

## 1 Supplementary Information

### 2 Table S1. PCR based primer specificity testing on 55 different fungal DNAs.

	Fungi	<i>Aspergillus</i>	<i>Penicillium</i>	<i>Cladosporium</i>	<i>Alternaria</i>	<i>Trichoderma</i>	<i>Aureobasidium</i>	<i>Stachybotrys</i>	<i>Tritirachium</i>	Eurotiales	Saccharomycetale	Mucorales	Basidiomycetes	Ascomycetes
<i>Acremonium antarcticum</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	~	-	-	+
<i>Alternaria alternata</i>	+	-	-	-	+	-	~	-	-	x	~	-	~	+
<i>Alternaria botrytis/oudemansii</i>	+	-	-	-	~	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	~	+
<i>Ampelomyces quisqualis</i>	+	-	-	-	-	§	-	-	-	§	-	-	~	+
<i>Annulohyphoxylon cohaerens</i>	+	x	-	-	-	§	-	-	-	-	~	-	~	+
<i>Anthracocestis flocculosa</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	+	~
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
<i>Aspergillus versicolor</i>	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
<i>Aureobasidium pullulans</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<i>Bjerkandera adusta</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	+	+
<i>Botryotinia fuckeliana</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	~	-	-	+
<i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	~	-	-	-	+
<i>Candida albicans</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
<i>Cephalotrichum microsporum</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	~	-	-	-	-	-	+
<i>Chaetomium globosum</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	+
<i>Cladosporium herbarum-complex</i>	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	§	-	-	-	+
<i>Coprinopsis strossmayeri</i>	+	x	§	-	-	§	-	-	§	x	+	§	+	+
<i>Cyphellophora olivacea</i>	+	§	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	+
<i>Dacrymyces stillatus</i>	+	-	-	-	~	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	+	+
<i>Didymella</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	§	-	-	~	+

<i>aliena</i>														
<i>Epicoccum nigrum</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	~	+
<i>Exophiala dermatitidis</i>	+	-	-	-	-	~	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	§
<i>Exophiala xenobiotica</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>	+	§	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<i>Fusarium culmorum</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<i>Gloeophyllum abietinum</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
<i>Isaria farinose</i>	+	§	§	-	-	-	-	~	-	-	~	-	§	+
<i>Meyerozyma guilliermondii</i>	+	-	~	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
<i>Microascus brevicaulis</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	~	-	x	-	-	-	+
<i>Mucor plumbeus</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+
<i>Mycosphaerella macrospora</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<i>Neosascochyta exitialis</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	§	-	-	~	+
<i>Neonectria ditissima</i>	+	-	§	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	+
<i>Paecilomyces variotii</i>	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	~	-	-	+
<i>Paraengyodontium album</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<i>Penicillium citreonigrum</i>	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
<i>Penicillium brevicompactum</i>	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
<i>Penicillium chrysogenum</i>	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
<i>Phoma herbarum</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	~	+
<i>Pseudogymnoascus pannorum</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<i>Pseudotaeniolina globose</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	§	-	-	-	+
<i>Pyronema domesticum</i>	+	§	-	+	-	-	~	-	-	x	~	-	§	+
<i>Rhodotorula mucilaginosa</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	~
<i>Sarocladium strictum</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	~	-	-	-	-	-	+
<i>Schizophyllum commune</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	§	~	-	§	§

<i>Sistotrema brinkmannii</i>	+	§	§	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	~	-	+	+
<i>Solicoccozyma terricola</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	~
<i>Stachybotrys chartarum</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	~
<i>Tilletiopsis washingtonensis</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	~	-	+	+
<i>Trametes versicolor</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	~	-	+	+
<i>Trichocladium asperum</i>	+	-	§	-	-	-	-	-	-	§	-	-	-	+
<i>Trichoderma harzianum</i>	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	§	-	-	§	+
<i>Tritirachium oryzae</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	~	-	~	~
<i>Ustilago maydis</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
<i>Wallemia sebi</i>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	~

3 + positive; - negative; ~ weak band; § different fragment size; x smear;

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6 **Table S2.** qPCR primer efficiency, qPCR correlation coefficient, coverage of dynamic  
7 range and detection limits of the indoor mold detection system's core assays  
8 measured on serial dilutions of fungal DNA standard mixtures.

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Primer set	Efficiency [%]	r <sup>2</sup> value	Dynamic range	Detection limit [pg DNA]
<b>Fungi</b>	90 – 92	≥ 0.9991	6-log	0.0300
<i>Aspergillus</i>	89 – 94	≥ 0.9975	4-log	0.2143
<i>Penicillium</i>	84 – 94	≥ 0.9970	6-log	0.0021
<i>Cladosporium</i>	92 – 101	≥ 0.9995	6-log	0.0021
<i>Alternaria</i>	91 – 99	≥ 0.9978	6-log	0.0021
<i>Trichoderma</i>	84 – 91	≥ 0.9981	6-log	0.0021
<i>Aureobasidium</i>	84 – 88	≥ 0.9964	6-log	0.0021
<i>Stachybotrys</i>	93 – 95	≥ 0.9989	4-log	0.2143
<i>Tritirachium</i>	90 – 96	≥ 0.9971	6-log	0.0021
<b>Eurotiales</b>	97 – 98	≥ 0.9991	6-log	0.0043
<b>Saccharomycetales</b>	82 – 89	≥ 0.9970	6-log	0.0021
<b>Mucorales</b>	82 – 101	≥ 0.9901	6-log	0.0021

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<b>Basidiomycetes</b>	88 – 92	≥ 0.9989	6-log	0.0043
<b>Ascomycetes</b>	83 – 88	≥ 0.9986	5 – 6-log	0.0236

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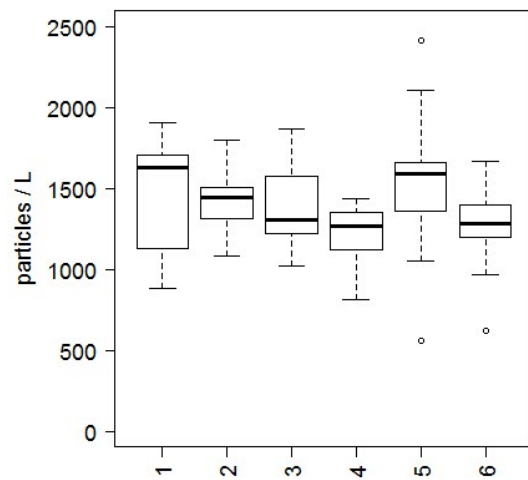
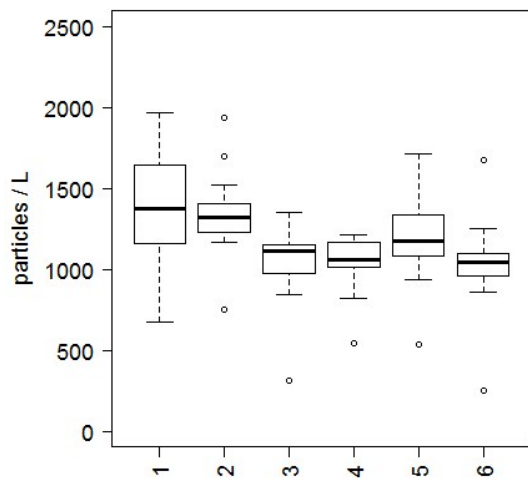
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13 **Table S3.** Differences on qPCR detection of samples with single fungal DNAs  
14 compared to complex DNA mixtures consisting of 13 fungal species illustrated with  
15 qPCR measurements conducted with the specific assays.

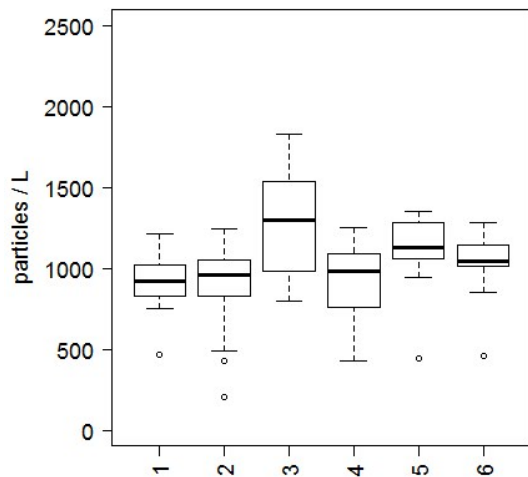
Assay	SINGLE		R <sup>2</sup>	Eff. [%]	MIX		R <sup>2</sup>	Eff. [%]	Diff. Eff. [%]
	Mean [Cq]	Std. Dev. [Cq]			Mean [Cq]	Std. Dev. [Cq]			
<i>Alternaria</i>	12.61 – 28.02	0.03 – 0.27	0.9996	82.0	12.62 – 26.96	0.02 – 0.22	0.985	92.4	10.4
<i>Aspergillus</i>	11.47 – 23.08	0.01 – 0.12	0.9994	81.9	11.81 – 21.70	0.08 – 0.24	0.992	105.2	23.3
<i>Aureobasidium</i>	15.16 – 28.49	0.05 – 0.15	0.9987	102.0	14.42 – 28.49	0.04 – 0.22	0.985	92.8	-9.2
<b>Basidiomycetes</b>	17.65 – 31.66	0.00 – 0.12	0.9990	92.0	18.25 – 32.28	0.07 – 0.94	0.996	92.8	0.8
<i>Cladosporium</i>	14.97 – 29.71	0.00 – 1.11	0.9914	89.0	14.91 – 28.76	0.01 – 0.35	0.991	96.0	7.0
<b>Hypocreales</b>	18.77 – 31.39	0.03 – 0.63	0.9992	105.6	18.26 – 31.76	0.07 – 0.41	0.999	97.1	-8.5
<b>Mucorales</b>	18.60 – 31.73	0.01 – 0.88	0.9995	102.5	18.59 – 32.11	0.03 – 0.54	0.998	96.3	-6.2
<i>Penicillium</i>	16.88 – 31.12	0.01 – 0.23	0.9998	90.7	16.84 – 30.69	0.01 – 0.35	0.996	95.3	4.6
<b>Pleosporales</b>	17.02 – 32.76	0.09 – 0.23	0.9996	79.9	16.70 – 32.38	0.03 – 0.11	0.993	80.4	0.5
<b>Saccharomycetales</b>	14.68 – 27.72	0.02 – 0.26	0.9995	104.5	16.30 – 30.93	0.02 – 0.17	0.997	88.3	-16.2
<b>Sordariales</b>	15.74 – 29.30	0.03 – 0.25	0.9998	98.1	15.63 – 29.34	0.04 – 0.19	0.992	97.2	-0.9
<i>Trichoderma</i>	15.99 – 29.63	0.02 – 0.20	0.9988	96.0	15.78 – 30.47	0.00 – 0.37	0.990	88.3	-7.8
<i>Tritirachium</i>	15.44 – 29.04	0.03 – 0.23	0.9999	96.2	15.10 – 29.44	0.02 – 0.15	0.992	90.2	-6.0

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20 **Fig. S1.** Particle count deviations within the bioaerosol chamber of 3 independent  
 21 sampling campaigns (1 upper left; 2 upper right; 3 bottom left) during 6 bioaerosol  
 22 collections with the Coriolis  $\mu$  (1-6).

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24 **Table S4.** Relative abundances in % of the 50 most abundant OTUs in air samples.  
 25 Samples were taken in October 2015 and January 2016 from an outdoor reference, a  
 26 vacant office and a wine cellar. At each campaign three samples were collected and  
 27 subjected to high-throughput sequencing for fungal community analysis. Due to very  
 28 low airborne fungal particles in the office in October 2015, data were obtained only

29 from one of the three samples. Data from separate samples were combined for the  
 30 OTU abundance table. Total OTU numbers and Simpson's diversity index ( $D1=1-D$ )  
 31 are shown for combined samples.

Sampling Site	Oct 2015			Jan 2016			
	Outdoor	Office	Cellar	Outdoor	Office	Cellar	
# samples	3	1	3	3	3	3	
# OTUs	173	70	169	199	189	220	
1-D	0,65	0,94	0,75	0,82	0,95	0,95	
<b>OTU_ID</b>	<b>Genus</b>						
OTU_2	<i>Mycosphaerella</i>	567,0	38,6	217,7	381,7	82,5	122,0
OTU_1	<i>Apiotrichum</i>	31,9	179,1	12,6	49,3	180,6	56,7
OTU_5	<i>Athelia</i>	0,1	4,1	402,3	0,0	0,0	1,8
OTU_6	<i>Bjerkandera</i>	0,6	0,0	9,5	141,8	31,7	90,0
OTU_7	<i>Ascochyta</i>	162,4	0,0	4,8	9,9	36,7	31,1
OTU_19	<i>Trametes</i>	0,3	10,7	0,7	95,4	36,6	86,5
OTU_11	<i>Homophron</i>	0,2	0,1	190,6	0,0	0,0	1,8
OTU_4	<i>Pseudeurotium</i>	11,5	64,7	4,0	20,8	60,2	17,0
OTU_3	<i>Hyphodiscus</i>	6,8	57,0	2,7	14,3	38,1	11,0
OTU_8	<i>Inocybe</i>	9,8	86,9	2,0	5,3	13,1	7,2
OTU_20	<i>Daedaleopsis</i>	0,0	0,0	0,0	2,1	38,1	64,1
OTU_14	<i>Alternaria</i>	41,2	0,0	8,5	28,1	1,7	0,9
OTU_15	<i>Ilyonectria</i>	5,3	18,6	1,9	8,6	30,4	6,6
OTU_9	<i>Hyphodiscus</i>	2,5	40,4	1,9	6,4	12,6	5,9
OTU_13	<i>Oidiodendron</i>	4,8	15,4	1,5	6,2	24,3	8,3
OTU_10	<i>Hyphodiscus</i>	2,3	25,6	1,2	4,3	17,4	4,4
OTU_16	<i>Exophiala</i>	3,1	19,8	0,8	6,4	17,9	4,4
OTU_30	<i>Penicillium</i>	0,4	0,0	0,3	0,7	4,1	45,7
OTU_17	<i>Clavulina</i>	1,9	25,1	0,5	3,1	14,1	4,0
OTU_27	<i>Penicillium</i>	0,2	6,4	6,5	0,3	1,1	22,9
OTU_37	<i>Penicillium</i>	0,0	1,0	1,3	2,0	3,8	28,5
OTU_12	<i>Saitozyma</i>	3,1	6,0	1,5	4,6	15,9	5,0
OTU_93	<i>Absidia</i>	0,0	0,0	5,7	0,0	0,0	30,4
OTU_32	<i>Mortierella</i>	1,0	25,1	0,3	2,6	5,2	1,3
OTU_24	<i>Malbranchea</i>	0,0	0,0	30,5	0,0	0,0	4,9
OTU_34	<i>Penidiella</i>	0,0	13,1	2,2	0,0	0,0	15,5
OTU_29	<i>Boletus</i>	5,0	6,3	0,9	2,5	11,9	3,1
OTU_115	<i>Peniophora</i>	0,1	0,0	0,0	11,7	1,7	15,6
OTU_67	<i>Letendraea</i>	9,4	14,5	4,5	0,4	0,2	0,0
OTU_36	<i>Zasmidium</i>	0,0	0,0	5,0	0,0	0,0	23,1
OTU_64	<i>Aspergillus</i>	0,0	12,6	6,5	0,0	1,1	5,7
OTU_86	<i>Aspergillus</i>	0,1	14,0	4,8	0,2	0,5	5,8
OTU_28	<i>Aureobasidium</i>	20,1	0,0	0,0	5,3	0,0	0,1
OTU_21	<i>Leptodontidium</i>	2,4	7,3	0,5	3,5	8,6	3,0
OTU_26	<i>Tetracladium</i>	1,2	6,1	0,6	2,6	11,0	1,9
OTU_38	<i>Trichoderma</i>	2,0	0,0	0,9	4,4	11,6	3,8
OTU_22	<i>Cryptendoxyla</i>	0,0	12,4	6,1	0,0	0,0	3,3
OTU_44	<i>Ischnoderma</i>	0,0	0,0	0,0	9,4	8,7	3,5
OTU_23	<i>Fusarium</i>	1,6	0,9	0,9	3,5	10,5	3,9
OTU_842	<i>Kendrickiella</i>	0,1	0,0	0,0	5,4	2,3	13,4
OTU_56	<i>Fellozyma</i>	2,1	5,1	0,3	1,7	9,0	2,1
OTU_75	<i>Tetracladium</i>	0,7	9,8	0,7	0,8	6,1	2,0
OTU_55	<i>Xylodon</i>	0,1	0,0	0,1	7,8	6,2	5,8
OTU_63	<i>Fusarium</i>	0,8	12,9	0,1	0,7	3,4	1,8
OTU_45	<i>Penicillium</i>	0,0	0,0	8,7	0,0	0,0	11,0
OTU_25	<i>Pezizales</i>	1,3	9,3	0,8	2,4	3,6	1,6
OTU_48	<i>Mycosphaerella</i>	0,0	0,0	0,4	0,0	0,0	17,5
OTU_1093	<i>Nectria</i>	1,4	6,3	0,3	0,8	7,8	1,3
OTU_245	<i>Fusarium</i>	0,4	14,2	0,3	0,6	1,8	0,1
32 OTU_320	<i>Phialophora</i>	0,1	14,9	0,0	0,1	0,8	0,7

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34 **Table S5.** Relative abundances (given in percent from detected abundances within  
 35 each sample) represented in the heat map of figure 5. Bdl: Below detection limit.

<b>Assay</b>	<b>OUT1</b> [%]	<b>CEL1</b> [%]	<b>OFF1</b> [%]	<b>OUT2</b> [%]	<b>CEL2</b> [%]	<b>OFF2</b> [%]
<i>Aspergillus</i>	Bdl	Bdl	Bdl	Bdl	21.67	Bdl
<i>Penicillium</i>	0.94	6.06	3.57	Bdl	8.58	Bdl
<i>Cladosporium</i>	46.12	5.87	57.99	22.63	5.49	Bdl
<i>Alternaria</i>	2.50	0.30	Bdl	0.89	Bdl	Bdl
<i>Trichoderma</i>	Bdl	Bdl	15.29	Bdl	Bdl	Bdl
<i>Aureobasidium</i>	3.14	Bdl	Bdl	13.94	0.15	Bdl
<i>Stachybotrys</i>	Bdl	Bdl	Bdl	Bdl	Bdl	Bdl
<b>Eurotiales</b>	1.65	16.42	9.73	1.79	35.26	Bdl
<b>Saccharomycetales</b>	Bdl	Bdl	Bdl	Bdl	0.26	Bdl
<b>Mucorales</b>	Bdl	1.36	2.74	Bdl	3.57	Bdl
<b>Basidiomycetes</b>	45.65	69.99	10.68	60.74	25.03	100.00

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38 **Table S6.** Spearman's rank correlation of qPCR and sequencing data. Nd: Not  
 39 detected.

<b>Assay</b>	<b>Correlation</b>	<b>p-value</b>
<i>Aspergillus</i>	0.78	0.23
<i>Penicillium</i>	0.80	0.33
<i>Cladosporium</i>	*	
<i>Alternaria</i>	1.00	0.08
<i>Trichoderma</i>	*	
<i>Aureobasidium</i>	0.80	0.33
<i>Stachybotrys</i>	Nd	
<b>Eurotiales</b>	1.00	0.08
<b>Saccharomycetales</b>	0.82	0.18
<b>Mucorales</b>	1.00	< 0.01
<b>Basidiomycetes</b>	0.80	0.33

40 \* underrepresented in qPCR or sequencing data