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Systematic review of publicly available non-Dikarya fungal proteomes for understanding their plant biomass-degrading and bioremediation potentials

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Abstract

In the last two decades, studies on plant biomass-degrading fungi have remarkably increased to understand and reveal the underlying molecular mechanisms responsible for their life cycle and wood-decaying abilities. Most of the plant biomass-degrading fungi reported till date belong to *basidiomycota* or *ascomycota* phyla. Thus, very few studies were conducted on fungi belonging to other divisions. Recent sequencing studies have revealed complete genomic sequences of various fungi. Our present study is focused on understanding the plant biomass-degrading potentials, by retrieving genome-wide annotations of 56 published fungi belonging to *Glomeromycota*, *Mucoromycota*, *Zoopagomycota*, *Blastocladiomycota*, *Chytridiomycota*, *Neocallimastigomycota*, *Microsporidia* and *Cryptomycota* from JGI-MycoCosm repository. We have compared and analyzed the proteomic annotations, especially CAZy, KOG, KEGG and SM clusters by separating the proteomic annotations into lignin-, cellulose-, hemicellulose-, pectin-degrading enzymes and also highlighted the KEGG, KOG molecular mechanisms responsible for the metabolism of carbohydrates (lignocellulolytic pathways of fungi), complex organic pollutants, xenobiotic compounds, biosynthesis of secondary metabolites. However, we strongly agree that studying genome-wide distributions of fungal CAZyme does not completely corresponds to its biomass-degrading ability. Thus, our present study can be used as preliminary materials for selecting ideal fungal candidate for the degradation and conversion of plant biomass components, especially carbohydrates to bioethanol and other commercially valuable products.

Keywords: Plant biomass, Lignocellulose, Bioremediation, Carbohydrate active enzymes (CAZymes), Eukaryotic orthologous groups (KOG), KEGG pathways

Background

Early taxonomists classified fungi under the plant kingdom based on their lifestyle. However, with the development of advanced molecular and phylogenetic techniques fungi were given a kingdom status. Evolutionary studies have reported that fungi have evolved in the early Neoproterozoic era followed by evolution over the period of time due to the earthly impacts including

oxygen, carbon dioxide, solar luminosity (Baldauf and Palmer 1993; Bruns 2006) (Fig. 1a). Although early evolutionary studies have reported that fungi have evolved from a common ancestor with that of unicellular flagellated aquatic organisms. However, there is no accepted phylogenetic theory which explains about the evolution of the early fungi (James et al. 2000, 2006a; Karol et al. 2001; Tanabe et al. 2004). Previous studies have reported that chytridiomycota (flagellated cells) are group of true fungi which are phylogenetically connected to the sister groups *mucoromycota*, *zoopagomycota*, *glomeromycota*, *ascomycota* and *basidiomycota* which have experienced

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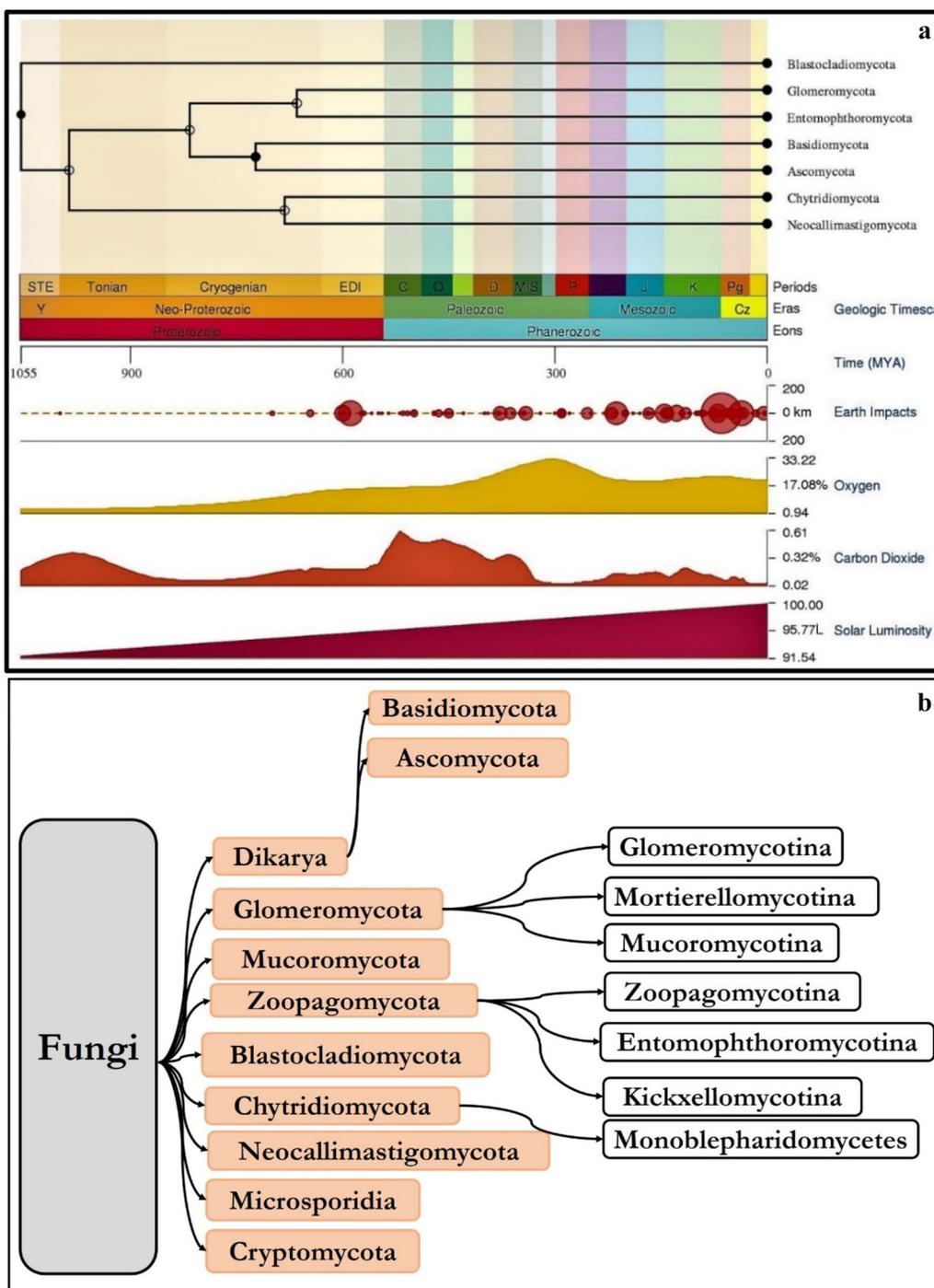


Fig. 1 a Pictorial illustration of fungal evolution since the early Neoproterozoic era and the influence of solar luminosity, carbon dioxide, oxygen, earth impacts over the geological timescale of fungal evolution (Hedges and Kumar 2009; Hedges et al. 2015), b hierarchical illustration of fungal phylogenetic classification

an evolutionary loss of the flagellum (James et al. 2000, 2006a; Karol et al. 2001; Tanabe et al. 2004). However, these non-flagellated fungi have evolutionarily adapted to

the terrestrial habitat by developing a filamentous growth and aerially dispersed spores. Studies have reported that early fungal phylogeny and fungal tree of life remained

unresolved; however, in the recent years, phylogenetic studies have questioned the phylogenetic lineage of the chytridiomycota, mucoromycota and zoopagomycota which resolved the phylogenetic aspects of these basal groups with their relationships with ascomycota and basidiomycota (James et al. 2000, 2006a; Karol et al. 2001; Tanabe et al. 2004) (Fig. 1b). Studies have classified kingdom fungi into six true phyla: chytridiomycota, zygomycota, ascomycota, basidiomycota, glomeromycota and deuteromycota (McLaughlin et al. 2001; Silar 2016). However, the recent higher level phylogenetic studies classified fungi into: Dikarya (ascomycota, basidiomycota), glomeromycota, chytridiomycota, neocallimastigomycota, blastocladiomycota, kickxellomycota, microsporidia and cryptomycota, respectively (Hibbett et al. 2007) (Fig. 1a).

Advancement of molecular techniques 18srRNA and whole-genome sequencing techniques are currently being used to understand and reveal the phylogenetic relationships among the fungi. Development of advanced genome sequencing techniques and online genomic repositories have enhanced the current days knowledge of fungal lifestyle and evolution. The fungal genomic repositories such as joint genome institute MycoCosm (Grigoriev et al. 2011; Nordberg et al. 2013), 1000 fungal genome project and Hungate collection residing in the rumen microbial genomics network are continuously enhancing the genomic details of various fungi. Studies being conducted to understand the genomic potentials of different fungi belonging to different phyla were compared for their plant cell wall-degrading potentials to explore their applications in biofuel and bioremediation industries (Kameshwar and Qin 2018; King et al. 2011; Rytioja et al. 2014; Sista Kameshwar and Qin 2017; Zhao et al. 2013). Till date, there are 1054 whole-genome sequences of fungi belonging to different phyla in JGI-MycoCosm repository, out of which 444 whole-genome sequences of fungi have been published and publicly available and the remaining 610 whole-genome sequences of fungi were under study and unpublished (Grigoriev et al. 2011; Nordberg et al. 2013).

Fungi belonging to the ascomycota and basidiomycota phyla were highly studied compared to other phyla. Till date, approximately 349 basidiomycetous and 588 ascomycetous fungi whole-genome sequencing studies were reported in public repositories. During the process of evolution, fungi have developed as bio-decomposers/decayers of the organic material. In nature, fungi play various roles ecologically as saprobes, parasites, plant pathogens, symbionts and endophytes; they play a key role in wood-decay, litter decomposition and thus in maintaining the global carbon cycle (Diyarova 2016; Krishna and Mohan 2013; Wal et al. 2013). In the last two decades, various fungal strains were extensively studied

for its plant cell wall (lignocellulose)-degrading abilities (Kameshwar and Qin 2016a). In our previous study, we have performed a large-scale comparative analysis of 42 wood rotting fungi representing white rot, brown rot and soft rot fungi (Sista Kameshwar and Qin 2017). This study has majorly reported that white rot fungi tentatively exhibit highest lignocellulolytic and soft rot fungi tentatively exhibit highest cellulolytic and hemicellulolytic potentials (Sista Kameshwar and Qin 2017).

The arbuscular mycorrhizal (AM) fungi belonging to the glomeromycota phyla play a crucial role both ecologically and environmentally (Morton and Benny 1990). AM fungi are asexual organisms and obligate symbionts of vascular plants (as AM fungi penetrate the plant substrate using its mycelium). Studies have reported that plants depend on the symbiotic mycorrhizae rather than the roots for the uptake of phosphate ion from the soil (Morton and Benny 1990; Schüßler et al. 2001b; Smith and Read 1997). Thus, plants obtain inorganic micronutrients with the aid of AM fungi and in return fungi obtains carbohydrates from plant, this exchange happens through the intracellular symbiotic interfaces. The molecular evolutionary techniques such as small subunit rRNA sequences report that they share a common ancestor route with Dikarya and the present glomeromycota consists four orders: (a) diversisporales, (b) glomerales, (c) archaeosporales and (d) paraglomerales (Redecker et al. 2013; Schüßler et al. 2001a, b). Till date, studies have reported approximately 300 glomeromycota species based on their spore morphology (Chen et al. 2018).

Zygomycota are considered as true fungi and contain chitin in their cell walls. These fungi were found to be emerged from the other fungi approximately 600 to 1400 million years ago (Berbee and Taylor 2001a, b; Heckman et al. 2001). These terrestrial fungi live in decaying plants or animals and soil material, and some fungal species are parasites of plants, insects, while some species are in symbiotic relationships with the plants (Raven et al. 2005). Zygomycetes fungi are filamentous, non-flagellated, and importantly they form zygospores with in the zygosporangium formed as a result of sexual cycle. Major transition from the earliest diverging zoosporic fungi led to the phyla cryptomycota, chytridiomycota, neocallimastigomycota, blastocladiomycota and resulted towards the rise of non-flagellated filamentous multicellular Dikaryan fungi (Spatofora et al. 2016). Studies have reported that some zygomycetes fungi significantly benefit humans by producing commercially important compounds such as lycopene, fatty acids and biodiesel (Papanikolaou et al. 2007; Wang et al. 2011). Hibbett et al. (2007) have classified four divisions: entomophthoromycotina, kickxellomycotina, mucoromycotina and zoopagomycotina under the subphyla incertae sedis and

a separate phylum *glomeromycota*. Molecular phylogenetic methods including rDNA and multigene studies have classified zygomycetes taxa into two major groups which informally include zygomycetes-I (*mucoromycotina* and *mortierellomycotina*), and few studies have also included *glomeromycota* phylum (Chang et al. 2015; James et al. 2006a; White et al. 2006). Phylogenetic studies conducted by Spatafora et al. (2016) have separated zygomycetes fungi into two different phylum's *mucoromycota* and *zoopagomycota* (Spatafora et al. 2016). *Mucoromycota* fungi are further classified into four orders: (a) *glomeromycota*, (b) *mucoromycotina* and (c) *mortierellomycotina*, and *zoopagomycota* is further classified into (a) *zoopagomycotina*, (b) *entomophthoromycotina* and (c) *kickxellomycotina*. *Mortierellomycotina* subphylum includes common soil-inhabiting fungi, root endophytes and saprobes (Summerbell 2005). Zhao et al. (2013) have performed large-scale comparative analysis of 103 fungal proteomes representing *Ascomycota*, *Basidiomycota*, *Chytridiomycota* and *Zygomycota*. Zhao et al. (2013) have reported that fungi exhibit tremendous diversity in the number and variety of CAZymes, plant pathogenic fungi exhibit highest number of CAZymes followed by necrotrophic, and hemibiotrophic fungi and biotrophic fungi tend to exhibit fewer CAZymes (Zhao et al. 2013). This study has also reported that fungal pathogens infecting dicots exhibit more pectinases than monocot-infecting fungi, saprophytic fungi (highly active plant pathogens) also exhibited fewer CAZymes compared to plant pathogenic fungi (Zhao et al. 2013).

Earlier studies have classified *blastocladiomycota*, *neocallimastigomycota* under the phylum *chytridiomycota*, and with the advancement in molecular phylogenetic techniques, these orders were given the status of phylum. *Chytridiomycota* is considered as true fungi as it reproduces through the zoospores (motile spores) by having a posterior flagellum (Barr 1992; Bartnicki-Garcia 1970; James et al. 2006b). Together *chytridiomycota*, *blastocladiomycota* and *neocallimastigomycota* fungi can be grouped as true zoosporic fungi (Alexopoulos et al. 1996). Chytrids are characterized by their specific biochemical properties including alpha-amino adipic acid, lysine synthetic pathway, chitin cell walls and ability to store glycogen (Alexopoulos et al. 1996; Barr 1992; Bartnicki-Garcia 1970; James et al. 2006b; Kendrick 2000). *Blastocladiomycota* is one of the recently added phyla in the kingdom fungi which was previously included as blastocladiales in the phylum *chytridiomycota* (Hibbett et al. 2007; James et al. 2006b). *Neocallimastigomycota* includes anaerobic fungi which are majorly present as symbionts in the digestive tracts of herbivores. These organisms were first discovered in the gut of ruminating animals. Recent high-throughput rumen microbiome

sequencing studies have revealed the complete genome sequences of five anaerobic fungi. With the availability of genomic data, further studies were being conducted to understand the growth, development and functional roles of these anaerobic fungi in the rumen (Kameshwar and Qin 2018; Orpin 1975). In our previous study, we have extensively studied *Neocallimastigomycota* fungi to understand and reveal its lignin-, cellulose-, hemicellulose-, pectin-degrading potentials by extensively analyzing the genome-wide proteomic annotations, especially CAZy, InterPro, KOG, KEGG, SM clusters and MEROPS (Kameshwar and Qin 2018).

Microsporidia are typical spore-forming unicellular parasites which were primarily considered as protists or protozoans. However, recent genomic studies have classified microsporidia as a separate phylum under fungi (Hibbett et al. 2007). *Microsporidian* fungi were highly studied for their disease-causing properties in animals and humans. In humans, *microsporidian* fungi cause microsporidiosis, and apart from humans, microsporidian fungi infect various hosts including parasites which infect higher animals such as flatworms (Hoffman 1999). The term "*Cryptomycota*" was coined to suggest its signature characteristics and cryptic nature, once these fungi were interpreted as intermediates between ancestral protists and fungi (Lara et al. 2010). However, the present knowledge on *Cryptomycota* phylum is very limited compared to other phyla, and advanced genomic and molecular phylogeny studies must be conducted to understand and reveal about the growth and development of these fungi.

In this systematic review study, we have performed systematic analysis of genome-wide annotations of published fungi belonging to *glomeromycota*, *mucoromycota*, *zoopagomycota*, *blastocladiomycota*, *chytridiomycota*, *neocallimastigomycota*, *microsporidia* and *cryptomycota* to understand and reveal the evolutionary loss of genes encoding for plant biomass-degrading enzymes, complete eukaryotic orthologous groups, secondary metabolite clusters, metabolic and regulatory pathways of the selected fungi.

Review and analysis of lower-fungal genomes

In our present study, we have selected and retrieved the annotated proteomic data (including CAZy—carbohydrate active enzymes, KOG—eukaryotic orthologous groups, SM—secondary metabolite clusters, KEGG—Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes) of 56 fungi from <https://genome.jgi.doe.gov/programs/fungi/index.jsf> JGI (Joint Genome Institute) MycoCosm database.

Glomeromycota: *Rhizophagus irregularis* DAOM 181602 v1.0 (Tisserant et al. 2013), *Rhizophagus irregularis* A1 v1.0 (Chen et al. 2018), *Rhizophagus irregularis*

A4 v1.0 (Chen et al. 2018), *Rhizophagus irregularis* A5 v1.0 (Chen et al. 2018), *Rhizophagus irregularis* B3 v1.0 (Chen et al. 2018), *Rhizophagus irregularis* C2 v1.0 (Chen et al. 2018) and *Rhizophagus irregularis* DAOM 197198 v2.0 (Chen et al. 2018), *Gigaspora rosea* v1.0 (Morin et al. 2019), *Rhizophagus cerebriforme* DAOM 227022 v1.0 (Morin et al. 2019), *Rhizophagus diaphanus* v1.0 (Morin et al. 2019). **Mortierellomycotina** (*Lobosporangium transversale* NRRL 3116 v1.0 (Mondo et al. 2017), *Mortierella elongata* AG-77 v2.0 (Uehling et al. 2017). **Mucoromycotina** (*Absidia repens* NRRL 1336 v1.0 (Mondo et al. 2017), *Hesseltinella vesiculosa* NRRL3301 v2.0 (Mondo et al. 2017), *Lichtheimia corymbifera* JMRC:FSU:9682 (Schwartz et al. 2014), *Mucor circinelloides* CBS277.49 v2.0 (Corrochano et al. 2016), *Phycomyces blakesleeanus* NRRL1555 v2.0 (Corrochano et al. 2016), *Rhizopus delemar* 99-880 from Broad (Ma et al. 2009), *Rhizopus microsporus* ATCC11559 v1.0 (Lastovetsky et al. 2016), *Rhizopus microsporus* var. *chinensis* CCTCC M201021 (Wang et al. 2013), *Rhizopus microsporus* var. *microsporus* ATCC52814 (Lastovetsky et al. 2016), *Syncephalastrum racemosum* NRRL 2496 v1.0 (Mondo et al. 2017), *Endogone* sp. FLAS 59071 (Chang et al. 2019), *Jimgerdemannia flammicorona* AD002 (Chang et al. 2019), *Jimgerdemannia flammicorona* GMNB39 (Chang et al. 2019). *Jimgerdemannia lactiflua* OSC166217 (Chang et al. 2019). **Zoopagomycotina** *Piptocephalis cylindrospora* RSA 2659 single-cell v3.0 (Ahrendt et al. 2018), *Syncephalis pseudoplumigaleata* Benny S71-1 single-cell v1.0 (Ahrendt et al. 2018), *Thamnocephalis sphaerospora* RSA 1356 single-cell v1.0 (Ahrendt et al. 2018). **Entomophthoromycotina** (*Conidiobolus coronatus* NRRL28638 v1.0 (Chang et al. 2015). **Kickxellomycotina** (*Coemansia reversa* NRRL 1564 v1.0 (Chang et al. 2015), *Linderina pennispora* ATCC 12442 v1.0 (Mondo et al. 2017). **Blastocladiomycota** (*Catenaria anguillulae* PL171 v2.0 (Mondo et al. 2017). **Chytridiomycota** (*Gonapodya prolifera* v1.0 (Chang et al. 2015), *Rhizoclostridium globosum* JEL800 v1.0 (Mondo et al. 2017), *Spizellomyces punctatus* DAOM BR117 (Russ et al. 2016). **Neocallimastigomycota** (*Anaeromyces robustus* v1.0 (Haitjema et al. 2017), *Neocallimastix californiae* G1 v1.0 (Haitjema et al. 2017), *Orpinomyces* sp. (Youssef et al. 2013), *Piromyces finnis* v3.0 (Haitjema et al. 2017), *Piromyces* sp. E2 v1.0 (Haitjema et al. 2017). **Microsporidia** (*Antonospora locustae* HM-2013 (Slamovits et al. 2004), *Encephalitozoon cuniculi* GB-M1 (Peyretailade et al. 2009), *Encephalitozoon hellem* ATCC 50504 (Pombert et al. 2012), *Encephalitozoon intestinalis* ATCC 50506 (Corradi et al. 2010), *Encephalitozoon romaleae* SJ-2008 (Pombert et al. 2012), *Enterocytozoon bienewisi* H348 (Akiyoshi et al. 2009), *Nematocida parisii* ERTm1 (Cuomo et al. 2012), *Nosema ceranae* BRL01 (Cornman

et al. 2009). **Cryptomycota** (*Rozella allomyces* CSF55 (James et al. 2013), *Rozella allomyces* CSF55 single-cell v1.0 (Ahrendt et al. 2018). We have also reported a tentative average of cellulolytic, hemicellulolytic, ligninolytic and pectinolytic potentials exhibited by the fungi belonging to the selected phyla, by considering the total number of genes encoding for the lignocellulolytic enzymes.

The KOG, SM clusters and KEGG annotations

The eukaryotic cluster of orthologous group classifies protein sequences from a completed genome sequence of eukaryotes based on their orthology (Tatusov et al. 2000). The KOG database of JGI-MycoCosm database classifies the protein sequences of fungal whole-genome sequences among four major groups as (a) cellular signaling and processing (CSP), (b) information storage and processing (ISP), (c) metabolism and (d) poorly characterized. We have retrieved and compared the genome-wide KOG annotations of all the selected fungi and tentatively calculated the average of all the KOG annotations and compared among the divisions (Fig. 2a). Results obtained from our systematic review potentially propose that fungi belonging to microsporidia and cryptomycota divisions might have experienced serious evolutionary loss of several genes classified among KOG groups. Previous studies have reported that compared to other fungal divisions microsporidia fungi have smallest genomes and these fungi have experienced a significant loss of mitochondrial, ribosomal RNAs and Golgi complex genes (Corradi and Selman 2013), whereas the fungi belonging to chytridiomycota, neocallimastigomycota and glomeromycota exhibited higher number of genes encoding for KOG groups (Fig. 2). Understanding the molecular mechanisms involved in degradation of plant cell wall components will significantly benefit in developing recombinant strains with extrinsic degrading potentials. Thus, we have specifically compared the KOG groups corresponding to the fungal defense mechanisms (V), carbohydrate transport and metabolism (G), secondary metabolite biosynthesis, transport and catabolism (Q) and energy production and conversion (C). Results obtained from the comparative analysis have shown that the selected glomeromycota fungi exhibit highest number of genes encoding for secondary metabolite biosynthesis, transport and catabolism (Q) KOG group. The selected neocallimastigomycota fungi have shown highest number of genes encoding for carbohydrate transport and metabolism (G). Similarly, genes encoding for defense mechanisms (V) was found to be highest among the selected neocallimastigomycota and chytridiomycota fungi. Interestingly, the genes encoding for energy production and conversion (C) group was highly observed among most of the selected fungi. Contrastingly, all the

Name	KOG				Secondary Metabolite Clusters							Total
	CSP	ISP	M	PC	Dmat	Hybrid	NRPS	NRPSlike	PKS	PKSlike	TC	
<i>Rhizopagus irregularis</i>	5724	2299	2644	2593	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
<i>Gigaspora rosea</i>	5506	1702	2950	2832	0	5	1	8	0	3	2	19
<i>Rhizopagus irregularis</i>	5414	1583	2110	2235	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	3
<i>Neocallimastix californiae</i>	5217	2603	3077	3552	0	0	10	6	14	9	0	39
<i>Rhizopagus irregularis</i>	4565	2219	2765	2380	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	4
<i>Orpinomyces sp.</i>	4485	2155	2499	3460	0	0	97	49	2	7	0	155
<i>Rhizopagus irregularis</i>	4413	2142	2515	2266	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	4
<i>Rhizopagus diaphanus</i>	4345	1517	1964	2052	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
<i>Rhizopus microsporus var. chinensis</i>	4254	2953	3516	2801	0	0	2	6	1	2	0	11
<i>Rhizopagus irregularis</i>	4108	2195	2617	2420	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3
<i>Rhizopagus irregularis</i>	4105	2200	2591	2258	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3
<i>Rhizopagus irregularis</i>	4074	2219	2643	2250	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
<i>Rhizopagus cerebriforme</i>	4031	1507	1880	1928	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	3
<i>Rhizoclostridium globosum</i>	3752	1917	2837	2392	0	0	1	5	2	1	0	9
<i>Mortierella elongata</i>	3696	2416	2823	2313	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	4
<i>Piromyces sp. E2</i>	3435	1764	2103	2504	0	0	34	18	5	8	0	65
<i>Gonapodya prolifera</i>	3394	1714	2456	1921	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	4
<i>Anaeromyces robustus</i>	3303	1792	1980	2481	0	0	28	4	6	8	0	46
<i>Rhizopus delemar</i>	3137	2221	2475	2439	0	0	1	6	1	1	0	9
<i>Piromyces finnis</i>	3021	1730	1670	2041	0	1	1	1	8	2	0	13
<i>Absidia repens</i>	2950	2129	2591	2093	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	4
<i>Mucor circinelloides</i>	2818	1927	2418	1911	0	0	1	4	2	1	0	8
<i>Hesseltinella vesiculosa</i>	2734	1782	2003	1650	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	5
<i>Spizellomyces punctatus</i>	2605	1604	1717	1662	0	0	4	6	2	1	0	13
<i>Phycomyces blakesleeanus</i>	2603	1876	2206	1858	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	5
<i>Lichtheimia corymbifera</i>	2498	1680	2287	1891	0	0	0	5	1	1	0	7
<i>Rhizopus microsporus var. microsporus</i>	2493	1792	1986	1654	0	0	1	3	1	1	0	6
<i>Rhizopus microsporus</i>	2490	1819	1993	1654	0	0	1	3	1	1	0	6
<i>Rhizopus microsporus var. microsporus</i>	2464	1774	2024	1635	0	0	1	3	1	1	0	6
<i>Linderina pennispora</i>	2383	1786	2458	1578	0	0	1	0	15	3	0	19
<i>Caulochytrium protostelioides</i>	2299	1462	1088	992	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	3
<i>Lobosporangium transversale</i>	2145	1458	1895	1657	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	3
<i>Syncephalastrum racemosum</i>	2133	1489	1976	1656	0	0	0	7	1	1	0	9
<i>Jimgerdemannia flammicorona</i>	2117	1390	1882	1430	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
<i>Jimgerdemannia flammicorona</i>	2023	1373	1825	1464	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	4
<i>Conidiobolus coronatus</i>	1965	1293	2284	1387	0	0	1	7	0	3	0	11
<i>Jimgerdemannia lactiflua</i>	1960	1405	1881	1354	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	4
<i>Catenaria anguillulae</i>	1792	1141	1593	1125	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3
<i>Coemansia reversa</i>	1700	1286	1440	1089	0	0	1	0	6	2	0	9
<i>Endogone sp FLAS 59071</i>	1596	1210	1473	1236	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	4
<i>Blyttomyces helicus</i>	1519	1112	1273	1052	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3
<i>Rozella allomyces CSF55</i>	1508	995	894	934	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Rozella allomyces</i>	1481	1034	901	955	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Thamnocephalis sphaerospora</i>	1397	1022	1321	1001	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
<i>Dimargaris cristalligena</i>	1390	1120	1291	1031	0	0	21	7	0	2	0	30
<i>Syncephalis pseudoplumigaleata</i>	1304	970	1142	864	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
<i>Piptocephalis cylindrospora</i>	899	686	784	604	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Enterocytozoon bienensei</i>	633	817	305	233	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Encephalitozoon cuniculi</i>	460	574	250	217	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Nematocida parisii</i>	437	529	253	212	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Encephalitozoon intestinalis</i>	433	565	245	208	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Encephalitozoon hellem</i>	427	576	248	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Encephalitozoon romaleae</i>	427	568	243	206	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Nosema ceranae</i>	393	479	238	203	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Antonospora locustae</i>	331	449	206	254	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Fig. 2 Pictorial illustration of the selected non-Dikarya fungi in descending orders based on the distribution of eukaryotic orthologous groups (KOG) and secondary metabolite clusters. NRPS non-ribosomal peptide synthases, PKS polyketide synthases, NRPS-PKS hybrid, DMATs prenyl-transferases, TCs terpene cyclases

selected fungi belonging to microsporidia and cryptomycota exhibited lower number of genes encoding for all the selected KOG groups.

Fungal growth is seriously challenged by various biotic and abiotic stressors ranging from nutrient limitations, environmental conditions such as pH and temperature and other microorganisms competing for nutrients (Macheleidt et al. 2016). As an immediate physiological response, fungi produce a wide range of secondary metabolites (Macheleidt et al. 2016). Fungi are rich sources of various commercially important secondary metabolites including pharmaceutical compounds, antibiotics, etc. Interestingly, genes responsible for the transcriptional regulation, biosynthesis and export of these secondary metabolites were found in adjoining gene clusters. We have retrieved and compared the secondary metabolite clusters (SM clusters) of all the selected fungi from the JGI-MycoCosm database. The secondary metabolite gene clusters are currently divided into non-ribosomal peptide synthases (NRPS), polyketide synthases (PKS), hybrid NRPS-PKS enzymes, prenyl-transferases (DMATs) and terpene cyclases (TCs) (Khaldi et al. 2010). Interestingly, the systematic comparison of secondary metabolite gene cluster annotations has shown that the selected non-Dikarya except neocallimastigomycota fungi contain single copies of NRPS and PKS gene clusters and completely lacks prenyl-transferases (DMATs) and hybrid gene clusters, whereas neocallimastigomycota fungi exhibited highest number of NRPS, NRPS-like, PKS and PKS-like gene clusters (Fig. 2).

The JGI-MycoCosm predicted genes are majorly divided into KEGG metabolic and KEGG regulatory pathways which are further divided into reference pathways. The KEGG metabolic and regulatory pathways are divided into 12 reference pathways: (a) amino acid metabolism (AAM), (b) biosynthesis of polyketides and non-ribosomal peptides (BpNp), (c) biosynthesis of secondary metabolites (BSM), (d) carbohydrate metabolism (CM), (e) energy metabolism (EM), (f) glycan biosynthesis and metabolism (GBM), (g) lipid metabolism (LM), (h) metabolism of cofactors and vitamins (MCO), (i) metabolism of other amino acids (MAA), (j) nucleotide metabolism (NM), (k) overview (O) and (l) xenobiotics biodegradation and metabolism (XBM). The results obtained from our systematic comparison have shown that the selected *microsporidia*, *cryptomycota*, *zoopagomycotina* and *neocallimastigomycota* fungal genomes contained lowest number of genes distributed among KEGG metabolic and regulatory pathways. Interestingly, the selected glomeromycota, mucoromycota, kickxellomycotina, fungal genomes exhibited higher number of genes encoding for KEGG metabolic and regulatory pathways (Fig. 3). We have also compared the important

KEGG pathways involved in degradation of plant cell wall components, fungal metabolism and regulatory pathways. These KEGG pathways are: BpNp—biosynthesis of polyketides and non-ribosomal peptides, BSM—biosynthesis of secondary metabolites, CM—carbohydrate metabolism, EM—energy metabolism, and XBM—xenobiotic biodegradation metabolism pathways. Results obtained from this comparative analysis have shown that the selected *glomeromycota* fungi have exhibited higher number of genes encoding xenobiotic biodegradation metabolism (XBM), biosynthesis of secondary metabolites (BSM) and biosynthesis of polyketides and non-ribosomal peptides (BpNp). In particular, *Neocallimastix californiae* (Neocallimastigomycota), *Gonapodya prolifera* (Chytridiomycota), *Rhizopus microsporus var. chinensis* (Mucoromycotina) and *Mortierella elongata* (Mortierellomycotina) encode higher number of genes distributed among the pathways except XBM and BpNp pathways. The selected *microsporidia* and *cryptomycota* fungi exhibited lower number of genes for all the selected pathways (Table 1).

Carbohydrate active enzymes (CAZymes)

Fungi secrete a variety of carbohydrate active enzymes for the infection and degradation of the plant cell wall components. The carbohydrates released during the process of degradation are further used for fungal growth and development (Zhao et al. 2013). Several basidiomycetous fungi have been extensively studied for its lignocellulose-degrading abilities. White and brown rot fungi especially *Phanerochaete chrysosporium* and *Postia placenta* were highly studied for their extrinsic lignocellulose-degrading ability (Zhao et al. 2013). For most of the fungal pathogens, it is highly important to access plant cytoplasm and reach across the plant tissues. Previous studies have reported that several plant cell wall-degrading fungal enzymes such as xylanases and pectinases play a crucial role in imparting virulence and pathogenicity toward its substrate (Douaiher et al. 2007; Ferrari et al. 2008; Kikot et al. 2009). Till date, 445 fungal genomes have been completely sequenced and extensively studied for their lignocellulose-degrading abilities. Complete genome sequencing studies of *Saccharomyces* and *Schizosaccharomyces* revealed the functional role of various cell wall-degrading enzymes in plant infection and mainly fungal growth and development (Zhao et al. 2013). Recent genome sequencing studies have also reported about the evolutionary loss of CAZyme-encoding genes in few fungal divisions (Skamnioti et al. 2008). Comparative metadata analysis of fungal genome-wide annotations especially CAZymes has been studied and reported (Kameshwar and Qin 2018; Sista Kameshwar and Qin 2017; Zhao et al. 2013). However, previous

Name	AAM	BpNp	BSM	CM	EM	GBM	LM	MCV	MAA	NM	O	XBM
<i>Gigaspora rosea</i>	759	100	728	749	246	341	749	723	188	408	719	590
<i>Rhizopagus diaphanus</i>	626	106	533	548	185	266	488	556	143	330	478	429
<i>Gonapodya prolifera</i>	572	137	313	606	143	223	527	379	153	303	368	363
<i>Rhizopus microsporus var. chinensis</i>	551	89	317	854	245	378	552	553	173	514	472	316
<i>Absidia repens</i>	526	22	284	632	187	182	436	354	153	250	432	268
<i>Lichtheimia corymbifera</i>	479	26	322	615	178	166	410	330	141	208	429	287
<i>Dimargaris cristalligena</i>	470	103	169	341	162	191	237	290	92	277	260	152
<i>Mortierella elongata</i>	470	102	238	741	186	398	761	384	143	350	347	346
<i>Rhizopagus irregularis</i>	468	86	298	471	132	222	460	465	126	381	378	346
<i>Rhizopagus irregularis</i>	466	79	296	473	134	221	465	461	120	392	386	343
<i>Lobosporangium transversale</i>	458	25	274	435	193	148	342	348	177	180	359	280
<i>Rhizopagus irregularis</i>	457	16	315	449	115	116	424	553	121	313	531	352
<i>Rhizopagus irregularis</i>	446	81	282	471	132	220	444	445	121	403	364	330
<i>Rhizopagus irregularis</i>	445	80	278	465	131	215	435	435	111	371	358	316
<i>Rhizoclostridium globosum</i>	440	87	239	585	164	299	444	388	129	369	291	269
<i>Rhizopagus irregularis</i>	437	81	272	470	127	222	438	446	116	394	350	326
<i>Syncephalastrum racemosum</i>	426	20	262	552	141	147	336	296	125	185	350	237
<i>Neocallimastix californiae</i>	418	63	203	816	153	309	332	368	140	739	346	165
<i>Rhizopagus irregularis</i>	403	69	256	445	138	225	409	399	103	342	327	281
<i>Conidiobolus coronatus</i>	400	62	251	392	132	201	375	393	113	257	311	291
<i>Rhizopagus cerebriforme</i>	399	18	239	410	121	114	340	397	105	243	389	246
<i>Hesseltinella vesiculosa</i>	395	81	211	559	155	262	375	357	118	300	297	231
<i>Rhizopus delemar</i>	390	54	230	617	204	233	377	373	114	334	353	237
<i>Mucor circinelloides</i>	372	44	218	604	177	253	388	358	121	294	321	238
<i>Linderina pennispora</i>	349	57	231	477	122	211	354	340	106	278	291	239
<i>Rhizopus microsporus</i>	349	53	204	511	151	231	354	342	107	315	299	203
<i>Rhizopus microsporus var. microsporus</i>	341	56	194	499	151	227	352	320	105	291	283	192
<i>Rhizopus microsporus var. microsporus</i>	339	51	195	512	150	234	347	331	104	295	281	188
<i>Spizellomyces punctatus</i>	332	62	171	436	126	176	290	288	84	297	253	177
<i>Phycomyces blakesleeanus</i>	329	41	231	518	154	218	379	351	100	254	304	217
<i>Jimgerdemannia flammicorona</i>	323	16	192	334	79	93	240	208	109	121	241	170
<i>Catenaria anguillulae</i>	308	21	151	296	87	99	235	248	77	174	245	155
<i>Jimgerdemannia flammicorona</i>	308	23	189	322	72	105	240	211	89	121	237	183
<i>Caulochytrium protostelioides</i>	300	124	88	498	91	183	194	193	53	350	167	89
<i>Jimgerdemannia lactiflua</i>	291	17	165	293	71	94	218	179	93	113	202	137
<i>Coemansia reversa</i>	271	43	145	350	132	195	260	265	93	248	216	154
<i>Anaeromyces robustus</i>	270	43	126	440	90	217	201	250	57	562	202	106
<i>Thamnocephalis sphaerospora</i>	268	14	157	241	55	80	196	198	93	137	236	162
<i>Orpinomyces sp.</i>	266	54	137	420	87	199	177	219	49	573	193	78
<i>Endogone sp FLAS 59071</i>	257	16	163	269	66	80	214	187	74	97	202	148
<i>Syncephalis pseudoplumigaleata</i>	257	15	131	212	73	67	172	166	69	103	206	106
<i>Piromyces finnis</i>	229	31	118	381	89	149	175	183	52	416	180	80
<i>Piromyces sp. E2</i>	224	41	121	418	78	196	185	224	58	511	189	91
<i>Blyttomyces helicus</i>	215	8	111	277	63	78	200	141	107	127	157	117
<i>Piptocephalis cylindrospora</i>	162	14	78	162	47	46	113	122	41	62	123	71
<i>Rozella allomyces</i>	141	29	86	185	63	117	126	156	38	221	104	77
<i>Rozella allomyces CSF55</i>	131	24	77	184	62	106	121	143	43	194	104	71
<i>Encephalitozoon cuniculi</i>	30	13	22	58	24	45	38	51	15	107	36	17
<i>Encephalitozoon hellem</i>	29	11	23	58	26	45	39	53	15	103	39	17
<i>Encephalitozoon intestinalis</i>	28	11	23	56	24	41	35	46	14	105	36	16
<i>Encephalitozoon romaleae</i>	26	10	20	57	21	47	39	50	14	104	34	16
<i>Enterocytozoon bieneusi</i>	26	10	20	57	21	47	39	50	14	104	34	16
<i>Nosema ceranae</i>	26	12	17	52	22	27	37	29	17	97	29	14
<i>Antonospora locustae</i>	24	12	19	45	21	28	24	22	8	74	27	17
<i>Nematocida parisii</i>	22	8	15	52	23	50	33	39	17	108	27	12

Fig. 3 Pictorial illustration of the selected non-Dikarya fungi in descending order based on the distribution of KEGG pathway classes encoding genes. AAM amino acid metabolism, BpNp biosynthesis of polyketides and non-ribosomal peptides, BSM biosynthesis of secondary metabolites, CM carbohydrate metabolism, EM energy metabolism, GBM glycan biosynthesis and metabolism, LM lipid metabolism, MCV metabolism of cofactors and vitamins, MAA metabolism of other amino acids, NM nucleotide metabolism, O overview, XBM xenobiotics biodegradation and metabolism

Table 1 List of all the publicly available non-Dikarya fungi considered for our systematic review

Phylum	G-Code	Name	Assembly	Genes
Blastocladiomycota	Catan2	<i>Catenaria anguillulae</i>	41,337,528	12,804
Chytridiomycota	Blyhe1	<i>Blyttomyces helicus</i>	46,472,760	12,167
Chytridiomycota	Caupr1	<i>Caulochytrium protostelioides</i>	10,621,701	3328
Chytridiomycota	Rhihy1	<i>Rhizoclostridium globosum</i>	57,018,351	16,990
Chytridiomycota	Splpu1	<i>Spizellomyces punctatus</i>	24,131,112	9424
Cryptomycota	Rozal_SC1	<i>Rozella allomycis</i> CSF55	13,461,086	6694
Cryptomycota	Rozal1	<i>Rozella allomycis</i>	11,859,274	6350
Entomophthoromycotina	Conco1	<i>Conidiobolus coronatus</i>	39,903,661	10,635
Glomeromycota	Gigro1	<i>Gigaspora rosea</i>	567,950,182	31,291
Glomeromycota	Gloin1	<i>Rhizophagus irregularis</i>	91,083,792	30,282
Glomeromycota	Rhice1_1	<i>Rhizophagus cerebriforme</i>	136,890,557	21,549
Glomeromycota	Rhidi1	<i>Rhizophagus diaphanus</i>	125,876,003	23,252
Glomeromycota	Rhiir2	<i>Rhizophagus irregularis</i>	136,807,476	26,183
Glomeromycota	RhiirA1	<i>Rhizophagus irregularis</i>	125,868,962	26,659
Glomeromycota	RhiirA4	<i>Rhizophagus irregularis</i>	138,301,208	25,760
Glomeromycota	RhiirA5	<i>Rhizophagus irregularis</i>	131,461,109	26,585
Glomeromycota	RhiirB3	<i>Rhizophagus irregularis</i>	124,893,935	25,164
Glomeromycota	RhiirC2	<i>Rhizophagus irregularis</i>	122,966,682	26,756
Kickxellomycotina	Coere1	<i>Coemansia reversa</i>	21,838,014	7347
Kickxellomycotina	DimcrSC1	<i>Dimargaris cristalligena</i>	30,776,575	7456
Kickxellomycotina	Linpe1	<i>Linderina pennispora</i>	26,202,545	9351
Microsporidia	Antlo1	<i>Antonosporea locustae</i>	6074,860	2606
Microsporidia	Enccu1	<i>Encephalitozoon cuniculi</i>	2,497,519	1996
Microsporidia	Enche1	<i>Encephalitozoon hellem</i>	2,251,784	1847
Microsporidia	Encin1	<i>Encephalitozoon intestinalis</i>	2,216,898	1833
Microsporidia	Encro1	<i>Encephalitozoon romaleae</i>	2,187,595	1831
Microsporidia	Entbi1	<i>Enterocytozoon bieneusi</i>	3,860,738	3632
Microsporidia	Nempa1	<i>Nematocida parisii</i>	4,071,346	2661
Microsporidia	Nosce1	<i>Nosema ceranae</i>	7,860,219	2060
Monoblepharidomycetes	Ganpr1	<i>Gonapodya prolifera</i>	48,794,828	13,902
Mortierellomycotina	Lobtra1	<i>Lobosporangium transversale</i>	42,768,949	11,822
Mortierellomycotina	Morel2	<i>Mortierella elongata</i>	49,863,165	14,969
Mucoromycotina	Absrep1	<i>Absidia repens</i>	47,422,896	14,919
Mucoromycotina	Endsp1	<i>Endogone</i> sp. FLAS 59071	95,552,741	9569
Mucoromycotina	Hesve2	<i>Hesseltinella vesiculosa</i>	27,224,236	11,141
Mucoromycotina	Jimfl_AD_1	<i>Jimgerdemannia flammicorona</i>	231,316,372	13,838
Mucoromycotina	Jimfl_GMNB39_1	<i>Jimgerdemannia flammicorona</i>	239,574,967	13,653
Mucoromycotina	Jimlac1	<i>Jimgerdemannia lactiflua</i>	179,670,541	12,651
Mucoromycotina	Liccor1	<i>Lichtheimia corymbifera</i>	33,525,905	13,404
Mucoromycotina	Mucci2	<i>Mucor circinelloides</i>	36,587,022	11,719
Mucoromycotina	Phybl2	<i>Phycomyces blakesleeanus</i>	53,939,167	16,528
Mucoromycotina	Rhich1	<i>Rhizopus microsporus</i> var. <i>chinensis</i>	45,739,792	17,676
Mucoromycotina	Rhimi_ATCC52814	<i>Rhizopus microsporus</i> var. <i>microsporus</i>	24,950,816	11,502
Mucoromycotina	Rhimi_ATCC11559	<i>Rhizopus microsporus</i>	24,077,254	11,355
Mucoromycotina	Rhimi1_1	<i>Rhizopus microsporus</i> var. <i>microsporus</i>	25,972,395	10,905
Mucoromycotina	Rhior3	<i>Rhizopus delemar</i>	46,087,117	17,467
Mucoromycotina	Synrac1	<i>Syncephalastrum racemosum</i>	121,227,703	11,247
Neocallimastigomycota	Anasp1	<i>Anaeromyces robustus</i>	71,685,009	12,832
Neocallimastigomycota	Neosp1	<i>Neocallimastix californiae</i>	193,032,486	20,219

Table 1 (continued)

Phylum	G-Code	Name	Assembly	Genes
Neocallimastigomycota	Orpsp1	<i>Orpinomyces</i> sp.	100,954,185	18,936
Neocallimastigomycota	PirE2	<i>Piromyces finnis</i>	56,455,805	10,992
Neocallimastigomycota	Pirfi3	<i>Piromyces</i> sp. E2	71,019,055	14,648
Zoopagomycotina	Pipcy3_1	<i>Piptocephalis cylindrospora</i>	10,748,607	4301
Zoopagomycotina	Synps1	<i>Syncephalis pseudoplumigaleata</i>	16,269,185	6123
Zoopagomycotina	Thasp1	<i>Thamnocephalis sphaerospora</i>	18,203,817	6857

G-code genome code, Assembly assembly length (Mbp), Genes no of genes

studies have majorly focused on higher fungi belonging to *Ascomycota* and *Basidiomycota* divisions. The genome-wide annotations of *Glomeromycota*, *Chytridiomycota*, *Blastocladiomycota*, *Neocallimastigomycota* and *Microsporidia* phyla were not highly studied compared to its counter parts. The systematic review of 40 fungal genomes belonging to the *Glomeromycota*, *Chytridiomycota*, *Blastocladiomycota*, *Neocallimastigomycota* and *Microsporidia* phyla has shown that genes encoding for carbohydrate active enzymes was found to decline during its evolution from *Glomeromycota* to *Microsporidia*. The selected fungi belonging to *microsporidia* and *cryptomycota* phyla fungi have experienced a serious evolutionary loss of CAZyme-encoding genes. Contrastingly, the analyzed *neocallimastigomycota* phyla fungi were found to contain higher number of CAZyme-encoding genes compared to other selected fungi (Kameshwar and Qin 2018). The *neocallimastigomycota* fungi encode highest number of CAZymes followed by *mucoromycotina*, *chytridiomycota*, *glomeromycota*, *monoblepharidomycetes*, *mortierellomycotina*, *entomophthoromycotina*, *kickxellomycotina*, *blastocladiomycota*, *zoopagomycotina*, *cryptomycota* and *microsporidia* (Table 7).

Ligninolytic potentials

Most of the microorganisms fail to breakdown lignin compounds; however, few microorganisms especially white rot fungi have developed efficient enzyme system for the degradation of lignin (Kameshwar and Qin 2017). The lignin-degrading enzymes are mostly distributed in auxiliary activity group. However, exact molecular mechanisms and the enzymes employed by the microorganisms for the degradation of lignin are not known till date. However, major ligninolytic enzymes include laccase, peroxidases (lignin peroxidase, versatile peroxidase, manganese peroxidase); these enzymes are also called as lignin-oxidizing enzymes. The high-oxidizing potential and non-specificity are considered as the major attributes of the lignin-oxidizing enzymes (Kameshwar and Qin 2016b). These lignin-degrading enzymes depend on supporting enzymes such as aryl-alcohol oxidase, alcohol oxidase, pyranose oxidase, vanillyl alcohol oxidase,

alcohol oxidase, glyoxal oxidase, galactose oxidase, 1,4-benzoquinone reductase for the supply of hydrogen peroxide, which triggers the ligninolytic enzymes (Kameshwar and Qin 2016b). Cellobiose dehydrogenase (CDH) degrades various carbohydrates especially cellobiose, mannose to lactones, CDH transfers the electrons retrieved from the substrates to electron acceptors such as quinones, phenoxy radicals and dioxygen (Cameron and Aust 2001; Henriksson et al. 1995, 2000). The prosthetic and FAD groups of CDH make it suitable for the reduction of metals and radicals, though it exhibits high tendency toward amorphous cellulose and it helps in degradation of other plant cell wall components like lignin and xylan (Cameron and Aust 2001; Henriksson et al. 1995, 2000). Studies have also reported that both CDH and LPMO have exhibited and high-oxidative cleavage of lignin compounds (Cameron and Aust 2001; Henriksson et al. 1995, 2000). Similar to hemicellulose and pectin, lignin is also partially and completely esterified by *O*-acetyl and methyl groups. The acetylated lignin components of plant cell wall inhibit the activity of ligninolytic enzymes. Thus, feruloyl and glucuronoyl esterases play a most significant role in deacetylating the esterified lignin-carbohydrate complexes. Thus, in our report we have considered CDH, LPMO enzymes, lignin-oxidizing, lignin-degrading auxiliary activity enzymes, feruloyl and glucuronoyl esterases in lignin-degrading CAZymes (Table 2).

The *glomeromycota*, *chytridiomycota*, *blastocladiomycota* fungal genomes analyzed in this study lack several copies of ligninolytic auxiliary activity enzymes. The selected *glomeromycota* fungal genomes specifically lack genes encoding for AA2 (lignin, manganese and versatile peroxidases), AA4 (vanillyl alcohol oxidase), AA8 (iron reductase), AA9, AA10, AA13, AA14 (LPMO), AA12 (pyrroloquinoline quinone-dependent oxidoreductase) and AA15 (lytic cellulose monooxygenase), whereas the selected *mortierellomycotina* and *zoopagomycotina* fungal genomes lack genes encoding for AA2, AA4, AA9 (except Coere1 and Linpe1), AA10, AA13, AA14 and AA15 families. Similarly, the analyzed fungal genomes belonging to *blastocladiomycota* and *chytridiomycota*

Table 2 Distribution of lignin-degrading CAZymes among different classes of glycoside hydrolases, auxiliary activity and carbohydrate-binding modules

CAZymes involved in lignin degradation	
AA1	Laccase; <i>p</i> -diphenol oxygen oxidoreductase; ferroxidase; laccase-like multicopper oxidase
AA2	Lignin peroxidase; manganese peroxidase; versatile peroxidase; peroxidase
AA3	Aryl-alcohol oxidase; alcohol oxidase; pyranose oxidase
AA4	Vanillyl alcohol oxidase
AA5	Alcohol oxidase; glyoxal oxidase; galactose oxidase
AA6	1,4-Benzoquinone reductase
AA8	Iron reductase
LPMO	AA9; AA10; AA11; AA13; AA14; AA15
AA12	Pyrroloquinoline quinone-dependent oxidoreductase
CE1	Feruloyl esterase; cinnamoyl esterase
CE15	4- <i>O</i> -Methyl-glucuronoyl methylesterase
CE10	Aryl esterase; carboxyl esterase

have also experienced serious loss of various genes encoding for auxiliary activity class enzymes such as AA2, AA4, AA8, AA10, AA13, AA14 and AA15. All the selected *neocallimastigomycota* and *microsporidia* fungal genomes completely lack genes encoding for the auxiliary activity class enzymes. The selected fungi belonging to the phylum's *glomeromycota*, *kickxellomycotina*, *entomophthoromycotina*, *mortierellomycotina*, *mucoromycotina* have exhibited higher ligninolytic potentials followed by the fungi belonging to *chytridiomycota*, *zoopagomycota*, *monoblepharidomycetes*, *blastocladiomycota*, *cryptomycota*, *neocallimastigomycota*, *microsporidia* (Table 7).

Cellulolytic potentials

Breakdown and conversion of cellulose to glucose is performed by three classes of enzymes: (a) (EnG) endo- β -1-4-glucanase (EC 3.2.1.4), (b) exo- β -1-4-glucanase (EC 3.2.1.94) and (c) β -glucosidase (EC 3.2.1.21) (Silveira et al. 2014). The glycosidic linkages of cellulose are primarily cleaved by EnG on microfibrils surface resulting in long chains with reducing and non-reducing ends making them accessible for ExG and BG enzymes. The ExG acts on the obtained degraded products and further breaks it down to cellobiose and oligosaccharide chains which are further degraded to glucose by BG (Silveira et al. 2014). Apart from these three major cellulolytic hydrolases, microorganisms also secrete other cellulolytic hydrolase called cellodextrinase, which are found to act on the soluble cello-oligosaccharides resulting in cellobiose and shorter oligosaccharide chains (Ferreira et al. 1991; Huang and Forsberg 1987). Studies have reported that cellodextrinases are highly active on soluble

cello-oligosaccharides but were totally inactive against insoluble cellulose (Ferreira et al. 1991; Huang and Forsberg 1987). Generally, cellulases are composed of distinct catalytic domain (CD), a linker and a cellulose-binding module (CBM) (Linder and Teeri 1997). The CBM recognizes and binds to the surface of cellulose and acts upon it by cleaving single cellodextrin chain and feeding it in the active site of the enzyme, where the catalytic domains hydrolyze it to cellobiose (Zhao et al. 2008). Fungal CBMs belonging to the carbohydrate-binding domain family 1 exhibit a small wedge-shaped fold composed of three aromatic amino acid residues which features cellulose-binding surface (Kraulis et al. 1989; Mattinen et al. 1997). Previous studies have reported that the aromatic residues present in the active site of these hydrolases play a crucial role in binding of the CBM to the surface of cellulose (Lehtiö et al. 2003). Simulation studies conducted by Nimlos et al. (2012) have reported that the CBM sites are active in binding on the hydrophilic region of the cellulose than on the hydrophobic surface of substrate (Nimlos et al. 2012). These studies have also reported that the CBM can also diffuse from hydrophilic to the hydrophobic regions of the substrates surface, but the opposite is not possible from these simulation experiments (Nimlos et al. 2012). As CBMs play a crucial role in cellulose hydrolysis, it will be incomplete if we do not consider CBM encoding genes in determining the genomic cellulolytic ability. The cellulose-binding modules are distributed among 20 CBM classes.

Degradation of cellulose involves not only glycoside hydrolases but also strong oxidases such as lytic polysaccharide monooxygenases (LPMO). Discovery of LPMO and its involvement in cellulose degradation was considered as a breakthrough in the field of biofuel production, as LPMO cleaves the glycosidic bonds of cellulose and makes it highly susceptible for other cellulolytic hydrolases to act upon it (Harris et al. 2014; Hemsworth et al. 2015; Johansen 2016). The cellulolytic activity of LPMO is triggered by a reducing agent which activates the oxygen present on copper active site positioned on the surface of the enzyme. Electron donors such as ascorbate, gallic acid/pyrogallol, sulfur-containing compounds and other small molecule reductants triggers the activity of various systems including LPMOs, cellobiose dehydrogenase and GMC (glucose-methanol-choline) oxidoreductases. However, recent studies have also reported the involvement of complex enzymes such as LPMO, cellobiose dehydrogenase (CDH), other glycoside hydrolases and enzymes involved in Fenton's mechanism was found to play a role in conversion and degradation of cellulose (Beeson et al. 2015; Phillips et al. 2011). Studies have also reported that fungal or plant-derived phenols and plant pigments like chlorophyll can also trigger LPMO activity

(Garajova et al. 2016; Kracher et al. 2016; Westereng et al. 2015). The cellulolytic LPMOs are classified among the classes AA9, AA10 and AA15, with cellobiose dehydrogenases and GMC-oxidoreductases classified in AA3 class. The oxidative cleavage of cellulose by LPMO results in aldonic acids (glucose units oxidized on C-1 positions) and gemdiols (4-ketoaldoses, if oxidized on C-4 position) (Villares et al. 2017) (Table 3).

Results obtained from the systematic review have shown that the selected *glomeromycota* fungal genomes lack genes encoding for cellulolytic glycoside hydrolase families GH1, GH2, GH3, GH6, GH7, GH8, GH12, GH38, GH45, GH48, GH74 and GH124. The selected *mortierellomycotina* and *zoopagomycotina* fungal genomes have also experienced the loss of glycoside hydrolase families GH1, GH2, GH6, GH7, GH12, GH48, GH74 and GH124. Similarly, the selected *chytridiomycota* and *blastocladiomycota* fungal genomes lack genes encoding for GH6, GH7, GH8, GH12, GH48, GH74 and GH124 families. Contrastingly, the analyzed *microsporidia* and *cryptomycota* fungal genomes have experienced complete loss of cellulolytic glycoside hydrolase families. Interestingly, the selected *neocallimastigomycota* phyla fungal genomes encode highest number of genes coding for cellulolytic glycoside hydrolase class enzymes compared to other selected fungi. *Neocallimastigomycota* phyla consist of different anaerobic fungi; these fungi were reported to develop efficient cellulosomes and hydrogenosomes aiding them in degradation of plant cell wall carbohydrate components (Kameshwar and Qin 2018). Thus, *neocallimastigomycota* phyla fungi stand out when compared, as they encode higher number of genes coding for carbohydrate-binding modules (CBM), dockerin proteins and glycoside hydrolases (Kameshwar and Qin 2018). The descending order of fungi based on their cellulolytic enzymes is: *neocallimastigomycota* > *mucoromycotina* > *chytridiomycota* > *glomeromycota* > *monoblepharidomycetes*, > *mortierellomycotina* > *entomophth-*

oromycotina > *kickxellomycotina* > *blastocladiomycota* > *zoopagomycotina* > *cryptomycota* > *microsporidia* (Table 7).

Hemicellulolytic potentials

Hemicellulose is a complex hetero-polysaccharide composed of glucomannan, xylan, glucuronoxylan, arabinoxylan and xyloglucan. In plant cell walls, hemicellulose is found in close associations with lignin, cellulose and pectin units (Scheller and Ulvskov 2010; Sista Kameshwar and Qin 2018). Thus, structurally complex hemicellulose depends on a wide range of enzymes for its degradation and conversion to simple monomers. Microorganisms secrete a wide range of hemicellulose-degrading enzymes including glycoside hydrolases, LPMO (auxiliary activity) and carbohydrate-binding modules. Studies have reported that xylan constitutes a major energy source during microbial fermentation, especially rumen microbiota (Thomson 1993). Hemicellulose is majorly composed of xylan compared to the other sugar constituents. Degradation and conversion of xylan is performed by three classes of enzymes such as endo- β -1-4-xylanase (EnX), exo- β -1-4-xylanase (ExX) and β -1-4-D-xylosidases (BX) (Saha and Bothast 1999; Subramaniyan and Prema 2002). The EnX randomly cleaves xylan backbone from inside resulting in long chains of xylan oligomers, and later BX cleaves the above obtained xylo-oligomers to xylose monomers (Saha and Bothast 1999; Subramaniyan and Prema 2002). Contrastingly, ExX attacks directly on the reducing ends of xylan backbone resulting in short chains of xylan oligomers with degree of polymerization >2 to 3 further releasing xyloses from the oligomer (Ganju et al. 1989; Honda and Kitaoka 2004; Juturu and Wu 2014; Kubata et al. 1994). α -L-arabinofuranosidase are second most important class of hemicellulolytic enzymes which are involved in breakdown of arabinoxylans, arabinogalactans. Studies have also reported that xylanases, acetyl xylan esterases

Table 3 Distribution of cellulose-degrading CAZymes among different classes of glycoside hydrolases, auxiliary activity and carbohydrate-binding modules

CAZymes involved in cellulose degradation	
Endo- β -1,4-glucanase/cellulase	GH5; GH6; GH7; GH8; GH9; GH10; GH12; GH26; GH44; GH45; GH48; GH51; GH74; GH124
β -Glucosidase	GH1; GH2; GH3; GH5; GH9; GH30; GH39; GH116
Cellulose β -1,4-cellobiosidase	GH5; GH6; GH9
LPMO	AA9; AA10; AA15
Cellobiose dehydrogenase	AA3
GMC-oxidoreductases	AA3
Exo- β -1,4-glucanase/cellobiohydrolase	GH1; GH3; GH5; GH9
Cellulose-binding domain	CBM1; CBM2; CBM3; CBM4; CBM6; CBM8; CBM9; CBM10; CBM16; CBM17; CBM28; CBM30; CBM37; CBM44; CBM46; CBM49; CBM59; CBM63; CBM64; CBM72

and α -L-arabinofuranosidase exhibit a strong synergism during the degradation of xylan chains. Similarly, enzymes such as β -glucosidases, β -mannosidases, glucan β -1,3-glucosidase, mannan endo- β -1,4-mannosidase, xyloglucan-specific endo- β -1,4-glucanase, glucuronoxarabinoxylan-specific endo- β -1,4-xylanase, arabinoxylan-specific endo- β -1,4-xylanase are involved in degradation of polymeric chains of glucuronoxylan, arabinoxylans, glucomannan and xyloglucans. Hemicellulose is differentially esterified by O-acetyl and methyl groups, which immediately ceases the enzymes activity toward hemicellulose (Sista Kameshwar and Qin 2018). However, fungi secrete a wide range of carbohydrate esterases for N- and O-deacetylation of hemicellulosic chains. The hemicellulose deacetylating acetyl xylan esterases are classified under the carbohydrate esterase families CE1, CE2, CE3, CE4, CE5, CE6 and CE7 (Sista Kameshwar and Qin 2018) (Table 4).

Results obtained from this systematic analysis have shown that selected *glomeromycota* fungi lack genes encoding for GH10, GH11, GH30, GH38, GH39, GH43, GH45, GH53 and GH115 and contain genes coding for CE4 and CE16 class enzymes. Similarly, the analyzed *mortierellomycotina* and *zoopagomycotina* fungal genomes completely lack genes encoding for GH10, GH11, GH30, GH39, GH53, GH115, CE1 and CE3 families. The analyzed fungal genomes belonging to *blastocladiomycota* and *chytridiomycota* lack genes encoding for GH11, GH39, GH43, GH45, GH115, CE1, CE2, CE3

and CE6 families. Compared to other selected fungal genomes, the analyzed *microsporidia* fungal genomes completely lack genes coding for hemicellulolytic glycoside hydrolases, whereas the selected *cryptomycota* fungi only code for GH31, GH38, GH47 and CE4 families. The selected *neocallimastigomycota* fungal genomes outnumbered in total number of hemicellulolytic CAZymes. However, the lowest number of hemicellulolytic glycoside hydrolase encoding genes were observed in *microsporidia* and *cryptomycota* with 1 and 13 (Table 7).

Pectinolytic potentials

Pectin is also heterogeneous in nature and are richly composed of D-galacturonic acid. In plant cell walls, it occurs as galacturonans, rhamnogalacturonans-I and II and it contains anhydrogalacturonic acid backbone which is partially esterified (by methyl groups) and acetylated (on C-2 and C-3 hydroxyl groups). Fungal degradation of pectin is performed by protopectinases, endo and exo-polygalacturonases and pectin methyl esterases. The pectinolytic enzymes are mostly distributed among the GH28, GH78, GH95, GH105, GH115 glycoside hydrolase families, CE8, CE12, CE16 carbohydrate esterases families and PL1, PL3, PL4, PL9, PL11 polysaccharide lyases families (Table 5).

Our systematic review revealed that the selected fungi belonging to *glomeromycota* (except for CE16 class), *microsporidia* and *cryptomycota* phyla have experienced serious loss of pectinolytic enzymes. The analyzed

Table 4 Distribution of hemicellulose-degrading CAZymes among different classes of glycoside hydrolases, auxiliary activity and carbohydrate-binding modules

CAZymes involved in hemicellulose degradation	
Endo- β -1,4-xylanase	GH3; GH5; GH8; GH9; GH10; GH11; GH12; GH16; GH26; GH30; GH43; GH44; GH51; GH62; GH98; GH141
β -Glucosidase	GH1; GH2; GH3; GH5; GH9; GH30; GH39; GH116
β -Mannosidase	GH1; GH2; GH5
β -Xylosidase	GH1; GH3; GH5; GH30; GH39; GH43; GH51; GH52; GH54; GH116; GH120
Glucan β -1,3-glucosidase	GH3; GH5; GH16; GH17; GH55
Mannan endo- β -1,4-mannosidase	GH5; GH9; GH26; GH44; GH113; GH134
α -L-Arabinofuranosidase	GH2; GH3; GH43; GH51; GH54; GH62; GH127; GH137; GH142; GH146
Xyloglucan-specific endo- β -1,4-glucanase	GH5; GH9; GH12; GH16; GH26; GH44; GH74
Glucuronoxarabinoxylan-specific endo- β -1,4-xylanase	GH30
Arabinoxylan-specific endo- β -1,4-xylanase	GH5
Acetyl xylan esterase	CE1; CE2; CE3; CE4; CE5; CE6; CE7; CE12; CE15
LPMO	AA9; AA14
Xylan binding modules	CBM2; CBM4; CBM6; CBM9; CBM13; CBM15; CBM22; CBM31; CBM35; CBM36; CBM37; CBM42; CBM54; CBM59; CBM60; CBM72
Mannan binding modules	CBM13; CBM16; CBM23; CBM27; CBM29; CBM35; CBM59; CBM62; CBM72; CBM76; CBM80
Arabinoxylan binding modules	CBM13; CBM42; CBM62
Xyloglucan binding modules	CBM44; CBM62; CBM65; CBM75; CBM76; CBM78; CBM80; CBM81

Table 5 Distribution of pectin-degrading CAZymes among different classes of glycoside hydrolases, auxiliary activity and carbohydrate-binding modules

CAZymes involved in pectin degradation	
Polygalacturonase; exo-polygalacturonase; exo-poly-galacturonosidase; rhamnogalacturonase; rhamnogalacturonan α -1,2-galacturonohydrolase	GH28
α -L-Rhamnosidase	GH28; GH33; GH78; GH106
Exo-polygalacturonase	GH4
Rhamnogalacturonan α -L-rhamnohydrolase	GH78; GH106
α -L-Arabinofuranosidase	GH2; GH3; GH10; GH43; GH51; GH54; GH62
Exo- α -L-1,5-arabinanase	GH93
β -Galactosidase	GH1; GH2; GH3; GH35; GH39; GH42; GH50; GH59; GH147
Pectate lyase	PL1; PL2; PL3; PL9; PL10
Exo-pectate lyase	PL1; PL2; PL9
Pectin lyase	PL1
Rhamnogalacturonan endolyase	PL4; PL9; PL11
Rhamnogalacturonan exolyase	PL11; PL26
Oligogalacturonate lyase	PL22
Pectin methylesterase	CE8
Pectin acetylerase; rhamnogalacturonan acetylerase	CE12
Pectin acetylerase	CE13
Acetylerase	CE6
Pectin-binding modules	CBM41; CBM77
Galactan-binding modules	CBM13; CBM32; CBM51; CBM61; CBM80
L-Rhamnose-binding modules	CBM67
Arabinogalactan-binding modules	CBM62

mortierellomycotina and *zoopagomycotina* fungal genomes completely lack genes encoding for PL1 (except Linpe1), PL3 (except Morel2 and Conco1), PL4, PL9, PL11, GH78, GH95 (except Lobtra1 and Morel2), GH105 (except Liccor1and Synrac1), GH115 and CE12 class enzymes. Similarly, the selected *chytridiomycota* and *blastocladiomycota* phyla fungal genomes also completely lack genes encoding for pectinolytic enzymes PL1(except Ganpr1), PL3 (except Catan2 and Ganpr1), PL4, PL9, PL11, GH28 (except Ganpr1 and Rhihy1), GH78(except Ganpr1), GH95 and GH105 (Ganpr1), GH115 and CE8 (except Ganpr1), CE12 (except Ganpr1). Compared to other selected phyla fungi, *neocallimastigomycota* phyla fungal genomes contain several genes encoding for all the pectinolytic enzymes distributed among glycoside hydrolases, carbohydrate esterases and polysaccharide lyases except PL9 (except Anasp1) and PL11 (except Neosp1). Importantly, the selected fungi belonging to *microsporidia* and *cryptomycota* phylum exhibited a complete loss of pectinolytic genes (Table 7).

Starch- and inulin-degrading potentials

Starch biosynthesis and depolymerizing CAZymes are distributed among glycoside hydrolases, glycosyl transferases, lytic polysaccharide monooxygenases, carbohydrate-binding modules. The amylases including

α -amylases, β -amylase, iso-amylases, glucoamylases are distributed among GH13, GH14, GH57, GH119 and GH126 classes, The inulin-depolymerizing CAZymes are distributed among glycoside hydrolases (GH32 and GH91) and CBM38 class (Kelly 2008; Mensink et al. 2015; Ronkart et al. 2007) (Table 6). Results obtained from our systematic review have shown that all the selected fungal

Table 6 Distribution of starch- and inulin-degrading CAZymes among different classes of glycoside hydrolases, auxiliary activity and carbohydrate-binding modules

CAZymes involved in starch degradation	
α -Amylase	GH13; GH14; GH57; GH119; GH126
LPMO	AA13
α -Glucosidase	GH4; GH31; GH63; GH97; GH122
Starch phosphorylase	GT35
Starch-binding modules	CBM20; CBM21; CBM25; CBM26; CBM34; CBM45; CBM53; CBM69; CBM74; CBM82; CBM83
CAZymes involved in inulin degradation	
Endo-inulinase	GH32
Exo-inulinase	GH32
Inulin lyase	GH91
Inulin-binding module	CBM38

Table 7 List of the lignocellulolytic potentials of the selected non-Dikarya fungi arranged in descending order

Phylum	Name	CAZy	C	H	L	P	S&I
Neocallimastigomycota	<i>Neocallimastix californiae</i>	2743	534	613	0	327	59
Neocallimastigomycota	<i>Piromyces finnis</i>	2282	344	423	0	185	35
Neocallimastigomycota	<i>Orpinomyces</i> sp.	2029	356	364	0	151	79
Neocallimastigomycota	<i>Anaeromyces robustus</i>	1766	240	288	0	99	57
Neocallimastigomycota	<i>Piromyces</i> sp. E2	1463	283	287	0	104	16
Mucoromycotina	<i>Rhizopus microsporus</i> var. <i>chinensis</i>	582	46	115	23	25	26
Chytridiomycota	<i>Rhizoclostratium globosum</i>	442	49	71	13	16	12
Mucoromycotina	<i>Rhizopus delemar</i>	417	28	98	13	33	19
Glomeromycota	<i>Gigaspora rosea</i>	406	46	54	66	2	10
Mucoromycotina	<i>Absidia repens</i>	391	22	77	16	8	12
Mucoromycotina	<i>Lichtheimia corymbifera</i>	362	23	71	14	17	16
Mucoromycotina	<i>Jimgerdemannia lactiflua</i>	355	39	86	16	21	16
Mucoromycotina	<i>Mucor circinelloides</i>	355	21	68	18	8	16
Monoblepharidomycetes	<i>Gonapodya prolifera</i>	338	67	80	16	43	16
Mucoromycotina	<i>Jimgerdemannia flammicorona</i>	337	30	76	19	33	18
Mucoromycotina	<i>Jimgerdemannia flammicorona</i>	336	32	75	19	27	12
Mucoromycotina	<i>Syncephalastrum racemosum</i>	326	26	67	12	30	15
Mucoromycotina	<i>Rhizopus microsporus</i> var. <i>microsporus</i>	313	24	69	11	16	13
Mucoromycotina	<i>Rhizopus microsporus</i>	311	23	65	11	16	14
Mortierellomycotina	<i>Mortierella elongata</i>	304	19	7	25	9	8
Entomophthoromycotina	<i>Conidiobolus coronatus</i>	303	23	38	38	4	9
Mucoromycotina	<i>Rhizopus microsporus</i> var. <i>microsporus</i>	302	24	63	11	15	14
Kickxellomycotina	<i>Linderina pennispora</i>	300	13	23	47	5	12
Mucoromycotina	<i>Hesseltinella vesiculosa</i>	296	15	50	16	5	14
Mucoromycotina	<i>Phycomyces blakesleeanus</i>	289	15	51	10	19	11
Mucoromycotina	<i>Endogone</i> sp. FLAS 59071	274	26	54	18	14	21
Mortierellomycotina	<i>Lobosporangium transversale</i>	252	18	5	31	7	8
Chytridiomycota	<i>Blyttomyces helicus</i>	225	28	60	23	46	6
Chytridiomycota	<i>Spizellomyces punctatus</i>	216	20	36	12	3	15
Glomeromycota	<i>Rhizophagus irregularis</i>	214	11	23	19	3	12
Glomeromycota	<i>Rhizophagus irregularis</i>	209	11	27	31	2	8
Glomeromycota	<i>Rhizophagus irregularis</i>	205	12	23	33	2	8
Glomeromycota	<i>Rhizophagus cerebriforme</i>	202	14	22	36	2	9
Glomeromycota	<i>Rhizophagus diaphanus</i>	196	12	24	31	2	8
Blastocladiomycota	<i>Catenaria anguillulae</i>	190	5	38	14	1	12
Kickxellomycotina	<i>Coemansia reversa</i>	187	15	25	33	3	7
Glomeromycota	<i>Rhizophagus irregularis</i>	182	12	22	17	2	7
Kickxellomycotina	<i>Dimargaris cristalligena</i>	169	3	20	18	2	7
Zoopagomycotina	<i>Thamnocephalis sphaerospora</i>	139	2	25	18	0	8
Chytridiomycota	<i>Caulochytrium protostelioides</i>	118	14	22	12	2	8
Zoopagomycotina	<i>Syncephalis pseudoplumigaleata</i>	113	10	22	6	0	5
Cryptomycota	<i>Rozella allomyces</i> CSF55	94	3	10	6	1	6
Cryptomycota	<i>Rozella allomyces</i>	92	3	11	5	1	7
Glomeromycota	<i>Rhizophagus irregularis</i>	90	12	21	17	2	7
Zoopagomycotina	<i>Piptocephalis cylindrospora</i>	79	3	12	10	0	3
Glomeromycota	<i>Rhizophagus irregularis</i>	60	10	16	22	0	4
Glomeromycota	<i>Rhizophagus irregularis</i>	52	7	16	19	1	2
Microsporidia	<i>Enterocytozoon bienewsi</i>	34	1	1	0	1	0
Microsporidia	<i>Nematocida parisii</i>	19	0	1	0	0	0

Table 7 (continued)

Phylum	Name	CAZy	C	H	L	P	S&I
Microsporidia	<i>Antonospora locustae</i>	14	0	2	0	0	0
Microsporidia	<i>Encephalitozoon cuniculi</i>	11	0	1	0	0	0
Microsporidia	<i>Encephalitozoon hellem</i>	11	0	1	0	0	0
Microsporidia	<i>Encephalitozoon intestinalis</i>	11	0	1	0	0	0
Microsporidia	<i>Encephalitozoon romaleae</i>	11	0	1	0	0	0
Microsporidia	<i>Nosema ceranae</i>	10	0	0	0	0	0

CAZy CAZymes, C cellulolytic, H hemicellulolytic, L ligninolytic, P pectinolytic, S&I starch and inulin

genomes lack several CAZyme families including GH4, GH14, GH57, GH119, GH122, GH126, CBM34, CBM45, CBM53, CBM69, CBM74, CBM82 and AA13 (Table 6). We have observed that among the selected fungal genomes neocallimastigomycota fungi exhibited highest number of starch- and inulin-degrading CAZymes. Contrastingly, selected microsporidia, cryptomycota, zoopagomycota fungal genomes exhibited lowest number of starch- and inulin-degrading CAZymes (Table 7).

Conclusion

Several studies were continuously being conducted in the last two decades to understand and reveal the plant biomass-degrading abilities of fungi. The development of next-generation sequencing studies has also significantly helped in understanding the genomic complexities and molecular mechanisms underlying several biological processes. However, most of these sequencing studies were mainly focused on fungi belonging to *Basidiomycota* and *Ascomycota* phyla. In our present study, we have retrieved and compared the genome-wide annotations of fungi belonging to *glomeromycota*, *zygomycota*, *chytridiomycota*, *blastocladiomycota*, *neocallimastigomycota*, *microsporidia* and *cryptomycota* phyla. We have specifically analyzed and compared the genes encoding for plant cell wall-degrading enzymes and the molecular mechanisms involved in plant biomass degradation. Results obtained in our study show that fungi belonging to *microsporidia* and *cryptomycota* have experienced serious loss of several genes encoding for plant cell wall component-degrading enzymes. Contrastingly, the analyzed fungi belonging to *neocallimastigomycota* phyla have exhibited extraordinary genomic potentials to degrade plant cell wall carbohydrates. The analyzed fungi belonging to *glomeromycota* have exhibited higher number of genes distributed under the xenobiotic biodegradation metabolism pathways compared to all the other selected fungi. Results obtained in our study can be used for finding efficient fungal strains from these selected phyla for developing commercially valuable products. However, analyzing just the genome-wide distribution of

fungal CAZymes is not enough as it does not completely correspond to the fungal lignocellulolytic abilities. Thus, understanding the genome-wide CAZyme distributions mainly highlights the lignocellulolytic potential of the selected fungi. Developing efficient recombinant microbial strains will have various industrial benefits including (a) biofuel industries (conversion of plant biomass components to commercially valuable products), (b) bioremediation industries (detoxification and biodegradation of toxic environmental pollutants).

Abbreviations

CAZy: carbohydrate active enzymes; KOG: eukaryotic orthologous groups; KEGG: Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes; GH: glycoside hydrolases; GT: glycosyl transferases; CBM: carbohydrate-binding modules; PL: polysaccharide lyases; CE: carbohydrate esterases; AA: auxiliary activity; AAM: amino acid metabolism; BpNp: biosynthesis of polyketides and non-ribosomal peptides; BSM: biosynthesis of secondary metabolites; CM: carbohydrate metabolism; EM: energy metabolism; GBM: glycan biosynthesis and metabolism; LM: lipid metabolism; MCV: metabolism of cofactors and vitamins; MAA: metabolism of other amino acids; NM: nucleotide metabolism; O: overview; XBM: xenobiotics biodegradation and metabolism; V: fungal defense mechanisms; G: carbohydrate transport and metabolism; Q: secondary metabolite biosynthesis, transport and catabolism; C: energy production and conversion; SM clusters: secondary metabolite clusters; NRPS: non-ribosomal peptide synthetases; PKS: polyketide synthetases; TC: terpene cyclases.

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