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## Studies on *Wrightoporia* from China 2. A new species and three new records from South China

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**ABSTRACT** — During a taxonomic study on *Wrightoporia* from South China, four species new to China were collected: *W. cinnamomea*, *W. labyrinthina*, *W. ochrocrocea*, and a new species described as *W. biennis*. *Wrightoporia biennis* is characterized by a biennial growth habit, non- to weakly dextrinoid and distinctly narrow skeletal hyphae, abundant thick-walled gloeoplerous hyphae, presence of thin-walled cystidia, and asperulate basidiospores. Illustrations and descriptions of these species are provided based on the Chinese materials.

**KEY WORDS** — *Bondarzewiaceae*, polypore, taxonomy, wood-inhabiting fungi

### Introduction

*Wrightoporia* Pouzar was established for the type species, *W. lenta* (Overh. & J. Lowe) Pouzar, by Pouzar (1966). The main characters for the genus are the resupinate to pileate basidiocarps, an annual to perennial growth habit, a monomitic to trimitic hyphal structure, and amyloid asperulate basidiospores (David & Rajchenberg 1987, Ryvarden 1982). Of the 40 species described or transferred to the genus worldwide (Hattori 2003, 2008; Ryvarden 2000), 15 have been recorded in China (Chen & Yu 2012; Cui & Dai 2006; Dai 2012; Dai & Cui 2006; Dai et al. 2011).

Wood-inhabiting fungi in southern China have been extensively studied, and many new polypores have been described recently (Cui & Dai 2011; Cui et al. 2009, 2010, 2011; Dai et al. 2010, 2011; Du & Cui 2009; Jia & Cui 2011; Li & Cui 2010). During taxonomic studies of polypores in southern China, one new species and three new Chinese records of *Wrightoporia* were identified from our collected samples. Their detailed descriptions and illustrations are given in this paper.

### Materials & methods

Sections were studied microscopically according to Dai (2010) at magnifications  $\leq 1000\times$  using a Nikon Eclipse E 80i microscope with phase contrast illumination.

Drawings were made with the aid of a drawing tube. Microscopic features, measurements and drawings were made from slide preparations stained with Cotton Blue and Melzer's reagent. Spores were measured from sections cut from the tubes. To present spore size variation, the 5% of measurements excluded from each end of the range are given in parentheses. Basidiospore spine lengths are not included in the measurements. Abbreviations include IKI = Melzer's reagent, IKI- = negative in Melzer's reagent, KOH = 5% potassium hydroxide, CB = Cotton Blue, CB+ = cyanophilous, CB- = acyanophilous, L = mean spore length (arithmetic average of all spores), W = mean spore width (arithmetic average of all spores), Q = variation in the L/W ratios between the specimens studied, and n = number of spores measured from given number of specimens. Special color terms follow Petersen (1996). The studied specimens were deposited in herbaria as cited below.

### Taxonomy

*Wrightoporia biennis* Jia J. Chen & B.K. Cui, sp. nov.

FIG. 1

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Differs from other *Wrightoporia* species by a biennial growth habit, hard resupinate basidiocarps with tiny pores, non- to weakly dextrinoid distinctly narrow skeletal hyphae, abundant thick-walled gloeoplerous hyphae, and thin-walled cystidia.

TYPE — China, Yunnan Province, Xi-Shuang-Banna, Mengla County, Wangtianshu Park, on fallen angiosperm trunk, 2.XI.2009, Cui 8506 (holotype, BJFC).

ETYMOLOGY — *biennis* (Lat.): referring to the biennial growth habit.

FRUITBODY — Basidiocarps biennial, resupinate, inseparable, hard corky upon drying,  $\leq 10.5$  cm long, 7 cm wide, 4 mm thick at center. Pore surface buff-yellow to fawn-brown when dry; pores round to angular, 6–9 per mm; dissepiments thin to slightly thick-walled, entire. Sterile margin distinct, yellowish to brown, corky,  $\leq 5$  mm wide. Subiculum buff to cinnamon-brown, corky,  $\leq 3$  mm thick. Tubes concolorous with the pore surface, hard corky,  $\leq 1$  mm long.

HYPHAL STRUCTURE — Hyphal system dimitic; generative hyphae with clamp connections; skeletal hyphae CB-, weakly dextrinoid near the tube mouths, otherwise IKI-; tissues becoming dark brown in KOH. Abundant oily substance present in trama and subiculum.

SUBICULUM — Generative hyphae frequent, hyaline, thin- to slightly thick-walled, moderately branched, partly encrusted with yellowish, irregular crystals, 1–5  $\mu\text{m}$  in diam; skeletal hyphae common, hyaline to light orange, thick-walled with a narrow lumen, rarely branched, flexuous, interwoven, rarely encrusted with hyaline to yellowish, irregular crystals, 2–3  $\mu\text{m}$  in diam; gloeoplerous hyphae present, thick-walled with granular to oily contents appearing refractive in phase contrast, 4–8  $\mu\text{m}$  in diam.

TUBES — Generative hyphae infrequent, thin- to slightly thick-walled, frequently branched, partly encrusted with hyaline to yellowish, irregular crystals, 1–2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  in diam; skeletal hyphae dominant, hyaline to light orange,

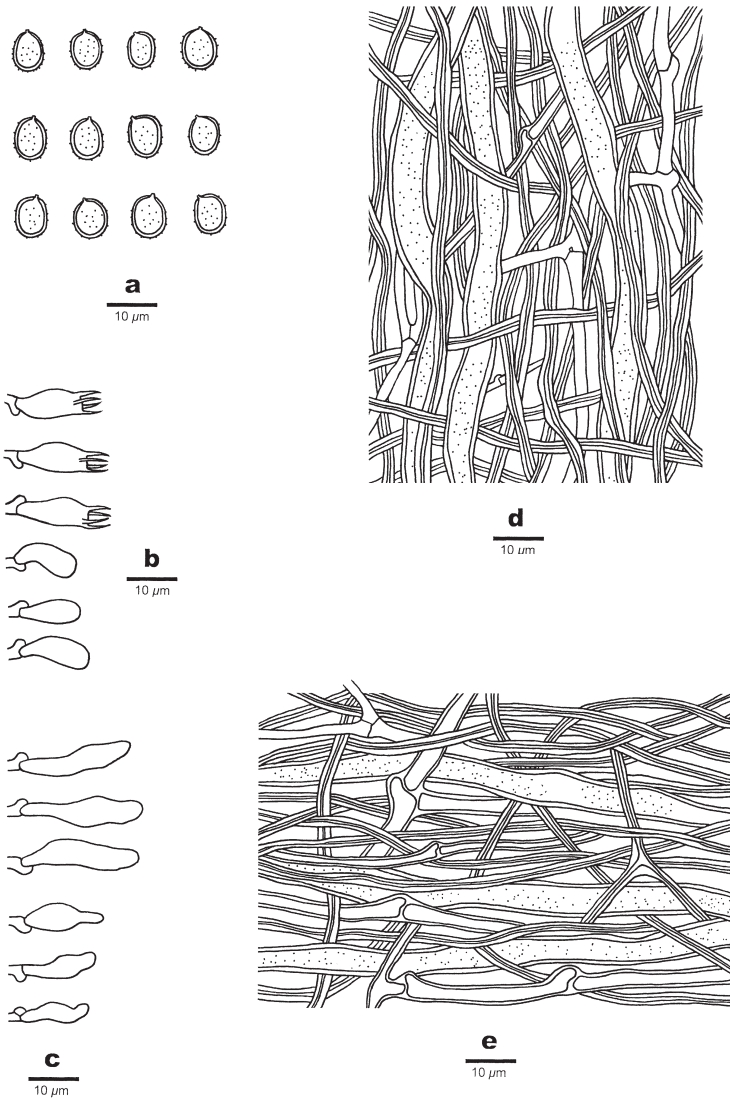


FIG. 1. *Wrightoporia biennis* (holotype), microscopic structures.  
a: Basidiospores. b: Basidia and basidioles. c: Cystidia and cystidioles.  
d: Hyphae from trama. e: Hyphae from subiculum.

thick-walled with a narrow lumen, rarely branched, flexuous, interwoven, sometimes encrusted with hyaline, irregular crystals, 1.5–3 µm in diam; gloeoplerous hyphae abundant, especially near the tube mouths, thick-walled

with granular to oily contents appearing refractive in phase contrast illumination, 5–9 µm in diam, embedded in the trama; cystidia clavate, hyaline, thin-walled, 20–25 × 4–6 µm, and fusoid cystidioles present, hyaline, thin-walled, 9–12 × 3–5 µm; basidia subclavate to barrel-shaped, bearing four sterigmata and a basal clamp connection, 12–17 × 5–7 µm; basidioles in shape similar to basidia, but slightly smaller.

**SPORES** — Basidiospores subglobose to broadly ellipsoid, hyaline, thick-walled, finely asperulate, strongly amyloid, CB+, (3.2–)3.3–4(–4.1) × 2.6–3.5 (–3.6) µm, L = 3.64 µm, W = 3.06 µm, Q = 1.18–1.21 (n = 60/2).

**ADDITIONAL SPECIMEN EXAMINED** — CHINA. YUNNAN PROVINCE, Xi-Shuang-Banna, Mengla County, Lvshilin Park, on fallen angiosperm trunk, 1.XI.2009, Cui 8457 (BJFC).

**REMARKS** — *Wrightoporia biennis* resembles *W. micropora* Aime & Ryvar den (nom. illegit., non P.K. Buchanan & Ryvar den) by sharing resupinate basidiocarps, similar basidiospores (3–4 × 3 µm in *W. micropora*), but *W. biennis* differs in distinctly dextrinoid, wider (4–5 µm) skeletal hyphae and lacks both gloeoplerous hyphae and cystidia (Aime et al. 2007).

*Wrightoporia neotropica* Ryvar den may be confused with *W. biennis* by its resupinate basidiocarps and tiny pores (6–8 per mm in *W. neotropica*). However, *W. neotropica* has wider (4–6 µm) skeletal hyphae that are more or less parallel along the tubes, lacks both gloeoplerous hyphae and cystidia, and has subicular skeletal hyphae that are consistently even and without encrustations (Cui & Dai 2006, Ryvar den 2000).

*Wrightoporia tropicalis* (Cooke) Ryvar den also has hard basidiocarps and similar pores (6–8 per mm) and basidiospores (3–4 × 2–3 µm), but differs from *W. biennis* in wider (3–5 µm) skeletal hyphae that are partly inflated and thick-walled cystidia (Ryvar den & Johansen 1980).

*Wrightoporia labyrinthina* also has non- to weakly dextrinoid skeletal hyphae and abundant gloeoplerous hyphae. However, it is distinguished from *W. biennis* mainly by an annual growth habit, larger and irregular pores (1–2 per mm in the holotype), and lack of cystidia (Hattori 2008).

***Wrightoporia cinnamomea*** Ryvar den, Nordic Journal of Botany, 2: 146, 1982 FIG. 2

**FRUITBODY** — Basidiocarps annual, resupinate, soft when fresh, becoming tough upon drying; about 8 cm long, 6 cm wide, and 3 mm thick at centre; margin rhizomorphic, vinaceous brown. Pore surface cream to pale cinnamon; pores round to angular, 6–8 per mm; dissepiments thin, entire to lacerate. Subiculum buff to cinnamon-buff, soft cottony, ≤1 mm thick. Tubes concolorous with the pore surface, fibrous-tough, ≤2 mm long.

**HYPHAL STRUCTURE** — Hyphal system dimitic; generative hyphae bearing clamp connections; skeletal hyphae CB–, IKI–; skeletal hyphae in the trama partly inflated in KOH, ≤7 µm wide, otherwise unchanged in KOH.

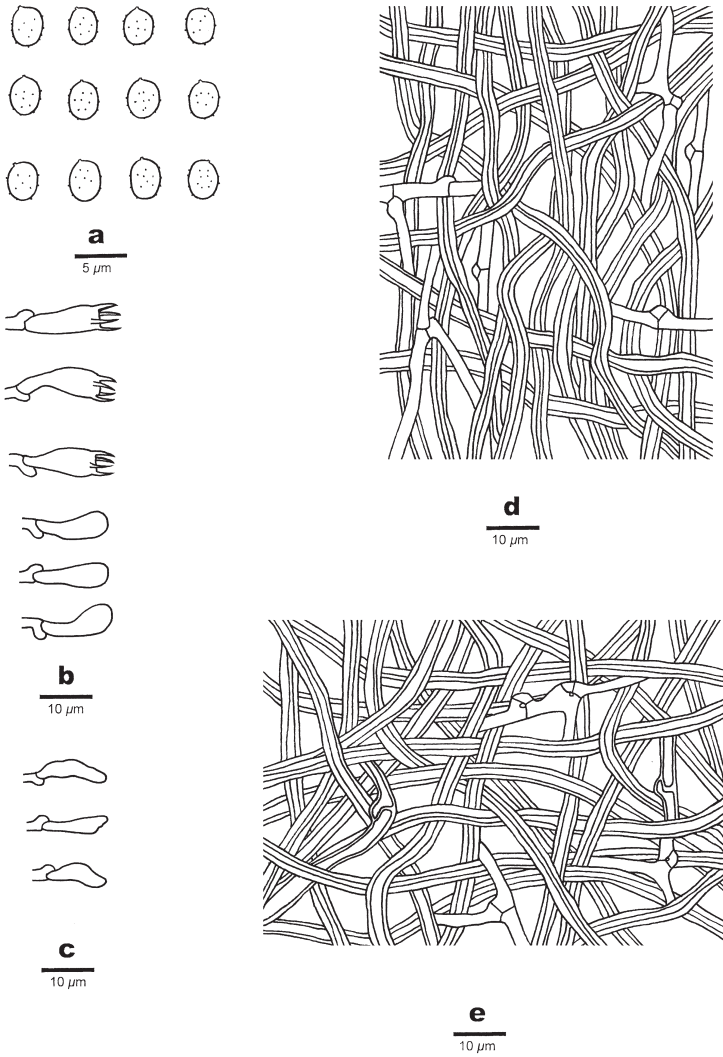


FIG. 2. *Wrightoporia cinnamomea* (Yuan 2201), microscopic structures.  
a: Basidiospores. b: Basidia and basidioles. c: Cystidioles.  
d: Hyphae from trama. e: Hyphae from subiculum.

**SUBICULUM** — Generative hyphae hyaline, thin-walled, frequently branched, 2–3  $\mu\text{m}$  in diam; skeletal hyphae dominant, yellowish to brownish orange, thick-walled with a wide to narrow lumen, straight to flexuous, interwoven, sometimes encrusted with yellowish, irregular crystals, 2–5  $\mu\text{m}$  in diam.

**TUBES** — Generative hyphae hyaline, thin- to slightly thick-walled, frequently branched, 2–3  $\mu\text{m}$  in diam; skeletal hyphae dominant, hyaline to yellowish, thick-walled with a wide to narrow lumen, unbranched, straight to flexuous, interwoven, sometimes encrusted with yellowish, irregular crystals, 2–5  $\mu\text{m}$  in diam; cystidia absent, but fusoid cystidioles present; basidia clavate, thin-walled, with four sterigmata and a basal clamp connection, 12–20  $\times$  5–6  $\mu\text{m}$ ; basidioles in shape similar to basidia, but slightly smaller.

**SPORES** — Basidiospores subglobose, hyaline, thin-walled, finely asperulate, strongly amyloid, CB–, 3–3.8  $\times$  2.6–3  $\mu\text{m}$ , L = 3.28  $\mu\text{m}$ , W = 2.82  $\mu\text{m}$ , Q = 1.16 (n = 30/1).

**SPECIMENS EXAMINED** — CHINA. YUNNAN PROVINCE, Lijiang, Yunshanping, on fallen trunk of *Abies*, 4.IX.2006, Yuan 2201 (IFP). JAPAN. CHIBA PREFECTURE, Tokyo University Forest, Kiyosumi Forest Station, 24.VIII.1983, Ryvardeen 21033 (O).

**REMARKS** — *Wrightoporia cinnamomea* is easily identified by its cream to pale cinnamon pores, rhizomorphic basidiocarps, and non-dextrinoid skeletal hyphae. It is related to *W. africana* I. Johans. & Ryvardeen, which also produces resupinate basidiocarps and similar (3–3.5  $\times$  2.5–3  $\mu\text{m}$ ) basidiospores but which differs in slightly larger pores (5–6 per mm) and dextrinoid skeletal hyphae (Johansen & Ryvardeen 1979; Ryvardeen 1982).

*Wrightoporia labyrinthina* T. Hatt., Mycoscience 49: 59, 2008

FIG. 3

**FRUITBODY** — Basidiocarps annual, resupinate to effused-reflexed, corky upon drying; about 4.8 cm long, 3 cm wide, and 2.5 mm thick at centre. Sterile margin distinct, pale orange, membranous,  $\leq$ 2.5 mm wide. Pore surface pale orange to greyish brown; pores angular to sinuous, elongated to daedaleoid, 1–2(–3) per mm; dissepiments thin, entire to partly lacerate. Subiculum brownish orange, membranous,  $\leq$ 0.5 mm thick. Tubes concolorous with pore surface, leathery,  $\leq$ 2 mm long.

**HYPHAL STRUCTURE** — Hyphal system dimittic; generative hyphae with clamp connections; skeletal hyphae CB–, weakly dextrinoid or IKI–; tissues becoming dark brown in KOH.

**SUBICULUM** — Generative hyphae hyaline, thin-walled, moderately branched, 2–3  $\mu\text{m}$  in diam; skeletal hyphae dominant, yellowish to orange, thick-walled with a wide to narrow lumen, unbranched, more or less flexuous, interwoven, 2–5.5  $\mu\text{m}$  in diam; gloeoplerous hyphae present,  $\leq$ 9  $\mu\text{m}$  in diam.

**TUBES** — Generative hyphae hyaline, thin- to slightly thick-walled, occasionally branched, 1.5–2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  in diam; skeletal hyphae dominant, yellowish to orange, thick-walled with a wide to narrow lumen, unbranched, flexuous, interwoven, 2–4.5  $\mu\text{m}$  in diam; gloeoplerous hyphae present, unbranched, hyaline,  $\leq$ 9  $\mu\text{m}$  in diam. Cystidia absent, fusoid cystidioles present; basidia subclavate, bearing four sterigmata and a basal clamp connection, 12–15  $\times$

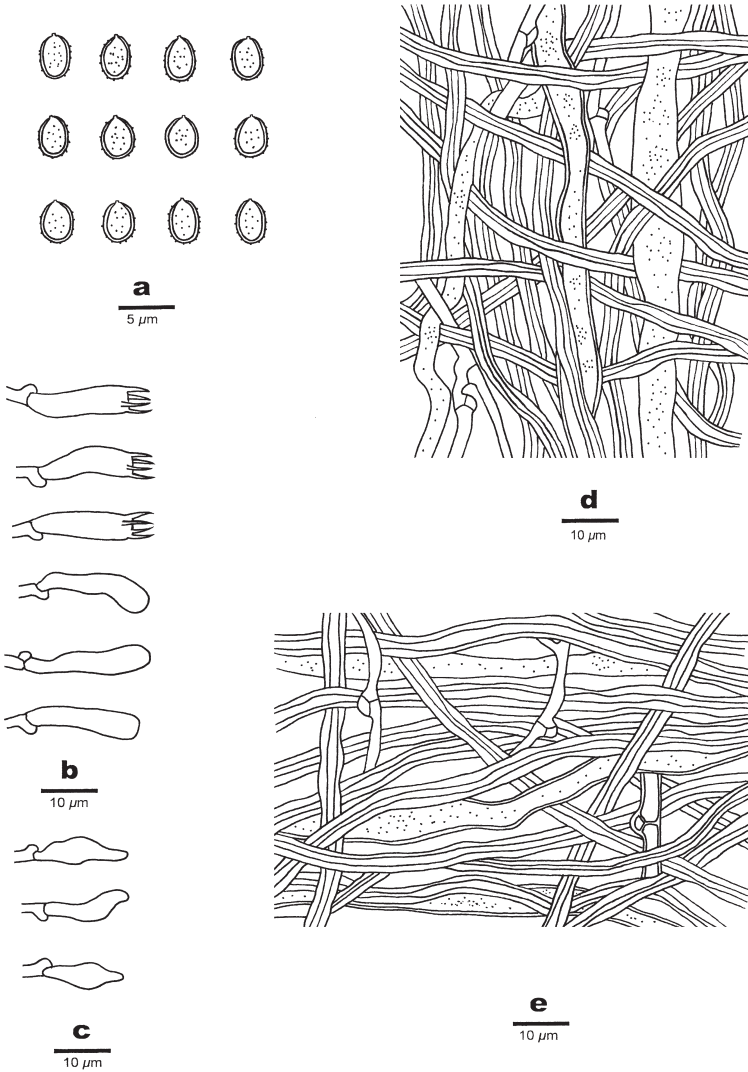


FIG. 3. *Wrightoporia labyrinthina* (Yuan 1475), microscopic structures.  
a: Basidiospores. b: Basidia and basidioles. c: Cystidioles.  
d: Hyphae from trama. e: Hyphae from subiculum.

3–3.5  $\mu\text{m}$ ; basidioles in shape similar to basidia, but slightly smaller.

**SPORES** — Basidiospores ellipsoid to broadly ellipsoid, hyaline, slightly thick-walled, echinulate, amyloid, CB–,  $3.6\text{--}4 \times (2.7\text{--})2.8\text{--}3 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $L = 3.89 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $W = 2.93 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $Q = 1.33$  ( $n = 30/1$ ).

**SPECIMENS EXAMINED** — CHINA. YUNNAN PROVINCE, Xishuangbanna, Mangao Nature Reserve, on fallen angiosperm branch, 11.VIII.2005, Yuan 1475 (IFP). JAPAN. IBARAKI PREFECTURE, Kitaibaraki, Ogawa, on twig of hardwood, 30.IX.2003, F-20724 (holotype, TFM).

**REMARKS** — *Wrightoporia labyrinthina* resembles *W. gyropora* (Corner) Stalpers in large, irregular pores but is distinguished by the leathery tough tubes and the presence of gloeoplerous hyphae. It is also similar to *W. pouzarii* A. David & Rajchenb. in the large pores, but *W. pouzarii* has pileate basidiocarps and lacks gloeoplerous hyphae (David & Rajchenberg 1987; Hattori 2003, 2008; Ryvarden 1975).

*Wrightoporia ochrocrocea* (Henn. & E. Nyman) A. David & Rajchenb., Canadian Journal of Botany, 65: 208, 1987 FIG. 4  
= *Polyporus ochrocroceus* Henn. & E. Nyman, Monsonia 1: 145, 1899 ["1900"]

**FRUITBODY** — Basidiocarps annual, effused-reflexed or pileate, hard corky upon drying; pileus broadly attached, semicircular to elongated, projecting ≤1 cm long, 2 cm wide, 3 mm thick at base. Pileal surface buff to slightly dark yellow-brown, azonate, not sulcate; margin obtuse. Pore surface straw-yellow to clay-buff; pores angular, 8–10 per mm; dissepiments thin, entire. Context darker than tubes, chrome-yellow to yellow-brown, soft cottony and easily compressed, ≤2 mm thick. Tubes concolorous with pore surface, fibrous-tough, ≤1 mm thick.

**HYPHAL STRUCTURE** — Hyphal system monomitic in the context, dimitic in the trama; generative hyphae bearing clamp connections; skeletal hyphae CB+, dextrinoid near the tube mouths, otherwise IKI–; tissues becoming dark brown in KOH.

**CONTEXT** — Generative hyphae hyaline to yellow, slightly thick-walled to thick-walled with a wide lumen, moderately branched, frequently encrusted with hyaline to yellowish, irregular crystals, 2–4 μm in diam.

**TUBES** — Generative hyphae hyaline to yellowish, thin- to slightly thick-walled, occasionally branched, occasionally encrusted with yellowish, irregular crystals, 1.8–4.5 μm in diam; skeletal hyphae dominant, yellowish to yellow, thick-walled with a wide to narrow lumen, unbranched, interwoven, 2–5 μm in diam. Cystidia and cystidioles absent; basidia subclavate to barrel-shaped, bearing four sterigmata and a basal clamp connection, 12–16 × 4–6 μm; basidioles in shape similar to basidia, but slightly smaller.

**SPORES** — Basidiospores broadly ellipsoid, hyaline, slightly thick-walled, finely asperulate, amyloid, weakly CB+, (2.2–)2.3–3.1(–3.2) × (1.8–)1.9–2.3(–2.4) μm, L = 2.86 μm, W = 2.08 μm, Q = 1.38 (n = 30/1).

**SPECIMENS EXAMINED** — CHINA. GUANGDONG PROVINCE, Heyuan, Daguishan Forest Park, on fallen angiosperm branch, 18.VIII.2011, Cui 10129 (BJFC). THAILAND. ISSAN DISTRICT, Khao Yai National Park, near the fall, along the river, 11.VIII.1997, Núñez 1997 (O). NEW GUINEA. MOROBE DISTRICT, Bulolo, 5.XII.1967, leg. P. Wright (O).



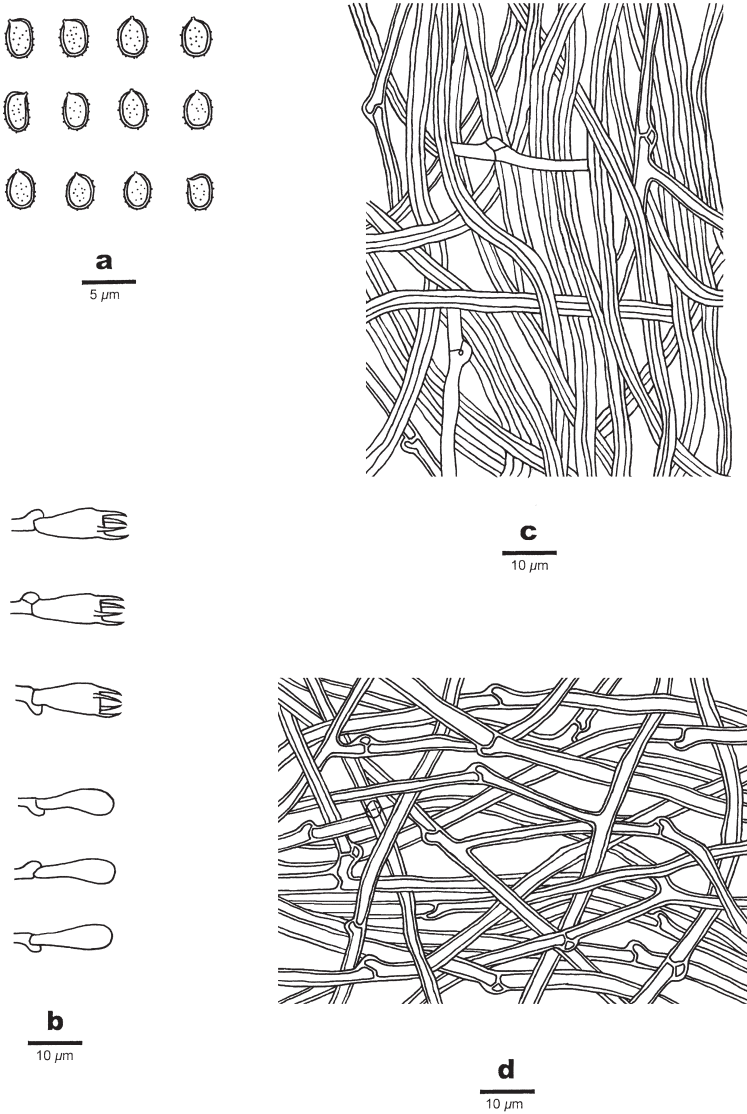


FIG. 4. *Wrightoporia ochrocrocea* (Cui 10129), microscopic structures.  
a: Basidiospores. b: Basidia and basidioles. c: Hyphae from trama. d: Hyphae from context.

REMARKS — *Wrightoporia ochrocrocea* is characterized by a dimittic trama and monomitic context and hyphae that are non- or slightly dextrinoid. *Wrightoporia trametoides* (Corner) Stalpers also produces hard corky basidiocarps and a

dimitic trama and monomitic context but differs from *W. ochrocrocea* in larger (3.5–4 × 2–2.5 µm) basidiospores (Ryvarden & Johansen 1980; Corner 1989; Hattori 2003).

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