Torulopsis bacarum, Torulopsis pustula and Torulopsis multis-gemmis sp. nov., Three New Yeasts from Soft Fruit

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SUMMARY

Three new species of yeasts isolated from fresh soft fruit are described. *Torulopsis pustula* was isolated from blackcurrants, *Torulopsis bacarum* from blackcurrants, strawberries and raspberries, and *Torulopsis multis-gemmis* from raspberries. All differ from known species in the test substrates they utilize. In addition, cells of *Torulopsis pustula* often form a bulbous projection near their apices from which budding takes place. These buds are frequently pear- or heart-shaped.

INTRODUCTION

During surveys of yeasts on soft fruit carried out in 1971 and 1972, three hitherto undescribed species were isolated, and the following names are proposed: *Torulopsis pustula*, 4 strains isolated from blackcurrants (*Ribes nigrum* cultivar Baldwin); *Torulopsis multisgemmis*, 20 strains isolated from raspberries (*Rubus idaeus* cultivar Malling Jewel); and *Torulopsis bacarum*, 19 strains isolated from blackcurrants (*Ribes nigrum* cultivar Baldwin), and 2 strains each from raspberries (*Rubus idaeus* cultivar Malling Jewel) and strawberries (*Fragaria ananassa* cultivar Cambridge Favourite). All strains were isolated from surface colonies on Difco Bacto YM agar, at (i) pH 3.4, or (ii) pH 4.8, or (iii) pH 6.0 with added antibiotics, thiamin and CaCO₃. *Torulopsis pustula* and *T. bacarum* were obtained from all three media, but isolations of *T. multis-gemmis* were made only from (i) or (iii). These new species are described.

METHODS

The isolation methods were those of Buhagiar & Barnett (1971), with the modifications that incubation was at 20 °C throughout and that further isolations were made on Difco Bacto YM agar at pH 6·0 with the addition (per ml) of 20 μ g streptomycin, 20 μ g chloramphenicol and 100 μ g chlortetracycline (Ross & Morris, 1965), and of 10 μ g thiamin and 5 mg reprecipitated CaCO₃ (Phaff, Miller & Mrak, 1966).

Methods for examining the yeasts closely followed those described by Barnett & Buhagiar (1971) and Buhagiar & Barnett (1971). However, the rocked tubes of liquid medium used for aerobic growth tests were incubated at 20 °C for 4 weeks, and sugars obtained from Sigma were used throughout. Additional tests included the examination for pulcherrimin pigment by the method of Beijerink as modified by van der Walt (1970). The fat-splitting test according to the method of Eijkman and the test for the liquefaction of 12 % gelatin (Difco Bacto) were also carried out as described by van der Walt (1970). Reactions on litmus milk (Oxoid CM45) were tested as described by Lodder & Kreger-van Rij (1952). The method of Markovetz & Kallio (1964) was used to test for hydrocarbon utilization.

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Growth test medium without carbon source and containing 10 g Ionagar No. 2 (Oxoid)/l was made into slants. After inoculation, 1 ml of either *n*-decane or *n*-hexadecane (more than 99 % pure, Koch-Light Ltd) was added to each tube. Slants of the same mineral medium without carbon source, and slants containing 1 ml of 50 mM D-glucose were used as controls. All the tubes were sealed and incubated at 20 °C, and were checked for visible growth for up to 28 days.

Malt extract broth and malt agar (van der Walt, 1970), used to study cultural characteristics, were made from unhopped malt extract obtained from a local brewery. Further morphological studies were made on 2 % glucose-yeast extract-peptone-water (Difco Bacto). Media used to test for ascospore formation were those described by van der Walt (1970). All strains of each species isolated were grown individually and collectively on grape juice presporulation medium and then streaked on to carrot plugs, potato plugs, malt extract agar, gypsum blocks, McClary's acetate agar, Gorodkowa agar (modified), Difco Bacto potato-dextrose agar, and V8 vegetable-juice agar. The search for ascospores was carried out periodically for up to 6 weeks.

RESULTS

Torulopsis bacarum sp. nov.

In liquore definito cum D-glucoso, in augendo ad 25 °C cellulae oviformes, 3·1 ad 5·8 × 1·6 ad 3·1 μ m. Cellulae cum gemmis singularibus aut duobus quas in aut juxta uni apice vel ambis apicibus formatae sunt. Pseudohyphae et hyphae verae non formantur. Fermentatio nulla. Ascosporae, ballistosporae non sunt. Fermenta speciei huius crescunt in liquore definito cum raffinoso, melezitoso, sucroso, maltoso, trehaloso, methyl α -D-glucosido, cellobioso (lente), salicino (lente), D-glucoso, L-sorboso (variabile), D-riboso, D-xyloso, D-arabinoso, L-arabinoso, succinato, citrato (lente), lactato (lente), glycerolo, erythritolo, ribitolo (variabile), D-glucitolo (interdum lente), D-mannitolo, inulino (lente). Kalii nitras assimilatur. Non crescunt cum melibioso, lactoso, D-galactoso, L-rhamnoso, galactitolo, myo-inositolo, amylo. Vitaminarum addendum necessarium non est. In 30 °C non crescunt; in 25° C crescunt. In 50 % D-glucoso non crescunt. Amylum non formatur. Urea hydrolysatur. Abutinum finditur. Acidum non formatur. Sebum bovillum non finditur. Gelatinum non liquidum fit. Nec n-decanum nec n-hexadecanum non assimilantur.

Typus cultura 6526 in collectione Centraalbureau voor Shimmelcultures, Delft, ex Ribes nigrum.

Cultural characteristics

Macroscopical appearance. After 3 days at 25 °C, streak cultures on Difco Bacto YM agar were white, cream, or buff-cream, glossy or semi-glossy, smooth, soft, flat, with undulating to entire margins. After 1 month at 15 °C, cultures were grey, cream to buff, flat, semi-glossy or matt, finely granular or pasty, with undulating to entire margins. On malt agar medium cultures were a deeper buff colour, otherwise cultural characteristics were similar to those on YM agar. A faint lilac tinge was observed with some strains growing on YM or malt agar media.

Microscopical appearance. In exponential growth in liquid medium containing D-glucose, cells were oval with single or double budding on or near one pole. Budding occurred at both poles only rarely, and chains of up to 5 cells were sometimes formed (Fig. 1). Cells measured $3\cdot 1$ to $5\cdot 8 \times 1\cdot 6$ to $3\cdot 1 \mu m$ (Table 1). On malt extract medium and on glucose-yeast extract-peptone-water medium, the shape and size of the cells were similar to those formed on the

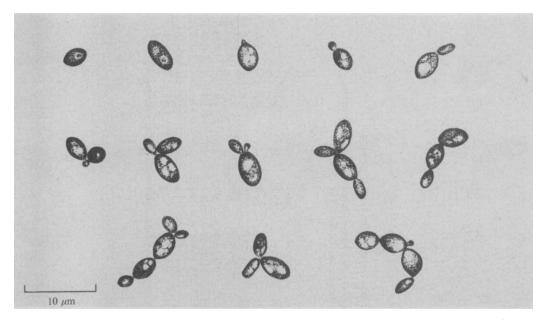


Fig. 1. Drawing of *T. bacarum* made from several strains during exponential growth at 25 °C in shaken defined liquid medium with D-glucose as sole carbon source.

D-glucose medium. With slide cultures no mycelium or pseudomycelium was formed under or outside the coverslip. No conjugation or ascospore formation was seen in individual strains or in mixtures of strains. Ballistospores were not formed.

Physiological tests

Anaerobic fermentation. In yeast water containing 50 mM-D-glucose none of the strains produced gas in Durham tubes.

Aerobic growth. Most strains tested utilized L-sorbose and ribitol. However, growth was always slow and, in the case of L-sorbose, often latent. Results are given in Table 2.

Other tests. There was no starch production by cells grown on solid or liquid media; urea was hydrolysed; arbutin was split; no pulcherrimin pigment was formed. The strains grew at 25 °C but not at 30 °C. No acid was produced by any of the strains on CaCO₃ plates, neither litmus milk nor fat was split, and gelatin was not liquefied. The strains did not grow on media with 50 % (w/v) D-glucose, and were unable to utilize either *n*-decane or *n*-hexadecane as sole carbon sources.

One strain of *T. bacarum*, CBS6526 (type strain) isolated from blackcurrants, has been deposited in the collection of the Yeast Division of the Centraalbureau voor Schimmel-cultures.

Torulopsis pustula sp. nov.

In liquore definito cum D-glucoso in augendo ad 25 °C cellulae piriformae, ovatae, ovoideaeque 4.5 ad 7.8 × 2.4 ad 5.2 μ m. Cellulae cum gemmis singularibus aut duobus in vel juxta uni vel ambis apicibus formantur. Sunt cellulae cum protuberationibus in vel juxta apicibus;

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Torulopsis bacarum	CBS6526	42	3·7±0·4	4.7	3.1	3.7	2 ·1±0·3	2.6	1.6	2.1	+ 0.41
I	P533	74	4. 4±0.4	5.2	3.1	4.5	2 .4±0.3	3.1	8·1	2.4	+ -051
	P545	84	4 ·6±0·6	5:8	3.1	4.7	2·4±0·3	5.6	1·6	2.4	+ 0.54
T. pustula	CBS6527	89	6·2±0·7	7-8	4.7	6.3	3 .9±0.4	5.2	2.4	2.9	+ 0.53
	P976	51	2. 0∓0.9	1.7	4:5	6 .6	3.3 ±0.3	3.7	2.7	3.4	+0.82
	CBS6528	58	5·8±0·8	7.3	4-7	5.8	3.3 ± 0.4	3.9	2.6	3.1	+ 0.76
T. multis-gemmis	CBS6524	89	3·3±0·4	4.4	2.4	3.4	2 ·5±0·4	3.4	1·6	2.4	+ 0.53
	CBS6525	108	3.4 ± 0.3	4.7	2.6	3.4	2·6±0·4	6.8	1·8	2:4	+ 0.50
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Table 1. Measurement of cells of the three new species of yeasts during exponential growth

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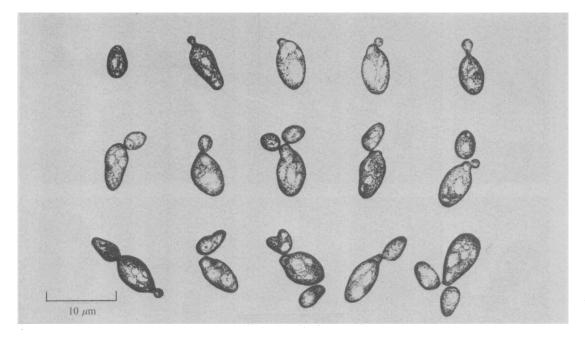


Fig. 2. Drawings of *Torulopsis pustula* made from several strains during exponential growth at 25 °C in shaken defined liquid medium with D-glucose as sole carbon source.

ex his protuberationibus gemmae formantur. Gemmae sunt in forma vel ellipses vel piriformae, interdum ad cordis speciem factae. Pseudohyphae et hyphae verae non formantur. Fermentatio nulla. Ascosporae, ballistosporae non sunt. Fermenta speciei huius crescunt in liquore definito cum trehaloso, cellobioso, salicino, D-glucoso, D-galactoso (variabile), L-sorboso, D-riboso, D-xyloso, D-arabinoso, L-arabinoso, succinato, citrato, glycerolo (lente), ribitolo, D-glucitolo, D-mannitolo. Kalli nitras assimilatur. Non crescunt cum raffinoso, melezitoso, sucroso, maltoso, methyl α -D-glucosido, melibioso, lactoso, L-rhamnoso, lactato, erythritolo, galactitolo, myoinositolo, amylo, inulino. Vitaminarum addendum necessarium est. In 30 °C non crescunt; in 25 °C crescunt. In 50 % D-glucoso non crescunt. Amylum non formatur. Sebum bovillum non finditur. Gelatinum non liquidum fit. Urea hydrolysatur. Arbutinum finditur. n-Decanum et n-hexadecanum assimilantur (tardum). Acidum non formatur.

Typus cultura 6527 in collectione Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures, Delft, isolata ex Ribes nigrum.

Cultural characteristics

Macroscopical appearance. After 3 days at 25 °C, streak cultures on Difco Bacto YM agar were white or white-cream, mucoid, glossy, smooth, soft, runny, raised, with margins entire. After 1 month at 15 °C, cultures were cream, glossy, soft, highly mucoid, runny, smooth, with entire margins. On malt agar, cultural characteristics were similar to those on YM agar.

Microscopical appearance. In exponential growth in liquid defined medium containing D-glucose, cells were oval, ovoid or pear-shaped, with one or two buds formed on or near one pole. Less frequently buds were formed at both poles. Budding often took place on bulbous projections which were frequently laterally inclined and were formed near the poles. These buds were elliptical to pear-shaped and occasionally heart-shaped (Fig. 2). Cells

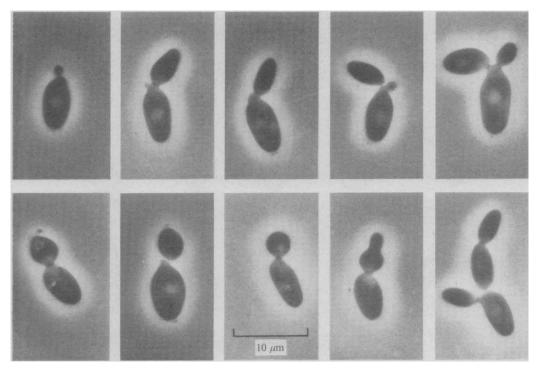


Fig. 3. Photomicrographs of *T. pustula* (CBS6527) showing bud formation at different stages. Culture in unshaken glucose-yeast extract-peptone-water after 3 days of incubation at 25 °C. Leitz phase contrast (Heine).

measured 4.5 to 7.8×2.4 to $5.2 \mu m$ (Table 1). On malt extract medium and on glucose-yeast extract-peptone-water medium (Fig. 3), cells appeared similar to those formed on the D-glucose medium although no heart-shaped buds were seen.

With slide cultures no mycelium or pseudomycelium was formed under or outside the coverslip. No conjugation or ascospore formation was observed with individual strains or with mixtures of strains. Ballistospores were not formed.

Physiological tests

Anaerobic fermentation. In yeast water containing 50 mM D-glucose none of the strains produced gas in Durham tubes.

Aerobic growth. Results are given in Table 2. Three strains of the four tested utilized galactose and growth was always latent (see footnote, Table 2). On the D-glucose defined liquid medium without added vitamins growth was generally absent, although occasionally weak growth was recorded.

Other tests. No starch was produced by cells grown on either liquid or solid media; urea was hydrolysed; arbutin was split; no pulcherrimin pigment was formed. The strains grew at 25 °C though not at 30 °C. No acid was produced by cells grown on CaCO₃ plates; neither fat nor litmus milk was split, and gelatin was not liquefied. The strains did not grow on media with 50 % (w/v) D-glucose, but *n*-decane and *n*-hexadecane were both utilized as sole carbon sources although visible growth was delayed for 14 days.

Substrate	T. bacarum	T. pustula	T. multis- gemmis
Raffinose	+	-	_
Melezitose	+		+ or s
Sucrose	+	_	+
Maltose	+	—	+
Trehalose	+	+	+
Methyl α-D-glucoside	+	-	·
Cellobiose	S	+	
Salicin	S	+	-
Melibiose	-	-	
Lactose	-		-
D-Glucose	+	+	+
D-Galactose	-	v	+
L-Sorbose	v	+	+
L-Rhamnose	-	_	-
D-Ribose	+	+	L
D-Xylose	+	+	+ or s†
D-Arabinose	+	+	-
L-Arabinose	+	+	+ or s
Succinate	+	+	+
Citrate	+ or –	+	+
Lactate	S	_	_
Glycerol	+	S	S
Erythritol	+		
Ribitol	v	+	+
D-Glucitol	+ or s	+	+
D-Mannitol	+	+	_
Galactitol	-	-	—
myo-Inositol		-	-
Starch	*	-	_
Inulin	S	_	—
KNO ₃	+	+	-
D-Glucose without	+ or w	_	-
vitamin addition			

Table 2. Results of aerobic growth tests for the three new species of yeasts

+, Growth was more than 0.4 mg dry wt/ml within 7 days; -, no growth after 4 weeks; s, growth did not reach 0.4 mg dry wt/ml until after 7 days (cf. Buhagiar & Barnett, 1971); w, growth reached 0.05 mg dry wt/ml within 7 days but no more than 0.2 mg dry wt/ml within 28 days; L, growth only after 21 days; v, variable results obtained with different strains.

* D. Yarrow (personal communication, 1973) reported growth with soluble starch (Difco).

† One strain did not grow.

Two strains of T. pustula, CBS6527 (type strain) and CBS6528, have been deposited in the collection of the Yeast Division of the Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures. Both strains were isolated from blackcurrants.

Torulopsis multis-gemmis sp. nov.

In liquore definito cum D-glucoso in augendo ad 25 °C cellulae spheroidales vel ovoideae, raro cylindricae breves 1.8 ad 4.7×1.6 ad $3.9 \mu m$; singulae, binae, in catenis brevis aut in racemis parvis. Gemmae multilaterales crescunt. Cellulae cum quot multis tot septem gemmis formatae sunt. Pseudohyphae et hyphae verae non formantur. D-glucosum fermentatur (exigue, interdum tardum) at non sucrosum, maltosum, trehalosum, melibiosum, lactosum nec Dgalactosum. Neque ascosporae neque ballistosporae sunt. Fermenta speciei huius crescunt in liquore definito cum melezitoso (interdum lente), sucroso, maltoso, trehaloso, D-glucoso, D-galactoso, L-sorboso, D-riboso (tarde), D-xyloso (interdum lente), L-arabinoso (interdum

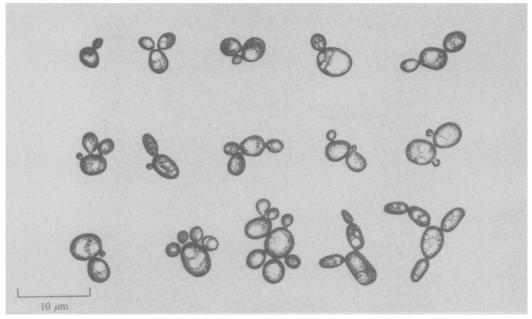


Fig. 4. Drawings of *T. multis-gemmis* made from several strains during exponential growth at $25 \,^{\circ}$ C in shaken defined liquid medium with D-glucose as sole carbon source.

lente), succinato, citrato, glycerolo (lente), ribitolo, D-glucitolo. Non crescunt cum raffinoso, methyl α -D-glucosido, cellobioso, salicino, melibioso, lactoso, L-rhamnoso, D-arabinoso, lactato, erythritolo, D-mannitolo, galactitolo, myo-inositolo, amylo, inulino. Kalii nitras non assimilatur. Vitaminarum addendum necessarium est. In 37 °C non crescunt; in 30 °C crescunt. In 50 % D-glucoso non crescunt. Amylum non formatur. Urea non hydrolysatur. Arbutinum non finditur. Acidum formatur (exigue). Sebum bovillum finditur. Gelatinum non liquidum fit. n-Hexadecanum et n-decanum (tardum) assimilantur.

Typus cultura 6524 in collectione Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures, Delft, isolata ex Rubus idaeus.

Cultural characteristics

Macroscopical appearance. After 3 days at 25 °C, streak cultures on Difco Bacto YM agar and on malt agar were white or grey-white, matt or semi-glossy, smooth, soft, flat, with entire to undulating margins. After 1 month at 15 °C, cultures were white, semi-glossy, soft, flat, with smooth margins and undulating to lobate borders.

Microscopical appearance. In exponential growth in liquid defined medium containing D-glucose the cells were spherical to ovoid, rarely short and cylindrical (Fig. 4). Cells measured 1.8 to 4.7×1.6 to $3.9 \mu m$ (Table 1). Cells on glucose-yeast extract-peptone-water medium appeared similar to those growing on malt extract medium and those on liquid defined medium, and occasionally pseudomycelium consisting of budding chains (Fig. 5*a*), together with cells with multiple buds (Fig. 5*b*) were formed. Single cells with up to 7 buds were sometimes seen. Cells in chain formation were often short and cylindrical.

On slide cultures of potato-dextrose agar and corn meal agar (Difco Bacto), pseudomycelium was absent or rudimentary, and consisted of a few short budding chains of oval

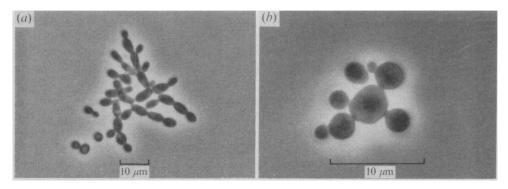


Fig. 5. Photomicrographs of *T. multis-gemmis* (CBS6524) showing rudimentary pseudomycelium (a), and multiple budding (b), in unshaken glucose-yeast extract-peptone-water after 3 days. Incubation was at 25 $^{\circ}$ C throughout. Leitz phase contrast (Heine).

cells near the edge of the coverslip. No conjugation or ascospore formation was seen in individual strains or in mixtures of strains. Ballistospores were not formed.

Physiological tests

Anaerobic fermentation. With 50 mM D-glucose in yeast-water medium, little gas was produced in Durham tubes; fermentation was sometimes delayed for up to 21 days. None of the strains produced gas with raffinose, sucrose, maltose, trehalose, melibiose, lactose, or D-galactose.

Aerobic growth. Results are given in Table 2. Of the 20 strains tested, one strain did not grow with D-xylose. D-Ribose was utilized by all strains but only after a latent period of 20 to 30 days.

Other tests. The cells did not produce starch on liquid or solid media; urea was not hydrolysed; arbutin was not split; no pulcherrimin pigment was formed. On YM agar after 3 days, growth of all strains was abundant at 20 °C, sparse at 30 °C, and absent at 37 °C. The reaction of cells grown on CaCO₃ acid production plates was weakly positive; fat was split, but not litmus milk; gelatin was not liquefied. The strains did not grow on media with 50 % (w/v) D-glucose, but *n*-decane and *n*-hexadecane were both utilized as sole carbon sources although in the case of *n*-decane visible growth was delayed for up to 10 days.

Two strains of T. multis-gemmis, CBS6524 (type strain) and CBS6525, have been deposited in the collection of the Yeast Division of the Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures. Both strains were isolated from raspberries.

DISCUSSION

Torulopsis bacarum and T. pustula follow the description of the genus Torulopsis Berlese (van Uden & Vidal-Leiria, 1970) in that they are asporogenous, non-filamentous, do not utilize inositol, do not form obvious carotenoid pigment, and reproduce solely by multilateral budding. Some strains of T. bacarum growing on agar medium are, however, lightly tinged with lilac. This tinge is characteristic of cultures of Taphrina growing saprophytically (Verona & Rambelli, 1962). Taphrina, however, unlike T. bacarum, forms starch and does not utilize erythritol – both characters are at present taxonomically significant (Mix, 1954; Lodder, 1970).

Some yeast genera form sterigmata, from which either ballistospores (Bullera, Sporo-

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bolomyces) or vegetative cells (Sterigmatomyces) arise. Torulopsis pustula, however, does not form ballistospores, and unlike Sterigmatomyces, the structures formed are more like blisters than sterigmata and moreover they do not occur with every bud. Commonly, two buds are attached to the structure, and when buds detach the mother cell is left with a prominent blister near the pole. Although *T. pustula* is typified by this method of bud formation, D. Yarrow (personal communication, 1971) states that similar bud formations occur with individual strains of Cryptococcus, Rhodotorula and Candida.

In addition to the negative characteristics described for *T. bacarum* and *T. pustula*, all strains of *T. multis-gemmis* characteristically produce cells with many buds. Morphologically, the cells of *T. multis-gemmis* resemble those of *Torulopsis xestobii*, a species isolated from insect sources by Jurzitza (1970), and both species form rudimentary pseudomycelium under similar conditions. Physiologically, however, the two species are readily differentiated on the basis of differences in the utilization of raffinose, melezitose, methyl α -D-glucoside, cellobiose, melibiose, and sorbitol. Moreover *T. xestobii* lacks fermentative ability. In addition, there is a close similarity in the pattern of substrate utilization between *T. multis-gemmis* and *Candida parapsilosis* (Ashford) Langeron & Talice (van Uden & Buckley, 1970) and its variety querci; however, the abundant pseudohyphae which typifies *C. parapsilosis*, together with its larger cell size, distinguishes these species.

Torulopsis multis-gemmis, C. parapsilosis and T. xestobii have the ability to use hydrocarbons as sole carbon sources. With *n*-hexadecane, C. parapsilosis (CBS604) and T. multisgemmis grow well and visible growth is present within 2 days of the test. With *n*-decane, C. parapsilosis similarly grows well whereas growth of T. multis-gemmis is sparse and delayed. In contrast, T. xestobii (CBS5975) utilizes both *n*-decane and *n*-hexadecane with difficulty, and growth is barely discernible within the test period.

Although T. multis-gemmis forms rudimentary pseudomycelium, this formation is always sparse. In slide cultures, pseudomycelium consists only of short budding chains of oval cells. This tendency to form filamentous growth is more marked in liquid media (see Methods), in which, after proliferating for up to one week, cells within the chain formations tend to elongate and limited branching takes place. The significance of a limited or primitive formation of pseudomycelium has in the past been open to much debate. Lodder (1934) used the presence of the 'appareil sporifère' (Langeron & Talice, 1932) to distinguish between the two subfamilies Torulopsidoideae and Mycotoruloideae, but later changed this criterion to include 'all forms of concrescence of elongated cells' within the genus Candida (Lodder & Kreger-van Rij, 1952). The same authors also acknowledged the existence of transitional forms between the genera Torulopsis and Candida. Torulopsis multis-gemmis, however, does not qualify for a place within the genus Candida Berkhout according to the criteria laid down by van Uden & Buckley (1970) who state that 'the separation of Torulopsis from *Candida* is based [in] the capacity to form pseudomycelium, absent or poorly developed in the former, well developed in the latter'. Thus the degree of pseudomycelial development is open to individual interpretation and allows species with limited pseudomycelial ability to be included in non-filamentous genera (e.g. Torulopsis candida). However, it must be borne in mind that pseudomycelium may be markedly influenced by external factors (Lodder & Kreger-van Rij, 1952), and strict adherence to the slide culture procedures may have the effect of masking the filamentous nature of some species. More emphasis could be put on routine examination for filamentous growth in liquid media together with an extended incubation time.

The specific name for *Torulopsis bacarum* (Latin baca = berry) refers to the various types of edible berries from which the species was isolated. The specific name for *Torulopsis*

pustula (Latin *pustula* = blister) describes the structure often formed by the cells of that species, and that of *Torulopsis multis-gemmis* is derived from the Latin *multi* = many, and *gemma* = bud.

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