Lactifluus sp. CN62



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Cap: applanate, soon becoming centrally depressed; 25 - 45 mm diameter; minutely felty, matt, as if with a bloom, rugulose in places; very pale orange (5A3); margin inrolled.

Stipe: cylindrical or tapering towards the base; $25 - 50 \times 8 - 15$ mm; more or less innately ridged, white with a tinge of the cap colour.

Gills: subdecurrent; crowded; cream; darkening to brown or black where stained by the milk; lamellulae present.

Flesh: white.

Milk: copious, watery white, blackening gills on drying.

Taste: milk is mild

Chemical reactions: FeSO4 on stipe: dark green; Guaiac on stipe base: +.

Spore print: pale cream.

Spores: subglobose to broadly ellipsoid; $7.7-9.1\times6.5-8~\mu m$, average $8.4\pm0.45\times7.1\pm0.4~\mu m$, Q=1.04-1.34, average $Q=1.18\pm0.07$; with amyloid spines and warts and a few very fine connectives, but not reticulate.

Basidia: clavate; $45 - 55 \times 9 - 12 \mu m$; four spored.

Cheilocystidia: cylindrical with irregular sides, some subcapitate, others tapering towards the apex; 1-3 septate; $45-50 \times 6-8$ µm.

Pleurocystidia: macrocystidia not seen.

Dermatocystidia: absent.

Pileipellis: a trichoderm or trichoepithelium with upright hyphal endings some of

which are clavate to subcapitate.

Substrate: in sandy soil under *Eucalyptus*.

Habitat: open Eucalypt woodland with *Eucalyptus* and *Kunzea*.

Notes: Distinguished from other *Lactifluus* species by the pale cap colours and tall stem relative to cap diameter. Spores are echinulate and larger than most others.

Collections examined: CN62, Crow's Nest National Park, Lil Spadijer, 20 Apr 2013.