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In this paper, we report on phylogenetic analysis of mycorrhizal *Rhizoctonia* which was isolated from wild *Phalaenopsis amabilis* L. (Blume) in Indonesia. This is significant because it is the first taxonomic data related to mycorrhizal *Rhizoctonia* from Indonesia. The *Rhizoctonia* was separated from other isolates on another countries. The data could be add to the global data of mycorrhizal *Rhizoctonia*. The paper should be of interest to readers in the areas of mycology, plant pathology, and conservation because the mycorrhizal *Rhizoctonia* has a number of role in environment, one of which is to prevent *Odontoglossum ringspot virus* and *Cymbidium mosaic virus* replication.

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5 **INTRODUCTION**
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8 *Phalaenopsis* is a genus of orchids, which some of its members have important role as parent
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10 crosses (Sarwono, 2002). Approximately 30 of the total 62 species are spread throughout Indonesia.
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12 The presence of this genus in its native habitat (nature) has been reported to have greatly diminished,
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14 even some of the members have been recorded to the IUCN red list version 2013.2 (IUCN, 2013) due
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16 to excessive exploration and forest degradation (Johanis et al., 2001). Thus, it is very necessary to
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18 conserve the existence of wild *Phalaenopsis* orchids in Indonesia through the efforts of preservation
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20 and protection of plants.
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25 Infections by bacteria, fungi, and viruses are still major obstacles in conducting cultivation and
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27 development of wild orchids in Indonesia (Aruni *et al.*, 2011). Cultivating and protecting *Phalaenopsis*
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29 sp. against diseases in Indonesia could be done through the induction of endophytic microorganisms
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31 (Tanawy, 2009), which includes the Orchid Mycorrhizal Fungi (OMF). Endophytic microorganisms are
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33 biological agents that can prevent and reduce the severity of disease caused by infectious pathogens by
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35 producing enzymes and secondary metabolites that are antagonistic (Harish et al., 2008), which in
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37 addition can also help the growth and development of plants. One type of OMF which have been
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39 isolated and identified is *Rhizoctonia* sp. (Suryantini, 2015).
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45 *Rhizoctonia solani* could induce the resistance of *Phalaenopsis* sp. against infections by
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47 *Erwinia chrysanthemi* causing soft root disease (Wu et al., 2010), fungal infection by *Fusarium* sp.
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49 causing rotten stems, leaves, and shoots, as well as inhibit the replication *Odontoglossum ringspot virus*
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51 (ORSV) and *Cymbidium mosaic virus* (CymMV) (Tong, 2014). In addition for playing a role as
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53 biological control agents in crop protection (Otero et al., 2013), in general OMF has a role in
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55 stimulating the germination of orchid seeds (Andersen and Rasmussen, 1996), in supporting the
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3 provision of nutrients for growth and development of plantlets (Moreno, et al., 2000; Wu et al., 2011),
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5 and in helping the establishment of more buds and flowers (Moreno, et al., 2000). In this research, the
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7 identification of *Rhizoctonia solani* was molecularly conducted through analysis of rDNA-ITS
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9 sequence isolated from *Phalaenopsis amabilis* grown in Indonesia. This research was expected to
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11 become the basic information on the development of cultivation and protection of nature orchids and
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13 where possible, on the prevention of the occurrence of the mentioned diseases in Indonesia.
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20 **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

21 **Plants Materials**

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25 The sampling of healthy roots of *Phalaenopsis amabilis* was conducted at four different
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27 locations: orchid garden in Condong Catur and Parakan (Yogyakarta), Balikpapan Botanical Garden
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29 (East Kalimantan), and Sultan Adam Forest (South Kalimantan). On the separated study, isolation
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31 results showed positive samples of mycorrhizal endophyte *Rhizoctonia* sp. based on morphological and
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33 microscopical analysis.
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37 **Molecular Analysis**

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39 Genomic DNA isolation was performed using techniques modified from
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41 *cetyltrimethylammonium bromide* (CTAB) method (Doyle and Doyle, 1987) on samples of pure
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43 cultures of isolated mycorrhizal endophyte *Rhizoctonia solani*. Genomic DNA was PCR amplified
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45 according to the manual instructions of *GoTaq® Green PCR mix* (Promega). Predenaturation reaction
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47 and amplification was carried out using methods by Nadarajah et al. (2014), with a pair of universal
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49 primers, rDNA-ITS1 (5'-TCCGTAGGTGAACCTGCGG-3') and rDNA-ITS4 (5'-
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53 agarose gel stained with ethidium bromide and 100 bp *Vivantis DNA ladder* was used as marker. The
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3 visualized DNA bands indicated the length of the targeted base pairs of rDNA-ITS, which were
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5 subjected to sequencing.
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7 **Phylogenetic analysis**

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10 Sequencing results were analyzed using *Sequence Scanner* software; the nucleotide sequences
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12 were combined using *EditSeq* and *SeqMan* of the *Software Suite for Sequence Analysis DNASTAR*
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14 *Lasergene DM Version 3.0.25*. *BLAST* software was used to determine and to compare the sequence
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16 homology with the data contained in the DDBJ database. Comparison between sequences of isolates
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18 was carried out using *Algorithm Multiple Alignment Parameters DNA* with *Kimura-2 Parameters*,
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20 relationship and phylogenetic analysis using the *Neighbour Joining* of *MEGA 5 Beta* program.
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29 **RESULTS**

30 **Sample Collection**

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33 A total of 12 samples of healthy roots of *Phalaenopsis amabilis* were isolated from 4 different
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35 locations, such as orchid garden in Condong Catur and Parakan (Yogyakarta), Balikpapan Botanical
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37 Garden (East Kalimantan), and Sultan Adam Forest (South Kalimantan). Positive result of *Rhizoctonia*
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39 sp. was found from orchid garden in Parakan (Figure 1), which had colony characteristic traits i.e.
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41 yellowish to white color, colony appearance like a cotton, 90° branching hyphae shape, binucleate, with
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43 colony growth rate of 0.72 mm/hour, referring to Currah and Zelmer (1992) and Shan et al. (2002).
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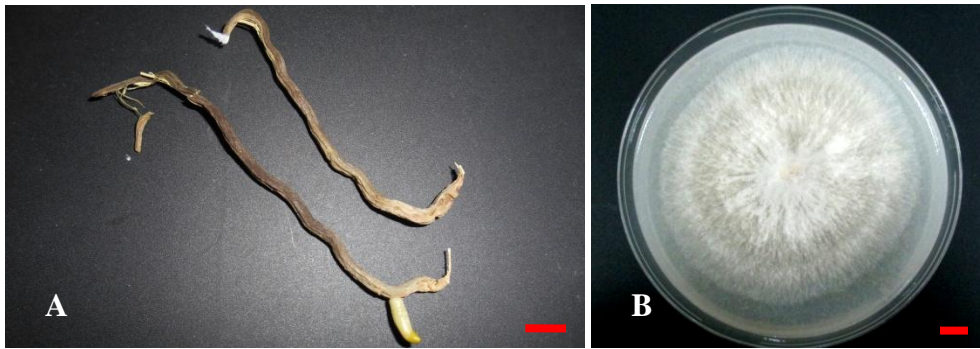


Figure 1. Sample collections of root of *Phalaenopsis amabilis* orchid (A) and *Rhizoctonia* isolate (B) from Parakan (Yogyakarta). Bar size 1 cm.

Molecular Analysis

ITS rDNA amplification results showed a specific band with a size between 600 and 750 bp (Figure 2) similar to that reported by Johansson et al. (1998), Nadarajah et al. (2014), and Pannecoucq et al. (2008).

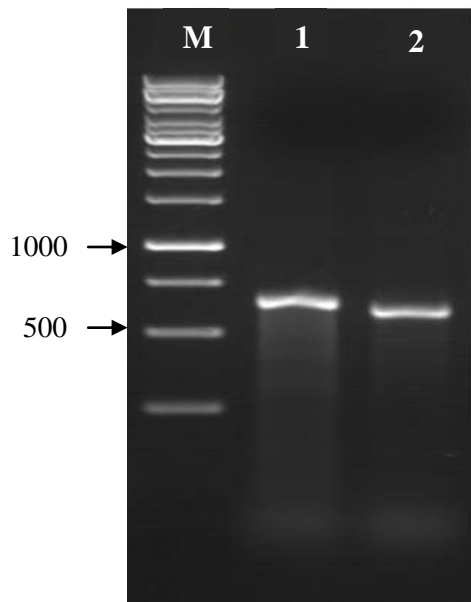


Figure 2. Results of ITS rDNA amplification on endophyte mycorrhizae *Rhizoctonia solani*; M = Marker (1 kb), 1 and 2 = Mychorrizae Parakan (MP)

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3 Internal transcribed spacer (ITS) is an area of the nuclear ribosomal DNA (nrDNA), which has
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5 the role of providing important information on the reconstruction of phylogenetic trees at different
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7 taxonomic levels (Bayer et al., 1996), as well as similarity at the level of intrageneric (Lee et al., 2010).
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10 Sequencing results were combined and analyzed using *DNASTAR Lasergene DM Version*
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12 3.0.25. Total number of nucleotide of MP isolates which successfully scanned was 661 with 41.4% GC
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14 content. Analysis results were obtained by incorporating sequences to <http://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/> site
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16 and confirmed that MP isolates were *Rhizoctonia* sp., which belong to the *Ceratobasidium*. Sneh et al.
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18 (1991) and Sharon et al. (2008) explained that genus *Rhizoctonia* in the anamorphic classification is
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20 divided into 3 main category: multinucleate *Rhizoctonia* (teleomorphs: *Thanatephorus* and *Waitea*),
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22 binucleate *Rhizoctonia* (teleomorphs: *Ceratobasidium* and *Tulasnella*), and uninucleate *Rhizoctonia*
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24 (teleomorph: *Ceratobasidium*). Based on microscopic observation, MP isolates were found to be
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26 binucleate (data not shown). Furthermore, search analysis of homologous sequences carried out using
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28 BLAST on NCBI site resulted in 47 sequences indicating a close relationship with high level of
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32 *Rhizoctonia* sp isolates, a non-pathogenic (endophyte) associating with the root of orchid (OMF).
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Table 1. Blast hits of *Rhizoctonia sp* (MP isolate) with *Ceratobasidium* rDNA-ITS sequence as query.

ID/accession	Organisms	Country	Totally bases	Max score
·gi 70906627 gb DQ102402.1	Ceratobasidium sp. AG-G isolate Str14	USA	679 bp	1186
·gi 70906626 gb DQ102401.1	Ceratobasidium sp. AG-G isolate Str16	Israel	680 bp	1186
·gi 70906624 gb DQ102399.1	Ceratobasidium sp. AG-G isolate Str31	Israel	680 bp	1186
gi 27527695 emb AJ318420.1	Rhizoctonia sp. VJ15	Singapore	655 bp	1184
gi 762006709 gb KP053814.1	Uncultured Ceratobasidiaceae clone GX2-1	China	725 bp	1182
·gi 630156424 gb KJ495964.1	Ceratobasidium sp. ANOF2	Taiwan	656 bp	1181
gi 528466578 gb KC825348.1	Rhizoctonia sp. AG-G isolate VRU-R3	Iran	694 bp	1181
gi 27527702 emb AJ318427.1	Rhizoctonia sp. M2ao1	Singapore	656 bp	1179
·gi 440494654 gb JX545228.1	Uncultured Ceratobasidiaceae clone DOf- YC26	China	725 bp	1177
·gi 70906625 gb DQ102400.1	Ceratobasidium sp. AG-G isolate Str35	Israel	681 bp	1177
·gi 639127333 gb KJ573103.1	Ceratobasidium sp. ZeuS1-1	Taiwan	657 bp	1175
·gi 70906622 gb DQ102397.1	Ceratobasidium sp. AG-G isolate Gm2	USA	679 bp	1175
·gi 630156432 gb KJ495972.1	Uncultured Ceratobasidiaceae clone TANOF2	Taiwan	652 bp	1173
gi 27527708 emb AJ318433.1	Rhizoctonia solani	Singapore	655 bp	1171
·gi 440494653 gb JX545227.1	Uncultured Ceratobasidiaceae clone DOf- YC11	China	725 bp	1168
gi 730911079 gb KM488566.1	Rhizoctonia sp. RM	Argentina	656 bp	1164
gi 27527704 emb AJ318429.1	Rhizoctonia sp. Abn1-2	Singapore	655 bp	1155

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ID/accession	Organisms	Country	Totally bases	Max score
gi 342349580 gb JF519837.1	Rhizoctonia sp. AG-G culture-collection CRA-COLMIA:Rh202	Italy	677 bp	1155
gi 342349578 gb JF519835.1	Rhizoctonia sp. AG-G culture-collection CRA-COLMIA:Rh190	Italy	674 bp	1147
gi 154082130 gb EU002954.1	Uncultured Ceratobasidium clone 3b	USA	638 bp	1147
gi 154082121 gb EU002945.1	Uncultured Ceratobasidium clone 1g	USA	639 bp	1146
gi 312271011 gb HM623627.1	Ceratobasidium sp. AG-G isolate G-1B	China	632 bp	1142
gi 154082129 gb EU002953.1	Uncultured Ceratobasidium clone 3a	USA	637 bp	1133
gi 71842199 gb DQ097889.1	Ceratobasidium sp. AG-G internal transcribed spacer 1	Japan	1500 bp	1122
gi 146186352 gb EF536969.1	Ceratobasidium sp. FPUB	India	617 bp	1118
gi 532733808 gb KF171076.1	Ceratorhiza sp. R63	Cuba	657 bp	1112
gi 532733724 gb KF171071.1	Ceratorhiza sp. 61	Cuba	663 bp	1112
gi 62861810 gb AY927319.1	Rhizoctonia sp. AG-G isolate R11	Italy	617 bp	1112
gi 303305918 gb HM625909.1	Ceratobasidium sp. AG-G isolate RH169	Italy	635 bp	1107
gi 303305917 gb HM625908.1	Ceratobasidium sp. AG-G isolate RH168	Italy	636 bp	1105
gi 303305916 gb HM625907.1	Ceratobasidium sp. AG-G isolate RH167	Italy	637 bp	1105
gi 62861820 gb AY927329.1	Rhizoctonia sp. AG-G isolate R25	Italy	617 bp	1105
gi 62861814 gb AY927323.1	Rhizoctonia sp. AG-G isolate R16	Italy	617 bp	1105
gi 62861818 gb AY927327.1	Rhizoctonia sp. AG-G isolate R22	Italy	618 bp	1103
gi 62861811 gb AY927320.1	Rhizoctonia sp. AG-G isolate R13	Italy	616 bp	1103

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gi 61612749 gb AY738627.1	Rhizoctonia sp. AG-G isolate R1	Italy	616 bp	1103
gi 62861839 gb AY927348.1	Rhizoctonia sp. AG-G isolate R56	Italy	618 bp	1101
gi 18181854 emb AJ242897.1	Rhizoctonia sp. C-653	Spain	659 bp	1098
gi 300303968 gb HM597133.1	Ceratobasidium sp. AG-G	USA	618 bp	1096
gi 224830295 gb FJ752627.1	Fungal sp. JIA3-1-1	China	614 bp	1085
gi 560940585 gb KF688126.1	Fungal sp. RTB2	India	602 bp	1083
gi 407741913 gb JX514383.1	Ceratobasidium sp. Ano_formo2	Taiwan	596 bp	1077
gi 83272293 gb DQ279043.1	Ceratobasidium sp. YA18	Netherlands	599 bp	1075
gi 62861815 gb AY927324.1	Rhizoctonia sp. AG-G isolate R17	Italy	592 bp	1062
gi 184186845 gb EU605732.1	Ceratobasidium sp. RR-2008	India	594 bp	1059
gi 67763786 dbj AB196646.1	Ceratobasidium sp. AG-G	Japan	560 bp	1059
gi 67763787 dbj AB196647.1	Ceratobasidium sp. AG-G	Japan	560 bp	1005

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39 The whole isolates originated from various countries in Asia (Israel, China, Taiwan, Japan, Iran,
40 Singapore, and India), America (USA, Cuba, and Argentina), and Europe (Italy, Netherlands and
41 Spain). Some isolates of *Rhizoctonia* sp., the *Ceratobasidium*, was collected from the roots of *Vanda*
42 miss Joaquim (AJ318420) and Brite Ng (AJ318429) orchids, and also from the roots of other plants
43 such as *Rosa hybrida* cv. Linda (KC825348), strawberry *Fragaria x ananassa* (AY927319) and apples
44 (EU002945.1). Total bases amplified from each isolate ranged from 560 to 725 bp, except from
45 DQ097889.1 isolate with a total amplified base of 1500 bp. Maximum *BLAST* score between isolates
46 ranged from 1005 to 1186 with homology (ident.) 99% and query cover ranged from 84 to 99%.
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Analysis on 14 other *Rhizoctonia* sp. isolates selected based on the distribution area of each different country, showed that isolates from Indonesia were highly different from those of other countries with similarity index (IS) ranging from 45.2 to 49.9% (Figure 3). It was clear that isolates from Indonesia has been undergoing speciation and are different from isolates from other countries.

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6	100,0	99,5	99,7	99,8	99,8	100									
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10	99,7	99,7	99,8	100,0	99,7	99,8	99,8	96,6	100,0	100					
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14	99,8	99,7	99,8	100,0	99,7	99,8	99,8	98,7	100,0	100,0	99,8	99,8	99,8	100	
15	46,7	46,5	46,9	46,7	46,8	46,6	45,2	46,1	46,7	45,7	46,5	46,9	45,3	46,7	100

Figure 3. Matrix of similarity level percentage of the obtained *Rhizoctonia* sp. nucleotide sequences analyzed using *DNASTAR Lasergene program DM Version 3.0.25*. %: Percentage of Identity; 1: Singapore; 2: Spain; 3: Taiwan; 4: America; 5: Argentina; 6: Netherland; 7: China; 8: Cuba; 9 : India; 10: Singapore; 11: Iran; 12: Israel; 13: Italy; 14: Japan; 15: Indonesia.

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3 Alignment result of nucleotide sequences of 15 *Rhizoctonia* sp. isolates (*Ceratobasidium* group)
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5 showed high occurrence of point mutations in isolates from Indonesian, which were largely insertions
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7 and substitutions. Of the 606 total bases aligned, there were 44 bases having substitution consisting of
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9 21 transition and 23 transversion bases.
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12 Each of these mutations had an influence on changes in amino acids formed. Of the total 194
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14 amino acids belonging to isolates from Indonesia, some of which had very different percentage from
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20 1.8%, 2.3%, 3, 1%, and 4.73%, respectively, of total average. Several other amino acids had also
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30 It appeared that the resulted amino acid changes had enormous influence in the process of
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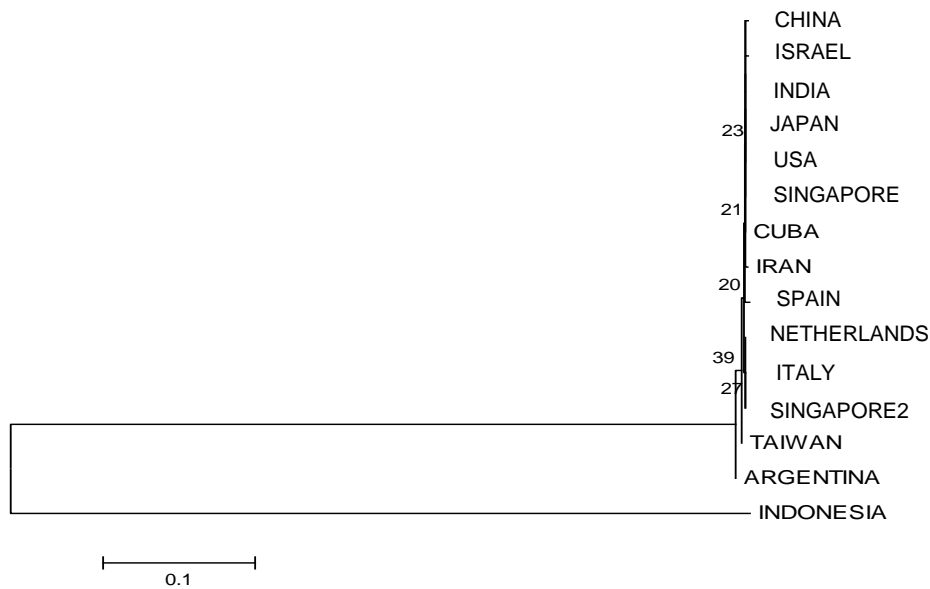


Figure 4. Reconstruction of phylogenetic trees of *Rhizoctonia* sp. isolates based on nucleotide sequences with *Maximum Parsimony* method with *Bootstrap-1000* approach

Discussions

Maximum Parsimony method with *Bootstrap-1000* approach classify the data based on specific characters (discrete character states) on which nucleotide sequences are used to obtain information about evolution through evolutionary data changes. The results of analysis were classified based on distribution on the geographical areas. A lengthy branch, which well separating between the two groups, indicated that isolates from Indonesia had considerably evolved and it led to speciation events. Such changes in sequence through mutation was supported by the ability of the mycorrhizal itself to adapt to environmental changes as well as to its host range. The adaptability of mycorrhizal is strongly influenced by the presence of amino acid changes due to mutations that alter the function of genes which they arrange.

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3 The reconstruction of phylogenetic tree, in addition to explaining relationship based on
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5 geographic regions, also determine the origin and history of distribution of the isolates. Trading
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9 infected by *Rhizoctonia* sp. is most likely the cause of its spreading. Indonesia is known as an importer
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11 country of orchid plant seedlings from Asian countries such as Thailand, Singapore, Taiwan, and
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13 China (Lakani, 2011; Somowiyarjo, 2016), and possibly have imported seedling and fruit of apple
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15 and strawberry plants from other countries such as India and Italy that had been reported infected by
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19 to allow distribution activities of orchids between the two countries.
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25 This study results proved that nucleotide sequences and amino acid of *Rhizoctonia* sp. isolates
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27 from Indonesia were different with other isolates from another country (Asia, Europe, and America)
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29 due to adaptation to various environmental conditions. Furthermore, the mutations are capable of
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31 causing the *Rhizoctonia* sp. to lose its ability to infect and to associate with host plants. Another
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33 possible result of mutations is that *Rhizoctonia* sp. could have the ability to infect plants while showing
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35 pathogenic characters or otherwise become mycorrhizal endophytic.
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40 One way to control pathogens of orchids is by using biological control, such as the mechanisms
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42 of mycorrhizal resistance induction. *Rhizoctonia solani* as OMF has a role as a biological agent in
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44 disease control (Otero *et al.*, 2013) including infection of ORSV (Tong, 2014). This study results
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46 clarified the MP sequence as OMF *Rhizoctonia* sp. isolates from Indonesia based on identification of
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48 its rDNA-ITS sequences. Furthermore, this study was expected to be the basic information beneficial
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50 for the improvement of cultivation effort as well as for the development of biocontrol agents through
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52 natural orchid protection against pathogens and diseases.
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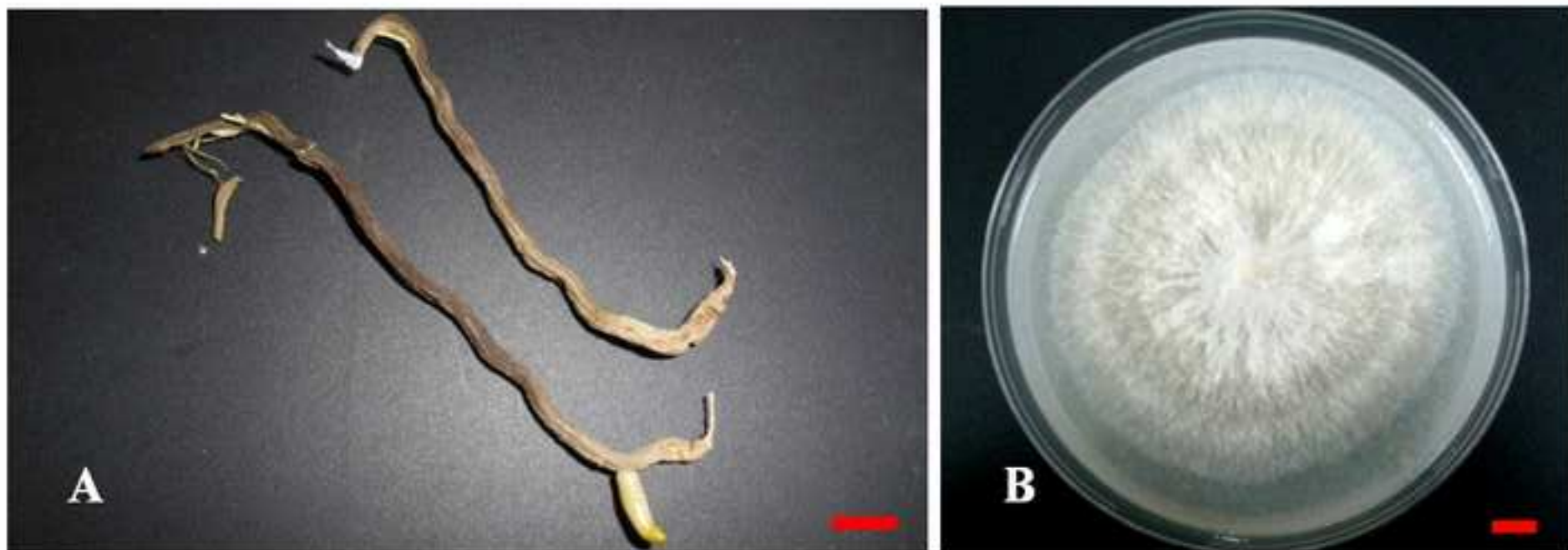


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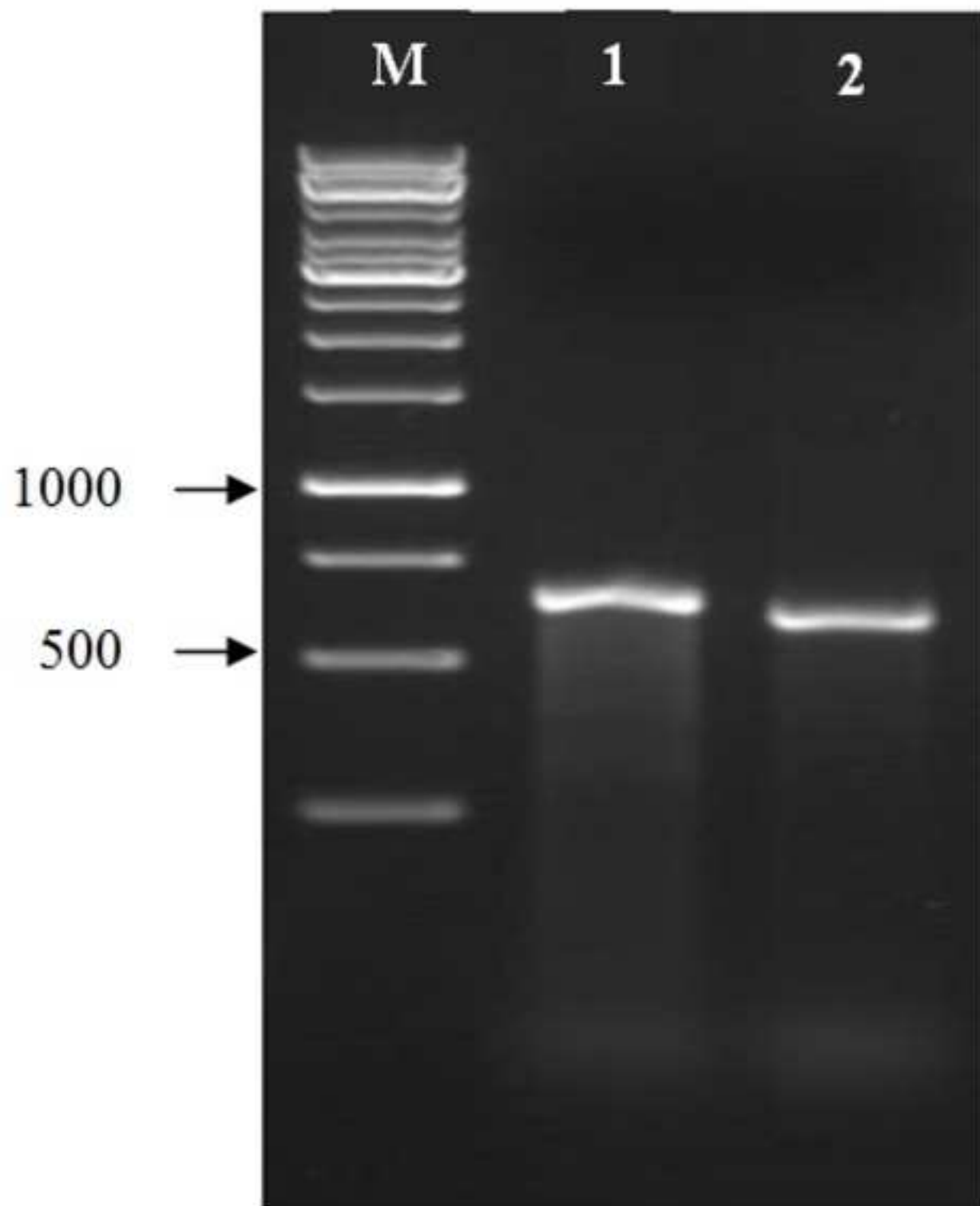


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Table 1. Blast hits of *Rhizoctonia* sp (MP isolate) with *Ceratobasidium* rDNA-ITS sequence as query.

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gi 70906624 gb DQ102399.1	Ceratobasidium sp. AG-G isolate Str31	Israel	680 bp	1186
gi 27527695 emb AJ318420.1	Rhizoctonia sp. VJ15	Singapore	655 bp	1184
gi 762006709 gb KP053814.1	Uncultured Ceratobasidiaceae clone GX2-1	China	725 bp	1182
gi 630156424 gb KJ495964.1	Ceratobasidium sp. ANOF2	Taiwan	656 bp	1181
gi 528466578 gb KC825348.1	Rhizoctonia sp. AG-G isolate VRU-R3	Iran	694 bp	1181
gi 27527702 emb AJ318427.1	Rhizoctonia sp. M2ao1	Singapore	656 bp	1179
gi 440494654 gb JX545228.1	Uncultured Ceratobasidiaceae clone DOf- YC26	China	725 bp	1177
gi 70906625 gb DQ102400.1	Ceratobasidium sp. AG-G isolate Str35	Israel	681 bp	1177
gi 639127333 gb KJ573103.1	Ceratobasidium sp. ZeuS1-1	Taiwan	657 bp	1175
gi 70906622 gb DQ102397.1	Ceratobasidium sp. AG-G isolate Gm2	USA	679 bp	1175
gi 630156432 gb KJ495972.1	Uncultured Ceratobasidiaceae clone TANOF2	Taiwan	652 bp	1173
gi 27527708 emb AJ318433.1	Rhizoctonia solani	Singapore	655 bp	1171
gi 440494653 gb JX545227.1	Uncultured Ceratobasidiaceae clone DOf- YC11	China	725 bp	1168
gi 730911079 gb KM488566.1	Rhizoctonia sp. RM	Argentina	656 bp	1164
gi 27527704 emb AJ318429.1	Rhizoctonia sp. Abn1-2	Singapore	655 bp	1155

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gi 154082121 gb EU002945.1	Uncultured Ceratobasidium clone 1g	USA	639 bp	1146
gi 312271011 gb HM623627.1	Ceratobasidium sp. AG-G isolate G-1B	China	632 bp	1142
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gi 146186352 gb EF536969.1	Ceratobasidium sp. FPUB	India	617 bp	1118
gi 532733808 gb KF171076.1	Ceratorhiza sp. R63	Cuba	657 bp	1112
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·gi 62861815 gb AY927324.1	Rhizoctonia sp. AG-G isolate R17	Italy	592 bp	1062
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