



Truffle Checklist of Turkey II with A New Record

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ABSTRACT

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The current study presents a Turkish Truffle Checklist based on literature and a newly discovered species. Within the two divisions, the list includes 104 species belonging to 35 genera and 20 families, as well as their range and Turkish names. *Tuber oligospermum* was one of them, and it was recorded for the first time in Turkey. A brief description of newly reported species was provided, along with images of their macro and micro-morphology.

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Introduction

The word "truffles" refers to an ectomycorrhizal hypogean fungal group that belongs to the *Ascomycota* and *Basidiomycota* divisions. Due to their complex taste and peculiar aroma, some members of the truffle genus, such as *Picoa* Vittad., *Terfezia* (Tul. & C. Tul.) Tul. & C. Tul., *Tirmania* Chatin, and *Tuber* P. Micheli ex F.H. Wigg., are economically and gastronomically important.

Tuber species are among them, and some of its members, such as *T. aestivum* (Wulfen) Spreng, *T. borchii* Vittad., *T. melanosporum* Vittad., and *T. magnatum* Picco, are prized.

Truffles are ectomycorrhizal fungi that are mostly connected with plant families including *Pinaceae*, *Fagaceae*, *Myrtaceae*, and *Salicaceae* (Trappe et al., 2009; Bonito Smith, 2016). As a result of their interaction with plants and animals, truffles can be found all over the world

(Trappe et al., 2009). Furthermore, 4500 to 5500 species producing hypogeous/sequestrate fruiting structures are predicted to occur globally (Mueller et al., 2007).

Turkey is a peninsula with three phytogeographical regions: Euro-Siberian, Mediterranean, and Irano-Turanian (Davis et al., 1971). As a result of this unique geographical structure, plant and animal variety is encouraged.

The adaption of plant and animal diversity and favorable climatic circumstances encourage truffle diversity in Turkey, and truffles can thus be found throughout the country. (Kagan-Zur and Akyüz, 2014; Sesli et al., 2020; Şen et al., 2016). Even though more than 5800 fungi species have so far been reported from Turkey by several researchers (Sesli et al., 2020), the knowledge of truffles distributed in Turkey is still limited.

Materials and Methods

The truffle checklist was created by the accumulation of the data obtained from 99 publications on Turkish mycobiota issued between 1937 and March 2022. All species given in the list were checked to obtain the current names, authors, and families by accessing the fungal database, Index Fungorum (access date: 14.07.2022). Likewise, Sesli et al. (2020) accumulated Turkish names of the species.

The samples related to newly reported species were collected from Şanlıurfa province of Turkey as a consequence of routine field studies. The morphological and ecological properties of each specimen were noted. In the laboratory, the microscopic features of specimens such as spore shape and size, structures of peridium, etc., were evaluated by using a light microscope. The specimens were stored as fungarium material in Ankara University Herbarium, Ankara (ANK).

Results

A total of 104 truffle species are listed and their distributions were given below in alphabetical order.

Taxonomic overview

Ascomycota Caval.-Sm.

Helvellaceae Fr.

- *Balsamia gunerii* (H.H. Doğan, Bozok & Taşkın)

K. Hansen & X.H. Wang

Osmaniye (Doğan et al., 2018).

- *B. hellenica* (Kaounas, Agnello, P. Alvarado & Slavova) K. Hansen & X.H. Wang Gaziantep (Uzun et al., 2018).

- *B. vulgaris* Vittad.

Muğla (Allı and Doğan, 2019).

Elaphomycetaceae Tul. ex Paol.

- *Elaphomyces anthracinus* Vittad.

Trabzon (Uzun, 2021).

- *E. citrinus* Vittad.

Trabzon (Uzun and Kaya, 2020a).

- *E. cyanosporus* Tul. & C. Tul.

Trabzon, Rize (Uzun and Kaya, 2020a; 2022).

- *E. decipiens* Vittad.

Trabzon (Uzun and Kaya, 2021).

- *E. granulatus* Fr.

Giresun, Trabzon, Rize (Uzun and Kaya, 2019a).

- *E. leucocarpus* Vittad.

Artvin, Tekirdağ, Trabzon (Türkoğlu et al., 2015).

- *E. muricatus* Fr.

Artvin, Karabük (Türkoğlu et al., 2015; Uzun and Kaya, 2022).

- *E. septatus* Vittad.

İstanbul (Uzun and Kaya, 2019b).

Pyronemataceae Corda

- *Genea hispidula* Berk. ex Tul. & C. Tul.

Trabzon (Uzun and Kaya, 2019c).

- *G. klotzschii* Berk. & Broome

Samsun (Türkoğlu and Castellano, 2014).

- *G. lobulata* (Mor.-Arr., J. Gómez & Calonge) P. Alvarado & Mor.-Arr.

Niğde (Berber et al., 2019).

- *G. sphaerica* Tul. & C. Tul.

İzmir (Türkoğlu et al., 2015).

- *G. verrucosa* Vittad.

Muğla (Türkoğlu and Castellano, 2014).

- *Geopora cooperi* Harkn.

Bolu, Burdur, Denizli, İzmir, Muğla (Solak et al., 2003; Türkoğlu et al., 2015).

- *Hydnocystis bombycina* (Vittad.) Healy & M.E. Sm. Samsun (Türkoğlu and Castellano, 2014).

- *H. piligera* Tul.

Aydın (Kaygusuz et al., 2018).

- *Picoa juniperi* Vittad.

Afyon, Antalya, Denizli, Elazığ, Kayseri, Konya, Malatya, Muğla, Nevşehir, Uşak (Türkoğlu and Castellano, 2014; Türkoğlu et al., 2015; Türkoğlu and Yağız, 2012; Akyüz et al., 2015a; 2015b, 2016; 2017; Sahin et al., 2021).

- *P. lefebvrei* (Pat.) Maire

Aksaray, Denizli, Elazığ, Konya, Malatya, Şanlıurfa (Güçin et al., 2010; Türkoğlu et al., 2015; Akyüz et al., 2015a; 2015b, 2016; 2017; Kaya, 2015).

Pezizaceae Dumort.

- *Hydnobolites cerebriformis* Tul. & C. Tul.

Rize and Trabzon (Uzun and Kaya, 2018; 2022).

- *Pachyphlodes citrina* (Berk. & Broome) Doweld Rize and Trabzon (Uzun and Kaya, 2018).

- *P. conglomerata* (Berk. & Broome) Doweld Giresun and Trabzon (Uzun and Kaya, 2018).

- *Terfezia albida* Ant. Rodr., Muñ.-Moh. & Bordallo Karaman (Uzun et al., 2016).

- *T. arenaria* (Moris) Trappe

Aydın, Isparta, Konya, Malatya (Öder, 1988; İşiloğlu and Öder, 1995; Afyon, 1996; Kaşık et al., 1998; Türkoğlu et al., 2015).

- *T. boudieri* Chatin

Batman, Denizli, Diyarbakır, Elazığ, Gaziantep Karaman, Malatya, Mardin, Niğde, Şanlıurfa (Türkoğlu and Yağız, 2012; Akyüz et al., 2015a; 2015b, 2016; 2017; Güçin, 1990; Yıldız and Ertekin, 1997; Kaşık et al., 2001; Doğan and Öztürk, 2006; Demir et al., 2007; Kaya et al., 2012; Gezer et al., 2014; Kaya, 2015, Dündar et al., 2012, Sevindik et al., 2018).

- *T. cistophila* Ant. Rodr., Bordallo, Kaounas & Morte Trabzon (Uzun and Kaya, 2019; 2022).

- *T. claveryi* Chatin

Adana, Aksaray, Elazığ, Denizli, Diyarbakır, Karaman, Konya, Malatya, Şanlıurfa, Yozgat (Akyüz et al., 2015a; 2015b, 2016; 2017; Türkoğlu et al., 2015; Doğan and Kurt, 2016; İnci and Kirbağ, 2018).

- *T. leptoderma* (Tul. & C. Tul.) Tul. & C. Tul.

Denizli, Uşak (Castellano and Türkoğlu, 2012; Türkoğlu and Castellano, 2014).

- *T. olbiensis* (Tul. & C. Tul.) Sacc.

Elazığ, Gaziantep, Konya, Malatya, Nevşehir, Uşak (Akyüz et al., 2015a; 2015b, 2016; 2017; Türkoğlu and Castellano, 2014; Uzun et al., 2015).

- *Tirmania pinoyi* (Maire) Malençon İzmir (Yılmaz Ersel and Solak, 2004).

Tuberaceae F. Berchtold & J. Presl

- *Choiromyces meandriformis* Vittad.

Bolu, Samsun, Uşak (Türkoğlu and Castellano, 2014).

- *Reddellomyces parvulosporus* (G.W. Beaton & Malajczuk) Trappe, Castellano & Malajczuk

Antalya, Muğla (Türkoğlu, 2015; Ünal et al., 2016).

- *R. westraliensis* (G.W. Beaton & Malajczuk) Trappe et al.

Muğla (Ünal et al., 2016).

- *Tuber aestivum* (Wulfen) Spreng.

Antalya, Artvin, Aydin, Bolu, Burdur, Denizli, Düzce, Hatay, İstanbul, İzmir, Kırklareli, Konya, Muğla, Ordu, Osmaniye (Gezer et al., 2014; Türkoğlu et al., 2015; Alkan et al., 2018; Özderin et al., 2018).

- *T. borchii* Vittad.

Aydın, Denizli, Kahramanmaraş, Muğla, Samsun, Tekirdağ (Kaya, 2009a; Gezer et al., 2014; Elliot et al., 2016).

- *T. brumale* Vittad.

Denizli, Niğde, Osmaniye, Samsun (Öztürk et al., 1997; Gezer et al., 2014; Türkoğlu and Castellano 2014).

- *T. excavatum* Vittad.

Denizli, Trabzon (Türkoğlu and Castellano, 2014; Uzun and Yakar, 2018).

- *T. ferrugineum* Vittad.

Antalya, Aydin, Denizli (Elliot et al., 2016).

- *T. fulgens* Quél.

Kırklareli (Akata et al., 2020).

- *T. macrosporum* Vittad.

Tekirdağ and Edirne (Doğan, 2021).

- *T. mesentericum* Vittad.

Denizli (Castellano and Türkoğlu, 2012; Türkoğlu and Castellano, 2014).

- *T. nitidum* Vittad.

Denizli, Burdur, Kastamonu, Osmaniye (Castellano and Türkoğlu, 2012; Türkoğlu and Castellano, 2014; Türkoğlu et al., 2015).

- *Tuber oligospermum* (Tul. & C. Tul.) Trappe (Figure 1, 2).

Syn. Delastreopsis oligosperma (Tul. & C. Tul.) Mattir, *Lespiaultinia oligosperma* (Tul. & C. Tul.) Gilkey, *Terfezia oligosperma* Tul. & C. Tul., *Tuber asa* Tul. & C. Tul.

Macroscopic and Microscopic Features

Ascomata 25-45 mm, hypogeous, globose to subglobose, usually lobed. **Peridium** ochre to light brown.

Gleba whitish when young, becoming grey-brown at maturity, marbled with white, branching veins, radiating from the center. **Asci** 62-83 × 65-85 µm, subglobose to ovoid, thick-walled, shortly stipitate, and 1-4 spored. **Ascospores** 24-37 × 26-38 µm, globose to broadly ellipsoid, yellowish when young, yellow-brown to brown at maturity, with reticulate-alveolate ornamentation.

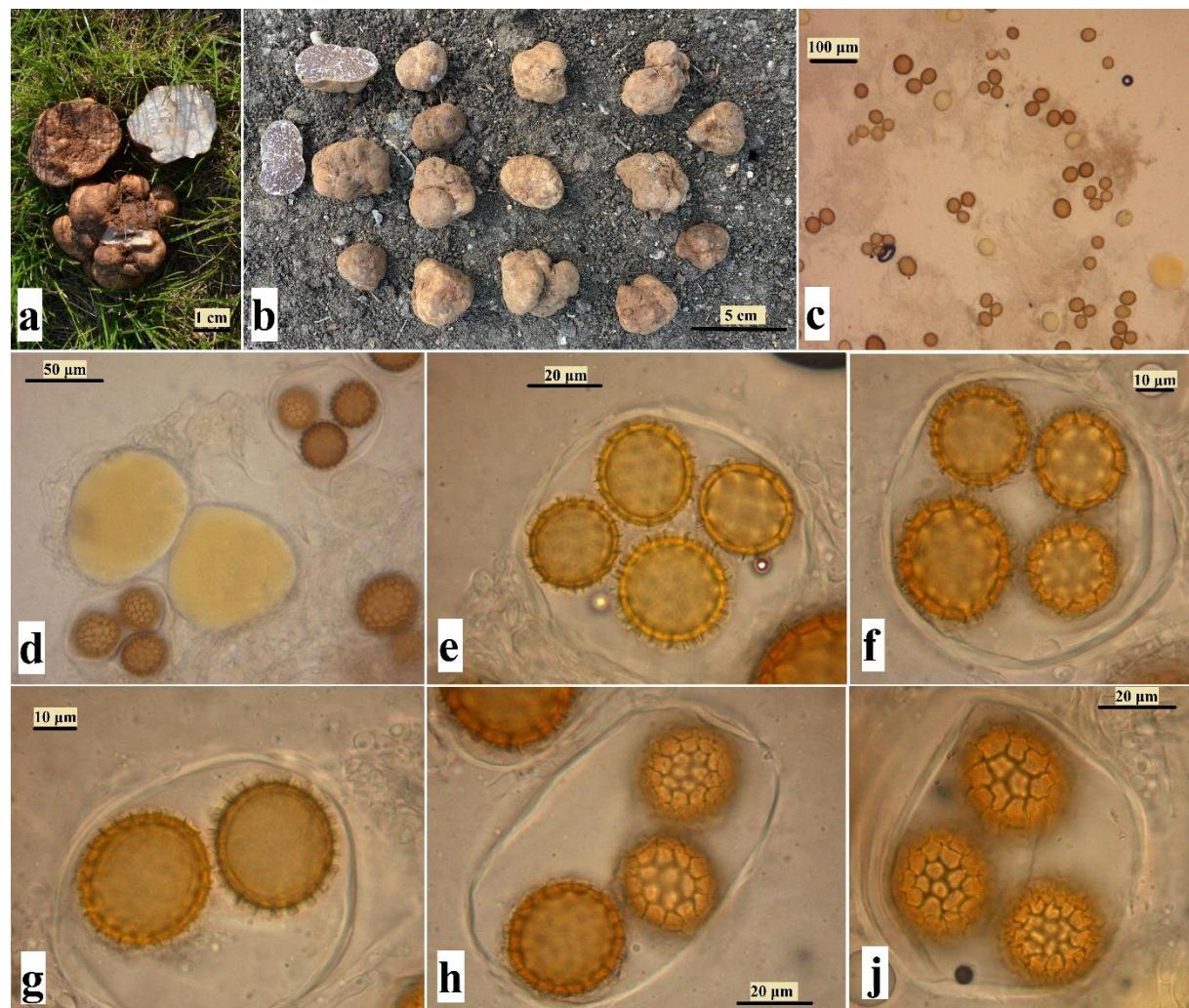


Figure 1. *Tuber oligospermum* under light microscope (LM) : a,b. ascomata b.spores. c-j. spores within ascus

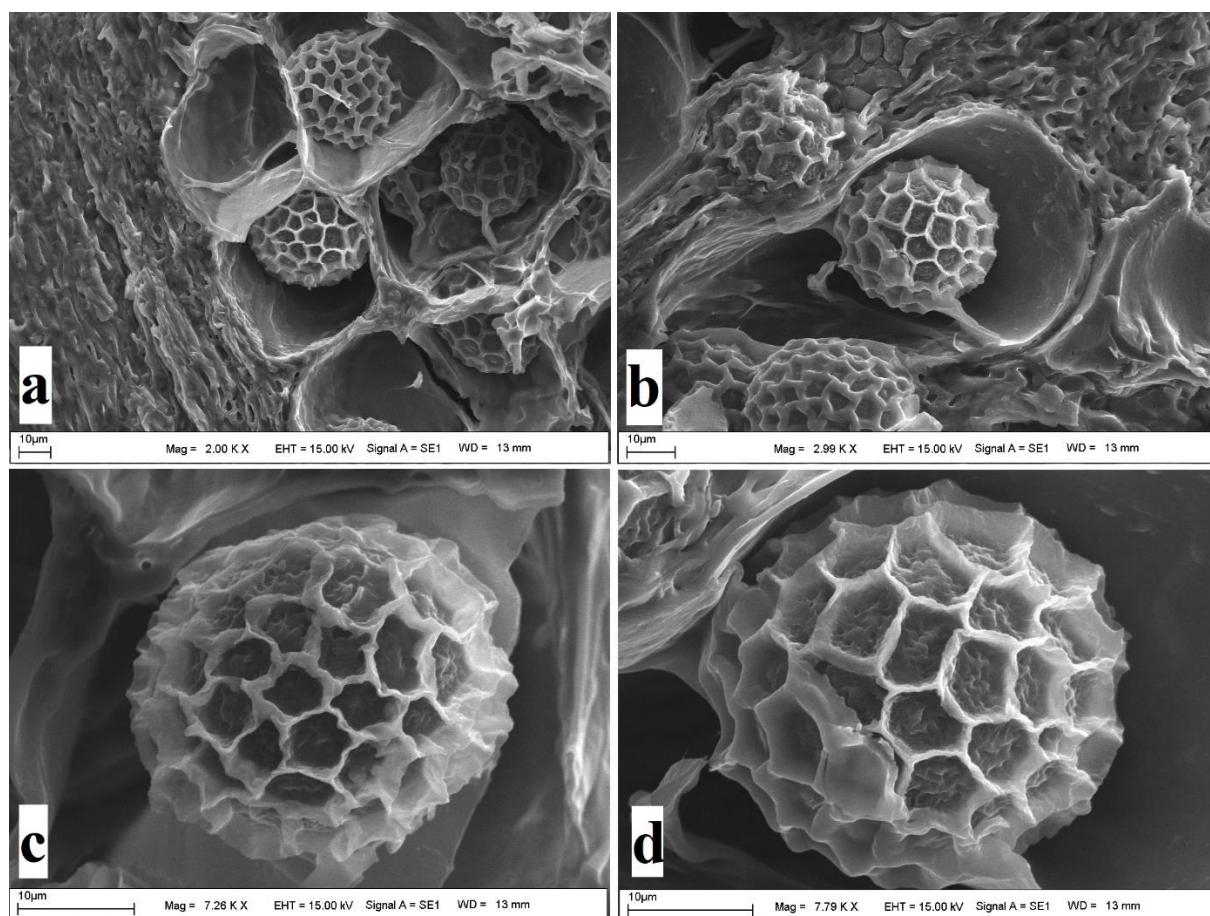


Figure 2. *Tuber oligospermum* as viewed by a scanning electron microscope (SEM): a-d. spores.

Specimen examined: Turkey-Şanlıurfa: Hilvan, under pine, 650 m, 37° 31' N, 38° 54' E, 14.04.2022, ANK Akata 8498.

- *T. puberulum* Berk. & Broome
Artvin, Aydin, Denizli, Muğla, Osmaniye, Trabzon (Elliot et al., 2016; Uzun and Yakar, 2018).

- *T. rufum* Picco.
Aydin, Antalya, Bolu, Burdur, Denizli, Kastamonu, Konya, Muğla, Osmaniye (Türkoğlu and Castellano, 2014; Türkoğlu et al., 2015).

Basidiomycota R.T. Moore

Agaricaceae Chevall.

- *Chlorophyllum lusitanicum* G. Moreno, Muñ.-Moh., Manjón, Carlavilla & Altés
İzmir (Uzun and Kaya 2022).

Albatrellaceae Nuss

- *Leucogaster liosporus* R. Hesse
Çankırı (Pilát, 1937).
- *L. luteomaculatus* Zeller & C.W. Dodge
Çankırı (Pilát, 1937).
- *L. nudus* (Hazsl.) Hollós
Çankırı, Kastamonu, Rize, Trabzon (Pilát, 1937; Türkoğlu et al., 2015; Kaya and Uzun, 2020).

• *L. tozzianus* (Cavara & Sacc.) Mattir. ex Zeller & C.W. Dodge

Kastamonu, Trabzon (Türkoğlu et al., 2015).

- *Leucophleps aculeatispora* Fogel

Kastamonu (Elliot et al., 2016).

Bolbitiaceae Singer

- *Descolea alba* (Klotzsch) Kuhar, Nouhra & M.E. Sm. Muğla (Ünal et al., 2016).
- *Setchelliothiogaster tenuipes* (Setch.) Pouzar
Muğla (Ünal et al., 2016).

Boletaceae Chevall.

- *Octaviania asterosperma* Vittad.
Artvin, Bursa, Ordu, Trabzon (Türkoğlu et al., 2015; Kaygusuz et al., 2018).

- *Wakefieldia macrospora* (Hawker) Hawker
İstanbul (Uzun and Kaya, 2020b).

Cortinariaceae R. Heim ex Pouzar

- *Cortinarius olens* Gasparini
Ankara, Artvin, Kastamonu (Türkoğlu et al., 2015).

- *Protoglossum niveum* (Vittad.) T.W. May
Trabzon (Uzun and Kaya, 2022).

Gastraceae Corda

- *Schenella pityophila* (Malençon & Riousset)
Estrada & Lado

Muğla, Konya (Doğan, 2018; Yakar et al., 2019).

Gomphaceae Donk

- *Gautieria graveolens* Vittad.
Çankırı, Rize, Trabzon (Pilat, 1937; Uzun et al., 2019a).
- *G. monticola* Harkn.
Gaziantep, Kahramanmaraş (Kaya, 2009a; Uzun et al., 2015).

- *G. morchelliformis* Vittad.

Konya (Doğan and Akata, 2015).

- *G. otthii* Trog

Bolu, Kastamonu (Türkoğlu et al., 2015).

- *G. retirugosa* Th. Fr.

Bolu (Türkoğlu et al., 2015).

- *G. trabutii* (Chatin) Pat.

Burdur, Muğla (Türkoğlu et al., 2015).

- Hymenogastraceae** Vittad.
- *Hymenogaster bulliardii* Vittad. Karaman (Uzun et al., 2016).
 - *H. citrinus* Vittad. Samsun (Türkoğlu et al., 2015).
 - *H. griseus* Vittad. Muğla (Türkoğlu and Castellano, 2013).
 - *H. hessei* Soehner Kastamonu (Türkoğlu et al., 2015).
 - *H. luteus* Vittad. Isparta, İstanbul, Osmaniye, Tekirdağ, Trabzon, Yalova (Türkoğlu et al., 2015; Kaya and Uzun, 2020).
 - *H. lycoperdineus* Vittad. Isparta (Türkoğlu et al., 2015).
 - *H. olivaceus* Vittad. Denizli (Türkoğlu and Castellano, 2013).
 - *H. rehsteineri* Bucholtz Artvin, Samsun, Tekirdağ, Yalova (Elliot et al., 2016).
 - *H. thwaitesii* Berk. & Broome Denizli, Muğla, Osmaniye (Türkoğlu and Castellano, 2013; Türkoğlu et al., 2015).
 - *H. vulgaris* Tul. & C. Tul. Muğla, Samsun, Tekirdağ, Yalova (Türkoğlu and Castellano, 2013; Türkoğlu et al., 2015).
- Hysterangiaceae** E. Fisch.
- *Hysterangium calcareum* R. Hesse Ordu (Elliot et al., 2016).
 - *H. clathroides* Vittad. Gaziantep, Kütahya, Trabzon (Türkoğlu et al., 2015; Uzun et al., 2015; Uzun and Kaya 2022).
 - *H. epiroticum* Pacioni Kastamonu (Türkoğlu et al., 2015).
 - *H. fragile* Vittad. Kastamonu, Ordu (Türkoğlu et al., 2015).
 - *H. inflatum* Rodway Muğla (Ünal et al., 2016).
 - *H. nephriticum* Berk. Sakarya, Trabzon (Türkoğlu et al., 2015; Uzun and Kaya 2022).
 - *H. stoloniferum* Tul. & C. Tul. Konya (Doğan and Akata, 2015).
- Mesophelliaceae** Jülich
- *Chondrogaster pachysporus* Maire Muğla (Ünal et al., 2016).
- Paxillaceae** Lotsy
- *Alpova corsicus* P.-A. Moreau & F. Rich. Artvin (Türkoğlu et al., 2015).
 - *A. diplophloeus* (Zeller & C.W. Dodge) Trappe & A.H. Sm. Rize, Trabzon (Yakar et al., 2019; Uzun and Kaya, 2022).
 - *Melanogaster ambiguus* (Vittad.) Tul. & C. Tul. Hakkari, Gaziantep, Muğla, Trabzon (Uzun et al., 2014; Uzun et al., 2015; Elliot et al., 2016; Uzun and Kaya, 2022).
 - *M. broomeanus* Berk. Artvin, Denizli, Erzurum, Gaziantep, Kastamonu, Samsun, Trabzon (Demirel, 1998; Türkoğlu and Castellano, 2013; Türkoğlu et al., 2015; Uzun et al., 2014; Uzun et al., 2015; Uzun and Kaya, 2022).
 - *M. macrosporus* Velen. Trabzon (Elliot et al., 2016).
 - *M. variegatus* (Vittad.) Tul. & C. Tul.
- Kütahya, Trabzon (Kaygusuz et al., 2018; Sesli and Moreau, 2015; Uzun and Kaya, 2022).
- Phalloastraceae** Locq.
- *Phalloster saccatus* Morgan Kastamonu (Doğan, 2006).
- Rhizopogonaceae** Gäum. & C.W. Dodge
- *Rhizopogon abietis* A.H. Sm. Sakarya (Doğan et al., 2021).
 - *R. luteolus* Fr. Adana, Adiyaman, Antalya, Denizli, Eskişehir, Erzurum, Gaziantep, Isparta, İzmir, Kahramanmaraş, Kastamonu, Kayseri, Kütahya, Konya, Mersin, Tokat, Şanlıurfa (Solak et al., 1999; Gezer, 2000; Demirel et al., 2003; Kaşık et al., 2003; Öztürk et al., 2003; Türkçük, 2003; Köstekçi et al., 2005; Kaya, 2006; Köse et al., 2006; Kaya, 2009b; 2009c; Türkoğlu and Gezer, 2006; Türkoğlu et al., 2007; Akata et al., 2010; Alkan et al., 2010; Doğan et al., 2010; Güngör et al., 2015; Kaya, 2015; Doğan and Kurt, 2016; Allı et al., 2017a).
 - *R. marchii* (Bres.) Zeller & C.W. Dodge Trabzon (Sesli and Castellano, 2009).
 - *R. obtectus* (Spreng.) R. Rauschert Gümüşhane, Trabzon (Akata et al., 2016; Uzun and Kaya, 2022).
 - *R. ochraceorubens* A.H. Sm. Bolu, Kastamonu, Muğla, Yalova (Yağız et al., 2006a; 2006b; Güngör et al., 2016; Allı et al., 2017b).
 - *R. roseolus* (Corda) Th. Fr. Adana, Antalya, Bursa, Bolu, Denizli, Gümüşhane, Isparta, İzmir, Karaman, Konya, Kütahya, Mersin, Muğla, Sinop, Sivas, Yozgat (Solak et al., 1999; Gezer, 2000; Öztürk et al., 2003; Doğan and Öztürk, 2006; Köse et al., 2006; Uzun et al., 2006; Yağız et al., 2006a; 2006b; Doğan et al., 2007; Türkoğlu et al., 2007; Alkan et al., 2010; Doğan et al., 2010; Servi et al., 2010; Kiriş et al., 2012; Güngör et al., 2015; Allı et al., 2016; Doğan and Kurt, 2016; Güngör et al., 2016; Allı et al., 2017a).

Russulaceae Lotsy

 - *Russula candida* (Tul. & C. Tul.) J.M. Vidal (Uzun et al., 2019b; Uzun and Kaya, 2022).
 - *Russula mistiformis* (Mattir.) Trappe & T.F. Elliott Konya (Doğan and Akata, 2015).
 - *R. xanthospora* (Hawker) Trappe & T.F. Elliott Denizli (Türkoğlu and Castellano, 2013).
 - *Lactarius stephensii* (Berk.) Verbeken & Walleyn Trabzon (Uzun and Kaya, 2017).

Sclerogastraceae Locq. ex P.M. Kirk

 - *Sclerogaster compactus* (Tul. & C. Tul.) Sacc. Muğla (Elliot et al., 2016).
 - *S. hysterangioides* (Tul. & C. Tul.) Zeller & C.W. Dodge Bolu (Elliot et al., 2016).

Trappeaceae P.M. Kirk

 - *Trappea darkeri* (Zeller) Castellano Niğde (Uzun et al. 2020).

Discussion

In this study, we try to lay the groundwork for future truffle research by reporting a new truffle fungus record for Turkish truffle biodiversity. For these purposes, we report *T. oligospermum* as new records for Turkey. Similarly,

104 truffle species were identified in this study, belonging to 35 genera and 20 families (4 Ascomycota and 16 Basidiomycota), whereas Şen et al. (2016) reported 67 truffle species belonging to 23 genera and 15 families.

Ascomycota accounts for 44% of truffles, while Basidiomycota accounts for 56%. (Figure 3b).

Tuber, with 12 species, is the most widely distributed genus, followed by *Hymenogaster*, with 10 species (Figure 3a).

Tuber oligospermum is a whitish, ochre-brown truffle species distinguished by its prosenchymatous peridium and oligosporous asci lacking a pedicel (Moreno-Arroya et al.,

2000). It differs from *T. borchii* and *T. puberulum* by its prosenchymatous peridium structure (Alvaro et al., 2012).

Even though *T. sphareospermum* and *T. cistophilum* have the same peridium structure, there are some microscopic and ecological differences between these two species. *Tuber sphareospermum* differs from *Tuber oligospermum* by having globose spores, whereas *Tuber cistophilum* differs by its association with *Cistus ladanifer* and having 9 -12 cells in the spore reticulum (Alvaro et al., 2012).

The distribution of *T. oligospermum* is from eastern Spain to Israel and Morocco (Moreno-Arroya et al., 2000; Alvaro et al., 2012) on sandy soils.

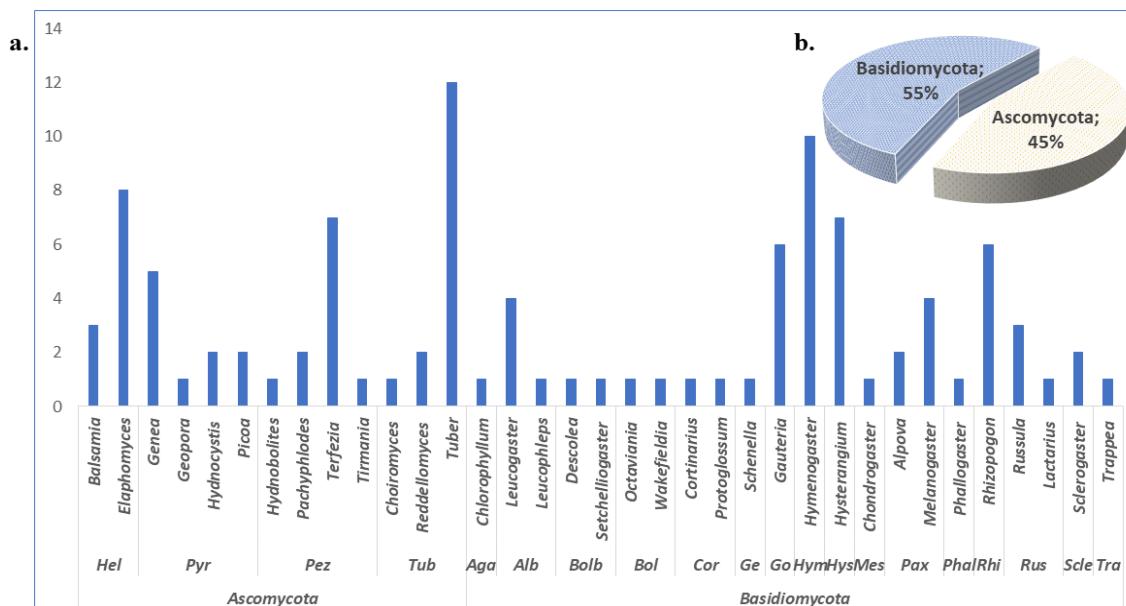


Figure 3. The distribution of truffles, a. distribution to genus, b. the percentages of the divisions.

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