axonopodis LMG 982 T	
90.11	90.43	90.49	90.34	90.36	90.37	90.43	90.47	90.44	90.43	90.49	90.47	87.35	89.96	90.32	98.12	100.00	98.84	93.25	93.24	93.33	93.25	90.40	90.40	X. axonopodis pv. vasculorum NCPPB 900	
90.09	90.42	90.49	90.33	90.39	90.40	90.42	90.45	90.43	90.42	90.47	90.46	87.35	89.96	90.31	98.08	99.84	100.00	93.25	93.23	93.33	93.25	90.40	90.40	X. axonopodis pv. vasculorum CFBP 5823 PT	
90.55	90.91	90.99	90.74	90.76	90.76	90.85	90.85	90.84	90.84	90.85	90.83	87.53	90.02	90.32	93.41	93.25	93.25	100.00	98.76	94.19	94.30	90.86	90.72	X. perforans 91-118 T	
90.56	90.89	90.96	90.74	90.73	90.75	90.81	90.83	90.82	90.82	90.83	90.82	87.55	90.02	90.30	93.40	93.24	93.23	98.76	100.00	94.21	94.30	90.87	90.72	X. alfalfae subsp. alfalfae CFBP 3836 T	
90.69	90.96	91.02	90.89	90.89	90.91	90.96	91.00	90.96	90.96	90.99	90.99	87.59	90.19	90.45	93.45	93.33	93.33	94.19	94.21	100.00	96.39	90.89	90.81	X. fuscans pv. fuscans LMG 826 T	
90.63	90.95	91.01	90.85	90.84	90.86	90.94	90.94	90.92	90.92	90.96	90.95	87.42	90.03	90.38	93.44	93.25	93.25	94.30	94.30	96.39	100.00	90.82	90.75	X. citri pv. citri LMG9322 T	
91.34	91.77	91.79	91.65	91.69	91.70	91.74	91.85	91.77	91.77	91.86	91.86	87.28	89.88	90.35	90.52	90.40	90.40	90.86	90.87	90.89	90.82	100.00	91.71	X. oryzae ATCC 35933 T	
91.24	91.64	91.66	91.55	91.56	91.58	91.65	91.72	91.65	91.66	91.74	91.75	87.43	90.02	90.53	90.47	90.40	90.40	90.72	90.72	90.81	90.75	91.71	100.00	X. prunicola CFBP 8353 T	
X_sp_NCPPB_1394	X. vasicola pv. holcicola NCPPB 2417 T	X. campestris pv. musacearum NCPPB 2005 PT	X. campestris pv. arecae NCPPB 2649 PT	X. campestris pv. vasculorum NCPPB 1326	X. campestris pv. vasculorum NCPPB 702	X. campestris pv. vasculorum NCPPB 206	X. campestris pv. zeae XGP	X. campestris pv. zeae X45	X. campestris pv. zeae XZ9	X. campestris pv. zeae X45	X. campestris pv. vasculorum NE744	X. campestris pv. zeae NCPPB 4614	X. campestris pv. vasculorum NCPPB 1326	X. campestris pv. vasculorum NCPPB 206	X. campestris pv. zeae XGP	X. nasturtii WHRI 8853 T	X. bromi CFBP 1976 T	X. axonopodis pv. axonopodis LMG 982 T	X. axonopodis pv. vasculorum NCPPB 900	X. axonopodis pv. vasculorum CFBP 5823 PT	X. alfalfae subsp. alfalfae CFBP 3836 T	X. fuscans pv. fuscans LMG 826 T	X. citri pv. citri LMG9322 T	X. oryzae ATCC 35933 T	X. prunicola CFBP 8353 T

